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## It's Tartan Day

Catherine McClain dances to the music of Devil's Tailors during Tartan Day in Market Square on Saturday, April 6. More photos, page 34.

## Risky Business

City taxpayers are about to assume financial risk for new Metro station.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

Alexandria taxpayers are about to gamble on the future, rolling the dice on development at a former railroad yard to fund a new Metro station. City officials are expecting Potomac Yard to generate \$1 billion worth of revenue in the next three decades, an expansion of the tax base that would help fund construction of a Metro station that could open its doors as early as 2018. But that plan comes with significant risk.

"Sure there's a risk, and it's a big project so it's a big risk," said Frank

Shafroth, director of the Center for State and Local Leadership at George Mason University. "That's why it's important that the city recognizes the risk because that allows the city to control it."

In the city manager's proposed capital improvement plan, a section on the new Potomac Yard Metro station explains that the "financial risk to the city must be carefully structured and managed." Depending on the location and design of the station, the project could cost the city anywhere from \$194 million to \$459 million — all of which would be borrowed by the city government

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## The Power of One

Spring2Action 24-hour online fundraiser set for April 17.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

Dawnielle Miller wasn't sure what to expect. As co-founder and executive director of the nonprofit Casa Chirilagua, she was hoping to raise \$15,000 during last year's Spring2Action online giving day. She sent out emails and spread the word among supporters. And then she waited.

"We were overwhelmed by the response," Miller said after the afterschool program raised more than \$40,000 thanks to the response from donors. "What really struck our students was the fact that over 180 people gave. That many people care about us? That many people gave money for our



Middle School program? We were able to answer back with an emphatic, 'Yes.'"

Casa Chirilagua was last year's winner in total dollars raised and because of Spring2ACTION, was able to start a new middle school program last fall.

On April 17, Casa Chirilagua will join 95 other Alexandria nonprofits in this year's Spring2Action, a community initiative to raise money for local

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# City Working on Managing Financial Risk of Metro Station

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to finance the construction of the facility.

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**THREE LOCATIONS** are currently under consideration as part of the Environmental Impact Statement in addition to a no-build scenario. Alternative A is the southernmost location, estimated to cost \$194 million. It would be located adjacent to the Potomac Greens neighborhood. Alternative B is a short distance north, behind the Target. Its estimated cost is \$249 million. Alternative C was an underground station that has been rejected as logistically impossible. Alternative D is a \$459 million above-ground design similar to the ones now under construction in Tysons Corner.

“A lot of us look at Alternative D and see something that’s very expensive, and we all know what Tysons Corner aesthetically looks like,” said Jinks. “But while we may be skeptical about D, the environmental impact process requires us to study it because it is technically feasible.”

A draft Environmental Impact Study is expected as early as next month, examining everything from economic issues and transportation needs to noise and vibrations at the station. Each of the three alternatives will be examined, as will a “no-build” scenario in which no Metrorail station is constructed. This fall, City Council members are expected to select a “locally preferred option” for the location and design of the station — if council members decide they want to move forward with construction of a Metro station at all.

“That’s the elephant in the room,” said Mayor Bill Euille. “We have developers and property owners who are waiting to see

what the final outcome is. If council approves it, you will see action on the part of the developers and property owners to move forward.”

**PLANS FOR REDEVELOPING** Potomac Yard stretch back more than two decades. The first proposal was a 16 million square-foot development known as Alexandria 2020, a mixed-use neighborhood that continued the street grid of adjacent neighborhoods. The new neighborhood would feature a tree-lined interior boulevard and a Metrorail station near the center. In 1992, the City Council approved new zoning that opened the door to 8.8 million square foot of development at Potomac Yard.

Hopes were high for Potomac Yard, but plans kept falling apart.

Alexandria 2020 became a thing of the

past, and no formal plans were ever submitted. Then city leaders considered a proposal to locate Jack Kent Cooke football stadium at Potomac Yard, but that did not happen. Then the property owner wanted to locate the Patent and Trademark Office here, but the plan was denied by the Alexandria Planning Commission. By the mid-1990s, the northern end of Potomac Yard was developed into a suburban-style strip mall featuring a Target and a Barnes and Noble Bookstore.

Recent years have seen a flurry of activity at Potomac Yard. In the summer of 2010, council members approved the Potomac Yard small-area plan for the 69-acre tract that will have up to 7.5 million square feet of development, which is expected to increase the tax base by 10 to 13 percent. The next year, council members approved a Tier

I tax district of 20-cents that’s already in place. They also approved a Tier II tax district with a 10-cent levy that will be initiated in the calendar year when the Metro station opens. Now city leaders are likely on the verge of borrowing about \$270 million to finance the construction of the Metrorail station.

“There is some uncertainty with this,” said Councilman Tim Lovain. “If, for some reason, some of that construction is delayed that delays the additional tax revenues.”

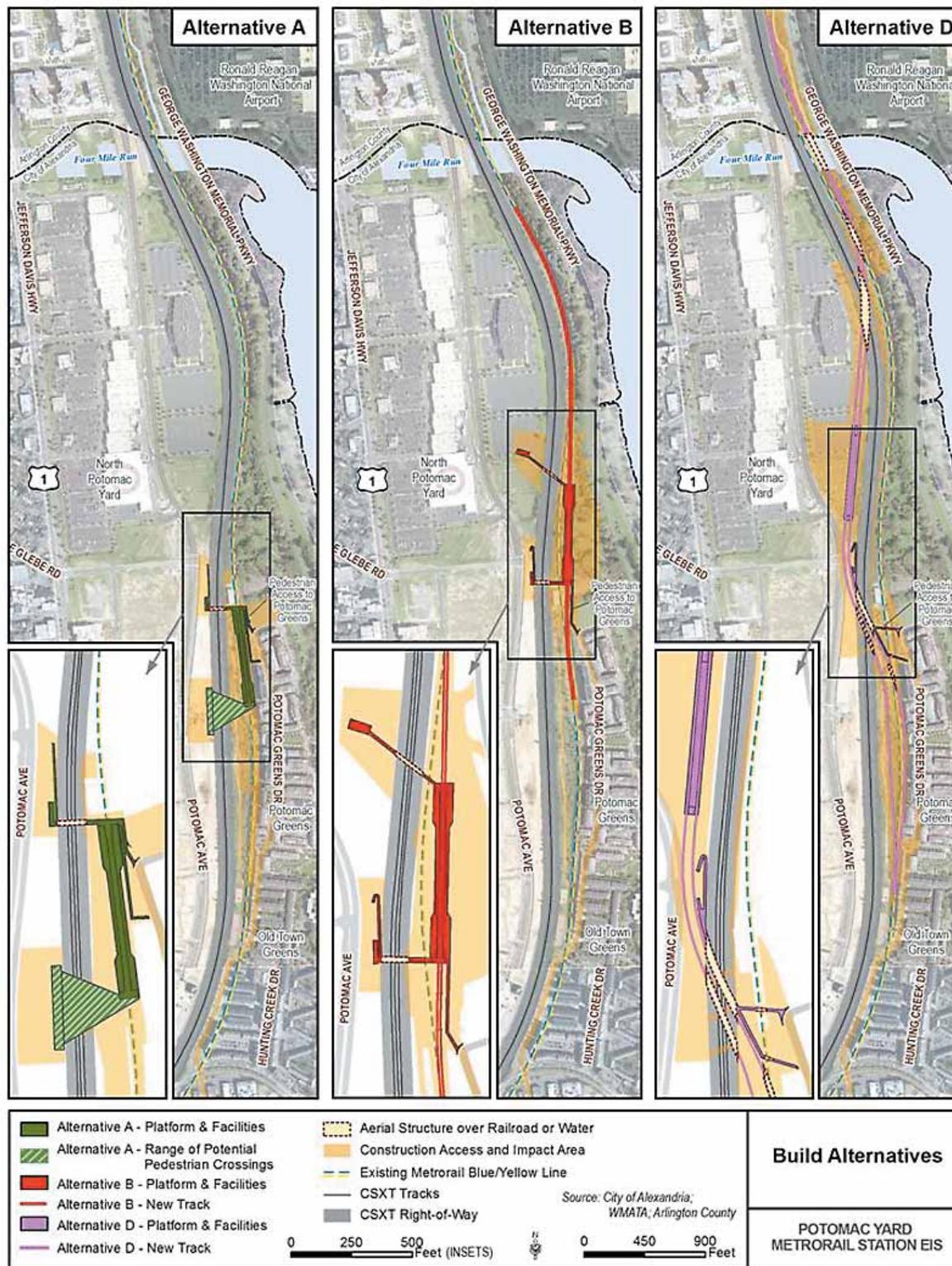
**ALEXANDRIA TAXPAYERS** won’t start making payments to service the debt until 2016, an annual cost that will start at \$16.5 million a year and eventually reach about \$20 million a year by 2027. Budget officials plan to finance the deal by taking advantage of the expanded tax base in addition to money from two special tax districts and contributions from developers. City officials say they expect Potomac Yard to generate more than a billion dollars of tax revenue in the next three decades.

“The city has to be reasonably comfortable that the growth and development plans are moving along with enough pace that the debt service revenues will be there,” said Jinks.

Critics say the gamble might not pay off for the city. If the economy tanks and development doesn’t happen, city leaders will have to scramble to make new plans.

Even if the development comes on line as planned, the new revenues won’t roll into city coffers immediately. Some critics say they are skeptical of the city’s estimates and wonder if the cost projection might increase in the future.

“It’s just a gamble they can build something like Pentagon City at Potomac Yard, and it may not work,” said Rosemont resident Katy Cannady. “It’s taxing one generation in the hope that the next generation will reap the benefits. It certainly won’t be those of us who are living here now and paying property taxes.”



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— Deputy City Manager Mark Jinks

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## NEWS

# War on the Waterfront

Iron Ladies file another lawsuit challenging city's efforts to upzone three sites.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

When the dispute between Old Town and City Hall was at its height last year, the 20th Century Fox movie "Iron Lady" was in the theaters celebrating the life of former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. So when Old Town residents April Burke, Beth Gibney and Marie Kux filed a lawsuit against the city, the trio was dubbed the "Iron Ladies" — a tip of the hat to the steely determination of the former prime minister. Now, the same week that Thatcher died, Alexandria's Iron Ladies are at it again.

This week, the trio filed another lawsuit challenging the waterfront plan — a proposal to open the door for buildings that are triple the size of buildings at three sites compared to what's there now. Their complaint seeks to have the Alexandria Circuit Court undo the City Council's March 16 vote to change the zoning.

At issue is whether or not council members had the authority to move forward with

a vote after the Iron Ladies challenged a determination from Planning Director Faroll Hamer.

"Once again, city staff have violated the city's own rules," said Bert Ely, a member of the waterfront work group and leading critic of the waterfront plan. "The time has come for the city of Alexandria — both its council and staff — to begin playing by their own rules."

Even though City Council members have approved the zoning change, the plan remains mired in court. The Virginia Supreme Court is expected to take action this spring in a separate complaint filed by the Iron Ladies. And the city is challenging a ruling by its own Board of Zoning Appeals that city officials acted incorrectly by rejecting a protest petition from residents. Now, a third legal case has been added to the ongoing legal quagmire.

"I'm not surprised by the lawsuits," said Mayor Bill Euille. "Any time you deal with major land-use and redevelopment projects, they are always susceptible to lawsuits. That's part of the process."

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PEOPLE

# Saluting 'Allies in Prevention'

**Lori Morris honored for child abuse prevention work.**

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

Alexandria's Lori Morris was honored by Stop Child Abuse Now (SCAN) at the 11th Annual Allies in Prevention Awards luncheon April 2 at Maggiano's at Tysons Galleria.

Morris was one of five Northern Virginia individuals recognized by SCAN and its Allies in Prevention Coalition as a local hero for her commitment to prevent child abuse and neglect. The event also served as the kick-off for the 2013 Northern Virginia Child Abuse Prevention Campaign.

The president and co-founder of the Bruhn-Morris Family Foundation, Morris was instrumental in the push to launch a Center for Alexandria's Children during her time as a board member of the Alexandria Community Trust. With a background in early childhood special education, she worked to bring significant changes to the community through programs including the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation and Smart Beginnings.

Morris currently drives the CAC's Playgroup Steering Committee, which expects to triple participation of its weekly playgroups over the next 18 months.



COURTESY PHOTO

**Alexandria's Lori Morris, center is presented with the Allies in Prevention Award April 2 by SCAN Executive Director Sonia Quinonez and ABC7 News Anchor Leon Harris.**

As was noted during the presentation of the award, "Lori's uncompromising commitment to protecting Alexandria's most vulnerable children sets a standard for us all."

In addition to Morris, other awards were presented to Hilda Barg (Prince William honoree), Sheila Coates (Fairfax honoree), Sandra Glenney (Loudoun honoree) and Mary Ann Moran (Arlington honoree).

WJLA/Channel 7's Leon Harris served as emcee of the event and Heather Higgins of The Upside Down Organization offered a keynote address.

For more information about SCAN and its child abuse prevention programs, visit [www.scanva.org](http://www.scanva.org).



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Chicago-based Laramar Group has purchased Hunting Towers for \$81 million.

# Hunting Towers Sold

**New owners tell city leaders they will preserve affordable housing.**

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

For years, people who live in the twin towers at the southern edge of Old Town have lived with a sense of dread. That's because their landlord is the Virginia Department of Transportation, which purchased the buildings during construction of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge.

VDOT initially purchased three towers back in 2002 and demolished the northernmost one to make room for the southern span. Ever since then, Olga Calahorra has worried that the new owner would purchase the buildings and raise rents.

"My future? I don't know," said Calahorra while waiting for a bus to see the cherry blossoms one recent afternoon. "We don't know how much they are going to raise the rent."

Last week, Chicago-based Laramar Group finalized the sale of Hunting Towers for \$81 million. The sale marks the beginning of an era for residents of this moderately priced community, which is one of the last remaining market-rate affordable housing opportunities in the region. City officials say they have received assurances from Laramar that the towers will be preserved as affordable housing — at least for now.

