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## Showcasing West End

Local wines and arts on tap for Oct. 8-9 festival.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

Alexandria, already known as a national destination for the arts, is adding a marquee event to the fall calendar with the addition of the inaugural West End Art and Wine Festival Oct. 8-9 at Ben Brenman Park in Cameron Station.

"We are excited to show off Alexandria's West End of the city," said festival co-producer Donna Kenley at the festival launch held July 18 at Tempo Restaurant. "This area has seen such thriving growth and we are looking forward to showcasing the talents of our local artists and restaurants."

The West End Business Association and the City of Alexandria have joined with title sponsor Hadeed Carpet and festival producers West End Event Productions to launch the festival, which

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Aiden, Carter and Riley enjoy a piece of birthday cake at the Friendship Firehouse Festival on Saturday, Aug. 6. MORE PHOTOS, PAGE 24.

## Clock Is Ticking

Waterfront panel sets agenda for potential December vote.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

An advisory panel created to examine redevelopment on the waterfront has set an aggressive agenda to clear the way for a December vote of the City Council, setting a deadline of Nov. 1 to issue a set of recommendations and findings. Meanwhile, a new citizen group who supports a Planning Commission proposal has emerged as a counterbalance to opponents who have been blasting the plan for months. The stakes are high because developers are already eyeing the waterfront.

"This is a good plan," said Councilman Paul Smedberg, who is acting as a nonvoting convener of the advisory group. "There are a lot of great things here."

Opponents disagree, criticizing the small-area plan as a gift to developers who want to build high-density hotels along the waterfront. This week, a group known as Citizens for an Alternative Alexandria Waterfront Plan issued a written statement expressing concern over what they consider a rush to judgment. They also called for city leaders to ditch plans to overturn a longstanding ban on hotels along the waterfront.

"The plan has already been defeated by citizen protest," said

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## Celebrating City's Civil War Legacy

### Archaeological Museum adds artifacts to its collection.

BY HARRISON FALLON  
GAZETTE PACKET

The Alexandria Archaeological Museum is now working to revamp its collection to better reflect the Civil War's 150th anniversary by adding onto

its current collection of Civil War artifacts.

Alexandria had a busy four years during the war. It was the site of not only the first casualty, but also major Union encampments.

Visitors to the museum on the third floor of Old Town's Torpedo

Factory can see items ranging from a Civil War-era drumstick to a Union Army regulation cartridge box.

To commemorate the death of Colonel Elmer Ellsworth, the first death in the war, museum educator Ruth Reeder has constructed a diorama replica of the incident, replacing all the people with the candy Peeps. Constructed during the blizzards of February 2010, the sugary diorama was featured in a Washington Post Magazine feature on creative uses of the food.

Accompanying the diorama is an original copy of the New York Tribune — purchased off of eBay — reporting on the war's first death. "It's really great that it was donated to the museum, even if it is

## HomeLifeStyle



**Outdoor Living** This month's HomeLifeStyle section focuses on outdoor living space. This recently added screened porch was designed by Alexandria-based architect Christine Kelly of Crafted Architecture. SEE PAGE 11.

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# NEWS

The Democratic primary will take place on Tuesday, Aug. 23.



PHOTO BY MICHAEL LEE POPE/THE CONNECTION  
**Del Adam Ebbin (D-49) celebrates the legalization of sangria in restaurants with La Tasca manager Shana McKillop in 2008.**



PHOTO BY MICHAEL LEE POPE/THE CONNECTION  
**Arlington School Board Chairwoman Libby Garvey, right, chats with Arlington Board member Barbara Favola during a reception honoring retiring state Sen. Patsy Ticer (D-30).**



PHOTO BY MICHAEL LEE POPE/THE CONNECTION  
**Alexandria City Councilman Rob Krupicka takes a break in the council chamber during a public hearing.**

## Who Will Be Democratic Nominee in 30<sup>th</sup>?

### Ebbin: The Progressive

BY MAYA HOROWITZ  
THE CONNECTION

**D**el. Adam Ebbin (D-49) started working on political campaigns when he was 12 years old. A county legislator in suburban Long Island knocked on his parents' front door looking for volunteers. The legislator had just put a traffic light in around the corner and young Ebbin decided to champion his cause.

"It shows you that all politics is local," Ebbin said. "I thought it was exciting, but as I understood more about politics as a kid, I learned how important it was to affect change."

In high school, he worked on a teacher's campaign for town council. He continued to work as a volunteer and later as a campaign manager on various political campaigns throughout college and into his adult life. In 1993, he spearheaded Jay Fiset's campaign to be a county board member in Arlington.

Fisette described Ebbin as a "work-a-holic ... He has a great balance of attention to detail, organization and seeing the big picture and being strategic and creative."

Ebbin also served as Lois Walker's campaign manager in 1997. "He's a lot of fun to work with," Walker said. "He's very smart, very sharp and very creative."

Ebbin finally got to run his own campaign in 2003, when he faced four Democrats in a competitive primary after Del. Karen Darner (D-49) announced that she would not seek a sixth term. Michael Graham, who was one of the Democrats running in the five-way primary, said Ebbin won because he was an "excellent" campaigner.

"He was a tireless door-knocker," Graham said. "He connected with a lot of folks that he was able to speak with."

Andres Tobar, who also competed in that 2003 primary, said running against Ebbin "was delightful ... It was a very friendly competition." He recalls meeting Ebbin's mother, whom he calls "a very positive woman."

Ebbin's campaign for the state Senate is based on what he calls progressive priorities. Ebbin said he wants "to protect the environment, to expand transit, to look out for senior citizens and to ensure quality education." He supports automatic restoration of voting rights for nonviolent felons, increased funding for emergency rental assistance and indexing the minimum wage to keep up for inflation.

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### Garvey: The Fighter

BY LIAM MALAKOFF  
THE CONNECTION

**A**rlington School Board Chairwoman Elizabeth "Libby" Garvey met her husband Kennan Garvey during her freshman year at Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts. Instead of a candlelit dinner or a trip to the movies, their first date was spent watching the controversial trial of Black Panther founder Bobby Seale. Their second was a trip to Washington D.C., in order for her to serve as a justice of the peace during the 1971 May Day protests.

She already knew that public service would be her life's work, she said.

On Feb. 21 Garvey entered a race that could take her to a new level of service when she announced her candidacy for the 30th District's state Senate seat, currently held by state Sen. Patsy Ticer (D-30). Ticer chose not to run for reelection this year, endorsing Garvey as her successor in Richmond.

"I think she has a very good sense of what's good for this district," said Ticer in an interview. "The schools are testimony to her good work."

Ticer also pointed to what she sees as Garvey's coalition-building leadership style. "What's a showboater going to be able to accomplish?" she asked.

Garvey has also received endorsements from Fairfax County School Board member Dan Storck, Mount Vernon District Supervisor Gerry Hyland and former Virginia Attorney General Mary Sue Terry.

Garvey is running on a platform of improvements to education, transportation and the environment. A 14-year veteran of the Arlington School Board, she has also become known for involving herself in a spectrum of issues from fighting gangs to advocacy for non-English speakers. She has served on the Council of Government's Emergency Preparedness Council since 2004 and co-founded the non-profit Get Women Elected Now in 2007.

Originally from the Philadelphia area, Garvey attended four different high schools because her father was "chasing the pot of gold," she said in a speech to the Arlington County Democratic Committee. As a result, he went bankrupt during her junior year of college and left the family. She dropped out to work as a waitress and help support her family.

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### Krupicka: The Idea Man

BY LIAM MALAKOFF  
THE CONNECTION

**B**orn to a teenage mother who married and divorced early, Rob Krupicka began life with few advantages except parents who cared about his education. After turning heads in technology and finance he moved into politics. Now Krupicka, 40, is running a campaign for state Senate on a platform of issues he takes to heart.

"This campaign is about new ideas," said Krupicka in his March 26 kickoff speech at the Birchmere. "If you believe we need new ideas in Richmond, if you believe that we can do better, if you believe that we can be more than we already have been, then I ask you to join our campaign."

Krupicka has cultivated a strong grass-roots campaign based at his Del Ray home. And because he has spent the last eight years as a member of the Alexandria City Council, he knows many of the key players in local governments throughout Northern Virginia. His supporters include Mayor Bill Euille, Sheriff Dana Lawhorne Councilwoman Del Papp and U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11).

"He's not the kind of guy to go with the party line," said former Police Chief David Baker. "He's very independent minded, and he's got the vision to get the job done."

Public officials are not the only ones who have pledged their support. Several prominent businessmen have also contributed to his campaign, including Alexandria Toyota owner Jack Taylor and sports mogul Ted Leonsis. Venture capitalist Robert Dugger III is the top contributor, pumping more than \$7,400 into the campaign. Overall, Krupicka has raised and spent more money than either of his rivals in the Democratic primary, raising more than \$200,000 and spending more than \$150,000.

"Just because you raise the most money doesn't necessarily mean you are going to win," said political analyst Isaac Wood with the University of Virginia Center for Politics. "But it does show you have a strong organization, which is what it takes to win."

Kenneth Robert Krupicka was born in Thousand Oaks, Calif., on Feb. 18, 1971. Six months later, he moved north with his teenage parents to Washington. After they divorced, he lived with his mother and graduated from Interlake High School in Bellevue, Wash., in 1989. A few days later, he headed east to attend the University of Virginia. Krupicka's

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## NEWS

### Stimulus Green

**Kermit the Frog** observed "It's not easy being green." But he didn't have access to stimulus money.

This week, officials at City Hall began construction of a new \$120,000 green roof — funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program. The green roofing will be visible from hallways on the second floor that overlook two rooftop areas currently filled with gravel.

"We wanted them to look good," said energy manager **Bill Eger**, adding that both of the new green roofing will be high profile locations that can be seen from the building's central hallways. "This is not going to look like someone's overgrown garden."

Green roofing has already been installed at T.C. Williams High School, Cora Kelly School for Math, Science and Technology and the Alexandria Health Department. But this green roofing will be special because developers arriving at City Hall will have to walk past it on their way to talk to planning officials about their special-use permits — perhaps a not-so-subtle reminder that city officials will expect concessions for energy conservation and environmental sustainability.

"This reduces stormwater runoff because the plants take up water that would otherwise end up at the water-treatment center," said Eger. "And it also reduces the need for heating and cooling the building, which will reduce energy consumption at City Hall."

The stimulus project, which will be installed by Centennial Contractors Enterprises, is expected to be finished in October.

### Moving Day

After months of growing resentment about the Washington Headquarters Service, the massive building at Mark Center near the intersection of Shirley Memorial Highway and Seminary Road opens its doors this week to its first employees. Over the course of the next few months, more than 6,000 Department of Defense employees will be moving into the building as a result of recommendation 133 of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure process.

That's expected to create regional gridlock on an unprecedented scale.

"The opening of this new facility will have wide-ranging impacts that will be felt across the Northern Virginia region and throughout the commonwealth," said Republican Gov. **Bob McDonnell** in a written statement this week. "So we must do everything possible to mitigate the effects of traffic and the quality of life of residents and those who travel I-395."

With that in mind, the governor announced this week that the Virginia Department of Transportation has created a new task force that will monitor traffic and be able to adjust surrounding traffic signals to change traffic conditions if needed. Meanwhile, at City Hall, officials have created new parking districts to prevent employees from using neighborhood streets and organized new express service that will offer service from the King Street Metro station every 10 minutes when coupled with the existing AT-2 route.

"DASH will be playing a major role in addressing the transportation concerns related to the development," said **Sandy Modell**, Alexandria Transit Company general manager.

### AAA OK

Standard & Poor may have downgraded the credit rating for **Uncle Sam** this week, but does that mean that City Hall might share the same fate?

"It is unlikely," said **Stephen Fuller**, director of the Center for Regional Analysis at George Mason University, "as long as the city continues to balance its budget and keep debt within the limits of total assessment that the rating agencies prefer."

