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Here's Why No Trucks Are Allowed

A tractor-trailer truck from Wisconsin, loaded with pre-fab fencing materials, is unloaded at the Alexandria Avenue exit off the George Washington Parkway on Saturday morning, Aug. 7. The truck crashed at 6 a.m. into the stone bridge that connects Alexandria Avenue with East Boulevard Drive. Work continued through the afternoon to remove the cargo from the truck and then to remove the badly damaged truck. The bridge survived. Commercial traffic is prohibited from the parkway and it is posted.

Here, Now

Visioning task force takes stock of current conditions in Mount Vernon, Lorton.

By JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE GAZETTE

Before it starts brainstorming about the southeastern Fairfax County of the future, the Mount Vernon District Visioning Task Force needed to have a firm grasp on the issues and challenges facing the area today.

So Fairfax County Supervisor Gerry Hyland (D-Mount Vernon) sponsored a

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Anne Ratcliffe Webb Turns 100

Looking back at "a very fortunate" life.

By JOEY JACHOWSKI
THE GAZETTE

A century of first-hand history resides in 100-year-old Mount Vernon local Anne Ratcliffe Webb. Although now living on busy Fort Hunt Road, she was born on July 28, 1910 in King George County, just south of Stafford, in a time of horse and buggies.

"The most excitement we'd have when we were children is on Thursdays, the steamboat went by," said Webb remembering times growing up, "We'd go stand on the banks of the river and wave to the passengers on the boat."

Webb was home schooled when she was little and grew up with a younger brother and three younger sisters, one who died at an early age.

Webb left home after finishing high school and earned a B.S. in education from Mary Washington College in three years, graduating in 1931. She also attended Duke University where she earned a M.A. degree, with a thesis about teaching English literature.

"Women didn't get master's degrees back then," said niece Suzanne Ratcliffe, "Back then, women barely went to college and then to hear them get master's degrees was very newsworthy."

Venturing into the real world "the first job I had was in a one-room school in a village in King George

"When I was a young girl, who would have thought we would have a black president of the United States. I think that's some progress."

— Anne Ratcliffe Webb



Anne Webb at home in Mount Vernon

called Sealston," said Webb, "I had a one-room school and I had 24 students ranging from grades 1 through 6. That kept me busy. With 24 children I had to have each one of them read each day and I had to teach them arithmetic or whatever subjects they had."

Webb moved onto teaching high school courses of Latin, French, and English. She ended her high school career teaching five classes of English a day at George Washington High School in Alexandria before going overseas to teach for the Department of the Army. Having returned from her post in Austria several years later,

Webb worked extensively for the federal government as a personnel officer, position classifier, and management officer.

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History Sleuths Gather

New members welcome at Mount Vernon Genealogical Society.

By JOEY JACHOWSKI
THE GAZETTE

The Hollin Hall Senior Center parking lot was filled to the brink for the Mount Vernon Genealogical Society's monthly meeting in room 112, where everyone was in high spirits. Members greeted visitors with a welcoming round of applause and laughter was scattered throughout the group.

"Who created me?" is the driving question behind vice-president for programs, publicity chair for the society, and Mount Vernon resident Harold McClendon's interest in genealogy. "I knew who my parents

were. I knew one grandmother. I didn't really know the names of any others. I wanted to find out: who were they, what'd they do, where'd they live? Because it takes all of those people coming together over periods of time to biologically result in our being here."

Genealogy research is an "ongoing process" to which McClendon personally dedicates 40 or 50 hours a week. His research began while helping his son on an 8th grade family history project and he ended up joining Mount Vernon's genealogical society in 2000. "I got interested and learned more about

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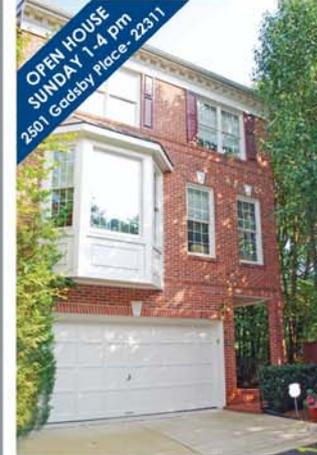


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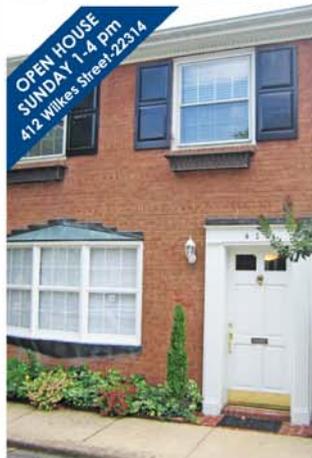
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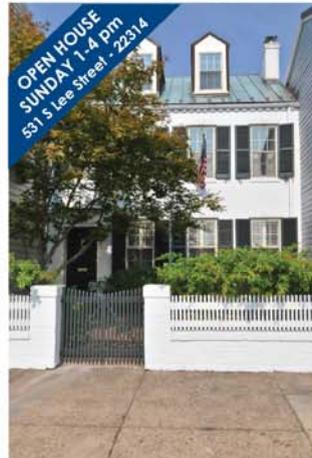
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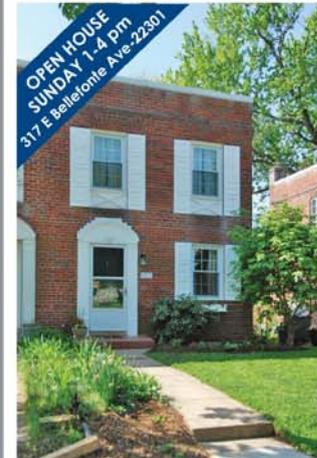
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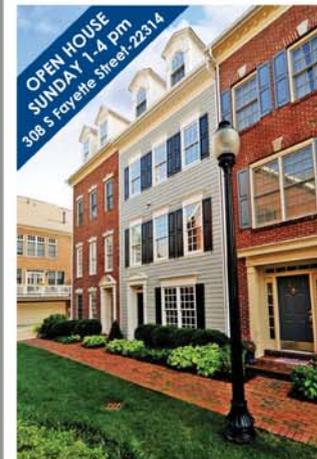
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Another Brick in the Wall

Snowstorm-damaged wall will finally be repaired during the heat of August.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE GAZETTE

No need to feel a sense of dark sarcasm to feel a tinge of irony about the repair of a 1930s-era brick wall outside George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate. Branches and limbs are still littering roads through the Mount Vernon District from last week's violent storm, yet the repair of a brick wall along Mount Vernon Memorial Highway dates from an entirely different storm. Since the blizzard of 2010 in March, when a 100-foot section of the wall near the intersection of Old Mount Vernon Highway and Old Mount Vernon Road was knocked down, neighbors have been waiting for something to happen.

Winter turned to spring. Then the flowers of summer began to bloom. Now the thunderstorms of August are upon us, and the wall is finally ready for repair. This week, motorists who drive along the highway will see safety barrels and concrete jersey barriers. By mid-August, Mount Vernon officials estimate, work should finally commence on the long-awaited repair.

"The permitting process certainly took longer than we had hoped, but we are now finally able to move ahead," wrote Mount Vernon associate vice president Jamie Bosket in an e-mail to neighbors last week. "Even though the wall is on estate property, the debris encroached onto a (Virginia Department of Transportation) easement, which requires special permits before the clean-up and reconstruction can be initiated."

Three months after the wall fell, Mount Vernon officials submitted a grading plan to Fairfax County. Because part of the wall extends into a VDOT-owned right-of-way, state officials also reviewed the plans. Although the county initially wanted to close one lane of traffic on Route 235 during construction, VDOT said that the plan must have two lanes open to traffic. So the county resubmitted the plan on July 21, and it was processed the following day. Fairfax County issued the final green light on July 22.

"Actually, we expedited the permit," said VDOT spokeswoman Joan Morris. "Our usual customer turnaround is 15 business days."

Although 160 feet of the wall fell, much more of it



PHOTO BY MICHAEL LEE POPE/THE GAZETTE

About 160 feet of the Mt. Vernon Estate brick perimeter wall collapsed the afternoon of March 9.

was compromised by the damage. So the first step will be to remove about 700 feet of the wall along with its existing concrete footer. Then a new concrete footer will be constructed within the same footprint as the existing wall. None of the old bricks will be used in the construction of the new wall because the mortar that was used in the 1930s does not separate cleanly from the brick. Also, brickmakers no longer use the process of using wooden presses to make bricks, so officials at the estate tested six different samples to match the color, texture and mortar.

"We knew when we started this process that it would be complicated by the fact that nobody makes this kind of brick anymore," said vice president for preservation Dennis Pogue. "But we feel we were able to make a match."

The bricks will come from Salem-based Old Virginia Brick, and construction will be contracted to White Castle Masonry in Frederick County. Mount Vernon officials said that he hope to complete the project by the end of 2010.

\$250,000 To Develop Water Park

Non-profit partners with Fairfax County Park Authority to build accessible, inclusive "Sprayground."

BY GERALD A. FILL
THE GAZETTE

The Joey Pizzano Memorial Fund, dedicated to improving the lives of children with special needs and their families, has been awarded a \$250,000 grant from the Virginia Board for People with Disabilities (VBPD) to develop a fully

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Details

Special Harbor Inclusive Playground for Children with Disabilities

Joey Pizzano Memorial Fund (JPMF)
Partnership with Fairfax County Park Authority
Website: www.JPMF.org
Contact info: info@jpms.org
Mailing Address: 1019 Cameron Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Upcoming Fund-raising Activity
Sept. 17: 10th Annual Golf Challenge, Pleasant Valley Golf Course.



Chris Geren, Donna Wood, Dr. Rolin Henry, DDS, Anita Haas and Dr. James Geren, DDS.

Dentists Volunteer To Help UCM Clients

Responding to the pain of those in need.

BY JOEY JACHOWSKI
THE GAZETTE

Dentists Dr. James Geren, Dr. Rollin Henry and Dr. Mihn Tran volunteered together to provide emergency dental care for United Community Ministries (UCM) clients during a free two-day UCM clinic held July 23-24 at Geren's office in Mount Vernon.

Twenty people with emergency conditions and pain received assistance from 8 a.m. to noon on the two days for a total of \$12,000 worth of dental care, according to Geren.

UCM garnered Geren's support in 2004 for its nonprofit social service endeavors in the Route 1 corridor and together have held dental clinics at least once a year as part of UCM's

Basic Needs program, which provides emergency assistance for families and individuals through food, prescriptions, and services.

"Last year we got at least 160 calls from people with dental problems," said UCM director of social services and head of the Basic Needs program Richard Dobber, despite the program only being able to pay for five or six people per month. "For us it's really heartbreaking," said Dobber, "That's the reason we're looking for collaboration with dentists in our area that can take those clients and help them."

"I'm blessed to have a good practice, a nice job that pays me well and it's just a way to give back to the community," said Geren who is able to assist UCM's clients with dental problems. He also helps UCM and the Basic Needs program outside of the clinic.

The Basic Needs program is one of several programs at UCM, which as a whole has helped more than 14,000 people in the 2010 fiscal year.



Sketch of the proposed Special Harbor Inclusive Playground for Children with Disabilities.



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NEWS



President Linda MacLachlan starts off the meeting with general announcements.

Researching Family History

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who my ancestors were.”

The Mount Vernon Genealogical Society teaches its 280 members how to learn more about their ancestors and connect with their past. One feature of the society is a monthly meeting with a guest speaker whose task is to help improve members' genealogical skills.

RESEARCHING GENEALOGY is “not just names and library research,” said guest speaker and Senior IA official for the Marine Corps Ray Leteer, “It binds grandparents to grandchildren.”

