

What Can Be Done for Affordable Housing?

Forum highlights opportunities and challenges.

BY GERALD A. FILL
THE GAZETTE

An overflow crowd of community leaders, real estate professionals, builders, and affordable housing advocates gathered July 25 at the Mount Vernon Governmental Center to focus on housing options for low income people.

Mount Vernon Supervisor Dan Storck opened the meeting and expressed his commitment to do what he can to work with the community leaders and residents to help identify and preserve affordable housing.

Michelle Crocker, director of the Northern Virginia Affordable Housing Alliance, which sponsored the meeting, served as the convener and facilitator for the event. Following the forum, Crocker and AHA consultant Michael Spotts of Neighborhood Fundamentals, LLC, discussed their report's findings and summarized their thoughts jointly as follows:

"Reference: July, 2018 'Northern Virginia's AHA Preservation Challenge: Trends, Threats and Opportunities.' The report was the foundation for the forum we held on July 25, examining preservation of market-affordable housing for very low income households along the Richmond Highway corridor.

"Analysis: The inner Northern Virginia jurisdictions of the City of Alexandria, Arlington County, and Fairfax County are rapidly losing their stock of market-rate rental housing that is affordable to low- and moderate income households. For example, the City of Alexandria saw an 88 percent reduction from 2000-2018 in market affordable units at 60 percent of AMI (from 18,218 to 2,236 units). During the same time period, Arlington County lost more than 14,500 market affordable units at 60



Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck addresses a forum on affordable housing at the Mount Vernon Governmental Center.

percent of AMI, mostly as a result of increases in rent.

"Further exacerbating preservation challenges is the fact that the subsidy restrictions for many committed affordable units eventually expire, leaving properties at risk of conversion to market rate. To address these challenges, the Northern Virginia Affordable Housing Alliance (NVAHA) concludes that a renewed commitment and corresponding policy and funding activities is necessary to ensure that the region's workforce has access to safe, decent, and affordable housing. Northern Virginia's Preservation Challenge informs stakeholders across the region about the need for preserving affordable rental housing and the potential policy, programmatic, and financial solutions for achieving that goal. The report provides a detailed overview of the trends and challenges that are contributing to the loss of affordable homes, and offers 22 recommendations for local and

regional stakeholders that fall into three broad categories: Interventions to help mission-driven developers acquire properties; Interventions to encourage existing owners to maintain affordability; and Incentives to encourage affordability through rehabilitation and/or redevelopment.

"The threat to the affordable housing stock is an unintended consequence of the adoption of the EMBARK Richmond Highway plan by the Board of Supervisors in May, 2018. The plan calls for the creation of BRT, identifies new community business centers and brings jobs and opportunities to the corridor. But this new scale of development threatens older existing market affordable housing stock which is home to hundreds of households along Richmond Highway.

"The goal of our forum was to shine a light on this issue and call for county action to preserve affordability so that there is no net loss of affordable units. Our panel

The Challenge

According to the Center for Housing Research at Virginia Tech, the total affordable housing gap in Fairfax County for low-and moderate-income renters — earning 80 percent of the area median income (AMI) and below — is approximately 31,630 units.

shared Arlington's plan for redevelopment along the Columbia Pike corridor (similar circumstances to Richmond Highway), heard from a large affordable housing developer as well as a nonprofit developer, and looked more closely at Fairfax County's One Fairfax policy. The overwhelming majority of households currently living in market affordable housing along Route 1 are people of color.

"The NVAHA is a nonprofit organization dedicated to expanding political will to make housing affordability a regional priority through: education and community outreach, leading to creative and supportive public policies;

increased financial resources; and, a sustained commitment to meeting the housing needs of low and moderate income households.

"Our activities raise public awareness and provide educational materials and programs for communities on the topic of affordable housing. We focus on the community benefits of affordable communities, addressing housing myths and misconceptions. We collaborate with many partners: community-based organizations, faith-based communities, civic associations, local governments, and chambers of commerce to provide balance to the growth and development voices who are well organized, vocal, and too often misinformed."

Also in attendance was Tom Fleetwood, director, Fairfax County Housing and Community Development. At the conclusion of the meeting, Fleetwood was asked to prepare remarks and answer questions to explain what his office is doing to expand the

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Survey for Young Adults to Help Target Drug Prevention Efforts

In an effort to better target opioid and other drug prevention efforts, the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board (CSB) is seeking opinions of young adults between the ages of 18-25. The survey is anonymous and voluntary, and asks questions about use of alcohol, prescription drugs, and heroin.

An initiative of the Partnership for Success and the OMNI Institute, an organization that works

to help organize substance use campaigns, the survey seeks comparison data from residents in various areas across the Commonwealth of Virginia concerning attitudes, knowledge and drug use of young people.

Participants will be asked to select their three biggest substance abuse issues for their demographic in their community. They will also be asked about their perceptions of risk and other questions. The

survey takes no more than five minutes to complete.

As an incentive, all those taking the survey will be eligible to enter to win a \$250 gift card. (Contact information for the drawing will be collected in a separate location and will not be linked to survey responses.)

Participants in the survey must be Virginia residents and between the ages of 18 and 25.

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'Heroes at Home' Program Serves Veterans

More than 40 volunteers from Rebuilding Together-AFF and Sears on June 20 made accessibility modifications to the bathroom, rebuilt kitchen cabinets, installed flooring, repaired entryways, repaired and weatherized windows, and much more, as part of the Sears "Heroes at Home" program.

Heroes at Home, created through a partnership between Sears and Rebuilding Together, is a national program designed to assist low-income members of the military, their families and veterans with the home repairs and modifications they need. Since the inception of the program in 2007, more than \$23 million has already been raised for Heroes at Home and veteran's services; and through over 1,700 projects, nearly 42,000 volunteers have donated 333,000 hours to support veterans and their families through critical repairs to veteran's homes and nonprofit facilities that serve them. The family lives near

Mount Vernon Wood in Alexandria.

Rebuilding Together Arlington/Fairfax/Falls Church mobilizes volunteers and community partners to make repairs at no charge for low-income homeowners and nonprofits to make their homes safe and healthy and help seniors age in place. Its aim is to revitalize homes, assuring that low-income homeowner's, particularly seniors, persons with disabilities and families with children, live in warmth, safety, and independence. To date, Rebuilding Together-AFF has made repairs to nearly 2,075 homes by mobilizing over 66,500 volunteers, a contribution of free labor worth nearly 13.5 million dollars. For more information visit <http://rebuildingtogether-aff.org/>

Rebuilding Together, a longtime, charitable partner of Sears, is a leading national nonprofit in safe and healthy housing that provides low-income homeowners with critical home repairs and revitalizes the communities in which they live. Rebuilding Together's



Rebuilding Together Arlington/ Fairfax/ Falls Church completes renovations for an Alexandria veteran family as part of the Sears "Heroes at Home" program.

local affiliates and nearly 100,000 volunteers complete about 10,000 rebuild projects each year; including 1,228 veteran households in

2017. Now through 2018, Sears is encouraging Shop Your Way members and customers to give back to the men and women who served

the country by donating to Heroes at Home at their local Sears store or via online at a link at www.sears.com/heroesathome.



The Mount Vernon Evening Lions President Reba Morse and Zoe Joyner.

Helpful Assist

The Mount Vernon Evening Lions presented Zoe Joyner with an electric smart pen. Zoe graduated from McLean High School and will be attending Spelman College in GA.

Zoe is visually impaired and with the smart pen, she will be able to keep up in her classes and record her teacher's lectures. During her internships this summer, she created a podcast for a non-for-profit organization named Disability Wisdom Consulting and also worked at Wider Circle, an organization which helps low income families.

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A Fragment of History

Newspaper discovery shines light on Suffragette movement

A newspaper likely used as insulation in an old property is now part of the Park Authority's historic archives and is featured in this month's edition of artiFACTS. This 1917 newspaper, discovered during demolition of a dilapidated old house, was folded open to a story about a female suffragette.

The newspaper was discovered when a dilapidated, unlivable, historic house was being demolished. The newspaper was probably used for insulation. The paper is dated July 18, 1917, and is folded to a column about women arrested for protesting for the right of female suffrage.

Part of the column quotes Elizabeth Selden Rogers. "[W]e are not guilty of any offence, not [paper deteriorated] in our opinion, of infringing a police regulation. We know full well that we stand here because the President of the United States refuses to give liberty to American women." Rogers was sentenced to 60 days but was pardoned after three.

