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## SUMMER VIEWPOINTS

### Favorite summer activity?

By Ross Sylvestri and Maya Horowitz

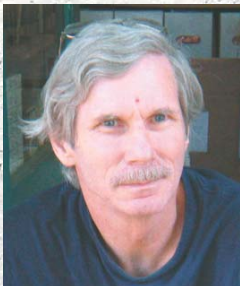
# SUMMER FUN



**John Heyman:**  
Going to the beach.



**Shinada Philips:**  
Going to  
Washington, D.C.



**Wayne Storm:**  
Relaxing.



**Moe Moe Ullah:**  
Listening to music  
and driving his car.



**Rachel Nagy:**  
Going to the pool and  
the beach and being in  
the sun.

**Splashing  
through summer  
at Market Square.**

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**Lindsay McKenney:**  
Going to baseball games.



**Cathy Willis:**  
Listening to music.



**Courtney Covington:**  
Playing tennis and riding  
his bike.



**Clarice Staten:**  
Traveling and visiting dif-  
ferent places.



**Favian Vazquez:**  
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# SUMMER FUN

## Star Spangled Summer

'Tis the season for red, white and blue summer fun.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

**F**rom Memorial Day to Labor Day, Alexandria summers are filled with holidays and events that celebrate patriotism — both American and for the traditions of some of the many ethnic cultures that make up the colorful and diverse fabric of the city. This year also commemorates the sesquicentennial of the Civil War, making the summer of 2011 one that residents and visitors alike are sure to enjoy and remember.

The fun kicks off this weekend with the very definition of summer — 4th of July cookouts and fireworks. Alexandria turns the three-day weekend into a week-long holiday with the city's own birthday celebration on July 9. Events across the city culminate with a concert by the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra under the stars at Oronoco Park and a fireworks display at the waterfront.

Throughout the summer, enjoy free concerts in Market Square, street musicians at the City Dock and the First Thursday celebrations in Del Ray. The July 7 First Thursday theme is a Nation's Celebration and Aug. 4 is the Del Ray Art Walk.

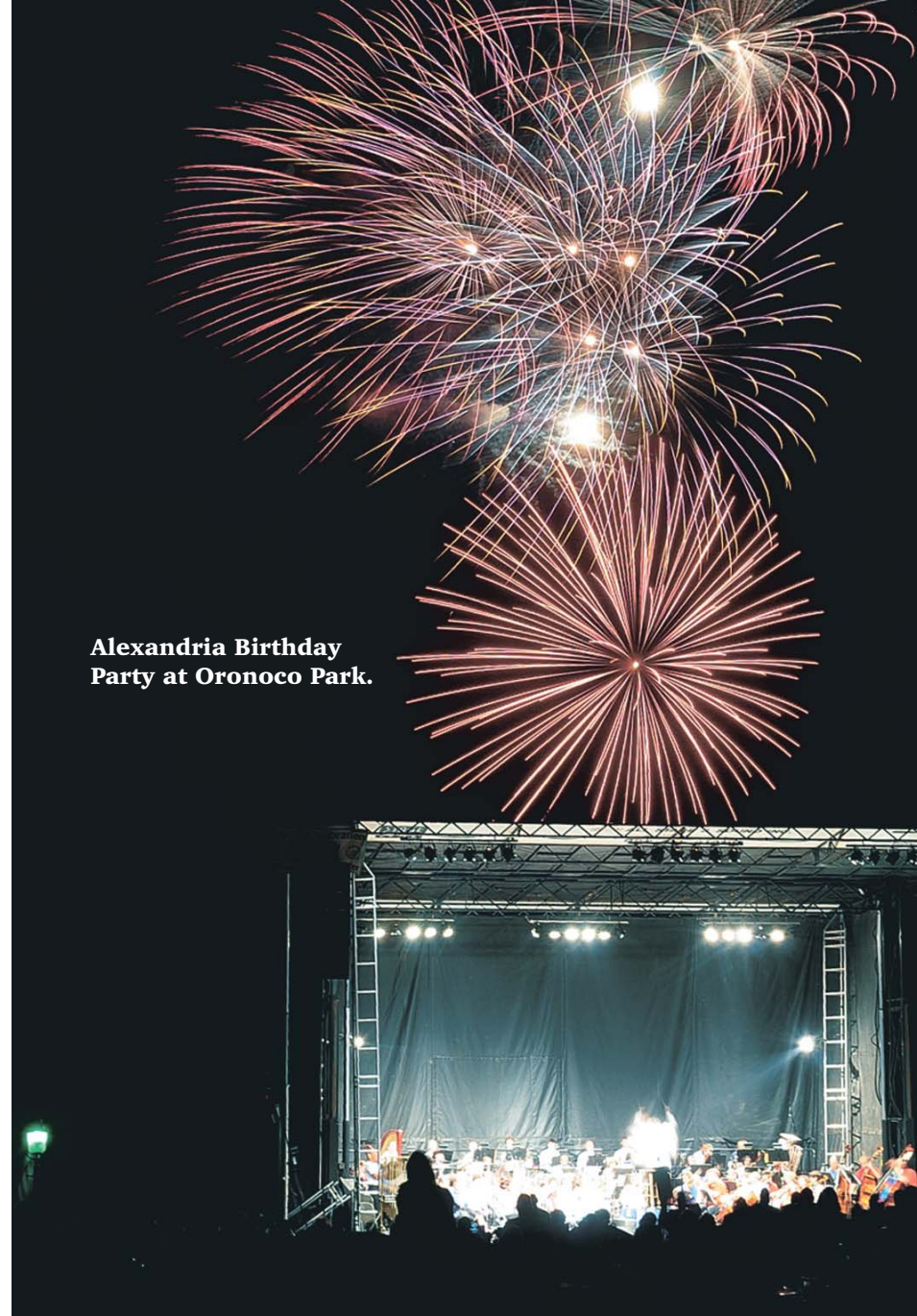
And you don't need to wait for the Dog Days of August to enjoy the Alexandria tradition of Doggy Happy Hour at the Hotel Monaco or a Thursday night Canine Cruise with the Potomac Riverboat Company. A Pirates Cruise is a must for the Jack Sparrow crowd and the Skipjack Minnie V offers a hand's on sailing experience for the more adventurous.

For the landlubber, Bike and Roll of Old Town offers historic tours of Alexandria and Mount Vernon in addition to bike rentals and specialized group tours.

With so much to offer, you don't have to look very far to get your own summer of 2011 party started.

### JULY

The Del Ray Artisans kicks off the month of July with a free opening reception July 1 from 7 to 10 p.m. for the Made in the U.S.A. exhibit, which will run Thursdays through



Alexandria Birthday Party at Oronoco Park.

Sundays through 22. Celebrate Independence Day and the month of July with artwork inspired by U.S. people, places and things. [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org).

It wouldn't be summer without a block-

buster production from The Little Theatre of Alexandria, which debuts the award-winning Broadway musical "Hairspray" on July 23. The show about teen heroine Tracy Turnblad — a

PHOTOS BY LASHAWN AVERY-SIMONS/GAZETTE PACKET



Strolling along the waterfront.



Residents can take the Alexandria-National Harbor water taxi to the Gaylord Hotel.



PHOTOS BY LOUISE KRAFT/GAZETTE PACKET (2009)

Checking out the Thursday night Canine Cruise with the Potomac Riverboat Company.

girl with big hair and bigger dreams — runs through Aug. 13. [www.thelittletheatre.com](http://www.thelittletheatre.com).

Fresh from performances at Carnegie Hall and the U.S. Supreme Court, the Alexandria Harmonizers will perform a free concert at Fort Ward Park July 28 at 7:30 p.m. as part of the Music at Twilight concert series.

### AUGUST

Festivals abound in August, beginning with the Friendship Firehouse Festival Aug. 6, the Irish Festival Aug. 13 at Waterfront Park and the One Love Community Festival at George Washington Middle School Aug. 20.

The City of Alexandria's annual Cambodian Community Day Festival takes place Aug. 21 at Ben Brenman Park featuring traditional Cambodian arts, crafts, food and entertainment.

On Aug. 13, Fort Ward will hold a Civil War Camp Day. This is Fort Ward's largest

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Visitors sit by the wave pool as they eat ice cream at Greatwaves in the Cameron Run Water Park.



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## Del Ray Music Festival

Adam Muhlendorf and Allison de la Torre dance to the music of the Harley String Band at the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Del Ray Music Festival on Saturday afternoon, June 25.

SUMMER  FUN



The Harley String Band.



Oscar Martinez and Bill Blackburn of the "SOON"-to-open Pork Barrel BBQ on Mount Vernon Avenue and Oxford Streets spent the afternoon filling orders for BBQ sandwiches.

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LOUISE KRAFFT/  
GAZETTE PACKET



Fort Ward Park also hosts concerts.

## Things To Do

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living history program of the year and will feature Union and Confederate camp life with units from the 5<sup>th</sup> New York "Duryee" Zouaves, the 1<sup>st</sup> U.S. Artillery, Co. D, and the 17<sup>th</sup> Virginia Infantry (Fairfax Rifles). [www.fortward.org](http://www.fortward.org)

Looking for an excuse to try some of the best cuisine in the

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# SUMMER FUN

## Things To Do

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region? More than 60 restaurants will participate in Alexandria's second Summer Restaurant Week taking place from Aug. 19 to 28.

And the award-winning barber-shop Alexandria Harmonizers makes a return appearance with another free performance at Market Square on Aug. 12 at 7:30 p.m.

### ONGOING

Explore Alexandria's waterfront from a different perspective via kayak or sailboat. Rentals and lessons are readily available for both, or cool off at one of the city's public pools or Cameron Run Great Waves Water Park. The water park also features a miniature golf course, a nine-station batting cage, picnic shelters and a special events pavilion.

While the Ghost and Graveyard tours in Old Town are always a hit with visitors, residents often overlook the fun and informative African American History Tour, Faith and Heritage Tour and customized tours offered by Alexandria Colonial Tours.

If your kids love video games, Funutation offers Video Game design camps in July and August for ages 8-15. For registration information call 703-746-5414.

The Little Theatre of Alexandria offers summer camps for all ages with concentrations available in improvisation and musical theater. [www.thelittletheatre.com](http://www.thelittletheatre.com).

For history buffs, "Civil War Alexandria," a new, free iPhone app from the Office of Historic Alexandria, allows users to explore Alexandria's Civil War history as they tour the city — either in person or virtually — through historic images, a stop guide, GPS map and more.

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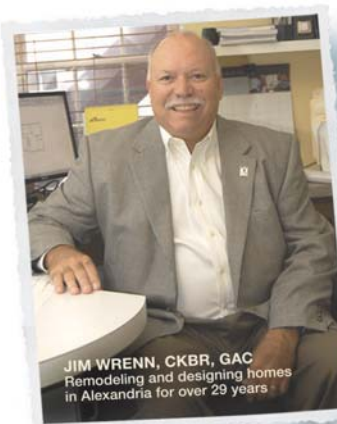


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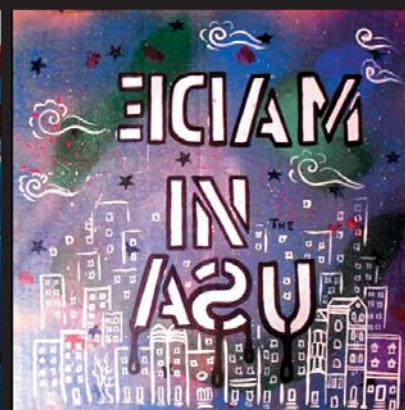
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## Waterfront Club

The City Council won't be meeting this summer to argue about the waterfront plan. So they've created an advisory commission to do it for them. When council members return in the fall, they'll be expecting a full report.

