

The students listened to stories about military families on Veteran's Day.

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## Military Life was Highlighted at a School in Mount Vernon

**Military Families Took the Stage for the Waynewood Elementary Veteran's Day Celebration.**

BY MIKE SALMON  
THE CONNECTION

One look at the numbers of military uniforms at the Waynewood Elementary School Veterans Day ceremony was a good indication of the military presence in this Mount Vernon community.

They all filed in the school cafeteria for the celebration, created by students, parents and PTA members, featuring videos, interviews and music to honor the veterans on their special day. Being in the military means moving around the country and even the world on a regular basis, presenting the students with a challenge as they enter and exit different schools throughout their childhood. Sometimes a parent is gone for a deployment, military talk for a short-term transfer, and this is another challenge for the students.

"We have such a representation of all branches of service here, this makes the kids appreciate the military more, I certainly appreciate it," said Jennifer Knapp, an event organizer and also the mother to Ben, 11, and Tyler, 9. Knapp grew up in a military household as well and moved around a few times. There were a few examples of this throughout the event, including one father, Silas Simone, who addressed the audience while holding one young daughter, and two others joined him on stage. Their mother was deployed, so he took care of all three. "My wife is deployed right now, but being deployed is a necessity," he said.

To kick off the ceremony, scouts from Troop 1504, Den Five presented the colors, which was "a little

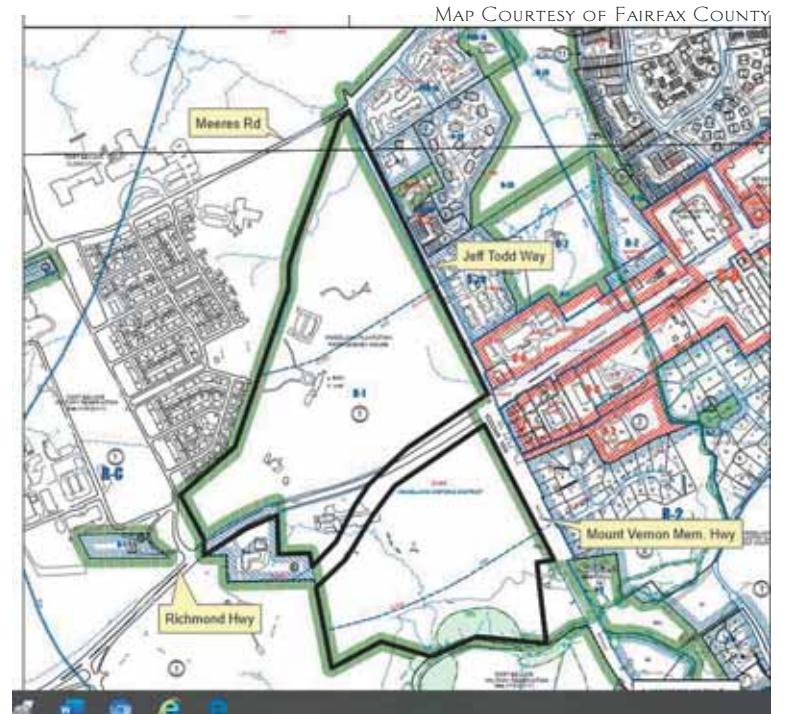
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The Pledge of Allegiance brought on a few smiles.



Neal Mayo, right, is with the Joint Staff at the Pentagon.



Map shows areas west of Richmond Highway near Fort Belvoir.

## Woodlawn Cultural Center Moves Forward

**Project touches on revitalizing Woodlawn in tune with other historic elements.**

BY MIKE SALMON  
THE CONNECTION

Plans for a Cultural Center in a wooded area along Jeff Todd Way just west of Richmond Highway moved forward in late October, as the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved the initial plans that were presented by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

A Cultural Center is a building or area to present exhibits of cultural, scientific or academic materials, live theater and dance performances, musical concerts, cinema or lectures to the general public as a nonprofit enterprise, the Trust stated. In staff's opinion, the

application is in harmony with the Comprehensive Plan, subject to adoption of proposed development conditions to ensure safeguarding the heritage resources found in the Woodlawn Historic Overlay District.

The center is part of the effort to "vision the way that Woodlawn functions as a historic site," said Scott Adams, of the Trust, in a testimony before the board on Oct. 29.

The area is 129-acre parcel of land that borders the northern boundary of Fort Belvoir, and it includes the Sharpe Barn complex that formerly had horses and

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## PEOPLE

# Jeff Todd Way Clean Up Honors Community Icon

**Roadsides cleaned to honor Jeff Todd.**

**O**n Saturday, Oct. 26, Jeff Todd Way received its fall cleanup from the Mount Vernon Lee Chamber with almost 30 volunteers walking the 2.5-mile highway to clean up trash. A record 46 bags of garbage was collected from the highway. Dianne Anderson, ServiceMaster Restore NCR and a volunteer on the cleanup said, "This shows how much we care about what we do and what it takes to keep our environment clean, especially to remember someone like Jeff Todd who cared about others unconditionally."



**Pete Sitnik, SITCO Inc., with Stan Koussis and George Ksenics, Andrews Federal Credit Union, organized the cleanup.**



**Becky Todd works with volunteers to clean the highway named in honor of her late husband.**

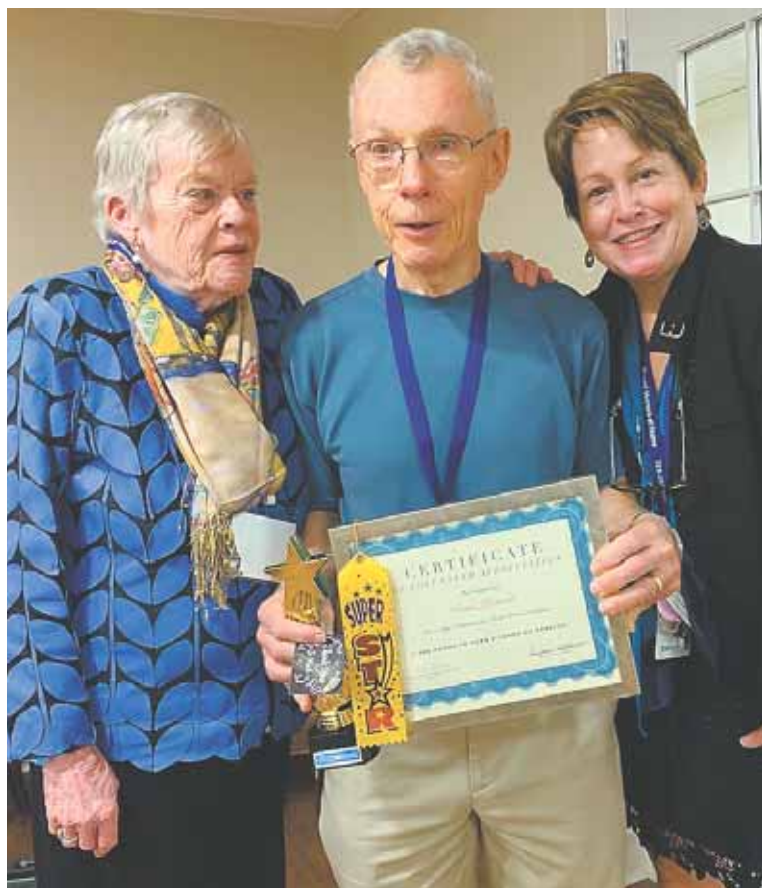
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# Mount Vernon At Home Honors Volunteers

**M**ount Vernon At Home recognized the service of its volunteers at the organization's volunteer reception Oct. 28 at Paul Spring Retirement Community. Volunteer coordinator Dave

Prescott was recognized as a "Super Star" volunteer for his more than 5,000 hours of service during his nine years with the organization.

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**Mount Vernon At Home president Virginia Hodgkinson, left, and executive director Susan Deller recognize volunteer coordinator Dave Prescott for more than 5,000 hours of volunteer service during the organization's volunteer reception Oct. 28 at Paul Spring Retirement Community.**



**Susan Deller, left, executive director of Mount Vernon At Home, stands with volunteer award recipients Larry Grubbs, Robin Herron and Janet Martin at the volunteer reception held Oct. 28 at Paul Spring Retirement Community.**

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**Serving decadent desserts are Jennifer Coffey, Jodie Swacha and Anne-Michele Maher at the Mount Vernon At Home volunteer reception Oct. 28 at Paul Spring Retirement Community.**









## COMMENTARY

# Increase the Peace – Unite the Highway Brings Community Together

BY SUPERVISOR DAN STORCK

**T**he Richmond Highway communities in Mount Vernon came together this past Saturday for a first-time event - "Increase the Peace – Unite the Highway Arts Festival." On a beautiful fall day, more than 100 community leaders, youth, activists, residents and artists mixed and mingled at the Gum Springs Community Center.

