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Residents and supporters of sensible gun laws gather in Market Square for a candlelight vigil for the victims of gun violence and to demand action from Congress on gun violence prevention legislation.

Candlelight Vigil for Gun Violence Victims

A candlelight vigil for the victims of gun violence and to demand action from Congress on gun violence prevention legislation was held Saturday, April 13, in Market Square. The candlelight vigil was sponsored by Organizing for Action and Alexandria's Concerned Citizens against Gun Violence. Other local organizations supporting the event included the Million Mom March of Northern Virginia, and Moms Demand Action and MOURN — Mothers United for Reform Now.

Speakers included: U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8), state Sen. Rob Krupicka (D-45), Delegates, Scott Surovell (D-44) and Alfonso Lopez (D-49), Alexandria Mayor Bill Euille, Al-



U.S. Rep. Jim Moran explains the difficulty facing Congress in passing any meaningful gun violence prevention legislation.

exandria Vice Mayor Allison Silberberg, former Mayor Kerry Donley, human rights advocate William Killibrew, director of the 13-City Gang Prevention Network John Calhoun, Laura Fisher and Laurie Chidlow of Mothers United for Reform Now (MOURN), Presi-



Peter Read, father of Mary Read who was one of the victims of the Virginia Tech Massacre, listens as the speakers address the need for Congress to vote on sensible gun laws.

dent of the Virginia Chapter of the Million Mom March Martina Leinz, Peter Read, father of Mary Read who was one of the victims of the Virginia Tech Massacre, and the Rev. Jonathan Butler and the Rev. Gregory Johnson of Alfred St. Baptist Church.



Former Mayor Kerry Donley speaks of his friend and neighbor Alexandria Police Officer Peter Laboy who is still recovering from gunshot wounds.

West End Rezoned

Council approves plan to demolish thousands of garden apartments.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Like many of the residents who live along Beauregard Street, Salam Jawad is unsure about the future. Since he came to America last year, he's been trying to find his way in a new culture and a new environment. Now he's facing a new sense of uncertainty because his city government has approved a massive rezoning effort that will eventually demolish the building he lives in for something much larger.

"I wanted to be stable here for about two years," said Jawad while walking to a nearby grocery store. "But if this happens in the next year, this is not good for me."

City officials stress that the plan will take 30 years to implement. So not all of the residents will have to deal with their building being demolished all at once. Washington-based developer JBG will take one piece at a time, slowly remaking the West End into a luxury community with a new town center and a high-capacity transit cor-

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Giving for Boston

Alexandria nonprofit leaders Spring to Action to help Boston victims.

What happens when tragedy strikes? Alexandria springs into action.

With Monday's Boston bombing looming over the week, organizers of Alexandria's annual Giving Day scrambled to find some way to respond by Wednesday — the daylong online philanthropy event known as Spring2ACTion. On Tuesday, the community foundation known as ACT for Alexandria announced that it would partner with its fellow community foundation in Boston to donate 5 percent of the amount raised for ACT to the Boston Foundation to support victims of the tragedy.

"We were all struck by the tragedy in Boston on Monday," said John Porter, executive director of ACT for Alexandria. "And we wanted to find a way to help support those who were impacted by

that tragedy."

During last year's 24-hour event, 4,000 individuals gave about \$320,000 to 72 participating nonprofit organizations whose missions range from feeding the hungry and educating children to caring for animals and promoting the arts. This year, nearly 100 organizations are participating aiming to raise \$400,000. Porter said that, in addition to ACT for Alexandria, about 40 of the participating organizations have also committed to donating 40 percent of the proceeds to the Boston Foundation.

"Some of that, in many ways, is probably more symbolic than just the amount of money," Porter said. "It's the idea that when tragedy strikes, communities across the county need to bind together to help address those tragedies."

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The terrorist attack on the Boston Marathon this week has altered plans for the Parkway Classic this weekend, creating a need for a heightened security presence in Alexandria. The Parkway Classic, now in its 29th year, has a historic route along the George Washington Memorial Parkway and a capped field size. The Sunday race is also host to the MacArthur Cup, a team competition for active military and is a primary sponsor of the Boys and Girls Club of Alexandria and the Nature Conservancy.

Now, in the new normal of the ever-present threat of terrorism, it's also a target. "We'll have a some extra security presence there to hopefully deter any opportunities that folks want to use to do something bad," said Alexandria Mayor **Bill Euille**. "We are pretty much telling people to live their normal lifestyle, and hopefully all will be well."

Euille said he couldn't share all of the security measures that will be in place, but he said visitors will see an increased police presence.

Whistleblower Appeal

City Attorney **James Banks** said this week he will appeal the March 8 court ruling against the city in favor of whistleblower **Henry Lewis**. A panel of seven jurors agreed with Lewis that he was improperly fired for pointing out that the city was not taking adequate safeguards against fraud during construction of the new Alexandria Police Department headquarters. In an interview this week, Banks says he strongly disagrees with the jury and that he will be taking the case to the Virginia Supreme Court.

"The city's position is that there was no fraud, and that a reasonable person would conclude that there was not a reasonable belief in fraud," said Banks.

In court, Lewis argued that he tried to make sure that the contractor constructing the facility filed all the necessary paperwork with the city — a safeguard against fraud, ensuring that Whiting Turner was not billing the city for materials that had not been purchased. Lewis repeatedly clashed with senior city officials about taking necessary steps to protect against fraud, and he was eventually fired. A jury agreed that he was improperly fired and awarded him \$281,000. They also ordered the city to expunge his employment file, eliminating any reference to the termination. "This case reveals the environment at City Hall," said **Roy Shannon**, an attorney in a separate case against the city. "It seems like they have decided that they only need to follow the rules when they want to."

Members of the Virginia Supreme Court will decide whether or not they want to take up the case in the coming weeks. Meanwhile, City Council members are considering a budget request to increase money available for "general litigation" from \$586,000 to \$600,000.

Firing Up the Base

Dozens of gun-control advocates crowded Market Square Saturday evening for a rally in favor of background checks.

"You can't win any campaign unless you fire up your base," explained Alfred Street Baptist church assistant minister **Greg Johnson**, who helped organize the rally. "It's important that we stand with other faith leaders to say that the will of the people must be heard."

Ever since a gunman blasted his way into a Connecticut elementary school in December, the debate about firearms in America has taken a fevered pitch. This week, the U.S. Senate will be considering a bipartisan measure to expand background checks for all firearm purchases. The move is opposed by gun enthusiasts who say extending background checks is government intrusion on Second Amendment rights.

"The democratic process will work if enough people come out to events like this and let their voices be heard," said U.S. Rep. **Jim Moran** (D-8). "It's going to take rallies like this here and in other congressional districts to show that the intensity of emotion in favor of sensible gun control."

Del. **Scott Surovell** (D-44) pointed out that one potential shoe bomber changed how airport security works, but dozens of high-profile mass shootings has yet to prompt major changes to how firearms are purchased in America.

"It's time to take action," said Surovell.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

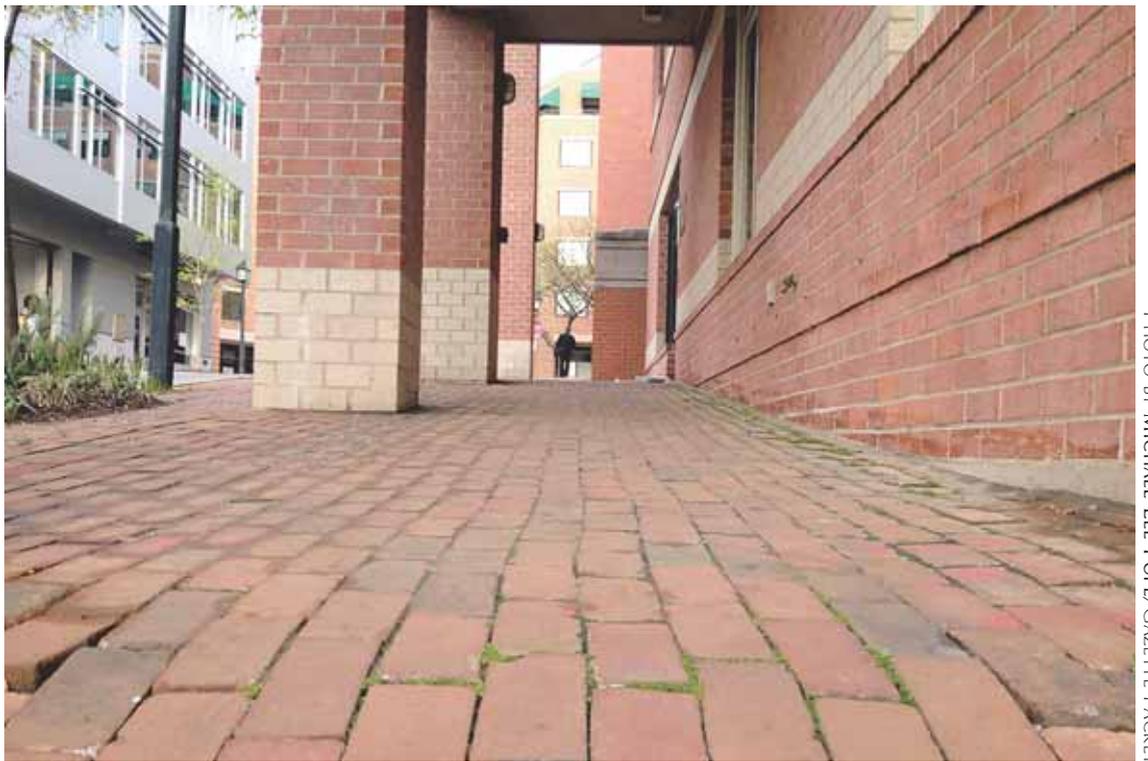


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Many areas outside the historic core have brick sidewalks, and current plans call for new brick sidewalks in Eisenhower Valley and near the Braddock Road Metro.

War on Bricks

Coalition asks city to reconsider future of brick sidewalks.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
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They may be charming, but many people say Alexandria's brick sidewalks have become a dangerous burden. Now they are asking City Hall to do something about it.

"I was with my 19-year-old niece here in Old Town yesterday, and she tripped," said former School Board chairwoman Mollie Danforth. "So it isn't just older disabled people who have problems."

Last weekend, Danforth spoke to City Council members in her capacity as a member of the Commission for Persons with Disabilities. Along with members of the Commission on Aging, the coalition is calling on City Council to pave the way for a new policy on brick sidewalks. Together, they are calling for action now, before new brick sidewalks are created along in the Eisenhower Valley and near the Braddock Road Metro.

"Any rough textured surface for sidewalks is an inconvenience at best and a safety hazard at worst," said Bob Eiffert, a member of the Commission on Aging. "They become maintenance nightmares with holes, dips and rises throughout."

OLD TOWN is already full of brick sidewalks in the historic district, a feature dating back to the earliest days of the city as a colonial seaport. Nobody is asking for all those historic bricks to be removed. For members of the coalition, the concern is future development. The East Eisenhower Small Area plan calls for several new brick sidewalks, for example. And the Braddock Small Area plan calls for new brick sidewalks leading to the Metro station.

"I don't know what the answer is because brick is a big part of Old Town," said Vice Mayor Allison Silberberg. "But we should discuss it."

The issue has been gaining momentum for years,

and recent projects have included a discussion of the issue. When council members considered a development special-use permit for a new hotel at the intersection of Prince Street and Daingerfield Street, for example, council members called for a concrete sidewalk with decorative brick banding at the edges.

"We are pursuing that in every area we can," said Councilman Paul Smedberg. "But we need to consider codifying it."

DANFORTH CALLED on City Council members to adopt a policy similar to one in Boston, which calls for a moratorium on new brick sidewalks. The Bean Town policy says existing concrete paving cannot be replaced with brick, although brick outside a minimum five-foot-wide concrete travel path is allowed. Although existing brick sidewalks can be repaired, old pavers must be replaced with wire-cut brick.

"I know I had an exciting walk from the back of City Hall to the front this morning over the rough brick," said Danforth, who suffered a stroke several years ago. "I would love to be able to get around better, especially in the winter."

Danforth pointed out that the Americans with Disabilities Act requires Alexandria sidewalks to have a five-foot wide continuous smooth surface for walkers — a requirement that many sidewalks will probably never meet. For new construction, though, Danforth says that city leaders should adopt a policy of having decorative brick on the outside of a five-foot wide smooth surface.

"You can count on me to help you as we proceed with this," said Councilwoman Del Pepper, who is known for her preference for brick architecture.

