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## At the Prom

Members of the Mt. Vernon High School senior class arrive for their prom held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Crystal City on Saturday, June 5.



**Andrew Mc Kellips**



**Katryna Henderson**

## Improvements Found Overdue

Two years after the deadline, little progress for transportation projects.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
THE GAZETTE

Like the proverbial sidewalk to nowhere, many of the projects envisioned in the 2004 Richmond Highway Public Transportation Initiative seem to have hit a dead end. Scores of pedestrian improvements and upgraded transit services have yet to materialize. Crosswalks, median refuges and pedestrian signals have been put

on hold. Ultimately, the initiative seems to be crawling along at the same pace as the traffic-clogged highway.

Hopes were high in 2004, when the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved the \$55 million list of projects. The initiative included 29 intersections to be improved and 5.6 miles of sidewalk gaps to be constructed. Now, with the four-year program in its

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## Proposed Cell Tower At Sandburg Advances

BY GERALD A. FILL  
THE GAZETTE

At the MVCCA Planning and Zoning Committee on Monday, June 7, Milestone Communications President Leonard Farkas, Jr. discussed the proposed construction of a cell phone tower on the grounds of Carl Sandburg Middle School.

In addition to committee members and residents from the affected communities those in attendance included Earl Flanagan, Mt. Vernon planning commissioner; Tom Casey, Fairfax County Public Schools coordinator of the cell phone tower program; Carl Sandburg PTA President Jane O'Hare, and the interim principal of the Sandburg Middle School.

Farkas gave a power point presentation used recently to brief communities affected in the Waynewood, Collingwood Springs, and Riverside Gardens area. In the presentation he pointed out — and confirmed by Casey — that if the tower is erected on Sandburg's school grounds, the school will receive a lump sum stipend of \$30,000.00, and, depending on the number of users leasing the tower, approximately \$5-10,000 annually thereafter.

The money allocated to the school will be over and above the public funds received through the school board's approved budget and be allocated for various technology enhancement programs

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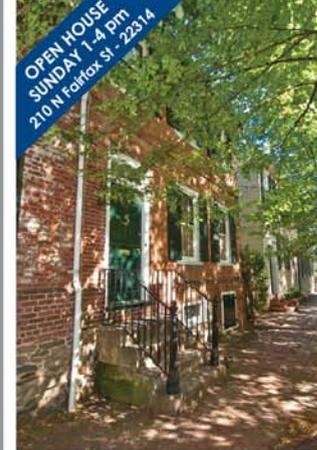
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Becky Todd, Maureen McGuire-Kuletz and Cleatus Burk are acknowledged for their chairmanship of the Spring Gala during the Spring Gala wrap-up party.



PHOTOS BY GALE CURCIO

Guests enjoy the United Community Ministries' wine tasting event at Prince Michel.

# Friends of UCM Provide 10 Years of Support

Volunteer organization welcomes some new members.

BY GALE CURCIO  
THE GAZETTE

Almost 10 years ago, a group of women met at Marty Saylor's house to discuss the formation of an adjunct volunteer group to support United Community Ministries (UCM). Included in this meeting were employees of UCM — Sharon Kelso, Tracey Davis and Debra Halla; and volunteers Nancy Urban, Pat Dickson, Diane Tollefson and Beverly Turner.

As one of the members recalls: "The goal was to create a network to get UCM's name out in the community to explain what we did. There was the hope of getting people from different communities and networks.

"The other goal was to have this group take over the two main events that the staff was working on. There were a bunch of women already helping so it seemed like a natural progression."

Fast forward to 2010 — that group of women, called Friends of UCM, is going strong. With membership averaging around 50 members, this dedicated group of women (with help from their partners) not only manages UCM's two major fundraising events (Spring Gala and Capitol Steps), but they also help to coordinate neighborhood coffees, food drives, social events. They also donate time and money to the Holiday Room, Backpack Program and other initia-

tives.

Executive Director Cynthia Hull said, "Friends of UCM is an extraordinary group of volunteers whose work on behalf of United Community Ministries is far-reaching. Not only do members put their exceptional professional and personal skills to work to raise more than \$150,000 a year for an organization that is the safety net in our community, but they are true ambassadors to members of that community.

As a community-based organization, UCM assists not only in supporting those whose lives are in crisis, but also in bringing together neighbors who are part of the solution to those problems. Members of Friends of UCM spread the word, helping others to understand the need and what we can do together to assure that families are feed and housed, as well as have resources and develop skills that move them forward toward self-reliance."

The Friends by-laws state: "The mission of the Friends of UCM is to build a sense of community spirit and pride through fundraising and public awareness for UCM."

The group is governed by a Leadership Committee comprised of the president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. In addition, chair persons for the Capital Steps and Gala fundraising events serve on the leadership committee. Requirements are minimum:



Cynthia Hull thanks Friends of UCM for their work on the Spring Gala.

members must be over the age of 21; pay \$60 annual dues, join one of the committees; attend one of the fundraising events; and attend the May meeting and attend at least two of four remaining meetings per year.

The May meeting is the Annual Meeting where Leadership Committee officers are elected, changes to structure/bylaws/requirements are proposed and members turn in their committee preferences for the following year.

Friends of UCM are also encouraged (but not required) to become a voting member of UCM; provide financial donations to UCM; recruit new members; support other UCM events, such as restaurant nights and other business sponsored events; volunteer in any of the UCM program areas; and get to know UCM and its programs and activities.

A recent Friends event at the

Prince Michel Winery and Tasting Room in Alexandria attracted more than 25 guests. Part of the Prince Michel's "First Dollar Program," UCM received the first dollar of every wine tasting fee during the month of May. In addition to that, they received 50 percent of each wine tasting from the Friends wine tasting event that was held the last week in May. Prince Michel hosts a different charity every month.

Prince Michel managers Lori Corcoran and Jonathan Martens served the guests, describing the wines and educating people in general about their wines. Guests chose from three wine tasting options (two at \$5 each and one at \$10), with crackers and cheese available for an additional charge. In addition to the wines that are available for purchase, there are also several nice wine accessories for sale in the store.



Eileen Kuletz is one of the newer members of Friends of UCM.

Maureen McGuire-Kuletz has served as Friends chair, gala chair and board member. She said, "Friends of UCM is a fundraising and 'friend-raising' group who support the mission of UCM. We have a great time working together to support the various UCM programs both financially and with volunteer hours. We always welcome new members who support UCM. It is a rewarding way to give back to our community."

As with any organization, Friends actively seeks younger members. McGuire-Kuletz's daughter, Eileen Kuletz, recently joined and has already been a major asset to the organization, creating the posters, program and ad for the Spring Gala.

Alyse Murphy, member for the

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# Republicans Hopeful

**GOP party faithful are energized and ready to campaign against Obama.**

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

Standing outside the Patrick Murray victory party on the back patio of Pat Troy's Irish pub, Joe McCain was hedging. He was confident that it was a Republican year, but he also felt the anti-incumbent mood could also cut against Republicans. He wasn't sure what to make of the lopsided success of businessman Keith Fimian over Springfield Supervisor Pat Herrity, other than it fed the throw-the-bums out narrative of this election year. And he declined making a prediction that the Republicans can retake the House this year.

Just then, an old friend walked by. It was Keith Nahigian, a former campaign staffer in the presidential campaign of McCain's brother. Nahigian didn't hesitate predicting the Republicans will take the House this year. And he also had some bold predictions about Northern Virginia.

"Jim Moran's seat is up," said Nahigian, president of Nahigian Strategies.

"What's the matter with you?" asked McCain.

"If Ted Kennedy's seat's up, anything's up," Nahigian quipped. "They are not addressing jobs, and that's the number-one issue."

**INSIDE MURRAY'S** raucous victory party, the mood was victorious. Military vet and former diplomat Patrick Murray beat back a strong challenge from attorney Matthew Berry, who worked on intelligence and law-enforcement strategies for George W. Bush's Justice Department. But it was close. With fewer than 500 votes separating the two Republican candidates, election returns were all over the map. Berry won Alexandria and Arlington. But Murray took 54 of the 71 precincts in Fairfax County and five of the six precincts in Falls Church. Although Murray was able to win his own home turf at the Lee Center precinct, Berry won 18 of the 26 precincts in Alexandria.

"Matthew has my appreciation and congratulations on an energetic and spirited campaign," Murray said in a written statement released at 1:30 a.m. Wednesday. "His commitment to the Republican principles and individual responsibility energized an

## 8th Congressional District

### REPUBLICAN PRIMARY

Candidate	Arlington	Fairfax County	Alexandria	Falls Church
	52 precincts	71 precincts	27 precincts	6 precincts

### MATTHEW BERRY

vote	1,968	2,817	1,728	138
percentage	52 percent	44 percent	52 percent	44 percent

### PATRICK MURRAY

vote	1,792	3,560	1,605	176
percentage	48 percent	56 percent	48 percent	56 percent

SOURCE: Virginia State Board of Elections

army of Republican voters eager for change from profligate spending policies of the Obama-Pelosi-Moran regime in Washington."

**AFTER BERRY** conceded the election in a call to Murray Tuesday night, the newly minted Republican nominee thanked supporters and vowed an aggressive campaign to unseat U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8). Many Republicans say privately that Moran is unbeatable, and some are willing to say it in public. Presiding over the gathering was Pat Troy, owner and operator of the pub known as Ireland's Own on North Pitt

Street. Standing in the back of the room Tuesday night, the Irishman was making sure the election-watchers were not disturbing the guests there to watch Stephen Strasburg play Nationals Park on the big screen. He said Republicans will benefit from a backlash against President Obama's health-care bill and frustration over the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

"I think that we'll take the House, and the Senate could be very close too," said Troy, standing near the shrine to former President Ronald Reagan. "But the lack of turnout today shows that there's no stopping Jim Moran."

## Mount Vernon At Home

Members of the Board are, from left, Arnold Edelman, Chick Little, Jane Edwin, Clarence Martin, Jeff Reed (executive director), Virginia Hodgkinson (president), Morrie Hoven, Alice Lauthers, Al Glazier, and Anna Peterson.



PHOTOS BY GERALD A. FILL/THE GAZETTE



Mount Vernon At Home President Virginia Hodgkinson speaks to the assembled.



Mount Vernon At Home first annual gala was held at the River Farm Estate on Thursday, June 10, celebrating a successful first year since the founding of the organization. The keynote speaker was Mt.Vernon Supervisor Gerald Hyland.



From left: Christalyn Solomon, MVHS Assistant Principal Esther Manns, Carolyn Pierce and Pat Locke.