For now, the planning process is at an impasse. Opponents reject increased density, calling for more open space and a maritime museum.

Supporters dismiss that idea as unworkable, praising the planning document as a vision for transforming some of the waterfront's last industrial uses. Rhetoric has been heated and emotional, featuring an extended debate about how to configure the advisory committee.

"We're at a stalemate," said Councilwoman **Del Pepper**. "And I hope we can find a way out."

After considering and rejecting a number of proposals, the final list includes one member of the Old Town Civic Association, one member of the Waterfront Committee and five citizens at-large to be selected by Mayor **Bill Euille** from a pool of names suggested by council members.

One member of the council will convene the meeting but have a nonvoting role. All meetings will include an opportunity for the general public to comment.

"I don't see this as a stalemate," said Councilman **Paul Smedberg**, one of the plan's strongest supporters. "We just need to make a decision. People are afraid to make a decision."

## Trolley Debate

When the King Street Trolley first launched in April 2008, the rubber-tire vehicles arrived at designated stops once every 15 minutes. Then the economy crashed, and the city cut back service to 20-minute headways. Now that the city's financial situation has improved, City Council members are reducing headways back to 15 minutes.

But not without a debate.

This week, City Council members approved an annual increase of \$188,000 to the cost of trolley service. The money will come from real-estate tax revenues reserved for transportation projects, a new pot of money recently created by the May budget vote. With \$700,000 set aside in the recently adopted transportation project list, the \$188,000 allocation will leave \$512,000 for planning expanded service to Del Ray and Carlyle. Councilwoman **Alicia Hughes** voted against the measure because she said she would like to see any new money go to expanding the service beyond Old Town.

"The world does not revolve around Old Town," said Hughes, who lives on the West End. "I voted against it because I want to see service expanded now rather than waiting for some undetermined point in the future."

## A Running Start

Speaking of Old Town, residents there may soon find themselves in the middle of a marathon.

Last year, Endurance Enterprises president **Steve Nearman** tried to include several residential streets in Old Town in the Woodrow Wilson Half Marathon. That effort failed after Councilman **Paul Smedberg** worried about residents getting to church in the morning and former City Manager **Jim Hartmann** raised concerns about upscale grocer **Balducci's**.

Now the debate has returned.

Last week, the Old Town Civic Association endorsed Nearman's effort to bring the race through the streets of Old Town. So Nearman approached Vice Mayor **Kerry Donley** about the possibility that the route could be changed in advance of the October race.

He raised the issue Tuesday night, although council members would be unable to change the route during their recess. So the elected officials left the decision for the special-events committee, a group of staff members from public safety and code-enforcement.

"We'll stand by your decision," said Donley.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

## NEWS

# A Heavy Load

## Northern Virginia braces for new EPA calculations.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

Local governments across Northern Virginia are bracing for a new federal report expected later this month, when the Environmental Protection Agency will release modeling data that could have drastic financial consequences. At stake are hundreds of millions worth of infrastructure projects and potential fines for violating permitted daily limits of pollution. Some have a head start while others are struggling to catch up.

"Ultimately it's a local decision how to respond to the requirements," said Martha Shickle, executive director of the Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission. "At this point, we don't have any way to understand the magnitude of what it will take to respond."

Responding to increasing demands from the federal government will likely be inconvenient and costly. Later this month, Arlington County will finish construction of a \$568 million upgrade to its wastewater treatment plant that's been in the works for decades. Additions include two new equalization tanks, two new aeration tanks and three new secondary classifiers. When the new EPA modeling is released later this month, Arlington officials feel they will be able to meet the rigorous new standard because of the decade-long effort to reduce the amount of bacteria that's dumped into the river.

"We should be able to do better than the new standard," said Larry Slattery, division chief of the Water Control Pollution Bureau. "So it's not a problem for

us."

**OTHER JURISDICTIONS** face serious problems. Officials in Alexandria are facing

strict new requirements that will be difficult if not impossible to meet — especially for Old Town, much of which still uses a 19th century system. Every time the city experiences a major rain event, which is about 10 times a year, the floodgates open and thousands of gallons of raw sewage are discharged into the river. Fixing that could require digging up the streets of Old Town to fix the combined sewer system or constructing massive new storage tanks underground at Jones Point Park.

"Either way, it would be a big hit for the city," said Councilwoman Del Pepper. "At this point, we have to wait and see what happens."

It's all part of a plan to fully restore the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal rivers by 2025, with at least 60 percent of the actions taken by 2017. The EPA's new limits on total maximum daily limit of various pollution will be considerably stricter than the current limits. For example, the amount of nitrates Arlington County will be allowed to release into the river will be reduced by more than half. EPA officials say federal action could be used to spur progress if needed.

"We all pay for polluted water through degraded water sources, including drinking water and loss of fish and wildlife habitat," said EPA Regional Administrator Karl Brooks in a January written statement about new requirements in Missouri.

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## Exploring the Benefits of Google

### SBDC holds small business seminar.

BY SVETLANA AVELLAN  
GAZETTE PACKET

A seminar focusing on how to use Google's free tools to advance small businesses was presented by Ray Sidney-Smith at the Lyceum in Old Town on June 23. Sidney-Smith discussed areas of business that Google can help with, such as marketing, accounting, social media, customer service, human resources and management.

The gathering was hosted by the Alexandria Small Business Development Center, whose services are free.

Sidney-Smith will conduct weekly webinars of each tool described in the seminar to further educate small business owners or potential owners. Each webinar will explain in detail how to use each tool in the most productive way for business development.

An entrepreneur, Sidney-Smith has worked in the legal, small business start-up and management fields. "I help businesses understand how to use technology," Sidney-Smith. "Why should they pay for seminars or software when I can show them how to use the Google tools for free?"

David Martin, owner of Goldworks, was in the audience.

"He's an incredibly brilliant person," Martin said



Ray Sidney-Smith

of Sidney-Smith. "I have had many appointments and consultations with him to help promote my business. I will, no doubt, attend his webinars to further my knowledge."

Joining Martin at the seminar were about 100 attendees, most of whom are eager to register for the upcoming webinars.

Bill Reagan, executive director of SBDC, said, "The seminar showed a strategic overview of what the webinars will cover in detail. The tools covered in the webinars can be a valuable benefit to small business owners."

Space is limited for the webinars to 100 seats. Sidney-Smith will host the first webinar on June 30 from 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. To reserve a seat, visit <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/775544934>.

PHOTO BY SVETLANA AVELLAN



# Sons of Police Officers Now Sheriff's Deputies

**T**wenty-two years after Alexandria Police Corporal Charles Hill was killed in the line of duty, his son Robert became a distinguished graduate of the Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Training Academy as a deputy of the Alexandria Sheriff's Office.

Hill, 28, along with two other colleagues, Deputy David Barnickle and Deputy Terri Reed received their diplomas after graduating from the 124<sup>th</sup> session of the NVCJTA on June 22.

Barnickle comes from a law enforcement family, too. His father is retired Alexandria police sergeant David Barnickle.

Hill was also honored for earn-

ing the highest academic record during the six-month training. He was determined to follow in his father's footsteps since childhood.

It was in March 1989 that Corporal Hill, responding to an Alexandria hostage situation, was shot by the suspect.

"It was a very sad day in the history of Alexandria," Sheriff Dana Lawhorne said. "You wonder if you'll ever bounce back." Lawhorne was on duty as an Alexandria police officer on that day.

Hill was three-years-old when his father died. "I really hope he's up there watching and he's really proud of me," he said. "I just want to be the person that can go out and help people."



**Deputy Robert Hill with his mother Virginia.**

His mother, Virginia Hill Obranovich, was on the platform when Hill received his diploma.



**Sheriff Dana Lawhorne, Deputy David Barnickle, son of retired police sergeant David Barnickle, Deputy Terri Reed and Deputy Robert Hill.**

## Alexandria Police To Begin Warning Period for Red-Light Photo Safety Program

On Friday, July 1, the Alexandria Police Department will begin the first phase of an active Photo Safety Program to help reduce red-light runners throughout the city. Photo enforcement cameras will cap-

ture still images and video of red-light violators.

During the initial phase, a 30-day warning period from July 1 to July 30, a warning notice will be issued to the vehicle's reg-

istered owner, for any violations. There will be no fines during this warning phase. After July 30, fines will be issued for all citations.

The photo-enforcement cameras are lo-

cated at three intersections: South Patrick Street and Franklin Street, South Patrick Street and Gibbon Street, and Duke Street and South Walker Street

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# OPINION

## Housing Confusion

It's true that many aspects of housing in Northern Virginia don't make much sense. Some areas have a significant number of foreclosed properties sitting vacant, currently identifiable by their foot-high lawns.

Hundreds of families are homeless, tens of thousands of families spend far more than they can afford every month for rent. Some families live overcrowded into tiny spaces. And tens of thousands, perhaps hundreds of thousands, of workers have moved far away from their jobs in Northern Virginia to housing that they can afford, only to clog the roads and foul the air commuting.

The sustained efforts in Fairfax and Arlington to provide a supply of affordable housing by developing some new and preserving existing housing has still left tens of thousands of families on waiting lists, and thousands more shut out of even the waiting lists.

But it is good policy to provide a range of high quality housing scattered around the area in all kinds of neighborhoods.

A current swipe at "luxuries" afforded to people living in some subsidized housing is misplaced at best.

Pursuing policies that would make affordable housing stripped down, basic and concentrated would not save money, and would create a variety of other problems. Many cities and localities are still recovering from decades-old

policies that resulted in concentrations of low income housing in one place.

We know better than that now.

The region will soon see its largest jump in new development, residential and commercial,

around the Tysons Metro stops and the Dulles rail corridor. Developers, who will benefit from the rail and increased densities, will provide a percentage of affordable and mixed income housing there, a critical part of smart growth.

## Fourth of July Safety Net

Parties and celebrations on the Fourth of July often involve alcohol, and the holiday is one of a handful designated as "high risk" for drinking and driving.

A local organization, Washington Regional Alcohol Program, provides free rides home for anyone over 21 by calling their SoberRide number.

WRAP's 2011 Independence's Day SoberRide program will be offered from 10 p.m. Monday, July 4 to 4 a.m. Tuesday, July 5, 2011. To receive a free cab ride home (up to a \$30 fare),

call 800-200-8294. You must be 21 or older to use the SoberRide service. Callers are financially responsible for anything over \$30.

WRAP's SoberRide helps area residents have a safe way home on high-risk holidays. Since 1993, WRAP has provided over 52,000 safe rides home.

Parents are still the ones who must provide the guidance and safety net for their teens and young adults under 21. Summer is the most dangerous time for teen drivers. Remember to talk about it.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Demystifying Zoning

To the Editor:

Because of the recent controversy surround-

ing the waterfront plan, various zoning terms are being bandied about in the public discourse and some of the them sound more ominous than the they really are, especially the words, "by right."

I hope I can demystify some of these terms.

