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## Leaping into the Holidays

The Jack-in-the Box (Caroline Margo) leaps out as Clara (Lyssa Leisher) watches in amazement during a rehearsal of "The Nutcracker" to be presented Dec. 5-7 at West Potomac Hig School. More photos, page 3.

## Usury Explosion

Northern Virginia becomes hotbed for car-title lending industry.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
THE GAZETTE

In the last three years, dozens of new car-title lending businesses have popped up in neighborhoods across Northern Virginia — the result of recent regulations opening the door to a business that charges as much as 264 percent a year on loans. Since 2010, when the Virginia General Assembly gave the green light to the industry, the total number of locations has more than doubled from 184 to 395. And locations are opening every week.

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— Jay Speech, executive director, Virginia Poverty Law Center

presented as a loan it's really loan-sharking,” said Jay Speech, executive director of the Virginia Poverty Law Center. “People who get into this end up much worse off than when they started.”

Lenders have always charged a range of interest rates for loans, but what's happening now in neighborhoods across Northern Virginia is unprecedented. Back in 2010, after then-Attorney General Bob

McDonnell went after the car-title lending industry for violating Virginia law restricting how soon collections could begin on loans, members of the Virginia General

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## New Focus on Mental Health

Deeds family tragedy creates new spotlight on social services.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
THE GAZETTE

The upcoming session of the Virginia General Assembly is likely to feature a new debate about the state of the commonwealth's mental health services, one prompted by the attempted murder and suicide of a state senator. Last week, the 24-year-old son of state Sen. Creigh Deeds (D-25) stabbed the senator in the face and upper body before killing himself with a rifle.

The tragic story has opened new questions about the availability of mental health services in Virginia, even for a well-connected family with political ties that reach across the commonwealth.

“What we have to do is to make sure that we are providing as comprehensive a set of services as we can to help people with mental illness stabilize themselves,” said state Sen. George Barker (D-39). “We need to help them get on the road to recovery so they can man

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Tapping soldiers Jordan McCray, Jessica Dickerson, Lindsay Leisher and Kaila Anderson entertain the guests during the Christmas Eve party in Act 1 of the Alexandria Community Dance production of "The Nutcracker."

## Alexandria Community Dance To Present 'Nutcracker'

**A**lexandria Community Dance presents its 5th Annual "Nutcracker" production Dec. 5 -7, with more than 100 dancers swirling, tumbling, and soaring onstage.

Tap, jazz, hip hop, lyrical ballet and even gymnastics add to the merriment of this holiday favorite. Dancers as young as 4 years old from City of Alexandria and Fairfax County elementary, secondary and middle schools perform with dancers from West Potomac High School and the West Potomac Dance Academy.

General admission tickets is \$15 for adults, \$12 for children, and

half-price tickets for senior citizens at all shows. Purchase tickets at [www.alexandriadance.com](http://www.alexandriadance.com), for groups email [alexandriadance2@gmail.com](mailto:alexandriadance2@gmail.com).

Performances will be held at Springbank Auditorium, West Potomac High School, 6500 Quander Road, on Dec. 5 and 6 at 6:30 p.m., Dec. 7 at 2:30 p.m. and a Military Appreciation show at 6:30 p.m. offering \$10 tickets for members of military families with a valid ID.

The dancers are organizing a food drive for the needy in Alexandria and audience members are encouraged to bring donations of non-perishable foods to the shows.



Celebrating five years on the stage, members of the Alexandria Community Dance performance of "The Nutcracker" come together for a photo before the rehearsal on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 24, at the Springbank Auditorium in West Potomac High School.



Clara (Lyssa Leisher) raises up her gift, "The Nutcracker," in front of her friends at the party.



At the Christmas Eve party, teenagers Catherine Medrano and Olivia Hays share a bit of gossip.



Jessica Dickerson, the Mouse Queen, arrives at midnight after the party.



Hope Sawyer, playing a mouse, watches the unfolding of the scene with her fellow mice during Sunday afternoon's dress rehearsal.

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## NEWS

# Support Mount Vernon At Home

Non-profit senior "village" provides services to seniors who wish to age-in-place.

BY GERALD A. FILL  
THE GAZETTE

**B**arbara Sullivan has been Mount Vernon At Home's executive director for the past three years. Formerly she served as a licensed long term care administrator for the Paul Spring Retirement Center. She offered these comments and suggestions on how to support MVAH:

**Q. How long has MVAH been in existence, and how many dues paying members do you have?**

**A.** We are half way through our fifth year of existence. We now have 190 dues paying members and expect to have over 200 by early in 2014. We are a critically important resource for those seniors in need of advice and reliable support so that they can stay in their homes for as long as they want and practical. For example, our transportation assistance is critical to keeping seniors independent; we drive them to doctors' appointments, grocery shopping, and social events. Our educational seminars have prevented seniors from being scammed. MVAH also provides valuable networking opportunities between our members and county social service providers. We are one of 30 senior villages in the Washington metro area, and an active participant in the metro-wide association of senior villages. You might characterize us as a neighborhood concierge service.

**Q. What is the most gratifying aspect about your job?**

**A.** For me it is not a job, but a calling. Every day is a challenge but the rewards are many. I enjoy watching our organization continue to grow and provide valuable support and advisory services to our members; be more of an integral part of the social services needed by our members; and seeing the happy faces of seniors who, because of our support, are secure in their homes and can remain active in the community and not be isolated and without recourse to help when it is needed.

**Q. How can people contribute to Mount Vernon At Home; what do you need that could be offered as a holiday gift?**

**A.** Well, for sure we can always use a cash contribution that could be written off as a charitable tax deduction. We are a 501C3 organization. However, we are also very interested in accepting volunteers for a wide range of activities. Approximately 50 per cent of our income comes from membership dues and the rest is through private fundraising. Here is a suggested list of holiday gift ideas:

- ❖ Membership to MVAH for yourself or from adult children for their senior parents. In January and February, 2014 we will be conducting open house briefing sessions for seniors and/or adult children of seniors to describe the services we offer and answer questions.

- ❖ Volunteer as a driver. Transportation assistance is the #1 need of our seniors, and we are always



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**Barbara Sullivan, executive director of Mount Vernon At Home.**

looking for drivers who will transport our members to doctor and dental appointments, grocery shopping, banking, social events, library, to the Hollin Hall senior center, etc. Also, we collaborate with Fairfax county to transport members needing handicapped accessible transportation vehicles.

- ❖ Volunteers who bring specialized expertise to our members. We emphasize educational seminars and one on one tutorials about such subjects as information technology; affordable housing; financial advice, estate planning, elder law, health insurance, tax planning and preparation. We are also always on the lookout for volunteers who will speak to our seniors about consumer protection tips to prevent medical identity theft, avoid unscrupulous contractor scams, and other types of scams perpetrated on seniors.

- ❖ Volunteers who will assist us in fundraising events, mailings, and administrative work of all kinds. If you want to volunteer we have stuff for you to do to help our senior members.