## 'Civility Star' at MVHS

Carolyn Pierce was recognized as a "Civility Star" as a member of the staff at Mount Vernon High School on May 18. Cindy Ann Peterson from AICI (Association of Image Consultants International) was there to present the award to Pierce, with Assistant Principal Esther Manns and Christalyn Solomon, the Civility Squad Leader at Mount Vernon High School, in attendance.

The Civility Star Award recognizes a person in an organization, community, school, institution or business who exemplifies "ci-

vilility" for the members of the organization.

Pierce's brand of civility is contagious among the staff and faculty, but especially among the student body at MVHS. Some of the students refer to her as the "the school mom." In conversations around the school, one hears students shout out "I love her!" as they hear her name mentioned while passing through the school hallways. When students see her in the hallway, they rush up to her and give her hugs. She always has time to talk with the students and help them solve their problems.



Representatives from AmeriGroup, Fort Hunt Elementary School, WIC, Girl Scouts and the Mount Vernon Police all came out to celebrate UCM and Creekside Village's Community Day on May 15. Community Day gives Creekside Village community members the chance to learn about community resources and celebrate their neighborhood. The event was sponsored by the Fairfax County Department of Community and Recreation Services, Girl Scouts, JLV Partners, Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs and the Mount Vernon Police Station.

**Community Day**

Youngsters from the Creekside Village neighborhood performed at UCM and Creekside Village's annual Community Day celebration.



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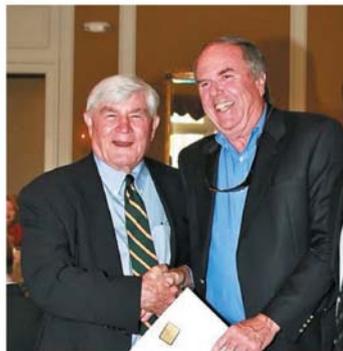
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(Pictured: Wes Foster, Chairman and CEO of Long and Foster Companies and Chris White, Top Producer Award Winner)



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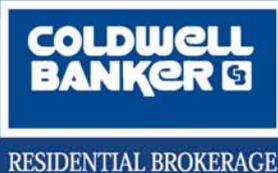


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# Improvements Overdue

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seventh year, none of the identified intersections have been improved. And only a fraction of the sidewalks have been constructed.

"It was quite ambitious," said Karyn Moreland, chief of traffic operations for the county government. "The goal was to accomplish the projects with the best chance of completion first."

Requirements for Virginia Department of Transportation public hearings forced the plan to be separated into different phases. Phase one, which has already been completed, included upgrading a bus shelter at the South County Government Center and constructing five walkways. Planning has already commenced for the more ambitious phase two, including acquiring the right-of-way to make all those intersection improvements. Ultimately, there is no completion date for the four-year plan.

"The lack of progress has been frustrating," said Mount Vernon Supervisor Gerry Hyland.

**ADVOCATES FOR** revitalization of Richmond Highway say they are also frustrated by the lack of progress. In the years since the deadline came and went, negotiations for a mixed-use development collapsed at Kings Crossing. Now plans are moving forward to put a Wal Mart there, exactly the opposite kind of development advocates for revitalization have been pushing for years.

"There's no doubt that the lack of transportation improvements has served to stagnate the revitalization of Route One," said Kahan Dhillon, strategic planning chairman for the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations. "Our kids are going to be having kids by the time we get sidewalks."

The 29 intersections identified for improvements will eventually be safer for drivers and pedestrians. They'll have crosswalks across all legs of traffic. Pedestrian walk signals will have countdown timers. Curb ramps will meet the latest standards for accessibility. Sidewalks will lead to and from the intersections, which will include a raised median for pedestrians to seek refuge in the middle of the road.



Only a fraction of the miles of sidewalk improvements envisioned in 2004 have been realized.

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Sidewalk improvements will include filling in miles of gaps to provide a continuous sidewalk, initially along side of the road and eventually on both sides. The concrete

sidewalks will have a minimum width of five feet with curb ramps at the cross streets and entrances that meet the latest standards for accessibility.

# Company President Describes Sandburg Cell Tower

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such as, but not limited to, a mobile computer lab and smartboards.

Farkas discussed the fact that 14 cell phone towers have been built in the county since 2005 without any problems. Based on his projection of receipts from the cell phone towers in place and the projected additional ones to be built in the near future, he estimated that Fairfax County will receive \$ 1 million per year in income.

Two community concerns were voiced at the meeting:

- ❖ The visual impact on the community of a large 120 ft high tower. Several locations were discussed. If the athletic field was chosen, the construction design would blend in with the athletic field light poles. If a perimeter location was selected, the plan will be to design the tower to resemble a tall pine tree and blend in with the existing trees. If the latter option were selected Farkas committed to planting 36 six-foot-high trees to bolster the capability of the tower to blend in with the existing trees.
- ❖ The health effects of radiofrequency. Several comments from the audience indi-

cated a continuing concern about the radiation impact of the tower on the students and residents in the immediate vicinity. Farkas referred to several studies which rejected the notion that there would be any adverse health effects due to radiofrequency radiation.

The next steps are for the Milestone corporation to conduct a fifth and final community information meeting by the end of June. The proposal would then move to the Fairfax County Planning Commission for their consideration.

Although the Mt. Vernon Council's Plan-

ning and Zoning Committee did not take a vote at the conclusion of the meeting, it appears there is no significant opposition to the siting of the tower on the Sandburg grounds.

The Sandburg PTA president spoke in support of the proposal, and the county school staff representative Casey and the interim principal at Sandburg did not raise any objections to the proposal.

Flanagan offered that the Planning Commission would likely take up the siting of the cell phone tower proposal sometime in mid-July.

## CRIME REPORT

Activities reported by the Mt. Vernon District of the Fairfax County Police Department through June 4.

### MALICIOUS WOUNDING/ARREST

**Police arrested a man who allegedly assaulted a 49-year-old man** around 12:08 p.m. on Monday, May 31. The victim was transported to the hospital with non life-threatening injuries. A 52-year-old male of the 600 block of Harrison Ave. in Alexandria was taken to jail and charged with malicious wounding.

### GRAFFITI/BIAS CRIME

**Some time between 4 p.m. on Friday, May 28 and 7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 31**, someone spray-painted racial slurs on the exterior of Hollin Hall Elementary School, 2310 Nordok Place.

### LARCENIES

**8000 block of Bainbridge Road.** Diamond jewelry stolen from residence.  
**9000 block of Cherrytree Drive.** Two hammocks stolen from business.  
**2300 block of Huntington Station Court.** Jewelry stolen from business.

### Laramie Place/ Tamarind St.

Jumper cables stolen from business.  
**3300 block of Lockheed Blvd.** Two welding machines stolen from vehicle.

**5800 block of Mount Vernon Drive.** GPS and wallet stolen from vehicle.

**7300 block of Richmond Highway.** Cigarettes stolen from business.

**7600 block of Richmond Highway.** Purse stolen from business.

**7700 block of Richmond Highway.** Sony PSP stolen from business.

**8700 block of Richmond Highway.** Bag of dog food stolen from business.

**6900 block of South Kings Highway.** Beer stolen from business.

### VEHICLE THEFTS

**8600 block of Beekman Place.** 2009 Nissan Rogue.

**3300 block of Lockheed Blvd.** 1999 Honda Accord.

**2500 block of Parkers Lane.** 1999 Honda.

**6100 block of Richmond Highway.** 1994 Dodge Caravan.



**Benefit Concert** Heritage Presbyterian Church and Aldersgate United Methodist Church co-sponsored a benefit concert on May 6 for UCM performed by internationally acclaimed vocalists Robert Hale, Julie Davis and pianist Ovid Young. Above are Concert Co-Chair Ret. Gen. Sam Armstrong, Ovid Young, Julie Davis, Robert Hale, and Event Co-Chair Dejuana Jones.

# Mount Vernon Kiwanis Sponsors Sixth Student Club

The Mount Vernon Kiwanis Club is sponsoring its sixth community service student club in this area. In addition to the Kiwanis Key Clubs at Mount Vernon and West Potomac High Schools and Hayfield and South County Secondary Schools and the K-Kids Club at Stratford Landing Elementary School, the newest addition is the Kiwanis CKI Club at NOVA Community College, Alexandria campus.

Two West Potomac High School Key Club alumni, Ashraf Elmelik and Ryan Pierpoint, spearheaded the movement and gathered to-

gether 82 charter, dues-paying members to found their Kiwanis community service club. They recruited Ken Balbuena on the NOVACC staff to be their Faculty Adviser.

The Mount Vernon Kiwanis Club provided guidance, financial support, and administrative assistance through the chartering process. The CKI Club was formally inaugurated at a Chartering Ceremony held at the Alexandria campus on April 22. Kiwanis Capital District Governor Don Dudey and District 20 Lt.-Governor Larry Demarest presided at the official ceremony.



Kiwanis and CKI Officers, with MVKC President Bruce Malkin (third from right).

## SCHOOL NOTES

Send announcements to the Mount Vernon Gazette, by e-mail to [gazette@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:gazette@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Thursday at noon for the following week's paper. Photos are encouraged. Call Steve Hibbard at 703-778-9412 with questions.

Local students selected for the 2010 Virginia All-State Chorus and as alternates are:

❖ **Mount Vernon High School:** Brianna Miller and alternate Deborah Kamara.

❖ **West Potomac High School:** Sally Henrehan, Max Jones, Emily Sedlak, and Chris Tyson and alternates Joseph Benitez, Emily Dell, James Guss, and Ariel Villa.

Some 67 Fairfax County Public Schools students were named to the Virginia All-State Chorus for 2010 and performed as a group April 29-May 1 at the Sheraton Premiere at Tysons Corner. Additionally, 45 FCPS students were named alternates to the All-State Chorus.

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# OPINION

## For Scientists, Start Earlier, Learn Geography

After years of changes designed to increase diversity, Thomas Jefferson this year admitted nine poor students.

Each year, 480 students are admitted to the top high school in the United States, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology. Back in 2004, a Blue Ribbon commission recommended a variety of changes to the admission's process to enter Fairfax County's top public school, an effort to boost the diversity at the school. The school's students have been about 90 percent Asian and white.

Many changes later, changes designed to consider students "holistically," the incoming freshman class has dramatically smaller percentages of black, Hispanic and poor students than the student body of the county as a whole. Four African American students were admitted, along with 13 Hispanic students, in a class of 480 incoming freshman.

More telling, there were nine students poor enough to qualify for free-or-reduced price meals admitted to begin ninth grade next year at TJ. That's less than two percent. Children in a family of four with income of less than \$44,000 annually qualify for subsidized meals, and such children make up about 20 percent of all students in Fairfax County.