Leteer discussed and revealed how to use the free Family History Centers, with access to records in various forms, established by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Although the main center is the Salt Lake City Genealogical Library in Utah, branches of this library exist worldwide. According to Leteer's presentation, Family History Centers for genealogy research are available locally in Mount Vernon, Annandale, Centreville, Mclean, and Oakton.

In addition to these Family History Centers, and nearby resources such as the Library of Congress or National Archives, the Mount Vernon Genealogical Society has a research center of its own in the Hollin Hall Senior Center. In between meetings the society ensures that the research center, with subscriptions to websites and databases such as ancestry.com, is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for free public use.

“The primary purpose of the center is to help our members,” said McClendon, “We have a couple thousand books, six computers all connected to the Internet and all the

databases. And we have volunteers that are there who can help people with their research and how to get started.”

Mount Vernon resident Marilyn McMahon became interested in her family history after her parents died and she actively started pursuing her genealogy in January. For several months she has been attending some of Fairfax County adult education classes on the subject and individually researching using ancestry.com.

“It's just really a fun hobby and it's like a jigsaw puzzle. You get so hooked on it you can spend lots and lots of time doing it,” said McMahon.

July 21 was her first meeting with the Mount Vernon Genealogical Society, which meets close to where she lives. “I thought, well, that would be a great way to network with other people who are doing research and get a lot of hints on what I could do,” she said, because of “brick walls” that often come up while looking back on family history.

“WE JUST TRY to give new members some focus, to try to get started, because most of them feel like, ‘I'm overwhelmed,’” said McClendon, “You just start from one little spot and build on from there.”

McMahon identifies with this overwhelming feeling somewhat and said, “Ancestry.com is totally overwhelming. When you start researching there is so much information on that website, it's really hard to have a concrete plan on how you're going to attack it.”

Genealogy and family history can be elusive and difficult to investigate, but it has its rewards. Guest speaker Leteer started researching when he was 15 and said, with experience, “It becomes a connection we have to our departed ancestors.”

Upcoming

On Tuesday, Aug. 17, the Mount Vernon Genealogical Society (MVGS) will meet in room 112 of the Hollin Hall Senior Center. The meeting will start at 1 p.m. and is free and open to the public. It will feature a presentation entitled “The DAR & SAR – Learn What They Do and How You Can Become a Member.”

The panel will be made up of Phyllis Kelley and Claire Kluskens who are all members of local DAR chapters and Robert Carr who is a member of a local SAR chapter.

The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), founded in 1890 and headquartered in Washington, D.C., is a non-profit, non-political volunteer women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America's future through better education for children. Any woman 18 years or

older — regardless of race, religion, or ethnic background — who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution, is eligible for membership.

The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), which was organized on April 30, 1889 — the 100th anniversary of the inauguration of George Washington as the nation's first President. The SAR was conceived as a fraternal and civic society composed of lineal descendants of the men who wintered at Valley Forge, signed the Declaration of Independence, fought in the battles of the American Revolution, served in the Continental Congress, or otherwise supported the cause of American Independence.

Additional information about the meeting and MVGS can be found at <http://www.MVGenealogy.org/>. Any questions about the program should be directed to Harold McClendon at 703-360-0920 or haroldm@erols.com.

'Sprayground'

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accessible water park or "sprayground" at Lee District Park.

The memorial fund's signature water safety program, JPMF Splash, teaches youngsters to be safe and have fun in and around water. More than 5,000 children with disabilities have benefited from this program.

The money, matched by JPME, "will enable us to complete our current project, 'Our Special Harbor,' a fully accessible, zero-water-depth sprayground for children of all abilities and their families," said Paola Pizzano, co-founder of the memorial fund with her husband Robert. "Admission to the park will be free. The money will enable us to complete the 'Our Special Harbor' by May 2011. The VBPD grant will provide for four centerpiece attractions at the sprayground: a replica of a skipjack schooner, crab boat, computerized water maze, and interactive discovery water tables. ... 'Our Special Harbor' is uniquely designed to promote barrier-free, natural inclusion opportunities where developmental disabilities vanish amid the fun and excitement of the Chesapeake Bay setting. JPMF hopes it will serve as an inclusive recreational model to be replicated nationwide."

The JPMF has been providing water safety instruction for children with disabilities since 2000. The Pizzanos have eight children, three of them children with special needs. One of them was their son Joey who drowned in 1998 and is the inspiration for the memorial fund and water safety and therapeutic water recreation activities promoted by the memorial fund.



Representing Virginia

Katie Sargent, a recent graduate of Mount Vernon High School, represented the state of Virginia at the Future Business Leaders of America's National Leadership Conference in Nashville, Tenn. last month. She competed in the Impromptu Speaking event. This is the second year in a row that she has represented Virginia at the National Conference. Sargent was a full-IB graduate and will be a freshman at Virginia Tech in the fall.

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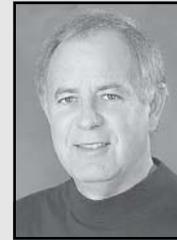
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The King (Sam Currey) and Queen (Joanna Currey) as the Ball begins. Also pictured are Caleb Henney, William Ipsan, Catherine Hayes, Nicole Meyers, Kristina Francisco, Elli Esher, Jeremiah Ludwinski, Jared Smithers, Jeremiah Ludwinski, Kathryn Cummins, Alyssa White and Morgan Myers.

Cinderella (Christine Orsini) marvels at the splendor of the dress that her Fairy Godmother (Christine Schuenemeyer) gives her in preparation for the Ball.

Cinderella Arrives

The homeschool group, Morningstar Productions, is bringing "Cinderella" to the stage at Plymouth Haven Baptist Church, 8600 Plymouth Road, Thursday, Aug. 12; Friday, Aug. 13, and Saturday, Aug. 14 at 7:30 p.m., and on Sunday, Aug. 15 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$8. For those under 12 or for seniors, tickets are \$5. See www.Cinderella2010.com.



From left: Christine Morin, Ron Fitzimmons, Latrice Wallace, Susie Ven, Supervisor Gerald Hyland, Brett Kenney.

Inside Hyland's Office

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BY GERALD A. FILL
THE GAZETTE

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BRETT KENNY

Chief of Staff (full-time)
Age: 32
Resident Community: Mt. Vernon Park
Married to Hyon Mi Choe
Education: Mt. Vernon HS; B.A., College of William & Mary
Military: U.S. Marine Corps
Tenure with Hyland: 6 years
Areas of responsibility: Land use north of Ft. Belvoir; taxes; budget; public works; revitalization; libraries; MVCCA liaison; speechwriting, and notary public.

LATRICE WALLACE

Senior Staff Aide (full-time)
Age: 31
Residential Community: Buckman Road
Two children
Tenure with Hyland: 7 years
Areas of Responsibility: Animal control; mass transit and Metro VRE; zoning; health and human services; cable & consumer affairs; solid waste & recycling; transportation; VDOT liaison; residential traffic administration, and notary public.

SUSANNA VEN

Staff Aide (full-time)
Residential Community: Colchester
Single

Education: West Potomac HS; University of Phoenix
Tenure with Hyland: 3 years
Areas of Responsibility: Receptionist; administrative assistant; schedule coordinator; community room coordinator, and notary public.

CHRISTINE MORIN

Senior Staff Aide (part-time)
Married, husband: Christopher; 3 children
Residential Community: Laurel Hill
Education: Robert E. Lee High School; B.A., Virginia Tech
Tenure with Hyland: Over one year
Responsibilities: Ombudsman for the southern geographic sector of Mt. Vernon District; liaison with the South County Federation; Laurel Hill Development.

MARCIA HANSON

Senior Staff Aide (part-time)
Residential Community: Lorton
Tenure with Hyland: 22 years
Children: One son
Responsibilities: Ombudsman for the southern sector of Mt. Vernon District; land use south of Ft. Belvoir; Comprehensive Plan coordinator; liaison to the Annual Plan Review (APR) Land Use Task Force.

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Staff Aide (part-time)
Residential Community: Wessynton
Education: B.A., State University of New York (SUNY-Stony Brook)
Married: wife, Meg; two children
Tenure with Hyland: 6 years
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IT Office Manager (part-time)
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Married: Husband Dan; three children, one grandson
Tenure with Hyland: 15 years
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Unitarian Church Planning for 'Shoppers'

Churches don't ordinarily consider August prime time, but Mount Vernon Unitarian Church has decided it may be when people are looking for a church.

In response to apparent visitor "shopping," the Rev. Kate R. Walker's sermon on Aug. 22 will be "Church Shopping? Get in the Check-In Line for UU's."

Walker said she is taking this direct approach because surveys show that families, especially those who recently moved to an area, tend to look for a religious community when a new school year is about to begin. She does not consider her effort as competing with other churches: "We offer an approach to the spiritual journey that is different from most churches. We encourage each individual to actively search and find comfort within a loving, supportive community of people with similar values.

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The Rev. Kate R. Walker of Mount Vernon Unitarian Church.

sponsible search for truth and meaning will find their hearts and minds engaged in our worship services. We place a high value on the use of reason balanced by a heart-felt connection within a committed community. We also attract people looking for a place that is actively engaged in social justice."

On Aug. 29, Walker will be preaching about folk-singer Pete

Seeger. The new schedule is a departure from a pattern that was followed since the church was established in 1955. In the past, Mount Vernon offered lay-led services in the summer months, with the minister returning on "Ingathering Sunday" in September.

Mount Vernon Unitarian Church is located at 1909 Windmill Lane. Its website is www.mvuc.org.

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PEOPLE



Anne Webb and family — spanning four generations.

Recalling ‘a Very Fortunate’ Life

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After her husband, Severn “Al” Webb died in 1972 and she retired in 1976, Webb indulged in her passion for traveling and became a consultant who worked around the world in locations such as Afghanistan, the Philippines and her favorite place, Hong Kong.

“It was just the thrill of seeing new places, new people,” said Webb.

HOWEVER, not only was Webb present around the world, she was also involved in the local Mount Vernon Community after moving into her current house in 1959. She volunteered in community service clubs such as the Soroptimist Club and the Zonta Club, as well as being a member of Daughters of the American Revolution.

“They helped children, they’d buy them school packs, coats, and give lots of money to charities around here,” said Ratcliffe, “She’s been very active in this community.”

It’s a community that Webb has seen change over the years, especially in respect to dissipating discrimination and prejudice, according to her niece.

“When I first moved here it would have been unheard of for a black family to move into the neighborhood. We have a number of black families now, just like the rest of us,” said Webb. “It’s been nothing but changes. When I was a young girl, who would have thought we would have a black president of the United States. I think that’s some progress.”

As a person, Webb has not seen much change in herself over the years. According to both her and her niece, she always has been a fan of shopping, traveling, and most of all her family and friends.

“She has been the family matri-

arch. She has always had the family here for birthdays, Christmas, and she is sort of the cog in the wheel that’s pulled our family together. We come up here every Christmas and all the family comes in,” said Ratcliffe, “She welcomes family and friends. She has a plethora of friends from all over the place, all ages. She’s just happy, contented, gracious, and always grateful for whatever anybody does for her ... she’s a joy to

be with, she’s a gem.”

“I am really very fortunate to have had such a long life so far,” said Webb, “I’ve had a very good life, wonderful relatives and friends, and a dog,” Rascal, her constant poodle companion.

Webb’s niece once asked her how she managed to live so long and so healthily to which Webb replied, “When something bad happens, you think about it for a little while and then you let it go.”



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The Gazette staff and interns are already preparing its annual special edition community guide, the Insiders Guide. We invite area residents, students, business owners and others to help.

Answer these three questions and send your responses via email.

We'll print selections from the answers along with your name. Feel free to give more than one answer to each question, or to send just one comment. Answer one question or all of them; give as many answers as you'd like to each question.