**Q. Can you describe the kind of social activities that MVAH typically provides for your members?**

**A.** Here is a calendar of activities lined up for the next two months.

November: Lunch and movie day; grocery shopping outing; lecture by noted potter Solveig Cox; new member coffee at Sherwood library; conversation with David

Shear at the Collingwood Library and Museum (combating rhino and elephant poaching); Bridge; dinner ventures at the Mount Vernon Inn; volunteer reception. In addition, the following community event took place that our members attended: Virginia Insurance Counseling workshop at the Hollin Hall Senior Center.

December: Lunch Bunch at Bilbo Baggins, Old Town; Philharmonic Orchestra at Bishop Ireton H.S.; Gunston Hall Mansion Tour; Wreath Making workshop; MVAH Holiday Luncheon at Mt. Vernon Country Club; Dinner Ventures, Indigo Landing; Potluck Brunch; Phillips Art Collection trip.

**Q. What is your advice to seniors and adult children of seniors to prevent emergency situations from occurring, and ease the transition for seniors who wish to remain independent and age-in-place?**

**A.** On the surface simple enough, but oh so im



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# Region Becomes Hotbed for Car-Title Lending Industry

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Assembly crafted legislation that set rules specific to car-title lenders. The legislation created some restrictions that prevented lenders from going after borrowers for additional money if they had already repossessed an automobile, prevented lenders from charging more than 50 percent of the value of a car and capped the interests rate at 264 percent a year.

“Under this law, Mister Speaker, the industry will not grow,” said Del. Terry Kilgore (R-1) when the bill was debated on the House floor. “It will shrink.”

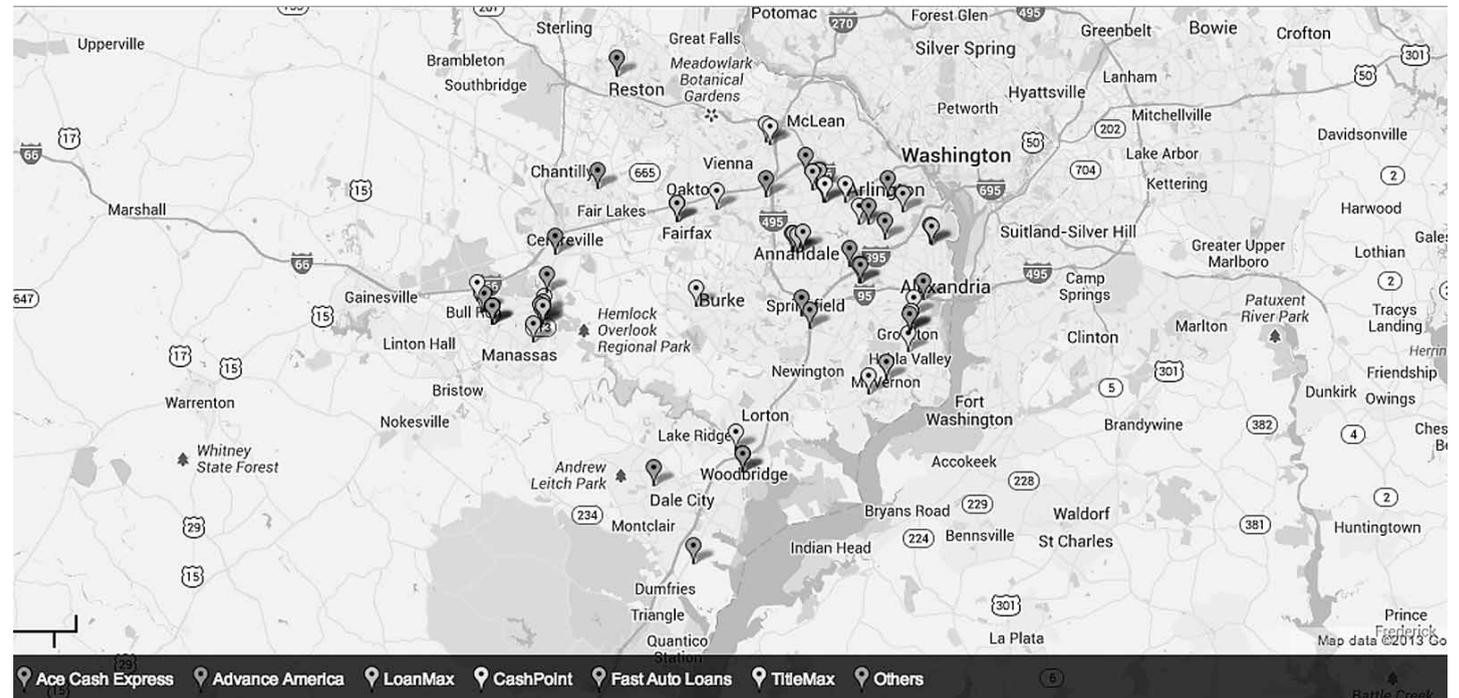
**THAT PREDICTION** ended up being wrong. When the 2010 legislation passed, Virginia had 125 car-title lending locations. By the end of the year, that number had spiked to 184 locations. By the end of 2011, according to a report from the State Corporation Commission, the industry had 378 locations across the commonwealth. And the industry was clamoring for more. In 2011, a year after the new rules were created, the General Assembly considered another piece of legislation that undercut one of the restrictions created by the previous bill — preventing lenders from accepting titles of out-of-state cars.

“If you want to see car-title lenders do more loans in the state of Virginia, then you want to vote yes,” said Glenn Oder (R-94), who brought a pluck shark to the House floor to help him make the point. “But if you agree with me that the law we passed last year was sufficient, then you want to vote no.”

A number of Northern Virginia legislators disagreed with Oder and supported the legislation to expand the reach of car-title lenders outside the boundaries of the commonwealth.

The Senate passed the legislation on a 32 to 3 vote, with every member of the Northern Virginia supporting legislation that was introduced by Senate Democratic leader Dick Saslaw (D-35). On the House side, the vote was much tighter — 51 in support and 47 in opposition.

The coalition in support of the bill was bipartisan, including Del. Bob Brink (D-48), Del. Barbara Comstock (R-34), Del. Kaye Kory (D-38), Del. Tim Hugo (R-40) and Del.



Mark Sickles (D-43).

“All these laws do is let people get a car-title loan,” said Del. Dave Albo (R-42), who also voted in favor of the bill. “People can determine if this is a good choice for them or if it’s a bad choice for them.”

**INDUSTRY LEADERS** contributed generously to members of the General Assembly and lobbied heavily to get their way. Since 2009, LoanMax contributed more than \$500,000 and Fast Auto Loans contributed more than \$200,000. Saslaw received the largest individual contributions, receiving \$22,000 from Fast Auto Loans and almost \$20,000 from LoanMax. Many of the other legislators voting in support of the industry also received financial support from car-title lenders. When asked about his support of the 2011 bill, Del. Bob Brink (D-48) had little to say.

“No comment,” said Brink, who received \$1,500 from LoanMax and \$500 from Fast Auto Loans.

A map of car-title lending operations in Northern Virginia shows they are clustered in areas with high poverty and low salaries. Manassas has 11 locations. Annandale has four. South Arlington has two.