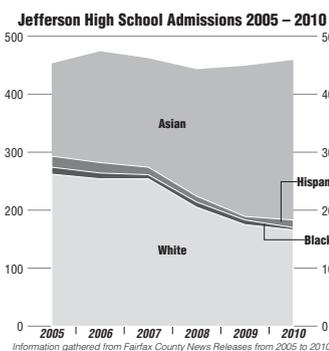
More than 70 percent of those admitted to TJ had completed geometry in eighth grade. But in some of the poorest and most diverse

middle schools in the county, advanced math programs are not even offered.

In the overall state of the county, does it matter how many poor students, or black students, or Hispanic students, get to go to the best high school in the country?

It does matter that students from schools with more diversity and more poverty are not getting the opportunity to develop a passion for science and technology.

The school system's failure to prepare more poor students well enough to gain admission to TJ means a huge missed opportunity. It means that tens of thousands of students who could be developing a passion for science at an early age that



might transform their lives are not getting the foundation they need to go forward in rigorous programs, whether that's at TJ or AP or IB.

FCPS is cutting programs that benefit poor students and schools with a higher percentage of poor students, for example Project Excel and year-round school calendar, even as it is clear poor students have almost no access to the county's top programs.

It's time to add a geographic component to admissions at TJ, reserving some spots for students from every middle school.

This will also require starting earlier with advanced classes so that when those students arrive at TJ, they can succeed there.

### EDITORIALS

## Last Call for Father's Day photos

Father's Day is Sunday, June 20, and once again the McLean Connection will publish a gallery of Father's Day photos.

Send in photos as soon as possible, including names of everyone in the picture, the date the picture was taken, the ages of the children and sentence or two about what is hap-

pening and where the photograph was taken. Be sure to include your town name and neighborhood.

Email photos to [gazette@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:gazette@connectionnewspapers.com), or mail a disk or prints to Mount Vernon Gazette, Father's Day Photo Gallery, 1606 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Showing Deference

To the Editor:

For a number of years, the MVCCA has acted in a way that is disrespectful to the South County Federation (SCF). Almost all of the MVCCA's member associations are located

north of Ft. Belvoir while the SCF member associations are south of Ft. Belvoir. The SCF is strongly concerned with issues directly affecting Lorton and surrounding communities.

When I was MVCCA Planning & Zoning (P&Z) chairman in 2007, I attended the monthly SCF Land Use committee meetings.

At the first meeting I attended, one of the Land Use committee members asked me to identify myself. When I said I was the MVCCA's P&Z chairman, he asked me to leave the meeting, telling me that I was not welcome given the way the MVCCA treated the SCF. I responded that I was there to show appropriate deference to the SCF. I was permitted to stay and after the meeting, he came up to me and apologized, after reciting the litany of abuse he perceived had been directed to the SCF by the MVCCA for many years.

I attended this week's MVCCA P&Z committee meeting for the first time in several months because the agenda included a land use issue concerning Inova's desire to build a "healthplex" on 14 acres in Lorton near Lorton Road and Interstate 95. I wanted to see if the SCF had taken a position concerning the issue and how the MVCCA would act.

Throughout almost the entirety of the discussion, not one member of the committee asked whether the SCF had taken a position. Finally, at my suggestion, a friend raised the issue and it turned out that although Inova had made prior presentations before the SCF, the SCF had not passed any resolutions concerning the proposal. During the discussion, it came out that the SCF had raised issues concerning transportation and building height that had not yet been resolved.

Under these circumstances, it would have been appropriate to defer any action on the part of the MVCCA until such time as a resolu-

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tion was passed by the SCF. Instead, the P&Z committee called a vote to approve the proposal as proposed at the meeting. During the ensuing discussion, the P&Z chairman opined that if the SCF were to pass a resolution not conforming to that of the MVCCA, Planning Commissioner Flanagan would have to decide which resolution to abide by. An MVCCA co-chair who was present was heard to say that if the SCF thought this was an important issue, they would have had representatives attending the P&Z committee meeting. Isn't this the reverse of the way it should be? Shouldn't MVCCA representatives be attending SCF meetings on issues directly concerning Lorton? The P&Z chairman pointed out that Inova's proposal does affect MVCCA territory because a profitable healthplex improves the financial health of the entire Inova system, including Mount Vernon Hospital. While this is true, the more important issues are those that directly affect the citizens who live near or commute by the proposed healthplex in Lorton.

The P&Z chairman indicated that the P&Z committee would have to take a vote at that meeting if the MVCCA wanted to weigh in on the issues because the schedule of proposed hearings before the Planning Commission (PC) and Board of Supervisors (BOS) would not permit a month's delay. I am unaware of any urgency in the public hearings for the proposed healthplex that would not permit the scheduled hearings to be moved back to accommodate appropriate decisions of the MVCCA and SCF. Public hearings before the PC and BOS are often rescheduled. From my perspective, it was more important for the MVCCA P&Z committee to show appropriate deference to the SCF and have in hand the SCF's established position concerning the issues before acting, rather than voting on a resolution based upon an artificial timetable that can easily be moved back. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

The MVCCA needs to begin showing appropriate deference and respect to the SCF and the citizens of the Mount Vernon District who live south of Ft. Belvoir, con-

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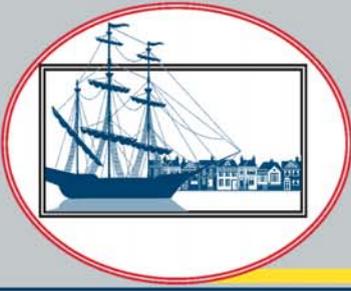
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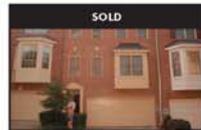


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Steve Paradis, Joel Dahnke, Bender, Andy Knolls, Andy Kalin



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David Hellmuth, Adam Hart, Jim Laviolette, Vinny Maletesta



#### LOW NET (51)

Lou Schiano, Herman Fitzgerald, Bender, Frank Medina, Maurice Levite



Herman Fitzgerald  
Closest to Pin - Hole #6



Rob Lavery  
Closest to Pin - #11



Bob Greenspan  
Long Drive - Hole #4



Bill Snow  
Long Drive - Hole #18



Bob Greenspan  
Straight Drive - Hole #1



Norman Linnell  
Putting Contest Winner



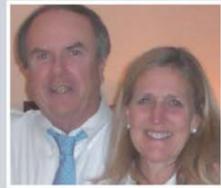
Lou Schiano  
Closest to Pin "Million\$ Hole"



**SEE YOU NEXT YEAR! -- Monday, June 6, 2011 at 11:00am**  
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**1139 Cedar Dale Ln**  
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**Character Abounds!**  
Exceptionally attractive Classic Cape in prime location on gorgeous .60 acre lot mins from OT, just off GW Parkway. Tastefully expanded and updated to preserve the integrity of original home. Fabulous features include stunning family room, spacious first floor master suite, upgraded kit and more! Custom in ground pool. Great New Price! OPEN SUN 6/13, 1-4. S GW Pky, R-Collingwood, R-Cedar Dale.



**9316 Allwood Dr**  
\$535,000  
**Absolutely Impeccable!**  
Stunning home features bright open floor plan with soaring cathedral ceilings on main level. This fabulous property has been substantially updated and is in absolutely impeccable condition. Gleaming hardwood floors, track lighting, finished lower level, garage and much more! Gorgeous setting on half acre tract fronting a quiet street in the heart of Mt. Vernon. OPEN SUN 6/13, 1-4. S GW Pky, Past estate, L-Ferry Landing, L-Allwood.



**6808 STONEYBROOKE LA**  
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**STUNNING UPDATES**  
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Belle View / Alex  
\$248,000  
Enjoy the charm and convenience of Belle View in this beautifully updated 2 bedroom, 2nd floor condo. Just minutes to Old Town, METRO, bike trail, marina, shopping and restaurants.



**6989 EARLSTON DR Kingstowne**  
\$449,900  
**BEST VALUE IN KINGSTOWNE!**  
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**8714 Bluedale St**  
\$659,000  
**Stratford Landing - Colonial!**  
Classic four bedroom center hall colonial on gorgeous level lot in prime Stratford Landing location. Home has been exceptionally well maintained and has had major updates such as thermal windows, new HVAC unit and foyer extension. Large deck overlooks landscaped private yard. Priced to sell!



**4319 Ferry Landing**  
\$498,500  
**Absolutely Stunning!**  
Unheard of opportunity to purchase in prestigious Yacht Haven Estates for under \$500,000! Comfortable home in pristine condition. Lovingly maintained by long time owners. Features include: all major rooms on one level, fin. lower level with direct outside access, 2 fireplaces and hardwood floors. Exterior deck overlooks private 1/2 acre grounds. Huge potential!



**4404 Ferry Landing**  
\$575,000  
**Absolutely Stunning!**  
Owner's transfer creates unique opportunity. Price Slashed! Huge 3 level colonial on spectacular, fenced half acre lot with trees. Four huge bedrooms, three full baths, family room, rec room, large eat-in kit featuring stainless steel, granite and ceramic tile, refinished wood floors on main level and upstairs hallway, three fireplaces, sun room, deck and lots of storage areas. Balcony off master suite. Truly a Must See!



**7606 AUDUBON MEADOW WAY**  
Huntley Meadows / \$425,000  
Meticulously kept 3BR, 2.5BA TH. Owner's suite has spa-like bath, expanded sitting rm & walk-in closet. Spacious kit w/table space, sunroom, formal dining/living rms. W-out LL has a cozy FP. EZ access to Ft Belvoir, GW Pkwy, OT & DC.



**506 CAMERON ST**  
Old Town / Alex  
\$2,720,000  
**STEEPED IN HISTORY!** Unique 1815 TH w/almost all original woodwork, fixtures & moldings. High ceilings, hardwoods, formal main level perfect for entertaining & abundant sq ft including sep rental apts. Five parking spaces, too!



**3733 HUNTLEY MEADOWS LA**  
Alex / \$420,000  
**SOPHISTICATED yet inviting** 3 lvl brick front 3BR, 2.5BA TH mins to Belvoir, Pentagon, Metro & more. Open flr plan w/spacious formal rms & gourmet kit & fab deck w/ woodland views. Master Suite w/ lux bath & w/out low lvl boasting gas fp, storage & sep laundry. Fenced bkdy oasis - perfect 10!



**4713 Dolphin Lane**  
\$1,395,000  
**Custom Waterfront - Private Dock!**  
Spacious, updated home remodeled and expanded by leading custom builder as his own residence. Exceptionally bright, open floor plan capitalizes on fabulous waterfront location. Features include huge deck, private dock, waterview master suite, updated kitchen spectacular sunroom, gorgeous yard, two car garage and bulkheaded water frontage. Owner Financing Available!