"Obviously at some point six months or a year from now they can change their mind," said Mayor Bill

Euille. "But initially out of the gate, they are saying they want to preserve this as affordable and rental — no condos, no demolition."

**THE STORY** of Hunting Towers stretches back to the earliest days of the city, when the area where the towers now stand was known as Broomilawn Point — a pleasure garden in the early 19th century owned by Mayor Robert Hooe. The area was briefly used as a quarantine area during a smallpox epidemic. A brickyard was constructed on the site in 1884 and remained in operation until it was destroyed by fire in 1919. Hunting Towers was built in 1950 with solid construction that city officials say stands in the way of major upgrades.

"You can't put more bathrooms. You can't do washers and dryers. You cannot do central air. They have wall units," explained Deputy City Manager Mark Jinks last year. "It proves great housing for the people who are there, but it's very limited as far as making it class A."

The site is currently zoned RC, High Density Apartment, permitting up to 54.45 dwelling units per acre and a floor area ration of 1.25. Since VDOT purchased the towers more than a decade ago, a number of developers have expressed an interest in converting the apartments to condominiums. Last year, the towers were put on the market and residents began to worry about their future.

"People on fixed incomes and the elderly make up a good portion of the building and, you know, add a lot of flavor and color to Old Town," said Rob Alderman, a 10-year resident, taking break from sunbathing on the lawn this week. "And we're afraid they would be pushed out of here."

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— Mayor Bill Euille

## COUNCIL NOTEBOOK

### New Poet Laureate

Roses are red, and violets are blue; Amy Young is out, and Tori Lane is new.

This Earth Day, Alexandria's new poet laureate will make her debut appearance as the city's newest wordsmith. Lane, an Oklahoma native who was raised in Burke, will read a poem specifically commissioned for the event. The panel charged with selecting the highly coveted position chose Lane because of her interest in fusing the worlds of art, music and poetry.

"I believe one cannot exist without the others," said Lane, who was formally introduced during a City Council meeting Tuesday night. "I really tried to emphasize that in my application."

The outgoing poet laureate said that serving as the city's official writer-in-chief has been a rewarding experience, especially judging a poetry slam with Nikki Giovanni. Young became the city's second poet laureate in 2010, following the three-year tenure of Mary McElveen. They were following in the footsteps of the legendary Jean Elliott, who was appointed the city's official "poet in residence" back in 1979.

"The most frustrating and rewarding part of this has been getting citywide programs started, like Dog Days of August or MAPP (Mapping Alexandria in Poems and Pictures)," said Young.

### Graves Concerns

Most of Alexandria's architectural treasures are related to George Washington or the early days of the American republic. Many are Second Empire or Victorian. Fewer are modern, and only one was designed by renowned American architect Michael Graves. He's one of the Gotham City architects known as the New York Five, although he's probable best known as a designer for the big-box store Target.

Here in Alexandria, he designed the Beatley Central Library — although that's a distinction that may have been compromised in recent days.

Alexandria officials recently installed solar panels on the library. The effort was part of the city's Eco-City initiative, a project funded with stimulus dollars from President Barack Obama's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The solar photovoltaic system has 180 panels spread along the library's south-facing roof sections — an addition that Graves expressed some concerns about.

"He was not thrilled with having something added to his design," said Vice Mayor Allison Silberberg. "But I think it fits in quite well."

### Trashy Sociology

What does a community's trash say about its values? For participants of the recent Potomac River Watershed Cleanup, the answer to that question may be revealed in a series of labels.

At the Mount Vernon Avenue location, 358 pound of trash were collected in 37 trash bags and 40 recycling bags. That includes 200 plastic bags and 100 cigarette butts.

At the Commonwealth Avenue location, 300 pounds of trash were collected in 22 trash bags and six recycling bags. That includes 30 plastic bags and 80 cigarette butts.

The most popular brand found at both sites was the Mexican import beer Corona. Mount Vernon had a lot of Budweiser cans and Aquafina bottles. Commonwealth Avenue has a lot of Shopper's Food Warehouse plastic bags and Dasani water bottles.

"Apparently, we had a different water usage — Aquafina versus Dasani — at the two sites," said Councilman Justin Wilson, who participated in the cleanup with his children.

### Correction

A story last week reported that the financial model for Potomac Yard will set aside appreciation on the real estate to fund service delivery based on what kind of property is assessed. It should have said the funding plan will leave a portion of appreciation for service delivery, which will be allocated based on what type of property is assessed.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

## It's Official

Complete with 11 new bridges and flyover ramps, the \$265 million Telegraph Road Interchange Project is officially opened. Virginia Secretary of Transportation Sean T. Connaughton along with federal, state and local officials celebrated the completion with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Thursday, April 4. The interchange improvement is the final phase of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Replacement Program. The new Telegraph Road interchange was constructed by a joint venture of Corman and Kiewit construction companies.



Virginia Secretary of Transportation Sean T. Connaughton delivers the keynote address at the Telegraph Road interchange ribbon cutting ceremony.



VDOT staffer Michele Holland shows Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay, Mayor Bill Euille and Chairman of Fairfax Board of Supervisors Sharon Bulova photos of the ongoing VDOT projects in Northern Virginia.



JEANNE THEISMANN/GAZETTE PACKET

Mayor Bill Euille, Suzanne Laboy and WEBA president Peter Baldwin at the Hawthorn Suites April 4 fundraiser for APD Officer Peter Laboy. WEBA presented a check for \$500 to Suzanne Laboy to kick off a year-long campaign to raise money for the Laboy family.

## Networking for Good

### WEBA Happy Hour raises funds for Laboy family.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

The West End Business Association turned its April 4 monthly networking Happy Hour into a fundraiser for Alexandria Police Officer Peter Laboy and presented a check for \$500 to Suzanne Laboy to kick off a year-long commitment to raise money for the injured officer and his family.

"My family and I are overwhelmed at the generosity of the community," said Suzanne Laboy after being presented a check from WEBA president Peter Baldwin at the Hawthorn Suites Hotel. "I am so very grateful to WEBA and the many friends who have helped us during this challenging time."

WEBA used the event to launch the fundraising campaign and pledged to match donations up to \$500 made from its members on

behalf of Peter Laboy.

Alexandria Mayor Bill Euille attended the event, saying "Miracles do happen and Peter is an example."

Wrist bands honoring Peter Laboy were sold for \$5 and will continue to be available at future WEBA events.

"I don't want to say much tonight," Suzanne Laboy said. "This is Peter's story and one day Peter will be able to stand here and thank everyone himself."



Peter Baldwin helps WEBA board member Nancy Benjamin show the crowd the wrist bands being sold to raise money for Officer Peter Laboy and his family.



Dorothy (Samantha Williams) dances in the air with the help of the Lion (Kamen Wilks) and the Tinman (Alejandro Cruz). The Scarecrow is played by Ben Ribler.

## The Wiz Opens Friday at TC

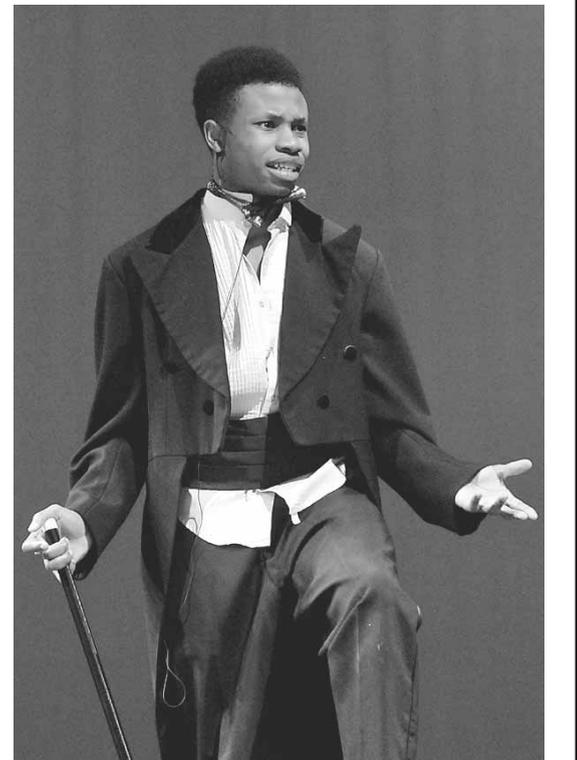
The T.C. Williams Drama Department will present "The Wiz", a musical retelling of "The Wizard of Oz" set against an urban background to music with a mixture of rock, gospel and soul.

Performances are scheduled on April 12, 13, 19, and 20 in the main auditorium of T.C. Williams High School.

All shows start at 7:30 p.m. and the doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets are: \$10 for adults and \$5 for ACPS staff, students and senior citizens.

Samuel Davies appears as The Wiz in the upcoming spring musical at T.C. Williams High school opening this Friday evening.

PHOTO BY  
LOUISE KRAFFT  
GAZETTE PACKET



# OBITUARIES

## Donald D. Fowler

Donald D. Fowler, a former World Bank executive, died at his home in Alexandria, on April 2, 2013. He was 100 years old.

Mr. Fowler was born on Nov. 18, 1912, in Elk Point, S.D., the eldest of seven children of Clarence E. and Sophia F. Fowler. He graduated from the University of South Dakota, receiving a B.A. in political science and history in 1935, and an M.A. in political science in 1936. He earned a Phi Beta Kappa key and was a regional runner-up for a Rhodes Scholarship.

Mr. Fowler completed postgraduate study at the Maxwell School at Syracuse University, where he received an M.S. in Public Administration in 1938. He was thereafter employed as a personnel officer for the TVA in Knoxville, Tenn., where he met his wife, Elizabeth Archer. After the outbreak of World War II, he entered active duty in the U.S. Army and, after wartime, continued in the active reserves until his retirement, in 1972, with the rank of Colonel.

Mr. Fowler joined the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development in 1946, as one of its first 40 employees. He served, consecutively, as Chief of its Organization and Planning Division, Personnel Director, and Deputy Director of the Corporate Secretary's Office. By the time of his retirement in 1977, the number of employees had grown to 4,000. As a public administration specialist, he pioneered in designing and implementing structures and operating procedures for new international organizations responsible for aiding reconstruction of the world's war-devastated financial and political institutions. He played a central role in developing the Bank's recruitment, training and compensation programs, including formation of a credit union for employees in which he held account number 1 until his death.

In hiring professionals who would be both competent and representative of the Bank's worldwide membership, Mr. Fowler created, in the 1950s, a search program which championed the selection and advancement of qualified women and African professionals. He represented the Bank in recruitment and other duties in more than 50 countries. His influence extended well beyond the Bank because the systems and practices which he instituted there became models for other international bodies, including the United Nations.

Mr. Fowler pursued a post-retirement career as a consultant for the West African Common Market, African Development Bank and U.S. Department of Labor. He performed services for his home city of Alexandria, on the Transportation Planning Board, Commission on Aging and the Joint Arlington/Alexandria Workforce Investment Board. He was honored by the mayor of Alexandria in November 2012 for his distinguished service to the city. He was a member of the Cosmos Club in Washington, D.C., where he served on the New Member, Library and



Finance committees, and was an Elder of the Westminster Presbyterian Church.

As a centenarian, Mr. Fowler was active both mentally and physically. Until an accident in March 2013, he maneuvered, without assistance, throughout his multistory home and over the roads of Alexandria and Washington D.C. Each week, he sent email blogs on historical, philosophical and current political topics to almost 100 friends and family members. He authored several books, including genealogical works on the Fowler and Archer families, and a personal memoir entitled "A Life in the Public Service."

Mr. Fowler was predeceased by his first wife, Gueneth Sidle in 1938, by his second wife, Elizabeth (Betsy) Archer, to whom he was married for 69 years, in 2011, and by his parents and five of his siblings. He is survived by his three children, Elizabeth Fowler of San Francisco, Calif., Ann Fowler Henry and her husband John of Newton, Mass., and Donald F. Fowler and his wife Karen Hannah of Aarhus, Denmark; his grandchildren, Ben Henry and his wife Karen Robichaud of Brookline, Mass., Caroline Henry of San Francisco, Calif., Samantha Henry of Jersey City, N.J., and Alice and Emma Fowler of Aarhus, Denmark; his great granddaughter Emilia of Aarhus; his brother John and his wife Margaret of Elk Point, S.D. and Charlottesville, Va.; and many nieces, nephews and extended family members.

The family wishes to extend heartfelt thanks and affection to Mr. Fowler's home helpers, Viola Lodge, Joan Hopson and Zewditu Bekele.

A memorial service and burial at Arlington National Cemetery will be held at a future date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Donald Fowler Scholarship Fund at Elk Point High School, care of Brian Shanks, Superintendent, Elk Point, SD, 57025, or to the Elizabeth Fowler Music Fund at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Alexandria, VA.

## Vivian M. Gorham

Vivian M. Gorham, 89, died on April 3, 2013, in Woodbridge, Va. A native of Alexandria, Vivian was born to Harvey J. and Delia C. Millan on Aug. 30, 1923. She was a graduate of George Washington High School, Class of 1941. Vivian was a member of First Baptist Church of Alexandria for over 75 years, and until her death, was the second oldest member of the congregation. Vivian was also a member of Martha Washington Chapter No. 42, Order of the Eastern Star for over 65 years. Vivian retired from the City of Alexandria government with more than 20 years of service.

Vivian was preceded in death by her devoted husband, Carlton H. Gorham. She is survived by her loving daughter, Linda C. Moore and son-in-law, Dennis B. Moore, adoring granddaughter, Valerie A. Moore, protective great-granddog, Prowler, and a host of family and friends.

Family and friends were received on Sunday, April 7, at Mountcastle Turch Funeral Home, Dale City. Services were held on Monday, April 8. Burial services were at Mt. Comfort Cemetery, Alexandria. Donations may be made in Vivian's memory to the American Heart Association.

