

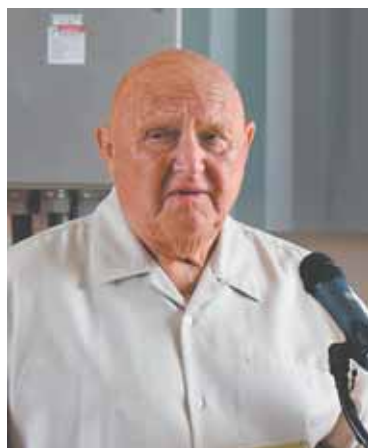
New Bulwark Against Flooding

Community celebrates Huntington Levee completion.

Approximately 150 community members, local businesses, elected officials and county leaders came together on Saturday, June 15, to celebrate the completion of the Huntington Levee and improvements to Farrington Park.

Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck welcomed those assembled and thanked former Mount Vernon District Supervisor Gerry Hyland for his perseverance in getting this project planned, funded and built to protect the Huntington neighborhood which, historically, has been susceptible to flash flooding from heavy rainfall upstream and tidal surges from the Potomac River.

Fairfax County Board Chairman Sharon Bulova, Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay, state Sen. Adam Ebbin, Fairfax County School Board Chair and Mount Vernon District Member Karen Corbett Sanders and former U.S. Rep. Jim



Former Mount Vernon District Supervisor Gerry Hyland.

Moran also joined the festivities.

Many Huntington residents attended and stated that they are pleased to no longer have to worry about flooding in their homes and streets. One resident reported savings of approximately \$2,000 for her annual flood insurance bill as a direct result of the completion of the levee.

Community members also recognized two of their own — Alan Ruof and Elaine Butkiewicz — for their vigilance and activism to educate not only the Huntington community about the public works project process, but also the whole



A crowd of residents attend the June 15 ribbon-cutting for the completion of the Huntington Levee.

of Fairfax County as to the importance of supporting the bond referendum to construct the levee. In 2012, Fairfax County residents voted to approve a \$30 million bond measure to build the levee to protect this neighborhood from future flooding.

The Huntington Levee is 2,800 feet long and runs parallel to Cameron Run. The levee and

drainage system have been designed to protect the community from storms up to and including 100-year flooding events — floods that have a one percent chance of occurring in any given year. The \$40 million project included the construction of the new levee and pumping station, the construction of 4,800 feet of recreational trails, and the renovation of nearby

Farrington Park and playground. Planning and design began in 2013, and construction activities began in February 2017.

Mount Vernon District Supervisor Storck emphasized the county's \$40 million investment to make the Huntington community safer, stronger and more resilient. He said, "This project allowed resi-

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Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck with Alan Ruof and Elaine Butkiewicz, who were honored for their work to educate not only the Huntington community about the public works project process, but also all of Fairfax County as to the importance of supporting the bond referendum to construct the levee.

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Amazon, Virginia Tech Detail Their Plans

Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce hosts discussion.

BY MIKE SALMON
THE GAZETTE

When Amazon moves into its Arlington location, there will be no shortage of bananas for anyone who happens to be passing through the new campus.

The campus will be similar to its location in Seattle, said Brian Moore, a representative from Amazon who was speaking at a Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce event. The similarities go all the way to the banana stand they have in Seattle and plan for Arlington as well.

"A community banana stand, people can just grab a banana and go," he said.

Along with the stand there will be glass buildings with third-party



Chamber president Stan Koussis talks with Rachel Flynn from Fairfax County.

retail on the first level, glass globes that contain vegetation, bike facilities and employees who will concentrate on "being out and connecting with businesses," Moore said. "Our employees don't sit in our offices all day."

Amazon was at the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce breakfast meeting with

David Baker from Virginia Tech and Rachel Flynn, the Fairfax County deputy executive. Ever since the announcement was made that Amazon was coming, people have been looking for answers to a myriad of questions concerning the area including the business community. "The entire DC area has been abuzz with the



PHOTOS BY MIKE SALMON/THE GAZETTE

Brian Moore from Amazon talked about banana stands, biking and economics surrounding their new campus.



Amazon relocation," said Chamber President Stan Koussis.

With Amazon comes an estimated 25,000 jobs, 300,000 room-night stays at area hotels, 4 million square-feet of energy-efficient office space with the opportunity to expand to 8 million square feet, and 600 bike parking spaces. "Talent was the number one reason we chose here," said Moore. One of the buildings will have a dog park on the roof. "We're a dog-friendly company," said Moore. "Urban campus" was the buzz word he used.

Education is part of that talent and Baker from Virginia Tech talked about the future innovation campus they're planning for a spot in Potomac Yard. "A highly educated workforce was already here," he said. Research and development will be a focus, and he looked at their current FutureHAUS as an example. This is a "net zero," house with a "list of technologies," for energy savings and environmental stewardship that has already won awards at other showings, he said.

When it comes to transportation, the Amazon and Virginia Tech locations will feed off the Metro stations that are in place and coming Potomac Yard station, the existing road network, and the airport right across the parkway. But Arlington's dedication to biking and other non-traditional commuting meth-

ods were mentioned as well. "Maybe scooters, who knows," said Flynn.

The wheels of progress are in motion at Amazon and the planning has already started.

"In Crystal City, we're going to be occupying leased space this year," Moore said, and that includes a leasing spot they are eyeing next to the Whole Foods in Pentagon City. In 2020, Virginia Tech plans on having their first classes, and their first building will go up within five years. Tech is looking at a 15-acres piece of land just south of the Four Mile Run stream near the proposed Potomac Yard Metro Station.

The ripple effect of these two additions is expected to impact housing too, said Flynn, and she mentioned multi-generational set ups and micro units. "Many of these Amazon employees will live in Fairfax, it's a big issue for Fairfax County," Flynn said, but, she added, "housing costs might go up," which got a chuckle from the audience. Redevelopment opportunities will be looked at for older neighborhoods she said, which could include parts of Mount Vernon. Supervisor Dan Storck (D-Mount Vernon) noted that "we're just at the other end of Richmond Highway," he said.

Partnering with other industries will be needed. "We're all in this together," Flynn said.

PEOPLE

Disability Specialist Uses Film to Highlight Employment Issues

New film possibly in AFI Film Festival in late June.

BY MIKE SALMON
THE GAZETTE

To drive home the point of recovery and rehabilitation, Lauren Unger uses her movie production skills and outreach methods to hone her professional efforts. Unger's films have taken her in other directions as well, such as the American Film Institute's 2019 Film Festival, where her recent film called "Broken Path," earned her a potential spot in their upcoming film festival on June 27.

AFI has already recognized Unger with the "Spirit Award," when they saw her handing out postcards to promote "Broken Path," and she's hoping for more exposure at the festival. The movie deals with unemployment and emotional hiccups for a transgender youth who is trying to find a path in life.

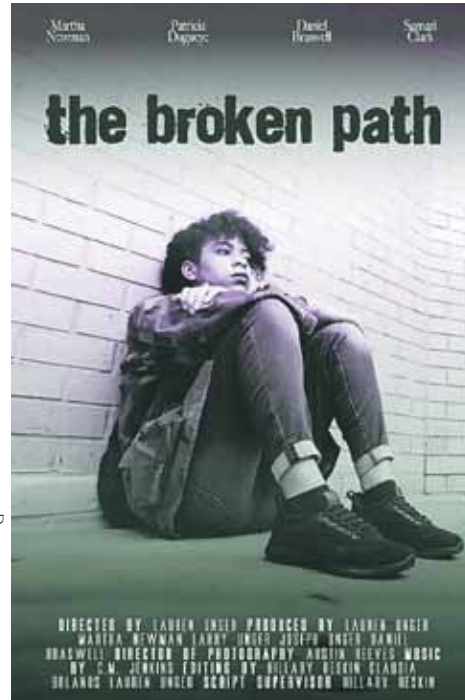
"I think just raising awareness and reducing the stigma" are reasons she gave for creating the film, but she did admit that even though she's employed with Fairfax County as a developmental disability spe-



Lauren Unger with her Woman In Film award for Claire's Day.

cialist, filmmaking is her dream job. This way, she's combining both. "It's definitely the best movie I've made," she said.

Unger is an Alexandria resident who grew up in Iowa and moved to Alexandria years ago to attend George Mason University, where she earned a degree in human services. She's a licensed substance abuse



The Broken Path movie poster.

counselor that uses film to gather attention, she said.

She currently works at the Community Services Board in Mount Vernon, where people with little or no skills can show their talents in a low-key environment, and maybe move to a regular job from there.

"The goal is to put it on their resume so

'Claire's Day'

The description of "Claire's Day," on Lauren Unger's YouTube page: "Journey through a day of job coaching with Claire as she tries to help her clients to get a job, she finds the tables turn and she needs to scramble. A Popping Up Recovery Production and a 48-hour film inspiration."

they can get a job," she said.

