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**On Patrol** PFC Matthew Grubb drives the Fairfax County Police Marine Patrol Unit in Belmont Bay May 26 as PFC Brian Bowman uses binoculars to look at boat registration numbers, check children for personal flotation devices and look for other boating safety issues. Memorial Day Weekend was the opening weekend for leisure boating in Fairfax County and the county Police Marine Patrol Unit will be on duty every day until Labor Day ensuring the public remains safe on the water, educating the public about boating and water safety and enforcing boating rules and regulations. More photos, page 16.

## Campaign for Police Oversight Continues

**Coalition reaffirms effort to establish Police Citizens Oversight Board.**

BY GERALD A. FILL  
THE GAZETTE

Nicholas Beltrante's effort to gain the support of the Board of Supervisors to create a Police Citizen Oversight Board would be, if his proposal is accepted, similar to the ones formed in other cities and counties in the U.S.

Among the organizations endorsing the need for a Police Citizen Oversight Board are: The Northern Virginia Chapter of the NAACP, Virginia ACLU, Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press and the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement.

Beltrante, executive director of Citizens Coalition for Police Accountability, Inc., points out that the need for a citizens panel to review citizen complaints about police misconduct is a long standing issue in Fairfax county. As far back as 1979 an organization in

### CCPA History

Citizens Coalition for Police Accountability, Inc. was formed as a Virginia corporation in April 2010 as a response to the shooting death of unarmed former U.S. Army Green Beret veteran David A. Masters on Nov. 13, 2009. Masters was shot and killed by a Fairfax County Police Officer at the corner of Richmond Highway and Fort Hunt Road. Masters was being pursued by Fairfax county police for allegedly stealing flowers, a misdemeanor. The CCPA was organized due to concerns about police misconduct, negligence, and the absence of transparency regarding the Masters shooting and other recent actions by Fairfax County Police.

Gum Springs called the Fairfax County Citizens for Improved Law Enforcement and Community Relations (FCCILECR) complained about incidents of police abuse in the Route 1 corridor and called for a police citizens review panel. It failed.

The Fairfax County Board of  
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## Police Shoot Resident Brandishing Knife

Fairfax County Police shot a 61-year-old man who confronted them with a knife during the process of attempting to serve him with an arrest warrant for destruction of property. The wounded subject was "noncompliant," according to the information provided by the police department. The shooting occurred at an apartment in the 5700 block of Old Mill Court on Monday, May 28. Four officers were involved in the incident.

According to police, the officers were familiar with the individual

through prior police contacts. When officers knocked on the door, the door was opened and officers were confronted with a man armed with a knife. The man refused to drop the weapon and was subsequently shot once in the upper body. Precise details are still under investigation. Officers rendered first aid at the scene and the man was flown to the Inova Fairfax Hospital where he is undergoing treatment for the wound.

Virginia Citizens Coalition for Police Accountability, Inc. (CCPA)  
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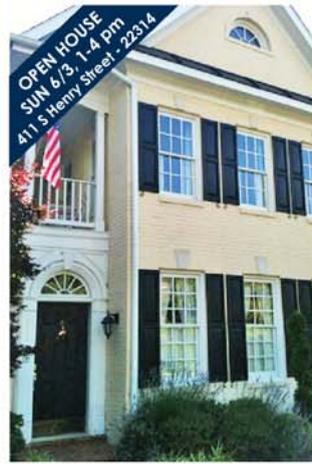
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## Cell Tower Proposal Rejected

Heritage Presbyterian Church has rejected a proposal from Milestone Communications to erect a tree monopole cell tower on its property in the Waynewood/Fort Hunt neighborhood. Heritage's Session, its governing body which is comprised of 12 elders, met on May 23 to finalize its deliberations and vote on the issue. The proposal was voted down by a 10-2 margin.

Heritage was approached by Milestone Communications several months ago regarding the possible use of church land for the site of a tree monopole cell tower for the Waynewood community and portions of the George Washington Memorial Parkway. Heritage's Session had postponed moving forward on signing an agreement with Milestone until it could hear the thoughts and concerns of the community, primarily the Waynewood Citizens Association, Waynewood Elementary School families, as well as those neighbors closest to the church property. Over the past month, the WCA conducted a survey of its members; the Waynewood Elementary School PTA informed families how to provide input, and a petition was also circulated by concerned neighbors.

While the overall response to the tree monopole was in favor of its construction, there were many who were opposed to it for various reasons. Heritage's Session took each comment into consideration and through research, debate and prayer, ultimately rejected the proposal.

## Accidental Townhouse Fire

Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department units responded to a townhouse fire Sunday, May 27, at approximately 10 p.m. in the Alexandria area of Fairfax County. The townhouse is located at 4311 Gypsy Court.

Firefighters saw smoke and fire coming from the rear of the second floor deck extending up the outside of the home and into the attic area. Firefighters brought the fire under control in approximately 10 minutes.

Two adults and one child have been displaced. The family did not require assistance from the Red Cross. There were no injuries.

Damage is estimated at \$50,000.

The cause of the fire has been determined to be improperly disposed smoking material in a planter on the rear of the second story deck.

## Open House for Retiring Waynewood Teachers

Waynewood Elementary School is having an open house on Monday, June 11, 4-7 p.m., in the gym, for retiring teachers Mary Wilson and Eileen Deaver. Friends, parents, and students (former and current) are invited to help celebrate Wilson's and Deaver's years of service to Waynewood School and the community.

Wilson began her career as a first grade teacher in Arlington County in 1969. She began working for Fairfax County in 1970 as a kindergarten teacher. While her children were growing up, she worked as a substitute teacher at Fort Hunt Elementary School. Wilson came to Waynewood in 1989 as a kindergarten teacher. Since then, she has taught first grade, second grade, and multi-age K-1-2 classes. Two of Wilson's daughters have been active volunteers at Waynewood. Six of her grandchildren have attended Waynewood.

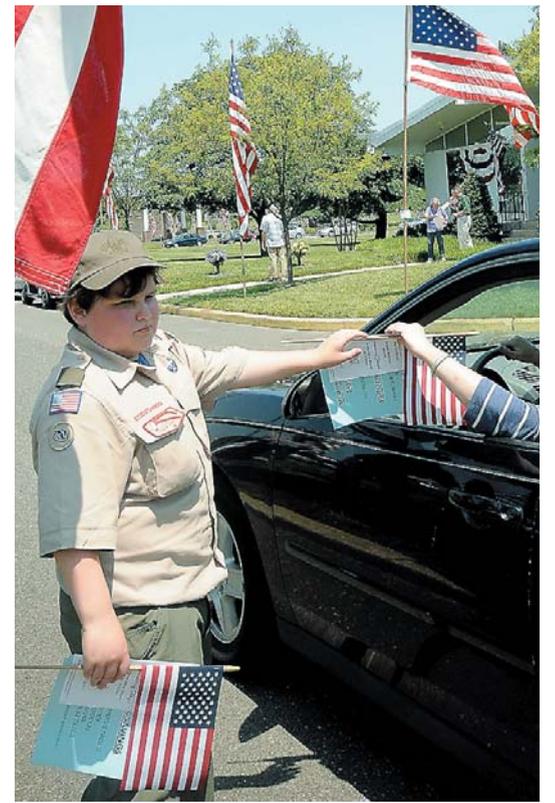
Deaver began her career teaching fourth grade in Andover, N.J. The next year she moved to Virginia and worked at JC Parks Elementary School in Charles County, Md., teaching third grade for six years and children with learning disabilities for eight years. After six years as a full-time mom to her daughters Meghan and Kristen, Deaver returned to teaching as a special education teacher at Silverbrook Elementary School in Fairfax County. Six years later she joined the staff at Waynewood Elementary School, where she has taught special education for the last 17 years.



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## Memorial Avenue of Flags

More than 400 American flags lined the roadways in Mount Comfort Cemetery in honor and in memory of the veterans for the 33rd Annual Giovanna McKinney Memorial Avenue of Flags.



Henry Robinson of Boy Scout Troop 993 hands out American flags and maps to visitors to Mount Comfort Cemetery on Memorial Day.

# A Labor of Love

## WWII veteran honors fellow comrades on Memorial Day.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
THE GAZETTE

**H**e moves throughout the cemetery, stopping to pause and remember the men he has come to see before placing a flag at their grave and moving on to the next. For World War II veteran Warden Foley, this Memorial Day ritual began nearly half a century ago as a labor of love and respect for his fellow veterans.

"I just always felt they should be honored in some way," said Foley, who travels to area cemeteries in the days leading up to Memorial Day to place flags at the graves of his fellow American Legion Post 24 commanders. "I've never kept track of the graves I visit each year. I just know where they are because I was a pallbearer at their funerals."

According to Vietnam veteran Jim Glassman, Foley has been quietly following his routine for more than 40 years now.

"No one has kept records and Warden has always been very private about doing this," said Glassman, who has been assisting Foley in his memorial tribute to fellow Legionnaires for the last 10 years. "But it's likely been more than 40 years now and he visits more than 75 graves over the course of the days leading up to Memorial Day."

Foley and Glassman made stops at Ivy Hill Cemetery, Arlington National Cemetery and Mount Comfort Cemetery, where three former commanders are buried and a final flag was placed at the grave of Thomas Mickler on May 27.

"I can't remember when he died," Foley said, noting that the headstone was never inscribed with the date of his death. "The last of the men will be honored at Alexandria National Cemetery on Monday."

At 91 years old, Foley has yet to slow down but ad-

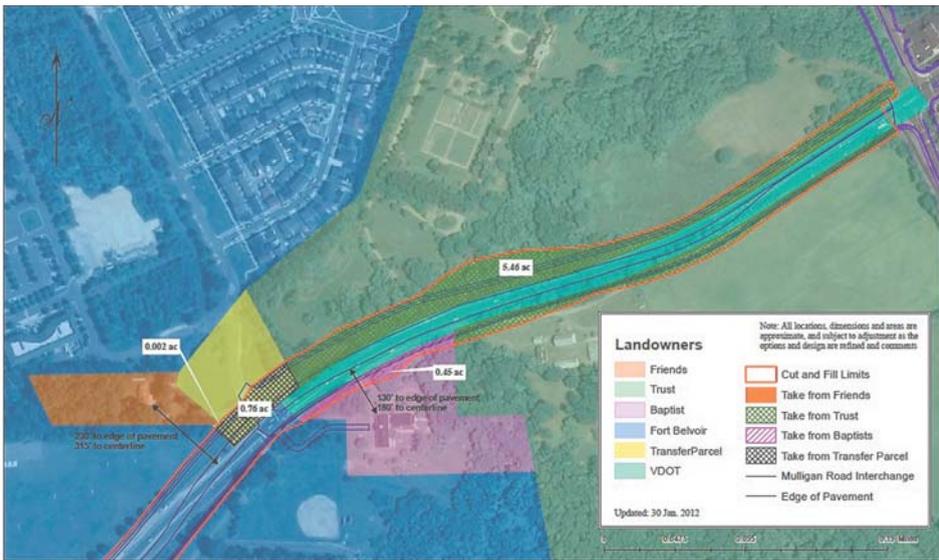


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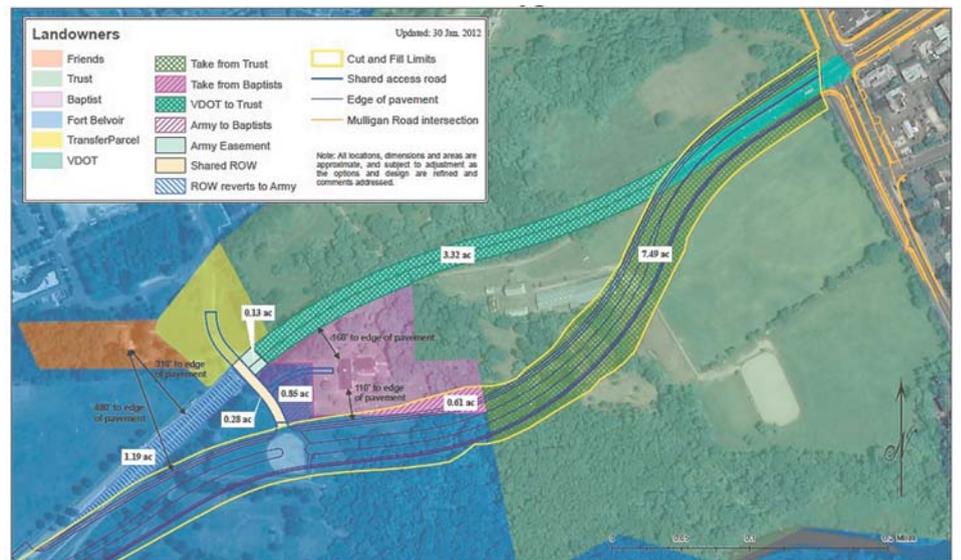
WWII veteran Warden Foley, left, and Vietnam veteran Jim Glassman place a flag at the Mount Comfort Cemetery grave site of Thomas Mickler, a former commander of American Legion Post 24. Foley places more than 70 flags at the graves of his fellow Legion commanders in a yearly ritual he began more than 40 years ago.

mits that perhaps he needs to record the names and location of the grave sites so that others can carry on when he is no longer able.