**9333 Brambly Ln**  
\$549,500  
**One of Area's Best Values!**  
Don't miss out - Quite simply the best value for under \$550,000 you will find in Alexandria area. This home offers everything: updated, 5 bedrooms, large room sizes, brick fireplace, hardwood floors, covered parking, pristine condition and prime location on quiet cul-de-sac. Compares favorably with properties that cost thousands and thousands more. A stunning value!



**Field of Dreams!**  
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Build your Wakefield dream home on fabulous 3/4 acre estate site in the heart of Mt. Vernon. New low price! Pre-Construction opportunity allows for maximum customization. Call for details.



**8422 CROWLEY PL**  
Waynehood \$769,000  
Unique, rebuilt 3 level "Redford" model rambler w/entire new floor addition. 5BR, 3.5BA and an open



**8701 EAGLEBROOK CT**  
Waynehood \$1,250,000  
Total renovation. Main level in-law suite w/private entry, .54 acre, heated in-ground pool, professional landscaping - a 10+!



**1001 CROTON DR**  
Waynehood \$674,900  
Totally renovated & expanded, 5 levels, sunroom add., family room w/den, hot tub, screened porch, deck, heated in-ground pool.



**9000 Volunteer Dr**  
**CONTRACT!**



**3906 Rive Dr**  
**SOLD!**  
walled family room and fabulous screened porch both overlook amazing custom pool. Three levels, 4 bedrooms, updated kitchen, direct access to outside from lower level and 2 car garage.



**8826 Camden St**  
\$899,000  
**We're Underway!**  
Ground floor opportunity to add your personal touches to this new creekside home in Stratford Landing. Custom Wakefield home loaded with upgrades! Call for details.



**5927 COLFAX AVE**  
The Palisades Alexandria \$659,999  
**PRICE REDUCED!** It's Like Living in a Tree House! Large 3 level home, 5BR, 3.5BA, backs to 50 acre park, creek, 3 level deck, immaculate condition, cul-de-sac, nearly 1/4 acre lot, ready for move-in. Approximately 10mi to downtown DC, close to Ft Belvoir, Pentagon, Old Town.



**1111 NEAL DR**  
Collingwood on the Potomac / \$569,000  
**WELL MAINTAINED** - longtime owner home updated but waiting for your personal touches. 4BR, 4BA, main level family room, eat-in kit, refinished hardwood floors on 3 level. Large level lot. Close to schools, shopping, OT & the Potomac. EZ commute to Ft Belvoir.



**8832 WOODLAWN WAY**  
Newington Forest \$529,000  
Experience the WOW FACTOR when you enter this beautifully updated Colonial w/3,528 sq ft 4BR, 2.5BA w/180 degree view of trees/parkland. Wood floors, renovated kit w/granite & opens to family room. Large w-out rec room w/wet bar, office/den & good storage. EZ access to METRO, military bases & Pentagon.



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**Maureen McGuire-Kuletz and John Fowler toast to the success of UCM during the wine tasting at Prince Michel.**



**Suzanne Parrish recently joined Friends of UCM, while Nadine Wren is a long-time member.**



**Aloyse Murphy and Elaine Kolish enjoy the wine tasting at Prince Michel.**

# Friends of UCM Provide 10 Years of Support

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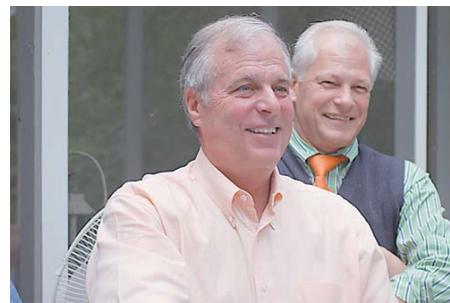
past couple of years, said, "I have not been involved in UCM that long, but can see they make a huge difference in our community. UCM seems to have become a service agency that the county depends heavily upon to provide assistance on the Route One corridor.

"I like UCM because it is so local and the money and aid stays here in our community. I like contributing locally where I am pretty confident the money/resources are not being allocated frivolously [paying for huge overhead or other criteria] but are taking care of primary needs. I also feel involvement from the Friends no matter how generous or limited (time or financial) is always welcome."



**Volunteer and Community Relations Coordinator Christine Fiske visits with Cleatus Burk during the Spring Gala wrap-up party.**

Kristi Long, who served as Friends president this past year, said, "I have only been a Friend for three years and my only regret is that I did not find this wonderful, dynamic



**Bob Arberg and Bob Kuletz celebrate during the Spring Gala wrap-up party.**

group of dedicated women earlier. I hope to stay a Friend for many years to come."

She will turn over the reign of president to Priscilla Flattery for the 2010-2011 membership year. Flattery is a long-time volun-

teer who has chaired Capitol Steps for the past five years, as well as serving on many other committees.

To join Friends of UCM, visit the website, <http://www.ucmagency.org/about/friends.html>, and click on the box marked 'Download Membership Application.' You can also call Christine Fiske at 703-768-7106, ext. 328 for more information.

For more information on Prince Michel Winery, call 571-970-6903 or visit <http://www.princemichel.com/princemichel/index.jsp>. Alexandria Tasting Room is open Sunday through Wednesday 12-6 p.m. and Thursday through Saturday 12-8 p.m.

*Gale Curcio is an independent writer and public relations consultant in Mount Vernon.*

## SCHOOL NOTES

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**Carl Sandburg Middle School** challenged the Guinness Book of World Records for the World's Largest Pie Fight. The fund-raising event for the CSMS PTA took place April 24 at the school and had about 250 people, with each person throwing two pies.

**Mount Vernon High School's Class of 1980** is gearing up for its 30<sup>th</sup> Reunion on July 31, 2010 at the Mount Vernon Inn at the Mt. Vernon Estate. To be added to the list, contact Leisa Gates Less: [llscouter@aol.com](mailto:llscouter@aol.com), 281-536-3121 or Jennifer Julian Radcliffe: [hood1984@aol.com](mailto:hood1984@aol.com), 703-968-3072.

**Fort Hunt High School**, Alexandria, class of 1980 announces its 30<sup>th</sup> reunion. Plans are under way for a fun-filled weekend in July 2010. Visit the web site to register and stay connected on all of the happenings. Go to [fhhs80.com](http://fhhs80.com) or email: [fhhsclassof80@yahoo.com](mailto:fhhsclassof80@yahoo.com).

Seven Alexandria residents have recently been named to the dean's list at Boston University for the Fall semester: **Erin T. Coffey, Patrick R. Fitzsimmons, Thao T. Nguyen-Le, Dale S. Placek, Benjamin B. Rhodeside, William J. Tortolano IV. and Alison M. Yates.**

**Caroline "Callie" Denne** of Alexandria, class of 2010, is studying with the Freiburg (language & area studies) program in Germany. Denne is majoring in history at Denison University.

Two local students from the Class of 2013 at Hampden-Sydney College are Patrick Henry Scholars.

❖ **Frank Butner Clay IV** — Frank is a graduate of St. Stephens & St. Agnes School and is the son of Ann and Frank Clay of Alexandria.

❖ **Taylor A. O'Sullivan** — Taylor is a graduate of Bishop Ireton High School and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James O'Sullivan of Alexandria.

**West Potomac High School students Margaret Berrigan and Andrew Staples** were named semifinalists by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation for 2010. All semifinalists are eligible to compete for 8,200 National Merit Scholarship awards worth \$36 million, to be awarded in spring 2010.

**Tammy Angelia Markham**, a resident of Alexandria has earned a Bachelor of Science from Excelsior College.

**Paul Doucette of Alexandria** was recently elected to the Drake University's National Alumni Association Board of Directors. Doucette graduated from Drake in 1997 with a degree in business.

**Helen Medmim of Alexandria**, a freshman majoring in finance in the Pamplin College of Business, has been awarded the Presidential Scholarship Initiative for the 2009-10 academic year.

**Dahyeon Sow of Alexandria**, a freshman majoring in art in the College

of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences at Virginia Tech, has been awarded the Presidential Scholarship Initiative for the 2009-10 academic year.

**Adina Bhatti of Alexandria**, a freshman majoring in university studies at Virginia Tech, has been awarded the Presidential Scholarship Initiative for the 2009-10 academic year.

**Alan Gomez of Alexandria**, a freshman majoring in general engineering at Virginia Tech, has been awarded the Presidential Scholarship Initiative for the 2009-10 academic year.

**Corey Latta**, daughter of Pat and Ken Latta of Alexandria, was involved in Sweet Briar College Theatre's fall production, "The Bacchae". Corey is a Junior Music Performance major in French Horn and Voice at Sweet Briar. The show ran Oct. 29-Nov. 1.

**Catherine D. Kahl of Alexandria** enrolled at Colby College in Waterville, Maine, this fall. Before classes began she took part in an orientation that included an introduction to Colby's rigorous academics, rich cultural life, and community involvement opportunities as well as a three-day outdoor excursion. A graduate of Potomac School, Kahl is the daughter of James and Caroline Kahl of Alexandria.

**Shao Cui of Alexandria**, a graduate student pursuing a master's degree in business administration in the Pamplin College of Business, was chosen to be a graduate hall director at Virginia Tech for the 2009-10 academic year.

**Jerilyn Brooks of Alexandria**, a senior majoring in animal and poultry sciences, biological sciences in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, was chosen to be a resident advisor at Virginia Tech for the 2009-10 academic year.

**Hunter Simmons of Alexandria**, a graduate student pursuing a master's degree in curriculum and instruction in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, was chosen to be a graduate hall director at Virginia Tech for the 2009-10 academic year.

**Brandon Lamma of Alexandria**, a graduate student pursuing a master's degree in educational leadership and policy studies in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, was chosen to be a graduate advisor for the Oak Lane Community at Virginia Tech for the 2009-10 academic year.

**Peter Kraines of Alexandria**, a senior majoring in apparel, housing and resource management, marketing management in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, was chosen to be a house supervisor at Virginia Tech for the 2009-10 academic year.

**Matthew Quinn of Alexandria**, a senior majoring in finance in the Pamplin College of Business, was chosen to be a house supervisor at Virginia Tech for the 2009-10 academic year.

**Kathryn Steele of Alexandria**, a senior majoring in international studies and French in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences at Virginia Tech,

was presented the Jocelyne Couture-Nowak Memorial Scholarship.

**Elaina Daoulas of Alexandria** has earned placement on the Dean's List at Berklee College of Music for the summer semester of the 2009 academic year.

**Wesley Rockwell Fleuchaus of Alexandria** was designated a Sarah and James Bowdoin Scholar at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine.