The Route 1 corridor in southeast Fairfax



**This site is soon to become the latest addition to the series of car-title lending operations that have opened along the Route 1 corridor since legislators opened the door to the industry back in 2010.**

County has seven, and another one is about to open at the intersection with Huntington Avenue. Some say they are concerned Northern Virginia is becoming a place where unscrupulous lenders can take advantage of people in need who come from the District of Columbia or Maryland — a fear that

will become more pronounced when a new casino opens in Prince George’s County.

“Route 1 has become the car-title lending capital of Northern Virginia,” said Del. Scott Surovell (D-44). “And that’s the last kind of economic development we need on the corridor.”

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**English Conversation.** 10:30 a.m. at Sherwood Regional Library. Adults can converse with other adults learning English. Free.

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### THURSDAY/DEC. 5

**Chamber Breakfast and Talk.** 8-9:30 a.m. at Mount Vernon Country Club, 5111 Old Mill Road. The Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce will host Glenn Spencer, vice president of the Workforce Freedom Initiative at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. \$25. Visit [www.mtvernon-leechamber.org](http://www.mtvernon-leechamber.org) or 703-360-6925 for reservations.

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**English Conversation.** 2 p.m. at John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive. Adults can converse with other adults learning English. Free. 703-971-0010.

**English Conversation.** 7 p.m. at Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane or Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre. Adults can converse with other adults learning English. Free. 703-765-3645.

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# New Focus on Mental Health

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age their situation as best as they can and hopefully never get to that crisis.”

Shortly after the Virginia Tech massacre, a commission recommended that more than \$40 million in additional spending be added to the mental-health budget every year. Legislators took a strong first step by adding about \$30 million to the annual budget the first year, but then the economic downturn tightened spending. Funding levels fell down to where they were before the Virginia Tech massacre. In the last two years, some funding has been added, but the commission’s financial recommendation remains unfulfilled.

Now that a state senator’s son was unable to get a psychiatric bed before an emergency custody order expired, legislators are preparing themselves for a new fight on familiar territory.

“This happens repeatedly across Virginia,” said Alexandria Community Services Board executive director Michael Gilmore, who spent 20 years running social services in rural Bath County. “We have emergency staff that are really struggling.”

**“What we have to do is to make sure that we are providing as comprehensive a set of services as we can to help people with mental illness stabilize themselves.”**

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**ASIDE FROM FUNDING**, a number of legislative proposals are emerging as a result of the situation involving Deeds and his son. One is to lengthen the time that individuals can be detained under an emergency custody order. Back in 2007, this was one of the key recommendations of the Commission on Mental Health Law Reform, which suggested a maximum of eight hours. Because the senator’s son was released when time ran out rather than finding a bed, a number of potential reforms are emerging as a result. One would be that police could detain someone indefinitely against his or her will, which is unlikely to receive support from civil rights advocates. Another possibility would give magistrates the ability to issue temporary detention orders even though

a psychiatric bed has not been located yet.

“When someone has been shot, the emergency room doesn’t deny the patient service because a bed isn’t available,” said Del. Rob Krupicka (D-45). “That shouldn’t happen in a mental-health context either.”

Legislators may end up debating which part of the safety net is most in need of reform. For example, is the emergency custody order in need of reform or does the temporary detention order need to be modified? Krupicka and others have called for changes to the emergency custody orders. But Barker says the temporary detention order should be expanded beyond 48 hours, a time he says is not sufficient before

a judge issues a commitment order detaining a person for a more long-term period of time.

“That is the shortest in the nation. There is no state that has a shorter maximum period of time in which someone can be detained,” said Barker. “I put a bill in last year to increase that from 48 hours to 72 hours, which has now been supported by the governor’s school

safety task force so I think there’s strong support moving forward on that.”

**SOME OF THE POTENTIAL** changes are being suggested by the law-enforcement community. Incoming Alexandria Commonwealth’s Attorney Bryan Porter is working with Krupicka to craft legislation that would create more time for mental health workers to track down a psychiatric bed. One bill would allow magistrates to issue successive two-hour extensions for emergency custody orders if they can show good cause. Another change would allow magistrates to issue temporary detention orders without first identifying a psychiatric bed.

“These changes would allow a person in crisis to be held until a bed could be found, subject to review by the judicial branch,” said Porter. “This will keep both the community and the person in crisis safe.”

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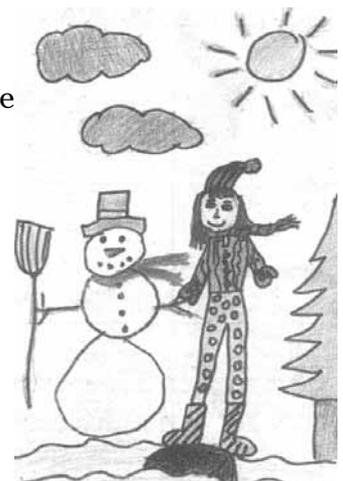
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# OPINION

## Holidays Are About Giving

So many needs, so many great organizations, give locally where your heart leads you.

The holidays are about giving. They are about children. The holidays are about sharing, about joy, about alleviating suffering for others. The holidays are about being thankful and about faith and appreciation.

Most of us live in neighborhoods that are very homogenous. There are exceptions, but most people reading this live in affluent areas where the houses are mostly in the same price range, and while there might be some ethnic diversity, there is little in the way of economic diversity.

It's easy to forget that there are massive unmet needs, hungry children, homeless fami-

lies most with at least one working parent, homeless individuals with jobs and without jobs, people who don't know for sure whether they will have enough to eat or be able to be warm enough, people who are choosing between medical care and car repair when forgoing the car repair could mean losing a job.

In Fairfax County Public Schools, about 50,000 of the 185,000 students qualify to receive free or subsidized meals, a significant measure of poverty. Many elementary school staff are discovering that for some of these students, a majority of students in some schools, they only meals the can count on are break-

fast and lunch on school days.

Nonprofits, school staff and individuals have been working to send backpacks of healthy, kid-friendly food home with students on the weekend.

It's hard to imagine 50,000 students going hungry; it's obvious that children who aren't sure they will be able to eat when they are hungry are not

going to have joyous holidays filled with family meals, gifts and special activities.

Hundreds of homeless students attend the public schools, and their needs are greater.

There are literally hundreds, probably thousands, of ways to give locally this season. Here are a few ideas. We welcome suggestions for other groups.

— MARY KIMM,

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Democracy In Action

To the Editor:

I have been a citizen volunteer in the Mount Vernon District since 1974. As a proud retiree of the U.S. Army with service in World War II and Vietnam, I believe it is our duty to give back to our community.

Being involved in grassroots democracy is a valued endeavor. I recently served as the chair of the Nominating Committee for the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations (MVCCA). This committee worked tirelessly to develop a well-rounded and qualified slate to bring forward to our member

associations for the MVCCA's 2014 Executive Committee elections.

This year we elected:

James Davis and Chris Low as returning co-chairs and a new member of this co-chair team, Ron Fitzsimmons. Carol Coyle was re-elected as our secretary and Patricia Gowland was elected to stay on as our treasurer.

These individuals take on many hours of hard and dedicated work as key players in the orchestration of the business of the MVCCA. The MVCCA works diligently to bring forward to our elected local and state officials the opinions and desires of our member organizations. The MVCCA is democracy at the grass roots level in action, and I am proud to be a part of that long

standing tradition.

