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First Lady of Virginia Pamela Northam Cuts Ribbon in Mount Vernon

United Community's newly remodeled Early Learning Center Infant Suite is located in Bryant High School.

BY MIKE SALMON
THE CONNECTION

To celebrate the opening of United Community's newly remodeled Early Learning Center Infant Suite, First Lady of Virginia Pamela Northam and other leaders visited the center on Dec. 10 to cut the ribbon.

The Early Learning Center Infant Suite is in Bryant High School where 12 of the beds are reserved for mothers who are also students at that school. "This is extremely helpful for the young mothers," said Alison DeCoursey, the executive director at United Community.

This newly remodeled center is in line with Gov. Ralph Northam's (D-VA) recent proposal to dedicate \$94.8 million in new funding for early childhood education.

"Too often, our most vulnerable children lack access to the high-quality, affordable education they need," said Pamela Northam. "These bold changes will grow and train our educator workforce, support families across the Commonwealth, and ensure our youngest Virginians have a strong start in life."

At the event in Mount Vernon were Del. Mark Sickles (D-43rd) and Paul Krizek (D-44th), as well as United Community's executive director Alison DeCoursey. The group toured the Early Learning Center's (ELC) newly remodeled infant suite, which has space to accommodate up to sixteen infants ranging from six weeks to seven months old. The expansion — which was made possible by contributions from the John Ben Snow Foundation and other donors — increased the suite's capacity by 75 percent.

According to information released by the Governor's office, Virginia currently ranks in the bottom third of states when it comes to investment in early childhood education. The Governor's budget allocates \$59.5 million for the Virginia Preschool Initiative to increase early childhood education access for at-risk four-year-olds. This funding will go towards increasing the amount of per-pupil dollars, boosting incentives for private providers, ensuring class size flexibility, and helping to eliminate waiting lists. The budget also includes \$26 million to pilot the expansion of the Virginia Preschool Initiative and state Mixed Delivery Grants to at-risk three-year-olds in both school and private child care settings.

In Mount Vernon, a large number of children do not go to preschool. A recent study by the Northern Virginia Healthcare Foundation revealed that less than 0.1% of children in part of United Community's



First Lady of Virginia Pamela Northam and a parent in Mount Vernon.



The morning was all about children and smiles.

service area, known as Region 1, are enrolled in preschool, making it one of Northern Virginia's most infamous "child care deserts." <https://novahealthfdn.org/wp-content/uploads/NVHF-Is-sue-Brief-FINAL.pdf>

"The demand is three times the supply," said DeCoursey. Fifteen percent of all families in Region 1 live below the poverty line. The area provides a stark contrast to the rest of Fairfax County, where the average family spends over \$20,000 on childcare expenses each year.

"Nearly half of Virginia's children enter kindergarten without the basic skills they need to succeed in school and beyond," said Pamela Northam. "The Governor and I are dedicated to expanding access to quality early childhood care and education and I'm grateful to centers like United Community's Early Learning Center for their commitment to serving more families."

Governor Northam will address the Joint Money Committees on December 17 to share the full details of his budget plan.

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Post-Election, Virginia Dodges Medicaid Work Requirements

BY RODNEY ROBINSON
CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE

Virginia residents with Medicaid will not be required to work in order to keep their policies since Gov. Ralph Northam halted the work requirements he previously agreed to implement nearly two years ago as a bipartisan agreement.

House Republicans said in a statement that the previous agreement was made in "good faith" and Northam gave his "personal assurance" to implement Medicaid expansion with a work requirement, where most Medicaid recipients would have to work a certain number of hours each month to keep their coverage.

"Broken promises like this are the reason so many people hate politics," Del. Todd Gilbert, R-Shenandoah, said in the statement.

Stephen Farnsworth, professor of political science and director of the University of Mary Washington's Center for Leadership and Media Studies, said that moving forward, Republicans have "little ability" to retain the previous agreement from a couple years ago.

"This is an example of how elections have consequences," Farnsworth said. "The new Democratic majorities taking

office next month have little interest in the work requirement as a condition for Medicaid expansion and seem very likely to abandon that provision in the next session."

In 2019, Virginia expanded eligibility for health coverage to 400,000 people. So far, 342,000 Virginians have signed up for health insurance coverage through Medicaid expansion. Work requirements for Medicaid could lead to between 26,800 and 74,000 people losing their health insurance coverage, according to

The Commonwealth Institute.

The work requirements previously agreed on would apply to able-bodied Medicaid recipients who would need to work and pay premiums. For the first three

months, enrollees would start with a work requirement of 20 hours per month. The workload would have increased to 80 hours per month after a person was enrolled for 12 months, according to the amended budget.

"In order to work, you have to be healthy, so work requirements for Medicaid expansion make no sense at all," said Anna Scholl, executive director of Progress Virginia, in a press release. "We're thrilled that Democrats are taking steps to

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"This is an example of how elections have consequences."

— Stephen Farnsworth, University of Mary Washington

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Environmental Priorities for Virginia

Virginia Conservation Network Hosts 2019 General Assembly Preview.

BY MERCIA HOBSON
THE GAZETTE

In preparation for the Virginia General Assembly, 2020 Session, the Virginia Conservation Network and its Network partners convened Saturday, Dec. 7 in Richmond, for a preview of environmental issues in the coming session of the General Assembly. The group provided information for a collective approach to advancing policy.

There were nine watch parties across the state; including the one in Reston. Kyle Gatlin, state climate organizer at Virginia Conservation Network, emceed the event held at the National Wildlife Federation Reston Office. Great Falls Group Sierra Club Virginia and Choose Clean Water Coalition hosted the location.

"All watch parties across the Commonwealth will be viewed simultaneously. The only thing different is the location and sponsors. The goal is partially to raise awareness of environmental issues in the Commonwealth but also to empower and excite attendees and the public to take further action. They can take action through our partner organizations in their programs," said Gatlin.

AFTER EACH SPEAKER'S REMARKS, watch party attendees could text their questions into Richmond. "We will try to get in as many questions as we can and tend to get questions from every geographic area, some specific to that region based on the topic. The transportation funding question has been popular in previous years in the Northern Virginia region," Gatlin said.

Paul Duncan of Fairfax attended the Reston event with the goal of education and action. "I'm here today because I'm eager to learn what's possible for Virginia, now that Democrats have taken control. I want to know how I can contribute," he said.

For twelve-year activist Susan Stillman of Vienna, there wasn't anything more important than dealing with policy and climate change as well as powering Virginia with clean energy. "Policy in Virginia needs to change relative to our investor-owned electrical utilities," she said.

According to Alex Rough of Reston, political and transportation chair of the Great Falls Sierra Club, Northern Virginia is the "capital of the internet with about 70 percent of the world's internet traffic passing through the region." "New Virginia Dominion Power fossil fuel projects are being undertaken at the behest of the data center growth in Northern Virginia. ... Otherwise, the demand for new fossil fuel infrastructure is relatively flat. I implore Virginia state leaders to support legislation demanding new data centers projects be based on 100 percent renewable energy," Rough said.

Douglas Stewart of Fairfax City focused on building sustainable communities by



During the Watch Party of the Virginia Conservation Network's 2019 General Assembly Preview, attendees discuss collective approaches to advancing priority environmental policy in the upcoming state legislative session.



Susan Stillman of Vienna at the Watch Party of the Virginia Conservation Network's 2019 General Assembly Preview.

curbing vehicle pollution and transforming transportation. "I'm interested in creating more walkable, bicycle-friendly communities. That's why I'm here today. I like this environmental community, and it's a great way to act on my priorities. I love to walk and bike, and by doing that; I can help the environment by reducing pollution. It all fits together," he said.

Susan Bonney of McLean came to learn what Virginia bills needed to pass to stop construction of "fracked natural gas pipeline," she said. "I learned today that the pipeline developers' energy demand fore-



Alex Rough, Political Chair/Transportation Chair of the Great Falls Group-Sierra Club discusses fossil fuels and data center growth in Northern Virginia.

casts are now so off and wrong that there will not be a public benefit from the Atlantic Coast Pipeline and Mountain Valley Pipeline. Our General Assembly needs to pass bills that will make state agencies do transparent analysis to investigate the need for pipelines that impact our water and communities."

Approximately 40 people, including Virginia State Del. Ken Plum (D-36), attended the Reston Watch Party and viewed the live stream presentation by Virginia Conservation Network.

"I am more hopeful for positive environmental legislation for Virginia in the upcoming 2020 General Assembly than I have ever been before," said Plum. "The public is more acutely aware of the dangers of climate, and they voted accordingly in the last election. The new members coming into the legislature are more environmentally conscious and friendly than many from the past."

At 9 a.m., Saturday morning, all watch party locations connected to the Richmond In-Person Preview, hosted by Virginia Conservation Network, The Frontier Project at 3005 West Marshall Street, Richmond. Mary Rafferty, executive director of Virginia Conservation Network, emceed the two-hour presentation. "Each year, we work with 225 (partners) to come up with the year's agenda and work to ensure that we push it forward throughout the year but particularly during the General Assembly Session."

NATURAL RESOURCES FUNDING in the state budget was the first topic reviewed as a statewide conservation priority during the General Assembly preview. Peggy Sanner, Chesapeake Bay Foundation and Zachary Sheldon, The Nature Conservancy spoke.