Last week, Moody's Investors Service announced that Alexandria would keep its AAA credit rating, although it assigned a "negative outlook" because of the city's economic relationship with the federal government.

"The fundamentals of cities haven't changed," according to a Tuesday statement from the National League of Cities. "The overwhelming majority of municipal debt issued by general-purpose local and state governments remains highly rated and secure, as confirmed by S&P's and Moody's recent announcements."

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

## Waterfront Panel Sets Deadline

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Boyd Walker, co-chairman of the CAAWP "We need a new plan, not a revision of the old plan."

But supporters of the plan approved by the Planning Commission say allowing hotels and increasing density are worthy goals. This week, they launched a new group known as Waterfront For All. In a written statement announcing the formation of the new group, members of the group suggested the small-area plan be adopted "as soon as possible."

"Alexandrians from all parts of the city do indeed support the waterfront plan," ac-

ording to an unsigned written statement from the new group. "It is often easier to rally people in opposition of a proposal rather than in support of change."

In a Wednesday morning meeting at City Hall, members of the advisory panel struggled with the scope and purpose of their mission. One of the group's members, retired Lt. Gen. Bob Wood, presented a plan that would have separated the work into four phases, beginning with a comprehensive review of the background and engaging stakeholders to exploring alternatives and recommending potential changes.

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POLITICS

# Taking on Barker

Two Republicans vying to challenge incumbent viewed as vulnerable.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

Whichever Republican emerges from the August primary this month will be in one of the hottest campaigns of the year. The winner of the Aug. 23 election will face incumbent state Sen. George Barker (D-39), who is perceived as vulnerable by Democrats and Republicans. The newly redrawn boundaries of the district stretch from Clifton to Alexandria, increasing the Democratic voters by 1.7 percent.

"That's an indication that the Democrats see this seat as vulnerable," said Kyle Kondik, political analyst with the Virginia Center for Politics. "If this is a seat where the Democrat loses to the Republican, that would probably be an indication that the leadership of the Senate would change."

Republican voters have a choice of former Justice Department official Miller Baker and education administrator Scott Martin. As is often the case with primary races, the difference between the candidates has less to do with issues and more about personal background and biography. Both Baker and Martin say they have the experience and the background necessary to be successful in Richmond.

"Barker is vulnerable, and [we] have two aggressive and mainstream Republicans who are eager to take him on," said Republican consultant Mike Lane. "There is a reason to believe that national political scene is going to cast a shadow over the election this year, and that's not looking very good for the Democrats right now."

**MILLER BAKER** describes himself as the frontrunner in the race, a candidate who is leading "by every metric." He says he has knocked on more doors, raised more money and has more yard signs in the district than his opponent. As a former Justice Department official who has successfully argued cases before the U.S. Supreme Court, Baker says he has the background and experience needed in Richmond. At the top of his agenda is doing away with personal and corporate income taxes as well as diversifying the local economy.

"Federal spending is going to slow down," said Baker, a member of the Federalist Society. "So we need to attract businesses that have nothing to do with the federal government."

If elected, Baker's first bill would be changing the Senate rules to make sure that the voting record of every state Senator was easily accessible on the General Assembly website — including floor votes, committee votes and subcommittee votes. Currently, some of that information is accessible, but it's only available by looking at each bill individually. And subcommittee votes are often unrecorded. Even if

the bill is unsuccessful, Baker pledges to make the information available on his own website.

"I think the General Assembly ought to make it easy for constituents to find out what their senator's record is," he said. "Transparency is essential if this representative government is going to work."

Other bills he says he would introduce in his freshman term address transportation and education. On transportation, Baker says he would revise the allocation of revenues for highway projects so that spending is prioritized based on where the congestion is heaviest — an effort that was unsuccessfully championed earlier this year by Del. James LeMunyon (R-67). On education, he says he would introduce legislation that would prevent universities from raising the cost of tuition at a rate that's higher than inflation.

"Everyone in the private sector is tightening their belts," said Baker. "The universities can do it too."



Miller Baker



Scott Martin

**SCOTT MARTIN** casts himself as someone who has been engaged with the community for many years, running an unsuccessful campaign for the Springfield District of the Fairfax County School Board in 2003. Because he is an employee of George Mason University, where he is director and founder of the Computer Game Design Program, Martin would not draw a paycheck as a state senator. Martin said he has been running for a year and a half, and describes his opponent's campaign as devoid of issues.

"I just haven't heard my opponent say why he's running," said Martin. "I would have never run for state Senate as a first-time candidate, especially without real ideas and a plan."

If elected, Martin's first bill would be creating more availability in Virginia colleges and universities for Virginia residents. Martin said that he would like to see the percentage increase to 85 percent or even 90 percent, although he said the details would have to be worked out during the legislative process. As a longtime professor and educational administrator, Martin said that he has seen how broken the admissions process is from the inside.

"This has been a game that has tortured parents for too long," Martin said. "I know the process, and it's not fair."

Other bills he says he would introduce would streamline the state government and reduce taxes. On government restructuring, Martin said he would like to consolidate the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia with the Virginia Department of Education — a move that would create cost savings he would like to see directed to the Virginia Department of Veterans Services. On taxes, Martin would like to reduce business personal property taxes and eliminate business and professional occupancy license taxes.

"There are a lot of town councils that would be very angry at me for abolishing the BPOL taxes," acknowledged Martin. "But this is something a lot of small businesses just cannot afford."

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## Maurine Thurman

Maurine Vivian (Wielage) Thurman died quietly in her sleep on Thursday, July 21, 2011, at Queen Anne Nursing Home in Hingham, Mass., where she had been living for several months. All of her immediate family members had visited with her during the past two weeks un-



aware that she was so close to death. Her family and friends will celebrate her life of 93 years on Saturday, Oct. 15 in Alexandria.

Maurine was born and raised on a farm outside of Crete, Neb., the first child of Ruby (Baker) and John Wielage. She moved to Alexandria in 1939 when she married Clifford Sheldon Thurman, also a child of the Nebraska farmland. She worked for the Federal Govern-

ment before and after raising their three children. Maurine was a devoted mother, actively involved with her children's schools, church, and community activities. She was predeceased by her loving husband of 56 years who died in 1995.

Maurine contributed to her community and church by serving on the Board of Lady Managers of the Alexandria Hospital, the Alexandria Community Y during Elizabeth Campagna's tenure (now the

Campagna Center), and the Westgrove Women's Club.

She actively taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School at Baptist Temple Church (Commonwealth Baptist Church) for many years and was a faithful member until she moved from the area.

In 2007, after 68 years in Alexandria, Maurine moved to Massachusetts to be closer to her daughters, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. She lived at Grove

Manor Estates in Braintree, Mass., until moving to Queen Anne Nursing Home in April of this year.

Survivors include: daughter, Janet Murphy (Robert) of Boston, Mass., daughter, Joyce Williams (Stephen) of East Falmouth, Mass., and son, John George Thurman of Alexandria; granddaughters, Maureen Murphy of Boston, Mass., Kelly Mulderry (Andrew) of New York City, N.Y.; Tracy Williams of Washington, D.C., and Wendy Ryan (Daniel) of Waltham, Mass.; and great-grandchildren Stephen Hayes, Andrew John, and Grace Maureen Mulderry and William Frederick and Olivia Joy Ryan. Her sister, Verna Steeves, lives in Exeter, Neb.

A memorial service will be held in celebration of her life at 11 a.m., on Saturday, Oct. 15, 2011, at Commonwealth Baptist Church, 700 Commonwealth Avenue, Alexandria. A private interment will be held at Mount Comfort Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made in Maurine's name, to The Board of Lady Managers, c/o The Heart Fund, INOVA Alexandria Hospital, P.O. Box 16453, Alexandria, VA, 22302.

# Hadeed Carpet

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**Safety Fair.** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inova Alexandria Hospital hosts Emergency Management/Preparedness and Safety Fair. Family activities will include a petting zoo, moon bounce, fire truck, and an obstacle course. At Inova Alexandria Hospital, 4320 Seminary Road, Alexandria (Howard Street Parking Lot).

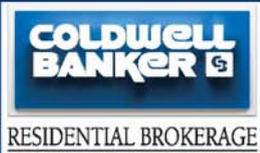
#### TUESDAY/AUG. 16

**Lupus Support Group.** 7 p.m. Meets at Beatley Library Small Conference Meeting Room, 5005 Duke St., in Alexandria.

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#### SATURDAY/AUG. 20

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# OPINION

## Sample Ballots, More Engagement

Virginia Board of Election should mail a sample ballot that includes polling place and ballot for each voter.

It's half past redistricting, do you know where your boundaries are?

While we wrote about the misguided approach to drawing lines for some Virginia Senate and House of Delegates seats during the process, the effects of redistricting are brought more into focus here at the Connection as we plan for election coverage in the communities served by our 15 newspapers.

Many districts stretch out like snakes or amoebas with a piece of one community on this side, a swath of another over here. Individual towns are crisscrossed and nicked by multiple districts.

What's more, voters affected by redistricting are notified just by a postcard in the mail, during the summer — although we should be grateful for this step.

Virginia should follow the example of many other states that mail a full sample ballot to each voter before each election. The ballot shows the specific voter's polling place, a replica of the exact ballot the voter will see, al-

lowing the voter to make selections before hand and carry the ballot into the voting booth, and information about absentee voting, rights and responsibilities and more.

This is a best practice at any time, but a critical practice the first cycle after redistricting. It's too late for this decade, but could be in place for the 2020 redistricting ...

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Check your registration, polling place and ballot at [www.sbe.virginia.gov](http://www.sbe.virginia.gov), click on "voter information."

A wonderful source for information on the races, including details on campaign finance and the often mind-boggling maps of the new districts, is the Virginia Public Access Project, [www.vpap.org/elections/](http://www.vpap.org/elections/).

## Primary Races

Primary Election Day is Tuesday, Aug. 23.

\* Senate District 30, Democrats Adam Ebbin, Libby Garvey and Rob Krupicka are in a three-way race for the nomination to replace retiring state Sen. Patsy Ticer. The winner will face

Tim McGee (R) in November. This district, including parts of Arlington, Alexandria and Mount Vernon, trends to Democrats, so the primary could determine the winner.

\* Senate District 39, Republicans Miller Baker and Scott Martin compete to challenge incumbent state Sen. George Barker (D) in November. This district encompasses parts of Centreville, Clifton, Lorton, Fairfax Station, Springfield and the City of Alexandria.

## Vote Early

You can vote early in person or vote by absentee ballot by mail if you think you might be away from your house for 10 hours or more on Election Day. That's anyone who works.

Alexandria Board of Elections, 703-746-4050, <http://alexandriava.gov/Elections>; In-person absentee voting through Saturday, Aug. 20, at 132 North Royal St., Suite 100. Regular hours for in-person absentee voting: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Extended hours for in-person absentee voting on Monday, Aug. 15, until 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 20, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

— MARY KIMM,

[MKIMM@CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM](mailto:MKIMM@CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM), ON

TWITTER @MARYKIMM

## DOG DAYS OF AUGUST

### Odes To Dogs

Alexandria is known for its adulation of man's best friend. And so what better way to memorialize and celebrate the canines of this city and of our hearts, than to put such sentiments into poetry. The Alexandria Commission for the Arts, Alexandria's poet laureate, Amy Young, and the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria invited all dog-loving Alexandria residents to write poems about their favorite canine, past or present.

Poems will be displayed throughout August at the Vola Lawson

Animal Shelter, at Alexandria's dog parks, and published in the Alexandria Gazette Packet as well as at many businesses.



Lucas



Pork Chop

### Ode to Pork Chop

The Watchdog

There she sits upon her perch  
Just waiting for the call  
Waiting for the postman who  
comes her way  
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away  
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For it was Sunday after all.