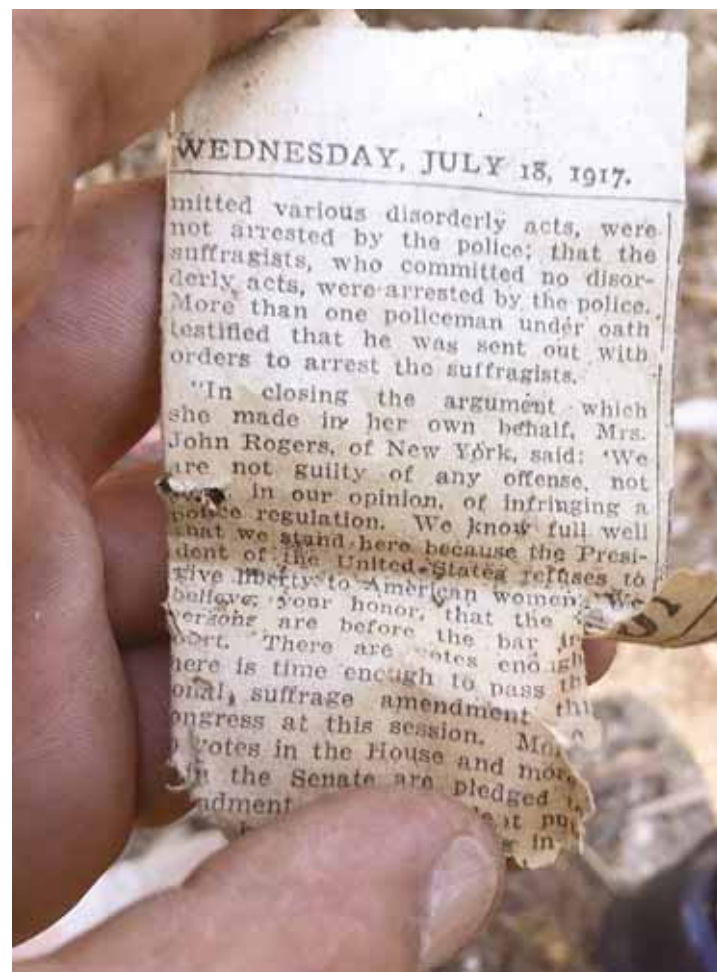
Seventy-two women, commonly referred to as the "Suffragettes," were jailed at Lorton. Several of the imprisoned initiated a hunger strike and were force-fed. The jail where they were imprisoned is now the Workhouse Arts Center. It houses a museum that commemorates the women who were jailed fighting for the right to vote.

The Park Authority's collections include more than 5,000 historic objects, such as quilts, chairs, baskets, machines, and clothing; thousands of archival items, such as photographs, letters, maps, and other documents; and upwards of three million artifacts that include archaeological finds, such as spear points and pottery.

All come with their own stories to tell. The artiFACTS newsletter allows us to showcase a small sampling of these treasures to educate, enlighten and entertain.

For more information about the Park Authority's Museum Collections, contact Heritage Resource Specialist Megan Leining at 703-631-1429 or at megan.leining@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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SUFFRAGETTE-ARTIFACTS, JULY 2018



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PEOPLE



Flashback

On June 8, some long-time residents of Williamsburg Manor recreated this 2005 back-to-school photo. Later that day, five of the group graduated from West Potomac High School — the two older siblings graduated high school in 2015 and 2016. Pictured are Philip Drembus, Siena Joy, Sebastien Richard, Seth Lewis, Maddie Howe, Henry Drembus, and Sonya Richard.



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Butterfield To Lead Library

The Mount Vernon Ladies' Association named American historian Dr. Kevin Butterfield to serve as the executive director of The Fred W. Smith National Library for the Study of George Washington (Washington Library), starting Aug. 1.

As the executive director of the Washington Library, Butterfield will foster serious scholarship about George Washington and his era while also developing new and furthering existing academic and public programs, as well as growing the library collection.

"Kevin brings a fresh set of bold ideas and vision to take the Library to the next level — He's a great scholar, but also has the rare gift of leadership," said Mount Vernon President Doug Bradburn. "Our first five years were exceptional; I can't wait to see what Kevin does in the coming years. The country needs George Washington's wisdom and example as much as ever."

Butterfield comes to Mount Vernon from the University of Oklahoma, where he served as director of the Institute for the American Constitutional Heritage and Constitutional Studies Program and held an appointment as Wick Cary Professor and

Associate Professor of Classics and Letters.

Butterfield has been honored with a number of fellowships to support his research from institutions such as the American Antiquarian Society, Winterthur Museum, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation at the Huntington Library, the Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies at Monticello, and others. In his role as the head of the Institute for the American Constitutional Heritage at the University of Oklahoma, he engaged multiple public audiences in exploring current affairs with a historical approach focused on the Constitution and civic engagement.

Butterfield is the second historian to lead the Washington Library, replacing its founding director, Dr. Douglas Bradburn, who was named president of George Washington's Mount Vernon in January 2018. Since its opening in 2013, the Washington Library has established itself as the premier center for the study of George Washington.

Butterfield holds a B.A. in history from the University of Missouri, an M.A. in history from the College of William and Mary, and a Ph.D. in history from Washington University in St. Louis.



Memorial Music Scholarship

The inaugural presentation of the Suzanne McGee Memorial Music Scholarship was made recently to West Potomac graduating senior Henry Drembus of Fort Hunt. Drembus will attend Indiana University Jacobs School of Music in the fall. Pictured are scholarship sponsor Carrie Garland, Drembus, Roger McGee, worship pastor at First Baptist Church of Alexandria, and Anne Kisthardt. The scholarship is open to seniors with a musical career path taking private lessons in memory of local piano teacher Suzanne McGee. Interested parties may give tax deductible contributions at www.Suzannemcgeememorialfund.org.

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Summer Show

Actors receive applause after their appearance in "The Importance of Being Earnest." The Picnic Theatre Company presented its annual summer show at Woodlawn Pope-Leighey House in June. The show, "The Importance of Being Earnest," was held in a tent on the grounds between Woodlawn and Pope-Leighey. Guests purchased drinks and sandwiches or brought their own picnic.

CRIME REPORT

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

TRAFFIC PURSUIT: Buckman Road at Seven Woods Drive, July 26, 9:38 p.m. An officer observed a vehicle traveling south on Buckman Road at a high rate of speed with no headlights on. The officer attempted to stop the vehicle, but the vehicle sped away. While fleeing, the vehicle's hood opened, blocking the drivers view. The officer utilized a pre-

cision immobilization technique (PIT) maneuver to stop the fleeing vehicle. A 35-year-old man from Alexandria was arrested for DUI, driving with a revoked license, reckless driving, and disregarding police command to stop with endangerment to others.

UNLAWFUL ENTRY: 2700 block of Arlington Dr., July 24, between 10 p.m.

and 12 p.m. the next day. Someone entered the property and went through the guard shack. Nothing was damaged or taken, but the individual left trash behind.

UNLAWFUL ENTRY: 3000 block of Westford View Ct., July 26, between 12

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Academic Feast in the Commonwealth

BY PAUL KRIZEK
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In Virginia, we are fortunate to have some of the best public universities in the country including my alma mater, the University of Virginia. Yet, you may not realize that we are also blessed with outstanding private colleges in the Commonwealth. As private college week

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comes to a close, and as my wife and I are in the midst of our daughter's own college search, I want to highlight for you the benefits these schools provide to Virginia and the students that attend them.

One of the first issues to come up when discussing private colleges is usually cost. This is a completely justifiable concern. Prices for colleges across our country have ballooned at an alarming rate. Making college more affordable is one of the most important issues facing society today. However, private colleges have taken steps to reduce the burden of cost and to help make a student's decision between choosing a public and private school a personal one, instead of a financial one. Work study, institutional, merit, and need-based grants

have helped to close this gap. In the 2016-2017 year, 82 percent of undergraduates received financial aid and 49 percent received Pell Grants (most students' families receiving Pell Grants make less than 40,000 dollars a year). Additionally, Virginia residents are eligible for the Virginia Tuition Assistance Grant (VTAG) which provides non need-based financial aid for students (the aid was 3,200

dollars for students in 2016-2017) through funding from the General Assembly. These financial aid packages can result in private college attendees having similar rates of debt as students at public universities.

One of the many benefits of Virginia having great private and public universities and colleges is that it provides students of all needs and circumstances with great choices for a quality education. Some thrive in the energy of a public university with thousands of students and numerous educational programs to choose from. Conversely, other students desire a more intimate environment to reach their full academic potential. Private colleges provide a smaller, familial atmosphere. The average class size at a private college in Virginia is 16 students with a student to faculty ratio of 11:1. Smaller class sizes allow students to work

closely with faculty who often serve as lifelong mentors to help guide them in their future career and educational opportunities. Additionally, private colleges are known for their great, holistic liberal arts education. Some pundits may disparage the liberal arts and humanities as a bad investment, but as the proud owner of a BA, I am living proof that you can have an interesting and exciting career. Liberal arts degrees teach students to think creatively and communicate effectively, traits vital to the modern workplace.