**Alexandria resident Marjorie Glassco**, daughter of Richard and Sarah Glassco, was inducted into Ithaca College's Oracle Honor Society in November. The fall ceremony honors students who have completed their first semester ranked in the top 5 percent of their academic schools. Glassco is a Drama (BA) major.

**The following Alexandria students** were named to the High List, Episcopal High School's academic honor roll, for the first quarter of the 2009-10 school year. This honor denotes an average of 90 or above in five or more academic courses for the quarter.

❖ **Elizabeth Stuart Agnew**, sophomore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pendleton C. Agnew of Alexandria.

❖ **Pendleton Clark Agnew, Jr.**, junior, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pendleton C. Agnew of Alexandria.

❖ **Olivia Hathaway Black**, sophomore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Black III of Alexandria.

❖ **Hunter Joseph Fairchild**, junior, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Fairchild II of Alexandria.

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## Hysteria

125 South Fairfax Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
703.548.1615  
www.shophysteria.com

Hysteria is a trendy clothing boutique for women in their 20s and older. Alicia McCaslin, Hysteria's buyer and manager, described the clothes as contemporary and stylish, "mostly everyday fun clothing."



Women can find designer outfits and accessories for weddings, parties and graduations. McCaslin said Hysteria takes pride in customer service. "It's like a home, we offer a glass of water, we get to know our clients," said McCaslin. The walls at Hysteria are splashed with a funky lime green giving Hysteria a fun city feel.

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**The Hour carries cocktail glasses and accessories from many eras.**

## The Hour

1015 King Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
703.224.4687  
www.thehourshop.com

Victoria Vergason had so many cocktail glasses she did not know what to do with them, so in 2009 she opened The Hour, a retro shop filled with all things cocktail. The Hour has a variety of vintage glassware, cocktail accessories and more. Recently she has added '50s- and '60s-style artwork, jewelry and unique gifts. "I like to tell people the history of cocktails," said Vergason. She said she wants people to have a quality Happy Hour experience. "It really makes a difference if you're drinking out of a beautiful glass or a paper cup," she said.

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**The Sugar Cube carries many types of confections, both fun and fancy.**

## The Sugar Cube

210 North Lee Street  
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703.548.2868  
www.sugarcubesweets.com

"We're a classic candy shop," said Kim Theodore, co-owner of The Sugar Cube. The Sugar Cube is filled with chocolates, jelly beans, confections, hard candies and many other treats. Theodore started The Sugar Cube with her sister Alyssa in 2006. Kim said they wanted to provide all the nostalgia of childhood and, of course, great candy.



**Dina Igoe of Apple Seed Maternity & Baby Boutique.**

## Apple Seed

115 South Columbus Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
866.419.5446 or 703.535.5446  
www.appleseedboutique.com

High School friends Dina Igoe and Elleni Vorvis opened Apple Seed four years ago. "Our concept was mom and baby one-stop-shop," said Igoe. Apple Seed provides stylish maternity, transitional and baby clothing as well various baby accessories such as diaper bags and strollers. "We want basically no one to feel like there's nothing for them," said Igoe. The shop features clothing and photography from a variety of designers, including local Alexandria designers.



**Diva features designer clothes and jewelry.**

## Diva

116 South Pitt Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
703.683.1022  
www.divaboutiqueeva.com

Diva specializes in designer consignment clothing, shoes and accessories. Women can also choose from a wide selection of new jewelry. The boutique carries clothing from top designers such as Prada. "We're very careful about what we take," said owner and CEO of Diva, Cindy McCartney. She said she makes sure that all of the clothes are high quality. Diva is designed in a modern vintage setting with pink walls and three levels. In order to keep the shop male friendly, McCartney keeps two "man chairs" at the front of the store. "We try to make the husbands and boyfriends feel comfortable," she said smiling.



**Fay Hobbs-Carter in front of a display of Christmas decorations.**

## The Christmas Attic

125 South Union Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
703.548.2829 or 800.881.0084  
www.christmasattic.com

Christmas is not just in December or July at the Christmas Attic, it's all year long. The Christmas Attic has been in business for 40 years and receives visitors from all over the world. "We've got generation after generation that come here," said owner Fay Hobbs-Carter. The Christmas Attic has a vast selection of Christmas ornaments and Christmas-related gifts for visitors to choose from. Individuals can also find unique gifts and other non-Christmas related items. The Christmas Attic provides a cozy and fun atmosphere.



**Larissa Avendano of La Cuisine.**

## La Cuisine

323 Cameron Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
703.836.4435  
www.lacuisineus.com

La Cuisine provides everything a cook might possibly need — from cookware and spices to advice from professionals. "All of us cook all the time and if you ask a question, we know [the answer]," said La Cuisine's director of marketing and product development Stephanie Gorenflo. La Cuisine has a variety of silverware and cooking equipment to choose from. "We carry the best of the best," said Gorenflo.



**fibrespace carries yarn in a wide selection of colors and fiber contents.**

## fibrespace

102 North Fayette Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
703.664.0334  
www.fibrespace.com

fibrespace is a colorful boutique for knitters, crocheters and overall creative souls. The shop carries a large selection of yarn with a variety of colors and blends. Individuals who want to learn how to knit or crochet can take lessons at fibrespace. Shoppers can also pick up books, magazines and patterns. Danielle Romanetti, owner of fibrespace, said she wanted the shop to have an "retro, funky, vibe." fibrespace hosts a variety of events such as "yarn tastings" where individuals can test different types of yarn and hang out with fellow yarn fans.

## 6th Annual Cameron Station Festival in the Park



Brenman Park Dr. • June 19, 2010 • 9 am to 4 pm  
(Brick walk between Cameron Station Blvd. and Sommersville)

### 30 Vendors:

- Children's Books and Wooden Puzzles
- Designer Clothing, Jewelry, Handbags, and Machine Embroidery
- Visual Arts: Glass, Photography, Paintings, Pottery, and Sculpture
- Pet Photographer, Dog Duds, Dog Walkers, and Treats
- Flowers and Vegetables

- Gourmet Coffee, Baked Goods, Crepes, and Wine Tasting, BBQ & French Fries

### Displays:

- Alexandria Animal Welfare League,
- Fire and Police Departments, and Tucker Elementary School

### Planned Event:

- 5K Run

# CALENDAR

## FRIDAY AFTERNOONS

**Tea Dances.** 1 to 3:15 p.m. Group class from 1 to 1:30 p.m. Ballroom, Latin and Swing music. \$11/person. At the Dance Studio Lioudmila, 18 Roth Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor (off Duke Street), Alexandria. Call 703-751-8868.

## THURSDAY/JUNE 10

**Virginia Native Plant Society Registry Sites.** 7:30 p.m. Free. Join registry chair Rod Simmons as he takes visitors on a virtual tour of some nearby registry sites. At Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Call 703-642-5173.

**David Kitchen Performs.** 7 p.m. Known as a road warrior in the local DC area, Kitchen has honed his skills performing before live audiences on an almost nightly basis, working as a sideman on various projects as well as fronting his own bands. At The Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street, Alexandria. Call 703-548-0035. Visit [myspace.com/davidkitchen](http://myspace.com/davidkitchen).

**Music at Twilight Concert.** 7:30 p.m. Features the Alexandria Citizen's Band. Concerts are cancelled in the event of inclement weather and subject to change without notice. At Fort Ward Park 4301 W. Braddock Rd. Call the Special Events Hotline at 703-746-5592.

**SOHO Art Exhibit and Reception.** 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. View the accomplishments of young artists at the Old Town Space of Her Own program reception, at The Art League Annex, 1 Duke Street (Corner of Duke and South Union Streets). A program will be presented by fifth grade participants and features a before-and-after bedroom renovation video. Light refreshments will be served and admission is free. To learn more about the SOHO program, visit [www.spaceofherown.org](http://www.spaceofherown.org).

## JUNE 10-12

**Summer Book Sale.** Hours are Thursday, June 10, from 1 to 8:30 p.m.; Friday, June 11, from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Saturday, June 12, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. At the Ellen Coolidge Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road, Alexandria. Call 703-746-1704.

## JUNE 10-13

**Excavate Shuter's Hill.** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Alexandria Archaeology Institute is excavating the grounds of the George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive. Gain hands-on experience in site-excavation methods and record keeping. Learn how to use a transit and process and catalog artifacts in the laboratory, and interpret new discoveries. Advance registration is required. Visit [www.alexandriarchaeology.org](http://www.alexandriarchaeology.org) or call 703-746-4399.

## FRIDAY/JUNE 11

**Pot Luck Buffet Dance for Couples.** 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. Cost is \$15/person. The Friday Nighters Dancing Club's last dance before summer break in the Mount Vernon area. Enjoy waltz, fox trot, cha cha, swing and more to live music on large wooden dance floor. Bring a buffet dish and join them. Reservations required. [www.fridaynightersdancingclub.com](http://www.fridaynightersdancingclub.com)

**Doug Parks and the Lonewolves.** 7:30 p.m. A four-piece ensemble based in Falls Church that performs blues and American roots music. At Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mt. Vernon Memorial Hwy., Alexandria. Call 703-324-SHOW (7469).

## JUNE 11-12

**Jewelry Designer Trunk Show.** Noon to 8 p.m. Featuring collections of Mia Katrin for Jewel Couture LLC. Katrin will present her collections including



## SATURDAY/JUNE 12

**Alexandria Armenian Festival.** Noon to 5 p.m. The City of Alexandria will host the 18th Annual Alexandria Armenian Festival at Market Square, 301 King St. Sponsored by the Knights of Varton, the festival features live entertainment, food, cultural exhibits and more. Contributions benefit charities for children in Armenia. Admission is free. For more information, visit [www.ArmenianFestivals.com](http://www.ArmenianFestivals.com).

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## SATURDAY/JUNE 12

**Beauty of Wetlands in Full Bloom.** 9 to 11 a.m. Cost is \$6/person. Adult hike through the wetlands during the peak bloom of buttonbush, swamp rose and lizard's tail. Search for birds and mammals that use these plants for food, shelter and nesting. Call 703-768-2525 to reserve your spot. At Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Boulevard in Alexandria.

**"New Muslim Cool" Film Screening.** 4:30 p.m. Free. Part of "Movies with a Mission." At the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St., Alexandria. Visit [www.alexblackhistory.org](http://www.alexblackhistory.org) or call 703-746-4356.