— Rony B. Wise

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— Mary McElveen  
Former Poet Laureate,  
City of Alexandria

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Active Oversight

To the Editor:

As the Alexandria City Council works to select a new city manager, we believe they should select a candidate who will provide active oversight of our schools' operations and will work to ensure that all city departments work together in the best interests of our City's children's academic performance.

Despite significant financial commitment, responsibility and accountability for our schools' performance and the expenditure of taxpayer dollars related to children are too diffuse in our City. The search for a new city manager is an opportunity for our elected leadership to create greater accountability.

Ideally, the new city manager should be able to articulate a vision for all city departments (including the school system) to collaborate and coordinate to dramatically improve the educational opportunities for our city's children. Creating synergies and partnerships between the schools and other City-wide initiatives will benefit the city and the schools.

We believe that the new city manager should have significant experience with school operations.

The new city manager should show an interest and commitment to actively engage in school system operations, which is a city department. The superintendent of schools needs a partner, an advocate and a clear-sighted critic who represents the interests of the Council and the taxpayers that elect them.

The new city manager should have high expectations for our schools and our community's academic performance. And our new city manager should be willing to roll-up her or his sleeves to make sure that all of Alexandria's resources are contributing effectively towards that objective.

Laura Dove  
Dan Solomon  
Alexandria

### Historic Ambiance

To the Editor:

Many do not realize how relatively recent the Old Town Alexandria of today is. When people talk about its 300-year history, they tend to believe that Alexandria was always this charming little town.

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# OPINION

## Perspective on Closing a Home

BY SANDRA JORGENSON  
TRANSITION SERVICES  
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Most of us will have to close a long-term residence at least once. This can seem down right impossible. Over 20 years, I have done this countless times, first for aging parents, then others who hired me to help. Here are some things to keep in mind:

\* The house, condo, or apartment is the most valuable asset. The expenses continue while family members argue over who gets what or otherwise postpone emptying the house. Emotional paralysis can drain your savings.

\* Homeowners insurance on an unoccupied house can be prohibitively expensive. Coupled with taxes and maintenance expenses, holding onto an empty home is economically unwise.

\* The home cannot be sold until it is empty. However, dealing with the contents of the home can be challenging because of the memories that things evoke. There will always be things that family members and friends want. But, what do you do with unwanted items?

A certified appraiser can be a good place to start. He or she can point out items of greatest value and give advice. "This gives them an independent evaluation of their property by a knowledgeable professional who

has no conflict," according to Todd Sigety, a certified appraiser. This can be especially important when selling items directly to a private dealer. Know what you have and what it is worth. A dealer's goal is to maximize his or her profit, not yours.

If you have a large amount of items, an on-site estate sale may be your best option. Other people buy your items and then they haul them away. Of course you can conduct your own sale. Just remember that agents are experienced, are knowledgeable about the market value of your things, and have resources for crowd control and to minimize theft.

If you have just a few things, give them to a charity. This works for you and the receiver and qualifies you for a tax deduction. Not all charities will pick up and most are unwilling to accept certain items, so be sure to call and confirm policies with the charity of your choice.

If you have valuables that you want to sell and do not want a full estate sale, send those things to auction, sell to a dealer, or consign them in a store. Whether you utilize an estate sales agent, auctioneer, dealer, or consignment shop, read their contracts, ask questions, get references and, as with most major decisions, shop around.

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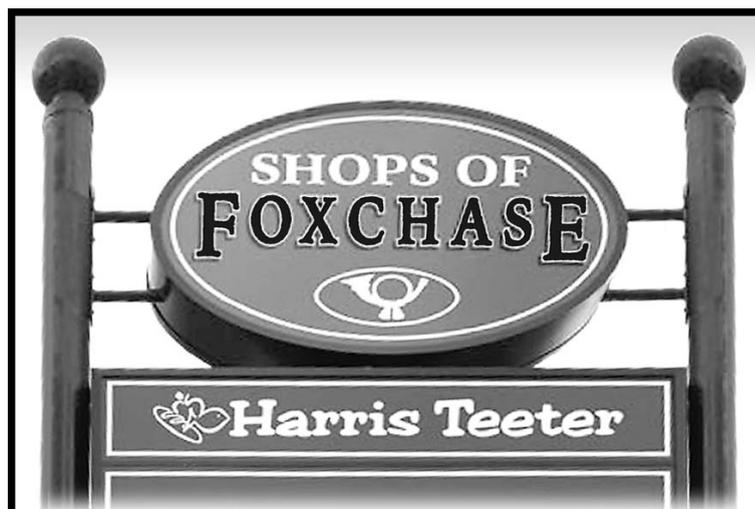
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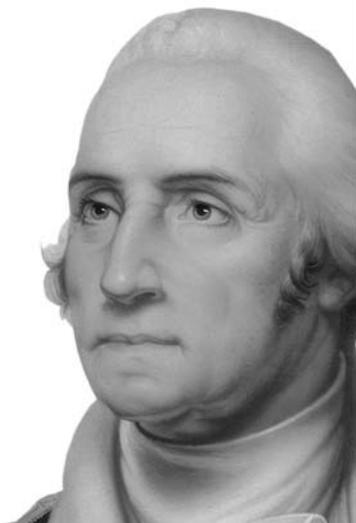
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## LETTERS

FROM PAGE 8

Perhaps 200 years ago, but in between then and today it was a decaying City that retained its original buildings only because economic upturns bypassed it over the years.

Back in the late 1830s, those venturing on the “patriotic pilgrimage” to Mount Vernon had to pass through Alexandria, which according to the “Poetry of Travelling in the United States by Caroline Oilman” described it as a dilapidated little town where “no one wishes to linger.”

In the '60s, the City reached the point where they thought that tearing down 24 city blocks of Old Town under the guise of urban renewal was a preferable alternative. That lunacy was stopped only because one person filed the right lawsuit. So, the Old Town of today is a recent phenomenon that only dates back to Mayor Beatley and his efforts to transform King Street. Messrs. Bill Hurd, and Ed Braswell, and Ms. Ellen Pickering, and Mrs. Jean Caldwell all attested to just how different the City was all those years.

Although the battle scars have a way of blinding us, it is time to remind ourselves just how majestic it is to have the history of “Our Town” relived with every step we take. Imagine that! Simply walking around, we get to see buildings, (for example Christ Church), as George Washington saw them. We get to see the Robert E. Lee Boyhood Home and other delightful prisms to the times of yore, continuously reminding us of the past.

In Alexandria, we have the historic charm and ambiance so cherished that it beckons tourists from all over the world. Why is it so, people ask? Because of course, it authentically ties us to the past, and it gives life to a young nation's history and cultural heritage. Yet many apparently are readily willing to change it without realizing that in doing so, they sever the cord to the past and in effect our historic ambiance. Nonetheless, we have by fate, by chance and by perseverance been able to create a monument to the past that few communities can boast about.

Every study that has been conducted to explain why visitors come to Old Town says that it is because of the historic ambiance. Please keep that in mind when we are accused of nimbyism [“Not In My Back Yard”]. We just might be on the side of keeping the tourist coming instead of abusing the essence of Old town to the detriment of the very attraction that brings visitors here.

**Poul Hertel**  
 Alexandria

## Control Tour Buses

To the Editor:

It's about time that the City of Alexandria makes a firm commitment to the citizens to solve the tour bus crises. Since the City has just appointed a Waterfront Planning Group to develop a new waterfront plan, it seems as good a time as any to clean up our overall disastrous traffic dilemma in the Old and Historic District. That means getting the tour buses off our streets.

Every Tour Bus Task Force appointed by the City has totally failed to understand and solve all the physical constraints regarding tour bus operations in Old Town. The humungous 45-60-foot buses have great difficulty in traveling the streets especially in the Old and Historic District. They impede traffic and cannot efficiently turn the corners, especially if cars are parked near the intersections. However, if you do-away with those parking spaces, you will continue to contribute to the overall shortage of residential parking spaces. A number of times when I have stopped at a stop sign the next thing I saw was one of those tour bus monsters sitting in front of my car while the arrogant and ill-mannered bus driver dared me to move. Luckily in these instances I have been able to back up. Old Town contains a large number of 18th and 19th century residences and the sheer weight, density and excessive speed of these vehicles causes vibrations that have an adverse effect on these historic structures. The buses also cause damage to the sidewalks and on occasion they even brush some of the residents' parked cars. The tour buses ignore the current set of regulations already in force. No one has pre-briefed them before they come into Alexandria and spelled out what is permissible and what isn't. They park in unauthorized places, block traffic, idle for very long period of times adding to the already high levels of pollution in Alexandria, and display an arrogant attitude that defies belief. “You have no rules in this city” is their common retort when confronted after breaking the law.

In answer to all these tour bus shortcomings, the Old Town residents have, on a number of occasions, recommended that all tour buses coming into the city proceed to a central holding area where the buses are to be parked. There are a number of locations where this could occur: the Masonic Temple, Metro's Car Barn when it's vacated or on Eisenhower Avenue. Passengers wishing to visit the Old and

Historic District would then be transported by shuttle buses or trolleys. This is essentially the same process used in New Orleans, Charleston and Savannah. All in all, this plan would be a great leap forward in directing and controlling the tour buses coming into Old Town every day.

We the citizens are not trying to adversely affect the businesses in Old Town, who are a great part of the city's economic engine. However, the citizens deserve a greater role in the tour bus process. Just remember, without citizen spending there will be no economy in Old Town regardless of how many tourists the ACVA and the Chamber bring in.

Over the years the City has told us over and over that any changes to rerouting and parking tour buses cannot be accomplished without getting approval of the Virginia General Assembly in Richmond. That's just not true. Our City Charter, specifically Sections 2.04 (d) and 204(t) fully authorizes the City the requisite control over these contract carriers. The City staff is either too lazy or just unable to read and enforce its own charter otherwise the tour bus problem would have been solved years ago.

**Townsend A. “Van” Van Fleet**

## Challenges Ahead

To The Editor:

For the Primary Democratic Election, vote Rob Krupicka on Aug. 23 for the next state senator for the residents of our city. And for those who may not be able to vote on that day, request an absentee ballots by mail and mail it back no later than Aug. 23 or vote absentee in person up until Aug. 20.

On the National Day of Prayer, I spoke with Rob Krupicka and I could hear the compassion he has for our nation. I see him as a leader in Northern Virginia moving us forward in all aspects of life through many challenges — going green, clean air, better environment, better education from pre-kindergarten to college, jobs, welfare, health care, women rights, equal rights for all and to better the system for all veterans.

He's a voice to end state tax on food — that's something I have never quite understood. Tax on food products? I was born and raised on a farm, I understand the farmer's need to be paid, but why is there a state tax? Vote for Democrat Rob Krupicka.

**Geri Baldwin**  
 Alexandria

# Home Life Style

## Outdoor Rooms Are New Trend

Porches, dining areas, family rooms and kitchens outside add enjoyment.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE GAZETTE PACKET

Julie and Kent Friederich are looking forward to the start of football season. Avid Green Bay Packers fans, the couple is hosting a small party for friends to watch the first televised game of the season. The crowd will gather on the couple's recently added screened porch, an outdoor living space designed by Alexandria-based architect Christine Kelly of Crafted Architecture.

"The Packers won the Super Bowl last year," said Kent Friederich. "We're going to have a Packer party on the porch, cook some bratwurst and have beer and soda. It's a great space."

From screened porches to fully equipped outdoor kitchens, the Friederichs are part of a growing number of homeowners who are going alfresco. "People are just more interested now in focusing on their gardens and outdoor spaces," said Kelly. "Outdoor grilling areas and front porches are making a comeback."

The Friederichs' screened porch has floor-to-ceiling screens, high wooden ceilings with skylights and a combination of wood and tile flooring. The couple chose traditional furnishings including a teak dining set. Just outside the porch is a deck with a grill and more seating. The porch overlooks the home's woodsy yard.

