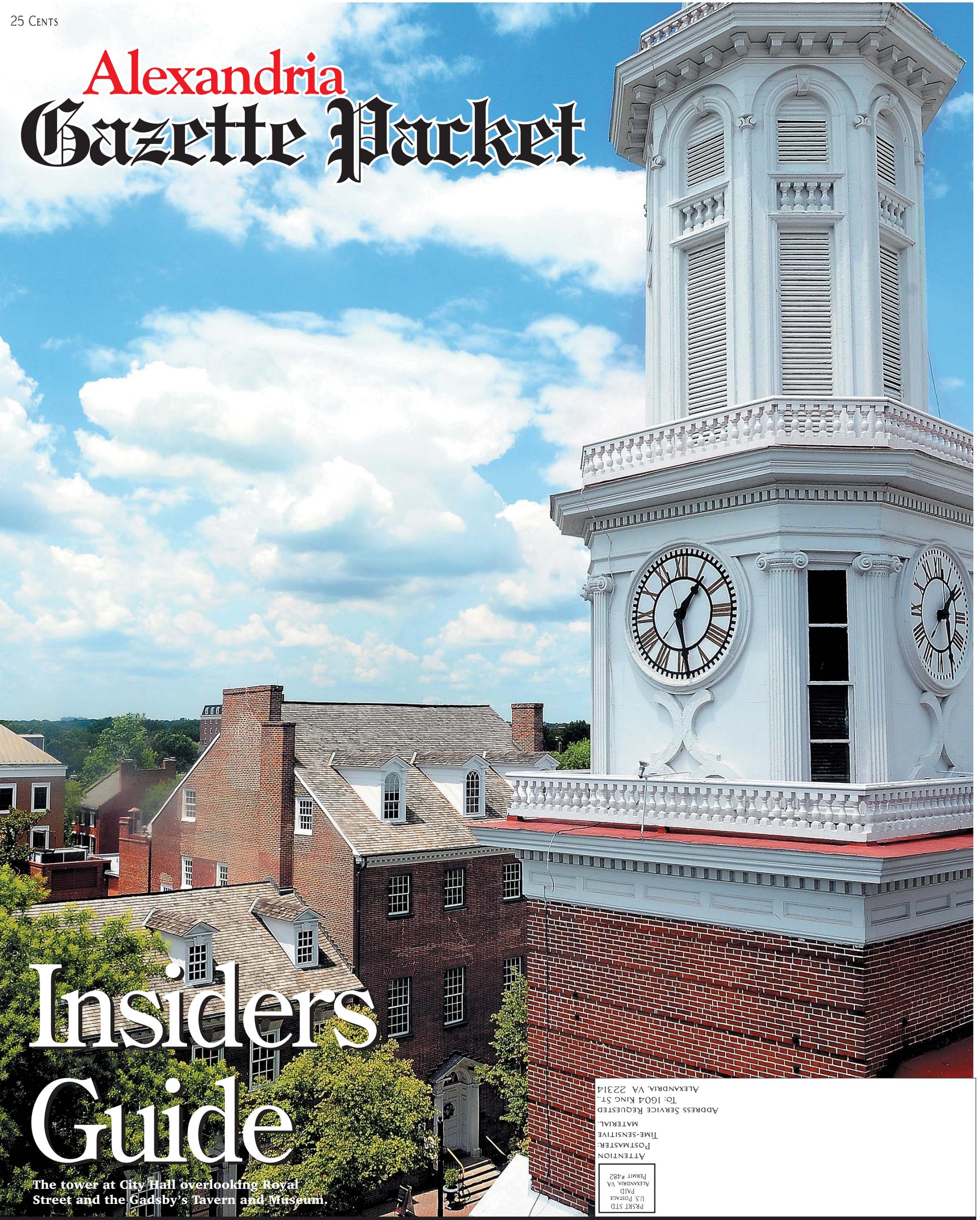


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The tower at City Hall overlooking Royal Street and the Gadsby's Tavern and Museum.

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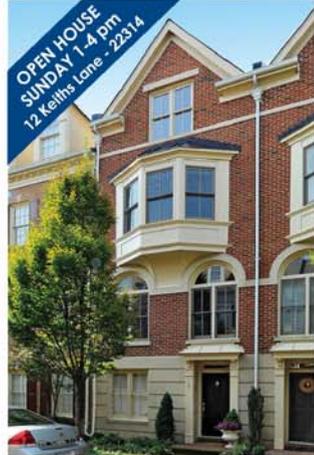


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## ALEXANDRIA INSIDER

# Welcome

**T**his issue of the Gazette Packet includes our annual Newcomers and Community Guide, renamed the Insiders Guide.

Through narrative, listings, viewpoints and photographs, we endeavor to capture what it means to live here, highlights of places to visit and things to do, a snapshot of local history, help finding community resources and tips on adjusting to living here.

If you are new to the area, you'll find resources and ideas on these pages and on our website, [www.ConnectionNewspapers.com](http://www.ConnectionNewspapers.com). Even some longtime residents may not have visited some of the key places in and nearby their community.

We offer many more resources on our website.

There you will find the complete community guides for each of our 15 papers, including more extensive listings than appear in the newspapers.

You can also access the print edition of each of our papers online, showing each page exactly as it appears in the paper, including cover, photos, display ads and classified advertising. Go to [ConnectionNewspapers.com](http://ConnectionNewspapers.com), and click on "Print Editions" in the red bar.

As a locally owned, weekly newspaper, the Gazette Packet's mission is to bring the news you need about your community, to give you the information you need to enjoy the best things in and near your community, to advocate for community good, to provide a forum for dialogue on local concerns, and to celebrate and record milestones and events in community and people's lives.

**AT THE GAZETTE PACKET,** we invite newcomers to the area and long-time residents alike to be a part of providing more reader input. Let us know how we're doing and let us know what is going on in your part of the community. If you have questions or ideas, call or send us an e-mail.

We invite you to send letters to the editor or to send an email letting us know about something

## New to Alexandria?

The City of Alexandria website provides resources to help get acclimated, including taxes, registering to vote, licensing animals, local rules about trash and recycling, libraries, parks, schools, the Department of Motor Vehicles and more: <http://alexandriava.gov/finance/info/default.aspx?id=27130>

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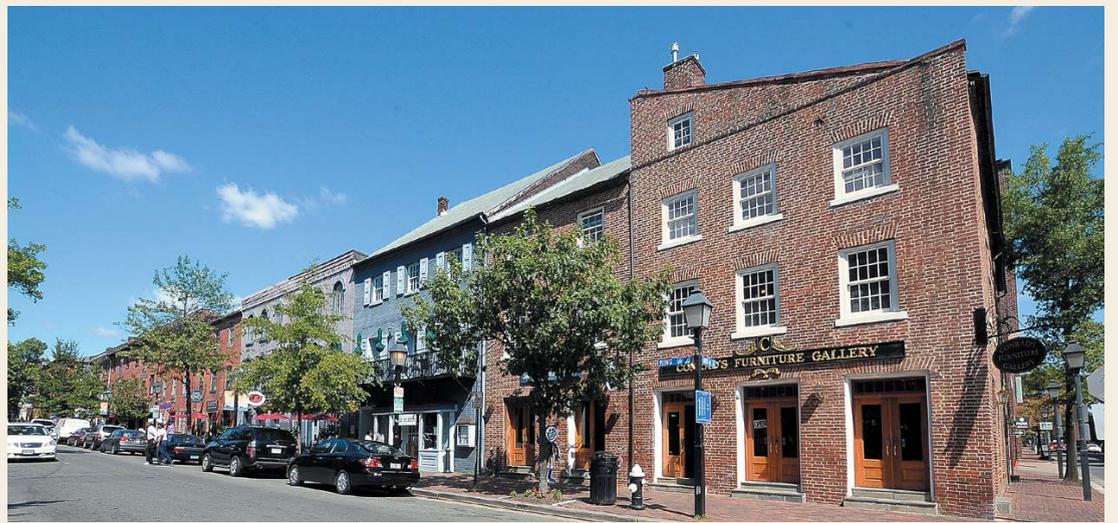
We appreciate readers' ideas. If you see something that you think might be a story, or something you have a question about, give us a call, or drop us a line. If you know of a person or an organization doing important work, something that might make a good feature story, we are looking for people to feature each week.

We want to know if someone in your family or your community published a book, became an Eagle Scout, raised money for a good cause, accomplished some feat like running a marathon or having art included in an art show. We publish photos and notes of a variety of personal milestones and community events, including births, engagements, weddings, anniversaries, awards and obituaries. We are also interested in events at your church, mosque, synagogue, community center, pool, school, club, etc.

Email us a photo and a note about the event. Be sure to include the names of all of the people who are in a photo, and say when and where the photo was taken. We also publish notes about news and events from local businesses. Notes about openings, new employees, anniversaries are welcome. It is especially important to us to let people know about events ahead of time in our calendar of events. We appreciate getting notice at least two weeks ahead of the event, and we encourage photos. Events for our calendars should be free or at nominal cost and open to the public. In covering the issues, we strive to provide a voice for our readers.

I look forward to hearing from you.

— MARY KIMM,  
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## Now and Then

**It's almost impossible to imagine today, but lower King Street was known as "skid row" in the 1950s when the picture on the right was taken. Many people avoided Old Town unless they were looking for drugs or prostitutes. The city has been through urban renewal, gentrification and a real-estate bubble that saw land values skyrocket in the last decade. As the photo above demonstrates, today's lower King Street is a vibrant place with high-end restaurants — and the memory of skid row is long gone.**



# Living in Alexandria

## Residents reflect on their community.

*Here are some thoughts on what makes Alexandria special:*

### PADDY BOWMAN:

**What advice would you give a new resident on how to make themselves at home and get involved here in Alexandria?**

Choose different neighborhoods and go for walks to get the feel of what it's like to live in our diverse spaces.

- Join the Alexandria Black History Museum.
- Frequent the Torpedo Factory, sign up for a class even.
- Visit the Alexandria Archaeology Office in the Torpedo Factory.
- Get a library card.
- Take the free Masonic Temple tour.
- Go for a show at the Birchmere.
- Eat a pupusa in Arlandria.
- Go to the Mediterranean Bakery on South Pickett Street.
- Have a burger at the Tiffany Tavern on a night when there's live bluegrass.
- Choose one of our farmers markets to attend weekly and hang out drinking coffee and people watching.
- Browse at the Prevention of Blindness Thrift Shop.

### BILL BUTCHER:

**What do you love about Alexandria?**

Alexandria is a great place to live and to raise a family. We have all of the benefits of living so close

to DC and all that it has to offer, yet still can come home to our "small town," which has its own distinctive character and rich history.

**What "insider's tip" about Alexandria would you share with a friend?**

Don't miss Alexandria's birthday celebration, usually the weekend after July 4th. The fireworks are fabulous, set to music by the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra. There is also free birthday cake, given out by City Council members. It's a great time for everyone, and a good chance to mingle with your neighbors.

The Carpenter's Cookoff in April is also a terrific event. It's a great opportunity to meet all the best chefs in Alexandria, taste samples from their menu, and discover your new favorite local restaurant. What's more, it's all for a great cause, to support The Carpenter's Shelter, an organization dedicated to helping needy Alexandria families.

*Bill Butcher is president of the Port City Brewing Company*

### AMANDA CHANDLER:

**What do you love about Alexandria?**

It has a lot to offer; great restaurants, schools, arts, shops and a very diverse demographics. Generally, I think people are pretty friendly and there is a strong sense of community amongst the various different neighborhoods with all the civic and community based programs. Also, with local businesses. We want to make sure they succeed and do our best as citizens to promote our great town.

**What "insider's tip" about Alexandria would you share with a friend?**

Best breakfast in the City ... Table Talk ... Los Tios on Mt. Vernon Avenue for the best margaritas in

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## ALEXANDRIA INSIDER

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# Meet the City Council

**A**lexandria elects a mayor and City Council members to serve three-year terms. All the seats are at-large, with elected leaders representing the entire city. The next municipal election is scheduled for Nov. 6, 2012.

### Mayor Bill Euille

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A native of Alexandria, Euille is a 1968 graduate of T.C. Williams High School. He was first elected to the City Council in 1994, elected mayor in 2003. He was re-elected without opposition in 2006 and again without opposition in 2009. His home precinct is George Washington Middle School.



Euille received a bachelor's of science in accounting and business administration from Quinnipiac College in Hamden, Conn., in 1972. From 1974 to 1984, he was an appointed member of the Alexandria School Board. In 1987, he founded Wm. D. Euille and Associates, a construction services firm that serves the federal government. He also has a minority interest in two Alexandria restaurants, Mango Mike's and the Majestic Grill.

### Vice Mayor Kerry Donley

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A native of Elk Point, S.D., Donley moved to Alexandria in 1962 and graduated from Bishop Ireton High School in 1974. He was first elected to the City Council in 1988 and was mayor from 1996 to 2003. After spending time as the chairman of the Democratic Party of Virginia and the athletic director for Alexandria City Public Schools, Donley returned to the City Council in 2009. He was elected vice mayor by his colleagues because he received more votes than any other candidate for City Council. His home precinct is Polk Elementary School.



Donley has a bachelor's degree in political science from Marquette University in Wisconsin, later returning to Alexandria and becoming active in the Brookville-Seminary Valley Civic Association and the Alexandria Community Services Board. He is currently a senior vice president for community banking at Virginia Commerce Bank. He is the father of five daughters, and he has two grandsons.

### Rob Krupicka

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A native of Seattle, Krupicka has lived in Alexandria since 1993. He was first elected to the City Council in 2003 and has been reelected twice. His home precinct is George Washington Middle School.



Krupicka received a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Virginia. He has been the president of the Del Ray Citizens Association and a vice chairman of the Alexandria Community Services Board. Krupicka is a former AOL executive, and he is currently employed by the Partnership for America's Economic Success at the Pew Charitable Trusts. In 2009, Democratic Gov. Tim Kaine appointed Krupicka as a member of the Virginia School Board.

### Frank Fannon

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A native of Alexandria, Fannon graduated from West Potomac High School in 1987. He was elected to the City Council in 2009, and his home precinct is the Durant Center.



Fannon received a bachelor's degree in corporate communications from Elon College in North Carolina, later returning to Alexandria and becoming a mortgage banker with SunTrust. Since 2004, he has managed the branch at the corner of Duke and Henry streets.

### Del Pepper

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A native of Omaha, Pepper has lived in Alexandria since 1968. First elected to the City Council in 1985, Pepper has been reelected eight times and is the longest-serving member of the council. Her home precinct is Patrick Henry Recreation Center.



Pepper received a bachelor's degree from Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa. From 1979 to 1984, she was the administrative aide for Mayor Charles Beatley. She's served as vice mayor three times, and she is a former corporate president of the Council of Governments. She is currently the treasurer of the Northern Virginia Regional Commission.

### Paul Smedberg

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A native of Hartford, Conn., Smedberg has lived in Alexandria since 1988. He was first elected to the City Council in 2003 and has been reelected twice. His home precinct is Lyles-Crouch Traditional Academy.



Smedberg received a bachelor of science in economics and bachelor of arts in history from Allegheny College in Meadville, Pa., and he is a fellow of the Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership at the University of Virginia. From 1997 to 1999, he was chairman of the Alexandria Democratic Committee. In addition to his duties on the City Council, Smedberg also serves on the board of the Virginia Railway Express and the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission. He is currently a lobbyist for the American Society of Nephrology.

### Alicia Hughes

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A native of Memphis, Tenn., Hughes has lived in Alexandria since 2007. She was elected to the City Council in 2009, and her home precinct is Tucker Elementary School.



Hughes received a bachelor of science degree in biology from Texas Southern University before receiving a juris doctorate from the University of Miami School of Law. She is currently a patent examiner at the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Earlier this year, Republican Gov. Bob McDonnell appointed Hughes to the Commission on Government Reform and Restructuring.