Unger gets about 50 people a year into jobs. "I think it's important what I do," she said.

On the film side of her life, she's created a film company called "Popping Up Recovery," and does projects along those subject lines. "We're called tools for change," she said. Her first film was "Claire's Day," and it's an action-adventure film about a woman that works in the employment field, but hits a couple of stopping points in her efforts before getting back on track. Before a round of editing of the original, "she kills somebody, but I changed it," Unger said.

Shooting an action-adventure film takes an extra effort, so she searches out help from friends and acquaintances. "I had an amazing cinematographer," that crawled on his back during the shooting scene. Then for music, which can lead to copyright issues for filmmakers, she worked with named CM Jenkins from Baltimore, and

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Mount Vernon Community Band Director Linda Davidson with Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck after receiving a plaque of appreciation.



Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck with Owen Hammett who has been a key part of the volunteer Mount Vernon Community Band for over 25 years. He conducted the Swing Band, the Dixieland band, and sometimes the German Band and the Concert Band.

Community Band Honored

The Mount Vernon Community Band received a Certificate of Appreciation for its 40 years of outstanding performances by the Concert Band, Swing Band, Dixieland Band, German Band, Brass Ensemble and Flute Ensemble on Sunday, June 16.

MVCB's Concert Band was performing at the National Park Service's Summer Concert Series at Fort Hunt Park where it received recognition from Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck.

At the concert, Owen Hammett was also honored by Storck with a Certificate of Appreciation. A part of the volunteer Mount Vernon Community Band for over 25 years, Hammett conducted the Swing Band, the Dixieland band, and sometimes the German Band and the Concert Band. He played the trombone and euphonium in all the Mount Vernon bands (Concert, Swing, German, Dixieland, and Brass). He has also been the band's logistics expert, manager, scheduler,

promoter and announcer. In recent years, Hammett volunteered with the National Park Service by coordinating, recruiting, scheduling and setting up for the bands playing in the Fort Hunt Park Summer Concert series. He played in the volunteer Washington Redskins Band for 10 years. Owen's past musical resume includes: principal trombone in the University of Alabama Symphony, three years as a volunteer with the band of the Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE), leader of the Saint John's Brass Ensemble (Saint John's Cathedral, Izmir, Turkey). A native of Alabama, Hammett served in the U.S. Army, and worked as a civilian.

The Mount Vernon Community Band, founded in 1978, is a volunteer local group of musicians. Members include graduating high school students, former military musicians, college musicians, and other Mount Vernon area neighbors.

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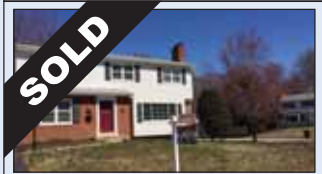


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OPINION

New Majority on Board of Supervisors

Eight things to study, get up to speed.

One thing we know for sure, Fairfax County is about to lose a lot of institutional knowledge on the Board of Supervisors. Here are a few suggestions for areas where those who might find themselves on a fully reconstituted Board of Supervisors should bone up.

EDITORIAL **Affordable Housing:** The market is not going to produce the affordable housing we need on its own. Mixed income apartments and condos that serve workforce housing all the way down through vouchers and supported housing managed local by nonprofits, all in the same building, must be leveraged by subsidizing infrastructure, providing partnerships, land and bonus densities. Move outside the box. Let large employers build housing, next to, on top of, in the parking areas, of their buildings. Let churches make room for housing. Put mixed income housing on top of every government building including libraries, community centers, government centers. Make room for housing in vast county parking lots. Try everything.

Homelessness: While in many ways, Fairfax County has succeeded in reducing homelessness as much as possible, preventing a continuing cycle of homelessness will require more attention. Fairfax County Public Schools counted 2,600 students experiencing homelessness at the end of the school year, most of them Latino. The county's Office to Prevent and End Homelessness counted somewhat fewer, most of them African American. The definition is different, and the differences reveal places for improvement. The board is losing two major advocates for affordable housing and ending homelessness in Chairman Sharon Bulova and Hunter Mill Supervisor Cathy Hudgins.

Roads: We are on the cusp of unprecedented innovation in transportation. Overdesigning roads now will continue to divide communities, suburban and urban, in the future even with a decline in vehicles on the road and car ownership. Think ahead. Self-driving cars. Ride sharing. Service for people with disabilities and older residents.

One Fairfax: Data and other efforts related to equity and One Fairfax are already revealing expected and unexpected issues.

Police Reform: While Fairfax County now has two forms of independent oversight of police, consider that the police have chosen to

remain silent on recommendations and reports by both the Independent Police Auditor and the Civilian Review Panel. Members of the current Board of Supervisors acknowledge that they assumed the Fairfax County Police Department would make a public response to such oversight, but apparently it will need to be an explicit requirement. Transparency remains a concern.

Criminal Justice Reform: Don't forget what voters told you on June 11 about the importance of a progressive approach to criminal justice reform. Figure out and heed what leads to racial injustice in the criminal justice system.

Demographics: Residents of Fairfax County are getting older. Schools are getting more diverse. Data will offer many clues about what the county will look like in 10 years.

Change: We are on the cusp of unprecedented innovation. Don't double down and lock in solutions for yesterday's problems in a way that precludes more elegant technological solutions later. Transportation is the most obvious of these. But anything that reduces barriers to entry will change the landscape. Better meetings via camera, including medical appointments, therapy, drug treatment, business meetings. You can be face to face with anyone anywhere. Soon it will be seamless and generally available. There are many other examples.

Measles and Non-medical Exemptions

BY PAUL KRIZEK
STATE DELEGATE (D-44)

(My first column on the problem of non-medical exemptions to immunization requirements [Mt. Vernon Gazette 3-28-19] identified the role immunizations play in limiting vaccine-preventable diseases and underscored the threat posed by vaccine hesitancy/refusal to the public's health.)

COMMENTARY **M**easles is back and it grips our nation, with 28 states reporting 1,044 cases — a 27 year high! Cases recently were confirmed in Maryland and here in Virginia. The Virginia case involved a traveller passing through Dulles Airport. It's hard to believe but America eliminated measles in 2000 with an aggressive, government-sponsored immunization campaign, however that landmark public health achievement will be history if the outbreaks continue through Sept. 30. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) define a measles outbreak as >3 cases/100K population/month. For Mt. Vernon, that's about one case every three months. Seven states, including Maryland, New York, and Pennsylvania, report 15 recent outbreaks.

Measles is highly contagious. It survives — in the air and on surfaces — for two hours. Infected persons are contagious for days — before they feel sick and after they feel well. A non-immune person has up to 90

percent chance of contracting measles after exposure.

Measles remains a major cause of death and disability globally, killing approximately 110,000 in 2017. Five percent of those infected will develop pneumonia and 0.1 percent, encephalitis. Case severity is unpredictable. Survivors risk deafness, blindness and intellectual disability. Greater healthcare resources have improved our outcomes, but we pay a big price: school absence; work disruption; and danger for vulnerable community members, e.g. infants, pregnant women, the elderly, and those immunosuppressed. Public health response is costly — outbreak control in the state of Washington required identification and evaluation of 4,100 exposures, costing \$1.9 million.

Treatment is a costly and time-consuming response to a problem that should not have occurred in the first place. These illnesses are easily preventable with available vaccines in doctor's offices and clinics. Between 2000-2017, immunization programs reduced global measles deaths 80 percent, saving over two million children's lives under five years old, at a cost of only \$1 a day!

The American epidemic is caused by vulnerable travelers, exposed to measles abroad, and then making contact with under-immunized communities here. We should focus on the latter factor. Populations at risk often reside in isolated, insular communities, e.g. Somalis in Minnesota and ultra-Orthodox Jews in New York and Maryland; however, well-educated,

“mainstream” communities are at risk too. All are susceptible to sophisticated, factually inaccurate, anti-vaccine information widely available via social media, intentionally targeted by “anti-vaxxers.”

To be sure, not everyone should be immunized, e.g. persons allergic to the vaccine or those immunosuppressed. Nevertheless, they will be protected from measles if there is sufficient “herd immunity” — which is 96 percent resistance within the community conferred by immunizations. A medical exemption is the only one based in science.

Every state requires immunizations for school attendance, but 47 states grant exemptions for religious reasons and 18 for personal beliefs. Virginia (Code of VA §32.1-46) grants religious exemptions, even though most faiths support immunizations, and allows philosophical exemption for HPV vaccine. The CDC reports steady increase in unvaccinated children — 1.3 percent in 2015 vs. 0.3 percent in 2001 — leaving 100,000 unprotected against 14 vaccine preventable diseases. This parallels a rise in non-medical exemptions — currently, 2.2 percent. Public health officials identify non-medical exemptions as the “vehicle” driving vaccine refusals.

We have a good record of safe, effective measles and other vaccination programs. We are obligated to safeguard our communities from vaccine-preventable diseases. It is essential to maintain herd immunity. The best way to do that is to immunize everyone not medically exempt.