"The porch is on the corner of the house, so the breeze comes through perfectly," said Kent Friederich.

Kelly developed an L-shaped layout for



**The outdoor living room in the home of Julie and Kent Friederich in Alexandria.**

PHOTOS BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

the room, which the Friederichs said gives it an open feel and makes it ideal for entertaining. "We had a graduation party for about 40 people, and we were all sitting out here. The flow of the room worked really, really well," said Julie Friederich. "Nobody went inside of the house."

Julie, a pre-school teacher at Aldersgate Methodist Church School and Kent, a consultant at Booz Allen Hamilton, enjoy the serenity of their outdoor space as a way to unwind and reconnect with nature.

The Friederichs' outdoor rooms—a dining area and family sitting area that includes a stone fireplace and ceiling fans—are useable in both chilly and warm weather. "Whether it's a screened porch or garden rooms, gas or wood burning fireplaces are very popular and can be a beautiful focal point in the room as well," said Kelley

Kelly believes that outdoor room additions should be designed to blend with the existing home in both size and architectural style, but should also have some distinguishing elements.

"Raise the ceiling height and change the texture of the ceiling using painted or stained wood or exposed beams to help set it visually apart from the rest of the house so that it really becomes its own little jewel within the home," said Kelly. "I like to do the same with the flooring using stone, tile or a painted wood flooring that offers a texture and color change from the existing house."

Whether you're doing an enclosed room or screened porch, an abundance of natural light is essential. This can be achieved with skylights and floor-to-ceiling windows, or screens in the case of screened porches.

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**Homeowner Julie Friederich, left, with architect Christine A. Kelly standing in the outdoor dining room.**

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*The home is listed with Susan Gray Chambers with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Alexandria; call 703-518-6175 or 703-203-9900.*  
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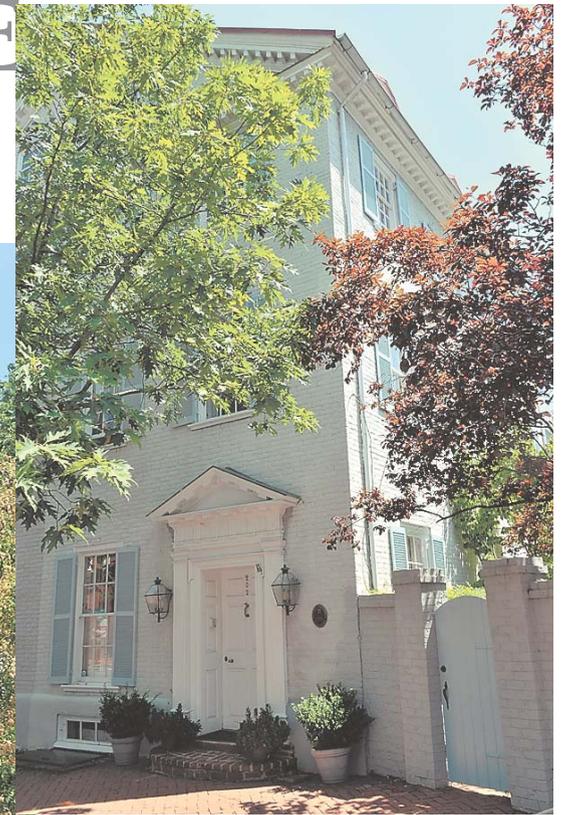
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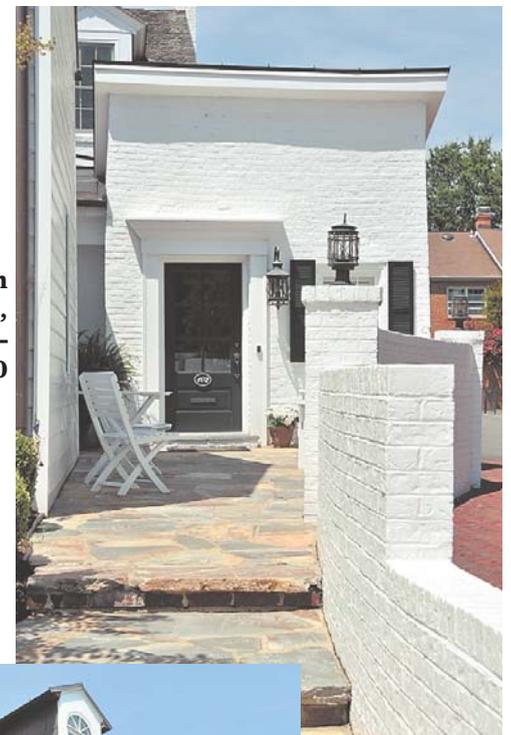
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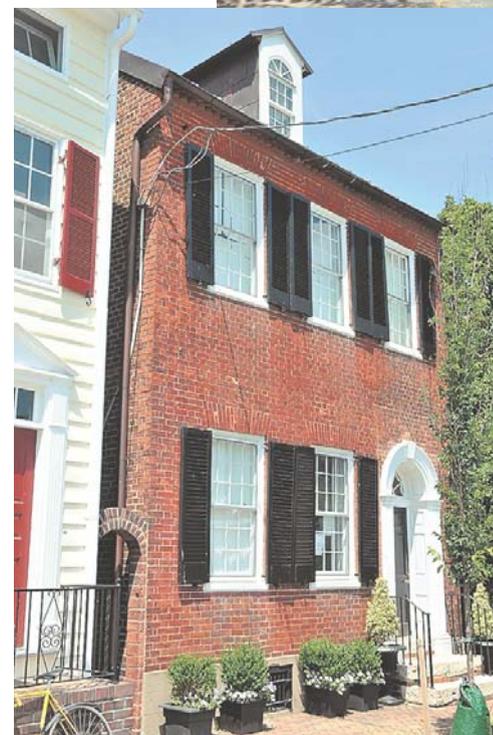
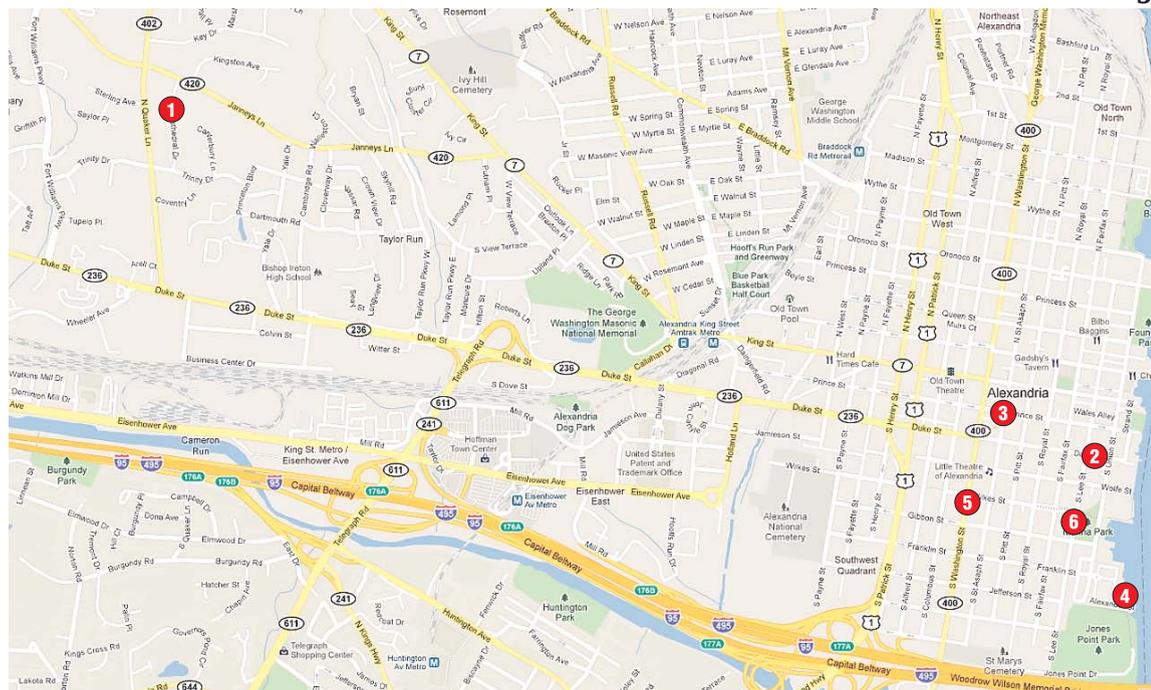
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# Outdoor Rooms Are New Trend

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Howard Kandel, President of Kandel Construction, agrees that the outdoor living trend is on the rise and says that it extends beyond the kitchen. "Over the last several years, outdoor spaces have become a pretty hot topic – a lot of screened porches ... and a lot of trying to bring the outside in," said Kandel.

The trend, he advises, should be tempered with realism. "People have a fantasy in their head of living a certain way, but the reality is they probably will never live that way, so we do a reality check with clients," said Kandel. "It sounds great, but is that how's it really going to work? Is that how you're really going to live?"

The Friederichs said the addition of their outdoor living area, with construction done by Joe Selby & Sons Inc., was money well spent.



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Homeowner Julie Friederich with her architect Christine A. Kelly on the porch.

"We live out here," said Julie Friederich. "We have coffee out here in the morning. We have birds...fox and everything else out here. We just love it."

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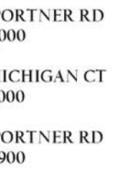
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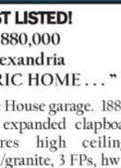
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# QB Grosser Leads Titans into 2011 Season

TC looking to end 20-year playoff drought.

BY JON ROETMAN  
GAZETTE PACKET

**T**he T.C. Williams football program has missed the playoffs for 20 straight seasons.

Each of the last two years, the Titans have come painfully close to ending the drought, only to fall short. In 2009, TC needed to beat Lee at home on the last day of the regular season to secure a postseason berth. The Titans came out flat, fell behind 20-0 and failed in their attempt at a dramatic fourth-quarter comeback.

Last season, TC posted its first winning record since 1995, won five of its final six games and finished 5-2 in the Patriot District, but a 6-4 mark wasn't enough to get the Titans in the postseason.

For whatever reason, TC wasn't able to get over the hump the last two seasons despite rosters oozing with talent. Injuries to key players, including quarterback Joe Hargrove and Division I linemen Jay Whitmire and Joe Massaquoi, hindered the team, adding fuel to the what-could-have-been fire.

**THIS YEAR**, TC again appears to have the talent necessary to make a run at the postseason, but the Titans need to find a way to rise above mediocrity. If leadership was lacking amidst past failures, TC might turn the corner in 2011.

Along with an offseason conditioning regiment that left coaches praising the Titans' work ethic, junior quarterback Alec Grosser took it upon himself to organize work sessions with receivers to help build camaraderie among those in charge of putting a spark in the Titans' passing game.

"I called some of our receivers and just told them to be out here an hour and a half before our [team] workout," Grosser said. "We worked on routes, we worked on little things [and I was building] chemistry with

my guys."

Running back Za'Quan Summers took part in the Grosser-organized workouts.

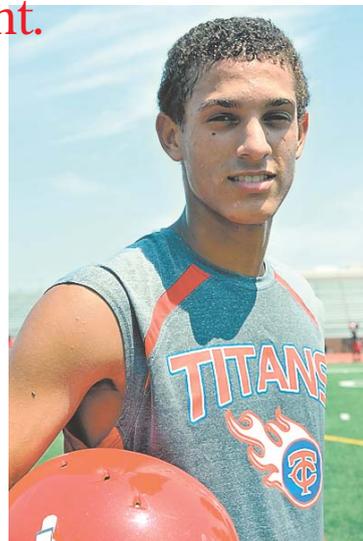
"It says a lot" about Grosser's leadership ability, Summers said. "He can lead the team, I can tell you that. He's very vocal."