## WHAT'S AHEAD?

City leaders like to talk about the "Alexandria Way," which can mean different things to different people. Most of the time, it means that issues are debated extensively and exhaustively before a decision is made. Essentially, everybody gets to have their say even if they don't prevail. Considering the issues currently facing the city, that means insiders can expect a lot of discussion about the following:

❖ **November Election:** When voters head to the polls in November, the congressional race will be at the top of the ballot. Ten-term incumbent U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8) will be facing Republican Patrick Murray and Independent Green Ron Fisher. Three proposed constitutional amendments will also be on the ballot. Question One asks voters if they would like to see localities have more of a say in who is eligible for property-tax relief. Question Two asks voters if they want to require the General Assembly to provide a real-property tax exemption for the principal residence of disabled veterans. Question Three asks if voters want to increase the size of Virginia's "rainy-day fund" from 10 to 15 percent of the commonwealth's annual tax income and sales tax revenues.

❖ **Hold Your Wallet:** Back in May, a divided City Council approved a budget on a five-to-two vote that increased the average residential property tax bill by \$125 from \$4,255 to \$4,380. Budget officials say revenues remain sluggish, so next year's budget debate is likely to prompt a similar debate between those who would like to cut spending and those who would like to maintain existing services.

❖ **Great Wall of Mirant:** Residents in North Old Town will notice a new feature on the landscape later this year—a 30-foot windscreen to protect neighbors from breathing fugitive dust. Next year, Atlanta-based Mirant plans to install new "baghouse" technology that will suck particulates out of the air similar to the way a vacuum cleaner works. Both improvements are part of a \$34 million settlement reached between Mirant and city officials back in 2008.

❖ **Hybrid Trolleys:** Say goodbye to the Maryland license plates that have become an infamous presence on the King Street Trolley. Next year, the city will receive four new hybrid trolleys. The rubber-tire vehicles come courtesy of President Barack Obama's \$2.4 million stimulus package.

❖ **DOD Invasion:** Anyone near the intersection of Seminary Road and the Shirley Memorial Highway recently has noticed a mammoth building now under construction there by the Department of Defense. Known in typically opaque Washington parlance, the building is called the Washington Headquarters Service—a structure that will warehouse more than 6,000 employees. Because construction of an offramp leading from the Interstate to the building is at least six years away, that means West End residents will have to put up with years of traffic jams and snarled traffic as commuters exit on Seminary and turn left on Beauregard Street.

❖ **Appeal Railroaded:** Since city officials launched a campaign against railroad giant Norfolk Southern two years ago, taxpayers have shelled out half a million dollars in legal bills. City Council members have yet to decide whether or not they want to continue the fight, although the recent loss in the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals was a crushing blow to the legal fight. For West End residents, the good news is that an end to legal hostilities will allow them to enter discussion with nearby residents about their concerns over noise at the hazardous materials facility.

❖ **BID War:** The ongoing chatter about a new Business Improvement District in Alexandria has supporters and detractors. Do business owners want to pay an add-on fee to the commercial property tax to be collected by the city and distributed to a board of directors? Anti-tax groups are ready for a fight.

❖ **Federal Headcount:** Those clipboard-wielding Census workers may have come and gone, but their work will live on for years ahead. Federal dollars are often tied to Census figures. And when political boundaries are redrawn in Richmond next year, state leaders will be using Census data to justify the gerrymandering.

❖ **Plan for Beauregard:** Like the street that bears his name, Confederate Gen. Pierre Beauregard was difficult to manage. The hothead rebel couldn't get along with Confederate President

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*Julie Hall* 703-786-3634

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*Christine Garner* 703-587-4855

**ROSEMONT**



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*Christine Garner* 703-587-4855

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*Diann Hicks*  
 703-628-2640

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**Alex/Rosemont \$899,000**  
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 404 Russell Rd. *Christine Garner* 703-587-4855



**Alexandria \$689,000**  
 Fantastic top to bottom renovation w/3 bedrms & 3 full baths. All new kitchen, bathrooms and beautifully refinished hardwood floors on main & upper levels. Finished LL w/rec room & utility room. Fully fenced back yard.  
 1707 Oakcrest Dr. *Bob Bazzle* 703-599-8964



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# Board Leads Public Schools

**T**he Alexandria School Board consists of nine elected members who represent three geographic areas of the city. Three members represent District A, the eastern end of the city; three members represent District B, the central part of the city; and three members represent District C, the West End. The next election is scheduled for Nov. 6, 2012.

## District A — The East End Board Members

### Vice Chairwoman Sheryl Gorsuch

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A native of Burbank, Calif., Gorsuch has lived in Alexandria since 1986. She was first elected in 2006, and was reelected in 2009. Her home precinct is Cora Kelly Elementary School.

Gorsuch has a bachelor's degree in economics from Pomona College in Claremont, Calif., and she is a former restaurant manager who currently owns an independent business. Her previous involvement in the schools includes membership in the Budget Advisory Committee and the Talented and Gifted Advisory Committee. She has held several leadership positions in parent-teacher associations, and she is immediate past president of the Alexandria PTA Council.



### Helen Morris

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A native of Kingston, Pa., Morris grew up in Binghamton, N.Y., and has lived in Alexandria since 2001. She was first elected to the School Board in 2009, and her home precinct is the Durant Center.

Morris received a bachelor's degree in linguistics from the University of Michigan and a master's degree in early Irish language and literature from University College Dublin. She first became involved with the school system as a member of the Jefferson-Houston Elementary School parent-teacher association. She has been involved in education policy for almost 20 years, working with the National School Boards Association, the Consortium for School Networking, Edvantia and Texas Instruments.



### Mimi Carter

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A native from Muskogee, Okla., Carter moved to Alexandria with her parents in 1980, and moved back permanently in 1999. She was first elected to the School Board in 2009, and her home precinct is George Washington Middle School.

Carter received a bachelor's degree in American literature from George Washington University and a master's degree in journalism and public policy from American University. She became involved with the school system as member of the education committee of the Del Ray Civic Association and was a founder of the annual State of the Schools forum. She has two girls at Mount Vernon Community School, where she directed last year's standing-room-only 4th grade production of "Peter Pan."



## District B — The Central City Board Members

### Chairwoman Yvonne Folkerts

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A native of Morton, Ill., Folkerts has lived in Alexandria since 1999. She was first elected in 2006, and was reelected in 2009. Her home precinct is Temple Beth El Synagogue.

Folkerts received bachelor's degree in journalism from Eastern Illinois University. After an 18-year career in journalism, public relations and association management, she became a stay-at-home parent. She is a former president of the parent-teacher association at MacArthur El-



ementary School and an active member of Westminster Presbyterian Church. She is a former Girl Scout leader and member of Twig, the junior auxiliary of Inova Alexandria Hospital.

### Marc Williams

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A native of Versailles, Ky., Williams has lived in Alexandria since 1992. He was first elected in an August 2008 special election after the resignation of former School Board Chairwoman Claire Eberwein, and was reelected in 2009. His home precinct is George Mason Elementary School.

Williams received bachelor's degree in political science from the University of the South and a juris doctorate from the University of Virginia School of Law. Williams joined the IBM Corporation 11 years ago and served as IBM's national-security counsel for 13 years. He is currently part of IBM's governmental programs group, and he is responsible for IBM's global intellectual property policy.



### Arthur Peabody

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A native of Lynn, Mass., Peabody has lived in Alexandria since 1972. He was first elected in 2006, and was reelected in 2009. His home precinct is Chinquapin Park Recreation Center.

Peabody has a bachelor's degree in political science and a juris doctorate from Cornell Law School. He is a former career attorney for the United States Department of Justice, and is currently lead medical counsel at the BlueCross BlueShield Association. In Alexandria, he serves on the board of Alexandria Senior Citizens and is a former director of the Alexandria Bar Association.



## District C — The West End Board Members

### Charles Wilson

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A native of Chicago's South Side, Wilson has lived in Alexandria since 1983. He was first elected in 2003, and has been reelected twice. His home precinct is Tucker School.

Wilson has a bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland and a master of business administration from Webster University. A former Air Force colonel, Wilson served on the board of directors of the Cameron Station Credit Union and CrisisLink. First elected to the School Board in 2003, he is the longest serving board member and a former chairman of the Washington Area Boards of Education.



### Ronnie Campbell

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A native of Brookfield, Mass., she has lived in Alexandria since 1985. She was first elected in 2006, and was reelected in 2009. Her home precinct is John Adams Elementary School.

She graduated from Tantasqua Regional High School and attended Worcester State College. A long-time employee of the United States Postal Service, Campbell is currently a sales associate. She is a former member of the School Board's Budget Advisory Committee, the board of the Virginia state Parent-Teacher Association and the first assistant director to the Fairfax District PTA.



### Blanche Maness

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A native of Lawrenceville, Va., Maness has lived in Alexandria since 1967. She was first elected in 2006, and was reelected in 2009. Her home precinct is Cameron Station.

Maness has a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Virginia State College and a master's degree in curriculum and instruction from University of North



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# What Do You Love about Alexandria?

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town. Art on the Avenue in the Fall is a must. Cathy Puskar's Christmas party.

**What advice would you give a new resident on how to make themselves at home and get involved here in Alexandria?**

Get involved in your neighborhood civic association or join a yoga class. Or party on Oak Street.

**BROOKE CURRAN:**

**What do you love about Alexandria?**

This is what I love about Alexandria.

Alexandria is a city that cares about community and those that live within; seniors and kids alike, cultural activities and access to parks and trails. Mayor William Euille and Honorable Marian Van Landingham's partnership with a coalition of Alexandria citizens and businesses in Partnership for a Healthier Alexandria, is a perfect example of how we band together for the good of all.

**SUSAN D. DAWSON:**

**What do you love about Alexandria?**

Beverly Hills and adjacent neighborhoods, where each street feels very small-townish, yet is minutes from D.C.

**What "insider's tip" about Alexandria would you share with a friend?**

Traffic can be fairly easily managed. If you go just about anywhere during non-rush hours, you can get there quickly, get good parking and get good service from the stores.

**Places to go, things to do, can't-miss events, ideas on what it means to live in Alexandria.**

The Pumpkin Patch at Immanuel-Church-on-the-Hill, where the church keeps none of the profits, but has given hundreds of thousands of dollars to Northern Virginia charities. This year the Patch goes from Oct. 3 through Halloween, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. - 3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria - It's fun! Available are also cookies, cakes and apple crisps! <http://www.icoh.net>.

A rare opportunity to take classes at the Virginia Theological Seminary where interesting subjects, such as religion's role in Shakespeare's plays and the relationship between science and religion, are offered to the lay population at very reasonable costs. <http://www.vts.edu/podium/default.aspx?t=121932>

The opportunity to sing in a number of extremely good choruses and choirs, with a wide variety of types of music from which to choose. <http://www.musical-alexandria.org/>

**What advice would you give a new resident on how to make themselves at home and get involved here in Alexandria?**

I would suggest that people new to



**Through the Immanuel Pumpkin Patch, every year for the past 17 years, thousands of dollars from profits are given directly to charity. None of the profits are kept by the church. Charities that benefit from the Immanuel Pumpkin Patch include: Alexandria Tutoring Consortium, ALIVE!, Carpenter's Shelter, Capital Area Hospice, Child & Family Network Centers, Christ House, Christmas Families, Christmas in August, Community Lodgings, Dominican Republic Scholarships, Education Scholarships in Haiti and the Dominican Republic, Heifer Project International, Haiti Micah Project, Hopkins House, The Kelly Foundation, Meals-on-Wheels and The Northern Virginia AIDS Ministry (NOVAM).**

Alexandria check the Internet (<http://alexandriava.gov/>) and the local newspapers (of course, the Gazette Packet - <http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/paper.asp?paper=59>) and then join an organization or group or attend a meeting of one's interest. There you can find others who have mutual interests and networking can begin! Also volunteer! (<http://www.1-800-volunteer.org/1800Vol/alexandria-volunteer-bureau/vcindex.do>)

**JENNIFER FOLSOM:**

**What do you love about Alexandria?**

I love that so much history works right along with modern day concepts, like the Torpedo Factory studios and the co-working space at Connect113.

**What "insider's tip" about Alexandria would you share with a friend?**

The view from atop the Masonic Temple can't be beat!

**What advice would you give a new resident on how to make themselves at home and get involved here in Alexandria?**

Introduce yourselves to your neighbors, hang out at the dog park and playground on Union Street, volunteer for a school committee. Get involved!

*Folsom is director of Momentum Resources.*

**DIANE HENRY:**

**What do you love about Alexandria?**

The history, the river, the proximity to Washington, one of the greatest capital cities in the world. I love the old buildings, the cobblestones, and beautiful church attended by George Washington and Robert E. Lee. Alexandria is never boring and you

know you're not in Kansas.

**What "insider's tip" about Alexandria would you share with a friend?**

You have to find Huntley Meadows Park. Hidden away in an unremarkable neighborhood off Route 1, is a paradise of forest, wetlands, wildflowers and birds that never fails to sweep away all the worries and cares of daily life. The trails are not long, two miles of woodland trails and a half-mile boardwalk trail in the wetlands, but they are surrounded by over 1400 acres of wild parkland filled with frogs, beaver, and herons. Most amazingly, even though you're in the middle of a dense urban area, you seldom hear planes or cars, making room to reconnect with the chirps, honks and whistles of another world. We have many other wonderful parks in the area, the bike trail along the river, and other national and city and county parks, but Huntley Meadows is a hidden treasure, a place you're not likely to stumble upon on your own. Map it and go.

**What advice would you give a new resident on how to make themselves at home and get involved here in Alexandria?**

Get a dog. It is absolutely amazing how many wonderful people you meet at the dog parks in town. I shared my life with dogs for over 30 years until last January when my sweet Labrador's body gave out. At the dog park I made friends, collected crazy stories about dogs and people, and found reason to laugh and cry. At the dog park I learned about the many forms of love and divorce, success and failure, and heard lots of news about the town and neighborhood. Occasional cursing is usually involved too, but overall a good dog will definitely lead the way for anyone interested in becoming involved in their community.

*Diane Henry, a novelist and yoga teacher, has lived in Alexandria for 35 years with occasional career forays to other cities.*

**MILES HOLTZMAN:**

**What do you love about Alexandria?**

I love all the different things you can here without getting into a car: 1) Eat at great restaurants; 2) Go boating; 3) Take long walks in interesting setting; 4) Enjoy the bike trails; 5) Experience history; and meet people from all walks of life.

**What "insider's tip" about Alexandria would you share with a friend?**

Get to know some of the fantastic people down at the Old Dominion Boat Club. Most of them are actively engaged in the Old Town Community as civic, social, or business leaders. They give back to the community in many ways and have a great time doing it.

**What advice would you give a new resident on how to make themselves at home and get involved here in Alexandria?**

There are all sorts of clubs to join in Alexandria that fulfill a variety of needs. One example is the Alexandria Sportsman's Club that acts as sort of a Booster's Club for the four high schools within the City. If you like sports, that's the place to be. Another great charitable and social organization is the Fraternal Order of Eagles on Cameron Street. They are involved in a number of giving opportunities and are almost all Alexandrians.

**SUZANNE KRATZOK:**

**What advice would you give a new resident on how to make themselves at home and get involved here in Alexandria?**

Check out Volunteer Alexandria, our City's volunteer clearinghouse. Non-profits and government agencies list an amazing array of opportunities to get involved - including The Fund for Alexandria's Child, which helps children in foster care share experiences most other kids take for granted.

Kratzok is a Rosemont resident for 34 years and coordinator of Community Resources for the Department of Community and Human Services.

**AMBER NIGHTINGALE:**

**What do you love about Alexandria?**

I love my neighborhoods in Parkfairfax. We are a tight little group who look out for each other, borrow sugar, milk, and bread, take care of each others pets and children, and go on vacation together. Anyone who thinks you only find friendly neighbors in the country hasn't had the pleasure of living in Parkfairfax!