Frank Cohn  
Alexandria

#### Thankful

To the Editor:

The Thanksgiving holiday is a day when it is appropriate to put aside political and policy differences, take a step back and recognize with appreciation how fortunate we are to live in a free society, able to make decisions for ourselves about the important issues confronting us and to live in a safe, clean community mainly populated with thoughtful neighbors and friends who have the best interests of Mount Vernon and the

greater world at heart.

I have a great appreciation for those neighbors, friends and colleagues who volunteer in the civic arena by putting aside their personal agendas to serve the community at large with distinction. Without these selfless individuals, our community would not function as it does, at an extremely high level of involvement in the decision-making process of our elected officials. Holding the feet of our elected officials to the fire so they take appropriate decisions in our names is a great calling and we have more than our fair share of these civic-minded individuals. They are the straws that stir the

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**Monica P.:** "I'm thankful for my Mom and for nature."



**Barbara Dees:** "I'm thankful for my family."

## What are you thankful for, this year?

**Ericka Morales and her daughter Cynthia talked about the new baby boy (in the stroller): "That's what we are thankful for. He turns one month old on Thanksgiving."**



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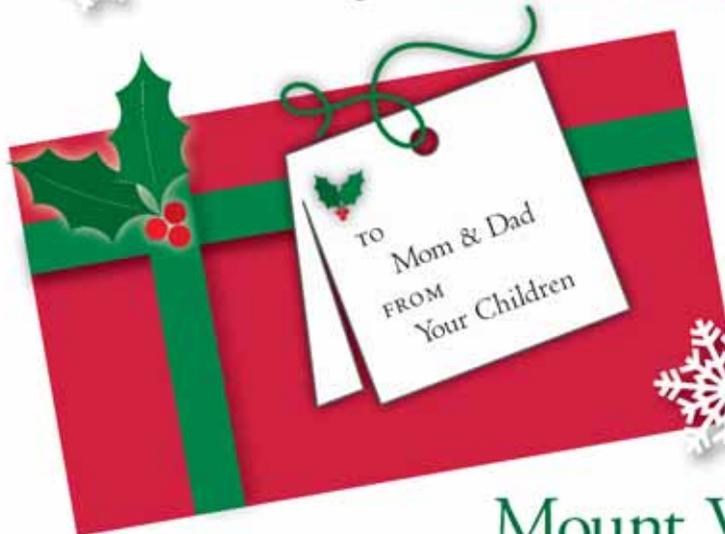
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drink of appropriate civic activism. Our elected officials welcome such involvement — without it, they are unable to represent us. Thanks to all of you for your service to the community.

I wish the citizens of Mount Vernon a Happy Thanksgiving, and a rewarding holiday season. The fight for truth, justice and the American way will resume next week!

**H. Jay Spiegel**  
Mount Vernon

# NEWS BRIEF

## Heater Causes House Fire

Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department units responded to a house fire, Friday, Nov. 15, at approximately 8:40 a.m., in the Mount Vernon area of Fairfax County. The single family home is located at 7922 Grimsley St.

Firefighters encountered smoke and fire coming from the basement of the two-story home upon arrival. Firefighters brought the fire under control in approximately 15 minutes. A sounding smoke alarm alerted the occupants to the fire allowing them to escape unharmed. Two adults and an infant have been displaced and will receive support from the Red Cross. A cat perished in the fire. There were no other injuries.

Damage is estimated at \$200,000. According to fire investigators, the fire was accidental. A portable heater placed too close to a chair caused the fire.

The fire department offers the following alternate heating source safety tips:

- ❖ Keep at least three feet of clearance between your alternate heat source and anything combustible.
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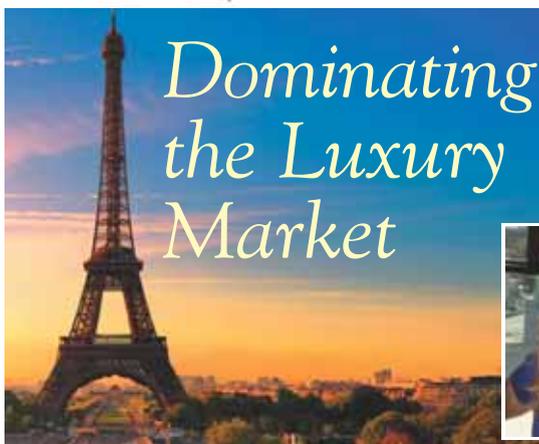
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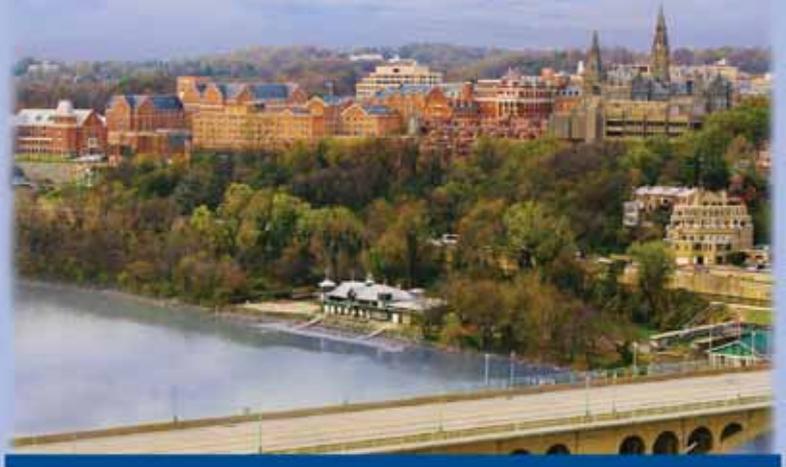
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# OBITUARIES

## Eleanor (Ellie) McMorrow Barbara

Eleanor (Ellie) McMorrow Barbara, 73, formerly of The Manors at Mount Vernon in Alexandria, died at home in Denver, N.C. on Monday, Nov. 25, 2013.

Born Oct. 28, 1940, in Worcester, Mass., she was the daughter of the late Hugh and Mae Landis McMorrow. Ellie was a graduate of St. Vincent Hospital School of Nursing (RN) and Boston College (BSN). She served as

Head Nurse in the Boston College Health Unit where she met her husband of 48 years, Col. James C. Barbara (USA, Ret). Ellie was a supportive and accomplished Army wife for 32 years, a loving mother, proud grandmother and incredibly generous friend to many. She is pre-deceased by her par-



ents; sister, Ann Marie McMorrow Hepburn; and brother, Thomas McMorrow. She is survived by her husband; children, Scott (Debbie) Barbara, Deborah (Robert) Magee, Tammy (Dean Ekman) Barbara, Brian (Cheryl) Barbara and 14 grandchildren. A viewing will be held at 10:30 a.m. followed

by a Funeral Mass at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7, at Holy Spirit Roman Catholic Church, 527 Hwy 16 Denver, NC 28037. Additionally, Ellie's life will be celebrated at Fort Myer, Va. before she is interred at Arlington National Cemetery as soon as arrangements are finalized. The family will receive friends immediately following the service in the Holy Spirit Parish Activity Center.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Children's Institute for Learning Differences (CHILD) at [www.childnow.org](http://www.childnow.org) or to CHILD at 4030 - 86th Ave SE, Mercer Island, WA 98040. Good Samaritan Funeral Home, Denver, is serving the Barbara family. Condolences may be made to the Barbara family at [www.whatmattersnow.org/visit/ellie-barbara](http://www.whatmattersnow.org/visit/ellie-barbara).