"This year, we have the wind at our back in at least three ways. We have our governor's commitment to triple the size of the portion of the general fund for natural resources. In 10 days, he's going to introduce his Biennial Budget for the next two years. This is what he is committed to doing. We don't know what it is going to say yet, but we have optimism based on his commitment. And third, the energy brought in by the new General Assembly on the environment."

Sheldon said, "An important tool we want to leave as it is, is the Land Preservation Act Tax Credit. It's a very effective program and very popular." Virginia allows an income tax credit for 40 percent of the value of donated land or conservation easements.

Bold action on climate, the second statewide conservation priority was the topic for Will Cleveland, Southern Environmental Law Center and Harrison Wallace, Chesapeake Climate Action Network. "You've probably heard me talk about this before, that's the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative. I think this is the year we are going to get this up and have the most equitable version of this bill," said Wallace.

The Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI, pronounced "Reggie") is the first mandatory market-based program in the United States to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

According to Cleveland, there are four pillars to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, the first to reduce carbon emissions from the power sector. "That means fewer coal

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Citizens Police Academy Accepting Applications

Interested in learning more about local law enforcement? The Citizens Police Academy is designed to give participants a glimpse behind the badge and to provide information about training, policies, and the many units and divisions within the Fairfax County Police Department.

FCPD is now accepting applications for the Spring 2020 session that will meet from March 5 to May 9, 2020 and the Fall 2020 session that will meet from Sept. 17 to Nov. 21, 2020.

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The Citizens Police Academy is designed to give participants a glimpse behind the badge.

p.m. Classes rotate to various police department facilities around Fairfax County. Due to the popu-

larity of the program, all participants are required to attend at eight out of ten classes in order to

successfully graduate.

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The Fairfax County Police Department seeks people from a wide variety of cultures and backgrounds when selecting participants for its Citizen Police Academy. Candidates from different ethnicities, professions, cultural backgrounds, orientations, age groups, and communities throughout Fairfax County are encouraged to apply in order to enrich class discussions and strengthen community relationships.

This program is not an accredited certification course to become a sworn police officer. For information regarding employment as a police officer or about the paid police academy, visit Join Our Team page.

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Lighting Up the Season

Holiday designs to benefit Children's National Hospital.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Holiday trees donned with a wide array of décor that ranges from musical instruments and fairies to dollhouses and mice will be on display to raise money for charity later this month. "Light Up the Season," the annual event that highlights creative collaborations between Children's National Hospital patients and notable area artists will be held on Sunday, Dec. 15, 2019 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Four Seasons Hotel in Washington, D.C.

As part of the project, patient-designer teams created custom holiday trees, mantelpieces, menorahs and dollhouses — all available for purchase — with proceeds going to Children's National to support programs that improve the health and well-being of children across the Washington, D.C. region.

Inspired by the children's Christmas book, "If You Take a Mouse to the Movies," the tree created by Quintece Hill-Mattauszek of Studio Q Designs in Alexandria features mice decorating the holiday tree while under a whimsical snowfall.

"Through a child's eyes mice are symbols of youth and innocence with their resourceful courage, adorable curiosity, and their perspective of seeing the world from a different point of view, just like children," she said. "We have embraced them in children's literature for decades because of the lessons they teach, the values they instill, and playfulness they leave in our hearts."

Using a recording of "O Tannenbaum" and musical-themed ornaments, Potomac, Md. designer Sharon Kleinman of Transitions by Sharon Kleinman, assembled a melodious creation. "During our get-to-know-you session, I discovered that my partner is quite the musician," she said. "He plays several instruments and is passionate about music. We decided to make our tree a musical tree."

Taking inspiration from their patient-partner's love of animals, the design team at Pamela Harvey Interiors in Oak Hill, created a display that includes a



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Erica Burns of Erica Burns Interiors designed a holiday tree that features bright colors, sparkling materials, and soft and textured finishes to engage the senses.

dollhouse and a fully decorated 7.5 foot tree with a modern farmhouse vibe.

"Our team had a lot of fun decorating ... we added lighting, wallpaper, area carpets, wood furniture and soft furnishings," said Harvey. "We even decorated it with tiny wreaths and Christmas trees complete with tiny presents. Our tree includes a selection of hand-made clay ornaments. Each ornament is stamped with a different animal and attached with a simple satin ribbon." Keeping the modern farmhouse theme continuous, the Harvey team combined green, plaid, white, silver and natural wood tones to complement the animal ornaments. "We are presenting our patient with a barnyard animal farm, which is decorated with the same theme, as our gift for inspiring us to create holiday decor that can be enjoyed for many years," said Harvey.

Fairies and folklore were the basis for the Christmas tree created Sandra Meyer of Ella Scott Design in Bethesda. The patient's predilection for all things mythical was brought to life in a tree filled with flowers, fantasy and mythical fairies in nature-themed setting. "Fairies have a long history [of] symbolizing kindness and a desire to help humans," said Meyer. "Light Up the Season" is a fairy-like event that exists to help others."

Light Up the Season will be held on Sunday, Dec. 15, 2019 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Four Seasons Hotel in Washington, D.C. Tickets for the event are \$50 per child (ages 16 and under), \$85 per adult and \$250 for a family of four (package includes two adults and two children 16 and under). For more information, visit www.childrensnational.org/lightuptheseason or email lightuptheseasondc@gmail.com.

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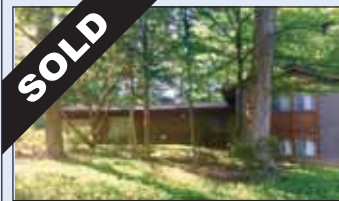
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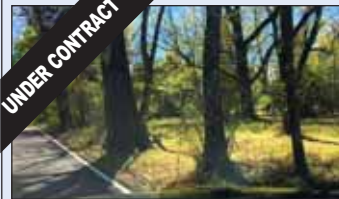
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THE GAZETTE

'This Has Been a Great Ride'

Community bids farewell to Board Chairman Sharon Bulova.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

It's the end of an era in Fairfax County: When the Board of Supervisors reconvenes in January 2020, Sharon Bulova will no longer be at its helm. She's retiring after serving 31 years on the Board, including the past 10 years as its chairman.

And Monday evening, Dec. 9, friends, family members, county officials and staff, plus longtime colleagues and associates, gathered at the county Government Center to bid her farewell. The event was filled with speeches, plaques, standing ovations and – like Bulova, herself – genuine feelings of warmth and goodwill.

She began her tenure on the Board as Braddock District Supervisor and, for 20 years, she also chaired the Board's Budget Committee. Her accomplishments are many, including helping to found the Virginia Railway Express commuter rail line and overseeing the huge Tysons Corner redevelopment and the opening of the Silver Line.

Also significant was Bulova's establishment of the Communities of Trust in December 2014 with then county NAACP President Shirley Ginwright. Bulova embraced police reform and established a commission which led to the Police Civilian Review panel and the independent police auditor.

Now, though, Bulova is stepping down to be able to enjoy the extra hours she'll have in her life, as a result of leaving this demanding, time-consuming job leading a complicated county of 1.1 million people. Among the things she plans to do are visit her daughter in Seattle and travel to France.

Meanwhile, fellow Democrat Jeff McKay, former Lee District supervisor, was elected to succeed her as Board chairman.

After all the presentations and glowing words from everyone else on Monday, Bulova addressed the crowd gathered in the Government



From left are past Board of Supervisors Chairman Kate Hanley and retiring Board Chairman Sharon Bulova.

Center forum. She thanked everyone she's worked with and said how glad she was that people in Fairfax County truly care about their local government. She also noted that she's comfortable leaving her post now because she knows she's leaving it in good hands.

Lastly, Bulova stressed how proud she's been to have served these past three decades in local government. "This has been a great ride," she said. "Local government is where the rubber hits the road. It's been a wonderful journey, and I appreciated the opportunity to make it with all of you."



Past and present Board of Supervisors members honor Sharon Bulova (in purple) for her three decades of service to Fairfax County.



Marion Newman



Marion Marshall

Detectives Seek Assistance in Solving 2006 Cold Case Murder of Two Women

For more than 13 years, the brutal murders of two Springfield women have remained a mystery. Both cases occurred within a four-month period in late 2006 and although detectives do not believe the victims knew each other, they had a lot in common. Most notably, both women were named Marion.

Marion Marshall and Marion Newman were both in their 70s. Neither woman had children or was married at the time of their death. They lived alone – only two miles apart from each other. Autopsies revealed that the cause of both women's death was strangulation and blunt force trauma. Detectives from our Major Crimes Bureau Cold Case Squad are seeking the public's help to solve these cases and bring resolution to both women's families and friends.

Marion Marshall lived in the 6600 block of Bostwick Drive and was last seen alive on Aug. 14, 2006. Surveillance video showed that Marshall visited a grocery store in the Bradlick Shopping Center in Annandale at approximately 11 a.m. that morning. Detectives believe she drove home and was unloading groceries when she encountered her killer. The circumstances of the encounter are unknown, but detectives found no signs of forced entry into her home. Marshall was found dead by a friend later that evening.

Marion Newman lived in the

7100 block of Reservoir Road and was last seen alive on Nov. 19, 2006 when she visited her mother at a senior living community in Springfield. Newman was scheduled to return to see her mother the next day but never arrived. She was found dead by a friend inside of her home on Nov. 21.

