

## Video Released of 2009 Officer-Involved Shooting

**Dashboard camera recorded audio, not video of the shots fired.**

BY TIM PETERSON  
THE GAZETTE

**B**arrie Masters' son David died Nov. 13, 2009. A Fairfax County Police officer shot and killed him while he sat, unarmed, and behind the wheel of his car. Last week, more than five years later, Fairfax County Police released the dashboard video from the cruiser of the officer who shot David Masters.

David Masters had allegedly stolen a handful of flowers from a vendor along Route 1 and driven away. The police were called and pursued him to the intersection of Route 1 and Fort Hunt Road, in the Mount Vernon area of Alexandria.

Police cruisers blocked Masters from driving any further. Then officers approached the driver's side of his Chevrolet Blazer. Officer David Scott Ziants subsequently fired at Masters, still seated in the vehicle.

In a May 6, 2015 statement, current Fairfax County Chief of Police Edwin



IMAGE TAKEN FROM VIDEO RELEASED BY THE FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

**The dashboard-mounted camera in Fairfax County Police officer David Scott Ziants' cruiser shows Ziants and another officer approaching David Masters' Chevrolet Blazer with guns drawn.**

Roessler recapped: "The involved officer was found to be in administrative violation of the Police Department's General Order 540.1, Use of Force, and is no longer a member of the Fairfax County Police Department."

Roessler's statement briefly provided con-

text for the public release of a video of the incident, taken from the dashboard-mounted camera in a squad car. The video was previously evidence in the internal police investigation.

The Chief's statement further reads: "In an effort to continue with increasing our

transparency and the public trust, I have exercised my discretion under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act by authorizing the release of the in-car video from the criminal investigation into the officer-involved shooting of David Masters that occurred in the Mount Vernon District on Friday, Nov. 13, 2009. Based on several requests, the video was provided to the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission and is posted here."

At the April 27 meeting of the commission Connection Newspapers editor and publisher Mary Kimm asked Commonwealth's Attorney Raymond F Morrogh if and when such a video would be made available to the public. Morrogh responded he had no problem with its release, but wasn't in possession of a copy himself.

"In reaching my decision to release the in-car video," Roessler's statement continues, "I considered the following factors: The local criminal investigation has been completed; the U.S. Department of Justice criminal investigation has been completed; and there is no pending or threatened civil litigation. I recognize the value of releasing the video to the community we proudly serve."

Board of Supervisors chairman Sharon

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## The Importance of Including Everyone

**Hundreds turn out as School Board votes to add "gender identity" to nondiscrimination policy.**

BY TIM PETERSON  
THE GAZETTE

**D**iscrimination is bad, and everyone should have a safe environment in which to learn. These sentiments were common to the Fairfax County School Board members and the hundreds of parents who packed the auditorium and front lobby of Luther Jackson Middle School for the board's May 7 meeting.

But as the board convened to take action on adding the words "gender identity" to its nondiscrimination policy, there was significant, emotional discord in the audience and among several board members as

to how the board had arrived at making this decision and what implementation of the policy update would ultimately look like.

Though signs and banners are typically allowed inside the school's auditorium during School Board business meetings, additional security at the May 7 meet-

**"The reason we haven't had a full-blown community engagement about this policy is because, frankly, nothing is changing."**

— School Board member Ted Velkoff

ing prohibited those with signs from entering. Dozens of citizens therefore crowded around the open doors to the auditorium and

periodically vocalized their opinions.

In November, the School Board voted to add sexual orientation to the list of categories for which a Fairfax County student, employee or applicant for employment should not be discriminated against. That list also includes age, race, color, sex, religion, national origin, marital status or disability.

At-large member Ryan McElveen introduced the gender identity update to the policy at a forum in March of this year. Then it came up as new business at the board's April 23 regular meeting and was scheduled for a vote on May 7.

McElveen gave several reasons justifying the motion, beginning with a March opinion by Virginia Attorney General Mark Herring that local school boards do have authority under Virginia law to make such decisions.

Regarding the protection of transgender students and employees, he said, "The truth is we already do, but that protection has never been clearly outlined in our policies."

Several public speakers at the beginning of the meeting voiced concerns that this policy change would make bathrooms and locker rooms unsafe by allowing members of one biological gender to use the opposite facility.

"Fears about this policy change are unfounded and need to be better understood," McElveen said. "After we pass this policy tonight, nothing will change in how we handle cases of transgender and

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### The New Policy

"No student, employee, or applicant for employment in the Fairfax County Public Schools shall, on the basis of age, race, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, national origin, marital status, or disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity, as required by law. It is the express intent of the School Board that every policy, practice, and procedure shall conform to all applicable requirements of federal and state law."

What Happens Next:

"No decisions have yet been made regarding accommodations that will be provided, under the new policy. FCPS will hire a consultant to assist in developing appropriate regulations that protect the rights of all students and to comply with state and federal law."

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# Officer's Lack of Recording Ends Four DWI Cases

Police officer failed to use car camera and body microphone.

BY TIM PETERSON  
THE GAZETTE

Fairfax-based attorney Eric Clingan thought it was odd the Fairfax County Police officer who asked his client to perform a field sobriety test didn't have his body microphone on. Nor did the test take place in view of his patrol car's dashboard-mounted camera.

He contacted three attorneys handling similar cases with the police officer as the complainant, including Fairfax-based Justin Weiss, Faraji Rosenthal and a lawyer from Fairfax County's Public Defender's of-

fice. In each instance, the police officer's body mic was off and the sobriety test was conducted off-camera.

"It became obvious to us that it certainly seemed like it had to be more than just a coincidence," said Clingan. "Four separate nights, four different individual defendants."

Clingan then looked up the Fairfax County Police Department General Order 430.8, which details the mobile in-vehicle video program.

The order requires microphones and cameras to be regularly checked for proper functioning, and to be turned on at all

times while interacting with civilians. The cameras are capable of swiveling 360 degrees.

"Even if the officer has to take the individual to the side of his vehicle, nothing prevents him from going into the car and moving the camera to capture that performance on video," Clingan said. "The Fairfax County Police Department has clearly given this officer the ability to record it."

All four cases of driving while intoxicated came before Judge Ian M. O'Flaherty in Fairfax General District Court on Friday, May 8. And the judge dismissed each of them for due process violations.

"A case like this will hopefully send a message to the police department and to the community that we have the ability to record both audio and video interactions with the police, and that's for everyone's safety and everyone's protection," said Clingan. "It effectively eliminates misunderstandings, miscommunications and, frankly, misremembering of details over any kind of conduct or confrontation."

"It emphasizes the importance of making sure this technology is used properly," said Rosenthal. "There's more to it than getting cameras; there has to be a change in thought process. In all cases, [recording] helps defense attorneys as often as it helps police officers, taking away from failings of human memory and eyesight."

## Transit Means Business

BY ANDREA WORKER  
THE GAZETTE

Local, state and federal elected and appointed officials, business leaders, researchers and directors and staff from transportation and economic development agencies gathered on Friday morning, May 8, at the Greensboro Conference Center in the heart of Tysons. David Snyder, vice mayor of the City of Falls Church and chair of event sponsor Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC), acknowledged the "firepower in the room" during his opening remarks. U.S. Deputy Transportation Secretary Victor Mendez, Virginia Secretary of Transportation Aubrey Layne, Jr., U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine (D-Va), U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11), and U.S. Rep. Don Beyer (D-8) were among the speakers. Informed with data, statistics and research, those assembled agreed that the economic health of the region, and the state, relies heavily on what the NVTC calls the new "location, location, location," where businesses have efficient and reliable access to employees, customers, investors, amenities, goods and services.

The relationship between transit and business was the priority topic of the day, but any strategic assessment of the situation requires a detailed look at the overall package — including the people who form the

ridership and fuel the business tank with their talent and efforts. "We're here to talk about a transit system that is not just for today," said Snyder, "but a system that will serve future generations."

Serving today's "boomers" and "millennials" as well as the generations coming up behind both brought about much discussion of transit-oriented development, or TOD. Commonly defined as compact, mixed-use, generally high-density development preferably within a quarter mile of transit facilities, key characteristics of TOD include multi-modal travel options and the interconnectivity of vehicle, pedestrian and cycling surfaces leading to those transit hubs and stations. Studies show that the inclusion of diverse public and private "play" space — playgrounds, gardens, parks and cultural venues — are also a growing expectation of the TOD approach. According to Fairfax County Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill), a speaker and a commissioner with the NVTC, all of those components combined paint a realistic picture of "development where people want to be. And that's good for them and good for the corridor." Hudgins is particularly hopeful that the Silver Line Metro and continuing TOD activity in her district will support Dulles International Airport, which continues to struggle versus the booming Reagan.

High Level forum discusses regional transit options and obstacles.



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### Beyer's 'Top 10'

U.S. Rep. Don Beyer's (D-8) "Top Ten" list comparing transportation in Switzerland to the U.S. elicited some chuckles from the audience. Beyer used his personal experience as the former U.S. Ambassador to Switzerland to compile his list, which included the fact that the Swiss are less constricted as to where they choose to live because of the variety of far-reaching and reliable transportation. He also noted that here at home, two of the things that take up most of our dollars relate to mortgages and parking fees, while in Switzerland, the top two areas where money is spent were on food and vacations. "Which would you prefer?" was Beyer's question to the crowd.

**THE MILLENNIALS** are in large part the driving force behind transit-oriented development. Layne cited studies that numbered 30 percent of that generation as not holding driver's licenses: 70 percent of the millennial population use multi-modal transportation — and want even more choices to reach additional destinations without automobiles. U.S. Deputy Secretary of Transportation Mendez informed the attendees that millennials would eventually become the largest population segment in all of U.S. history. Without attractive alternatives to downtown living, Mendez anticipates that the future strain on urban centers would reach critical mass. "The time to address these needs is now," he said.

After the opening speakers' remarks, the next portion of the program took the format of a panel presentation and discussion that continued to stress the need for transit-oriented development, but touched on a number of other issues and observations related to the agenda.

Terry Clower from George Mason University stressed the need for Northern Virginia business to shift away from its dependence on the federal government. "We need to be more competitive, with a stronger transit network to become more 'business2business' versus 'business2government.'" The need for more affordable housing — a Hudgins' hot but-

ton — also came to the fore, with panelist Mark Carrier of B.F. Saul Hospitality Group warning that a large section of service workers and others in lower and even middle salary ranges were being pushed out of the newer developments by the increasingly upward scale of rents and purchase prices in those areas. Maggie Parker with Comstock Partners, LLC, agreed with Carrier, but noted that the development and investment company is already on board. Of the 450 units under construction at their Reston Station project at Wiehle Avenue and the Dulles Toll Road, 90 of them are targeted for lower income pricing. Parker also praised Fairfax County officials for re-defining bus routes to include more limited-stop buses that more effectively serve the metro and bus hubs, and routes that reach deeper into neighborhoods to connect people with transportation sources, key ingredients of successful transit-oriented developments.

Following the panel segment, Kaine spoke to the attendees. "In the 20<sup>th</sup> century," he said, "talent served capitalism. In the 21<sup>st</sup> century, capitalism will serve talent. Access to talent and a significant workforce pool is the top factor for business location, relocation and expansion." The audience and speakers were then re-grouped into

## Crash on Richmond Highway Kills Pedestrian

Fifty-eight-year-old Sonia Granados was attempting to cross Route 1 just before Anderson Lane when she was struck in the roadway by a 2008 Mitsubishi Eclipse heading southbound. The incident occurred around 9 p.m. Monday, May 11.

Granados was taken to Inova Mount Vernon Hospital and pronounced dead shortly thereafter.

Fairfax County Police reported Granados was not using a crosswalk and

the area was not well lit.

Neither speed nor alcohol were factors for the 56-year-old male driver of the Eclipse, police said.

Police ask any witnesses or those with information to contact Crime Solvers at [www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org](http://www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org), text-a-tip by texting "TIP187" plus a message to CRIMES (274637), call 1-866-411-TIPS (8477) or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.