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More Work Needed to Stop Unrepresentative Districts

BY SCOTT SUROVELL
STATE SENATOR (D-36)

This week, the U.S. Supreme Court issued its long-awaited decision in *Virginia House of Delegates v. Bethune-Hill*, a gerrymandering case. Justice Ginsberg essentially wrote that the Virginia House of Delegates was not allowed to bring the appeal.

Here is some background. The General Assembly is required by the Constitution of Virginia and the U.S. Constitution's Fifth Amendment to redraw congressional and state legislative districts after each census. In 2011,

the General Assembly held a special session. Republicans held the majority in the House of Delegates, Democrats controlled the state Senate and Republican Governor Bob McDonnell was in office.

Each chamber drew their own maps and incumbent members of Congress recommended the congressional maps. Governor McDonnell vetoed the first map drawn by the Democratic State Senate who then proposed a compromise map. The Governor then approved all three plans.

Over the last 10 years, the case law on voting rights issues has changed as the composition of the Supreme Court has changed. In the case of *Shelby County v. Holder* in 2013, the U.S. Supreme Court held that "pre-review" of all voting actions required by the Voting Rights Act of 1965 was no longer required in jurisdictions with a history of racial discrimination — such as Virginia — ostensibly because racial discrimination was no longer an issue. This opened the door to voter identification laws, precinct changes, voter roll purges and other actions by state and local governments, largely in the South over the last six years.

However, the flip side of *Shelby County* was that because racial

discrimination was "not as pervasive" and that Voting Rights Act of 1965 had "solved" most of the problems it had sought to address, race could no longer be a predominant factor in drawing district lines. Following this new line of thinking, a three-judge panel threw out Virginia's congressional district map in 2016 and Congressman Donald McEachin was elected to represent the new Fourth Congressional district.

More litigation ensued over the House of Delegates and a three-judge panel ultimately found that 11 districts were improperly drawn to achieve an impermissible 55 percent Black voting age population threshold. This required over 30 seats to be redrawn in Hampton Roads, Southside Virginia and around Richmond and the Virginia "House of Delegates" appealed the decision.

On Monday, the U.S. Supreme Court refused to consider the merits of the lower three-judge panel's ruling and held that the Attorney General can represent the interests of Virginians in a redistricting case, but not one chamber of a bicameral legislative body. Ginsberg also wrote that possible partisan control of a legislative body is not the kind of "harm" that gives standing to bring a lawsuit, that it is a basic outcome of democracy. That basically ends the litigation.

However, the decision really ducked the important and most pressing issue — when does gerrymandering become so problematic that it denies voters their right to representation? Virginia's congressional, legislative and local government districts are rife with partisan gerrymandering. The power of computers made this one of the most fundamental problems in American Democracy.

There are numerous scholars who have developed mathematical models to objectively measure the distortive effect of district maps, but the U.S. Supreme Court remains divided on whether such formulas can find support in Con-

stitutional text such as the U.S. Constitution's due process clause or the first amendment. So while this decision will make most Democrats happy, the fundamental problem remains unresolved.

The 2020 General Assembly will take a second vote on an amendment to the Constitution of Virginia to create a form of nonpartisan redistricting. If approved,

voter approval will still be necessary and there are some statutory details that still require negotiation. I continue to have concerns about giving the Supreme Court of Virginia ultimate authority if stalemate occurs in the General Assembly given that that court has become dominated by Republican appointees in the last 20 years, could be dominated by another

party in the future and more importantly, is not truly representative of Virginia ideologically and regionally. Northern Virginians are largely excluded today from Virginia's appellate courts, a troubling development.

The conversation continues. If you have any questions or feedback, please email me at scott@scottsuovell.org.

COMMENTARY



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ENTERTAINMENT

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

ONGOING

Band Members Needed. Join the Mount Vernon Community Band, a group of players who enjoy playing many styles of band music in a relaxed atmosphere. Rehearsals are Tuesdays 7:30-9:30 p.m. in the Mount Vernon High School Band Room, 8515 Old Mount Vernon Road. No auditions. All instruments needed. Contact Eric Leighty directly 703-768-4172 or visit www.mvbands.com/join-us/.

Riding the Rainbow. Through June 30, gallery hours at Scope Gallery at 105 North Union St., ground floor Studio 19 of the Torpedo Factory Art Center. Blinding color and vivid mixes are in the glaring spotlight for the “Taste the Rainbow” tribute to LGBTQ Pride Month at the Torpedo Art Center’s Scope Gallery. Hues are huge as Ceramic Guild artists play with clay with an eye for celebratory color. Call Scope Gallery at 703-548-6288 or visit www.scopegallery.org.

Art Exhibit: Landscape X3. Through June 30, gallery hours at Gallery 311 at the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St., Studio 311. In a new exhibit at the Torpedo Factory, painters Ellen Delaney and Gale Wallar and photographer Jo Ann Tooley take on the traditional subject of landscapes. Delaney’s paintings consist of larger-than-life abstracts while Wallar’s work emphasizes a majestic topography with defined shapes and edges. Tooley’s black & white photographs strip nature of its color. Visit torpedofactory.org/partners/gallery-311/.

Art Exhibit: “Art in Meditation – the Chakras.” Through June 30, gallery hours at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. “Art in Meditation – the Chakras” features area artists interpreting the chakra energies. The exhibit, juried by contemporary artist Jeff Erickson, will have an associated Art-To-Go marketplace and Well Ray June 22. Summer solstice reception Friday, June 21, 7-9 pm. Visit DelRayArtisans.org/exhibits.



Junebalya Mardi Gras Party

Alexandria’s first ever New Orleans styled Mardi Gras celebration is taking place at the Carlyle Club. Featuring music by New Orleans styled funk Masters, Magnolia Blue, and Alexandria’s legendary acoustic jam band, Free Flowing Musical Experience. Friday, June 21, 7 p.m.-midnight at Carlyle Club, 2050 Ballenger. \$20. Get tickets at www.thecarlyleclub.com/ or call 703-439-8487.



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An 18th-century ship discovered by city archaeologists and contractors in 2015 as excavations were carried out in compliance with the Alexandria Archaeology Protection Code.

The Early History of Seaport Alexandria

The Alexandria Historical Society and the Office of Historic Alexandria present a lecture by Eleanor Breen, City Archaeologist. Breen will discuss the recent discoveries on the Alexandria waterfront, describing the process that led to these findings and providing a fascinating glimpse into what life was like in the 18th-century town. This presentation offers a tour of the archaeological evidence of the diverse neighborhoods,

bustling wharves, and massive land-making efforts that characterized the Alexandria seaport at the turn of the eighteenth century. Wednesday, June 26, 7:30-9:30 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. \$5 for non-members; free to members of the Alexandria Historical Society. Memberships can be purchased at the door. Email franwbromberg@gmail.com or visit alexandriahistorical.org/events/ for more.

Art Exhibit: Notes of Color.

Through July 21, gallery hours at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. The Washington Sculpture Group presents Notes of Color. Visit nvfaa.org or call 703-548-0035.

4Living Legends of Alexandria:

African American Activists. Through July, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. Living Legends of Alexandria: African American Activists highlights the

work of African American men and women who have made important contributions to the growth and productivity of the City of Alexandria. Call 703-746-4356 for more.

Art Exhibit: More Than A Body.

Through Aug. 4, gallery hours, at Target Gallery at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Target Gallery, the contemporary exhibition space for the Torpedo Factory Art Center, presents their competitive annual solo exhibition featuring Northern Virginia-based artist Julia Kwon. Kwon uses traditional Korean inspired textiles to create a dialogue on othering and objectification she experiences as a Korean-American woman. Julia Kwon: More Than A Body will be on view June 14-Aug. 4. Visit torpedofactory.org/target.

Creative Summer Programs.

Through Aug. 31 at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Del Ray Artisans’ Creative Summer Programs is a series of workshops exploring the arts. Learn techniques in photography (macro and SmartPhone), painting, sculpture, mixed media, jewelry-making, sketching, and more; and discover how to use art for affirmation, communication, and intention. Details and registration at DelRayArtisans.org/programs/creative-summer/.

Mount Vernon Farmers Market.

Wednesdays (through Dec. 18), 8 a.m.-noon at Sherwood Hall Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. The McCutcheon/Mount Vernon Farmers Market opened May 1 with an array of farm-fresh produce and local foods, plus some new features (fresh brewed coffee!). 17 local farmers and producers will sell fresh, locally grown vegetables and fruits; meats; Chesapeake Bay seafood; breads and pastries; honey, jams and jellies; milk, cheese and eggs; herbs and plants; and more. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets.

THURSDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 20-23

Taming of the Shrew. Thursday-Saturday, 2 and 7 p.m.; Sunday, 2 and 6 p.m. at Metropolitan School of the Arts’ Black Box Theatre, 5775 Barclay Drive, Suite 4. Watch Metropolitan Homeschool Productions’ The Taming of the Shrew. One of Shakespeare’s funniest comedies, this joyful, Italian rendition with comical characters, sound effects and pantomime will appeal to all ages. \$15 Visit metropolitanhomeschool.org for tickets.