"I've never used a map or written anything down," Foley said. "But I suppose it's time since I hope others will continue when I am gone. These men need to be honored and their service to our country and the American Legion never forgotten."



Route 1 - Widening Alternative



Route 1 - Southern Bypass Alternative

# A Widening Debate

Horse stable could be closed to protect cemetery and historic plantation.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
THE GAZETTE

The hill where Woodlawn Baptist Church graveyard is located offers a commanding view of an area in the midst of drastic change. Thousands of new daily commuters

zoom along Richmond Highway as a result of a BRAC-related expansion of Fort Belvoir. If the road is widened in place, Pastor Travis Hilton says, that would mean the end for the cemetery.

"Part of our cemetery would have to be removed, the bodies exhumed and placed somewhere else," said Hilton one recent after-

noon as cars zoomed around the base of the hill. "Obviously the families would prefer the graves stay where they are."

That's why federal officials have created an alternative scenario that would route the wider version of Richmond Highway to the south and east, avoiding the cemetery altogether. That route would also avoid encroaching on Woodlawn Plantation, which is protected by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. But it would mean that a historic horse stable that's been in operation for many years would have to close.

"It seems to me like in its current location there is adequate room on both sides to give a little and keep the road where it's at," said Farrier Arvin Reynolds as he hammered nails into a new pair

of horse shoes. "That way both properties give up a little bit and you won't be destroying the historical properties we have here."

**THE MONEY TO WIDEN** Richmond Highway was set aside last year by U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8), who secured \$180 million for

which is owned and operated by the National Trust.

"There's no point in fighting to preserve them if they are not going to have their lease renewed or have their lease renewed at such a high rate that the current users can't even afford it," said Moran.

Now federal officials have to find a way to thread the needle in this corner of southeast Fairfax County, which is littered with historic sites. "There's a lot of history here," said Del. Scott Surovell (D-44). "Obviously you've got

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these historic graves up here with Woodlawn Baptist Church. And then over here in the woods is the Frank Lloyd Wright House, the Pope Lehigh House, which was actually moved here because of another road widening in the 1960s when they built I-66."

the project. Now the Federal Highway Administration has until next month to select which route to use. Moran said the final decision about how and where to widen the road may be influenced by the lease agreement between the stable and Woodlawn Plantation,

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Choral director Ernest Johnson rehearses a song with the Chamber Singers and Nick White on drums.

# 'Now & Then, 50 Years Of Hits, 1962-2012'

The West Potomac High School Choral Groups will be presenting their annual Spring Show in Springbank Auditorium at West Potomac High School on May 31, June 1 and June 2. All shows will begin at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. Online tickets are available at [www.westpotomacchoirs.org](http://www.westpotomacchoirs.org).

This year's show, "Now & Then," is filled with songs of five decades, from Motown hits of the '60s to the sounds of today. Ernest Johnson, who is a 2010 Teacher of the Year award recipient, and Gennifer DeFillipo, choreographer, are known for their collaboration with the annual Spring

Show productions. The fully choreographed show features all students in the West Potomac choral program, along with special guests — students from Carl Sandburg Middle School and the theater comedy sports improvisational team, with assistance from Philip Clarke, West Potomac drama director.

"The show is always a huge school and community event. The kids are particularly excited about this year's show because it features great oldies, along with today's hits," said Johnson.

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# Coalition Reaffirms Effort to Establish Police Oversight Board

FROM PAGE 1

Supervisors recently considered and rejected the need for an oversight board as proposed by CCPA. The county board's position is that the county's independent auditor would be called on to investigate citizen allegations of police misconduct. Despite being rebuffed by the supervisors, the CCPA continues its quest.

"The Fairfax County Board's response to our proposal for a PCOB is unacceptable," said Beltrante. "Their proposal continues to place the responsibility for a fair and impartial investigation in the hands of the bureaucracy. The CCPA will continue to persist and, ultimately the CCPA will prevail."

**LAST WEEK** Beltrante and members of his coalition met at Martha Washington Library to update members on pending actions and plan for the summer and beyond. Beltrante announced the following letters were recently sent:

❖ A letter dated May 15, 2012 to Virginia Attorney General Kenneth T. Cuccinelli calling on him to support "a law that would make it mandatory for all deaths of unarmed citizens by police officers in Virginia to be referred directly to a Grand Jury comprised of ordinary citizens." In the CCPA letter Beltrante lists the David A. Masters death and the death in 2006 of Dr Salvatore Culosi, another unarmed shooting victim who was being served an arrest warrant for "sports gambling." Beltrante's letter described these two cases as "only two such incidents where unarmed citizens were shot with no apparent justification" for using lethal force by a police officer.

❖ Sent a letter dated April 23, 2012 to the newly appointed Fairfax County Executive, Edward L. Long, Jr. asking him to "endorse our proposal for a Citizens Review Board to be comprised of one member from each of the Fairfax County Districts" and offered to meet with Long to discuss the proposal. Thus far CCPA has not received a reply from Long.

In a interview after the conclusion of the CCPA meeting Beltrante responded to the following questions:

**Q. Why isn't the county's present po-**

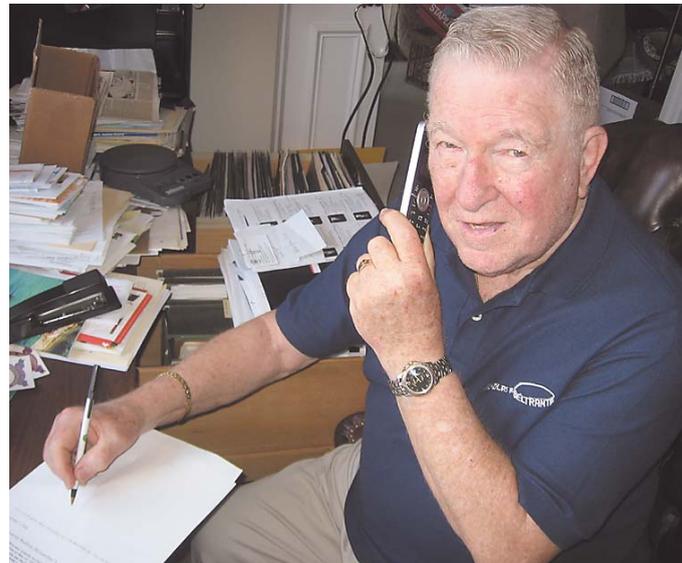


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**Nicholas Beltrante, executive director of the Citizens Coalition for Police Accountability, Inc.**

**sition, use of the internal auditor, sufficient to safeguard against citizen complaints about police misconduct?**

Beltrante: The only thing which will ultimately protect the public is a Police Citizens Oversight Board and a more open, transparent police department. We need an oversight board made up entirely of citizens charged with the responsibility to review and comment on citizen complaints of police actions, and whenever lethal force is used and results in the death of an unarmed citizen, regardless of the circumstances. In addition, for a citizens panel to be effective in its inquiries there is a need to change the current Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) which includes police exceptions that place a stranglehold on any opportunity to review police incident reports by the general public and the news media. The lessons we have learned from the circumstances related to the Masters and Culosi deaths, among others, and our study of the results of Citizens Oversight Boards elsewhere in the U.S., argue for a more open and responsive Police Department here in Fairfax county. The county government prides itself on being a local government leader, an innovator, and transparent and responsive to citizen needs and interests. Supervisor Hyland (who is chair of the board's Public Safety Committee) and

is overly reliant on his supervision of the large number of men and women in uniform. Maybe they believe that if they support a PCOB it will look as if they don't support Chief Rohrer's leadership. All the board has to do is independently look around at other cities and counties in the U.S. to see what the creation of a citizens oversight panel has meant for locally elected leaders and the positive results achieved. A citizens panel could be the best thing the elected board has going for it in the long run. They might want to ask: Can a citizens oversight board help to prevent future tragic shootings? The obvious answer is yes.

Chairwoman Bulova, and the others on the board would have you believe, based on their long record of service, that creating a Citizen Oversight Board would be attractive to them. But apparently it isn't and that is troubling to say the least.

**Q. Why do you believe that the board is resisting creating a Police Citizen Oversight Board?**

Beltrante: I have two theories. First, maybe Police Chief Rohrer is such a dominating personality and the board

Secondly, creating a PCOB may be perceived by the board as losing leverage with the Police Department. If this theory is an accurate reflection of their views, they are dead wrong. A PCOB will provide the board with leverage in making changes in police conduct where wrongdoing is found. Police officers are only human. They make mistakes and, if left unaccountable, there are inevitably those who will try and take advantage of the lack of oversight. It has happened in the recent past, and it will happen again. A Citizen Oversight Board is not a panacea for everything and anything that can go wrong. But its presence is a potential check on the use of lethal force when it is not necessary, it will build support and confidence in the community who know they will have a place to go to with their complaints.

**Q. What other plans do you have in the near future to pursue your goal of creating a PCOB?**

Beltrante: We have been talking to state legislators about the need for a police citizens panel and have been encouraged by the response. We will also be continuing to urge our supervisors and state legislators to support legislation to change the Virginia FOIA so that the public and the news media will have ready access to incident reports when it will not interfere with an ongoing police investigation.

For information on the work of the Virginia Citizens Coalition for Police Accountability, Inc.: [Virginiaccpa@aol.com](mailto:Virginiaccpa@aol.com).

## Police Shoot Man Brandishing Knife

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founder Nicholas Beltrante reacted to the incident: "From news accounts there were four police officers who attempted to serve a man with an arrest warrant. He responded by confronting the police with a knife. Their response was to shoot him with a gun. Every means at their disposal, other than the use of lethal force, should be used by the police prior to the use of lethal force.

"Were the police or a citizen in imminent danger and the use of lethal force was their only option? Why didn't the police use a

bean bag gun or Taser before resorting to the use of a gun? What is going on here cannot be avoided any longer by the elected supervisors and the police chief. We need a thorough outside investigation of the internal affairs of a police department that appears to have a policy that disregards its own General Order 540.1 regarding the use of lethal force. As matters stand now in the absence of citizen oversight, the so-called thin blue line will likely exonerate the police officers on this latest shooting."