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# Police Release Video of Shooting

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Bulova called for the creation of the Ad Hoc commission and has sat beside its chairman Michael Hershman at the group's first two meetings. In a statement she confirmed the video was provided to the commission and added, "Use of force and communications policies are some of the areas the commission will be looking into and I look forward to their recommendations this fall."

Barrie Masters, who lives in the Sanford area of Florida, said he received a call from Fairfax County Police Internal Affairs informing him the video was going to be released.

Watching the movie and speaking with the media about it, he said, has been extremely difficult.

"I eventually broke down when I was trying to narrate it for Channel 9," Masters said. "I had to break off the interview, just got incredibly emotional."

What first stood out to Masters first was "the attitude, if they're willing to release this after six years where we had no idea this existed, there must be nothing on it."

At about three minutes into the 13-minute video posted on YouTube, two Fairfax County Police officers approach Masters' car at a stoplight on Route 1, guns drawn. The officers follow the car off the screen, gunfire rings out in the audio, followed by, "Whoa, whoa! The — you doing, dude? Come on!" that some have said was the other officer talking to Ziants.

"I now think there's a lot on it," said Barrie Masters. "I now think Ziants clearly intended to kill David."

Masters said he intends to pursue action against Ziants and then-Chief of Police David M. Rohrer "for what I call 'hiding evidence' and anybody else we can bring in."

Mike Curtis, founder of Northern Virginia Cop Block, the Facebook group Justice for John Geer and vice president of the Virginia Citizens Coalition for Police Accountability, called for the public to "take a more active role policing the police. This video would never have been made public if not for the pressure put on Morrogh at the commission meeting."

The coalition's executive director and Mount



IMAGE TAKEN FROM VIDEO RELEASED BY THE FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

**After officer Ziants fired his gun, Masters drove further on Route 1 before coming to a stop in a cloud of smoke off the side of the road.**

Vernon resident Nicholas Beltrante believes more of the video may exist than was released.

"The actual filming of the officer raising his gun and firing was not part of it," Beltrante said, "it was cut off, came to an abrupt end at that point. I'm of the opinion that was intentionally and purposely done."

Fairfax County Police spokesperson Lucy Caldwell responded to Beltrante's claim, reporting from Internal Affairs personnel that, "No, it was not edited in that way. That is an untrue statement."

Beltrante is still critical the police aren't practicing accountability and transparency.

"Regardless of the age of it," he said, "it is a classic case of police impropriety: There was a no provocation, no justification for the action of that officer."

Masters' father said he can hear Ziants asking the other officer if he also saw Masters pull a gun.

"The bits I have heard are pretty damning," he said. "I said a lot of this at the time and couldn't get anyone to listen much. It must need riots in the streets to get attention I guess."

The full video released by Fairfax County Police can be found on YouTube at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=LVX86PsIVDI&feature=youtu.be](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LVX86PsIVDI&feature=youtu.be).

## CRIME REPORT

The following incidents were reported by the Mount Vernon District Police Station.

**ROBBERY**, 7500 Block of Richmond Highway, May 3, 11:10 p.m. The victim was walking and approached by two men. The suspects assaulted the victim, took cash and fled. The victim incurred none life-threatening injuries.

**BURGLARY**, 11000 block of Oakton Road, May 1. A resident reported someone entered the residence and took property.

**BURGLARY**, 2900 block of Arlington Drive, April 30. An employee reported someone entered the business and took property.

**BURGLARY**, 3900 block of El

Camino Place, April 30. A resident reported someone entered the residence and took property.

**ROBBERY**, Frye Road/Pole Road, April 29, 4:19 p.m. The victim was walking on the sidewalk and approached by a man from behind. The suspect pushed the victim then grabbed her purse and fled. Patrol officers located the suspect and arrested him. A 17-year-old boy from the Alexandria area was charged with robbery.

**ROBBERY**, 7200 block of Richmond Highway, April 28, 10:02 a.m. A man entered the Taco Bell restaurant and demanded money from an employee. The suspect took cash and property and fled. The victim did not require medical attention. The suspect was described as black, 40 to 50 years old, wearing a

black baseball hat, gray sweat shirt and blue jeans.

**PEEPING**, 6600 block of East Wakefield Drive, April 28, 10:50 p.m. A resident looked out the window and saw a man looking into a room of the residence. The suspect fled prior to police arrival. The suspect was described as black, 30 to 35 years of age, between 5 feet 8 and 5 feet 10 inches tall, and about 180 pounds.

**ROBBERY**, 5300 block of Bedford Terrace, April 28, 12:55 p.m. The victim was walking and was approached by a man. The suspect took property by force and fled. The victim did not require

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# The Importance of Including Everyone

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gender nonconforming students and employees.”

McElveen added that students and employees will continue to go through a thorough vetting process with regards to any gender-nonconformity, and that the board has “never received a concern regarding a bathroom incident of this nature.”

Another justification raised by McElveen was the board is being compelled by the U.S. Department of Education office of civil rights to amend its policy as part of a national gender identity protection rollout. “In this light, amending is non-negotiable,” he said, “unless we want the government to come after our federal funding.”

The School Board’s counsel John E. Foster confirmed McElveen’s statements, saying “the federal government has been very clear they expect local school divisions to amend their policies to include gender identity.”

**NOT ALL BOARD** members agreed with that interpretation, however.

“That the government could compel individual local school boards around the country or risk losing federal education money like Title IX funds is unconscionable,” said Elizabeth Schultz, representing the Springfield District.

“Is my federal government really threatening me, as a duly elected local official who has sworn an oath to the constitution of Virginia to run this school system, to do their bidding by inserting ‘gender identity’ or face taking our children’s lunch money?”

Schultz also voiced concerns that the board had not taken sufficient time to fully examine how it would implement the policy update and what the effects would be, both for staff workload and cost to the school system.

She motioned to postpone action on the policy until October, “so that the board can be provided the commensurate draft regulation and handbook language, and determine the overall impact of the proposed



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**Citizens were actively engaged in the discussion leading up to the Fairfax County School Board’s 10-1 vote in favor of adding gender identity to the district’s nondiscrimination policy.**

revision to Policy 1450.”

Patty Reed, representing Providence District, agreed with Schultz.

“This is about whether our board is being responsible or foolhardy,” she said. “Frankly the process we’ve used to get to this point is troubling and embarrassing — so many fundamental questions that remain unanswered.”

The board members, Reed continued, “clearly have caught the public by surprise and not done justice to our established public engagement process.”

Ultimately, Schultz and Reed were outvoted and the action moved forward, amid spontaneous outbursts from an increasingly boisterous audience.

The board finally voted 10-1 in favor of updating the policy to include “gender identity.” Schultz was the only dissenting vote, with Reed abstaining.

**IN CHAIRMAN** Tammy Derenak Kaufax’s statement regarding the decision, she said, “No decisions have yet been made regarding accommodations that will be provided under the revised policy. Our next step will be to hire a consultant to assist in developing appropriate regulations that protect the rights of all students and comply with state and federal law.”

Following the vote, citizens began filing out of the auditorium and lingered in the lobby and covered area leading into the school.

Josh Israel of Fairfax was one of the public speakers before the School Board, in support of the update. “This policy sends an important signal to all our teachers, staff and students — particularly those who are transgender — that they need not be afraid,” he said in his remarks.

After the vote, Israel said, “They demon-



**Citizens on both sides of the debate lingered outside Luther Jackson Middle School following the School Board’s vote.**

strated they understand the importance of including everyone.”

In response to Schultz’s comments during the meeting that Fairfax County policy should instead simply read “Don’t discriminate,” Israel said, “It still has to mean something; until these are enumerated, there isn’t any enforcement. It’s encouraging that 10 School Board members recognized that tonight.”

Devon Flynn of Centreville is a junior at George Mason University. He came out against the proposition. “I was hoping with the majority here opposing it, the board would see and respond to our opinions,” he said.

One big issue for Flynn is the “federal one size fits all” aspect of the policy update. “They have no place to tell a county, a school district,” what to do, he said. Another concern for him is bathrooms and locker rooms: Flynn said he would move his future children to another county if students are allowed to use facilities designated for the opposite sex.

“I think it’s a shame,” he said.

Dalia Palchik, an Annandale resident and teacher at Sheridan School in Washington, D.C. supports the policy update. “As a teacher, I’ve seen kids struggle,” she said afterwards. “It’s time we do everything we can to help everyone, including the most vulnerable.” Palchik is also running to represent Providence District on the School Board. John Thom of Fairfax came to the

meeting to get a sense of what was happening and how the public was feeling. “I didn’t see a need to change the policy, and why this inexplicable rush to pass it without analysis?”

“Proper deliberation is what I hear people asking for — did they collect all the information and have a substantial debate?”

**THESE QUESTIONS** were answered by School Board vice chairman Ted Velkoff: “The reason we that haven’t had a full-blown community engagement about this policy is because, frankly, nothing is changing,” he said during the meeting.

“The notion that outside agitators promote, that this policy change will cause a sudden massive upheaval, is not true,” Velkoff continued. “The proof is that we have been dealing with transgender persons in FCPS and none of these catastrophic consequences has ever materialized.”

Student representative to the School Board Harris LaTeef refrained from weighing in on the motion, other than to say the majority of students he talked to supported changing the policy. The Langley High School senior did, however, implore the audience for something else:

“Come budget time next year I want to see this passion, this vigor, this community involvement when it comes to funding our schools,” he said. “That is a true threat to our children, our community, the underfunding of our schools.”



**Devon Flynn, a George Mason University junior from Centreville, came to the board meeting protesting the adoption of Policy 1450: adding gender identity to the school district’s nondiscrimination policy.**



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### SATURDAY/MAY 16

**"Staying Home."** 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. AARP is teaming up with Mt. Vernon at Home, Fairfax County Department of Neighborhood and Community Services, and Fairfax County Building for All Committee for a free community workshop. A panel of experts will share practical tips to minimize the financial costs of home modifications, and how to avoid fraud and scams. Registration is free, but space is limited. Visit [www.states.aarp.org/may-16](http://www.states.aarp.org/may-16).

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# OPINION

## Public Comment at Police Commission

Come out to testify before the commission on Monday, May 18.

John Geer was shot dead by Fairfax County Police Officer Adam Torres on Aug. 29, 2013, and the outrage over the quality and timing of the release of information about the shooting led to the formation of the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission, which will hold a public forum next Monday, May 18.

Geer was standing unarmed with his hands up inside the doorway to his home in Springfield when he was killed. Police had been called to the scene because of a domestic argument, and while Geer was a legal gun owner, as are one-third of all Virginia residents, no crime had been committed. Aside from the officer who shot Geer, four other officers on the scene told investigators that same day that they were shocked by the shot that killed Geer and thought the shooting was unnecessary. (One officer described his first reaction: “WTF.”) Geer made great effort to be predictable in his actions, asking permission to scratch his nose, otherwise keeping his hands up on the doorframe.

Still it took a year and a half and a court order before police officials released the name of the officer who fired the shot and about 11,000 pages of documents related to the investigation. Reading the details of the investigation, it was easy to feel that the meager police statements in the meantime had been de-

liberately misleading.

In January 2015, just before the statements of the other officers were released because of the court order, Police Chief Edwin Roessler released this update with the name of the officer: “Geer was reported as having multiple firearms inside the home, displaying a firearm that he threatened to use against the police, and refused the officers’ requests that he remain outside and speak to them. Officers, including a trained negotiator, attempted to peaceably resolve the situation. They spoke with Geer for more than 30 minutes as he stood in the doorway of his home. When Geer began lowering his hands at one point during the negotiations, PFC Adam Torres fired a single shot that struck

EDITORIAL

### Call for Father’s Day Photos

In the last two weeks, we printed Mother’s Day photos submitted by readers, and now we call for photos for Father’s Day.

Father’s Day is Sunday, June 21, and once again the Gazette will publish a gallery of Father’s Day photos.

Every year at this time, the Connection puts out the call for photographs of fathers and their children, grandfathers and their children and grandchildren.

Send in photos as soon as possible, with the

Geer.”