Organizer Mattie Palmore noted, "It is important for the community to work together with our youth to increase the peace and unite the highway. It takes a village and it starts at home. Watch for more events like this in the future, as we continue this important mission."

The concept for this event began this past summer after a week of multiple shootings in the area. I met with Jonathan "John John" Brownlee and Mattie Palmore to discuss ways to bring the neighborhoods of the Richmond Highway Corridor together in a positive response to these disconcerting happenings. We decided to organize an event to bring residents, particularly youth, together and show that our community will not stand for this violence. "This is not who we are, and we will not tolerate it here," was our underlying message. That's when the work began.

First, what would this event look like? We've all heard the famous cry, "stop the violence," but we wanted to encourage positivity. The result was "Increase the Peace – Unite the Highway". Second, how to pull this off? Gum Springs Community Center is the epicenter of the community and was an ideal location to host this event. The Arts Festival portion was added to highlight the talents of the community members, and when we asked for help, there were many who stepped up.

When asked about the event concept, Festival organizer John John stated, "Increase the peace is about doing all we can, for all we can, for as long as we can. I would like to say a special thank you to Kenji Dandy and Torrie Smith, who were with me the whole way."

In the end, everyone spent an enjoyable afternoon connecting, discussing alternatives to violence, singing, dancing, painting and eating. Special guest appearances by Supa Ken, artists Eddie Harris and Jahmai Arrington, along with music by BPM Experience Band led



Crowd and band.



Mural artists at work.



Band on stage.

by Sha Sha the Mouthpiece and Yonnie Palmore made the day extra special. The Pride of Fairfax Masons and the PsiAA Chapter, Omega Psi Phi provided a delicious cookout for everyone who attended.

It was wonderful to see the community come together for a joyful celebration and to reinforce positive ways to address violence in the area. Special thanks to everyone who helped make this event a

success, especially, John John, Mattie, Frank Pappas, TJ Greene, Neighborhood and Community Services, School Board Member and Chair Karen Corbett Sanders, TEAM MVD, Tony Ferguson and Eddie Harris.

Organizers would also like to thank Linda Brown, Jared Brown, Earl Edwards, Coach Dan Moon, Ms. Clarice, Alpha Phi Alpha and the entire Gum Springs community for their support.

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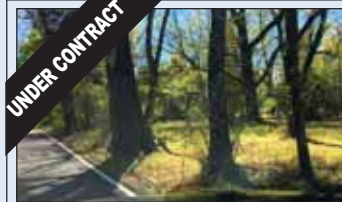
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## News

# Woodlawn Cultural Center Moves Forward

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riding lessons for area equestrians. The new cultural center will include an area for agricultural learning, as well as an outdoor dining facility, a brewery, and amphitheater. A section of road that was formerly Richmond Highway before it was shifted, will be used and a series of pedestrian trails will be included for cultural center access.

The Sharpe Barn will be a “new front door to Woodlawn,” Adams said.

Supervisor Dan Storck (D-Mount Vernon) has received “substantial community support,” for this project, he said at the hearing. “I think the product is an outstanding one,” he said. He also acknowledged there are roadway issues to consider and funding, which will all be looked at for this site in the future.

A date Storck was eyeing for completion was the nation’s 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2026. “The expansion of the Woodlawn historic site is very exciting, especially as we continue to develop the Cultural Corridor and relationships between our various entertainment, heritage and historic resources here in the Mount Vernon District. Plans to activate the site with a seasonal outdoor restaurant, new gardens and greenhouse, education opportunities and new event space will greatly enhance the offerings of the existing Mansion, Pope-Leighey House and Arcadia. I look forward to future groundbreakings and ribbon cuttings,” Storck said.

Board Chairman Sharon Bulova reinforced the destination aspect for the project. “This looks really exciting,” she said.

According to Katherine Ward, the CoChair for the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens’ Association, “the MVCCA thinks this is a great addition to the corridor and in particular to the southern portion of the area near the Mount Vernon Estate, and the Grist Mill. We believe it will spark revitalization in that area.” They submitted an official letter in support of their position.

### Chainsaws and Wood Chippers

A majority of the land for the new center is heavily wooded and building anything that is the size of the Cultural Center that is planned will require tree cutting and bulldozing, eliminating a part of the eco sys-



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**The site along Jeff Todd Way is a thick wooded area.**

tem along Jeff Todd. According to Storck’s office, there are several large areas in the plans designated for tree preservation. The area that that is not designated for preservation notes that some select tree removal may be provided.

“It our understanding that this is related to restoring the original viewshed from the mansion to Dogue Creek, and is noted that way in the plans,” said Camela Speer, the Mount Vernon District communications manager.

The county does have a Tree Action Plan, and according to the goals of the Tree Action Plan, “we must also increase our forests, put trees at the center of comprehensive planning, set clear and measurable milestones to track processes toward our goals, and institute simple but effective communication capabilities to inform and educate the public, the private sector and government officials about the value of trees and efforts to preserve and restore them,” as stated on the plan, which is located on the county website. Storck’s agenda has historically emphasized environmental issues as part of his efforts in Mount Vernon, and even holds an environmental expo every year to alert everyone of the environment and global warming issues. Trees are instrumental to combat global warming.

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**Ben Knapp interviewed his grandfather Brem Morrison, a retired Air Force pilot.**

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unnerving,” said color guard member Will Lincoski, 10. They had to learn the ways to handle the flag according to the rules, which included not letting it touch the ground. “So we don’t have to retire it,” added Owen Thomas, 10.

Then came the videos, which were produced by students and teachers. Sixth grader Nicholas Ciovacco helped make it, and went around asking students “what it’s like to be a veteran kid,” he said.

Then there were a few interviews on stage, including the first one where Ben Knapp interviewed his grandfather Brem Morrison, a retired Air Force pilot that flew in the Vietnam War. Morrison joined the Air Force back in the 1960s to avoid being drafted as a ground troop, but ended up in Vietnam anyway. He valued the experience and had one bit of advice for the students: “Be the best you can be,” he said.

The Thomas family got up next, with Owen Thomas interviewing his father Mark Thomas who was also a pilot. Miss Thomas, Owen’s mother, got up there with them but she was also a teacher at the school, so she was referred to as “Miss Thomas,” the way students do.

Mark Thomas now flies Vice President Pence and other high level military officers out of Washington, D.C. “We take people where they need to go when they need to go,” he said.

At one point, all the students that had relatives in the military were asked to raise their hands, and a majority of the hands went up. Maria Gustafson, the Military Kid Liaison for the PTA estimated that there were 200 children at Waynewood that were in military families.

Hollin Hall Automotive was thanked for sponsoring the event, and afterwards the parents were invited to a reception and the students posted their smaller flags in the front lawn at the school.

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**Students made symbols from each of the branches of military.**

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# OPINION

## Historic Election Results in Virginia

BY KENNETH R. "KEN"  
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The Nov. 5 elections in Virginia produced results of historic proportions. The House of Delegates that has had a Republican majority since 2000 was flipped to a blue Democratic majority of 55 Democrats to 45 Republicans. As recently as the election for 2014-2016, Democrats in the House had dropped to 32 members. The turnaround came decisively in amazing political time; there will be a recount in only one seat the Democrats won. The Senate that had a Republican majority before the election flipped to blue with 21 of the 40 Senate seats now being held by Democrats.

The General Assembly when it convenes in January will have a Democratic majority in both houses. In addition, as a result of elections held in 2017 Democrats occupy all statewide offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General. The historic level of Democratic wins is not only about party, it is about representation. There will be more women in the General Assembly than ever before in Virginia's history. In the House of Delegates there will be 30 women in the 100-member legislative body. In the Senate there will be 11 women in the 40-member body bringing the

total number of women to 41 in the General Assembly. While the number is small relative to the proportion of women in the total population, the number of women in the legislature is a huge increase when compared to past years when it could be counted on the fingers of one's hands. The number of women running this year in both parties was at a historic level of 85.

There were other historic changes in the oldest continuous legislative body in the western world celebrating its 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. A Muslim woman will join the Senate as the first ever elected to that body. The number of African Americans in the General Assembly will increase to the highest number since Reconstruction. The first ever Indian American man was elected to the House of Delegates.

The new members of the legislature have already indicated their willingness to make history. The Democratic caucus of the House met this past weekend and chose as its Speaker-designee, Delegate Eileen Filler-Corn, the first woman to ever serve as Speaker of the House of Delegates in the 400 years of its history. She will be elected formally by the entire House when the General Assembly convenes in January. Adding



**Speaker-designee, Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41) is the first woman to ever serve as Speaker of the House of Delegates in the 400 years of its history.**

to this historic moment, she will assume the leadership position, considered the most powerful in Virginia government next to the governor, with the least seniority of anyone ever taking the position in the modern day. She will be the first Jewish Speaker serving along with the Senate majority leader who is also Jewish. While I had hoped to become Speaker myself, I fully support Eileen who is amazingly smart and talented and I will

do everything I can to ensure her success.