CITY OFFICIALS say they will look into the issue and prepare a memorandum for City Council members, who may end up considering the issue as a docket item or taking up the matter in a work session. That means future brick sidewalks may be dismantled before the mortar is mixed.

"There are ways that I think we can address the aesthetics and balance the form and function issues," said Rich Baier, director of the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services.

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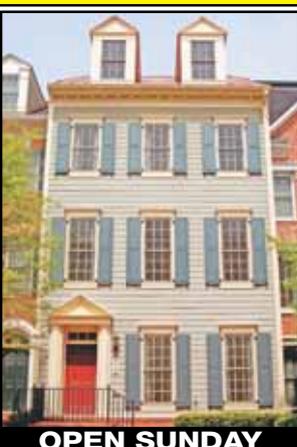


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April 19-26 at the Alexandria Police Department (3600 Wheeler Ave.)

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ACT for Alexandria kicked off the third annual Spring2Action 24-hour online giving initiative April 17 at 12:01 a.m. Police Chief Earl Cook joined ACT Executive Director John Porter, “Mango” Mike Anderson, Dennis Belmont and Capt. Len Fouch in checking out the online leaderboard at Pork Barrel BBQ restaurant. Bill Blackburn and Alexandria Police



Foundation Executive Director Ginny Obranovich joined them for a photo outside Holy Cow restaurant after selecting the APF as their charity of choice while dining at the Del Ray restaurants. With 7 hours still remaining, 96 nonprofits had raised more than \$400,000.



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Alexandria City Public Schools, in conjunction with the American Red Cross, held a community blood drive in honor of wounded Alexandria police officer Peter Laboy at Lyles-Crouch Traditional Academy on Wednesday, April 3.



From left: Christina Bohringer, Elizabeth Moore, Melakub Besetegn and Brand Rodenberg participate in the April 3 blood drive.

Giving Blood

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Caty Poulin, Robert Poulin and Candy McGinnis volunteer at the blood drive.



Makayla McGinnis, a blood drive volunteer in fourth grade, serves snacks to Christina Bohringer (left) and Tammy Ignacio at Lyles-Crouch Traditional Academy.

The Lyin' Tamer

ACVA hosts body language expert.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

More than 90 people enjoyed a morning of motivation, education and comedy from best-selling author and NBC Today Show body language expert Janine Driver at the 5th annual Breakfast and Blossoms event March 27 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Old Town.

"The hardest liars to catch are people in power," said Driver, an Alexandria resident and founder of The Body Lan-

guage Institute. "Also, people who have worked with us for many years are more likely to succeed in deceiving us."

Driver, a lie-detection expert for the FBI, CIA and ATF, gave a lively and interactive talk at the event for meeting planners hosted by the Alexandria Convention and Visitors Association.

"Everyday liars focus on the consequences," said Driver. "Powerful liars focus on the rewards."

The event was designed to introduce event planners to meeting facilities available in Alexandria and the services available through the ACVA. Corporate Social Responsibility expert Jane Hess Collins of Get Out and Give Back was on hand to discuss ways that community engagement can be integrated into a corporate event.



Body language and lie detection expert Janine Driver addresses a group of meeting planners at the ACVA Breakfast and Blossoms event March 27 at the Embassy Suites in Old Town.

Driver used video clips from newsmakers such as Tiger Woods, Anthony Weiner and Lance Armstrong in a humorous presentation that was both informative and educational. "What a great speaker," said Jerome

Bryce of the Del Ray-based Association for Government Accounts. "What Janine said was very practical and something you can use every day, not just in your job."

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West End Rezoned

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ridor.

“We have listened to the community and to developers,” said Mayor Bill Euille. “We have worked hard to ensure that, through this rezoning, our long-term vision for Beauregard includes affordable housing, infrastructure improvements, a strengthened transportation system, and a public/private partnership that will provide resources so these enhancements can be realized.”

THE ZONING PLAN now before City Council members includes \$167 million for affordable housing, a feature that supporters say makes the Beauregard plan a historic addition to the supply of dedicated units in the region. About \$52 million of that will come from developer contributions, with the rest coming from tax-increment funding. Planning Commission members said that if they failed to approve the deal, those units would not be available and market forces would displace residents.

“It’s kind up upsetting,” said Hazam Khammash, whose family came from Jordan 15 years ago. “My mom works really hard and, you know, she has to work harder.”

Many residents who live in the apartments now say the promise of 800 units in the future is small consolation for people who live in 2,500 units today. They worry that they might not be one of the lucky few who gets selected to live in the units, which will be a fraction of the market-rate affordable housing units there today. Many residents say the stress of an uncertain future lingers over their days, a phenomenon that

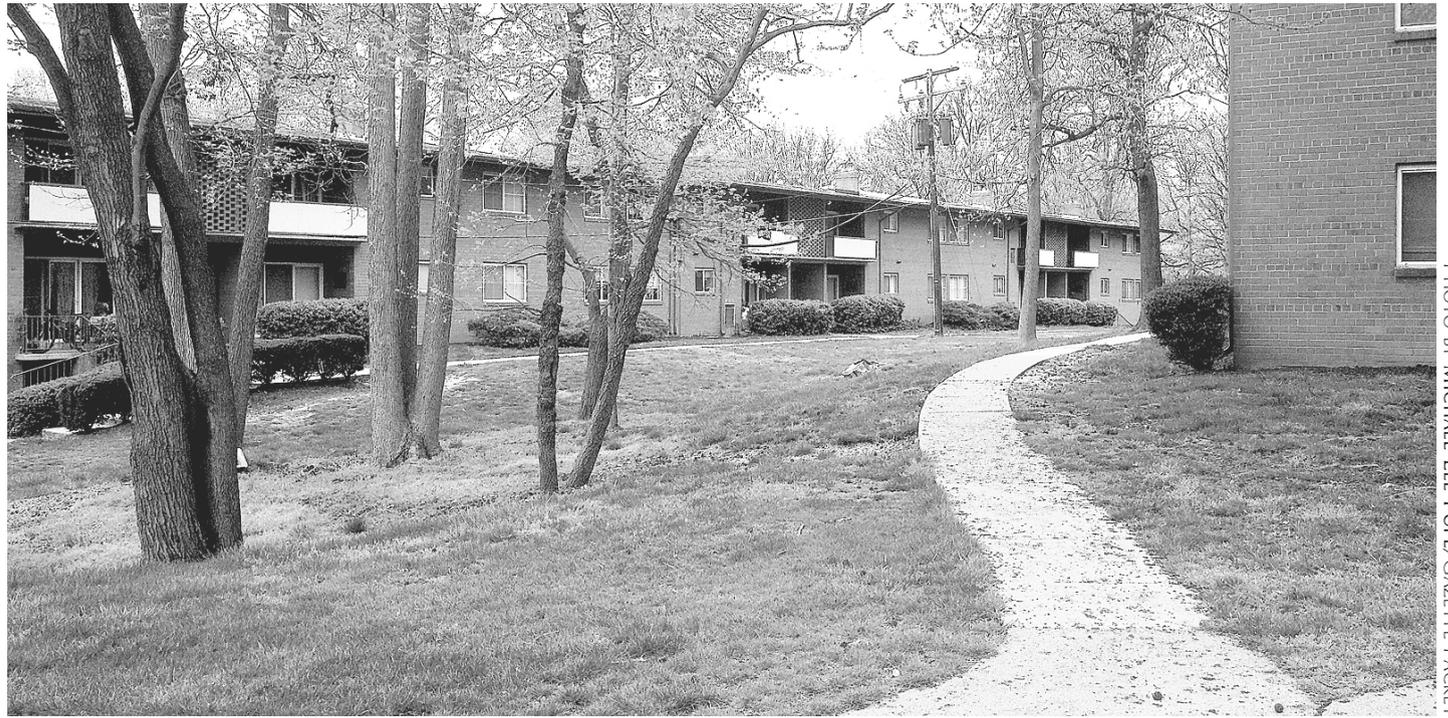


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The low-slung garden apartments on the West End of Alexandria are in the path of destruction approved by Alexandria City Council members last weekend.

has become even more pitched now that council members have approved the rezoning.

“It’s like a disaster,” said Heber Banegas, whose family came here from Honduras. “Many families don’t know where to go. This is their home.”

THE REZONING requires developer contributions for affordable housing, a new fire station, transit and open space. About \$160 million will be directly contributed by developers, and \$66 million will be used to pay for the affordable housing. Nevertheless, current residents say they feel betrayed.

“We clean the offices, drive the taxis, cook the food in Old Town restaurants, and care for the elderly,” said tenant leader Hector Pineda. “We want to enjoy the benefits

of redevelopment. Instead, they’re destroying our community and pushing working families out of the city.”

The plan approved by council members last weekend also includes \$52 million for transit and road improvements, \$10 million to construct a fire station and \$12 million for recreation and other public amenities. City officials say the redevelopment will take over three decades, a long-term plan that includes a new town center and a transit corridor. Developers expect to break ground in 2014, when the first phase of demolition and construction will begin.

“There will be many, many apartments that remain in place over time,” said Kathy Puskar, a land-use attorney who represents the developers interested in redeveloping the properties. “So the first phase is not tearing down all 2,500 units.”

COUNCIL MEMBERS praised the plan as an unprecedented addition to the stock of dedicated affordable housing units in the city. Many warned that if elected officials took no action, developers could move forward with a plan that included no contribution to affordable housing. Although tenant groups have been calling for 2,500 units of dedicated affordable housing to replace the current units, Councilman Justin Wilson pointed out that only 40 percent of the units qualify as affordable housing the way the city crunches the numbers. By that logic, the city is actually delivering one-for-one replacement of affordable housing.

“We are not moving the goal posts,” said Wilson. “We have always had a common definition of affordable, and that’s never changed.”

Mayors for Meals

Hundreds of volunteers help keep seniors fed.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

Mayor Bill Euille joined other mayors and elected officials across the nation in delivering meals to homebound seniors March 21 as part of the Mayors for Meals, a component of the March for Meals Campaign of the Meals on Wheels Association of America and Senior Services of Alexandria.

“For the cost of a single day in the hospital, Meals on Wheels can feed an individual for a year,” said Ellie Hollander, president and CEO of the Alexandria-based Meals on Wheels Association of America.

With SSA board president Greg Murphy serving as their driver, Hollander joined Euille and Murphy’s 11-year-old daughter Anna in delivering meals in the Taylor Run and South Old Town areas of the city.



Mayor Bill Euille, center, is joined by Anna Murphy, 11, and Meals On Wheels of America president Ellie Hollander in delivering meals to homebound seniors March 21 as part of the Mayors for Meals campaign.



Douglas MacArthur fifth-grader Anna Murphy, 11, prepares to help Mayor Bill Euille deliver meals to homebound seniors.



SSA president Greg Murphy unpacks a meal.

In addition to delivering meals, volunteers delivered socks and “Happy Spring” greeting cards to seniors. The socks were donated by the Lincoln Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, and the greeting cards were hand-made by students from Mount Vernon Elementary School.

“In Alexandria, Meals on Wheels delivers to an average of 85 seniors each day, seven days a week,” said SSA executive director Janet Barnett, who noted that a pool of more than 200 individuals rotate as volunteers for the program.

Meals for the program are prepared at The Hermitage senior living facility and are available for both fee-subsidized and self-pay clients.

“I’m glad my dad let me help deliver meals today,” Anna Murphy said. “It’s been fun meeting everyone and visiting with them when we drop off the meals. Everyone is so grateful and I can see for myself what a great program Meals on Wheels is.”

For more information on Alexandria’s Meals on Wheels program or to volunteer, visit www.seniorservicesalex.org.

'Castle' To Give Way to Playscape Highlighting Nature

Beverley Hills Church Preschool playground being transformed.

BY ASHLEY CLAIRE SIMPSON
GAZETTE PACKET

After being on hold for more than four years, the renovation and revitalization of Alexandria's Beverley Hills

Church Preschool playground is officially underway. On Wednesday, April 17, the playground fundraising committee is participating in Act for Alexandria's Spring2ACTion, a day devoted to online advertising and fundraising for non-profit organizations in the city of Alexandria, according to the preschool's former director Sissy Walker.

Walker said the goal of the preschool is to align the playground design with the academic outlook of the school.

"We want children to encounter nature first hand," said Walker, who is now the alumni outreach coordinator. "This is a cooperative preschool, with parents working on committees. It is very all hands on deck. The school has a very progressive educational philosophy, with an emphasis on creativity and problem solving."