Zoning in Alexandria is controlled by the master plan, a document written in 1992, but changed over the years. The master plan is composed of component pieces, the small area plans. Each small area plan describes the character of the area and the uses that it encompasses, and provides the vision of whatever direction that area should move in. The uses permitted in the small area are controlled by the plan's statements about appropriate use. When Planning Director Sheldon Lynn supervised the rewriting of the master plan in 1992, he wrote more small area plans to describe the areas as they existed. Basically it was a blueprint for growth, but not radical change.

Here is where the term "by right" becomes important. By right development is development at the lowest level a landowner might want to build. It is by right because it conforms to the uses permitted in the relevant small area plan. It does not require a special use permit. Putting up a single family home on a standard lot in a neighborhood zoned for single family houses would be a by-right use. There would not be a public hearing before either the Planning Department or the City Council. However, the builder would still need various permits from the city.

Development with a special use permit is development at a greater density (sometimes much greater) than is permitted by right. To build at this level, a landowner must obtain a special use permit (SUP) from the Planning Commission and City Council. In theory, the

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## Business Forum Donation

At a recent weekly meeting, Business Forum of Fairfax presented a donation of \$1,000 to Rebuilding Together Alexandria, a local, volunteer-based non-profit that preserves affordable housing by providing free home repair services to in-need residents. The funds will be used to make much needed home improvements such as repairing windows and doors, replacing cabinets, installing grab bars and safety rails, painting, doing yard work, installing smoke detectors, and weatherizing. Above, Katharine Medina (far right) of Rebuilding Together, accepts a check from Business Forum of Fairfax members Melissa Sorensen, Mike Baker, Atila Kocsis, Craig Duroske, and Ed Finn.

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applicant for a special use permit needs to show that his project is deserving of higher density because it conforms to the vision of the relevant small area plan and provides public benefits called proffers. These are usually things the public can use and enjoy, such as a bus shelter, publicly accessible open space, or a piece of art such as the statue of the Edmondson sisters, two young African American women who were enslaved at the Bruin slave jail. Those of us who watch the development process often note that the proffers are quite small relative to the worth of the development rights being granted.

My main point is that “by right” development is not to be feared, unless you are someone who wants to see significantly higher density in place of what can be built by right.

**Katy Cannady**  
Alexandria

## Pre-destined Results

To the Editor:

*The following letter was addressed to Mayor Euille and members of Council.*

After watching your discussion period on Saturday I am very disheartened with the path you are taking to name a Waterfront Plan Working Group. I think Councilman Krupicka hit the nail on the head when he voiced his concerns at the way that group was being formulated. In so many words he said that it was not a smart way to conduct business by naming people or organizations to this planning group who have already firmly staked out their position on the issue. But that’s exactly what you have now indicated you will do.

The bottom line is that you are purposely marginalizing the few citizen members you will appoint. By doing this you are pre-destined to get nothing much different from what the Planners have already submitted to you. Bob Wood’s comments Saturday were right on, keep the number of appointees to seven or less and ensure that none

of them have any conflict of interests and are citizens of this great city. This is only way you will get an untainted product that represents the unbiased views of the community. As I said in my campaign for Council in 2000, “Do the Right Thing.”

**Van Van Fleet**

## Committed To Community

To the Editor:

I have known Rob Krupicka since before he first ran for the Alexandria City Council and I have always been impressed that he is the kind of leader who sees a problem and works to solve it, who sees a need and works to fill it. One of the things I have always admired about him is his commitment to improving the lives of our families and children. By getting involved with his children’s PTA and his local civic association he has worked hard to increase parent and citizen participation in our public schools. Gov. Tim Kaine appointed him to the Virginia State Board of Education, where he has been an effective champion of expanded Pre-Kindergarten access for all our children.

Rob has been a very successful Alexandria City Councilman, and has been reelected by wider margins each time his name appeared on the ballot. He co-founded the Eco-City Alexandria green initiative to help our city become a healthier, greener place to live and work. His work has led to an increase in the number of people who recycle, who walk or bike to work, and who patronize our farmers markets. Rob knows what makes our community unique and wonderful — he knows our neighborhoods, and he has worked with our citizens associations, with our non-profits and with our small businesses. I’m supporting Rob to fill the Virginia State Senate seat being vacated by Patsy Ticer because I believe Rob Krupicka has the integrity and intellect to be the hard-working, effective state senator we can be proud of.

**Vola Lawson**

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## PEOPLE



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**Glass harp musician Jamey Turner attracts a crowd June 18 at the corner of King and Union streets in Old Town.**

## Entertaining with a Glass Harp

Local musician has international reach.

BY ORRIN KONHEIM  
GAZETTE PACKET

**A**s Jamey Turner warms up in the semi-public space between King Street and the Torpedo Factory, a crowd gathers at the mere sight of the street performer's unusual instrument: A table filled with different-sized glasses filled to different levels — called a glass harp.

Turner impresses the crowd by rubbing his fingers along the rims of the glasses and playing Beethoven's 9th Symphony.

"He draws quite a crowd. Especially in the evening," said Patrick Miller, the sales manager at Conrad's Furniture Gallery next door. "They don't realize who he is. They think he might be one of those street entertainers."

Turner is, in fact, world-famous. He's been featured on the Tonight Show four times, "On the Road" with Charles Kuralt, and The Today Show in addition to a number of international programs. He street performs in Alexandria to fill up his schedule when he's not touring.

"A lot of performers they go around only with their agents touring. They never touch base with reality," said Turner. "When you're doing this, you're constantly meeting people and sharing beautiful music."

Turner is especially interested in meeting people from other cultures because of his interest in world music.

He recently was invited by a film crew from the Russian Embassy to film a documentary and he traveled to Japan last fall for a TV special. When someone in the audience comments on having also traveled to Japan, Turner is prompted to discuss with the audience how the music of Japan is uniquely beautiful and plays a Japanese tune.

"Usually if I hear someone in the audience with an accent, I ask them where they're from," said Turner. "My goal is to learn one or two tunes from every country. I love seeing their face light up when they

hear me play a tune from their homeland."

Turner also likes to delight the crowd with stories between songs. He tells the crowd that Ben Franklin invented a variation of the glass harp after hearing it in 1757 in London and that he might have played the very same harp that Franklin heard while visiting a glass factory in Corning, N.Y.

Turner also helped pioneer the instrument himself. It was previously thought that only a crystal glass could create a musical sound, but Turner discovered distilled water gives good friction on most any glass.

"Not to my knowledge was that tried before," he said.

Turner, 70, grew up in Montana where his introduction to offbeat instruments came in high school. He had a role in the school play that required him to play the saw. After teaching himself the instrument, he requested to play the instrument in the band. The director replied that he would let him in if he could play a chromatic scale on the instrument.

In addition to the saw and glass harp — he's been featured on both instruments for the Tonight Show — he plays clarinet. He served in the army as a clarinetist and still performs on the instrument.

Turner and his wife Mary relocated to Northern Virginia in 1987 after his father-in-law had a stroke and needed medical care. He is supported in his endeavors by sister and accomplished pianist Patricia Talenta Holberg who has composed orchestral music unique to his instrument. He also relies on his wife for guidance.

"She's my best coach. She knows when I'm off or on," said Turner.

Since claiming a piece of the waterfront as his performance space, he has become a fixture in the community.

Part-time Alexandria resident Megan Hayes, who has since relocated to Maine, remembers seeing Turner perform several years ago with her children.

"It's an original concept. I've never seen anything like it," said Hayes.

Henry Barbour, 10, remembers seeing the act and trying to emulate it at home with the help of his siblings James, 8, Maeve, 14, and Anne, 12.

"I went home and I filled water glasses and wanted to see how it sounded but it didn't work as good," he said.



## PEOPLE



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### Self Styling

Lewis Slotter, a technical editor and publisher, displayed his sense of style Wednesday, June 15 at the corner of King Street and Harvard Street. He said his mother, a self-described fashionista, inspires his fashion choices. "I've always liked straw hats," he said. "And a blue suit and grey slacks always says summer to me." As for the tie, he bought it secondhand on Ebay.

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This charming one bedroom, one bath condo has been lovingly updated with new kitchen cabinets, countertop, refrigerator, newer appliances and systems. 725 sq ft of sunny, open space with replacement windows, balcony, fireplace and two parking spaces.



Jane Cole  
703-598-6198



**New Alexandria** **\$575,000**  
6407 15th Street, Alexandria, VA 22307

**Charming Cape Cod.** 3BR, 1.5BA home shows like a model with updated kitchen & baths. Classic details including HW flrs, crown molding & arched doorways. Large treed lot with slate patio. Close to GW Pkwy, shops & restaurants.



Terry Ann Stevens 757-647-4705



**Stratford Landing** **\$535,000**  
2100 Basset Street, Alexandria, VA 22308

**Under Contract in 19 Days!** Stunning renovation in this 3BR, 2.5BA home with 1 car garage. Impressive remodeled kitchen & baths. Sunroom, finished LL family room & slate patio overlooking lush backyard.



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**8313 Mount Vernon Hwy**  
**\$689,000**  
**New Home-Resale Price!**  
Brand new home opportunity in prime Mt. Vernon location by Wakefield Homes. Custom building with many modern amenities and upgrades.

Features include: expanded master bedroom suite, front porch, gourmet kitchen, high ceilings, 2 car garage. Pre-construction sales price provides unique opportunity to purchase brand new home for the same price as a 40 year old resale! Model available to walk through by appointment.



**1205 Cedar Dale Ln**  
**\$1,250,000**  
**Pre-Construction Value!**  
Rare new home opportunity just off GW Parkway! Fabulous price on spacious Fairfax model by Wakefield Homes, the

area's leading custom builder. Craftman architecture with full front porch to enhance natural beauty of gorgeous 1/2A lot. Home is loaded with upgrades and custom features and located in Waynewood School Dist. Priced thousands below other new homes in area! (Pic is similar home)



**8723 Bluedale St**  
**\$519,950**  
**Owner Says Sell Now!**  
Check this price-owner want immediate sale and ahs slashed price accordingly! Spacious 5BR, 3BA home in

premier Stratford location. Originally on the market for \$567,500. This home has had significant updates and is in excellent, move-in condition. Absolutely best Stratford area value available. Don't miss out on it!



**\$225,000**  
**Alexandria**  
**"BEST VALUE IN PARKFAIRFAX"**  
For those seeking value, this is it! Roomy 1 bedroom in lovely setting, features private foyer entry, fresh

designer paint thru-out, new lighting, brand new energy efficient window w/custom trim, & new HVAC units. Kitchen has new flooring, counters, lighting & more. Private attic storage & lots of closets.



Norma Stratton 703.966.0756



**\$279,900**  
**Alexandria**  
**"FABULOUS HUGE PATIO"**  
Wonderful first floor condo w/tons of light & 15ft plus sliding glass doors to a very large fenced brick patio. Gate from patio to parking. New kitchen. Close to everything - Old Town, airport, restaurants, shops, DC & all major commuter routes.



Sheryl Lambson@inf.com  
Sheryl Lambson 703.217.7012



**\$549,900**  
**Parker Gray Historic District**  
**"DON'T JUDGE A BOOK BY ITS COVER"**  
• 1,785 sq ft of living space  
• Open floor plan  
• Gleaming hardwoods thru-out  
• Upgraded kit w/SS & granite  
• Finished walk-out bsmt w/ spacious rec rm & o/c/den  
• King & Braddock Metro



Martine Irmer 703.346.7283



**2205 Basset St**  
**\$675,000**  
**Total Renovation-Price to Sell!**  
Price slashed for immediate sale! Seller's loss is your gain. Purchased last Aug. for over \$700,000 +

additional \$20,000 invested. Fabulous 3 level colonial shines! Features: 4BR, 3.5BA, stunning kitchen, sumptuous MBR, 2FP, fin lower level with outside entrance. No expense was spared on renovating this better than new home from top to bottom!