## Carla Cesarina Bonfanti Convery

Carla Cesarina Bonfanti Convery, a long-time resident of the Mount Vernon area and former owner of Mike's Italian American Restaurant, died at her home on Nov. 20, 2013 at the age of 93. She was born March 7, 1920 in Como, Italy to Maria Begalli Bonfanti and Mario Bonfanti. On March 9, 1947, she married William F. Convery in Cividale, Italy. She moved to the U.S. in 1947 and in 1952 became a U.S. citizen.

Throughout her life, Carla was an avid runner and athlete. In 1936, she qualified as second runner up for the 1936 Olympics in Berlin, Germany. One of her greatest thrills was meeting Jessie Owens and watching him run. In 1940, she qualified for the Summer Olympics in Helsinki, Finland which was cancelled because of World War II.

In 1971 Carla and her two sons purchased Mike's Italian American Restaurant and in 1975 sold the restaurant and retired. Five years later she renewed her involvement in Track and Field events that were established in Washington DC. In 1983 she became an original member of the Hollin Hall Senior Center, Carla taught exercise classes for 26 years and served on the Advisory Council as secretary and treasurer. She was an active volunteer at the Hollin Hall Senior Center, Gum Springs Senior Center and the Mount Vernon Adult Day Care Center.



As a senior citizen, she participated and accumulated awards in many competitions; World Games, Senior Olympics, the Golden Age Games, Senior Nationals, the Virginia Commonwealth Games, the National Senior Games, and the Potomac Valley Track Club's Masters Track, to name a few. She received the Commonwealth of Virginia Female Athlete of the Year Award, Potomac Valley Track Club Ray Gordon Outstanding Athlete Award and the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program Life Time Achievement Award.

Her husband, William F. Convery Sr. died in 1962. Carla is survived by her two sons, William "Bill" (Nancy) Convery and John Daniel "Danny" (Lois) Convery; five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren and her close friend Kate DeAngelis.

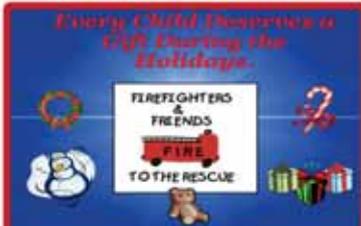
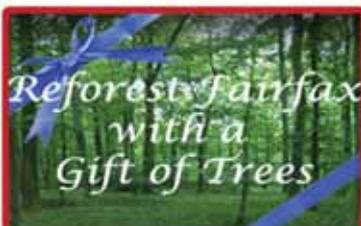
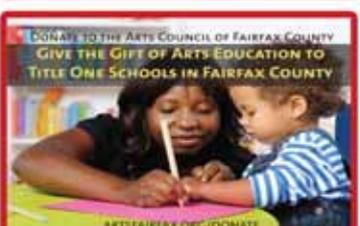
Family received friends on Sunday, Nov. 24 at Demaine Funeral Home, 520 S. Washington Street, Alexandria. A funeral mass was held on Monday, Nov. 25 at Saint Louis Catholic Church, 2907 Popkins Lane, Alexandria. Interment will take place at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, tributes may be made to the Northern Virginia Senior Olympics, P.O. Box 2089, Merrifield, VA 22116 or to the Potomac Valley Track Club, c/o Peter Blank, Treasurer, 8200 Galahad Court, Annandale, VA 22003.



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# Majors Motivated by Pain of Season-Ending Loss

Shannon, Porter are Mount Vernon's top returning athletes.

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE GAZETTE

**T**he loss sticks with Chanel Shannon. She remembers her then-senior teammates at Mount Vernon, who suddenly had their high school careers ended, suffering for not just hours after the game, but weeks and months. The loss motivates Shannon to prevent her high school career from ending in a similar fashion.

The 2012-13 Mount Vernon girls' basketball team was loaded with talent and high expectations. The Majors had three seniors — Kelly Loftus (Hofstra), Taylor Dunham (Navy prep school), Tiffany Webster (Barton) — who would go on to play college ball and a group of game-changing younger players who contributed scoring, defense and hustle. The Majors did the expected by winning their third consecutive National District championship. But two games later, Mount Vernon's season ended in the Northern Region quarterfinals when South Lakes guard Caitlin Jensen buried a jumper at the buzzer, giving the Seahawks a 46-45 victory.

Mount Vernon had a chance to pad its one-point lead late in the game, but twice missed the front end of a one-and-one and turned the ball over with an errant in-bound pass.

The Majors shed tears immediately following the loss, but Shannon, who was a sharpshooting junior at the time, remembers the lingering pain of a season that ended too soon.

"I use it as motivation for my senior season, to do everything so that doesn't happen again," Shannon said. "... That really tore them apart for weeks and months and I don't want to feel the same pain they did."

Shannon isn't the only one who still thinks about the loss. Senior post Samantha Porter remembers the defeat. It's still on the mind of head coach Courtney Coffey, who



Mount Vernon's Chanel Shannon defends against Oakton during the 2012-13 season.

said Loftus, Dunham and Webster still think about it, as well. But while the Majors have motivation, two returning starters and some talented newcomers, Coffey said the team figures to fly under the radar, which could lead to a more relaxed group.

"The underdog role is something we're looking forward to," Coffey said. "When you lose the three seniors that we lost, I think it's pretty safe to say no one is expecting much from us this year. ... That motivates the kids and that motivates me. ... It's not easy dealing with that pressure, expecting to win every night and getting everyone's best shot and you have no room for error."

Shannon, a 5-foot-6 guard, and Porter, a 6-foot post player, are the Majors' most ex-

perienced returning athletes. Shannon is one of the team's top perimeter threats. She knocked down five 3-pointers and scored 26 points during Mount Vernon's 68-52 victory over Oakton last season, which snapped the Cougars' 34-game winning streak. Porter never stops working and is a consistent double-double threat in the paint. Both will play college basketball — Shannon at Barton and Porter at Christopher Newport — and each will be expected to do even more this season.