Originally slated as a project to begin in 2008, the preschool's parents, staff and board of directors halted fundraising as the "economy tanked," according to Walker.

According to members of the preschool community, the church playground has played a significant role in the community for decades.

"Since the church was built in 1938, the outdoor space was always somewhere that people could go and play with their kids," Walker said. "It is private property, which the church very generously shares with the community when there aren't programs [like preschool] going on. It was always just a space for children to play very vigorously, a place for families to gather."

EVEN BEFORE the first wooden playground structures were built in 1984, Walker said the property was unique and special in the community.

"The property owned by church is a wooded hillside, which you don't find in Alexandria," Walker said. "There are lots of mature shade trees and lots of green space, so it is a bit of an oasis."

It was in the 1980s that planning for the actual playground began. Walker said parents of the Beverley Hills Church preschoolers wanted to take advantage of the picturesque setting and build a playground according to what was then considered a natural design.

"Back when I was a parent at the preschool, which would have been in the 1980s, the parents of the preschool wanted to really create a natural playground space



From the early days ...



... to the Castle construction in 1984.

with lots of wooden structures," Walker said. "That is what was created back in 1984 with a company called Robert Leathers Company."

She added that it was a true community built and kept playground with parent and community volunteers. Members of the community lovingly referred to this wooden playground as "the Castle."

She said that between the board of directors and committees of involved parents and alumni, "the Castle was a huge collaborative effort."

Unfortunately, though, as Walker said, the wooden structures were not going to last forever. The board and preschool parents acknowledged that the oasis needed a rebuild by the later 2000s.

"A R O U N D 2006, we started to be more thoughtful about what was it going to be — what we were going to replace the wooden structures with," Walker said. "It was just eventually going to fall down."

At the same time, she said a back-to-nature movement of sorts was happening in the education field.

"There was a lot of conversation in educational fields about children's disconnect from nature," Walker said. "We really began to want to have a more dynamic and naturalized space."

The planning went hand in hand with the notion that "outdoor time is just as important as indoor time," according to Walker. In 2008, they were even able to select The National Playground Company as the official designer.

Walker said the financial crisis of 2008 stopped all the fundraising in its tracks.

"We had committed to fundraising with alumni, but then everything went south," Walker said. "It was not the right time. Everyone felt this way, so the project was just tabled."

In the years since this decision to delay

building, Walker said none of the initial playground pieces had been demolished.

"A few things were removed over the years, but the basic, big structure in the middle has been there forever," she added.

Kelly Organek, the Beverley Hills Church Preschool director that followed Walker, was responsible for "bringing the project back to the fore," according to Walker.

Organek, the preschool director from 2008-2012, said the playground planning committee began meeting again at the beginning of 2011 after the economy began

to stabilize and both church members and preschool families were comfortable with planning for a new playground on the property.

"The playground planning committee began meeting at the beginning of 2011," Organek said. "It took a couple years for the economy to shift and for [the preschool admin-

istrators and parents] to make sure they had the resources."

She said that while some members of the community have grown attached to the older playground structures, redoing its design is a necessary change for the preschool and for the surrounding community.

"The current playground is symbolic for people," Organek said, "but this is a change that matches the educational philosophy of the school — that the learning that goes on outside reflects what goes on inside the classroom. Inquiry followed by explanations is supported by this type of playground."

Beverley Hills Church Preschool parent Melissa Miller said her children will always have great memories of the Castle, but that a newer and safer "play scape" is crucial for the students as well as for the community.

"I am very excited," Miller said. "The Castle has provided so many incredible memories for our children, but I know the new playscape will be such a unique playground for our community. I have been to

other parts of [Northern Virginia] with the natural playscapes, and I just feel that for us to bring one not only to the church and school, but to the community, it will provide a lot of excitement and memories that people will have for a lifetime."

Miller added that she is proud to send her children to such a special preschool, and that the new playground will complement the preschool's Reggio approach, which encourages exploration and discovery in early education.

THE NEW PLAYGROUND, Organek said, will most certainly be very different from modern day playgrounds.

"There will be much fewer static structures. Most modern day playgrounds have some kind of structure at a focal point," she said. "In nature, it is natural elements that make up [a setting,] not one central, static focal point. The new playground will have several elements that inspire children to move, discover, explore."

She said another crucial characteristic of the new playground is that it will be captivating to much wider age range of children.

"Children of all ages can use it," Organek said. "It is not something that will bore a 12 year old because the equipment is too small. But it will also be accessible for an 18 month old. Nature has no age parameters and neither will this playscape."

Both Organek and Walker said the playground will be unique to Alexandria and it will benefit the community for years to come.

"I think that what makes the excitement is that there isn't any other place like this in Alexandria," Organek said. "The preschool community is able to build it and provide it for the community [at large]. Even as kids grow older they can continue to enjoy it."

Walker added that it will be a very important play place for children in Alexandria who would not otherwise have easy access to a great play-learning environment.

Walker said that while parents, teachers and board members have been fundraising within the alumni network, they still need to and believe they will fundraise between 15 and 20 thousand more dollars.

"A lot of people are gung ho because it is the only natural place for young children," Walker said.

Both Walker and Organek said the preschool is still working with Natural Playground Company to have the new playground functional by the last quarter of 2013. "We had hoped to build in August, but this might be optimistic with the zoning process," Walker said. "It will be sometime in September or October, they think."

She added that working with the city to get the right permits and contracts is a lengthy process, but the result will be well worth it.

"If this is not a destination playground, then I don't know what is," Walker said. "There are no bells and whistles — it is all nature."

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Protect The Park

To the Editor:
Despite a recent proposal by the city to the contrary, Founders Park should not be used for private events.

Anybody who visits Founders Park knows how much the park is enjoyed by families from many backgrounds. It is the type of public facility that we hope all of the waterfront will become.

It will be truly unfortunate if private parties are able to deprive these families the opportunity to enjoy Founders Park.

Moreover, a significant portion of the northern half of Founders Park is already used for a dog park, making it both uninviting for the general public, and unsuitable for young families.

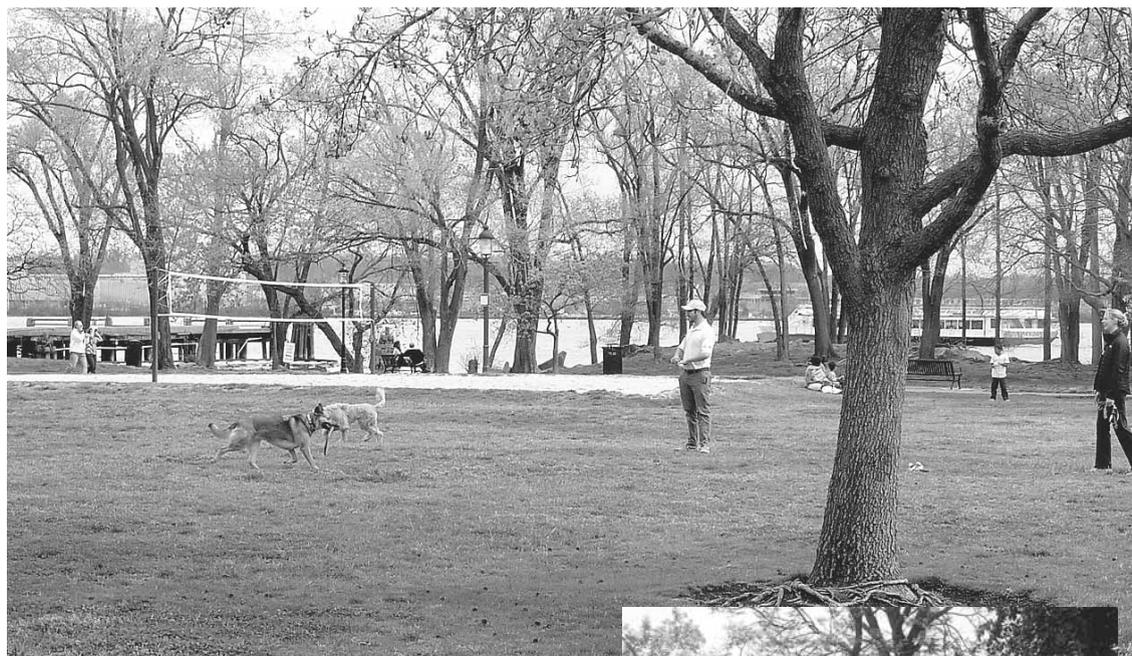
The public should not be further denied enjoyment of the park by permitting private events to occupy the southern half of the park.

Howard Bergman
Alexandria

Silence Means Approval

To the Editor:
It has come to my attention that the city has approached the Founders Park Community Association for approval to use Founders Park for large and small events, public, commercial and private. Please contact the Founders Park Board and City Council to let them know your feelings about such use of Founders Park.

Jim Walker
Alexandria



Founders Park

I am very opposed to the idea. Founders Park is a beautiful open space that is used by families and individuals for the activities and enjoyment commonly associated with such beautiful open spaces. Allowing Founders Park to be closed for the preparation, execution and damage repair of such events is directly counter to the intention of the original purposes the park was intended for. It will, among other things, increase the parking issues in the neighborhood and make the personal uses (strolling, picnics, Frisbee throwing, dog walking) of the park more difficult.

I urge everyone to take a strong stand against such uses of the park by the city.

Protect Founders Park. Do not be silent! Your silence will show acquiescence and approval.

Being Forced Out

To the Editor:
Are we good enough to work in Alexandria, but

not good enough to live here?

My wife and I clean homes in Alexandria. My neighbor Berhanu drives a taxi. Carlos cooks meals and Alejandro washes dishes in Old Town. My friend Margaret cares for seniors in a retirement home, while Ameena serves children in our school cafeteria.

We pay taxes. We help make Alexandria a great city.

We're raising our families in Alexandria's Beaugard neighborhood. It's one of the only places we can afford to make a home.

Now we're being forced out of Alexandria.

Mayor Euille and council members Chapman, Lovain, Pepper, Smedberg, and Wilson voted to allow JBG and other developers to demolish our homes and the homes of 2,500 other families.

Will they ask developers to save homes for more than one-third of our families? Will they invest in making sure those homes are all available sooner than 21 years?

We hope Mr. Euille and his colleagues will join Vice Mayor Silberberg in working to ensure that all families in our community can enjoy the benefits of the Beaugard redevelopment.

Hector Pineda
Alexandria

Explain 'Worst'

To the Editor:



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Snapshot

T.C. Williams 11th grader Sarah Conroy flies over the hurdles in a practice run during the Thursday, April 11, soccer game between varsity boys teams from T.C. Williams and Lake Braddock.

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vices and city staff dedicated to critical programs like domestic violence, as well as parks and recreation. These types of programs are needed to ensure our youth have programs and our victims of personal violence are protected.

The erosion of city pay and benefits is forcing employees to retire early or leave the city. This causes the city to lose senior leadership, creativity and institutional knowledge. In addition, Alexandria Police continue to be the lowest paid on our region. City staff continues to take home less money in their paychecks each year due to rising health care costs. If the current proposed budget passes, most city employees will take home less pay in their paychecks again. This is disgraceful, especially when we ask public safety to put their lives on the line each day.

With all of this doom and gloom, our city manager makes almost \$250,000 a year; more than Congress, county executives and many doctors.

So is this really the worst budget season in years?

Mary Craige
Alexandria

Bloated Bureaucracy

To the Editor:

I am glad to see the Alexandria Gazette Packet finally exposing the bloated and costly bureaucracy in the City of Alexandria public school system. This has been a vexing problem for many years, going back to when the controversial consolidation plan of the three high schools was implemented in 1971.

We've never really recovered from the turbulence of the early 1970s. We also have had a lot of old deadwood in the City of Alexandria's public school system. Some employees have been allowed to hang around for far too long past their prime, if they ever had a prime.

The City of Alexandria public school system needs a thorough housecleaning. An old high school classmate of mine who still lives in Alexandria sends his kids to a private school in the District of Columbia (just as does the President of the United States). He described the City of Alexandria public school system to me as a "train wreck."

Gregory G. Paspatis
T.C. Williams High School
Class of 1978

Where Best To Invest?

To the Editor:

On April 4, the Alexandria Gazette Packet reported that 27 people in the Central Administration of the Alexandria City Public School system — with its student population of just 13,000 — made a total of \$3.6 million, or an average of over \$133,000 each.