DNA EVIDENCE collected from the scenes confirmed that both women were sexually assaulted and that the same offender was responsible for both murders. Despite being entered more than a decade ago in a nationwide database of DNA samples, the identity of the offender has remained unknown. Now, detectives are hoping that newly emerged technology will assist in identifying the killer.

Detectives sought the assistance of Parabon NanoLabs, a DNA technology company in Northern Virginia that specializes in DNA phenotyping and genetic genealogy analysis: processes that predict physical appearance and biological relationships from unidentified DNA evidence. It is unknown how old the offender was at the time of the crimes but the composite sketches are a representation of what the suspect may look like at age 25, 40 and 55 years old.

DETECTIVES are asking for anyone with information about these events to contact the
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The composite sketches are a representation of what the suspect may look like at age 25, 40 and 55 years old.

NEWS

Free Lyft Rides To Prevent Drunk Driving

A local nonprofit organization announced today that free safe rides will be offered to would-be drunk drivers throughout the Washington-metropolitan area during the winter holidays beginning Dec. 20.

Offered by the nonprofit Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP), the 2019 Holiday SoberRide program will be in operation nightly, 10 p.m. until 4 a.m. from Dec. 20, 2019 to Jan. 1, 2020 as a way to keep local roads safe from impaired drivers during this traditionally high-risk holiday.

Each evening, during this six-hour period, area residents age 21 and older celebrating with alcohol may download Lyft to their phones, then enter a SoberRide code in the app's "Promo" section to receive their no cost (up to \$15) safe transportation home. A separate Holiday SoberRide promo code will be posted at 9 pm on December 20, 27 and 31 on www.SoberRide.com.

Last December, nearly 2,000 (1,988) people in the area used WRAP's Holiday SoberRide program rather than possibly driving home impaired. The charity also offers its SoberRide program on St. Patrick's Day, Cinco de Mayo, Independence Day and Halloween.

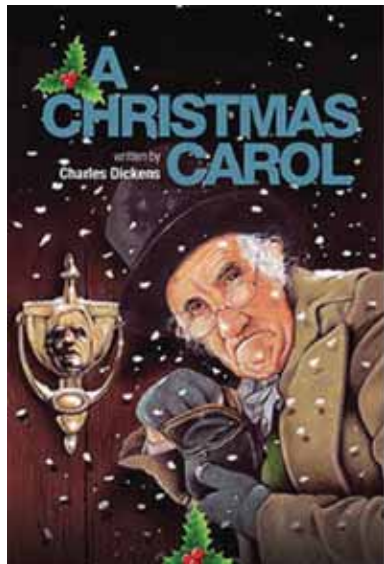
Detectives Seek Assistance

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Major Crimes Bureau at 703-246-7800, option 8. Tips can also be submitted anonymously through Crime Solvers by visiting <http://www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org>, or text-a-tip by texting "TIP187" plus your message to CRIMES (274637). Anonymous tipsters are eligible for cash rewards of \$100 to \$1000 dollars if their information leads to an arrest.

"The murders of Marion Marshall and Marion Newman are two of our nearly 100 unsolved homicide cases in Fairfax County," said Major Ed O'Carroll, Commander, Major Crimes Bureau. "We are committing countless hours and all available resources to close these cases and provide long-awaited answers to victim's families – and bring those who committed these awful crimes to justice. I am extremely thankful for our dedicated detective bureau and victim services staff for all they do in seeking closure."

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OPINION



Strikers walking by the Capitol Hill, including Annabelle Dennen, 14, and Cate Coetzee, 14.



Strikers on the streets of D.C.

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'Fridays for Future' Protests Continue

Great Falls youth join the strike.

Outside of the Library of Congress, strikers and a golden retriever sit in playing protest music. Their colorful signs read "School Strike For Climate" and "Fridays For Future." It is a scene that repeats itself every Friday. The group was of many ages and were from Maryland,

DC, and some from our Great Falls community. Some have come after a day in school, some have skipped school to be present.

They are striking, as they do every Friday, with the DC branch of Fridays For Future, an international organization founded by Greta Thunberg. They are there to demand action

on the climate crisis as demanded by science, and they have vowed to come back every Friday until they see it.

It is a cold December day, but that doesn't deter them. As the light fades over Washington, two strikers take their shoes off and dance on the sidewalk to Billy Joel's "We Didn't Start The Fire."

—CATE COETZEE

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Supporting 'Less-fortunate Others'

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to the opinion piece titled "Commentary: Helping Families Struggling to Make Ends Meet in Fairfax County" (Connection, November 20-26, 2019).

As this county is known for its high rank among the richest in the nation, it was pleasing to see awareness brought to the issue of wealth disparity and struggling families in Fairfax.

The rapid growth of industries generates peril for the working-class as individuals view their financial shortcomings as a personal problem rather than a public issue of a sick society. Responsively, the efforts of Cornerstones and Britepaths seemingly work to combat the negative consequences of inequality and economic instability that our capitalist system produces.

The reflecting words of client "Denise" brought an insight into the new feeling of hope provided by the extra allowance from EITC. This hope effectively propelled her and other recipients alike toward

more rewarding opportunities and, eventually, upward mobility. Her comment that "conversations about social support programs are not hypothetical political statements; they are decisions that impact real people", really weighed on me. My wish for fellow readers is that they think back on how they might've undermined the experiences of "less-fortunate others" in the past.

Jessica Sarmiento
Herndon

Time for Community to Come Together

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to the article titled "Opinion: Editorial: Give Locally" (Connection, November 20-26, 2019).

In NOVA, and especially in the area where I live, the disparity between household incomes can be staggering. It becomes especially salient during Christmas time, when you see people posting pictures of the piles and piles of Christmas presents stacked underneath their tree, and boasting of their "haul" on Christmas morn-

ing, when there are families just a few blocks away struggling to even buy their children one or two gifts. So many people are so far removed from their neighbors and their communities that they don't realize or refuse to acknowledge the issue.

It is incredibly sad to me that there are so many underprivileged students in an area filled with so much wealth, as well as the elitism of certain areas in our community. I hope that our community can come together and provide for those who are in need this holiday season, take some of the burden off of these struggling families, and facilitate a more inclusive and interconnected community for the years to come.

Molly Van Trees
Centreville

Karma

To the Editor:

Virginia Republicans should now consider what they've done to folks like John & Renee Thoburn and Lt. Col Oliver North, (Ret) when thinking about this lost elections. Maybe they should make the song by Tim McGraw, "Humble and Kind" an integral aspect of their character. You were respon-

sible for destroying the lives of John & Renee, and you chose to vote for Marshall Coleman, a throw away vote, rather than a decorated Marine/Vietnam Veteran/and your own Republican nominee - Ollie. Now you get to sit in your much deserved time out chair and watch as the Orchestra of the Democratic Party enjoy their well deserved victory. I doubt you learned your lesson about arrogance, but at least now you'll be on the sidelines of change while those much more deserving as you now take the lead in Virginia.

Dave Minyard
Vienna

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COURTESY FAIRFAX SYMPHONY AND FAIRFAX BALLET

Ballerinas dance the “Waltz of the Flowers” from the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra and Fairfax Ballet 2018 production of “The Nutcracker.”

Cherished Holiday Tradition Returns ‘The Nutcracker’ performed by Fairfax Symphony Orchestra and Fairfax Ballet at Center for the Arts.

BY DAVID SIEGEL
THE CONNECTION

With a combined more than 110 years as Fairfax County performing arts organization, the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra (FSO) and the Fairfax Ballet Company are collaborating to present the captivating masterwork, Tchaikovsky’s “The Nutcracker.”

Along with live musical accompaniment by the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra directed by Christopher Zimmerman, there will be more than fifty dancers on the big Center for the Arts stage from The Fairfax Ballet as well as special soloists and American Ballet Theatre alumni Elina Miettinen (Sugar Plum Fairy) and Sean Stewart (Cavalier) performing original choreography.

“There is a reason that ‘The Nutcracker’ is so popular. Of all Tchaikovsky’s Ballet Pieces—and they are all wonderfully evocative musically—it is perhaps the most imaginative in terms of orchestral color (use of instruments) and variety between “serious” dramatic music and set pieces for dance,” said Christopher Zimmerman, Music Director and Conductor,

Where and When

Fairfax Symphony Orchestra and Fairfax Ballet present Tchaikovsky’s “The Nutcracker” at Center for the Arts, Concert Hall, George Mason University Campus, 4374 Mason Pond, Drive, Fairfax. Performances: Saturday, Dec 21 and Sunday, Dec 22 at 4 p.m. Tickets: \$49, \$69 and \$89. Call 703-993-2787 or visit www.fairfaxsymphony.org.

FSO. “With the ‘Nutcracker,’ Tchaikovsky wrote not only his final ballet, but a piece which synthesizes the best of his symphonic writing and his writing for the stage,” added Zimmerman.

“The Nutcracker” story begins on Christmas Eve in the home of two young children, Clara and Fritz.

The family gathers around the Christmas tree. Soon, they welcome the arrival of Uncle Drosselmeier, a toymaker bringing gifts. Audiences will then take in a transition from reality into fantasy with waltzing snowflakes, a handsome prince, and some mischievous mice as the toys come to life for a truly memorable night.

“We’re incredibly honored to join the Fairfax Symphony in our fifth production of ‘The Nutcracker,’” said Karla Petry, Executive Director, Fairfax Ballet. “Audiences are in for a special treat.”