**Used Book Sale.** Sponsored by Friends of the Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. 703-339-4610.

**Summer Orchestra Series.** 7:30 p.m. With the Marine Chamber Orchestra. At the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall, Northern Virginia Community College, 3001 North Beauregard Street, Alexandria. Call 703-845-6156 or [www.schlesingercenter.com](http://www.schlesingercenter.com)

**"The Ultimate Block Party."** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free. Guests are invited to seminars hosted by experts on the topics of entertaining and designing in small spaces. HGTV's Vern Yip will be speaking. At the Courts at Huntington Station apartment community, 5950 Grand Pavilion Way, Alexandria. Visit [www.courtsathuntington.com/blockparty](http://www.courtsathuntington.com/blockparty)

**Bread and Butter Ball.** 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Held in the historic Ballroom of Gadsby's Tavern Museum (134 N. Royal Street), this springtime ball set in the 1790s is inspired by a ball George Washington attended. Enjoy live music, dancing, refreshments, gaming, and a cash bar. Attendees are encouraged to wear period costume. Advance tickets are \$45 per person or \$50 at the door. For more information, visit [www.gadsbystavern.org](http://www.gadsbystavern.org) or call 703.746.4242.

**Burke Branch Library Summer Book Sale.** 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. At 4701 Seminary Rd., Alexandria. Call 703-746-1704.

## JUNE 12-AUG. 21

**Summer Dance and Fine Art Program.** Saturdays. Cost is \$350 for 10, two-hour classes. Students study



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## MONDAY/JUNE 14

**Genealogy/Family History Classes.** 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Taught by Sharon Hodges, will guide students to repositories and records in Maryland, including the Maryland State Archives in Annapolis. The classes will be held in the Large Meeting Room at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. The cost is \$35, or \$25 for members of Friends of Local History Collections. 703-746-1706.

## TUESDAY/JUNE 15

**Mount Vernon Genealogical Society.** 1 p.m. The meeting will feature a presentation entitled "Unsere Ahnen: An Overview of German Genealogical Research." The program will be presented by Susannah E. Brooks. Meets at the Hollin Hall Senior Center, Room 112, Alexandria. Contact Harold McClendon at 703-360-0920 or haroldm@erols.com.

**Planetarium Community Night.** 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. T.C. Williams High School, 3330 King St., Alexandria. Come explore space and learn about the mysteries of the universe. Registration required, call 703-824-6805 ext. 6300.

## FRIDAY/JUNE 18

**The Justin Trawick Group.** 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Free. His music ranges in styles from folk/bluegrass all the way to funk/hip hop, with instrumentation that includes upright bass, electric and acoustic guitars, mandolin, banjo, saxophone, trumpet, cello, piano, harmonica, drums and hand percussion. At the Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mt. Vernon Memorial Hwy., Alexandria. Call 703-324-SHOW.

## SATURDAY/JUNE 19

**Medieval Faire.** 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. demonstrations by church members of candle-making, drop spinning, and jewelry-making, plus, period music (vocals) featuring the guitar, the viola, the harp, and Scottish bagpipes and Scottish dancing by The Thistle Dancers. At St. Andrew & St. Margaret of Scotland Anglican Catholic Church, corner of Monroe and Dewitt Avenues. Visit [www.standrewandstmargaret.org](http://www.standrewandstmargaret.org).

**YMCA Alexandria Community Family Day.** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free. Fun-filled activities such as family yoga, face painting, moon bounce, water activities, high-tech games. At the YMCA Alexandria, 420 East Monroe Ave., Alexandria. Call 703-838-8085.

**Hooray for Books! Turns 2.** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Balloons, face painting and a special storytime visit from picture book favorite Ladybug Girl, on her way to the beach. At 1555 King Street, Alexandria. Call 703-548-4092 or visit [www.hooray4books.com](http://www.hooray4books.com).

**SkateFest Benefit.** 1 to 7 p.m. Features "SK8 for a Cause" competition. Features more than \$5,000 in prizes as well as food, activities, giveaways, games, open skate and music. Fund-raiser for Children's Hospital National Medical Center in the District. Preliminary rounds of the skateboard competition will take place on Friday, June 18 from 4 to 7 p.m. Participants can sign up at [www.skatefestfairfax.com](http://www.skatefestfairfax.com). Call 703-425-5400. At Wakefield Skate Park, 8100 Braddock Road, Annandale.

**Run for the Red 5K/10K.** 8 a.m. Start time. Cost is \$30 for 10K; \$25 for 5K. Benefitting the American Red Cross in the National Capital Region. At the AMC Hoffman Center, 206 Swamp Fox Road, Alexandria. Registration: mail-in (received by June 16; day of race 6:45-7:45 a.m.) to 123 North Alfred Street,

Alexandria. Online: [www.active.com/running/alexandria-va/run-for-the-red-2010](http://www.active.com/running/alexandria-va/run-for-the-red-2010). Call 703-549-8300.

**Excavation at Shuter's Hill.** 10 a.m. to noon. Free. All new volunteers are required to attend an orientation. Ask the docents to direct you down the stairs to the dining room for the orientation. Afterwards, walk up to the site behind the memorial for a site tour. At the George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria.

**Cameron Station Festival in the Park.** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. With 30 vendors and a 5K run. Vendors include children's books, puzzles, designer clothing, jewelry, flowers, vegetables, wine tastings and more. On the Brick walk between Cameron Station Blvd. and Sommerville.

**Community Day.** 1 to 5 p.m. At Historical Gum Springs community.

**Steven Gellman in Concert.** 8 to 10 p.m. At St. Elmo's Coffee Pub, 2300 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Call 703-739-9268.

**Plant Sale.** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Purchase a wide variety of plants for your home and garden and consult with a master gardener about your gardening challenges. Admission is free and event is rain or shine. At the Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden. Visit [www.leefendallhouse.org](http://www.leefendallhouse.org).

**Paint Alexandria.** Free. An all-media plein air event featured in Old Town. This year's featured instructors include: Bobbi Pratte, Daniel Wise, Libby Cullen, Avis Fleming, Peter Ulrich, Sara Poly, and Robert Liberace. Sponsored by the Art League.

## SUNDAY/JUNE 20

**Concert.** 6:30 p.m. The EcoVoce Ensemble will present its multidisciplinary concert and arts event, "Breathing Naturally," Music, Poetry and Art of Women Inspired by Nature, as part of Virginia's statewide celebration of women in the arts. At Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill, 3606 Seminary Road (at Quaker Lane), Alexandria. Suggested donation is \$10. Visit [www.ecovoce.org](http://www.ecovoce.org) or call 703-683-0322.

**Father's Day Tours.** Free. 1 to 5 p.m. At Gadsby's Tavern, 134 North Royal Street, Alexandria. Call 703-746-4242 or [www.gadsbystavern.org](http://www.gadsbystavern.org).

**Father's Day Tours.** Free. 1 to 5 p.m. At Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105-107 South Fairfax Street, Alexandria. Call 703-746-3852 or [www.apothecarymuseum.org](http://www.apothecarymuseum.org).

**Father's Day Tours.** Free. 1 to 4 p.m. At the Friendship Firehouse Museum, 107 South Alfred Street, Alexandria. Call 703-746-3891.

**Father's Day Tours.** Free. 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m. At the Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden. Visit [www.leefendallhouse.org](http://www.leefendallhouse.org).

**Book Talk.** 3 p.m. Author John Fenzel will discuss his novel The Lazarus Covenant. Signed copies will be available for purchase. At Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria. Register online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library) or call 703-765-3645.

## WEDNESDAY/JUNE 23

**Reflections on Alexandria's Pottery Industry.** 7:30 p.m. Free. Lecture by Barbara Magid, an expert on ceramics made in Alexandria based upon 30 years of research with the Alexandria Archaeology collections. At the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington Street, Alexandria. Visit [www.alexandria-historical.org](http://www.alexandria-historical.org) or 703-746-4994.

**Benefit Concert for Haiti.** 8 p.m. Sponsored by the Kathy Harty Gray Dance Theatre. All contributions go to the Lynn Williams Rouzier Institute de Dance in Port-au-Prince. At the Tyler Building Auditorium, NVCC, Alexandria Campus, 3001 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria. Call 703-413-3811 or [contact@khgd.org](mailto:contact@khgd.org).

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### Pink & Brown

1212 King Street  
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703.684.1050  
www.pinkandbrownboutique.com

Pink & Brown is a sweet baby boutique filled with environmentally friendly children's clothes and accessories. "It's all organic," said owner Lan Le. Pink & Brown carries baby clothing made from materials such as bamboo and modal, a fiber made from beechwood. "Every product we bring in is safe," said Le. Shoppers can find adorable clothes, hats, shoes, toys, furniture and gifts for their little ones. "Everything we carry is unique," said Le.



### The Shoe Hive

127 South Fairfax Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
703.548.7105  
www.theshoehive.com

The Shoe Hive serves up a frenzy of designer shoes from famous designers such as Bettye Muller and Butter. "We have a wide variety of prices," said owner Elizabeth Todd. "That's something that people are pleasantly surprised at." Todd said prices range from under \$100 to over \$300, giving customers a wide variety of shoes to choose from. The Shoe Hive also carries designer purses, sunglasses and jewelry. "We try to have things that are different," said Todd.

### Mystique Jewelers

211 The Strand  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
703.836.1401  
www.mystiquejewelers.com

Mystique Jewelers features modern and sophisticated jewelry. "It's everyday styles that's classic," said owner Elizabeth Mandros. Mystique Jewelers has a variety of top designers and a pool of talented local up-and-coming designers. "That's one of the things I feel is really special about Mystique — is bringing in new designers," said Lisa Nik, a new designer at Mystique Jewelers. Individuals can find all types of unique and unusual designs at Mystique Jewelers.



**Sample gifts from The Little Monogram Shop.**

### The Little Monogram Shop

106 1/2 North Columbus Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
703.549.3999  
www.thelittlemonogramshop.net

Individuals can have their names sewn into all types of things at the Little Monogram Shop. This small but lively store allows shoppers to monogram family heirlooms, gifts, bags and clothing, among other things. "It's really one of a kind," said co-owner Tara Leegan. The emphasis is on personalization at The Little Monogram Shop and the owners strive to create anything a customer may envision. Leegan said she enjoys working with her customers who often come frequently. "You're getting the history when you meet people," said Anderson.



**A handcrafted cup made by Lawrence Miller & Company.**

### Lawrence Miller & Company

121 South Royal Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
703.548.0659  
www.lawrencemiller.com

Lawrence Miller & Company is a silversmith shop that restores priceless antiques and creates various handmade items such as jewelry. The shop's owner Lawrence Miller can take an old, rusted family heirloom and make it shine. According to his website, Miller has restored items for the British Royal family. "We have people shipping items from all over the world," said manager Emily Anderson. The shop prides itself on the unique ability to help people preserve memories.