I also appreciate the supported-living programs and therapeutic recreation clubs the City has for adults with developmental dis

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## ALEXANDRIA INSIDER

# Resident Share 'Insider Tips'

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abilities. It shows that the City does strive to be inclusive.

### What "insider's tip" about Alexandria would you share with a friend?

The Caboose Cafe in Del Ray has the best coffee on Earth ... I'm addicted to their lattes!

### What advice would you give a new resident on how to make themselves at home and get involved here in Alexandria?

Adopt a dog, take him for a walk, and you'll easily find people to talk with. We are a super dog-friendly community.

I recommend serving on a board or commission — it is a great way to meet like-minded people from different parts of Alexandria while at the same time doing a civic duty.

### FRED PARKER:

#### What do you love about Alexandria?

Being part of a historic city. Being able to walk the same streets as some of our founding fathers

#### What "insider's tip" about Alexandria would you share with a friend?

Alexandria having a train station allows me the opportunity to continue a family tradition of taking my kids to put pennies on the track to have the train mash flat. You won't find that in any tour book.

#### What advice would you give a new resident on how to make themselves at home and get involved here in Alexandria?

There are many support groups for Alexandria Charities from the Alexandria Clinic to the Campanga Center.

*Fred Parker of the Hard Times Café.*

### WANDA STREET:

#### What do you love about Alexandria?

I love that Alexandria has a small town feel even though it is a good size city and enjoy the many opportunities for recreation and participation. I also appreciate the quality and diversity of the public schools. I feel that my children received not only an excellent academic education but also an education in tolerance and acceptance.

#### What "insider's tip" about Alexandria would you share with a friend?

Del Ray = great shops and restaurants, Art on the Avenue and Halloween Parade, Farmers' Market, First Thursdays on Mt Vernon Avenue in the summer.

Old Town = more shops and restaurants, the Waterfront, Torpedo Factory, Farmers' Market, Carlyle House spring plant sale, parades and so much more!

#### What advice would you give a new resident on how to make themselves at home and get involved

### here in Alexandria?

Get involved with a church, civic group or volunteer organization.

### ANN VERNON:

#### What do you love about Alexandria?

The waterfront and all the streets of Old Town. The fact that it has its own Symphony Orchestra. Market Square on Saturday morning. The Royal Restaurant. Old Town shopping. History everywhere. So Dog Friendly. ) The variety of houses of worship.

#### What "insider's tip" about Alexandria would you share with a friend?

The birthday party for Alexandria on the waterfront, the weekend following the 4th of July, with performance by the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra. Saturday morning Market Square Farmer's Market in Old Town, or Tuesday morning on Sherwood Hall Lane. Mt. Vernon Estate. Visit the various churches.

#### What advice would you give a new resident on how to make themselves at home and get involved here in Alexandria?

Get on the bike trails, get a kayak for the river, join a tennis club, take a course at the Torpedo Factory, train a Guiding Eye Dog with the local chapter of Guiding Eyes for the Blind. Volunteer at one of the community outreaches, Red Cross, or be a docent for Mount Vernon or one of the historical places in Old Town Alexandria. Become involved in worship, music, and fellowship in one particular church: I recommend Aldersgate United Methodist Church in the Fort Hunt area of Mt. Vernon.

### MARY ANNE WEBER:

#### What do you love about Alexandria?

Before I ever lived in Alexandria, I used to stay here when I came to D.C. on business. I fell in love with the history, the abundance of trees and flowers, the Torpedo Factory and the fact that so much of its waterfront was open to the public. When I did move here 15 years ago, I learned there was a lot more, that Alexandria was a city that encouraged involvement, and one that thrived on the energy of volunteers from politics to historic re-enactments to serving the most vulnerable. If you looked, you could find a forum for almost any interest and a way to have your voice heard. You didn't need money, you didn't need to be connected. You just needed to care.

#### What "insider's tip" about Alexandria would you share with a friend?

What to do and where to go depends on what you want. If you want to catch up on gossip, learn who's running for office or the latest controversy or how to cook that strange looking vegetable, head for one or more of Alexandria's five Farmers Markets. Two, the Alexandria Market at Market

Square and the Del Ray Market on Mount Vernon Avenue, run all year round, a great way to start your weekend and you never know who else will also be looking for that heirloom tomato or the homemade cider doughnuts or the Redskin cookies. For a moment of quiet in this crowded city, try the river in the early morning on the north side of the city. There seem to be few power bicyclists or runners about, just easy going strollers like yourself watching the mist roll back, plenty of empty park benches or available rocks to sit on. The military certainly knew how to pick some of the loveliest real estate and now a piece of it is yours to enjoy, Ben Brenman Park off Duke Street. A walk around the lake is not only good exercise, it is soothing to the soul. Of course you can't miss any of Alexandria's parades but the best has got to be the Christmas Walk, the first Saturday in December, the real kick-off to the holidays. Then there is Art on the Avenue, at the beginning of October a combination of art, food and old-fashioned street fair, it is Del Ray at its best. Another don't miss is the city's annual birthday party in July complete with symphony orchestra, fireworks and a giant birthday cake. It's still fun even if it rains. For history buffs this is paradise. To the north are all the Smithsonians, to the south Woodlawn, Frank Lloyd Wright and Mount Vernon. In the city itself there is everything from the Carlyle House to the infamous slave market to the Lyceum with its local exhibits and many small museums, including my favorite the Lee Fendall House. There's a vibrant music scene from barber-shop to jazz to rock to classical but be sure to check out the bluegrass at Tiffany's and Fireflies. We may not have the plethora of theater that Arlington does but we hold our own with Metrostage, Port City Playhouse and Little Theatre of Alexandria.

#### What advice would you give a new resident on how to make themselves at home and get involved here in Alexandria?

My advice would have to be for people like myself who are single and so don't have the instant involvement in community that raising children entails. For starters, talk to your neighbors, join your homeowners or condo association. Try to find a compatible place of worship. Go to the city's website alexandriava.gov and sign up for their e message service. You will not only get government news and notices, you will get calendars and information on groups looking for volunteers, boards and commissions with vacant slots and all kinds of background on historic sites, parks and rec centers. Check out your nearest library and the bulletin boards at coffee shops. Visit local stores, galleries, exhibits and rec centers to see what is happening around you. You will find more than you can ever do.

### SCOTT WOOD:

#### What do you love about Alexandria?

## CITY'S STATISTICAL PROFILE

### Population, current and forecasted

1980: 103,217  
1990: 111,183  
2000: 128,283  
2005: 135,854  
2010: 145,011  
2020: 158,464  
2030: 173,331

### Households, current and forecasted

1980: 49,004  
1990: 53,280  
2000: 61,889  
2005: 66,337  
2010: 66,632  
2020: 73,678  
2030: 82,884

### Population By Age

Age 0 to 4: 8.4 percent  
Age 5 to 9: 5.7 percent  
Age 10 to 14: 3.5 percent  
Age 15 to 19: 2.8 percent  
Age 20 to 24: 4.4 percent  
Age 25 to 29: 7.7 percent  
Age 30 to 34: 10.8 percent  
Age 35 to 44: 20.5 percent  
Age 45 to 54: 14.0 percent  
Age 55 to 59: 6.0 percent  
Age 60 to 64: 5.5 percent  
Age 65 to 74: 6.4 percent  
Age 75 to 84: 2.8 percent  
Older than 85: 1.6 percent

### Sex Distribution

Male Population: 48 percent  
Female Population: 52 percent

### Population By Race

White: 56 percent  
Black: 22 percent  
Hispanic: 15 percent  
Asian: 6 percent

### Public School Population By Race

Black: 38 percent  
Hispanic: 27 percent  
White: 24 percent  
Asian: 6 percent

### Housing Units

Single Family: 29 percent  
Condominiums: 25 percent  
Rental Apartments: 46 percent

### Average Monthly Rents for New Tenants

Efficiency: \$962  
One Bedroom: \$1,245  
Two Bedroom: \$1,624  
Three Bedroom: \$2,012

### Average Real Property Values

Single-family residential: \$637,154  
Residential condominium: \$301,718

### City Budget for FY2009

Tax Rate: 97.8 cents for every \$100 of assessed value  
Operating Expenditures: \$531.6 million  
Appropriation to Schools: \$167.9 million

*Statistics from City of Alexandria Planning Department*

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It's a very flexible area, you can be at the beach in 1-and-a-half hours, the mountains in 1-and-a-half hours, D.C. in 10 minutes, Md. in 10 minutes, W. Va. in 40 minutes.

There is a constant flow of people coming into the area.

Old town itself offers different aspects, you can enjoy a quiet day or make the most of it with the many attractions available.

The city is very neighborhood-oriented with friendly people.

*Wood is assistant general manager of Jackson 20, a New American Tavern, Hotel Monaco, 480 King Street.*

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# Harmful to the Public?

Open-government advocates clash with public-safety officials over access.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

Is a lack of transparency among Virginia police agencies harmful to the public interest? That's a question that could be put to judges across the commonwealth, if the Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council approves a proposal considered last week by one of its subcommittees.

"The mechanism that the subcommittee is exploring at this point is the one that places the burden on the petitioner," said Craig Fifer, chairman of the council's Criminal Investigative Records Subcommittee. "The burden would be on the petitioner to explain why the record would be needed."

During a meeting in Richmond last week, members of the subcommittee considered

a bill introduced earlier this year by state Sen. John Edwards (D-21) of Roanoke. His bill would have allowed access in cases that are no longer under investigation, although he offered a compromise provision during the subcommittee meeting that would allow people seeking documents to go before a judge. Unlike most other states, Virginia law gives police agencies broad discretion

**"Right now people do not know what is going on in their communities because nothing is being released."**

— Ginger Stanley, executive director, Virginia Press Association

to deny access to a wide array of documents. That means victims of crime and the general public are routinely denied access to documents widely available elsewhere— regardless of what the case is about, and regardless of whether the case is open or closed.

"There's no identifiable public policy reason to maintain confidentiality of records after a public criminal proceeding is over," Edwards said. "I'm reminded that Truman



Virginia Press Association executive director Ginger Stanley, right, waits to speak in favor of increased transparency while Alexandria Commonwealth's Attorney Randy Sengel, center, waits to speak against efforts to make police documents more available.

Capote wrote 'In Cold Blood' well after the trial was over."

"Other than people out there who want to write books like Truman Capote, I don't think we've heard a compelling need for this," said Alexandria Commonwealth's Attorney Randy Sengel. "It's designed to address a problem that really doesn't exist, and it would create a situation that's much worse than what we have today."

**POLICE CHIEFS**, prosecutors and sheriffs from across Virginia showed up at the subcommittee meeting to oppose Edwards bill and his compromise effort. When the floor was opened for comments, speaker after speaker came out against the effort to in-

crease transparency. They said incident reports were raw and unedited documents full of accusations and opinions that would reveal police operations to criminals. Opening these documents for public review, opponents charged, would create a chilling effect on victims and witnesses coming forward to share information.

"We've got to be very careful about raw information that's in all of these files that can harm reputations, ruin reputations, damage business and damage society," said Danville Police Chief Philip Broadfoot. "All of that information is just too dangerous to be released."

Open-government advocates submitted written statements and testified before the subcommittee that the current process is too secretive. Megan Rhyne, associate director of the Virginia Coalition for Open Government, wrote that records in closed cases should be presumed open. Hope Amezcuita, legislative counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union of Virginia, agreed that opening criminal records for review would

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# OPINION

## Teachers: The Key to Great Education

BY MORTON SHERMAN  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

**W**e in America have known for many years that we need to improve our schools. "A Nation at Risk" warned in 1983 that our students were not keeping pace with peers in other countries. Before that, "Why Johnny Can't Read" alarmed the nation in the mid-50's.

The challenge in trying to improve the quality of education is to resist pressures to tinker with processes, administrative structures, strategies, and even architecture.

**COMMENTARY** The No Child Left Behind Act would have us believe that test scores are the be-all-end-all. With NCLB, I am reminded of the old saying, "The beatings will continue until morale improves." Under NCLB, schools with poor scores are punished with sanctions followed by more sanctions, until the school is crushed under the weight of sanctions.

Accountability and choice, the keystones of NCLB, must be replaced by a focus on solid



best teachers in every classroom. This month Alexandria City Public Schools leadership gathers for the annual Leadership Academy. The keynote speaker, Dr. Jon Saphier, says, "Of all the things that are important to good schools, nothing is as important as the teacher and what that person knows, believes, and can do."

You will hear much in the coming year about transformation. We at ACPS are committed to transforming our culture, our systems, even our beliefs. We will not give up on our kids. We will find a way to help each child succeed. The transformation we propose — for all of our schools — is predicated on these core beliefs:

curriculum and skilled instruction. We don't want to duck accountability. We embrace our responsibility to report publicly on how we are doing. However, the way to create a really great school system is the old-fashioned way: simply to place the very

❖ We move ahead one teacher and one student at a time. Individuals and individualized instruction are key.

❖ We believe that all students can learn, and all of our students can achieve at higher levels. Likewise, our teachers can achieve at higher levels.

❖ We need partners in the community.

There are no magic bullets, no panaceas, no magic carpets. The kind of excellence we seek will not happen overnight. It will not happen quickly or without lots of hard work. Teaching is a demanding profession.

Dr. Saphier, in his book, "The Skillful Teacher," points out that virtually no professional is asked to make as many critical decisions in a day as the classroom teacher. Great teaching is a talent, and it is also a skill that can be learned, honed, and perfected.

On Aug. 30, I will welcome over 1,200 teachers and about 2,200 employees, all of whom have the single purpose of assuring high student achievement. My pledge to those employees will be to celebrate and support them, while expecting their very best effort for the children of Alexandria.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Health Report Valuable

To the Editor:

As the retired Health Director for the Alexandria Health Department, I wish to comment and provide perspective on the recent article in the Alexandria Gazette Packet on the recently released health impact study of Mirant's Potomac River Generating Station

by the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR).

I requested the study in January 2006 because the issue of impacts on health was being raised by residents near the plant and by Mayor William Euille and others representing the City of Alexandria government.

The article makes the statement that "many" find the report "moot" (how many is many?). I do share the frustration that this report took

some four and a half years to be released even for public comment. There are at least two reasons why the report took so long. First, the science requires a lengthy look, especially when extra testing was conducted as well as peer review. There are usually no easy cut and dried answers in trying to ascertain the effects of toxics on specific individuals or small populations. Second, much of the delay, in my view, relates to the political pressure brought to bear by Mirant on all agencies involved. Minimizing the pollution and concern about health effects by suggesting that a particular power plant is only part of a regional issue should not absolve the responsibility of all major sources that contribute to the problem.

Is the ATSDR report moot? I am convinced that the effort made in this regard contributed in a meaningful way in highlighting the public health reasons to clean up an ancient and outdated coal fired power plant. My job was to respond to the public health concerns and to seek answers to those questions. It took a long time, it may not be as clear as we might all like, but I think pursuing this study was important and meaningful.

It is truly remarkable that the City and Mirant were able to come to the agreement that obligates Mirant to major work to upgrade the plant and to accept strong oversight from the City. Both parties are to be commended for their leadership. Most of all, it is the

leadership of concerned residents who raised the issue and followed this through that brought about major changes. It may not have been all that they sought, but it will make a difference.

**Charles Konigsberg, Jr., MD, MPH, Springfield**

#### Diminished Opportunities

To the Editor:

I am writing to rebut some observations made by Dan Whittenburg concerning his 35-year reunion for the T.C. Williams Class of 1975 ("Remember the Titans? — 35<sup>th</sup> Reunion," Aug. 5.)

Apparently Mr. Whittenburg has forgotten what really happened back in the early 1970s or he's decided to go along with the script of that silly and historically inaccurate Disney farce of a movie, "Remember the Titans."