“We are proud to maintain the long standing tradition of our pro-

ductions, while finding unique ways to add new opportunities for our dancers and surprises for our long standing audience members,” said Andrea Cook, Artistic Director, Fairfax Ballet. Cook is a Fairfax County native and Chantilly HS alum.

Fairfax Ballet principal dancers include Nicole Shortle, age 16, of Oakton, and a sophomore at Oakton High School in the treasured role of Clara.

Carlos Martinez, attending George Mason University, School of Dance will dance as the Nutcracker Prince. Northern Virginia’s Aleksey Kurdrin will be Herr Drosselmeier and Philip Smith-Cobbs will dance the Arabian pas de deux.

There will also be more than four dozen dancers and students on stage ranging from 7-19 from Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William counties.

“From the incredible dancers on stage, live music by our full FSO orchestra, and beautiful, high definition, digital scenery, it’s sure to be a magical experience for the whole family,” said Jonathan Kerr, Executive Director, FSO.

A beloved Holiday season event is coming courtesy of Fairfax’s own, Fairfax Symphony and Fairfax Ballet.

HOLIDAY CALENDAR

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

ONGOING

Shir HaLev, the Community Jewish Chorale of Northern Virginia. Rehearsals are held select Tuesdays, 7:30-9 p.m. at Congregation Olam Tikvah, 3800 Glenbrook Road, Fairfax. The Chorale is a friendly, welcoming, adult volunteer choir. Membership in the group is open to all, members of Congregation Olam Tikvah and other Northern Virginians. Their repertoire consists mainly of Jewish liturgical music and also some contemporary Jewish music and some secular showtunes, too. Visit carolboydleon.com/shir_halev for more.

Give the Gift of Original Art. Now thru Jan. 5. At Torpedo Factory Artists at Mosaic, 2905 District Ave., #105, Fairfax. Open Wednesday thru Sunday 11 – 7 p.m. Reception celebrating small businesses, Nov. 30, 5 to 8 p.m. You can find extraordinary fine art that makes great gifts this holiday season—the work of highly-acclaimed Torpedo Factory Artists—at their satellite space in Merrifield. Beautiful paintings, fine-art photographs, one-of-a-kind jewelry, scarves, ceramics and much more will be offered. Plus you can get an early start on your holiday shopping. Artists Sonne Hernandez and Greg Knott are in residence during this show.

PJ Party + Santa’s Arrival. At Springfield Town Center, Springfield. Welcome Santa with a Pajama Party. Get in the holiday spirit with caroling, hot coco and watch as Santa arrives in style with Fairfax police and fire. Santa’s visiting hours will be as follows: Now through Dec. 13; Monday – Saturday: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Dec. 14 thru Dec. 23; Monday – Saturday: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Christmas Eve: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

DEC. 13-22

ETAP’s “Finding Santa.” 12 show times over 2 weekends, Friday, Saturday and Sunday 7:30 p.m., 12 p.m. and 4 p.m. At Richard J. Ernst Theatre, Annandale NOVA Campus, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Encore Theatrical Arts Project presents a new holiday musical, “Finding Santa.” Cost is \$19-\$26. This song and dance musical features over 30 performers, creative choreography, elaborate sets, over 165 costumes, and over 16 musical numbers. Come see all the glamour of a Broadway-style show right here in Northern Virginia. Appropriate for audiences of all ages. Visit the website: www.Encore-tap.org

FRIDAY/DEC. 13

Vienna Boys Choir. 8 p.m. At GMU Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. There is no sound more celestial than the angelic voices of the Vienna Boys Choir, who return for their annual holiday concert to celebrate the magic of the season. The world’s foremost children’s choral group performs a delightful program of classical masterpieces, contemporary pop favorites, Austrian folk songs, and beloved Christmas carols with their signature old-world charm and youthful vocal purity. Tickets are \$55, \$47, \$33. Visit the website: www.cfa.gmu.edu.

SATURDAY/DEC. 14

VRE Santa Train. Burke Centre VRE Station, 10399 Premier Court, Burke. The 75-minute excursions begin as early as 8:09 a.m. and as late as 3:55 p.m. Santa, Mrs. Claus and their elves will be on board listening to children’s holiday wishes and handing out goodie bags. Half of the tickets will be sold online and the other half will be available for purchase at five locations. Each location sells tickets only for the train station that corresponds to its location. VRE recommends creating an account before tickets go on sale to expedite the checkout process. Tickets are \$5 in person and \$6 online. Details about online ticket sales and vendor locations can be found at <http://vrespecialevents.org>. Visit www.vre.org.

Toy Drive. 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. At PaperMoon Springfield, 6315 Amherst Ave., Springfield. Since 1947, the goal of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots initiative has been to bring the joy of Christmas to less fortunate children. To help Toys for Tots fulfill its annual mission, philanthropic dancers from PaperMoon Springfield are hosting their annual holiday toy donation drive. New, unwrapped toys can be dropped off Sunday through Friday from 12 p.m. to 2:30 a.m., or Friday and Saturday from 12 p.m. to 3:30 a.m. at the gentlemen’s club, at 6315 Amherst Ave, Springfield. The drive goes through Dec. 14, wrapping up with a black-tie party. Visit the website: papermoonv.com

Santa Critters & Craft. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. At Hidden Pond Nature Center, 8511 Greeley Blvd., Springfield. Come one, come all to meet Santa and his merry band of critters this holiday season at Hidden Pond Nature Center. Bring your camera to take a picture with Jolly Saint Nick, his elves and their animal friends at the Santa’s Critters & Craft program. Cost is \$10 per child. Call 703-451-9588 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/hidden-pond.

U.S. Army Chorus Concert. 3-5 p.m. At Westwood Baptist Church, 8200 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. The U.S. Army Chorus will perform a free community concert. Don’t miss your chance to hear The U.S. Army Chorus when they return to Westwood Baptist Church for an afternoon of holiday nostalgia that is sure to enhance your patriotism and Advent preparations. Contact usarmyband.com or the church at 703-451-5120.

Community Nativities Festival. 5-8 p.m. At Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 6219 Villa Street (corner of Franconia Rd & S. Van Dorn St.), Franconia. Join in celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ as you enjoy an evening of community nativity displays and hymns of Christmas. Free. Visit the website: [https://www.festivalofnativities.com/](http://www.festivalofnativities.com/)

Annual Christmas Musical. 6 p.m. At Greater Little Zion Baptist Church, 10185 Zion Drive, Fairfax. The Ministry of Music and Performing Arts of Greater Little Zion Baptist Church in Fairfax presents its Annual Christmas Musical, No Ordinary Night, a special service to celebrate the birth of our Savior in narration, music, song, and dance. Featured will be the Greater Little Zion choirs and praise dancers, along with a special performance by recording artist and renown pianist, Bro. Jeff Corry. Free. Call 703-239-9111.

NVRC Gala and Showcase. 6-10 p.m. At Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Gala

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to benefit the Northern Virginia Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons (NVRC) with a cocktail hour, dinner, a silent auction and a showcase of deaf and HOH talent. Cost: \$125. Visit the website: www.nvrcgala.org

American Festival Pops Orchestra. 8 p.m. At George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Just hear those sleigh bells jinglin' as the American Festival Pops Orchestra ushers in the season with its annual holiday concert. A beloved tradition at the Center, the uplifting evening includes treasured classics like Leroy Anderson's "Sleigh Ride", "A Christmas Festival," and a rousing carol sing-along. Maestro Anthony Maiello leads Northern Virginia's very own pops orchestra and special guest artists in a cherished holiday celebration. Tickets are \$55, \$47, \$33. Visit www.cfa.gmu.edu.

DEC. 14-15

Winter Wonderland. Noon to 5 p.m. At Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. At Winter Wonderland, you can hop a train ride on the Holiday Express, take unlimited spins on the Carolers Carousel, play Gingerbread Man Golf or cook s'mores by the fire. Visit with Santa and enjoy hot chocolate or cider and candy canes. Five-hour passes are \$15 in advance and \$20 on the event day. The park will also be accepting new toys or canned food items for donation. In the evenings, enjoy a magical train ride through a forest decorated with holiday-themed lights and scenes. Celebration Station runs the same weekends as Winter Wonderland, but will take place on Friday and Saturday evenings from 6 to 9 p.m. Celebration Station ticket are \$10 each; trains depart every 20 minutes. Visit the website: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/burke-lake.

19th Annual Bethlehem Walk. 3-7 p.m. At Parkwood Baptist Church, 8726 Braddock Road, Annandale. Get in the Christmas spirit walking through the narrow streets of Bethlehem. Haggle with shop owners, sidestep tax collectors, avoid the Roman centurions on your

way to the manger scene. Hundreds of families make the trek each year to a replica of the holy city, raised by Parkwood Baptist Church as its annual celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. For nearly two decades, this popular event has been offered at no charge to the Washington Metro community. It features a live nativity scene with animals, Christmas music performances, crafts, games and story times for children. Guests are urged to reserve free, timed, tour tickets in advance at www.parkwood.org. Call 703-978-8160.

SUNDAY/DEC. 15

Choral Lessons and Carols. 10-11:15 a.m. At St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 6509 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Celebrate the holiday season with the sweet sounds of hammered dulcimer, Irish flute, bagpipes, harp-guitar, concertina, and bodhran. Celtic musicians will provide the music for this Advent Lessons & Carols service. A special collection for ECHO and FACETS. Free. standrews.net

Victorian Tea. 1-4 p.m. At Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Celebrate the holidays with a traditional Victorian tea at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum. Museum members and ages 4 and under, free; ages 5-15, \$2; ages 16 and older, \$4. www.fairfax-station.org

Santa Visit. 2 p.m. At American Legion Post 176 Springfield, located at 6520 Amherst Ave., Springfield. Santa is coming to The American Legion Post 176 Springfield.