FRIDAY/JUNE 21

Garden Talk: Bring on the Hummingbirds. 1:30-2:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. (Adults) Perhaps one of the most beloved birds in gar-den-ing, hummingbirds astonish with their aerial acrobatics, their beauty and the important role they play as garden pollinators. Attend this talk and learn about plants to attract these beautiful birds. \$10/person. Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes/ using code 37F.853C or call 703-642-5173.

Nine and Wine. 5:30 p.m. at Pinecrest Golf Course, 6600 Little River Turnpike. Fit in an after-work round of golf and social afterwards at the clubhouse café. Price includes warm up balls, 9 holes of golf, push or power cart, one beer/wine/soda/or water. Tee times start at 5:32-6:04 p.m. \$27. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/golf/pinecrest/nine-and-wine/062119 or call 703-324-8782.

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SATURDAY/JUNE 22

Well Ray Festival. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Mt. Vernon Ave in the heart of Del Ray. The free, family-friendly event will take on Mt. Vernon Avenue with a celebration of the health and wellness lifestyle movement. Over 75 health and lifestyle inspired vendors will provide a variety of activities to allow festival-goers the opportunity to explore, heal, taste and move in achieving a healthy life. Wellness and holistic health practitioners will offer services ranging from therapeutic treatments such as massages to acupuncture, physical therapy and nutritional counseling, health screenings, meditation, and more. Free admission. Rain or shine. Visit WellRayDelRay.com.

Alexandria Youth Rugby. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at George Washington Middle School, 1005 Mt. Vernon Ave. Alexandria Rugby will host matches with teams from across Northern Virginia, ages ranging from Pre School - 4th grade playing tag rugby and 3rd -8th grade playing tackle rugby. Free. Email info@alexandriarugby.com or visit www.alexandriarugby.com for more.

Watercolor Workshop – Still Life. 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. (Adults) Whether a beginner or an experienced painter, learn to paint still life in watercolor with the help of artist Dawn Flores. Gain skills in building form, developing color harmony and paint-ing flowers, water, shadows, and backgrounds. Bring objects to make simple compositions, or challenge yourself with crystal and silver. \$93/person. Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes/ using code A4E.5C49 or call 703-642-5173.

Basic Pruning Workshop for Azaleas & Rhododendrons. 10 a.m.-noon at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. (Adults) Learn to prune like a pro with this hands on workshop led by Peter Deahl of The Pruning School. Gain skills and insight into shaping and rejuvenat-ing azaleas to make them more beautiful and healthy. Learn how to care for and sharpen pruning equipment. Meet at Green Spring Horticulture Center. Bring gloves and pruners. \$23/person. Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes/ using code 91C.A1C2 or call 703-642-5173.

Watercolor Workshop-Still Life. 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Green Spring

ENTERTAINMENT

Enter Kid's Art Contest

Mount Vernon Athletic Club (MTVAC), an Alexandria-area fitness and tennis club is holding a Kid's Art Contest for the local Mount Vernon and Alexandria communities.

The contest is open to the public and parents can drop off their child's artwork to the front desk of the club at 7950 Audubon Ave. The goal of the contest is to find fun and creative ways to engage children outside of screen time. The theme was chosen to help inspire children and families to connect through fitness.

Youngsters in the community who want to be part of the art contest should draw a picture (on 8.5 x 11 sheet of paper) of mommy and / or daddy exercising. There are three age categories: 1-4 years old, 5-9 years old and 10-12 years old. All artwork submitted will be displayed for two weeks while votes are collected and then the winners

will be contacted. A prize basket will be given to each age group winner and a 30minute massage for one parent of each winner will be awarded.

Details:

❖ Must submit artwork at the front desk at MTVAC by June 30;

❖ Full name of parent and child legibly printed (no cursive) on back of art;

❖ Phone number, an email address and birthdate of child must also be included;

❖ One entry per child;

❖ June 30 is the last day to submit.

MTVAC is a private club that has been a community fixture for more than 45 years. Providing tennis programs, the facility is also a health club offering a full fitness facility, exercise classes, personal training and an onsite massage. Mount Vernon Athletic Club is located at 7950 Audubon Ave. in southern Alexandria. More information can be found at www.mtvac.net.



CALENDAR

Gardens, 4603 Walking with Washington Tour. 10 a.m.-noon, starting at the Ramsay House, Alexandria Visitor Center, 221 King St. Explore important sites associated with George Washington in his hometown. This guided walking tour focuses on significant people and events in his life and American history and his character and values. Stops at Ramsay House, Market Square, Carlyle House, The Bank of Alexandria, Wise's Tavern, Duvall House/Tavern, Gadsby's Tavern, Washington's townhouse, and Christ Church. Reservations not required. Free. Recommended for ages 10 and above. Call 703-746-3301 for more.

Benefitting Operation Paws for Homes. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at 310 King St. Dogs available for adoption, as well as information on fostering and volunteering. Donations welcome (blankets, towels, dog beds, treats, chew bones, bully sticks, toys, etc.). Pro photo shoots and treats for

visiting dogs. Contact Lilia Murphy at 703-575-7888 or lilia.murphy@cbmove.com for more.

Summer Saturdays. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Gunston Hall, 10709 Gunston Road, Lorton. Join Gunston Hall for a summer of fun. Each Saturday in June, July, and August, stop by for a historic adventure on the grounds and in the Visitor Center. Included with regular admission. Call 703-550-9220 or visit www.gunstonhall.org/visit/guide/upcoming-events.

Back to Fun Book Fair: African American Children's Book Fair. Noon-4 p.m. at the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. Find culturally appropriate books at a book fair featuring authors who specialize in books for African American children and families. Organized by author J.D. Wright and the Alexandria Black History Museum. Free. Call 703-746-4356.

United Community Battle of the

Bands. 1-5 p.m. at Fort Hunt Park Pavilion, 8999 Fort Hunt Road. United Community (formerly United Community Ministries) welcomes everyone for an afternoon of music, food and fun. Ticket includes admission, BBQ meal, soft drinks and sweets. \$40 per family of 5; \$15 adult; \$7 child (5-12); free admission for children 4 and under. Tickets available at bit.ly/BOTB-TIX.

George Washington's Alexandria Tour. 2-3:15 p.m. at 101 Union St. Explore historic Old Town Alexandria as George Washington knew it. This guided 75-minute walking tour will explore sites associated with Washington and his closest colleagues, including the Fitzgerald warehouse, Captain's Row, Gentry Row, the Apothecary shop, Ramsay House, Market Square, the Carlyle House, Wise's Tavern, Duvall's Tavern, Gadsby's Tavern, and Washington's townhouse. The tour begins at the Alexandria historic timeline in front of Vola's Dockside Grill, by the Portside in Old Town Summer Festival. Free. No reservations required. Email suej020924@gmail.com or call 703-379-7460 for more.

Portside in Old Town Summer Festival. 2-8 p.m. in the new Waterfront Park at the foot of King Street. Kick off summer with a day of live music featuring an array of creative collaborations and genres, from Ethiopian jazz to Brazilian to Latin folk. Toast to summer at a waterfront beer garden by Port City Brewing Company, and savor bites from a pop-up Pizzeria Paradiso or Rocklands BBQ. Cool off with a treat from Dolci Gelati and enjoy fun for the whole family, including hands-on arts and history activities. Visit www.visitalexandriava.com/event/portside-in-old-town-summer-festival/15057/.

Mount Vernon Nights: Groove Train ('70s Disco Band). 7-8 p.m. at The Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Performances will range from disco to Indian Bollywood and acoustic blues to big band. Bring a picnic dinner and a blanket and enjoy one of Fairfax County's summer



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Alexandria Rugby's tag players were featured during the season-opener halftime of DC's first Major League Rugby team, Old Glory. Matt Hardiman is the Commissioner of Alexandria's Tag Rugby program, he is in the back row, 4th from left.

Rugby Tournament

Alexandria Rugby will host matches with teams from across Northern Virginia, ages ranging from Pre School - 4th grade playing tag rugby and 3rd -8th grade playing tackle rugby. Saturday, June 22, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at George Washington Middle School, 1005 Mt. Vernon Ave. Free. Email info@alexandriarugby.com or visit www.alexandriarugby.com for more.

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traditions. Come early to the Workhouse Arts Center to explore its vibrant arts scene. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/mt-vernon-nights for more.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 22-23

Ham Radio Field Day. Saturday, noon through Sunday, noon at Joseph Hensley Park, 4200 Eisenhower Ave. The Alexandria “ham radio” Field Day is conducted in late June every year by the Alexandria Radio Club in participation with over 40,000 hams throughout North America, who set up temporary transmitting stations in public places to demonstrate emergency preparedness to support the public. This year Alexandria Radio Club is also celebrating its 65th Anniversary. Everyone is invited. Young and old, families, technology clubs, and scouting groups are encouraged to visit the Alexandria Radio Club Field Day 2019 event. Visitors may want to try their hand at operating one of the stations with club members. Free. Call 703-329-9658 or visit www.w4hfh.org for more.