These independent colleges are strong contributors to our Virginia economy. Over 23,000 people are employed by private colleges, and in some areas these schools are the primary employer in the region. These jobs pay hard working Virginians over \$1.2 billion in salaries and benefits. Furthermore, these colleges help us reinvest in Virginia by paying over \$26 million in taxes and other state fees. Over 200,000 Virginia private school alumni currently live in Virginia and contribute to making our economy and community stronger. Along with our wonderful public universities, private colleges ensure that our Commonwealth continues to maintain a strong, diverse and cost effective higher education system. Now, if my daughter could just decide upon one of these excellent schools! For more information please visit vaprivatecolleges.org.

Setting an Example for Continuum-of-Care

BY AUSTIN HOUCK
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For years, Spring Hill has been a thriving 55-plus active adult community, with pristinely-cut lawns, quaint houses and condominiums. Recent additions of Lindsay Hill senior apartments and The Crossings assisted living and memory care facility provide senior living options from single-family homes to assisted living apartments. In addition to the Spring Hill living community, Lorton will also be home to a future Artis memory care facility.

On April 5, the Spring Hill community welcomed its newest addition, an assisted living and memory care facility aptly named "The Crossings." This new building finally completes Spring Hill's transitional senior care system, with residents having independent living, assisted living, and memory care all in one spot, so that should the need to move to the next phase of life arise, residents don't need to go very far. I had the opportunity to tour the facility, and was blown away at both the variety of services they provided, as well as the size

and brand-new appearance of the building. I met several residents, each occupied with different activities, some in the physical therapy room, some in the barber shop, and some lounging outside in the courtyard. The apartments themselves are also very unique, with 24 different models of a total of 108 apartments, 74 in assisted living and 34 in memory care. Residents can choose between two and one bedroom units, with many variations for people's specific preferences. Dining is also very well put-together, with a dining room for assisted living and another for memory care, each with their own wait staff, giving off the atmosphere of an actual restaurant. Waiters bring out visual examples for those with cognitive impairments, and the facility offers many different common meals on their permanent menu, as well as specials that rotate every day. The staff throughout the building were very friendly, many of them busy helping residents get to where they needed to go or working in the dining rooms and other services.

The Crossings is just the latest in a growing number of quality senior care facilities in Fairfax County, following in the footsteps of Sunrise and Greenspring and making Spring Hill one of the first communities that truly of-

fers a continuum-of-care for senior living. This kind of senior care is vital to our larger healthcare system, and it's great to see that we have it right here in Lorton. When I informed Supervisor Storck about my experience on the tour, he mentioned that "it's important for senior care facilities to not feel like senior care facilities, but like a resort, like a home." I know from personal experiences in my family how stressful it is for people living in senior care and rehabilitation care to stay for extended periods of time in a place that doesn't feel right, where they're constantly reminded of their condition, age, or illness. At this new facility, a lot of work has been put into circumventing this feeling of being "treated," making it feel more like they're just permanent guests at a nice hotel, and it's paid off.

Overall, Spring Hill is an impressive community, helping seniors feel more at home in the later stages of their lives, while being fully prepared to assist in the transitions between these stages. We warmly welcome this newest addition to the Mount Vernon District and hope to see our county make real progress towards better senior care for all.

The writer is a summer intern in Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck's Office and West Potomac senior.

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MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

The Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board's Merrifield Center offers a new stand-up information kiosk. Part of a pilot project, the new feature aims to

improve the customer service experience and decrease wait times for individuals who are seeking mental (behavioral) health services. To check in, individuals respond to five simple questions, then the CSB's Patient Track software alerts staff.

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Back to School Checklist: Required Vaccinations

Local clinics offer free immunizations.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

As parents compile back-to-school task lists, health officials say that along with backpacks, notebooks and pencils, parents add the vaccinations that are required by Maryland and Virginia state laws in order for students to attend school. Now is the time to get those immunizations to avoid the back to school rush.

"We have free, walk-in clinics where you can get vaccines between now and the beginning of the school year," said Mary Anderson, Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services. "We urge parents to go now and not wait. We offer vaccines at clinics every day of the week at four different locations."

Appointments are not required for immunization visits in Montgomery, Arlington and Fairfax counties. The Alexandria Health Department, however offers services by appointment only.

"We would certainly encourage parents to make an appointment now," added John Silcox, Fairfax County Health Department. "Appointments fill up quickly, and there are



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Parents are encourage to get required vaccines now to avoid the back-to-school rush.

some walk-in appointments, but the closer you get to school the more crowded our clinics get."

Fairfax County has five clinics which offer vaccines. "School-required immunizations are always free at our clinics, whether a person has insurance or not," said Silcox. "We highly encourage parents to call the clinic that is most conveniently located to them so that they have you vaccines in time for school."

Parents must bring a copy of the child's existing immunization record. "A parent or

designated adult must be with the child when the go to get vaccines," said Anderson. "If a parents doesn't have or can't find their child's record, we can try to reconstruct it."

As recently as May, the Washington, D.C. region saw a case of a vaccine preventable disease, says Anderson. "There was a case of measles that this particular individual had contracted outside of the country," she said. "But this is a reminder about the importance of vaccinations because if you had come in contact with this individual and

hadn't been vaccinated you could have gotten sick."

Some students may be granted an exemption from the Virginia and Maryland state requirements for religious for medical reasons. "There is an exemption form that people would need to get filled out and turn into their school in order to be exempt from the state requirement."

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ENTERTAINMENT

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ONGOING

Art Exhibit: “Drawing Energy: The Logic of Madness.” Through Aug. 5, gallery hours at Torpedo Factory, Studio 21, 105 North Union St., Alexandria. Guy Jones uses his Cherokee teachings to evoke the energy and spirit of living things in his pen and ink drawings. Using micron pen and scratchboard techniques, Jones creates artworks that are mischievous, whimsical, and a bit eerie. Opening Reception and Meet the Artist: Thursday, July 12, 6:30-8 p.m. Special Program – Drawn in: Taking a Closer Look at the Solo Exhibit, Thursday, July 26. Free. Visit www.theartleague.org or call 703-683-1780.

New Works by Ken Strong. Through Aug. 9, gallery hours at Broadway Gallery, 5641-B General Washington Drive. Shipped straight from his studio in Australia, Ken Strong’s new works represent a variety of subjects from Australia and the United States. Call 703-354-2905 or visit broadwaygalleries.net.

Life Under the Sea. Through Aug. 26 at Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery, in Torpedo Factory Art Center, Studio 29, 105 North Union St., Alexandria. Real or imagined, the world beneath the waves calls to the artists for this show: Enchanted mermaids, coral, shells, sunken ships, fish, and glorious colors. Free. Call 703-548-0935 or visit Potomacfiberartsgallery.com.

Art Exhibit: “Off the Grid.” Through Aug. 31, gallery hours at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. “Off the Grid” is an exhibit of artwork by Fairfax County and City of Alexandria inmates. The inmates vary in age, background and artistic experience, with most having never drawn before their lessons with volunteer art instructor Kelli Schollard-Sincock. Visit torpedofactory.org.

Art Exhibit: Art, Light, and Metaphor. Through Sept. 2 at Target Gallery in the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. New exhibition explores the connections between art, light, and metaphor. The opening reception will be the cornerstone of the Torpedo Factory Art Center’s Late Shift: Bright Lights on Friday, July 20, 7-9 pm. A Gallery Talk with select artist comments will take place at 8 p.m. There will also be a special Illuminate pop-up exhibition in the Grand Hall. Learn more at torpedofactory.org/target.

Ceramics Combust. Through Sept. 2 at Scope Gallery, 105 North Union St., Studio 19, Torpedo Factory Art Center, Alexandria. Featuring “Brilliance: An Exploration of Heat and Light.” Hours are Monday through Sunday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., with Thursdays open until 9 p.m. Call Scope Gallery at 703-548-6288, visit www.scopegallery.org, www.torpedofactory.org/galleries/scope.

“Dredging The Lethe.” On view through Sept. 14 at The Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Free admission. Visit www.torpedofactory.org. Wrapped around the interior wall of a smokestack of the former munitions factory, Kara Hammond’s mural, “Dredging the Lethe,” uses recycled book-pages, collage, charcoal, gesso and ink to create large-scale drawings of Greek goddesses amid contemporary human events. Free admission. Visit torpedofactory.org.

Art Exhibit: Makers in the Mansion. Through Oct. 22 at



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Return to Harper’s Ferry by Ken Strong

Closing Soon: New Works by Ken Strong

Shipped straight from his studio in Australia, Ken Strong’s new works represent a variety of subjects from Australia and the United States. Gallery hours at Broadway Gallery, 5641-B General Washington Drive. Exhibit will run through Aug. 9. Call 703-354-2905 or visit broadwaygalleries.net for more.