Family Wreath Making. 2-3:30 p.m. At Hidden Pond Nature Center, 8511 Greeley Blvd., Springfield. Family members of all ages are invited to work on seasonal wreaths made from vines and decorated with greens, cones, dried flowers and ribbons. Cost is \$15. Register one adult to reserve the supplies for yourself and/or your family. One wreath per registrant. Please register another adult for each additional wreath. Call 703-451-9588 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/hidden-pond.

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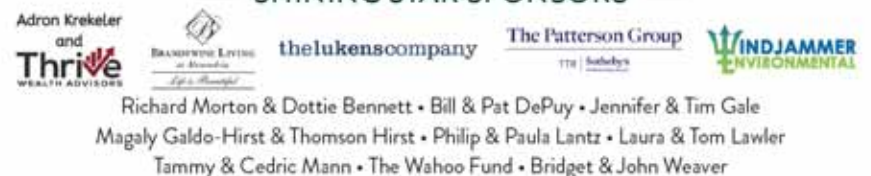
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HOLIDAY ENTERTAINMENT

Suit Up for the Candy Cane Bar Crawl

BY HOPE NELSON

Amid the hustle and bustle of Christmas tree lightings, boat parades, holiday parties and card-mailing, there's one Del Ray tradition that has planted its feet firmly on the holiday schedule from year to year: The Candy Cane Bar Crawl, scheduled this year for Saturday from 1 to 6.

Now in its fourth year, the crawl has grown exponentially from its humble beginnings, says Crawl committee member Lola Capps. What started with a handful of about 50 participants has grown to an expected 500 this year, she said, founded largely on community support and neighborhood foundations – and strengthened by an all-volunteer cast.

“We’ve gone through and done it a couple of times, it always has a pretty good turnout; it’s grown every year,” Capps said.

And with 15 restaurants on board, participants will have no shortage of food and drink options as the afternoon ticks by. Everyone will start their day at either Lena’s Wood-fired Pizza or RT’s – the designated check-in points – and will then mosey their way through Del Ray, stopping off at the likes of Hops n Shine, St. Elmo’s and more.

Along the way, their participant lanyards will earn bar-crawlers food and drink specials at each stop, Capps said. But the best part is the social aspect.

“Walking around with your friends – or new friends – having different drink specials, festive drinks ... Typically all the restaurants will have something specific to the bar crawl,” she said.

And participants can rest easy that their admission fee helps support a good cause: Community Lodgings, which provides transitional housing and housing assistance to neighbors experiencing homelessness. A portion of the proceeds from the Candy



Cane Bar Crawl will help fund Community Lodgings’ programs and mission – helping make the afternoon fit into the holiday spirit in yet another way.

Participating restaurants include: Rt’s Restaurant, Hops N’Shine, Northside10, Cheesetique Del Ray, Catch on The Ave, Stomping Ground, Pork Barrel BBQ, Del Ray Pizzeria, St. Elmo’s Coffee Pub, Evening Star Cafe, KAIZEN Tavern, Live Oak Restaurant, Charlie’s On The Avenue, The Garden, and Lena’s Wood-Fired Pizza & Tap.

With one foot in a fun social outing and

IF YOU GO

Del Ray Candy Cane Bar Crawl

WHEN: SATURDAY, 1-6 P.M.

Check in or register: Lena’s Wood-Fired Pizza and Tap, 401 E. Braddock Road, or RT’s, 3804 Mount Vernon Ave.

Tickets: \$15 in advance; \$20 at the door.

Dress for success: “We do have a costume contest,” committee member Lola Capps says. “People need to wear fun, funky, festive attire.”

another in supporting nonprofit causes, the whole afternoon comes down to community, Capps says. And that’s what makes the bar crawl so special.

“It’s truly community,” Capps said, adding that the businesses and residents have come together to build the community, “making it that Del Ray is a great place.”

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

CALENDAR

Submit entertainment announcements at 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.

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 season in which creature comforts of all types are appreciated. Visit DelRayArtisans.org/exhibits/gww

Holidays and Christmas

NOW THRU DEC. 22

DRA Holiday Market. The Market is Dec. 13-15; and Dec. 20-22. Hours are Fridays 6-9 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays 11 a.m.-6 p.m. At Del Ray Artisans Gallery, Nicholas A. Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Del Ray Artisans Holiday Market offers unique handmade fine arts and crafts from local artists. The artists are presenting a variety of media, including botanical drawings, fiber/textiles, glass, jewelry, mixed media, mosaics, painting, paper crafting, photography, pottery/ceramics, sculpture, watercolor, wood turning, and more. Different artists each weekend. Free admission. Visit the website: DelRayArtisans.org/event/holiday-market-2019

FRIDAY/DEC. 13

Holiday Sing-Along. 7:30 p.m. At Del Ray United Methodist Church, 100 E. Windsor Ave., Alexandria. Experience a jolly good time at the always popular – and free – Alexandria Holiday Sing-Along. You’ll join in song with your neighbors as Conductor Mike Evans and the hometown Alexandria Citizens Band play your holiday favorites. Elisa Ravas will lead the singing. And to make it easy for everyone, we’ll have the lyrics in brand new song books. Free tickets are available on eventbrite at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/alexandrias-annual-holiday-sing-along-free-tickets-79959949361>

SUNDAY/DEC. 15

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Handel’s “Messiah.” 4 p.m. At Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall, NVCC Campus, 4915 East Campus Drive, Alexandria. Presented by New Dominion Chorale and Orchestra. The performance, conducted by Artistic Director Thomas Beveridge, Soprano Natalie Conte, Mezzo-Soprano Melissa Kornacki, Tenor Patrick Kilbride and Bass Jeffrey Tarr. Ticket prices are \$35 for adults, \$30 for seniors 62 and older, and \$15 for students ages 5 to 22. Group tickets are available for groups of 10 or more at \$25 per ticket. Visit www.newdominion.org.

TUESDAY/DEC. 24

Waterskiing Santa. 1 p.m. At Alexandria’s Waterfront. Now in its 34th year, this favorite D.C.-area Christmas Eve event returns to Old Town Alexandria. Gather along historic Alexandria’s Potomac River waterfront for a spectacular show by Waterskiing Santa and his merry crew. The prime viewing area is Waterfront Park (1 King St. and 1A Prince St.), with more great views from the Alexandria City Marina (O Cameron St.), Founders Park (351 N. Union St.), and Point Lumley Park (1 Duke St.). Come early to see the pre-show (on jet skis). Visit the website: waterskiingsanta.com

TUESDAY/DEC. 31

First Night Alexandria. 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. At venues throughout Old Town Alexandria. This 25th Anniversary Celebration is the largest New Year’s Eve party in the D.C. region that is safe and fun for the entire family and culminates with a fantastic fireworks finale over the Potomac River at midnight. Kids Karnivals: 6 to 9 p.m. at four warm indoor venues in Old Town, Del Ray and the West End. Live Entertainment: 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. at warm indoor venues throughout Old Town Alexandria. Rockin’ on the River: 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Waterfront Park, 1 King St., Alexandria. Midnight fireworks: Potomac River at the foot of King St., Alexandria. All Access Admission: \$25 through November 30, 2019; \$30 December 1-30, 2019; \$35 December 31, 2019; Kids Carnival is \$5 for children ages 2-12 and free for parents and infants. Call 703-963-3755 or visit firstnightalexandria.org.



Pet Photos with Santa at Pet Valu

Have your pet’s photo taken with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 14. at Pet Valu in Alexandria.

SATURDAY/DEC. 14

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Local Calendar

NOW THRU DEC. 21

“Squeakers & Mr. Gumdrop.” At the Lab Theatre at Convergence, 1819 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria. One snowy morning, Mr. Gumdrop prepares for his annual holiday party. When an unexpected and curious mouse appears, Mr. Gumdrop’s routine is thrown for a loop. Can these two wildly different characters work together to get the holiday preparations done in time? This nonverbal production captures the magic of making new friends and sharing ideas to accomplish big goals. The show was written and directed by Arts on the Horizon members Natalie Cutcher and Amanda Forstrom, was created for an audience of children ages 2-5. Show times are Dec. 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, and 20 at 10:30 a.m.; Dec. 14 and 21 at 10 a.m. and

11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$10 for children and adults and can be purchased online at <http://www.artsonthehorizon.org> or at the door on the day of the performance.

FRIDAY/DEC. 13

Nature Collage Workshop. 10 a.m. to noon. At River Farm, 7931 East Boulevard Drive, Alexandria. Local artist/author Kathryn Coneway will lead a nature collage-making workshop. Participants will create an accordion book of collage images using translucent mulberry paper. Cost: \$65 AHS members; \$75 non-members. Info and registration: <https://bit.ly/2Xsayvn>

Quercus in Concert. 7-9 p.m. At The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington Street, Alexandria. Come celebrate the holidays with the tuneful playing

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HOLIDAY ENTERTAINMENT



Holiday Open House

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and melodious singing of Quercus. For years David McKindley-Ward (banjo, guitar, voice) and Marty Frye (flute, fiddle) have been steeping themselves in the D.C.-Baltimore area's lauded Irish music community, like a good pot of Barry's tea. Apart from craic of the finest quality, Marty and David seek to cultivate a musical sensitivity that does justice to the masterful touch of the old players, while being honest to their own creative instincts. Free for members of the Folklore Society of Greater Washington; \$5 for non-members.