He mentions his freshman year of 1971-1972 as the first year of the court-ordered desegregation of the Alexandria public schools. What actually happened was a consolidation of three high schools (GW, TC, Hammond) that had already been integrated several years earlier. Alexandria phased out segregation in the early-to-mid 1960s.

We were all brainwashed to believe that the consolidation plan of 1971 was the greatest thing that ever happened. What gets overlooked is the fact that instead of

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#### All Aboard at Model Train Days

**Four-year old Spender Blake of Potomac, Md. asks a questions about being an engineer from model train owner Tim Costello of Arlington. The fun was all part of "Model Train Days" at The Lyceum in Old Town Alexandria. Aspiring engineers had the opportunity to learn about this hobby from members of the Potomac Division of the National Model Railroad Association who brought their working HO gauge trains and a state-of-the-art digital command system to The Lyceum for this special event. The Lyceum's next Little Conductors Day in February 2011. Visit [www.alexandriahistory.org](http://www.alexandriahistory.org).**

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increasing opportunity for everybody, it actually limited opportunity for many. Instead of the three varsity teams for every sport, there was now only one. Instead of three student body presidents there was now only one, etc. Does this sound like increasing opportunity for the average person?

The new policy of busing kids across the city for social engineering purposes became the order of the day. The reaction to this policy saw some move out of the city or turn to private schools. Some families declined to consider moving here in the first place.

Many were forced to stay in the public school system but were marginalized. The feeling of the neighborhood school was lost. Big was not necessarily better. Too many people became lost in the shuffle. This was the true historical legacy of the controversial consolidation plan of 1971.

**Gregory G. Paspatis**  
T.C. Williams Class of 1978

## Shake Up Status Quo

To the Editor:

Only in Alexandria, where all the children

are above average, are 12 city schools – two more than last year – failing to make “adequate yearly progress” not considered cause for alarm.

Instead, political leaders perfunctorily wring their hands and hope for orange “teacher endorsed” stickers, the superintendent transforms failing schools by playing a musical chairs-type shell game of moving around boxes or organization charts, and teaching staff are supplanted by gimmicks such as “individual development plans.”

As a graduate of the smallest public high school in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I can appreciate how the largest pub-

lic high school in the Commonwealth of Virginia has a lot of opportunity to group students by aptitude and learning style; but until Alexandria can bring itself to replace its current superintendent with a Michelle Rhee type who isn't afraid to let go of underperforming educators and really shake up the status quo, “adequate yearly progress” under “no child left behind” will continue to elude Alexandria's failing public school system.

**Dino Drudi**  
Alexandria

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### Add Inspector General

To the Editor:

Your item, "Consultant Mystery" (August 19-25), raises additional concerns.

Kudos to Councilwoman Alicia Hughes for asking, during the budget process in April, how much money does the city spend on consultants.

"Thumbs down" to Budget Director Bruce Johnson for producing a "list of spending totals for general categories" and nothing else because "... a list of specific contracted services was unavailable." This information will not be available until November because Mr. Johnson says, "the accounting system currently in place lacks a description of what services were delivered."

Huh? Why should an accounting system hold "service delivery" information? After budget/accounting approvals are obtained, Program Offices, not accounting or budget offices, are where details of outside services performance are arranged, managed and accounted for. Adding additional reporting sets yet another costly layer of detail reporting for pro-

gram managers, administrative editing, and computer inputting.

Besides, "services delivered" information should already be available via the thorough, almost year-long, program office review process that budget staff conducts (or used to conduct) each budget development cycle.

If not now available directly in Mr. Johnson's office, Ms. Hughes' question would have been completely answered by the City Manager simply sending an e-mail to his Program Heads, having them list their consultants (and program support contractors, we hope) by contract purpose, name, address, amount awarded, duration, and (if wanted, although not asked by Ms. Hughes) a short blurb of results under each contract.

The e-mail approach was taken by award-winning City Manager Vola Lawson during my Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee tenure when we explored a then "hot button" issue: We asked for the top two or three planned results or budgeted objectives of all non-administrative City offices. The offices operating Federally funded programs answered within days; City-funded programs took a bit longer. This e-mail approach worked simpler and faster,

and was less costly, than the information collection effort underway now.

So why the inadequate initial astonishingly long time to respond, and the chosen approach to formalize the response to a budget question expensively into the accounting system forever and ever?

Your last sentence quotes Mr. Johnson's revealing answer: "We are going to be spending a lot of time focusing on what we are getting from the consultants ... That seems to be the heart of the political issue." (Oh?)

Mr. Johnson's new focus, and the lengthy and convoluted approach our City Manager has chosen to respond, all should be at the heart of Council's follow-up of Ms. Hughes' simple question. Should Council reinstate its Inspector General position?

Stephen Newman  
Alexandria

### 'Drive-By' Giving

To the Editor:

It's August, and I'm cleaning out our closets, getting ready for back-to-school. If you're doing the same,

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## OPINION

# Our Commitment to the Community Is Quality Care

BY CHRISTINE CANDIO  
CEO, INOVA ALEXANDRIA HOSPITAL

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Inova Alexandria Hospital has long been acknowledged locally and nationally for delivering quality healthcare to our patients. This high level of care is made possible only through the efforts of our physicians, staff and employees. It is the team approach to patient-centered care that has made our rec-



ognition possible.

Did you know that Inova Alexandria Hospital is among an elite group of approximately 300 hospitals out of nearly 5,000 hospitals across the country to be identified as providing

excellent clinical care? This recognition has real benefits for the patients we serve, too. Hospitals that are distinguished for the outstanding care they deliver are less likely to cause in-hospital complications, compared to patients at other facilities. It also confirms that when you seek treatment at our hospital, you are receiving care at a world-class facility that puts patient safety and quality first.

We are also proud of our hospital's Stroke team. Due to their efforts the hospital was

recertified by the Joint Commission as a Primary Stroke Center. This indicates that the hospital's services provide patients with the best chance of survival, minimizing the results of a stroke and improving recovery. Inova Alexandria Hospital was one of the first hospitals in Northern Virginia to be designated as a Primary Stroke Center.

We'd also like to mention the distinction earned by the Cancer Center. The Inova Alexandria Hospital Cancer Center earned an Outstanding Achievement Award by the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer. To earn this award, the American College of Surgeons examined the Cancer Center's delivery of care, clinical services, community outreach and many other areas. It determined that our cancer program set the standard for cancer programs throughout the nation, which is a phenomenal accomplishment.

It is quite a feat for our physicians and employees to earn the distinctions mentioned above and many other accolades, which is why we celebrated our commitment to excellence at a special gathering Aug. 25.

We want our community to know that when our team comes to work at Inova Alexandria Hospital, we have the unique opportunity to affect the lives of many. We understand that our commitment to delivering compassionate, quality care, has a long-lasting impact on our patients and community.

This is why we strive to be the best each day. We want Inova Alexandria Hospital along with our sister hospitals to continue to be your first choice when for healthcare. For more information about the awards listed above and other honors visit [inova.org/alexandria-awards](http://inova.org/alexandria-awards).

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and maybe cleaning out your own closet to make room for a few of the latest fall fashions, please consider making a donation of your nicer, gently used clothes to the Twig Thrift Shop.

To make giving fast and convenient, we are going to be accepting "drive-by" donations along the curb in front of the Twig Thrift Shop on Saturday, Aug. 28, from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. We are across from Christ Church, next door to the South Austin Grill. Look for the ladies in the green aprons.

We'll unload your trunk and you won't even have to get out of your car.

For 10 years I've been a member of the Twig, which is the Junior Auxiliary of Inova Alexandria Hospital. We've given over \$2.5 million to the hospital for things such as the electronic infant monitoring security system; a dedicated stroke unit in the ER; and the 16-bed telemetry unit called the Twig Pavillion, which allows patients to move out of the ER and into comfortable private rooms while being held for observation. So you see, your donations have a direct impact on our community.

The Twig Thrift Shop, at 106 North Columbus Street, enjoys a reputation for carrying upscale items, and so we depend on

fashionable women and men in Alexandria to make generous donations. Unfortunately, we no longer resell children's items, but we appreciate donations of nicer men's and women's clothes, designer handbags, and finer housewares.

Thank you for your consideration, I hope to see some of you on Saturday morning, Aug. 28. Until then, enjoy the final days of summer!

Cassie McLaughlin

## Accident's Aftermath

To the Editor:

I have a very sad story that I hope will have a bright spot that will make a difference in two girls' lives. Please take a few minutes and open your heart as you read this.

On July 31, 2010 at approximately 5 p.m., two innocent people were killed in a traffic accident in Orange County, Virginia. The deaths of Dale and Shirley Ann Parrott are very sad, but that is just the beginning of this story. Shirley Ann had twin 17-year-old daughters, Sarah and Rebecca Gaunt. The girls lived in Charlottesville, Va. with their mother and stepfather. They are the twin sisters of my very best friend, Stu Ellis, Jr.



Rebecca, Stu and Sarah at their high school graduation ceremony in June.

On that Saturday, Shirley Ann and Dale had just dropped off the girls with their father to spend the weekend with him. On their way home, a woman crossed the center line and killed both of them.

Not only did the accident happen three days before the twins' 18th birthday, it was also four weeks before they were to begin their freshman year at Radford University. In order for the girls to attend college, Dale agreed to co-sign loans to pay the girls' tuition and expenses at Radford. After the accident, the lender pulled back the loans because of his death. I feel certain the girls will be able to qualify for programs to assist them with tuition, but it cannot be done before the beginning of the school year.

If we can get just 1,600 people to send \$10, we can pay for a semester of college for each of the girls. I am asking all my friends to open your hearts and send \$10 to help these girls (the cost will be about \$16,000 total). These girls and my best friend have lost their mother and stepfather. Please help me to make sure they don't lose the opportunity to begin college with their friends as well. These are two more innocent victims of this crash and together, we can help make their life a little better. Friends have opened an account at a local Credit Union with a beginning balance of \$1000; if just 1,500 more people help out, we can make a huge difference in Sarah and Rebecca's lives.

You can make your check for \$10 or more to Sarah Gaunt and Rebecca Gaunt and mail it to Member One Federal Credit Union, PO Box 12288 Roanoke VA 24024-2288 such that it is received by Aug. 27. Any remaining funds will be used to open a scholarship in Shirley Ann's name at Radford. The credit union will place the money in the account for the girls.

A link to the obituary of Shirley Ann & Dale is here: <http://tinyurl.com/2c3cqdm>

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## ALEXANDRIA INSIDER

# Board Leads Public Schools

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ern Colorado. She began her career in education as a teacher in Chicago, moving to Alexandria in the late 1960s to accept a position teaching third grade at Charles Houston Elementary School. In 1987, she became an administrative intern at Cora Kelly Elementary School and Ramsay Elementary School. From 1989 to 1996, she was principal of

Lyles-Crouch Elementary School. From 1996 to 2001, she was principal at Jefferson-Houston Elementary School. Then she moved to the central administrative building on Beauregard Street to work with the division's retirement incentive program. She is currently an academy leader for grades one to five at the Community Academy Public Charter School in Washington, D.C.

# What's Ahead for Alexandria

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Jefferson Davis, and now his eponymous small area plan here in Alexandria could spark a few skirmishes in the city's western theater.

❖ **Civil War Stories:** Planning will con-

clude for the sesquicentennial of an armed conflict that some insist calling the War of Northern Aggression. Many Alexandria landmarks are locations that will highlight people and events from the bloody 1860s. How should the city commemorate the war?

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

# Insiders Tips: Alexandria

FROM PAGE 9

**GINA ZIEGLER:**

**What do you love about Alexandria?**

Old Town Alexandria is a fantastic walking city. Everything that I love to do is accessible by foot. Incredible restaurants, great shopping, beautiful exercise paths — the town seems to be focused around wellbeing and having fun. I feel very fortunate to live here!

**What "insider's tip" about Alexandria would you share with a friend?**

Some of my favorite cities have open air markets, and Old Town Alexandria is no exception. Great vendors, fresh local produce and a great way to have coffee with many of your neighbors. A very social scene.

Eating and drinking is one of my favorite pastimes ... some of my favorite local spots in Old Town are:

For a great glass of wine, cheese, or a light nosh ... Grape and Bean is the neighborhood hot spot!

If you have something to celebrate and

want it to be memorable, Restaurant Eve is the place to be. The interior is stylish and very unique! The fine dining is not to be missed.

If you are longing for Paris and some delicious crepes, Fontaine's will make you feel like you are there. Warm and wonderful are Kyong and her staff.

Jump on the trolley and head to the Tasting Room for the best mussels you have ever had! Connected to the Lorien Hotel, the Tasting Room is funky with an industrial feel and the perfect place for drinks with friends.

**What advice would you give a new resident on how to make themselves at home and get involved here in Alexandria?**

My advice for a new resident is to come and see all of us at The Enchanted Florist. We love our new neighbors and can't wait to hook them up with our favorite restaurants, shops, salons, etc. We take great pride in our town and love to share all it has to offer!

Ziegler is a co-owner of the Enchanted Florist as well as a resident of Old Town.

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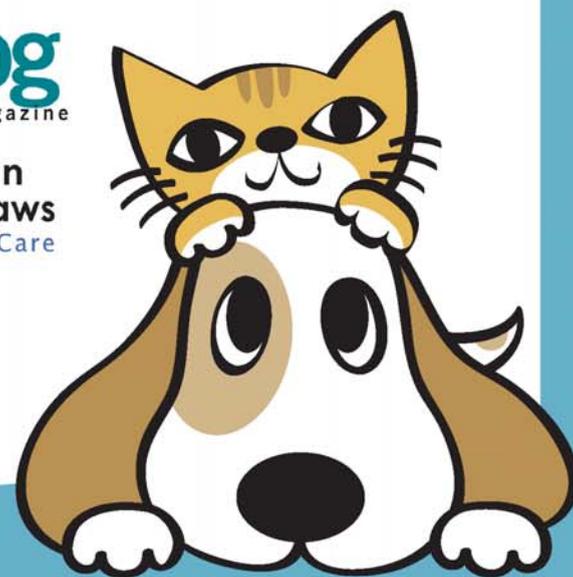
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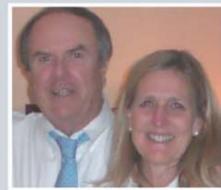
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**506 CAMERON STREET**  
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 1815 TH w/a lot of original woodwork, fixtures and moldings. Incl sep rental apt & 5 prkg. Hall Village. Too many improvements to list, see [www.susanmovesyou.com](http://www.susanmovesyou.com)

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**NEW LISTING!**  
**OPEN SUN 1-4pm!**  
**1911 JAMES-TOWN RD**  
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**NEW LISTING!**  
**921 CAMERON ST**  
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 Uniquely renovated home incl chef's kit, hardwoods, plus an apartment unit w/ separate entrance.

**Dayna Blumel and Kerry Adams**  
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**703 Kahn Pl**  
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*Fords Landing!*  
 Rarely found Henry Model with water views from your living room! Elegant master suite with sitting area and luxurious bath. Cooks kitchen with granite, Jenn-Air stainless steel and abundant cabinet space. 3 Bedrooms plus office, 3.5 Baths, 2 car garage, balcony off dining room and walk out lower level to patio. Absolutely beautiful! Shows like a model!

**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.

**1002 N. Royal St**  
**\$568,000**  
*Old Town Living!*  
 Fabulous 3 bedroom unit in Watergate of Alexandria. Many features include: hardwood floors, bright updated kitchen, separate dining area, sunken living room with fireplace and built-in bookshelves, master bedroom with private bath and gorgeous fenced rear patio. 2 Parking Spaces! Prime location to airport, D.C. and all of Old Town Alexandria.