Return to Harper’s Ferry

Camden Haven Journey



Woodlawn & Pope-Leighey House Historic Site, 9000 Richmond Highway. Six installations of work by local African American makers hosted in an 1805 mansion owned by Nelly Parke Custis and Lawrence Lewis, once a prominent plantation home. Stories of a transformed African American community through the artisan eye. RSVP to Woodlawnevents@savingplaces.org.

SUMMER CAMPS

Quest Forth into Nature. At Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd, Alexandria. Nature Quest camps have a variety of themes as they explore the plants and animals that put the wild into the park’s wildlife. Nature Quest campers ages 6-11 will research reptiles and amphibians the week of Aug. 6. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/camps to register.

NOW THRU LABOR DAY

Honoring Our Veterans Exhibit. At Gadsby’s Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St., Alexandria. Included in museum admission - Adults: \$5, Children (ages 5 -12): \$3. After his service in the Revolutionary War, Hamilton went home to contribute to his community and nation. As part of the World War I 100th Commemoration, learn how returning veterans served Alexandria, including American Legion Post #24, which restored Gadsby’s Tavern in honor of WWI veterans. See how the museum looked under their care and hear about the contributions veterans still make to the City of Alexandria today. Visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

THURSDAY/AUG. 2

Children’s Dance Party. 11-11:45 a.m. at Kate Waller Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St., Alexandria.

Join in the SummerQuest Junior Dance Party. Lots of great tunes to dance to, plus fun props – bells, scarves and more. (Ages 2+). Visit www.alexlibraryva.org.

First Thursday Del Ray. 6-9 p.m. Along Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. First Thursdays is a series of free outdoor street festivals along Mount Vernon Avenue. Every first Thursday of the month, the Del Ray Business Association features businesses along Mount Vernon Avenue, special events, food and music. Each month has a different theme with activities for children, live music and a festive atmosphere. Visit www.visitdelray.com.

Bagpipe Concert. 8-9 p.m. at Tavern Square, Old Town Alexandria, King and Royal Streets, Alexandria, across from Market Square. City of Alexandria Pipes and Drums will present a free concert. Visit www.capd-online.com.

FRIDAY/AUG. 3

Summer Concert. 7 p.m. at Market Square, 202 King St., Alexandria. Free. Featuring the 257th Army Band, “The Band of the Nation’s Capital,” a unit of the District of Columbia Army National Guard.

Book Buzz. 2-3:30 p.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St., Alexandria. Attention book lovers: want the inside scoop on the upcoming books for fall release? Library staff will give a presentation on the newest titles from Penguin, Random House, and Macmillan. Free. Visit www.alexlibraryva.org.

Mount Vernon Nights. 7:30 p.m. at Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mt. Vernon Memorial Highway. This series of free, public concerts features a variety of musical performances reflecting Fairfax County’s diversity, culture and community spirit. Bring a picnic dinner and a blanket and enjoy one of Fairfax County’s special

summer traditions. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/mt-vernon-nights.

AUG. 3-SEPT. 2

Ancestry Art Exhibit. 7-9 p.m. Opening Reception. At Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. The “Ancestry” exhibit at Del Ray Artisans showcases how the diverse, vibrant cultures of our members come together to form one strong community. Visit www.DelRayArtisans.org/event/ancestry/

SATURDAY/AUG. 4

Friendship Firehouse Festival. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Friendship Firehouse Museum, 107 S. Alfred St., Alexandria. The free family event features antique fire apparatus, craft booths, displays by Alexandria merchants and live music. Participants will enjoy visiting the Friendship Firehouse Museum, originally built as a firehouse in 1855. Children will receive free fire helmets and are treated to a supervised visit inside the fire trucks. Call 703-746-3891 or visit the website www.alexandriava.gov/FriendshipFirehouse.

Watercolor Workshop: Working with Brusho. 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. (16-Adult) Brusho is a versatile watercolor medium made of ink crystals. It’s incredibly vivid and beautiful colors open up a world of possibilities for painters. Learn to use Brusho in your watercolor paintings on various surfaces under the guidance of artist Marni Maree. A supply list will be emailed before the first class. Bring lunch. \$90 per person. Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes using code 290 332 1001 or call 703-642-5173.

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Telling their Story: Museum Specialty Tours. 10 a.m. at Gadsby’s Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St., Alexandria. Tour the halls where Washington, Lafayette, Jefferson, Madison and Burr partied and made history. Consider the ideas debated in the rooms where it happened... for some, but not for all. \$12/person. Visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

Tavern Day Open House. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Gadsby’s Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal St., Alexandria. Want to learn to dance like George Washington? Ever heard of a learned pig? From 1-5 p.m., continuous tours of the historic site will be given by Junior Docents (grades 4-7). Learn to dance like George and Martha Washington in the ballroom. Call 703-746-4242 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

SummerQuest – Mr. Gabe. 11-noon at James M. Duncan Jr. Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria. Mr. Gabe is a singer and guitarist who performs original songs as well as familiar classics. All ages. Space is limited to the first 74 participants.

Special Collections Tour. 11-11:45 a.m. at the Local History/Special Collections Library, 717 Queen St., Alexandria. Come learn about the unique treasures held at the Local History / Special Collections the first



The Dynamic Superiors

Original Motown group, The Dynamic Superiors, with special featured guest David Cole will be performing. Saturday, Aug. 4, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. at MetroStage 1201 N. Royal St., Alexandria. Tickets are \$40 in advance or \$45 at the door. Call 703-548-9044 or visit www.metrostage.org.

Saturday of every month. Learn about the importance of Alexandria in Virginia history and about resources available for researching your ancestors or home. Free. Visit www.alexlibraryva.org

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

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Jerry Garcia Bash. 7 p.m.-1 a.m. at Carlyle Club, 2050 Ballenger Ave., Alexandria. Alexandria jam band, Free Flowing Musical Experience, is teaming up with D.C.-based Grateful Dead tribute band, On the Bus, for a Grateful Dead concert re-creation at Alexandria's Carlyle Club. \$20-\$60. Visit www.thecarlyleclub.com.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 4-5

Hands on History Tent. Noon-4 p.m. at Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St. This year's annual Hands-on-History Tent theme is Colonial Plants. Learn all about native Virginia plants and their use during the 18th-century. Participate in a variety of games, crafts, and projects that test knowledge of plants, and explore how they were used in cooking, medicine, and art. The event is free, and designed for children ages 3-12. Call 703-549-2997 or visit www.novaparks.com.

SUNDAY/AUG. 5

Gestures: A History of Body Language. 1-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Cost is \$32/person (program + tea); \$12 (program only). The handshake, the wink, and the thumbs up: gestures form a nuanced, non-vocal language that speaks volumes. Conveying everything from encouragement to disdain, many gestures have a long history. Hear about their fascinating origins, and discover that not all body language is universal to all

cultures. Programs are by reservation only. Call 703-941-7987, TTY 703-324-3988.

Meet the Junior Docents. 2-5 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal St., Alexandria. These young historians, grades 4 and older, will be on hand to share highlights of the tavern and answer questions as guests journey through the museum. Great for families as children connect with the building through their peer tour guides as well as for adults looking for some inspiration. Included in regular admission: \$5 adults (\$4 with AAA), \$3 children ages 5-12, and 4 and under are free. Call 703-746-4242 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

Concert. 3-5 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. The Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association presents their weekly free summer chamber concert series. This week's concert features the US Naval Academy Band Wind Trio playing music by Bach, Schuloff, Brandon, and Auric. Free. Donations appreciated. Call 703-799-8229 or visit www.wmpamusic.org.

TUESDAY/AUG. 7

SummerQuest Maker Camp. 2-3 p.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St., Alexandria. Ages 8-14. Come explore STEAM concepts with high-tech and low-tech activities and challenges. Class size limited to 20 children, pick up a ticket starting at 1:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 8

Decoding Weather Machine. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at James M. Duncan Jr. Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria. Disastrous hurricanes. Widespread droughts and wildfires. Withering heat. Extreme rainfall. This is a result of the weather machine itself – our climate. In this two-hour documentary, NOVA will cut through the confusion around climate change.

Cool Yoga 2018. 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Del Ray Psych & Wellness Lot, 1900 Mt. Vernon Ave. Maureen Clyne teaches Cool Yoga – Del Ray's free summer outdoor yoga, Wednesdays through Aug. 29. Chill out after class with the Cool Yoga After-Party featuring refreshments courtesy of Bon Vivant Cafe + Farm Market. Email yoga@prasadayoga.com.