**2005 Westfield St**  
**\$625,000**  
**Fabulous Home-Great Location!**  
A few blocks from River and GW Parkway, this fabulous home has been updated and expanded! Over \$104,000 in top

quality updates have been recently completed! Features include: family room with cath. ceiling, updated kitchen, top of the line cabinetry, appliances and Virginia soapstone countertops, 4BR, 2.5BA, spacious lower level. Private landscaped grounds on quiet cul-de-sac.



**5421 Grist Mill Woods Way**  
**\$825,000**  
**Modern Home-Magnificent Setting!**  
Large colonial with bright, open floor plan in prime location on 1/2 acre lot backing to gorgeous parkland. Fabulous home with all the

bells and whistles including: high ceilings, dramatic two story foyer, gourmet kitchen, first floor study, large family room, sumptuous master suite, full walk-out lower level and two car garage. Amazingly beautiful, private setting.



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**Alexandria**  
**"TASTEFULLY UPDATED"**  
NEW PRICE for updated SE quadrant home featuring hardwoods, natural cherry cabs, granite, glass tile backsplash & SS - NEW roof, baths & more! LL family rm w/wood burning FP opens to large enclosed brick patio. Parking in front!



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Susan Houghton 703.470.4545



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**Liberty Row**  
**635 FIRST ST, #305**

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Klanci Vanderhyde 703.919.4460



**3932 Ft Worth Ave**  
**\$949,000**  
**Updated Colonial!**  
Exciting new listing! Spacious 3 level colonial in prime Seminary Ridge location. Home is in pristine condition with many fabulous features

including four large bedrooms, updated white kitchen, hardwood floors, luxurious master suite and oversized 2 car garage Deck overlooks private grounds. Walk to St. Stephens/St. Agnes School. Convenient to everything!



**4003 Belle Rive Ter**  
**\$1,895,000**  
**River Front Opportunity!**  
Owner wants immediate sale and has priced home accordingly. Previously listed at \$4.8 mill Spacious custom home designed to capitalize on breathtaking

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**9005 Cherrytree Dr**  
**\$595,000**  
**8705 Yardley Dr**  
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**\$310,000**  
**Fairlington / Arl.**  
**"DARLING"**  
...one level 2BR / 1BA in Fairlington Villages. Enjoy those summer days & evenings on the porch opening up from dining room. Fresh paint &

gleaming hwdws make this unit show beautifully. Lge storage space conveys + parking. Conveniently located to shops/restaurants in Shirlington - min to Pentagon & DC. Community pool & tennis courts.



Mary Bourke 703.906.5825



**\$469,000**  
**Dupont Circle**  
**"RARE OFFER"**  
NEW PRICE for this 2BR/1.5BA in The Pierre Condo. Art Deco at its finest. Birch hardwoods thru-out, tastefully repainted, oversized

gourmet galley kit w/granite, SSA & mosaic glass tile backsplash. Renovated bath, new HVAC, double pane windows. A short stroll to 17th St, Metro, restaurants and more!



Sean Satkus 703.731.8086



**\$754,999**  
**Alexandria**  
**"PRIVATE PARKING"**  
GREAT NEW PRICE! Beautiful Tannery Yard 4 level, 4BR/2.5BA, townhouse w/fireplace, renovated & upgraded:

HW, granite & stainless kit, AC, new windows, slate patio & roof deck. Private parking. Make an Offer!



Georgia McLaughlin / Patricia Landaeta  
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**8890 McNair Dr**  
**\$749,500**  
**Pristine Custom Colonial!**  
Custom colonial in enclave of 17 homes on quiet cul-de-sac surrounded by grounds of Mt Vernon Country Club. Many

fabulous features include: large room sizes, stained hardwood floors, updated kit & baths, open kitchen-family room, upgraded trim detail & custom built-ins. Spacious master suite and 2 car gar. Pristine condition on gorgeous professionally landscaped lot.



**4503 Ferry Landing Rd**  
**\$625,000**  
**One Level Luxury!**  
Rare opportunity - Spacious one level home in premier Yacht Haven location! This special home has been updated and offers many fabulous

features: open floor plan, updated kitchen and baths, stunning master suite w/cathedral ceiling and luxury bath, sunroom and 2 car garage. If you are looking to eliminate stairs & not sacrifice size and luxurious amenities-this is it!



**4502 Phylliss St**  
**\$549,950**  
**Huge Home - Little Price!**  
Most home for the money in Mt. Vernon area! Incredibly spacious property with major additions including family

room, MBR and oversize 2 car gar. 5BRs, 3.5BAs, hwd flrs, and 2 decks. Lib. can easily be converted to main lvl BR. Prime location on large lot fronting cul-de-sac. Over 3,000 sq ft of beautifully maintained living area!



**\$406,000**  
**Fairfax**  
**"BEST IN THE WEST"**  
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The Powers Team  
Paula & Sheryl 703.472.6925



**\$599,000**  
**Old Town**  
**"A VERY SMART BUY"**  
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Michael Manuel 703.615.6317



**\$284,900**  
**Alexandria**  
**"PRIVATE LUSH SETTING"**  
NEW PRICE for this amazing 2BR/1BA condo located amid the fun & excitement of Old Town. Light filled space,

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# SUMMER FUN



The Alexandria Symphony Orchestra

## Celebrate!

### Monday/July 4

**Mount Vernon Independence Day.** Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org).

- ❖ Troop Inspection by General Washington. 9:30 a.m. Re-enactors from the First Virginia Regiment assemble for inspection by "General Washington" on the Bowling Green, where the Declaration of Independence will be read by the First Virginia Regiment.

- ❖ Wreath Laying. 10 a.m. The George Washington Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution lead a procession to George Washington's Tomb for a wreathlaying ceremony.

- ❖ Independence Day Naturalization Ceremony. 11 a.m. One hundred new citizens will be sworn in by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.

- ❖ Red, White and Blue Concert. 12 p.m. Patriotic favorites by the National Concert Band of America, an 80-member company of retired musicians from each of the United States Armed Services' bands.

- ❖ A pyrotechnic salute to America. 12:45-12:50 p.m. A colorful display of smoke fireworks fired over the Potomac river.

- ❖ Mount Vernon's all-American birthday cake. 1 p.m. Free birthday cake offered to visitors, while supplies last.

- ❖ Fife and drum corps. 1:30 p.m. Military music and drills.

- ❖ Revolutionary War military demonstrations. 2:30 p.m.

### Saturday/July 9

**Alexandria's Birthday Celebration.** 4-10 p.m. Free. Oronoco Bay Park, 7 N. Lee St., Alexandria. Moonbounce, fire-truck slide, dunk tank, bouncy boxing and music by the Capital Focus Jazz Band, 6 p.m. Park and Recreation Commission award ceremony and cutting of birthday cakes by City Council members, 7:30 p.m.; then music by the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra at 8:30 p.m., with conductor Kim Allen Kluge, followed by 9:30 p.m. fireworks and Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture" complete with cannon fire. Bring lawn chairs or blankets and a picnic meal. Call 703-838-4844 or 703-883-4686.

#### SCHEDULE:

**4 p.m.** — Community Exhibitors, Children's Activities and Refreshment Sales;

**5:45 p.m.** — Pre-show Entertainment: Four Star Combo, Rockabilly & Honky Tonk;

**7:30 p.m.** — Opening Presentation of Park and Recreation Commission's CIVIC Awards Poetry Reading by Amy Young, Alexandria's Poet Laureate;

**8 p.m.** — Birthday Cake;

**8:30 p.m.** — Dreams of Summer: The Alexandria Symphony Orchestra with Kim Allen Kluge, conductor;

**9:30 p.m.** — Fireworks display featuring Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture" with Cannon Support by the United States Marine Corps, Basic Training School, Quantico

# To Go: Family Tour Day

## Junior Docents to lead special tours at Gadsby's Tavern Museum.

By SVETLANA AVELLAN  
GAZETTE PACKET

**G**adsby's Tavern Museum, located in Alexandria was once known as "the place to be" in the 18th century. Named after Englishman John Gadsby, the museum is made up of the 1785 tavern and the 1792 city hotel. The tavern held events for dancing, theater, music, meetings, and social gathering for local and historic figures such as George Washington, John Adams, James Madison, James Monroe, and the Marquis de Lafayette.

This summer, the museum is holding tours hosted by Junior Docents, volunteers from grades three to seven. Each docent will be dressed in 18th century clothing while discussing the stop they are stationed at on the tour. Stops include the taproom, bedchambers, ballroom, assembly room and dining room.

A total of 25 docents have been trained after applying and auditioning to be a part of Old Town Alexandria's history. The volunteers reside in the



Junior Docent Evan answers the questions of tourists at Gadsby's Tavern Museum.

Alexandria and Fairfax area and attend private and public schools. The tour will give docents an opportunity to entertain their own peers and families.

The tours are held Sundays on July 3, July 24, and Aug. 21 from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. \$5 for adults (\$4 with AAA), and \$3 ages 5-12. No reservations are necessary. The museum is located at 134 N. Royal Street, Alexandria. For more information contact Michele Longo, Curator of Education at 703-746-4739 or visit [www.gadsbystavern.org](http://www.gadsbystavern.org).



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### Alexandria Festival of the Arts

#### SEPT. 10-11

**Alexandria Festival of the Arts.** Free. Saturday, Sept. 10 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday, Sept. 11 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Featuring 200 artists offering an eclectic mix of artwork, live music and interactive art activities. Also featuring an Ice Cream Bowl Fundraiser presented by The Art League and the Torpedo Factory Art Center. Located in Old Town, on Historic King Street from Washington Street to the Potomac River waterfront. Navigational address: 480 King Street, Alexandria. Visit [www.artfestival.com](http://www.artfestival.com) or [www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com](http://www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com) or call 561-746-6615.



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### Del Ray Art Market at the Nicholas Colosanto Center.

#### SATURDAY/JULY 2

**Alexandria Art Market.** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The market boasts amazing artwork from local artists, music from multicultural musicians and great food from local restaurants. At Colasanto Park in the heart of Del Ray. Free and open to public. [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org) or [DRA.AlexandriaArtMarket@gmail.com](mailto:DRA.AlexandriaArtMarket@gmail.com) to apply.



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### Art Activated at the Torpedo Factory



#### SATURDAY/SEPT. 10

**Art Activated.** Noon to 4 p.m. Step inside from the street fair and let your creative side play at this 5th annual event. Visual art comes alive with artist demonstrations and interactivity. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Visit [www.TorpedoFactory.org](http://www.TorpedoFactory.org); 703-838-4565.



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**JULY 14 TO AUG. 28**

### Drawing Analogies.

Features seven artists who are united in that they are trying to explore and understand aspects of their worlds through the creation of drawings. Artist's reception is Sunday, July 17 from 4 to 6 p.m. At the Athenaeum Gallery, 201 Prince Street, Alexandria. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org).

**AUG. 3 TO SEPT. 4**

### The Power of Color III.

Artist's reception is Saturday, Aug. 13 from 5 to 8 p.m. At Gallery West, 1213 King Street, Old Town Alexandria. Visit [www.gallery-west.com](http://www.gallery-west.com) or call 703-549-6006.

