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Sailing campers explore the water and wind on their second day out at the Belle Haven Marina summer sailing camp.

Points of Sail

Sailing instructor Sam Fleuchaus worked the better part of the end of an hour reinforcing the idea of wind and maneuvering on the river. The sailing campers, in for the Tuesday afternoon session, were at once looking at a southwest wind that abruptly turned from the west. Before the campers left shore, phrases of straight into the wind and irons followed with close haul, beam reach, broad reach and running were repeated and reinforced. The campers moved the sailfish out from the marina after clearing the docks and went out to enjoy an afternoon sail on June 25 at the Belle Haven Marina sailing school.

Fleuchaus explained that straight into the wind was called “irons” because in the grand day of clipper ships and schooners and warships, if a ship was caught in the straight wind it would take a slow, long time to maneuver it out and therefore whoever took the ship into the wind would be put in irons.

The sailing instructors encompass a majority of former sailing school campers who love the water and the river and sailing are under the watchful eye of dock master Chip Johnston. The Belle Haven Marina offers sailing classes for children and adults throughout the summer and fall. See www.saildc.com.

— LOUISE KRAFFT



Will watches carefully as Alika and Armer decide what they should do next to stay on the afternoon course.



Sam Fleuchaus talks to the campers.

Potomac River Fish: What's Safe To Eat?

States advise which to avoid, which to limit, due to PCBs and methyl mercury.

BY GERALD A. FILL
THE GAZETTE

Recreational and subsistence fishermen who catch fish on the Potomac River and its tributaries beware: Resident largemouth bass, catfish, sunfish, yellow perch, eel, and migratory striped bass (rockfish) and white perch, and other fish contain unhealthy levels of PCBs, methyl mercury, and pesticides.

Severe restrictions on the amount of fish to consume by the week or month are recommended for most of the commonly occurring fish in the Potomac River and adjacent water bodies by the State of Maryland, Virginia, and District of Columbia. The detailed information necessary for fishermen to

make an informed decision to protect their health is available primarily for those who have access to the internet and know to look for “Fish Consumption Advisories.”

The Maryland Department of Environment produces online a statewide “Fish Consumption Advisories” report for resident and migratory fish found in the Potomac River, as well as all Maryland water bodies, fresh and saltwater. The Virginia Department of Health produces online a “Fish Consumption Advisories” report that covers the Potomac River’s tributaries and other freshwater water bodies in Northern Virginia. The District of Columbia also is

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Fall into the Gap

Study shows \$54 million retail gap along Richmond Highway corridor.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE GAZETTE

Supply is not matching demand along Richmond Highway, according to a new study from the Southeast Fairfax Development corporation. The report, which uses data from California-based Esri, shows a \$54 million retail gap. That means people who live in this part of Fairfax County could be expected to spend \$54 million more than they currently spend, an indication that the corridor lacks supply of certain kinds of retailers.

“The way people shop has

changed over the decades,” said Edythe Kelleher, executive director of the Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation. “Without the opportunity to build malls and town centers, there are certain parts of the market that the Richmond Highway corridor is not going to capture.”

The numbers put a scientific spin on a topic that has long captured the imagination — and frustration — of residents in Mount Vernon for years. The corridor has long suffered from a reputation that it’s little more than urban

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Potomac River Fish: What's Safe To Eat?

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sues an online fish consumption advisory for fishermen who fish in the Potomac River and its tributaries in the D.C. area. This includes the Anacostia river and Rock Creek.

A spokesman for the Maryland Department of Environment, Jay Apperson, listed the following ways in which they inform the public of the health hazards of eating contaminated fish:

* Through the Internet by accessing the Maryland Department of Environment report, "Fish Consumption Advisories" last updated Sept. 20, 2011.

* Through the Department's Guidebook handed out at Maryland retail outlets that issue fishing licenses. The guidebook mentions the availability of the "Fish Consumption Advisories" report and how to find it on the Internet.

* Through the Department of Natural Resources webpage for recreational fishing, through the fishing license guidebook, and by distributing brochures to Maryland hospitals, OB/GYN clinics, and Women, Infant, Children (WIC) centers. The emphasis on pregnant women and young children in the advisory report is because these groups are thought to be at high risk of adverse consequences of consuming fish contaminated with PCBs and methyl mercury.

* Through publication of the Maryland Department of Environment telephone number in its guidebook: 410-537-3906.

Similarly, the Virginia Department of Health produces online a "Fish Consumption Advisory" report for the Potomac River Basin and its tributaries in Virginia. The Virginia Health Department is responsible for testing, analysis and guideline updates for Potomac River tributaries such as the Occoquan river and water bodies in Northern Virginia, but not the Potomac River. Virginia, Maryland, and D.C. do not collaborate on a formal information outreach and education program that regularly distrib-



A fisherman hauls in a largemouth bass.

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utes safety guidelines by means of fliers, warning signs or other hard copy materials distributed to marinas, tackle shops and license issuing retail outlets. However, in the case of Virginia, warning signs are posted on shorelines of various water bodies in Virginia where they monitor and test for fish contamination. Virginia staff advisor Matt Skipjo said that his department would look forward to opportunities to collaborate with Maryland in improving information outreach.

Maryland's Apperson said, "Our approach is to ensure that recreational and subsis-

adverse health effects of consuming contaminated fish. Properly trimming fish can reduce the concentration of PCBs and other chemicals. However, methyl mercury is stored throughout the fish and cannot be removed by filleting. Therefore, the primary prevention for mercury contaminated fish is to limit consumption. For those fish contaminated with PCBs trim the fatty areas of the fish before cooking. Cook the fish in ways that allow fat (and the unwanted chemicals) to drip away. About half the PCBs can be removed by trimming away the fatty parts of the fish. To remove the maximum amount of PCBs by filleting slice off the belly fat, cut the fat along the back, and the dark meat along the skin side of the fish. Remove the skin before cooking to allow the fats to drain off.

Methyl Mercury:

The primary way humans come in contact with mercury is by eating contaminated fish. Mercury ends up in the river or lake bottom sediments which in turn is consumed by fish.

Methyl mercury can damage the developing brain of a child which can lead to behavior and learning problems later in life. Pregnant women can pass on methyl mercury to the unborn fetus.

To avoid the above mercury-related problems follow fish consumption advisory reports to limit exposure to fish contaminated by mercury.

Fish Consumption

Excerpts of the Virginia Fish Consumption Advisories, last updated March 29, 2013: Potomac River Basin & Its Tributaries: Affected localities: Fairfax County; Arlington County; Alexandria City; Prince William County; Stafford County, and King George County.

Species Contaminant Advisories/Restrictions

(One meal = 8 oz.)

Carp PCBs Do Not Eat

American Eel PCBs Do Not Eat

Channel Catfish

More than 18" PCBs Do Not Eat

Less than 18" PCBs Two meals/month

Sm & Lg Mouth Bass PCBs Two meals/month

Yellow Perch PCBs Two meals/month

Excerpts of the Maryland Fish Consumption Advisories, Statewide Fresh Water, Estuarine, and Marine Waters, last updated, Sept. 20, 2011:

Note: Consumption recommendations based on spacing of meals to avoid elevated exposure levels.

Species	Waterbody	Recommended Meals/Month (One meal = 8 oz., 3 oz. for children)		
		General Population	Women	Children
Striped Bass (Rockfish)	Chesapeake Bay/Tributaries PCBs Greater than 28"	1	1	1 (every other month)
	Less than 28"	3	3	2
Sm/Lg Mouth Bass	Potomac River (tidal) (PCBs & Mercury) (301 Bridge to D.C. line)	2	2	2
	Channel Catfish Potomac River (tidal) PCBs Less than 18"	1	1	avoid (every other month)
	More than 18"	avoid	avoid	avoid
	Common Carp Potomac (tidal) PCBs	avoid	avoid	avoid
	White Perch Potomac (tidal) PCBs	4	4	4
Sunfish (incl Bluegill) Potomac (tidal) PCBs	2	2	2	

tence fishermen have the necessary information about contaminant levels in fish so that they make good choices when deciding on whether or not to consume fish, by type, and how much fish to consume. We should not forget that fish can be an important part of a healthy diet because they are a good, low-fat source of protein and other nutrients. We should also moderate how often we eat fish with relatively high levels of contaminants — and Maryland's fish consumption advisories provide recommendations to allow us to do just that. We want people to be informed so that they can enjoy Maryland fish in a healthy and responsible way."

Apperson also said that past efforts to post signs in the Anacostia river area were subjected to vandalism, and not very successful. He left open the idea of renewing an effort to reach out to those who were not Internet oriented and may be consuming contaminated fish.

WHY IS THE POTOMAC River and its tributaries a haven for contaminated fish? Isn't the river cleaner than ever before? Depending on one's definition of clean water, the answer is a qualified yes with respect

to recreational use in comparison to prior to the 1970s, but no regarding the level of toxic substances found in the riverbed and lake bottom sediment and the flesh of fish.

Passage of the federal Clean Water Act of 1972, the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, and the Toxic Controlled Substances Act of 1979 resulted in banning the production of

"There are a large number of subsistence and recreational fishermen that eat the fish they catch in the Potomac River and adjacent rivers and streams that are likely unaware of the health hazards of the fish they eat."

— Del. Scott Surovell (D-44)

PCBs, regulating the use of mercury, other toxic substances, and controlling point and non-point runoff. Maryland Department of Health's John Backus said, "Despite years of effort to clean up the Potomac river and its tributaries, PCBs and methyl mercury still exist in significant quantities in the river sediment. Bottom eating fish such as catfish, carp, and the large predator fish such as striped bass (rockfish) and largemouth bass which eat smaller fish and crustaceans, contain significant amounts of what is called legacy pollutants; PCBs and methyl mercury dumped into the river or leached into the river over many years that still continues, and

is slow to break down and dissipate."

Del. Scott Surovell, a native of the 44th District that he now represents in the Vir

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Toxic Substances

Commonly found toxic substances in the Potomac River, its tributaries, in lake bottom sediments and in the flesh of fish:

Polychlorinated Biphenyl (PCBs)

Prior to 1979 when the Toxic Substances Control Act banned their production, they were used as dielectric and coolant fluids in transformers, capacitors, electric motors, and fluorescent light ballasts. It was also used as plasticizers in paints and cements, additives in PVC coatings of electric wiring, lubricating oils, and sealants.

PCBs are primarily found in river and lake bottom sediments and fatty tissues in fish. Eating contaminated fish remains the major route of human exposure to PCBs. PCBs are stored in the fat of animals and humans. Depending on the amount of PCBs one consumes, it may take months or even years of regularly eating contaminated fish to reach levels that are a health concern. Pregnant women and children are at higher risk than the general population. Pregnant women can pass the PCBs on to her unborn child, and children up until the age of 6 are thought to be at higher risk of developmental health effects.

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\$54 Million Retail Gap in Corridor

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sprawl, an endless parade of big-box stores and corporate chains with little in the way of character.

“We have too darn many fast food joints and too darn many drug stores on every corner, and they’re wanting more,” said Katherine Ward, Wellington resident who sits on the board of the development corporation. “What we are lacking is quality restaurants, and that’s defined by good mom and pop places that make you feel like you are in a neighborhood and not in a seven-mile journey up a strip mall.”

“Richmond Highway continues to look like one long strip mall, and that is not the vision.”

— Katherine Ward

THE REPORT compiles information based on the amount of money people would be expected to spend in a variety of categories. Then it compares that information with how much people are actually spending.

The disparity reveals the relative imbalance in supply and demand for everything from clothing to groceries. Kelleher said that a variety of circumstances could explain the \$1.9 million surplus in home furnishings, for example.

“That could be because people are coming in from other areas and making purchases,” she said. “Or it could mean people here are buying a lot of home furnishings.”

Kelleher said consumers don’t always purchase goods based on where they live. Sometimes they buy things near where they work. And recent years have a dramatic increase in online purchases, especially for books and music. Nevertheless, the study shows more of a demand for book stores and music stores than the corridor offers. That may be one of the reasons by Books-A-Million will remain a key tenant of the redeveloped Penn-Daw Shopping Center.

“We’re not going away,” said Jay Johnson, co-manager of the Books-A-Million. “They are just going to have to temporarily relocate us while the construction is going on, and that’s the responsibility of the landlord so we don’t have any worries about that.”

THE RETAIL GAP analysis could play a role in determining land-use questions in the near future, a frequent source of tension in the community. And it

Retail Gap

- General Merchandise: \$147.7 million
- Clothing Stores: \$47.9 million
- Electronic Stores: \$22.1 million
- Limited Services Eating: \$20 million
- Special Food Services: \$17.5 million
- Furniture Stores: \$14.4 million
- Sporting Goods: \$13.8 million
- Shoe Stores: \$10.3 million
- Jewelry, Luggage, Leather: \$8.4 million
- Automotive Parts: \$6 million
- Books and Music: \$4.4 million
- Building Materials: \$4.3 million
- Lawn and Garden: \$4.2 million
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- Beer, Wine, Liquor: \$2.5 million
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Retail Surplus

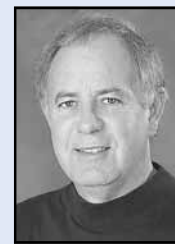
- Health Care Supply: \$185.6 million
- Department Stores: \$68 million
- Grocery Stores: \$14.4 million
- Office Supplies: \$4.5 million
- Used Merchandise: \$2.4 million
- Home Furnishing Stores: \$1.9 million

comes at a time when the process for making tweaks to the comprehensive plan has changed. A plan known as Forward Fairfax is in the works that’s designed to streamline the process of making nominations to the plan, a process that many viewed as unnecessarily burdensome.