Outdoor Concert. 7 p.m. at John Carlyle Square Park, 300 John Carlyle St., Alexandria. Free. Featuring Capital Sound and Brigadier Brass. Part of the Centennial of the end of World War

75 Years and Counting — Alexandria Symphony Orchestra

BY MELYNDA WILCOX
ALEXANDRIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The Alexandria Symphony Orchestra was founded in 1943, in the depths of World War II. The occasion of its 75th anniversary gives the ASO, and its new Music Director Jim Ross, an opportunity to look back at what our city was like when the orchestra was formed.

The Alexandria Gazette was a daily paper in those days and covered national as well as local news. On the national front, the mood was tense. One front-page Gazette headline in early 1943 quoted President Franklin D. Roosevelt warning

Americans that they would have to “tighten their belts” to pay for a \$100 billion war program. The Pentagon officially opened in January 1943, and the Parkfairfax apartments were built to alleviate the housing shortage for new workers.

Residents registered for ration coupons at Maury, George Mason, Parker-Gray and other neighborhood schools. Five “nurseries” for more than 100 children ages two to six were opened in Alexandria as part of the Federal Works Agency's child care program. Douglas MacArthur Elementary opened in 1943, predominantly for children of the Naval Torpedo Factory workers living in Chinquapin Village, and ground was broken for the new Charles Barrett Elementary School. Students from different schools competed to sell the most war stamps and bonds.

One Gazette article implored readers to refrain from “writing of woes at home to soldiers serving on many fronts.” But despite the difficult circumstances, Alexandrians 75 years ago found ways to support each other. The Alexandria Garden Club held victory garden competitions. The Junior Red Cross organized book drives. And a young music teacher at George Washington High School, Miss Lucie Neale Landen, recruited 40 amateur musi-

cians to play orchestral music together and to share that joy with their neighbors. More than any other period in history — thanks in part to the radio age — music composed and performed during WWII was used to boost morale on the home front as well as among the troops.

Landen, a graduate of the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, has been described as “a plucky lady with a pithy personality, astringent wit, and a positive, forthright attitude.” She later moved to California and was a high school orchestra teacher for 40 years. It is not known whether she was aware of her role in forming what would eventually become a fully-professional orchestra and the city's most enduring arts organization.

Many of the issues that confronted Alexandrians in 1943 resonate today: the shortage of affordable housing, the limited availability of high quality childcare and preschool, and the urgent need for school construction to keep pace with rising enrollment. Just as it has throughout history, music continues to serve as a universal language that binds people and communities together. The act of listening to live music together in a public space — among strangers as well as friends — deepens that connection, especially during times of conflict and worry.

As it celebrates its 75th anniversary, the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra invites you to join with them as they continue to make live orchestral music meaningful in the lives of our residents. A special 75th anniversary outdoor concert will be held on the grounds of the Virginia Theological Seminary on Saturday, Sept. 15 at 4 p.m. Led by Maestro Ross, the orchestra will play selections from the Sound of Music, Swan Lake, Americana favorites and light classical music. Lawn tickets are \$20 for adults and \$5 for youth with VIP seating also available. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.alexsym.org.

Melynda Wilcox is a vice president of the ASO's Board of Trustees.

I, the District of Columbia National Guard will host a series of events to commemorate the end to the first war.

THURSDAY/AUG. 9

SummerQuest Maker Camp. 2-3 p.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St., Alexandria. Ages 8-14. Come explore STEAM concepts with high-tech and low-tech activities and challenges. Class size limited to 20 children, pick up a ticket starting at 1:30 p.m.

FRIDAY/AUG. 10

Alexandria After Work Concert Series. 6-8 p.m. at the Murray-Dick-Fawcett House, 517 Prince St. The Folklore Society of Greater Washington and The Office of Historic Alexandria sponsor a concert on the second Friday of the month with locations rotating between the Murray-Dick-Fawcett House, Lloyd House, and The Lyceum, Alexandria's History Museum. \$15 suggested donation for the musicians, light refreshments available, and a cash bar. Visit www.fsgw.org.

Trivia Night. 7-9 p.m. at Lee-Fendall

House Museum, 614 Oronoco St., Alexandria. Staff members at Carlyle House Historic Park and Lee-Fendall House Museum have combined their random nerd knowledge to create bi-weekly trivia nights. Test knowledge on all things from pop culture to history. \$5 a person; includes one drink ticket. Additional drinks can be bought at the cash bar. Teams may have up to six members. Registration slots are first come, first served; pay ahead to save a spot. Every other Friday June-August. Purchase tickets through eventbrite.com.

Mount Vernon Nights. 7:30 p.m. at Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mt. Vernon Memorial Highway. This series of free, public concerts features a variety of musical performances reflecting Fairfax County's diversity, culture and community spirit. Bring a picnic dinner and a blanket and enjoy one of Fairfax County's special summer traditions. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance/mt-vernon-nights.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 11-12

9th Annual Summer Sidewalk Sale. Hours vary by retailer. Throughout Old Town and Del Ray.

Features 50 Alexandria boutiques stepping out of their storefronts offering discounted summer merchandise at up to 80 percent off. Participating stores such as The Shoe Hive, The Lucky Knot, 529 Kids Consign, Periwinkle, The Dog Park, fibre space, Pacers Running and Kiskadee will have bright yellow balloon markers outside of their storefronts. New boutiques to Alexandria such as Threadleaf, Forge Industrial Works and Twist Boutique will also participate. For a complete list of all participating businesses and examples of sale items, visit VisitAlexVA.com/SidewalkSale.

SATURDAY/AUG. 11

Backyard Composting Basics. 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Mother Nature can help you compost plant material into luscious amendment for lawn and garden. Visit Green Spring's composting station to learn different composting methods, materials to use and not use, proportions, aeration, screening, critter control and compost use. \$15/person. Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/

ENTERTAINMENT

4 Foodie Dates to Circle in August

BY HOPE NELSON

From early Oktoberfest celebrations to Alexandria's esteemed Summer Restaurant Week, there's an abundance of food-and-drink activities to whet your appetite. Here are some of the month's best bets.

Port City Oktoberfest Release Party, Aug. 3

Prost! Oktoberfest is back, well ahead of the German holiday, at Port City Brewing. The brewery's Marzen-style beer is the star of the show at Friday's festivities, which will offer up steins full of the frosty beverage. Want to take some home? Crawlers, growlers and six-packs are at your service. Puerto Rican-themed Borinquen Lunch Box will pull the truck around for hungry guests; Taylor Carson will provide music in the beer garden. 3950 Wheeler Ave., 3-10 p.m.

Alimentation: A Mediterranean Feast, Aug. 5

In an evening co-hosted by local event planner Nomos, Chef Teresa Scrimenti leads a pop-up Mediterranean dinner inside Forge Industrial Works. The three-course meal features hummus and salad to start, followed by an entrée of beef kofta, eggplant

and tabbouleh (a vegetarian option is also available). Honey-cardamom ice cream with – what else? – a baklava crumble finishes out the proceedings. Forge Industrial Works, 128 S. Royal St. 6-8 p.m. \$85.

Alexandria Restaurant Week, Aug. 17-26

The city toasts its best and brightest restaurants during a weeklong celebration of all things food and drink. With \$35 three-course and dinner-for-two specials from the likes of Bastille, Vermilion, RT's and Evening Star Café, there's a wealth of options for diners of all palates. Reserve a table at any of the dozens of participating eateries citywide and feast your eyes and your taste buds on all that's to come.

Shooter McGee's Crab Feast, Aug. 25

Shooter McGee's is back with its 2018 rendition of its annual crab feast. All-you-can eat crabs – plus hush puppies and corn on the cob – will be served up all afternoon at the West End eatery. Wash it down with some \$3 drafts from Caboose Brewery and bask in the waning days of summer. 5239 Duke St., 2 p.m. \$45 in advance; \$55 at the door; \$16.99 for children 12 and under.

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

CALENDAR

parktakes usingcode 290-388-3901 or call 703-642-5173.

A Culinary Adventure. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at 532Yoga, 532 North Washington St., Alexandria. Indian cooking class; includes cookbook. \$65. Visit www.532yoga.com.

The General's Tour. 10 a.m.-noon at Lee-Fendall House Museum, 614 Oronco St., Alexandria. Guided walking tour of Robert E. Lee sites in Alexandria's Historic Old Town highlighting the Confederate general's complicated legacy. Cost is \$10/advance; \$15/door. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org

Purple Heart Day. 10:30 a.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon on the east lawn overlooking the Potomac River. Members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart will commemorate National Purple Heart Day. All Purple Heart recipients receive free daytime admission to Mount Vernon every day of the year. Visit www.mountvernon.org/purpleheartday.

Rockneceros. 11-11:45 a.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St., Alexandria. Children will enjoy bopping along to Coach, Williebob, and Boogie Bennie's catchy tunes. All ages with an adult. Free.