Those salaries are a cost, one paid by the city's taxpayers. That being the case, it would be helpful to know what portion of the

school budget those salaries represent. Per-pupil spending in Alexandria has historically been among the highest in the country; the national average in 2010 was just less than \$11,000 compared to Alexandria's \$18,000. To what measure do these salaries contribute to that higher spending?

Costs are generally intended to yield benefits.

How are these administrators measurably contributing, in proportion to the salaries they receive, to improvements in the education of youth in the city — lest it be forgotten, the sole purpose of the school system? As we all know, that system has consistently ranked among the lowest performers region-, state-, and nationwide.

So, high costs and low achievement.

How does the system explain this imbalance? And what are these well-paid out-of-the-classroom bureaucrats doing to redress the situation? Wouldn't our tax dollars be better invested directly in the schools (principals) and in the classrooms (teachers)?

Judy Navarro
Alexandria

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LETTER

Special Treat For Group Home

To the Editor:

On Monday, March 18, our City of Alexandria group home was informed late in the day that we would be undergoing repairs early the next day. The residents and staff would not be allowed in the home while these repairs were being made. As a result, we did not have access to our kitchen on March 19. Because we were notified so late in the day, the counselors could not allocate funds quickly enough to allow our residents to eat out.

I decided to call a few restaurants in Old Town inquiring if they would be interested in treating us to lunch as a gesture of goodwill the following day, March 19. The first restaurants I called had to regrettably say no because of the difficult economic times. My last call was to the Paradiso Pizzeria at 124 King St. I spoke with the manager, Sara Gunter, and communicated our situation to her. Without hesitation, she exclaimed, "We'd love to treat you all to lunch." I explained to her there would be six attendees from the Alexandria group home. She responded, "We'll have a table ready for you, and it will be a pleasure to have your group home here."

This touched my heart just knowing that I had found a loving, compassionate heart willing to reach out a helping hand by treating us to a meal at the last minute.

The following day after touring the Tor-



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Enjoying lunch at Paradiso Pizzeria are Brenda Harris-Strom, senior counselor/supervisor; Kathy McDonald, residential counselor; Bonnie Barringer; Bobby Taylor; Erma Jones and George Pritts.

pedo Factory we headed to the Paradiso Pizzeria (walking distance from the Torpedo Factory). Upon arrival, the seven of us were greeted by the host and were escorted to our reserved table. We ordered our food and beverages, and throughout our meal, the waiter made sure that no glass was ever empty. We were treated like royalty!

You would not believe how much our group home residents love pizza. As much as they love it, they can be quite finicky when it comes to choosing their toppings, but we turned everything over to the waiter to decide what would be best. I became a little nervous when our waiter made the

choice of several pizzas with different toppings hoping to please each of us, but please us, he did. Each pizza began with mouth-watering Paradiso tomato sauce and mozzarella cheese. I wish you could have been there to observe the expressions on our faces as we feasted on the enhancing flavors of sundried tomato, sweet red tomato, sweet red pepper, pesto, and pine nuts, not to mention the succulent flavors of lamb sausage, mortadella, pancetta, pepperoni, prosciutto, salami and sausage. And to top it all off, their taste buds were titillated with the flavors of fontina, Gorgonzola, and pecorino cheeses. Every time a pizza was

consumed, it was immediately replaced with another. As you can probably imagine, there was no room for dessert. We were filled to our heart's content.

Everyone enjoyed a delightful lunch and such a great time dining amidst the lovely ambiance of Old Town. Memories were made that day. Our waiter couldn't have been more attentive and thoughtful as he served us. Several of us in the party are picky eaters. The waiter was so conscientious and could not have been more considerate. Knowing this was a "treat" from Paradiso Pizzeria, our server was not expecting any tip. Yet, this did not hamper his attentive and kindhearted service to us. He did not miss a beat when a glass of soda needed to be refilled. He literally accommodated our every wish before we could even think to ask. We are accustomed to having lunch out at fast food restaurants. I would never have dreamed this lunch would turn into such an unforgettable dining experience.

Following this spectacular lunch we relaxed while we rode the Old Town Trolley. By this time we were able to return to our group home as the repairs had been completed.

Encounters like this don't happen very often, and we are grateful for the generosity bestowed upon us by this wonderful restaurant.

Kathy McDonald
Residential Counselor
City of Alexandria

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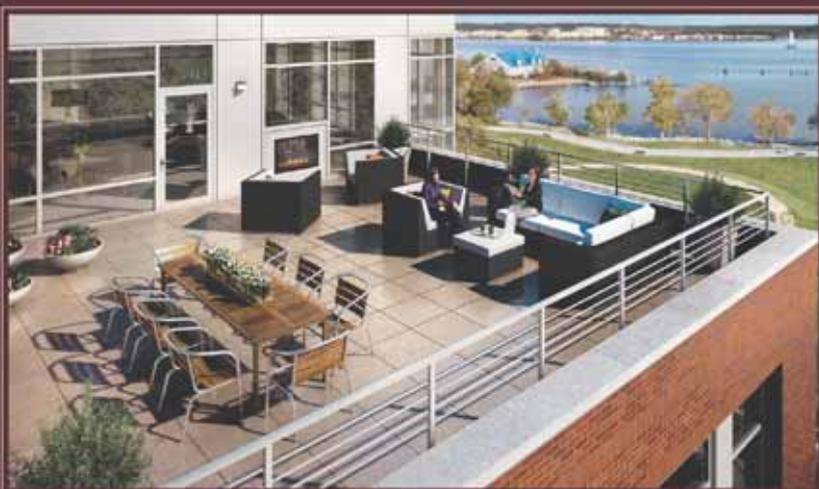
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LETTERS

FROM PAGE 11

DASH Service Hits New Low

To the Editor:
Those of us who use DASH to travel to the Metro as part of our commute downtown are used to the unreliability of the service. On any given day a bus can arrive at a stop three minutes ahead of schedule, or 10 minutes behind. So most of us do our best to plan accordingly, and suffer as we must. On Monday, April 15, however, DASH Service hit a new low, with the bus driver, the telephone operator, and manager each seeking to outdo each other.

Our story begins with yours truly waiting to catch the DASH bus to

the Braddock Road metro. I arrived at the stop four minutes before the bus was scheduled to arrive there.

Twenty minutes later, I called the DASH dispatcher to ask about the status of my no-show bus. After 5 minutes on hold, and having to repeat my inquiry to a second dispatcher, I was told that particular bus had already arrived at the Braddock Road station, which means the bus was at least 5 minute early (the cardinal sin of public transportation). A full 30 minutes after I had initially arrived at the stop, I boarded a DASH bus to begin my commute.

Incensed, I wrote a polite but firm email to DASH complaining about this awful service, and asked that they instruct their bus drivers on route to Braddock Road to maintain their pre-established

schedule, or to hold at a stop if they arrive there five minutes early.

Four full days later as I write this, I have still not received a reply from DASH.

In my job, we are required to respond to every customer inquiry within 24 hours, either with a complete answer or a status update with how long it will take us to complete their request.

I've made an inquiry at my job for a parking pass, as I have no desire to play this game again as the brutally hot and humid Washington summer approaches.

I hope by publishing this letter, we can encourage DASH to begin to address their gross shortcomings.

Joseph Ayoub
Alexandria

NEIGHBORHOOD

Taylor Run

The Taylor Run Citizens' Association (TRCA) will hold its Annual Spring Meeting on Thursday, April 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the Theatre of the George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive.

The featured speakers include: local representatives to the state legislature, Sen. Adam Ebbin and Del.

Charniele Herring; Judy Lo, a representative from the Alexandria Office of Parks and Recreation, who will address several improvements being considered for Angel Park; and Deputy Sheriff Clarke Stearns, who will provide an update concerning crime in the area.

TRCA will also conduct the election of its officers and executive committee for the 2013-2014 year.



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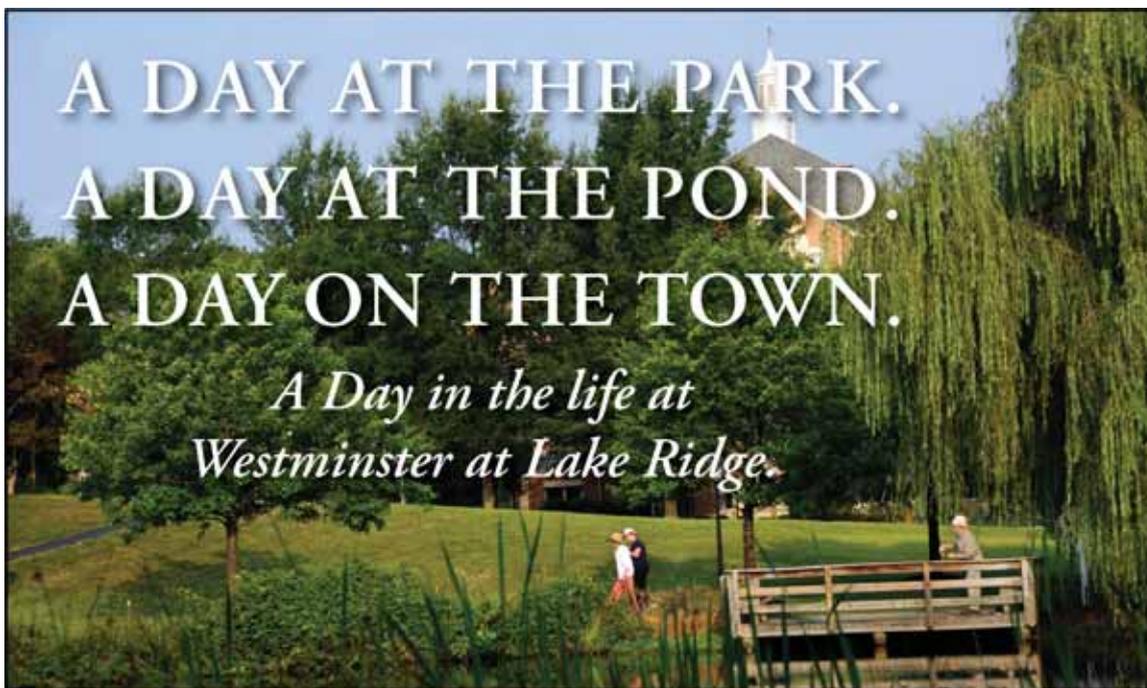


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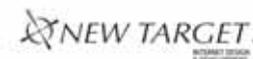


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ENTERTAINMENT



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ONGOING

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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 located in Studio 18 of the Torpedo Factory Art Center at 105 North Union Street. Free Admission. Visit www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com or call 703-548-0935.

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Art Exhibit. Through Sunday, April 28 see "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 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/target for more.

Tavern Toddlers. Mondays, 10:30 a.m.-noon. Mondays through the end of April. Designed for walkers through 36 months and their caregivers. Tavern Toddlers features a weekly open playtime in Gadsby's historic ballroom. Gadsby's Tavern Museum is located at 134 North Royal St. Call 703-746-4242 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

Art Exhibit. See Multiple Exposures Gallery "Dual Show" by Eric Johnson and Susan Meyers through Sunday, May 5. Located in the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Free. Visit www.multipleexposuresgallery.com

or 703-683-2205.

Art Exhibit. Through Monday, May 6, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at the the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Studio 21. Linda Lawler presents "Everyday Gods and Goddesses." Free. Call 703-683-1780 or visit www.theartleague.org.

Art Exhibit. Through May 11. Local artist Nicholaus Aman attempts to express the compelling nature of the Pacific coast through his solo exhibition, "Pacific Pulse," at Alexandria's Artspace 109 Gallery, 109 N. Fairfax St. The gallery hours are: Tuesday through Friday noon-5 p.m., Saturdays 11 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sundays noon-5 p.m.

Art Exhibit. Through Sunday, May 26, 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.

Walking Tour. Saturdays in May, 9 a.m., take a three-hour walking tour of Lee-Fendall House, Gadsby's Tavern museum, Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum and Carlyle House. Meets at Lee-Fendall House, 614 Oronoco St., and ends at Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St. \$25/person; \$20/volunteers and friends group members of the four sites. Tickets at www.historicalalexandria.org or 703-746-4242.

Art Exhibit. Through Tuesday, June 25, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at River Farm Gardens, East Blvd. Come see "Elegance of Spring."

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

Occupied City: Life in Civil War Alexandria Exhibition. At The Lyceum, Alexandria's History

Museum, 201 South Washington Street. Open daily through September, this exhibit traces life in Alexandria following Virginia's decision to secede from the Union in May 1861. The Lyceum is open Monday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, from 1-5 p.m. Suggested admission is \$2. Visit www.alexandriahistory.org or call 703-746-4994.