It was public concern about the huge delay in any information released, and the inconsistencies between police releases and the investigative record that resulted in the Board of Supervisors forming the police review commission. The commission has undertaken a broad review of police policies and practices but will not report on the Geer shooting itself.

The Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission is holding a public forum on Monday, May 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Fairfax County Government Center Board Auditorium. Members of the public may sign up to speak by filling out the online form, or by calling the Clerk to the Board’s office at 703-324-3151. See [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/speaker\\_bos.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/speaker_bos.htm)

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Mary Kimm is a member of the Fairfax County Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission.

following information: the town where you live, the names of everyone in the picture, the approximate date the picture was taken, the ages of the children and a sentence or two about what is happening and where the photograph was taken. Be sure to tell us your town name and neighborhood. Photos are due by June 15. You can submit your photos online at [www.connectionnewspapers.com/fathersday](http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/fathersday). You can also email photos to [gazette@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:gazette@connectionnewspapers.com).

the district attorney, a court and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. I can only call for public pressure to bring this about and to end this conspiracy of silence concerning the death of my son. I am calling for justice.

Barrie Masters

### Protect Parkway

To the Editor:

The City of Alexandria is about to choose their preferred alternative for a new Metro stop. What you are probably not aware of is that the “Potomac Yard Metro,” “preferred alternative (B)” is actually on a scenic easement held by the National Park Service that was put in place to protect the view shed of the George Washington Memorial Parkway. On top of this, Option B will move the Metro tracks onto The National Park Service land itself. The Metro station was originally envisioned on the site of option A, which brings far less (if any) degradation to the George Washington Memorial Parkway. Because the “preferred site” option B is on Federal Parkland, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was required. The EIS is open for comments until May 18 at [comments@potomacyardmetro.com](mailto:comments@potomacyardmetro.com) or [orwrittentestimony@wamata.com](mailto:orwrittentestimony@wamata.com).

George Washington’s residence at Mount Vernon and the city that bore his name could be dismissed as cultural icons, if it were not

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### A Call For Justice

To the Editor:

I am Barrie Masters, a retired Army Colonel and father of David Alan Masters who was killed by a Fairfax County police officer on a rainy afternoon, Nov. 13, 2009, while sitting in his Chevrolet Blazer stopped at a traffic light on Route 1 and Fort Hunt Road in Fairfax County. He was killed by Officer David A. Ziants who had been following David’s vehicle for about a mile in his police cruiser before firing the fatal shot, point blank, though the rear window of David’s car. Ziants had reached into the rear window and fired a shot that entered David’s left shoulder from the rear travelling downward through his aorta and heart before coming to rest inside his rib case. David died almost instantly, and his vehicle then careened across the road before coming to rest. He was covered in blood. It is clear that Ziants shot was intended to kill David. David was unarmed.

Prior to the shooting, David had collected about five dollars’ worth of flowers from a roadside stand that appeared to be on an empty lot. It was two days after Veteran’s Day, David who was proudly wearing his military uniform and Green Beret, was on his way to put some flowers on a veteran’s grave, something he did every year. At the time, officer Ziants said he knew nothing about the flower incident, he said he thought he was chasing a car thief. Fairfax County has just released a dashcam

video of Ziants’ slow speed car chase and the fatal shooting. Two other officers in a separate police cruiser were present at the shooting. They both can be heard on the video reacting with shock at Ziants actions; “Dude what have you done”, and Ziants can be heard saying: “You saw him pull a gun right?” To which, there was no reply.

The release of this dash cam video, almost six years after the fatal shooting, is the first release of any information by Fairfax County authorities. Countless requests for investigative reports under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act have been flatly rejected by the police and the county. The Virginia statutes on FOI give the police protection in this regard. At least that is their claim. What are they afraid of six years after the event? In agreeing to release the dash cam video, the existence of which has never been disclosed before, Chief Edwin Roessler stated: “The local criminal investigation has been completed; the U.S. Department of Justice investigation has been completed; and there is no pending or threatened litigation.” He also proudly said that “Ziants had been found in violation of General Orders prohibiting the use of deadly force and fired.” Chief Roessler apparently thought that there was no incriminating evidence on the video.

If all these alleged investigations have been completed and the officer found in violation of general orders concerning the use of deadly force, why has he not been prosecuted, and why have the reports not been released? Any number of organizations could order the release of the investigative reports: the police,

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for his importance to the American heritage. The two became intertwined through not only George Washington, but also by the road connecting the two. This connection was so great, that early writers described how "every patriotic American who visits Washington makes a pious pilgrimage to the home and tomb of the Father of his Country."

The road, however was at some spots little more than wooded trails.

Consequently, in 1887 Edward Fox came up with the idea to create a National Highway from Washington D.C. to Mount Vernon, which was finished in 1932 to mark George Washington's Bicentennial. Congress envisioned that the parkway (or ways through or between parks) would be distinguished from highways or ordinary streets by the dominant purpose of recreation rather than movement; restricted to pleasure vehicles, and arranged with regard for scenery, topography and similar features rather than for directness.

In order to get the parkway to go through Alexandria, they entered into a 1929 agreement with the Federal government promising to keep the memorial character of the parkway.

However, by 1946, Alexandria had fallen off the memorial wagon (so to speak), so the Federal government indicated that the parkway was to be moved away from Alexandria. At this point, the City of Alexandria offered to create a historic district to protect the parkway, which would then continue to traverse through Alexandria.

The George Washington Memorial Parkway is one of finest federal parks in the United States, it uniquely incorporates the beauty of the District of Columbia with the marvels of nature. It is also the reason that the City of Alexandria has a historic district, which was created in 1946 to protect the integrity and purpose of the parkway. Furthermore, the designers wanted to create a magnificent entranceway into the city and put in easements to achieve it. Every guest who has visited us has remarked on the beauty of this entranceway into the City of Alexandria.

Option B is clearly visible from the parkway, and it will largely extinguish the special entrance, especially with the 500-foot long and very high bridge from the Yard to the metro stop that runs practically parallel to the parkway.

The Park Service has entered into an agreement under significant political pressure, and while fixing up Daingerfield Island is laudable, it is not part of the purpose of the George Washington Memorial Highway, and this in no way compensates for the degradation of the parkway that will transpire. Furthermore, the notion that Option A is as visible and obtrusive to the parkway is absurd.

The George Washington Memorial Parkway is not a neglected stepchild, but rather the impetus for the entire Historic District, SEE LETTERS, PAGE 11

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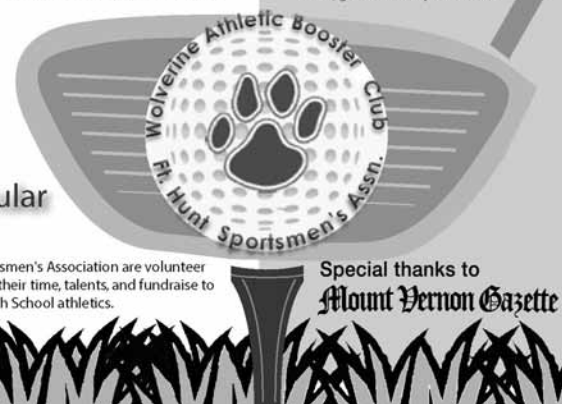
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 and by inference, it is responsible for Alexandria's place on the tourist maps. It inculcates a heritage that warrants sharing with the world, as people from all over the globe make a pilgrimage from Washington D.C. to Mount Vernon to pay their respects to the Father of this Country. The parkway also represents a trust placed on the city by the Federal government that it would maintain the highway for the purpose and dignity it was envisioned to convey.

So, does it make sense for Alexandria to incur greater risk, pay higher debt servicing costs, and destroy its cultural and scenic heritage for the equivalent of less than the distance of three city blocks in Old Town? Does it make sense for the rest of us to surrender and diminish the purpose of federal parkland in the form of the George Washington Memorial Parkway because the city of Alexandria decided it wants to use the "wasted space"? And, did it make sense for our Federal delegation to put so much pressure on the National Park Service to give up this historic and cultural heritage (not to mention parkland) in order to move the Metro station less than three old town city blocks? This seems

like a great deal of pain for so little gain.

**Poul Heertel**  
 Alexandria

## Offers New Solutions

To the Editor:

I'm voting for Jack Dobbyn for Mount Vernon District supervisor because thus far Mr. Dobbyn has been the only candidate offering ideals and ideas.

While I am sad to see Mr. Hyland leaving his role as Mount Vernon supervisor, I know that Mount Vernon still has its trials and tribulations, and Mr. Dobbyn has not shied away from identifying some of our issues. But more than that, Mr. Dobbyn has offered new solutions. From the others I've only heard the standard plan and implement rhetoric that you'd expect from educated and professional men and women seeking a job. Mr. Dobbyn has not only discussed real issues, but has shown the passion that will also be required to move residents and fellow Board of Supervisors to action.

Mr. Dobbyn is talking about the issues that are more than simple resume embellishments. He is talk-

ing about the things that make a difference in the lives of Mount Vernon residents: restoring accreditation to Mount Vernon schools, credibility to our police department, how to expand our road network, and bringing quality businesses throughout our district.

I have observed Mr. Dobbyn with his family around Mount Vernon. He's a very caring and loving father.

Mount Vernon needs more than somebody that admires the achievements of our past. We need new leadership for Mount Vernon, leadership with real ideas and solutions, and not afraid to stand up for what is right for us when nobody else will. We need a supervisor that will focus the county on the right priorities — our schools, our local economy, our traffic, and our public safety.

This is the time for Mount Vernon residents to choose a supervisor with new ideas and ideals, passion and energy, dedication and commitment to our entire community. I believe those qualities are best seen in Jack Dobbyn. He has my vote on June 9.

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# NEWS

**The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission Forum Speakers Panel: From left are moderator Robert Puentes, senior fellow and director, Metropolitan Infrastructure Initiative, Brookings Metropolitan Policy Program; Maggie Parker, director of communications and community outreach, Comstock Partners, LLC; Mark Carrier, senior officer of B.F. Saul Company Hospitality Group; Buddy Rizer, director for economic development in Loudoun County; Shyman Kannan, managing director of planning, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority; Terry Clower, NoVa chair and professor of public policy at George Mason University, deputy director GMU Center for Regional Analysis; Brian Smith, assistant to the president and CEO for organizational advancement at Hampton Roads Transit.**



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## Forum Discusses Transit

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roundtable teams and put to work. With each team facilitated by an NVTC commissioner, the participants were tasked to discuss two questions: 1) What does transit mean to your business or for the economic competitiveness of your community? 2) What are the next steps for making an effective case for what transit means to business? Staff from the NVTC collected the notes from each group and will be disseminating the information and acting on suggestions and recommendations after further study and discussion.

**THERE IS** a common worry that is producing a “chilling effect on what can be done or what will even be attempted” to improve and grow the transit network according to Connolly, who offered a summation of the event prior to closing remarks by Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova. “Financing has always been the impediment,” said Connolly. Referring to the construction of Phase I of the Silver Line system as the example, Connolly likened the experience to the silent movie serial “Perils of Pauline” in which the heroine of the title is constantly placed in a series of certain-death situations, only to be rescued at the last minute. “That was the Silver Line, always on the edge of near

death. And we can’t replicate what we did with the original project today,” he added. Phase I of the Silver Line enterprise saw an average of 80 percent in federal funds. Connolly noted that before securing additional loans, there was only 16 percent in federal monies on offer for the next phase of the project. “We could (continue) because we have the critical mass in our corridor,” said Connolly, “but not all jurisdictions can, and frankly that almost precludes our ability to extend rail where we know it needs to go.”

Federal funding for transportation is due — once again — to expire at the end of the month. As Mendez described the situation, “It’s difficult to run a program 10 months at a time. That’s not how you run your business, I’m sure.” Connolly, Layne and others made similar comments, pointing out that the implementation of vital transportation projects is not only more difficult, but also less efficient and more expensive in the long run when constrained by budget uncertainties. While Layne says there is a plan in place to keep projects moving for at least several months if no extension is passed, he also warns that as many as 200 transportation projects around the state could eventually come to a stop if Congress fails to act.