**NOW THROUGH JULY 31**

### JAT: Paper, Brass and Process.

Art work by Jonathan Thompson. In Paper, Brass and Process, JAT explores Victorian-themed issues of beauty and violence with emphasis on process and technique. At the Schlesinger Center Margaret W. & Joseph L. Fisher Gallery.

**JULY 2 TO AUG. 14**

**Tory Cowles: Living Large.** Artist's reception is July 14 from 6-8 p.m. Reception: July 14, 6-8 p.m.; awards ceremony at 7 p.m. with juror, Harry Cooper, Curator and Head of Modern and Contemporary Art at the National Gallery of Art. Special Programming: July 28, 6-8 p.m.; Art Panel: Why does art move you? At the Target Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union Street.

**JULY 1 TO 22**

**Made in the U.S.A.** Del Ray Artisans will be celebrating Independence Day and the month of July with artwork inspired by U.S. people, places and/or things. Show Opening and Artist Reception: Friday, July 1 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. At the Del Ray Artisans gallery at the Nicholas



**Potter Jennifer Dinkelmeyer inspects high-fire pieces at her studio in Alexandria.**

**JUNE 27 TO JULY 24**

**"Up in Smoke." Kiln Club Show.** At 105 North Union Street, Ground Floor Studio 19, Alexandria. Call Scope Gallery at 703-548-6288 or visit [www.torpedofactory.org/galleries/scope](http://www.torpedofactory.org/galleries/scope).

League Gallery, 105 North Union Street, Alexandria. Visit [www.theartleague.org](http://www.theartleague.org).

**JULY 6 TO JULY 31**

**Poetry of Light.** Pastels by artist Rachel Estrada. Artist's Reception: Saturday, July 9 from 5-7 p.m. Closing Reception: Saturday, July 30, from 5 - 7 p.m. At Gallery West, 1213 King Street, Old Town Alexandria. Visit [www.gallery-west.com](http://www.gallery-west.com) or call at 703-549-6006.

**NOW THROUGH DEC. 31**

**"In Black and White."** Photography by Nina Tisara and Peggy Fleming. "In Black and White" highlights two different aspects of African American life and culture. Tisara's series "United in the Spirit" focuses on worship in Alexandria's African American community, while Fleming's work "Crown Me!" looks at the social life of one group of African American men and a traditional American pastime. At the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe Street, Alexandria.



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# SUMMER FUN



## SUNDAYS IN JULY

**Civil War Sundays.** 1 to 5 p.m. Free. At the Alexandria Archaeology Museum, located on the third floor of the Torpedo Factory art Center.

## THURSDAY/JUNE 30

**Christmas in June.** 5:30 p.m. Dinner and Candlelight Service for military families and friends. The church service at 7:30 p.m. will be a traditional Christmas Eve Service with candlelight, carols, and communion. This event is for all military families and friends who were unable to spend the Christmas holidays with their loved ones. At Trinity United Methodist Church, 2911 Cameron Mills Road, Alexandria. Call 703-549-5500. Make reservations at [www.trinityalexandria.org](http://www.trinityalexandria.org).

## FRIDAY/JULY 1

**Honoring America Concert.** 7:30 p.m. Free. Presented by the Symphony Orchestra of Arlington, conducted by Jeff Dokken. The concert will also feature the Open5ths, a Washington, D.C., based men's chorus. At Kenmore Middle School Theater, 200 S. Carlin Springs Road, Alexandria.

**The Fabulous Hubcaps.** 8 p.m. At The Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle St., Alexandria. Call 703-548-8899. Visit [www.thecarlyleclub.com](http://www.thecarlyleclub.com).

## SATURDAY/JULY 2

**Mozayik.** Tickets are \$30/\$35/\$40. Haitian Creole Jazz Icon Mozayik will be performing at The Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle St., Alexandria. To purchase tickets, go to: [www.TheCarlyleClub.com](http://www.TheCarlyleClub.com). Call 703-548-8899.

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## SUNDAY/JULY 3

**Family Tour Day.** 1 to 4 p.m. Special tours hosted by Junior Docents who will be stationed at each stop on the tour, including the taproom, bedchambers, ballroom, assembly room and dining room. At Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal Street, Alexandria. Call 703-746-4242 or visit [www.gadsbystavern.org](http://www.gadsbystavern.org).

## TUESDAY/JULY 5

**Material Innovations From Artistic Experimentation.** 6 to 8 p.m. Free. With Rebecca Lasky, Artist and Inventor of "Goo." At Morrison House, 116 South Alfred St., Alexandria. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org).

## WEDNESDAY/JULY 6

**Ben Brenman Park Concerts.** 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Woven Green (Rock, Folk & Funk)  
Location: Ben Brenman Park, 4800 Brenman Park Dr.  
Contact: Special Events, [maureen.sturgill@alexandriava.gov](mailto:maureen.sturgill@alexandriava.gov), 703-746-5592.

**Summer Concert Series.** 8 p.m. With the U.S. Air Force Band Concert Band and Singing Sergeants. At T.C. Williams High School, 3330 King Street, Alexandria. Call 202-767-5658 or visit [www.usafband.af.mil](http://www.usafband.af.mil).

**DJ Dance Party.** 9 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$6. With DJ Dabe Murphy. At Nick's Nightclub, 642 South Pickett St., Alexandria.

## FRIDAY/JULY 8

**The Sock Monkeys.** 8 p.m. At The Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle St., Alexandria. Call 703-548-8899. Visit [www.thecarlyleclub.com](http://www.thecarlyleclub.com).

## SATURDAY/JULY 9

**Annual City of Alexandria & USA Birthday.** 4 to 10 p.m. The City of Alexandria will celebrate its 262nd and the USA's 235th birthday at Oronoco Bay Park, 100 Madison St., located at the Potomac River between Fairfax, Pendleton, and Madison Streets. The celebration includes fun for the entire family, including children's activities, community exhibits, a performances and birthday cake. Contact: [Cheryl.lawrence@alexandriava.gov](mailto:Cheryl.lawrence@alexandriava.gov), 703-746-5418.

**Meade Skelton.** 8 to 10 p.m. At St. Elmo's Coffee Pub in Del Ray, 2300 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Call 703-739-9268.

**"Reconciliation and the Elaine, Arkansas Race Riot of 1919: Forgive or Forget."** Film screening at 4:30 p.m. Free. Part of Movies With a Mission program. At the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe Street, Alexandria. Call 703-746-4356. Visit [www.alexblackhistory.org](http://www.alexblackhistory.org)

## MONDAY/JULY 11

**The 257th Army Band.** 7 to 8:30 p.m. The 257th Army Band

is a National Guard unit located in the capital city. Officially recognized as "The Band of the Nation's Capital". At Market Square, 301 King St., Alexandria. Contact: Maureen Sturgill, [maureen.sturgill@alexandriava.gov](mailto:maureen.sturgill@alexandriava.gov), 703-746-5420.

## WEDNESDAY/JULY 13

**Lunch Bunch Concert.** 12 to 1 p.m. Andrew McKnight (Folk/Roots). At the Canal Center Plaza, 44 Canal Center Plaza. Contact: Special Events, [maureen.sturgill@alexandriava.gov](mailto:maureen.sturgill@alexandriava.gov), 703-746-5592.

**Summer Concert Series.** 8 p.m. The U.S. Air Force Band — Max Impact, The Airmen of Note and the Air Force Strings. At T.C. Williams High School, 3330 King Street, Alexandria. Call 202-767-5658 or visit [www.usafband.af.mil](http://www.usafband.af.mil).

**DJ Dance Party.** 9 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$6. With DJ Dabe Murphy. At Nick's Nightclub, 642 South Pickett St., Alexandria.

## THURSDAY/JULY 14

**Michael DeLalla in Concert.** 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10. Part of the Second Thursday Music. At The Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street, Alexandria. Call 703-548-0035 or visit [nvfaa.org](http://nvfaa.org).

**Music at Twilight Concerts.** 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The Bobcats (Rock & Roll). At Fort Ward Park Amphitheater, 4301 W. Braddock Rd., Alexandria. Contact: Special Events, [maureen.sturgill@alexandriava.gov](mailto:maureen.sturgill@alexandriava.gov), 703-746-5592.

## FRIDAY/JULY 15

**Alexandria Citizens Band Concert.** 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. The City's Oldest Performing Arts Organization. At Market Square, 301 King St., Alexandria. Contact Special Events, [maureen.sturgill@alexandriava.gov](mailto:maureen.sturgill@alexandriava.gov), 703-746-5592.

**John Pizzarelli.** 8 p.m. At The Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle St., Alexandria. Call 703-548-8899. Visit [www.thecarlyleclub.com](http://www.thecarlyleclub.com).

## JULY 15-17

**Christmas in July.** Presented by The Christmas Attic and the businesses of Union Street. 15 retailers and community organizations will host a variety of activities either inside stores or on Union Street ranging from pictures with "Summer" Santa & Mrs. Claus, historical tours, holiday trunk shows, food and wine tastings, cookie decorating, storytime for tots, ornament making, arts and crafts, ice cream, paint your own nutcracker, green holiday home tips, fashion styling, pooch pictures, musical entertainment and much more. Located on Union Street between Cameron and Duke Street in Old Town. Visit [www.christmasattic.com](http://www.christmasattic.com) or 703-548-2829.

## SATURDAY/JULY 16

**Jeff Bush Jazz.** 8 p.m. At The Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle St., Alexandria. Call 703-548-8899. Visit [www.thecarlyleclub.com](http://www.thecarlyleclub.com).

**Speak Up for a Child.** 11 a.m. Fairfax Court Appointed Special Advocates is hosting an information session for volunteers. If you would like to learn more about advocating for abused or neglected children, call 703-273-3526, x22 or email [ekosarin@casafairfax.org](mailto:ekosarin@casafairfax.org). At Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria.

**Civil War Spotlight Talks.** Free. Explore Civil War Artillery Projectiles. 30-minute talks from 10 a.m. to noon; and 2 to 4 p.m. Learn about a variety of Civil War-period ammunition, from a 100-pounder Parrott shell to a Ketcham hand grenade. At Fort Ward Museum, 4301 West Braddock Road, Alexandria. Visit [www.fortward.org](http://www.fortward.org) or call 703-746-4848.

## JULY 16-17

**Free Music Lessons.** Kingstowne Acoustic Music joins in the fight against heart disease by offering free music lessons in the following: guitar, bass, banjo, mandolin, violin, piano, ukulele and voice lessons. At 110 Kingstowne Center in Alexandria. Call Kingstowne Acoustic Music at 703-822-9090.

## TUESDAY/JULY 19

**Mount Vernon Genealogical Society.** 1 p.m. Free. The meeting will feature the presentation "Leaping to Erroneous Conclusions" by Christine Rose. Meets in Room 112 of Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Call Phyllis Kelley at 703-660-6969 or [publicity@mvgenealogy.org](mailto:publicity@mvgenealogy.org).

## WEDNESDAY/JULY 20

**Ben Brenman Park Concerts.** 7 to 8 p.m. Dave Chappell Duo (Blues). At Ben Brenman Park, 4800 Brenman Park Dr., Alexandria. Contact Special Events, [maureen.sturgill@alexandriava.gov](mailto:maureen.sturgill@alexandriava.gov), 703-746-5592.

**Summer Concert Series.** 8 p.m. American Jazz Heroes with the U.S. Air Force Band — The Airmen of Note. At T.C. Williams High School, 3330 King Street, Alexandria. Call 202-767-5658 or visit [www.usafband.af.mil](http://www.usafband.af.mil).