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.

THURSDAY/APRIL 18

Music. Joe Pug will play at Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Hall. Visit 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 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.

Music Performance. Fusebox performs at Old Town Theater, 815 W King St. Visit 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 "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 10 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.

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Get Crafty

Del Ray Artisans' Craft Night Social provides uninterrupted time to work on a project in progress or start a new one. It is also an opportunity to get to know other creative individuals. The first Craft Night Social is Tuesday, April 23 from 5-9 p.m. The evening is open to all who knit, crochet, sew, scrapbook, make cards or jewelry, or any other fiber, paper or general craft that does not involve wet media other than glue. Each crafter will receive 2-3 feet of table space. Each four-hour session is \$8 for Del Ray Artisans members and \$10 for non-members. Space is limited; register at www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/craft. For questions about Craft Night Social, contact Lisa at artenuestra@yahoo.com.

Additional Craft Night Socials are planned for June 25, Aug. 27 and Oct. 22. All Craft Night Socials will be held at Del Ray Artisans gallery at the Nicholas A. Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/craft.

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Student Design Competition. Come see Woodlawn transformed from a historic house museum into a comfortable and stylish home for 21st century living. \$20. Call 703-780-4000.

SATURDAY/APRIL 20

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

Native Plants for the Spring Garden. 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Stroll through the gardens at Green Spring with curatorial horticulturalist Brenda Skarphol and discover beautiful native plants with spring interest for both shady and sunny sites. \$18. Visit www.greenspring.org or call 703-642-5173.

Math for Gardeners. 10-11:30 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Green Spring Gardens' manager Mary Olien takes the pain out of garden calculations by sharing her garden math secrets. Bring calculator, tape measure and ruler. \$18. Visit www.greenspring.org or call 703-642-5173.

Gettysburg Tour. Tour starts at 8 a.m. Learn about the battle of Gettysburg and visit the historical sites. Start the day with coffee and donuts at the Franconia Museum, 6121 Franconia Road. \$100 per person. Includes Bus Ride, Buffet Lunch (including gratuity) and a Snack Card to spend on the way home, as well as all entrance fees. Contact Don Hakenson

at 703-971-4984 or dhakenson@cox.net, Carl Sell at 703-971-4716 or sellcarl@aol.com, or Ben Trittipoe at 703-530-0829 or bttrippoe@verizon.net.

Spring Garden Market. 9 a.m.-4 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.

Annual City-wide Cheerleading Competition. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at T.C. Williams High School. Admission fees apply.

80th Annual Historic Garden Tour of Alexandria. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. This Alexandria tradition offers the rare opportunity to be invited into some of Old Town's finest private homes and gardens. Many of the area's historic sites offer special activities, including Carlyle House's annual herb sale. Visit www.vagardenweek.org or www.visitalexandriava.com.

Spring into Books. 10 a.m.-5:30 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.

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Raptor Rapture. 10 a.m.-noon Belle Haven picnic area. Celebrate Earth Day and learn about birds of prey. Free. Visit www.fodm.org or call 703-289-2500.

Saturday Stories. 11 a.m. at Beatley

Library, 5005 Duke St. All ages can enjoy stories and songs. Free. 703-746-1702.

Antique Books Roadshow. Noon at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Rare book expert Allan Stypek from Second Story Books will help determine the value of prized volumes. Free. 703-746-1702.

Pet Portrait Day. 1 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Reserve a portrait session for your pet. Make reservations at the Information Desk. \$10 sitting fee required at sign-up and will benefit the library. Visit www.lilpalsva.com for more.

Alexandria Earth Day 2013. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Ben Brenman Park, 4800 Brenman Park Drive. Browse exhibits, watch demonstrations, children can take part in activities and more. Free. Visit <http://alexearthday.org> for more.

Concert. 7:30 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 8009 Fort Hunt Rd. Come see the Virginia Bronze handbell ensemble in concert. \$20/\$15 seniors/\$10 students and teachers. Call 703-765-4342.

Theater Performance. 8 p.m. at Port City Playhouse, 1819 N. Quaker Lane. 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 10 or more.

Benefit. 3-6 p.m. at Bugsy's Pizza Restaurant and Sport Bar, 111 King St. Enjoy a silent auction and more. Proceeds benefit the St. Baldrick's Foundation, a volunteer-driven charity dedication to raising money

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PHOTO BY ARNE HOEL

Anne Hills

Focus Music presents folk singer/songwriter Anne Hills, with special guest Jesse Palidofsky, Sunday, April 21, 7 p.m. at Church of the Resurrection, 2280 N. Beaugard St., Alexandria. Tickets are \$18 general, \$15 in advance at FocusMusic.org. Info: 703-380-3151 or herb@focusmusic.org. Focus Alexandria, a volunteer-run local nonprofit, presents monthly folk and acoustic music shows, usually on the third Sunday night of the month. Next, on May 19, is singer/humorist Don White.

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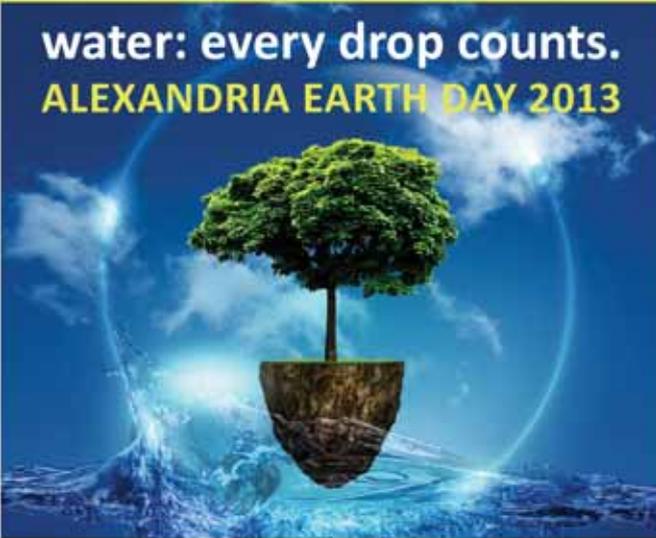
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Performance. 8 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St. The Alexandria Symphony Orchestra performs with Elizabeth Pitcairn. \$40/adult; \$35/senior; \$15/student; \$5/youth. Purchase online at www.alexsym.org or 703-548-0885.
Snapshot Day. Tweet comments and photos about appreciation for Alexandria libraries to @alexlibraryva or visit Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St., and speak to staff about what the library means to you.

SUNDAY/APRIL 21
5k Walk. 4:30 p.m. at Fairfax Corner. Enjoy a resource fair, live music and more. Hosted by the Victims Services Section of the Fairfax County Police Department and the Fairfax County Law Enforcement Foundation. Register at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/survey/crimevictimsrights.htm.
Spring into Books. 10 a.m.-4:30 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.
Concert. 3 p.m. at the George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive. David Teie conducts the Eclipse Chamber Orchestra in a performance of Mozart's Posthorn Serenade. In addition, Joel Fuller and Mahoko Eguchi perform Mozart's Sinfonia Concertante. \$25/general admission, \$20/seniors, students are free. Call 703-635-2770 or visit eclipseco.org.
Open House. Noon-6 p.m. Ten Thousand Villages, 915 King St. Brides- and grooms-to-be can learn how to make their wedding everything they dreamed, in a local, eco-friendly and fair trade way, at the Fair Trade Wedding Open House. Free. Call 703-684-1435.
Concert. 7 p.m. Church of the Resurrection, 2280 N. Beauregard St. Singer Anne Hills performs with special guest Jesse Palidofsky. Tickets are \$18 general, \$15 in advance at FocusMusic.org. For more information, call 703-380-3151 or go to herb@focusmusic.org.
Performance. 3 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St. The Alexandria Symphony Orchestra performs with Elizabeth Pitcairn. \$40/adult; \$35/senior; \$15/student; \$5/youth. Purchase online at www.alexsym.org or 703-548-0885.

SUNDAY-MONDAY/APRIL 21-22
Gardening Sale. Spring blooms are in the air at The Attic, 125 S. Union St. Stop by for truckloads of plants and spring bulbs to get you in the green thumb mood. There will also be an Earth Day book signing, pick-a-flower prize discounts at checkout and flower craft making for kids. Visit www.christmasattic.com.

MONDAY/APRIL 22
Music. Leo Kottke performs at 7:30 in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. \$35. Visit www.birchmere.com or 703-549-7500.
German Story Time. 10 a.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children up to age 5 can enjoy stories in Spanish. Free. 703-46-1705.
Little One-Ders. 10:30 a.m. at Beatley
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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.

Animal Shelter Visit. 3:30 p.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children in ages K-5 can learn about animals, their habits, care and training. Animals usually come along for a visit. 703-746-1705.

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 23

Craft Night Social. 5-9 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans. Bring unfinished projects that are in progress and be social with other creative individuals. \$8 DRA members / \$10 non-members. Register: www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/craft.

Music Performance. The Milk Carton Kids will perform at Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Hall. Visit www.birchmere.com or 703-549-7500 for tickets.

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.

Matinee Series. 4 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Watch a hit film. Free. 703-746-

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Paws to Read. 5:30 p.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children in grades 1-6 can read to friendly dogs. Registration required, 703-746-1705.

Game Night. 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 8-12 can play with their friends. Free. 703-746-1702.

Art Exhibit. See "Ode to Hundertwasser" at Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery in Studio 18 at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. See works from local artists inspired by paintings by Austrian painter Hundertwasser. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.com for more.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 24

Mother Goose Time. 10:15 a.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Children ages 12-24 months can enjoy games, rhymes and more. 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 age 2 and up can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1703.

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.

Spanish Story Time. 1 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. All abilities and all levels can join in for stories. Free. 703-746-1702.

Author Series. 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Free. Local author and historian George

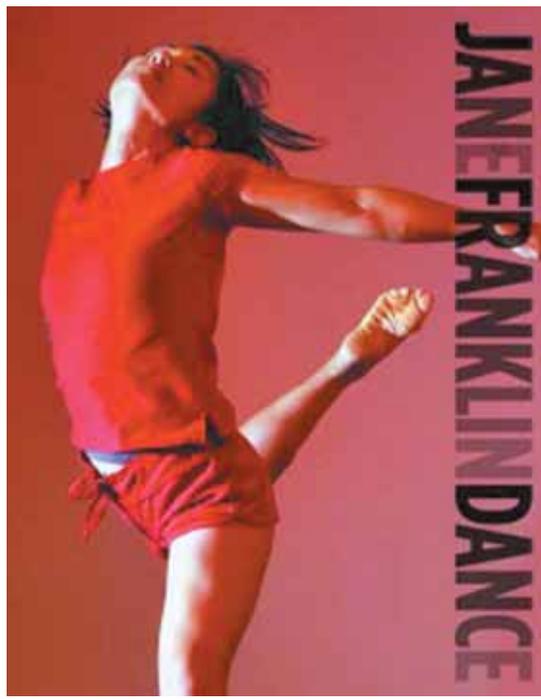
Gawalt will discuss his book "George Mason and George Washington: The Power Principle." 703-746-1743.

Lego Family Night. 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. The whole family can enjoy an evening of creative play. Free. 703-746-1702.

APRIL 24 THROUGH MAY 10
Chance to Win. Visit nvfaa.org for information on how you can enter a drawing to win a four-hour Friday or Sunday rental of the Athenaeum, a \$1,000 to \$1,400 value.

THURSDAY/APR. 25
Art Focus Group. 7:30-9 p.m. Making Mosaics - The Math and Art of Mosaic Making. 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-

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Green Fits Menthol

The Friends of Torpedo Factory Art Center present Jane Franklin Dance on May 2, 7:30 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N Union St. The event begins in the brick area behind the Factory leading from King Street to the boardwalk, then continues inside on the ground floor level. Outdoors, the company performs "Take A Deep Breath" with music by local composer William Wytold Lebing. Inside, "Vivid Sense of Place," music by Steven Rogers, features six dancers in a work inspired by the distant landscapes of painter Freya Grand. In "Green Fits Menthol" solo dances confined to colored strips the length of the ground floor level, test associations and attractions within a specific color. Admission is free, donation is suggested. Call 703-933-1111

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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.

Blockbuster Thursday. 6:30 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Watch a movie. Free. Call 703-746-1702 or visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us.

World Short Story Discussion. 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Free. Call for title. 703-746-1779.

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

Poetry Reading. 6:30 p.m. at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. The culminating event in Alexandria's National Poetry Month activities, Mapping Alexandria in Poems and Pictures features readings of poems about Alexandria with Poet Laureate Amy Young. Free.