The electorate broke through many hurdles in its votes this election year. Some results called historic today will become commonplace in the future as the General Assembly reflects more the demographics of the state as a whole. I have always felt honored to serve, and with the historic results of this election year I feel even more honored. Thank you, voters!

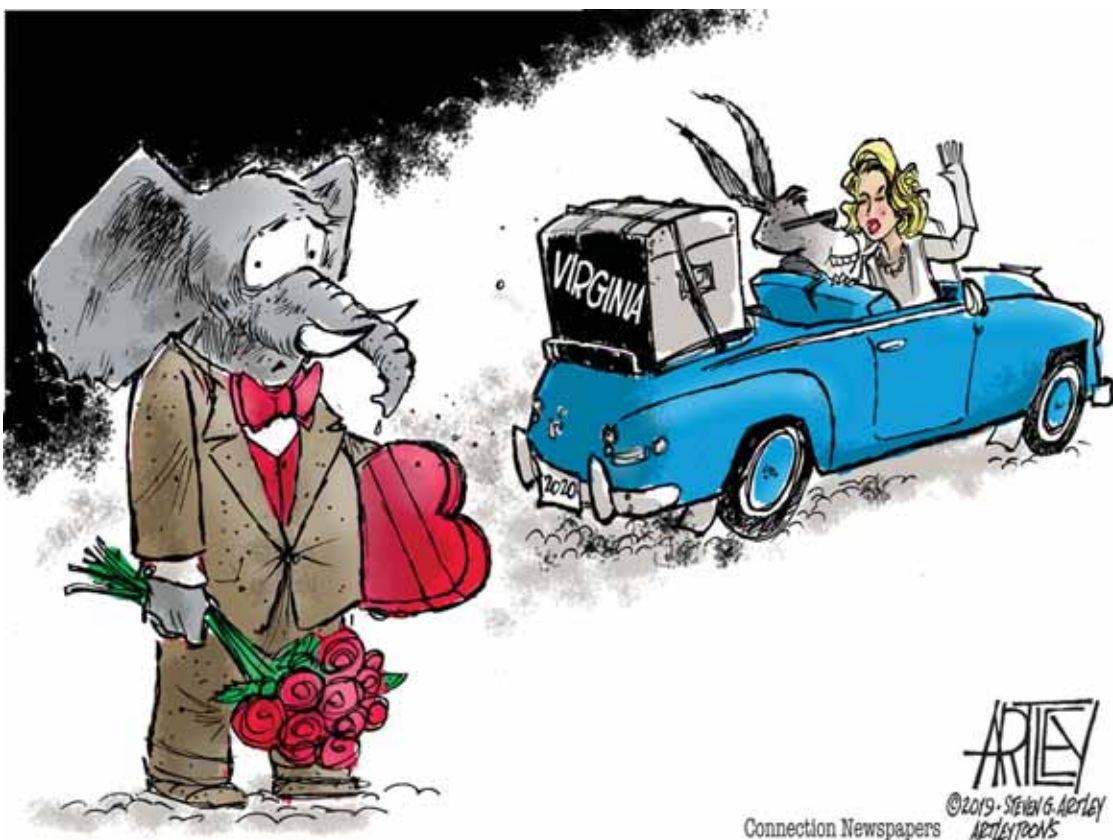
### LETTERS

## Two Years of Justice Delayed

To the Editor:

Nov. 17 will mark the two year anniversary of the shooting of Bijan Ghaisar by two US Park Policemen. He died of his wounds 10 days later. The FBI has refused to provide any information of substance to his parents, the Senators and Congressional representatives who interceded on their behalf or the media, all of whom have kept the pressure on since day one. If those two Park Policemen are not put on trial, and convicted at a minimum of Manslaughter, justice will not have been served. And if that happens, I believe there will be a ground swell of cries of an FBI cover up.

**Kevin Bergen**  
Alexandria



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## VETERANS DAY

# 'Thank You for Your Service' Pence observes Veterans Day in Arlington.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
THE GAZETTE

**V**ice President Mike Pence placed a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier followed by remarks at the Memorial Amphitheater to commemorate the 66<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day National Ceremony held Nov. 11 at Arlington National Cemetery.

"It is the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month," remarked Pence, the son of a Korean War combat veteran and father of a Marine Corps aviator. "It was 100 years ago on this day that America first celebrated Armistice Day, marking the day in 1918 when the guns of World War I fell silent."

More than 5,000 veterans and supporters turned out for the ceremony, which commenced precisely at 11 a.m. with a wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns and continued inside the Memorial Amphitheater with a prelude concert by the United States Army Band, "Pershing's Own," and a parade of colors by veterans' organizations.



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**Members of the U.S. Military Vets Riders listen to remarks at the Veterans Day National Ceremony Nov. 11 at Arlington National Cemetery.**



**A bugler from the United States Army Band plays Taps at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Nov. 11 at Arlington National Cemetery.**



**The Parade of Colors by veterans' organizations opens the Veterans Day National Ceremony Nov. 11 at Arlington National Cemetery.**



**A representative of the Blind Veterans of America prepares for the Parade of Colors Nov. 11 at Arlington National Cemetery.**



**Vice President Mike Pence places a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier as part of the Veterans Day National Ceremony Nov. 11 at Arlington National Cemetery.**



**Thousands gather in the Memorial Amphitheater for the Veterans Day National Ceremony Nov. 11 at Arlington National Cemetery.**



**A drummer salutes as a bugler plays Taps at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier during the Veterans Day National Ceremony Nov. 11 at Arlington National Cemetery.**



# BULLETIN

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opportunities or email  
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**Operation Paws for Homes**, a Virginia based 501(c)(3) organization seeks volunteers, especially to foster dogs. See [www.ophrescue.org](http://www.ophrescue.org) for information and all volunteer opportunities.

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

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

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**STEM VOLUNTEERS.** The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) needs scientists, engineers, mathematicians, and physicians to assist K-12 STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) teachers in the Northern Virginia Area, during the

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## HOME LIFE STYLE

**In this table design, Anne Walker used neutral linens which provided a rich, but subtle backdrop to Royal Copenhagen china.**



PHOTO BY  
ANNE WALKER

## Setting a Thanksgiving Table

**Local designers share ideas for creating a festive tablescape.**

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE GAZETTE

**W**hether celebrating with large gathering of family or hosting an intimate dinner with friends, Thanksgiving offers an opportunity to express gratitude, merriment and creativity. Though the day is noted for football games and parades, it's the turkey dinner that takes center stage. Setting an aesthetically appealing table on which to place the perfectly prepped bird adds to a special touch to the quintessentially American meal.

From monogrammed linen napkins to centerpieces crafted with backyard foliage, area designers offer ideas for creating a backdrop for one of the most anticipated meals of the year.

"The key to setting a beautiful Thanksgiving table is to keep it simple," said Amanda Mertins of Patina Polished Living in Alexandria. "The big focus for Thanksgiving is, of course, the food."

Designer Anne M. Walker, Anne Walker Design in Potomac says that she's created tablescapes that range from ultra-formal to super-casual. "By far my favorite is the unassuming, simple style of Scandinavian table décor," she said. "I like to use linen placements, rather a than tablecloth, so you can see the beautiful wood of the table."

"I prefer table linens made by Ekelund, a family-owned Swedish company that has been producing fine linens since the 1600s," said Walker. "Their placemats and napkins have body and heft to them, and the natural flax color complements any style and color of table."

Patterned, colorful napkins can add just the right amount of interest to a table set with neutral china, suggests Mertins. "Bold napkin rings always add a nice punch," she said. "Place cards make it very easy for guests to find their seat and they add a note of importance to the meal."

Adding fresh greenery to a table setting is one of the easiest and most cost effective ways to elevate your dining table decor, said Pamela Harvey of



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**Designer Pamela Harvey used china, colorful napkins and placemats to add color to this table setting.**

Pamela Harvey in Oak Hill, Va. "Adding a simple stem of pine needles to a napkin ring at each setting," she said. "I always survey my own yard for clippings of magnolia or a great branch to add to the table."

"A runner of eucalyptus branches mixed with tangerines or pears and casual ribbon makes for a great fall look," continued Harvey. "Simple flower arrangements using all the same flower or color make an impact."

Forgo a centerpiece created by a florist, says Walker. "Why not cut a few branches from your own garden and create your own floral display?" asks Walker. "Many plants, including Nandina, produce beautiful red berries in the fall, which makes for a lovely, simple table decoration."

The holidays are a perfect time to uncover treasured china and other pieces stored away, said Harvey. "I love the nostalgia of using pieces that were handed down," she said. "Varying the dish patterns is also a fun way to display china, such as using your grandmother's china mixed with more casual or everyday place settings."

"Use your real silver and your best crystal – these things are meant to be enjoyed," added Walker. "Food and drink taste better when delivered from a glass that's been hand-blown and a silver fork."