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### FRIDAY/APRIL 12

**Deadline Extension.** The Alexandria Commission on Aging has extended the deadline for nominations for the Annual Excellence in Aging Awards to April 12. For nomination form, see [www.alexandriava.gov/aging](http://www.alexandriava.gov/aging).

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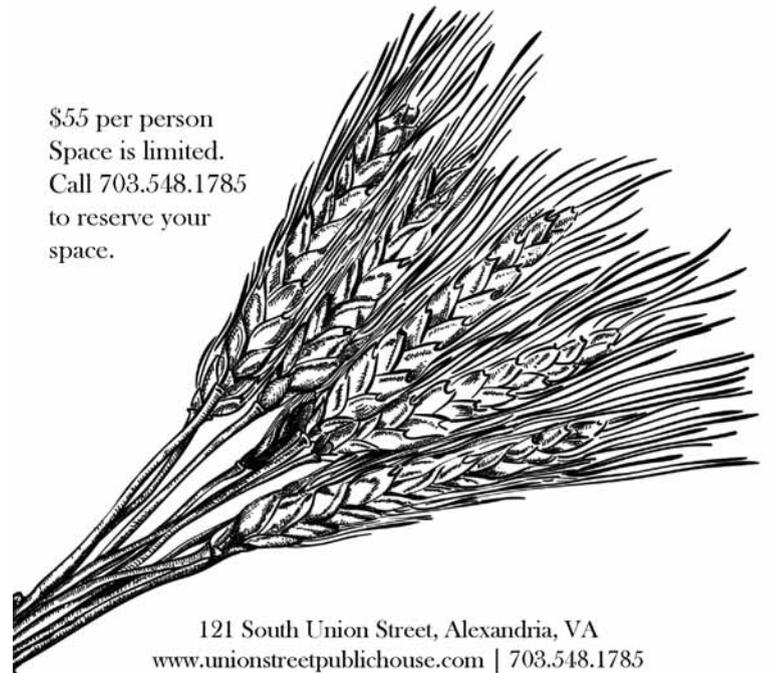
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# Voting Again

Every year is election year in Virginia, and it's a bit much.

The most hotly contested race for statewide office in Virginia, the Republican contest for Lieutenant Governor, will be decided at a statewide convention on May 18. That's about a month from now.

A statewide Democratic primary will take place June 11.

On Nov. 5, all eyes will turn to Virginia to follow the conclusion of a fascinating race for governor. Democrat Terry McAuliffe will face Republican Ken Cuccinelli in a contest that will appeal to more conservative Republicans and more liberal Democrats.

The race will feature massive efforts to turn out the vote. Mailboxes will fill up with glossy mailers. Airwaves will no doubt reflect the election.

Wait, didn't we just do this?

Yes, but in 2013, Virginia will choose governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, and all 100 members of the House of Delegates. Arlington voters will also elect one member to the County Board and one member to the School Board. City of Alexandria voters will also elect a commonwealth's attorney and sheriff.

And it won't be simple.

Right now it appears that there are seven Republican candidates, two Democratic candidates and an Independent Green candidate running for lieutenant governor.

Republicans will choose from their seven

candidates at a statewide convention on May 18. Here are the names of the seven: Jeannemarie Devolites Davis (R), former state senator and wife of former U.S. Rep. Tom Davis; E.W. Jackson Sr. (R); L. Scott Lingamfelter (R), state delegate; Steve Martin (R), state senator; Pete Snyder (R); Corey Stewart (R), Prince William County Board chair, and Susan Stimpson (R), Stafford County Board chair.

Democrats will choose a candidate for lieutenant governor in the statewide primary on June 11; candidates are Aneesh Chopra (D) and state Sen. Ralph Northam (D).

Two Republicans and two Democrats appear to be running for attorney general: Democrats Justin Fairfax and state Sen. Mark Herring would face off in the June 11 primary. Republicans would choose between candidates Del. Rob Bell (R) and state Sen. Mark Obenshain (R) at the state-wide convention May 18.

Town of Vienna voters will elect three members of its Town Council on May 7.

Virginia has a General Election every year on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November; that's Nov. 5, this year. Federal offices are elected in even-numbered years. State and local offices are elected in odd-numbered years. If primaries are called by the political parties, they are held on the second Tuesday in June; that's June 11, this year.

This is a formula for election fatigue, alter-

nating record voter turnout with tepid voter turnout. Realigning Virginia's election calendar so that the critical statewide races took place in presidential election years would increase voter participation, although this change is not simple and not likely.

The Virginia General Assembly voted this year to impose much more stringent voter identification requirements starting in July 2014, an unnecessary step that suppresses the votes of poor, elderly and minority voters. Instead, they should fund an annual mailing to all registered voters that summarizes what and who will be on the ballot. This would increase the integrity of elections, giving all voters a chance to arrive at the polls informed and engaged.

Here are some good sources for information on upcoming elections:

Virginia State Board of Elections, <http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/>

Virginia Public Access Project, <http://www.vpap.org/candidates?display=state>

Fairfax County Board of Elections, <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/ecalendar.htm>

Alexandria Board of Elections, <http://www.alexandriava.gov/Elections>

Arlington Board of Elections, <http://www.arlingtonva.us/Departments/VoterRegistration/VoterRegistrationMain.aspx>

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## Stand With Working Families

To the Editor:

Saturday is "D" day for thousands of Alexandria residents living in the Beauregard neighborhood. In this case, "D" doesn't just stand for "decision," it also stands for "development" and "displacement." On Saturday, April 13, the City Council considers whether or not to approve rezoning necessary for one of the biggest development projects in recent Alexandria history. For more than 40 years, this quiet wooded valley of garden-style apartments has been an affordable home for working families — one of the last havens of market-rate affordable housing in the Washington metropolitan area.

City staff and the primary developer JBG, have calculated the costs — how much will construction cost? What kind of tax revenue might the city expect? How much profit will the developers make from the new up-scale housing, retail, and hotels going in?

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## Making the Best of It



When Hurricane Sandy sent a tree slicing through her Vicar Lane home last October, Donnan Wintermute expected a long rebuilding process. What she didn't expect was her contractor to begin using the tarp over her roof as a canvas in an effort to cheer her up. "So far there has been a wreath, heart, St. Patrick's Day design and now a bunny," Wintermute said. "People have been driving over just to see what happens next. It certainly has brought a smile to my face."

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# What If Everyone Gave on One Day: Imagine the Possibilities

By JOHN PORTER  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
ACT FOR ALEXANDRIA



Alexandria is fortunate to be one of the most giving communities anywhere in America. In fact, according to Convio, we consistently rank in the top 1 percent for online donations of any community in the country.

Our commitment to helping our neighbors in need and strengthening our community is more important than ever. We continue to struggle to get out from under a bruising recession. We may be headed in the right direction, but governments and nonprofits are typically the last to recover during tough economic times. We are still seeing a growing need for support services and fewer resources to get the job done.

But, what if we leveraged that spirit for giving, raised the bar and took our collective impact to new heights?

What if we came closer to ridding hunger from our community where almost 60 percent of students attending public school are eligible for free or reduced price lunch? What if we dramatically increased the number of at-promise students getting the extra support they need to excel? What if we

dramatically improved the readiness for learning of kids entering kindergarten? What if we were able to provide shelter, clothing and food to those senior citizens who have done so much for others in their lifetimes and now find themselves in need?

That's the thinking behind ACT for Alexandria's annual Spring2ACTion effort. On Wednesday, April 17, our entire community will come together for 24 hours to raise funds to support nearly 100 local nonprofits that heal the sick, educate children and adults, feed the hungry, protect our environment, enrich our lives and so much more.

This is Spring2ACTion's third year and we're "raising the bar." By tapping the collective power of this community's rich giving tradition, we have set an ambitious goal of \$400,000 for worthy causes throughout Alexandria. This builds on the success of previous years' efforts — from \$104,000 in 2011 to more than \$320,000 last year.

Last year Casa Chirilagua, a small nonprofit in the Arlandria, participated in Spring2ACTion for the first time. They wanted to raise \$15,000 to start a middle school program for youth living in the

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neighborhood. Through social media and the generosity of donors and volunteers, Casa Chirilagua was able to raise over \$33,000 and with grants and prizes awarded from Spring2ACTion, they received more than \$40,000 in one day.

But we can't get across the goal line unless everyone pitches in. Whether it's \$10,

\$50, \$100 or \$1,000, every donation counts. And it's simple. Just go to [www.Spring2ACTion.org](http://www.Spring2ACTion.org) to get involved.

We know we can't solve all of our community's problems in one day, but we do know that leveraging the power of giving on one day, April 17, can make a huge difference. We've seen it before. Together, we can do it again.

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Facts and figures are neatly laid out to answer those questions.

But what about the human costs? What will be the impact of losing one of Alexandria's most diverse neighborhoods? What is the human toll of demolishing the homes of more than 8,000 people? Where will the families who already call the Beauregard neighborhood home, live? How many families can realistically expect to take advantage of the limited number of affordable units JBG is promising? What will it mean for Alexandria to lose another 2500 market-rate affordable housing units in the face of an already staggering loss of affordable housing in the city? No one has calculated these costs as carefully.

On Saturday, the Mayor and City Council

can make it clear that people count more than profits — after all cities are not for-profit corporations; their "profits" are revenues aimed at sustaining a livable community. The current plans for Beauregard are not about sustaining a livable community, however.

In fact, should the City approve the rezoning requested by JBG and the other developers without insisting on a provision for replacement housing for the working class residents who call the Beauregard neighborhood home, the plan will destroy a vital Alexandria community. The developers stand to reap substantial profits either way, and Alexandria can count on considerable tax revenue.

And the families who are set to lose their

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homes: What can they count on? That is what the City Council and Mayor are really deciding on April 13.

**M. Aurora Vásquez**  
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## Overlooked Probation Office

To the Editor:

Over the years, the Alexandria Gazette Packet has published many favorable articles about our Police Department and the Sheriff's Office. They are both excellent agencies and certainly deserving of the accolades provided by the countless stories, editorials and letters to the editor. However, there is another law enforcement agency in the city that has labored in relative obscurity, the Alexandria Office of Probation and Parole. The chief in this office, Lisa Stapleton, has a staff of 11 probation and parole officers, a surveillance officer and four administrative personnel.

Basically their charter is to supervise those persons, mainly felons, placed on probation or parole by the courts who have served their time and been released back to the community from the Alexandria jail or a state penitentiary. The mission of the office is twofold. The first is to enhance community safety and the second is to work with the offenders making it possible for them to turn their lives around. In their efforts to ensure the safety of the community, probation officers utilize various techniques and levels of supervision based on the offender's criminal record and an in-depth assessment of their risk to re-offend and their needs to mitigate that risk. There are many tools available to the supervising officer in his or her efforts to work effectively with the offender. These include counseling, referrals, home visits, urine testing and a variety of other evidence-based interventions. Basically those who want help, want to get their lives moving in a positive direction, get a job, and a place to live will increase their chances of success by working with their officer. On the other hand, those who already have all the answers, who decide they know best, don't need or want help, and fail to follow their court-ordered conditions and the instructions of their probation officer will soon find themselves back in front of the judge.

The probation office has helped hundreds of their clients achieve

the success they may have thought about while incarcerated. And they have also taken the steps necessary to get those who posed a threat to the community off the streets and back into an institutional setting. This is important information for you because unless a person has been given a life sentence, they will be released some day. They will come home and if Alexandria is their home, this is where they will be living. You all can help the Alexandria Office of Probation and Parole in their efforts to enhance community safety and assist in the positive transition of offenders through a Governor McDonnell initiative called Virginia Community Reentry Initiative.

**Kevin Bergen**

*The writer worked in the Alexandria Office of Probation and Parole.*

## Underspending On Capital Needs

To the Editor:

The April 8 meeting of the Del Ray Citizens Association explored a major reason why the city's tax rate and our taxes are going up again this year and why they will probably continue to go up in the future.

The short answer is the city's capital budget, or its investment in new and existing public facilities.

The city has had a major backlog in capital projects for many years. A basic reason appears to be that past city councils have chosen to allocate more to social services than to new and existing facilities.

But this tradeoff between the operating and capital budgets has caught up with the city.

Perhaps the most glaring current example is aquatics facilities. Despite the fact that all of the city's swimming pools, except for the recently built small pool at the Charles Houston Recreation Center, are literally falling apart and need to be replaced, the city currently has no money for aquatics in its decade-long capital budget.

This is why the Warwick Village pool will need to stay open not only this year, but probably for years to come, despite the fact that maintenance and upgrades will cost hundreds of thousands of dollars in coming years.

A city-funded, consultant-prepared aquatics study in 2012 found that, with the exception of the Charles Houston pool, the city's other pools are all 30-plus

years old with outdated infrastructure that does not meet either current standards or user needs. The study recommended a nearly \$50 million long-term plan in which all of the city's aquatic facilities would be replaced or transformed.

Possible funding for aquatics, including the long-planned rebuilding of the Chinquapin Park Recreation Center, have been delayed in recent years because of a number of megaprojects, including the new T.C. Williams High School, the new police headquarters, and the new Charles Houston Recreation Center.

Meanwhile, enrollment in the schools has grown by about 2,600 students during the past five years, creating a pressing need for expanded or new schools.

Alexandria has had a difficult time determining exactly why enrollment has increased at such a high rate. Because of this uncertainty, the city has formed a committee that is studying the factors driving school enrollment and trying to answer a key question: Will Alexandria eventually see student population decrease again, or are we seeing a new normal of continued enrollment growth?

There are other pressing capital needs as well, such as the city's current project to upgrade and separate the sanitary sewer and storm water systems. Alexandria has budgeted a large amount of capital funding to continue this mandated project over the next decade, but, as a recent staff budget memo states, this investment will not come close to adequately addressing the federally mandated environmental requirements the city will need to meet. These requirements may total hundreds of millions of dollars over the next two to three decades.

Despite budgeting for these needs, Alexandria continues to significantly underspend on public investments compared with neighboring jurisdictions, as Councilman Justin Wilson pointed out in his newsletter to constituents last week.