- ❖ What do you love about your community?
- ❖ What "insider's tip" about your town would you share with a friend? Places to go, things to do, can't-miss events, ideas on what it means to live here.
- ❖ What advice would you give new residents on how to make themselves at home and get involved here?

EDITORIAL

The Insiders Guide will publish the last week in August. Please send in your tips and answers no later than Aug. 17.

What tips do you have for someone new to your town? What interesting, almost secret, places would you like to have learned about earlier when you moved in?

We invite you to share the expertise you've gained in living in your hometown with your neighbors and with people new to the area. We invite calendar listings for major events for

the upcoming year, information on how to get involved in nonprofits and charities, details about your club or other organization.

When are the major festivals, celebrations and other events at your church or temple or mosque?

We also invite readers to contribute directly to the newcomers and community guides. Send us a short letter: what do you love about your community? Tell us about one special place you've discovered. Does your family have different favorites in different seasons? How did you get involved in your town? Share your favorite park. Tell us about your favorite annual event.

Send your comments and submissions to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com or mail to Insiders Guide, Mount Vernon Gazette, 1606 King St., Alexandria, VA 22314.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ready To Serve

To the Editor:

Over the past year, Supervisor Gerry Hyland has been talking about the creation of a visioning task force for the Mount Vernon District to inventory community assets and issues and propose courses of action over the next 25 years. In letters I have written that were published in the Gazette over the past eight months, I have

raised the issue of Supervisor Hyland's unfortunate tendency to appoint the same short list of people to task forces he creates. Apparently, the "Leader Who Listens" has been listening.

On July 30, Supervisor Hyland appointed me to serve on the newly constituted Mount Vernon Visioning Task Force. Among the list of names of Committee Chairs as well as the appointees to the Land Use Committee to which I have been appointed, it was refreshing to see a good number of

names I had never heard before. Apparently, the new task force will be populated with significant new blood from the community. The task force will also include student appointees. I commend Supervisor Hyland for appointing a diverse group of citizens to the task force.

Last Saturday, task force appointees went on a bus trip for about seven hours visiting places throughout the Mount Vernon District. We were given a variety of presentations. The trip was well planned and well attended.

For my part, among the issues I plan to raise are the following:

1. Richmond Highway/Route 1 has absolutely no Class A office space. Class A office space is an important driver of development surrounding it from upscale residential and retail to transportation enhancements. I will seek to have the task force recommend that the Comprehensive Plan be proactively amended to pave the way for Class A office space, particularly in the Huntington area as well as near Fort Belvoir.

2. All too often, civic activists like to consider the Comprehensive Plan as if it is a law or requirement. I plan to ask the task force to include in its report the specific explanation that the Comprehensive Plan is a guide, not a law. I will propose that the task force report clearly spell out the role the Comprehensive Plan plays in determination of development issues and that the Comprehensive Plan not be used to unnecessarily stifle development.

3. All too often, when developers indicate a desire to invest money in the Mount Vernon District by developing projects there, civic activists look at the developer as a "candy store" and try to extract so many concessions in the form of proffers that it makes development in our District unpalatable. In my view, this was part of the reason for the demise of the Kings Crossing Town Center project and why there will now be a second Wal-mart on Richmond Highway. A greater degree of pragmatism must arise. Realistically, developers want to cooperate with the communities where they would like to develop — that is just good business. Activists need to listen to developers and under

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Watery Fun Seventeen school-age children from Sacramento Neighborhood Center cooled off in the water sports at Cameron Run Water Park on July 9. This trip and the one for the center youths to the Barnes and Noble book scavenger hunt on July 16 were sponsored and paid for by the Mount Vernon Kiwanis Club. See its website at www.mtvernonvakiwanis.org or view its Facebook page for more info on doing community service in the Mount Vernon area.

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stand the limits of developers' ability to add expensive items to the development in exchange for approval. I will ask that the task force report include discussion of this issue.

4. Our community is best served when it has a planning commissioner who is independent of the MVCCA and the South County Federation. I will ask the task force to include in its recommendations releasing Planning Commissioner Flanagan from the pledge he made to the MVCCA and the South County Federation that he would abide by decisions they make concerning issues before him. He should certainly respect the decisions these organizations make, as he does the views of adjacent property owners and other interested citizens. However, at the bottom line, the community is best served when our planning commissioner is free to make independent judgments concerning issues of planning and zoning. This should equally well apply to future planning commissioners.

5. The Fairfax Marine Patrol expends the majority of its time in and around the Mount Vernon District in the Potomac River and its tributaries. Inexplicably, the Marine Patrol officers operate out of an office in Annandale. The Fire Department has a fire boat that operates in Mason Neck via Pohick Bay. It seems logical that Marine Patrol officers should operate out of the Mount Vernon District police station and have their boat ready to go at Pohick Bay in the middle of the territory they most often cover. I will ask the task force to include in their report a recommendation that a small Mount Vernon sub-station be created on Pohick Bay where the police boat and fire boat can share some facilities.

Surely other important issues will arise, but this is a good start. I look forward to the opportunity to serve.

H. Jay Spiegel
Mount Vernon

A Good Beginning

To the Editor:

As the newly elected president of the Fairfax County Federation of Teachers, I have appreciated the efforts of the Fairfax County School Board over the past few months to address the issue of employee compensation.

The School Board's written commitment to direct the Superintendent to develop an FY 2012 Pro-

posed Budget that includes employee compensation increases for FCPS staff and to commit itself to compensation increases for FY 2012 displays a willingness to prioritize salary and benefit issues for the workforce.

In addition, the School Board recently passed the VRS Resolution, which absolves the burden (for new hires) of additional employee contributions for retirement.

This is a promising sign, considering FCPS' freezing of all employee salaries over the past two years. It is encouraging that the Board has identified that compensation is critical in maintaining a quality workforce and employee morale, which ultimately creates the greatest impact on student learning and achievement.

We thank all of them for their promise to care for their dedicated and caring employees.

In particular, I have noted the consistent, focused efforts of three Board members: Patty Reed (Providence), Sandy Evans (Mason), and Tina Hone (At-Large). They have shown tremendous empathy for the workforce, and have reached out often to meet our needs both personally and professionally. Their constituencies



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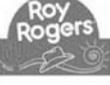
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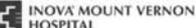
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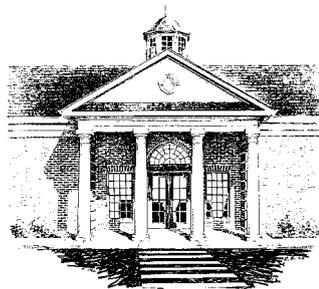






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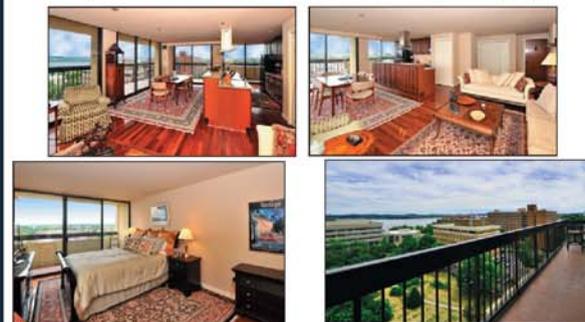
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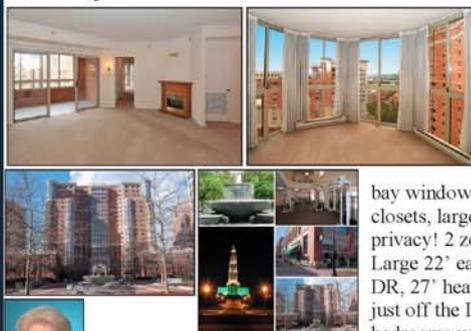
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<p>Updated Home</p>  <p>1601 BELLE HAVEN ROAD \$650,000 Olde Belhaven Towne</p> <p>This totally updated home offers care free living! It is the size of a single family home without the large yard to deal with! The 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, large liv/din area with FP, large family room and outdoor patio that is fully fenced.</p> <p>Nancy Tompkins 703.518.2813</p>	<p>Just Listed!</p>  <p>1116 POWHATAN STREET \$475,000 Old Town Alexandria</p> <p>Charming Old Town street, beautifully renovated kitchen and bath, professionally landscaped backyard. Fabulous curb appeal. Must see. 2 bedroom, 1 bath</p> <p>Rita McCauley-Redmond 703.447.9114</p>	<p>Medical Office For Sale</p>  <p>6116 ROLLING ROAD, UNIT 101 \$259,900 Springfield</p> <p>Ground floor office includes patient lobby, receptionist area, 3 examining rooms, private office, etc. Nice view of courtyard landscaping outside of office. Approximately 1035 sqft.</p> <p>Wil Roberts 703.447.6556</p>	<p>Style and Open Space!</p>  <p>5957 EARLSTON COURT \$429,900 Alexandria/Kingstowne</p> <p>Three level garage town home that backs to trees for privacy! Granite, hardwood flrs, 2 mstr BR suites, rec rm w/ fp, professionally painted, new carpet, new windows, patio, fenced yard.</p> <p>Sherry York 703.625.3377</p>

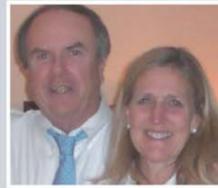


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7106 Colgate Dr
\$575,000
Hollin Glen-Super Value!

Owner's relocation provides unique opportunity in prestigious "close-in" Hollin Glen. Spacious well maintained home just minutes from Old Town. Many fabulous features include: 4 BRs, 3 BAs, updated gourmet kitchen, hardwood floors and 2 fireplaces. Custom two tiered deck. Check the comps! Nothing like it in close-in Fort Hunt are for under \$600,000! OPEN SUN 8/1, 1-4. GW Pkwy S, R-Belle Haven, L-Fort Hunt, R-Rollins, L-Colgate.



8418 Alyce Pl
\$698,900
Classic Colonial - Just off Parkway!

This is the one you've been waiting for! Rare 4 bedroom, 3 level colonial in Prime Collingwood-Wayneswood location. Spacious home features updated eat-in kitchen w/SS appli. and granite, 3 finished levels, 2.5 updated baths, 2 fireplaces and large garage. Elegant dining and living rooms. Gorgeous fenced yard w/privacy fence and patio on quite cul-de-sac in Wayneswood School area. OPEN SUN 8/1, 1-4. GW Pkwy S, R-Collingwood, L-W Boulevard, R-Alyce Pl.



8614 Vernon Ave
\$399,500
This Is Not A Typo!

Real Price! Unbelievable opportunity! Totally updated 3 lvl colonial near Mt. Vernon Estate (at give away price)! Total renovation: gourmet kit w/granite, SS, 42' cherry cabs new paint, new roof, 2.5BAs, 4BRs and finished lower level. You will not find a home in this location & condition even those priced \$100,000 higher! OPEN SUN 8/15, 1-4. GW Pkwy S, at Mansion R on 235, L-Maryland, L-Vernon Ave.



285 S. PICKETT ST #201
Hillwood / Alexandria
\$345,000

Hillwood Condominiums: 2BR/2BA/1-car garage condo in EMACULATE condition! New HVAC, carpet, paint, SS appliances, disposal, W/D and windows. Updated baths, end unit with sun-filled rooms and private balcony surrounded by trees.

Sheryl.lambson@lfn.com
Sheryl Lambson 703.217.7012



5904 MT EAGLE DR #906
Montebello / \$399,000

Great 2BR/2BA condo with hwd flrs, crown molding, updated kitchen with maple cabinets, updated baths with ceramic tile, W/D, MBR w/walk-in closet & lots of storage. Condo fee includes indoor/outdoor pools, tennis courts, exercise room, sauna & more!