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## PEOPLE

# Honoring Those Who Serve

## Silverado recognizes veterans.

**S**ilverado Alexandria Memory Care held a Veterans Day Recognition program Nov. 8 to honor and recognize veterans at the facility.

Sponsored by Capital Caring Health, veterans were presented with Certificates of Appreciation and Recognition pins by Chief Warrant Officer William Fearington as the service songs of each of the U.S. military branches was played. Those who served during the Vietnam conflict were presented with Department of Defense 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Vietnam War pins.

— JEANNE THEISMANN



**Chief Warrant Officer William Fearington, left, presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Army veteran Edward Bridges Nov. 8 at Silverado Alexandria Memory Care.**



**U.S. Navy veteran Don Rushford, left, shares a laugh with Chief Warrant Officer William Fearington at the Veterans Day recognition program Nov. 8 at Silverado Alexandria Memory Care.**



**U.S. Navy veteran Louis Besio, right, receives a Certificate of Appreciation from Chief Warrant Officer William Fearington during the Veterans Day recognition program Nov. 8 at Silverado Alexandria Memory Care.**

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# ‘Dinner With Washington’

## Inaugural interpretive event set for Nov. 16.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

**T**he George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee will host its first “Dinner With Washington,” a special interpretive evening with Brian Hilton, the City of Alexandria’s officially recognized George Washington.

“We are excited about this special presentation,” said Committee chair Joe Shumard. “It will be similar to the Thomas Jefferson dinners hosted by Colonial Williamsburg but on a smaller scale.”

The dinner will be held Nov. 16 at Landini Brothers Restaurant and will give attendees the opportunity to interact with ‘General Washington’ in an intimate setting.

“Dinner guests will be able ask questions and discuss issues of the late 18<sup>th</sup> century, such as the fight for independence, slavery, equality and imperialism,” Shumard



**Brian Hilton, as General George Washington, will be the honored guest at the first ‘Dinner With Washington’ interpretive evening Nov. 16 at Landini Brothers Restaurant.**

said. “This will be an informal conversation where the audience is limited to 25 individuals and those in attendance will control the agenda. The forum will be open

to a wide range of topics and interaction with Gen. Washington is encouraged.”

A familiar face to area residents from the city’s George Washington Birthday parade, Hilton has more than 25 years of experience in education, research and historical interpretation in his role as the Founding Father of the country.

“So many people only see Brian in the parade,” Shumard added. “But he is quite an accomplished historical interpreter and this is an opportunity for people to interact with him on a more personal level.” The dinner will take place Nov. 16 at Landini Brothers Restaurant, 115 King St., at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$125 and can be purchased online at <https://dinnerwithwashington.eventbrite.com>.

“We hope this will be the first of many events to help increase awareness of the legacy of George Washington in an informative and entertaining setting,” Shumard said.

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**Brooke Sydnor Curran, left, with Lonnie Rich and Ginny Hines, celebrates at the Mile Marker 10 celebration of the RunningBrooke nonprofit’s 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary Oct. 19 at the home of Chris and Brooke Curran.**

# ‘Mile Marker 10’

## RunningBrooke celebrates 10 years.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

**B**arely 18 months after life-threatening surgery to remove a brain tumor, Brooke Sydnor Curran opened her home Oct. 19 to host the Mile Marker 10 evening under the stars, celebrating the 10-year anniversary of the RunningBrooke nonprofit.

Curran founded RunningBrooke in 2009 as a donor-advised fund of ACT for Alexandria and began raising funds by running a marathon a month. RunningBrooke donated raised funds to organizations providing early childhood education, literacy, running and soccer programs.

In 2015, RunningBrooke expanded, renovating and building playgrounds in underserved schools and neighborhoods. RunningBrooke achieved its own nonprofit status in 2016.



**Kurt Huffman, Betsy Micklem and John Porter at the RunningBrooke Mile Marker 10 celebration Oct. 19 at the home of Chris and Brooke Curran.**



# ENTERTAINMENT

## Jeni's Prepares to Dish Up Ice Cream in Old Town

BY HOPE NELSON

### IF YOU GO

**Jeni's Splendid Ice Creams,  
102 S. Patrick St.**

**Soft opening: Nov. 13**

Try this: The dairy-free Texas sheet cake. "It is so delicious; we're really, really good at our nondairy ice creams, even dairy lovers love them," said owner Jeni Britton Bauer.

The finished product benefits from its homemade origins – ice cream made from scratch with no stabilizers, high-fructose corn syrups, or other unnatural additives.

What stems from such beginnings is a sweet treat that teems with richness, an ice cream that is long on rich flavor.

"Together we all make something greater than the sums of its parts," Bauer said.

And "fast food" this is not. Best devoured from a cone, "all of our ice creams are made for licking and for eating slowly," Bauer said. Jeni's waffle cones are so popular that the shop has to keep three waffle-cone irons going to match demand, she said.

One of Jeni's top flavors, Bauer said, is the brown butter almond brittle. A handmade brittle caramelized with almonds in a butter ice cream, it's "so delicious," she said. And a bit of trivia to go along with dessert: The flavor was inspired by author Roald Dahl and his favorite flavor growing



PHOTO BY HOPE NELSON

**Jeni's Splendid Ice Creams is now open in the redone Misha's location at 102 S. Patrick St. as coffee makes way for ice cream.**

up in Norway.

While the Alexandria location officially opens its doors Nov. 13, it will be in a soft opening phase for the better part of a month. Bauer considers it a "practice month" before the grand opening, which will take place in December. "We still are a

very small company, we all know each other; I'll be very close with that team," she said.

Hope Nelson owns and operates the Kitchen Recessionista blog, located at [www.kitchenrecessionista.com](http://www.kitchenrecessionista.com). Email her any time at [hope@kitchenrecessionista.com](mailto:hope@kitchenrecessionista.com).

### CALENDAR

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

#### ONGOING

**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](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets).

**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/](http://www.mvbands.com/join-us/).

**Creature Comforts Art Exhibit.** Now thru Jan. 26, 2020. At VCA Alexandria, 2660 Duke Street, Alexandria.

The "Creature Comforts" art exhibit at VCA Alexandria through the Gallery Without Walls program features artwork of the animals in our lives by Del Ray Artisans members. Showcasing animals that lift and fill our hearts is a popular theme at VCA

Alexandria and coincides with the winter holiday season in which creature comforts of all types are appreciated. Visit [DelRayArtisans.org/exhibits/gww](http://DelRayArtisans.org/exhibits/gww)

#### THURSDAY/NOV. 14

**The Girl from the East.** 7 p.m. At The Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street, Alexandria. Cost is \$15. Celebrate Chao Tian's album release for The Girl from the East, a culmination of a musical journey that features seven live pieces from Chao Tian's Artist-in-Residence concerts at the Strathmore Mansion in April 2018. From East to West, Chao has broken through boundaries with her music. She will showcase classic Chinese music and original compositions with the Chinese dulcimer in this concert. Visit the website: [nvfaa.org](http://nvfaa.org).

**George Washington's Tomb.** 7:30 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal Street, Alexandria. Cost is \$12. Join Matthew Costello, Senior Historian of the White House Historical Association, as he shares from his new book The Property of the Nation: George Washington's Tomb, Mount Vernon, and the Memory of the First President. He will trace the shift of America's attention from the official days of commemoration around Washington's death to spontaneous visits by citizens through the story of his tomb. This history reflects the building of a memory of America's first president—of, by, and for the American people. Tickets can be purchased either online at [alexandriava.gov/shop](http://alexandriava.gov/shop) or by calling 703-746-4242. Visit [www.gadsbystavern.org](http://www.gadsbystavern.org).

#### THURSDAY-SATURDAY/NOV. 14-16

**Evita with SONOVA.** 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. At George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria. In today's modern musical theater world it is rare to find a pit orchestra of more than 10 to 15 musicians. In SONOVA's fully staged performances of Evita, you will have the opportunity to hear one of the best musical theater scores of all time performed by a full symphony orchestra. The Symphony Orchestra of Northern Virginia, along with a talented cast and crew, will bring Andrew Lloyd Webber's beloved historical musical to life. Cost: \$20 general admission, \$15 for students and seniors. Visit the website: [sonovamusic.org](http://sonovamusic.org).

#### FRIDAY/NOV. 15

**Mount Vernon Swing Band.** 7:30-9:30 p.m. At Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Live music and dancing. Cost is \$4 at the door. Open to the community. Call 703-765-4573.

#### SATURDAY/NOV. 16

**Christmas Marketplace.** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. At Aldersgate Church, 1301 Collingwood Road, Alexandria. Luncheon featuring soup, BBQ sandwiches, delicious pies, silent auction, casseroles, jewelry & accessories, white elephant, bake sale, fresh pecans, collectibles, and popular craft vendors. All net profits benefit missions.