According to Wilson's figures, in the coming fiscal year, Fairfax County will spend \$678 per person on capital expenditures; Arlington County, \$1,381; Loudoun County, \$799; Prince William County, \$611; and Alexandria, just \$467 per person.

"Decades of underinvestment in our basic infrastructure is forcing our city to face large capital needs; needs for our schools, our roads and bridges, our sewers, our public safety services and our recreation facilities," Wilson writes. "These are not needs that go away with delay. These are needs that get more expensive with delay."

# Second Chances

## The right thing to do.

BY HARRY M. COVERT

**C**onsider these facts: One in 31 Americans is in prison or jail or on probation or parole.

Some 2,000 citizens have managed to find jobs in northern Virginia and this is a low seven percent increase over last year.

For offenders who serve their sentences and return to communities, life does not return to normalcy in the vast majority of cases. This is where Offender Aid and Restoration comes in. Since 1974 this non-profit organization has made a major difference in lives.

"It's a tough road. Most of our clients simply have no one to turn to," Dr. Gail Arnall, OAR executive director, told OAR's April 4 Second Chance Breakfast at Arlington's Sheraton Pentagon, on City Hotel.

"We must restore lives and keep our community safe," said Mondré Kornegay, chair, OAR's board of directors.

U.S. Rep. Jim Moran, representing Alexandria and Arlington, told more than 300 community, business and elected leaders, "Many communities would just as soon turn their backs on [ex-offenders]. We don't. We embrace them."

The most difficult thing for ex-offenders is returning to their homes. They can't find jobs because of their criminal records. This is where OAR steps in.

The program is endorsed by courts and law enforcement officials. These leaders attended the breakfast. Among them were Arlington Sheriff Beth Arthur, Alexandria Sheriff Dana Lawhorne, Alexandria's Police

Chief Earl Cook, Dr. Elbert Ransom Jr., professor at Virginia Theological Seminary, Director Harold Clarke of the Virginia Department of Corrections, and a video message from Gov. Bob McDonnell.

OAR honored the governor for leadership to help ex-offenders. Arlington retiring Judge Karen Henenberg of General District Court was recognized for her longtime support of OAR.

Miller & Long Concrete Construction was particularly lauded for its hiring ex-offenders. Otto Girr, the firm's vice president, said some 100 ex-offenders are among its 2,500 work force.

"People deserve a second chance," Girr said. "It's hard, it's challenging but it's the right thing to do and they are good workers."

Barbara Harrison opened the Second Chance breakfast: "OAR saved my life," she said. She explained how she lost a successful professional life in real estate and her family through drug addiction and a time in prison. She was unable to find a job. "I was frustrated and angry. I couldn't deal with myself." It was at that point Harrison turned to OAR. "They listened. They extended their arms."

Arnall said the recidivism rate among OAR's clients is only eight percent.

Kornegay praised the work of Arnall and the OAR staff. "They provide innovative programs based on research and best practices. So far this year, our staff has worked with 2,075 clients."

OAR encourages its clients to succeed in their job search and job retention. Kornegay said, "We provide educational services, help ex-offenders earn high school diplomas and college degrees."

OAR operates in Arlington, Falls Church and Alexandria.

So what is to be done?

In his budget for fiscal year 2014, City Manager Rashad Young proposed a tax rate increase of 2.5 cents per \$100 of assessed property value, plus an optional 3 cents that would be devoted to additional capital projects, including \$25 million over 10 years for aquatics facilities.

The city has subsequently advertised a maximum rate of 4 cents per \$100 of assessed property value for the fiscal year 2014 budget. It is not clear to what degree, if any, additional funding will be

allocated to capital needs.

Should civic associations such as the DRCA consider supporting a tax rate increase along the lines of what the city manager proposed to meet our growing capital investment deficit?

One way to highlight the need for more spending on city facilities would be for the council to sponsor a nonbinding referendum on capital projects. Alexandria is currently not legally required, as are counties such as Arlington, to

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## Practical Considerations On Tree Lights

To the Editor:

There are compelling practical and aesthetic reasons to take the lights down from the trees on King Street at the beginning of April.

First of all, once the trees have their leaves, the leaves will obscure the lights. These are red oak trees. Red oak leaves are as large as a man's hand — each much larger than the light bulb. There are thousands more leaves on each tree than there are light bulbs strung on the trees, so when the trees have leaves, the lights will be largely obscured.

Second, the strings of lights take a beating being exposed to the elements. Four months is long enough for them to be up without being taken down and thoroughly checked because even a small fray can cause an electrical shock hazard. When trees are dormant, they have less sap in their branches and trunk, so they do not conduct electricity as readily as when they have leaves, meaning electric current could travel to the ground and in

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sure someone more readily when the trees have leaves than when they don't.

Third, the lights set off the bare trees better than when the trees have leaves which, attractive unto themselves, distract from the lights. The lights are a unique counterpoint to the dull winter, but would be less special if they were on all year 'round.

**Dino Drudi**  
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John Carlyle (Charles Aldrich) hosts a luncheon for the five visiting colonial governors and Major General Braddock.



Rich Fox appears as Virginia Gov. Thomas Dinwiddie for the re-enactment of the "Grandest Congress."

## On Economic Frontline

### McDonnell appoints Wood to Military Commission.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

**G**ov. Bob McDonnell has appointed Alexandria resident Lt. Gen. John R. (Bob) Wood (ret.) to Virginia's newly formed Commission on Military Installations and Defense Activities.

"I am most concerned about preserving jobs here in Virginia," said Wood, a graduate of T.C. Williams High School and the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

The new commission will address the impact that "indiscriminant defense budget cuts due to sequestration will have on the economic well-being of the citizens and businesses of Virginia," according to McDonnell's Executive Order.

The order estimates that Virginia could lose approximately 82,000 direct jobs at federal agencies and contractors and an additional 82,000 indirect jobs supported by business and personal spending.



Bob Wood

Wood ran unsuccessfully as a Republican candidate in last year's City Council election. He was a member of the Waterfront Planning Workgroup and co-authored the report on the group's findings regarding redevelopment of the city's waterfront.

During his 36 years of Army service, Wood served in command and staff positions in the U.S., Germany and Korea. He commanded troops in combat during Operation Desert Storm and served as chief of staff for a major NATO headquarters in Bosnia.

As a general officer, Wood commanded the 2nd Infantry Division in Korea followed by duties as the deputy commander of U.S. Joint Forces Command. He was stationed at the Pentagon on 9/11 and led the Army staff planning for operations responding to this attack.

Wood completed an MBA at the University of Chicago before teaching economics and systems analysis at West Point. He was named a White House Fellow in 1984 and worked in the National Security Council for President Reagan. In 1993, he completed a senior fellowship at the Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown.

Upon his retirement from the Army in 2008, Wood founded an Alexandria-based consulting business that focuses on strategic planning and leader development. He is a board member of The Fairfax, a military retirement home, and the National Trust for Wounded Warriors. He is a founding member of the Thayer Leader Development Group at West Point, a corporate leader-training center.

"I am looking forward to working on this commission," Wood said. "We need to help preserve jobs and keep Virginia strong in its role of support for national security."

## Grandest Congress at Historic Carlyle House



Kim Walters takes a respite from cooking as the guests begin the first course of their luncheon, a bowl of spring soup. With Walters is Gemma Gonzalez. Gonzalez prepared the table for the luncheon banquet.

**B**ritish flags fluttered against the façade of the historic Carlyle House as re-enactors set the stage for a living history dramatization of the meeting held here on April 14, 1755. Inside the house 258 years ago, Major General Edward Braddock, Commander of His Majesty's Forces in North America met with governors of the five colonies, Massachusetts Bay, New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia to plan and finance a military campaign to defeat the French forces at the forks of the Ohio River near Fort Duquesne. Braddock chose John Carlyle's house as his residence while his 800 soldiers were garrisoned in town.



Inside, Sarah Carlyle (Teresa Martinez) works on a bit of sewing with her friend Parthania Alexander (Kerry McClure).

### GWMS To Present 'Once on This Island'

George Washington Middle School dramatic arts students will be performing "Once on This Island," a musical retelling of "The Little Mermaid" based on the 1985 novel "My Love, My Love; or, The Peasant Girl" by Rosa Guy, set in the French Antilles in the Caribbean Sea. The story concerns a peasant girl on a tropical island, who uses the power of love to bring together people of different social classes.

The musical score ranges from Calypso, Reggae, and Salsa to classic Broadway show tunes. This is a family-

friendly production for children and adults of all ages.

Performances are Friday, April 12, 7 p.m.; Saturday, April 13, 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Friday, April 19, 7 p.m.; Saturday, April 20, 7 p.m.

Tickets — \$5, cash and check only — are on sale 45 minutes before each performance.



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Smoke Causes Evacuation

The Alexandria Fire Department responded to a report of smoke coming from the basement boiler room of a two-story commercial building in the 100 block of East Del Ray Avenue at 3:08 p.m., Friday, April 5. Arriving firefighters found moderate smoke conditions coming from a side stairwell leading to the basement. They also encountered smoke on the first and second floors which initiated a request for a second alarm to assist with the fire. A number of businesses in the building including a restaurant and market were evacuated. The intersection of Mount Vernon and Del Ray Avenues was closed to all traffic for more than two hours. Firefighters located the fire concealed in a rear wall of the market. The fire was declared extinguished at 4:19 p.m. Fire investigators determined the fire to be accidental. The fire caused an estimated \$200,000 in fire and smoke damage to the building. There were no reported injuries.



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A small fountain splashes amid a collection of fern, lavender, toad lily and lirioppe.



Daffodils bask in the sunlight as a hydrangea emerges from winter.



A quiet, shady garden is enclosed by a serpentine wall. Hollies, crepe myrtle, Indian hawthorn, and Emerald Gaiety euonymus provide the foundation for the predominantly white palette featuring hellebores, daffodils, muscari and hosta.

## 80th Annual Historic Garden Week Tour

**Eight local homes and gardens will open as part of statewide fundraiser.**

Owners of eight Old Town Alexandria's private homes and gardens will open their doors to the public as part of the 80th Historic Garden Week, the oldest and largest house and garden tour in the nation on April 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The tour covers the northern portion of Old Town and includes houses dating as far back as 1795, all within walking distance of each other. The homes will feature flower arrangements created by the members of the Garden Club of Alexandria and The Hunting Creek Garden Club, which are sponsoring the tour. All benefits go to the restoration of historic gardens and landmarks in Virginia.

Other places of interest included

free of charge with the Historic Garden Week ticket on April 20 are: The Lee-Fendall House Museum and Garden, Carlyle House Historic Park, River Farm, George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens, Gunston Hall Plantation, and Ivy Hill Cemetery. Light refreshments will be available at Lloyd House (220 North Washington Street) from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. on the day of the tour.

Every year, more than 3,300 garden club members work to produce the tours during the last full week of April. All of Home Garden Week's tour proceeds go to the 41 active restorations, including the Executive Mansion on Capitol Square in Richmond, James Madison's Montpelier, Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest in Lynchburg, and Mount Vernon.

### Details

Tickets may be purchased in advance for \$35 at [www.VAGardenweek.org](http://www.VAGardenweek.org) and at the Alexandria Visitors Center (221 King Street). On the date of the tour, they may be purchased for \$40 at any house on the tour or at the Alexandria Visitor's Center. The Alexandria tour will be held on its scheduled day, rain or shine. Houses on the tour include: 224 North Fairfax Street, 222 North Royal Street, 217 North St. Asaph Street, 308 North Columbus Street, 202 North Columbus Street, 511 Cameron Street (garden only), 607 Oronoco Street (garden only) and 609 Oronoco Street (garden only).

Parking meter passes for out-of-town visitors are available at Alexandria Visitor's Center-The Ramsey House (221 King Street). Street parking on residential streets is not recommended. Pay parking lots and garages located in Old Town include:

- ❖ Cameron Street at North Saint Asaph Street, Cameron Street at North Pitt Street,
- ❖ South Pitt Street, between Prince and King Streets, North Fairfax Street at King Street,
- ❖ North Lee Street at King Street, and South Union Street between Prince and Duke Streets.



Light refreshments will be served at Lloyd House at 220 North Washington St. on the day of the tour. Lloyd House, built by John West in 1797, exemplifies late 18th century Georgian architecture in Alexandria.

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LOUISE KRAFFT  
GAZETTE



White camellias begin to bloom by a patio border.



A classical urn holds a small fern in a quiet alleyway.



A whimsical wind chime adorns a tree in a small walled garden.



Sunlight bathes the front parlor of an early 20th century Victorian home.

# DC Design House Unveiled

Annual event raises money for Children's National Medical Center.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
GAZETTE PACKET

About two dozen of the area's leading interior designers will show off their creations while also helping a local charity during the 6th Annual DC Design House. The Washington, D.C., Design House is an annual event during which the area's top tastemakers collaborate to design a home and raise money for Children's National Medical Center. The home is open to the public from April 14 until May 12.

The designer selection process is competitive and an invitation to design one of the home's rooms is considered one of the most elite in the industry.

Jeff Akseizer and Jamie Brown, of Akseizer Design Group in Alexandria, were tapped to design the loft-media room. "It's exciting to be part of such a wonderful cause and to share in the creation of a design house with such talented designers," said Brown.

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Claire Schwab, of Claire Schwab Interior Design in Alexandria, was selected to design the master mezzanine in the 2013 DC Design House. She says her design strategy was influenced by nature.