Dayna Blumel / Kerry Adams
703.587.7841



408 SECOND STREET
Old Town / Alexandria
\$455,000

This beautiful updated 3BR/2.5BA TH offers open living/dining spaces w/FP, lrg private patio, spacious bedrooms, master bath & garage prkg. Walk to metro & all the fun of Old Town. Dir: King & Washington Sts. N. on Washington, R Madison, L on N. Pitt, R on Second to 408 on right

Bette Gorman, CRS 703.585.2235
Betsy Gorman 703.861.4825



9316 Heather Glen Dr
\$675,000
Major Price Reduction - Super Value!

Don't miss out on this unique opportunity-Price Slashed on fabulous colonial. Expanded with the most dramatic family room addition you'll ever find! All glass window walls overlooks magnificent custom pool! Other features include: screen porch, 3 lvl, 4BR and 2 car garage.



6515 Princeton Dr
\$815,000
Classic Colonial - Near Old Town!

Spacious home in Belle Haven area. Center hall colonial with up to date floor plan. Features include open kitchen with SS and granite, 3 finished levels, 4 large BRs and oversized 2 car garage. Formal living and dining rooms, family room off breakfast area. Prime "close-in" location. Two tiered deck and seasonal river views. Lower level hosts large rec room, full bath, huge storage area and direct outside access.



9316 Allwood Dr
\$519,500
Absolutely Impeccable!

New Price! 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.



8422 CROWLEY PL
Wayneswood
\$739,900

Unique, one-of-a-kind, rebuilt 3 level "Redford" model rambler w/entire new floor addition & front porch. Open floor plan of 3,600+sqft living space, 2 Master suites w/ sitting room, 2BR main lvl, 1BR guest suite on lower lvl, 3.5BA. Rec & family rooms. Lower lvl fireplace. Sunfilled. Skylights. And more...!

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Anita 202.460.1809 & Eike 703.967.7633



7791 NEW ORLEANS DRIVE
Hollin Hall / Alex
\$489,900

"Cul-de-sac Setting" Well cared for spacious home with over 2,000 SF, 4BR, 2FPs, carport, screened porch, close to county parkland. Many updates through out. Wayneswood School Dist., quiet setting, close to restaurants & shopping. Shown by appt.

Louise Devers 703.795.9944



112 GIBBON STREET
Old Town / Alex
\$1,090,000

FANTASTIC SE QUADRANT! This 4BR/4.5BA all brick property with patio is an A+. The floor plan is traditional and Kit/BAs have been renovated creating a warm and inviting residence filled with beautiful natural light. Located in the first block from the water, great water and park views. Call/or www.brianandjerry.com or daniellusk@lfn.com

Daniel Lusk 202.412.8885



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, waterfront master suite, updated kitchen spectacular sunroom, gorgeous yard, two car garage and bulkheaded water frontage. Owner Financing Available!



4325 Adrienne Dr
\$585,000
Gorgeous Inside and Out!

A Southwood Gem! Fabulous 4 bedroom colonial in pristine condition with many major updates including expanded gourmet kitchen with custom cabinetry, silestone counters, SS and large breakfast room. Other features include hardwood floors, family room with fireplace and 2 car garage. Beautiful grounds with brick walks, stone patio & magnificent landscaping.



8714 Bluedale St
\$629,000
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!



127 CAMERON STA BLVD
Cameron Station
\$619,900

Brightness and Sunlight stream through out this elegant 4-lvl end TH. Almost 2,400 SF of custom upgrades include: maple flrs on main lvl, stairs and hallways; Kit. cherry cabs/paneled appl., granite and oversized island; built-in bookcases in library and LR. The spacious master suite has loads of closet space. 3BR/3.5BA.

Mike Lekas 703.927.9895



1250 S WASHINGTON ST
Alex / Porto Vecchio

Luxury 1BR, freshly painted, new bedroom carpeting & ready to go! Only \$325,000. 2BR- split bedrooms, very pretty and an excellent value at \$495,000. Smashing 2 bedroom renovation, you won't be disappointed, 2garage spaces \$750,000. Call...

Pat Tierney 703.850.5630



4712 NEPTUNE DR
Alexandria
\$1,395,000

STUNNING WATER FRONT property with dock on Doge Creek Lagoon. Elevator and two-car garage, in-ground pool on half acre lot. 5,501 sq ft of living space with great views. 6BR, 4.5 BA.

Open Sunday, Aug 15, 1:30-4 p.m.
Betty Quirk 703.851.3447
Suzanne Backus 703.338.3594

UNDER CONTRACT!



1139 Cedar Dale Ln



4319 Ferry Landing Rd



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!



Fall Delivery!

We're Underway!
8826 Camden St \$874,900
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.



1206 H STREET
New Alexandria
\$679,000

CHARMING HOME... Entry level master or in-law suite w/it's own screen porch. 2 private bedrooms & office/craft nook on upper level. 2 baths, gas FP, spacious sep. DR, 1st flr FR, glassed sun room, fabulous Kit. with built-ins, sep. laundry room, lovely gardens, shed with power. 1 block to river & bike path.

June Sherwood 703.346.3029



4333 STREAM BED WAY
Alex / \$459,900

STONEBROOKE! 4BR/2.5BA, 2-car garage with new carpeting, fresh paint, & bamboo floors in MBR, upper hall & stairs. LR with cathedral ceiling, DR with chair rail & crown moldings. FR boasts custom built-ins, brick fireplace & sliding doors to backyard. Office with custom cabinetry. Close to everything!

Denise Elfes 571.212.3114



6989 EARLSTON DR
Kingstowne
\$439,500

REDUCED BY 10K! Make An Offer. We are happy to negotiate. 4BR, 3.5BA, 1-car garage, 2 master suites, vaulted ceiling, crown moldings, 1 FP, 42" kitchen cabinets, deck & patio. Within mins. to Springfield METRO and Van Dorn METRO, Kingstowne center and so much more. "Beats ALL comps!"

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4005 BELLE RIVE TER	7	5	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$2,385,000	Detached	1.94	FERRY LANDING ESTATES		
2106 WINDSOR RD	5	5	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,906,650	Detached	0.20	BELLE HAVEN		
6226 FORT WILLARD CIR	5	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,870,000	Detached	0.18	BELLE HAVEN		
8307 BOULEVARD DR E	5	5	3	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,575,000	Detached	0.86	COLLINGWOOD		
6039 EDGEWOOD TER	3	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,200,000	Detached	0.19	BELLE HAVEN		
8643 MOUNT VERNON HWY	5	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,120,000	Detached	0.82	WOODLAND PARK		
6211 RANDALL CT	6	6	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,100,000	Detached	0.27	BELLE HAVEN		
7410 BURTONWOOD DR	5	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$950,000	Detached	0.36	VILLAMAY		
8308 RAMPART CT	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$857,900	Detached	0.49	WARDS		
2212 WHITEOAKS DR	5	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$825,000	Detached	0.60	HOLLIN HILLS		
8813 SURREY CT	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$768,750	Detached	0.30	SURREY AT THE POTOMAC		
8706 EAGLEBROOK CT	6	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$755,000	Detached	0.38	WAYNEWOOD		
3712 RIVERWOOD RD	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$750,000	Detached	0.36	RIVERWOOD		
8701 BRADGATE RD	5	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$735,000	Detached	0.27	STRATFORD LANDING		
1705 HACKAMORE LN	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$720,000	Detached	0.24	RIVERSIDE GARDENS		
4809 TARPON LN	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$720,000	Detached	0.57	YACHT HAVEN EST		
8352 ORANGE CT	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$720,000	Detached	0.32	RIVERSIDE ESTATES		
911 DEWOLFE DR	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$715,000	Detached	0.26	WAYNEWOOD		
8516 CULVER PL	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$714,900	Detached	0.26	WAYNEWOOD		
2205 BASSET ST	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$710,000	Detached	0.24	STRATFORD LANDING		
7303 STAFFORD RD	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$700,000	Detached	0.50	HOLLIN HILLS		
919 DARTON DR	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$699,000	Detached	0.33	WAYNEWOOD		
905 NEAL DR	5	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$690,000	Detached	0.29	COLLINGWOOD ON POTOMAC		
9319 CRAIG AVE	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$689,000	Detached	0.34	MT VERNON GROVE		
1110 NEAL DR	5	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$685,000	Detached	0.36	COLLINGWOOD ON POTOMAC		
8202 TREEBROOKE LN	5	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$679,900	Detached	0.21	OAKBROOKE		
1704 OLD STAGE RD	5	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$678,500	Detached	0.24	RIVERSIDE GARDENS		
2411 BELLE HAVEN MEADOWS CT	5	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$665,000	Detached	0.19	BELLE HAVEN MEADOWS		
912 DEWOLFE DR	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$663,000	Detached	0.27	WAYNEWOOD		
6010 FORT HUNT RD	3	4	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$649,900	Detached	0.15	BELLE HAVEN		
8504 CULVER PL	5	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$640,000	Detached	0.24	WAYNEWOOD		
1214 FALSTER RD	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$640,000	Detached	0.25	COLLINGWOOD ESTATES		
8427 STABLE DR	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$635,000	Detached	0.27	RIVERSIDE GARDENS		
8821 CAMFIELD DR	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$625,000	Detached	0.28	POTOMAC VALLEY		
7596 LINDBERG DR	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$613,000	Detached	0.14	GROVE AT HUNTLEY MEADOWS		
7522 LINDBERG DR	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$599,900	Detached	0.12	GROVE AT HUNTLEY MEADOWS		
1130 WESTMORELAND RD	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$583,000	Detached	0.22	WELLINGTON ESTATES		
7210 REBECCA DR	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$579,000	Detached	0.39	HOLLIN HILLS		
2003 VOLLEY CT	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$579,000	Detached	0.27	COLLINGWOOD SPRINGS		
7532 HOLLINDALE CT	3	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$570,000	Detached	0.50	HOLLINDALE		
8331 STOCKADE DR	4	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$569,900	Detached	0.24	COLLINGWOOD SPRINGS		
1602 OLD STAGE RD	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$559,900	Detached	0.27	RIVERSIDE GARDENS		
7516 LINDBERG DR	5	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$559,000	Detached	0.13	GROVE AT HUNTLEY MEADOWS		
1706 OLD STAGE RD	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$557,000	Detached	0.24	RIVERSIDE GARDENS		
2411 CULPEPER RD	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$552,000	Detached	0.26	STRATFORD ON THE POTOMAC		
9124 VOLUNTEER DR	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$550,000	Detached	0.51	MT VERNON FOREST		
8700 HIGHGATE RD	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$549,900	Detached	0.28	STRATFORD LANDING		
3796 ELMWOOD TOWNE WAY	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$547,500	Townhouse	0.05	ELMWOOD		
8502 CONOVER PL	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$535,000	Detached	0.24	WAYNEWOOD		
4600 OLD MILL RD	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$535,000	Detached	0.41	MT VERNON MANOR		
7709 SCHELHORN RD	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$529,900	Detached	0.78	HYBLA VALLEY FARMS		
1901 EARLDALE CT	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$510,000	Detached	0.70	HOLLINDALE		
8620 CONOVER PL	4	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$495,000	Detached	0.33	WAYNEWOOD		
2310 COLLINGWOOD RD	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$489,000	Detached	0.25	WILLIAMSBURG MANOR NORTH		
4701 MANOR DR	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$485,000	Detached	0.07	SKYVIEW PARK		
7024 POLINS CT	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$479,000	Detached	0.28	HUNTLEY		
8902 CAMFIELD DR	4	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$462,000	Detached	0.25	POTOMAC VALLEY		
4508 MILLBURN CT	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$455,000	Detached	0.67	MT VERNON PARK		
4205 ADRIENNE DR	3	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$449,900	Detached	0.84	SULGRAVE MANOR		
6504 FORT HUNT RD	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$442,000	Detached	0.23	BELLE HAVEN TERRACE		
8340 BOUND BROOK LN	5	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$435,000	Detached	0.24	RIVERSIDE ESTATES		
6720 WILLIAMS DR	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$426,000	Detached	0.17	BUCKNELL MANOR		
5903 MOUNT EAGLE DR #904	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$425,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		MONTEBELLO		
8301 CHERRY VALLEY LN	5	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$420,000	Detached	0.26	RIVERSIDE ESTATES		
7012 COLGATE DR	4	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$415,000	Detached	0.17	BUCKNELL MANOR		
8320 FRYE RD	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$400,000	Detached	0.50	WILSON MANOR		
6721 SWARTHMORE DR	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$395,000	Detached	0.17	BUCKNELL MANOR		
7568 GREY GOOSE WAY	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$375,000	Townhouse	0.03	GROVE AT HUNTLEY MEADOWS		
8482 HALLIE ROSE ST	3	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$370,000	Townhouse	0.03	SKYVIEW PARK		
5811 CANNON LN	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$365,000	Detached	0.31	BURGUNDY FARM		
5903 MOUNT EAGLE DR #1110	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$365,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		MONTEBELLO		
5902 MOUNT EAGLE DR #1010	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$360,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		MONTEBELLO		
5841 EDGEHILL DR	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$358,500	Semi-Detached	0.08	JEFFERSON MANOR		
5904 MOUNT EAGLE DR #1415	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$355,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		MONTEBELLO		
6470 BRICK HEARTH CT	2	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$344,990	Townhouse	0.03	SOUTH KINGS STATION		
5692 MEDALLION CT	2	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$342,500	Townhouse	0.03	LOFRIDGE		
5904 MOUNT EAGLE DR #1610	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$342,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		MONTEBELLO		
7149 MASON GROVE CT #22	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$341,000	Townhouse		GROVETON WOODS		
2812 FARMINGTON DR	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$340,000	Semi-Detached	0.08	JEFFERSON MANOR		
2104 SHIVER DR	3	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$340,000	Detached	0.26	RANDALL		
2904 FARMINGTON DR	3	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$335,000	Detached	0.26	BAYLY ROZIER C PROP		
8514 HIGHLAND LN	4	4	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$330,000	Detached	0.19	ENGLESIDE		
8512 HIGHLAND LN	5	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$330,000	Detached	0.19	ENGLESIDE		
5808 BISCAYNE DR	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$329,000	Duplex	0.08	HUNTINGTON		
5940 MONTICELLO RD	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$320,000	Semi-Detached	0.09	JEFFERSON MANOR		
2451 MIDTOWN AVE #305	1	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$318,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		MIDTOWN ALEXANDRIA STA		
7204 STOVER DR	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$317,799	Townhouse	0.03	WOODSTONE		
7416 CONVAIR DR	3	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$317,500	Detached	0.61	HYBLA VALLEY		
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3405 ELMWOOD DR	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$315,000	Detached	0.20	BURGUNDY VILLAGE		
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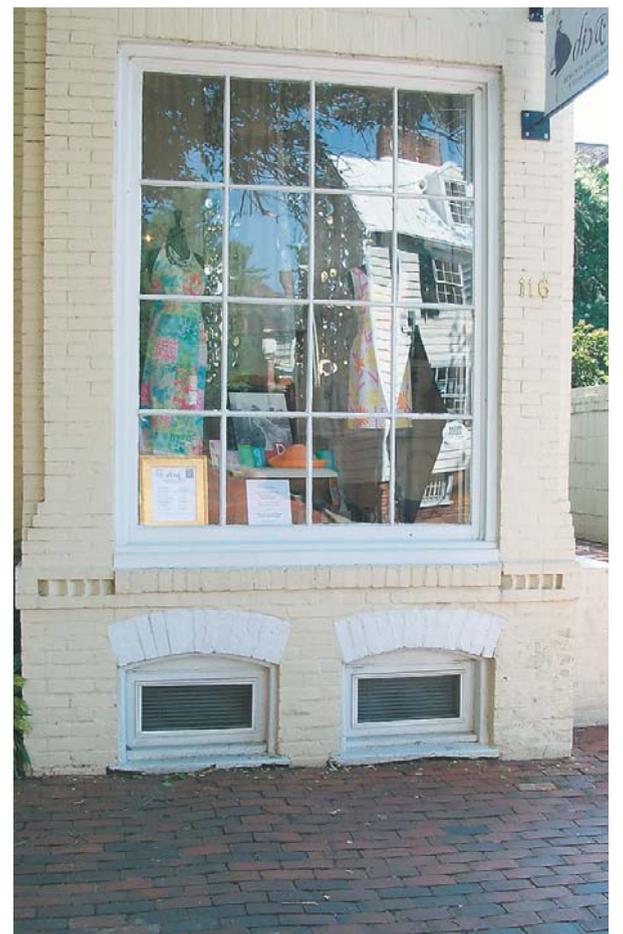
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Merchants Hold Sidewalk Sale