— GERALD A. FILL

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# HOME SALES

In April 2012, 119 homes sold between \$1,075,000-\$64,000 in the Mount Vernon area. This week's list represents those homes sold in the \$1,075,000-\$379,000 range. For the complete list, visit [www.ConnectionNewspapers.com](http://www.ConnectionNewspapers.com)

Address	BR	FB	HB	Postal	City	Sold Price	Type	Lot AC	PostalCode	Subdivision
1804 HUNTING COVE PL	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,075,000	Detached	0.22	22307	BELLE HAVEN	
2200 LAKESHIRE DR	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$920,000	Detached	0.52	22308	MANORS AT MOUNT VERNON	
2004 WINDSOR RD	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$899,000	Detached	0.21	22307	BELLE HAVEN	
4200 KIMBRELEE CT	5	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$885,000	Detached	0.53	22309	OXFORD	
4106 FERRY LANDING RD	6	4	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$847,000	Detached	0.52	22309	MT VERNON GROVE	
6008 GROVE DR	6	4	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$845,000	Detached	0.20	22307	BELLE HAVEN	
1907 MASON HILL DR	6	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$829,000	Detached	0.35	22307	MASON HILL	
8428 OLD MOUNT VERNON RD	6	7	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$745,000	Detached	0.50	22309	MT ZEPHYR	
8503 CYRUS PL	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$709,000	Detached	0.24	22308	WAYNEWOOD	
8307 WEST BOULEVARD DR	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$699,000	Detached	0.35	22308	COLLINGWOOD ON POTOMAC	
1809 STIRRUP LN	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$664,000	Detached	0.24	22308	RIVERSIDE GARDENS	
8413 AYLCE PL	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$660,000	Detached	0.27	22308	COLLINGWOOD ON POTOMAC	
3625 DREWS CT	5	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$660,000	Detached	0.16	22309	MOUNT VEE MANOR	
1118 ARCTURUS LN	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$655,000	Detached	0.44	22308	WELLINGTON MANOR	
8301 RIVERSIDE RD	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$629,900	Detached	0.50	22308	HERBERT SPRING	
6205 ARKENDALE RD	3	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$600,000	Detached	0.26	22307	BELLE HAVEN	
3400 WESSYNTON WAY	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$595,000	Detached	0.72	22309	WESSYNTON	
8230 RIVERSIDE RD	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$575,000	Detached	0.24	22308	RIVERSIDE	
1101 DALEBROOK DR	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$570,000	Detached	0.30	22308	WAYNEWOOD	
8808 NORTHERN SPRUCE LN	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$560,000	Detached	0.26	22309	WOODMILL ESTATES	
4004 COOL BROOKE WAY	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$555,000	Detached	0.19	22306	STONEBROOKE	
8506 CONOVER PL	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$555,000	Detached	0.24	22308	WAYNEWOOD	
2508 ROSS ST	5	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$550,000	Detached	0.61	22306	POPKINS HEIGHTS	
2411 CAVENDISH DR	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$547,500	Detached	0.24	22308	STRAITFORD LANDING	
8425 PORTER LN	6	4	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$545,000	Detached	0.27	22308	STRAITFORD ON THE POTOMAC	
1006 CROTON DR	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$530,000	Detached	0.25	22308	WAYNEWOOD	
1706 JAMESTOWN RD	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$490,000	Detached	0.19	22308	HOLLIN HALL VILLAGE	
3202 NORWICH TER	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$490,000	Detached	0.30	22309	RIVERSIDE ESTATES	
6807 WOODSTONE PL	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$485,000	Detached	0.19	22306	WOODSTONE	
7216 STAFFORD RD	4	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$485,000	Detached	0.38	22307	HOLLIN HILLS	
3825 COBBLESTONE CT	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$480,000	Detached	0.22	22306	STONEBROOKE	
8127 BAINBRIDGE RD	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$466,500	Detached	0.23	22308	HOLLIN HALL VILLAGE	
7025 BEDROCK RD	5	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$460,000	Detached	0.22	22306	STONEBROOKE	
1064 DALEBROOK DR	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$460,000	Detached	0.25	22308	WAYNEWOOD	
5804 SABLE DR	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$445,000	Detached	0.24	22303	BURGUNDY FARM	
5700 NORTON RD	5	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$437,000	Detached	0.39	22303	BURGUNDY FARM	
7100 WHETSTONE RD	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$427,000	Detached	0.21	22306	STONEBROOKE	
4408 JACKSON PL	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$424,500	Detached	0.49	22309	MT ZEPHYR	
7903 WELLINGTON RD	4	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$415,000	Detached	0.29	22308	HOLLIN HALL VILLAGE	
2007 CLARK PL	3	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$404,000	Detached	0.26	22308	HOLLIN HALL VILLAGE	
4507 FLINTSTONE RD	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$400,000	Detached	0.23	22306	STONEBROOKE	
2808 SCHOOLEY DR	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$387,000	Detached	0.37	22306	SMITH B M	
5968 EDGEHILL CT	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$385,000	Townhouse	0.03	22303	HUNTINGTON COMMONS	
2605 DAWN DR	6	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$385,000	Detached	0.23	22306	TEMPLE VIEW	
7817 YORKTOWN DR	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$385,000	Detached	0.32	22308	HOLLIN HALL VILLAGE	
7112 WHETSTONE RD	5	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$380,000	Detached	0.29	22306	STONEBROOKE	
8826 COOPER RD	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$380,000	Detached	0.55	22309	KEYS AND RUSSELL	
8212 COOPER ST	4	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$379,000	Detached	0.30	22309	TIMOTHY PARK	

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# Surviving through Summer

## Helping teens.

It is that time again, the time from proms to graduation, and all the celebrations that come with it. It's lovely to think, from a distance, that this is a happy and uncomplicated time for teens as the school year winds down, many look forward to college in the fall and a summer of internships or other interesting activities.

Few adults with clear memories of high schools would likely be willing to turn back the clock and relive that time, especially with the addition of mobile phone videos and photos to accompany those awkward moments or more serious bullying or harassment.

We do know that many, if not most, teenagers will be celebrating, or possibly self-medicating, with alcohol, and that many will engage in binge drinking. While drinking and

driving, or getting into a car with a driver who has been drinking, can kill, there are many other problems that come along with binge drinking. Parents owe it to themselves to talk to their teens about it, even as the teen turns away, rolls eyes, and otherwise indicates he or she is ignoring everything you say, some information will go in. They do hear you, and sometimes even make use of the information later.

Keep talking. Tell them you love them. Tell them it's been too much work to get them to this point to risk losing them. Tell them not to text and drive. Tell them not to drink and drive. Tell them not to get in a car with anyone driving who has been drinking. Tell them you'll come pick them up anytime that they need a safe ride home, without grounding them for the summer.

### EDITORIALS

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Saluting Fallen Heroes

To the Editor:

Memorial Day is about more than summer road trips and mattress sales.

For years, I served our country alongside my fellow federal workers. In addition to serving every American, one of the federal workforce's greatest responsibilities is to support and equip our nation's men and women in uniform. My civil servant colleagues

and I felt a great responsibility to provide for our troops, and we mourned each time we learned of a fallen soldier.

So to me, Memorial Day is sacred. On behalf of America's federal workers — half of whom work directly with our nation's military — we salute our fallen heroes and thank the men and women who are currently serving around the world to defend the United States.

**Beverly Clemesen**  
Retired Federal Employee  
Department of Veterans Affairs

### Reaffirming American Dream

To the Editor:

I recently attended a Patrick Murray event in the Mount Vernon area. Murray is back a second time, running to represent the 8th congressional district in Virginia. With his new campaign comes more emphasis on responsible government spending and job creation. Murray's main economic message is that jobs are created through the private sector, not through government involvement or spending. Murray spoke about his message at the function, and as an 18 year old going into college, I felt as though he was speaking directly to my generation.

The main concern that I have after college is making sure that I have a secure place in the job market. Every student deserves to have opportunities after all of their hard work, and Murray expounds this idea of providing for the next generation. His message is born of the idea that politics is not just about "the now," but also about "the tomorrow." America thrives because of the dream upon which it is built — the dream that each generation will be more prosperous than the next. Under the current administration, this dream is being threatened.

We need a congressman who believes in the American dream, and believes that this dream should never be compromised. As the son of an immigrant from the Dominican Republic, I grew up listening to stories of working hard in America so to achieve this dream. My mom came because she believed in the American dream, a dream that I would never want

## Father's Day Photos

Father's Day is Sunday, June 17, and once again the Gazette will publish a gallery of Father's Day photos.

Every year at this time, the Gazette puts out the call for photographs of fathers and their children, grandfathers and their children and grand children.

Send in photos as soon as possible, including names of everyone in the picture, the date the picture was taken, the ages of the children and sentence or two about what is happening and where the photograph was taken. Be sure to include your town name and neighborhood. Photos are due by June 8.

You can submit your photos online at [connectionnewspapers.com/fathersday](http://connectionnewspapers.com/fathersday) or email to [smauren@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:smauren@connectionnewspapers.com).

to see diminished as a result of irresponsibility in the government.

I believe that Murray is not just running for the sake of running. He is running to defend the next generation. He stated that if there was already a competent congressman representing the 8th district, there would be no need for him to run. Murray will never be your typical career politician; he is not a self-serving citizen who is running on merely a slogan. He is running on a goal to better the future.

Murray's message and his determination to promote and fight for job creation gives me confidence that if more politicians like him would serve in Congress, the American dream will never die.

**Matthew Mirliani**  
Alexandria

## Tax-Funded Political Recap?

To the Editor:

I recently received a two-page typewritten letter with an attachment on official Virginia seal stationery from Delegate Surovell titled "Delegate Scott A. Surovell's General Assembly Session Recap." This letter was paid by taxpayers at a cost of \$4,107.75.

A recap should be a factual summary of the entire assembly actions or inactions regarding the 2,876 bills introduced with 1,616 passed, 326 carried over until the 2013 session, 934 bills that failed and the 2012-2014 budget deliberation about, for example, social services, education, transportation, public safety, involving \$83.5

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## Crackers Helps with Learning

**Woodley Hills Elementary School incorporated a rabbit named Crackers into its curriculum this year. The rabbit is used to reinforce the school's values including hard working, trustworthiness, responsibility and caring. Susan Carlson is the Woodley Hills teacher responsible for Crackers. The children learned about voting as they participated in a contest to choose Crackers' name, each child writing an essay supporting their proposed name. The children learned about rabbits and are allowed to feed him with supervision. The school's Daisy Troop earned a badge by planting a garden filled with foods appropriate for Crackers.**

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billion of revenue as introduced. But instead, Delegate Surovell chose to briefly discuss bills he sponsored and selected bills he either disagreed or agreed with depending on his point of view and opinion about the particular chosen issue. For example, he discussed four bills out of 28 he sponsored, briefly discussed five bills on women's issues, and six bills (private school tax credits, mandatory voter ID, ignition interlock mandate, repeal of one gun a month, repeal of Amazon sales tax exemption and eminent domain constitutional amendment) and how he voted on those six bills but didn't mention his co-sponsorship of 77 bills that include, for example, raising taxes. The pick and choose system used by Delegate Surovell merely advances his political point of view in the most favorable light. If a similar "recap" of the General Assembly session was prepared by other elected members, the content and presentation would be different depending on the person's point of view, opinion, political leaning and background. Thus, such "recap" is political.

Delegate Surovell's official mailing went to less than a fourth of

his constituents. That seems strange if Delegate Surovell was doing an official mailing to keep his constituents informed of what occurred during the 2012 General Assembly session.

It is a must for elected officials to keep their constituents informed. But, if the notification is political in nature, then any such mailing should not be made on official state seal stationary and paid by taxpayers' funds. Instead, it should be paid from campaign funds or by the elected person's political party. Hard working taxpayers' funds should not be used to advance political agendas or careers of any elected persons.

I urge you to contact your state senator and delegate to ensure that taxpayer money is not used for political enhancement of an elected official regardless of political party affiliation.

**Frank Medico**  
Mount Vernon

## MVCCA's Success

To the Editor:  
Last week, Martin Tillett at

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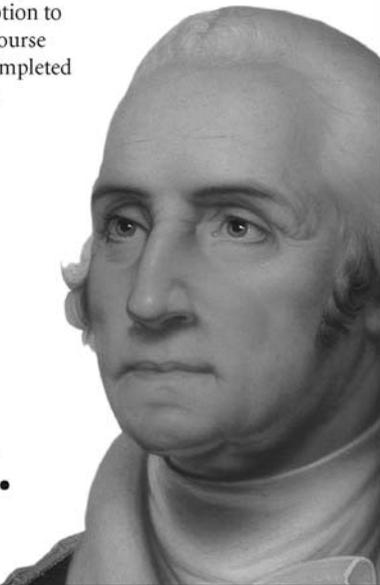
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## OPINION



### Supporting Arcadia Center

The Garden Club of Waynewood recently donated \$500 to Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food. Marjie Morris, president, Garden Club of Waynewood presented the donation to Maureen Moodie, farm director, Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food and Agriculture at Woodlawn. Presented at the garden club's recent flower show, the donation is part of the Garden Club of Waynewood's 50th anniversary activities and ongoing commitment and service to the community. The Garden Club of Waynewood meets the third Thursday of the month, September to June, at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Plymouth Haven Baptist Church, 8532 Fort Hunt

## PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

### ROUTE 1 IMPROVEMENTS AT FORT BELVOIR FAIRFAX COUNTY

**Meeting:** Tuesday, June 5, 2012; 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM; Hayfield Secondary School, 7630 Telegraph Road, Alexandria, VA 22315, in the High School Cafeteria (Room 1534).

**Purpose:** The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in cooperation with Fairfax County, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), and the U.S. Army Garrison Fort Belvoir, is completing studies for improvements to U.S. Route 1 through Fort Belvoir from Telegraph Road to Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Among the components of the studies were the identification of transportation needs, analysis of alternatives to meet those needs, and analysis of the environmental consequences of those alternatives, all of which are documented in an Environmental Assessment (EA) in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the National Historic Preservation Act. Public involvement and coordination with local, state, and federal agencies has been ongoing throughout the study, and at this stage, citizens will be given the opportunity to review the preliminary project design and the findings of the EA. All comments received during the public meeting and public comment period will be considered, and all substantive comments will be addressed in subsequent NEPA documentation and in reaching a decision on the study. Informational displays and handouts will be available at the meeting. The EA will be made available for public review by May 30, 2012 on FHWA's website, <http://www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/projects/environment.aspx>, and at the following locations: Sherwood Regional Library, South County Center, and the offices of the Fairfax County Department of Transportation and FHWA.