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# SUMMER FUN

## Gentlemen, Start Your Engines

ACCT revs up  
“The Solid Gold  
Cadillac.”

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

She may be blonde, bit she’s anything but dumb. Sometime actress Laura Partridge, a minority shareholder in a major New York company, dares to challenge the status quo of the board of directors of General Products in this charming rendition of the 1953 George Kaufman and Howard Teichmann Broadway comedy, “The Solid Gold Cadillac,” now playing at the Aldersgate Church Community Theater.

Directed by Rosemary Hartmann and produced by Bailey R. Center, ACCT has mounted a production that captures the satirical wit and romantic comedy that film buffs remember from the 1956 classic starring Judy Holliday and Paul Douglas.

“It was a struggle to produce and be in the cast at the same time,” said Center, who starred as the sinister Albert Metcalfe. “I won’t ever do it again but I wanted the opportunity to work with Rosemary, who is an incredible director.”

Center and Hartmann have assembled a talented cast led by Barbara Hayes as the guileless but brilliant Laura Partridge. When the not-so-naïve Partridge learns of the corruption within the company, she strategically sets about to bring back Edward McKeever, the founder of the company who earlier resigned his position to take a prestigious government job in Washington.

Hayes, last seen at ACCT as Martha in Arsenic and Old Lace, carries the show with her comedic timing and masterful command of the stage as the deceptively ditzzy heroine who is determined to save the company for all of the small stockholders like herself.

Community theater veteran James McDaniel is Edward McGeever, an icon of integrity attempting to retake control of the company he founded. Standing in his way is a corrupt board of directors played with sinister perfection by Will Monahan as T. John Blessington, Joseph Le Blanc as Warren Gillie, Dan Beck as Clifford Snell and Center in his on-stage role as Albert Metcalf.

The always-entertaining Carol



PHOTO BY JEANNE THEISMANN/GAZETTE PACKET  
The cast and crew of “The Solid Gold Cadillac” celebrate June 24 after the opening night performance at Aldersgate Church Community Theater.



PHOTO BY JEANNE THEISMANN/GAZETTE PACKET  
Producer Bailey R. Center with director Rosemary Hartman on opening night of The Solid Gold Cadillac.

Strachan brilliantly pulls off the role of the narrator, played by an unseen George Burns in the film adaptation of the play. Unlike Burns, Strachan is seen onstage as Estelle Evans and delivers each line with her trademark distinction.

Cast members making their ACCT debut are Jerry Hoffman, seen locally in the Little Theatre of Alexandria production of “Oliver!,” Melissa Purvis and Anne Monahan, who also made her musical theater debut in “Oliver!”

Hartmann served as set designer while costume designer Ferrell Hardigan gift wraps the cast in nostalgic period costumes of the

1950s.

A witty satire from the golden age of American comedy, “The Solid Gold Cadillac” is considered by some one of the funniest plays written about big business corruption in the familiar Main Street takes on Wall Street theme.

Under the direction of Hartmann, a WATCH award-winner for her direction of the Elden Street Players’ production of Three Tall Women, ACCT’s ensemble cast pulls together a script that is sharp and clever and keeps the pace moving toward the anticipated triumph of good over corporate conspiracies. With a sense of whole-

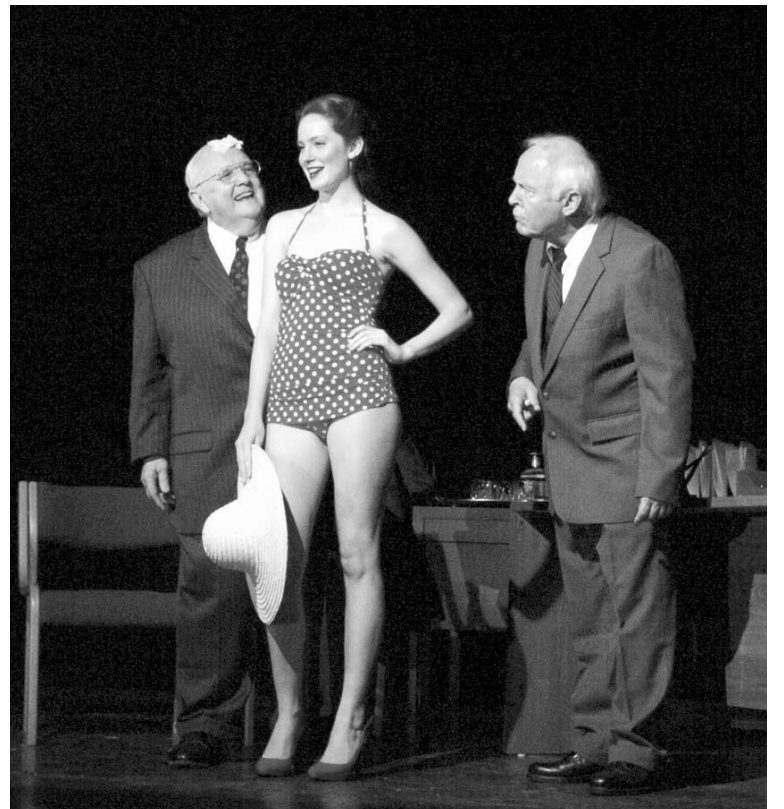


PHOTO BY HOWARD SOROOS  
“The Solid Gold Cadillac” is playing through July 10 at Aldersgate United Methodist Church.

some 1950s fun, it’s a delightful evening of entertainment from some of the area’s best in community theatre.

So fasten your seatbelts for an entertaining ride from ACCT’s charming rendition of “The Solid Gold Cadillac.”

### To Go

The Aldersgate Church Community Theater production of “The Solid Gold Cadillac” is playing now through July 10 at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Road, Alexandria. Performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. A special luncheon matinee will be held July 4 at 2 p.m. For tickets or more information, visit [www.acctonline.org](http://www.acctonline.org).



## BUSINESS

# Mindful Hands Marks 15 Years

Many handicrafts relate to Tibet.

BY ORRIN KONHEIM  
GAZETTE PACKET

**M**indful Hands specialty gift shop celebrated its 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Saturday, June 25 as friends of the store and passersby were treated to refreshments, games, crafts and a chance to enter a raffle.

Located on the second and third floors of the 200<sup>th</sup> block of King Street, the store's merchandise is an eclectic mix of wellness products marketed under the tagline "We sell serenity." While the store has thrived as a second floor shop, many of its neighbors haven't. Mindful Hands owner Sally Scime explains that stores on the second and third floors lack the walk-in traffic benefits of storefront properties and business has been harder to maintain in those locations as the rent has skyrocketed.

Scime, who has owned the store for 12 of its 15 years, attributes her success to the connections she has made with people in the community.

"We've always focused on the local residents cause they've always been super-supportive of the independent shops," said Scime.

"We've been here once or twice a year for the past five years. What's basically nice is it's a nice peaceful aura," said Richard Zechter who came to the anniversary celebration with wife Christine and 17-year-old daughter Mariela from Silver Spring, Md.

"Our main purpose for coming to Alexandria is because I want to visit this store," added wife Christine Zechter.

Before becoming the store's proprietor, Scime previously had a 25-year career in corporate marketing and has culled those experiences into maintaining customer loyalty through having an active social media presence. In addition to being on twitter and facebook, she sends an e-mail newsletter twice a month and maintains a blog. She also is her own webmaster.

Scime originally bought the store from Lisa Bright (now the owner of a non-profit organization Earth Sangha) because she was interested in Chinese antique furniture that was the store's specialty at the time.

She later decided to broaden the mission of the story when browsing through some of the books that she inherited from the original inventory and came across a biography of the Dalai Lama.

"The Tibetan people were a very interesting and compelling story," said Scime. "I was particularly in-



Brecken Branstrator peruses items at Mindful Hands.

terested so the more I read about Tibet with their struggles in China and all, I became more interested in helping them preserve their culture"

Approximately half of the store's inventory of books, music, statues, jewelry, fountains, games, and candles is devoted to selling handicrafts made from Tibetan artists in exile. Additionally, Some of her charitable proceeds go directly to various Tibetan Charities.

A frequent patron to the store, Florence Ferraro likes to shop here because, "You can get very good items that are nurturing to your spirit."

In addition, the third floor is leased out to various groups and organizations for various events and workshops centered around wellness and self-improvement.

"That's part of the community outreach that almost every day of the week they host some event open to the community upstairs," said Ferraro.

On the day of the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, the store hosted an Adopt-a-Thon through the non-profit cat and rescue organization Tails High.

"Sally lets us use this space when she's not renting it to put on adoption events," said the organization's adoption coordinator Kelley Cislo who noted that Sally has one of the tail high kittens in her store.

Scime remains hopeful for the future of her business and still feels that Old Town Alexandria is a nurturing environment for businesses like hers.

"It's definitely one of the biggest shopping districts in the area," said Scime.

Mindful Hands can be found at 211 King Street and can be reached at 703-683-2074.

A schedule events and more information about the store can be found at [www.mindfulhands.com](http://www.mindfulhands.com) and Scime's blog can be found at [harmonious-living.blogspot.com](http://harmonious-living.blogspot.com).

Tails High Cat and Rescue Adoption Organization can be reached at 703-819-5240.

and stepfather Vince Ruch.

He is survived by his mother Flossie and stepmother Jackie Wilson; brothers Ernie Mullins and Richard Wilson and his wife Patricia, sister Deborah Haney, niece and nephews; Katie and Eli Wilson, Billy Farrier, and Vanessa Haney, aunts and uncles; Betty Joe Alexander, Betty Jean Giddens, Eddie and Francis Hall, Bill and Ann Zeffass, and Robert and Denise Wilson.

He was loved, and is missed, by all.

## BUSINESS MATTERS

### Supermarket Crucifixion

Despite strong opposition from residents in a North Old Town high-rise, a series of abandoned buildings and broken asphalt across the street will be transformed into a new mixed-use development. During a heated public hearing last weekend, several residents of the Alexandria House complained 175 rental apartments and a 52,000 square-foot Harris Teeter grocery store was just too dense. Others objected to the entrance and exit to the building's underground garage faced their high-rise building, the densest block in Old Town.

"As **William Jennings Bryan** once said, 'You shall not crucify mankind upon a cross of gold,'" said **Dave Weinman**, president of the Alexandria House. "We want to see a golden opportunity, but we want to see it well designed."

Developer Buchanan Partners agreed to move the loading dock to St. Asaph Street after receiving pushback from the Alexandria House. But attorney **Kenneth Wire**, representing Buchanan Partners, said the topography of the block forces the entrance and exit of the underground garage onto Pitt Street because moving it would cut into the retail space needed for Harris Teeter to become a tenant. "If the slope went the other way, we'd move it," said Wire. Council members approved the permit on the condition that the grocery store hire public-safety officers to manage traffic on peak days, and they added a one-year review so the elected officials could address any problems that arise after the grocery store opens.

### Opening Windows

CVS is about to become the big dog on King Street. Last weekend, the Alexandria City Council approved a special use permit for the drugstore to move from its current location at the southeast corner of Royal and King to the northwest corner of Pitt and King. The new retail location will be more than 11,000 square feet, making it the largest retailer on King Street.

"Personally I wish a different type of retailer were going into this as an anchor to be perfectly honest with you in terms of a retail strategy," said Councilman **Paul Smedberg**. "But here we are."