The brick sidewalks of Old Town Alexandria will be buzzing with shoppers on Saturday, Aug. 14. Participating merchants from the river to the Metro, on King Street and the side streets, will be showcasing their products in the first Old Town-wide Summer Sidewalk Sale. The hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (individual store hours vary).

Each participating retailer will host a unique event or promotion — some retailers will be offering deeply-discounted summer merchandise, some will be holding demonstrations of their product lines, and others will have special events. Clothing, accessory, children's, book, jewelry and home decor and furnishings boutiques, as well as galleries and Historic Sites such as the Torpedo Factory and the Historic Alexandria Museum Store, will be a part of the event.

Sponsors of the event are the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce, the Alexandria Convention and Visitors Association and The Potomac Riverboat Company. For a complete list of participating businesses and promotions (updated daily), as well as other information about the sale, such as directions and links to detailed restaurant/hotel information and water taxi schedules, select the "Shoppers and Press" tab at www.alexandriasidewalksale.com.



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Alexandria Restaurant Week Is Set for Aug. 20-29

The first-ever summer Alexandria Restaurant Week will delight dining enthusiasts from Aug. 20-29. Some 60 restaurants throughout the city will feature either a \$35 prix-fixe three-course dinner or \$35 dinner for two; a \$3.50 sweet treat is offered at participating local bakeries, chocolatiers and dessert shops.

Restaurant Week menus and online reservations are available now on VisitAlexandriaVA.com. A one-stop shop for a complete Alexandria Restaurant Week experience, the website invites diners to browse the diverse list of delectable restaurant choices. Many of the city's favorite

foodie establishments are participating including Bastille, La Bergerie, the Grille at Morrison House, Del Merei Grille, Geranio, A La Lucia, Tempo, Cheesetique, FireFlies, Fontaine Caffé & Creperie, Grape + Bean, and ACKC Cocoa Bar.

This 10-day gourmet and gourmand event enables residents and visitors to enjoy tantalizing multi-course meals and distinctive treats prepared especially for the occasion showcasing the inventive culinary diversity offered throughout the city. From fabulous fine dining to casual neighborhood favorites and tasty little delights, Alexandria Restaurant Week offers something for everyone.

The August event is the first time Alexandria Restaurant Week has been offered in the summer. The success of two winter restaurant weeks, held in 2009 and 2010, brought about a summer event by popular demand from both diners and restaurateurs.

The Alexandria Convention & Visitors Association coordinates and markets the event which is free for participating restaurants. In addition to serving as an economic driver for Alexandria restaurants, Alexandria Restaurant Week builds the Alexandria brand as it helps the City to become known as a culinary destination. For details, go to VisitAlexandriaVA.com.



Chef Kyong

Civil War Living History with the First Minnesota Volunteer Infantry at Fort Ward

Learn about the army life of the Civil War soldier with reenactors from the 1st Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, Co. D, on Saturday, Sept. 11, at Fort Ward Museum. This free program will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Activities will begin at 10 a.m. with a roll call and inspection of troops. Special features of the day's schedule include firing demonstrations at 11 a.m. and at 3 p.m., a noon meal in camp where army rations will be discussed, a knapsack inspection, and a discussion of the soldier's uniform.

The 1st Minnesota Volunteer Infantry was the first state unit to be formed in response to President Abraham Lincoln's call for 75,000 troops in April 1861. The regiment participated in many major engagements from First Bull Run to Appomattox, but is

best known for fighting with distinction at Gettysburg where it lost 80 percent of its men. After serving in New York City to enforce the draft, the unit was briefly stationed in Alexandria in September 1863 before being dispatched to the Virginia front.

Members of the re-created 1st Minnesota, Co. D are dedicated to the authentic portrayal of the life of the Civil War soldier, and educating the public about the role of this well known Union regiment in the Civil War.

Fort Ward Museum and Historic Site is located at 4301 West Braddock Road in Alexandria. It was the fifth largest installation within the extensive network of forts known as the Defenses of Washington, which was built to protect the Federal capital during the Civil War. Call 703-746-4848 or visit www.fortward.org.





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ONGOING

Children enter a world of fantasy and fables when costumed interpreters weave three tales together during Mount Vernon's storytelling session, "Once Upon a Time at Mount Vernon," held every Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Storytelling sessions will take place in the Hands-On History Room in the Donald W. Reynolds Education Center. "Washington Builds a Barn" is the theme for August's storytelling sessions. During the 20-minute session, children learn Aesop's fables and listen to stories about George Washington's life! The storytelling program is recommended for children ages three to eight. Parental supervision is required. "Once Upon a Time at Mount Vernon" is included in regular Estate admission: adults, \$15; youth ages 6-11, \$7; and children under 5 are admitted free.

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, 2nd Floor (off Duke Street), Alexandria. Call 703-751-8868.

THURSDAY/AUG. 12

Bagpipes, Pipes and Drums

Concert. 7 p.m. At Fort Ward Park, 4301 W. Braddock Road, Alexandria. Concert is presented by the NOVA Branch of the Royal Scottish Dance Society, and the Alexandria Pipes and Drums. Free. Call 703-883-4686.

Jean Bayou Performs. 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10. Jean Bayou has maneuvered her way through motherhood, womanhood, the neighborhood (and other hoods too numerous to mention) to write songs of love, loss, redemption and bad family vacations. Performs at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street, Alexandria. Call 703-548-0035.

18th Century Dance Class. 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Learn the dances of Jane Austen's time — danced by Elizabeth Bennet and Mr. Darcy. Cost is \$30/



FRIDAY/AUG. 20

Dixie Melody Boys. 7:30 p.m. At the Mt. Calvary Community Church. Call 703-971-0165 or visit www.mtcalvarycc.com.

series or \$12/class. Singles or couples are welcome. At Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal Street, Alexandria. Reservations are requested and can be made by calling 703-746-4242.

FRIDAY/AUG. 13

"Renewal: Stories from America's Religious-Environmental Movement."

7 p.m. A film about how Americans of different faiths, motivated by their spiritual and religious convictions, become better stewards of the environment. At the Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane, Alexandria. Call 703-721-0595 or gpcourchot@yahoo.com.
Film Screening. 7 p.m. "Renewal: Stories from America's Religious-Environmental Movement," a film about how Americans of different faiths, motivated by their spiritual and religious convictions, become better stewards of the environment. At the chapel of the Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane, Alexandria. Refreshments provided. Donations accepted. 703-721-0595 or gpcourchot@yahoo.com.

Alexandria Harmonizers Perform.

7:30 p.m. With the City's own barbershop singers. At Market Square, 301 King Street, Alexandria. Call the hotline at 703-746-5592.

Honor by August Performs (Rock/Pop).

7:30-8:30 p.m. Free. At Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mt. Vernon Memorial Hwy., Alexandria. Call 703-324-SHOW (7469). Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances

SATURDAY/AUG. 14

Alexandria Youth Arts Festival.

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free. Children's activities, crafts, exhibits, music and spoken word. At Jefferson-Houston Elementary School Field, 1501 Cameron St., Alexandria. Children through age 19 are invited to enter original artwork for display at the festival. Contact Jason Ellis at 703-535-3175 or McKenya Dilworth-Abdalla at 703-746-5550.