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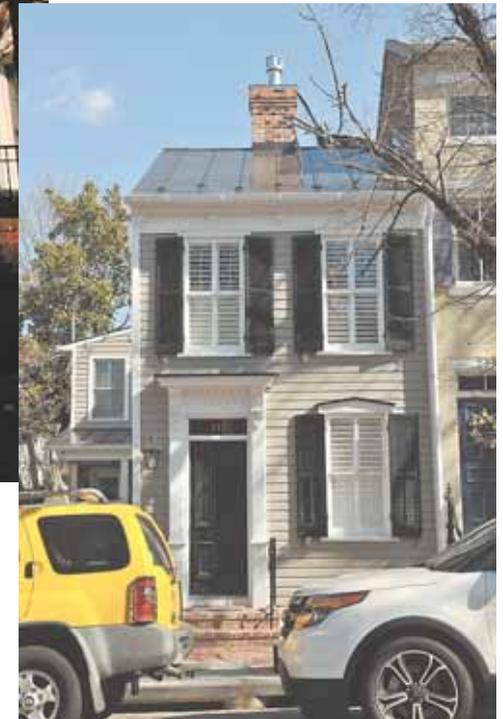
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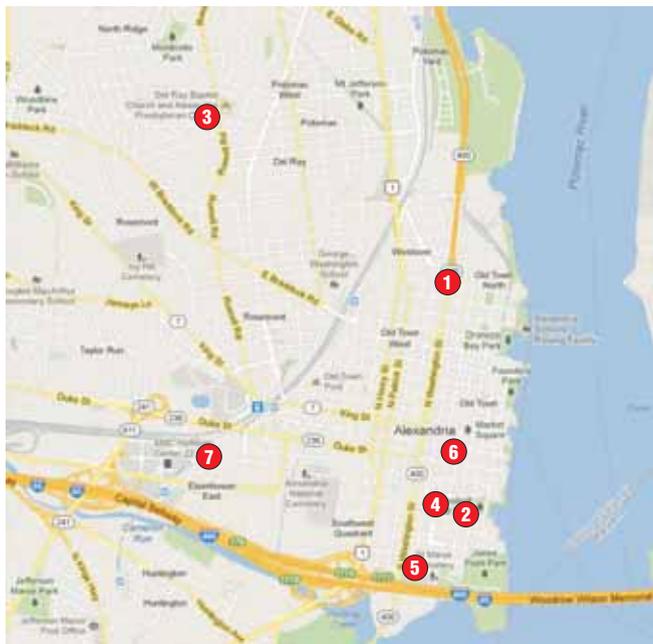
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## 2013 DC Design House Unveiled

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"We were able to work with the children of Children's National Medical Center to create a black and white art wall featuring their works," Akseizer added.

Andrea Houck, of A. Houck Designs in Arlington, designed the French modern bar and a side hall. She found the home's new construction and large rooms to be one of the appealing features. "Inspired by exotic travels that take us away from the everyday, I created a young, fresh, chic French modern bar and side hall that elevate this area of the main floor to its rightful place," she said.

Arlington resident Allie Mann of Case Design/Remodeling, Inc., created the home's Away Room. "Secluded, calm and serene, that's the essence of the Away Room," she said. "This space gives one the opportunity to write, reflect and escape. There is no sense of time or urgency here."

Claire Schwab, of Claire Schwab Interior Design in Alexandria, was selected to design the master mezzanine and says her design strategy was influenced by nature. "We wanted that airy, fresh feel — a real retreat for outside the master bedroom," she said. "There was an opportunity to make this space so

much more than just a hallway. We began with a serene palette of light and natural tones and gentle blue/greens to create a sophisticated base atmosphere for our design."

**"It's exciting to be part of such a wonderful cause and to share in the creation of a design house with such talented designers."**

— Jamie Brown, Akseizer Design Group

The space is narrow, which presented Schwab with her biggest design obstacle. "Narrow spaces can be a challenge, but selecting pieces with appropriate scale, employing thoughtful placement, and highlighting the propitious features of the house kept the feeling luxurious. One of our favorite elements is the antique Chinese Qinghai altar table sourced from a local shop. This piece, along with the fabrics on the ottomans, gives a global intrigue and individuality to the space," she said.

Other features in the home include a marble foyer that leads to formal living and dining rooms complete with fireplaces and bay windows. The home boasts an infinity pool in the backyard, which can be viewed from the kitchen and breakfast room. The third floor loft has skylights, a wet bar and a balcony that offers views of the city's monuments in the distance.

The DC Design House, which is on the market for \$14.9 million, opens for public tours on April 14.

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Elizabeth Pitcairn



Kim Allen Kluge

## The Red Violin Comes to the ASO

BY KIM ALLEN KLUGE  
MUSIC DIRECTOR, ALEXANDRIA  
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

On April 20 and 21, the Alexandria Symphony's Be the Music...The Music of Empowerment concerts will feature popular violin virtuoso Elizabeth Pitcairn. Ms. Pitcairn is famous not only for her ability to mesmerize audiences with her playing, but also for the instrument she owns and plays: the legendary Red Mendelssohn Stradivarius that inspired both the book and movie *The Red Violin*. This powerful story follows the Red Violin across three centuries and through many cultures — often hostile environments that threaten the violin's survival. Yet the Red Violin endures. With each chapter "the powerful play goes on," each owner of the violin "contributing his or her own verse." This is a fable of the inextinguishable power of music, beauty and the human soul.

Ms. Pitcairn will share the magic of her "immortal violin" when she performs Prokofiev's haunting Violin Concerto No. 1 with the ASO at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center. Ms. Pitcairn's passion for music is evident both in her soulful music-making and in her passionate commitment to music education for young people. Ms. Pitcairn and I will join forces to offer training

and master classes to aspiring young musicians during her residency in Alexandria. I look forward to partnering with this great artist both on the stage and in our schools as we empower audiences and young people to "contribute their own verse."

The Alexandria Symphony Orchestra's upcoming concerts will also feature Tchaikovsky's heart-wrenchingly beautiful "Pathétique" Symphony No. 6. This music, like the Red Violin, has lived several lives in many different eras and cultures. The piece has been used in popular songs and has appeared in films including *Now Voyager* with Bette Davis, the 1997 version of *Anna Karenina*, *The Ruling Class*, *Minority Report*, *Sweet Bird of Youth*, *Soylent Green* and *The Aviator*. The "Pathétique" was also featured during the 2010 Winter Olympics closing ceremony. This is inextinguishable music indeed.

As a stirring prelude to the concert program, the ASO will perform Rachel Portman's beautiful and moving music from the film *The Cider House Rules*. One of the most memorable themes in this movie is empowerment; Dr. Larch makes the young orphans in his charge feel like princes and kings with his nightly affirmation, "Goodnight, you princes of Maine, you kings of New England."

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**That you are here- that life exists, and identity; That the powerful play goes on, and you will contribute a verse."**

— Walt Whitman

**Bobby Smith and Natascia Diaz, shown in the MetroStage production of "Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris," received Outstanding Lead Actor honors at the Helen Hayes Awards ceremony April 8 at the Warner Theatre.**



PHOTO BY CHRIS BANKS

## And the Winner Is....

**MetroStage Receives three Helen Hayes Awards for 'Jacques Brel' production.**

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

It's billed as the largest cast party in town and on Monday, April 8, no one was celebrating more than Carolyn Griffin and the cast, crew and supporters of Alexandria's MetroStage Theatre, which won three Helen Hayes Awards for last year's production of "Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris." "Jacques Brel" was a labor of love with every single member of the cast, the musicians, and crew committed to sharing the richness and depth of his music and lyrics with the audience," said Griffin, MetroStage's founder and producing artistic director. "To receive such recognition for the production and celebration of his work on Monday was even more special because it was also Brel's birthday. That evening, a celebration of his birthday was also taking place at The Triad in New York City and one of the MetroStage original cast members, Sam Ludwig, was there performing. It was a very special evening."

MetroStage walked away with three of the most

coveted awards: Serge Seiden for Outstanding Direction, Natascia Diaz for Outstanding Lead Actress and Bobby Smith for Outstanding Lead Actor. The Ensemble, Music Director Jenny Cartney, and the production itself had also been honored with nominations.

In addition, MetroStage's production of "Josephine Tonight" received a nomination for Outstanding Ensemble.

Held at the Warner Theatre, MetroStage was well represented at what is considered Washington's equivalent of the Tony Awards. Two performers featured during the evening were Roz White, who had just performed the role of Billie Holiday in "Ladies Swing the Blues," and Tracey Stephens, a member of the Capitol Steps, who performs 14 characters in MetroStage's annual holiday production of "A Broadway Christmas Carol."

Another MetroStage favorite was a presenter: Maurice Hines, who won the Helen Hayes Award a few years ago as Outstanding Choreographer for MetroStage's production of "Cool Papa's Party," directed and choreographed "Josephine Tonight," and will return to MetroStage next winter to direct a show about Ella Fitzgerald. Another presenter, Susan Lynskey, is currently in rehearsal for MetroStage's next production, "Ghost-Writer."

MetroStage and its productions have now been honored eight times with Helen Hayes Awards.

For more information on the upcoming MetroStage season, visit [www.metrostage.org](http://www.metrostage.org).

## CALENDAR

E-mail announcements to [gazette@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:gazette@connectionnewspapers.com). Photos and artwork are encouraged. Deadline is Thursday at noon.

### ONGOING

**Art Exhibit.** Through Tuesday, April 23. Open Friday-Wednesday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Thursday 1-9 p.m. Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery announces the opening of the juried show "Sculptural Elements." Located in Studio 18 of the Torpedo Factory Art Center at 105 North Union Street. Free Admission. Visit [www.potomacfiberartsgallery.com](http://www.potomacfiberartsgallery.com) or call 703-548-0935.

**Art Exhibit.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. "Spotlight," an exhibition of acrylic paintings on canvas by Lukman Ahmad, will be on display in the Margaret W. and Joseph L. Fisher Art Gallery, 3001 N. Beauregard St. through Sunday, April 28. Visit [www.nvcc.edu/alexandria/schlesingercenter/gallery.html](http://www.nvcc.edu/alexandria/schlesingercenter/gallery.html).

**Art Exhibit.** Through Sunday, April 28, "Turn on Your Masters" at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. The artists pay homage to, praise, critique or dish the artists who have influenced them. Free. Visit [www.thedelrayartisans.org](http://www.thedelrayartisans.org) for more.

**Art Exhibit.** Through Sunday, April 28, see "Trash Talk" at Target Gallery in

the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. The exhibit focuses on everyday common objects that are reclaimed, recycled and transformed into art. Free. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org).

**Distillery open.** George Washington's Distillery and Gristmill open through Oct. 1. \$17/adult, \$8/child, 5 and under are free.

**Life Drawing.** Del Ray Artisans offers a range of open life drawing sessions to hone your figure drawing skills. Just drop-in with your supplies to draw our live models. Fee: \$8-12. Visit [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org).

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## THURSDAY/APRIL 11

### Art Focus Group. 7:30-9 p.m.

Building Observation skills through drawing — explore connections between drawing and building and ways to encourage observation skills through drawing. Classes are \$25 each or \$200 for the 10 class series. A school or group of teachers can share the registration for the full series. At 2804 Sherwood Hall Ln. Call 703-201-1250

### Opening Reception. 6-8 p.m. at

Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Juror talk with Maren Hassinger. Free. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org)/target for more.

### The History of Jazz. 7:30 p.m. at

Pendleton Hall, Episcopal High School, 3900 W. Braddock Road. Robert Jospé and Inner Rhythm present performances of compositions from some of the greatest American jazz artists and composers, including Louis Armstrong's "Struttin' With Some Barbecue," Duke Ellington's "Black and Tan Fantasy," Count Basie's "Tickle Toe," and more. Free. Visit [www.episcopalhighschool.org](http://www.episcopalhighschool.org) or 703-933-4135.

### Mother Goose Time. 10 a.m. at

Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children ages 12-24 months can enjoy stories, activities and more. Limited to 25 children. Free. 703-746-1705.

### Story Time. 10:30 a.m. or 3 p.m. at

Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 3-5 can enjoy stories, activities and more. Free. Registration required, 703-746-1702 ext. 5.

### Story Time. 11 a.m. at Duncan Library,

2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children ages 3-5 can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1705.

### Little One-Ders. 11:15 a.m. at Beatley

Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 12-23 months can enjoy stories and more. Registration required, 703-746-1702 ext. 5.

### Story Time. 4 p.m. at Barrett Branch

Library, 717 Queen St. Children ages 3 and up can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1703.

### Pajama Party. 7 p.m. at Burke Branch

Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Children ages 3-6 can come dressed in their favorite outfit/pajamas and listen to stories. Free. 703-746-1704.

### Library Speed Dating. 7 p.m. at

Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Book lovers can share love of books to find a literary better half. Prizes will be awarded. Free. 703-746-1751 to reserve a spot.

### Architecture Exhibit. 6 p.m. at

Virginia Tech's Washington Alexandria Architecture Center, 1001 Prince St. The exhibit highlights award-winning projects by local architects and features a presentation



Mary Margaret Pipkin with her painting, "Peonies from the Garden."

## Garden Celebration in Watercolor

In celebration of Virginia Garden Month, the Athenaeum of Old Town Alexandria will be exhibiting the large scale watercolors of Virginia artist Mary Margaret Pipkin, April 11-May 26. An opening reception is scheduled for Sunday, April 14, 2-4 p.m. Free. At the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Pipkin also shares recent work from a new series of landscapes exploring the mountains and forests of Virginia's Blue Ridge. Visit [www.mmpipkin.com](http://www.mmpipkin.com).

by Christopher L. Gordon, AIA and his team at KGD Architecture. Free. Visit [www.aianova.org/architectureweek.php](http://www.aianova.org/architectureweek.php).

### Art Exhibit. 6-9 p.m. at the Torpedo

Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Browse open studios, interact with artists and enjoy refreshments. Free. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org) or call 703-838-4565.

### Reception. 6:30-8 p.m. at the Torpedo

Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Studio 21. Open reception for Linda Lawler's exhibit, "Everyday Gods & Goddesses." Free. For information call 703-683-1780 or go to [www.theartleague.org](http://www.theartleague.org).

## THURSDAY-SUNDAY/APRIL 11-14

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## APRIL 11 THROUGH MAY 26

### Art Exhibit. Thursday, Friday and

Sunday noon-4 p.m.; Saturday 1-4 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. See works by Mary Margaret Pipkin. Free. Visit [www.mmpipkin.com](http://www.mmpipkin.com).