Grosser showed off his cannon arm as a sophomore when he took over the starting job four games into the season. He helped TC average 31 points during the final six games of the year and finished the season with 1,240 passing yards and twice as many touchdown passes (14) as interceptions (seven) in TC's potent spread offense. He also scored a pair of rushing touchdowns.

Grosser has the physical tools to be successful, but it's his willingness to learn that helps make him a well-rounded signal caller.

"He listens. He gets it," TC head coach Dennis Randolph said. "He knows that he has to pay attention to what I'm telling him. Whether or not I'm the best coach in the world or the worst coach in the world, he's got to trust me and he's got to listen to me and listen to the things that I'm teaching him — and he does. He listens to everything I say. ... I'm really happy that I have somebody that wants to be good, that wants to listen, that wants to be successful and he's trusting me to teach him the right things."

Grosser will have plenty of help this season. Big things are expected from Summers, who rushed for 830 yards and eight touchdowns last year while averaging more than 6.5 yards per carry. The speedy running back said he wants to rush for 2,000 yards in 2011, reach the end zone at least two times per game and return at least one kick-



**T.C. Williams quarterback Alec Grosser has displayed leadership skills entering his junior season.**



**Big things are expected in 2011 from T.C. Williams running back Za'Quan Summers.**

PHOTOS BY LOUISE KRAFT/GAZETTE PACKET

"Any guy we go against," he said, "we've got to punch first. We've got to hit them in the mouth."

Tovsky said the Titans are working with a higher level of intensity.

"I feel like everyone knows what it takes to win now since we were so close last year," Tovsky said. "We know we have to take the next step."

Defensively, Demetry Johnson, Malik Hackett and Urrutia could make an impact along the line. Linebackers Ed Massaquoi, Sesay and Roberson, and defensive backs Najee Surratt, Deamonte Rice and Jalani Winbush should be major contributors for the Titans.

On special teams, Manuel Benites is once again a weapon for the Titans as a kicker and a punter. Randolph is confident in Benites' ability to put kickoffs in the end zone and connect on long field goal attempts.

"If we cross the [opponent's] 40-yard line, we're not punting," Randolph said. "I'm not going to punt. I'm going to try to put three on the board."

TC will compete in the Queen City Quad scrimmage at Fort Hill High School at 3 p.m. on Aug. 20, and will host a scrimmage against Herndon at 5 p.m. on Aug. 25. The Titans will open the regular season at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 1 on the road against Wakefield. TC's first home game is at 1 p.m. on Sept. 17 against Robinson.

Ending the 20-year playoff drought "would be awesome," Tovsky said. "Obviously, there's a little bit of history that comes along with playing at T.C. Williams, and that's a pretty cool thing, so to be able to get the tradition going again and be known as the group that did it would be a pretty cool thing."

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Lil' Titans Youth Flag Football

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities; Sports Section is now accepting registrations for the Lil' Titans Youth Flag Football program. This developmental program is for participants ages 5-6. League age is determined by the age of the participant as of Oct. 1, 2011. Teams are formed by recreation districts. Registration fee is \$50. All participants must be resident of the City of Alexandria. Games will be held on Saturday afternoons in September and October. The league is limited to a maximum of 100 registrations. For more information, call the Sports Office at 703-746-5402 or go on

the recreation department's web site at [www.alexandriava.gov/recreation](http://www.alexandriava.gov/recreation) for the registration forms or to register online.

### Girls Volleyball Program

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities; Sports Section is now accepting registrations for the girls volleyball league for ages 9-14. League age is determined by the age of the participant as of Dec. 31, 2011.

The league is designed to develop the basic fundamentals and further the development of the skilled players. Teams will be formed in the 9-11- and 12-14-year-old divisions. Practice begins mid-September with practices on Sunday afternoons and

games on Thursday and Friday nights. The registration deadline is Sept. 9 and is limited to a maximum of 120 participants. The fee is \$30 and participants must be a resident of the City of Alexandria.

There will be a weekend clinic for the girls registered on Sept. 10-11.

For more information, call the Sports Office at 703-746-5402 or visit [alexandriava.gov/recreation](http://alexandriava.gov/recreation) for the registration forms or to register online.

### Marathon Tournaments

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities; Sports Section is now accepting registrations for the adult co-ed softball and soccer "Play

Around the Clock" marathon tournaments.

The two tournaments will be held at the Joseph Hensley Athletic Complex beginning Friday, Aug. 26 at 11:30 p.m. and running through the weekend until the tournaments are complete.

The cost for the softball marathon is \$125 per team and the cost of the soccer marathon will be \$225 per team. Teams will have a three-game guarantee for each marathon and must submit a tournament roster with payment. First- and second-place awards will be presented. Deadline for registration is Friday, Aug. 19.

For more information, contact the Sports Office at 703-746-5409 or Marvin Elliott at [marvin.elliott@alexandriava.gov](mailto:marvin.elliott@alexandriava.gov).

## ENTERTAINMENT

# Savings Cravings

Old Town Sidewalk Sale set for Aug. 13.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

From the river to the rails, merchants along the King Street corridor in Old Town will play host to the second-annual Summer Sidewalk Sale on Saturday, Aug. 13.

"We have more than 50 retailers participating this year," said Cindy McCartney, owner of Diva Boutique and one of the organizers of the event. "And the sale isn't limited to King Street. A wide variety of merchants throughout Old Town will be participating in this year's event."

Co-sponsored by the Potomac Riverboat Company and the Alexandria Convention and Visitors Association, the summer promotion was conceived by McCartney and other small business owners as a way to wind down summer promotions and head into back-to-school shopping.

"A group of us were brainstorming last year and came up with the idea of a sidewalk sale," McCartney said. "Several of us wanted to do something like this for a long time and the time was right to make it happen."

Following the success of last year's sale, McCartney noted that even more retailers signed up to participate this year.

"It definitely was a great success for the stores that participated last year."

McCartney said. "And as time goes on, more people will know about it and join in."

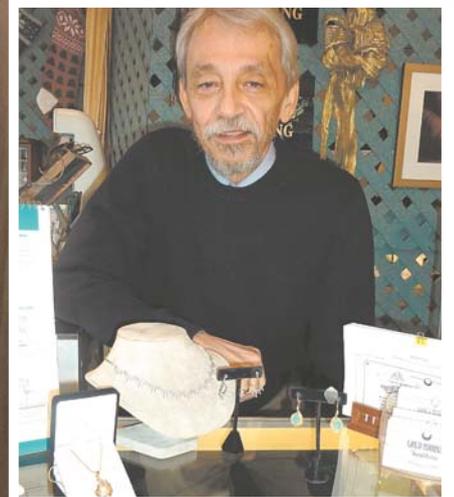
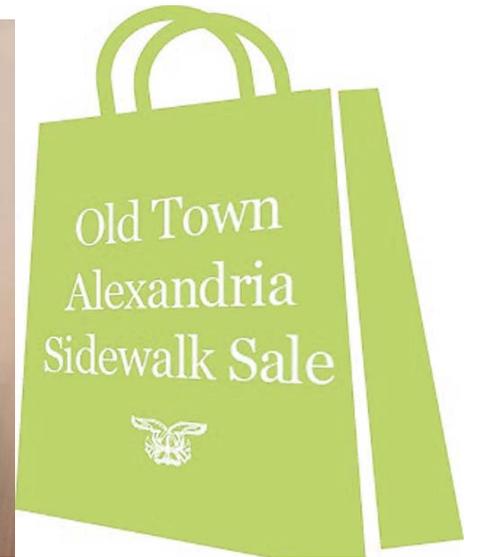
Each store will set its own hours and promotions but general hours will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"We didn't plan it this way, but it's a happy coincidence that the sale is the same day as the city's Irish Festival," McCartney noted. "It's a good time for everyone and we want this to be a tradition for years to come."

Visit [www.alexandriasidewalksale.com](http://www.alexandriasidewalksale.com).



Divia Boutique in Old Town Alexandria.



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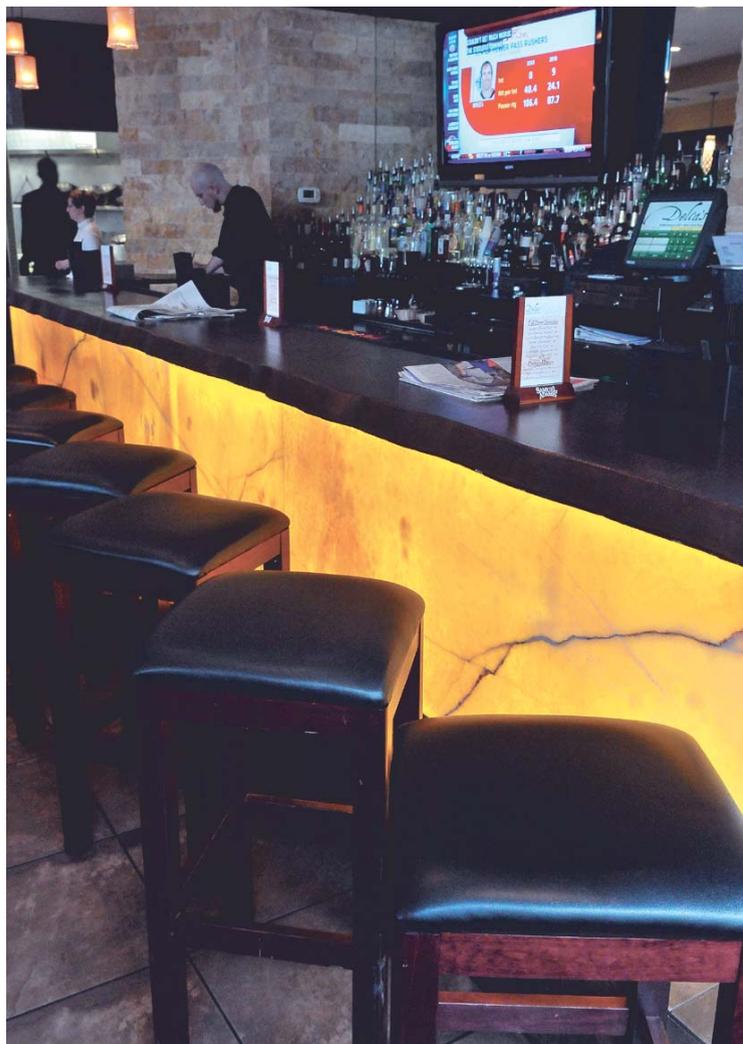
# Alexandria Restaurant Week, Aug. 19-28

Alexandria Summer Restaurant Week returns, Aug. 19-28. Some 62 restaurants throughout the city will feature a \$35 prix-fixe three-course dinner or \$35 dinner for two. Savor the flavors of Alexandria's distinctive collection of eateries, from fine dining establishments to casual neighborhood favorites, with special offers available exclusively during this event.

Restaurant Week menus and online reservations are available on [VisitAlexandriaVA.com](http://VisitAlexandriaVA.com). Food lovers can feast their eyes on the full list of participants, which includes OpenTable Diners' Choice Winners La Bergerie, A la Lucia, Tempo, the Grille at Morrison House, and the Wharf, plus restaurants from Washingtonian 'Best' lists, including Cheesetique, Bastille, Jackson 20, and Grape + Bean.

With more than two dozen participating restaurants offering outdoor dining, Alexandria is a lovely setting to dine al-fresco and bask in the glow of late summer evenings. Paired with a stroll through the neighborhood and a variety of nightlife choices, a dinner out becomes a whole night to remember.

This 10-day event enables residents and visitors to experience Alexandria's diversity of restaurant choices and taste the culinary inventiveness of local chefs. The August 2011 event is the second time Alexandria Restaurant Week has been offered in the summer. Go to [VisitAlexandriaVA.com](http://VisitAlexandriaVA.com).