**Puppet Show.** 10 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. At Oswald Durant Center, 1605 Cameron Street, Alexandria. Tickets are \$6. Silly Goose and Val perform All Things Fall. Val's award-winning and participatory performance

features 40 minutes of music, puppets, ventriloquism, dancing, singing to delight audiences of all ages. With bold voice talents and contagious dances, little ones get up, move, and laugh together. Visit [alexandriava.gov/WebTrac](http://alexandriava.gov/WebTrac).

**Birds & Birdies 6K.** 10:30 a.m. At Pinecrest Golf Course, 6600 Little River Turnpike, Alexandria. Enjoy a crisp 6k run along the scenic path of Pinecrest Golf Course at the inaugural Birds & Birdies 6K walk/run. Pinecrest is home to a variety of native bird species as well as native plants and flowers, making this a one-of-a-kind, must do event. The race is professionally timed and includes a race T-shirt, goody bag and medals for all finishers. Call 703-941-1061 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov).

**AAUW Talk.** 10:30 a.m. At Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria. AAUW Mt Vernon Branch invites you to a presentation by Jane Collins: "Everyone Deserves to be Heard. Arts Programs for Silent Stories." Heard, a nonprofit organization, teaches life skills disguised as art to Alexandria and Arlington nonprofit and city program partners serving clients who are marginalized in some way.

**One Day University.** 10:30-12 p.m. At Beatley Library, 5005 Duke Street, Alexandria. Free interactive lecture on The Changing Face of Politics: Approaching 2020. Addressing questions facing us in the next year's presidential primaries and elections. Visit the website: <https://www.onedayu.com/events/brandywine-changing-face-of-politics/>

**"They Shall Not Grow Old."** 1:30-3:30 p.m. At The Lyceum, 201 South

Washington Street, Alexandria. Cost is \$10. A film screening of Peter Jackson's acclaimed World War I documentary. The film includes original World War I footage that Jackson and his team brought to life with modern production technology. Call. 703-746-4994. Tickets available at [alexandriava.gov/shop](http://alexandriava.gov/shop).

**Splatter - Jane Franklin Dance.** 4-5 p.m. At Theatre on the Run, 3700 S. Four Mile Run Drive, Arlington. Is a splatter an unlikely accident or a careless gesture that ruins the day? An upset spills everywhere and becomes the reason to examine feelings. Whose fault is it anyway? Angry, happy, sad, calm and mixed up emotions are sorted in this colorful story about an incidental accident. Splatter is certain to take you on a vibrant journey with spoken word, movement, and music; inspired by the book "The Color Monster" by Anna Llenas. Cost: \$10-15. Visit the website: <https://www.janefranklin.com/splatter>

**Torpedo Factory Art Center Anniversary Ball.** 7 to 10 p.m. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Enjoy light fare and drinks, a retrospective showcase, guest presenters and live music. The night will feature the opening of 45: An Anniversary Exhibition in Target Gallery, honoring the legacy of the founding artists of the Torpedo Factory Art Center. The event will also premiere a new documentary on the history of the Torpedo Factory Art Center. Admission: \$75 beginning Nov. 1. Visit the website [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org).

**ASO Presents Autumn Cello and Dvorak.** 8 p.m. At Rachel M.

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**Help kick off the holidays with the annual Tree-Lighting Ceremony, which will take place on Saturday, Nov. 23 at Market Square in Old Town Alexandria.**

## Tree-Lighting Ceremony

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Schlesinger Concert Hall, 4915 E. Campus Drive, Alexandria. Featuring James Ross, Music Director; Wolfgang Schmidt, cellist. They will perform Boulanger: Old Buddhist Prayer; Elgar: Cello Concerto; and Dvorak: Symphony No. 8. Cost is \$20-\$85 adults, \$5 youth, \$10 students. Visit [www.alexsym.org](http://www.alexsym.org) or call 703-548-0885.

**Shooting Stars Program.** 8-10 p.m. At Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd., Alexandria. Learn all about the Leonid meteor shower and take in the show under Huntley's dark skies. Hear sky stories, do some star gazing, and take a guided walk in the park after dark to try to catch a glimpse of these fleeting splendors. Cost \$9 per person. Call 703-768-2525 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows).

### SUNDAY/NOV. 17

**U.S. Air Force Band.** 1 p.m. At the Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street, Alexandria. Led by Major Jason Plosch, The U.S. Air Force Strings will present unique works for chamber orchestra. The recital will provide a wonderful opportunity to enjoy performances of the finest music ranging from classical chamber music, jazz, to celtic and eclectic music. Visit [nvfaa.org](http://nvfaa.org).

**JGSGW November Meeting.** 1-3:30 p.m. At Beth El Hebrew Congregation, 3830 Seminary Road, Alexandria. Doris Hamburg will offer advice on how to take care of documents, books, photos, and artworks that you may want to preserve and potentially to hand down to future generations. She will offer guidelines and resources, as well as discuss what to do at home and when it is time to call a conservation professional for assistance. Non-members may attend open events, but not those that are members-only, for a fee of \$5 which will be applied toward JGSGW

Membership. Visit the website: <https://jgsgw.org>

**Calligraphy Class.** 2-3 p.m. At Historic Huntley, 6918 Harrison Lane, Alexandria. Historic Huntley was home over the years to residents who loved both books and art. In their honor, the historic site has been offering a series of classes that introduce different aspects of the art of book making. Explore the art of calligraphy with a variety of pens and brushes. "The Art of the Book-Calligraphy" is designed for participants age 12 to adult. Cost is \$8 per person. Call the park at 703-768-2525 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/historic-huntley](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/historic-huntley).

**ASO Presents: Autumn Cello and Dvorak.** 3 p.m. At George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria. Featuring James Ross, Music Director; Wolfgang Schmidt, cellist. They will perform Boulanger: Old Buddhist Prayer; Elgar: Cello Concerto; and Dvorak: Symphony No. 8. Cost is \$20-\$85 adults, \$5 youth, \$10 students. Visit [www.alexsym.org](http://www.alexsym.org) or call 703-548-0885.

**Reception for "Mosaic Meditations."** 3-5 p.m. At Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane, Alexandria. Since retiring from Tisara Photography and Living Legends of Alexandria, Nina Tisara has focused her attention on creating mosaic art. Her solo exhibition, "Mosaic Meditations," will be at Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, now through Dec. 29. The work may be seen Mondays through Fridays, 10 a.m. - 12 noon.

**Opening Reception.** 4-6 p.m. at the The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. Featuring Bobbi Pratte in Rescue Me. The show runs from Nov. 14 to Dec. 29, 2019. Visit [www.nfaa.org](http://www.nfaa.org) or call 703-548-0035.

**Focus Alexandria.** 7 p.m. At George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria. Featuring the Rev.

Robert Jones plus Michael Kelly. Jones plays guitar, harmonica, mandolin, banjo and fiddle using folk, blues, spirituals and other American Roots music to champion the history, beauty and power of our shared culture. Kelly is a musician who draws on influences ranging from Lyle Lovett to Taj Mahal, Louis Armstrong to Doc Watson and a writer whose finely crafted stories are woven over foot tapping melodies. Tickets are \$18 in advance at [www.FocusMusic.org](http://www.FocusMusic.org) and \$20 at the door.

### TUESDAY/NOV. 19

**DNA Testing Update.** 1-3 p.m. At Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Sponsored by the Mount Vernon Genealogical Society. Award-winning author and DNA expert Shannon Combs-Bennett will speak about her latest book "DNA for Adoptees," as well as real-life examples of how to merge DNA and genealogical research. Free. Visit the website: [www.mvgenealogy.org](http://www.mvgenealogy.org)

### THURSDAY/NOV. 21

**Thanksgiving Golf Tourney.** 9 a.m. Shotgun Start. At Greendale Golf Course, 6700 Telegraph Road, Alexandria. Compete for Thanksgiving turkey and pie at Greendale Golf Course's eighth annual Turkey Cup. Adults 18 and up compete in an 18-hole, two-person, captain's choice format. Prizes are awarded for first and second place per division and Closest to the Pin. Registration closes Nov. 14. The cost is \$100 per team and includes lunch, greens fee, power cart and prizes. Fees are due at the time of registration. Call 703-971-3788 to register. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/golf/tournaments](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/golf/tournaments).

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# Alexandria Community Nutcracker in its 11<sup>th</sup> Year

Performances are Dec. 4-7 at West Potomac High School.

BY SUSAN FLEISCHMAN

How did the Nutcracker become a beloved holiday tradition? There are plenty of explanations why, but it all comes down to the children. For many it's their first ballet to learn, to perform, or simply to behold. It's a musical kaleidoscope of costumes, candy, characters and Christmas, and our local Alexandria Community Nutcracker never fails to impress with its rousing rendition under the tutelage of company directors Courtney Betzel, Gennifer Difilippo and Adrienne Taylor.

Now in its 11<sup>th</sup> year, the Alexandria Community Nutcracker is continuing its own tradition of performing the famous ballet with a modern twist by including tap, jazz, gymnastics, Irish dance, and hip hop in the choreography. More than 250 dancers and musicians, from age 3 to age 18, bring the magic and eloquence of Tchaikovsky's 1892 classic score to life on stage at West Potomac High School.