“A lot of what was done in the past was that if one neighborhood objected to something then we could go along with that because we wouldn’t want it to happen to our own neighborhood,” said Jim Davis, co-chairman of the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations. “What we have now is the ability to plan a little better with this new process.”

For many people who have been frustrated by the corridor, the retail analysis and transformed planning process is offering a glimmer of hope for the future.

“Richmond Highway continues to look like one long strip mall, and that is not the vision,” said Ward. “That’s why everybody is working so hard to get the comprehensive plan changed and allow some increased density so developers who can afford to buy up some of this stuff and make it better than it is so we have true neighborhoods.”



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ROBBERY, Ladson Lane/Richmond Highway, June 13, 10:30 p.m. A 34-year-old man reported he parked his car when an unknown man opened the door and demanded money. The victim did not have any money. The suspect punched the victim and fled. The victim was not injured.

BURGLARY, 3200 block of Clayborne Avenue, June 14, 11:30 a.m. A resident reported someone entered the home and stole jewelry. Forced entry was made through a window.

ASSAULT/LARCENY, 2500 block of

Huntington Avenue, June 15, 1:20 a.m. A 36-year-old man reported he was confronted by three individuals. He was allegedly assaulted by two of them and all attempted to take his jacket. The victim was not injured. Following a search of the area by a K-9 team, the helicopter and officers, three suspects were detained. Two men, 20 and 19 years old, from Washington, D.C., were each charged with assault and grand larceny. A 20-year-old woman from Washington, D.C., was charged with grand larceny.

BURGLARY, 7400 block of Recard Lane, June 19, 11 p.m. A resident reported someone entered the home and stole jewelry. Forced entry was made through a window.

LARCENIES:
 3400 block of Audubon Avenue, construction equipment from residence
 2800 block of Beacon Hill Road, wine from business
 4200 block of Buckman Road, license plate from vehicle
 2800 block of Camellia Drive, registration and registration sticker from vehicle
 5800 block of Cameron Run Terrace, electronic device from residence
 8400 block of Culver Place, wallet from vehicle
 4200 block of Fielding Street, milk crate from business
 8400 block of Fort Hunt Road, cell phone from school

1300 block of Gatewood Drive, bicycle from residence
 3500 block of Groveston Street, wallet and cell phone from residence
 2000 block of Jamestown Road, checkbook from vehicle
 7200 block of Jon Paul Drive, cell phone from residence
 3100 block of Lockheed Boulevard, beer from business
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 3100 block of Lockheed Boulevard, beer from business
 3100 block of Lockheed Boulevard, beer from business
 8000 block of Lynnfield Drive, electronic device from residence

6200 block of North Kings Highway, liquor from business
 6200 block of North Kings Highway, sign from business
 6300 block of Richmond Highway, clothes from business
 6300 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business
 6300 block of Richmond Highway, phone case from business
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States Advise on Fish Consumption

FROM PAGE 3

ginia General Assembly, had this to say about fish consumption advisories and the overall health status of the Potomac River: "When I was a kid I could go to Paul Spring and catch minnows, crayfish, turtles, and frogs there. Now Paul Spring is like an open sewer and biologically dead. Polluted water now runs through Paul Spring on its way to the Potomac River. The only water body that is relatively clean in my district is the non tidal portion of Dogue Creek filtered by Huntley Meadows park. Since I have been elected, I have been posting water quality reports in my district. The reports merely confirm what is well known; all the waters in my district are loaded with e-coli and PCBs, among other pollutants. So I am not at all surprised that the fish contamination level is high in the Potomac river and its tributaries.

"I would very much like to see a host of remedies at work to clean up the creeks and streams in the Mount Vernon area. I would also like to see fish consumption warning signs posted on the Potomac River shoreline. There are a large number of subsistence and recreational fishermen that eat the fish they catch in the Potomac River and adjacent rivers and streams that are likely unaware of the health hazards of the fish they eat. They typically are unaware of or don't have access to the Online fish consumption advisories and, therefore, warning signs, fliers, and brochures would be very helpful to those fishermen who don't normally use the Internet. I would also like to see the U.S. National Park Service to either agree to post or allow to be posted fish consumption warning signs along the Potomac River shoreline in areas

Details

To access the Online fish consumption advisories for Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia:

- ❖ Website: www.mde.state.md.us
- ❖ Website: www.vdh.virginia.gov/Epidemiology/dee/PublicHealthToxicology/Advisories/PotomacRiverBasin
- ❖ Website: www.DDOE.DC.gov/service/fishing-District

such as the mouth of Little Hunting Creek and other areas frequented by fisherman along the parkway areas that the NPS manages. Presently, no warning signs are permitted."

Asked about the health of fish on the Potomac River, Captain Steve Chaconas, Potomac River fishing guide, said, "Decades of dumping heavy metals and PCBs into the Potomac have taken their toll. These elements build up in all fish over time. In addition, there are other chemicals that are not filtered in sewage treatment plants ending up in the food chain. The results are documented in same sex fish."

Was he satisfied with the adequacy of the present fish consumption advisories now serving as guidelines for the Potomac river and tributaries? Chaconas replied, "It could be improved by developing a single consistent source of fish consumption guidelines for all the waters in Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia."

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Will Rupp, John Hebert and Pierce Burkett check out the dance floor at the party.



Joey Pritchett, Sofia Passacantando, Trevor Woods and Corey Rosenberg party beneath the sponsor thanks banner outside the ballroom.

PHOTOS BY LAURA MARSHALL

West Potomac Hosts All Night Graduation Party

More than 70 businesses and sponsors came together to celebrate the West Potomac High School Class of 2013 with donations to the all-night graduation party on June 18. The class party was held at the Belle Haven Country Club and featured a multitude of activities for the graduates to enjoy.

Sponsors for the party included: Alexandria Symphony Orchestra, Alexandria Toyota, Aquatic Adventures Scuba, Bel'Art Framing, Belle Haven Marina-Kayak Rental, Belle Haven Shell, Bethlehem Baptist Church, Bone Voyage, Bonefish Grill, Bostick Architects Inc, Bowl America, Capitol Steps, Carl Sandburg MS PTA, Chili's Restaurant, Close2home, Cosmopolitan Grill, Don Beyer Volvo, Dr. Herb Hughes, Drs. Schwartz & Nicholson, PLC, Society

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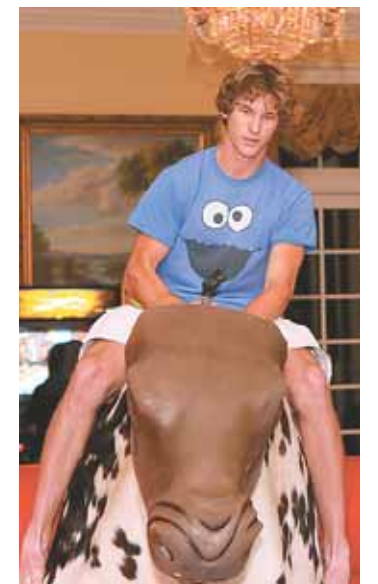
Joselyn Lamb sits while an all-night tattoo is added to her arm.



Maggie Webster and Freddie Perez take a turn on the driving game.



"Sumo" wrestlers compete in the game room.



George Bowerfield tries a ride on the bull.



Graduates enjoy a room of casino games.



Katie Gray, Paige Atkins, Katie Carbone and Madeline Marshall show off their party tattoos.

OBITUARY

Betty Jeanne Canfield Randall

Betty Jeanne Randall died on June 5, 2013 at home with family in Alexandria after a valiant, short battle with cancer. Born in Los Angeles ('41), she graduated from South Pasadena High School with honors and Mount St. Mary's College with honors. Being driven, as she was, she finished college in 3 and a half years with a degree in English ('63).



knitting, quilting, gardening, bowling, singing in the church folk choir in Japan, or hosting her annual Christmas party for friends and neighbors, Betty would be found at the center of "what was going on." She had many, many friends and was very generous with herself, time and what she could do to help someone. Such little things gave Betty so much joy, whether it was Neil Diamond, her cats, or taking the time to buy, organize and label her grandchildren's school supplies every year, not only for them but

for many other children in need as well. Additionally and just as importantly, she worked for more than a decade for the The Washington Post in advertising, in which she took great pride. After retiring from the paper, she became a successful licensed Realtor with Mount Vernon Realty.

Betty is survived by her three children, Jeanne Marie (Paul) of Los Angeles, Calif., William Kyle of Las Vegas, Nevada, and Michele Genevieve of Leesburg, Va.; nine grandchildren, Kylah, Genevieve, Elizabeth, Lilliana, Jared-Patric, Derek-Paul, Holly-Anne, Ava-Grace, Colin-Michael and one great-grandchild, Ashlynn. A memorial/celebration of life service will be held (with a reception to follow) on Aug. 9, 2013, 10:30 a.m., at Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Alexandria. In October 2013 her ashes will be returned to her "home" California, and the ocean, with family and friends in attendance.

Always active and talented, whether it be sewing,

knitting, quilting, gardening, bowling, singing in the church folk choir in Japan, or hosting her annual Christmas party for friends and neighbors, Betty would be found at the center of "what was going on." She had many, many friends and was very generous with herself, time and what she could do to help someone. Such little things gave Betty so much joy, whether it was Neil Diamond, her cats, or taking the time to buy, organize and label her grandchildren's school supplies every year, not only for them but

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OPINION

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Tell us the story of a special bond between a child and a dog, the story of how you came to adopt your pet, or examples of amazing feats of your creatures. Can your dog catch a Frisbee 10 feet in the air, or devour an entire pizza when you turn your back for less than a minute?

Do you volunteer at an animal shelter or therapeutic riding center or take your pet to visit people in a nursing home? Tell us about your experience.

You can also take this opportunity to memorialize a pet you have lost.

Send photos and identify everyone in the photo including the pets and tell us what is

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Careful While Going Faster

If you have driven on the new 495 Express Lanes, you might wonder if the people who decided to raise the speed limit to 65 have driven on them. At the current prices, the Express Lanes are appealing whenever you really need to get somewhere and you have doubts about the flow of traffic.

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What on earth is the driver next to me doing?

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Changes July 1

Many actions of the 2013 General Assembly go into effect July 1.

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- ❖ Sales tax increases to 6 percent in Northern Virginia to help pay for transportation.
- ❖ Texting while driving becomes a primary offense, meaning that you can be pulled over if an officer sees you using your phone or thinks you are texting because you are looking down.
- ❖ Mandatory minimum sentence of one year in jail for those repeatedly convicted of driving (or boating) under the influence. (Repeatedly in this case means the third time.)

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

More Shirts, More Names

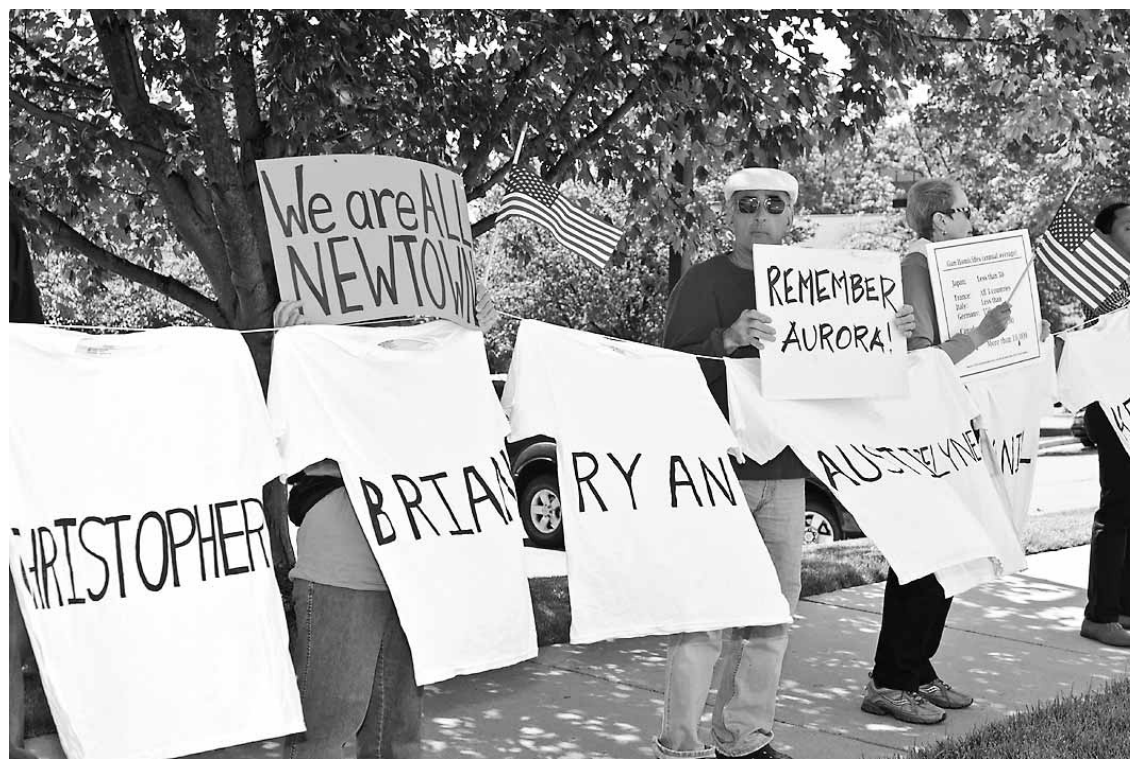
To the Editor:
A Richmond mom first made the clothesline of white t-shirts six years ago — 32 of them in all; one for each of the victims of Virginia Tech. It's been six years, but we have not forgotten. The names written on each of those t-shirts are heartbreakingly familiar ... Mary, Reema, Daniel

Six months ago, the same mom made another clothesline of white t-shirts — 26 of them this time, one for each of the victims at Sandy Hook Elementary. Six of those t-shirts are adult sized, but 20 are for the tiny body of a kindergartener. The ages of the victims are written on the back ... 6, 6, and again, 6 and the names written on the front are, once again, heartbreakingly familiar ... Ana, Jesse, Noah, Olivia

The people gathered at the NRA Headquarters just like they had on the 14th of every month since January, wearing green t-shirts and Va Tech ribbons and yellow stickers that read, "Background Checks Save Lives."