**Comments:** Comments or other information relevant to the study may be submitted at the meeting or sent to FHWA's Project Manager, Mr. Jack Van Dop, Federal Highway Administration, Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division, 21400 Ridgetop Circle, Sterling, VA 20166 by the end of the business day on **June 29, 2012**. Comments also may be submitted via e-mail to: [Jack.VanDop@dot.gov](mailto:Jack.VanDop@dot.gov).

**Special Assistance:** If you require additional information or special assistance to attend and participate in this meeting, please call Parsons Transportation Group at 202-469-6481.



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tacked me for mentioning (without any elaboration) in my prior letter that the MVCCA supports the proposed off-leash dog area (OLDA) at Westgrove Park. Mr. Tillett noted my numerous prior letters that have been critical of the MVCCA. What Mr. Tillett didn't mention that I have consistently supported the principle of the MVCCA and have reserved my criticism for its recent leadership and the way it typically conducts business. My position in these regards is unchanged. In the case of the debate concerning the proposed OLDA, in fact, the MVCCA operated in a manner closer to appropriate than usual.

The debate concerning the proposed OLDA was lengthy in the MVCCA's Environment & Recreation (E&R) Committee, encompassing several meetings. At those meetings, guests were invited to make presentations. Representatives of member communities announced the official support of their communities resulting from recorded votes. Various resolutions were proposed, debated, revised, and voted upon over many months. All of this culminated in a 10-3 vote of the E&R Committee in favor of

the OLDA proposal which was later ratified by the MVCCA Council. Mr. Tillett had ample opportunity to express his opposition and he did so. To no avail.

Mr. Tillett signed his letter on behalf of "Friends of Quander Brook and Belle Haven Watersheds." There is no such legal entity in Virginia. I previously pointed out the epidemic we have in the Mount Vernon District in which civic activists claim to be representing formal organizations that do not exist. Perhaps the reason why Mr. Tillett's alleged organization is not incorporated in our Commonwealth is because, were that the case, under State law, they would be required to hold their meetings in public. They seem to think they are more effective meeting in secret and springing their views on the community at large without any opportunity for prior public debate. They are wrong, and the same applies to the fictitious "Friends of Westgrove Park" about which I earlier wrote. They had absolutely no prior contact with OLDA proponents, and only surfaced one week before the Planning Commission hearing to express their opposition. This is not how civic debates are supposed to

be conducted. Unfortunately, this is all too typical of the way civic activity is conducted in Mount Vernon.

Thinking about the "Friends of Quander Brook," with friends like Mr. Tillett, who needs enemies? As a result of the "efforts" of Mr. Tillett and others, instead of the community enjoying the Kings Crossing Town Center, we now have a Wal-Mart store. The proposed developer of Kings Crossing agreed to pay for all of the storm water improvements on the site, to restore Quander Brook, to create a park behind Kings Crossing and to address traffic congestion at that location. Now, as a result of the Wal-Mart, the Shoppers' Food Warehouse across Richmond Highway in the Penn Daw Shopping Center closed and smaller merchants have followed it into oblivion. What was once the promise of a beautiful town center has been replaced with a Wal-Mart and a ghost town across Richmond highway. Now we read Mr. Tillett's letters to the editor and columns in an Internet publication complaining about the state of development of Richmond Highway and all of the traffic and environ-

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 mental issues there. Mr. Tillett, please look in a mirror. Thanks to you and those who share your concept of civic involvement, we taxpayers will have to fund the environmental, stormwater and transportation improvements a developer had agreed to fund.

Mr. Tillett says that approving the OLDA would reward criminal

behavior. He is referring to the fact that dog owners who wish to walk their dogs off-leash at Westgrove Park have been issued citations by the Animal Control officers, which citations would stop upon establishment of the OLDA. These are citizens who are trying to make use of an essentially unused park in a manner that would meet an important recreational need and

is environmentally friendly. Mr. Tillett, you should be ashamed of yourself for seeking to win your argument by disparaging these good citizens. I can only hope you will not succeed in doing for Westgrove Park what you did for Quander Brook.

**H. Jay Spiegel**  
 Mount Vernon



PHOTO BY MARTIN TILLETT

**Volunteers remove trash and shopping carts from Little Hunting Creek on May 27.**

## Potomac River, Chesapeake Bay and Dyke Marsh

To the Editor:

Anyone who spends a few minutes examining scientific texts, journals, papers or historical literature on the natural history of the Potomac and the Chesapeake Bay Watershed can recognize that these once great ecosystems are mere remnants of what they once were. The Potomac watershed covers four states and D.C. It is over 400 miles long and is 11 miles wide where it flows into the bay. The Chesapeake Bay watershed (the area of land that drains into the Bay) is 64,000 square miles and has 11,600 miles of tidal shoreline, including tidal wetlands and islands. The watershed encompasses parts of six states: Delaware, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia, as well as Washington D.C. The problems in the Potomac and the Chesapeake Bay are magnified by their scope which is a reason why they are "most endangered." Unfortunately there will always be those people, who are operating at a very superficial level, who demand that everything scientific be both dumbed-down and rigorously argued to them.

Mr. H. Jay Spiegel in stating his rationale for his support of the most limited restoration plan proposed for Dyke Marsh argues that there are plenty of tidal wetlands in the area for citizens to enjoy and provides a photograph of tidal wetlands in Little Hunting Creek. The tidal wetlands at Dyke Marsh are open to public access with a combination of trails and a nearby public boat ramp where people can launch canoes and kayaks. On the site

<http://www.littlehuntingcreek.org> I found the following. "Access to the creek for boating is not available to the public. There is no boat or canoe launch at nearby publicly-owned sites (Riverside Park, operated by the National Park Service). Ramps located within nearby neighborhoods are strictly limited to neighborhood residents." There have been proposals in the past to provide a public access point for kayaks and canoes at a nearby sewage pumping station but as I recall, Mr. H. Jay Spiegel has been opposed to any such access.

On another note, many of those political agenda, environmental activist types volunteered for the second time this past Saturday May 27 to do a cleanup of Little Hunting Creek between the Janna Lee apartments and the Sequoia Condominiums near U.S. Route 1. Apparently some people care enough about our ecological infrastructure to show up on a hot day and give freely of their time to make a difference in the quality of the environment even for areas of the local watersheds where citizens say no access for you.

To say that the Dyke Marsh wetlands area should have a diminished restoration plan because he sees wonderful tidal wetlands from his private view shed on Little Hunting Creek sounds to this reader like someone claiming foreign policy experience because they can see Russia from the Alaska coastline.

**Martin W. Tillett**  
 Mount Vernon



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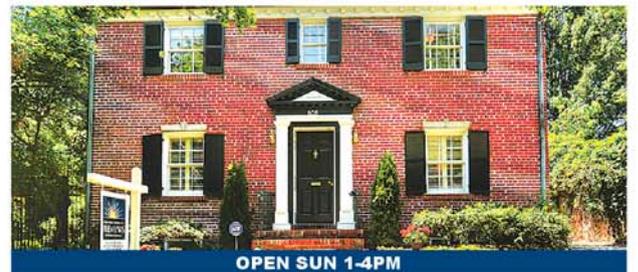
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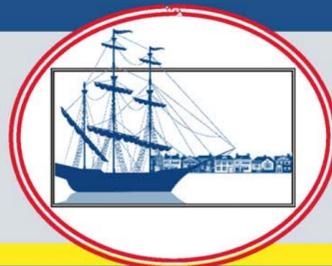
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Sandy Point is a popular boating party spot on weekends and this day, May 26, is no exception. This group of 15 boats is from the Mount Vernon Yacht Club and is expecting five more boats. When asked across the water what they'll do for the weekend, one member of the flotilla shouts out, "We'll play music, swim, and drink lots of soda."

# Daily Patrols Take to the Water

Memorial Day weekend launches boating season.

BY DEB COBB  
THE GAZETTE

The warm holiday weekend brought the opening of boating season on the Potomac watershed and Fairfax County's inland lakes and waterways. In Fairfax and surrounding Virginia counties (Prince William, Alexandria, Arlington, Loudoun and Stafford) there are more than 4,000 registered recreational boats.

For three years, the Fairfax County Police Department has deployed a Marine Patrol Unit staffed with EMT-trained SWAT officers who have their Coast Guard captain's licenses to ensure the safety of boaters in Fairfax County waters. The unit operates two boats, a 35-foot Marlago and a special purpose 19-foot flat-bottom Carolina skip. The skip is used to patrol shallow areas like Lake Braddock and Lake Barcroft while the Marlago patrols the waters of Occoquan/Belmont Bay, Pohick Bay, Little Hunting Creek, Dogue Creek, Belle Haven and the 100 miles of Virginia shoreline that is in Fairfax County.

"Our mission is safety, education, and enforcement," said Police Officer First Class Matthew Grubb, a 10-year veteran of the FCPD and one of the full

time Marine Patrol officers. The Marine Patrol Unit provides safety inspections of boats, spotting and addressing safety violations of boaters, checking boat registrations, BUI (boating under the influence) checkpoints, wake-enforcement — ensuring that boats are not speeding in no-wake zones, providing emergency response and assistance and coordinating with other emergency services on the water. In addition, the unit operates with the Fairfax County Dive Team.

The boating community is welcoming of the Marine Patrol Unit. Said Harbor Master Jim Brooks of the Belmont Bay Harbor Marina, "Any time you have a police presence, it cuts back on the no-gooders."

The unit is launching a program aimed at promoting boating safety among children. If a boat is stopped by the Marine Patrol Unit this summer and children are wearing their PFDs (personal flotation devices), they'll get a t-shirt. If the children aren't wearing PFDs, boater will get a warning or a summons. PFDs are required for all children under the age of 13.

"Last year we didn't have any drownings and we're shooting for that this year. Education is the main focus of the unit followed by enforcement. We hope to educate people about boating while intoxicated, and we will have more BUI enforcement this summer," said head of the Marine Patrol Unit Second Lieutenant Lance Schaible of the Special Operations Division.



PFC Brian Bowman drives the Fairfax County Police Marine Patrol Unit as PFC Grubb observes while they patrol Little Hunting Creek.



Docks, channel markers and dinghies in the waterways along Fairfax County's 100 miles of shoreline sport many osprey nests, providing boaters with a variety of views of the birds.



Boaters traveling along the Fairfax County coastline at Mount Vernon on May 26 give the Fairfax County Police Marine Unit a wave. PFC Matthew Grubb, a full time officer with the unit, observes that that the boating community is generally very welcoming of the police unit because their presence deters the less courteous boaters



The Fairfax County Police Marine Patrol Unit motors past Mount Vernon Estate as part of its patrol area on May 26. Fairfax county has 100 miles of shoreline patrolled by the unit. During prime boating season, Memorial Day to Labor Day, the unit patrols seven days a week.



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**Molly Maddra and Kim Hilton of Fireflies serves barbecue sliders.**



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFFT/GAZETTE

**Missy Pankow of Cheesetique makes up a pimento slider.**

# Taste of Del Ray Is Sunday, June 3

## Hell's Kitchen Winner To Be a Judge

BY SARAH CARROLL  
THE GAZETTE

**M**ark your calendars, clean your palates and prepare for the fourth annual Taste of Del Ray, sponsored by the Del Ray Business Association. The event will take place on Sunday, June 3 from 1 to 3 p.m. This year's celebrity chef is Rock Harper — winner of Season 3 "Hell's Kitchen" — the Gordon Ramsey cooking competition on FOX-TV.

Harper, the event's second celebrity chef, will taste each dish and choose a restaurant to receive the Judge's Choice Award. For the first time, he will also choose runners-up. People at the event will select a restaurant for the People's Choice Award.

Over a dozen neighborhood restaurants, including last year's winners, Taqueria Pablano and The Evening Star, will participate in the outdoor competition that will be held in the lot behind the Virginia Commerce Bank at 2401 Mt. Vernon and E. Oxford Avenues, Alexandria.

Tickets are \$10 per adult and \$5 for children under 12 years of age and can be purchased ahead of time at the Del Ray Farmer's Market (Mt. Vernon and E. Oxford) on Saturday, June 2 from 8 a.m. to noon or on the day of the event beginning at 12:45 p.m.