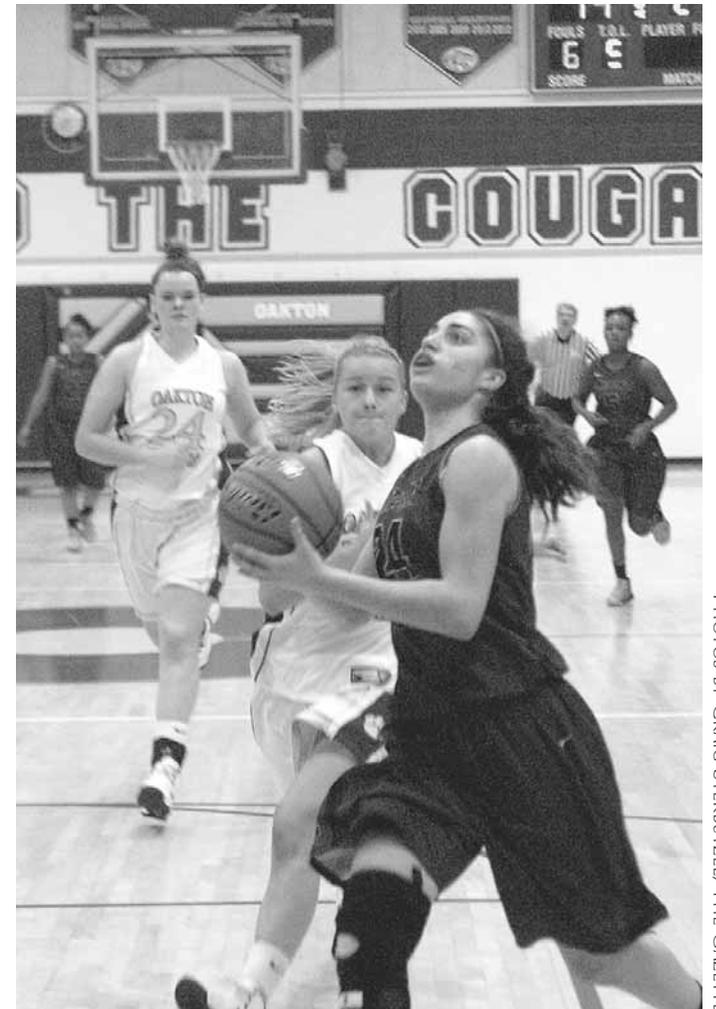
Coffey said Shannon and Porter have already shown they have the talent to be difference-makers, but now they'll have more opportunities at the offensive end.

"First thing we definitely need is leadership," Coffey said. "We need those two to be leaders, we need those two to have a huge voice in the locker room ... and [hold] people accountable."

Porter's hard work on the court sets an example for others to follow.

"This season, I believe my role has changed to be more of a leader figure," Porter wrote in an email. "In order to be successful, we need to work hard together as a team. I'm confident that Chanel and I will be able to lead the team and be successful."

Sophomore forward Jasmine Collier (5-9) and sophomore guard Chanise Ray (5-6) were on the varsity as freshmen and figure to have a greater impact this season. Sophomore guard Deja King (5-8), a trans-



Mount Vernon's Samantha Porter drives against Oakton during the 2012-13 season.

fer from North Carolina, will also be a contributor.

Coffey raves about senior transfer DJ JeanPierre, calling her "freakishly athletic." The 5-foot-9 point guard transferred to Mount Vernon this season after playing her previous two seasons in Alabama and Mississippi.

"She has a great basketball IQ," Coffey said. "She has played on some really, really good basketball teams. ... She can flat-out shoot the basketball."

Six-foot senior Kelly Quigley, 6-foot freshman Miracle Wyatt and 5-foot-10 junior Iris Garcia-Rivera provide Mount Vernon with size. Senior guard Morgan Kuhns (5-6) has been with the varsity since her sophomore season.

While Coffey has preached tenacious defense in the past, the Majors are especially focused on defending well this season after graduating three scoring threats. Coffey said the Majors have studied film of the VCU men's team playing defense and hope to hold opponents to 45 points or less.

Mount Vernon will open the season on the road against Centreville at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 3. Centreville reached the region final four last season and returns standout guard Jenna Green. The Majors' first home game is Dec. 10 against West Potomac.

"People are definitely going to doubt us because we lost Kelly, Tiffany and Taylor," Shannon said. "... We're working hard every day to prove them wrong."

Mount Vernon head girls' basketball coach Courtney Coffey talks to the Majors during a game against Oakton last season.



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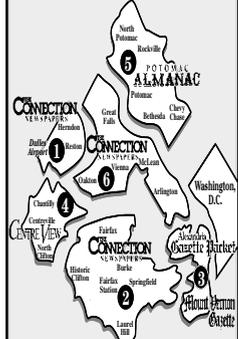
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**Del. Scott Surovell presents congratulatory resolutions from the state legislature to Chase.**

**Fairfax County Board Chair Sharon Bulova presents a plaque honoring the Gum Springs community to Ron Chase, president of the Gum Springs Historical Society.**

Gum Springs Community Honored

Mount Vernon's Gum Springs community, the oldest free black community in Fairfax County, celebrated its 180th anniversary Saturday, Nov. 23, at a dinner organized by the Gum Springs Historical Society at which congratulatory plaques were presented by Sharon Bulova, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors chair and state Del. Scott Surovell, and a speech was delivered by African-American Civil War Museum curator Harry Jones on the courage and perseverance of the early members of the community.



**Harry (Hari) Jones, curator of the Washington D.C.-based African American Civil War Freedom Foundation and Museum gave a passionate speech on the courage of settlers to build a free black community in a southern state before, during, and after the Civil War.**

The community was founded in 1833 by West Ford, a former slave on George Washington's nearby Mount Vernon Plantation. Ford was willed land by George Washington's brother's son, Bushrod, which he later sold and purchased the area called Gum Springs for the gum trees that grew there.

delible mark they left on African American history and the ongoing success of the community they helped create."

Bulova presented a plaque congratulating the Gum Springs community to Ronald Chase, president of the Gum Springs Historical Society. The plaque noted that Gum Springs was founded by "patriarchal freeman West Ford who permitted land ... to become a refuge during the Civil War for freed and runaway slaves, and with the help of the Freedmen's Bureau and the Quaker community, Gum Springs residents established economic survival through farming, the lumber industry, and trades .... Today Gum Springs has more than 2,500 residents, many of whom are descendants of those who lived here." Chase also received congratulatory resolutions passed in the state Senate by Sen. Toddy Puller.

Euille said the "West Ford was a man of vision ... when he purchased a location where many newly freed slaves came to be reunited with their separated families or to settle as newly emancipated people."

Letters of congratulation were also sent by U.S. Rep. James Moran and Alexandria Mayor William Euille. Moran noted "the achievement of those early settlers, the in-

Jones, curator of the Washington D.C.-based African American Civil War Freedom Foundation and Museum researched the Gum Spring settlers and described their courage in establishing a free black community in a slave state where they built homes, established a church, educated their children, and worked for the good of the community.

The Gum Springs Historical Society and Museum located at the west end of the Gum Springs Community Center, 8100 Fordson Road, Alexandria. The museum contains portraits of early residents, photos of buildings, artefacts, and historical documents.

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## 'Build A Truck'

The Kindergarten children from St. Aidan's Day School learned how to build a truck with wood, nails, plastic wheels, and paint on Nov. 14. Patrice Graham and Delores Monk from Hybla Valley Home Depot came to St. Aidan's and taught students how to use a hammer, follow directions, put together a truck, paint it, and put stickers on the truck. This activity was sponsored by Home Depot.

## Story Telling Night

Stratford Landing elementary school hosted its first annual Story Telling night on Nov. 12. The community and literacy building event was a free event put on by the PTA. The children were treated to four stories by special guest readers which included Dan Storck, Mount Vernon representative on the Fairfax County School Board; Sugar Plum Fairies and Cherry Blossom Princesses from West Potomac High School; local military father's in their uniforms, the school's vice principal in disguise, and many other readers. Each reading room was decorated by theme and the children and parents rotated between the Space, Mystery, Patriotic and Fairy Tale rooms.