APRIL 25 THROUGH JUNE 2

Theater Performance. MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal St., presents "Ghost-Writer." Performances are Thursday and Friday at 8 p.m.; Saturday at 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$45-\$55; \$25/student. Visit www.metrostage.org or 703-548-9044 for tickets.

FRIDAY/APR. 26

Junior Brown. \$25. The Birchmere Music Hall is located at 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Call 703-549-7500 or

visit www.birchmere.com.

Basic Gardening: Easy Makeover Tips. 1:30-2:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. This 'Do-over' class will help determine your needs to create a garden that matches personal style. \$10. Visit www.greenspring.org or call 703-642-5173 to register.

Ballet Performance. 6:30 p.m. Come see the Virginia Ballet Company's working stage rehearsal of the Don Quixote ballet at the Ernst Community Cultural Center Theater, 8333 Little River Turnpike. Tickets are \$10 plus a \$2 fee per each ticket. Visit www.virginiaballetcompany.org or call 703-249-8227.

Theater Performance. 8 p.m. at Port City Playhouse, 1819 N. Quaker Lane. 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 10 or more.

Poetry Performance. 7 p.m. at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Shelly Bell performs slam poetry. Free.

Theater Performance. 7 p.m. at The Mount Vernon Theater. Watch "The Wiz." \$12/adult; \$10/student, senior. Reservations can be made at 703-619-3259.

SATURDAY/APRIL 27

Colonial Fun Day. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Plymouth Haven Baptist Church, 8600 Plymouth Church. Enjoy a pie baking contest, games, food, pony rides, raffle and more. Proceeds benefit the preschool. Free. 703-360-4370.

Workshop: Container Garden for Shade. 9:30-11 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Add beautiful color and texture to a shady garden, patio or porch with a container that thrives in the shade. \$35 per person plus \$25 for supplies. Call 703-642-5173 to register and pay fee.

Ballet Performance. Performances at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Come see the Virginia Ballet Company perform the full-length Don Quixote Ballet at the Ernst Community Cultural Center Theater, 8333 Little River Turnpike. Adults/\$30; children, students and seniors/\$20; plus a \$3 fee per each ticket. Visit www.virginiaballetcompany.org or call 703-249-8227.

Community-wide Yard Sale. 8 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Mount Zephyr community of Mount Vernon (from Richmond Highway/Route 1 turn on Mohawk Lane at the traffic light at the South County Government Center, then turn right — at the second street — on to Richmond Avenue). Free. E-mail Ron Walker at pres.otterdad@hotmail.com or call 703-360-0651.

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Alexandria Police Chief Earl Cook talks to the guests at the family day event.



Maddie takes a turn with the remote control for a mobile surveillance device.



Alexandria Police Motorman J.E. Rumph helps Matthew with the riders helmet.

Sharing in Family Day At Police Headquarters

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Alexandria Police Sergeant Jim Craige shows Liam how to work the remote control.



Sergeant Jim Craige watches as Maddie and her mother Kay Lynne operate the remote control for a mobile surveillance device.



Zachary Grossman joins friends inside the SWAT armored vehicle at police headquarters.



Shoes for Those in Need

Over the past several months The Little Gym of Alexandria at Van Dorn and Soles4Souls collected more than 8,250 shoes to donate to children in need. The Little Gym franchise owner Chad Mussmon, his family and local community members, packaged, box-up and loaded the truck with the donated shoes. He then delivered the truck filled with shoes to New Jersey, where Soles4Souls leaders were waiting to collect the shoes and distribute the donated shoes across the world to people in need.



Alexandria's Commonwealth Republican Women's Club turned out for the city's Women's Commission's 33rd annual awards banquet March 18. CRWC member Becky Davies' work with the Girl Scouts was recognized with the "Making a Difference" award. Davies joins CRWC members previously recognized for their public service by the Commission for Women: Jane Ring, Julie Lineberry, Becky Davies, Sharon Annear, Fran Redmon, Sandy Calhoun and Alicia Hughes. Above, in photo with former Virginia Gov. Jim Gilmore, are (seated, from left) Davies' daughter Emily Davies Springer, Loree Gunn, Becky Davies and Marie Patti, and (standing, from left) Gail Ledwig, Shari Bolouri, Sarah Shellock and Peg Hoffend. The Commonwealth Republican Women's Club invites residents to join. Visit www.alexandriacrwc.org.

PEOPLE



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Neal Bailey Harper leads SSSAS junior kindergarten students in a session on musical exploration.



Esperonto Bean leads SSSAS second grade students in a session on hip hop dancing.

SSSAS Students Inspired by ARTStravaganza

At the 10th Annual ARTStravaganza on March 21, St. Stephen's & St. Agnes Lower School students experienced a day devoted to the visual and performing arts.

Twenty-one professional artists joined SSSAS teachers and Upper and Middle School students in sharing their passion and knowledge with students in junior kindergarten through fifth grade. The students spent the day attending an array of workshops which gave them hands-on opportunities to learn about percussion

instruments, watercolor, modern and hip hop dance, illustration, printmaking, storytelling, iconography, and much more. Artists, dancers, and musicians came from as far away as New York City to participate.

In addition to hands-on demonstrations and activities, students also had a chance to talk with the artists about their lives, learning how they discovered their passions, the paths they took to become professionals, and about the dedication that goes along with mastering their crafts.



SSSAS junior Anii Chams-Eddine guides a Lower School student on playing the violin.

Banquet Celebrates African American Women

S.T.O.M.P. (Sisters Touching Others thru Mentoring and Prayer) hosted its first awards banquet on March 24, at the Hampton Inn, Alexandria. The event's theme was: "Celebrating African American Women: Honoring Our Elders" and was planned in celebration of Women's History Month and specifically designed to highlight the contributions of African American women to their community.

Dr. Virginia M. Manning and Madam Marci Walker were selected as recipients of the "Nyansapo Award" for their contributions in encouraging, mentoring and developing positive self-esteem in African American women and girls.

Manning is a spiritual/inspirational writer, professor at Maple Springs Bible College and encourager of women who have experienced emotional trauma.

Walker is co-owner of Madam Walker's Braiderly and School in Temple Hills, Md.



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From left: Gloria Rease, S.T.O.M.P. founder and event host; Dr. Virginia M. Manning, award recipient, and Madam Marci Walker, award recipient.

Walker is committed to doing her part to bring awareness to domestic violence as well as, mentoring and teaching in the natural hair industry.

Kumea Shorter-Gooden, Ph.D., chief diversity officer and associate vice president at the University of Maryland, College Park and co-author of "Shifting: The Double Lives

of Black Women in America" delivered the keynote address. Shorter-Gooden told the audience that three essential qualities are needed to make a difference in the world: roots to keep grounded, wings to explore new horizons and navigate to new places, and voice to speak up about issues that affect marginalized and neglected people and communities. Platinum, a local comedienne, was the mistress of ceremony for the evening. Attendees were treated to a jazz performance by Louis Nicholson. The finale was a natural hair show produced by Shanti Walker.

Gloria Rease, the event host and founder of S.T.O.M.P., said that she is hopeful that they were making history that evening. Rease's vision is to have March 24-31 set aside as African American Women's History Week where accomplishments of women of African descent are recognized and applauded.



Sheriff Dana Lawhorne, Pastor Louis Whiting, and Joseph Weeks of ORS Interactive congratulate Matthew Booker on receiving his ServSafe certification.

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Inmates Earn GEDs, Certifications

Sheriff Dana Lawhorne and his staff hosted a ceremony March 21 to honor the educational accomplishments of 14 inmates at the William G. Truesdale Adult Detention Center. Guest speaker Pastor Louis Whiting of My Father's House Christian Ministries addressed the graduates, inmates and staff, and shared his thoughts on faith and conflict.

Lawhorne also recognized Chief Deputy Tony Di Cesare, chief of the Inmate and Support Services Bureau, who is retiring after 30 years of dedicated service.

Education coordinator Krista Sofonia then presented six inmates with Certificates of Achievement for passing their General Educational Development examinations. Nadia Ahmed, Billclinton Bonanjah, David Flowers, Jalen Ford, Jonathan Fuentes and one inmate who did not want his identity published wore caps and gowns and were cheered by family members attending the ceremony. Another inmate who was released before the ceremony also passed his GED exam. Sofonia acknowledged the work of GED volunteers, including Mellisha Bedminster, a graduate student at Marymount University who is currently doing an internship at the Detention Center.

Seven other inmates donned chef's hats as they were recognized for earning their ServSafe Food Protection Manager Certification, a locally and nationally recognized certification which will



Education coordinator Krista Sofonia and intern Mellisha Bedminster attend a graduation ceremony for their students.

make them more competitive candidates for restaurant and food service employment opportunities. The eight-hour program, administered by ORS Interactive of Falls Church, covered food safety regulations and concepts, including time and temperature control, preventing cross-contamination, cleaning and sanitizing, safe food preparation, receiving and storing food, and methods of thawing, cooking, cooling and reheating food. Officials from ORS joined Lawhorne in congratulating Matthew Booker, Michael Gibson, Walter Gomez, Eric Parks, Fernando Payne, and two other inmates who did not want their identities published.



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With Rugby's Support

Alexandria Rugby, Inc. raised over \$2,000 for the Center for Alexandria's Children at Daniel O'Connell's Restaurant on March 16. The fundraiser was held during the live broadcast of the RBS 6-Nations Rugby Championships, an annual draw for the local rugby community. U.S. Rep. Jim Moran, a former college rugby player, led the afternoon raffle and enticed the standing room only crowd to give to the Center for Alexandria's Children. Above are Alexandria Rugby Board member Owen Malone, Alexandria DCHS Director of Children and Families Deborah Warren, Moran and Alexandria Rugby Youth Director Fred Wixson.



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Cherry Blossom 10 Mile Run

On Sunday, April 7, Commonwealth One Federal Credit Union, headquartered in Alexandria, was an event sponsor for the seventh consecutive year for the 41st Credit Union Cherry Blossom 10 Mile Run. Above: Bettina Flory, Larry Flory - VP, Information Technology, and Charlotte Cash - President/CEO, pause among the hustle of the 10-mile runner bag check. This year's event raised over \$483,000 for the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. For more information, visit www.childrensmiracle.networkhospitals.org. For more information on Commonwealth One, visit www.cofcu.org.

Two Merit Finalists at Bishop Ireton

Two seniors at Bishop Ireton High School were named finalists in the National Merit and National Achievement Scholarship Programs. Anna Rapp has been named a finalist in the National Merit Scholarship program. Anna will attend the U.S. Military Academy in the fall. According to the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, the nationwide pool of finalists represents less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors. Anna will receive a \$2,500 scholarship underwritten by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.



Rapp



Nebabu

Tamra Nebabu has been named a National Achievement Scholar. Tamra will attend Massachusetts Institute of Technology in the fall.

Tamra is among approximately 800 outstanding black American high school seniors nationwide who have won Achievement Scholarship awards of \$2,500.



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New Deputies

Six new deputies have joined the Alexandria Sheriff's Office. On March 15, the recruits received their stars and credentials and then were sworn in at the Alexandria Courthouse by Clerk of the Circuit Court Edward Semonian. The new deputies will complete several weeks of training at the William G. Truesdale Adult Detention Center before attending the Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Training Academy later this year. Above, Semonian (far right) administers the oath office to (from left) Dorian Shelley, Jeffrey Halaut, Jr., Marko Nikolic, Andrew S. Brunsting, John R. Kayajanian, Jr., and Timothy Wauhop.

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Naples, Florida



Marjorie H. Swett, 93, of Naples, FL, passed over Tuesday, April 9, 2013. Formerly of Alexandria, VA, she had been a Naples resident since 1987. She was born August 20, 1919 in Chicago, IL, the daughter of Peter Leo and Alice Martin Hein. She was a devoted teacher at Sidwell Friends School in Washington, DC before becoming a loving wife and mother. Mrs. Swett is survived by her loving son, Michael Peter Swett of Tampa, FL and her brother Peter Leo Hein Jr. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Timothy Joseph Swett in 2006 and by her dear daughter, Theresa Margaret Swett in 2005. A graveside committal service will be held Wednesday, April 17, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. at the St John the Evangelist Catholic Church Memorial Garden, 625 111th Ave. N., Naples. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial contributions be made to Hospice in your local area.