SUNDAY/JUNE 23

Dyke Marsh Meetup Walk with a Ranger. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Belle Haven Park/ Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve. Enjoy the outdoors on this 2-mile walk with a national park ranger to see the largest freshwater marsh in the nation’s capital. Bring a pair of binoculars for viewing an eagle’s nest and other marsh life. Free. Call 703-235-1530 or visit www.nps.gov/gwmp/planyourvisit/dykemarsh.htm.

Real Housewives of Jamestown. 1-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. (Adults) In 1619 the first “bride ship” arrived at the Jamestown colony, bringing single English women to marry, start families, and stabilize the community. Hear fascinating stories of America’s first mailorder brides and discover that many found enrichment, empowerment, and liberation in their new lives. \$36 (program + tea); \$15 (program only). Pro-grams are by reservation only. Call (703) 941-7987, TTY (703) 324-3988.

Fort Hunt Park Concerts. Through Aug. 25, Sundays, 7-8 p.m. at Fort Hunt Park, Pavilion A, 8999 Fort Hunt Road. All are welcome for free community concerts held at Fort Hunt Park every Sunday. Free. Visit www.nps.gov/gwmp/planyourvisit/forthuntconcerts.htm for performer.

TUESDAY/JUNE 25

Concert in the Garden. 6-8 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Fun, interactive kids activities begin at 5 p.m. Join us for live music, food and fun amidst the beauty of our gardens. Enjoy dinner from the food truck or bring a picnic dinner to enjoy on the lawn. Traditional complimentary cake and lemonade service starts at 6 p.m. along with the music. Free. Call Green Spring Gardens at 703-642-5173.

Twilight & Tipple Tours. 6-9 p.m. at Pope-Leighey House, 9000 Richmond Highway. Experience Frank Lloyd Wright’s Pope-Leighey House by twilight. This tour series is a rare chance to see one of Wright’s houses illuminated against a night sky. Grab a drink, included in the price of the tour ticket, and walk through the house on a leisurely, open house style tour with plenty of time to take stunning photos. \$35. Visit www.woodlawnpopeleighey.org/ for more.



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JUNE 25-JULY 28

Art Exhibit: Labyrinths and/or Mazes. Gallery hours, Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center, Studio 29, 105 North Union St. Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery announces the opening of its juried show, Labyrinths and/or Mazes. Sometimes one is led to success and sometimes one hits a dead end. Gallery embers have pushed their paths and have come up with wonderful results. Themed work will be eligible for recognition by the jurors. Non-themed work may also be exhibited. Visit www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com or call 703-548-0935.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 26

Getaway: Hershey Gardens & High Glen. 6:30 a.m. departure from Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. 6:30 p.m. return. (16-Adult) Includes motor coach, admission and lunch. Visit Hershey, Pennsylvania to explore Hershey Gardens. Then head to Frederick, Md., to tour the private High Glen estate gardens. Wear comfortable walking shoes and dress for the weather. \$113 per person. Register at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes/ using code 33F.DC1E or call 703-642-5173.

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FRIDAY/JUNE 28

Sunset Movie Night: Captain Marvel. 7-11 p.m. at Mt. Vernon RECenter, 2017 Belle View Blvd. Summer Sunset Movie Nights at Mt. Vernon RECenter are back every Friday in June. Free. Visit ZelsmanPowersGroup.com for details.

Mount Vernon Nights: Empty Bottle String Band (Old-time, String Band). 7:30-8:30 at Grist

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FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 28-30

Waterfront Beer Garden. Friday, 5-8 p.m.; Saturday, noon-8 p.m.; Sunday, noon-4 p.m. at Waterfront Park, 1 King St. Toast to summer at the Waterfront Beer Garden by Port City Brewing Company. Enjoy award-winning craft beer plus local food and entertainment including live music and DJs. Attendees can also enjoy lawn games, live music from artists like NACIM and DJs such as DJ G throughout the weekends. Free admission; food and drink available for purchase. Visit PortsideInOldTown.com for more.

SATURDAY/JUNE 29

Workshop-Terra Cotta Succulent Container. 9:30-11 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. (16-Adult) Pot up a tabletop terracotta container with eye-catching succulents. A Green Spring horticulturalist demonstrates how to mix balance, scale, proportion, contrast and rhythm to make dynamic container designs for these fascinating plants. \$39/person for the program and \$25/person for the supply fee. Register at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes/ using code D46.BA22 or call 703-642-5173.

Young Writer’s Workshop. 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at The Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. Author Sheila Moses will conduct a workshop for young writers (grades 8-12). Parents are welcome to stay. Learn how to tell a good story, what a publisher looks for in a new author and how to make story ideas a reality. Free. This workshop is limited to 15 people. Snacks will be provided. Bring a lunch. Call 703-746-4356.

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SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM

Free Meals for Children During Summer Break

Approximately 29 percent of students in FCPS qualify for free and reduced-price meals. That’s more than 54,000 students who usually have access to breakfast and lunch at school each day.

Fairfax County Public Schools will participate in the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) 2019 summer food service program for children, a program established to ensure that students who qualify for free and

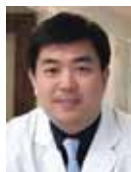
reduced-price meals during the school year continue to receive nutritious meals when school is not in session. Free meals that meet federal nutrition guidelines will be provided to children at approved sites

throughout Fairfax County. Meals will be provided to all children without charge on a first-come, first-served basis. There will not be meal service on July 4 or 5.

SCHOOL SITES	DATES	BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Bailey’s Community Center 5920 Summers Ln, Falls Church, VA 22041 703-931-7027	6/17-8/23	8:30-9:30 a.m.	Noon-1 p.m.
Bailey’s ES (primary) 6111 Knollwood Dr, Falls Church, VA 22041 703-575-6800	6/14-8/23	8-9 a.m.(7/1-8/8)	11:30-1 p.m.
Beech Tree ES 3401 Beechtree Ln, Falls Church, VA 22042 703-531-2600	7/8-7/26	9:30-9:45 a.m.	Noon-12:30 p.m.
Belvedere ES 6540 Columbia Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041 703-916-6800	7/1-8/8	9:45-10:15 a.m.	Noon-1 p.m.
Braddock ES 7825 Heritage Dr, Annandale, VA 22003 703-914-7300	7/1-8/8	8:30-9 a.m.	Noon-12:30 p.m.
Bren Mar Park ES 6344 Beryl Rd, Alexandria, VA 22312 703-914-7200	6/14-8/23	8-10:05 a.m. (7/1-8/8)	11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
Brookfield ES 4200 Lees Corner Rd, Chantilly, VA 20151 703-814-8700	7/1-8/8	8-9 a.m.	Noon-12:30 p.m.
Bucknell ES 6925 University Dr, Alexandria, VA 22307 703-660-2900	7/8-7/26	8:45-9 a.m.	12:15-12:45 p.m.
Burke Center 9645 Burke Lake Road, Burke, VA 22015 703-426-7300	7/1-7/26	N/A	11:30 a.m.-noon
Camelot ES 8100 Guinevere Dr, Annandale, VA 22003 703-645-7000	7/1-7/26	9:30-10 a.m.	N/A
Centre Ridge ES 14400 New Braddock Rd, Centreville, VA 20121 703-227-2600	7/1-8/8	8-8:30 a.m.	10:30-11 a.m.
Chelsea Square Apts. 5734 Backlick Rd, Springfield, VA 22150	6/17-8/23	N/A	Noon-1 p.m.
Coates ES 2480 River Birch Road, Herndon, VA 20171 703-713-3000	7/8-7/26	8-8:30 a.m.	11-11:30 a.m.
Crestwood ES 6010 Hanover Ave, Springfield, VA 22150 703-923-5400	7/1-8/8	8:40-9:10 a.m.	11:55 a.m.-12:35 p.m.
Dogwood ES 12300 Glade Dr, Reston, VA 20191 703-262-3100	6/14-8/23	9:45-10:05 a.m. (7/22-8/9)	11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
Falls Church HS 7521 Jaguar Trail, Falls Church, VA 22042 703-207-4000	7/30-8/1	8-8:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.-noon
Forest Edge ES 1501 Becontree Ln, Reston, VA 20190 703-925-8000	7/8-7/26	9:45-10 a.m.	11-11:30 a.m.
Forestdale ES 6530 Elder Ave, Springfield, VA 22150 703-313-4300	7/1-8/8	9:45-10:15 a.m.	1:15-1:45 p.m.
Fort Belvoir Primary 5970 Meeres Road, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060 703-781-2700	7/8-7/26	N/A	11 a.m.-noon
Fort Belvoir Upper 5980 Meeres Road, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060 571-982-1300	7/8-7/26	N/A	11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Garfield ES 7101 Old Keene Mill Rd, Springfield, VA 22150 703-923-2900	7/1-8/8	8-8:30 a.m.	Noon-12:30 p.m.
Glasgow MS 4101 Fairfax Pkwy, Alexandria, VA 22312 703-813-8700	7/8-8/8	7:20-7:45 a.m.	11:10-11:30 a.m.
Glen Forest ES 5829 Glen Forest Dr, Falls Church, VA 22041 703-578-8000	7/8-7/26	N/A	12:50-1:20 p.m.
Graham Road Community Ctr. 3036 Graham Rd, Falls Church, VA 22042 703-401-5257	6/14-8/23	N/A	11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
Graham Road ES 2831 Graham Rd, Falls Church, VA 22042 571-226-2700	7/8-7/26	8:45-9 a.m.	11-11:30 a.m.
Groveton ES 6900 Harrison Ln, Alexandria, VA 22306 703-718-8000	7/8-7/26	9:25-9:45 a.m.	1-1:45 p.m.
Gum Springs Community Ctr. 8100 Fordson Road, Alexandria, VA 22306 703-360-6088	6/17-8/23	8-8:30 a.m.	Noon-1 p.m.
Herndon ES 630 Dranesville Rd, Herndon, VA 20170 703-326-3100	7/1-8/8	8:45-9:15 a.m.	10:45-11:30 a.m.
Herndon MS 901 Locust St, Herndon, VA 20170 703-904-4800	7/8-7/26	7-8:30 a.m.	Noon-12:30 p.m.
Hollin Meadows ES 2310 Nordok Place, Alexandria, VA 22306 703-718-8300	7/1-7/26	8:45-9:15 a.m.	11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Holmes MS 6525 Montrose St, Alexandria, VA 22312 703-658-5900	7/1-8/1	7:30-8:50 a.m.	11 a.m.-12:20 p.m.
Hutchison ES 13209 Parcher Ave, Herndon, VA 20170 703-925-8300	6/14-8/23	8:30-8:50 a.m. (7/1-8/8)	11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Hybla Valley ES 3415 Lockheed Blvd, Alexandria, VA 22306 703-718-7000	6/14-8/23	9-9:15 a.m. (7/1-8/8)	11:50 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