They were from Fairfax, Fauquier, and Loudoun County, from Fredericksburg and Richmond. There was a mom whose daughter had been at Virginia Tech on that dreadful April day and a father who was a native of Newtown. "Where else would I be?" he asked. "How could I not be here?"

It was a windy day, but we held



Shirts display the names of the victims of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting.

on to that line firmly; 58 t-shirts of 58 names take up a lot of clothesline. Children, students, teachers, sons, daughters, mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, wives and husbands ... read out the names aloud and feel the tightening in your chest and the prick of tears in your eyes. These children, these students, these teachers, are dead. Their last moments were painful and terrifying and obscenely horrific. All that wonderful potential, all the marvelous things they could have accomplished, all the good they might have done for the world, their dreams, their parent's dreams, ev-

erything ... that died, too.

There is a nice police officer who watches over us and, I guess, makes sure we don't cause trouble for the NRA — surely the easiest part of his day. At the end of the vigil, he drove by and gave us a friendly smile.

"See you next month, ladies?" he asked.

"We'll be here," we affirmed. Where else would we be? How could we not be here?

Laura Austin
Alexandria

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PEOPLE

Let the Music Play 10th anniversary Garden Party cultivates ASO support.

By JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

The Alexandria Symphony Orchestra's 10th annual Garden Party drew more than 175 people to the Belle Haven home of Isin and George E. Ludlow June 20 in an event that capped the 25th anniversary celebration of Maestro Kim Allen Kluge.

"When I came here 25 years ago, [ASO board members] Ann and Roy Snyder said 'We are not the backwaters of D.C. We are leaders and deserve the best for our citizens,' Kluge told the crowd. "It was a bold move back then and part of what I came to see as the 'can-do' spirit of this community."

ASO musicians provided entertainment with catering by La Bergerie and Del Ray Café. A silent auction was followed by a live auction with Craig Dyson acting as auctioneer.

"Our supporters have been very generous," Dyson said. "We have some amazing items up for auction."

Attendees surveyed auction tables set up around the pool and expansive gardens, with the live auction excitement building over vacation trips to locales including Key Largo, Nantucket, Wintergreen and the Bahamas.

The ASO will kick off its 70th anniversary season Oct. 5 with the first of its "Dreamers and Visionaries" concerts. The season will include renowned violinist Sarah Chang, local favorite Carlos Rodriguez on piano and Matthew Harding on trumpet. Kluge himself will make a rare appearance as soloist in "Rhapsody in Blue."

"I've been a supporter of the symphony



Kathryn and Maestro Kim Allen Kluge at the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra Garden Party fundraiser June 20 at the Belle Haven home of George and Isin Ludlow.



Jay and Jan Test.



Grady Frank and Maestro Kim Allen Kluge share a laugh at the ASO Garden Party fundraiser.

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JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

for many years," said former city councilman Frank Fannon. "Alexandria is very fortunate not just to have our own symphony but to have one of this caliber."

In addition to its regular concert schedule, the ASO will present several community performances, including the upcoming Alexandria Birthday Celebration at Oronoco Bay Park July 13, and the Children's Holiday Concert in December.

"With this spirit of support in our community comes enormous responsibility," Kluge said. "I honor all of you who share that responsibility with me to ensure that our children and our children's children will be able to enjoy cultural treasures and music of lasting value."

For more information on the ASO and upcoming performances, call Jessica Wisser at 703-548-0885 or visit www.alexsym.org.



Craig Dyson conducts the live auction portion of the event.



Forrest Williams and honorary event chair Patsy Ticer.



Former U.S. Sen. John Warner visits with Ellis Duncan.



Mary McAuliffe raises her hand to place a bid during the live auction.



Hostess Isin Ludlow, left, with Gant and Fran Redmon.



Event co-chair Margaret O'Grady and ASO board chairman Ronal Butler.



Frank Fannon and Larry Alberson.



Kathryn Kluge and Donnan Wintermute.

MILITARY

Army Capt. **Jeffrey J. Gunlicks** has returned to Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., after being deployed to Iraq serving in support of Operation New Dawn. Gunlicks, an officer in charge of the Taji Projects Office attached to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington, D.C., has served eight years in the military. The captain is a resident of Cannes Court, Alexandria.

Army Command **Sgt. Maj. Joseph L. Legra** has returned to Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., after being deployed to Iraq serving in support of Operation New Dawn. Legra, the command sergeant major with the 275th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, Fort Lee, has served 27

years in the military. He is a resident of Ashby Lane, Alexandria.

Air Force Capt. **Jason R. Jarecke** has arrived for duty at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Linda Dewey of Woodland Hills Drive, Eagle, Neb., and Robert Jarecke of Ambassador Way, Alexandria. Jarecke graduated in 1988 from Pius X High School, Lincoln, Neb., and received a bachelor of arts in 1992 from St. Johns University, Collegeville, Minn. He also earned a master of arts in 2005 from the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

Air Force Airman **Cedrica A. Edwards** graduated from basic military

training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Edwards is the daughter of Concetra Chase of Ponhill Drive, Woodbridge, and granddaughter of Deloris Chase of Jackies Lane, Alexandria. She is a 2011 graduate of Forest Park Senior High School, Woodbridge.

Marine Corps Pfc. **Trevion J. Bowers**, son of Rebecca Bowers of Hawthorne, Nev., and Allan Burrell, of Alexandria, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S. C. designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Air Force Airman **Alexander T.**

Konstantinov graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Konstantinov is the son of Elena Konstantinova Simpson of Hallie Rose Street, Alexandria. He is a 2011 graduate of Mount Vernon High School, Alexandria.

Marine Corps **Pvt. Thomas E. Weyrich**, son of Linda and John A. Weyrich of Alexandria, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C., designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class **Robert H. Dougherty**, son of Holly H. Dougherty and Stephen A. Dougherty,

both of Alexandria, is currently deployed. Dougherty along with fellow Sailors and Marines aboard the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise (CVN 65) and Carrier Strike Group (CSG) are conducting training and promoting the Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) campaign throughout the month of April.

Ramon F. Concepcion has received an Army ROTC scholarship to George Mason University. Scholarship recipients are enrolled as members of the ROTC Corps of Cadets. Concepcion is the son of Ramon and Linda Concepcion of Quantico Gateway Drive, Triangle. He graduated in 2010 from Mount Vernon High School, Alexandria.



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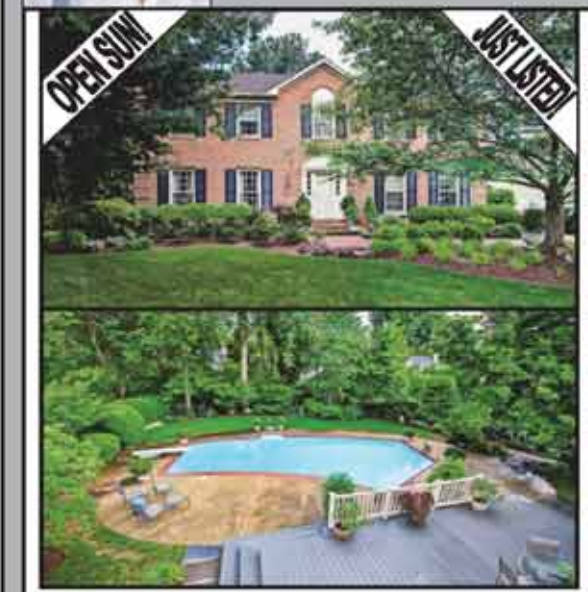


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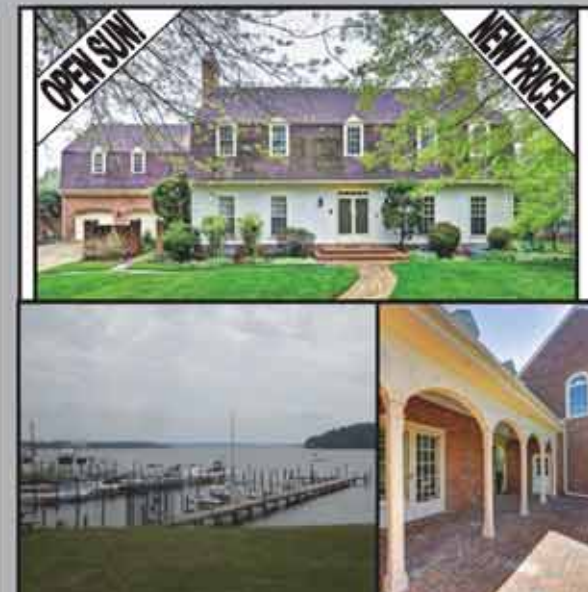
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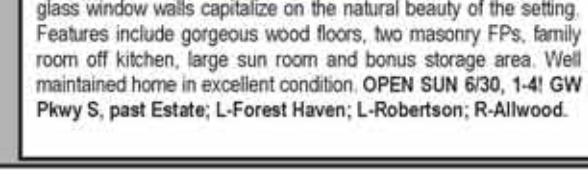
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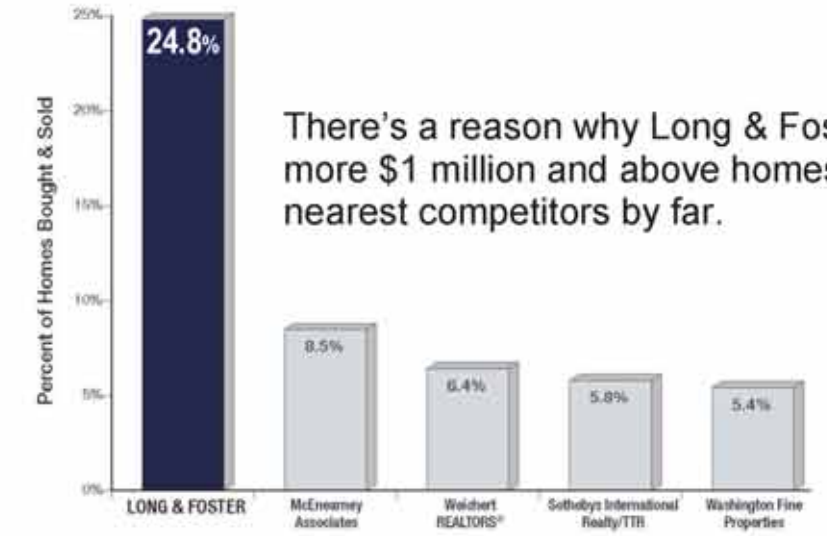


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ONGOING

Summer Classes. Art at the Center, 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. Children ages 6-10 can participate. Register at www.artatthecenter.org or 703-201-1250.

Theater Performance. "Twentieth Century" is playing through June 29 at The Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St. Call 703-683-0496 or visit www.thelittletheatre.com.

Walking Tour Devoted to Dogs. Saturdays, through June 29 at 10 a.m. at Mount Vernon Estate. All dogs on a leash can enjoy a 1.25 mile walk around the estate, and learn about canine life at Mount Vernon. \$5/for the tour plus the general admission for owners. Dogs are free. Visit www.mountvernon.org or 703-780-2000.

Art Exhibit. Through Sunday, June 30, the artists of Studio 4, Old Town, 218 N. Lee St., Suite 101, have created 2D and 3D artworks on the themes of pride and equality. Hours are Wednesday through Saturday 11 a.m.-7 p.m. and Sunday from noon-5 p.m. Visit www.facebook.com/WorkhouseStudio4 for more.

Art Exhibit. Through Sunday, June 30, see work by Patrick Sargent at Printmakers Inc. For this exhibition, Patrick Sargent brings together his military background with his artistic talents to create large woodcuts based on his experiences. Printmakers Inc. is at 105 N. Union St. Call 703-683-1342.

Art Exhibit. Through Sunday, June 30, see the exhibit "Food: Friend or Foe," which examines the relationship we have with food. Showcases 19 works by artists from all over the country. Free. Located at Target Gallery, Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Visit www.torpedofactory.org/target for more.