Through a special partnership with the West Potomac Academy Dance Program,



Paul McGill with some of the Nutcracker cast.

academy students in the program have the opportunity not only to perform in the Nutcracker but also to help backstage with the full-length, large-scale production. Also getting in on the act are the West Potomac High School orchestra and Beyond the Page Theatre Company of West Potomac High School. Orchestra musicians play for the audience prior to the performance and perform The Waltz of the Flowers for the dancers, and Beyond the Page Theatre Company students also perform in the show and help backstage with tech duties.

Guest choreographers are lending their guiding hands once again this year. "It was

a joy working with the young performers," said Laveen Naidu, director of dance at The St. James. "The Nutcracker grand pas de deux is such a beautiful and inspiring section of the ballet. It is not a simple undertaking."

Naidu should know – he has performed and taught ballet at the Dance Theater of Harlem and the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. "I was impressed with the enthusiasm and fearlessness with which they approached the work."

Ebone Johnson is working with the dancers for the third straight year. "It's always such a joy coming in, setting choreography,

teaching workshops and spreading the knowledge of true hip hop culture. Each one of these kids has something special, and it's so inspiring for me seeing their growth every year I come in." Johnson has been a professional dancer on stage and screen since age 13 when she choreographed a commercial for Nickelodeon's *The Big Help*. "I truly love working with Miss Gennifer and her ArtSpireVA family – it's a wonderful experience all around. The Nutcracker students get a couple of 6-hour rehearsals with me, and I'm always impressed at how quickly they are able to pick up and remember a full dance in so little time. The kids are our future and I'm thankful to be a part of their growth."

Choreographer Paul McGill agreed. After his Broadway debut as a teenager, McGill has been dancing and choreographing for stage and screen. He said, "Working with the dancers from Alexandria Community Nutcracker was such a collaborative effort. Their input and desire to learn made it easy to collaborate. I feel so fortunate to work with such advanced students."

Difilippo is thankful for the generous contributions of these professionals for Alexandria Community Nutcracker. "This performance is becoming a yearly favorite for many in the community, and we are very proud of this production. It is wonderful for all the dancers from different studios to realize they can work together and create a beautiful production."

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7:30-10 p.m. At The Lloyd House, 220 N. Washington Street, Alexandria. Join the Alexandria-Caen Sister Cities Committee and the Office of Historic Alexandria, and participate in the world's largest wine party. On this year's Beaujolais Nouveau Day, celebrate the first taste of the 2019 harvest in the company of fellow French enthusiasts and Sister City supporters. The fresh and fruity Beaujolais Nouveau wine is made using a quick fermentation process that it is ready in time to celebrate the end of each harvest season. Tickets are \$40 per person and may be purchased by calling 703-746-4994 or through alexandriava.gov/Shop.

### SATURDAY/NOV. 23

**Stories with Santa.** At Union Street Public House, 121 S. Union Street, Old Town Alexandria. There will be Christmas cookies, stories read by Santa, hot chocolate, juice, and milk. \$12 per ticket. Call 703-548-1785 or visit <https://www.unionstreetpublichouse.com/>

**58th Annual Holiday Shop.** 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. At Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane, Alexandria. The Holiday Shop is back again this year featuring all your favorite crafts, home-baked goods, vintage jewelry, and gently used household treasures. Additional highlights include door prizes, a handmade quilt raffle, locally grown orchids and plants for sale and live music by The Windmill Jazz Collective. The Crafter's Hall features unusual fiber arts, pottery, photography, wood, paper, metal, and glass crafts made by artisans from around the world. The Country

Kitchen homemade specialties include chutneys, cakes, pies, cookies, and more. The lines form early to buy these locally famous treats, many made from family recipes handed down through generations. Visit the website: [www.mvuc.org](http://www.mvuc.org)

### Kids Krafts at Firehouse Museum.

10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. At Friendship Firehouse Museum, 107 S. Alfred Street, Alexandria. Come to the Friendship Firehouse Museum and you can create and take home craft projects inspired by early firefighting history. This program is for ages 5-8 and their caregivers. Children and caregivers work on crafts and visit the historic firehouse together. It is not a drop-off event. As space is limited, pre-purchased timed tickets are required. Tickets: \$5 per child includes a craft kit and museum admission. \$2 for adults. Purchase tickets at [alexandriava.gov/Shop](http://alexandriava.gov/Shop), or telephone 703-746-4994. Tickets must be purchased for both adults and children.

**Thanksgiving History Lesson.** 11 a.m. to noon. At Historic Huntley, 6918 Harrison Lane, Alexandria. Gather around the campfire for a "Dutch Oven Brunch." Enjoy corn pancakes and freshly made butter as you learn about the history of Thanksgiving foodways. Discover why Thanksgiving might not have been celebrated by the Mason family that once called Huntley home. This program is designed for participants ages 6 to adult. Cost is \$8 per person. Call the park at 703-768-2525 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/historic-huntley](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/historic-huntley).

**Old Town Cookie Crawl.** 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. At various locations through Old Town Alexandria. Admission: \$20 registration fee. Kick-off the

holidays early during Old Town Business's first annual Old Town Cookie Crawl. Receive a commemorative tin and stop by all 15 stores on the crawl to receive a cookie at each location. Participating stores range from Bellacara and AR Workshop, to The Old Town Shop and The Shoe Hive. It's fun for the whole family and a great way to explore Old Town's walkable shopping district. A full listing of participating stores is at [OldTownBusiness.org](http://OldTownBusiness.org) or [OldTownBoutiqueDistrict.com](http://OldTownBoutiqueDistrict.com).

### Alexandria Cider Festival.

1-5 p.m. At Lloyd House, 220 N. Washington Street, Alexandria. Enjoy a selection of ciders from more than 10 Virginia cideries. Ticket includes tastings, a souvenir glass, live music, and fun fall activities. Food truck available. Dress for the weather – this event is outdoors. Cost is \$45 presale, \$55 at the door. Tickets available at [alexandriava.gov/shop](http://alexandriava.gov/shop).

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### SUNDAY/NOV. 24

**Alexandria Makers Market.** 12-6 p.m. At Port City Brewing Company, 3950 Wheeler Ave., Alexandria. The inaugural Alexandria Makers Market will make its debut. This family-friendly event will showcase the creative community of Alexandria-based creators, makers, designers, & crafters, with vendors curated from highly talented artisans located in Alexandria. Visit the website: <https://www.alexandriamakersmarket.com/port-city-holiday-pop-up>

### SATURDAY/NOV. 30

**Small Business Saturday.** Celebrate Small Business Saturday in Old Town Alexandria with free parking at meters and several independently owned boutiques offering special in-store activities and promotions. Over 80 percent of businesses on King Street and throughout Old Town are independently owned. For every \$100 consumers spend at locally owned businesses, \$68 will stay in the community. Get to know local shop owners that offer personalized customer service with curated gift suggestions ranging from home decor, chic fashions, and gourmet food to classic toys and gifts for dogs.

**Small Business Scavenger Hunt.** 11 a.m. At select participating businesses in Old Town Alexandria. Shop and dine in Old Town starting at 11 a.m. until close and get your map stamped to win the grand prize. Visit 10 of your favorite businesses to be entered to win. No purchase is necessary. Every stamp after your first 10 is another entry into the raffle. Shoppers can download their map on the Old Town Business

website at [OldTownBoutiqueDistrict.com](http://OldTownBoutiqueDistrict.com) or Old Town Business.com.

### SATURDAY/DEC. 7

**Used Book Sale.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Selection of over 20,000 gently used books, including children's books, fiction, history, biography, home and garden, cooking, crafts, sports, religion, travel, CDs, DVDs, and more. Unless specially priced, \$1 for hard backs, 50 cents for large paperbacks, and 25 cents for mass market paperbacks. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/friends-of-sherwood-regional](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/friends-of-sherwood-regional).

### CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

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

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

**The Harmony Heritage Singers** (Mount Vernon Chapter of Barbershop Harmony Society), a daytime, a cappella, Chorus, rehearses on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays, monthly, at Sherwood Hall Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Newcomers

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## Creature Comforts by Monica Hokeilen

Thru Jan. 26, 2020, at VCA Alexandria, 2660 Duke Street, Alexandria. The "Creature Comforts" art exhibit at VCA Alexandria through the Gallery Without Walls program features artwork of the animals in our lives by Del Ray Artisans members. Showcasing animals that lift and fill our hearts is a popular theme at VCA Alexandria and coincides with the winter holiday season in which creature comforts of all types are appreciated. Visit [DelRayArtisans.org/exhibits/gww](http://DelRayArtisans.org/exhibits/gww)



**Boxer Blues by Monica Hokeilen.**

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welcome for fun or to book for a performance. visit [www.HHSingers.org](http://www.HHSingers.org), or call Bruce at 703-352-5271.