Participating restaurants will include Artfully Chocolate, Caboose Café,

Cheesetique, Del Ray Café, Del Ray Pizzeria, Evening Star Café, FireFlies, The Happy Tart, LaStrada, Monroe's, Pork Barrel BBQ, St. Elmo's Coffee Pub, Taqueria Pablano and A Thyme & Place.

The winners of both the Judge's Choice and People's Choice Award will be announced just after 3 p.m.

To add to the fun and festivities, performing in the lot of the Del Ray Farmer's Market during the Taste of Del Ray will be one of the area's most popular rock and roll bands, Elroy Jenkins. The band has played at other local events, including the Del Ray Music Festival and First Thursday, as well as at local clubs. Another local band, FeelFree, whose music combines blues and reggae, will open for Elroy Jenkins from 12-12:45 p.m.

Taste of Del Ray began as part of Del Ray's First Thursday, a series of summer evening activities. It became a stand-alone event four years ago and has grown each year. Gayle Reuter, board member of the Del Ray Business Association, said via e-mail that she expects over 1,000 participants this year.

Reuter said that Del Ray "is blessed to have such [a diversity of] restaurants" and that the event allows local restaurants to showcase various foods. Winning foods last year ranged from a vegetable side to an entrée. This year's menu includes ice cream, Ethiopian cuisine, Gazpacho, crepes and petit fours, among other foods.

# Torpedo Factory Welcomes Guest Artists for the Summer

**T**he Torpedo Factory Art Center announces the Visiting Artists who will be in residence during June, July and August 2012. Now in its third year, the goal of the Visiting Artist Program is to expose the Torpedo Factory Art Center's visitors and patrons to a rotating group of accomplished artists and provide a unique opportunity to interact, explore and exchange ideas. The Visiting Artists will be working in studios throughout the 76,000-square-foot art center and will be actively involved in art enrichment events throughout the summer months in which they will demonstrate and discuss their work.

Some 16 artists have been selected from 45 applicants. The program will run from June through August 2012; Visiting Artists will be at the Torpedo Factory Art Center for one or two months.

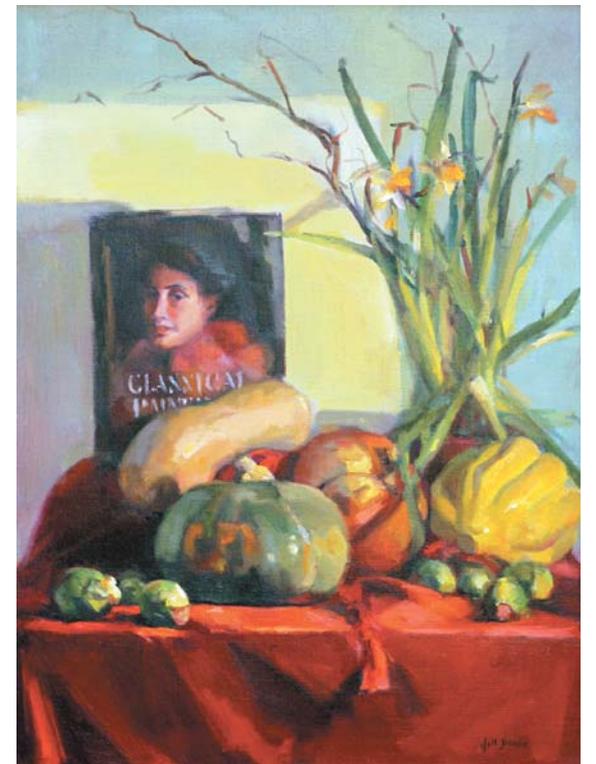
The selection of Visiting Artists is a highly competitive process. Applicants describe the work they propose to do during the residency, and provide images of related work already completed as evidence of their accomplishments and promise. An outside juror evaluates the submissions and selects the finalists. Paula Amt, a painter and the owner of gallery plan b and Framesmith DC, both in Washington, D.C., was the juror this year. Amt studied studio art and art history in Virginia and Paris. She has been active in the D.C. art scene since 1998.

For more information about the Visiting Artist Program, visit [www.torpedofactory.org/vap](http://www.torpedofactory.org/vap).

## 2012 VISITING ARTISTS

### JUNE

- Annie Bailey (Tenants Harbor, ME) Filmmaking – Studio 328
- Dianne Bugash (Gaithersburg, MD) Collage – Studio 224
- Maruka Carvajal (Centreville, VA) Painting – Studio 333



**"Classical Painting Atelier" by Jill Banks**

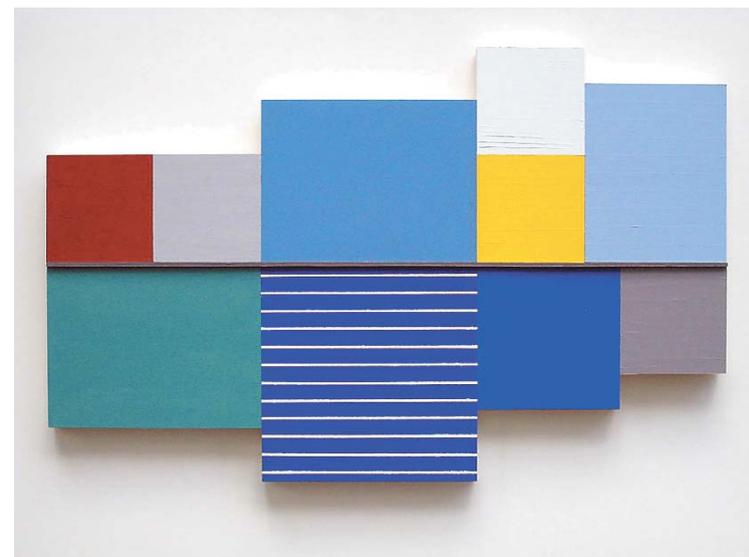
- Regina Davis Izaguirre (Washington, D.C.) Painting – Studio 30
- Hiroimi Katayama (Edinboro, PA) Painting – Studio 301
- McCain McMurray (Washington, D.C.) Painting – Studio 4
- Joseph Shetler (Arlington, VA) Drawing – Studio 317

### JULY

- Annie Bailey (Tenants Harbor, ME) Filmmaking – Studio 328
- Regina Davis Izaguirre (Washington, D.C.) Painting – Studio 30
- Ronni Jolles (Great Falls, VA) Collage – Studio 301
- Jan Moffatt (Alexandria, VA) Painting – Studio 32
- Rindy O'Brien (Washington, D.C.) Photography – Studio 224
- Joseph Shetler (Arlington, VA) Drawing – Studio 317
- Nancy Varipapa (Alexandria, VA) Painting – Studio 331

### AUGUST

- Jill Banks (Reston, VA) Painting – Studio 333
- Judith Giuliani (Rockville, MD) Painting – Studio 30
- Mary Grassell (Hurricane, WV) Printmaking – Studio 317
- Colleen Lochausen (Hollywood, MD) Sculpture – Studio 32
- Rindy O'Brien (Washington, D.C.) Photography – Studio 224
- Drew Parris (Stevensville, MD) Drawing – Studio 328
- Nancy Varipapa (Alexandria, VA) Painting – Studio 331



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## FINE ARTS

Carol Lopatin, a Torpedo Factory artist from Falls Church, is the recipient of the Strathmore Artist Papers Award — a national honor. The 51st national exhibition of aqueous media painting, Watercolor U.S.A. 2012, opens at the Springfield Art Museum June 9 in Springfield, Missouri. The exhibition attracts entries from across the United States. The competition this year received 666 entries by 371 artists from 42 states.



**Carol Lopatin, Plein air painting "Union Pass" acrylic on paper.**

painting was completed later in the quiet of her studio at the Torpedo Factory. She tried to save the freshness of the initial brushwork while developing more solid areas. It is a push/pull experience throughout.

A painting trip to Alabama is scheduled in June. She will be back working in Studio 301 at the Torpedo Factory for the month of August.

### NOW TO JUNE 29

**"Giving Voice."** Artwork includes mixed media, painting, poetry, photography, and short film. Artist reception is Friday, June 1 from 7 to 9 p.m. At The Gallery at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria. Call 703-998-6260.

### NOW TO JUNE 25

**Mark Dorman** is the featured artist at River Farm, the headquarters of the American Horticultural Society, for the months of May and June 2012. His exhibit, "Color in Nature" will be on view now through June 25. Dorman is a professional artist, journalist, and art critic. He studied drawing and painting with Manlio Guberti in Rome, studied at Atelier, Le Grande Chaumiere in Paris, the Corcoran

Museum School, and at the Maryland Institute of the Arts. He has won numerous awards for his oil paintings, watercolors, and pastels, both abstract and representational. His colorful post-impressionist landscapes are reflective of a wealth of experience abroad. More details are at [www.MarkDorman.net](http://www.MarkDorman.net).

### NOW TO JUNE 17

**Artist Donald Depuydt.** Fusions of lithographs, intaglios, and collagraphs, Donald Depuydt's works include haunting figurative and architectural references, rich textures, and mark making, both precise and spontaneous. At the Athenaeum in Old Town Alexandria.

### NOW TO JUNE 3

#### The Biennial Ikebana Show and Tea Ceramics Exhibit.

Reception is May 31, 6-8 p.m. Some 200 ceramic artists from all corners of the United States and Canada turned out to submit various wares associated with the ritual of drinking, serving, and presenting tea. Juror John Neely, ceramic artist and current Professor of Art in Ceramics and Assistant Department Head at Utah State University in Logan, UT, selected 47 pieces created by 33 artists from 19 states and Canada. The Tea exhibit is open now through June 3, but the Ikebana Show does not open until May 31. At The Art League, 105 North Union Street, Studio 21, in the Torpedo Factory Art Center, Alexandria. Visit [www.theartleague.org](http://www.theartleague.org) or call 703-683-1780.

### NOW TO JUNE 18

**Variations.** A photography exhibit featuring new works by Alan Sislen. At Multiple Exposures Gallery at the Torpedo Factory Art Center #312, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Visit [www.MultipleExposuresGallery.com](http://www.MultipleExposuresGallery.com)

### NOW TO JUNE 28

**Rust Reconstructed.** Featuring artwork by Pete McCutchen. At the Schlesinger Center Margaret W. & Joseph L. Fisher Gallery, located in the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center at the Alexandria Campus of Northern Virginia Community College.

### NOW TO JUNE 24

**Forged.** Show examines contemporary approaches to the ancient process of forged metalwork. A reception will be held June 14 from 6 - 8 p.m.; juror talk with Twylene Moyer at 7 p.m. Will showcase the works of 18 artists from across the country. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union Street, Alexandria. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org/target](http://www.torpedofactory.org/target)

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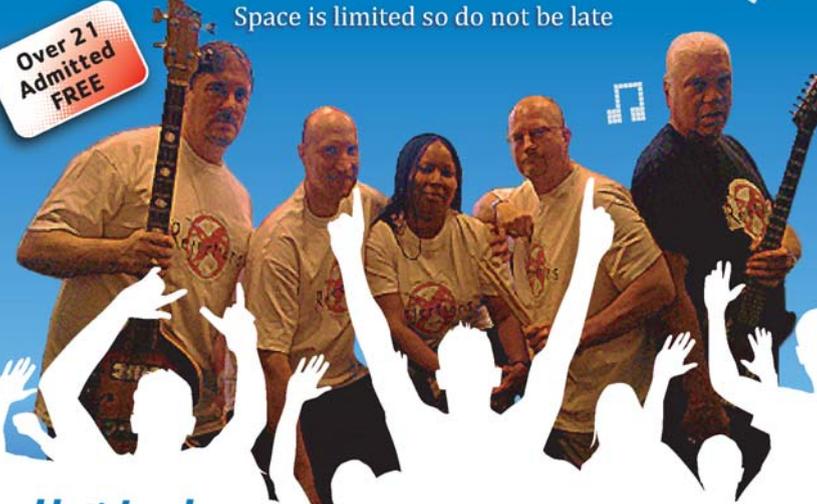
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[gazette@connectionnews.com](mailto:gazette@connectionnews.com)

# ENTERTAINMENT

## WEDNESDAYS

### Summer Rehearsals.

7:30 to 9:30 p.m. June 6, 13. Potomac Harmony Chorus will host a series of open rehearsals at The Hermitage Auditorium, 5000 Fairbanks Avenue, Alexandria. Each week through May and June, women (13 years and up) are invited to join the chorus on the risers to learn how to sing four-part a cappella, barbershop harmony style. Call 703-764-3896 or email chorus@potomac-harmony.org or www.Potomac-Harmony.org.