Gallery. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. daily through Sunday, June 30, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursdays. "Sweet Celebrations" at the Scope Gallery, 105 N. Union St. Ceramic Guild members present pottery for weddings, anniversaries, graduations and birthdays. Call 703-838-4565 or visit www.torpedofactory.org.

Gallery. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. daily through Sunday, June 30, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursdays. Enamelists Gallery at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union Street. In "Summer Joy," enamelists work with a bright summertime palette to celebrate the intensity and everlasting beauty of enamel colors. Call 703-838-4565 or visit www.torpedofactory.org.

Art Exhibit. Running through Sunday, June 30, Target Gallery presents Food, an all-media exhibition at the Torpedo Art Factory that explores the complex relationship with food including a reception Thursday, June 13, 6-8 p.m. Torpedo Art Factory is located at 105 N. Union St. Call 703-838-4565 or visit www.torpedofactory.org.

Gallery. The Art League Gallery at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. This juried exhibition, running through Monday, July 1, "(Con)text: Art with a Message," features text-based work. Call 703-683-1780 or visit www.theartleague.org.

Gallery. The Art League Gallery at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union Street. The Art League Gallery presents "Tabletop," an exhibition of functional tabletop wares crafted by artists from around the country, and juried by Linda Christianson. Running through Monday, July 1. Call 703-683-1780 or visit www.theartleague.org.

Gallery The Art League Gallery at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union Street Bob Tetro's solo show, "Bob Tetro: Yellowstone Abstracted," features photographs of Yellowstone National Park that bring the viewer close. Running through Monday, July 1. Call 703-683-1780 or visit www.theartleague.org.

Art Exhibit. Through Sunday, July 14, see "Hair Apparent" in the Athenaeum Gallery, 201 Prince St. It is a multimedia exhibit featuring sculpture, photography, performance and assemblage. Free.

Art Exhibit. Through Sunday, July 21, see "Conscious Evolution" by Denise Philipbar at Margaret W. and Joseph L. Fisher Art Gallery, located in the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St. The exhibit blends nature with science and technology. Visit www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/ for more.

Gallery. Through Monday, July 29, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. daily, 12 p.m.-9 p.m. Thursdays. Multiple Exposures Gallery at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union Street. Multiple Exposures Gallery presents "Michael Borek: What Would Sudek Do?," a solo show inspired by a Czech photographer who sought beauty in places that others dismissed. Call 703-838-4565 or visit www.torpedofactory.org.

Art Exhibit. Open through Aug. 3, "Living Legends of Alexandria: African American Activists" is on display at the Alexandria Black History Museum, 601 Wythe St. Free. Hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Visit www.alexblackhistory.org or 703-746-4356.

Art Exhibit. Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery is opening a juried show called "Where in the World." In this show, artists derive inspiration from travel and adventure. Free. Through Sunday, Aug. 4. The Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery is located at 105 N. Union St. Call 703-548-0935.

National Park and Recreation Month: Open Play Days and Nights. Through Aug. 18. Tuesdays and Thursday 6-9 p.m. at Ben Brenman Park Field, 4800 Brenman Park Drive and at Four Mile Run Soccer Field, 3700 Commonwealth Ave. Saturdays from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sundays noon-5 p.m. at Ben Brenman Park, Four Mile Run Soccer Field and Witter Fields, 2700 Witter Drive. Call 703-746-5402 or e-mail mac.slover@alexandriava.gov.

Art Class. Running through Saturday, Aug. 31, classes meet 9:15 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. Bring toddlers or preschoolers for guided exploration of clay, paint, collage, drawing and building in a supported studio environment. Classes held at Art At The Center, 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. Register online at www.artatthecenter.com.

Visiting Artists. Through Saturday, Aug. 31, the Visiting Artist Program is a professional development opportunity for emerging and experienced visual artists from all over the country and provides an opportunity for visitors to interact with a rotating group of visual artists. Torpedo Factory located at 105 N. Union St. Call 703-838-4565 or visit www.torpedofactory.org.

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. See how Robert E. Lee's



"Enter the Orchids," oil on canvas



"Flutter," oil on canvas



"Sonoran Swing," oil on canvas

Oil Paintings by Jennifer Brewer Stone

Tropical flora and fauna leap from Jennifer Brewer Stone's canvases, engaging the viewer with vibrant color and layered compositions. These oil paintings move beyond botanical illustration and explore the physical connections between plant and animal life. "Fantasy of the Real" will be on view in The Art League Gallery Friday, July 5-Monday, Aug. 5.

Stone holds a Bachelor's Degree in Fine Art and English Literature from the University of Maryland College Park. She is an exhibiting member at The Art League, and she paints in her studios at the Lee Arts Center in Arlington and at the Torpedo Factory Art Center.

Opening Reception will be held Thursday, July 11, 6:30-8 p.m. The Art League is located at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, on the waterfront in Old Town Alexandria at 105 N. Union St. Call 703-683-1780 or visit www.theartleague.org.

hometown was transformed literally overnight from a prosperous commercial port into a supply, hospital, and transportation center for the Union Army, and find out why Alexandria became a destination for African Americans seeking freedom. Explore the experiences of Alexandrians and others who lived

here during this time, as well as period photographs and collections items. Open Monday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, from 1-5 p.m. Admission \$2. Visit www.alexandriahistory.org or call 703-746-4994.

Life Drawing. Del Ray Artisans offers a range of open life drawing sessions to

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The **West End Farmers Market** will run Sundays from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. through November. Located at Ben Brenman Park, browse food, crafts and more. Visit www.westendfarmersmarket.org. This **exhibit at Fort Ward**, located at 4301 W. Braddock Road, features objects from the museum collection, to tell this story of the event that launched the Civil War in Alexandria. Free. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday, 12-5 p.m. Visit www.fortwaRoad.org or call 703-746-4848.

Life in Civil War Alexandria Exhibition at The Lyceum, 201 South Washington Street. 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, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. Suggested admission is \$2. Visit www.alexandriahistory.org or call 703-746-4994.

African American Activists Exhibition. Living Legends of Alexandria is an ongoing, not-for-profit photo-documentary project created in 2006 by artist-photographer Nina Tisara to identify, honor and chronicle people making current history in Alexandria. This free exhibit is at the Alexandria Black History Museum, 601 Wythe St. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Visit www.alexblackhistory.org or call 703-746-4356.

The Marshall House Incident Exhibition at Fort Ward Museum, 4301 West Braddock Road. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday, noon-5 p.m. Visit www.fortwaRoad.org or call 703-746-4848.

Photography Workshop. 10:30 a.m.-noon at Multiple Exposures Gallery on 105 N. Union Street. Photographers and enthusiasts of all skill levels are invited to share work, ideas, and questions at this free workshop held on the last Sunday of each month, except December. No reservations. Call 703-683-2205.

Culinary Arts Month Sunday Film Fest. Every Sunday in July, Charles Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. All films start at 2 p.m. Free. Call 703-746-1702 or www.alexandria.lib.va.us for schedule and information.

Art Exhibit. Open in The Art League Gallery located in the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Studio 21. Photographer Bob Tetro captures the geysers and hot springs in Yellowstone National Park open through July 1. The closing reception takes place Sunday, June 30, from 2-4 p.m. For information and gallery hours call 703-838-4565 or visit www.torpedofactory.org.

Summer Youth Programs. Metro Fine Arts Center 6450 Landsdowne Centre Drive. Classes start July 8. Call 703-339-0444 or visit www.metrofinearts.com.

Gallery. July 5 through Aug. 5 at the Art League Gallery in the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. "Fantasy of the Real," a solo show. A reception will be held on Thursday, July 11, 6:30-8 p.m. Call 703-683-1780 or visit www.theartleague.org.

Theater. Musical production "Man of La Mancha" at the Aldersgate Church Community Theater, 1301 Collingwood Road. Shows are Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m. (June

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28, 29, and July 5, 6); Sunday matinees, 2 p.m. (June 30 and July 7). Adults \$18, Youth/Senior \$15. Visit <http://acctonline.org>.

SUMMER CAMPS

Mt. Vernon Community Children's Theatre Summer Camp. Children can participate in either a one-week all-day session July 22-26 or a two-week session, with the option of either morning, afternoon or all day from July 1-12 (no 4th) or July 29-Aug. 9. Children will learn about all aspects of theatre through games, rehearsals and a final showcase. Visit www.mvccct.org/camps.php or 703-360-0686.

The **American Backstage Company** is offering a variety of summer classes and workshops, many which are free. Located at 5380 Eisenhower Ave. Visit www.americanbackstage.com for a full listing.

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Spanish Immersion Camp for Tots.

Monday, July 8-Friday, July 12. Ages 3-5 will enjoy games, art and songs and more. \$325/child. Register online at www.sssas.org/smmertimesreg.

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C.a.m.p. Tuesday, July 23-Thursday, July 25, 9 a.m.-noon for ages 5-7. \$105 includes snacks and souvenirs. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/historic/lyceum/default.aspx?id=43632 for more.

Camp Carlyle. Monday-Friday, July 22-26 from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St. Ages 9-12 can learn about 18th century games, clothing, schooling and more. Includes field trips to other museums in Old Town Alexandria, storytelling and more. \$300/in district child; \$350/out of district child. To register visit www.nvrpa.org or 703-549-2997.

Shakespeare Summer Camp. July 29-Aug. 2, StagePlay will be serving up its 12th year of Shakespeare this summer at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. Children in grades 3-6 will be introduced to "A Midsummer Night's Dream" through scene work, improvisation activities, costume play and theatre games from 1:30-4:30 p.m. Email Heather Sanderson at bardsplay@gmail.com or visit www.stageplay.tv.

THURSDAY/JUNE 27

"A Little DECODence." Enjoy the 10th Anniversary Fostering the Future Cruise with a dockside reception at 7 p.m.; the Cherry Blossom paddle wheel boat will depart at 8:30 p.m. at the City Marina in Old Town Alexandria, Cameron and Union Streets. Enjoy dinner, drinks and dancing until 10 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by the Tower House Band. Attire is 1920s jazzy casual. All proceeds



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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.

SummerQuest: Ukulele Phil and the Hula Kids. 11 a.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Children ages 2 and up can enjoy Hawaiian music and dancing. Free.

703-746-1703.

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.

SummerQuest: Under the Sea. 4 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Children ages 6-12 can learn about sea creatures. Free. 703-746-1704.

Blockbuster Thursday. 6:30 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Free. Call 703-746-1702 for title.

World Short Story Discussion. 7 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road Free. Call for title. 703-746-1704.

Eat My Dust. 10:30 a.m. at Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Children ages 6-12 can meet Charlie Williams, vocal sound

impressionist and noise making children's comedian. Free. 703-765-3645.

Martha's Family Movie. 7 p.m. at Martha Washington Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Road. All ages can watch a film based on a children's classic book. Free. Registration required. 703-768-6700.

FRIDAY/JUNE 28

Community Dance. 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Dance to a live band. \$4/person. 703-765-4573.

Comedy. 7 p.m. or 10 p.m. at Old Town Theater, 815 King St. Claude Stuart performs. Buy tickets at

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Delbert & Glen Duet. Delbert McClinton with Glen Clark.

Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Showtime: 7:30 p.m.; Tickets \$45. Visit www.birchmere.com.

Friday Affair at Hollin Hall. Noon-4 p.m. at Historic Hollin Hall, 1909 Windmill Lane. Browse food, drinks and other items. For more information call Gale at 202-256-5332. Free.

SATURDAY/JUNE 29

Family Dig Day. 1:30-3 p.m. Help City archaeologists screen excavated soil for real artifacts. \$5. Contact archaeology@alexandriava.gov or call 703-746-4399.

Music Performance. 8 p.m. or 11 p.m. at Old Town Theater, 815 King St. Hear Billy Hancock. Buy tickets at www.oldtowntheater1914.com/home.html or 703-544-5313.

Free healthy food event United Community Ministries (UCM) from 1-3 p.m. at the Mount Vernon Unitarian Church at 1909 Windmill Lane. The public is invited and registration is free. The event will open with a lively panel discussion about healthy food and food policy, with local food experts. Call 703-768-7106

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

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Air Force Concert. 8 p.m. West Potomac High School, 6500 Quander Road. The Concert Band Alumni Reunion Concert is offered as a public service. Free. Tickets not required. For more information visit www.usafband.af.mil.

Food Event. 1 - 3 p.m. at the Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane. Renown chef of Alexandria's Restaurant Eve will attempt to make a gourmet meal out of ingredients from the United Ministries food bank. To RSVP for this event e-mail UMC at chew@ucmagency.org.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 29-30

Theater. Metropolitan Fine Arts Center will perform "Mirror, Mirror" at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Center at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Sunday. \$18-\$23. Visit www.metrofinearts.com.

SUNDAY/JUNE 30

Photography Workshop. 10:30 a.m.-noon at Multiple Exposures Gallery on 105 N. Union St. Photographers of all skill levels are invited to share work, ideas, and questions at this free workshop held on the last Sunday of each month. No reservations. Call 703-683-2205.