Floral Design Demonstration: Color Confidence. 1-2:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Join floral designer Betty Ann Galway in this demonstration on color theory in floral design, including different combinations that demonstrate the monochromatic, analogous, complementary and triadic color combinations in cut flowers, along with the when's and why's of choosing these combinations. Program only. No supplies. \$43/person. Adults. Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakesusingcode2903015801 or call 703-642-5173.

Luau on the Potomac. 6 p.m. at 2000 George Washington Parkway, turn in at Lucia Lane. Authentic Polynesian entertainment and food.



Lynn Hollyfield



Kate Campbell

Live Music

Appearing with Lynn Hollyfield, Kate Campbell's vocal delivery and her eloquent gift for storytelling have drawn comparisons to Flannery O'Connor, Eudora Welty, and William Faulkner. Saturday, Aug. 11, 7 p.m. at Focus Mount Vernon at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road, Alexandria. Tickets are \$18/advance; \$20/door. For tickets, visit www.focusmusic.org/buy-tickets.

Sponsored by the Mount Vernon Community. Bring salad, chopped fruit or ethnic side dishes. Free to attend; no alcoholic beverages permitted. For information, contact Nafetelai Kioa, kioa.nafitalai@gmail.com, 571-217-7663, or Sean O'Connell, mvbishopoconnell@gmail.com, 540-604-4318.

Kate Campbell Live. 7 p.m. at Focus Mount Vernon at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road, Alexandria. Appearing with Lynn Hollyfield. Kate Campbell's vocal delivery and her gift for storytelling have drawn comparisons to Flannery O'Connor, Eudora Welty, and William Faulkner. Tickets are \$18/advance; \$20/door. For tickets, visit www.focusmusic.org/buy-tickets.

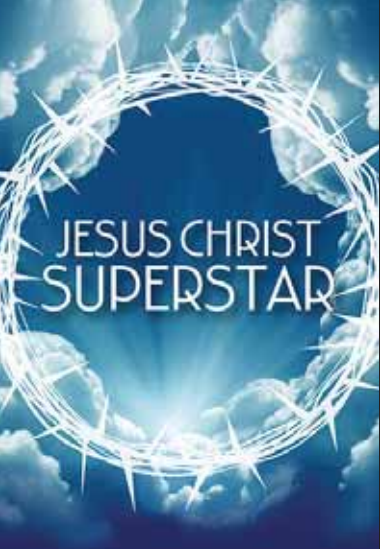
Boardwalk Astronomy. 8-10 p.m. at Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd., Alexandria. Want to know what's new in the night sky? Join park naturalists for "Boardwalk Astronomy" – a tour of constellations, comets and other current happenings in the heavens above. For participants age 12 to adult. \$9 per person. The sky tour will be canceled

in the event of rain or other severe weather. Call 703-768-2525 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows.

SUNDAY/AUG. 12


Meet the Junior Docents. 2-5 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal St., Alexandria. These young historians, grades 4 and older, will be on hand to share highlights of the tavern and answer questions as guests journey through the museum. Great for families as children connect with the building through their peer tour guides as well as for adults looking for some inspiration. Included in regular admission: \$5 adults (\$4 with AAA), \$3 children ages 5-12, and 4 and under are free. Call 703-746-4242 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

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Do Not Separate Children and Families

SEN. DAVE MARSDEN,
STATE SENATOR (D-37)

The cruelty enacted by the Trump Administration in separating minor children from their parents is egregious on its face. What concerns me even more is that the science around the detention of young people is available and widely understood.

The science is clear, unless a child poses an imminent public safety risk or an imminent risk to themselves, alternatives to detention and separation from family should be pursued.

I spent part of my career as a probation officer making decisions around whether to remove young people from their families for their criminal behavior. Fortunately, in 1974, the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act prohibited the detention of status offenders — runaways, truants, incorrigibles — in secure, locked facilities. The rest of my career was spent as superintendent of Fairfax County's Juvenile Detention Center and a 2-and-a-half-year stint in Richmond as chief deputy and acting director of the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) — which operated probation, parole, and confinement for 1,200 incarcerated delinquents convicted of

criminal offenses. In the Fairfax Detention Center, I had as many as 137 children and 55 beds. We had to sleep kids on mattresses on the floor. Today we average 30-40 kids in the Fairfax Detention Center and have fewer than 300 in the DJJ. Why has the dramatic drop in populations occurred?

One factor for the dramatic drop in juvenile incarceration is that we now know better and only detain or incarcerate those who are an imminent public safety risk. We now know that detained kids who are not public safety risks are only made worse by the experience. Children who are unnecessarily detained fall victim to the principle of “the self-fulfilling prophecy.” What this means is that children we thought we were teaching a lesson to were not learning how to behave but were rather having their worst feelings about themselves confirmed by the juvenile justice system — ultimately making them more likely to live a delinquent lifestyle.

In 2001, as acting director of the Department of Juvenile Justice, we initiated a best practice of creating structured decision-making or risk instruments to determine, on a more scientific basis, whether youngsters should be detained in local juvenile detention centers or could be released to their families on outreach detention or electronic monitoring pending their court dates.

We are making better decisions today because in the past we did not know the impact of our actions on these children and their families. We thought we were helping by teaching them a lesson but we were actually making things worse.

All of this is background for what is happening at the border and the damage that can be done to children in this thoughtless and ill-informed policy of separating these children and their families.

In 1997, the Adverse Child Experience Study (ACE) was completed by Kaiser Permanente and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). What this study demonstrated for us is how critical a decision it is to separate a child from their family and the damage that is perpetrated on that child. All of us have the capacity to overcome a temporary negative experience.

What children often do not have the capacity to overcome is prolonged trauma that this separation inflicts on them. Detention itself can have traumatic impact even if families are together. Younger children who witness or experience abuse, violence, emotional mistreatment, and privation can fundamentally be psychologically rewired in ways that hinder their ability to handle normal life situations. The best example of this is a parable told by a psychiatrist from San Francisco I heard at a conference. She said,

“Imagine yourself a child walking alone in the woods and coming across a bear. The child runs from the bear and is terrified but in the normal course of events, with comfort from the family, the frightening episode can be overcome and life can move on without permanent adverse impact. Now, imagine that you live with the bear.” Clearly, it is not only the separation from family itself but the duration of the separation that has dramatic impact on children.

This is the science and what we know about thoughtless interventions that may appear to solve our problems but rather damage others irrevocably. While some children are dangerous and do require confinement and treatment, almost no child taken from their parents at the U.S.-Mexico border fits this category.

Whether they are our children or children seeking asylum from another country, our obligations as people who know better, are clear. These children may end up staying in the United States under our asylum laws. Do we want them healthy and capable of contributing to society or traumatized and unable to function appropriately? This is an easy choice no matter how you feel about immigration. The science and our experience tells us not to separate children from their families. The unintended consequences can be serious.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Teenagers Organize ‘Rally to Reunite’

To the Editor:

In light of the humanitarian crisis on the border, high school students were not able to sit back and watch people struggle and suffer. Virginia teenagers, Tarina Ahuja, Perrin McHugh, and Bee Hyland, organized a rally titled “Rally to Reunite” that took place in front of the ICE building in Fairfax.

The event was full of inspirational speakers and performers, loud chants, colorful signs, and a pervading message that the people are watching and refuse to stay silent.

The speakers included Rajwant Singh, president of EcoSikh; Mansimran Kahlon, the vice chair of the 10th District Democratic Committee in Prince Williams County; and a musical performance by Gurl Music.

The enthusiasm was contagious. Cars, pedestrians, and cyclists would stop to cheer and show their support for the cause creating a larger sense of unity and solidarity with the separated families. Throughout the day, speakers and organizers emphasized the need for both adults and young people to vote.

According to these young people, civic engagement, no matter your age, is the key to creating a government that we can be proud of. The students emphasized that having young people involved is what will bring our country forward. They emphasized that youths have new ideas, new per-



Rally organizers, from left: Bee Hyland, 17, Leesburg; Tarina Ahuja, 16, Ashburn; and Perrin McHugh, 17, McLean.

spectives and also will be the ones with solutions in the future. Many people have told these students that young people do not belong in politics, but they hold strong in their belief that the voice of their generation is valuable and something that is necessary considering our current political climate.

Tarina Ahuja
Ashburn

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DONATIONS NEEDED

UCM Needs Help. United Community Ministries (UCM), 7511 Fordson Road, Alexandria. Inventory is low on disposable diapers especially sizes 4, 5, 6; canned tuna and other canned meats like chicken; and low-sugar breakfast cereals. Shop and donate with their Amazon Wish List at: bit.ly/UCM_FoodPantry_AmazonWishList. Email Assistant Food Pantry Manager Von at vonneta.jones@ucmagency.org or visit at www.ucmagency.org.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 3-5

Tax-Free Holiday. During Virginia's sales tax holiday, qualifying school supplies, clothing, footwear, hurricane and emergency preparedness items, and Energy Star and WaterSense products can be purchased without paying sales tax. Visit tax.virginia.gov/virginia-sales-tax-holiday for details.