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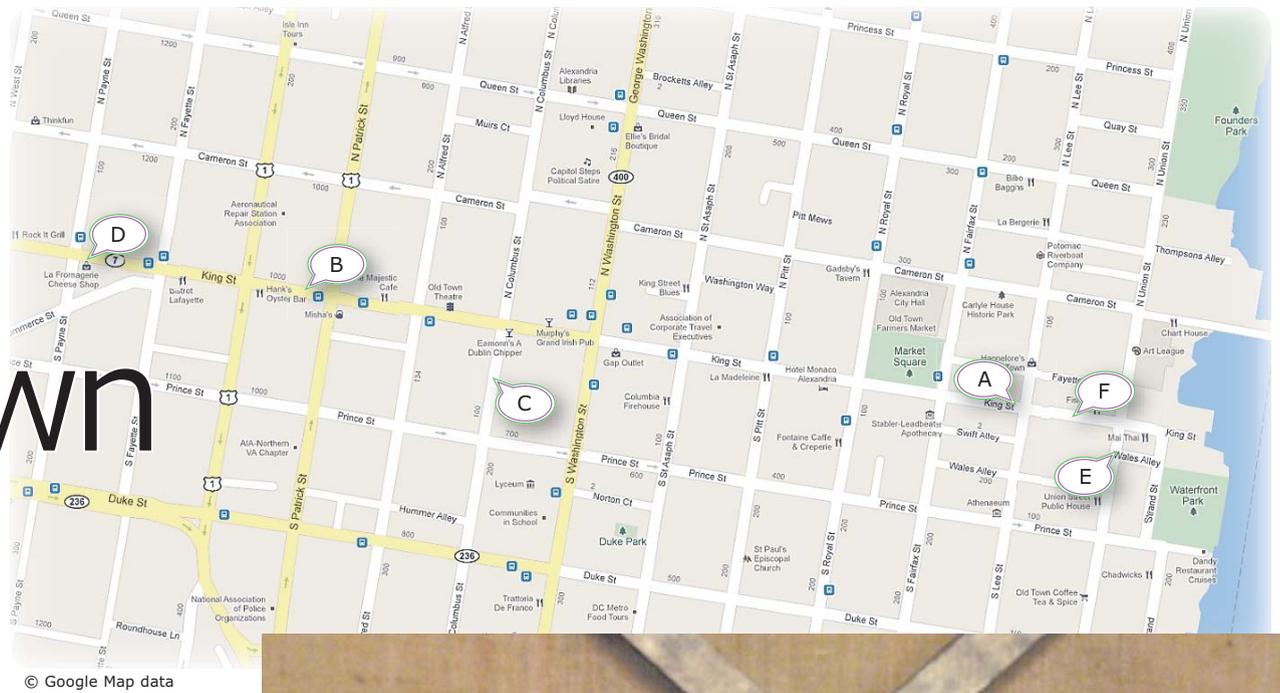
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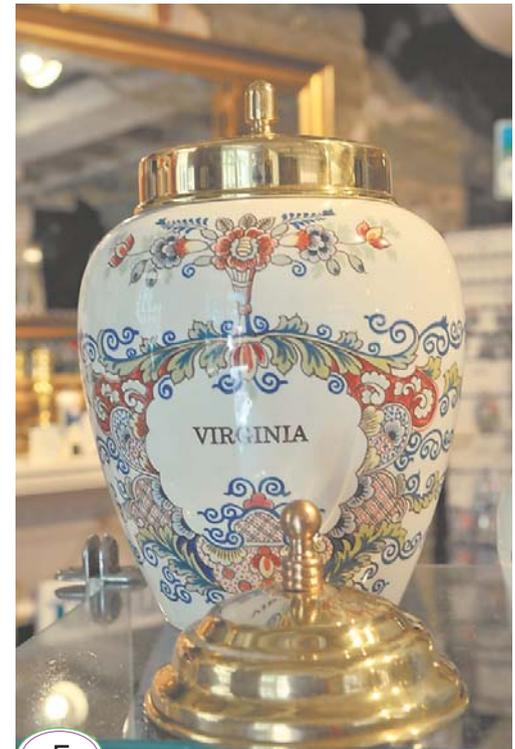


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# Camp Day at Fort Ward

On Aug. 13, Fort Ward will be holding its annual Civil War Camp Day. The annual event is the largest of several annual living history events staged by the historic site that is owned and operated by the City of Alexandria.

A number of locally-based reenactment units including the 1<sup>st</sup> U.S. Artillery, Co. D, 1<sup>st</sup> Minnesota Infantry, Co. D and the 5<sup>th</sup> Virginia Infantry will be participating.

In addition, a special appearance will be made by the Fifth New York Volunteer Infantry, also known as the Duryee's Zouaves. This locally-based unit is modeled after the well-known French colonial troops whose style and brightly colored attire were adopted from the Zouaoua tribe of North Africa when they tendered their services to the French Colonial Army in 1830.

"They will be a highlight of the event because they have these colorful uniforms and that oftentimes piques the public's interest in Civil War uniforms because of the type of uniform they wear and that will be very unusual," said Assistant

Director at Ford Ward Walton Owen.

Artillery interpreters will also be on hand to speak with and educate visitors.

"Certainly, it's very family-oriented for this kind of event," said Fort Ward director Susan Cumbey. "Whereas I would say it's certainly fun, it's educational on one level, with reenactors and others answering questions."

In addition, people in the roles of a U.S. Military Railroad worker and a "Yankee schoolmarm" will display toys, games and other items that were popular past times for children in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century. "Whereas other living history events might be based around a single unit, this will feature several different reenactment units and this event will focus on both the north and the south," said Cumbey.

Admission to the event is \$5 for each adult or \$10 for a family with children. Fort Ward is located at 4301 W. Braddock Road, Alexandria. Call 703-746-4848.

— ORRIN KONHEIM

# Actress To Star in FringeNYC

Alexandria native Judith Knight Young is appearing as Rosa in "Dancing in the Garden," a production of New York City based, Festival Theatre Company, as part of the New York International Fringe Festival — FringeNYC, Aug. 12-28. The production will take place at The Living Theatre, 21 Clinton St., New York.

Young has appeared at Ford's Theatre as Maudie Atkinson in "To Kill A Mockingbird"; at Arena Stage (understudy) and Keegan Theatre as Big Mama in "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof"; as Mama Lilly in "Hank Williams: Lost Highway" at the Depot Theatre, NY, and the Lake Placid, NY, Center for the Arts; as Sr. Mary Conception in Chip Franklin's Comedy Show at Wolftrap Theatre for the Arts; and as Grandma Kurnitz in "Lost in Yonkers"; Miss Mackey in "The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie"; Aunt Ruth in "Marvin's Room"; and Julia Gibbs in "Our Town"; among others. Principal roles in film include Sydney Pollack's "Random Hearts" where Judith has a solo scene with



Judith Knight Young

Harrison Ford; John Waters' "Pecker" and "Cecil B. DeMented"; Barry Levinson's "Liberty Heights"; Garry Marshall's "The Runaway Bride"; and in independent films such as "Harold", and "Silver Tongues" which won Slamdance Film Festival's Audience Award for Best Feature Film. TV principal roles include NBC's "Homicide: Life on the Street" and The History Channel's "Countdown to Ground Zero".

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### THURSDAY/AUG. 11

**18<sup>th</sup> Century Dance Classes.** 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Cost is \$30/series or \$12/class. Learn the dances of Jane Austen's time. Dance master Corky Palmer will lead the series in preparation for the annual Jane Austen Ball on Aug. 13. Reservations at 703-746-4242 or [www.gadsbystavern.org](http://www.gadsbystavern.org).

**Music at Twilight Concerts.** 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Bay Jazz Project (Jazz). 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.

### Bill Mulrone & Second Wind

**Bandits.** 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).

### FRIDAY/AUG. 12

**U.S. Air Force Concert Band.** 8 p.m. Free. Presents "Disney and Pixar Favorites." At the U.S. Air Force Memorial, One Air Force Memorial Drive, Arlington. Call 202-767-5658 or [www.usafband.af.mil](http://www.usafband.af.mil).

**Buck Owens Birthday Party.** 7 to 10 p.m. Telegraph Station is hosting a Buck Owens Birthday Party with two live acts: banjo player Banjer Dan and Washington, D.C. country band The Highballers. Country music legend Buck Owens is the much-revered and influential father of the "Bakersfield Sound." Telegraph Station will be playing Buck Owens music, and the live acts will perform original music along with some versions of Owens's songs. At 5735 Telegraph Road, Alexandria. Call 703-373-3376.

**Alexandria Harmonizers Concert.** 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.



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Nick Annis

### SATURDAY/AUG. 20

**Focus Music Folk Concert.** 7 p.m. Tickets are \$18/general; \$15/advance. Nick Annis and Sally Spring will perform at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church in Alexandria. Visit [www.focusmusic.org](http://www.focusmusic.org).

Barbershop Chorus. At Market Square, 301 King St., Alexandria. Contact: Special Events, [maureen.sturgill@alexandriava.gov](mailto:maureen.sturgill@alexandriava.gov), 703-746-5592

### SATURDAY/AUG. 13

**Tommy and the High Pilots.** 9 p.m. Admission is \$12. Performing with Heypenny. At Iota, 2832 Wilson Blvd., Arlington.

**Alexandria Scottish Rite Performance.** Dinner at 6 p.m.; Show at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20. A performance by the Hexagon troupe, the Hexagoners. At the Alexandria Scottish Rite Temple, 1430 West Braddock Road, Alexandria. Call 703 998-9044.

**Fort Ward Civil War Camp Day.** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$5/adult; \$10/families. Highlights include Union and Confederate drills and camp life with costumed interpreters, and a focus on uniforms and equipment from

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## AUG. 14 TO 15

**Auditions for "Twelve Angry Men."** 7 to 9 p.m. Auditions for Aldersgate Church Community Theater (ACCT) production of "Twelve Angry Men" will be held at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Road, Alexandria. For character profiles, and further information, visit [acctonline.org](http://acctonline.org)

## TUESDAY/AUG. 16

**Restaurant Night Benefit.** 5 to 8 p.m. Shane's Rib Shack is hosting a fundraiser for UCM where 20 percent of the cost of your meal will be donated to UCM. At Shane's Rib Shack, 7698 Richmond Highway, Alexandria. Call 703-660-6288.

**Mount Vernon Genealogical Society.** 1 p.m. Free. Stephen Morse presents a program entitled "One-Step Webpages: A Potpourri of Genealogical Search Tools." Meets at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Room 112, in Alexandria. Any questions about the program should be directed to Phyllis Kelley at 703-660-6969 or [phylliskelley@msn.com](mailto:phylliskelley@msn.com).

## WEDNESDAY/AUG. 17

**Swing Dancing.** 9 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$10. With the Soul Tones of Swing. At Nick's Nightclub, 642 South Pickett St., Alexandria.

## FRIDAY/AUG. 19

**Swing Dancing.** 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Admission is \$4. With the a live band led by conductor Owen Hammett. Open to all. At the Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Call 703-765-4573.

## AUG. 19-28

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## SATURDAY/AUG. 20

**Justin Townes Earle.** 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$25. At The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com).

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

**War of 1812: Music and Life in Seaport Alexandria.** Noon to 2 p.m. The Ship's Company Chanteymen will perform songs of the War of 1812 era on the Magnolia Terrace. The concert will be followed at 2:30 p.m. by a conversation with John Carlyle's great-granddaughter, Margaret Herbert Fairfax (b. 1784, d. 1850), the wife of the 9th Lord Fairfax of Cameron. Visitors can explore the schooner Lion, a scale replica of a War of 1812 privateer ship, which will be parked in front of the museum. Tours of the house will take place from 12-4 p.m. Admission is \$10/adults; \$5/children ages 5-12. At 121 N. Fairfax Street in Old Town Alexandria; call 703-549-2997.