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Hooray for Books!, a children's bookstore, celebrates both children and reading. The store has a variety of books for children to choose from, including classics like Dr. Seuss and many new titles. Children can also enjoy weekly story hours. Owners Ellen Klein and Trish Brown opened the shop on King Street two years ago. "I love making people happy," said Klein. "A lot of that is matching the person with their books and seeing their eyes light up." On June 19, Hooray for Books! will celebrate its second birthday with fun activities for the family from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



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## GRAPE + BEAN

118 South Royal Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
703.664.0214  
www.grapeandbean.com

Individuals looking for wine, coffee and relaxation can enjoy all three at GRAPE + BEAN. The store specializes in wine, coffee and other homemade comforts such as bread and cheese. The cozy dining room setting allows individuals to enjoy food and drink and take what they like home. "We have a really eclectic feel," said GRAPE + BEAN employee Cristina Ramos. She said she enjoys introducing new wines to customers. "We really love serving our lesser-known wines," she said. This month, GRAPE + BEAN will begin giving wine courses; interested individuals can check out the website for more details.

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## Imperfections Imperfections

1210 King Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
703.837.1670

Imperfections is an inviting antique shop that specializes in furniture and art from all over the world. "Antiques are really unique," said owner Nancy Deitchman. She and her husband moved to Alexandria 15 years ago and decided to put their antique collection to good use. Imperfections has been in business for 10 years and provides unique items that are also affordable.

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## Arts Afire Glass Gallery

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Arts Afire is filled with all types of delicate and exquisite glass. "We're the largest glass jewelry gallery in the country," said Joseph Egerton, president of Arts Afire. Egerton said each item is unique in Arts Afire. Shoppers can find handmade glass jewelry, beads, pottery, a large collection of kaleidoscopes and various glass gifts. Arts Afire is celebrating its 15th anniversary on July 15. Individuals can stop by Arts Afire on the 15th for fun prizes and sales.

## Bellacara

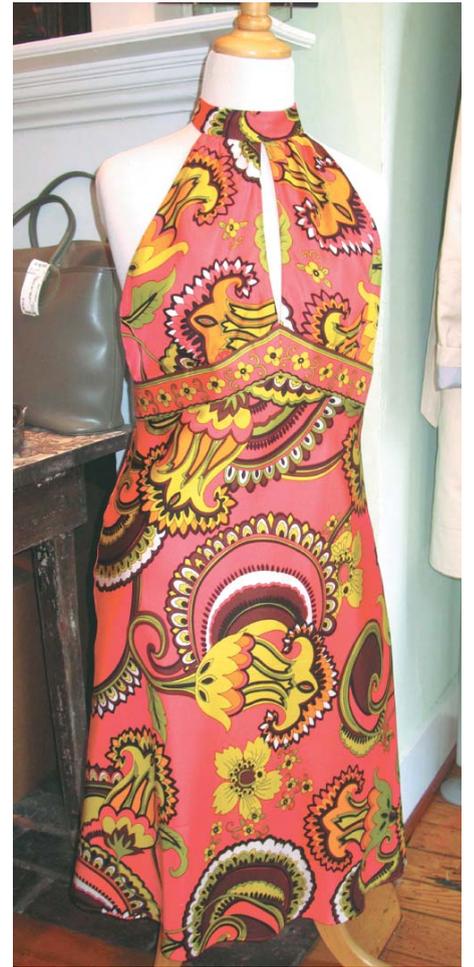
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703.299.9652  
www.bellacara.com

Bellacara is a sweet smelling cosmetic boutique that provides unique skin care, bath, body and hair care products. "We're providing something in Old Town that's not already here," said owner Kim Putens. She and her friend Angela Sitilides opened Bellacara 10 years ago after working various government jobs. The shop features brands that are often difficult to find at local department stores.

## Bloomers

924 King Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
571.312.0852  
www.shopbloomers.com

Bloomers was created as a sister store to Bellacara. The owners Kim Putens and Angela Sitilides wanted to provide women with classy sleepwear, loungewear and undergarments. Bloomers has a variety of designers and variety of colors to choose from.



## Mint Condition Mint Condition

114 South Royal Street  
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703.836.6468  
www.shopmintcondition.com

Mint Condition is a fashionable consignment shop that specializes in high-end fashions. "It's all kind of trendy," said owner Toni Henderson. Mint condition carries designers such as Valentino and was voted the Best Consignment Shop by The Washington Post Express in 2009. The boutique features colorful dresses, skirts, jeans, shoes and other accessories. "You're not going to find a piece that everyone is wearing," said Henderson.



## The Full Cup The Full Cup

218 North Lee Street, Suite 206  
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## MUSIC

### Summer Concert Series in Mount Vernon Area

Summer evenings in the Mt. Vernon area will be enlivened by three free concert series being presented in area parks and in venues along the Potomac River.

\* **The Mt. Vernon Nights Concert Series** has free performances scheduled for each Friday night throughout June, July and August, in Grist Mill Park. The series presents a wide selection of musical acts including blues, rock, Latin/Caribbean, jazz, bluegrass, Dixieland, and Ska. The Friday night concerts are at 7:30 p.m. in Grist Mill Park, at 4710 Mt. Vernon Memorial Highway, in Alexandria. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance) or call 703-324-SHOW (7469) for updates, and for weather cancellations after 6 p.m. on performance dates.

\* **The Fort Hunt Summer Concert Series** will feature free concerts in Fort Hunt Park every Sunday evening throughout June, July and August (except Sunday, July 4), from 7 to 8 p.m. This series will feature bands performing in a wide range of musical styles from swing to indie rock, from Peruvian/Andean to German Oktoberfest, in addition to the performances of brass, concert and community bands. Also on the schedule, are two evenings of songs performed in barbershop-style, four-part harmonies, by two large local choral groups. Concerts are held in Pavilion A of Fort Hunt Park, which is located 6 miles south of Old Town Alexandria along the George Washington Memorial Parkway. Go to [www.nps.gov/gwmp](http://www.nps.gov/gwmp), select "QUICKLINKS: News and Fun Things To Do!", click on "Visit this site for Parkway Events and Programs", and select "Ft. Hunt Concert Series" on the left.

\* **Collingwood Concerts.** In Sep-

tember, the final free concert series will be held at Collingwood, an estate overlooking the Potomac River. The series will take place Sunday afternoons, rain or shine, from Sept. 5 through Oct. 3, with performances including Dixieland jazz and indie rock. The final concert of the summer season will be provided by the Falls Church Concert Band on Oct. 3. Performances are from 3 to 4 p.m. at Collingwood, which is 4.3 miles south of Old Town Alexandria, off the George Washington Memorial Parkway, at 8301 East Boulevard Drive. Go to [www.collingwoodlibrary.com](http://www.collingwoodlibrary.com) or call Judie Kunkle at Collingwood at 703-765-1652.

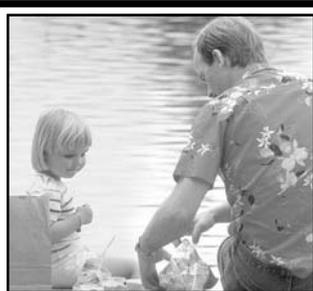
Aug. 20 – Squeeze Bayou (Cajun)  
Aug. 27 – Andrew Acosta & Speedy Tolliver String Band (Folk/Bluegrass)

### Fort Hunt Summer Concert Series

Sundays, 7 to 8 p.m.  
June 6 – Mount Vernon Swing Band (Swing and Big Band)  
June 13 – Lesson Zero (New Adult Contemporary Indie Rock/Blues)  
June 20 – Falls Church Concert Band (Marches, Light Classical, Show Medleys, American Classics)  
June 27 – Vienna Community Band (Marches, Light Classical, Show Medleys, American Classics)  
July 4 – NO CONCERT  
July 11 – Kings Park Brass Ensemble (All Brass Classical, Popular, Jazz, Swing)  
July 18 – Harmony Heritage Singers (Men's Four Part Harmony Barbershop Style Chorus)  
July 25 – Main Street Community Band (Marches, Light Classical, Show Medleys, American Classics)  
Aug. 1 – Potomac Harmony Chorus (Award-Winning Women's Four-Part Harmony Show Chorus)  
Aug. 8 – Mystic Warriors (Fusion/New Age Peruvian/Andean)  
Aug. 15 – Mount Vernon Concert Band (Marches, Light Classical, Show Medleys, American Classics)  
Aug. 22 – Alte Kameraden (German Festmusik)  
Aug. 29 – Kings Park Concert Band (Marches, Light Classical, Show Medleys, American Classics)

### Mt. Vernon Nights in Grist Mill Park

Fridays at 7:30 p.m.  
June 4 – Sandra Y. Johnson Quintet (Jazz/Blues/R&B)  
June 11 – Doug Parks and the Lonewolves (Blues/classic Rock)  
June 18 – Justin Trawick (Urban Folk Rock)  
June 25 – Mambo Combo (Latin/Caribbean)  
July 2 – The English Channel (British music from the 60's & 70's)  
July 9 – Pietasters (Ska)  
July 16 – The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra's Dixieland Band (Dixieland)  
July 23 – Janine Wilson Band (Roots/Rock)  
July 30 – The Reunion Music Society Jazz Orchestra (Jazz)  
Aug. 6 – Yarawi (Andean)  
Aug. 13 – Honor By August (Rock/Pop)



## PHOTO GALLERY!

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# Aces Looking in Search of Continuity

**Knowles, Davis only returning players for Alexandria club.**

BY JON ROETMAN  
GAZETTE

**A**lexandria Aces head coach Eric Williams stood outside the visitor's dugout at Shirley Povich Field in Bethesda and discussed some of his team's early season problems.

There were the on-field miscues: Alexandria finished with as many errors (4) as hits in a 4-0 loss to the Big Train on June 6. And there was a lack of continuity.

"I like to harp on them that this is a team game and we need to play together," Williams said. "We can't just leave guys laying around out there and not have anything for them in [the dugout]. Some guys come from schools where that's not a big event and some guys come from schools where they're used to being involved no matter what. It's part of it. They're old enough, they're college guys, they can figure it out."

But while there was talk of trouble, the smile on Williams' face when he started the interview and when it neared the end spoke of brighter days ahead.

"It's early," he said.

The Aces, a Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League team in its third year of existence, started the season 1-3, but Williams said he's pleased with the club's talent level compared to previous years. At this point, getting players comfortable with one another and on the same page is key. Like other teams in the CRCBL, Alexandria is composed of college players from around the country. But the Aces return only two players from last season — rising seniors Max Knowles (pitcher, North Carolina Wesleyan College) and Will Davis (catcher, Pennsylvania) — so building camaraderie could take time. Still, Knowles, in his third year with the team, and Davis, a second-year Ace, have helped the first-year players with their transition.