THROUGH AUG. 6

UCM Donation Drop Off. Weekdays, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. at UCM's main office, 7511 Fordson Road, Alexandria. Drop off checks and backpacks to help UCM equip students with tools for success through UCM's Back to School program. Larger-sized backpacks for middle and high school students are needed. Gender-neutral colors are preferred for all grade levels. A gift of \$40 will outfit one child with a new backpack and basic school supplies. Donate online now (type “School Supplies” in comments) or make checks payable to UCM (“School Supplies” in memo line), and mail to UCM at 7511 Fordson Road, Alexandria, VA 22306. Visit ucmagency.org or call 571-255-8992.

TUESDAY/AUG. 7

National Night Out. Various locations, events and times. Annual event offers an opportunity to show neighborhood spirit and strengthen partnerships with local police and is observed in thousands of communities in all 50 states, U.S.

territories, Canadian cities and military bases around the world. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mountvernon/national-night-out for more.

THURSDAY/AUG. 9

Chamber Breakfast. 8-9:30 a.m. at Belle Haven Country Club, 6023 Fort Hunt Road. Mount Vernon Lee Chamber's August Business Breakfast will feature Dr. Annette Hagray, provost of the NOVA Alexandria Campus and Dr. Ivy Beringer. They will discuss Workforce Training opportunities available at NOVA. \$25 per person for Chamber members and \$35 for guests. Register at www.MtVernon-LeeChamber.org or call 703-360-6925.

SATURDAY/AUG. 11

Supervisor Dan Storck (Mount Vernon District) will not be holding second Saturday office hours for the months of July and August due to summer scheduling. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mountvernon for more.

THURSDAY/AUG. 16

Public Information Meeting. 7 p.m. at Mount Vernon Governmental Center, 2511 Parkers Lane, Mount Vernon. Each year, deer management is conducted in select Fairfax County parks by the Fairfax County Police Department with the Fairfax County Park Authority and NOVA Parks. Public meetings will be held to provide an overview of the Deer Management Program and answer questions. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mountvernon/deer-management-program-public-information-meeting for more.

AUG. 24-SEPT. 4

Pool Closure: Mount Vernon RECenter. Four Fairfax County Park Authority RECenter pools will be closing for regular, periodic cleaning and maintenance. Consider trying out another county pool during the temporary shutdown. RECenter passes are valid at all nine Park Authority RECenters. Dates are subject to change. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/recenter for more.

Challenges of Affordable Housing

FROM PAGE 1

number of affordable housing units in Fairfax County. This is Fleetwood's response regarding the affordable housing situation and examples of what they are doing to advance affordable housing stock in Fairfax County:

"Fairfax County's Housing Blueprint reflects our belief that housing should be affordable to a range of households. This ranges from people coming out of homelessness, to people with special needs, to low-income workers who work here but cannot afford to live here, and our more moderate income workforce. We believe that having a continuum of housing affordability is essential to the economic health of the county.

"Several examples of current preservation activities by the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority (FCRHA) are as follows:

❖ "Murraygate Village Apartments: Murraygate Village Apartments is located off of the Route 1 corridor of Alexandria in the Lee District. The property was originally built in 1971 and consists of 204-units (200 rentable) in eight buildings. The FCRHA purchased the property in 1991. The rehabilitation of this property is comprehensive in nature and will promote long-term sustainability and energy efficiency. Renovations include installing new kitchens and bathrooms, new flooring, and upgrading electrical and plumbing systems. Renovations are expected to be complete by mid-2020. The FCRHA will provide approximately \$3.7 million in Housing Blueprint Funds and \$20 million in tax-exempt bonds for this project. In addition, funds will be utilized from FHA financing and tax credit equity, through the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program, as well.

❖ "Huntington Gardens: In 2016, the FCRHA approved up to \$5.65 million in a loan to Christian Relief Services of Virginia (CRSVA), an affiliate of the 501(c)(3) non-profit housing developer Christian Relief Services Charities, for the acquisition of a 113-unit apartment complex, Huntington Gardens, in the Lee District. Today, the property has added an additional 113 committed housing units to the county's affordable housing stock, including 28 units for homeless and chronically homeless individuals. The remaining units are affordable to households with incomes at or below 60 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI).

❖ "Wexford Manor: Wexford Manor consists of two buildings in Falls Church with 74 units of affordable housing, serving families at or below 60 percent of AMI. The FCRHA provided \$2.9 million in Housing Blueprint Funds to Wesley Housing to help renovate the community. In addition, funds were provided by VHDA and tax credit equity, through the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program, as well.

❖ "Lindsay Hill: Lindsay Hill apartments is an affordable senior living community in Lorton (Mount Vernon District) containing 55 units of senior housing. The FCRHA helped to develop the community by providing a Housing Blueprint Loan of up to \$590,000 and eight Project-Based Vouchers, in addition to funding from state and federal tax credit programs, and the Virginia Housing Development Authority's (VHDA) Low Income Housing Tax Credit program.

Tax credits, coupled with permanent mortgage financing from the FCRHA and VHDA, allowed for the adaptive reuse of the five historic buildings which were once part of a former reformatory.

❖ "Wedgewood: The Wedgewood Apartments complex (Wedgewood), built in the 1960s, is a garden-style multifamily rental community located on

More Information

For the Fairfax County Housing Department presentation and report, visit:

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/housing/sites/housing/files/assets/documents/communitywide%20housing%20strategic%20plan/communitywide%20housing%20strategic%20plan%20final%20072518.pdf>

Little River Turnpike and McWhorter Road in Annandale, Virginia (Mason District). It was purchased by the Board of Supervisors in 2007 for a purchase price of \$107.5 million. The property sits on approximately 35 acres and consist of 672 units of affordable housing (56 multifamily buildings and 15 rental townhomes). Limited renovations are being done to further preserve the property for a total of approximately \$7.4 million.

"Special Note: Through the Virginia Public-Private Education Facilities and Infrastructure Act of 2002 (PPEA) Fairfax County is able to create new affordable housing opportunities for little to no cost for the local county taxpayer:

"The North Hill project is being developed using the PPEA model mentioned above. North Hill, a 35-acre vacant lot off of Richmond Highway in south Alexandria, is slated to become a mixed income, affordable and market rate housing community comprised of: 219 affordable and workforce apartments; 60 affordable independent living units for seniors; 175 market rate townhomes; and 12-acre public park.

❖ "The Residences at Government Center is a community located off of Monument Drive in Fairfax. It offers 270 affordable rental units for the Fairfax County workforce. By leasing land under a 99-year ground lease with the county and accessing federal low-income housing tax credits the community was developed at no cost to local taxpayers. This community celebrated its grand opening on June 5, 2017. Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority provided a portion of financing; \$13 million, in tax-exempt bonds to help build the community.

❖ "The Fallstead at Lewinsville Center is another great project.

This community will offer 82 units of senior independent-living residences in Mclean. At no cost to the county, Wesley-Hamel will design, develop, construct, own and operate the housing community under a 99-year ground lease with the county. The county financed about \$17 million to design and construct the public facility which will house the adult day health care facility, senior center, and two privately owned child day-care centers. Construction has started on this project and completion is anticipated in 2018.

"Other projects:

❖ "In February 2018, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved the FCRHA to make loans totaling \$7.4 million to Wesley Housing Development Corporation (WHDC) for the construction of two buildings consisting of a total of 126 units of affordable housing to be known collectively as The Ardens in the Mount Vernon District."

Regarding the Affordable Housing Forum event that took place at the Mount Vernon Government Center last week, Fleetwood said, "I thank the Northern Virginia Affordable Housing Alliance for highlighting the issue of affordable housing preservation in Fairfax County, particularly in the Richmond Highway corridor, and its connection to the One Fairfax equity policy.

As we continue to focus on the housing needs of low- to moderate-income residents in the area, we look forward to ongoing conversations with our partners and the general public."

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Fortitude For a Fortnight



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Intestinal or otherwise. "All hands to the pump," (Downton Abbey), emotionally speaking. The weight of it all is not too much to bear, but it is pretty close to it:

- ❖ 24-hour urine collection on Tuesday;
- ❖ Pre-chemotherapy lab work and quarterly CT Scan on Wednesday (not often occurring on the same day but this cycle unfortunately they did);
- ❖ Balance of Wednesday and Thursday waiting for lab results which ultimately determine whether I'm approved for chemotherapy on FRIDAY;
- ❖ Thursday through Monday (or longer): waiting for scan results from previous Wednesday (my life doesn't hang in the balance exactly, but it's definitely hanging somewhere);
- ❖ Friday: my actual chemotherapy;
- ❖ Sunday through Thursday (post chemotherapy): feeling lousy, hardly eating, irregular sleep, tired all the time (typical post-chemotherapy side effects)
- ❖ And finally, per my July 25 column entitled "Phoning It In," talking with my oncologist over the phone to discuss my scan, my treatment going forward, my life, etc.