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Interactive Kwanzaa Workshop. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. At Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe Street, Alexandria. This interactive workshop will present what you should know about Kwanzaa and how to do it. Included will be history, principles, symbols, activities, and decorating ideas to aid in planning your own Kwanzaa Celebration. The program will be entertaining and educational for children, youth, and adults. Register at the website: <https://shop.alexandriava.gov/> or call 703-746-4356.

Del Ray Candy Cane Bar Crawl. 12-

6 p.m. At various locations along Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Take a break from the bustle of holiday preparations and enjoy specialty cocktails, beer and food specials at select Del Ray restaurants during a neighborhood bar crawl to benefit local nonprofits. Admission: \$15 for advanced tickets; \$20 at the door. Visit the website: visitdelray.com.

Civil War Christmas in Camp. 12-4
p.m. At Fort Ward Museum & Historic Site, 4301 W. Braddock Road, Alexandria. Get in the holiday spirit and learn how Christmas was observed during the Civil War. The program features a Civil War-era Union Santa Claus who will interact with the public, present readings of "The Night Before Christmas," and visit soldiers in camp. The Museum will be decorated with festive greenery and a Victorian parlor tree. The reconstructed Officers' Hut is the setting for holiday decorations in camp and soldiers opening Christmas boxes from home. Reenactors will interpret army life in winter camps, and soldier-led tours of the historic

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fort will be conducted. Visit alexandriava.gov/Historic

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Alexandria Choral Society Holiday Program. 3 and 7 p.m. At Convergence Arts Initiatives, Westminster Presbyterian, 2701 Cameron Mills Road, Alexandria. This joyful program features Will Todd's Among Angels, a setting for choir and two harps, evoking images of "angels in flight." A number of traditional holiday carols and works by composers like Elizabeth Poston (Jesus Christ the Apple Tree), Susan Labarr (Huron Carol), and Herbert Howells (Magnificat 'Collegium Regale) will ease you into the winter season ahead. This season marks the 50th Anniversary for the Alexandria Choral Society. For tickets visit, www.alexandriachoralsociety.org.

Touch a Truck. 4-6 p.m. At First Christian Church of Alexandria, 2723 King Street, Alexandria. Enjoy the lights of fire trucks and police cars and meeting the first responders. There will be other vehicles including a motorcycle. They are collecting toys for the Women's Shelter and police toy drive. Please don't bring weapon toys. Gift cards for older children are welcome. Dress warmly and have fun meeting fire fighters and police in the parking lot. There will be hot cocoa and pizza. Visit the website: <https://www.fc alexandria.com/>

Community Nativities Festival. 5-8 p.m. At Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 6219 Villa Street (corner of Franconia Rd. & S. Van Dorn St.), Alexandria. Join in celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ as you enjoy an evening of community nativity displays and hymns of Christmas. Free. Visit the website: <https://www.festivalofnativities.com/>

Yuletide by Candlelight. 5-9 p.m. At Alexandria's Historic Sites. Cost is Adults (13-64) \$30, Seniors (65+)

and Active Military \$25, Children (5-12) \$8. Experience the holiday season with festive activities and fare at historic sites throughout Alexandria. Enjoy seasonal decorations, refreshments, and take advantage of a 10% discount at the participating Museum Shops. A cash bar for adult beverages will be located at Gadby's Tavern Museum. Ticket includes admission to Gadsby's Tavern Museum, Carlyle House Historic Park, Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden, and the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary. A free shuttle will run between all participating sites throughout the event. Visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/yuletide-by-candlelight-tickets-66041366505>

Classical Nutcracker Potpourri. 7 p.m. At Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall, 4915 E. Campus Drive, Alexandria. Want your holiday concert with a twist? Families and the young-at-heart will enjoy the Nutcracker presented in two ways — favorite excerpts from Tchaikovsky's ballet and Duke Ellington's version that swings. Attendees at Saturday's performance will also experience a video presentation with the Nutcracker and Hansel and Gretel. The winner of the 2019 Mary Graham Lasley Scholarship Competition, Morgan Short, will present Rodrigo's Concierto de Aranjuez. Visit www.alexsym.org

Holiday Sing-a-Long. 7:30-10 p.m. At George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria. The holidays are a time for great music, great family, and great fun. Celebrate the season with your entire family at SONOVAs Holiday Sing-a-long. Cost: \$20 General Admission, \$15 Students and Seniors. Prices increase \$5 at the door. Visit <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4328181> to purchase tickets.

DEC. 14-15

A Victorian Christmas. 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. At Lee-Fendall House Museum, 614 Oronoco Street, Alexandria. Experience the wonder of the season by joining in a Victorian Christmas at the Lee-Fendall House! Enjoy traditional décor, seasonal crafts and story time, sweet treats, photos with Santa, an antique toy exhibit, and more. Cost is \$8 to \$12. Visit the website: www.leefendallhouse.org

SUNDAY/DEC. 15

Christmas Around the World. 10:45 a.m. At Trinity United Methodist Church, 2911 Cameron Mills Road, Alexandria. The Trinity choirs will offer a special service of worship with music from several countries, accompanied by strings, harp, percussion, flute and organ. The congregation is invited to sing a traditional medley of favorite Christmas carols. Contact Music Director Linda Cancellieri music@trinityalexandria.org or phone 703-549-5500.

Naughty or Nice Party. 12-3 p.m. At Industrious Alexandria, 2461 Eisenhower Ave., Second Floor, Alexandria. Join in a joyous celebration of community. The first-ever Holiday Party will be cohosted by the SOAR Community Network. It will be a festive gathering with an abundance of wine, sushi, heavy hors d'oeuvres and laughter. Plus swag bags, door prizes and more. Cost is \$24. Visit the website: <https://dcfempreneur.com/events/#!event/2019/12/15/naughty-or-nice-holiday-party>

Colonial Handbell Ringers Concert. 2 and 4 p.m. At The Lyceum, 201 South Washington Street, Alexandria. The Colonial English Handbell Ringers perform clad in colonial attire, bringing a 5-octave set of nearly 80 handbells from the world-famous Whitechapel foundry in London. The ringers will perform children's classics, timeless

ASO Presents: The Nutcracker with a Twist

BY MELINDA KERNC

The Alexandria Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Maestro James Ross continues the 2019-2020 Season on Saturday, Dec. 14, 2019 (7 p.m.) and Sunday, Dec. 15, 2019 (2 p.m.) with an unconventional holiday concert. In his second year as ASO's Music Director, Ross endeavors to present symphonic music in unconventional and creative ways.

The audience will experience the Nutcracker in two ways: excerpts from Tchaikovsky's ballet and Duke Ellington's version that swings. Attendees will enjoy visual accompaniments to Saturday's performance from video artists Tim McLoraine and The New Live.

"Tchaikovsky is only one point along a long line of creativity starting with E.T.A. Hoffman's original story." Says Maestro Ross. "It continues through Ellington's big-band re-imagining to resetting the story in Harlem through the eyes of a African-American young girl with the magic of New Live's imagery."

holiday tunes, and original show-stoppers. Audience participation in the sing-along is encouraged. No reservations will be accepted in advance, and seating capacity is limited. Free. Visit the website: colonialringers.com

The Mount Vernon Flutes Holiday Concert. 2 p.m. At The Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street, Alexandria. Free. The Mount Vernon Flutes have been an Athenaeum favorite for many years. This small ensemble from the Mount Vernon Concert Band will perform holiday songs in the gallery.

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A Very Mason Christmas. 3:30-5:30 p.m. At Historic Huntley, 6918 Harrison Lane, Alexandria. Many of the Christmas traditions we celebrate today began in the 1850s. Come to Historic Huntley House and join in a celebration of Christmas that the Mason family might have enjoyed when they were the residents. Taste a non-alcoholic English syllabub drink, make your own luminary, and create a Christmas decoration or small gift to bring home. For ages 12 to adult. Cost is \$10 per person. Call the park at 703-768-2525 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/historic-huntley.

The program will open with the Prelude to Engelbert Humperdinck's Hänsel and Gretel, an opera traditionally performed during the holiday season throughout Europe. The prelude foreshadows the drama to come later in the fairytale, including a children's prayer and a dance-like sequence.

Joining the ASO is harpist Morgan Short, winner of the 43rd Annual Mary Graham Lasley Scholarship Competition. Ms. Short will perform Joaquín Rodrigo's Concierto de Aranjuez, originally written for guitar and later rendered for harp. Ms. Short is a Classics Alive Artist, sought-after touring soloist, and enrolled at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts.

Patrons attending both performances are invited to attend a family-friendly post-concert reception, immediately following the concert. Performances will be presented with no intermission and one hour earlier than usual to accommodate families and young children. "It's a wonder-worthy, multi-sensory concert experience for the whole family," says Maestro Ross.

WEDNESDAY/DEC. 18

T.C. Williams Winter Concert. 7:30 p.m. At T.C. Williams High School auditorium, 3330 King Street, Alexandria. This is the 10-Year anniversary of Theodore Thorpe as the T.C. Williams High School choir teacher and director. Alumni and current choirs will share the stage. Cost is \$20/adults; \$10/students; kids under 12 free.