"Coach kind of comes off as a [tough guy]," Davis said. "A lot of the guys were kind of freaked out when they first heard his rules for the team. [Knowles and I] know where he's lenient, where he stands on things. We're trying to relax some of the guy's minds."

"He's a former police officer so he lets us know that he's got an ear and nose for things. If you come in smelling ripe from

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**— Third-year Alexandria Aces pitcher Max Knowles**



**Jared Denham, a rising junior at San Francisco, bats for the Alexandria Aces against the Bethesda Big Train.**



**Bobby Kirby, a rising junior at Georgetown, allowed one earned run over six innings for Alexandria in a loss to Bethesda.**

the night before, he'll know about it. He'll put the fear of God into everybody else."

Davis opened the season 7-for-13 with four RBIs. Nick Allen (sophomore, George Mason) started 7-for-14 with five runs scored. Rand Ravnas (junior, Georgetown) was 5-for-13 with three RBIs.

On the mound, Knowles earned a win in the season opener against Herndon, allowing five hits and three earned runs over seven innings.

"He's a crafty little left-hander," Williams said. "He works hard, he knows how to get

people out. He doesn't always overpower them, but he knows how to get them out — he's a pitcher."

Knowles said pitchers compare grips, pitches and training techniques with one another in an attempt to improve.

"It's just a learning experience," he said. "Everybody comes here, nobody knows all the answers and everybody's here to get better, which is the whole point of summer league baseball."

D.J. Stinsman (senior, St. Andrew's Presbyterian) started the season's second game, a loss to Rockville, and received a no decision. He allowed six hits and two runs — one earned — over five innings while striking out 11. Bobby Kirby (junior, Georgetown) allowed one earned run over

six innings in a loss to Bethesda.

Brian Derner (sophomore, George Washington) is the only pitcher to make multiple appearances through four games for the Aces, allowing four hits and one earned run over five innings during two relief appearances.

Alexandria hosts the Silver Spring-Takoma T-Bolts at 7 p.m. on June 11. Home games are played at Frank Mann Field be-

hind Cora Kelly School. Tickets \$5 for adults, \$3 for children.

"The fans in Alexandria really love the team," Knowles said. "They follow us really well and that just makes it exciting to come back and play for them. ... Coach was saying earlier that on paper we have the best team that he's ever had talent-wise. Obviously, we want to make the playoffs this year."

## 5Qs

### Five questions with Alexandria Aces pitcher Max Knowles

**Q: Who is your favorite music artist?**

A: Dave Matthews. I'm kind of an easygoing guy and he's got some easygoing music. It's easy to listen to, kind of chills you out.

**Q: What is your favorite movie?**

A: "Stepbrothers," with Will Ferrell. I'm a big fan of Will Ferrell; funny dude.

**Q: How does the Alexandria area compare with back home (Clifton, N.C.)?**

A: There's definitely more traffic. It's something you've got to deal with. It kind of gets annoying sometimes when it takes 30 minutes to go five miles.

**Q: You're studying environmental science at North Carolina Wesleyan College. What would you like to do**



**with your degree?**

A: Maybe a farm manager. I'm from a rural area where there's a lot of farming. If you get an environmental science degree there's all kinds of job opportunities for you.

**Q: What's the best feeling you can have during a baseball game?**

A: Showing up the day you're starting and it's that one day where every pitch is working and you feel like you can hit any spot and you feel like there's no way anybody can hit you.

— JON ROETMAN

## SPORTS

### Wolverines, Majors Compete at State Meet

The West Potomac girls track and field team finished tied for 16th out of 57 point-scoring teams at the state meet in Richmond during the weekend. The Wolverines scored 12 points, tied with Robinson. Western Branch won the meet with 96 points, 57 ahead of second-place Phoebus.

The West Potomac girls 3,200-meter relay team (Dale Lescher, Sarah Jane Underwood, Julianne Bigler, Kelsey Rosenberg) took fourth with a time of 9 minutes, 22.43 seconds.

Underwood finished third in the 800 (2:14.61).

The Mount Vernon boys track team placed 25th out of 63 point-scoring teams. Clive Cameron placed second in the 300 hurdles with a time of 38.02 seconds. JaQuan Demiel of Lakeland won with a time of 37.83. Cameron finished eighth in the 110 hurdles with a time of 16.13.

### MV's Sable Earns Region Honors

Mount Vernon senior shortstop Andrew Sable was named second-team All-Northern Region.

West Springfield senior utility Charlie Morgan was named Player of the Year, West Springfield senior Bobby Wahl was named Pitcher of the Year and West Springfield's John James was named Coach of the Year.

### Mark Vincent Basketball Camp

The Mark Vincent basketball camp will be held at Walt Whitman Middle School. First session will be held from July 12-16. Second session will be held from July 19-23. Tuition is \$200 per camper. Camp hours are from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. each day except on the last day; it will end at noon. Boys and girls ages 7-15 are welcomed to attend.

For information regarding summer basketball camp, e-mail at [markvincentbasketballcamps@gmail.com](mailto:markvincentbasketballcamps@gmail.com)

### Youth Basketball Summer League

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities' sports office is accepting registrations for the Johnson & Siebert Summer Basketball League through June 14. The summer league is for participants ages 12 - 17 (age as of June 1). There is a \$25 fee to play in the league. The boys league will hold its skill assessment on June 14 at Francis Hammond Middle School at 6:30 p.m. The girls league will be set up by recreation districts only.

### Youth Coaches Needed

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities is seeking volunteers to coach youth track and field, football, tennis, swimming and rugby. Criminal history background checks are required.

Interested persons should call the youth sports office at 703-746-5402-4345 or e-mail [mac.slover@alexandriava.gov](mailto:mac.slover@alexandriava.gov).

### Wahoos Swim Team

The Wahoos Swim Team Program offers youth ages 6-18 of all abilities the opportunity to develop their own potential. The Wahoos swim program will promote individual achievement and team camaraderie in an atmosphere of friendly competition. Developing and experienced swimmers alike can refine their freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke, butterfly, turns and starts with an experienced coaching staff. Swim meets are scheduled every Saturday morning from mid-June through early August. Practices for the participants are held beginning June 1 until the Alexandria City Schools are out for the summer break at Chinguapin Center from 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. Monday-Friday. Beginning June 28, the participants will have the option of practicing at Chinguapin Center from 7:15-9:15 a.m. or in the afternoons at Old Town Pool from 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. The cost for the program for City residents are \$125 for the first child and \$100 for each additional swimmer. The non-resident fees are \$150 for the first child and \$125 for each additional child. Swimmers must be able to swim 25 meters continuously. For more information on the clinics or the summer bas-

ketball league, call the sports office at 703-746-5402 or visit the youth sports website at [www.alexandriava.gov/recreation](http://www.alexandriava.gov/recreation).

### Alexandria Titans Youth Tackle Football

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities; Centers, Playgrounds and Youth Sports Division is accepting registrations for the Alexandria Titans Youth Tackle Football program. Teams are formed in the following weight divisions and participate in the Fairfax County Youth Football League: Anklebiters, 75 lbs, 85 lbs, 95 lbs, 110 lbs, 125 lbs, and 150 lbs. Participants will be weighed and assigned to teams according to their weight and age. This program is for participants ages 7-16. Registration fee is \$25. All participants must have a Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Identification Card upon registration. For more information, call the Sports Office at 703-746-5402 or go on the Youth Sports website at [www.alexandriava.gov/recreation](http://www.alexandriava.gov/recreation).

### Youth Basketball Fundamental School

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities is now accepting registrations for the Youth Basketball Fundamentals School for boys and girls ages 5-12. The school will run on Saturday's from July 10-31 at George Washington Middle School located at 1001 Mt. Vernon Avenue. Participants will learn the fundamentals of ball handling, shooting, passing, dribbling and rebounding. Registration fee is \$40 per child. Register early: deadline is June 30 or as soon as sessions are filled. For more information, contact the youth sports office at 703-746-5402 or go on the youth sports website at [www.alexandriava.gov/recreation](http://www.alexandriava.gov/recreation).

### National Junior Tennis League

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities is accepting registrations for the National Junior Tennis League (NJTL) for boys and girls ages 8-16. The program will run June 28 through July 27 at the tennis courts at George Washington Middle School, Patrick Henry Recreation

Center and George Mason Elementary School. Participants will learn the fundamentals of tennis in a fun and exciting environment. Participants will meet new friends, expand their minds and get important exercise. Registration fee is \$25 per child. Register early: Deadline is June 15 or as soon as locations are filled. For more information, contact the youth sports office at 703-746-5402 or go on the youth sports website at [www.alexandriava.gov/recreation](http://www.alexandriava.gov/recreation).

### Washington Mystics Fundamental Camp

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities conjunction with the WNBA Washington Mystics is accepting registrations for the Mystics Summer Basketball Camp for boys and girls ages 7-16 year old. The camp will run July 12-16 at the William Ramsay Recreation Center, 5650 Sanger Avenue. Participants will receive professional instruction emphasizing the proper technique of individual skills and development of fundamentals. Campers will receive a camp t-shirt, camp photo, drawstring backpack, certificate of appreciation and much more. The registration fee is \$210 per child. Register early, the deadline is soon or as soon as the camp capacity is filled. For more information, contact the class program office at 703-5414 or the sports office at 703-746-5402 or go on the recreation department website at [www.alexandriava.gov/recreation](http://www.alexandriava.gov/recreation).

### House of Hoops Basketball Camp

The House of Hoops Basketball Camps offers basketball fundamental-centered camps for children between the ages of 7-14 years old. All of The House of Hoops coaches have playing and/or coaching experience on higher levels of basketball ranging from high school to the NBA.

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## SCHOOL NOTES

### Counselors Honored as Outstanding Educators

Two Fairfax County Public Schools Adult and Community Education (ACE) counselors have been recognized for exemplary service to the community by the Martin Luther King, Jr. Cultural Foundation, Inc.

Lorraine Obuchon of Great Falls and Maureen Simmons of Alexandria each received an Outstanding Educator Award for helping low-income adult students to overcome challenging

life circumstances and move into stable careers.

Obuchon and Simmons received their awards from foundation board member Mary Ann Hovis, who praised the ACE counselors for 10 years of leading Education for Independence, a program that combines job skills training with career and personal counseling to empower individuals who are single heads of households.



**From left: Maureen Simmons of the Bryant Center, Bonnie Moore, Nancy Scesney, Elizabeth West, Lorraine Obuchon of ACE Learning Lab in Herndon, state Sen. George Barker and Florinda Rosen celebrate at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarships and Awards Luncheon.**

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