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**1627 HUNTING CREEK DR #13**  
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**144 HILTON ST**  
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**\$599,000**  
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**NEW LISTING!**  
**945 POWHATAN ST**  
 Alex / Old Town Gateway  
**\$675,000**  
 Luxury end TH on quiet court with 2BR, 2.5BA, wood flrs, gourmet kit, gas frpl, and parking!

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**8418 Aylce Pl**  
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**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 level, 4bedroom and 2 car garage.

**8614 Vernon Ave**  
**\$399,500**  
*This Is Not A Typo!*  
 Real Price! Unbelievable opportunity! Totally updated 3 level colonial near Mt. Vernon Estate (at give away price)! Total renovation: gourmet kitchen with granite, stainless steel, 42" cherry cabinets, new paint, new roof, 3.5 baths, 4 bedrooms and finished lower level. You will not find a home in this location & condition even those priced \$100,000 higher!

**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!

**9316 Allwood Dr**  
**\$507,500**  
*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.

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# Real Estate on Road to Recovery

### D.C. regional market rebounds ahead of national sales.

By JULIA O'DONOGHUE  
GAZETTE PACKET

**N**orthern Virginia and the Washington D.C. area have probably already seen the bottom of the local real estate market, according to a mid-year report on local housing trends.

Across the D.C. area, home prices were higher during the first half of 2010 than during the first six months of 2009, according to the data collected by Metropolitan Regional Information Systems, Inc. and Delta Associates.

The number of days a D.C. area home sits on the market before selling has also declined over the past year, according to the report.

The real estate recovery is particularly robust in Northern Virginia.

The average price of a home for sale in Fairfax County or the City of Alexandria jumped 7.9 percent from the first half of 2010 to the first half of 2009. Arlington County houses posted an increase of 13.5 percent, significantly higher than the average D.C. regional increase of 4.2.

Arlington also had the highest median home price of any locality in the metropolitan area, followed by the City of Alexandria and Fairfax County.

Montgomery County, Md. — typically considered Northern Virginia's biggest rival for local residents — saw a decline of 0.3 percent in housing prices from one year to the next.

According to the report, Northern Virginia has had stronger and faster job growth than Maryland in recent months. The Northern Virginia housing market also dropped off earlier on in the recession than Maryland's, which could also account for Northern Virginia's faster recovery.

In spite of the higher prices, Washington-area homes spent fewer days on the market than they were a year ago.

During the first half of 2009, houses usually sat on the market for three months before selling. Now, they are purchased — on average — in just under two months.

Local houses have not moved this quickly since 2006, according to the report.

The Washington housing market is performing better than those in most the country's other major metropolitan areas.

While the D.C. region has seen an increase in home prices, the National Association of Realtors has reported that there is a national decline in housing prices.

The D.C. region's economy has been particularly strong over the past decade and has contributed to keeping the housing market afloat, according to the report.

From 2000 to 2009, the Washington area gained more new jobs each year than the nation's other major metropolitan markets. The D.C. region also has the lowest unemployment rate of 12 largest metropolitan areas in the country.

While most other markets lost jobs over the past 12 months, the Washington region added 13,200 payroll employment positions during that time. According to the report, many of these jobs are expected to be located in Northern Virginia, rather than D.C. or Maryland.

The D.C. region has mostly likely weathered the recession better than other metropolitan hubs because of an increase in spending by the federal government. Many of the new local jobs created in the last year are with the government and not a reflection of local private sector growth, according to the report.

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### Alexandria/Ft Belvoir \$330,000

Beautiful living and value plus in this three level townhouse with 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 1-car garage, gourmet kitchen, deck, family room. Built in 2001.

Address	BR	FB	HB	Postal	City	Sold Price	Type	Lot AC	Subdivision
4910 29TH RD S #3321	2	2	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$395,000	Attach/Row Hse	...	FAIRLINGTON VILLAGE
5092 DONOVAN DR #450	2	2	1	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$390,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	...	CONDOS AT CAMERON BLVD
10 CARRIAGE HOUSE CIR	2	2	2	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$387,000	Townhouse	0.03	COLONIAL HEIGHTS
4951 BRENNAN PARK DR #409	2	2	1	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$385,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	...	MAIN STREET
5417 WYCKLOW CT	3	2	1	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$382,000	Townhouse	0.03	HOLLAND TOWNE
5408 WYCKLOW CT	3	2	1	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$380,000	Townhouse	0.03	HOLLAND TOWNE
1200 BRADDOCK PL #611	2	1	1	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$379,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors	...	BRADDOCK PLACE
2516 STEVENS ST N	3	2	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$375,000	Detached	0.18	SHIRLEY FOREST
1317 ABINGDON DR E #5	2	1	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$360,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	...	HARBOR TERRACE
2501 LESLIE AVE	3	1	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$357,720	Duplex	0.06	ABINGDON/ DEL RAY
1511 ORONOCO ST #3-6	2	1	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$357,500	Garden 1-4 Floors	...	COLECROFT
3532 WILSON AVE	2	2	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$345,000	Townhouse	0.05	LYNHAVEN
501 SLATERS LN #1110	2	2	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$342,250	Other	...	MARINA TOWERS
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2905 DINWIDDIE ST S	2	1	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$329,000	Townhouse	...	FAIRLINGTON VILLAGE
2050 JAMIESON AVE #1107	1	1	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$325,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	...	OLD TOWN
1473B VAN DORN ST N #1473B	2	1	1	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$315,000	Townhouse	...	PARKSIDE AT ALEXANDRIA
1107 PITT ST N #1A	1	1	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$312,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	...	CANAL PLACE
1405 VAN DORN ST #1405A	2	1	1	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$311,000	Townhouse	...	PARKSIDE AT ALEXANDRIA
520 JOHN CARLYLE ST #308	1	1	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$310,900	Garden 1-4 Floors	...	CONDOS AT CARLYLE SQUARE
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1469N VAN DORN ST #1469A	2	1	1	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$306,000	Townhouse	...	PARKSIDE AT ALEXANDRIA
171 SOMERVELLE ST #301	1	1	1	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$305,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	...	CAMERON STATION
3382 GUNSTON RD #737-33	2	1	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$300,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	...	PARKFAIRFAX
181 REED AVE E #303	2	2	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$300,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors	...	PRESTON
46 GARDEN DR	3	1	1	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$295,000	Duplex	0.09	DUKE GARDENS
200 PICKETT ST N #311	2	2	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$290,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	...	HALLMARK
5681 RAYBURN AVE	3	2	2	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$285,000	Townhouse	0.05	WESTRIDGE OF ALEXANDRIA
5140 MARIS AVE #301	2	2	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$282,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	...	ALEXANDRIA OVERLOOK
805 HOWARD ST N #428	2	2	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$280,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	...	THE PLAZA
322 WESMOND DR	2	1	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$279,900	Ath/Row Hse	0.04	LYNHAVEN
3106 VALLEY DR #202-31	2	1	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$275,000	Townhouse	...	PARKFAIRFAX
309 YOAKUM PKWY #1507	3	2	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$275,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	...	WATERGATE AT LANDMARK
321 WESMOND DR	2	2	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$270,000	Townhouse	0.04	LYNHAVEN

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# Places To Go, People To Meet, Things To Do

September 2010

**SEPT. 7**

**Annual Doggie Day Swim.** 4-7 p.m. At the Old Town Pool, 1609 Cameron St., Alexandria. (Rain Date: Wednesday, Sept. 8). There is a nominal fee for dog admission. All dogs should wear current vaccination tags or proof of vaccinations must be shown. Call 703-746-5447 or e-mail jannie.wray@alexandriava.gov.

**SEPT. 11-12**

**8th Alexandria Festival of the Arts.** Saturday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. In Old Town from Washington St. to the unit block of King St. Cosponsors: City of Alexandria and Howard Alan Productions. Call 703-746-5418 or visit 8th Annual Alexandria Festival of the Arts. Visitalexandriava.com

**PLANNING  
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**SEPT. 17**

**Supper Under the Stars.** 5-7:30 p.m. King St. Gardens Park, 1806 King St., Alexandria. Featuring the music of Al Williams & Friends, and cuisine from Mango Mikes Restaurant. Sponsors: Old Town Professional Business Association. Call Carol Suplee 703-969-6820 or David Martin at 703-683-0333 or e-mail david@goldworksusa.com

**SEPT. 18**

**Alexandria Story Festival.** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Jefferson Houston School Ball Field, 1501 Cameron St., Alexandria. Sponsor: Wright To Read. Contact Leigh Hoyer 703-299-9855 or e-mail hoyer@wrighttoread.org.

**SEPT. 18-19**

**18th-Century Colonial Market and Fair at Mount Vernon.** More than 70 juried artisans demonstrate their crafts and sell their wares, with Colonial music, entertainment, including fire-eaters and grave robbers, and hearty food. George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate & Gardens. Sept. 18-19. Call 703-780-2000 or visit www.mountvernon.org.



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**Historic Garden Week Home tour**



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**Del Ray Halloween Parade**

**SEPT. 25**

**Paws in the Park.** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Montgomery Park. 901 N. Royal St., Alexandria. Sponsor: Old Town North Community Partnership. Contact Elizabeth Frommer at 703-835-8066 or e-mail efrommer@mreproperties.com.

**SEPT. 25**

**Annual Tour of Historic Alexandria Homes.** Saturday, Sept. 25 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tour some of the city's most beautifully restored and decorated homes. Old Town. Call 703-683-5544 for information, 703-461-9492 for tickets or visit www.thetwig.org.

**SEPT. 25**

**Seaport Day 2010.** Sept. 25 from noon to 4 p.m. Celebrate the city's seaport heritage with model-boat building, boat rides, food and exhibits. At Seaport Center at the Torpedo Factory, Robinson Terminal, 2 Duke Street. Free. Sponsored by Bittersweet Snack Shak and Potomac Riverboat, Waterfront Weiners, and Barkley Square Gourmet Dog Treats. Call 703-549-7078 or visit www.alexandriaseaport.org.

**SEPT. 26**

**Dash For Dad!** 8 a.m. 10K to Fight Prostate Cancer. Eisenhower Avenue, 206 Swamp Fox Rd, AMC Theater Parking Lot. Sponsor: National Prostate Cancer Coalition. Call Tracy Amish 202-303-3111 or e-mail tracy@zerocancer.org.

**SEPT. 26**

**Old Town Doggie Walk.** 9 to 11 a.m. Old Town area (orderly sidewalk walk). Cosponsors: Capitol Heel, the Alexandria Health Department and the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria. For information, call Robert Mahoney at 703-836-7643, e-mail bobby@capitol-heel.com, or visit www.doggewalke.com

## October 2010

**OCT. 1-3**

**Mount Vernon Estate's Wine Festival and Sunset Tour.** Features live entertainment, reenactments, and tours of seldom-open wine cellar vaults. This evening event celebrates the history of wine making by the founding fathers. Set for Oct. 1-3 from 6-9 p.m. Advance tickets suggested. \$30. Call 703-780-2000 or visit www.mountvernon.org.

**OCT. 2**

**Art on the Avenue.** Multicultural arts festival celebrating diversity through the arts in the Potomac West community. Artists and artisans of all kinds discuss and demonstrate their work. Also features tastings from restaurants and musical performances. Mount Vernon Avenue from Bellefonte to Hume Avenue. Saturday, Oct. 2, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Free. For information, call Pat Miller at 703-683-2570 or e-mail pmiller1806@comcast.net.

**OCT. 2**

**YMCA Alexandria "Get Your Move ON" 5k Run.** 8 a.m. to noon.

Eisenhower Ave. at the Cameron Run Great Wave Pool Park. Sponsor: YMCA Alexandria. Contact: Melissa Gaskins at 703-838-8085 or e-mail at mgaskins@ymcadc.org.

**OCT. 9**

**The Charity Charge 5k.** 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. At Eisenhower Ave. at the Cameron Run Great Wave Pool Park. Sponsor: Gifts in Kind International. Contact Colleen Clark at 703-299-7554 or e-mail cclark@giftsinkind.org

**OCT. 10**

**George Washington Birthday 10K Classic.** 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. At Eisenhower Avenue. Sponsor: George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee. Call 703-991-4474 or visit washingtonbirthday.org.

**OCT. 14-17**

**Northern Virginia Fashion Week.** At Waterfront Park, 1A Prince St. (Schedule varies). Sponsor: NOVA Fashion Week. Call Tianthony Andrew Roby at 800-900-7501 ext. 43 or e-mail at Andrew@novafashionweek.com

**OCT. 16**

**Family Fall Festival.** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Armistead Booth Park, 520 Cameron Station Blvd., Alexandria. Sponsor: City of Alexandria. Call the Events Hotline at 703-746-5592 or the Special Events Office at 703-746-5418.

**OCT. 16**

**Craft Sale** at Hollin Hall Senior Center on Saturday, Oct. 16 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Over 30 crafters, silent auction, bake sale, lunch and more will be featured. Free. 703-765-4573.

**OCT. 17**

**Bishop Ireton 5k Fun Run.** 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Eisenhower Ave. at the Cameron Run Great Wave Pool Park. Sponsor: Bishop Ireton Booster Club. For information contact Bill Simmons at 751-212-5169 or e-mail at kellerj@bishopireton.org.

**OCT. 23**

**Walk to Fight Breast Cancer.** 8:30 a.m. Eisenhower Ave., Alexandria. 206 Swamp Fox Rd, AMC Theater Parking Lot. Sponsor: INOVA Foundation/ Office on Women. Call 703-746-3213 or e-mail angela.johnson@alexandriava.gov

**OCT. 23-24**

**Fall Harvest Family Days** at George Washington's Gristmill, on State Route 235, near Route 1. Oct. 23-24, from 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. Create cornhusk dolls, learn about candle-making and see how the gristmill works. An on-site bake sale will offer fresh-baked goods, sandwiches and beverages. Free. Call 703-780-2000 or visit www.mountvernon.org.

**OCT. 24**

**Salvation Army 125th**  
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**New Restaurants** The Wanderer may seem old and staid in his epicurean tastes, but he is not. In fact, his palate varies widely. He is extremely loyal to his favorites, of course, but is always excited by the new twists in town. Follow the brim of his straw hat and bulging waistline through town during these (hopefully last) dog days of summer to find some delicious new arrivals. The diet begins soon.