Irish Festival.

Noon to 7 p.m. At Waterfront Park, 1A Prince Street, Alexandria. This event

is sponsored by The Ballyshaners, Inc. Call Pat Troy at 703-615-9453 or email irishknight@cox.net.

Jane Austen Ball.

8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Costumes of the 1790s are encouraged. Tickets are \$45/advance, \$50/door. Participants can prepare for the ball with instruction from dance master Corky Palmer on Thursdays, July 29, Aug. 5 and Aug. 12 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Learn the basic steps of English country dancing for \$12 per class or \$30 for the series. At Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal Street, Old Town Alexandria. For tickets, call 703-746-4242. Visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

Summer Concert Series.

7 p.m. Free. Featuring the Volunteers, the U.S. Army's premier touring pop/rock band. At Centennial Park, off of English Ave., Fort Meade.

Kitchen and Bath Seminar.

10:30 to 12:30 p.m. At Ferguson Bath, Kitchen and Lighting Gallery, 5650-D General Washington Drive, Alexandria. Call 1-800-513-2250.

"Faubourg Tremé: The Untold Story of Black New Orleans" 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 or call 703-746-4356.

Summer Orchestra Series.

7:30 p.m. The Marine Chamber Orchestra performs. At Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall, Northern Virginia Community College, 3001 North Beauregard St., Alexandria. Call 703-845-6156 or www.schlesingercenter.com.

Alexandria Sidewalk Sale.

Alexandria will host its first-ever sidewalk sale. Sign up as a participating retailer today, or just plan to come out and shop till you drop while looking for great deals. Visit www.alexandriasidewalksale.com.

AUG. 14-15

Model Train Days.

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday; 1-4 p.m. on Sunday. For ages 8 and up. Register online at www.alexandriahistory.org and click on "Shop" or call The Lyceum to register by phone at 703-746-4994. Admission is \$5 per person. At The Lyceum, 201 South Washington street, Old Town Alexandria. Visit www.alexandriahistory.org.

SUNDAY/AUG. 15

Paul Carr in Concert.

4 p.m. \$15 donation. Sponsored by the Committee for Jazz at Meade. At Meade Church, 322 N. Alfred St., Alexandria.

Mount Vernon Concert Band.

7 to 8 p.m. Free. A concert in Ft. Hunt Park, six miles south of Old Town Alexandria on the GW Parkway, 703-289-2550 or www.nps.gov/gwmp and go to "News SEE CALENDAR, PAGE 17



AUG. 12-14

"Cinderella." Presented by the homeschool group, Morningstar Productions. Performances are 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 12; Friday, Aug. 13; Saturday, Aug. 14; and Saturday matinee at 2 p.m. Admission is \$8/regular; \$5/children and seniors. At Plymouth Haven Baptist Church, 9600 Plymouth Road, Alexandria. Visit www.Cinderella2010.com.

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and Fun Things to do.”

MONDAY, AUG. 16

Theology on Tap. 7 p.m. Food, fun and faith in a casual setting. This session's theme is "The Athletes 6-Pack" Winning for Christ. Must be 21. At Pat Troy's Ireland's Own, 111 North Pitt Street, Alexandria. Call 703-549-4535.

AUG. 16-20

Seriously Shakespeare Camp! 1 to 4 p.m. Cost is \$150 - Ages 9-13 (Full - wait list only). Participants will be introduced to Shakespeare's "The Merchant of Venice," through scene work and improvisation activities designed for youngsters to gain a full understanding of the plot, characters and language. Theatre games and creative costumery add to the mirth and merriment. All camps take place at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road, 22308. Email Heather Sanderson at bardsplay@aol.com.

TUESDAY/AUG. 17

Mount Vernon Genealogical Society. 1 p.m. Free. The meeting will feature a presentation entitled "The DAR & SAR - Learn What They Do & How You Can Become a Member." The panel will be made up of Phyllis Kelley and Claire Kluskens who are members of local DAR chapters and Robert Carr who is a member of a local SAR chapter. Meets at Hollin Hall Senior Center, Room 112, in Alexandria. Call Harold McClendon at 703-360-0920 or haroldm@erols.com.

Mount Vernon Lions. 6:30 p.m. Sandy Halverson from The Bell Program will speak about the camp run for visually impaired children. At Pema's



SATURDAY/AUG. 21

Singer-songwriter Anne Hills performs. 7 p.m. Sponsored by Focus Music, a nonprofit supporter and presenter of folk and acoustic music that holds concerts in west Alexandria on Sundays. Tickets are \$18 general, \$15 in advance at FocusMusic.org. Contact Gilliam at 703-975-8027 or markg@ssosystems.com. St. Aiden's is at 8531 Riverside Rd., Alexandria, between Fort Hunt Road and Route 1.

Restaurant. Call Andrea Corsillo at 703-960-4973.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 18

Swing Dancing. 9-11 p.m. Cost is \$10. With the Deja Blue Blues Band. At Nick's Nightclub, 641 South Pickett Street, Alexandria.
Shop to Fight Childhood Obesity.

Shop the Alexandria Whole Foods Market, 1700 Duke street, and support Alexandria Neighborhood Health Services Inc. and the Partnership for a Healthier Alexandria's ACHIEVE Planning Team. Five percent of the proceeds will go towards supporting the ACHIEVE Planning Team's fight against early childhood obesity. Visit www.healthieralexandria.org/36130

THURSDAY/AUG. 19

Dave Tucker Combo. 7-9 p.m. Free. Dave Tucker is an internationally-known performer of early jazz styles. Dave specializes in performing ragtime, novelty, blues and Harlem stride piano music, but has expanded in recent years to include performing with dance orchestras and several small combos. At Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Alexandria. Call 703-838-4565, www.torpedofactory.org.

Garden Stroll and Tea. 1-3 p.m. \$27 Take a relaxing docent-led stroll through the demonstration gardens and enjoy an afternoon tea at the Historic House. This is a delightful introduction to the mission and history of Green Spring Gardens, one of the preeminent places for horticulture in the Washington, D.C. area. Individuals and groups are welcome. At Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Call 703-642-5173 to register. Visit www.greenspring.org.

Earl Lloyd Book Signing. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Alexandria native and NBA pioneer Earl Lloyd will discuss and sign copies of his book "Moonfixer" at a reception. Lloyd, a graduate of Parker-Gray High School, became the first African American to play in the NBA in 1950. At the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St., Alexandria. Visit

www.alexblackhistory.org or call 703-746-4356.

"Breast Talk." 6-8 p.m. Free. The Full Cup Women's Health Series Presents "Breast Talk" with Beth Becker, executive director, Capital Breast Care Center. Beth will speak on the importance of regular mammograms, self exams, how diet affects breast health and the benefits of all as they relate to breast cancer. At The Full Cup - Old Town - 218 N. Lee Street, Suite 206, Alexandria. RSVP to lindsey@thefullcup.com by August 17. Space is limited. www.thefullcup.com.

FRIDAY/AUG. 20

Squeeze Bayou (Cajun). 7:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Squeeze Bayou Cajun Band, based in the D.C. area, plays traditional Cajun and zydeco dance music from Southwestern Louisiana, specializing in two steps and waltzes. Their music reflects a blend of many styles including country music, blues and Creole. At Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mt. Vernon Memorial Hwy., Alexandria. Call 703-324-SHOW (7469). Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances.

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Here and Now: The Mount Vernon District

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daylong workshop and bus tour for approximately two dozen members of the new task force Aug. 7.

Hyland has charged the citizen-run committee with developing a set of goals and aspirations for the Mount Vernon District, which includes Lorton and parts of Springfield as well as the Mount Vernon area.

The supervisor hopes to get a good picture of where residents would like to see his district in 25 years. He expects the visioning task force to release its final recommendations by the end of 2010.

The following are some of the issues he indicated he would like the visioning task force to consider:

POLITICAL BOUNDARIES

The Board of Supervisors expects to vote on the its new political boundaries by the fall of 2011. Hyland would like his visioning task force to consider whether some changes should be made to Mount Vernon's political boundaries.

The Mount Vernon District spans two large and distinct communities, the Mount Vernon area and Lorton. In the past, Hyland has floated the idea of trying to break his political district into two different seats, since the two communities have very little in common.

"Things are not quite the same in both parts of the district," said Hyland.

Communities in the Mount Vernon area — generally considered those neighborhoods east of Richmond Highway and north of Fort Belvoir — are among Fairfax's oldest and home to the county's largest concentration of senior citizens. Residents in that area need to focus on how to provide assistance to older people and to help the elderly live independently for as long as possible, said Hyland.

Lorton, on the other hand, is one of Fairfax's newest and fastest growing communities. Several young families have moved to that part of the county over the past 10 years and Lorton residents are generally concerned with overcrowding at the local public schools because of the large school-age population, said Hyland.

The task force should also consider whether it is beneficial to have the northern portion of Richmond Highway split between two magisterial districts.

Currently, most neighborhoods north of Fort Belvoir and to the east of the highway are in the Mount Vernon District and represented by Hyland. Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee) represents most neighborhoods north of Fort Belvoir and directly to the west of Richmond Highway.

When the two supervisors disagree about a development project on Richmond Highway, it can create serious problems, said Hyland. For example, Hyland was upset about a stance McKay took on the redevelopment of the Penn Daw Shopping Center recently. But since the site was in Lee District, McKay had a lot more leverage over the land use case than Hyland, even those some of Hyland's constituents would be di-



Inova Mount Vernon Hospital is supposed to double in size by 2040.

rectly impacted by the land use case.

"When it comes to redistricting, should we have Route 1 all in one district?" he asked the task force.

But McKay is in favor of keeping Richmond Highway split between the two magisterial districts. He said the corridor, which is home to some of the poorest residents in the entire county, benefits two county supervisors fighting for its resources and investment.

"Route 1 is in a better position having two supervisors and the chairman in its corner. It gives Richmond Highway an edge over other revitalization districts in the county. With all the challenges we have on Richmond Highway, we need that edge," said McKay.

ALEXANDRIA, VA.?

If he had his way, Hyland would like the postal address for the Mount Vernon area to be "Mount Vernon, Va." instead of Alexandria.

He said the Alexandria postal address causes a great amount of confusion for people from outside the area. Many assume the Mount Vernon area is part of the City of Alexandria and not located in Fairfax County.

The Commonwealth of Virginia even made the mistake of sending over \$1 million worth of sales tax revenue from the Target on Richmond Highway in Mount Vernon to the City of Alexandria government, instead of Fairfax County, for several years.

INOVA MOUNT VERNON HOSPITAL

In 2010, the Mount Vernon Hospital is on track to be "in the black" for the first time in its history, which means it is unlikely Inova Health System will entertain the notion of closing the facility again any time soon, said Hyland.

"The joint replacement center is one of the best, if not the best, center of its kind in the United States," he added.

But Hyland said the hospital could still use some improvements. The facility needs to be able to offer private rooms and many local residents would like to see a local maternity ward built.

Inova does have long-term plans to

double the size of Mount Vernon Hospital, mostly by building upward, by 2040, said Hyland.

MONOPOLES

Hyland would like the task force to investigate where new monopoles — which improve cell phone and mobile internet reception locally — could be placed without upsetting many local residents.

The supervisor said proposals for the cell phone towers have become among the most contentious community issues he has had to handle in recent years.

Often, those residents who live closest to a proposed monopole site oppose its construction, even when the wider Mount Vernon community supports the plan. Those in opposition often have concerns about visual pollution as well as the health effects of living near a cell phone tower.

"People who are directly impacted come out of the woodwork to oppose them," said Hyland.

SENIOR CENTERS

Mount Vernon District has Fairfax County's largest population of senior citizens, said Hyland.