## FRIDAY/APRIL 12

**Basic Gardening: Edibles Mix-it-Up.** 1:30-2:30 p.m. at Green Spring

Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Discover the basics of mixing edibles into your ornamental landscape and enjoy the beauty and benefit of fresh vegetables outside your door. \$10. Visit [www.greenspring.org](http://www.greenspring.org) or call 703-642-5173.

### PBS Documentary Screening. 3

p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Watch "Guilty Pleasures," which takes a look at why romance novels are so popular. Free. 703-746-1702.

### Call for Submissions. Artists of all

ages—young and old—are invited to participate in the Mental Health Anti-Stigma HOPE Campaign's 2013 Art Exhibition "Art Uniting People." Artists may enter a diverse range of art pieces including all the different mediums in painting as well as sculpture, drawings, ceramics, photography and writing. Entry forms must be returned by Friday, April 12. For more information go to [www.healthieralexandria.org/antistigma](http://www.healthieralexandria.org/antistigma).

### Theater Performance. 7 p.m. in the

main auditorium of T.C. Williams High School, 3330 King St. The T.C. Williams Drama Department presents "The Wiz," a musical retelling of The Wizard of Oz set against an urban background to music with a mixture of rock, gospel and soul. Tickets are \$10 for Adults and \$5 for ACPS staff, students and senior citizens.

### Theater Performance. 7 p.m. at

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1005 Mount Vernon Ave. Watch as George Washington students bring to life a Caribbean version of "The Little Mermaid." \$5/person and available 45 minutes before each performance.

## SATURDAY/APRIL 13

**Garden Markets.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Local growers provide you with shrubs, native plants and wildflowers, ornamental grasses and unusual perennials and annuals. Call 703-642-5173.

**Tasting Party: Umami Means 'Delicious.'** 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Explore the savory taste of umami, its history, health benefits and the taste research science behind it. Sample umami-rich foods and learn how to use its attributes to enhance your cooking. \$27/person. Visit [www.greenspring.org](http://www.greenspring.org) or call 703-642-5173 to register.

**Homes for Native Bees.** 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn more about our busy native pollinators and how you can help them by creating native bee homes for your yard. \$12. Visit [www.greenspring.org](http://www.greenspring.org) or call 703-642-5173 to register.

**Java Jolt.** 10 a.m. at Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 N. Union St. William Connery "Mosby's Raids in Civil War Northern Virginia." Light refreshments will be served. Free, but reservations required, 703-746-4399.

**BEL13VE Gala.** 6 p.m. at Crowne Plaza Old Town Alexandria. Features cocktails, auctions, dinner and a guest appearance by Three for a Song. Benefits Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services. For tickets visit [www.goodhousing.org](http://www.goodhousing.org) or 703-768-9404.

**Pet First Aid Course.** 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at PetSage, Inc., 2391 S. Dove St. Prepare for wound care, acute health challenges and more. \$45. Register online at [www.petsage.com](http://www.petsage.com) or 703-299-5044.

**Opening Reception.** 5-7 p.m. see works by Bud Hensgen, 14 paintings reflecting the impressions he found in Palestine at The Gallery at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. Free. 703-998-6260.

**Music Performance.** Fusebox performs at Moe's Peyton Place, 6516 Backlick Road. Visit [www.moespeytonplace.com/](http://www.moespeytonplace.com/) for more.

**Saturday Stories.** 11 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. All ages can enjoy stories and songs. Free. 703-746-1702.

**Duncan Film Series.** 1 p.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Call 703-746-1705 ext. 3 for title.

**Theater Performance.** 7 p.m. in the main auditorium of T.C. Williams High School, 3330 King St. The T.C. Williams Drama Department presents "The Wiz," a musical retelling of The Wizard of Oz set against an urban background to music with a mixture of rock, gospel and soul. Tickets are \$10 for Adults and \$5 for ACPS staff, students and senior citizens.

**Concert.** 9 a.m.-10 p.m. at the Virginia Theological Seminary, 3737 Seminary Road. The day-long event includes a morning Quidditch clinic and tournament, food vendors and more than 10 hours of live music. Free, registration required. Visit [www.vts.edu/rockconcert](http://www.vts.edu/rockconcert).

**Civil War Re-enactment.** 2-4 p.m. at Historic Huntley, 6918 Harrison Ln. Join 1st Lieutenant Willard Longnecker and fellow re-enactors of the 3rd US Infantry Regiment Company B, "The Old Guard," as they recreate Civil War life at Historic

Huntley. Suggested donation \$3; children 10 and under, free; visitors in period attire, free. Call 703-768-2525.

**Live Music.** 7-9 p.m. Alexandria's FuseBox performs at Moe's Peyton Place, 6516 Backlick Road, Springfield. Visit [www.reverbnation.com/fuseboxbandrocks](http://www.reverbnation.com/fuseboxbandrocks).

**Tour.** 1 p.m. starting at the Friendship Firehouse, 109 South Alfred St. Learn about Alexandria's firefighting history. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for youth ages 10 to 17. Advanced reservations required. Call 703-746-4994.

**Lecture.** 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 North Union St. William Connery discusses Mosby's raids in Civil War northern Virginia. To RSVP, call 703-746-4399 or contact [archaeology@alexandriava.gov](mailto:archaeology@alexandriava.gov).

**Theater Performance.** 1 and 7 p.m. at George Washington auditorium, 1005 Mount Vernon Ave. Watch as George Washington students bring to life a Caribbean version of "The Little Mermaid." \$5/person and available 45 minutes before each performance.

## APRIL 13 THROUGH JUNE 25

**Show.** 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at River Farm Gardens, East Blvd. Come see "Elegance of Spring."

## SUNDAY/APRIL 14

**Pop-up Sewing Class.** 9 a.m. or noon at Del Ray Artisans. Children age 11 up to adult can make an environment friendly bag. \$20/member; \$25/non member. Register at [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/sewing](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/sewing).

**Walking Tour.** 1-3 p.m., leaves from Market Square. The tour, offered by local architects, covers the history of Alexandria as reflected through its

## Raptor Rapture

See live raptors up close near the bike path, Belle Haven picnic area, April 20, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Celebrate Earth Day with the Friends of Dyke Marsh, National Park Service and the Raptor Conservancy of Virginia and learn all about birds of prey, like owls, hawks and eagles. Free. Visit [www.fodm.org](http://www.fodm.org) or call 703-289-2500.



Screech Owl

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architecture and urban design, highlighting examples from Georgian to Art Deco. The tour is free, but requires pre-registration by emailing [reservations@aianova.org](mailto:reservations@aianova.org).

**Concert.** 8 p.m. at Bishop Ireton High School, 201 Cambridge Rd. Come see Capital Wind Symphony perform. \$15/general admission, \$10/students and seniors. Visit [www.capitalwindsymphony.org](http://www.capitalwindsymphony.org).

## MONDAY/APRIL 15

**Performance.** Brian Culbertson performs at 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. \$55. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) or 703-549-7500.

**Little One-Ders.** 10:30 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 12-23 months can enjoy stories and more. Registration required, 703-746-1702 ext. 5.

**Baby Time.** 11 a.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children up to 11 months can hear stories and

more. Sign up half-hour before it begins. Free. 703-746-1705.

**Baby Rhyme Time.** 11:30 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children up to 11 months can enjoy rhymes and more. Free. Registration required, 703-746-1702 ext. 5.

**Meet a K-9 Dog and Deputy Sheriff.** 3:45 p.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. For middle and high school students. Free. 703-746-1705.

**Meet a K-9 Dog and Deputy Sheriff.** 3:45 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. For students in K-8 grade. Free. 703-746-1704.

**Read, Sing & Play Baby.** 4 p.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Children up to 11 months can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1703.

## TUESDAY/APRIL 16

**Live Music.** 9-11 p.m. at The Carlyle

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# ENTERTAINMENT

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Club, 411 John Carlyle St. DJ dance party with TK the DJ. Free.

**Stories and Songs.** 10 a.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children ages 1-4 can enjoy stories and more. Sign up half-hour before. Free. 703-746-1705.

**Mother Goose Time.** 10:15 a.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Children ages 12-24 months can enjoy stories, activities and more. Limited to 25 children. Free. 703-746-1703.

**Time For 2s.** 10:30 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children age 24-36 months can enjoy stories and more. Free. Registration required, 703-746-1702 ext. 5.

**Stories to Grow On.** 11 a.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Children ages 2 and up can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1703.

**Tuesday Tots.** 11 a.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Children ages 2-3 can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1704.

**Baby Rhyme Time.** 11:30 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children up to 11 months can enjoy rhymes and more. Free. Registration required, 703-746-1702 ext. 5.

**Craft Night.** 7 p.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. All skill levels can bring their own supplies and get help with their knitting, crochet or sewing project, or just come for the conversation. Free. 703-746-1703.

**World Book Night Reception.** 7 p.m. at Barrett Library, 717 Queen St. Those who were selected to hand out books can pick them up. Anyone interested in learning about the program can get questions answered. Free. 703-746-1703.

**Game Night.** 7 p.m. at Beatley Library,

5005 Duke St. Children ages 8-12 can play with their friends. Free. 703-746-1702.

## WEDNESDAY/APRIL 17

**Music Performance.** Fusebox performs at Evening Star Cafe, 2000 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit [www.eveningstarcafe.net/](http://www.eveningstarcafe.net/) for more.

**Civil War Discussion.** 9:30 a.m. at the Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Don Hakenson presents a talk on the Civil War in this area. Free. For more information, call 703-765-4573.

**Live Music.** 9-11 p.m. Hangover Royal performs at Nick's Nightclub, 642 South Pickett St. \$10.

**Mother Goose Time.** 10:15 a.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Children ages 12-24 months can enjoy stories, activities and more. Limited to 25 children. Free. 703-746-1703.

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**Stories to Grow On.** 11 a.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Children ages 2 and up can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1703.

**Nature Program.** 3:30 p.m. at Duncan Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Children in grades K-5 can learn about various artifacts and animals. Free. 703-746-1705.

**Oscar Winners Film Series.** 4 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Watch the adaptation of the world's longest running musical. Free. 703-746-1704.

**Book Discussion.** 7 p.m. at Duncan Library, 4701 Seminary Road.

Discuss "Moonwalking with Einstein" by Joshua Foer. Free. 703-746-1705.

**Pajama Party.** 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. All ages can come dressed in their favorite outfit/pajamas and listen to stories. Free. 703-746-1702.

**Jewelry Show.** 10 a.m.-8 p.m. at 320 S. Henry St. Empowered Women International (EWI) will unveil its Spring Collection of Jewelry and Fashion Accessories in a Trunk Show Benefit. Proceeds from the Trunk Show will support entrepreneurship scholarships for immigrants, refugees and low-income women. Visit [www.ewint.org](http://www.ewint.org).

## THURSDAY/APRIL 18

**Music.** Joe Pug will play at Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Hall. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) or 703-549-7500 for tickets.

**Lecture.** 7:30 p.m. at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Guy Gugliotta, an award winning reporter and writer will speak on his recent book "Freedom's Cap." This is the story of the 1850's expansion of the U.S. Capitol, the coming of the Civil War and the amazing and ironic role Jefferson Davis played in pursuing this project. Free.

**Mother Goose Time.** 10 a.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children ages 12-24 months can enjoy stories, activities and more. Free. 703-746-1705.

**Story Time.** 10:30 a.m. or 3 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 3-5 can enjoy stories, activities and more. Free. Registration required, 703-746-1702 ext. 5.

**Story Time.** 11 a.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children



## Fusebox

Fusebox at Moe's Peyton Place, 6516 Backlick Road, Springfield. Saturday, April 13, 7-9 p.m. Stay for the Charlie Isom Project 9:30-midnight. Call 703-451-6620 or visit [moespeytonplace.com](http://moespeytonplace.com).

ages 3-5 can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1705.

**Little One-Ders.** 11:15 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 12-23 months can enjoy stories and more. Registration required, 703-746-1702 ext. 5.

**Friends of Beatley Library Preview Book Sale.** 4 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Membership available at the door. 703-746-1702.

**Story Time.** 4 p.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Children ages 3 and up can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1703.

**Paws to Read.** 5:30 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children in grades 1-6 can read to friendly dogs. Registration required, 703-746-1702 x5.

**Book Club.** 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Free. Call 703-746-1743 for title.

**Pajama Party.** 7 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Children ages 3-6 can come dressed in their favorite outfit/pajamas and listen to stories. Free. 703-746-1704.

**Lecture.** 7:30 p.m. at the Lyceum, 201 South Washington St. Guy Gugliotta will speak on his recent book "Freedom's Cap." Free. Visit <http://www.alexandriahistorical.org/>.

**Lecture.** 10 a.m. at the Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Rd. Model Railroad Club presents a program on the history of the railroad depot in the United States. Free. Call 703-765-4573.

## FRIDAY/APRIL 19

**Spring Garden Market.** 9 a.m.-6 p.m. at River Farm. Browse through a variety of plants including natives, annuals, shrubs, vegetables and more, garden supplies and garden art. \$5 parking fee. 703-768-5700 or e-mail [plantsale@ahs.org](mailto:plantsale@ahs.org).

**Music Performance.** Fusebox performs at Old Town Theater, 815 1/2 King St. Visit [www.oldtowntheater1914.com/](http://www.oldtowntheater1914.com/) for more.

**Spring into Books.** 4-8:30 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Browse through books in a variety of genres, including children's, fiction, non-fiction and more. 703-746-1702.