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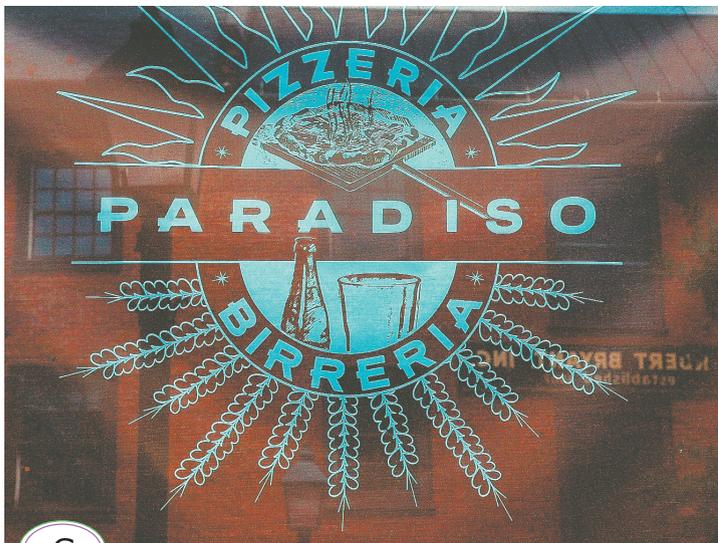


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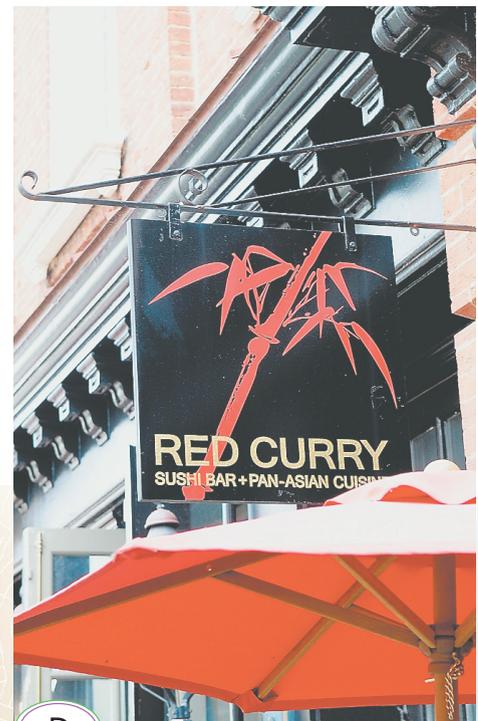
New, but with 30 years of experience—owner Yves Courbois is the original founder of Au Pied de Cochon in Georgetown. Traditional French Bourgeois cooking including Coq au Vin, Beef Burgundy. Ask about the pre-dinner special offered from 4:30-6:30pm. 235 Swamp Fox Road, 703 329-1010. [www.yvesbistrova.com](http://www.yvesbistrova.com)

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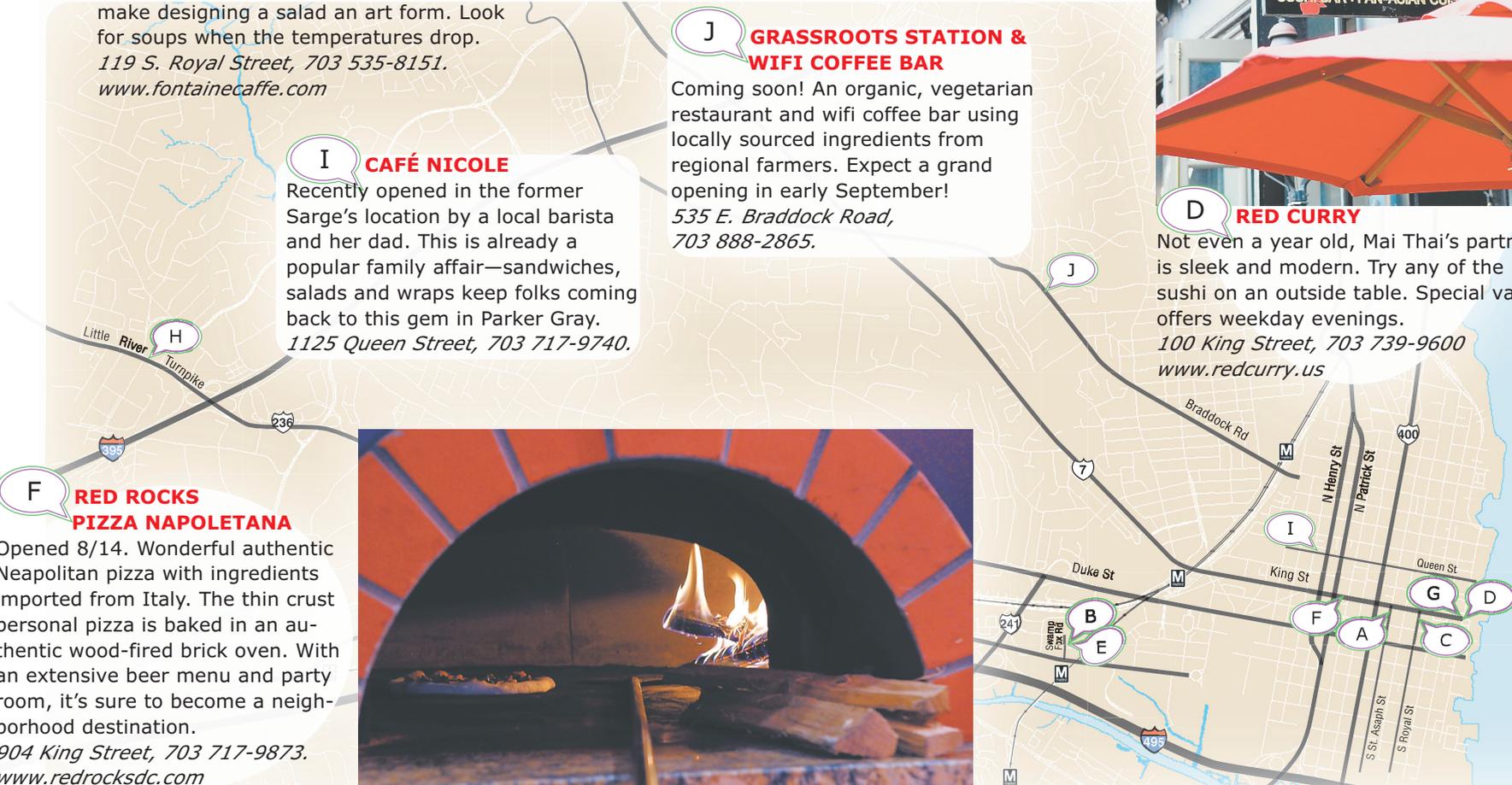
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**Anniversary.** 4-6 p.m. Market Square, 301 King St., Alexandria. Sponsor: The Salvation Army. Contact Cpt. Ken Argot at 703-836-2427 or e-mail at [Kenneth.Argot@uss.salvationarmy.org](mailto:Kenneth.Argot@uss.salvationarmy.org)

**OCT. 24**  
**14th Annual Del Ray Halloween Parade.** 4 p.m. At Mt. Vernon Ball Field, 2701 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria. Sponsor: Delray Business Association. Call Gayle Reuter at 703-684-3535 or e-mail [gayle.reuter@mail.house.gov](mailto:gayle.reuter@mail.house.gov)

**OCT. 30**  
**2nd Annual Ofrenda Parade.** 7-7:45 p.m. At Market Square, 301 King St., Alexandria. Sponsor: Art Outlet and Torpedo Factory. Contact Henrik Sundqvist at 571-214-9994 or e-mail at [info@artoutlet.org](mailto:info@artoutlet.org).

**OCT. 30**  
**Death at the Carlyle House.** 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. At John Carlye House, 121 N. Fairfax St. to the Presbyterian Church, 321 S. Fairfax St., Alexandria. Sponsor: Alexandria's Footsteps to the Past. For information, call Jim Bartlinski at 703-549-2997.

## November 2010

**NOV. 4-6**  
**Historic Alexandria Antiques Show & Sale.** \$15 admission. Features dealers from around the country as well as preview party, appraisals, lecture and tea. At a new venue this year: The GW Memorial Masonic Temple. Nov. 4 preview 6:30-9:30 p.m.; Friday 11-8 p.m.; Saturday 11-6 p.m.; Wine & Cheese party Saturday 7-10 p.m.; Sunday noon to 5 p.m. Call 703-549-5811 or visit [www.funside.com](http://www.funside.com).

**NOV. 11**  
**Veteran's Day** at George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate & Gardens, Nov. 11 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. In honor of our nation's veterans, Mount Vernon admits free all active duty or retired military. Visitors are invited to place a flower at Washington's Tomb and join the Sons of the American Revolution and the Daughters of the American



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### Titan Expo

Revolution at a 2 p.m. wreath-laying ceremony in honor of our nation's veterans. Call 703-780-2000 or visit [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org).

**NOV. 14**  
**Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation Walk/Run.** 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. At Eisenhower Ave., 206 Swamp Fox Rd., AMC Theater Parking Lot. Sponsor: Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation. Call Laura Higgins at 203-652-0238 or 203-229-0464.

**NOV. 25**  
**35th Annual Alexandria Turkey Trot 5 Miler.** 10 a.m. At Cora Kelly Recreation Center, 25 W. Reed Ave., Alexandria. Sponsor: Delray Business Association. Call Paul Coleus at 703-933-0520 ext. 203 or e-mail [paul@waterfordinc.com](mailto:paul@waterfordinc.com).

**NOV. 26**  
**Annual City Tree Lighting Ceremony.** 7 p.m. At Market Square, 301 King St., Alexandria. Sponsor: City of Alexandria. Call the Events Hotline at 703-746-5592 or the Office

of Special Events at 703-746-5418.

**NOV. 26-28**  
**Mount Vernon by Candlelight.** Learn about the Washington family's Christmas traditions, meet historic characters and tour the home by candlelight. George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate & Gardens. Nov. 26-28, Dec. 4-5 and Dec. 11-12 and Dec. 18-19 from 5-8 p.m. Adults: \$18, children 11 and under: \$12. Call 703-780-2000. [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org)

**NOV. 27**  
**Annual Scottish Preview** at the Lyceum, 201 S Washington St., Nov. 27 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Featuring Scottish culture in Alexandria. This annual event honors Alexandria's Scottish heritage with activities, performances and demonstrations. Call 703-838-4994. [www.virginia.org](http://www.virginia.org)

## December 2010

**MONTH OF DECEMBER**  
**Holidays at Mount Vernon.** Nov. 26-Jan. 6. The Washington family's seasonal entertaining is interpreted daily,

including Christmas Day and New Year's Day; themed Christmas Trees, gingerbread demonstration, historic chocolate demonstration. George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate & Gardens. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 703-780-2000.

**DEC. 4-5**  
**Campagna Center's 40th Annual Scottish Christmas Walk Weekend.** 10:30 a.m. Parade honors Alexandria's Scottish heritage with more than 100 Scottish clans dressed in tartans and playing bagpipes, living history reenactment units, dog clubs and antique cars. Dec. 4, from 9 a.m.-11 p.m. and Dec. 5, from 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Other Christmas Walk activities include a Taste of Scotland, sale of greens, musical performances, children's events, Christmas Marketplace. Parade is free. Call 703-549-0111. [www.scottishchristmaswalk.com](http://www.scottishchristmaswalk.com) or visit [campagnacenter.org](http://campagnacenter.org).

**DEC. 4**  
**Annual Holiday Parade of Boats.** Alexandria's harbor lights up when

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#### DEC. 4

**Holidays on the Avenue.** The Del Ray neighborhood kicks off the holiday season with its annual holiday tree lighting at the Mount Vernon Recreation Center Dec. 4 at 6 p.m. Its luminaria display, with entertainment, stretches from Commonwealth to Monroe avenues along Mount Vernon Avenue. 6-9 p.m. Free. Parking lot at Nick Colasanto Art Center, 2704 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Call 703-683-2570 or visit [www.visitdelray.com](http://www.visitdelray.com).

#### DEC. 4

**Ornament Decorating Workshop.** Dec. 4 from 1-4 p.m. at the Archaeology Museum, 3rd floor Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Decorate an artifact-shaped, take-home dough ornament. Free. Reservations suggested. Visit 703-838-4399.

#### DEC. 5

**Toys for Tots.** 1-5 p.m. Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson St., Alexandria. The 36th annual benefit square and round dance for the United States Marine Corps' Reserve Toys for Tots drive. Donation (per couple) is a new unopened toy for a minimum \$10 contribution. A toy contribution may be dropped off at the Exhibit Hall before 3 p.m. Cosponsors: Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities in



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#### Alexandria Memorial Day Jazz Festival of Ft. Ward Park

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## DEC. 10-11

**Plantation Christmas & Yuletide Christmas Dinner.** Celebrate the season with a tour of the candle-lit house, cider by the glowing fire, open-hearth cooking demonstrations, and carriage rides. Buffet of Yuletide fare also available. Gunston Hall Plantation, 10709 Gunston Road, Lorton. Dec. 10, 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Dec. 11, 4:30 p.m., 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. www.gunstonhall.org. Call 703-550-9220.

## DEC. 11

**Christmas in Camp Open House.** \$2 donation. Learn how the holiday was observed during the Civil War with living history interpreters, period music and light refreshments. 4301 W Braddock Road Dec. 11 from noon-4 p.m. Call 703-838-4848 or visit www.fortward.org.

## DEC. 11

**Alexandria Holiday Cheerleading Invitational.** 11 a.m. At T.C. Williams High School, 3330 King St., Alexandria. Sponsor: Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities. Call 703-746-5407 or e-



**Jane Austen Ball at Gadsby's Tavern Museum Ballroom.**

mail mac.slover@alexandriava.gov.

4242 or visit  
www.historicalexandria.org.

## DEC. 11-12

**Historic Alexandria Candlelight Tours.** Enjoy the warmth and beauty of the holiday season at festively decorated historic sites in Old Town Alexandria. Tours are self-guided and highlight the social, musical and sentimental aspects of the holidays in 18th- and 19th-century Alexandria. Light refreshments served; trolley available between sites. Dec. 11-12, tours are from 5-9 p.m. \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors, and \$5 for children ages 6-17. Call 703-838-

## DEC. 31

**First Night Alexandria.** Family-oriented, alcohol-free New Year's celebration with music, performing arts and fireworks at midnight. King and Washington streets and throughout Old Town. Dec. 31 from 7 p.m.-midnight. Call 703-838-5005. E-mail adorman@firstnightalexandria.org or visit firstnightalexandria.org.

## January 2011

### JAN. 17

**Lee Birthday Celebration.** The Lee Birthday Celebration on Jan. 17 honors Revolutionary War Colonel "Light Horse Harry" Lee and his son, Confederate General Robert E. Lee, with a tour of the house with guides in period costume. Lee-Fendall House, 614 Oronoco St. Call 703-548-1789 or visit www.leefendallhouse.org.

### JANUARY

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Poster Contest Exhibition and Awards.** A juried exhibition featuring the artwork of Alexandria elementary school students (grades 1-5). Students' artwork illustrates the ideals of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s nonviolent movement. The exhibition is on display at City Hall through February. The program is presented by the Society for the Preservation of Black Heritage, Inc. and the Alexandria Black History Museum. Free. Call 703-838-4356.

## February 2011

**Black History Month In Alexandria.** A month-long series of events celebrating the accomplishments and contributions of African-American Alexandrians. Alexandria Black History Resource Center, 638 N Alfred St. Call 703-838-4356.

## FEBRUARY

**Walking with Washington.** See the sites associated with George Washington on this two-hour walking tour. 301 King St., Market Square. Sundays in February, 1:30 p.m. Free. Call 703-838-4399 or visit www.washingtonbirthday.net.

## FEB. 19

**George Washington Classic 10K Race.** Feb. 19 at Eisenhower Avenue east of the Holiday Inn. Rain or shine. Call 703-991-4474 or visit www.washingtonbirthday.net.

## FEB. 19

**Birthright Banquet & Ball.** Feb. 19, 5:30 p.m. Tavern fare, toasts to George Washington and 18th-century dancing. Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N Royal St. Advance reservations required. \$100 ticket includes banquet and ball, \$50 ticket for ball entrance only. Call 703-838-4242 or visit www.washingtonbirthday.net.

## FEB. 19

**Revolutionary War Encampment.** Feb. 19. Ongoing living history presentations and Civil War skirmish reenactment. Fort Ward Park, 4301 W Braddock Road. Free. Call 703-838-4848.

## FEB. 19-20

**Breakfast With George**

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**Washington.** Feb. 19-20. Join Gen. Washington for a sample of his favorite breakfast, “hoecakes swimming in butter and honey,” while supplies last. George Washington’s Mount Vernon Estate & Gardens. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$8 for children. Call 703-780-2000 or visit [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org).

### FEB. 19-21

**George Washington Birthday Celebration** weekend Feb. 19-21. A city-wide celebration for Alexandria’s favorite son. Call 703-991-4474 or visit [www.washingtonbirthday.net](http://www.washingtonbirthday.net).

### FEB. 21

**Birthday Celebration at Mount Vernon.** Feb. 21. Admission is free to George Washington’s home with a wreath-laying ceremony followed by musical performances. George Washington’s Mount Vernon Estate & Gardens. Call 703-780-2000 or visit [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org).