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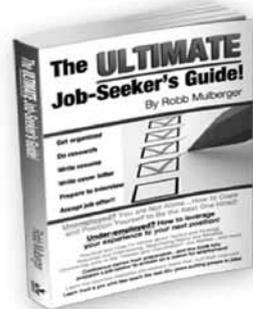
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Marcia Louise Fede Egge, aged 63, died on April 10, 2013, in Fairfax Hospital due to complications resulting from Guillain-Barré syndrome.

She was born on February 7, 1950, in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, the daughter of the late Frank and Helen Fede. She graduated from Fort Hunt High School in 1968 and received her bachelors degree from Wells College in 1972. Marcia retired from United Airlines in 2005 but continued to work part-time for a small business in Alexandria. She had many friends and loved to travel the world with them.

Marcia is survived by her husband Robert K. Egge, Jr. of Alexandria; sons, Nathan Egge of Arlington, and Noah Egge of Charlottesville; stepmother, Roberta Fede of Alexandria; siblings, Susan (Ron) Schott of Chattanooga, TN, David (Teri) Fede of Fairfax, Honor Fede of Alexandria, Francesca Gomez of Waynesboro, and Courtney Preusse of Renton, WA; nieces and nephews, Kari Schott, Brian Schott, Samantha Fede, Michael Fede, Natalie Gomez, and Isabel Gomez.

Funeral services will be held at 11am Friday, May 10, 2013 at Pohick Church, 9301 Richmond Hwy, Lorton, Virginia. Reception and remembrance to follow.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria, 3330 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22302 or at www.AlexScholarshipFund.org. Please designate the Marcia L. Egge Memorial Scholarship.

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WEDNESDAY/APRIL 17

Lecture. 7 p.m. at Inova Alexandria Hospital. "Options for Rotator Cuff Tears and Shoulder Arthritis" Free. Visit www.inova.org/AskTheExpert or 1-855-694-6682.

Open House. 7-8:15 p.m. at Lee Center Auditorium, 1108 Jefferson St. Learn about the Miracle Field project and discuss ideas and opportunities to utilize the field. Light desserts will be served. 703-746-5407.

On-line Giving Event. All day, visit www.Spring2Action.org and make a donation that will benefit Alexandria non-profit organizations such as the Alexandria Seaport Foundation, Del Ray Artisans, Target Gallery and more.

Playspace Improvement Contest Deadline. Eligible apartment complexes in Alexandria can apply for matching funds to improve on-site playspaces and playgrounds. To learn more about ACOAN and Project Play, go to: <http://healthieralexandria.org/HealthyLifestyles/default.aspx>. For questions about the contest and/or the contest application, contact ACOAN Community Fellow, Liz Johnson at alexcoan@gmail.com or at 571-882-9575, or ACOAN Chair, Carrie Fesperman Redden, at Carrie.Fesperman@vdh.virginia.gov.

Trunk Show Benefit. 10 a.m.-8 p.m. at Empowered Women International, 320 S. Henry St. See original, handmade jewelry and fashion accessories made by local artists. Proceeds will support entrepreneurship scholarships for immigrants, refugee and low-income women. All customers will be entered into a raffle to win a cruise Visit www.ewint.org for more.

SATURDAY/APRIL 20

Alexandria Earth Day 2013. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Ben Brenman Park, 4800 Brenman Park Drive. Browse



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\$50,000 Investment

Last month, Nigel Morris, chair of the board of directors for The Center for Alexandria's Children, received a \$50,000 check from Tracy Nickelsburg, president of The Giving Circle of Alexandria, and Deborah Roepke also of the Giving Circle. The grant's purpose is to expand the Center's developmental playgroups in the City of Alexandria for children ages 0-5 and their parents and caregivers. Visit www.centerforalexandriaschildren.org for more information on the Center and www.givingfullcircle.org for more information on The Giving Circle.

exhibits, watch demonstrations, children can take part in activities and more. Free. Visit <http://alexearthday.org> for more.

Stephen Ministry Workshop. 8 a.m. at Grace Episcopal Church, 3600 Russell Road. Enhance care-giving skills and help other congregations expand their caring ministry. \$15/person or \$50/group of four or more from the same congregation. For more information or to register go to

www.stephenministry.org/workshop.
Tree Sale. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at Ben Brenman Park, 4800 Brenman Park Drive. Held by Alexandria's Park Operations and Natural Resources Division. Browse through a variety of trees and shrubs. Reserve a tree through April 17 by calling 703-746-5498 or e-mail dorothy.white@alexandriava.gov.
Cheerleading Competition. 11 a.m. at T.C. Williams High School, 3330



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Honoring Patriots

In March, representatives of the Sons, Daughters and Children of the American Revolution presented a wreath at the Historic Tucker House Museum, Bermuda, honoring St. George Tucker and Thomas Tudor Tucker, Bermuda-born patriots of the American Revolution. Pictured (from left) are Nancy Arton, regent, Somers Isles Chapter, DAR (Hamilton, Bemuda); the Hon. George Fergusson, Governor of Bermuda; William Elston, CAR; Emily Elston, president, "Light Horse Harry Lee" Society, CAR (Prince William County); Robert Settje, U.S. Consul General to Bermuda; and Michael J. Elston, president, George Washington Chapter, SAR (Alexandria).

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King St. The competition features youth cheerleading teams from Alexandria neighborhood recreation centers and from the metropolitan area. \$10/age 13 and older; \$5/age 5-12; free for 4 and younger.

MONDAY/APRIL 22

Agenda: Alexandria. "Exit Interview: T.C. Williams Students Grade their School with T.C. Williams seniors Henry Anderson, Emma Beall, Miranda Jones, and Landon Moss at the Holiday Inn Eisenhower Metro Center, 2460 Eisenhower Ave. Reception at 6:30 p.m., dinner; program (\$5 non-members) 7:15 p.m. Dinner reservations required. For information on cost or reservations, contact Sherry Brown, 703-548-7089 or e-mail agendaalexandria@aol.com.

TUESDAY/APRIL 23

ACPWN Luncheon Event. 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at a location TBD. Learn how to fit fitness into a busy schedule and get tips on exercises to do while sitting at a desk. Visit alexchamber.com.

College Admissions Panel. 6:30 p.m. at T.C. Williams High School, 3330 King St., Alexandria. Admissions directors and representatives from University of Virginia, Virginia Tech, William and Mary, Northern Virginia Community College, Virginia Commonwealth University, George Mason University and others will participate in a panel discussion. Translation services available in Spanish, Arabic and Amharic. For more information, contact Patricia Braun in the College and Career Center.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 24

Alexandria Historical Society Awards Ceremony. 7:30 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. AHS will honor groups or individuals who have made noteworthy contributions to the preservation of the historic, cultural and artistic heritage of Alexandria. Pam Cressey will give the keynote speech with a student awards address by Philippe Halbert, the 2006 Bishop-Ireton High School awardee. Free. Reception to follow.

THURSDAY/APRIL 25

Reception. 7 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Commonwealth Republican Women's Club is holding a general membership reception. Free. Buffet follows a talk on how to advance free market ideas in 2013 health policies. 703-684-8989.

SATURDAY/APRIL 27

Community Shred Days. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Commonwealth One Federal Credit Union main branch at 4875 Eisenhower Ave. Bring old documents, receipts and other personal materials to shred for free. There will be family activities, prizes and refreshments. Visit www.cofcu.org or 855-GO-COFCU.

SUNDAY/APRIL 28

Swearing-In. 8 a.m. at Alfred Street Baptist Church, 301 S. Alfred St. The swearing in of officers and executive committee members of the Alexandria chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Free.

THROUGH APRIL

Spring Clean-Up. Residents can place unwanted bulky trash and metal items at the curb to be picked up on a Saturday in April. Zone 3 - April 20; Zone 4 - April 27.



Members of the T.C. Williams girls' freshman 8 hold off the charging boat from Mount St. Joe's on their way to victory at the Noxontown Regatta on April 13. Members of the freshman 8 include (from left): Natasha Magallon, Harper Jensen, Amelia Bender, Giulia Pastore, Hannah Posson, Abby Prall, Sarah Scroggs and LeeAnn Richards. Not pictured sitting just in front of Magallon is coxswain Maggie Chamberlain.



T.C. Williams crew coxswain Jessica Madeline shouts encouragement to rowers Preston Tracy and Callum Jaffe as the boys' freshman 8 charges up the Occoquan River on their way to a second-place finish in their race at the Darrell Winslow Regatta on April 13.

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TC Girls' Freshman 8 Once Again Claim Victory

Titan boys also look strong, taking 2nd place at Occoquan

Officially, the Noxontown Regatta is considered an away event for the T.C. Williams crew team. After all, the race is held on Noxontown Pond in Middletown, Del., while the Titans train on the Potomac River in Old Town more than 100 miles to the west.

Yet over the past month, the Noxontown race course has become something of a home-away-from-home for the T.C. Williams girls' freshman 8 — a course where the young Titan rowers have not only trav-

eled twice now for regattas, but a course where they have twice come away with victories, as well.

The most recent victory came this past Saturday, April 13. Competing with other members of the T.C. Williams girls' crew team against some of the top boats in the Mid-Atlantic region, the Titan frosh 8 sprinted down the 1,500-meter race course in a hard-fought contest that saw them cross the finish line with a time of 5:41.7, which was .8 seconds faster than the time of runner-up Mount St. Joe's from New Jersey.

Saturday's victory by the T.C. girls' freshman 8 follows their win at Noxontown on March 30, which was also their first race of the year.

Members of the freshman 8 include coxswain Maggie Chamberlain and rowers Natasha Magallon, Harper Jensen, Amelia

Bender, Giulia Pastore, Hannah Posson, Abby Prall, Sarah Scroggs and LeeAnn Richards. The freshman girls are guided by coach Patrick Marquardt.

Also finishing near the top in their contest on Noxontown Pond was the T.C. girls' 4th varsity/novice 8, who finished third in their race with a time of 6:16.1.

While the T.C. girls' crew team was competing in Delaware this past weekend, the T.C. boys' crew team was competing in Virginia at the Darrell Winslow Regatta on the Occoquan River.

Under a partly-sunny sky and racing in near-perfect conditions, the T.C. boys' junior 8 won their morning heat to advance to the afternoon final, where they overcame a very slow start to overtake the field and finish in second place with a time of 4:49.44, less than three seconds off the winning time

posted by Woodson.

Also turning in solid performances at the Darrell Winslow Regatta this past weekend were the T.C. Williams boys' freshman 8, who finished second in their heat, while the T.C. boys' second 4, novice 4, and novice 8 "A" boat came in third in their respective contests. The T.C. boys' lightweight 8 also looked strong, placing first in an exhibition event.

The T.C. Williams crew team next takes to the water this coming Saturday, with the T.C. girls returning to Noxontown for the third and final time this season, and the Titan boys returning to Occoquan for the Smokey Jacobs Regatta.

For more information on T.C. crew, visit www.tcwcrew.org or follow them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/alexandria.crewboosters.

SPORTS BRIEFS

TC Boys' Soccer Undefeated Through 7 Games

The T.C. Williams boys' soccer team played to a 2-all tie with the Lake Braddock Bruins on April 11 during a rematch of last season's Patriot District championship game. In 2012, the Titans beat the Bruins 2-1 in the district championship game. TC went on to beat Stuart in the opening round of the Northern Region tournament before losing to Langley in the quarterfinals.

After Thursday's tie, TC beat West Potomac 3-1 on Monday, improving its 2013 record to 5-0-2 overall and 1-0-1 in the Patriot District. The Titans faced Marshall on Wednesday, after the Gazette Packet's deadline. TC will travel to face Lee at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 19.

TC Baseball Cracks Northern Region Top 10

The T.C. Williams baseball team was ranked in the Northern Region coaches top 10 for the first time this season, entering the poll in a tie for No. 9 with Stone Bridge this week.

The Titans defeated Lee 8-3 on Monday, improving their record to 7-4 overall and 4-1 in the Patriot District. TC faced defending Patriot District and state champion Lake Braddock on Wednesday, after the Gazette Packet's deadline. The Titans will travel to face South County at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, April 19. Madison is ranked No. 1, followed by Lake Braddock (2), Oakton (3), Robinson (4), Centreville (5), West Potomac (6), McLean (7) and Fairfax (8).



Neil DeWakar and the T.C. Williams boys' soccer team played to a 2-all tie against Lake Braddock on April 11.

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Countdown to College Decision Day

Local college counselors offer advice on making the right choice.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
GAZETTE PACKET

Marta Daniels recalls the day when her son Will received his first college acceptance letter.