DEC. 20-21

Christmas Illuminations at Mount Vernon. 5:30-8:30 p.m. At George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Hwy., Mount Vernon. Join Mount Vernon for an evening of family-friendly fun and fireworks choreographed to holiday music. Before the fireworks begin around 8 p.m., take a stroll through the estate while being serenaded by local choirs and visit with re-enactors from the First Virginia Regiment. Martha Washington will also be on site to greet holiday guests. Watch colonial artisans demonstrate the 18th-century process of creating chocolate and visit with Aladdin the camel on the 12-acre field. Keep toasty by warming up by a bonfire, enjoying some hot chocolate or cider. Admission: \$36 adult/\$26 youth with mansion tour; \$30 adult/\$20 youth without mansion tour. Visit the website: mountvernon.org/illuminations

SATURDAY/DEC. 21

Puppet Show. 10 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. At Oswald Durant Center, 1605

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Cameron Street, Alexandria. Tickets are \$6. Featuring the Silly Goose and Val Holiday Extravaganza. Val returns for a fast-paced, humorous musical treat celebrating snow, jingle bells, elves, Santa, reindeer and more. Enjoy a family afternoon out with music, ventriloquism, comedy, dancing, singing, and 100% audience participation.

Alexandria Harmonizers Holiday Concert. 4-6 p.m. At Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 4915 East Campus Dr., Alexandria. Tickets \$35-\$75. The Alexandria Harmonizers present their annual Holiday Show featuring the Pratt Street Power and the 2019 BHS International Junior Quartet champions, “Quin-Tones,” for a fun-filled evening of music and laughter. There will also be a silent auction during the show with dozens of items to bid on. Visit the website: harmonizers.org

Country-Western Dance. At Lincolnia Senior Center, 4710 North Chambliss Street, Alexandria. The Northern Virginia Country-Western Dance Association will hold a dance. Lessons, 6-7 p.m. Open dancing, 7-9:30 p.m. A DJ provides music. Couples and singles of all ages welcome. Admission for NVCWDA members \$10; non-members \$12; children under 18 accompanied by a paying adult \$5. Trial memberships available at door for member level entry fee. Smoke-free, alcohol-free. BYO refreshments. Visit www.nvcwda.org.

SUNDAY/DEC. 22

MIN~Contemporary Flute and Guitar Duo. 2 p.m. At The Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street, Alexandria. MIN~Contemporary Flute and Guitar Duo makes its highly-anticipated winter season return to the Athenaeum with a varied program that includes many beloved holiday classics. Flutist Saïs Kamalidiin and guitarist extraordinaire Rick Peralta comprise one of the few remaining, regularly performing, professional flute and guitar (chamber music) duos in this part of the country. With their 15 year legacy of musical excellence, the repertoire of MIN consists of music of the baroque, ballads, bossa novas, blues, Broadway and beyond.

S.O.M.E. Benefit Recital. 3-4:30 p.m. At The Lyceum, 201 South Washington Street, Alexandria. An afternoon of violin and cello music to benefit So Others Might Eat (SOME). Tickets \$20. Featuring international artists Rachelle Hunt, violin; and Katie Tertell, cello. The program will include works by Beethoven, Mozart, Handel-Halvorsen, and new work by Mark Boden (UK). Tickets available on Eventbrite. Suggested donation \$20. Visit the website: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/some-benefit-recital-tickets-75172225149?aff=eprofsaved>

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 for a schedule.

The Harmony Heritage Singers (Mount Vernon Chapter of Barbershop Harmony Society), a daytime, a cappella, Chorus,



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rehearses on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, monthly, at Sherwood Hall Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Newcomers welcome for fun or to book for a performance. visit www.HHSingers.org, or call Bruce at 703-352-5271.

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 addresses 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.

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.alexandriava.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.

“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 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 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/ or call 703-768-3224

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

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.alexandriava.gov/lyceum

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

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

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

Ongoing, Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sundays, noon-4 p.m. at the Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St. Come see the site that inspired “Mercy Street,” the new PBS' series inspired by real events that took place at Carlyle House. www.carlylehouse.org or call 703-549-2997

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

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

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

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

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

Dinner for the Washingtons. 11 a.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. A walking tour that goes behind the scenes to find out how food was prepared and served. \$7 in addition to estate admission. visit www.mountvernon.org

HOLIDAYS



Best Powerboat: “Carol of the Bells” – A Blast, Captain Steve Gwensberg.

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A record number of boats participated in the 20th annual Holiday Boat Parade of Lights Dec. 7 along the Potomac River waterfront. In the foreground is American Girl, with Captain John Gaydos, winning the Best Try category with the theme “Santa Claus is Coming to Town.”



Nauti and Nice Record turnout in Holiday Boat Parade.



Best in Show: “Peace” – Anamchara, Captain Steve Preda.



Most Holiday Cheer: “Christmas on the Potomac” — Kairos, Captain Tipper Williams Bradford.

Thousands of spectators gathered along the Old Town waterfront as a record 60 boats lit up the Potomac River Dec. 7 in the 20th annual Alexandria Holiday Boat Parade of Lights.

The mile-long parade was led by Alexandria’s fireboat Vigilant and Washington, D.C.’s fireboat John Glenn and closed with Alexandria’s tall ship Providence.

Prizes were awarded in 10 categories, with Best of Show going to Anamchara and Captain Steve Preda, who presented the theme “Peace” featuring a rotating lighted globe, glowing doves and a peace sign.

The 2019 Winners include: Best of Alexandria Show — “Peace,” Anamchara, Captain Steve Preda; Best Powerboat — “Carol of the Bells,” A Blast, Captain Steve

Gwensberg; Best Sailboat — “Under the Sea,” Tuesday, Captain Joe Landa; Thinking Outside the Christmas Box — “Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights,” Letter of Marque, Captain Walter Weiss; Most Holiday Cheer — “Christmas on the Potomac,” Kairos, Captain Tipper Williams Bradford; Best Theme — “A World Series Christmas,” Escape Plan, Captain Timothy Smith; Best Spirit of America — “Go for the Moon — Merry Astronautical Christmas,” Dark Star, Captain Doug Savage; Most Spirited Crew — “Disco Christmas,” Moondance, Captain David Huebner; Hardest Soul — “Santa Goes Fishin’ with Buddy the Elf,” Canoe See Me?, Captain Adam Cope; and Best Try — “Santa Claus is Coming to Town,” American Girl, Captain John Gaydos.

— JEANNE THEISMANN



Thinking Outside the Christmas Box: “Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights” — Letter of Marque, Captain Walter Weiss

Environmental Priorities for Virginia

FROM PAGE 3

plants, fewer gas plants. REGGIE is how we do that...The next thing we need to do is to reduce the amount of energy we use. ... The less you use, the less you pay. There is going to be legislation this year that will require the utilities to hit certain energy efficiency saving targets - making sure they are burning less. ... Energy efficiency is actually the single most labor-intensive type of energy resource out there while being the cheapest. It creates the most jobs. It saves the most money. We don't do nearly enough in Virginia. We are going to see legislation do that," said Cleveland. "The third pillar is distributive generation ... We have, in Virginia, laws that allow customers to put solar on their roofs. There are, however, some limitations on what you can do; how much you can have, where you can put it. We are going to see legislation this year ... to remove the existing market barriers ... so more people can go solar. ... We call it 'boots on the roof.' That's how you create jobs in clean energy.

"The last piece [is] ... building out utility-scale solar, building out the offshore wind. There are good ways to do these things, and there are the Dominion ways of doing these things," Cleveland said.

Virginia Conservation Network named protecting waterways from plastics pollution and toxics as its third conservation priority, presented by Danielle Simms, Virginia League of Conservation Voters and Zach Huntington, clean streams program manager, Clean Fairfax.

"The plastic bills are pretty straightforward; what we are expecting. There are two in the Senate that have already been introduced. Senate Bill 11 is a local option tax on paper and plastic bags, with a 5-cent tax for those bags. Four cents going back to the locality so they can use it appropriately as they see fit. One cent goes back to the distributor of the bag; that helps offset the cost. SB 26 is a 5-cent tax on a plastic bag given to a customer free of charge for Chesapeake Bay Watershed. Both of these together would create a really strong plastic bag plan for Virginia going forward."

A four-person panel presented: "Other Statewide Conservation Issues Expected." Panelist named and discussed, "Transportation Funding, Dominion Energy Accountability, Creating Wildlife Corridors and Preventing Offshore Drilling."

In the third and final presentation, Mary Rafferty, Virginia Conservation Network, offered, "Tools and Strategies for being an Effective Conservation Advocate in 2020," a guide on how to communicate with legislators throughout the year to show that protecting Virginia's environment is a priority. She shared that information on how to get in touch with state legislators could be found at <http://vpap.org>.

REGIONAL DISCUSSIONS followed the live stream. At the Reston Watch Party, comments ranged from the amount of electric energy used by Northern Virginia data centers, eradication of solar energy barriers and that the Watch Party marked six weeks until the start of the 2020 legislative session. Attendees reiterated the need to reach out to legislators



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Emcee Kyle Gatlin, state climate organizer at Virginia Conservation Network, opens the Reston Watch Party.

while Gatlin reminded all to mark their calendars for Jan. 28, 2020, Conservation Lobby Day, to ensure a strong voice early in the legislative session.