### FEB. 21

**George Washington Birthday Parade.** The largest parade honoring the first president and Alexandria’s hometown hero features marching bands, floats, military and reenactment units, Masonic groups, equestrian entries, antique cars and, of course, George and Martha Washington, throughout Old Town Alexandria. Monday, Feb. 21 from 1-3 p.m. Free. Call 703-991-4474 or visit [www.washingtonbirthday.net](http://www.washingtonbirthday.net).

## March 2011

### Annual Needlework Exhibition.

March 1-31. The largest and most prestigious needlework exhibit in the country. View amateur and professional stitchery at the plantation George Washington gave to his granddaughter, Eleanor “Nelly” Custis Lewis. Woodlawn Plantation, 9000 Richmond Highway, Mount Vernon. Call 703-220-2082 or visit [www.woodlawn1805.org](http://www.woodlawn1805.org).

### MARCH 6

**St. Patrick’s Day Celebration & Parade.** Join the festivities, including the Fun Dog Show, Classic Car Competition and the 23rd Annual Alexandria St. Patrick’s Parade. Old Town Alexandria. Free. Call 703-237-2199 or visit [www.ballyshanners.org](http://www.ballyshanners.org).

### MARCH 20

**Swordsmen’s Rendezvous.** 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at Gadsby’s Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. See reenactments and learn how to handle a sword. Entry fee. Visitor call 703-838-4242.

## April 2011

**Annual Historic Garden Tour of Alexandria.** This tour features a mix of private and public properties. Call 703-838-5005 or visit [www.VAGardenweek.org](http://www.VAGardenweek.org).

**Great Rum Punch.** At Gadsby’s Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Enjoy different concoctions while taking part in an auction. \$50/person. Reservations required. Visit [www.gadsbystavern.org](http://www.gadsbystavern.org) or 703-838-4242.



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**Alexandria Birthday Party at Oronoco Bay Park**



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**Old Town Walled Garden Club Holiday decorating contest**



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**St. Patrick’s Day Parade**

## May 2011

**Mount Vernon’s Spring Wine Festival & Sunset Tour.** This elegant evening celebrates the history of wine and highlights the successes and failures of our Founding Fathers’ wine-making endeavors. The evening also features live entertainment, reenactments and tours of the rarely open cellar vaults. George Washington’s Mount Vernon Estate & Gardens. Call 703-780-2000 or visit [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org).

## June 2011

**Juneteenth Commemoration.** Juneteenth celebrates the joyous day in African-American history when slaves in Texas first learned of their emancipation. Family-oriented celebration includes music, reading of the Emancipation Proclamation, entertainment and food. 900 block Wythe St. Free. Call 703-838-4356.

## July 2011

**An American Celebration at Mount Vernon** — An Independence Day celebration held on July 4th. An all-day celebration at the home of George Washington, with wreath-laying, the National Concert Band of America, an 18th-century style celebration and free birthday cake for all. George Washington’s Mount Vernon Estate & Gardens. Call 703-780-2000 or visit [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org).

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## August 2011

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**Annual Friendship Firehouse Festival.** See antique fire-fighting equipment, crafts, displays and live music with special treats for children. Food and beverages available. 107 S. Alfred St. Free. Call 703-838-4994.



Sheriff Dana Lawhorne and Alexandria Sheriff's Association Vice President Monique Edwards unveil a new plaque at City Hall dedicated to deputy sheriffs who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

## Honoring the Fallen

Officials hope to avoid adding deputies' names to this plaque, but they'll be ready when the time comes.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

Nobody involved in the deadly jailbreak will forget what happened that chilly January day in 1981, when a 40-year-old inmate from North Carolina grabbed a deputy sheriff's service revolver and began shooting. Two hours later, 47-year-old Sheriff's Deputy William Truesdale was dead after being shot once in the chest with his own Model 64 Smith and Wesson .38-caliber revolver. Truesdale was the first and only Alexandria Sheriff's Deputy to die in the line of duty.

"His death is a sharp reminder that on every level, we the citizens employ a group of people who daily take chances in order to protect us," the Alexandria Port Packet editorialized at the time.

Flash forward a generation later. Alexandria Sheriff's Association Vice President Monique Edwards was walking through a vestibule at the south entrance of City Hall when she noticed something missing. There was an elaborate plaque on the west side of the door marking the names of firefighters who died in the line of duty. And then she noticed another plaque honoring police officers who died in the line of duty on the east side of the vestibule. But nothing honoring sheriff's deputies who have given the last full measure of devotion — Truesdale and future deputies.

"Of course, we don't want anyone to be killed in the line of duty," said Edwards, who's worked in the Sheriff's Office since 1993. "But if that happens, we should be ready to honor them in the same way that firefighters and police officers are honored."

So she and the Alexandria Sheriff's Association went to work, starting a yearlong process of adding

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Deputy Sheriff Monique Edwards, right, spearheaded the yearlong effort to install the plaque at City Hall.

a new plaque to the south entrance of City Hall. She worked with the city manager's office and General Services, moving the process from concept to design and finally installation. This week, city officials gathered at City Hall for an official unveiling.

"It reminds us that there's a thin line between order and chaos," said Sheriff Dana Lawhorne, glancing at the names of police officers who died in the line of duty. "These are people who have made the ultimate sacrifice so that we could live in a free society, so it's appropriate that they are honored here at City Hall."

WEEK IN ALEXANDRIA

## Black or White?

Inspired by a group of preservationists who brought a civil rights lawsuit to protest the demolition of an old school on North Fayette Street, Del Ray lawyer **Ed Ablard** appeared in Circuit Court this week with his own civil-rights complaint. This time the issue wasn't preservation of an old building but air quality. Ablard was trying to get a jury trial for a complaint alleging new Del Ray restaurant's gas-fueled smoker will release particulate matter into the air and, therefore, violate his civil rights.

"With all due respect to Mr. Ablard," said Assistant City Attorney **Chris Sperra**, "he does not appear to be African-American."

"The city wants me to be black to maintain this case," responded Ablard. "I've been out in the sun all summer, but I'm not doing so well on that score."

Ablard explained that he is a senior citizen, one of the groups at risk of breathing sulfur dioxide emissions from a coal-fired power plant on the city's waterfront owned by Atlanta-based energy company Mirant. As such, he said, he asked the court for the ability to add Mirant to his complaint. But he won't have the chance.

"I don't doubt your passion in your opposition to this restaurant," said Circuit Court Judge **Lisa Kemler**. "And I don't doubt your concerns as being genuine in terms of air quality."

But that wasn't enough to carry the day in court, Kemler explained dismissed the case.

## Restaurant Wars

Is lower King Street reaching a critical mass of surf and turf? That's a question that's been on the agenda of the Old Town Civic Association for months, with the organization's leaders expressing a concern that the City Council's approval of new restaurants could have a detrimental influence on the city's economy by creating an imbalance between retailers and restaurants.

"There certainly feels like an imbalance," said **John Goslin**, president of Old Town Civic. "We're concerned that new restaurants along the waterfront could cannibalize existing restaurants up and down King Street."

In a series of meetings with city officials, Old Town Civic Association leaders are exploring the issue and examining potential options. First, the numbers. According to a recent analysis conducted by the Alexandria Economic Development Partnership, King Street has about 300 retailers and approximately 85 restaurants. Goslin said that one option that's already been established in other cities is a cap that would prevent new restaurants beyond a certain percentage.

"It's still a work in progress," said Goslin, adding that the association has not endorsed the idea yet. "It's something we're taking a look at right now."

## High-Tech Old Town

Selling the city is about to become a lot easier, thanks to a high-tech improvement to the city's Web site. The kinks are still being worked out, but officials hope to launch a jaw-dropping new technology by the end of the year that would use geographic information system to create interactive maps of King Street and its businesses.

"We are really excited about this," said **Stephanie Landrum**, director of the Alexandria Economic Development Partnership.

Imagine the scenario. Economic-development officials are meeting with brokers from out of town who are considering installing a national retail chain on King Street. Their client wants to be next to a one-block radius, so the GIS map can show available retail space next to white-tablecloth restaurants. Then the client wants to find available locations near metered parking spaces. Just activate another layer of the map and presto, location of metered parking spaces are highlighted.

"We want to use these maps to help tell the story of the city," said Landrum. "And, of course, put a marketing spin on it."

Before publicly launching the interactive maps, city officials need to figure out who will be responsible for continually updating the information. And Landrum said the unwieldy beta version also needs to be simplified for mass consumption. Eventually, though, they will become invaluable tools for understanding the city's economy.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

**Legal Notices**



**ALEXANDRIA PLANNING COMMISSION SEPTEMBER - 2010**

The items described below will be heard by the Planning Commission and the City Council on the following dates. NOTICE: Some of the items listed below may be placed on a consent calendar. A consent item will be approved at the beginning of the meeting without discussion unless someone asks that it be taken off the consent calendar and considered separately. The Planning Commission reserves the right to recess and continue the public hearing to a future date. For further information call the Department of Planning and Zoning on 838-4666.

**ALEXANDRIA PLANNING COMMISSION**  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2010  
7:30 PM, CITY HALL  
CITY COUNCIL CH  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

**ALEXANDRIA CITY COUNCIL**  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2010  
9:30 AM, CITY HALL  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
301 KING STREET  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

**WORKSESSION NOTICE:**  
THE PLANNING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A WORK SESSION TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBLE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE JEFFERSON HUSTON SCHOOL SITE ON SEPT. 7 AT 6:30PM IN CITY HALL, COUNCIL WORKROOM.

**SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2010-0028**  
1100, 1200 & 1200 A NORTH FAYETTE STREET  
NATIONAL CAR RENTAL  
Public hearing and consideration of a request to amend a special use permit for the operation of a motor vehicle parking, storage and light automobile repair facility; zoned OCM(50)/Office Commercial Medium(50) and CRMU-M/Commercial Residential Mixed Use-Medium. Applicant: Enterprise RAC Company of Maryland, LLC represented by M. Catharine Puskar, attorney

**SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2010-0035**  
400, 418 and 418 A SOUTH WASHINGTON STREET  
ALEXANDRIA ACADEMY  
Public hearing and consideration of a request to operate a private school; zoned CD/Commercial Downtown. Applicant: Alexandria Academy represented by Richard Seltzer

**SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2010-0037**  
902 RAMSEY STREET  
UBSTANDARD LOT CONSTRUCTION  
Public hearing and consideration for a request to construct a single family dwelling on a substandard lot; zoned R2-5/Single and Two-Family. Applicant: Mike and Norma Glerum

**SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2010-0039**  
320 KING STREET  
SUBWAY CAFE RESTAURANT  
Public hearing and consideration of a request to operate a restaurant; zoned KR/King Street Retail. Applicant: King Street Subway, Inc. represented by Mary Catherine Gibbs, attorney

**ENCROACHMENT #2010-0005**  
1125 QUEEN STREET  
CAFE NICOLE  
Public hearing and consideration of a request for an encroachment into the public right-of-way for outdoor dining; zoned CL/Commercial Low. Applicant: Nicole Burlimann

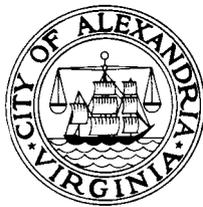
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**REZONING #2009-0003**  
**DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL USE PERMIT #009-0006**  
**TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT PLAN #2010-0002**  
**VACATION #2009-0001**  
3110 MOUNT VERNON AVENUE  
THE CALVERT  
Public hearing and consideration of a request for A) an amendment to the Potomac West Small Area Plan of the City's Master Plan B) a zoning map amendment to eliminate a proffer that limits commercial/residential mixed use projects; C) a development special use permit, with site plan and modifications, for renovation and construction of an addition to an existing apartment building, with approval of a parking reduction and increase floor area; D) approval of a transportation management plan; E) approval to vacate a portion of the public right-of-way; zoned CRMU-M/Commercial Residential Mixed Use-Medium. Applicant: UDR Developers Inc. represented by Duncan Blair, attorney

The following item will be heard by the Planning Commission only.

**WAYFINDING DESIGN GUIDELINES**  
Public hearing and consideration of approval of the Wayfinding Design Guidelines Manual. Staff: Department of Planning and Zoning.

**Legal Notices**

**ABC LICENSE**  
La Fromagerie, LLC trading as La Fromagerie, 1222 King St, Alexandria, VA 22314. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL for a Beer and Wine off and on premises and keg license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.  
Sebastien Tevel, Owner



**LEGAL NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING**

**BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2010 - 7:30 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, City Hall  
Alexandria, Virginia

Information about these items may be obtained from the: Department of Planning and Zoning, 301 King Street, Room 2100, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, telephone: (703) 746-4688

BZA CASE #2010-0017  
2302 RANDOLPH AVENUE  
R-2-5, RESIDENTIAL  
Lauren Mizerek and Karen Steer, owners, by Richard Flather, architect: Variance to construct a detached one car garage 1.00 feet from the north side property line and 1.00 feet from the front property line facing La Grande Avenue and a storage shed 16.00 feet from the front property line facing La Grande Avenue and abutting the new garage.

BZA CASE #2010-0019  
918 1/2 PENDLETON STREET  
R-B, RESIDENTIAL  
Michael Casey, owner, by Case Design/Remodeling, Inc., contractor: Variance to construct a one story addition reducing the required open space from 763.20 square feet to 632.20 square feet. If the variance is granted, the Board of Zoning Appeals will be granting a variance from section 12-102(A) of the zoning ordinance relating to physical enlargement of a noncomplying structure.

BZA CASE #2010-0020  
626 N. PATRICK STREET  
R-B, RESIDENTIAL  
Urbanville Residential, LLC, owner, by Stephen Kulinski, architect: Variance to construct new single family home reducing the required open space from 800 square feet to 446 square feet

**NEWS**

**Harmful to the Public?**

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encourage accountability of law-enforcement agencies.

“Right now people do not know what is going on in their communities because nothing is being released,” said Ginger Stanley, executive director of the Virginia Press Association. “This is one of the highest concerns we have in the press association.”

**MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE** were not interested in pursuing the version of Edwards’ bill as it was introduced earlier this year, which would have opened up documents in cases that are closed. But they may be interested in another version of the effort. During a discussion of allowing a judge to determine availability, subcommittee member Del. Morgan Griffith (R-8) suggested a variation on Edwards’ compromise that would put the burden on the petitioner rather than the government.

“That’s the only direction I think we could go in to resolve this,” said Griffith. “I think what Senator Edwards is trying to get at may not be able to be reached, but I do think it may be possible to create some kind of petitioning process.”

Chairman Fifer concluded the meeting by directing the subcommittee’s staff to prepare a draft of potential legislation. After the meeting, Fifer was clear that the preparation of a draft is not necessarily an endorsement of it. Once the draft is completed, members of the subcommittee will take another look at language and make a determination on it. If they endorse the idea, the draft legislation could go before all members of the Virginia Freedom of Infor-

mation Advisory Council in advance of the next session of the General Assembly. That would clear the way for a debate between open-government advocates and public-safety officials.

“I believe this is a good first step,” said Stanley after the meeting concluded. “The idea of clarifying and coming to some sort of uniform understanding throughout the commonwealth is a laudable goal.”

Yet even in its amended form, the effort is likely to come under intense opposition.

“It’s impractical,” said Sengel after the meeting. “Frankly, I just don’t think that our court system can handle the workload at this point. We are already stretched to the limit with the resources we have, and I just think this is a lot of potential litigation we don’t need to be engaging in.”

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— Alexandria Commonwealth’s Attorney Randy Sengel

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**Learning about Nutrition**

BY GALE CURCIO  
GAZETTE PACKET

As part of the National Health Center Week celebration, over 42 Arlandria Health Center clients used vouchers provided by ANHSI to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables at the Farmer’s Market last week.

The clients enjoyed shopping at the market and market vendors were pleased with the increased traffic occasioned and wanted to know when it would be done again.

Jessica Ess, Alexandria Neighborhood Health Services, Inc.’s nutritionist, and Eduardo Mantilla, Project Connect staff, were there to answer questions and guide clients.