North Kingstown Community Chorus Concert. "Friendly Visitor's Program." at 4 p.m. at the Old Presbyterian Meeting House, 321 S Fairfax St. Free with a reception to follow. Proceeds from donations will go to the Friendly Visitor Program of its mission partner, Senior Services of Alexandria. Call 703-836-4414, ext

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MONDAY/JULY 1

Jason Isbell with Widowspeak. The Birchmere Music Hall is located at 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY/JULY 1-3

Stop-Motion Animation Class. 10 a.m.-noon, Art at the Center, 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. Cassie will be back in the studio July 1-3 and July 9-11. Bring toys and build sculptures to tell a unique story. Call 703-201-1250 or visit www.artatthecenter.org.

JULY 1-13

Art Class. Del Ray Artisans is offering an adult art camp with 22 workshops over 11 days, including Intro to Fashion Drawing, Intro to Visual Journaling, and Pop-Up Sewing. Workshop details and registration at www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/GUAC. All workshops will be at the Del Ray Artisans gallery at the Nicholas A. Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria.

TUESDAY/JULY 2

Alexandria's First Family of Beer - Then and Now. 6-8 p.m. at Morrison House, 116 S. Alfred St. The Portner sisters will share details about their great-great-grandfather's company, The Robert Portner Brewing Company, and how it is influencing their own. Free. Sample some of the beers available. Visit www.morrisonhouse.com or 703-838-8000.

THURSDAY/JULY 4

Fireworks. 12:45 p.m. at Mount Vernon Estate. Daytime fireworks at George Washington's Mount Vernon. In addition, 600 limited-edition aged George Washington Rye Whiskey bottles will be available for purchase at 10 a.m., \$185 each. Visit MountVernon.org

Plant Sale. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Plant sale hosted by the Garden Club of Waynewood will be held after the Waynewood community parade at the Waynewood Recreation Park.

July 4th Parade and Picnic. 10 a.m. at Waynewood Elementary School, following the parade at the Waynewood pool. In addition to concessions, inflatables, midway games, and plants for sale by the Garden Club, the Waynewood Founders gather for a breakfast to celebrate and reminisce. Located at 1205 Waynewood Blvd., Fort Hunt. Visit www.waynewoodrec.org.

SATURDAY/JULY 6

Alexandria Art Market. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in Colasanto Park, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Meet local artists and hear live music. Visit www.thedelrayartisans.org/artmarket for more.

JULY 6 THROUGH JULY 28

Art Exhibit. Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N Union Street. The Target Gallery presents "Optical Studies," a solo exhibition of work by Torpedo Factory artist Ruth Gowell, winner of the Friends of the Torpedo Factory Art Center's Artist of the Year award. A reception will be held July 11, 6-8 p.m., with an artist talk and

award ceremony at 7 p.m. Call 703-838-4565 or visit www.torpedofactory.org/target.

SUNDAY/JULY 7

Concert. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Come see Swing Out Sister perform. \$35. Visit www.swingoutsister.com.

SUNDAY-MONDAY/JULY 7-8

Talk. Meet Mata Amritanandamayi, renowned humanitarian and spiritual leader at Hilton Alexandria, Mark Center 5000 Seminary Road. July 7, 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., and July 8 10 a.m. Free shuttles to and from the hotel. Visit www.ammad.org or call 240-696-1927 for information. Free.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 10

Concert. Noon-1 p.m. at Canal Center Plaza, 44 Canal Center Plaza. Music by Wake Campbell. Free. 703-746-5592.

Author Event. Author Bob O'Connor will speak about his book "Countdown to West Virginia Statehood" celebrating 150 years of statehood. 7 p.m. at the Beatley Public Library.

THURSDAY/JULY 11

Opening Reception. 6-8 p.m. see a solo exhibit from Torpedo Factory Artist of the Year Ruth Gowell. Located in the Target Gallery, 105 N. Union St. See works in woven fiber art and kiln-formed glass. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org.
Twilight Concert. 7:30-8:30 p.m. at John Carlyle Park, 300 John Carlyle



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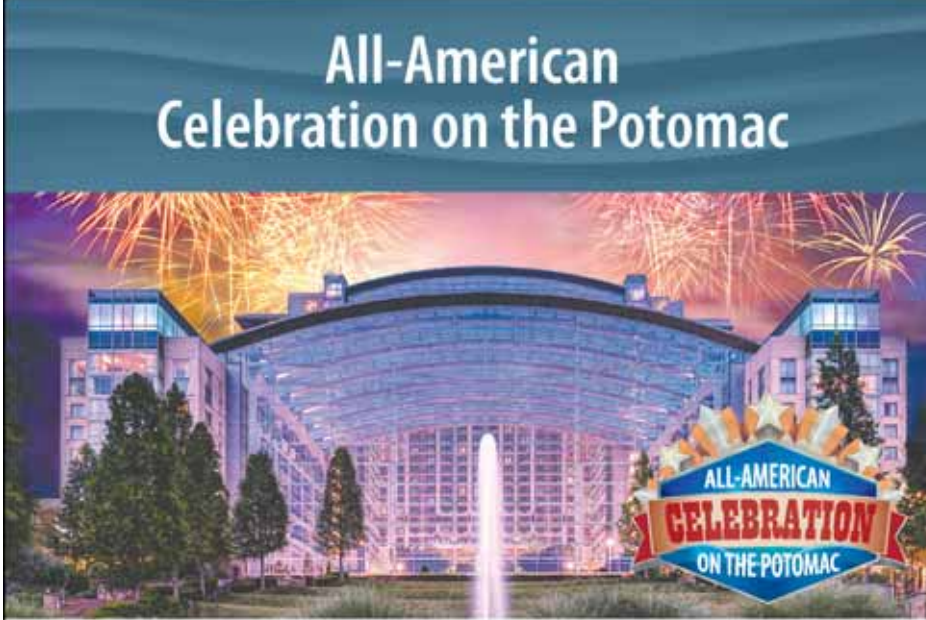
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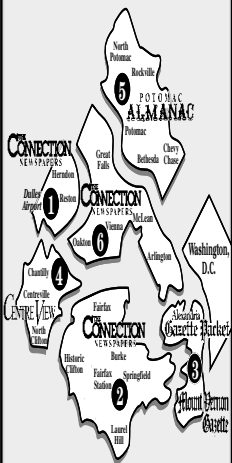
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In accordance with the Virginia Voluntary Remediation Program (VRP) public participation requirements of 9 VAC 20-160-120, the general public is hereby notified that the property located at 800-849 North Henry Street, City of Alexandria, VA 22314 has voluntarily enrolled in the Voluntary Remediation Program (VRP) and is requesting a Certificate of Satisfactory Completion of Remediation from Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ). The 2.6 acre property was impacted primarily by petroleum hydrocarbons related to historic on-site storage and handling of petroleum products during glass and bottle manufacturing operations. Voluntary remedial activities were performed and included excavation, removal, and proper disposal of impacted soils. Remaining soils and groundwater beneath the site are below VRP risk-based levels. In accordance with the VRP, site characterization and human health risk assessments have been completed. For more information on this matter, you may contact the persons listed below. Comments should be submitted to Mr. Dave Berry by email at dberry@apexcos.com, and will be accepted for 30 days following the publication date of this notice.

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REAL ESTATE FOCUS: SUMMER 2013

Housing's Roaring Rebound? Pent-up demand creates seller's market in Northern Virginia.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE GAZETTE

In February, Patricia Stack, a broker with Weichert Realtors, held an open house for a single-family home for sale in Vienna just listed for \$739,000. Within three hours, more than 70 people toured the home.

"The home went under contract substantially above list price," Stack said. "2013 has started with a bang in Northern Virginia real estate. In fact, it appears to be a market more like 2005-2006 than anything we've seen since," Stack said.

"Buyers seem finally to be realizing that prices have bottomed out and the current combination of low prices and historically low interest rates will likely not be repeated in our lifetimes," Stack said.

Alison Sherman, an agent with Keller-Williams in McLean, is seeing the same trend. In the spring, she sold a home in Vienna in three days with multiple offers.

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— Patricia Stack

The 5-bedroom Colonial, built in 1976 on Ferol Drive, listed for just under \$1 million, and sold \$132,000 above list price.

"It's a great time to sell your home. Statistics show the average sales price is up and the average days on market are down," Sherman said.

Buoyed by low mortgage rates, low regional unemployment, growth in the number of households and rising consumer confidence, the residential real-estate market in Fairfax County and the rest of Northern Virginia has rebounded in a big way.

Unlike the last five years, demand is up and supply is down. In fact, in some particularly desirable neighborhoods, the transition from a buyer's market to a seller's market is all but complete.

Call it the new "reality in realty." "There is an oversupply of buyers and less inventory right now in the market," said Anil Khanna, a real estate broker with Champion Homes Realty in Chantilly. "I have seen it to



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Location, location, location. Pulte's new MetroWest development in Fairfax boasts location as a draw for buyers. The 50-plus townhome development is next to the Vienna Metro and "two minutes" from I-66. For more information, go to www.pulte.com/communities/va/fairfax/metrowest

be a seller's market based on the number of offers I have seen with the properties that I have bid on for buyers."

Khanna added that low interest rates are beginning to rise, and that has created a sense of urgency with buyers.

According to Freddie Mac, the rate for a 30-year, conventional, fixed-rate mortgage rose to 3.54 percent in May from 3.45 percent in April.

"Many buyers are trying to purchase something this year rather than next, due to the anticipated increase in interest rates," Khanna said.

Despite some similarities to the boom period in housing nearly a decade ago, market conditions that led to the housing bust are vastly different, according to national housing experts.

"The boom period was marked by easy credit and overbuilding, but today we have

tight mortgage credit and widespread shortages of homes for sale," said Gary Thomas, president of the National Association of Realtors.

"The issue now is pent-up demand and strong growth in the number of households, with buyer traffic 29 percent above a year ago," Thomas said.

Lawrence Yun, chief economist for the National Association of Realtors, said existing-home sales are at the highest level since November 2009, when the market jumped to 5.44 million as buyers took advantage of tax stimulus.⁹

Sales have stayed above year-ago levels for 23 months, while the national median price shows 15 consecutive months of year-over-year increases. "The housing numbers are overwhelmingly positive, especially in markets such as Northern Virginia, where employment is strong," Yun said.

New Construction Key Indicator of Housing Rebound

Adding to the good news about the housing market is the increasing number of infill developments and new construction, "housing starts," in Fairfax County. According to real estate economists, housing starts are one of the leading predictors of overall economic stability and growth.

A June 6 report released by Metrostudy, a national housing data and consulting firm, reports that housing starts are up sharply in Fairfax County: This year, there were 386 starts in the first quarter of 2013 compared to 143 in the first quarter of 2012, a 170 percent increase.

In addition to housing starts, almost every other housing indicator has trended up from May 2012 to May 2013 in Fairfax County, according to Real Estate Building Intelligence (RBI) — a company that analyzes market trends and statistics from the Multiple Listing Service.

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In Fairfax County in the past year:

- ❖ The total volume of homes sold jumped 32 percent, from \$729 million to more than \$950 million.
- ❖ The average price for a home increased nearly 10 percent, from \$469,000 to nearly \$550,000.
- ❖ Average days on market dropped a steep 30 percent from 39 days to 27 days.
- ❖ New "under contracts" jumped 31.56 percent, from 450 to 592.

"Buy Land. They Aren't Making Any More."

This famous quote could not be
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Anil Khanna



Patricia Stack



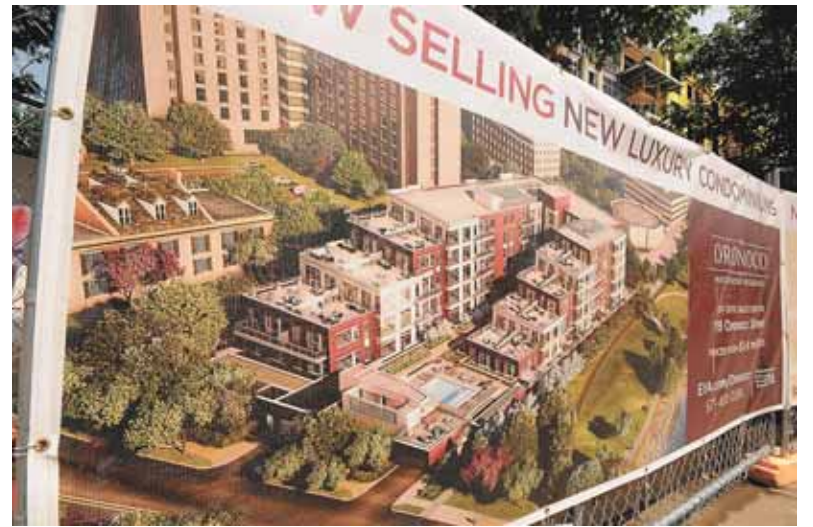
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NEW HOMES

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4 Oak Grove, Alexandria, VA 22314 — From \$2,134,900 — CRAFTMARK HOMES