## THURSDAY/MAY 31

### "Tea" Talk. 10:15 a.m.

Experience the world through Tea with your guide, Lee Maguire. Join tea aficionado and Hollin Hall Senior Center Assistant Lee as he leads this four-part series about the world's second cheapest drink. Learn about the history of tea, its role in society, and how it has even changed history. Participate in blind tea tastings and help decide what tea best captures the essence of Hollin Hall Senior Center. At 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Call 703-765-4573.

**"Then, Life Gave Me Lemons."** 6 to 8 p.m. A night of shopping, sushi, sweets and more! At Lou Lou Boutique of Old Town, 132 King St., Alexandria. Call 703-299-9505. To RSVP, go to <http://www.eventbrite.com/event/3582636763>

## MAY 31, JUNE 1-2

### West Potomac Spring Show. 7 p.m.

"Now & Then, 50 Years of Hits, 1962-2012." Presented by the West Potomac High School choral groups. Produced by Ernest Johnson and Jennifer DeFillippo, choreographer. At Springbank Auditorium at West Potomac High School. Tickets are \$10/advance; \$12/door. Online tickets are available at [www.westpotomacchoirs.org](http://www.westpotomacchoirs.org).

## FRIDAY/JUNE 1

### Dr. John in Concert. 7:30 p.m.

At The Birchmere. Tickets are available at Ticketmaster.com or call 800-745-3000. At The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit [www.Birchmere.com](http://www.Birchmere.com).

### Contribute to Time Capsule.

Youth up to age 18 are invited to submit an essay or art work representing the present day library. Submit on 8 1/2 by 11 inch paper. Entries should be submitted at Martha Washington Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. Entries will be placed in the time capsule to be opened in 50 years. Deadline to enter is June 1. Call 703-768-9840.

## SATURDAY/JUNE 2

### 20th Annual Alexandria Armenian Festival.

1 to 6 p.m. Enjoy eating freshly barbequed kebabs and delicious Armenian foods, watching the Arax Armenian Dance Ensemble in colorful costumes, hearing talented folk singers Vivian Chakarian, Emma Soghomonian and Edita Kalayjian, hearing acclaimed clarinetist Mihran, and seeing cultural exhibits and videos — and much more — at the 20th Annual Alexandria Armenian Festival. Co-sponsored by the City of Alexandria-Gyumri Sister City Committee and the Knights of Vartan. At Market Square in Old Town, 301 King Street in front of City Hall. Visit [www.armenianfestivals.com](http://www.armenianfestivals.com).

### Buy, Sell, Trade Event. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sponsored by Aunt E's Closet. Come buy, sell, trade jewelry, cosmetics, crocheted items, electronics, games, clothing, books, household



## SATURDAY/JUNE 2

**Mosaic Harmony.** 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25/advance; \$30/door. A Silent Auction begins at 6 p.m. An interfaith, multicultural community choir that draws on the rich heritage of African-American inspirational music to lift the spirits. At Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria. Tickets can be purchased online at <http://mosaicharmony.org/tickets.php>. contact promotions@mosaicharmony.org or call 301-717-1221.

items, etc. At Meade Episcopal Church, 322 N. Alfred St., Alexandria. Call Dana Dishman at 571-447-8317.

### "We're Still Here: Celebrating an African American Community at Fort Ward."

1 to 4 p.m. Free. A commemorative program recognizing the post-Civil War African American community known as "The Fort" at Fort Ward. Program held on the front lawn of Fort Ward Museum, followed by a wreath-laying ceremony at the grave site of Clara Adams, a matriarch of the community who was born on June 2, 1865. The program continues in the Park amphitheatre where public remarks will include an overview of the history of "The Fort" families, remembrances of and reflections on daily life in the area by individuals who lived on the site or whose ancestors resided there, and a performance by the Oakland Baptist Church Choir. Fort Ward Park is at 4301 West Braddock Road.

### Volunteer Training.

Curious about early American medicine and health? Then consider volunteering as a tour guide at the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary in historic Old Town Alexandria. The Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, at 105-107 South Fairfax Street, is hosting a new volunteer training June 2 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. This three-hour class includes a tour and the basics of giving museum tours. Pre-registration is required. Volunteers can complete an application online through [www.apothecarymuseum.org](http://www.apothecarymuseum.org) or email Michele.longo@alexandriava.gov. Visit [www.apothecarymuseum.org](http://www.apothecarymuseum.org) or call 703-746-3852.

### An Introduction to the 532Yoga Teacher Training Program

with Suzanne Leitner-Wise. 3-5 p.m. \$20 if pre-registered. Visit [www.532Yoga.com](http://www.532Yoga.com) [suzanne@532Yoga.com](mailto:suzanne@532Yoga.com). Call 703-209-0049. At 532Yoga, 532 N. Washington St., Suite 100, Alexandria.

## SUNDAY/JUNE 3

### Core and More! 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Work hard and feel GREAT at this Yoga/Pilates workshop. No experience necessary. \$35 if pre-registered. Visit [www.532Yoga.com](http://www.532Yoga.com) [suzanne@532Yoga.com](mailto:suzanne@532Yoga.com). Call 703-209-0049. At 532Yoga, 532 N. Washington St., Suite 100, Alexandria.

### Come Fly, Drive, Float or Spectate.

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bring your RC Planes, RC Helicopters, RC Trucks, RC Cars, Free Flight Planes, Control Line Planes, RC Boats and more. At West Potomac High School, 6500 Quander Road, Alexandria. Contact engineering teacher Joseph Franco at [jfranco@fcps.edu](mailto:jfranco@fcps.edu) or visit [www.westpotomacengineeringstore.com](http://www.westpotomacengineeringstore.com).

### KIN: Songs by Mary Karr and Rodney Crowell.

7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$29.50. With special guest Stuart Smith. At The Birchmere. Tickets are available at Ticketmaster.com or call

800-745-3000. At The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit [www.Birchmere.com](http://www.Birchmere.com).

### I've Got Rhythm...

**I've Got Music.** 4 p.m. The Virginia Bronze Handbell Ensemble performs at the Memorial Theater, George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Dr., Alexandria. Visit [www.vabronze.org](http://www.vabronze.org) or call 1-888-824-2541.

## TUESDAY/JUNE 5

### Author Talk. 7 p.m.

Author Barb Winters will talk about her book Letters to Virginia: Correspondence from three generations of Alexandrians from before, during and after the Civil.

Stories of the Eaches, Fendalls and Tacketts. At Patrick Henry Library. Call 703-938-0405.

### "What the Heck is a Sesquicentennial?"

6 to 8 p.m. Morrison House presents author William S. Connery who will discuss the details of his book on the Civil War Sesquicentennial. At Morrison House, 116 South Alfred Street, Alexandria. Visit [www.morrisonhouse.com](http://www.morrisonhouse.com) or call 703-838-8000.

**Swing Dancing.** 9 to 11 p.m. Cost is \$10. With the band, Bluejazz 2012. At the Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle St., Alexandria.

## WEDNESDAY/JUNE 6

### "The Maltese Falcon." 7 p.m. Free.

Part of the monthly Film Noir Series at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave., in Del Ray. After the movie, viewers are invited to discuss the film at St. Elmo's Coffee Pub at 2300 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Call 703-746-1705

### DJ Dance Party. 9 to 11 p.m. Cost is \$6.

With DJ Dabe Murphy. At Nick's Nightclub, 642 South Pickett St., Alexandria.

### "A Hero's Welcome: A Story of Friendship, Gratitude and Remembrance."

7 to 9 p.m. The film explores the impact of D-Day, 60 years later, on the Franco-American relationship through interviews with veterans, French citizens and American visitors to Normandy. Presented by the Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee. At The Lyceum: Alexandria's History Museum, 201 S. Washington Street, Alexandria.

## FRIDAY/JUNE 8

### Musician Jonathan Coulton. 7:30 p.m.

With Justin Townes Earle. Tickets are available at Ticketmaster.com or call 800-745-3000. At The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit [www.Birchmere.com](http://www.Birchmere.com).

### Valentina Lisitsa, Pianist. 7:30 p.m.

Free; unreserved seating. At Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2701 Cameron Mills Road, Alexandria. Visit [www.wpc-alex.org](http://www.wpc-alex.org).

## SATURDAY/JUNE 9

### Field Orientation. 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Required of all volunteers interested in excavating. Must be at least 16 years old. Free, but reservations required. [Archaeology@alexandriava.gov](mailto:Archaeology@alexandriava.gov).

### 70th Anniversary Homecoming and Ice Cream Social. 4:30 p.m.

Bring a picnic and enjoy ice cream for dessert. And bring any old photos or albums that you can share. At Tauxemont Cooperative Preschool, 7719 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. Email [tauxemontcoop@gmail.com](mailto:tauxemontcoop@gmail.com) or [www.tauxemont.org](http://www.tauxemont.org)

### Jefferson-Jackson Dinner. Keynote speaker is ex-Gov. Tim Kaine,

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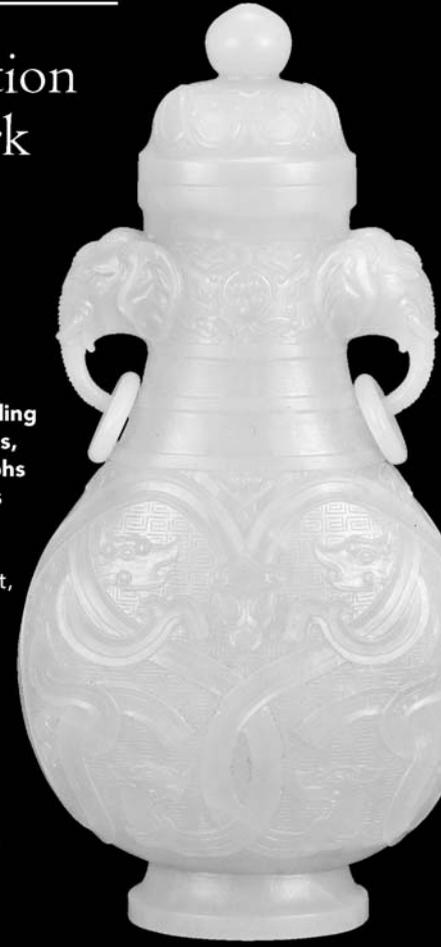
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## MONDAY/JUNE 11

**Author Talk by Lyle Smythers.** 7:30 p.m. Author of Feasting with Panthers. At Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Avenue, Alexandria. Call 703-746-1705 or visit [www.alexandria.lib.va.us](http://www.alexandria.lib.va.us).

**Kinky Friedman.** 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35. At the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com).

## TUESDAY/JUNE 12

**Start, Manage, Grow Your Business.** 8 to 10:30 a.m. Free. At The Mary G. Gates Learning Center/United Way Worldwide, 701 N. Fairfax Street, Alexandria. Registration required. Call Pat Melton, 703-778-1292 or through [www.alexandriabdc.org](http://www.alexandriabdc.org).

**Swing Dancing.** 9 to 11 p.m. Cost is \$10. Featuring King Teddy. At The Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle St., Alexandria.

## WEDNESDAY/JUNE 13

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

**Jamie McLean Band.** 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25. Will be playing "Live at Gibson" CD Release. At The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com).

## THURSDAY/JUNE 14

**Tony Denikos.** 7 p.m. Cost is \$10. Part of Second Thursday Concerts at the Athenaeum. At The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. Call 703-548-0035. Visit [nvfaa.org](http://nvfaa.org).

## FRIDAY/JUNE 15

**Pat McGee Trio.** 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Cost: \$100 ticket includes all food, beer, wine and mixed drinks. At Jackson 20 Restaurant, 480 King St., Alexandria. Visit [www.jackson20.com](http://www.jackson20.com) or call 703-842-2790.

**Mount Vernon Swing Band.** 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Cost is \$4/door. All are welcome. Owen Hammett will conduct the live band. Light refreshments will be provided by Spring Hills at Mount Vernon. At Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Call 703-765-4573.

## JUNE 15 AND 16

**Vince Gill.** 7:30 p.m. At The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com).

**Fest Too.** A DIY music and arts festival with 30 bands and artists. Tickets are \$8/Friday; \$10/Saturday. Hours are June 15 from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m.; June 16 from 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. At The Lab at Convergence, 1819 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria. Visit [festtoo.tumblr.com](http://festtoo.tumblr.com).