CVS and city regulators still have to hash out the details of how the store will look from the street, which is considered a critical part of the process considering the high visibility of its location and its size. The drugstore wants to block windows with false walls and what the planning staff calls "uninspired photographs," similar to how the current locations looks. Ultimately the Board of Architectural Review will have the final say.

"We bring all the power and authority of our special-use permit to the aesthetics here," said Deputy Planning Director **Barbara Ross**. "That's unique, and it adds a level of comfort."

### Thanking Heaven

Convenience store 7-Eleven will continue to sell Slurpees at the corner of Braddock Road and Mount Vernon Avenue for many years to come, even after the intersection is bulldozed and redeveloped. Last weekend, City Council members approved a new special-use permit for an old land use.

The store has been operating at this location since 1960, although discussion of redevelopment has lingered for years. Now developer Yates Holdings is planning to build two new buildings and a parking garage on the site, including a 3,000 square-foot retail space for 7-Eleven. It will be a freestanding building on the eastern side of the site open 24 hours with 13 dedicated parking spaces. Unlike other recent 7-Eleven proposals, this one was not opposed by neighbors concerned about crime and litter.

"I know there are issues with 7-Eleven," said **Katy Cannady**, who lives a few blocks from the store. "But when there was four feet of snow on Oak Street and no hope of a snow plow and the dogs were out of food, it was a good thing I could get to the 7-Eleven."

"You might want to talk to her," Vice Mayor **Kerry Donley** told **Michael Vanderpool**, the attorney representing the Dallas-based convenience store. "She could be a part of your marketing campaign."

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

## OBITUARY

### James T. Wilson, Jr.

James Tucker Wilson, Jr., 57, of Alexandria, died June 1, 2011. Born May 11, 1954 in Alexandria, he was the son of Flossie Ruch and the late James T. Wilson.

Jamie graduated from T.C. Williams high school and was a journeyman carpenter. He enjoyed sports, cooking, fishing, and was an avid animal lover. He is preceded in death by his father Jim



## Legal Notices

### ABC LICENSE

Osteria 1909, LLC trading as Osteria 1909, 1909 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL for a Beer and Wine on Premises/Mixed beverage on Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Diana B. Scott, member

### OBITUARY NOTICE



**BARBARA JANE (GLASS) FENTON, "JAY"**, age 60, of Woodbridge passed away on Sunday, June 26, 2011 at home with family by her side after a long battle with Inflammatory Breast Cancer.

Jay was born on April 24, 1951 in Leonardtown, Maryland to parents, Charles and Florence Glass. She married Donald Fenton on April 7, 1984. Jay worked at Finalco, Giant, Sears, and most recently with Prince William County Schools as a payroll specialist.

Jay is survived by her husband, Donald; children, Rebecca Leigh, Zachary Collins and Douglas B. and wife Sandra; grandchildren, Steven, Amarissa, Timothy, and Jeremy; brother, Charles Harvey "Sandy" Glass and wife Margaret; niece, Kerry Marie Newman; nephew, Darren Kyle Glass; adopted children, Milena Cardona Loving and Scott Garbelman and many other relatives and friends.

Jay was an avid book reader and strong supporter of school book fairs and any program that encouraged children to read. She loved the beach and considered the combination of the beach and a good book the nearest thing to heaven on earth. Jay will be remembered most for her heart for family and friends and for the courage she showed every single day of her battle. Even though the cancer took her body, her indomitable spirit lives on in those she inspired and touched simply by being herself.

The family will receive friends from 2:00-4:00 & 7:00-9:00 P.M. Thursday, June 30, 2011 at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas. Services and interment will be private.

The family would like to thank the many people who supported Jay throughout this battle in ways large and small, seen and unseen. Jay was able to fight as courageously as she did because of your support.

Since these causes were important to Jay, in lieu of flowers, please support your local school book fair or make a donation to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, P.O. Box 650309, Dallas, Texas 75265-0309.

Condolences may be sent to [www.piercefhn.com](http://www.piercefhn.com).

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Please take notice that the City will accept proposals for a piece of surplus real estate from the time of this advertisement through August 15, 2011, 3:00 p.m. local time. The parcel is commonly known as 200 North Royal Street and is approximately 10,666 (2 floors plus basement), on a 1,677 square foot lot. Details regarding the proposal process and more information about the parcel can be found at the following link:

<http://alexandriava.gov/generalservices/>

Please contact Timothy E. Wanamaker, Deputy Director, Department of General Services, 110 North Royal Street, Suite 300, Alexandria, VA. 22314, phone (703) 746-3208, e-mail [Tim.Wanamaker@alexandriava.gov](mailto:Tim.Wanamaker@alexandriava.gov), with any questions.

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## PEOPLE

### Miller and Withers Wed

Caroline Fleetwood Miller and Christopher Murdoch Withers were married at 6 p.m. on June 9, 2011, at Morrison House in Alexandria. The Reverend Jeff Maszal performed the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Forrest Miller of Alexandria. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Allen Fleetwood, Jr., of Charlotte, N.C. and the late former U.S. Senator and U.S. Federal Court of Appeals Judge Jack Richard Miller and Mrs. Miller, formerly of Bethesda, Md.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Christopher Withers of Callao, Va. He is the grandson of Mrs. Glenn Christopher Withers and the late Mr. Irving Armistead Withers, also of Callao and the late Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Watts Loving, Jr., of Richmond, Va.

The bride was escorted by her father and given in marriage by her parents. She was attended by her sister, Kathleen Harrison Miller, as Maid of Honor. The Reading was given by the bride's sister and the Wedding Blessing was given by the groom's father.

The bride wore a white, floor-length strapless gown of silk and chiffon, trimmed with pearl and crystal beading and carried her great grandmother's linen handkerchief, a tradition for Fleetwood family brides. She also wore Lon-

don blue topaz earrings which were a gift from her sister. Her French hand-tied bouquet, designed by Gerry Rogers at Petal's Edge, was a garden collection of brilliant Purple Crown dendrobium orchids, white peonies, Picasso mini-calla lilies, and accented by lamb's ear and Queen Anne's lace.

Classical violinist, Cheryl Pearson, of Chantilly, Va., provided the music for the ceremony. A parlor reception and dinner in the salon at Morrison House followed the ceremony. The bride's cake was a double-tiered carrot cake with ornate crème frosting and was adorned with flowers reminiscent of the bride's bouquet. The couple cut the cake with an engraved crystal handled knife, a gift from the bride's grandparents.

A lifelong Alexandria resident, the bride is a graduate of St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School in Alexandria and received her bachelor's degree from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Md., where she was a four-year starting member of the Women's Lacrosse Team. Mrs. Withers is a sales representative for Dixie Sporting Goods in Virginia and North Carolina.

The groom is a graduate of Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, Va. He received his master's degree in business administration from the Fuqua School of Business at Duke University in

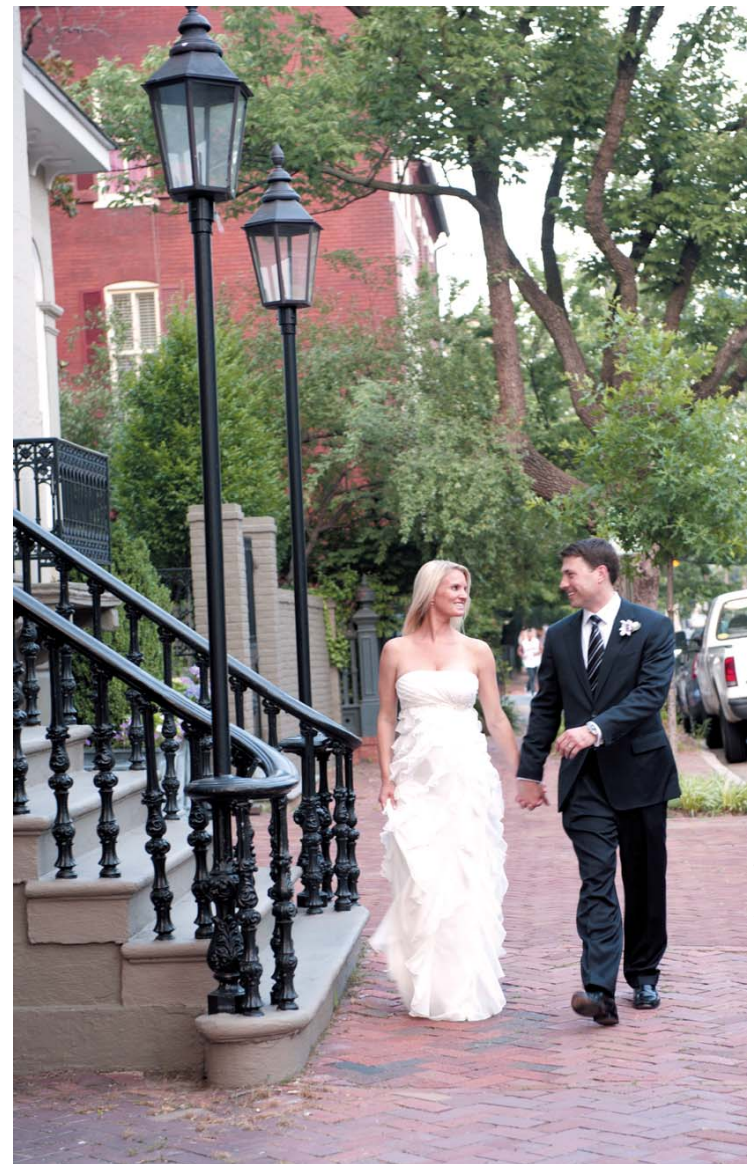


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**Caroline Fleetwood Miller marries Christopher Murdoch Withers.**

Durham, N.C. and is currently a director of Consumer and Retail Investment Banking at Wells Fargo

Securities in Charlotte, N.C.

The newlyweds reside in Charlotte, N.C..

### Students Gain 'Senior Experience' at Sheriff's Office

Four graduating seniors at T. C. Williams High School received a close look at all phases of the Alexandria Sheriff's Office, the William G. Truesdale Adult Detention Center and the city's Courthouse during a three-week internship completed on June 9.

The college-bound students who have studied in the criminal justice program at T. C. Williams High School were Damba Koroma, Kelsey Donley, Vasiliki Voskidi and Stephen Weidman.

Chief Deputy Lenny George coordinated the program, the third consecutive year the Sheriff's Office has participated in the Alexandria City Public Schools program.

The visiting seniors gained firsthand knowledge from Sheriff Dana Lawhorne's command and line staffs.

The experience involved an extensive observation of daily operations of the Detention Center and the Courthouse which houses three judicial facilities — Alexandria Circuit Court with three judges and courtrooms; Alexan-



**Interns graduated from Sheriff's Office "Senior Experience." From left are Vasiliki Voskidi, Damba Koroma, Kelsey Donley and Stephen Weidman. In back row are Chief Deputy Lenny George (left) and Sheriff Dana Lawhorne.**

dria General District Court with two judges and two courtrooms, and Alexandria Juvenile and Domestic Relations court with two judges and two courtrooms. The Sheriff's Office provides security for each court and the courthouse as a whole.

Deputies described how to maintain security in the Courthouse. At the Detention Center, the interns observed how security and rehabilitation work together to help

inmates return to their respective communities better than they came, while at the same time keeping Alexandria safe.

In addition, the seniors examined the Sheriff's Office budget process, learned the importance of having strong community relations and public information programs and explored the process involved in becoming become a Deputy Sheriff.