Unfortunately, not all parts of Hyland's district have access to great senior services. The supervisor would like to see more facilities like the Hollin Hall Senior Center open in other areas, like Lorton.

"We have to make sure all of our seniors have something available to them like this," said Hyland.

Approximately 200 people use the Hollin Hall Senior Center every day. Most of the programs and activities are organized by participants, which helps keep costs down, said the Julie Ellis, the center's director.

Hollin Hall charges a \$48 annual membership fee and offers activities ranging from Thai Chi to competitive bridge, said Ellis.

BELLE VIEW FLOOD PROTECTION

There is no consensus yet about where to put a barrier to prevent the type of flooding in Belle View and New Alexandria that occurred after Hurricane Isabel in 2003, said Hyland.

There has been some talk of erecting a temporary barrier in the middle of the George Washington Parkway when concerns about flooding arise, he said.

DENSITY AT NORTH ENTRANCE

Hyland expects many developers to be interested in putting dense development projects on the north end of Richmond Highway, near the road's intersection with the Capital Beltway.

He said one builder is already moving forward with a proposal to build a large hotel at the intersection of Richmond Highway and Huntington Avenue. He also expects a high-rise office building to go up near the intersection and wants input on what residents would like to see on the site of nearby car dealerships.

HUNTINGTON FLOOD PROTECTION

To protect the Huntington community from future flooding would cost upwards of \$25 million and require investment from both Virginia and the federal government, said Hyland.

The community is currently in a conservation district, which protects its from sweeping redevelopment. But given the expense of implementing a flood protection plan, residents are considered putting their conservation status aside and allowing builders to overhaul the neighborhood. The area is ripe

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Some businesses had to close when the Belle View Shopping Center was flooded with approximately three feet of water following Hurricane Isabel in 2003.

Current Conditions

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for new development, particularly since it located directly next to the Huntington Metro station.

NEW WAL-MART

An 80,000-square-foot Wal-Mart is already under construction at Kings Crossing, according to Hyland.

The site will also have a Chuck E. Cheese, a restaurant that also allows patrons to play carnival games. The developer has also planned to open two smaller stores on pads in front of the main shopping center in the future, said Hyland.

NORTH HILL AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors is expected to vote in favor of a financing plan to build affordable housing units at North Hill along Richmond Highway.

The project can be built "by right," which means that the community has less control over what the developer constructs on this piece of land. There will also be no public hearing held on the project, said Elizabeth Lardner, Hyland's appointee to the county's housing and redevelopment authority.

"Some people have a belief that all affordable housing is located on Route 1. It is not. It is spread throughout the county," said Lardner.

According to information provided by Hyland, approximately 11 percent of Fairfax's affordable housing units are located in the Mount Vernon District. Hunter Mill (16.6 percent), Lee (19.52 percent) and Mason (17.54 percent) have considerably larger shares of the county's stock of affordable units.

Affordable housing should also not be equated with public housing, said Lardner. The North Hill project, for example, will not be low-income housing but rather, affordable units for those households with an annual income over \$50,000.

MORE RETAIL OPTIONS

Hyland would like the visioning task force



Real estate developers are likely to show some interest in these car dealership properties, given their close proximity to the Capital Beltway, said Hyland.



A new Wal-Mart is expected to open at Kings Crossing



An affordable housing project is in the works for this site on Richmond Highway.



This new regional military hospital at Fort Belvoir Army Base is expected to generate 500,000 outpatient visits per year.

to weigh in on what type of retail outlets they would like to see along Richmond Highway.

"There are certain things we don't have, like a bookstore or a upscale department store. Some people don't think we have high-quality restaurants," said the supervisor.

There is also no Class A Office Space available along Richmond Highway, though Hyland said that is likely to change with the shift of several Department of Defense functions from Crystal City to Fort Belvoir Army Base. Many people expect that defense contractors will be interested in locating near Belvoir once the move has taken place.

In October, Hyland will be attending a meeting at Fort Belvoir with the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority and real estate developers to talk about potential sites for high-end office space construction on Richmond Highway.

"We would be willing to do whatever it takes to make that happen," said Hyland.

NEW MILITARY HOSPITAL

Hyland, as well as all local elected officials, is worried about the impact of the new regional hospital at Fort Belvoir Army Base on local traffic patterns.

Expected to open in the fall of next year, the hospital will serve all branches of the military and is expected to generate an average of 1,500 patient trips per day.

According to Belvoir's staff, that is approximately three to four times more patient trips than the base's current hospital generates.

Belvoir's staff also said the facility is expected to be one of the most outstanding examples of architecture in the Department of Defense's inventory once completed.

The complex — which has a roof designed to catch rainwater — is considered environmentally friendly and has been given LEED Silver certification.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY

A new \$200 million Army Museum is ex-

pected to open near Fort Belvoir Army Base in 2013 and will also exacerbate traffic in the area, said Hyland.

INOVA LORTON HEALTHPLEX

In addition to having some emergency services, the Inova Lorton Healthplex will include medical office buildings and possible a hotel. When it opens, the healthplex will be considered part of Mount Vernon Hospital and is ultimately supposed to bring stability to the facility's finances, said Hyland.

ISLAMIC SAUDI ACADEMY SITE

Once a new facility in western Fairfax is completed next year, the Islamic Saudi Academy will vacate this county-owned building and former public school on Richmond Highway.

The Saudi Arabian government spent millions of dollars to fix up the facility and the community needs to start thinking about how they would like to see the facility used, said Hyland.



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HM Swimmers Complete 2010 Season at NVSL All Stars

Paul O'Hara two-time NVSL Champion.

The Hollin Meadows Barracudas had six swimmers qualify for the 2010 NVSL Individual All Star Championship held on Aug. 7 at the Broyhill Crest pool in Annandale. Paul O'Hara was the league champion in both the boys 13-14 50M freestyle (25.53 seconds) and the 100M individual medley (1:03.16 seconds). O'Hara's time in the 50M freestyle also set a new HM team record bettering his own mark of 25.70 seconds set a week earlier at the Division 9 Individual Championships.

Mark Mattis finished sixth in the boys 15-18 100M IM with a time of 1:03.30. Olivia Petretich was 10th in the girls 8U 25M freestyle swimming the distance in 17.95 seconds. Andrew Hohman qualified in both the Boys 13-14 50M Backstroke and the 100M IM finishing 14th in both events turning in a time of 32.64 seconds in the Backstroke and 1:11.17 seconds in the IM. Also finishing 14th overall was Cole Peverall in the Boys 8U 25M breast with a time of 25.24 seconds. The other HM swimmer qualifying for All Stars was Lexie Kroeger who swam the girls 9-10 50M breast in a time of 46.49 seconds and finished 17th overall.

Fourteen new team records were set in 2010 with eight individual records and six relay records being recorded. Individual records were set by O'Hara (5) and Mattis (3). O'Hara set new marks in every boys



Pictured are the Hollin Meadows record-breaking All Star relay teams. First row: (8U girls) Molly McGuckin, Olivia Petretich, Fiona Walsh, Morgan McNutt. Back row: coach Lea Mazzaccoli, (13-14 boys) Hunter Aardema, Ben Cermak, Paul O'Hara, Andrew Hohman and coach Ken Diceare. Absent from picture Coach Lauren Crow.

13-14 event including the 50M free (25.53 seconds), 50M back (30.06 seconds), 50M breast (34.69 seconds), 50M butterfly (29.50 seconds) and 100M IM (1:02.65). Among those records the two that stand out were the 50M breast where the previous

mark was set in 1988 by Keva Silversmith (35.41 seconds) and the 50M butterfly where the previous mark was set in 1993 by Bob Bowman (30.15 seconds). The other records were either previously set by O'Hara last year or by Mattis in 2007. Mattis set

new marks in the boys 15-18 50M free (25.82), 50M back (29.93) and the 100M IM (1:02.78). In the 50M free, he tied the record of 25.82 seconds set by Ken Schwartz in 1989 and bettered his own previous records in the 50M back and 100M IM. On the relay side the boys 13-14 100M medley relay team of O'Hara, Hunter Aardema, Andrew Hohman and Ben Cermak went 59.58 seconds, bettering the previous record of 1:00.73 seconds set in 1985. At the Division 9 Relay Carnival and the All Star Relay Carnival a total of five records were broken including the Boys 13-14 200M medley relay and 200M free relay, the boys 15-18 200M free relay, the girls 8U 100M modified medley relay and the girls 15-18 200M free relay.

Hollin Meadows finished tied for fifth place in Division 9 of the Northern Virginia Swimming League with a record of 1-4. Three of the losses were by 15 points or fewer. At the Division 9 Relay Carnival, HM finished second overall and also had the second highest point total of all teams in Division 9 when considering both the dual meet scores and Relay Carnival scores. At the Mount Vernon area IM Invitational, HM finished first in the Minuteman Division.

At the Division 9 Individual Championships, HM had seven division champions with O'Hara (boys 13-14 50M free and 100M IM) and Mattis (boys 15-18 50M back and 100M IM) both winning two events. Other division champions included Olivia Petretich (girls 8U 25M free), Cole Peverall (boys 8U 25M back) and Lexie Kroeger (girls 9-10 50M breast).

SPORTS BRIEFS

Mount Vernon Park Swimmers Compete At All-Stars

Mount Vernon Park's Cassidy Bayer won the girls 9-10 50 back and 25 fly on Aug. 7 at the NVSL all star meet at Broyhill Crest pool in Annandale.

MVP swimmer and West Potomac rising senior Julia Bolger won her heat and placed seventh overall in the 15-18 girls 50 backstroke during the NVSL all-star meet on Aug. 7 in Annandale.

Bolger swims year-round and wakes up at 4 a.m. for practice four days a week.

"It's pretty awesome," Bolger said of the all-star experience. "It's really nice to know that all my hard work has paid off."

Mount Vernon Park's Cassidy Bayer won the girls 9-10 50 back and 25 fly.

Belle Haven Hosts Junior Golf Championship

One-hundred-forty young golfers recently displaced the members at Belle Haven Country Club for two days. They competed in the 88th Bob Riley Junior Open, a tournament for boys that started in 1922. Young gentlemen toting stand bags with



Mount Vernon Park swimmer and West Potomac rising senior Julia Bolger, center, finished seventh in the 15-18 girls 50 back at the NVSL's all-star meet on Aug. 7 in Annandale.

double straps clogged every fairway on Aug. 2-3, and the quality of golf was top drawer.

In the Boys 16-18 division, Alex Taylor of Woodbine, Md., won the title on the first hole of a sudden death playoff against Vienna's Tommy Curley, a senior at Madison High School. Both closed with 5-over 149 in the two-round tournament. Taylor and Curley both missed the green on the first extra hole, the par-3 10th. But Curley's tee shot hit a greenside tree and ricocheted onto an adjacent fairway. Un

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Five questions with Mount Vernon Park swimmer Julia Bolger



Q: What location is the farthest from the Washington D.C. metro area that you have traveled?

A: Turkey, last summer for a family vacation.

Q: Who is your favorite music artist?

A: Coldplay.

Q: What is your favorite movie?

A: "Slumdog Millionaire." It started off as a Sundance film and was able to hit it big in the US. The story was really powerful.

Q: What do you like to do in your free time?

A: I like to read and write and draw.

Q: How do you force yourself to get up at 4 a.m. for swimming practice?

A: There are definitely days that I don't want to get up. But I'm part of a carpool that swims. If I don't show up for the carpool it throws every one off. If I don't show up for the carpool they'll be late for swim practice and they'll get yelled at so I feel like there's a bit of pressure on me to show up.

— JON ROETMAN

SPORTS BRIEFS

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able to reach the green on his second shot, Curley watched Taylor get up and down for the championship.