**Focus Music Folk Concert.** 7 p.m. Tickets are \$18/general; \$15/advance. Nick Annis and Sally Spring will perform at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church in Alexandria. Visit [www.focusmusic.org](http://www.focusmusic.org).

## SUNDAY/AUG. 21

**Kenny Sanders Band.** 4 p.m. Donation is \$15. Sponsored by the Committee for Jazz at Meade. At Meade Church, 322 N. Alfred St., Alexandria.



## WEDNESDAY/AUG. 17

**John Jorgenson in Concert.** 8 p.m. At The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com).



## SATURDAY/AUG. 20

**Justin Townes Earle.** 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$25. At The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com).

**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).

## WEDNESDAY/AUG. 24

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

## AUG. 26 TO 27

**Red Wanting Blue.** 9 p.m. Admission is \$12. At Iota Club, 2832 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Visit <http://redwantingblue.com>.

## MONDAY/AUG. 29

**Wiygul Golf Classic.** 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A fundraiser for ALIVE! At Belle Haven Country Club, 6023 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. Sign up at [Alexchamber.com](http://Alexchamber.com)

## WEDNESDAY/AUG. 31

**"Race to Nowhere."** 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10/advance; \$15/door. At Bishop Ireton High School, 201 Cambridge Road, Alexandria.

**Swing Dancing.** 9 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$10. Jimmy and the Blue Dogs. At Nick's Nightclub, 642 South Pickett St., Alexandria.

## SEPT. 1 TO 5

**Abbey Road on the River.** Beatles Tribute Festival with 50 bands from around the world. A highlight will be the full reenactment of the soundtrack album LOVE, which was produced as a re-mix of over 130 Beatles songs for the Cirque Du Soleil show. The LOVE concert, presented by Gretsch Guitars, will take place on Saturday, Sept. 3 at 8:30 p.m. and feature 34 performers. At the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center, National Harbor in Maryland. Also a fund-raiser for the American Red Cross. Visit [www.abbeyroadontheriver.com](http://www.abbeyroadontheriver.com).

## SATURDAY/SEPT. 3

**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.

## SEPT. 5 TO NOV. 6

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## SEPT. 5 TO OCT. 31

**Kaleidoscope.** An initiative of the Alexandria Arts Forum and Access through the Arts, focusing on visual and performing arts in Alexandria from Labor Day to Halloween. Enjoy theater, music and dance performances as well as art exhibitions at locations throughout the city. Dates and admission prices vary. [www.ArtsKaleidoscope.com](http://www.ArtsKaleidoscope.com) or [www.ArtsEventsAlexandria.com](http://www.ArtsEventsAlexandria.com)

## WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 7

**Square Dance Lessons.** 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Sponsored by Boomerangs Square Dance Teaching Council. At Lincolnia Center, 4710 North Chambliss St., Alexandria. Alexandria. Call Nancy at 703-573-8378 or [tom.nancystafford@cox.net](mailto:tom.nancystafford@cox.net).

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# Garvey

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She returned to school and graduated summa cum laude in 1973 with a bachelor's degree in politics and a minor in economics. She and her fiancé, a student at Yale University, married the day after her graduation. Shortly thereafter they traveled to the Central African Republic together, where Garvey taught English as a Peace Corps volunteer. "She was always ready to go," remembered fellow volunteer Amalia Stephens. "And she was so open to all the new experiences."

After two-and-a-half years of Peace Corps service, the Garveys returned home. In early 1977 they moved to Fairlington where Garvey has lived an "Arlington-Alexandria life" ever since. In 1978 U.S. Rep. Lee Hamilton (D-Ind.) hired Garvey as a staffer during his time on the Joint Economic Committee.

"I was interested in economics as a force for good," said Garvey of her time on the Hill. "Economics connects people."

A year later, the first of two Garvey children, daughter Shannon, was born. A dearth of early childhood care in the area led Garvey to become a stay-at-home mother while she directed Mount Holyoke's Washington Internship program and volunteered as a career counselor at the Campagna Center for Women and Families.

In 1984, two years after the birth of second daughter, Ruth, Garvey helped spearhead a successful effort to build a playground at Beverley Hills Preschool. She went on to be elected president of Abingdon Elementary School's PTA from 1990 to 1992. In that final year, she served as a delegate to the National Democratic Convention, and was a delegate again in 2004.

By 1995, Garvey was seeing what she called "unevenness" in Arlington County's public school system. She was especially concerned about the management of its capital improvement plan. She ran for School Board that year, pushing for an audit of the program. "There was a Democratic power establishment," she said of that race. "And I wasn't part of it."

On the campaign trail and in one-on-one conversations with voters, Garvey often recalls a newspaper article published shortly after her loss in 1995 pointing out a \$25 million shortfall in the capital improvement plan. The next year she ran again and won, completing the audit and remaining on the board since. She has served three stints as chairwoman and was instrumental in establishing full-day Kindergarten in the county.

Garvey said that in her School Board service, she has accomplished as much as possible to help people, and that she will be able to get more done for the community from the Senate.

It's not her first bid for Richmond though, in 2005 Garvey lost a race for the House of Delegates seat now held by Del. Adam Englin (D-45).

One issue that all the candidates in the 30th District face is how to deal with the traffic gridlock created by the Washington Headquarters Service at Mark Center — part of the Base Realignment And Closure

# Libby Garvey Timeline

1951: born in Cambridge, Mass.  
1969: graduates from Brookfield Central High School in Brookfield, Wisc.  
1971: father goes bankrupt, leaves family  
1973: receives bachelor's in politics from Mount Holyoke College, joins Peace Corps and travels to Africa  
1975: returns from Central African Republic  
1978: becomes legislative aide to U. S. Rep. Lee Hamilton (D-Ind.), works on Joint Economic Committee  
1979: daughter Shannon is born  
1987: volunteers at the Center for Women and Families  
1990: serves as president of Abingdon Elementary Parent Teacher Association  
1992: wins first of two terms as delegate at the National Democratic Convention  
1995: loses first race for Arlington School Board  
1996: wins election to Arlington School Board  
1999: elected chairwoman of the Arlington School Board  
2005: loses Democratic primary for an open seat in the Virginia House of Delegates race to David Englin  
January 2008: Husband Kennan dies of heart attack  
May 2010: diagnosed with breast cancer and receives treatment  
Feb. 21, 2011: announces candidacy for the Virginia state Senate



Libby Garvey

process. A theme of Garvey's campaign has been that an opponent, Alexandria City Council member Rob Krupicka, is partly responsible for the selection of the building's site. One piece of evidence she cites is a 2008 letter in which a deputy city manager endorsed the Mark Center site.

"Not wanting to make a decision?" asked Garvey incredulously. "That's what you're elected to do."

Krupicka has responded that he never supported the current site and has criticized Garvey's choice "to go negative."

"Libby Garvey seems to be campaigning from a negative point of view," agreed Susan Kellom, former chairwoman of the Alexandria Democratic Committee

Kenneth Hill, a Garvey supporter, sees it differently. "BRAC has to be addressed ... [Krupicka] was on the board and didn't catch this one. I wouldn't call this negative campaigning."

But Shannon Stimson, a college friend of Garvey who now teaches political science at the University of California, Berkeley, acknowledged that Garvey "is blunt, not coy ... and that can be a weakness in politics."

To Garvey, the BRAC issue is a sign of larger problems. "It doesn't take rocket science, or even traffic studies" to see that the Mark Center site was not practical, said Garvey. "We're living with 20 to 30 years of not planning."

She also worried that the BRAC decision is causing a breakdown in public efficacy, saying that it's "heartbreaking" to see people lose trust in public officials.

Thus far into the campaign, Garvey's fortunes have been mixed. Her campaign lagged behind Krupicka's and Ebbin's in the first quarter. Thanks to a fundraising swell, she raised more money than her opponents in the second quarter. As of June 30, she had the most cash on hand, according to the Virginia Public Access Project.

# Krupicka

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father was working construction in Woodbridge at the time, allowing him to establish residency and pay in-state tuition.

"It was the best school I could afford," said Krupicka, whose campaign materials use the university colors.

Four years later, he graduated with a bachelor's degree in economics and a minor in history. After college, he moved to a place he'd visited and "fallen in love with" before school: Alexandria. While browsing at the local Safeway, Krupicka noticed a familiar face down an aisle; it was Lisa Guernsey, who had occasionally covered his political exploits at UVA for the Cavalier Daily. Following a courtship over Ben and Jerry's ice cream, they married in 1996. In the mid and late 1990s, Krupicka managed AOE's relationships with banks and other financial institutions as the dot-com market took off. The experience left an impression.

"I'm a big believer in the power of innovation," said the councilman. "Virginia is one of the top technology states, and a critical part of economic viability is how you create a welcome environment for technology businesses."

In 2002 and 2004, the Krupicka family grew thanks to the addition of daughters Jane and Gillian. While raising his family, he became involved in local politics as president of the Del Ray Citizens Association. Education, particularly pre-kindergarten schooling, emerged as a foundation of Krupicka's campaign.

"I've been a firewall against cuts to education," said Krupicka. "Even through the recession, we've kept funding steady."

Since his first year on council, 2003, he has served on multiple committees to look at the issue of early childhood education. He was also on a statewide task force charged with collecting data on the pros and cons of pre-kindergarten programs. If he wins a ticket to Richmond, Krupicka vows to put early childhood education at the agenda.

Both of Krupicka's daughters attend public school, and he often speaks about walking them to Mount Vernon Community School each morning — despite living in the Jefferson-Houston school district. Krupicka talks fondly and openly about his family on the campaign trail but declined to explain his choice in schools during an interview. "I'm not going to talk about personal decisions," responded Krupicka to queries about why he doesn't send his children to the troubled school. "I won't let parental choices be politicized."

On the campaign trail, Krupicka has spoken at length about revising mandatory minimum sentencing laws, although he has declined to identify any specific sentencing guidelines he would slash. He also casts himself as a proponent of mass transit, arguing that the federal government should give more freedom to state and local agencies. Other issues close to Krupicka's heart are the environment (he has a "green" driveway) and transportation (he drives a Prius).

"He has been a persistent, effective champion of the greening of city and private

# Rob Krupicka Timeline

1971: born on Feb. 18 in Thousand Oaks, Calif.  
1989: graduates from Interlake High School and moves to Virginia  
1993: graduates from the University of Virginia with a bachelor of arts in economics and a minor in economics  
1995 to 2000: works at America Online as a director of business affairs  
1996: marries wife Lisa  
2002: daughter, Jane, is born  
2003: wins election to Alexandria City Council  
2004: daughter Gillian is born  
2009: Democratic Gov. Tim Kaine appoints Krupicka to the Virginia Board of Education  
March 26, 2011: announces candidacy for the Virginia state Senate



Rob Krupicka

buildings," said Councilwoman Del Pepper. "For Rob, environmental stewardship is more than just voting the right way — it's about taking the lead and looking for ways to move us forward."

During his years on the City Council, Krupicka has gained his share of opponents. Republicans criticize his support for ending traditional May elections for City Council in favor of November balloting as a blatant political move to increase the power of the Alexandria Democratic Committee. Many artists are still unhappy about his support for a plan to make the Torpedo Factory more profitable. Critics say he can be condescending, and some accuse him of caring more about his next political post than about the citizens he represents.

"I think Rob promises a lot of things but doesn't always follow through," said former Vice Mayor Andrew Macdonald. "Sometimes it seems like he tries to play both sides of an argument."

Krupicka has also come under fire for his role in the location of the Washington Headquarters Service, the massive Department of Defense office building located on the city's West End as part of the Base Realignment and Closure process. Krupicka was a member of council when the city government endorsed the Mark Center site despite the lack of access to Metro. "Why didn't he take the lead in favoring a different location?" opponent Libby Garvey wants to know. "And, specifically, what leadership did he provide to stop this colossal mistake?"