For more information on transportation issues in the region, see [www.novatransit.org](http://www.novatransit.org).

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# Law Enforcement, the Mentally Ill and the Pursuit of Justice

BY STACEY A. KINCAID  
SHERIFF, FAIRFAX COUNTY

**A**cross the nation, people are having serious discussions about how to alter the dynamic that too often exists between some law enforcement officers and individuals. Out of each case, we learn something that will help us go forward. So, as justice pursues its course in Fairfax County with regard to the tragic death of Natasha McKenna, let's not lose sight of the real underlying problem: the systemic mishandling of mentally ill patients who have few or no resources, and law enforcement's struggle to deal with untreated or undertreated individuals.

There is a teachable moment here for those of us who have dedicated our lives to law enforcement and for members of the community who believe in dignity and fairness for those who come into contact with the criminal justice system.

All of us are eager — and many are impatient — for the investigation into Ms. McKenna's death to be concluded. This incident has not been forgotten or ignored. From the beginning, the Sheriff's Office has cooperated with the investigation fully. The recent completion of a report by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner means the investigation is nearing a close. I have not

offered more than passing comment because, as both a law enforcement official and a citizen, I do not want to prejudice the outcome of an investigation in advance of the facts by answering questions to which I do not have the answers, or by anticipating actions I might take once all the facts are known. I admit to having been disappointed that someone chose to release internal documents — for the same reasons I think anyone interested in justice and fairness would be.

In the meantime, and for the foreseeable future, our jail will continue to be a warehouse for individuals with mental illness who have been unable or unwilling to access effective clinical care, social services and housing in the community.

About 40 percent of the inmates in our jail have been identified as needing some level of mental health care during their incarceration.

More than a quarter have a serious mental illness — often combined with a substance abuse disorder — that requires intervention, regular treatment and medication management.

The Sheriff's Office is working to improve mental health care at the jail, but as of this writing, we have no available options to properly divert individuals under arrest and avoid unnecessary incarceration. In no way whatsoever is this intended to justify inap-

propriate, improper or illegal behavior by law enforcement officers anywhere; it is simply a fact.

As I have done for years, I will continue to advocate locally and in Virginia for more treatment centers for minor offenders who are seriously mentally ill and would be better served in a mental health facility than in a jail.

I have pledged my 28-year career with

the Sheriff's Office in service to the safety, security and well being of all Fairfax County residents, and to do so as fairly and transparently as possible. I will continue to work with mental health organizations in search of solutions to an intractable problem facing vulnerable individuals for whom all of us, out of nothing more than common human compassion, must assume some responsibility.

## COMMENTARY

## CRIME REPORT

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medical attention. The suspect was described as white, in his 20s, about 5 feet 9 inches tall, thin build, and was wearing a black jacket.

**ROBBERY**, 8100 block of Richmond Highway, April 25, 6:42 p.m. A man entered a gas station store and demanded money from an employee. The suspect took cash and fled. The victim did not require medical attention. The suspect was described as a black male, 20 to 30 years of age, between 6 feet and 6 feet 3 inches tall, black shoulder length dread locks, wearing a black baseball hat and red shoes.

**INDECENT EXPOSURE**, 6600 block of Richmond Highway, April 27, 10:02 p.m. A man walked into a store, exposed himself to an employee and then fled. The suspect was described as black, 20s, about 6 feet 2 inches tall, 190 pounds, wearing all black clothing.

**ROBBERY**, 6600 block of Tower Drive, April 23, 6 p.m. The victim was walking and was approached by two men. The suspects assaulted the victim, took property and fled. The

victim incurred non-life-threatening injuries but did not require medical attention. The first suspect was described as Hispanic, 20s, about 5 feet 9 inches to 5 feet 10 inches tall, short hair, beard, approximately 220 pounds, wearing a black sweatshirt, blue jeans and black and white sneakers. The second suspect was described as Hispanic, early 20s, approximately 170 pounds, wearing a black tank top, blue jeans and sneakers.

**PURSUIT**, Richmond Highway/Buckman Road, April 17, 4:45 p.m. A police officer attempted to stop a vehicle for a traffic violation. The driver disregarded the officer's signal to stop and attempted to elude the officer. Officers pursued the suspect to the dead end of Janna Lee Avenue where the suspect exited the vehicle and fled on foot. The suspect was taken into custody and arrested. A 31-year-old man from District Heights, Md., was charged with possession of cocaine with intent to distribute, resisting arrest, driving while revoked, disregard police signal to stop and fail to pay full time and attention.



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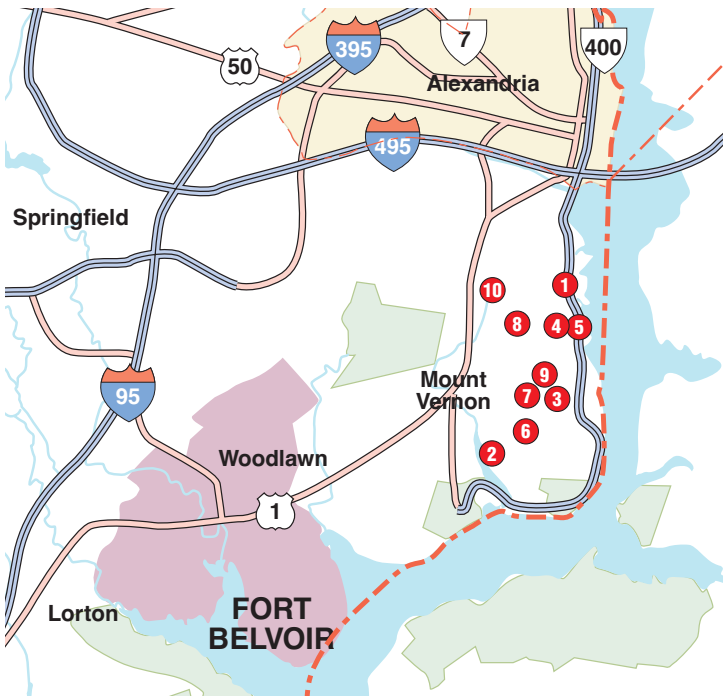


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The new space plan to the Napolitano home called for an enclosed “bump out” off the home’s south-facing rear elevation. The added square footage accommodates a family entertainment zone in a newly formed great room.

## Adding On

“Bump-out” plus first floor reconfiguration meets family’s evolving space requirements.

BY JOHN BYRD

At what point does a house become “old”, which is to say — no longer a good fit for its usually adaptive occupants? Michael and Kim Napolitano of Reston pondered this question recently, deciding to investigate options for adding living space to their 33-year-old, 2,000-square-foot colonial.

“When we moved in 12 years ago,” Michael Napolitano said, “the kids were in grade school, Kim was working in an outside office, and our home’s first floor plan supported all our daily requirements. Also, we’ve always loved the beautiful setting — which is about an acre with many mature trees.”

About five years ago, though, Kim started working from home and quickly set up an office in the basement. An L-shaped work-station under a transom window, the arrangement was intended to be “a step” towards a more suitable accommodation.

Meanwhile, the three children entered high school. As they grew, so did the number and size of their friends — and the duration of their visits.

Gradually, the Napolitanos began to notice that their once ideal home was no longer meeting their changing needs. The front-to-back family room on the west side of the house, for instance, seemed “disconnected” from the rest of the house since one had to pass through the dining room or the foyer to get to the kitchen.

The dining room seemed smaller; ditto the upstairs master bedroom with its limited closet space and tiny master bath.

The formal living room, while fine for holidays, was gradually becoming under used. The breakfast area — a slight step down from the kitchen — was just too small.

In fact, the entire first level plan — about 1,200 square feet in all — seemed positively crowded when the family was entertaining.

**WHAT TO DO?** “When we reviewed the

Napolitano’s preferred improvements “wish list,” it was clear that the existing first floor footprint was really only about 400 feet short of a plan that would satisfy all the current requirements — including relocating Kim’s office to the first floor,” designer Suzanne Glatz said. “The real question was: could a slightly expanded first level be reconfigured in a way that would fulfill such a wide range of new needs.”

Glatz, of Foster Remodeling Solutions, had been hired last year by the Napolitanos to develop and supervise a budget-sensitive makeover. Trained as both a space planner and an interior designer, Glatz has been particularly strong in finding creative ways to add square footage to space-restricted older homes.

“Basically, Suzanne invited us to think about the floor plan differently,” Michael Napolitano said. “Once you recognize that you don’t have to live in conformity with the room-assignment template provided by the original builder, you start to see the possibilities.”

The first consideration: repurposing the 12-foot-by-35-foot family room.

“The front part of the family room — which segues from the front foyer — made perfect sense as a place for Kim’s office,” Michael Napolitano said. “But I hadn’t considered it’s possibilities as a master bedroom suite until Suzanne pointed it out.”

“Also, I was aware that newer homes often feature a kitchen that directly interacts with the family room,” he added. “I just didn’t see how we could accomplish that in this house.”

As this option became more compelling, Glatz sketched out a plan for a 360-square-foot “bump-out” extending from the home’s south-facing rear elevation.

**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY** square feet of the newly enclosed space would be an open family entertainment zone within a 500-square-foot L-shaped

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## ONGOING

**“Attics and Alleys.”** Saturdays in May, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at various locations. Guests are invited to take a walking tour through historic sites like Gadsby’s Tavern Museum, The Apothecary Museum and the Carlyle House in honor of National Preservation Month. Tickets are \$35. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov](http://www.alexandriava.gov) for more.

**“The Odd Couple.”** Through May 16, Wednesday-Saturday at 8 p.m. and 3 p.m. on Sundays. The Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St. The LTA presents a twist on the traditional comedy with female characters. Tickets start at \$19. Visit [www.thelittletheatre.com](http://www.thelittletheatre.com).

**“COMPARTMENTALIZED.”** Through May 17. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday-Friday and during performances at The Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center, Margaret W. and Joseph L. Fisher Art Gallery at the Alexandria Campus of Northern Virginia Community College, 5000 Dawes Ave. The exhibit, featuring Lang’s assemblages of photography, digital photomontage, and found objects will be on display. Free. Visit [www.schlesingercenter.com](http://www.schlesingercenter.com).

**Art Exhibit.** Through May 31. Athenaeum Gallery, 201 Prince St. “Rara Avis” is an exhibition of bird-centric works of Beverly Ress, Langley Spurlock and Martin Tarrat in the Athenaeum Gallery. Admission to the gallery is free. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org).

**Eunsook Lee: “Dispersed Family.”** Through May 31. Gallery hours at The Target Gallery, 105 North Union St. Eunsook Lee’s exhibit of black light threads sealed and laminated alongside images and other materials will be on display. Admission is free. Visit [www.torpedofactory.com](http://www.torpedofactory.com).

**“MIX: Adventures in Mixed Media.”** Through May 31 at DelRay Artisans gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Artists mix two or more mediums for this exhibition collaboration between Del Ray Artisans and Artistic Artifacts. See [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org).

**“Perceptions”** Through May 31, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. at The Associates Gallery at the Torpedo Factory, Studio 319, 105 N Union St. The “Perceptions” exhibit will feature 3-D artist Erika Cleveland, painter Ellen Delaney, graphic artist Kara Hammond, and street photographer Val Proudki. Free to attend. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org).

**Nine Paintings from John Chapman.** Through May 25, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Donald W. Reynolds Museum and Education Center Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Highway, Mount Vernon. Nine unique paintings by the Virginia born artist John Gadsby Chapman (1808-1889) illustrating landscape scenes important to George Washington’s biography are on view. Visit [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org).

**“Paws ‘N Claws for Art.”** Runs through May 31 at Vola Lawson Animal Shelter, 4101 Eisenhower Ave., Alexandria. Del Ray Artisans and Animal Welfare League of Alexandria teamed up to present this animal-themed, fundraising exhibit. Both nonprofits receive a percentage of each sale. Also showing, but not for sale, will be UpCycle’s Fur-Vor project community-based student-recycled dog art. Visit [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/GWW](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/GWW) for more.