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## At Slave Memorial

George Washington's Mount Vernon joined Black Women United for Action on Oct. 12, in remembering the slaves who lived at Mount Vernon with a program and wreathlaying ceremony at the Slave Memorial. The event featured dramatic readings, performances, and music in recognition of the slaves' sacrifices and contributions to the early formation of this nation. Visitors could place a boxwood sprig on the Slave Memorial's stone steps emblazoned with "Faith, Hope, Love." There were performances by poet Nikki Giovanni, Howard University and Virginia State University

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**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.

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**Art Exhibit.** Through November, see Jenna Fournel's work at Huntley Meadows Park. Hours are Monday, Wednesday-Friday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday from noon-5 p.m. Visit [www.jenna4nel.com](http://www.jenna4nel.com) for more.

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**Art Exhibit.** Photographer Everitt Clark presents "Cities in the Air" from Nov. 7 through Dec. 2 in the Art League at Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. The exhibit will reveal how Richmond, Va., past and present intertwine. Free. Hours are Monday-Wednesday and Friday-Saturday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Thursdays from 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; and Sundays from noon-6 p.m. Visit [www.theartleague.org](http://www.theartleague.org) or 703-683-1780.

**Art Exhibit.** See "Portent" in the Athenaeum Gallery, 201 Prince St., from Oct. 24 through Dec. 8. The works attempt to visually come to terms with, reflect or represent the magnitude of natural events. Free. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org) for more.

**Theater Performance.** Through Sunday, Dec. 22, see "A Broadway Christmas Carol" at MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal St. Wednesday, Nov. 27 at 7 p.m.; Thursday-Friday at 8 p.m.; Saturdays at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. This show is a cross between the classic Dickens' tale and song parodies of more than 30 Broadway show tune favorites. \$50/adult; \$25/



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Metropolitan School of the Arts of Lorton will host Breakfast with Santa on Sun., Dec. 8 at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the Hotel Monaco, 480 King Street. \$35-\$45 per person. Purchased tickets at [www.metropolitanarts.org](http://www.metropolitanarts.org). The Frosty Follies' performers will join Santa for the annual Breakfast with Santa. The family-event offers Sunday brunch at the Hotel Monaco in Old Town Alexandria, complete with a live jazz performance from Metropolitan School of the Arts' dancers, interactive song and dance workshop for children, goody bags and visits from Frosty the Snowman, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, Suzy Snowflake and her International Dolls.

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**Theater Performance.** See The Little Theatre of Alexandria's "A Christmas Carol" from Dec. 5-22 at the theatre, 600 Wolfe St. Performances are Thursdays-Fridays at 8 p.m. and Saturdays-Sundays at 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. \$15. Visit [www.thelittletheatre.com](http://www.thelittletheatre.com) or 703-683-0496.

**Tickets Now on Sale.** Buy tickets for the Alexandria Candlelight Tour with special early-bird pricing. \$15/adult; \$12/senior if purchased before Dec. 1. Tour Gadsby's Tavern Museum, Carlyle House Historic Park, Lee-Fendall House and Lloyd House by candlelight and enjoy decorations, entertainment and more on Saturday, Dec. 14 from 6-9 p.m. or Sunday, Dec. 15 from 3-6 p.m. Tickets purchased after Dec. 1 are \$20/adult; \$15/senior and \$5/child. Tickets can be purchased at [shop.alexandria.gov](http://shop.alexandria.gov) or 703-746-4242. Visit [www.historicalexandria.org](http://www.historicalexandria.org) for more.

**Art Exhibit.** Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery presents "Holiday Sizzle" in Studio 18 at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Exhibit starts on Nov. 19, additional items will be added Dec. 9 and the exhibit closes Jan. 5. Free. Some items will be for sale. Visit [www.potomacfiberarts.gallery.com](http://www.potomacfiberarts.gallery.com) or 703-548-0935.

**Art Exhibit.** Artist John Gascot of Studio 4, 218 N. Lee St., suite 101, creates an art exhibit to honor the life journeys of transgender individuals. It will be on display through January. Gallery hours are Thursday-Saturday, noon-7 p.m. and Sunday from noon-5 p.m. or by appointment. Visit [www.studio4oldtown.com](http://www.studio4oldtown.com) for more.

**African American Activists Exhibition.** Through Saturday, Jan. 4, 2014, Living Legends of Alexandria is an ongoing 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](http://www.alexblackhistory.org) or call 703-746-4356.

**Art Exhibit.** "Small Works," juried by Irene Owsley will run Nov. 26-Jan. 5, at the Multiple Exposures Gallery in the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org) for more.

**"The Street Sense Project."** Thien-Kim Pham presents "Portraits of People Who Live and Work on the

Streets" in studio 21 at the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. The exhibit runs Dec. 5 through Jan. 6. A portion of the sales will be donated to a local charity related to the subject matter depicted in the piece. Visit [www.theartleague.org](http://www.theartleague.org) or 703-683-1780 for more.

**Art Exhibit.** "Small Worlds," a multimedia juried exhibition with a focus on artists who work in miniature or small scales will run Dec. 6-Jan. 12, at the Target Gallery in the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org) for more.

## CLASSES

**Introduction to Machine Sewing for Children.** 4:15-6:15 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 3 at Art at the Center, 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. Learn how to operate a sewing machine and beginning sewing skills while turning a t-shirt into a tote bag. For children ages 8 and up. \$35/child. Visit [www.artatthecenter.org](http://www.artatthecenter.org) or 703-201-1250.

**Introduction to Quilting: Parent/Child Class.** 9 a.m.-noon on Saturday, Nov. 23 and Saturday, Dec. 7. Parents and children ages 7 and up can learn how to use a sewing machine and then learn how to quilt. Bring a yard of cotton fabric and smaller pieces of cotton fabric (at least 6-inch squares) to create patches. \$120. With registration, if you have a sewing machine, say so. Visit [www.artatthecenter.org](http://www.artatthecenter.org) or 703-201-1250.

**Christmas Cooking Class.** 11 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 14 at Osteria Marzano, 6361 Walker Lane, Suite 140. Chef Carmine Marzano will teach participants how to cook an Italian Christmas meal, then dine on the creations. \$85/person. RSVP to [info@osteriamarzano.com](mailto:info@osteriamarzano.com) or 703-313-9700.

**Life Drawing.** Del Ray Artisans offers a range of open life drawing sessions for anyone to develop life-drawing skills further. Just drop-in for the session and bring your supplies to draw or paint our live models. Fee ranges from \$8-\$12. All skill levels are welcome. Del Ray Artisans is located at 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org) for a schedule.

## CHRISTMAS TREE SALES

**Christmas Tree Sale.** The Alexandria Police Youth Camp is hosting a sale from Nov. 30-Dec. 5 at 110 Callahan Drive. Hours are weekdays from 4-8

p.m. and weekends from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Proceeds will help fund scholarships for children to attend the camp. Visit [www.alexpyc.org](http://www.alexpyc.org) for more.