## SATURDAY/JUNE 16

**Java Jolt: Civil War Northern Virginia 1861.** 10 a.m. Lecture and book signing with William Connery, with light refreshments. Sponsored by the Friends of Alexandria Archaeology. Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105



## WEDNESDAY/JUNE 13

**Paul Thorn.** 7:30 p.m. With Jamie McLean. Tickets are \$25. Will perform the new release, titled What the Hell Is Goin' On? At The Birchmere. Tickets are available at [Ticketmaster.com](http://Ticketmaster.com) or call 800-745-3000. At The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit [www.Birchmere.com](http://www.Birchmere.com).

North Union Street, #327. Free, but reservations required. [Archaeology@alexandriava.gov](mailto:Archaeology@alexandriava.gov).

**Gum Springs Community Day.** 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Free. Featuring music, food, demonstrations, children's activities and other informational activities along with a vendor fair. The swimming pool will be open from noon to 7 p.m. At Martin Luther King Jr. Community Park, 8115 Fordson Road, Gum Springs. Visit [www.newgumspingscivicassociation.com](http://www.newgumspingscivicassociation.com).

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

**CASA Info Session.** 11 a.m. to noon. Fairfax CASA trains volunteers to advocate for a child's best interests in court. Meeting at Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane,

Alexandria. For reservations or information, contact Elisa Kosarin, Associate Director - Recruitment and Training, at 703-273-3526, ext. 22, [ekosarin@casafairfax.org](mailto:ekosarin@casafairfax.org), or visit [www.fairfaxcasa.org](http://www.fairfaxcasa.org).

**Juneteenth Celebration.** 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Free. Music, entertainment, vendors, food. A history of Juneteenth and Multicultural Health Fair. At Jefferson-Houston Elementary School, 1501 Cameron St., Alexandria. Call Randy Stephens at 703-501-3431.

## TUESDAY/JUNE 19

**UCM Fundraiser.** 5:30 to 10 p.m. When you eat at Teatism, 15 percent of the sale from your meal will be donated to United Community Ministries (UCM). At Teatism in Old Town Alexandria, 682 N. St. Asaph St., Alexandria. Call 703-684-7777.

**"All the King's Women."** 7 p.m. Cost is \$30. Wine and cheese reception in the Green Room and a benefit

performance. Silent auction. Enjoy a night at the theatre and help support Carlyle House Historic Park. Tickets must be purchased in advance at Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St. Alexandria, or by calling 703-549-2997. Visit [www.nvrpa.org](http://www.nvrpa.org).

**Mt. Vernon Genealogical Society.** 1 p.m. Free. Constance Potter will give the presentation, World War I Graves Registration and Gold Star Mothers. At Hollin Hall Senior Center, Room 112, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Call Phyllis Kelley at 703-660-6969 or [publicity@mvgenealogy.org](mailto:publicity@mvgenealogy.org)

## JUNE 22 TO JULY 8

**"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat."** Presented by Aldersgate Church Community Theater (ACCT). Show times are Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m. (June 22, 23, 29, 30, and July 6 and July 7); Sunday matinees, 2 p.m. (June 24, and July 1 and July 8). Online Tickets \$17/adults; \$14/youth/senior; Box Office Tickets \$18/adults; \$15/youth/senior. At Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Rd., Alexandria. Visit [www.acctonline.org](http://www.acctonline.org) or call 703-660-2611.

## JUNE 22 TO 23

**SkateFest / Sk8 For a Cause.** A fundraiser for the Children's Hospital National Medical Center. After completing the Sk8 For a Cause 4-checkpoint course through Wakefield Skate Park, skateboarders, their families and friends enjoy a day of skateboard competitions, vendors, food, demos, auctions, music and more. Visit [www.skatefestfairfax.com](http://www.skatefestfairfax.com)

## SATURDAY/JUNE 23

**Oral History Volunteers Sought.** 10 a.m. to noon. Alexandria Legacies, the City's Oral History Program collects personal oral histories of long-time residents. Interviewer and transcriber volunteers are needed to assist in the collection process. Meets at the Archaeology Museum, 105 N. Union St., Third Floor, Alexandria. Call 703-746-4399. RSVP to: [jen\\_hembree@hotmail.com](mailto:jen_hembree@hotmail.com) by June 15th to reserve your seat.

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# Commitment to Social Justice

Walker discusses her faith as a Unitarian Universalist.

BY SARAH CARROLL  
THE GAZETTE

“I consider myself a mystical humanist,” said the Rev. Kate Walker of the Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, where she has preached for almost four years. “I put a great deal of faith in the human spirit, intellect and heart, but I am also very open to the depths of mystery and all that I can’t explain. There is a sense of divinity and sacredness in this world that I engage with on a daily basis.”

A California native, Walker was raised in Rhode Island as a member of the Unitarian Universalist Church, where her father was a minister. After interning at a TV station in high school, Walker earned her undergraduate degree in mass communications and speech communications at the University of Denver. She worked at a newspaper in Boulder, Colo., then served briefly in the Peace Corps in Costa Rica before earning her master’s degree in social ecology at Goddard College. She later worked for Greenpeace as an environmental journalist.

“I didn’t know I wanted to become a minister until I was in my late 20s,” said Walker. “I started to explore my spirituality and my faith. I was sitting at my kitchen table reading one Saturday morning and it hit me, the thought that I was going to be a minister.” Walker studied divinity at the Starr King School for the Ministry in California and was ordained as a Unitarian minister 15 years ago. She served at a church in Meadville, Penn. for 10 years before coming to Mount Vernon, where her congregation consists of approximately 330 adults and 140 children.

The Unitarian Universalist Church, formed by the consolidation of the American Unitarian Association and the Universalist Church of America in 1961, is a multi-faith institution predicated on the idea of one God instead of the Trinity. Universalism refers to the church’s belief in universal salvation.

According to Walker, what she likes best about her faith is its inclusivity. “We do not have any dogma or creed,” she said. “[But] we do have expectations on behavior and how we treat one another with kindness, compassion and civility.”

As at other churches, Unitarian services include readings, sermons and a choir that sings almost every Sunday. Walker said that her goal is to create a service that is “inspiring and intellectually thoughtful.” She said that in her most personally meaningful sermon, she referenced the Benedictine teachings of inclusiveness and addressed the difficulties that introverts have in welcoming strangers. “Everyone has biases,” Walker said. “The more we are aware of those biases the more we can welcome



The Rev. Kate Walker delivers a sermon at the Mount Vernon Unitarian Church on Mother’s Day.

PHOTO BY JEANNE TIEFT

others into our hearts.” According to Walker, the message of inclusivity is present in almost all her sermons.

Walker also believes in the strength of community. “One of my seniors a couple years ago woke up early on Sunday morning [and his wife] had died in her sleep,” she said. “He called me and he called the paramedics, and even before they had taken her he said, ‘I need to go to church.’ It spoke a lot about his need to be with his community surrounded by love in his day of grief.”

Walker’s church is committed to serving multiple generations. While Walker “[tries] to balance the needs of the older generation,” the church also offers classes for youth from kindergarten through high school. “It is about encouraging them to build their own inner confidence, to question, to explore, to find what their faith is all about as a Unitarian Universalist,” she said. “They can feel comfortable asking questions knowing that faith is a journey.” According to Walker, youth are encouraged to visit other places of worship and, in the eighth grade, are confirmed after learning about the

“We are committed to living a life of civility in a pluralistic society.”

church’s history, developing their own beliefs and conducting a church service. High school members also lead a service each year.

The Mount Vernon church is active within the community. It holds blood drives, cultivates a garden and donates produce to a local food bank. It is a certified wildlife sanctuary and hosts outdoor concerts and weddings.

The church also advocates for social justice. “[Both the Unitarians and Universalists] were very committed to creating what we felt was heaven here on Earth,” said Walker. The church supported the Civil Rights Movement and currently advocates for public education, gay rights and environmental awareness.

“We’ve always had a commitment to social justice because we feel it’s more important how we live our lives today,” said Walker. “We are committed to living a life of civility in a pluralistic society. I would say Unitarian means there is a unity that makes us one and Universalism means that there is a divinity that connects us. As a minister, my joy today is to work with people of multiple faiths.”



## Best in the World In Weird Science

A team of 7 fifth graders from Stratford Landing Elementary School recently competed at the Odyssey of the World Finals at Iowa State University. The team came in first place for its solution to the NASA-sponsored “Weird Science” problem and came in third place overall. The team, coached by Terri Bell, includes team members Mary Bell, Lukas Brokamp, Nick Greve, Lindsay Johnson, Jenna Mulvihill, Lily Penn and Rhys Shallbetter. More 800 teams from 15 countries participated in this international competition. The team would like to thank the Stratford Landing school community for its support and the many people whose donations made this possible. Special thanks go to the sponsors who donated \$500 or more: the Mount Vernon Kiwanis Club, WOW Cafe and Wingery and the Stratford Landing PTA.

## Rees and York Named Mount Vernon District Lord and Lady

Diana York and James Rees have been nominated as Lord and Lady for the Mount Vernon District.

York has led many efforts in the South County Community, especially those related to helping children. She has been a driving force between the Gunston Tutoring Program, the Gunston Christmas Mart, and other programs geared to assist children in need. From the opening of the South County Secondary School in 2005, York has been involved with the PTO and has had a major role in fundraising money for student scholarships.

Rees, president of the Mount Vernon Estate, has successfully overseen Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens and led the campaign to bring George Washington back into the spotlight. It was his vision for Mount Vernon’s future that led to the opening of the Ford Orientation and Donald W. Reynolds

Museum and Education Center buildings in 2006. During his tenure, Rees has led the Estate through restoration and reconstruction projects, continuing the preservation of the Estate. He served as the director of development and associate director at Mount Vernon from 1983 until his appointment as president in 1991. During his tenure, the staff has nearly doubled in size and Mount Vernon’s endowment has grown from \$4 million to \$125 million. Rees currently serves on the board of directors for Fairfax County Convention and Visitors Corporation and the Piedmont Environmental Council of Virginia. He holds undergraduate and honorary doctorate degrees from the College of William & Mary and a master’s degree in public administration from George Washington University.



# Fairfax County Public Schools Summer Learning and Enrichment

Coming Next Month: New FCPS Schools Opening in Fall 2012

## Explore Enrichment Opportunities

Do you have an aspiring musician, painter, or sculptor in the family? If you're looking for opportunities to help your student pursue a special interest, the Institute for the Arts (IFTA) likely has a class to help him or her focus on skills, concepts, and the artistic process.

IFTA is a visual and performing arts program for students entering grades 7-12 in the 2012-13 school year. Dozens of enrichment classes, taught by professionals, help students grow and expand their knowledge of dance, music, theatre, cartooning, computer graphics, photography, and more.

The Elementary Institute for Arts (E-IFTA) offers enrichment classes for students entering grades 4-6 in the 2012-13 school year. Students experience total immersion in the arts as they rotate through exciting and stimulating classes in dance, drama, music, and visual art.

"Students develop skills and talents while exploring subjects or fields that interest them when they take enrichment courses," said Folly. "For example, Tech Adventure Camp gives students a chance to rotate through a series of eight classes including automotive technology, culinary arts, CAD/3D design, gaming, graphic arts, robotics, video and webpage design. It is great exposure to many forms of technology for students who have an interest in that area."

Young people interested in pursuing a career as models, fashion designers, makeup artists, or hair stylists will explore all that and more at Fashion Camp, July 9-13, at Fairfax High School. The camp is open to all students entering first grade through ninth grade. Campers will participate in activities designed for separate age groups. Campers will learn about fashion trends and create their own personally styled outfits, jewelry, and accessories in preparation for a fashion show at the end of the week.

## Dive into a Good Book

Summer is a great time for children to explore books and discover reading for enjoyment. Students who read during the summer are more likely to improve their word recognition and reading comprehension skills. So encourage your child to pick up a book, discover a new subject or author, and have fun too! Many schools provide summer reading lists for students and the Fairfax County Public Library offers a summer reading program.

## Summer Learning Fun

Splashing around in the pool, bicycle riding in the neighborhood, playing video games -- just a few ways children spend their summer days. Do you want to add some exciting, fun, and even educational activities to your child's summer?

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) offers many programs to keep students learning throughout the summer including fashion camp, art classes, drivers' education classes, foreign language camps, and more.

"Learning doesn't occur just between September and June," said Levi Folly, manager of FCPS summer programs. "Summer academic and enrichment courses expose students to subjects and areas they might not access during the school year and they provide opportunities for students to focus on areas of interest with like-minded students."

"Completing an academic course during the summer gives students more flexibility in their

fall schedule. In fact, most students who take an academic summer course do so to get ahead," he said.