SCHOOL SITES	DATES	BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Jackson MS 3020 Gallows Rd, Falls Church, VA 22042 703-204-8100	7/8-8/2	8-8:30 a.m.	11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
James Lee Community Ctr. 2855 Annandale Road, Falls Church, VA 22042 703-534-3387	6/17-8/23	8:30-9:30 a.m.	Noon-1 p.m.
Justice HS 3301 Peace Valley Ln, Falls Church, VA 22044 703-824-3900	7/8-7/26	7:30-7:55 a.m.	10:30-11:55 a.m.
Key MS 6402 Franconia Rd, Springfield, VA 22150 703-313-3900	7/1-7/26	8-8:30 a.m.	Noon-1 p.m.
Lake Anne ES 11510 North Shore Dr, Reston, VA 20190 703-326-3500	7/8-7/26	8-8:30 a.m.	Noon-12:30 p.m.
Lee HS 6540 Franconia Rd, Springfield, VA 22150 703-924-8300	7/8-7/26	7:30-7:55 a.m.	10:30-11:55 a.m.
London Towne ES 6100 Stone Rd, Centreville, VA 20120 703-227-5400	6/14-8/23	9:45-10 a.m. (7/1-8/8)	11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
Lynbrook ES 5801 Backlick Rd, Springfield, VA 22150 703-866-2940	7/1-8/8	8-9 a.m.	Noon-12:30 p.m.
Mason Crest ES 3705 Crest Drive, Annandale, VA 22003 571-226-2600	7/8-7/26	N/A	Noon-12:30 p.m.
Mount Eagle ES 6116 N Kings Hwy, Alexandria, VA 22303 703-721-2100	6/14-8/23	9-9:45 a.m. (7/1-8/8)	11:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m.
Mount Vernon HS 8515 Old Mt Vernon Rd, Alexandria, VA 22309 703-619-3100	8/5-8/9	8-8:30 a.m.	Noon-12:30 p.m.
Parklawn ES 4116 Braddock Rd, Alexandria, VA 22312 703-914-6900	7/1-8/1	8:45-9:15 a.m.	11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Pine Spring ES 7607 Willow Ln, Falls Church, VA 22042 571-226-4400	7/8-7/26	9:35-9:55 a.m.	11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Quander Road School 6400 Quander Rd, Alexandria, VA 22307 703-718-2400	7/8-7/26	8-8:30 a.m.	N/A
Riverside ES 8410 Old Mt Vernon Rd, Alexandria, VA 22309 703-799-6000	6/14-8/23	8:45-9:15 a.m. (7/8-7/26)	11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
Saratoga ES 8111 Northumberland Rd, Springfield, VA 22153 703-440-2600	7/1-7/26	9:45-10:10 a.m.	Noon-12:30 p.m.
Sleepy Hollow ES 3333 Sleepy Hollow Rd, Falls Church, VA 22044 703-237-7000	7/8-7/26	9:40-10:15 a.m.	11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.
Springfield Estates ES 6200 Charles C Goff Dr, Springfield, VA 22150 703-921-2300	7/8-7/26	N/A	Noon-12:30 p.m.
Springfield Garden Apts.(South) 6116 Cumberland Avenue, Springfield, VA 22150	6/17-8/23	N/A	Noon-1 p.m.
Springfield Gardens Apts.(North) 6116 Cumberland Avenue, Springfield, VA 22150	6/17-8/23	N/A	Noon-1 p.m.
Springfield Square Apts. 7000 Rhoden Ct, Springfield, VA 22151	6/17-8/23	N/A	Noon-1 p.m.
Timber Lane ES 2737 West St, Falls Church, VA 22046 703-206-5300	7/1-8/8	9-9:30 a.m.	11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
TJHSST 6560 Braddock Rd, Alexandria VA 22312 703-750-8300	6/24-8/1	7:30-8 a.m.	11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Vistas of Annandale(Avant Apts.) 7931 Patriot Drive, Annandale, VA 22003 703-962-1273	6/17-8/23	N/A	11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
Washington Mill ES 9100 Cherrytree Dr, Alexandria, VA 22309 703-619-2500	7/8-7/26	8:45-9:30 a.m.	11 a.m.-noon
Westlawn ES 3200 Westley Rd, Falls Church, VA 22042 703-241-5100	7/1-7/26	7:45-9 a.m.	Noon-12:30 p.m.
Weyanoke ES 6520 Braddock Rd, Alexandria, VA 22312 703-813-5400	7/1-8/8	8:45-9:15 a.m.	Noon-12:20 p.m.
Whitman MS 2500 Parkers Ln, Alexandria, VA 22306 703-660-2400	7/8-7/26	7:30-8 a.m.	Noon-12:30 p.m.
Willston Multicultural Center 6131 Willston Drive, Falls Church, VA, 22044 703-536-8943	6/17-8/23	8:30-9:30 a.m.	Noon-1 p.m.
Woodburn ES 3401 Hemlock Dr, Falls Church, VA 22042 703-641-8200	7/1-8/8	8:30-9 a.m.	11:30 a.m.-noon
Woodlawn ES 8505 Highland Ln, Alexandria, VA 22309 703-619-4800	7/1-8/8	10-10:30 a.m.	11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Woodley Hills ES 8718 Old Mt Vernon Rd, Alexandria, VA 22309 703-799-2000	7/1-7/26	7:45-10:30 a.m.	1-1:30 p.m.

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BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

During the summer, Glenda Hernández Baca and her children can be found in the kitchen measuring and mixing, stirring and sautéing. They cook together as a family, but what the children don't realize however, is that their mother is helping them maintain their math and reading skills.

"You can do math no matter what you are doing, and cooking is also a great way to do math," said Hernández Baca, Ph.D. of the School of Education at Montgomery College. "My kids love to cook with me and they help me with the recipes. We engage in reading, organizing and sorting, and discussing and analyzing fractions and conversions. They are doing so much learning but they do not know it."

The key to preventing that reversal, say educators, is finding creative ways to make learning fun while maintaining the light-hearted and carefree nature of vacations, camps and trips to the pool.

"The more students practice their academic skills in the summer, the more prepared they will be for the next school year and the less review and relearning they will need to do," said Hernández Baca.

For students who don't enjoy reading, infuse reading with drama, suggests Ana Lado, Ph.D., Professor of Education at Marymount University in Arlington, Va. "Pick ... books with lots of dialogue and either lots of active verbs or actionable scenes," she said. "You and the child read the parts as dramatically as you can together ... totally exaggerating the spoken parts as well as the actions as much as possible."