**Theater Performance.** 7 p.m. in the main auditorium of T.C. Williams High School, 3330 King St. The T.C. Williams Drama Department presents SEE CALENDAR, PAGE 29

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NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

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**RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO ADOPT AND CHANGE CERTAIN RATES, FEES AND CHARGES**  
"BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Alexandria, Virginia Sanitation Authority d/b/a Alexandria Renew Enterprises, Inc. hereby signifies its intent to change certain rates, fees and charges to become effective **October 1, 2013** and hereby sets the date of **Tuesday, June 18, 2013 at 7:15 p.m.**, at the Authority's administration office, 1500 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22314 for a public hearing to receive comment regarding same.  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Executive Officer is hereby directed to have published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Alexandria, for two consecutive weeks, notice of the proposed change in the schedule of rates, fees and charges and the day and time of the public hearing.  
The proposed rates, fees and charges are:  
**Preliminary Schedule of Rates to be effective October 1, 2013**

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Account Charge (Per Bill)	\$ 6.78	\$ 0.00
<b>Residential Customers:</b>		
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<b>Commercial Customers:</b>		
Quarterly Base Charge (Per Meter):		
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3/4"	75.45	75.45
1"	188.62	188.62
1-1/2"	377.25	377.25
2"	603.59	603.59
3"	1,131.74	1,131.74
4"	1,886.23	1,886.23
6"	3,772.50	3,772.50
8"	6,036.00	6,036.00
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# ENTERTAINMENT Musings

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Portman's music captures this poignant story with tender poetry.

Cider House Rules' theme of empowerment resonates with the theme of this season's ASO concert series, Be the Music... It is you, Alexandrian audiences, who have inspired this season's theme. I wonder if you truly know how much you contribute to the power of ASO's music-making. Sitting in your seat during the concert is far from passive. Your involvement with the music creates an energy that is palpable to us, the musicians on the stage. You are co-participants in the creation of the transcendent musical experiences that we treasure at the ASO.

Each concert this season has explored different facets of the ways in which we can "Be the Music." It has been an exhilarating season-long celebration of how music can evoke our shared humanity, inspiration, inheritance, empowerment, and experience.

Join the ASO this season and immerse yourself in the powerful, uplifting, and profound experience of music. You have helped to make the music of the ASO alive and charged with emotion. It truly can give us an adrenaline rush — all we have to do is open ourselves up and... Be the Music.

**PRE-CONCERT CHATS:** Be The Music with Marilyn Cooley. WETA commentator Marilyn Cooley leads the audience in conversation at the Alexandria Symphony's Pre-Concert Chats. A passionate commentator for many years, Ms. Cooley continues to share her boundless love and knowledge of classical music with our community and now with our Alexandria Symphony audiences. The Pre-Concert Chats begin an hour before each show — at 7 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday — and are free to all ticket holders. Come and be empowered.

## CALENDAR

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"The Wiz," a musical retelling of The Wizard of Oz set against an urban background to music with a mixture of rock, gospel and soul. Tickets are \$10 for Adults and \$5 for ACPS staff, students and senior citizens.

**Choral Concert.** 7:30 p.m. St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 228 S. Pitt St. Watch the choral voices of Calmus before their Lincoln Center debut, featuring a free wine and beer reception following the concert. Tickets are \$22-25; can also be purchased at the door. To purchase, call 703-683-6040.

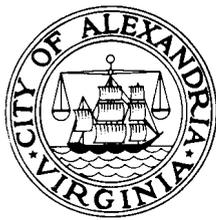
**Jelly Bean Math.** 4 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children in grades K-3 can read a story and explore math concepts using jelly beans. Free. 703-746-1702.

**Theater Performance.** 8 p.m. at Port City Playhouse, 1819 N. Quaker Ln. Port City Playhouse, Alexandria's award-winning theatre company, is pleased to conclude its 2012-13 season with "Six Degrees of Separation" by John Guare. General admission tickets are \$18 for adults, \$16 for seniors, military and students, and \$14 for groups of ten or more.

**Dance.** 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Rd. Community Dance with the Mount Vernon Swing Band. \$4. Call 703-765-4573.

**Theater Performance.** 7 p.m. at George Washington auditorium, 1005 Mount Vernon Ave. Watch as George Washington students bring to life a Caribbean version of "The Little Mermaid." \$5/person and available 45 minutes before each performance.

# LETTERS



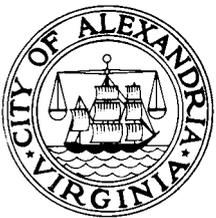
Public Hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, City of Alexandria, Virginia, on Saturday, April 13, 2013, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard on the hereinafter described items.

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PUBLIC HEARING on Saturday, April 13 to receive public comment on the following proposed budget transfer from the federally-funded CDBG Home Rehabilitation Loan Program of \$50,000 to the ECDC EDG Microenterprise Loan Program.

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PUBLIC HEARING on the Draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 Action Plan for Housing and Community Development.

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AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Subdivision J (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS), Division 3.1 (DISCHARGES INTO POTW), ARTICLE B (SEWAGE DISPOSAL AND DRAINS), Chapter 6 (WATER & SEWER), of Title 5 (TRANSPORTATION & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

The proposed ordinance amends the ordinance regulating storm and subsoil water disposal by adding regulatory authority to approve alternative means of storm and subsoil water disposal and by adding language regarding the validity period for an ability to amend required grading plans.

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AN ORDINANCE making supplemental appropriations for the support of the government of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, for fiscal year 2013.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the adoption of supplemental appropriations for the operation of the city government in fiscal year 2013.

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AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 5-500 (W-1/WATERFRONT MIXED USE ZONE) of Article V (MIXED USE ZONES) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by city council as Text Amendment No. 2013-0005.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Text Amendment No. 2013-0005 to amend the W-1 zone.

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AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 11-808 (PROTEST OF ZONING MAP AMENDMENT BY LANDOWNERS) of Division B (DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS), Article XI (DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS AND PROCEDURES) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendments heretofore approved by City Council as Text Amendment No. 2013-0006.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Text Amendment No. 2013-0006 to amend Section 11-808(D) of the Zoning Ordinance to clarify the applicability of the protest petition provision.

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AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 5-8-35 (REPOSSESSION OF IMPOUNDED VEHICLES; TOWING AND STORAGE CHARGES), of Article C (DISPOSITION OF ABANDONED, UNATTENDED AND IMMOBILE MOTOR VEHICLES), Chapter 8 (PARKING AND TRAFFIC REGULATIONS) of Title 5 (TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

The proposed ordinance increases the storage fee from \$40 to \$50 per day and the administrative charge from \$80 to \$90 per vehicle for motor vehicles impounded in the City.

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AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 5-8-93 (PARKING METERS; HOURS AND DAYS OF OPERATION; MAXIMUM TIME LIMITS; RATES) of Division 1 (PARKING METER ZONES), Article G (PARKING METERS), Chapter 8 (PARKING AND TRAFFIC REGULATIONS), Title 5 (TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES) of the Code of the City of Alexandria,

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ask voters to approve bonds for new capital projects. Yet this requirement appears to have helped Arlington win voter support for much more robust investment in new and existing public facilities. It appears that when voters explicitly see where their tax dollars are going and how they will benefit, they are more willing to support higher taxes.

The Alexandria City Council should have significant reason to sponsor a nonbinding referendum that would pave the way for a more robust capital investment increase in fiscal year 2015.

**Bill Hendrickson**  
President  
Del Ray Citizens Association

## Libraries, Parks And Bikes

To the Editor:

The City of Alexandria intends to expand the Bikeshare program at the expense of libraries and parks that benefit all residents. It is expected that 960,000 people will visit Alexandria's libraries in 2014; this is 53 times the number of Bikeshare members in the region. Yet, the city is cutting libraries by \$93,000 and giving Bikeshare \$120,000.

Last year Alexandria Bikeshare was fully covered by federal grants, but operating costs were discontinued last April. The city's response now is to rely on \$70,000 from real estate taxes and a \$50,000 developer payment. The Bikeshare budget is still short \$66,000. Every other city uses dedicated sponsors

to cover operating costs, but not Alexandria. Using real estate taxes to support a private company and a program with projected growing yearly losses is unconscionable. Using a half million tax dollars to update the 2008 Bike Plan, when federal funds are available for bike planning is poor judgment.

Alexandria doesn't seem to have control of this program. City staffs' claim that Alexandria's "ridership and revenues" have exceeded Arlington's, which has six times as many stations and bikes, lacks credibility. Others experience something similar: from Arlington - "... the magnitude of the potential shortfalls in operating revenues associated with the planned expansion has led to ... securing additional sources of operating revenue." A University Maryland official stated: "Alta Bicycle Share, the company that manages the Capital Bikeshare programs, has proposed additional launch expenses of \$60,000 to \$100,000 that were not part of the initial contract."

Bikeshare is not a city-owned service like DASH buses and the Trolley. They are owned and operated by a private company. This is why Mayor Bloomberg of New York City, where 7,000 bikes are due in May, required that no taxpayer money fund Bikeshare ... he wants no financial liability for the city.

Alexandria can create a bicycle culture using the many FHWA grants now available for planning and building bike infrastructure. Alexandrian's real estate tax dollars should be used for residents and their children, for libraries, parks, and our depleted Open Space fund.

**Kathryn Papp**

## POEM



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## The intersection of King and South Washington streets.

## Art Like That Of an Artist

An artist's work - yet not known - Like the Little and Big Dipper stars above

Throughout our Old Town Alexandria Trees of bright lights dispelling the darkness

Like the sky's far-flung stars that one can only wish upon

Heartfelt of hope, vision and dreams within.

— Geri Baldwin, Alexandria

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Virginia, 1981, as amended.

The proposed ordinance extends the hours for parking meters in zones 1 and 2 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 3-2-102 (LEVY AND RATE) of Article 1 (TAX ON SALE OF CIGARETTES) of Chapter 2 (TAXATION) of Title 3 (FINANCE, TAXATION AND PROCUREMENT) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

The proposed ordinance increases the City's cigarette tax rate from \$0.80 to \$0.90 per pack.

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AN ORDINANCE of the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds in the estimated maximum amount of \$63,800,000; and providing for reimbursement to the City of Alexandria from bond proceeds.

The proposed ordinance authorized the issuance of general obligation bonds for various city and school capital projects in the estimated maximum amount of \$63,800,000.

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AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Division 2 (CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY), Article A.1 (TAXICABS), Chapter 12 (TAXICABS AND OTHER VEHICLES FOR HIRE), of Title 9 (LICENSING & REGULATION) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

The proposed ordinance makes changes to the requirement for companies holding certificates of public convenience and necessity to require that all affiliated vehicles accept major credit cards.

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AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 3-2-181 (LEVIED; AMOUNT), Section 3-2-188 (CLASSIFICATION AND TAXATION OF CERTAIN COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY), and Section 3-2-189 (TIER 1 POTOMAC YARD METRORAIL STATION SPECIAL ASSESSMENT 12 DISTRICT TAX) of Division 1, (REAL ESTATE), and Section 3-2-221 (LEVIED ON TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY OTHER THAN MOBILE HOMES, AUTOMOBILES, TRUCKS, ANTIQUE MOTOR VEHICLES, TAXICABS, MOTOR VEHICLES WITH SPECIALLY DESIGNED EQUIPMENT FOR USE BY THE HANDICAPPED, MOTORCYCLES, CAMPERS AND OTHER RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, BOATS AND TRAILERS; AMOUNT), Section 3-2-222 (LEVIED ON MACHINERY AND TOOLS USED IN MINING OR MANUFACTURING BUSINESS; AMOUNT), Section 3-2-223 (LEVIED ON MOBILE HOMES; AMOUNT), Section 3-2-224 (LEVIED ON AUTOMOBILES, TRUCKS, TRAILERS, SEMI-TRAILERS ANTIQUE MOTOR VEHICLES, TAXICABS, MOTORCYCLES, CAMPERS AND OTHER RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, BOATS AND TRAILERS; AMOUNT) of Division 3 (TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY AND MACHINERY AND TOOLS), all of Article M (LEVY AND COLLECTION OF PROPERTY TAXES), Chapter 2 (TAXATION), Title 3 (FINANCE, TAXATION AND PROCUREMENT) of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

The proposed ordinance sets the city's calendar year 2013 general tax rates for (1) real property; (2) personal property; (3) machinery and tools; (4) for the additional real property taxes assessed on commercial and industrial property; and (5) real property located in the special services tax district located in the Tier I Potomac Yard Metrorail Station Special Services District.

0.3% of estimated calendar year 2013 real estate tax revenue continues to be set aside for the Open Space Trust Fund Account to cover debt service on Open Space Trust Fund supported bonds. 0.6 cents of the calendar year 2013 real estate tax rate continues to be set aside for affordable housing. 0.5 cents of the calendar year 2013 real estate tax rate continues to be set aside for the Storm Water Trust Fund. It is assumed in the proposed amount is the continued reservation of 2.2 cents of the real property tax rate for transportation projects.

The ordinance sets the calendar year 2013 real property tax rate at \$\_\_\_\_\_ on each \$100 of assessed value.

The special services district tax for real property located in the Tier I Potomac Yard Metrorail Station Special Services District remains unchanged from calendar year 2012.

The ordinance for calendar year 2013, will not levy an additional real property tax on all commercial and industrial property in the City (i.e. tax rate will be \$0 per 10 \$100 of assessed value).

The ordinance sets the rate for automobiles, trucks, trailers, semi-trailers, antique motor vehicles, which may be used for general transportation purposes, at \$5.00 on every \$100 of assessed value

Other personal property and machinery and tools tax rates are unchanged from calendar year 2012.

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Coaches and players remove their caps and face the flag for the playing of the National Anthem at the 2013 Alexandria Little League opening day.



AA player Samuel Mostow reads his winning essay on the pitchers mound with Alexandria Aces owner Don Dinan, Head Coach David DeSilva, General Manager Dennis Feeny and Screech the Eagle.

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## 60th Opening Day at Little Simpson Field

**A**lexandria Little League held its 2013 opening day ceremony on Saturday morning, April 6, at Little Simpson Field. In honor of the 60th anniversary of the Alexandria League, the Washington Nationals mascot Screech the Eagle was on hand to greet the players and coaches as they entered the field. Captain Sterling Gilliam USN, president of the Alexandria Little League, hosted the ceremony. Special guest Washington Nationals Racing President Teddy Roosevelt delivered the keynote address to the players followed by rounding the bases with a high-five run.