**“Intricacies” Exhibit.** Through Sunday, May 31 at various times at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. Artist-Photographer Nina Tisara unveils her “Intricacies” exhibit, a collection of mosaics. Visit [www.ourconvergence.org](http://www.ourconvergence.org).

**“Living Yesterday Today.”** Through June 14 at various times at Multiple Exposures Gallery, 105 N Union St. “Living Yesterday Today” is an exhibit featuring photography by Sandy LeBrun-Evans following 150th Civil War Reenactments. Free to attend. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org).

**“Paintings of the Potomac Valley Watercolorists.”** Through June 28, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 12-4:30 p.m. on Sunday at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Find watermedia floral and landscape paintings. Free to visit gallery. [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring).

**Alexandria Cars & Coffee** invites car enthusiasts to meet for coffee at Hollin Hall

## Ian Tyson Celebrates New ‘Carnero Vaquero’

Musician Ian Tyson shows no signs of slowing down at the age of 81. The Canadian folk-singer moonlights as a cattle rancher near Calgary and plays approximately 40 shows a year. Further, he is set to release his 13th studio album. “Carnero Vaquero,” which translates to “ram cowboy,” will be released in the United States on June 16. In support of his new album Tyson will be making a stop on his tour to The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. on Saturday, May 16 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com).



Alexandria studio is located at 621 S. Washington St., Old Town Alexandria. Call 703-739-0900 or visit [www.tinydancers.com](http://www.tinydancers.com) for more.

**Art League Summer Camps.** Registration for Summer Art Camp 2015 is now open.

Art Camps run Monday to Friday, June 22-Aug. 21. Camps are available for ages 5 and older, with morning, afternoon, or all day options. Subjects include: drawing, cartooning, painting, photography, ceramics, sculpture, jewelry, fiber arts, clay animation, and Basic Art Camp (a new medium each day). \$155-\$345. Visit [www.theartleague.org/content/art\\_camp](http://www.theartleague.org/content/art_camp) for more.

**Encore Chorale Summer Choral Institutes.** Encore Summer Choral Institute at Washington College in Chestertown MD runs from June 14-18 and Encore Summer Choral Institute at Chautauqua Institute in Chautauqua, NY from from Aug.30-Sept. 4. Sponsored by Encore Creativity for Older Adults, the nation’s largest choral singing program for adults 55 and older, the institutes attract adult students from all over the country, at all levels of vocal experience, for a week of intensive choral music study. For information and pricing, call 301-261-5747, email [info@encorecreativity.org](mailto:info@encorecreativity.org) or visit [www.encorecreativity.org](http://www.encorecreativity.org).

**Summer of Smiles.** The Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities’ Summer Fun Guide, is now available. Summer camps and activities are available for youth ages 2-17 and include sports, dance, creative arts, computer, chess, enrichment, nature, adventure, Out of School Time (residents only) and classic camps. The guide has an index listing camps by week offered and age group. Registration opens Wednesday, March 18 for City of Alexandria residents and Friday, March 20 for nonresidents. Interested participants may register online or in-person at the Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson St. The Summer Fun Guide is available for download at [www.alexandriava.gov/Recreation](http://www.alexandriava.gov/Recreation). Free printed brochures will be available at City Hall, recreation centers, and public libraries. Call the Registration and Reservation Office at 703-746-5414.

**Tavern Toddlers.** Every Monday (except Federal Holidays) 10:30-11:30 a.m. Gadsby’s Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal Street, Alexandria. Join other families with toddlers (walkers through 36 months) to have fun in Gadsby’s historic ballroom. Playtime features a craft table, book corner, toys and group dancing. \$7 for a group of three. Visit [www.alexandria.gov/gadsbystavern](http://www.alexandria.gov/gadsbystavern) or call 703-746-4242.

**Photography Workshop.** 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at Multiple Exposures Gallery on 105 N. Union St. Photographers and enthusiasts of all skill levels are invited to share work, ideas, and questions at this free workshop held on the last Sunday of each month, except December. No reservations. Call 703-683-2205.

**Community Dance.** 7:30-9:30 p.m. every third Friday at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Live music. Tickets are \$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 our live models. Fee ranges from \$8-\$12. All skill levels are welcome. Del Ray Artisans is located at 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org) for a schedule.

**Community Yoga.** Wednesdays 9:30-10:30 a.m. and Sundays 7:30-8:45 p.m. at 532YOGA, 532 N Washington St. Suite 100. No experience required to participate in weekly community class. Suggested \$10 donation. Visit [www.532yoga.com](http://www.532yoga.com).

**Tween Yoga.** Thursdays, May 28-July 16. 4-5 p.m. at at 532YOGA, 532 N Washington St. Suite 100. 532Yoga uses yoga to help tweens develop greater self-confidence. The workshop fee is \$125 or \$20 for drop-in classes. Visit [www.532Yoga.com](http://www.532Yoga.com).

**Drawing and Painting Lab for Teens.** Wednesdays, June 24-July 15, 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Teens ages 13-17 may explore techniques including concepts of shape, line, texture and color blending. The fee is \$77 for four 2-hour lessons. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring).

## THURSDAY/MAY 7

**Mini-MIX-Art Make & Take Workshop.** 6-9 p.m. at DelRay Artisans gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Del Ray Artisans and Artistic Artifacts, a local arts and crafts store, will offer workshops and classes for anyone interested in mixed media. Free. Visit [www.thedelrayartisans.org](http://www.thedelrayartisans.org).

## MAY 7-JUNE 1

**“Printed Art: The Potomac.”** Gallery hours at The Art League, 105 North Union St. The Art League presents a series of linocuts by John Gosling depicting the Potomac. Free Visit [www.theartleague.org](http://www.theartleague.org).

## FRIDAY-SATURDAY/MAY 8-9

**Hollin Hall Art Show.** 1-3 p.m. on Friday, 12-3 p.m. on Saturday. Senior artists will display and sell their art in connection with the month-long Fairfax County Creative Aging Festival. Also find an intergenerational seed saving American Indian pinch pot workshop. Free. Call 703-765-4573.

## MAY 12-JUNE 2

**Art Exhibition.** 12 p.m.-5 p.m. Sunday and Monday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday and Saturday at Principle Gallery, 208 King St. An exhibit of new work by local artists Teresa Oaxaca and Robert Liberace will be on display. Free. Visit [www.principlegallery.com/alexandria](http://www.principlegallery.com/alexandria).

## THURSDAY/MAY 14

**“Printed Art: The Potomac” Opening Reception.** 6:30-8 p.m. at The Art League, 105 North Union Street, Studio 21. Meet linocut



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impression artist John Gosling. Free. Visit [www.theartleague.org](http://www.theartleague.org).

**“The Hero of Two Worlds.”** 7-9 p.m. at George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive. Marc Leepson, author of “Lessons in Leadership from the Idealist General,” will give a lecture titled, “The Hero of Two Worlds: The Marquis de Lafayette, the Revolutionary War, and the French Revolution” followed by wine and dessert. There is a \$5 suggested donation. RSVP at [www.herolafayette.eventbrite.com](http://www.herolafayette.eventbrite.com).

**Todd Rundgren.** 7:30 p.m. at Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. The rock musician will make a stop on his “Global Tour.” Tickets are 49.50. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com).

## FRIDAY/MAY 15

**Art Demonstration.** 6 p.m. at Principle Gallery, 208 King St. Teresa Oaxaca, known for her stylized baroque paintings and alla prima portraiture, will be giving in-gallery demonstrations of her work. Free. Visit [www.principlegallery.com/alexandria](http://www.principlegallery.com/alexandria).

**“Poetic Intersections.”** 6:30 p.m. at Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St. Tori Lane Kovarik, Poet Laureate, City of Alexandria, will lead an open-mic for music, poetry, and literature. Guests may bring their own work or the work of others. Free. RSVP by emailing [poet@alexandria.gov](mailto:poet@alexandria.gov).

**Ian McFeron.** 7-9 p.m. at Port City Brewing Company, 3950 Wheeler Ave. Singer/Songwriter Ian Mc Feron will be joined on fiddle, cello and harmony vocals by Alisa Milner. Free. Visit [www.portcitybrewing.com](http://www.portcitybrewing.com).

## FRIDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 15-17

**Spring Wine Festival.** 6-9 p.m. at George Washington’s Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Mount Vernon’s Spring Wine Festival & Sunset Tour celebrates the history of wine in Virginia with evening tours of the Mansion and cellar, appearances by “George and Martha Washington,” and live jazz on the east lawn overlooking the Potomac River. On Friday admission is \$40, \$46 on Saturday and \$36 on Sunday. Visit [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org).

## MAY 15-JUNE 14

**“The Letters.”** Various times at MetroStage, 1201 N Royal St. “The Letters” is a psychological drama about life under Stalin. Tickets are \$50-55. Visit [www.metrostage.org](http://www.metrostage.org).

## SATURDAY/MAY 16

**Jefferson Manor Community Yard Sale.** 7-11 a.m. at 6020 Monticello Road. More than 30 houses in the neighborhood will be participating. Pick up maps at 2706 Jefferson Drive and 2721 Fairhaven Avenue. Call 201-931-6022.

**Sugar House Adoption Day.** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at 111 N. Alfred St. Washington Humane Society is teaming up with Sugar House Day Spa for an outdoor adoption day event featuring food and prizes. Free. Visit [www.support/washhumane.org](http://www.support/washhumane.org).

**Trace Monotype Workshop.** 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans, Nicholas A. Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Artist Katherine Rand will teach the basics of a printmaking technique that transforms line drawings into prints with textural effects. \$35 for members, \$45 for nonmembers. Visit [www.thedelrayartisans.org/monotype](http://www.thedelrayartisans.org/monotype).

**Fort Ward Museum Tours.** 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at The Fort Ward Museum, 4301 W Braddock Road.

Learn about the Fort Ward’s history, how a Civil War fort was built, soldier life in the Washington area, and weaponry of the period from staff member Kevin Moriarty. Free. Visit [www.fortward.org](http://www.fortward.org).

**Pedals ‘n’ Pints.** 10:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Port City World Headquarters, 3950 Wheeler Ave. Take a 10-mile bike trip from the brewery to the NoVa campus and back, where beer and BBQ will be available. Free. Visit [www.portcitybrewing.com](http://www.portcitybrewing.com).

**“Civil War Medical Practices.”** 1 p.m. at Ivy Hill Cemetery Vault, 2823 Kings Cloister Circle. Kyle Wichtendahl from the National Museum of Civil War Medicine will lecture. Free. RSVP to [info@IHCHPS.org](mailto:info@IHCHPS.org).

**Firefighting History Walking Tour.** 1-1:30 p.m. at Friendship Firehouse Museum, 107 S. Alfred St. Learn about volunteer firefighting in early Alexandria. The tour starts at the museum and heads east. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$4 for children. Visit [www.friendshipfire.net](http://www.friendshipfire.net).

**Civil War Walking Tour.** 2 p.m. at Lee-Fendall House, 614 Oronoco St. Take a guided tour of significant sites during the Civil War. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Visit [www.leefendallhouse.org](http://www.leefendallhouse.org).

**Country-Western Dance.** 6:30 p.m. dance lesson, 7-9:30 p.m. open dancing at Lincolnia Senior Center, 4710 North Chambliss St. The Northern Virginia Country-Western Dance Association is a nonprofit organization inviting the community to a dance lesson and party. \$10 for members, \$12 for nonmembers, \$5 for children under 18 with an adult. Visit [www.nvcdca.org](http://www.nvcdca.org).

**Seeds of Today Neighborhood Gala.** 7-11 p.m. at The Werthmann Family Home, 2200 Traies Court. Hollin Hall Elementary School is holding a fundraiser to gain funds to save their 14,000 square foot outdoor learning garden. Tickets are \$75 before May 1, \$100 after. Visit [www.biddingowl.com/HMPGALA](http://www.biddingowl.com/HMPGALA).

**Black Opal Awards.** 8 p.m. at the Madison Auditorium at the United States Patent and Trademark Office, 600 Dulany St. The Northern Virginia Urban League Young Professionals Network will celebrate 15 years of service with a Great Gatsby-themed event. General admission is \$85, VIP tickets are \$100. Visit [www.blackopal15.splashthat.com](http://www.blackopal15.splashthat.com).