Virginia Conservation Network is "a facilitator of strategic action, a resource for Network Partners statewide, and a constant conservation presence in Virginia's Capital. The organization and its staff focus on strengthening the conservation community as a whole and winning environmental victories that benefit all Virginians." Visit www.vcna.org for more information.

Legislators Action

State Sen. Scott Surovell (D-36):

"Personally, I have a few priorities. First, I am introducing legislation to ban fracking East of I-95.

"Second, I am introducing a bill to encourage more home energy audits are part of home sales. If home purchasers require home energy audits and repairs from that it could save millions of tons of carbon dioxide on an annual basis. Wasted energy is our cheapest energy resource to tap.

"I will also be introducing legislation to begin to prepare Virginia for electric vehicles including 'right to charge' legislation to prohibit condominium and homeowners associations from restricting owners rights to install chargers in their own parking lots along, with an electric vehicle purchase grant program (in lieu of a tax credit).

"I will also be introducing legislation to allow community net metering so that groups of homeowners can build solar panels on third-party property and reap the benefits on their own electric meters. This is the only way people can get solar in more established neighborhoods such as most of those in the 36th District where mature tree cover limits neighborhood solar potential."

Del. Karrie Delaney (D-67):

"I am proud to be an ally and partner of the Virginia Conservation Network and its partners. I support their 2020 legislative efforts and will personally be filling legislation which furthers their goals and visions."

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By KENNETH B. LOURIE



Off we go — or not — into the wild blue yonder. It seems that my most recent CT scan's results, described as "a little worse" by my oncologist are indeed cause for some reflection and change. (I'm not quite able to say "cause for concern," yet.) As such, to make the most effective change, per my oncologist's orders, I am scheduled for a needle biopsy on the Wednesday this column publishes. This procedure will determine, if there is a match, to the specific type of cancer tumor that I have. (Without boring you with too many details, the short version is that all cancer tumors are not alike. Biomarkers/genetic mutations such as ALK, BRAF, EGFR, NTRK, PD-L1 and ROS1 are the most common, and certain medicines work better against certain tumor types. Variation in the tumor types, such as the ones I've described, is a relatively recent discovery in lung cancer research.)

What this research has led to is another new kind of cancer treatment known as "targeted therapy." This means than rather than "flying blind," to use one of my brother, Richard's, favorite expressions, and employing a one-size-fits-all kind of approach to treatment, oncologists now have specific medicines to infuse when the tumor's genetic mutation is confirmed. Wednesday hopefully, will confirm something. However, researchers have not discovered all the tumor types so it's possible that this biopsy will reveal nothing useful for me and in effect, I'll be back to square one-ish.

As for what 'square-one-ish' means? It means that I'll likely be infusing medicines that previously worked for a time but whose infusions were stopped after they all ran their successful course years ago. As I've been told whenever this change became necessary, cancer cells eventually figure out what's happening to them and then the tumors begin growing. Once this growth is indicated on the CT scan, a new medicine is usually started, and on and on it goes until, apparently now, for me anyhow. "Targeted therapy" offers lots of new medicines. I just need a match. Unfortunately, there's no guarantee the biopsy will provide just such a match. There's only one way to find out. On Wednesday, we will begin to find out. To say I have a lot riding on this determination is the understatement of the year; at least for Team Lourie, it is. If I'm forced to repeat infusions from medicines that stopped working years ago, it'll be "Katie, bar the door," as we say in Boston which means, "Look out!"

I'm trying not to 'look out' though. I'm trying not to look anywhere, except straight ahead. Just because my life may be at stake, is no time to deviate from the norm that has been my modus operandi over the past 11 years. I'm not quite ready to consider that my stage IV lung cancer survival is coming to an end. Maybe it's just staggering and within a week or so, I'll get my bearings again. New medical information getting me new medical treatment is sure to put a bounce back in my step. For the first time in 11 years, to quote George Costanza from Seinfeld: "I'm back, baby." This could be the jolt my body needs to get me through to the next

research level. The Team Lourie strategy has always been for me to try and live long enough to reach the next medical breakthrough. So far, I've benefited from a few: tarceva, avastin and alimta; all miracle drugs according to my oncologist, and here I am, living proof that it has all worked.

Until I hear, post procedure, from my oncologist, in the interim, I am re-experiencing many what-happens-if-and-when emotions that I've not wrestled with for years. Unfortunately, this hospital visit is taking me back to the visit/biopsy I had in Feb. 2009 which confirmed the malignancy in my lungs in the first place. And here I am, hopefully not in the last place, waiting for the results of a biopsy yet again. It didn't work out so good in 2009. I just hope I have better luck in 2019.

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News

Medicaid

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halt the implementation of punitive work requirements to qualify for Medicaid Expansion and we hope that it means even more people will be able to benefit from the program."

Arkansas was the first state to implement a work reporting requirement for Medicaid. The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities concluded that 18,164 people lost coverage within the first seven months of the program and approximately 23% of all people subject to work requirements lost coverage. There is no evidence that work reporting requirements led to any major increase in work participation or hours worked, the study found. The policy is no longer being enforced in Arkansas, due to a recent court decision.

Ashleigh Crocker, communications director for Progress Virginia, thinks it doesn't make sense to implement the plan.

"The vast majority of people who get insurance coverage through Medicaid are already working," Crocker said.

BULLETIN BOARD

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THURSDAY/DEC. 19

Children's Holiday Party. Alexandria Domestic Violence Program (DVP) invites more than 60 families to attend a Children's Holiday Party. Dinner is provided and families participate in activities such as arts and crafts, face painting, Frosty Follies and singing holiday songs. Children also get a special visit from Santa Claus. You can participate in this year's event by contributing gift cards or new toys. For more information or to donate, email Magdalia Martinez at magdalia.martinez@alexandriava.gov. Visit alexandriava.gov/DomesticViolence or alexandriava.gov/SexualViolence.

Groundbreaking Ceremony for Potomac Yard Metro. 2-3 p.m. At the future location of the station's northwest entrance (3601 Potomac Ave., Alexandria). The City of Alexandria will hold a public groundbreaking ceremony for the new Potomac Yard Metrorail Station. The announcement of the groundbreaking ceremony follows issuance of a permit on Nov. 15 by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers under the federal Clean Water Act. The permit followed an extensive evaluation process, including a public comment period and consideration of conservation, economics, aesthetics, environmental protection, cultural values, energy needs, and safety. This was the final permit required under the Joint Permit Application process with the Corps and the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality. The Virginia State Water Control Board unanimously approved the state permit in September. Visit alexandriava.gov/PotomacYardMetro.

Lee District Playground Renovation to Begin

The Fairfax County Park Authority will soon begin work to install a new playground and shade structure at Lee District ReCenter located at 6601 Telegraph Road, Franconia. The contractor, Southern Asphalt and GameTime, will be mobilizing on site shortly with active construction activities beginning in mid-November. This project includes the demolition and removal of the existing playground and shade structure, installation of new playground equipment and shade structure, sidewalk improvements and related site work. Active construction is anticipated to be completed by the end of March 2020. The project is funded by bond funds and profers and has a budget of \$260,000. For details, contact the Project Manager, Kelly Davis at kelly.davis@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-324-8609.

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**4329 Tarpon Ln
\$635,000**

One of Yacht Haven Estates most admired properties is now available! Absolutely gorgeous home and grounds widely regarded as one of the communities most meticulously maintained properties! Features include: gorgeous hardwood floors, thermal replacement windows, heat, hot water, fireplace, and cooking are all natural gas. Recently installed vinyl siding and exterior doors including garage door. Custom 2 tier deck with access from Master Bedroom and main level lead to brick patio overlooking magnificent large rear grounds. Gigantic rear yard with shed is a gardeners dream. Rare opportunity to find such a meticulously maintained turn key home!

OPEN SUNDAY 1-4PM!



**9335 Brambly Ln
\$749,500**

Spacious updated home on absolutely gorgeous 80 acre grounds. Open floor plan and large windows capitalize on surrounding natural beauty and privacy provided by its magnificent setting. The home has been substantially updated and its special features include: large room sizes, replacement thermal windows, hardwood floors, elegant trim detail, upgraded master suite, and Kitchen with granite counter tops, stainless appliances, and gas cooking. True oversize 2 car garage. Custom brick & stone patios/walk ways to enhance the beautiful private natural setting. Amazing home and grounds locate at the end of a quiet cul-de-sac for exceptionally attractive price!

OPEN SUNDAY 1-4PM!



**4116 Ferry Landing Rd
\$878,500**

Incredible new price! 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!

OPEN SUNDAY 1-4PM!



**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!

OPEN SUNDAY 1-4PM!



**9346 Mt. Vernon Circle
\$850,000**

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 residents!

JUST LISTED!



**4296 Neitzey Pl
\$1,776,000**

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!



**4401 Ferry Landing Rd
\$568,950**

Most house for the \$ in fabulous Yacht Haven Estates! Classic Mid-Century charm. Features: open floor plan, large room sizes and expansive walls of glass to bring the natural beauty of the grounds to every corner of the home. Exceptionally spacious with two full finished levels, 4 BR's, 3 Full BA's, 2 FP's, all glass thermal replacement windows, gorgeous .5 acre lot, walk to river and MV Yacht Club

ONE LEVEL LIVING!



**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 docks 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!

POTOMAC RIVER VIEWS!



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