### MORE ONGOING

**Post-Grad Residency Program.** At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, Alexandria. For the fifth year, the Torpedo Factory Art Center welcomes four emerging artists to participate in the Post-Grad Residency Program: J Houston, Michaela Japac, Nava Levenson, and Kim Sandara. The jurors were Nicole Dowd, program director at Halcyon Arts Lab, and Leslie Holt, artist and co-director of Red Dirt Studio. This competitive juried program provides three months of exclusive access to a studio in the Art Center. Therein, artists can create and sell work, interact with the public, and connect with other arts professionals. The residency is unique for addressing the critical post-graduation juncture in an emerging artist's career, offering an opportunity for professional development, networking, and a chance to define their practice outside of the academic context. The program culminates in a group exhibition in Target Gallery, the Torpedo Factory's contemporary exhibition space, Nov. 8-Dec. 8.

### Revolutionary War Medals.

Through March 2020 at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Highway, Mt. Vernon. Now on view in Mount Vernon's Donald W. Reynolds Education Center is an exhibition featuring 30 rare medals from the American Revolution and the early republic. War and Peace in Miniature: Medals from the American Numismatic Society is an unparalleled collection that highlights the remarkable heroes and events from the Revolutionary War and the new nation's diplomatic endeavors. Visit [mountvernon.org/warandpeace](http://mountvernon.org/warandpeace).

### Tours of the Freedom House

**Museum.** Saturdays and Sundays, 1-5 p.m. at Freedom House Museum, 1315 Duke St. The Freedom House

Museum was once the headquarters and holding pen for the largest domestic slave trading firm in the United States, Franklin and Armfield. The building is currently owned by the Northern Virginia Urban League and together with the Office of Historic Alexandria. Visit the museum in this historic reminder of slavery. Admission is \$5 per person. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Visit [www.alexandriavm.gov/Museums](http://www.alexandriavm.gov/Museums) for more.

### "Alexandrians Fight the Great

**War."** Various times at The Lyceum, Alexandria's History Museum, 201 South Washington St. This new exhibition traces the experiences of local people during the first World War. The homes, hospitals, factories and shipyards of wartime Alexandria come back to life through the use of rare images, archival and modern-day video clips, quotes from participants, original objects including weapons, period music, and scale models. Call 703-746-4994 or visit [www.alexandriahistory.org](http://www.alexandriahistory.org).

### "Before the Spirits are Swept

**Away."** Various times at the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. This exhibition, featuring 20 of Sherry Sanabria's African American historic site paintings, is made possible by the Sanabria family, who generously donated 23 of her paintings to the Alexandria Black History Museum. These paintings are part of Sanabria's "Sites of Conscience" series, which has as its focus African American heritage, prisons, concentration camps, and mental hospitals. Free, but donations are appreciated. Call 703-746-4356.

### Mercy in Alexandria Walking

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

### The Lyceum: 175 Years of Local

**History.** Ongoing, Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday 1-5 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. On view in the museum's Goldsmith Gallery, the historical objects and images featured represent The Lyceum, the community at work, and commemorations and celebrations. Throughout the exhibition, visitors are invited to "be the curator" and think about why the various artifacts are in the museum's collection, and about how tangible representatives of the past help tell the story of Alexandria's history. Free. visit [www.alexandriahistory.org](http://www.alexandriahistory.org) for more.

**Pick-Up Hockey.** Ongoing, Wednesdays and Fridays 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Mount Vernon Ice Skating, 2017 Belle View Blvd. Play hockey with other hockey buffs, hitting slap shots and learning puck handling skills that the pros use. Players must have full equipment. 16 and older. visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/rec/mtvernon/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/rec/mtvernon/) or call 703-768-3224 for more.

**Medical Care for the Civil War Soldier Exhibit.** Ongoing at the Fort Ward museum, 4301 W. Braddock Road. ongoing exhibit which features original medical instruments and equipment from the Civil War period and information on Union Army hospital sites in Alexandria. Free. visit [www.alexandriavm.gov/fortward](http://www.alexandriavm.gov/fortward) for more

### Alexandria's Nurses and Hospitals

**During the Civil War.** Ongoing at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. An exhibit on the life of Clarissa Jones, a nurse at The Lyceum hospital during the Civil War. The true story of a nurse in Alexandria during the war, drawing parallels with characters portrayed in the PBS drama "Mercy Street," with references to the experiences of other nurses, such as Anne Reading, who worked in the Mansion House hospital, and Jane Woolsey, who served at the Fairfax Seminary hospital. Admission is \$2. visit [www.alexandriavm.gov/lyceum](http://www.alexandriavm.gov/lyceum)

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**Shield of Earth: Defending the Heart of the Union exhibit.** Ongoing, museum hours Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sundays, noon-5 p.m. at Fort Ward Museum, 4301 West Braddock Road. Highlights of the exhibition include military passes issued by Provost Marshal's Office, construction tools, and original photographs of some of Washington's defenders. 703-746-4848 or [www.fortward.org](http://www.fortward.org).

**Who These Wounded Are: The Extraordinary Stories of the Mansion House Hospital exhibit.** Ongoing, Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sundays, noon-4 p.m. at the Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St. Come see the site that inspired "Mercy Street," the new PBS' series inspired by real events that took place at Carlyle House. [www.carlylehouse.org](http://www.carlylehouse.org) or call 703-549-2997

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

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

[www.latascausa.com](http://www.latascausa.com).

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

**Their Fates Intertwined: The Lees of Alexandria in the War of 1812.** Wednesday- Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Lee-Fendall House and Gardens, 614 Oronoco St. A new exhibit on the experiences of the Lee family in Alexandria during the War of 1812 examines the contributions of Alexandria's citizens during the conflict that led to the writing of our national anthem through the lives of this iconic Virginia family. visit [www.leefendallhouse.org](http://www.leefendallhouse.org) or call 703-548-1789.

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

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

**Dinner for the Washingtons.** 11 a.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. A walking tour

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-SHANNON STEENE, EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR OF CARPENTER'S  
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- Celebrate the 10-year anniversary of Spring2ACTion, Alexandria's Giving Day
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## Sunrise Senior Living

Health professionals Ashleigh Knight, Chelsie Carter, Robin Edwards, Ryan Shupp and Jenalyn Resumadero take a moment to pose for a photo during a networking event Oct. 30 at Sunrise Senior Living at Mount Vernon.

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THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY INVITES  
PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE DECISION FOR  
FTBL-001-R-002 - INFILTRATION COURSE  
MUNITIONS RESPONSE SITE  
UNITED STATES ARMY GARRISON FORT BELVOIR, VIRGINIA

A Proposed Plan for the Infiltration Course (INFC) Munitions Response Site (MRS) at the United States (U.S.) Army Garrison Fort Belvoir (Fort Belvoir), Virginia, will be available for public review and comment from 14 November 2019 through 16 December 2019. The Proposed Plan describes results from environmental investigations completed at the INFC and the rationale for proposed soil, sediment, and surface water remedies. The Proposed Plan recommending targeted soil removal, stream bank stabilization/restoration, and land use controls will be available for review at the Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria, Virginia, (703) 339-4610, and at the Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton, Virginia, (703) 339-7385. Documents in the Administrative Record that support the basis for the remedy selection at the INFC MRS are also available at these locations.

The 30-day public comment period will allow public review of the available documentation and promote public awareness of the environmental conditions attributed to historical military site use at the INFC MRS. The public may provide comments to the Fort Belvoir Point of Contact using the contact information below during the 30-day comment period. The U.S. Army may host a public meeting if there is sufficient public interest, as determined by comments received, but otherwise will address comments in the responsiveness summary of the Decision Document. The final remedy determination for the site will be made after the 30-day public comment period. For further information contact:

Mr. Felix M. Mariani  
Chief, Environmental Division  
Directorate of Public Works  
9430 Jackson Loop, Building 1442  
Fort Belvoir, Virginia  
Phone: (703) 806-3193  
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## Notice of Availability

### Environmental Assessment and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact for Caisson Platoon Facility Area Development Plan U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Belvoir, Virginia

**All Interested Parties:** U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Belvoir (Fort Belvoir) has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the implementation of an Area Development Plan (ADP) for the Caisson Platoon Facility.

The proposed action involves the implementation of the ADP on Fort Belvoir. Projects within the ADP include: the enhancement of the facility's security; relocation/expansion of the facility's classroom; expansion of the pasture area to accommodate 27 horses; provision of pasture fencing; provision of a separate hay storage facility; consolidation of equipment storage facilities; provision of an indoor riding training facility for year-round training; expansion of the training trail network; provision of permanent vehicular parking facilities to accommodate training and maintenance needs; paving of existing roadways; provision of a paved and covered roll-off manure dumpster area; provision of effective stormwater management Best Management Practices and enhancement of facility signing.