The students also participated in



PHOTOS BY LENORA MURPHY

**Vice Mayor Kerry Donley (left), daughter Kelsey Donley and Sheriff Dana Lawhorne.**

defensive tactics and firing weapons at the city's Public Safety shooting range.

Sherman, the bomb sniffing K-9, demonstrated his skills along with handler Deputy John O'Hara. The Sheriff's Emergency Response Team (SERT) also provided a demonstration.



# Running Clubs Provide Fun, Competition

Running with club members can help with motivation.

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE CONNECTION

**S**amantha Kirby Cole moved to Arlington in 1997 and it didn't take long for her to find a sense of "community."

Cole, 42, competed in cross country and track while at Muskingum University in Ohio and wanted to get back into running after relocating to Arlington. She joined the Northern Virginia Running Club in 1998 after meeting a club member during her first race in the area.

Thirteen years later, Cole is co-president of the Nova Running Club and has worked her way from the club's level three, geared toward less experienced runners, to level one.

"I do it for fun and I do it stay in shape," she said. "... We're very community oriented. ... We offer a community kind of feel, not just running. We back each other up and step in and do what we can."

The group meets at T.C. Williams High School in Alexandria on Tuesdays. Members are trying to bring back a Thursday meeting in Arlington.

The three different group levels allow runners of all ability levels to join.

"I think of myself as being more competitive," Cole said. "I started off in group three and I moved up to group one. I try to compete, at least for my age. ... I think it's like a stress thing. I get to beat myself up for awhile and then I get to feel good about beating myself up. ..."

"[I would tell beginners] just to show up. We've got a coach to at least get them started. Showing up is the first step to getting something started. ... You have people consistently there every week and they push" you.

Go to [novarun.com](http://novarun.com) for more information.



**Kevin Shaw helped start the Kingstowne Striders in 2009.**

## Getting Back in Shape

Kevin Shaw didn't recognize the person in the photograph.

He did recognize it was time for a change.

Shaw was in his mid-40s when he saw a picture of himself painting a deck in Deep Creek, Md. At 5 feet 10, he weighed more than 250 pounds. The image proved to be a life-changer.

"It was almost like I didn't recognize that person," he said. "... I was in an oversized XXXL T-shirt and I said, 'That can't be me,' and I realized it was."

Shaw and his wife, Suzanne, contacted a nutritionist. He also started walking. With time and effort, Shaw's walking turned to running. Within a year, he went from sitting on the couch to competing in a half marathon (13.1 miles). Within 18 months, he competed in a full marathon.

While working to shed pounds, Shaw joined the DC Road Runners running club in 2006 before joining the Reston Runners for two years. Now 51, the Kingstowne resident is president of the Kingstowne Striders, a group he helped launch in January of 2009. He weighs 168 pounds and has participated in three Iron Man triathlons and a pair of JFK 50-milers.

"I was really overweight," said Shaw, an

information systems engineer with MITRE. "I lost 90 pounds during that process. I started walking and I wanted to do my first 5K and I wanted to run a little bit and eventually fell in love with running."

"I love to run. My worst day running is better than my best day at work."

Running clubs helped Shaw develop an enjoyment for the sport. Shaw said it is important to find the group that is the best fit for one's needs and goals.

"It's a relationship. Not all clubs are built for everyone," Shaw said. "Just finding a group of people that you seem to click with and that inspire you [is important]. Keep trying folks until you find a group that you like."

Shaw started the Kingstowne Striders as a way to experience the enjoyment he felt as a member of the Reston Runners while being able to run and create a sense of community closer to home. The group started with nine members and now includes more than 90 families, Shaw said. The group, which contains runners of all abilities, offers social workouts on Saturdays and Sundays and more competitive track workouts on Tuesdays. There are also members only interested in walking.

The Kingstowne Striders are involved in two events which give back to the community: The Springfield 15K/5K in June raises money for youth programs in the greater Springfield area and the Jack T. Farrar Jr. "Fill the Shoes" 5K in November raises money for pancreatic cancer research.

Running with the Kingstowne Striders is one way to stay motivated. Shaw also signs up for races well in advance, knowing he's going to compete one way or another, so he might as well stay in shape.

In terms of nutrition, Shaw said "I don't beat myself up" when he overeats, instead choosing to re-focus the next day. Also, he realized losing weight was going to take time.

"I didn't put all that weight on overnight," he said, "and it certainly wasn't coming off overnight."

Visit [kingstownestridders.org](http://kingstownestridders.org) for more information.

## Pushing Forward

Paul Jacobson's desire to continue running into his 40s earned him personal recognition last year, when he was named the 2010 Montgomery County Road Runners Club's master Runner of the Year.

The effect of Jacobson's competitive nature on others, however, has been present for the last six years, while he was an assistant coach with the Churchill cross country team in Potomac, Md. This year, Jacobson will continue his influence on the Bulldogs with a new title: head coach.

Jacobson, 48, runs with members of the Churchill cross country team, helping push them to improve. Jacobson said Bulldog harriers comment that having their coach run with them has a positive influence.

Jacobson takes over a boys program that has finished state runner-up each of the last two seasons and figures to be a contender for the 2011 state crown. He said the girls team will be young.

"Some coaches don't, but I run with them," said Jacobson, adding he fares well against his pupils. "They keep me fresh. ... It's different when the kids see you doing it."

Jacobson has been running since he was a 16-year-old at Einstein High School in Kensington and he continues to do so at a high level. While running with the Bulldogs keeps Jacobson "fresh," the first-year head coach said he also enjoys competing with the Montgomery County Road Runners Club.

"It was kind of a relief," Jacobson said of winning the master Runner of the Year honor. "I have been nominated many times. It was very close. ... [Running is] definitely fun. I like the competition. ... I was a better runner when I was younger, but I still want to compete and be the best I can be."

The MCRRC offers programs for those ranging from 5K walkers to experienced marathoners, according to the club's Website. The club will be participating in the Midsummer Night's Mile at 7 p.m. on July 8 in Rockville and the Rockville Rotary Twilight 8K at 8:45 p.m. on July 16 in Rockville.

## SPORTS BRIEFS



**Tyrell Sitton is one of six members of the 2010-11 T.C. Williams boys basketball team that will play college basketball or attempt to walk on to a college team next season.**

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## Titans Headed To College

Six members of the 2010-11 T.C. Williams boys basketball team will play college basketball or attempt to walk on to a college team next season.

Guards Tyrell Sitton (Virginia State), Tyler Driver (Emory & Henry) and forwards Rick Mathews (Virginia Wesleyan) and Jamal Pullen (Ferrum) will play at the collegiate level in 2011-12, while guard/forward Donte Adams will try to walk on at Dowling College (New York) and forward Emanuel Sarpong will try to walk on at Virginia State.

TC won the Patriot District and Northern

Region championships last season before losing in overtime against L.C. Bird in the state semifinals.

## TC's Benites on Prospect List

The Ray Guy/ProKicker.com Kicking Academy recently announced T.C. Williams rising senior kicker Manuel Benites has been named to its top prospect list.

Benites was one of thousands of high school athletes that attended the Ray Guy/ProKicker.com Kicking Academy, which is held annually in more than 50 cities across the nation, according to a release. Athletes

named to the top prospect list for each camp were individually evaluated and graded on facets of kicking, punting and long snapping, such as accuracy, timing and distance.

## Lady Titans Basketball Camp

The T.C. Williams Lady Titans Rising Stars Basketball Camp for girls ages 8-14 will be held from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. June 27-July 1 at T.C. Williams High School. Registration fee is \$135 for the five-day event and a \$50 non-refundable deposit is due when

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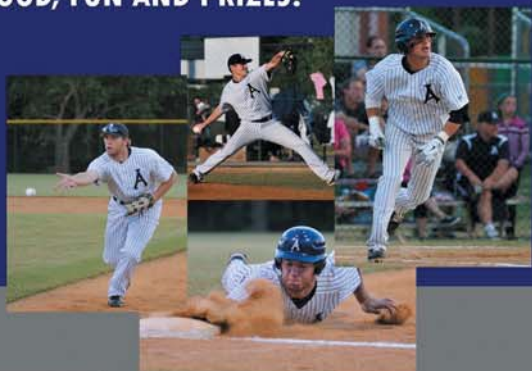
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Contact T.C. Williams head girls basketball coach Kesha Walton at keshawalton@hotmail.com or 703-296-8717 for more information.

## Alexandria Titans Youth Tackle Football

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities; Centers, Playgrounds and Youth Sports Division is now accepting registrations for the Alexandria Titans youth tackle football program. Teams are formed in the following weight di-

visions and participate in the Fairfax County Youth Football League: Anklebiters, 75 lbs, 85 lbs, 95 lbs, 110 lbs, 125 lbs, and 150 lbs. Participants will be weighed and assigned to teams according to their weight and age. This program is for participants ages 7-16. Registration fee is \$30. All participants must have a Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Identification Card upon registration. The Sportsmanship and Equipment Days will be held from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on July 23 (Anklebiters and 75 lbs.), July 30 (85 lbs. and 95 lbs.) and Aug. 6 (110 lbs., 125 lbs and 150 lbs.).

The Alexandria Titans Football Camp (free for Titans players only) will be held Aug. 1-4 from 6-8 p.m. at George Washington Middle School. The Alexandria Titans Youth Football Booster Club is looking for sponsorships for the 2011 season.

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## Sewer Costs

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**SEWER SYSTEMS** in Northern Virginia date to the 19th century, a time when cholera epidemics threatened health and commerce in the region. After an 1828 epidemic, the Alexandria Board of Health convened in emergency session and outlawed the practice of dumping raw sewage into the streets. The city government funded infrastructure projects to repave streets that were clogged with raw sewage, including Washington and Columbus streets running south from Duke and the west wide of St. Asaph.

"All dram and drinking houses were ordered closed in Washington," wrote Alexandria maritime historian Donald Shomette. "Although Alexandria advised similar measures, the only action taken was to recommend the healthful virtues of abstinence."

That included daily notices in the Alexandria Gazette from the Alexandria Board of Health recommending that citizens refuse to eat unwholesome fruits and vegetables, remain sober and go to bed early. The cholera epidemics of the 19th century gave rise to the need for the early sewage tunnels under the streets of Old Town, cedar tunnels later replaced by cast-iron pipes.

By 1968, Arlington County began requiring construction projects to separate sewage from stormwater runoff. Instead of digging up the county's old neighborhoods, officials decided to build large tanks at the treatment plant.

"Some areas in Arlington still have combined sewers," said Slattery. "But we fix that at the plant."

Alexandria faces a different problem. The old sewer system that was progressive in the 19th century has now become a liability. Now city officials are facing a choice about how to respond to the new modeling and reduce the amount of raw sewage dropped into the Potomac River and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay. Digging up the streets and fixing the combined sewer system or constructing massive new underground tanks at Jones Point are both very expensive infrastructure projects — at least \$300 million. How the city will respond may depend on the new EPA requirements.

"We'll have a better idea in the next few months," said Pepper, a member of the Northern Virginia Energy and Environmental Policy Committee.

Localities across America are considering how to respond to the ever-increasing demands from the EPA, which is trying to implement a 1970-era mandate that rivers must be "swimmable." The District of Columbia has opted to build a series of massive underground tanks that will store polluted water during heavy rains, an infrastructure project that will cost billions. New York and Philadelphia, on the other hand, have attempted to convert impervious surfaces to allow absorption and reduce stormwater runoff.

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