Alexandria Aces owner and CEO Don Dinan announced the winners of the player's essay contest on "Why I Love Baseball." Winners included Samuel Mostow, Tucker Narkinsky and Owen Biesada who all read their essays and received \$25 gift certificates. The grand prize winner, Ian Leon, received a \$50 gift certificate and led all in reciting the Little League Pledge.

**T.C. Williams varsity baseball players and former Alexandria Little League players Connor Cousins, Alex Grosser and Andre Suggs pose for a photo with Mayor Bill Euille before being introduced on the field.**



Alexandria Aces General Manager Dennis Feeny, Head Coach David DeSilva and owner and CEO Don Dinan.



Washington Nationals Racing President Teddy Roosevelt delivered the keynote address to the players followed by a round the bases high-five run.



AAA player Tucker Narkinsky reads his winning essay.

### SPORTS BRIEFS

#### Alexandria Potomac Little League To Begin 10th Season

Alexandria Potomac Little League (APLL) will begin its 10th season on Saturday, April 13 with its Opening Day Ceremony, scheduled to begin at 11 a.m. at

Bucknell Elementary School. Almost 400 players, coaches and parents are expected in attendance, along with invited guests, to throw out the ceremonial first pitch of the 2013 season. Potomac Nationals mascot, "Uncle Slam," will be on hand to meet and greet P-Nats fans, sign autographs and pose for pictures. Alexandria Potomac Little League, formerly known as Bucknell Little

League for 53 years from 1951 to 2003, changed their name and began play as a "new" Little League in 2004. Martin Long, currently in his second year as league president, was preceded in title by Warren Payne (2010-2011), Michael Aitken (2008-2009), Paul Delaney (2006-2007) and Pat Malone (2004-2005). Alexandria Potomac Little League is a member of Little League's Vir-

ginia District 9, which includes, Fort Hunt Little League, Central Springfield Little League, West Springfield Little League, Woodlawn Little League, Fort Belvoir Little League, South County Little League, Dale City Little League, Woodbridge Little League and Dumfries/Triangle/Quantico (DTQ) Little League.

# Rough Water Cancels TC Crew Scrimmage

**W**eather is one of the great variables in sports. That is especially true in rowing, a sport where good conditions are dependent less on the sun and sky above than on the wind and waves below.

Such was the case on Saturday, April 6, at the Dee Campbell Boathouse in Old Town, where the T.C. Williams crew team gathered for its second and last scrimmage of the year. The scrimmage — an intra-squad contest billed as a “Clash of the Titans” — was meant to be a final tune-up for the next two months of competition.

Unfortunately, the weather got in the way. With a 30-mile per hour wind blowing in from the north and whitecaps on the Potomac nearly two feet high, the T.C. rowers were forced to leave their racing shells on the racks and the intra-squad scrimmage was cancelled. In its place, the Titans did something that was also important, but much more mundane — they worked out in the Boathouse and went on a four-mile run.

The athletes were joined by a crowd of nearly 75 parents and supporters, who showed up early for the planned 8 a.m. scrimmage and then stayed to enjoy a pot-luck breakfast and cheer the T.C. rowers on. Among the supporters were three familiar



**With rough waters cancelling their planned “Clash of the Titans” intra-squad scrimmage on Saturday morning, April 6, members of the T.C. Williams crew team instead went on a 4-mile run, followed by a workout in the upstairs weight room of the Dee Campbell Boathouse. Members of the crew team are pictured here on their run, heading up the trail along the river.**

faces from the Alexandria City Public School system — T.C. Williams Principal Suzanne Maxey, T.C. Athletic Director Steve Colantuoni, and ACPS School Board Member Bill Campbell.

The T.C. Williams crew team now enters the heart of its regatta schedule, a 60-day sprint that will take the Titan rowers from the Potomac River in Georgetown to the Schuylkill River in Philadelphia to the Royal Canadian Henley Regatta course in St. Catherine’s, Ontario. The sprint begins this Saturday with the T.C. Girls returning to Delaware to compete in the Noxontown Regatta No. 2 (where they competed on March 23 and will compete one more time next week), and the T.C. boys traveling south of the Beltway to compete in the Darrell Winslow Regatta at Occoquan.

The T.C. Williams crew team is guided by boys’ head coach Pete Stramese and girls’ head coach Mercedes Kiss. Stramese is assisted on the boys’ side by coaches Peter Hearing, Matt Holland, Audrey Shankles, Katie Bond and Stephanie Patton. Assisting Kiss on the girls’ side are coaches Jaime Rubini, Patrick Marquardt, Matt Given, Cara Donley, Christopher Ottie and Cathy Hott.

For more information on T.C. Crew, visit [www.tcwcrew.org](http://www.tcwcrew.org) or follow them on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/alexandria.crewbooster.com](http://www.facebook.com/alexandria.crewbooster.com).

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**Shea McLaughlin, Marilyn Patterson and ACT Executive Director John Porter check the leaderboard of last year's Spring2Action online giving initiative at Pork Barrel BBQ. The 24-hour donation drive raised \$320,000 for local charities. Organizers are hoping to raise \$500,000 during this year's April 17 event.**

## Taylor Run

### CELEBRATING CHUCK

Lots and lots of people went to Putnam Place on Saturday to celebrate the 56th birthday of Chuck Linderman. Children Corinne and Will had organized the party, Corinne all the way from Salt Lake City where she works as an engineer for GE. "I just thought it would be a good idea to give him a party," she said. Will, wife Leda and daughter Lexie came up from Ashburn to co-host the party; brother Walter Linderman with

wife Kathy came from Portland, Oregon. Neighbors from Putnam Place came: Betty Wanamaker, Lil Lubsen, Oresto Guiseppe, Paul and Peggy Prevost, Betty Maag, Marsha and Clark Ansel, Betsy McBride, Patricia, Geoff and Maggie Davis, and Anita Bibb.

Chuck was proudly displaying the garden in which the pansies, the brussels sprouts and the spinach had wintered over. Other guests were Mary Wadleigh, Ruth Roberts, Paul, Stacey and Daniel Steinmers, Evan and Anne Taush, Joan and David Greer, Paulette

Korns, Sandy and Larry Wiener, Carolyn Miller and Henry Brooks, Raksha Krishna, Debbie Wells, Don and Wanda Street, Phil Brinkman, Matt Sonnessyn, Judy and Rick Tempchin, Don Caldwell, Nancy Hanson, Bud Krogh, Michelle and Michael Cook, Betty Livingston, Rodger Digilio, Tracy Hollingsworth, Harry Jones, and Alison Hanna. Everyone enjoyed the delicious food, especially the raspberry and chocolate cake from Alexandria Pastry Shop.

— LOIS KELSO HUNT

## The Power of One

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causes during a 24-hour online giving drive. Also known as Alexandria's Giving Day, Spring2ACTION, hosted by ACT for Alexandria and ACTION Alexandria, focuses one day on supporting local organizations that provide critical services to tens of thousands of people throughout Alexandria.

"On Wednesday, April 17, 2013, our entire community will come together for 24 hours to raise funds to support nearly 100 local nonprofits that heal the sick, educate children and adults, feed the hungry, protect our environment, enrich our lives and so much more," said John Porter, executive director of ACT for Alexandria.

Anyone interested in participating can join the effort on April 17 by visiting [www.spring2action.org](http://www.spring2action.org). A minimum donation of \$10 will help nonprofits support local needs in the city. Since its inception in 2011, Spring2ACTION has helped Alexandria nonprofits raise more than \$420,000, including \$320,000 for 72 participating organizations in 2012.

"Spring2ACTION not only brings critically needed funds and identifies and engages new donors, it also raises the visibility of the individual nonprofits and their various programs," said Linda Hafer, former executive director of The Art League, which won a prize for having the most unique donors — more than 600 — during last year's day of giving.

This year, local nonprofits will

compete for up to \$30,000 in grants and prizes provided by ACT for Alexandria and the presenting sponsor, the Bruhn-Morris Family Foundation. Every donation made by supporters on April 17 on [www.spring2action.org](http://www.spring2action.org) helps participating nonprofits qualify to earn bonus money for the organization. The Art League, Animal Welfare League of Alexandria, Community Lodgings, Alexandria Police Foundation, Carpenter's Shelter, Stop Child Abuse Now (SCAN) of Northern Virginia, local PTAs, Hopkins House, Alexandria Seaport Foundation, Senior Services of Alexandria, Gadsby's Tavern Museum Society, Alexandrians Involved Ecumenically (ALIVE!), Center for Alexandria's Children, The Child & Family Network Centers, Friends of Guest House and The Reading Connection are just a few of the participating organizations.

Additionally, Pork Barrel BBQ and Holy Cow restaurants in Del Ray will give proceeds from each sale to the charity of customer's choice on April 17 (Holy Cow donates 25 cents from each burger sold to local nonprofits year round).

"The minimum donation is just \$10 so anyone can participate," Porter said. "There are 144,301 people in Alexandria. What if we all gave on one day? If everyone gave just \$10 on April 17, we could accomplish miracles."

To find a list of participating nonprofits or to schedule a donation for April 17, visit [www.Spring2ACTION.org](http://www.Spring2ACTION.org).

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Thistle dancer Maggie Mae Gordon practices a few dance steps before performing with her group and the Alexandria Pipes and Drums at the Alexandria Tartan Day Festival.



Members of the Alexandria Pipes and Drums warm up and tune their instruments in Tavern Square before their performance.

PHOTOS BY LOUISE KRAFFT/GAZETTE PACKET

## Tartan Day in Market Square

A day to recognize the achievements and contributions made by Scottish Americans to the U.S., known as Tartan Day, was celebrated April 6 at Market Square. In 1998, a coalition of Scottish Americans lobbied for the designation of April 6 as National Tartan Day. A subsequent resolution referred to the predominance of Scots among the Founding Fathers, claiming the American Declaration of Independence was "modeled on" the Declaration of Arbroath by the Scots in 1320. On April 4, 2008, President George W. Bush signed a Presidential Proclamation making April 6 National Tartan Day.

— LOUISE KRAFFT



The Thistle Dancers prepare to perform with the Alexandria Pipes and Drums.



Chris Turner of 'Devil's Tailors' performs with his group in Market Square.



President of the National Tartan Day Committee Kathy Garity holds the proclamation that President George W. Bush signed in 2008. With Garity are Tom and James Morrison.

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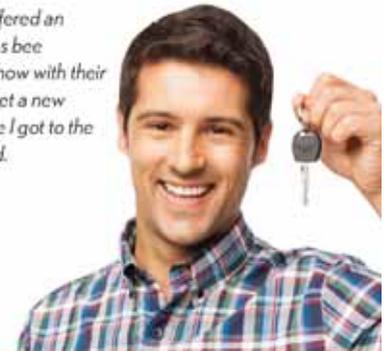
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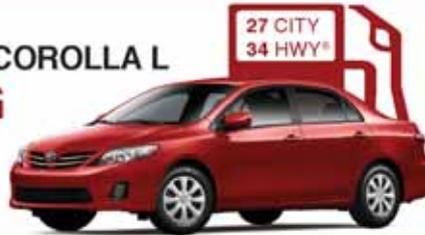
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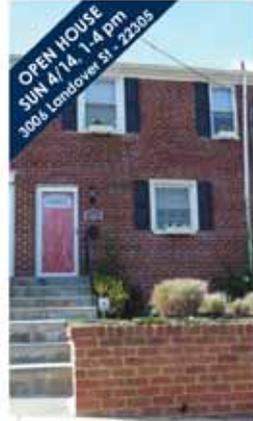
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Spacious open floor plan has three bedrooms, two full baths, hardwood flooring, updated kitchen with granite counters and stainless steel appliances. Walk out to the private deck from the main level living room. Lower level is finished and makes a perfect family room with full bath. Close to all that is happening on "The Avenue" in Del Ray.

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### Backyard Oasis

Entertaining this summer is easy in this home with spacious tiered decks overlooking a lush backyard. Inside this three-bedroom, two-bath home you'll appreciate the updated kitchen and convenient first floor master bedroom. It's on a quiet street and there's a quick commute to DC, Shirlington and Del Ray.

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### A Past and Presence

This four-bedroom, two-and-a-half-bath, detached, early 19th century townhouse retains the aura of days gone by while expanding its girth with a "today" kitchen, adjacent family room and private master suite. Two wood-burning fireplaces, polished wood floors, and generous light add to the pleasures of this home that includes a side entrance to the walled garden.

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### Prime Location & Elegant Style

This gorgeous home showcases a modern "open concept" design. The perfect blend of modern design with classic details. Forgo long commutes while you enjoy quiet cul-de-sac living. Conveniently located this home is walking distance to community schools, pool, and shopping.

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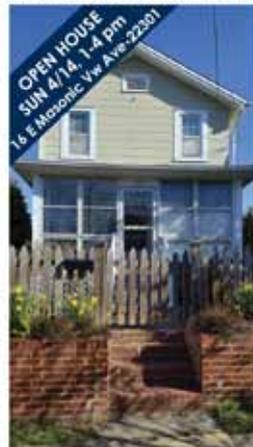
### A Majestic Presence

envelops this beautifully restored and renovated, mid 19th century, four-bedroom, three-and-a-half-bath semi-detached residence. Exquisite formal rooms with tall ceilings, spectacular kitchen, engaging library, handsome wet bar and walled garden are supplemented by a garage and two off-street spaces. MLS# AX8008958

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This cheerful three-bedroom, one-and-a-half-bath Rosemont farmhouse is updated but has much of the original character with large windows, high ceilings and beautiful hardwood floors. The modern kitchen has tons of maple cabinetry and there's even more storage in the full basement. There's off-street parking or the Metro is a quick walk for commuters!

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### Bird Watchers Paradise!

With four bedrooms and three updated baths, this home features open kitchen with granite counters and tile breakfast bar, huge family room with built-ins and fireplace and loads of storage. Hardwood floors, recessed lighting, closet systems throughout. Fenced yard leads to acres of wooded parkland.

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