Krupicka responds that he was "as shocked and dismayed as everyone in our community when the Department of Defense chose lower cost and poor transportation infrastructure over mass transit availability" in 2008. Annabelle Fisher, a self-described "citizen activist" and a resident of Alexandria since 1999, doesn't buy it.

"I find it very disingenuous to say he didn't know about the selection," Fisher said. "Now he's spinning it and trying to play both sides of the middle ... and that's not acceptable."

Krupicka says it's time to move on, saying he is "tired of the politics of blame."

"I have always felt that the BRAC site should be in Eisenhower Valley," he reiterated in an interview. "Looking forward, our focus has to be on building a regional mass transit network that makes it possible for people to travel from the Pentagon to Fort Belvoir without getting in a car."

# Ebbin

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"I think I can do more for the people of the 30th district," Ebbin said. "I can accomplish a lot of the things I started to do in the House."

On the campaign trail, Ebbin describes himself as the most experienced legislator, someone who has a history of passing legislation in the difficult partisan atmosphere of Richmond politics. Ebbin casts himself as someone who can stand up to Republicans. "I know their tricks," Ebbin has said repeatedly on the campaign trail. "I know their schemes and I know how to pass bi-partisan legislation in spite of themselves."

Ebbin launched his campaign on March 20, 2011 at Alexandria's Black History Museum, addressing more than 100 supporters. The selection of venue was chosen to emphasize Ebbin's outreach to the black community, which includes an endorsement from former Alexandria NAACP president Howard Woodson. "I think he has been effective as a delegate," Woodson said. "He knows the territory. He knows the players. He knows the process and I think he can transfer that knowledge and that experience to the Senate and do quite well."

Eleven Democratic members of the House of Delegates have endorsed Adam Ebbin, including local delegates Charniele Herring (D-46), Bob Brink (D-48) and Patrick Hope (D-47), as well as state Senators Chap

## Adam Ebbin Timeline

- Nov. 10, 1963: born in Huntington, N.Y.
- 1981: graduates from Commack High School South in Commack, N.Y.
- 1985: graduates from American University with a bachelor's degree in public communications and political science
- 1988 to 1997: works as senior account executive at Washington City Paper
- 1992: helps found Virginia Partisans Gay and Lesbian Democratic Club
- 1998 to 2002: works as director of marketing and media relations at the Association of Alternative Newsweeklies
- 2000: attends University of Virginia Sorenson Institute of Political Leadership
- 2002 to 2003: Gov. Mark Warner (D) appoints Ebbin chief deputy commissioner to the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry
- 2003: emerges victorious in a contested Democratic primary against four opponents when Del. Karen Darner (D-49) retires
- 2003: first elected to Virginia General Assembly in a general election without Republican opposition
- 2005, 2007, 2009: wins reelection to the Virginia House of Delegates
- March 20, 2011: launches campaign for state Senate at the Alexandria Black History Museum

Petersen (D-34) and John Edwards (D-21). Former U.S. Rep. Leslie Byrne, the first woman to represent Virginia in Congress, has also come out in support of Ebbin. "Adam represents the progressive leadership this Senate District deserves," Byrne said. Adam Paul Ebbin, 47, was born on Nov.



Adam Ebbin

10, 1963 in Huntington, N.Y. He attended American University and received a bachelor's degree in political science and public communication in 1985. In 1988, he took a job at the Washington City Paper as a senior account executive. He continued to work in the advertising business in 1998 when he became director of marketing and media relations at the Association of Alternative Newsweeklies.

In 2000, he attended the University of Virginia's Sorenson Institute of Political Leadership. Then, in 2002, Democratic Gov. Mark Warner appointed him chief deputy commissioner to the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry. In 2003, he became the first openly gay member of the Virginia General Assembly. He has been reelected three times without Republican opposition.

"Republicans respect him," said Paul Friedman, a longtime supporter. "Adam is a fighter."

Mark Colley, a chief contributor, said Ebbin "sees government as a source of solutions ... I've known him to be an active good government guy."

Ebbin has received praise for his work fighting human trafficking. He introduced unsuccessful legislation on the issue in 2006 and 2007 before successfully introducing House Bill 2190 earlier this year requiring the Department of Social Services to develop a plan for the provision of services to victims of human trafficking.

"The legislative efforts of the bi-partisan coalition that Delegate Ebbin helped form

has resulted in a vast improvement to the legal framework in Virginia to combat human trafficking," said James Dold, policy counsel for the Polaris Project, in a written statement when the governor signed the bill into law.

Arlington County Board member Fisette said Ebbin sometimes works on issues that are "mundane but important." In 2008, he championed a bill to make sangria legal. The mixed drink, which is often made by mixing fruit, wine and brandy, was illegal to serve in restaurants as the result of 1930s-era legislation that outlawed the practice of mixing wine and distilled spirits. Earlier this year, he introduced legislation to outlaw synthetic marijuana, also known as K2 or Spice. Ebbin's work on sangria and Spice has been seen by some as minor compared to the work that needs to be done on other issues facing his constituents.

"Those are low down on the totem pole," said Ron Fisher, the Independent Green Party candidate who ran against Ebbin in 2007.

Ebbin's opponents in this Senate race, Arlington School Board Chairwoman Libby Garvey and Alexandria City Councilman Rob Krupicka, have spent much of the campaign disputing transportation issues surrounding the location of the Washington Headquarters Service as part of the Base Realignment and Closure process. Friedman said that while Garvey and Krupicka have been quarrelling, "Adam has been working to get funds to mitigate the problem."

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He is survived by his wife, Jeanie Henderson; daughters, Virginia Poage and Kathleen Allenbaugh; three grandchildren, Maddy, Alex, Nicky; brother, Phillip Henderson; and brother-in-law & sister-in-law, Joe & Sara Schram.

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**Waterfront Panel Sets Deadline**

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Two members of the group expressed support for Wood's plan, calling it a logical way to proceed. Yet when the retired general was explaining how the timeline would work, facilitator Sherry Schiller interrupted him and indicated the conversation should move on to the next agenda item.

"Are we in a hurry?" asked Wood.

"Yes," responded Schiller.

**THE HURRIED PACE** of the advisory group's mission concerns opponents of the plan, who would like to see a more wide-ranging process abandoning the existing plan and starting from scratch. Smedberg suggested Wood's proposal exceeded the scope of why City Council members created the work group, which he suggested was more of a survey than a comprehensive review.

"We're not here to start from scratch," said Smedberg, one of the most outspoken supporters of the plan currently under consideration

by City Council. "I think we need to be very clear about that."

Wood suggested that the beginning of December might be a good deadline, although Smedberg countered that he would prefer the beginning of November. That opened a discussion about how frequently the advisory panel should meet. Some suggested weekly meetings could be needed while others suggested four to six meetings could handle the workload.

"Time is of the essence," said panel member Nathan Macek

"Time is not of the essence," replied panel member Bert Ely.

Ultimately, the group decided to set Smedberg's suggestion — Nov. 1 — as a deadline for presenting a report to the City Council. That would include the recommendations and findings of the report to be considered by City Council during its Nov. 9 legislative meeting or its Nov. 12 public hearing. That clears the way for City Council to potentially schedule a final vote for the end of the year, a timeline that Mayor Bill Euille has expressed

support for in the past.

"I worry about the hurry-up syndrome here," said Townsend Van Fleet, former president of the Old Town Civic Association. "This is not a good plan."

**THE MOST DRAMATIC** moment of Wednesday's work group meeting happened when Ely suggested that the panel needed a chairman. He was in the middle of his proposal when Smedberg cut him off and vigorously opposed that idea. Calling the proposal a "rabbit hole," the councilman suggested that the group take the proposal off the table and discontinue any further discussion of the topic.

"I am the convener of the committee," said Smedberg, raising his voice. "I know you don't like that, for whatever reason whether it be organizationally or politically."

The next meeting of the Waterfront Work Group will be Aug. 23, when members will take up environmental concerns, traffic circulation, parking problems and the design of a new marina.

**Museum Celebrates City's Civil War Legacy**

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not an archaeological artifact," said Reeder.

Ellsworth died on May 24, 1861 in Old Town's Marshall House while trying to remove a Confederate flag being flown over it.

The museum currently has a display of Civil War-era musical equipment, including a surviving 19th century wooden drumstick. Drumming was the go-to skill of boys who wanted to enter the military, but were not yet of age.

Pictures are also displayed of those who participated in Civil War music, like Orion P. Howe of the 55th Illinois Infantry, and Johnny Clem, the 10-year-old who attempted to enlist.

Random collections of memorabilia, such as a canteen and a Union Horn Hat insignia, are also on display.

"Most of the material in our collection relates to the soldiers' daily lives," said Reeder.

One of the museum's current focuses is the research being done near Fort Ward Park. Following the Civil War, African Americans, some

of them freed slaves, formed a community nearby. It soon came to be known as The Fort. The community ended up lasting for approximately a century. After using maps to estimate the community's location, and more specifically, a cemetery, the city archaeologists used ground-penetrating radar to determine that some bodies lay beneath the ground.

In the exhibit opening this fall, the goal in portraying this excavation is to "combine the information regarding Fort Ward as a post-Civil War community with how you do archaeology in the contemporary world," said City Archaeologist Pam Cressey.

The museum is also in the process of helping to construct the Contrabands and Freedmen Cemetery Memorial. The city purchased the land, which used to be an African American cemetery, from the gas station on South Washington Street which owned the land.

The buildings were razed, archaeology was done and now a memorial is being built.

Preservation of the city's history is based on the Archaeological Protection Code, developed in 1992. It requires that anyone developing something larger than a single-family home must submit the project for archaeological review. If a project is being built on a spot with many historical resources, the developer must hire an archaeological firm.

That is how the 19th-century drumstick came to the museum. It was discovered during the excavation of the Hotel Monaco on the 400 block of King Street. "What we want to do is document the heritage to bring people in touch with this place that is Alexandria," said Cressey.

Linda Berg, who was volunteering during one of the museum's "Civil War Sundays" said, "This is a great place to learn about Alexandria history and how people before us lived."

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**Claude Delfosse, left, welcomes supporters to the kick off the West End Art and Wine festival as Joe Hadeed looks on.**

# West End Art And Wine Festival

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will showcase West End businesses, sponsors and organizations to a projected audience of 20,000 festival attendees.

"The West End is home to such a wonderful melting pot of creativity and variety," said co-producer Sonia Agosto. "We felt it was time for the West End to join Old Town and Del Ray as a culinary hot spot in Alexandria."

Sponsor booths will include Hadeed Carpet, Macy's at Landmark, Washington Suites, First Command Financial Planning, Burke and Herbert, Mercedes-Benz, the Artisan Group Services, Toka Salon and Day Spa, Soleli Salon and Spa and Alexandria Capital Caring, the event charity.

A Wine Garden pavilion will feature wines and sangrias from Delfosse Winery with entertainment provided by local musicians Viki Dee, Matthew Mills Acoustic Music and Samova Russian Folk Music Ensemble.

"We are still accepting applications for juried artists and crafters in a variety of media," said Kenley, who projects that more than 100 artists will be participating in the festival. "Artist fees are \$250 for juried artists, \$125 for quality crafters whose art work sale price is \$125 or less, and \$125 for organizations. We want the entire community to feel welcome and participate."

The festival will feature a "Taste of West End," showcasing a variety of West End restaurants, including Alley Cat, Caboose, Crepe Deli, Dunya, Grapevine, Hana Tokyo, Heebien, Mango Mikes, Reynolds Bar and Grill, Tempo, Everona Cheese and Walker's Grill.

"Those of us who live here already know that the West End is a wonderful community," said Councilwoman Del Pepper. "It's long overdue that the rest of the city discovers what we have to offer."

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