"He was thrilled," she said. "It was a huge relief to know that he had been accepted somewhere."

But elation soon turned to stress when Will learned that he'd been accepted into all five schools to which he'd applied. "We went from being relieved that he would be going off to college next fall to panicking over whether or not we would choose the best school for Will," said Daniels.

As the May 1 national college decision day looms, the day students must shell out hefty deposits to secure their spots at colleges and universities, students like Daniels are feeling pressure. Most college counselors agree that it's important to make sure the school is a good fit for the student academically, financially and socially, and local counselors share ideas for making the decision less daunting.

They urge students to do a thoughtful assessment of who they are and what they need to thrive in an academic environment. "From community college to the ivy leagues, every school has success stories," said Mike Canfield, director for undergraduate admissions at Marymount University in Arlington. "You can be successful at any school if it is the right one."

Brie Jeweler-Bentz, Psy.D., a psychologist



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As the May 1 national college decision day looms, high school seniors like Jack Phillips and Elizabeth Cornick of St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School must decide which colleges they will attend in the fall.

at The School Counseling Group encourages students to ask, "Where to I want to be geographically? Do I need a large campus or a school with an urban campus? Will I go crazy in a small town? Do I want to paint my face and cheer on my Division I sports team?" The school's political and religious climates matter, she said, as does the local weather. She also stressed that a school must be a good fit both socially academically. "A big rah-rah school is great, but aca-

demically will the student get lost in a big lecture hall with 400 other students?"

Michael Carter, Ph.D., director of college counseling at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School in Alexandria, said that fit and balance also matter. "Does the student mesh with the school's programs academically and extracurricularly? Is there a good blend academically, socially and extracurricularly so that the student can have balance?"

One way to answer these questions is to

spend time on campus. "Sit in the cafeteria, have lunch and look around at the students," said Jeweler-Bentz. "How do the students dress and talk? Do they have piercings, tattoos and nose rings? Does the school click for you? Does it feel like home?"

Randy Tajan, director of college counseling at St. Andrew's Episcopal School in Potomac, Md., said students should look at colleges through a new lens, that of admitted student. "What is student life like? What about access to professors? Can you be a student and an active citizen? They should think about again why they applied to those schools originally."

Jeweler-Bentz adds the prospective students should take a look at those who have graduated from the institution. "Some schools have amazing [alumni] networks that can hook graduates up with job opportunities," she said. "It's also important to look at statistics on job and graduate school placement to see how good of a job particular colleges do with their students post-graduation."

Canfield said that once a student has selected a school, the next step is to connect. "Plan for orientation," he said. "Learn the process for registration. Check out the school's fan page on Facebook. Some schools host invitation-only closed social media sites." Students should also start planning for life on campus. "What [activities are] they going to join when they get to campus? Students who are involved in campus activities or have a job on campus that is limited to 10 hours a week are significantly happier and do better in their classes than their counterparts who have neither," said Canfield.

Marymount Professor Named Virginia Counselor Educator of the Year

Michele C. Garofalo, Ed.D., honored by the Virginia School Counselor Association (VSCA).

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
GAZETTE PACKET

A Marymount University professor was honored recently for her work to educate and train school counselors.

The Virginia School Counselor Association (VSCA) recently named Michele C. Garofalo, Ed.D., of Marymount University in Arlington, the 2013 VSCA Counselor Educator of the Year. Garofalo, a McLean resident, who holds a doctorate in education and is also a licensed professional counselor and national certified counselor, is the assistant chair of the Department of Counseling, director of the school counseling program and a professor of psychology.

When choosing a recipient, members of the Virginia School Counselor Association consider dedication to the training of school counselors and extensive contributions to the field of school counseling.

"I am honored and deeply touched by this award. It ... is truly one of the highlights of my professional career," said Garofalo, who has worked as a school counselor at both independent and public schools. "It is energizing for me to help support and mentor those who are pursuing a career path as a school counselor. It is truly a gift for me to have the opportunity to work with such amazing students who are dedicated to making a difference."

Garofalo, who has taught at Marymount for 18 years, designed the university's master of arts in school counseling program. Her colleagues say her influence is far-reaching.

"All the programs in the Department of Counseling have benefited from the ... efforts of Dr. Garofalo," said Department Chair Lisa Jackson-Cherry. "She is passionate about teaching future school counselors who will impact the lives of children and families. She expects a high level of ethics



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The Virginia School Counselor Association named McLean-resident Michele C. Garofalo, Ed.D., of Marymount University in Arlington, the 2013 VSCA Counselor Educator of the Year.

and professionalism [and] she leads by example."

Associates credit Garofalo with creating school counseling-specific courses and bringing guest speakers, who are leaders in the field, into her classroom. She also founded the Mu Upsilon Gamma chapter of the Chi Sigma Iota Counseling Honor Society at Marymount.

"Dr. Garofalo has enhanced my graduate career in the biggest way possible, said Daisy Silva, a school counseling student at Marymount. "She allowed me space to grow as a counselor by going out of her way and setting up opportunities [for me] to see for myself if the career was right for me."

Garofalo, who also has a private practice, said she encourages school counseling students do community outreach work. "I hope that my teaching and mentoring have helped to prepare school counselors who go out and make a difference for students in schools," she said. "The greatest gift for me is to know that I have played some small part in the preparation of accomplished professionals who make a difference for the students and everyone in the school community."

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OPINION



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What To Know about Retirement

MARYANNE BEATTY
SSA MEAL-ON-WHEELS PROGRAM COORDINATOR

There was a full house at the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library for Senior Services of Alexandria's recent speaker series event about "Planning for and Making the Most of your Retirement."

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There are many issues to consider and it can all be a bit overwhelming, but attendees walked away with valuable resources from a

dynamic panel of local experts.

Janet Barnett, SSA's executive director, welcomed over 60 seniors and reminded them of the importance of advanced planning and that education is key to enjoying a stress-free retirement. Nancy Van Gulick, CEO of Seniors Living Well, kicked off the panel discussion by addressing accessibility and downsizing. She offered simple tips, such as spending 10 minutes a day with a garbage bag throwing out things that you no longer need. She also recommended that when you are thinking about moving, list household items under categories, i.e., things to keep, toss, sell or donate. You want to make it easier on yourself by taking it one step at a time. For more information, visit www.seniorslivingwell.net.

Timing is key in determining when to retire and it is important to understand the benefits you can expect from Social Security. Erin Scheithe with AARP's National Office on Education and Outreach talked about the resources that AARP has on-line including a retirement calculator at www.aarp.org/retirementcalculator. They also have developed a

robust set of questions and answers on social security and its benefits at www.aarp.org/ssqa.

Medicare and Medicaid can be very complex to navigate and Cedar Dvorin from the Virginia Insurance Counseling and Assistance Program (VICAP) is an expert in explaining in simple terms the various options and what you can expect when eligible to receive benefits. VICAP offers individual counseling sessions to educate seniors about Medicare/Medicaid benefits. Call VICAP at 703-228-1700 for more information.

The session ended with a lively discussion about financial planning by Tom West from Signature Estate and Investment Advisors, LLC. He emphasized that by having a personalized financial plan that fits your budget can help alleviate the fear of running out of money and of becoming less independent.

Speaker's presentations are now available on SSA's website at www.seniorservicesalex.org. Please save the date for SSA's May 8 Speaker Series on the topic of "Long-term Care — What Everyone Needs to Know." It is being held at Beth El Hebrew Congregation at 3830 Seminary Road in Alexandria. There will

be experts from AARP Adult Companion Care, Capital Caring, Mount Vernon Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, and Signature Estate and Investment Advisors, LLC. They will share practical information about options for long-term care insurance, in-home caregiver support, residential facilities, financial realities, palliative care and hospice services.

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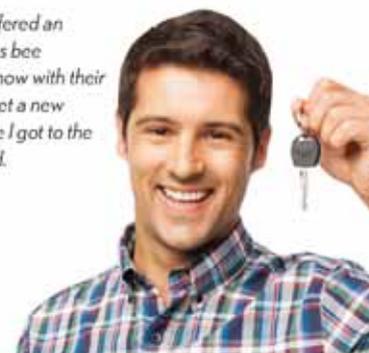
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Beautifully modified townhouse with open kitchen/great room design which allows for fabulous flow for both entertaining and daily living. Exquisite floors, chef's kitchen, splendid tiles and paints, this end unit with loads of windows and light is just steps to the Potomac. Two fireplaces, extra wide two-car garage, lower level rec room, space for an elevator.

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Alexandria/Rosemont \$925,000

Expanded Rosemont Colonial

Classic Rosemont home with large, sunny family room open to updated kitchen, heated sun porch, and master bath with en-suite bath. Three bedrooms and two baths up make this an ideal home just steps from Metro!

Sue Goodhart
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Alexandria/Del Ray \$549,900

Sought after Del Ray!

Expanded and updated charming two-bedroom, two-bath townhome. Hardwood flooring on main and upper levels, beautifully updated eat-in kitchen features granite and stainless, breakfast bar. Cozy sun filled family room on main level and walk out to rear deck and large flat landscaped yard. Lower level is finished with a full bath. Walk to Braddock Rd Metro.

Jen Walker
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Old Town Alexandria \$1,210,000

Two Centuries of Sunshine

permeate this eighteenth century, three bedroom, two and a half bath, clapboard residence on a special block of the southeast quadrant. Well-proportioned formal rooms, a recent kitchen opening to a cozy family room, four fireplaces and warm wood floors contribute to the serenity of this immaculate, engaging residence that includes a delightful enclosed garden.

Rochelle Gray
703.328.1686
Carol Cleary
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Old Town Alexandria \$934,900

Walk to Everything!

Stunning brick end townhouse with two-car garage and outdoor balcony just off kitchen. Spacious and gorgeous on four levels with hardwood floors, impressive crown molding, gas fireplace in living room and stylish kitchen adjoining family room or casual eating area. Fabulous location...walk to Trader Joes, river & bike paths, Braddock Metro, restaurants & shops.

Susan Craft
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Old Town Alexandria \$675,000

Old Town Charm

Restored to combine old world charm with up-to-date amenities. This two-bedroom 1880s home has been meticulously maintained preserving the original brick and wood flooring, exposed beams, molding and details. Located in Old Town's South East Quadrant this home is close to everything.

Jessica Richardson
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Alexandria/Mason Hill \$849,000

Here It Is!

This classic colonial has a beautiful updated kitchen with a huge center island and more cabinets than you can imagine. The main level offers a sunny family room with fireplace, a home office, an elegant living room, and a deck that overlooks the fenced back yard. Five good sized bedrooms and two large full baths upstairs and a walk-out basement with rec room.

Robin Arnold
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Alexandria/Kingstowne \$789,000

Northampton at Kingstowne

Chelmsford Model - Detached Home. Location is IDEAL! Four bedrooms, three and a half baths, two-car front-load garage. Entertainment kitchen and great room - walk-out to deck. Hardwoods main level, gas fireplace in family room and also in master suite with sitting room. All of the important upgrades and a few you will be delighted to discover!

Cindy Clemmer
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Alexandria \$649,000

Olde Belhaven Towne

Beautifully renovated during past three years, marble/granite baths, all new kitchen with stainless appliances, cherry cabinets, granite counters. View of Belle Haven CC golf course in front, and in back, a serene and professionally landscaped garden with brick/slate patio. Wood floors on main and upper levels, two fireplaces - one gas, one wood-burning.

Jo Erkiletian
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Alexandria \$1,249,000

Wonderful Expanded Cape Cod

This beautifully updated and expanded, five-bedroom, four-and-a-half-bath Cape Code with a two-car garage has wonderful details around every corner - hardwood floors, crown molding, two fireplaces! Chef's kitchen opens on to an inviting large family room and deck.

Mason Montague Bavin
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Alexandria South \$549,000

Rarely Available, Just Listed

Gracious center-hall brick colonial walking distance to elementary and middle schools. Freshly painted throughout with new granite countertops and kitchen floor. Located on a quiet cul-de-sac, this four-bedroom, two-bath property has gleaming hardwood floors on two levels. Updated lower level with rec room and storage. Large level yard with mature trees.

Noel Kaupinen
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Annandale \$599,000

Classic Center Hall Colonial

Dine al fresco on deck overlooking coral azaleas and babbling brook! Four-bedroom, two-and-a-half-bath colonial on oversized lot. Dual parlor living room with wood-burning fireplace, formal dining room, and open kitchen. Master with en-suite bath. Unfinished basement with high ceilings. One-car garage. SusanLeavitt.com MLS# FX8035138

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