David Long of Catonsville, Md., won the Boys 14-15 with a 73-77—150, while Kyle Berkshire from Crofton, Md., won the Boys 13 & Under with a 79-73—152.

Formerly the DC Junior, the Riley tournament is one of the oldest junior championships in the country. In 2004, the event was renamed in honor of Belle Haven member Bob Riley, the executive director of the Washington Metropolitan Golf Association 1983-2003.

— MICHAEL K. BOHN

USA Women's Flag Football

Two Alexandria natives were named to Team USA's women's flag football team. Adrienne Smith and Vickie Lucas will play for Team USA at the International Federation of American Football Flag Football World Championship on Aug. 12-16 in Ottawa, Ontario. Smith and Lucas both play in the Independent Women's Football League. Smith plays for the New York Sharks and Lucas plays for the DC Divas.

Area Agencies Sponsor Senior Olympics

Since 1982, Northern Virginia Departments of Parks and Recreation and Area Agencies on Aging have been sponsoring the Northern Virginia Senior Olympics. Since that time, participation has increased to more than 600 senior athletes competing in more than 25 indoor and outdoor events ranging from sports to card games to line dancing to board games. Seniors are eligible to compete if they are 50 years of age by Dec. 31 and live in the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church or the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun or Prince William.

The 2010 NVSO competition will take place Sept.

18-29 at more than 10 venues throughout Northern Virginia. Events include track and field, swimming, diving, tennis, table tennis, pickleball, racquetball, golf, miniature golf, bowling, Wii bowling, eight-ball pool, men's basketball, men's and women's basketball free throw, frisbee throw, shuffleboard, bunco, chess, scrabble, cribbage, duplicate bridge, softball hit and throw, team line dancing and yo-yo tricks. New in 2010 are bocce and fencing.

Registration forms are available at senior centers, community centers and senior residences or by calling 703-228-4721. Information can also be downloaded at www.nvso.us. Registration deadline is Sept. 1. Registration fee is \$10, which includes one event; additional events are \$1 each.

Running Club on Sundays

The Mount Vernon Milers running club meets at 8 a.m. on Sundays. The group usually meets along the Potomac River, but the exact location is listed in an e-mail sent every Wednesday for the coming week. Distances vary but runners can expect between four and eight miles.

To join the Mount Vernon Milers, send Lee Britton an e-mail at lbritton7@yahoo.com to be put on the e-mail list.

Indoor Baseball Training

The StrikeZone Academy, an indoor baseball training facility located in Alexandria, is offering week-long summer baseball camps for the weeks of Aug. 16 and 30. Camps run from 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. The target age group is from 7-11 years old. Extended hours from 1-4 p.m. are available as well. Cost is \$160 per week for the morning session and \$160 per week for extended hours. All camps are held indoors in a climate-controlled facility, so parents have no need to worry about security, excessive heat, bugs, or lack of cold water and restroom facilities. Interested parents can register online at www.thestrikezoneacademy.com/clinics, via telephone at 703-823-0061, or stop by in person at 826 South Pickett Street, near the intersections of South Pickett and South Van Dorn Streets.

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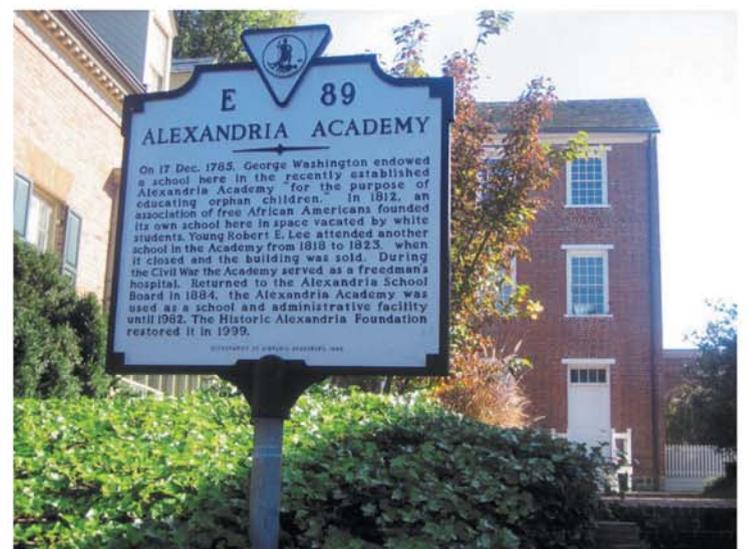
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Notice of Availability
Draft Finding of No Significant Impact
Community Support Center Development
U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Belvoir
Directorate of Public Works,
Fort Belvoir, Virginia

Name of Action: Construction of a New Commissary, Exchange, and Future Mixed Use Development

Description of Proposed Action and Need: As Fort Belvoir continues to support the National Capital Area, enhanced and expanded shopping and dining services on the Installation will be necessary to provide high quality, reliable services and amenities to all eligible patrons including military retirees. The Army and Air Force Exchange Service and the Defense Commissary Agency propose to construct and operate a new 132,000 square foot Commissary and 270,000 square foot Post Exchange at Fort Belvoir, Virginia as part of the Community Support Center area. This area will also include future mixed use development, as part of the Community Support Center area.

The proposed action involves constructing new facilities and associated sidewalks, parking areas, access roads and necessary utilities, and the demolition of the old Commissary and Exchange facilities. The new facilities would be located on the Upper North Post in an area bounded by John J. Kingman, Gunston, Gorgas and Woodlawn Roads designated as the Community Support Center area. The site for the new Exchange would encompass approximately 35 acres, and the future, adjacent Commissary would be located on approximately 21.5 acres. The mixed use development would be located in the southeastern area on approximately 32-35 acres.

The Environmental Assessment (EA) evaluated the proposed action alternative. During early phases of planning, other sites on Fort Belvoir were considered for the new Commissary and Exchange but were dismissed for several reasons including inconvenient access, the timing for availability of the site, and potential environmental impacts. Consideration was given to the renovation of the existing facilities, however, the physical layout and functionality of the facilities after renovation, access logistics and the costs based on the facility condition assessments for the existing buildings resulted in rejection of the alternative to renovate. A No Action (No Build) alternative was also considered but would not meet the needs of customers from the National Capital Area. The proposed action alternative provides two site options for the layout of the new facilities within the Community Support Center Area.

Environmental Consequences: The Environmental Assessment, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference into this Finding of No Significant Impact, examined the potential effects of the proposed action and no action alternative on areas of land use, air quality, noise, geology and soils, water resources, biological resources, cultural resources, socioeconomic resources, transportation, utilities and hazardous and toxic materials.

Best management practices (BMPs) and adherence to applicable policies/regulations that would be implemented for resource protection are included with discussions of each respective resource area in the EA. No mitigation measures for effects on air quality, topography, or utilities would be required. Air pollutant emissions from the proposed action would not be significant and would be below de minimis levels for general conformity. Mitigation measures identified in the environmental assessment for effects included:

Transportation and Traffic: During the design phase, access point and intersection improvements to include turning lanes for delivery and patron resources, signal sequencing, stop-control or signal control would be incorporated as appropriate to off-set the long-term minor adverse impacts to traffic which may occur in the vicinity of the Community Support Center. Construction traffic is not anticipated to have a significant impact.

Natural Resources: It is the intent of DeCA and AAFES to construct their projects with no impacts to streams or Resource Protection Areas. The Army would revegetate disturbed areas with native species as appropriate. Low Impact Development and LEED® Silver standards would be incorporated in the site-specific development of stormwater management. Stable out-falls would be provided and stream banks stabilization and/or restoration of the receiving stream channel would occur prior to receipt of water. The project would identify candidate areas for removal of existing impervious surface and use pervious paving materials as feasible to offset the increase of impervious surfaces resulting from development of Fort Belvoir.

Tree Restoration Plan would be developed to include the protection of mature and significant trees and the replacement of trees; approximately 4,725 trees would be replanted within designated locations. Although future mixed use development is planned for previously disturbed/developed areas, additional clearing and tree removal may occur and would be required to comply with the Fort Belvoir Tree Replacement Policy. Other potential mitigation activities could include repairing and restoring habitat condition, or conservation of other lands to mitigate impacts for loss of wildlife habitat; and the removal of invasive/exotic vegetation from riparian areas and adjoining upland areas. Scheduling land clearing activities for site preparations outside of the nesting season for Partners In Flight recognized birds would also benefit species using vegetation communities within limits of disturbance.

Potential habitat for the small whorled pogonia (Isotria medeoloides) occurs within the Community Support Center area. Small whorled pogonia has not been found in previous surveys of the area. Future surveying to determine the presence of small-whorled pogonia would be conducted as necessary prior to ground disturbing activity for new facilities and associated infrastructure. If small whorled pogonia is located within the limits of disturbance for proposed action, coordination with Fish and Wildlife Service and Virginia Department of Conservation Resources would be necessary. No other rare, threatened or endangered species or their habitat would be affected by the proposed action for either option.

Cultural Resources: The proposed action is not expected to have an adverse impact on cultural resources under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Fencing and a 50-ft buffer surrounding Lacey Cemetery would provide protection from construction activities related to the proposed action. The buffer would also provide a vegetated screen of the development from the cemetery. Monitoring would occur to prevent inadvertent impacts.

Land Use: Offsets would include planting of native or naturalized plants with consideration of LEED® concepts; thermal shading of interior parking areas with large islands of vegetation; and the creation of neighborhood outdoor space.

Hazardous Materials and Solid Waste: Three Petroleum Storage Areas, one active and two inactive, have been identified within the proposed project site. Remediation of the sites would be integrated into the construction phase of the project in concert with the site preparation and earthwork features for minimal impact. Asbestos and lead based paint surveys would be required before demolition of the Commissary and Exchange.

Solid Waste: Solid waste management would include training on eligible materials for recycling municipal solid waste and the incorporation of recycling requirements for construction demolition debris into all contracts for outside construction contractors.

Sustainability: The Commissary and Exchange would be constructed to LEED® Silver standards and would incorporate sustainable strategies to include using innovative energy conserving techniques, including: High performance and sustainable building, Low Impact development strategies, requirements of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 and Executive Orders (EO) 13423 and 13514. Strategies would be incorporated into the design, construction, and operation of the facilities. Pervious paving materials would also be incorporated during the design phase.

Utilities: Construction would be designed to meet EO 13423 total operational reduction goals for energy and water conservation. Rain catchment systems would also be incorporated during the design phase for use in irrigation of landscaping.

Noise: Noise levels would be minimized by limiting construction to weekday business hours, and by using mufflers on construction equipment.

Summary of Environmental Impacts: No impacts are expected to floodplains, wetlands, cultural resources, socioeconomic, or land use/sustainability. Minimal impacts to air quality, noise, soils, surface water, water quality, vegetation, migratory bird species including Partner in Flight species, hazardous materials, solid waste, utilities, Chesapeake Bay Resource Protection Areas, are expected as a result of policies, regulations, and mitigation measures described above that would minimize the effects of the proposed action. No significant cumulative impacts or indirect impacts are anticipated. No significant impacts on human health or the environment would result from the proposed action.

Notice of Availability: The public may review the Environmental Assessment at the Directorate of Public Works, Fort Belvoir, Virginia; the John Marshall Public Library; Kingstowne Public Library; Lorton Public Library; Sherwood Regional Library; City of Fairfax Regional Library, Van Noy Library; or on the Installation website at: <http://www.belvoir.army.mil>.

Interested parties may submit written comments for consideration on or before 30 days after publication of newspaper announcements, to Commander, U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Belvoir, 9430 Jackson Loop, Suite 100, ATTN: Directorate of Public Works, Fort Belvoir, Virginia 22060-5116 or e-mail comments to environmental-fb-dpw@conus.army.mil. For more information, contact Mr. Patrick McLaughlin, Chief of Environmental and Natural Resource Division, at 703-806-4007

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