The EA evaluates the potential environmental effects that may occur as a result of the Proposed Action, and was prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and regulations implementing the procedural provisions of the NEPA, 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1500-1508, and Environmental Analysis of Army Actions, 32 CFR 651.

The EA and Draft FONSI are available to view/download electronically at <http://www.belvoir.army.mil/envirodocssection2.asp>, or view in printed form at the Lorton Branch, Kingstowne Branch, and Sherwood Regional Branch of the Fairfax County Public Library, and Van Noy Library. Interested parties are invited to submit written comments for consideration within 30 days of receipt of this letter to Mr. Felix Mariani, 9430 Jackson Loop, Building 1442, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060 or send via e-mail to: [usarmy.belvoir.imcom-atlantic.mbx.enrd@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.belvoir.imcom-atlantic.mbx.enrd@mail.mil). If you need further information, please contact Mr. Mariani at 703-806-3193.

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## Chino Lourie, Rest in Peace



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

As much as I try not to self-indulge in my weekly column, I am aware that I don't always succeed. It seems I can only write about what I feel, what I see and what I hear, be it personal, professional or public. To that end — which justifies my means, I have often involved you regular readers in my cancer life, as well as a few other "privacies" I've been comfortable sharing: family (including pets), friends, finances and the occasional faux pas (if I am anything, I am open, perhaps too open, if certain other familial opinions are to be considered).

This meandering start is meant to explain — indirectly, how when something is preoccupying my mind, it is difficult/near impossible for me to write about something that's not. At present my preoccupation is with one of my cats: Chino. He is not doing well, at all. After multiple emergency room visits and follow-up appointments with veterinarians over the past few weeks, it appears his diabetes has finally gotten the best of him leading to the worst possible outcome: death, with some dignity, hopefully.

In two of our most recent visits to the veterinarian, we have had preliminary discussions about euthanizing Chino. We have resisted so far and have continued, especially my wife, Dina, to give him as much t.l.c. as we can. However, his quality of life, as described by our primary veterinarian on Friday, is "not good." To invoke/rework a phrase commonly associated with some human beings in early childhood: Chino is failing to thrive, though he turned 13 in late September. Other than engaging with us when we call his name or pet him, Chino is not able to do nearly enough (eating, drinking, grooming, using the litter box) to give us much hope. Nevertheless, he is home and curled up in his favorite spot in the kitchen, though barely able to get around.

I wouldn't characterize our activity as a vigil, but neither Dina nor myself are planning to leave the house (or one of us will be at home if the other needs to go out) anytime soon. With this weekend of inactivity, our focus is exclusively on Chino. Yet here I sit, a literary task at hand, attempting to navigate emotionally the prospect of his passing and the significance of such a loss.

It's been 10 years or so since we've had to consider euthanizing a pet. It was either Bailey, our second golden retriever or Chester, our second dwarf rabbit. I can't remember exactly as it was around this time that I was diagnosed with lung cancer and began heavy-duty chemotherapy. But we've all survived since then and even added a few critters: Chino's brother, Biscuit, Twinkle, our white cat with an attitude and two more rescues "The Blackies," as we call them: Andrew and Sloane, black, domestic short hair siblings. As longtime animal owners, we knew this day would come, but given my cancer diagnosis: "13 months to two years," I think we figured I'd be the first to go. So it's both upsetting and distracting in a way, our normal pursuits, because what's happening — both good (me still being alive) and bad (Chino succumbing to his illness) is not what we anticipated happening. As a result, I am self-indulging you in my preoccupation because I'm unable to think/write outside the box. A figurative box on which Chino sits front and center, mostly down but not quite out.

Still, we're not exactly sitting and staring blankly into space, but neither are we entertaining too many other thoughts. We are here for Chino so with a column to write, it is being written with Chino as the subject, and excuse for what is written in this space. For 13-plus years Chino has been my companion. We have rubbed noses too many times to remember. He has my scent and as such, I have belonged to him. Soon I fear he'll belong to no one and I'll have lost his loving feeling. He was a sweet and affectionate cat. We will miss him terribly.

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Potomac Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.

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

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

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

The **Gum Springs Senior Program** in Alexandria is looking for a Line Dance Instructor. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults) and click on Volunteer Solutions.

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**9346 Mt. Vernon Cir  
\$849,500**  
Just listed in Mount Vernon on the Potomac, the area's premier waterfront community! Unique three level colonial with stately columned front portico, reminiscent of the

neighboring Mt. Vernon Estate. The interior presents exceptionally large room sizes and excellent floor plan. Amazing opportunity to customize to make this home truly your own! Additional special features include: gorgeous stained hardwood floors, "Marvin" replacement windows, 2 fireplaces, newer gas heat and hot water heater, true oversize two car garage, large deck off family room overlooks private rear grounds. Walk to nearby marina & community waterfront area. Mt. Vernon on the Potomac is the only community in the area with these facilities for the exclusive use of its residence!

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**4112 Ferry Landing Rd  
\$833,900**  
Absolutely the most house for the money in prime Mt. Vernon location! Exceptionally spacious approx 5,000 sq ft colonial at end of quiet lane in the heart of Mt. Vernon. This home

was custom built in 2003 for its only owner and is loaded with upgraded items and amenities. Special features include: dramatic 2 story entry foyer, open floor plan with spacious kitchen/family room combination, spectacular bright main level sun room, 4 BR's and 3 full baths on upper level, huge finished lower level with rec room, guest room, and full bath, Amazing outdoor scene includes, private back yard with oversize custom stone patio & hot tub. Unique combination of size, custom features, & location compare favorably to properties selling for substantially more!

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**4296 Neitzey Pl  
\$1,850,000**

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!

**POTOMAC RIVER VIEWS!**



**4116 Ferry Landing Rd  
\$910,000**

Truly stunning property! Almost 5,000 luxuriously finished square feet built in 2011 by Brookfield Homes. This "Waverly Model" contains virtually every modern amenity and is loaded with custom upgrades. Special features include: 4 finished levels, spectacular open floor plan, high ceilings, custom Chef's kitchen, upgraded trim details, hardwood floors, 6 Bedrooms with huge master suite, finished lower level with bedroom, full bath, fireplace, bar and walk out stairs. No expense was spared on exterior hardscaping with custom deck & stone patio with fireplace as well as children's playground. Combination of size, custom features and prime location impossible to duplicate for under \$1 Million. One of a kind opportunity!

**VIRTUALLY NEW!**



**4313 Neptune Dr  
\$645,000**

Character abounds in this fabulous new Yacht Haven listing. Premier setting on beautifully landscaped half acre grounds in the heart of one of Mt. Vernon's leading water front communities. The home has been lovingly maintained by long term owner and has many significant updates including replacement thermal windows. Other special features include: gorgeous refinished hardwood floors on two main levels, large sun room and screen porch, master bedroom with private balcony, finished basement, attractive front porch, and garage parking. Amazing outdoor scene with large screen porch and oversize deck overlooking beautiful private grounds. Walk to nearby Mt. Vernon Yacht Club.

**CONTRACT IN 1ST WEEKEND!**



**3717 Carriage House Ct  
\$889,000**

Uniquely spectacular property in prestigious Riverwood community. One of the area's premier communities, bordering Mt. Vernon Estate on one side and the Potomac river on the other! No expense spared in updating & expanding the residence resulting in an incredibly dramatic property! Major additions include a truly spectacular great room featuring soaring cathedral ceiling, 6 sky lights, floor to ceiling "Andersen" windows, gas fireplace, and custom 8 ft "Andersen" glass doors. Other special features include: sun room, family room off kitchen, four large bedrooms on upper level, finished lower level, and true oversize 2 car garage. Stunning 37 x 25 ft custom deck overlooks beautifully manicured grounds. A truly special property!

**RIVERWOOD GEM!**



**4749 Neptune Dr  
\$995,000**

Significant price adjustment! A true estate caliber property! Spacious custom home nestled on beautifully manicured 3/4 acre grounds near river in prestigious Yacht Haven Estates! Home was carefully crafted with extensive covered verandas and elevated decks to capitalize on the privacy and serenity provided by gorgeous large wooded and lush environment. The home's special featured include: 3 beautifully finished levels, 5 Bedrooms, stately living and dining rooms, large family room with fireplace, and stunning custom chef's kitchen. Numerous glass doors lead from major rooms to outside verandas, ideal for entertaining! Lot is large enough to accommodate spacious custom pool + extensive grassy area. Unique property providing character & graciousness that would be very difficult to

**INCREDIBLE GROUNDS!**



**9316 Old Mansion Rd  
\$950,000**

Totally unique location. One of the few area properties that provides direct Potomac river views. Enjoy the same sweeping river views that George Washington did from Mt. Vernon Estate which is just upriver from this special property! Other special features include: beautifully manicured grounds backing to private parkland with community path leading to river. The home is an attractive three level colonial featuring 3 levels, 4 bedrooms on upper level, bright white kitchen, two car garage, walk out lower level and large deck providing elevated private views of woods and river. A true natural wonderland!

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