**Ian Tyson.** 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Canadian singer/songwriter performs songs from his soon-to-be released album, “Carnero Vaquero.” Tickets are \$35. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com).

**“Songs of the Spirit.”** 7:30-9:30 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S Washington St. Listen to live music from Words&Music. Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$25 for veterans and active military, and \$20 for students. Visit [www.words-music.org](http://www.words-music.org).

**“Dare to Live Fully.”** 8 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center, Northern Virginia Community College, 3001 North Beauregard St. The Alexandria Symphony Orchestra will close its 2014-2015 season with Strauss’ “Horn Concerto No. 1” and Beethoven’s “Symphony No. 9.” \$20-80 for adults, \$5 for children, \$10 for students. Visit [www.alexsymphony.org](http://www.alexsymphony.org).

## SATURDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 16-17

**Revolutionary War Weekend.** 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on Sunday at Gunston Hall, 10709 Gunston Road, Mason Neck. Watch reenactments, learn about 18th Century military and civilian clothing, and visit a historic church service. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids, and a family

package is \$25. Visit [www.gunstonhall.org](http://www.gunstonhall.org).

## SUNDAY/MAY 17

**Mattie Miracle Walk and Family Festival.** 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at St. Stephen’s Upper School Campus, 1000 St. Stephen’s Road. This event includes a walk challenge, moonbounce, face painting, legos, food, raffles, and vendors. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$15 for children and teens, and free for children under 3. Visit [www.mmcfwalk.myevent.com](http://www.mmcfwalk.myevent.com).

**St. Mary’s Spring Fling.** 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at Saint Mary’s Catholic School, 400 Green St. Find carnival rides and games, bake sale, cake walk, etc. Admission is free. Call 703-549-1646.

**Guided Tour and Tasting.** 1-4 p.m. at Old Town (exact location disclosed after registration). Author and Historian Garrett Peck will lead a tour sponsored by Portner Brewery. The tour includes “foundations of local brewing,” a tasting and a visit to a local “Hop Stop.” Tickets are \$20. Visit [www.portnerbrewhouse.com](http://www.portnerbrewhouse.com).

**Flag Placing at Ivy Hill Cemetery.** 1-4 p.m. at Ivy Hill Cemetery Vault, 2823 Kings Cloister Circle. Honor veterans with a ceremonial flag-placing. Free. RSVP to [info@ihchps.org](mailto:info@ihchps.org).

**Civil War Sunday.** 1-5 p.m. at Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 N Union Street, #327. Explore the Civil War in Alexandria with Civil War Sundays. See an original May 26, 1861, edition of The New-York Tribune, a Peeps diorama illustrating Ellsworth’s death, an exhibit featuring the Civil War drummer boy, and more. Free. Visit [www.alexandriaarchaeology.org](http://www.alexandriaarchaeology.org).

**“Living Yesterday Today” Opening Reception.** 2-4 p.m. at Multiple Exposures Gallery at Torpedo Factory, 105 N Union St. Celebrate the exhibit which features photography from 150th Civil War Reenactments. Free. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org).

**The Ronnie Smith Quartet.** 4 p.m. at Meade Memorial Episcopal Church, 322 N Alfred St. Jazz Guitarist Ronny Smith will perform with his group. Tickets are \$15. Visit [www.meadechurch.org](http://www.meadechurch.org).

## TUESDAY/MAY 19

**DAR and Genealogy.** 1-3 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. DAR Library Director Eric Grundset presents a talk: “The DAR — Not Just for Females and Certainly Not Just for Patriots.” Free. Visit [www.mvgenealogy.org](http://www.mvgenealogy.org).

**The Alexandria Sportsman’s Club Banquet.** 6 p.m. at The Westin Hotel, 400 Courthouse Square. The Sportsman’s Club will celebrate local high school athletes, present scholarships, and other awards. Tickets are \$75. Visit [www.alexandriavasports.org](http://www.alexandriavasports.org).

**JOHNNYSWIM.** 7:30 p.m. at Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Husband and wife duo will perform. Tickets are \$29.50. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com).

**West Potomac Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band.** 7:30 p.m. at West Potomac High School Springbank Auditorium, 6500 Quander Road. The West Potomac High School Band Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band will have a spring concert. Free. Contact Sue Genuario at [gensure@aol.com](mailto:gensure@aol.com).

## WEDNESDAY/MAY 20

**“Zip Through a Tight Space.”** 7 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center 3001 N. Beauregard St. The Jane Franklin



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## THURSDAY/MAY 21

**Witness to War & Reunion.** 7:30 p.m. in the Lecture Hall of The Lyceum, 201 S Washington St., Alexandria. This spring lecture series looks at the end of the Civil War, and its aftermath. “The Art of Memorializing the Civil War,” by Susan Cumbey, Fort Ward Museum and Historic Site. \$5. Seating is limited, make reservations in person, at [shop.alexandriava.gov](http://shop.alexandriava.gov) or 703-746-4994.

**West Potomac Symphonic Winds and Wind Ensemble.** 7:30 p.m. at West Potomac High School Springbank Auditorium, 6500 Quander Road. The West Potomac High School Band Symphonic Winds and Wind Ensemble will have a spring concert. Free. Contact Sue Genuario at [gensure@aol.com](mailto:gensure@aol.com).

## FRIDAY/MAY 22

**Family Fun Night.** 6-9 p.m. at Chinquapin Park Recreation Center & Aquatics Facility, 3210 King St. Bring the whole family to Family Fun Nights for swimming and fun for all ages on Friday evenings. Pool games include beach ball relays, water basketball, diving for prizes and fun on the ‘Aqua Challenge’ floating obstacle course. Participate in swimming skill assessments for youth, learn pool safety tips and more. \$4 per person. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov/c/10280](http://www.alexandriava.gov/c/10280) for more.

**The Retrocessionists.** 8 p.m. at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Audience

members are invited to make suggestions to an improv group. Admission is \$15. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org).

## MAY 22-JULY 22

**“The Lonely Drone.”** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center, Northern Virginia Community College, 3001 North Beauregard St. Artist Brian William’s oil paintings on aluminum panel are meant to convey what a drone would see from above. Free. Visit [www.schlesingercenter.com](http://www.schlesingercenter.com).

## SATURDAY/MAY 23

**“The Lonely Drone” Opening Reception.** 2-4 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center, Northern Virginia Community College, 3001 North Beauregard St. Celebrate the new exhibit at the Schlesinger Center. Free. Visit [www.schlesingercenter.com](http://www.schlesingercenter.com).

## MONDAY/MAY 25

**Memorial Day Jazz Festival.** 1-6 p.m. at Waterfront Park, 1 Prince St. The Army Blue Jazz Ensemble will kick off the concert, to be followed by Origem, Hally Shoenberg Jazz Quartet and more. Free. Call 703-746-5592.

## TUESDAY/MAY 26

**Planetarium Show.** 7:15-8:30 p.m. at the T.C. Williams Planetarium, 3330 King St. Each month, families are invited to join Bob Nicholson to learn more about astronomy and space science. Free. Visit [www.acps.k12.va.us/tcw/](http://www.acps.k12.va.us/tcw/)

planetarium.

## WEDNESDAY/MAY 27

**DJ Swing Dance.** 9-11 p.m. at Nick’s Nightclub, 642 South Pickett St. Dance to music of the 1930s, ’40s, ’50s. Tickets are \$6. Visit [www.gottaswing.com](http://www.gottaswing.com).

**West Potomac Percussion Concert.** 7:30 p.m. at West Potomac High School Springbank Auditorium, 6500 Quander Road. The West Potomac High School Percussion Ensemble will have a spring concert. Free. Contact Sue Genuario at [gensure@aol.com](mailto:gensure@aol.com).

## FRIDAY/MAY 29

**Art Demonstration.** 6 p.m. at Principle Gallery, 208 King St. Artist and Art League instructor Robert Liberace will be giving demonstrations of his work. Liberace’s work centers around the study of human anatomy, art history and technique. Free. Visit [www.principlegallery.com/alexandria](http://www.principlegallery.com/alexandria).

**West Potomac High School Jazz Band.** 7:30 p.m. at West Potomac High School Springbank Auditorium, 6500 Quander Road. The West Potomac High School Jazz Band will have a spring concert. Free. Contact Sue Genuario at [gensure@aol.com](mailto:gensure@aol.com) for more.

## SATURDAY/MAY 30

**Bake/Yard Sale.** 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at St. James Episcopal Church, 5614 Old Mill Road. Call 703-780-3081.

**3rd Annual Croquet Day.** 12-4 p.m. at Hensley Park, 4200 Eisenhower Ave. Stop Child Abuse Now (SCAN) is hosting a croquet tournament to

raise funds for their efforts in Northern Virginia. Those who choose not to play will find other lawn games including bocce ball, life-size Angry Birds, bean bag toss, etc. Tickets are \$15 for spectators, team registration for 3-4 people is \$150, and family teams are \$75. Visit [www.scanva.org](http://www.scanva.org).

**Orchestra.** 7 p.m. at The George Washington Masonic Memorial Theatre, 611 King St. The Symphony Orchestra of Northern Virginia presents “Symphonic Tap” with Capitol Tap. Visit [www.sonovamusic.org](http://www.sonovamusic.org) for more.

**“Broadway Goes Choral!”** 8 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 4915 E. Campus Lane. The Symphonic Chorus, Master Singers, Concert Choir, and soloists, will perform alongside a symphony orchestra. Find works from shows by Rodgers and Hammerstein, Lerner and Loewe, Stephen Sondheim, and more. Tickets are \$10-40. Visit [www.fairfaxchoralsociety.org](http://www.fairfaxchoralsociety.org).

**Collective Delusion.** 9:30 p.m. at John Strongbow’s Tavern, 710 King St. Local band plays rock songs from ’70s to present. Admission is free. Visit [www.CollectiveDelusion.net](http://www.CollectiveDelusion.net).

## SUNDAY/MAY 31

**“Spandex in the Narthex.”** 9 a.m. at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Road. The church is raising funds for pastor Jason Micheli with a Fun Run/Walk, cook-out and live music. An entry for the fun run is \$16 for an individual and \$50 for a family. Plates are \$7 plus a \$5 donation. Visit [www.aldersgate.net](http://www.aldersgate.net).

**Bright Young Things.** 1-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Party like decadent

members of the elite in 1920s. Tickets are \$32. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov).

**Salon With James Madison.** 3-4:30 p.m. at Gadsby’s Tavern Museum, 134 N Royal St. “President James Madison” will discuss The Treaty of Ghent and its aftermath. Tickets are \$15 per person and \$10 for high school and college students. Visit [www.shop.alexandriava.gov](http://www.shop.alexandriava.gov).

## MONDAY/JUNE 1

**Joe Ely.** 8:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Country music musician will perform with Lucette. Tickets are \$25. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com).

## TUESDAY/JUNE 2

**Tuesday Morning Stroll.** 11 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Simpson Park Gardens, 420 E Monroe St. Residents are invited to visit the garden, receive free seed packets and have their gardening questions answered by experts. Free. Contact [carol\\_kilroy@comcast.net](mailto:carol_kilroy@comcast.net) for more.

**T.C. Williams Spring Concert.** 7:30 p.m. at T.C. Williams High School Auditorium, 3330 King St. Award-winning high school choirs will perform. Free. Call 703-625-4291.

## THURSDAY/JUNE 4

**Private Gardens of Philadelphia.** 7 a.m.-7 p.m. at Green Springs Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Travel to Philadelphia for a day-trip an visit private gardens. Tickets are \$138 for the bus, tours and lunch. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring).

**“Love Note.”** 7 p.m. at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. “Love

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Note" is an original play by Louise Schoettler detailing the story of her marriage to her late husband Jim. Tickets are \$15. Visit [www.conta.cc](http://www.conta.cc).

**Author Talk.** 7-8 p.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Local poet Neva Herrington, discusses her poetry and shares readings from her new book, "Open Season." Free. Call 703-746-1768.