3 The Oronoco Waterfront, Alexandria, VA 22304 — From \$1,029,900 — EYA

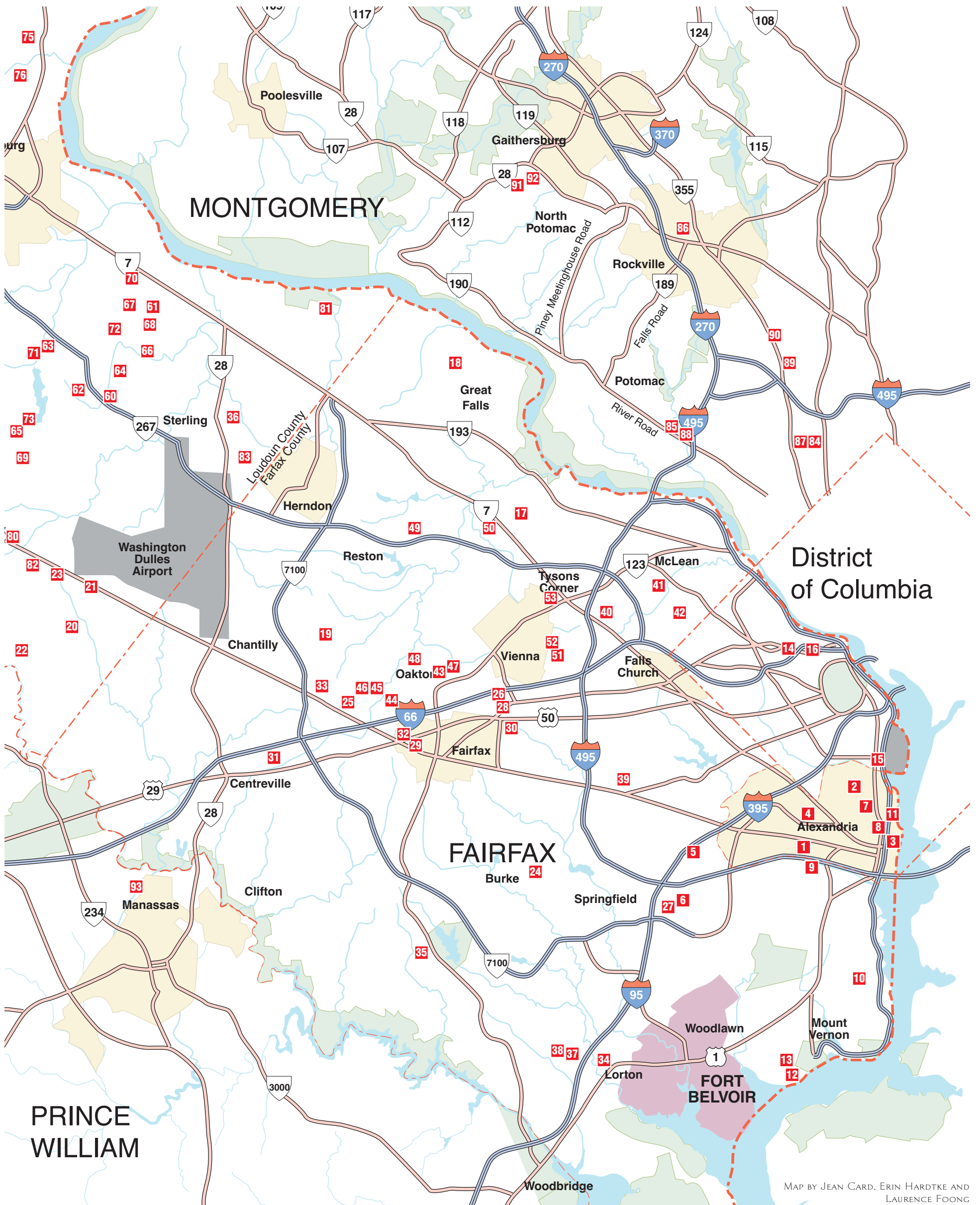


9 Burgundy Woods, Mount Vernon, VA 22310 — From \$720,000 — NV HOMES



12 Riverwood at Ferry Point, Mount Vernon, VA 22309 — From \$990,000 — NV HOMES

Community	Builder	Price	Postal City	Zip
1 Coopers Grove	CALVERT LUXURY HOMES	From \$1,029,900	Alexandria	22304
2 Del Ray	CALVERT LUXURY HOMES	From \$1,399,900	Alexandria	22304
3 The Oronoco Waterfront	EYA	From \$1,400,000	Alexandria	22314
4 Oak Grove	CRAFTMARK HOMES	From \$2,134,900	Alexandria	22304
5 The Isabella at Monticello Mews	McWILLIAMS BALLARD	From \$269,900	Alexandria	22312
6 Potters Glen	EVERGREENE HOMES	From \$500,000	Alexandria	22310
7 Potomac Yard	PULTE HOMES	From \$638,580	Alexandria	22301
8 Old Town Commons	EYA	From \$700,000	Alexandria	22314
9 Burgundy Woods	NV HOMES	From \$720,000	Alexandria	22310
10 Hollin Hill Village	EVERGREENE HOMES	From \$900,000	Alexandria	22308
11 Printers Row	McWILLIAMS BALLARD	From \$949,900	Alexandria	22314
12 Riverwood at Ferry Point	NV HOMES	From \$990,000	Alexandria	22309
13 Mount Vernon Park	NV HOMES	From \$930,000	Alexandria	22309
14 Dominion Heights	CHRISTOPHER COMPANIES	From \$300,000	Arlington	22207
15 The Eclipse at Potomac Yard	COMSTOCK HOMES	From \$500,000	Arlington	22202
16 Court at Lyon Village	EVERGREENE HOMES	From \$900,000	Arlington	22201
17 Marquette	KESWICK HOMES	From \$2,300,000	Great Falls	22066
18 The Pond at Beach Mill	CREEKSTONE	From \$2,800,000	Great Falls	
19 Reserve at Oakton	EVERGREENE HOMES	From \$900,000	Herndon	20171
20 East Gate	M/I HOMES	From \$350,000	Chantilly	20152
21 Villas at East Gate	COMSTOCK HOMES	From \$300,000	Chantilly	20152
22 Dawson's Corner	NV HOMES	From \$650,000	Chantilly	20152
23 Arcola Center Townhomes	RYAN Homes	From \$372,990	Dulles	20166
24 Burke Lake Crossing	CHRISTOPHER COMPANIES	From mid-\$700,000	Burke	
25 Penderbrook Square	COMSTOCK HOMES	From \$200,000	Fairfax	22033
26 Metrowest	PULTE HOMES	From \$542,890	Fairfax	22031
27 Foster, A&S Crest	STANLEY MARTIN	From \$567,990	Fairfax	22031
28 Cameron Glen	STANLEY MARTIN	From \$614,990	Fairfax	22030
29 Main Street Residences	COURTLAND HOMES	From \$699,000	Fairfax	22030
30 Mosaic District	EYA	From \$700,000	Fairfax	22031
31 Autumn Willow	RYAN Homes	From \$899,000	Fairfax	22033
32 Fairfield Manor	STANLEY MARTIN	From \$859,990	Fairfax	22031
33 Autumn Willow	NV HOMES	From \$890,000	Fairfax	22033
34 Lake Hill Farms	N.V.P	From \$800,000	Fairfax County	22079
35 Hampton Reserves	RYAN Homes	From \$879,990	Fairfax Station	22039
36 Meadow Branch	INTEGRITY HOMES	From \$350,000	Hayfield	22601
37 Spring Hill	DEL WEBB	From \$200,000	Lorton	22079
38 Spring Hill Condos	PULTE HOMES	From \$208,990	Lorton	22079
39 Harrison Hills	CHRISTOPHER COMPANIES	From \$650,000	Annapdale	
40 Tysons Overlook	CARR HOMES	From \$689,900	Falls Church	22043
41 Chesterbrook Manor	MADISON HOMES	From \$1,675,000	McLean	22101
42 Grace Manor Court	KESWICK HOMES	From \$1,800,000	McLean	22102
43 Oakton Heights	EVERGREENE HOMES	From \$1,200,000	Oakton	22124
44 West Oaks	EVERGREENE HOMES	From \$1,400,000	Oakton	22124
45 The Reserve at Waples Mills	CAMBERLY HOMES	From \$1,479,900	Oakton	22124
46 The Reserve at Waples Mills	WINCHESTER HOMES	From \$1,479,900	Oakton	22124
47 Oakton East	STANLEY MARTIN	From \$709,990	Oakton	22124
48 The Estates at Stuart Mill	CAMBERLY HOMES	From \$1,599,900	Oakton	22124
49 Hunting Crest	NV HOMES	From \$1,200,000	Vienna	22182
50 Maymount	BASHEER AND EDGEMOORE	From \$1,500,000	Vienna	22182
51 Wedderburn Estates	COURTLAND HOMES	From \$1,115,000	Vienna	22180
52 Pickett's Reserve	COURTLAND HOMES	From \$1,220,000	Vienna	22180
53 Willow Oaks	BASHEER AND EDGEMOORE	From \$1,200,000	Vienna	22182
54 Virginia Manor	NV HOMES	From \$400,000	Aldie	20105
55 Lenah Mill- The Villages	TOLL BROTHERS	From \$559,995	Aldie	20105
56 Lenah Mill- The Carolinas	TOLL BROTHERS	From \$607,995	Aldie	20105
57 Lenah Mill- The Executives	TOLL BROTHERS	From \$688,995	Aldie	20105
58 Willowsford Vintage Series	INTEGRITY HOMES	From \$704,990	Aldie	20105
59 Huntleigh at Creighton Farms	STANLEY MARTIN	From \$714,990	Aldie	20175
60 Loudoun Station	COMSTOCK HOMES	From \$1399/month	Ashburn	20147
61 Potomac Green	DEL WEBB	From \$250,000	Ashburn	20147
62 The Villages at Broadlands	VAN METRE	From \$300,000	Ashburn	20148
63 The Preserve Goose Creek Villas	LENNAR	From \$300,000	Ashburn	20148
64 Morley Corner	RYAN Homes	From \$334,990	Ashburn	20147
65 Brambleton: Brownstone	MILLER AND SMITH	From \$400,000	Ashburn	20148
66 Stonegate	NV HOMES	From \$400,000	Ashburn	20147
67 One Loudoun	CAMBERLY HOMES	From \$450,000	Ashburn	20147
68 One Loudoun: Central Park West	MILLER AND SMITH	From \$450,000	Ashburn	20147
69 Brambleton: Noble Pointe	MILLER AND SMITH	From \$550,000	Ashburn	20148
70 One Loudoun: Downtown	MILLER AND SMITH	From \$550,000	Ashburn	20147
71 Belmont Glen Village	CRAFTMARK HOMES	From \$600,000	Ashburn	20148
72 Ashburn Place	M/I HOMES	From \$600,000	Ashburn	20147
73 The Boulevard at Brambleton	CAMBERLY HOMES	From \$300,000	Brambleton	20148
74 Courtland Rural Village	LENNAR	From \$300,000	Leesburg	20175
75 Selma Estates	STANLEY MARTIN	From \$549,990	Leesburg	20176
76 Raspberry Falls	VAN METRE	From \$600,000	Leesburg	20176
77 Stone Fox Estates	CRAFTMARK HOMES	From \$700,000	Leesburg	20175
78 Greene Mill Preserve	STANLEY MARTIN	From \$759,990	Leesburg	20175
79 Shenstone Reserve	TOLL BROTHERS	From \$829,995	Leesburg	20175
80 Westend at Stone Ridge	VAN METRE	From \$829,995	Lorton	20105
81 Overlook at Lowes Island	STANLEY MARTIN	From \$499,990	Potomac Falls	20165
82 South Riding	TOLL BROTHERS	From \$342,389	South Riding	20152
83 Autumn Oaks	RYAN Homes	From \$404,990	Sterling	20166
84 Little Falls Place	EYA	From \$1,300,000	Bethesda	20814
85 Quarry Springs	Can't determine builder	From \$1,800,000	Bethesda	20817
86 Symphony Park at Strathmore	KOITZGROUP	From \$1,250,000	Bethesda, MD	20817
87 Little Falls Place	EYA	From \$1,349,900	Bethesda, MD	
88 River Quarry in Bethesda	CARTER BUILDERS	From \$1,390,000	Bethesda, MD	20817
89 Symphony Park	MICHAEL HARRIS HOMES	From \$1,000,000	N Bethesda, MD	20852
90 White Flint Station	TOLL BROTHERS	From \$422,995	N Bethesda, MD	20852
91 Hallman Grove	WINCHESTER HOMES	From \$692,900	N Potomac, MD	20878
92 Quince Trace	PULTE HOMES	From \$565,900	N Potomac, MD	20878
93 Heritage Crossing	STANLEY MARTIN	From \$242,990	Manassas	20109



MAP BY JEAN CARD, ERIN HARDTKE AND LAURENCE FOONG

Housing's Rebound?

HOME SALES

In May 2013, 157 homes sold between \$1,400,000-\$65,000 in the Mount Vernon area.

This week's list represents those homes sold in the \$1,400,000-\$353,000 range. For the complete list, visit www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

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more apt for Fairfax County.

In the past decade, while new housing developments were being built in Prince William and Loudoun counties. Fairfax County was pretty much built out. If buyers wanted a newly-built home, they had to tear down an old one.

While land is still at a premium in Fairfax County, new infill developments have been springing up in unlikely areas such as Vienna, Oakton, Burke and the City of Fairfax.

"Demand for housing is up, and so are development applications," said Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock), who noticed the trend last year and formed a land use development advisory committee in his district in response to the rise in application.

"Fairfax County is pretty much 'built out' and infill projects are more challenging to execute," Cook said.

Any existing pockets of land are small, and homes are often shoe-horned into tight spaces, and sometimes squeezed into existing neighborhoods. Storm water, setback, density, parking and other zoning issues become more challenging for builders.