"Have them make a video with their favorite scenes in a book," continued Lado. "It forces them to read for scenes that have drama and to reread as they rehearse. It gives them a goal and making a film is a concrete goal. As they read through the book looking for drama and action let them put a sticky note on each good page they find."

In fact, infusing reading with drama can change the mindset of a child who doesn't enjoy reading. "Some students will benefit if they watch a movie version of a classic text like something by Jane Austen, for example, while they are reading it," M.A. Mahoney, Dean of Academics and Faculty at the Madeira School in McLean, Va. "This approach is sometimes the gateway to a lifetime of reading pleasure of an author."

For children who have challenges or difficulties reading, Hernández Baca suggests choosing short passages that allow them to explore a subject that piques their curiosity. "Consider cutting out an article or something shorter about an interest they have such as a band, music [or] sports," she said.

Everyday conversations can lead to math, science and language learning opportunities. "Often, children will make comments about something they are curious about such as how something grows or why the sky is changing colors, Hernández Baca said. "Maximize that opportunity and tell them what great questions they have and look up information. You could even make it a library trip to learn together. This is a wonderful way to show and model that we as parents, are always learning, too."



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M.A. Mahoney of Madeira School believes that during the summer, students can develop a lifetime of reading pleasure.

Even a short car ride or setting money goals can help support math skills, says Hernández Baca. "Talk about how much money a certain toy costs and how much they would need to purchase it. Have them come up with different equations that would help them reach that goal and talk about it. ...

"You can do math no matter what you are doing," she continued. "For example, in the car you can count how many trucks you see or how many blue cars."

Another way to practice math is to engage children in predictions and estimates, says Hernández Baca. "Asking 'How long do you think it will take us to get there?' or 'How many steps does it take to walk to the car or to the house?' You can then break it down and ask questions such as, 'Why do you think mommy had to take fewer steps?' or 'How many miles an hour would we have to go if we needed to reduce the trip time to get here?'"

A family vacation can provide an opportunity to practice language and writing. "Keep a vacation journal by printing out your child's favorite photos and have them write about them," said Carly Flanigan, Lower School Learning Specialist at St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School in Alexandria, Va.

When parents model a positive attitude toward reading, a child might find it more pleasurable "Have a family book club [and] meet once a month at everyone's favorite restaurant," said Flanigan "Make connections about books you and your child read or listen to. Ask questions about characters, setting and action in the plot ... Have your child read one of your favorite books that you love."

"Read aloud no matter the age of the child," said Elizabeth McConnel, Lower School Learning Specialist, also at St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School. "Make this a fun family event. Utilize different genres of text including magazines for your child's reading. Use audio books, Audible, or podcasts."

Current events can provide fodder for mental stimulation. "I always encourage students and families to read an editorial daily from a news source, and then to discuss it at a family meal," said Mahoney. "This builds reading comprehension skills, civil discourse skills, and increases familiarity with essay construction, not to mention making meal time more lively."

No matter the method, parents should be intentional about prioritizing and setting summer learning goals for their children, advises Hernández Baca. "Your kids do not need to know your structure or plan, but it will help you stay consistent with activities that specifically target learning in reading, writing, math, science or anything else."

MOUNT VERNON ATHLETIC CLUB

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- One entry per child
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Community members, local businesses, elected officials and county leaders at the Huntington Levee ribbon cutting.

Celebrating Levee's Completion

FROM PAGE 1

dents of a moderate-income neighborhood to stay in their homes and continue to live in Fairfax County. In addition, the community got a new mile long trail that parallels Cameron Run, connecting housing complexes like Riverside, Midtown Condos and The Parker, and advancing my mission to connect more communities to increased transportation and recreation opportunities. It is my goal to ultimately connect this trail all the way from Telegraph Road to Richmond Highway, Old Town Alexandria and the Woodrow Wilson Bridge."

Former Mount Vernon District Supervisor Gerry Hyland thanked the community and the county, saying, "I am so proud of the voters in Fairfax County and the Board of Supervisors who supported the bond referendum to protect this area from flooding and allow these moderate income families to remain in this community and not lose their homes. Fairfax takes care of its own."

Fairfax County Board Chairman Sharon Bulova said, "The Huntington Levee says something about our Fairfax County community. The \$30 million Bond Referendum was overwhelmingly supported by voters throughout our large county. They saw it as the fair and responsible thing to do for their neighbors in a relatively small section of the county. They cared. Residents of Huntington will now be able to sleep peacefully through a rainy night."

The \$40 million project was managed by the Fairfax County Department of Public Works and En-

vironmental Services. Arcadis U.S. designed the levee and managed the federal, state, and county permitting requirements, and Archer-Western Contractors built the levee.

The 2,800-foot-long levee is an earthen embankment that is 6 to 11 feet tall and topped with a four-foot high concrete I-wall. The width of the base ranges from 43 to 68 feet, depending on the height of the levee.

The levee is 13 feet wide at the top of the embankment and includes an eight-foot wide asphalt trail. A new pumping station was constructed.

New storm drains connect existing storm drains to the pump station.

Concrete channels and a vegetated swale divert water from the ponding area behind the levee to the pumping station. The project included the construction of approximately 4,800 feet of recreational trails and the renovation of nearby Farrington Park.

The project received the Envision Bronze award for sustainable infrastructure. The Envision sustainable infrastructure rating system assesses sustainability in five categories: quality of life, leadership, natural world, resource allocation, and climate and resilience. These categories contribute to positive social, economic and environmental impacts on a community during the planning, design and construction of infrastructure projects.

For more information about the project, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/huntington-levee.



The project included the renovation of nearby Farrington Park and playground.

Obituary

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Jacqueline "Jackie" Irby Stormer 9/7/1930 - 6/12/2019



Jackie, 88, passed away Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at Southminster Retirement Community in Charlotte, NC. Born September 7, 1930 in West Lafayette, IN, she is the daughter of the late Robert Clinton Irby and Doris Genevieve Watt Irby. After attending Warren G. Harding High School in Warren, OH, Jackie graduated from Cazenovia College in upstate New York, and established her career as a medical pathology secretary in Columbus, Ohio. She married William L. Stormer in 1956 and made their home Alexandria, Virginia and raised a family.

The joy of Jackie's life was her family and community. She volunteered at numerous charities but spent much of her time cheering on her children and grandchildren in their sports endeavors. Somehow, she even became a fan of both Clemson University and the University of South Carolina in support of her children. She was an accomplished tennis player. As a teenager, Jackie, was a member of the Ohio Junior Wightman Cup team, with whom she competed throughout the Midwest. She went on to play competitively for many years in Alexandria, VA, where she was consistently at the top of the club tennis ladder. Ultimately, she shared her love of tennis with her granddaughter, cheering her on in her USTA Junior tournament matches in the Charlotte area.

Jackie was predeceased by her husband, William Lee Stormer; surviving are two children, Christian Robert Stormer (Charlotte) of Columbia, SC and Gretchen Stormer Morrissey (Michael) of Durham, NC; and three beloved grandchildren, William Christian Stormer of Charlotte, NC, Samuel Harman Stormer (and finance Madeline Ross Smith) of New York, NY, and Sarah McIver Stormer of Columbia, SC.

A sister, Patsy Jo Irby Chelton, preceded her in death.

A service to celebrate Jackie's life will be held at 11:00AM Monday, July 15th in the sanctuary of Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Road, Alexandria, VA. The family will receive friends following the service.

For those wishing to send memorial gifts, please consider the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (www.asPCA.org).

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A Few Weeks Off, Finally



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

After a second successful week of navigating government and private sector websites, I have reached the promised, albeit familiar land: only worrying about the fact that I have non-small cell lung cancer, stage IV. Oh well. What else is new?

Nothing much thankfully so I can continue to try and live the Vulcan philosophy: "Live long and prosper." (Although, I could never manipulate my fingers to support the greeting. My wife, Dina, can however, with ease but she's not a logical person).

I have to be a logical person.

If I am to endure the ups and downs and all-around of a "terminal" cancer diagnosis, I have to think as unemotionally as possible about any news or assessments I may receive.

Cancer is too insidious to give it any help from the "diagnossee." Moreover, from what anecdotal evidence exists, providing cancer as inhospitable an environment as possible is said to help.

And aside from maintaining a positive attitude and a good sense of humor, keeping cancer things – good or bad, in some kind of perspective/context, is a trek worth taking. One should be reminded of the never-say-die mantra of the 1978 NBA World Champion Washington Bullets: "It ain't over 'til the fat lady sings."

In addition, all us cancer survivors should remember the famous words of Bluto (John Belushi) from 1980's "Animal House" when he implored his fellow Delta Fraternity brothers: "What? Over? Did you say over? Nothing is over until we decide it is. Was it over when the Germans bombed Pearl Harbor? Hell no! ..."

And not that cancer survivors can control our disease any more than the Germans can control this mistaken narrative, funny and famous though it is, but we have to try and laugh – and joke, because it sure beats the alternative. Control? 'Hell no!'