**"June 6, 1944: The Beginning of the End."** 7-9 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington Ave. The Alexandria-Caen Sister Cities Committee will present a lecture by Thomas Christianson, Senior Historian for the Secretary of Defense. \$5 suggested donation. Visit [www.ddaylecture2015.eventbrite.com](http://www.ddaylecture2015.eventbrite.com)

**Artist's Talk.** 7 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. "Bridging Worlds" artist Lori K. Gordon will discuss the inspiration for her exhibit. Free. Visit [www.thedelrayartisans.org/gordon](http://www.thedelrayartisans.org/gordon).

## JUNE 4-JULY 19

**"Saturate."** Gallery hours at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Six artists use different mediums to convey moisture. Free. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org).

## JUNE 5-28

**"Building Bridges."** gallery hours at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2701 Mount Vernon Ave. The gallery will unveil an exhibit that is the result of a partnership with Six Degrees Consortium. Free to attend. Visit [www.thedelrayartisans.org](http://www.thedelrayartisans.org).

## SATURDAY/JUNE 6

**Butterfly Container Gardening Workshop.** 9:30-11 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn how to create a butterfly container garden to attract and feed butterflies and other pollinators. The fee is \$35. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring).

**Pohick Church Tours.** 1-3 p.m. at Pohick Church, 9301 Richmond Highway. During the colonial period, Pohick Church was the congregation of many of the area's most prominent families, including the Washingtons, Masons and Fairfaxes. Free. Visit [www.pohick.org](http://www.pohick.org).

**Family Fun: Worm Workshop.** 1-2 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn how to build a 10-gallon bin with newspaper bedding, food scraps, and live worms that will recycle garbage into rich compost. The program alone is \$6 and \$15 for the program and worm kit supplies. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov).

## SUNDAY/JUNE 7

**"Fashion and Invention."** 1-3:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Artist and collector Caroline Hottenstein will present a timeline of tools, inventions and innovations that have influenced changes in fashion and fibers over the centuries. View pieces from Caroline's antique clothing collection that showcase the historical connection between fashion and technology. The program is \$38 with afternoon tea and \$15 without tea. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring).

**Family Fun: Strawberry Tea Party.** 1:30-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Walk through Green Spring Gardens to see how strawberries and other fruits grow, then have tea and a snack. The program is \$15. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov).

**"Saturate" Opening Reception.** 4 p.m. at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Celebrate the opening of the new exhibit in which six artists use



## Printed Art: The Potomac'

Artist John Gosling has chosen the linocut as his medium and the Potomac River as his subject for his new exhibit at The Art League Gallery, 105 N Union St. "Printed Art: The Potomac" is inspired by the past and present of the people and places that surround the river. As a British transplant and urban planner, Gosling has drawn a parallel between the Potomac and the River Thames, and the purposes they have served to the U.S. and the U.K. "Printed Art: The Potomac" is on display until June 1. Admission to the Art League Gallery is free. Visit [www.theartleague.org](http://www.theartleague.org) for more.

diverse media to convey "watery wetness." Free. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org).

## SUNDAY/JUNE 7, JUNE 14, JUNE 28

**Cook For Your Pet.** 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Pet Sage, 2391 S Dove St. and Southern Kitchens, 2350 Duke St. Take a three-part course on cooking for your cat or dog. Each session is \$25, or \$60 for all three. Visit [www.petsage.com](http://www.petsage.com).

## WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY/JUNE 10-12

**French Tall Ship Hermione Tours.** 11 a.m.- 4 p.m. on Wednesday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Thursday and Friday at the Alexandria Marina. Explore Hermione, an exact replica of the ship that brought the Marquis de Lafayette to George Washington with news of full French aid in 1780, turning the tide of the American Revolution. Tickets are free, but are limited. Visit [www.visitalexandriava.com/calendar-of-events/hermoine-in-alexandria](http://www.visitalexandriava.com/calendar-of-events/hermoine-in-alexandria) to learn how to get tickets.

## WEDNESDAY/JUNE 10

**The ASO Garden Party.** 6:30 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cauley Deringer, 1198 Janneys Lane. The Alexandria Symphony Orchestra celebrates their annual garden party with a jazz theme. Individual tickets are \$150. Visit [www.alexsym.org](http://www.alexsym.org).

**The Manhattan Transfer.** 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Jazz ensemble will perform. Tickets are \$59.50. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com).

## THURSDAY/JUNE 11

**Witness to War & Reunion.** 7:30 p.m. in the Lecture Hall of The Lyceum, 201 S Washington St., Alexandria. This spring lecture series looks at the end of the Civil War, and its aftermath. "Remembering the Civil War," by Caroline Janney, Purdue University. \$5. Seating is limited, make reservations in person, at [shop.alexandriava.gov](http://shop.alexandriava.gov).

## SATURDAY/JUNE 13

**George Mason Day.** 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at Gunston Hall, 10709 Gunston Road, Mason Neck. Commemorate the June 1776 ratification of Mason's Virginia Declaration of Rights by joining the color guard in procession to Mason's tomb for a wreath laying, and more. Free. Visit [www.gunstonhall.org](http://www.gunstonhall.org).

**Balsamic Vinegar Tasting Party.** 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn the history of balsamic vinegar and how to determine genuine balsamic vinegar from fake vinegars. Admission is \$30. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov).

**Billy Joe Shaver.** 7 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. The country singer/songwriter will celebrate the upcoming release of his first studio album since 2008. Tickets are \$29. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com).

## SUNDAY/JUNE 14

**Book Talk.** 2 p.m. at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Ron Goldfarb discusses his two new works, "Courtship, a novel of Life, Love and the Law" and "After Snowden: Privacy, Secrecy, and Security in the Information Age." Free. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org).

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## Under the Big Top

St. Aidan's Kindergarten class held its 11th Annual Circus under the Big Top on Friday, April 17. The children performed as tightrope walkers, elephants, strongmen, clowns, lions, tigers and a tap dancer. Many former Kindergarten children returned to watch the circus.



Ryan Fannon, Sr. was the Ringmaster.



The strongmen line up.



Clowns perform in the ring.

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Parkers Lane. Candidates Candice Bennett, Jack Dobbyn, Tim Sargeant, and Dan Storck will answer questions from the public. Visit [www.mvdemocrats.com](http://www.mvdemocrats.com).

## TUESDAY/MAY 19

**Lions Dinner Meeting.** 6:30 p.m. at Pema's Restaurant, 8430 Richmond Highway. Eileen Yates from the Gartlan Center for Mental Health will speak. Call 703-960-4973.

## WEDNESDAY/MAY 20

**Learn About Medicare Part D.** 4:30 p.m. at Martha Washington Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Road. Free. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/caregiver.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/caregiver.htm).

## SATURDAY/MAY 30

**Electronics Saturday.** 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church, 2001 Sherwood Hall Lane. Discard of electronics so that they can be recycled according to environmental standards. There is no fee for most items, \$10 for TVs and monitors, \$5 for certificate of data destruction pertaining to computers. Call 703-799-0830.

## TUESDAY/JUNE 9

**"Slow Dancing with a Stranger."** 1-3 p.m. at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Road. Author of "Slow Dancing with a Stranger: Lost and Found in the Age of Alzheimer's" Meryl Comer will discuss her work. The presentation will be followed by a reception and book signing. Free. RSVP by contact Christi Clark at [christi.clark@insightmcc.org](mailto:christi.clark@insightmcc.org).

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**The Mount Vernon Adult Day Health Care Center** in Alexandria needs a licensed beautician, a social companion and a Spanish-speaking social companion. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults) and click on Volunteer Solutions.

**The Hollin Hall Senior Center** in Alexandria needs a Ballroom Dance Instructor and an Italian Instructor. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults) and click on Volunteer Solutions.

**Mount Vernon At Home** is a non-profit organization that relies on volunteer time to assist older adults aging in place in their homes. Volunteers are needed for local transportation to medical and personal appointments, errands, and grocery store trips; light handyman chores and home technology to name just a few. No minimum number of volunteer hours are required. Call Mount Vernon At Home 703-303-4060 or e-mail [info@mountvernonathome.org](mailto:info@mountvernonathome.org) to learn more. Visit [www.mountvernonathome.org](http://www.mountvernonathome.org) for more.

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❖ The **Mount Vernon Adult Day Health Care Center** needs volunteer English and Spanish-speaking social companions, a volunteer pianist, and front desk volunteer.

❖ The **Hollin Hall Senior Center** needs a DJ, a ballroom dance instructor to teach a class on Thursday afternoons, and an Italian instructor.

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# West Potomac Team to Compete at World Competition

A West Potomac High School Odyssey of the Mind team has once again earned a spot to compete at the World Competition on May 20 - 23 at Michigan State University.

Students on the team include seniors Annelieske Sanders, Andrew Hurd, Maura Finn, Wadia Mahzabeen and Elizabeth Kanarek as well as sophomores Maddie Finn and Bersabeh Yirdaw.

This Division III team is coached by Lisa Finn and Karen Corbett Sanders. Both coaches and four members of the team competed at the world level in 2012 with WPHS and Carl Sandburg Middle School teams.

The team also has been selected to host an international buddy team while at the competition.



From left are Maura Finn, Beth Kanarek, Annelieske Sanders, Maddie Finn, Bersabeh Yirdaw, Wadia Mahzabeen and (front) Andrew Hurd.

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Community members who wish to support the team can send donations for travel expenses to Odyssey of the Mind Team, WPHS, 6500 Quander Rd, Alexandria, VA 22307.

Odyssey of the Mind is an international educational program that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students from kindergarten through college.

Team members apply their creativity to solve problems that range from building mechanical devices to presenting their own interpretation of literary classics. They then bring their solutions to competition on the local, state, and world level. Thousands of teams from throughout the U.S. and from about 25 other countries participate in the program.



# SPORTS

## TC, West Potomac Enter Postseason with Confidence

**Titans, Wolverines end regular season with 1-1 draw.**

By JON ROETMAN  
THE GAZETTE

Conference 7 boys' soccer rivals T.C. Williams and West Potomac wrapped up the regular season with a 1-1 draw on Tuesday night at West Potomac High School. While neither team added to the win column, the Titans and Wolverines each walked away feeling good with the postseason approaching.

For T.C. Williams, the defending state champion overcame adversity, tying the score in the 68th minute

**"I promise you every game we improve. ... Every game I see the strength, the character, the chemistry is getting there."**

— Ahmad Sasso, West Potomac boys' soccer coach

despite playing a man down after Emir Crnovic received a red card in the 56th minute. Senior defender Zach Eisenhour's long throw found senior captain Ramsey Benzina, who finished



**T.C. Williams forward Jason Sookia and West Potomac defender Kevin Aviles compete for the ball during Tuesday's match at West Potomac High School.**

with a header.

After going undefeated through the season's first nine matches, T.C. entered the regular-season finale having lost two of its last four while averaging fewer than two goals per match. On Tuesday, the Titans failed to capitalize on numerous first-half chances, but put one in the net late to salvage a tie.

"It was definitely slow at first," Benzina said, "and once we went one man down we knew we had to pick it up and we saw a little spark. But we need that spark every game. That's the one we've been missing — that intensity and that passion — but it [showed] in this game and it's going to keep on showing."

"... We have the talent, we have all the pieces, we just need that passion. It's been lacking the past couple games, but it's a great group of guys so we'll find it — just in time for districts."

The Titans (10-2-2) will host South County in the first round of the conference tournament on Friday. Will the momentum from Tuesday's finish carry over?

"That's what you want," T.C. Williams



PHOTOS BY LOUISE KRAFFT/THE GAZETTE  
**Nick Cucinotta and the West Potomac boys' soccer team finished the regular season with a 4-5-4 record.**

head coach Martin Nickley said. "That's what you're looking for. This was a really great challenge for us tonight because obviously West Potomac is a really good team and they kept coming, coming, coming the whole match. Even with that 1-0 lead, they were still attacking, still battling, still fighting. That's a really good challenge for us to be able to come back and tie them."