"So, we are seeing more going on, but they are usually very difficult projects," Cook said.

Difficult, yes, but not impossible. The persistent demand for brand new housing, coupled with buyers willing to spend, has spurred high-end builders such as Pulte and Stanley Martin to create luxury townhomes and condominiums project throughout the county.

In January, Stanley Martin Homes announced the opening of 35 luxury townhomes in Oakton.

"Stanley Martin is reaffirming the old adage that in real estate it's all about 'location, location, location,' as it's tough to find a better Northern Virginia location than the charming and convenient town of Oakton," said Lauri Chastain, vice president of marketing for Stanley Martin.

Within weeks of news about the new Oakton East, there were more than 300 people on the "wait list" for the homes that range in price from \$600,000 to nearly \$800,000.

Targeting empty-nesters who are looking for less square footage and less yard, but larger than the typical townhome, Oakton East offers 3,700 – 3,800 square feet of finished living space, a 2-car garage and gourmet kitchens.

The homes "look and feel like single family homes – minus the

yard work," Chastain said.

"Oakton is one of the premiere areas for brand new construction.

Buyers prefer new homes over resale, but they are not easy to find," Realtor Pat Stack said.

MetroWest in Fairfax, a Pulte development, is one of the largest luxury townhome, condominium and apartment communities in Fairfax County, with a total of 2,248 residential units slated for development on 56 acres near the Vienna/Fairfax Metro.

In addition, plans call for 300,000-plus square feet of office space and 125,000 square feet of retail, service, institutional and governmental space. MetroWest will also feature community parks, courtyards, a rec center and at least 30 percent will be preserved as green space. Sales of the \$600,000 and up homes have been brisk.

While townhomes, condos and apartments are typical for infill developments – both because of the their small footprint and the higher price per square foot builders can charge – there are several new single-family infill developments in the county.

Local developer John Sekas has created Oakcrest Farms, located off Hunter Mill Road near Vale Road, a development of seven high-end single-family homes selling for more than \$1.5 million with at least 5,000 square feet.

The development is embedded in the original Oakcrest Farms community, which has 54 colonial-style homes built in the 1980s. Construction began last year, and already four of the seven homes are sold.

Grant Johnson, a real estate broker for Sekas, said he has seen two types of buyers for the homes, which feature gourmet kitchens, stone fireplaces and two-story family rooms, and optional media rooms.

"We have transfers, who are coming here for the high-paying tech jobs, and buyers who live in the area who want to move up," Johnson said. "This is an attractive location. The schools are great, we're near Wolf Trap and Tysons, and people like it here and don't want to leave."

Builders Are Optimistic

"Builders, I think they are as clued into the market as the rest of us. There is more confidence in the economy locally than we've seen in the past several years," said Stack.

Address	BR	FB	HB	Postal City	Sold Price	Type	Lot AC	PostalCode
9521 MOUNT VERNON LD	7	6	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,400,000	Detached	0.45	22309
1604 RIVER FARM DR	6	5	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,222,500	Detached	0.51	22308
9055 TOWER HOUSE PL	5	5	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,167,500	Detached	0.49	22308
1203 ESSEX MANOR CT	5	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,150,000	Detached	0.45	22308
1209 GATEWOOD DR	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,106,250	Detached	0.37	22307
7210 BURTONWOOD DR	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,100,000	Detached	0.37	22307
9329 MOUNT VERNON CIR	5	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,051,000	Detached	0.43	22309
2415 LAKESHIRE DR	6	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,005,000	Detached	0.97	22308
7203 PARK TERRACE DR	3	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$929,000	Detached	0.37	22307
3127 WOODLAND LN	5	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$910,000	Detached	0.46	22309
7413 ADMIRAL DR	5	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$895,000	Detached	0.37	22307
1213 BELLE VISTA DR	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$895,000	Detached	0.34	22307
1613 NORAL PL	5	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$845,000	Detached	0.28	22308
8819 FIRCREST PL	6	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$777,600	Detached	0.31	22308
1800 HACKAMORE LN	5	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$775,000	Detached	0.24	22308
916 EMERALD DR	5	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$750,000	Detached	0.35	22308
1812 WHITEOAKS DR	4	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$749,000	Detached	0.54	22306
3811 NALLS RD	5	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$745,000	Detached	0.36	22309
3505 RIVERWOOD RD	4	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$734,500	Detached	0.34	22309
2210 FORDHAM DR	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$729,000	Detached	0.23	22307
3600 SOUTH PL #1	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$725,000	Detached	0.23	22309
7600 ELBA RD	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$720,000	Detached	0.38	22306
7322 RANGE RD	5	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$715,000	Detached	0.65	22306
1804 STIRRUP LN	6	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$710,000	Detached	0.25	22308
2018 HOOVER LN	4	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$701,000	Detached	0.25	22308
7302 PARK TERRACE DR	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$700,000	Detached	0.24	22307
3105 WATERSIDE LN	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$700,000	Detached	0.31	22309
5500 TEAK CT	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$689,000	Detached	0.25	22309
2634 CHILDS LN	6	4	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$670,000	Detached	0.32	22308
1939 MARTHAS RD	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$644,900	Detached	0.40	22307
8515 MOUNT VERNON HWY	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$642,000	Detached	0.41	22309
1116 WESTMORELAND RD	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$636,000	Detached	0.21	22308
1908 COOL SPRING DR	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$636,000	Detached	0.26	22308
1903 MARTHAS RD	4	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$629,990	Detached	0.51	22307
8722 WATERFORD RD	5	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$625,000	Detached	0.36	22308
7311 STAFFORD RD	4	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$615,000	Detached	0.37	22307
8816 TERESA ANN CT	5	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$615,000	Detached	0.30	22308
1805 PAUL SPRING PKWY	4	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$613,500	Detached	0.30	22308
1507 COOL SPRING DR	4	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$610,000	Detached	0.24	22308
8421 CROWN PL	5	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$595,000	Detached	0.24	22308
6500 BLUEBILL LN	3	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$588,000	Detached	0.23	22307
1709 BELLE HAVEN RD	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$582,500	Townhouse	0.08	22307
9305 HEATHER GLEN DR	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$575,000	Detached	0.34	22309
1118 CROTON DR	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$565,000	Detached	0.36	22308
1933 MARTHAS RD	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$549,000	Detached	1.15	22307
2328 WINDSOR RD	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$549,000	Detached	0.20	22307
8021 LYNNFIELD DR	5	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$545,000	Detached	0.25	22306
6416 PRINCETON DR	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$540,000	Detached	0.22	22307
3432 KINGS CROSS RD	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$535,000	Detached	0.19	22303
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5215 CEDAR RD	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$430,000	Detached	0.53	22309
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8105 KARL RD	4	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$417,000	Detached	0.24	22308
6905 QUANDER RD	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$415,000	Detached	0.17	22307
5832 WYOMISSING CT	3	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$408,000	Townhouse	0.04	22303
5129 REMINGTON DR	3	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$407,000	Detached	0.50	22309

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A gauge of confidence among home builders jumped in June, hitting the highest level since 2006, according to data released June 17.

The National Association of Home Builders/Wells Fargo housing-market index rose to 52 in June — the first time the index has reached above a key reading of 50 since 2006 — from 44 in May. Readings above 50 signal that

builders, generally, are optimistic about sales trends.

"Builders are seeing better market conditions as demand for new homes increases," said Rick Judson, NAHB's chairman in the news release. "With the low inventory of existing homes, an increasing number of buyers are gravitating toward new homes."

That confidence doesn't surprise Gerald Gordon, president

and CEO of the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority (FCEDA).

"The economic base of Fairfax County has been sufficiently diversified over the years that declining revenues in federal contracting will not be devastating to the economy as a whole," Gordon said. "Corporate additions to Fairfax County in recent years give us balance."

PEOPLE



Mount Vernon at Home Annual Gala

In attendance at the Mount Vernon at Home annual gala on May 22 at River Farm were, front row, Scott Surovell, state delegate from Mount Vernon area; Nancy Urban, MVAH vice-president; Morrie Hoven, president; Virginia Hodgkinson, treasurer; Barbara Sullivan, executive director; Teresa Dyer, secretary; second row: Joanna Crane, Franki Roberts, Betsy Stephens, Mike Serlin; third row: Arnold Edelman, Alvin Glazier, Chick Little and Dave Prescott.

As guests dine, they listen to music by the Alexandria Rotary Rooters Jazz Band.



Daniel Sanders conducts a lively auction for guests. Several items were up for bid, including a landscaping services and a dinner with Cokie and Steve Roberts.



Mount Vernon at Home President Morrie Hoven gives the opening remarks and introduces special guests.

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Pat McDermott, Elsie Plues, President Judy Henderson, Barbara Doyle, administrator of Inova Mount Vernon Hospital, and Marjorie Spires. This gift will be used for the Children's playroom in the Emergency Room.

A Year of Donations

Stratford Woman's Club celebrated a successful year of donations to Inova Mount Vernon Hospital, Mount Vernon Woods Elementary School, Fort Hunt Elementary School and Make-a-Wish Foundation.

Stratford Woman's Club is a non-federated club and membership is open to women who are

interested in community service and fund-raising for worthwhile organizations. Monthly meetings are held at 9:30 a.m. on the second Thursday of each month from September through May at Heritage Presbyterian Church on Fort Hunt Road. Contact President Judy Henderson at 703-780-1068 for more information.

Emerging Scholar

Leilani "Lillie" Soriano, a rising 5th grader, was accepted into the Emerging Scholars Program which began on June 24. ESP is a 14-month academic and leadership program that was established in late 2002. Lillie, a member of the National Elementary Honor Society, completed her 4th grade at Cameron Elementary School in Alexandria. Beginning in the fall, she will attend Springfield Estates Elementary School in the Level 4 Advanced Academics Program. She will continue her studies in strings, piano, and choir. Lillie also

Lillie Soriano



serves her community as a Junior Girl Scout and volunteers in various non-profit activities with organizations such as Prevention of Blindness Society and National MS Society.

Pastor Marks First Anniversary

Pastor Robert. L. Lewis, Jr. will be celebrating his first year at Messiah Lutheran Church in Alexandria with a summer sermon series entitled, "What's Faith, Why Faith?" based on the book in the Bible known as The Letter to the Galatians. The sermon series will be during the regular Sunday Worship at 10 a.m.

Messiah Lutheran called Lewis in June of 2012 and he began his ministry the following month. He came to Messiah Lutheran after serving at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Bethesda, Md. as the pastor for youth and family for



Robert. L. Lewis, Jr.

eight years.

Lewis is also an adjunct professor in the Department of Communications, Humanities and Philosophy at the University of Maryland, University College where he began teaching ethics in 2006.

Lewis grew up as a "military brat" graduating from a Department of Defense High School in Incirlik, Turkey. He also served as an Aviation Survivalman in the U.S. Coast Guard. Messiah, located at 6510 Fort Hunt Road, is a worshipping community of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The church was founded in 1953.

SPORTS

Mount Vernon Magic Wins 'Road to Salisbury' Championship

The 14U Mount Vernon Magic Black, a recreational-travel softball team composed of 12-14 year-old girls from two local softball leagues (MVYAA and FHYAA), continued their winning ways by taking the championship in the USSSA "Road to Salisbury" tournament. The USSSA sanctioned tournament of 18 teams from Delaware, Maryland and Virginia was held Memorial Day weekend in Columbia, Md.

The 14U Magic Black won both their Saturday pool games in tough battles against two of the toughest teams in the field of 18. In game one, the Magic defeated the First State Force 8-3. According to Coach Rockwell, "Despite it being a pool game, this game was huge for us. In a USSSA tournament last summer, the First State Force had eliminated us in our first game of elimination play. In that game, we had held a 1-0 lead through five innings of play only to lose it in the sixth and final inning. The Force went on to win that championship."

This time, after falling behind 2-0, the Magic came from behind, scoring seven runs in the bottom of the first inning. The Force never recovered.

In game two of Saturday's pool play, Magic pitching ace Erin Rockwell went the distance, throwing a one-hitter and getting the 2-1 win for her team against the formidable Bayside Breeze 14U Teal, the No. 9 ranked team in Maryland.

In Sunday's elimination play, the Magic found themselves facing the same teams they had played in pool play games the day before — the First State Force (ranked No. 3 in Delaware) and Bayside Breeze (No. 9 in Maryland). Despite having lost to the Magic in pool play the day before, both fine teams had advanced in the winners bracket. Magic pitchers, Rockwell, Susannah Anderson and Micaela Neulight, battled hard against them all afternoon. Utility player



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The 14U Mount Vernon Magic won the "Road to Salisbury" tournament.

Skyler Roberts was subbed in and out of the field all day, and also kept the Magic pitchers warm in the bull pen.

In the quarterfinal matchup, the Magic had to get past the formidable "First State Force" again. The game was scoreless after 2 1/2 innings. In the bottom of the third with one out, Katie Hutchinson walked. Avery O'Connor and Grace Moery each followed with singles to load the bases. The next batter, catcher Emma Klein, lifted her first pitch over the left field fence for a grand slam home run. With one swing, Klein became the first 14U player in the history of MVYAA Magic Softball to hit a grand slam over the fence. Rockwell scored an insurance run later in the inning. In the end, the Magic came out on top again by a score of 6-4. Magic pitcher Rockwell went the distance for the win.