In summary: Tuesday, July 24 to Monday, Aug. 6, two weeks of cancer "centricity."

Considering this first paragraph, no wonder I used the word hope and expressed per pen the written emotion so much in my previous two columns. When cancer or any other treatment for a serious disease, operation, recuperation, physical therapy and so forth is concerned, ultimately, what else is there?

Whether you're following doctor's orders and/or supplementing it with non-Western, holistic-type alternatives, rarely are there any guarantees other than as they say "death and taxes" and for a time was said in the 1940s and 50s: "The Washington Senators finishing last in The American League."

Nevertheless, hope springs eternal, as a formerly long-suffering life-long member of Red Sox Nation can attest: three World Series Championships since 2004 after breaking/braking the "Curse of the Bambino," (the 86-year drought since the Red Sox had last won the World Series in 1918 – Babe Ruth's last season playing for the Red Sox).

And as I live on/write on nine years and nearly eight months past a "13-month to two-year" prognosis diagnosed back in late February 2009, I am eternally hopeful – and always forever grateful.

And in spite of my amazing, miraculous good fortune, the last thing I do, and I mean the absolute last thing I do, is take any of it for granted. That is why the emotion so often expressed in pen and in person is hope. I am never going to betray/dismiss who and/or what has power over my outcome/life expectancy.

I mean, at the end of the day (heck, at the beginning of the day), I am a mere mortal and don't presume for a minute (or even a second) that living in the "Kenny lane" is sufficient to defeat the greatest advisory mankind has ever known: cancer. And though I am generally positive and optimistic, I am cautiously so.

After all, I'm just not supposed to blow by (live through) my original prognosis as if it was an arbitrary statement. It was the real deal, and when you first hear it, it's a surreal one at that. But here we are, late July, 1918.

At this actual real-time Friday-morning moment, I am on hold with oncology confirming that my pre-chemotherapy lab results are acceptable for today's infusion. (Otherwise, this fortnight will be extended by seven days.) As any cancer patient under treatment knows, one's presence is never really confirmed until the medical staff advises you. Soon, I will be advised.

In all the intervening moments, I am still waiting to hear back concerning the results from my CT Scan on Wednesday. Hopefully (there's that word again), we will hear before the weekend. It's so much easier to suffer through/anticipate the fortnight when news is known sooner rather than later.

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CRIME

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a.m. and 2:53 a.m. A resident heard a noise in the lower level of their home and initially believed it to be a family member. A short time later, a family member returned home and discovered their front door was unlocked, which they had locked prior to leaving. The screen to their kitchen window had been removed and objects moved in the kitchen window. Nothing was taken.

ATTEMPTED BURGLARY: 5800 block of Richmond Hwy., July 25 between 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 a.m. the next day. Someone entered the business and damaged several office doors. Nothing was taken.

ANIMAL MISTREATMENT: 7900 block of Richmond Hwy., July 26, 7:39 p.m. A concerned caller contacted 911 after seeing a dog left in a hot car. Animal Protection Police and Fire and Rescue Department personnel responded to remove the dog from the vehicle. The dog appeared to be unharmed.

BURGLARY OF AN OCCUPIED DWELLING: 3000 block of Westford View Ct., July 26, between 12 a.m. and 2:50 a.m. A resident reported that someone entered her home through an unlocked window. The resident was home at the time and it is unclear if anything was taken.

BURGLARY: 7800 block of Richmond Hwy., July 22, between 8 p.m. and 9 a.m. the next day. A business owner reported an unknown person broke into their store during the night and stole an undisclosed amount of cash.

BURGLARY OF AN OCCUPIED DWELLING: 7200 block of Jon Paul Dr., July 23, 9:26 p.m. A homeowner reported an unknown man entered their residence through an unlocked door and threatened them with a weapon, nobody was hurt.

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8700 block of Walutes Circle, license plates from vehicle

JULY 26 LARCENIES

7400 block of Vernon Square Drive, medication from business

JULY 25 LARCENIES

2500 block of Fairhaven Avenue, wallet from vehicle

2600 block of Fort Farnsworth Road, license plates from vehicle

2500 block of Parkers Lane, check from residence

6000 block of Richmond Highway, tires from vehicle

7400 block of Richmond Highway, liquor from business

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NON-SYNTHETIC

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SYNTHETIC

Includes: Genuine Toyota oil filter, up to 5 qts of conventional oil*,
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**3801 Densmore Ct.
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Westgate Gem!**

Exceptional Value! Spacious home on gorgeous large lot on quiet cul-de-sac in Westgate! Features include: stately front portico, huge master suite with sitting room, hardwood floors, 4 Bedrooms, 2.5 Baths, 2 Fireplaces, updated Kitchen with gas cooking, incredible screen porch overlooking private fenced rear grounds, & 2 car garage. Unique opportunity!

Just Listed



**4306 Robertson Blvd
\$795,000
Well updated Colonial!**

Privately situated 5 Bed/3.5 Bath colonial in prime Mount Vernon area bordering parkland. Over \$150k invested by current owners in updates and improvements. Updates include: Kitchen, all baths, roof, finished basement, HVAC, professional landscaping, and the list goes on! Great opportunity for more in ready fully updated 3,500+ sq ft home!

CONTRACT in 1st Weekend!



**4417 Neptune Dr.
Updated Colonial!**

Exceptionally unique and spacious Colonial on private .72 acre lot. Special features include: updated kitchen, updated baths, family room with gas fireplace opens to patio overlooking serene pool scene, detached two car garage, extra parking area for RV/ Boat. Short walk to Mount Vernon Yacht Club and riverfront area! So much house and property for the money!

Coming Soon!



**9411 Mount Vernon Cir.
\$985,000
Mt. Vernon on the Potomac!**

Stately brick colonial in area's premier water front community. Over 6,000 sq ft of luxury! Features Include: Estate size rooms, high ceilings, three finished levels, four BR's including 3 room master suite with stunning bath, elegant trim detail, hardwood floors, extensive rear decking, oversize 2 car garage. Located in cul-de-sac with river access.

New Price!



**5100 Burke Dr.
\$899,000
Unique Custom Flair!**

Gigantic tastefully expanded and updated home in prime river front community just steps to Potomac River. Updates include: \$140k Master BR addition, roof (2016), Kitchen redesigned including appliances (2015), Windows (2016 & 2005), Exterior HVAC unit (2010), the list goes on! This custom gem offers it all!

Just Listed!



**8900 Camden St.
\$685,000
Generous square footage**

6 Bedroom/3 Bath home with stately columned front portico! Expansive bright open floor plan enhanced with family room/sunroom addition with cathedral light oak ceiling. Deck off sunroom addition overlooks expansive back yard. Paved driveway leads to oversize two car garage with work area. Great value!

Just Listed!



**4519 Dolphin Ln
\$565,000
Great Potential!**

Fabulous large rambler with huge potential. Gorgeous half acre lot just steps from Mt. Vernon Yacht Club. Features include large room sizes, open floor plan, replacement windows, finished lower level with direct outside access, sun room and over sized carport. Excellent value in Yacht Haven

Yacht Haven Estates!



**4204 Mt. Vernon Memorial Hwy
\$649,000
Classic Colonial!**

Classic Southwood Colonial in one of area's premier communities. Home is in fabulous condition and has many substantial upgrades including: roof, windows, kitchen, stainless steel appliances, granite countertops and gorgeous hardwood floors. Other features include two car garage and expansive exterior deck. Home Warranty! Great value!

Southwood!



**9421 Old Mt. Vernon Rd.
\$668,500
Rare Opportunity!**

Rare mid-century design with private pool scene makes for ideal setting. Many updates to this 4BR/ 3.5 BA home include kitchen, roof, water heater, basement finished and in-law suite added with full kitchen, incredible pool, all bathrooms updated including stunning master bath and closet. Don't miss this one!

Resort like Pool!



**9300 Maybrook Pl
\$749,000
Large Colonial!**

**8708 Sudbury Dr.
\$580,000
Pristine Condition!**



**3610 Drews Ct.
\$728,000
Impeccably Maintained!**

**9500 Ferry Harbour Ct.
\$819,500
Updated Colonial!**



**4118 Robertson Blvd
\$575,000
Classic Colonial!**

**8620 Fort Hunt Rd.
\$595,000
Great Opportunity!**



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