And now that I've completed the arduous and tedious – for me – tasks of the last two weeks, I feel as if I've taken back some control.

Cancer, schmancer.

I've survived the multi-step process required of the Virginia Employment Commission, the Maryland Health Connection, Social Security/Medicare, and the future provider of my Supplemental Medical insurance all within two weeks. Besides me, and anybody who knows me: Who says I can't step my way through this morass of websites, user names, passwords, mouse clicks and keystrokes? But I did. Somehow. An amazing miracle if there ever was one.

Now life can return to abnormal. But it's an 'abnormal' with which I'm totally familiar.

After 10-plus years of it, as Col. Sherman Potter of M*A*S*H said to Major Margaret Houlihan upon her early return to the 4077th from her honeymoon hearing her awkwardly describe a mishap in the shower: "There's nothing new under the sun, Major."

For a long-time cancer survivor, there's nothing new, really. One's life is likely to be more of the same, only different. And I can live with same – or the different – because after a decade, I've been there and pretty much done that.

Now I can add: succeeded in navigating websites "heretofore" (quoting Ben Affleck from 1997's "Good Will Hunting") thought impossible to do. No more do I have to worry about what I need to do, but rather I can bask in the glow of what I've done.

As I finish this column, I realize this is what us cancer patients need to do: reinforce our positives (successes) and minimize our negatives (failures). As many of us attempt to take all this cancer stuff in stride, the truth of it is we're often teetering and tottering on a very fine line. A 'line' to quote the late Ken Beatrice, on which "you wouldn't want to live."

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News

Filmmaker

FROM PAGE 4

Sakinah Iman, who "loves it, she lets me use it for free," Unger said.

Earlier this year, Unger got a "Women in Film," award in the Women's Film Challenge category but the movies are still just a hobby. "I don't think my colleagues know I do it," she said.

This summer, Unger is working with the Alexandria Workforce Development Center with the TeenWorks program for summer interns to make commercials and gain experience in the film business. She also has her sights on a documentary of sorts in Puerto Rico, focusing on the way the island nation has come back from Hurricane Maria. She's been in touch with some companies that have returned after the devastating storm but may have to travel there in late summer to see how it really is. "I don't know how it's going to go," she said.

BULLETIN BOARD

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

SOBER-RIDE FOR JULY 4

Free Sober Rides. Thursday, July 4, 7 p.m. through Friday, July 5, 2 a.m. Area residents, 21 and older, may download Lyft to their phones, then enter a code in the app's "Promo" section to receive a no cost (up to \$15) safe ride home. WRAP's Independence Day SoberRide promo code will be posted at 6 p.m. on July 4 on www.SoberRide.com.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

STEM Professionals Needed. Volunteers are needed to assist K-12 STEM teachers in northern Virginia as part of the American Association for the Advancement of Science's STEM Volunteer Program, stemvolunteers.org, during the 2019-20 school year, beginning in September. Please contact Don Rea at 571-551-2488 or donairea@aol.com.

TUESDAY/JUNE 25

FCPS Career Fair. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at 9200 Burke Lake Road, Burke.

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) will host a Career Fair for individuals interested in learning more about instructional and operational positions with the school district. There will also be four breakout sessions offered: benefits, the application process, and resume writing and interviewing. Particular needs include teachers, instructional assistants, special education teachers, substitute teachers, HVAC mechanics, school bus drivers, maintenance technicians, and professionals in information technology, human resources, procurement and finance, and safety and security. Visit www.fcps.edu/news/fcps-host-career-fair-instructional-and-operational-personnel-to-rsvp-or-learn-more.

MONDAY/JULY 1

Application Deadline. Each year, the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia provides a grant opportunity to help public schools encourage healthy lifestyles through increased exercise and better nutrition. Grants up to \$2,000 are awarded in a competitive grant process. Public elementary, middle and high schools located in Northern Virginia are all eligible to apply. Visit www.cfnova.org/for-grant-seekers/healthy-kids-grants for more.

TUESDAY/JULY 9

Family Caregiver Telephone Support Group. 7-8 p.m. Fairfax County's Family Caregiver Telephone Support Group meets by phone on Tuesday, February 13, 7-8 p.m. This month's topic is After Hospitalization: What's Next? Call 703-324-5484, TTY 711 to register.

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4296 Neitzey Pl
\$1,994,000

Truly spectacular estate in premier setting near the river in prestigious Oxford on the Potomac. Custom home capitalizes on its location with soaring high ceilings, glass walls and multi-level decks designed to capture sweeping views of the river & adjoining wooded areas. Special features include: multi-story entry foyer, grand room sizes, elegant interior finishes, elevator, truly breathtaking master suite with dramatic river views, and his & hers private baths. Nothing was spared in creating this unique, one of a kind masterpiece!

JUST LISTED!



3249 Woodland Ln
\$1,060,000

Stunning opportunity! Custom home by Wakefield Homes, the area's leading luxury home builder. No expense was spared in this estate caliber property which was built with numerous upgrades and expanded floor plan. Special features include: stunning bright and open floor plan, 2 story entry foyer and family room, Chef's kitchen open to family room, huge master suite, gorgeous hardwood floors, finished lower level w/ full walk out, side load 2 car garage. Gorgeous setting on half acre lot in neighborhood with community access to Little Hunting Creek. Same home build today would cost thousands more!

JUST LISTED!



3717 Carriage House Ct
\$950,000

Riverwood gem with all the updates and improvements you're looking for. Classic colonial façade enhanced with custom brick work and trim. Floor plan enhanced by 2 sunrooms creating open and bright interior.

Special features include: 3 finished levels, updated kitchen and baths, sun room additions, freshly refinished hardwoods, large deck overlooking serene back yard with ponds, basement with fireplace and custom bar, oversize 2 car garage. Great opportunity to be in one of the area's premier neighborhoods for under \$1 Mil!

JUST LISTED!



9348 Mount Vernon Cir

Opportunity is knocking at Mt. Vernon on the Potomac - the area's premier waterfront community! Amazing price below tax assessment provides opportunity to put your personal stamp on this solid brick colonial! Huge potential with many features to work with including: recently installed "Andersen" windows; three finished levels, four large bedrooms, family room off kitchen, custom built ins throughout and oversize 2 car garage. Gorgeous private yard enhanced by custom pool with massive pool deck backing to private woodland. Bring your boat too!

JUST LISTED!



9223 Allwood Dr
\$615,000

Fully updated and turn key home on incredible almost .80 acre lot! All designer finishes and style enhances this 5 Bed/3 Bath home. Special Features include: Full HVAC system replaced, new designer kitchen, some new windows, hardwoods just refinished, interior paint, new tile basement flooring, huge deck just re-stained overlooking private grounds, covered parking, and a short stroll to Mansion House Club neighborhood pool! Incredible value for stylish turn key home in heart of Mt. Vernon!

JUST LISTED!



3808 Colonial Ave
\$849,500

Updated colonial in prime location on quaint street near Mt. Vernon Estate! Fabulous home features bright, open floor plan and many updated items commonly found in \$1 Mil+ homes! Special features

include: high ceilings, open kitchen-family room, stunning master suite, finished lower level, and side load 2 car garage. Large deck overlooks back yard and private conservation land. Gorgeous setting!

SOLD!



9316 Heather Glen Dr
\$775,000

Fully renovated and expanded. Idyllic pool scene emphasized by walls of glass allowing views of the pool and tranquil back yard scene from many rooms! Special features include: 3 finished

levels, updated kitchen and baths, 4 bedrooms on upper level, incredible pool scene, and 2 car garage. Your own private oasis in Mt. Vernon!

SOLD!



9505 Lynnhall Pl
\$1,250,000

Just completed: Top to bottom renovation maintains the stunning Antebellum character and charm! Potomac River views, expansive verandas & half acre lot give this home a classic Tidewater Virginia feel. Brand new kitchen, baths, fixtures, flooring, the list goes on and on! Great opportunity for virtually new home in desirable Oxford neighborhood!

SOLD!



9112 Volunteer Dr
\$655,000

Spacious Colonial in the Williamsburg tradition featuring premier setting on large level lot in the desirable Westgate community near Mt. Vernon Estate. Features include: 4

Bedrooms, 2.5 baths, huge master suite with 2 large closets and private bath, 2 fireplaces in family and living room, hardwood floors on both levels, two car garage, & incredible sun room overlooking half acre rear grounds complete with two storage sheds.

SOLD!



3601 Riverwood Rd
\$785,000

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suite with private bath and custom closet, replacement windows by Pella, gas fireplace, screened porch, fenced rear yard, and side load 2 car garage. Community has serene riverfront walking path and beachy area!

SOLD!



4710 Dolphin Ln
\$629,500

Exceptional opportunity near river just steps from marina and club house in prestigious Yacht Haven Estates! Imposing home in commanding setting on elevated grounds overlooking neighborhood with some views of water, huge room sizes and very few steps

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