Academic programs are available for students who want to accelerate their course of study during the summer, need to recover a credit, or pass a Virginia Standards of Learning (SOL) end-of-course test.

The Summer Online Campus is open to FCPS

students and non-FCPS students and includes mathematics, science, English, history, physical education, and Spanish courses. New online courses include creative writing, Algebra 2 head start, college essay writing, and rich writing.

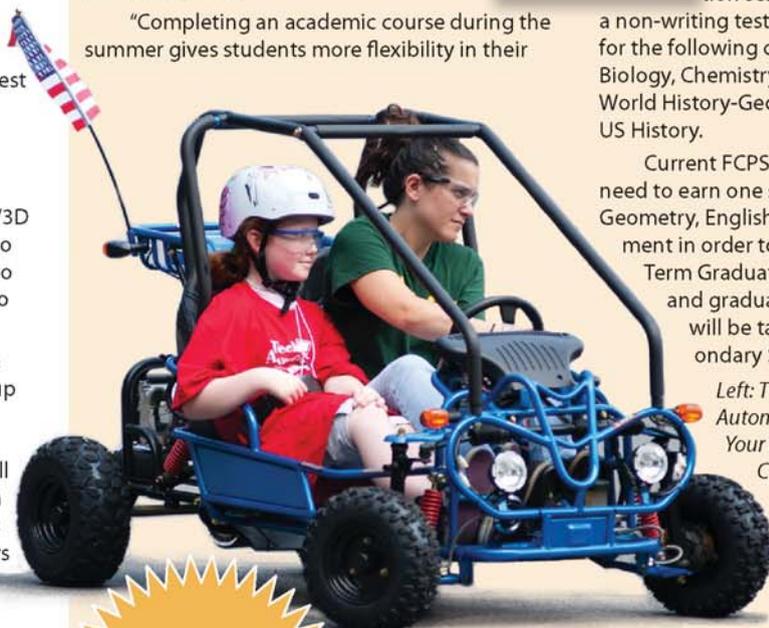
FCPS also offers two summer sessions for students seeking SOL credit. An SOL writing test remediation session will be held July 9-20 and a non-writing test session will be held July 9-24 for the following courses: Algebra 1, Geometry, Biology, Chemistry, World History-Geography 1, World History-Geography 2, and Virginia-US History.

Current FCPS high school seniors who need to earn one standard credit in Algebra 2, Geometry, English 12, or Virginia-U.S. government in order to graduate can enroll in the Term Graduate Academy to receive credit and graduate by August 31. The classes will be taught at Lake Braddock Secondary School July 9-27.

*Left: The go-cart was constructed in the Automotive Technology class "Start Your Engines" at Tech Adventure Camp last summer. The campers assembled and drove the go-carts.*

### This Just In

Fairfax County School Board adopted the FY2013 budget of \$2.4 billion. For details visit [www.fcps.edu](http://www.fcps.edu) and click on FY 2013 Budget.



To learn more about all FCPS summer programs visit [www.fcps.edu](http://www.fcps.edu) and click on Summer Programs.

## Learn Languages and More Through ACE

FCPS Adult and Community Education (ACE) offer a variety of classes for everyone in the community.

Exploring world languages through games, art, songs, crafts, and activities help students in grades K-6 learn other languages. The Foreign Language Experience (FLEX) Summer Camps provide instruction in Chinese, French, German, and Spanish.

High school students who need classroom and behind-the-wheel training to meet state driver education requirements can fulfill the requirement by completing their classes through ACE.



## Getting To Know Us

IFTA Visual Art Chair  
**Joe Dailey**

Joe Dailey admits he enjoys spending several weeks each summer with young people in a high energy atmosphere.

He is the visual arts chairman for the Institute for the Arts (IFTA), a unique academic program for students who want to explore visual and performing arts during the summer. Courses in dance, music, theatre, and the visual arts offer students opportunities to explore various arts disciplines they may not experience in their regular school setting.

"The students are pretty spectacular," he said. "They come to IFTA excited about creating and processing their thoughts and they are excited to be with other students just like themselves who share the same interests."

### Did You Know?

IFTA students register to take four classes from a variety of course offerings. They are encouraged to enroll in one course from each discipline to grow and expand their knowledge of the arts during the month long program.

Many FCPS high school booster clubs offer summer camps for students. Contact your school to learn more!

"It's a great experience for the students because they are with other students who want to excel and be challenged," said Dailey. "It's also rejuvenating for teachers to work with these students."

Students who enroll in IFTA can earn a half a credit for completing the program.

"IFTA will be an experience they won't forget," said Dailey. "The students are in their element, developing concepts and creating art. The experience from the process is very rewarding."

FCPS also offers an arts enrichment program for elementary school students in grades 3-5 through the Elementary Institute for the Arts (E-IFTA).



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## Maniglia Launches Wolverines into Region Semifinals

**West Potomac beats Chantilly in region softball quarterfinals.**

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE GAZETTE

**H**ot, tired and momentarily hobbled after fouling a pitch off her foot, West Potomac senior Morgan Maniglia met her father, head coach Craig Maniglia, along the third-base line for a moment of composure.

Facing Chantilly in a regional softball quarterfinal matchup on May 28, Morgan Maniglia had limited the Chargers to one unearned run during 10 innings in the pitcher's circle. However, the Wolverine slugger had gone 0 for 4 at the plate, failing to hit the ball out of the infield. With two outs and the go-ahead run on second base in 11th inning of a tied game, No. 10 recognized the opportunity in front of her.

"[Coach Maniglia] just told me to shake it off and that I was due, and I knew I was due," she said. "When I went up to bat I knew it was my turn to hit. I was pretty confident ... In my head, the whole time I was thinking this could be my last time ever stepping into the batter's box and having it mean something. That was kind of pumping me up, too."

Facing a 1-2 count, Maniglia launched a two-run home run — her 10th of the season — well over the left-field fence, propelling West Potomac to a 3-1, 11-inning victory at Falls Church High School. After Maniglia connected, Craig Maniglia, standing in the third-base coaching area, turned his back to the infield and watched the ball sail over the fence with his hands in the air.

"As soon as it was off the bat, I knew it was gone," the coach said. "You could just tell [by] the trajectory. Apparently, it landed



**West Potomac senior Morgan Maniglia hit a two-run home run in the 11th inning to lift the Wolverines past Chantilly, 3-1, in the region softball quarterfinals.**

in the parking lot."

The win secured West Potomac a spot in the semifinals and earned the Wolverines their first trip to the third round of the region tournament in program history. West Potomac's victory came one year after the Wolverines lost a 12-inning battle against South County in the Patriot District championship game. Maniglia threw 155 pitches in that contest, limiting the Stallions to two hits through 11 innings before surrendering a

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— West Potomac senior Morgan Maniglia



**West Potomac pitcher Morgan Maniglia, right, catcher Jasmine Picini and head coach Craig Maniglia celebrate after the Wolverines defeated Chantilly in the regional softball quarterfinals on May 28 at Falls Church High School.**

pair of unearned runs in the 12th. West Potomac's 2011 season ended with a loss to Oakton in the region quarterfinals.

This year, West Potomac lost to Lake Braddock in the district semifinals, but responded by beating Yorktown and Chantilly to advance to the region's final four. On Monday, Maniglia threw 124 pitches — 81 for strikes — while allowing five hits, walking four, hitting one batter and striking our six.

While Maniglia had already experienced

a marathon postseason pitching performance, the 2011 district title game was played at night. Monday's contest was scheduled for a 4 p.m. start on a blazing hot Memorial Day with temperatures around 90 degrees. Maniglia, this season's Patriot District Pitcher of the Year, said she started feeling light-headed around the fifth inning, but continued to push forward.

"I poured a whole water bottle on me in the dugout and sat down and was like, wow, I don't know how we're going to finish this," she said. "But [I] just pulled some energy together."

West Potomac took a 1-0 lead in the first inning, when catcher Jasmine Picini's two-out RBI single plated center fielder Danielle McHugh, who led off the frame with a bunt single. From there, Chantilly pitcher Alex Sallberg shut down West Potomac, limiting

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**West Potomac senior Danielle McHugh celebrates as she comes around to score on Morgan Maniglia's two-run home run in the 11th inning.**



**West Potomac catcher Jasmine Picini had an RBI single against Chantilly on May 28.**

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## SPORTS

# Majors' Season Ends in Shootout

By JON ROETMAN  
THE GAZETTE

The Mount Vernon boys' soccer team gathered for one last hug on the field as the Majors continued to support one another after their region quarterfinal matchup with Robinson on May 24. In a year that included the program's first No. 1 seed in the district tournament and first district title since 2005, Mount Vernon's season came to an end on penalty kicks.

After 80 minutes of regulation time and four five-minute overtime periods, the Majors lost, 1-1 (6-5), to Robinson, ending Mount Vernon's season in the quarterfinals for the third consecutive season.

"To go out like that," junior Simond Kargbo said, "it just breaks our heart."

After falling behind, 1-0, in the first half, junior Rahim Costa-Dorsey tied the score with a goal in the 51st minute. The game eventually went to a penalty-kick shootout, where a save by goalkeeper Diego Castro gave the Majors an early advantage. However, Mount Vernon couldn't capitalize and Robinson goalkeeper Josh Penn made the game-winning save with the Rams leading 6-5.

"It was really fun playing with them," said Costa-Dorsey, a junior transfer from Lafayette High School in Williamsburg who grew up in Germany. "We've got a very talented team and we connected to each other. We were basically all like brothers and it's now sad that the season is over."

Mount Vernon finished the season 14-2-2, was ranked in the five of the Washington Post top 10 and in the top 20 of the ESPNHS POWERADE



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Simond Kargbo, left, and the Mount Vernon boys' soccer team ended their season against Robinson in the region quarterfinals.

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"I don't think they realize how proud of them I am," head coach Robert Garza said. "I love every one of them like they're my own kids. I'm so proud of the way they proved to their school, to their community, to their followers what it takes to have heart in play."

## West Potomac Beats Chantilly

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the Wolverines to two hits during the next nine innings.

With one out in the 11th, McHugh ripped a double down the left-field line, ending a nine-pitch at-bat. Two batters later, Maniglia hit the game-winning homer.

"I was running around and I couldn't see the ball. I thought either it's a pop up, it's going to end the [inning], or we're going to win," McHugh said. "I saw coach's face and I was like, that's it, that's the game."

McHugh, a senior who will play at Tennessee Tech next season, finished with three hits and scored two runs. She also made several clutch defensive plays in center field.

With one on and one out in the third inning, Chantilly left fielder Emily Gembarowicz smashed a double over McHugh's head. McHugh picked

up the ball near the fence in center field and threw to third base, gunning down a Charger who was trying to advance from first.

With two outs and the winning run on second for Chantilly in the bottom of the seventh, McHugh raced in from center field to catch a pop up behind the left side of the infield. With one out in the ninth, she made a diving catch in the left-center gap.

"She played her A game," Morgan Maniglia said of McHugh. "She knew this wasn't going to be her last high school game and that pumped us up."

West Potomac faced Stone Bridge in the region semifinals on May 30. Results were not available prior to the Gazette's deadline.

"I think what this was all about was just [frustration]," Craig Maniglia said. "Four years, losing championship games in 12 innings — not this time."

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Front row, from left: Anita Haas, Sieglinde Gruber-Russell, Chris Geren, and Donna Wood. Back row, from left: Dr. James Geren, Dr. Henry Rollins, Dr. Zeyad Mady, and Zandra Lacy.

**Dentists Help UCM Program Participants**

Dr. James Geren, Henry Rollins and Zeyad Mady and their entire team at Alexandria Cosmetic Dentistry donated dental services valued at \$13,440 on Saturday, May 19, through their Dental Day program for individuals who cannot afford necessary procedures. Twenty-five UCM program participants received treatments that relieved the pain caused by dental issues and helped them smile again. UCM is deeply thankful for the long-time support of Dr. Geren and his associates.

According to UCM's Director of Social Services, Richard Dobber, "Pain from lack of good dental care is acute and persistent. The help our clients received from these dentists provided tremendous relief at no cost to people who really needed the help."



From left: Dr. James Geren, Dr. Henry Rollins and Dr. Zeyad Mady celebrate the success of another Dental Day to benefit UCM clients.



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**Good Weather for a Car Wash**

Boy Scout Troop #1509 held a car wash fundraiser at St. Luke's Church on Saturday, May 26 to benefit the Scout troop and contribute funds for a summer Maine adventure trip. Adult leaders are, left in uniform, John Dacey and, far right not in uniform, Sylvain Richard.

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