The 14U Magic then faced the Bayside Breeze in the semifinals. The Breeze took

the early lead, 2-1, through three innings, but Magic scored seven runs in the bottom of the fourth, taking an 8-2 lead. The Breeze could only tack on one more run in the game, so the 14U Magic Black earned a championship berth. Anderson had the start and Rockwell relieved. Together, they gave up only five hits in the 8-3 win.

With the semifinal win under their belts, the 14U Magic Black had advanced to the championship game. Their opponent was the tournament's No. 2 seed, the Southern Maryland Velocity 14U, the second-ranked USSSA team in Maryland. Micaela Neulight got the start. In a hard-fought contest, once again, the Magic found themselves behind, and were faced with the challenge of coming from behind again in their last at bat as the home team. The Magic defense was up to the task though. Rockwell went to work and retired the side after four batters. No more Velocity runs crossed the plate. In a

do-or-die scenario once again, the Magic, down by a score of 5-4, was now down to their last three outs and needed two runs to win the championship. Just before the last at-bats the team assembled outside the dugout for one more cheer. The team decided on the cheer: "two runs!"

The leadoff batter in the inning, Magic outfielder Rachel Deel, came to the plate and crushed a single to left field to ignite a Magic rally. Coach Rockwell put the speedy Leila Fleishman in to pinch run for Deel. Neulight then walked, advancing Fleishman to second base. Caroline Bowman came to bat, and with a count of one ball and two strikes, she dug deep and smashed a grounder to shortstop. Fleishman blazed around third base, and on an error by the shortstop, crossed the plate to tie the game. With Neulight in scoring position at second base and Bowman at first, Hutchinson, the smallest player on the team, came to the plate. After working to a 2-2 count, Hutchinson laced a line drive single over the second baseman and into right field. Coach Rockwell waved Neulight around third and sent her home. In a very close play at the plate, Neulight executed a "text book" slide under the "Velocity" catcher's attempted tag and scored the winning run. The 14U Magic Black had won the championship with a walk-off single by Hutchinson. The team rushed the field and lifted Hutchinson high, carrying her off the field. It was total and joyful chaos.

For the fourth and last time in the tournament, the 14U Magic Black had come from behind again, this time emerging as Champions. As a result of their performance at the USSSA "Road to Salisbury" tournament, the 14U Mount Vernon Magic catapulted in the rankings once again. The team is currently ranked No. 1 in Virginia, and No. 2 in the nation according to the USSSA power rating system.

SCHOOL NOTES

Email announcements to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday at noon. Photos are welcome.

Mariya Ilyas graduated from Bowdoin College with a major in mathematics and a minor in government and legal studies.

Nathaniel Chester and **Andrew Frazier** were awarded bachelor of arts degrees from Connecticut College. Chester majored in biological sciences while Frazier majored in history.

Melat Habtemichael, Meron Habtemichael, and Edgardo Pleitez have been placed on the dean's list for the spring 2013 semester at New River Community College.

Megan Elizabeth Epperson and **Emily M. Kane** both graduated from Clemson University. Epperson graduated Magna Cum Laude with a bachelor of arts in biological sciences, while Kane graduated with a Master of Education in counselor education.

Felix Boakye-Afriyie, Daniel I.

Fritz, Jenna L. Tryon, and Alexandra B. Van den Berg made the dean's list during the spring semester of the 2012-2013 academic year at Bucknell University.

The Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce awarded nine scholarships to the following local graduating high school students: **Nebiyou Melaku**, Hayfield Secondary School; **Jinhee Suzanne Lee**, Mount Vernon High School; **Joanna Morgan**, West Potomac High School; **Hellen Moffitt**, West Potomac High School; **Kyle Kilcoyne**, Thomas A. Edison High School; **Hillary Lebedun**, South County High School; **Karla Pajuelo**, Bryant Alternative High School; and **Kelly Mejia Posadas**, Mount Vernon High School. The Jeff Todd Memorial Scholarship was awarded to **Beatrice Asuua**, Mount Vernon High School.

Luke Rabiej, Bishop Ireton High School (2009) and Hampden-Sydney graduate, earned ALLIAC honors as announced by the league. Rabiej headlined Hampden-Sydney representation as senior reliever and First Team hon-

oree and was named to the All-South Region Third Team as announced by D3Baseball.com.

Cheryl Olechnowicz has been elected to the Iota Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa Society at Gettysburg College. Olechnowicz is a member of the class of 2013.

The following students graduated from James Madison University: **Wyatt Floyd, Kelsey Rybicki, Belinda Gorman, Marisa Cagnoli, James Orrigo, Trevor Meadows, Emily Rapavi, Michelle Heard, Devyani Shenoy, Megan Gibbs, Kimberly Collins, Anna Davis, Colleen Taylor, Alexander Jeter, Nikita Vahabzadeh, Rosemary Langowski, Ariel Lee, Adrianna Monteagudo, Kelly Bragg, Jonathan Russell, Robert Cordell, Kyle Winter, Rebekka Laird, Grace Jeon, Rebecca Wilson, Zachary Neurohr, Anshela Ripley, Christopher Diachok, George Stevens, Shahana Islam, Courtney Peck, Varun George, Nessie Vanta, Erika Jones, Allison**

Emmons, Nicholas Cheek, Anthony Dwyer, Stacey Walker, Robert Harmon, Sean Crook, Gabriel Fitzgerald, Elizabeth Badley, Renzo Renteria, Yulhea Kim, Priyen Patel, Robert Livengood, Devin Matthews, and Derek Cobren.

The following students made the president's list at James Madison University for the spring 2013 semester: **Amanda Devoto, Stacey Diapoulis, Brandon Eskridge, Julia Florio, Victoria Foster, Evan Grice, Joan Hadeed, Jennifer Jewell, Devan Maddox, Aneta Nikolic, Courtney Peck, Meredith Pilcher, Caitrin Rhoads, Marisa Seitz, Nicole Weinard, and Rebecca Wilson.**

Fiona L. Carroll was named to the dean's list for the spring 2013 semester at Stonehill College.

The following students graduated from Villanova University: **Colleen Lineweaver**, who earned a bachelor of arts; **Maria Bowman**, who earned a

bachelor of arts; and **Aaron Jumani** who earned a bachelor of science in accountancy.

Dipesh Khanal has been named to the dean's list at Quinnipiac University for the spring 2013 semester.

Jasmine Brown, Miranda Jones, Nyarika Penick, Caleb Williams, and Chiquera Cureton have been admitted to Saint Augustine's University for the fall semester.

John Baroncelli, a political science major in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, earned one of the very first Science, Technology and Law minors offered through the College of Science.

Kimberly Padgett was named to the Upper Iowa University 2013 spring dean's list

Catherine D. Kahl graduated from Colby College receiving a bachelor of arts degree at the College's bicentennial-year commencement in Waterville, Maine.



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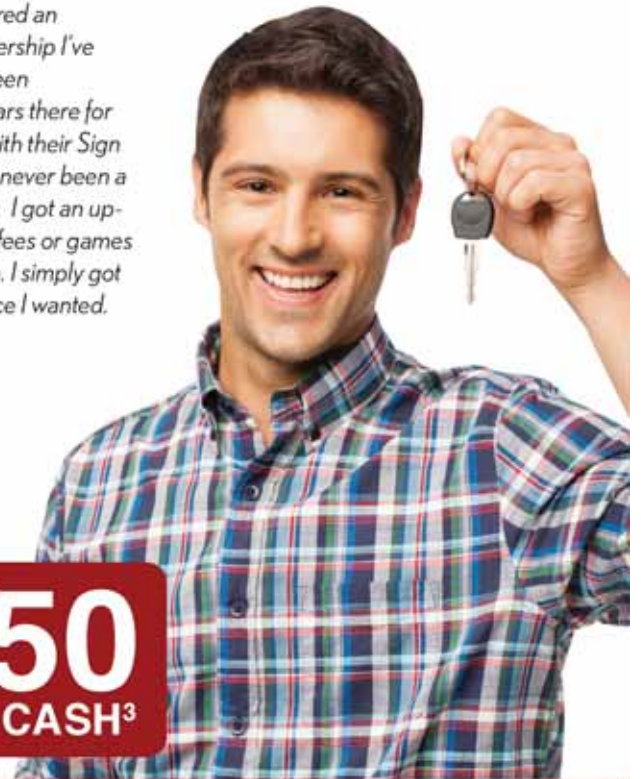
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THURSDAY/JUNE 27

Colonial Republican Women Meeting. 6:30-9 p.m. at Virginia Hills Administration Center, 6520 Diana Lane. Refreshments will be served. E-mail colonialrepublicanwomen@gmail.com or 703-624-3252.

SATURDAY/JUNE 29

Healthy Living. Join in a special event about healthy living from 1-3 p.m. at Mt. Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane. Featuring lively discussion, tasty treats, and children's activities. Visit mvuc.org.

TUESDAY/JULY 16

Meeting. 1 p.m. The Mount Vernon Genealogical Society will meet in room 112 of the Hollin Hall Senior Center. The meeting, which is free and open to the public, will feature a presentation by Nancy Wing titled "Treating the Sick and Wounded: Civil War Medical Records." Visit www.MVGenealogy.org.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JULY 26-28

Fort Hunt High School 50th Anniversary. Celebrate the school's 50th anniversary with events every day. To have access to all the information and events, register at www.fhhs-alum.org. There will be gatherings at local restaurants, dinner and dancing, music and more. There will be a cook-out on Sunday at Fort Hunt Park, vintage car show, live entertainment by local bands including alumni of the school. For a list of hotels and full event listings, visit www.fhhs-alum.org.

SATURDAY/JULY 29

Enchanted Miniature Dish Garden Workshop. 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Create a little mini garden to take home. \$45/person plus \$20 for supplies. Register at www.greenspring.org or call 703-642-5173.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Mount Vernon Adult Day Health Care Program needs a volunteer to greet people and answer phones one day per week from 10:30 a.m. - noon to start as soon as possible. Contact Fairfax County's Volunteer Solutions at 703-324-5406, TTY 703-449-1186, VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov, or visit Volunteer Solutions at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices and click on volunteers.

Fairfax County's Meals on Wheels needs drivers and a coordinator. Contact Fairfax County's Volunteer Solutions at 703-324-5406, TTY 703-449-1186, VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov or visit Volunteer Solutions at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices and click on volunteers.

AARP Tax-Aide, a national volunteer-run tax counseling and preparation service for low to moderate income and elderly citizens, needs volunteers to electronically complete and file federal and state income tax forms for the 2013 tax season. The program offers free five-day training using IRS computers and software. Volunteers become IRS Certified Tax Counselors after completing and passing the IRS examination. Visit www.aarp.org/money/taxes/info-2006/volunteer_aarp_tax_aide.html.

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Room • Glass Sunroom/Breakfast Room at Rear Elevation • Large Formal Living and Dining Rooms • Light-filled Recreation Room w/Raised Hearth Fireplace • Four Spacious Bedrooms – Three Full Baths • Brick & Block Construction – Full Masonry Fireplaces • Beautiful In-ground Pool – Manicured Grounds **Dir.: G.W. Pkwy South, R on Tulane, L on Park Terrace Drive to 7120 on right.**



CONTRACT

1914 Leo Lane \$575,000

- Turnkey/Move-in Condition in Stratford on the Potomac
- Meticulously Maintained
- Hardwoods on Two Levels
- Family Room

w/Raised Hearth Fireplace and Sliding Glass Doors that open to a Wonderful Yard & Patio • Remodeled Kitchen with Breakfast area • Four Generous Bedrooms on Second Floor • Large Master Bedroom has Walk-in Closet • Huge Unfinished Basement ready for your Personal Touches • Carport • Freshly Painted Exterior Trim **Dir.: G.W. Pkwy S, R on Wayne Wood, L on Fort Hunt, R on Elkins, L on Linton, L on Leo Lane to 1914 on left.**

7420 Park Terrace Drive \$850,000

- Large Level Lot with Mature Landscaping and Trees • Unusual Floor Plan with Appealing Layout
- Four Bedrooms
- Three Full



COMING NEXT WEEK

Bathrooms • Hardwoods throughout Main Level • Two Masonry Fireplaces • Remodeled Eat-in Kitchen • Abundance of Custom Cabinetry • Enormous Recreation Room w/Full Brick Accent Wall • Oversized, Side-Load Two-Car Garage, Loads of Storage • Whole House Generator and Security System **Dir.: G.W. Pkwy South, R on Morningside, R onto Park Terrace Drive to 7420 on left.**

7110 Marine Drive \$650,000

- Located in popular enclave of Marlan Forest
- Wonderful Curb Appeal – Elevated, Level Lot
- Generous Formal Rooms with Crown Moulding



COMING NEXT WEEK

• Remodeled Eat-in Kitchen w/Adjacent Cozy Den • Bright and Breezy Seasonal Sunroom w/Paddle Fan • Two Masonry Fireplaces • Hardwoods Throughout Main Level • Enormous Paneled Recreation Room w/Unique Wet Bar • Lower Level Laundry Room, Utility Room, Workshop & Office **Dir.: G.W. Pkwy S, R on Tulane, L on Park Terrace, R on Westgrove, L on Marine Drive to 7110 on right.**