Several ANHSI staff members — Doris Rodriguez, Grace Alvarez, Ana Solis, Themy Gonzalez, Lineth Zurita, Jessica Sanchez, Naz Rahman, Maria Munoz, and Pushkar — donned ANHSI t-shirts and walked from 2 East Glebe to the market near South Glebe. They were accompanied by significant others and their children; the children enjoyed exploring the nutritious market items.

Also in attendance were retired state Del. Marian Van Landingham and City Council member Redelia (“Del”) Pepper.

Later that same week, ANHSI held a Dental Screening Day for children aged two to 12 years



**Retired state Del. Marian Van Landingham meets with some of Arlandria Health Center clients at the Farmer’s Market last week.**

COURTESY PHOTO

of age in collaboration with the Colgate Mobile Screening Van on Thursday, Aug. 12.

This event, part of ANHSI’s celebration of the National Health Center Week, was held in front of the Arlandria Health Center’s pediatric clinic. A total of 31 children benefited from the dental screenings. The majority of the children had a positive outcome, in part due to the preventive care and fluoride treatment provided by the center’s pediatricians during routine medical check-ups of children.

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

# NEIGHBORHOOD

## Taylor Run

Who can wear her wedding dress at a 50th anniversary celebration? Darlene Johnson did; the same pale green silk shantung that her mother made for her 50 years ago at her marriage to Dick Johnson was what she wore at a large party given by their children, Dean Johnson, Christine Lankford, and Cassandra Johnson.

Darlene and Dick met on a blind date arranged by Dick's brother Roger in La Crosse, Wis., their home town. They went bowling.

### FAMILY PRESENT

Lots of relatives were there. The Lankfords — Tom, Harriet and children Taylor, Cooper, and Hadley came from Alexandria. Cookie and Jim Zoerb came up from Williamsburg; Kathy Warner from Linesboro, Md.; the Hobsons — Laura, Mark and three daughters from Loudoun County; from Potomac came Annell and David

Vendett; Mark Vendett and two daughters; Carol and Jerry Weiland; also the Paynes — Jennifer, Calvin, and three children.

### NEIGHBORS TURNED OUT

Dianna and Mickey Campagna, Rita Jupe (husband Eric, a pilot, had to fly), Grace and David Lawson, Paula and David Rutherford, Rocky and Leo Schmitt, Louise and Les Welch, Sandy and Larry Wiener, Lynn Hampton and Dennis Auld all came.

### LONGTIME FRIENDS

The Johnsons have been hard-working members of Fairlington Presbyterian since the 1960s. Dozens came from there.

Dawn Uglum Warner, a high school friend from Wisconsin, came, as did Joyce and Richard Gordon, friends for 34 years.

— LOIS KELSO HUNT



Darlene and Dick Johnson: 50 years ago.

## 'Tavern Toddlers' Returns to Gadsby's

Gadsby's Tavern Museum welcomes back Tavern Toddlers. The fall session begins Monday, Sept. 13 and continues weekly (except for Federal holidays) through Monday, Nov. 15.

The museum developed this program for toddlers (walkers through 36 months) and their caregivers. It features a weekly open playtime on Mondays anytime between 10:30 a.m. and noon, and a new craft activity each week.

Each week costs \$7 for a group of three, which must include one adult, and additional people are just \$3. A five-visit pass costs \$30, never expires, and includes up to three people. Pre-registration is not required, and single or multiple passes can be purchased at the door as space permits.

Gadsby's Tavern Museum is located at 134 North Royal Street and is owned and operated by the City of Alexandria. For more information, call 703-746-4242 or visit [www.gadsbystavern.org](http://www.gadsbystavern.org).

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TC Williams varsity football team plays against Marshall in a scrimmage.



TC Williams volleyball.

# Getting To Know T.C. Williams Sports

**The Titans football program nearly made the playoffs for the first time in 19 years.**

**School:** T.C. Williams High School.

**Mascot:** Titans.

**School Colors:** Red, white and blue.

**Athletic Director:** Steve Colantuoni, 703-824-6860.

**Football Coach:** Dennis Randolph (fourth year).

The return of quarterback Joe Hargrove from a wrist injury transformed the Titans from a 3-4 team to a playoff contender. The strong-armed signal caller set the single-game school record for passing yards (297) and tied the single-game passing touchdown record (4) in his first varsity start — a 38-37 win over West Potomac. TC defeated South County the following week and needed only a victory over Robert E.

Lee to reach the playoffs for the first time since 1990. The Titans fell short, however, losing 27-13 on their home field.

**Boys Basketball Coach:** Julian King.

**Baseball Coach:** Andrew Simpson.

**Rival Schools:** West Potomac, Hayfield.

**What happened last year:** The volleyball team won the Alexandria City Tournament. The boys basketball team started the 2009-10 season 12-3, including a 9-0 mark in the Patriot District, but was forced to forfeit its victories after two players were found ineligible. The girls senior eight took gold during international crew competition in Canada. The second varsity eight took gold at nationals and states, and placed second

at the Statesbury Regatta.

**Historic Achievements:** The football program has a decorated past, with state championships in 1971, 1984 and 1987, but recent years haven't been kind to the Titans, whose playoff drought extended to 19 seasons in 2009. The boys basketball program captured a state title in 2008 and won 80 consecutive Patriot District games before forfeits due to ineligible players ended the streak during the 2009-10 season.

**Famous Graduates:** Gary Bertier was an all-American linebacker on the Titans' 1971 state championship team, considered one of the best prep football teams in the Virginia history. Bertier was part of a TC defense which posted nine shutouts, including a 27-0 victory over Salem's Andrew Lewis in the state championship game in Roanoke. Following the 1971 season, a car accident left Bertier paraplegic. Ten years

later, he died in a car accident. But while Bertier was confined to a wheel chair, he continued to push forward, competing in the Wheelchair Olympics. Bertier's time with the Titans was portrayed in the 2000 Disney movie "Remember the Titans." Linebacker Keith Burns (1990 graduate) was a seventh-round draft choice of the Denver Broncos in 1994. He spent 13 seasons in the NFL with the Broncos, Chicago Bears and Tampa Bay Buccaneers, winning a pair of Super Bowls (XXXII and XXXIII) with Denver.

**Quotable:** "I'm really at a loss for words. This is really disappointing. I never thought for a minute we were going to lose to them because our kids were playing really well. I think we're all a little bit shocked." — Head football coach Dennis Randolph after the Titans lost their 2009 season finale to Robert E. Lee, missing a chance to make the playoffs for the first time since 1990.

## St. Stephen's & St. Agnes Sports

**The Saints field hockey and girls lacrosse programs are national powers.**

**School:** St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School.

**Mascot:** Saints.

**School Colors:** Red, white, green and gold.

**Athletic Director:** Stephanie Koroma (for girls), 703-212-2776; David Holm (for boys) 703-212-2775.

**Football Coach:** David Holm.

The Saints started the season 5-1 but lost their final three games to finish 5-4.

**Boys Basketball Coach:** Kevin McClinton.

**Girls Basketball Coach:** Calvin Crenshaw.

**Baseball Coach:** James Supple.

**Rival School:** Episcopal.

**What happened last year:** The field hockey team finished 16-5-2, winning the ISL championship but

losing to St. Catherine's in the state semifinals. The boys soccer team went 13-5-2, losing in overtime to collegiate in the VISAA semifinals. The girls tennis team reached the state semifinals. The boys lacrosse team won the state championship and the girls lacrosse team won the ISL and VISAA crowns. The softball team captured the ISL title.

**Successful Programs:** The girls lacrosse and field hockey programs are among the best in the country. Lacrosse head coach Kathy Jenkins enters her 35th season with more than 500 victories and 22 ISL championships. Head field hockey coach Marsha Way enters her 32nd season with more than 400 wins. Both programs captured ISL championships last year and Jenkins' lacrosse team also win the VISAA title.

**Quotable:** "We have really good chemistry and I think that has made us play well together. It makes us look forward to playing together every day." — Former SSSAS girls lacrosse player Reilly Woodman.



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St. Stephen's & St. Agnes plays Episcopal in football.

# SPORTS



## Team Building

Over the weekend, the TC Williams Varsity Girls Field Hockey team took a trip to senior captain Charlie Digby's beach house in Colonial Beach, Va. Along with the other two senior captains, Anjuli DeWakar and Katelyn Clarke, the three girls made sure that everyone on the team bonded and left the weekend feeling more like friends than team mates. They included: Erin Smith; Maeve Bracken; Morgan Garner; Kati Burdett; Rebecca Kahn; Kelsey Donley; Emily Leidolf; Liz Aguilar; Sofie Leidolf; Maizie Nelson; Emma Bracken; Megan Boyle; Catherine Vermillion; Grace Garrahan; Ollie Field; Lauren Livesay; Iva Quint; Hannah Drexler and Mariah Frank. Check out [tcwilliamsathletics.org](http://tcwilliamsathletics.org) for schedule of home games to come out and support the Lady Titans.

## SPORTS NOTES

**Great Falls boxer Jimmy Lange**, a Junior middleweight contender, won a convincing six-round decision over Baltimore's Mike McFail last Saturday night in Greensboro, N.C. Highlighted by knockdowns - both the third and sixth rounds - both courtesy of an effective right - Lange (33-4-2, 23 knockouts) came out dominating in the first round at the Greensboro Coliseum Complex's War Memorial Auditorium, utilizing his trademark stiff jab that caused McFail (12-40-2) to be issued a standing eight count. Lange pressed the action throughout the contest and finished strongly by battering a game, but wobbly McFail in the final stanza.

Lange immediately headed back to Gleason's Gym in New York with trainer Jimmy Glenn to prepare for a co-main event bout (opponent to be determined) on a Sept. 18 show in Monroe, MI. He is scheduled to return home to the Patriot Center on Nov. 6 to headline another Ice Promotions card presented by Valcourt Building Services.

**Team Virginia 1996** inline hockey earned a bronze medal at last week's State Wars U.S. Roller Hockey Championships in Chicago. The team, consisting of youngsters from Fairfax, Oakton, Great Falls, and others parts of Virginia, was 4-0 in round robin play before losing a semifinals game in overtime. Alex DeYoung (Fairfax) took Most Valuable Goalie honors and was selected to the All-Tournament Team.

"Give Blood, Play Hockey" has long been an adage among the ice hockey community. This tradition will be on display in full force on Saturday, Sept. 11 when



PHOTO BY EDDY POINELLI

**Jimmy Lange (right) defeated Baltimore's Mike McFail (left) in a junior middleweight boxing bout in Greensboro, N.C. last week.**

the Virginia Coaching Cardinals will take on the NCR Eagles in the second annual **Charity Hockey Classic** at Kettler Capitals IcePlex in Arlington. The afternoon event, which will run from 4 to 7, will benefit Inova Blood Donor Services.

Comprised of coaches from local youth hockey clubs, including the Ashburn Xtreme, Reston Raiders, Virginia Wild, and NOVA Ice Dogs, the Virginia Coaching Cardinals will face the NCR Eagles, a joint military hockey team consisting of players from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard and Marines. The exhibition game will benefit Inova Blood Donor Services. In addition to the game, other activities throughout the afternoon will include a silent auction, appearances by local celebrities - including Washington Capitals players - and 'Mites on Ice' youth hockey exhibitions.

Last year's inaugural event saw coaches from the Ashburn Xtreme defeat the Reston Raiders, 7-1, before a raucous crowd of supporters from both clubs. The event raised over \$40,000 for a new Inova bloodmobile. For sponsorships, tickets or more information, contact event chairman Adam Bartholomew at [Adam.Bartholomew@inova.org](mailto:Adam.Bartholomew@inova.org) or visit [www.charityhockeyclassic.com](http://www.charityhockeyclassic.com).

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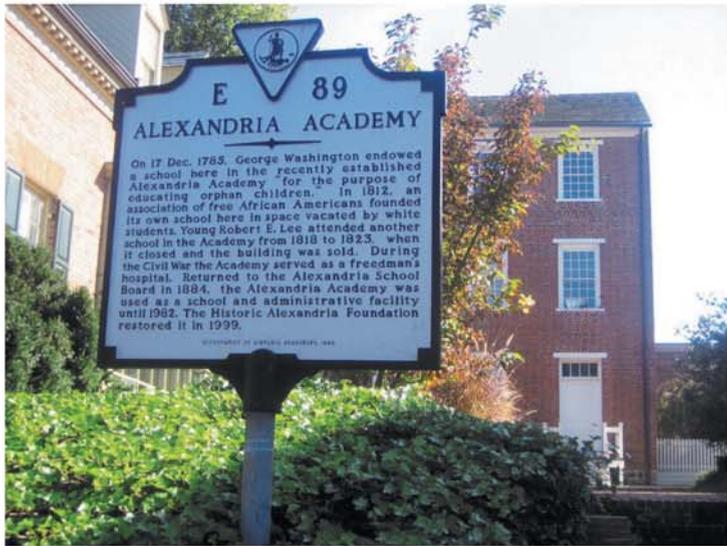
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**Episcopal plays SSSAS in varsity volleyball.**

## Getting To Know Episcopal Sports

### Episcopal boys soccer team one of nation's best.

**School:** Episcopal High School.

**Mascot:** Maroon.

**School Colors:** Maroon and black.

**Athletic Director:** Mark Gowin, 703-933-4043.

**Football Coach:** Mark Gowin.

The Maroon overcame a 1-4 start to finish 4-5, including three consecutive wins over St. Christopher's, Alexandria foe St. Stephen's & St. Agnes and Bullis.

**Boys Basketball Coach:** Jim Fitzpatrick.

**Baseball Coach:** Rick Stubbs.

**Rival Schools:** St. Stephen's & St. Agnes.

**What happened last year:** The boys soccer team won the ISL championship for the second consecutive season and was ranked No. 3 in the nation by

the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. One year prior, the Maroon won the VISAA championship. The boys basketball team finished 16-9, including three wins over rival St. Stephen's & St. Agnes. The girls lacrosse team went 21-2, winning the ISL title but losing the VIS semifinals.

**Famous Graduates:** Running back Tim Hightower (2004 graduate) was a 2008 fifth-round draft choice of the Arizona Cardinals. He has 18 rushing touchdowns in two NFL seasons, starting 23 of 32 games played. He played in Super Bowl XLIII, carrying once for no yards and catching two passes for 13 yards in a 27-23 loss to the Pittsburgh Steelers. Hightower also competed in basketball and track from the Maroon. Republican senator and 2008 Republican Party candidate for president John McCain (1954) competed in football, wrestling and tennis while at Episcopal. For two years he held the school record for “fastest pin” while wrestling in the 127-pound weight class. San Diego Padres front-office assistant Paul DePodesta also attended Episcopal.

## Getting To Know Bishop Ireton Sports

### Boys track and field team won a Catholic school state title.

**School:** Bishop Ireton High School

**Mascot:** Cardinals

**School Colors:** Burgundy and gold.

**Athletic Director:** W. William Simmons, 703-212-5169.

**Football Coach:** Anthony Verducci.

The Cardinals won three of their final four games to finish 7-3. BI defeated Alexandria foe St. Stephen's & St. Agnes 19-7.

**Boys Basketball Coach:** Neil Berkman.

**Girls Basketball Coach:** Mike Hutton.

**Baseball Coach:** Michael Gallagher.

**What happened last year:** The boys basketball team went 7-20 under first-year head coach Neil Berkman. The girls basketball team finished 8-21. The girls lacrosse team finished 13-8, including a six-game winning streak late in the season. The boys track and field team won a Catholic schools state championship.

**Quotable:** “The [Washington Catholic Athletic Conference] is unbelievable and we're trying to win league games, we're trying to win games, we're trying to play together and we're trying to really teach guys how to play much harder than they're used to. ... We're changing a culture and slowly but surely we're going to do it.” — Head boys basketball coach Neil Berkman, who took over a program last year that won a combined 14 games in its previous three seasons.

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