Eisenhour is confident results will come if the Titans maintain a high energy level.

"If we play with that intensity for 80 minutes, the goals will come," he said. "We've been frustrated the last few games only scoring a couple goals, but if we can play with that intensity level for 80 minutes the goals will just start piling on. Sebastian [Hendi] had a bunch of chances in front of the net. Jason [Sookia] had multiple chances. He



**Ahmad Sasso is in his first season as head coach of the West Potomac boys' soccer team.**

would have finished if [West Potomac] keeper [Nathan Christenson] didn't play amazing. Their keeper had an amazing game today."

The play of Christenson, a freshman, is one reason for West Potomac to be excited entering the postseason. It was Christenson's second match in goal for the Wolverines and the first time he played a full match. Christenson made several key saves, including a game-saver against Sookia late in the second overtime period.

Sasso called Christenson's performance "awesome."

Moments before Christenson's big save, West Potomac nearly took the lead, but a Wolverine's shot hit the right post.

"T.C. showed their strength with 10 players," Sasso said. "... They showed great strength and character by getting the goal to tie the game. After that it was even both ways. It was a pretty good game. I was very happy about the outcome."

Bright Somuah gave West Potomac a 1-0 lead with a goal in the 24th minute.

West Potomac finished the regular season with a 4-5-4 record and will host West Springfield in the opening round of the conference tournament on Friday.

"I promise you every game we improve," Sasso said. "... Every game I see the strength, the character, the chemistry is getting there."



### Wolverines

PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFFT/THE GAZETTE

**The West Potomac boys' lacrosse team finished the regular season with a 15-7 loss to South County on May 8. The Wolverines will travel to face Lake Braddock at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 14 in the opening round of the Conference 7 tournament.**

### SCHOOL NOTES

Email announcements to [gazette@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:gazette@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Thursday at noon.

**Kelly Gallagher** was named to the dean's list for the fall 2014 semester at Saint Mary's College (Notre Dame, Ind.).

**Molly Adler** has been named a Fulbright Fellow. She will teach English in Russia for the upcoming 2015-2016 school year. Adler is a senior at Juniata College (Huntingdon, Pa.).

**Hope Wentzel** received Virginia Tech's 2015 College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Outstanding Senior Award.

**Damba Koroma** was recognized with the Unsung Hero Award at Mary Baldwin College (Staunton, Va.). The award is given to a student who serves as a role model to others and goes above and beyond in her care and concern of the campus community, but who often does not receive public acknowledgement of her hard work.

**George B. Alberts** was presented with the Kathryn Fraser Mackay Endowed Prize in Re-

ligious Studies at St. Lawrence University's (Canton, N.Y.) Moving-Up Day ceremony. Moving-Up Day celebrates student achievements in academics and co-curricular activities.

**Malik S. Jabati** has been named a 2015 U.S. Presidential Scholar.

**Lester Schonberger** has been named the outstanding senior in the Department of Food Science and Technology in the Virginia Tech College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

**Bryan Corvera-Flores** is one of the 23 Stevenson University (Owings Mills, Md.) student-athletes to be named to the Middle Atlantic Conference winter academic honor roll.

**Brooke Barwick** has been named to the Champlain College (Burlington, VT) dean's list for the spring 2015 semester.

**BreAnne Galloway** has graduated with a Master of Science degree in health, physical education, and recreation from Emporia State University (Emporia, KS).



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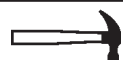
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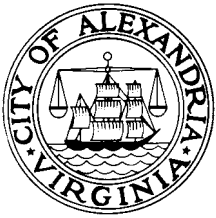
### ALEXANDRIA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NUMBER 15-04-16

The Alexandria City School Board dba Alexandria City Public Schools is seeking competitive proposals from qualified Offerors to provide Printing and Mailhouse Services. Sealed Proposals with the notation RFP# 15-04-16 Printing and Mailhouse Services will be received in the Central Procurement Office, 1340 Braddock Place, Suite 620, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, on or before 3:00 pm, May 29, 2015. The time of receipt shall be determined by the time clock stamp in the Procurement office. Proposals appropriately received will be opened and the names of the firms responding will be read aloud. RFP documents may be obtained at the above Procurement Office or by calling 703-619-8181, or by downloading the RFP from the ACPS website at <http://www.acps.k12.va.us/financial-services/purchasing/bids.php>. ACPS reserves the right to cancel this RFP and/or reject any or all offers and to waive any informalities in any proposal.

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Public Hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, City of Alexandria, Virginia, on Saturday, May 16, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon as may be heard on the hereinafter described items.  
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AN ORDINANCE authorizing the owner of the property located at 515 Mount Vernon Avenue to construct and maintain an encroachment for outdoor dining at that location.

The proposed ordinance permits the restaurant located at 515 Mount Vernon Avenue known as Yates Pizza to establish outdoor dining including tables, seating in the adjacent sidewalk area.  
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AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 2-100 (Definitions) of Article II (Definitions); Section 4-100 (NR/Neighborhood Retail Zone [Arlandria] of Article IV (Commercial, Office and Industrial Zones); Section 6-700 (KR/King Street Urban Retail Zone) of Article VI (Special and Overlay Zones); and Section 8-100 (Off Street Parking Required), Section 8-200 (General Parking Regulations), and 8-400 (King Street Parking District) all of Article VIII (Off Street Parking and Loading); all of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by city council on April 18, 2015 as Text Amendment No. 2015-0002 to revise the multifamily building parking regulations and associated changes.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Text Amendment No. 2015-0002 to revise the multifamily building parking regulations and associated changes.  
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AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Title 9 (Licensing and Regulation), Chapter 12 (Taxicabs and Other Vehicles for Hire) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended. In February 2015, the Code of Virginia was amended to allow the operation of Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) such as Uber and Lyft. To more closely align with the City Code with the revised State Code, staff is proposing: (1) restructuring of the driver certification process; (2) updating the taximeter requirements; (3) requiring that taxicab companies maintain insurance certification records for their drivers; and (4) minor editorial revisions to Title 9, Chapter 12 of the Code of the City of Alexandria. These changes were not proposed during the Biennial Taxicab Review because the State had not finalized the ordinance change allowing the operation of TNCs.  
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PUBLIC HEARING and Consideration of the recommendation from the City Council Naming Committee on the proposal to rename 1 & 7 E. Del Ray Pocket Park the Judy Lowe Neighborhood Park.  
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PUBLIC HEARING and Consideration of the recommendation from the City Council Naming Committee on the proposal to name the park parcel at 2802 Mount Vernon Avenue the Nancy Dunning Garden.  
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PUBLIC HEARING and Consideration of selection of a locally preferred alternative for the Potomac Yard Metrorail Station.  
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**The rear half of the former first level family room — extended over 150 square feet — has been converted to Michael and Kim Napolitano's new master bedroom suite.**

## Adding On

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“great room” that would incorporate the kitchen, breakfast room and a new computer work station.

The new enclosure's remaining square footage would extend the former family room, which would now be converted into a first-level master bedroom suite.

The resulting accommodation features a 58-square-foot walk-in closet (more than triple the size of its predecessor), and a 190-square-foot luxury bath complete with glass-encased walk-in shower, soaking tub, and a his-and-her vanity.

One enters the new suite through a discrete foyer off the great room. Among its many visible charms, the new suite features glass-facing double French doors that swing open directly to the patio.

To engineer the enlargement, Glatz removed about half of the home's rear elevation, shoring up the existing second floor with a horizontal I-beam secured on vertical supports.

A sliding glass door on the east side of the new great room opens to a tree-lined side yard where the Napolitanos plans to add a patio.

“The great room is a perfect solution for us now,” Michael Napolitano said, “We can be together in the same place working on different projects — cooking, homework, television — without disrupting each other. It offers a nice balance of family time and independence.”

The first level interior design — a collaboration between Glatz and Kim Napolitano — explores “transitional”-style sensibilities.

Wide-plank provincial hickory flooring extends throughout the great room, new office and master suite, lending a unity that works well with existing furniture.

The tawny gold wall coloring in the great room, dining room and office in combination with white ceiling, likewise, confers warmth.

By contrast, the master bath unfolds in a restful taupe that complements the wood-grain porcelain flooring and silestone counter tops.

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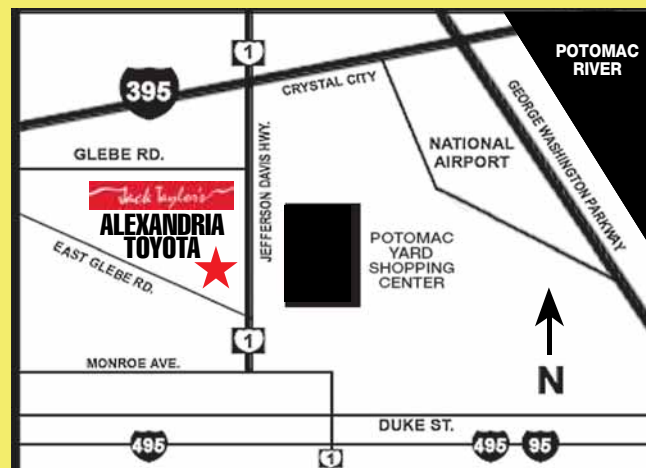


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**9357 Mount Vernon Cir** **\$1,500,000**  
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**9315 Ludgate Dr** **\$1,249,999**  
**Estate Caliber Property—Near River!**

No expense was spared in creating this magnificent custom Colonial designed to be seller's ultimate dream home. Stately, classic exterior combined with bright, open floor plan. App. 5721 sq ft of luxuriously finished space. Includes all the new home bells and whistles & virtually every upgrade and modern amenity. Exquisitely landscaped grounds!



**8720 Plymouth Road**  
**\$1,719,000**  
**Brand New Home!**

Spectacular Wakefield home loaded with virtually every custom upgrade & amenity in fabulous Plymouth Haven! Three levels of luxury! Fabulous features include striking open floor plan, high ceilings, designer kitchen, luxury baths, hardwood floors, sumptuous master suite, fabulous screen porch and 3 car garage. Prime location on large lot-walk to Waynewood School!



**4831 Stillwell Ave**  
**\$565,000**  
**Absolutely Adorable!**

Curb appeal abounds! Classic Cape in gorgeous setting on landscaped half acre lot in quiet neighborhood surrounded by country club grounds and parkland. Many features include 4 bedrooms, updated kitchen, hardwood floors, fireplace, thermal windows. Prime location offering quiet tranquil environment yet convenient to everything!



**8315 Old Mt Vernon Rd**  
**\$849,000**  
**True Custom Home!**

Classic Georgian exterior with stunning open floor plan. Three luxuriously finished levels, high ceilings throughout, elegant trim detail, chef's gourmet kitchen, "Andersen" thermal windows. Lower level with outside entrance, ideal in-law suite. Magnificent property offers combination of size & custom amenities rarely found in homes under \$1 million!



**9413 Brambly Lane**  
**\$899,000**  
**Custom Home with Main Level Master Suite!**

Custom home built by Wakefield Homes in 2010. Fabulous "new home" amenities including high ceilings, open floor plan and energy conserving package. Upgrades include: 4 luxury baths, 5 BR including two master suites, one on main level, hardwood floors, chef's kitchen and finished walk-out lower level. Many features the builder is utilizing in \$1.5+ homes!



**1209 Falster Ct**  
**\$649,000**  
**Updated Throughout!**

Nothing like it on market—totally updated Collingwood home on quiet cul-de-sac for remarkably reasonable price. Major updates include: kitchen, baths, windows, electrical service, roof and basement. Four bedrooms, 3 baths. Large deck overlooks fenced backyard. All the work has been done—just move in! Prime location and Waynewood School attendance area. Don't walk—run to this outstanding property!



**3705 Carriage House Ct**  
**\$798,500**  
**Stunning Riverwood Renovation!**



**4408 Tarpon Ln**  
**\$549,950**  
**Stunning Yacht Haven Opportunity!**



**3705 Carriage House Ct**  
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**9201 Cherrytree Drive**  
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**Cool Spring Dr**  
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**8106 Orville St**  
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