**Christmas Tree and Wreath Sale.** Pick out a freshly-cut North Carolina Fraser Fir while enjoying some hot cider and cookies. Ten percent of the sale will go back to a designated PTA. Runs Saturdays and Sundays at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road, through Dec. 15. Visit [www.staidansepiscopal.com](http://www.staidansepiscopal.com) or 703-360-4220.

**Christmas Tree Sale.** Saturdays, Dec. 7, 14 from 7 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sundays, Dec. 8, 15 from noon-4 p.m. in the parking lot adjacent to Trinity United Methodist Church, corner of Cameron Mills and Allison. Sponsored by the North Ridge Citizens Association. \$25-\$90 for a tree, \$16 for wreaths, \$20 for garland and \$25 for tree stands. Call Bruce Johnson at 703-548-9604.

## THURSDAY/NOV. 21

**Concert.** 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Joe Ely and Paul Thorn perform. \$35. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) or call 703-549-7500.

**Story Telling.** 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Ellouise Schoettler will tell the story of "Finding Gus." \$10/person. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org) for more.

**Illustrated Lecture.** 7:30 p.m. at Lloyd House, 220 N. Washington St. "Volusia: Civilian, Slave and Soldier Experiences in the Civil War" presented by Amy Bertsch, former Office of Historic Alexandria public information officer. The presentation involves research into a rare photograph of enslaved people taken in Alexandria, and reveals how the Civil War impacted three groups of people on a large Duke Street property, then known as Volusia, and today known as Foxchase in Alexandria's West End. Free. Visit [www.historicalexandria.org](http://www.historicalexandria.org) or 703-746-4554.

**Theater Performance.** 7:30 p.m. at Burgundy Farm Country Day School, 3700 Burgundy Road. Watch the seventh-graders put on "The Princess Bride." \$5/adult; \$1/child.

## FRIDAY/NOV. 29

**Shop Local.** More than 50 independent boutiques will open early with shopping deals. Participating stores will offer discounts starting at 6 a.m. Also enjoy free parking during the

day and restaurants opening early with discounts and more. Visit [www.blackfridayalexandria.com](http://www.blackfridayalexandria.com) for a list of participating businesses.

**Archaeology Open House.** 1-5 p.m. at the museum, 105 N. Union St., #327. Free. Visit [www.alexandriaarchaeology.org](http://www.alexandriaarchaeology.org) or 703-746-4399.

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**Tree Lighting Ceremony.** 6 p.m. at Market Square in front of City Hall, 301 King St. The Mayor and Santa Claus will light the city tree. Enjoy music, caroling and more. Free. Visit [www.visitalexandriava.com](http://www.visitalexandriava.com) for more.

## FRIDAY-SATURDAY/NOV. 29-30

**Music Performance.** 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. The Seldom Scene & Dry Branch Fire Squad will perform. \$35. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) or call 703-549-7500.

## FRIDAY-SUNDAY/NOV. 29-DEC. 22

**Pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus.** Children can take pictures at Rashmi Pappu Photography Studio, 210 N. Lee St., on Saturdays from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., except for Dec. 7 when hours are 1-5 p.m. and Sundays from noon-5 p.m. \$15/\$5x7 photo print. Visit [www.oldtownsanta.com](http://www.oldtownsanta.com) or 571-331-0702.

## FRIDAY-MONDAY/NOV. 29-JAN. 6

**Christmas at Mount Vernon.** Daily from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Enjoy themed decorations, chocolate-making demonstrations, tour the third floor of the mansion and meet Aladdin the camel. \$17/adult; \$8/child; 5 and under free. Visit [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org) or 703-780-2000.

## SATURDAY/NOV. 30

**Author Book Signing.** 2-4 p.m. at St. Elmo's Coffee Pub, 2300 Mount Vernon Ave. Alexandria resident Kathie Truitt will discuss and sign copies of her book "The Hillbilly Debutante Cafe." Free.

**Book Launch.** 1-5 p.m. at Art at the Center, 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. Enjoy crafts, book signing and more. Visit [www.artatthecenter.org](http://www.artatthecenter.org) or 703-201-1250.

## SATURDAY-SUNDAY/NOV.30-DEC. 22

**Mount Vernon by Candlelight.** Saturdays and Sundays from 5-8 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Take candlelight tours, enjoy fireside caroling and festive treats. Tickets are \$22/adult; \$15/child. Visit [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org) or 703-780-2000.

## SUNDAY/DEC. 1

**Civil War Sunday.** 1-5 p.m. at Alexandria Archaeology Museum in Torpedo Factory Arts Center, 105 N. Union St. See an original May 26, 1861, edition of "The New-York Tribune" detailing Colonel Elmer Ellsworth's death in Alexandria, a Peeps diorama illustrating Ellsworth's death, a TimeTravelers Passport exhibit featuring the Civil War drummer boy, a diorama of a heating system constructed in Alexandria to

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**Chanukah Festival of Lights.** 5 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 901 N. Fairfax St. Watch as the six-foot Menorah is lit by Alexandria Mayor William D. Euille. Hot potato pancakes and donuts will be handed out as well. There will also be entertainment, a raffle and more. Visit [www.chabadAA.org](http://www.chabadAA.org) or contact Rabbi Mordechai Newman at 703-370-2774.

### SUNDAY-WEDNESDAY/DEC. 1-25

**Holiday Advent Calendar Art Celebration.** Each day at sundown the store will reveal "advent art" featuring holiday creations by local artists and organizations. These canvases will be available for auction, visitors can place bids inside the store. Proceeds will benefit The Reading Connection. Visit [www.christmasattic.com](http://www.christmasattic.com) or 703-548-2829.

### MONDAY/DEC. 2

**Tavern Toddlers: Rhythm and Music.** 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Toddlers through 36 months can enjoy storytime, dancing, crafts and more. \$7/group of three. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov/GadsbysTavern](http://www.alexandriava.gov/GadsbysTavern) for more.

### TUESDAY/DEC. 3

**Theater Performance.** 10:30 a.m. at W-3 Theatre at the Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Arts on the Horizon presents "Drumming with Dishes: The Holiday Edition." \$8/child and adults. Visit [www.artsonthehorizon.org](http://www.artsonthehorizon.org) for tickets.

**Library Tour.** 1:30 p.m. at Mount Vernon Estate. Tour the new Fred W. Smith National Library for the study of George Washington. Led by Mount Vernon tour guides and Library staff members, this new tour will offer access to the main floor of the center for scholarship about George Washington, Colonial America, and the Revolutionary Era. View rare books and manuscripts, special collections and art, research resources, and one-of-a-kind design details such as custom-created

busts of the Founding Fathers. Tours are included in admission to the Estate, but are limited in capacity and are on a first-come, first-served basis. Visit [www.MountVernon.org](http://www.MountVernon.org) or 703-780-2000.

**Artist Lecture.** 6-8 p.m. at Morrison House, 116 S. Alfred St. Enjoy a salon-style discussion series exploring Alexandria's heritage and culture through talks with artists, authors and archaeologists from Alexandria and the Torpedo Factory. Free. Visit [www.morrisonhouse.com](http://www.morrisonhouse.com) or 703-838-8000.

**Theater Performance.** 10:30 a.m. at W-3 Theatre at the Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Arts on the Horizon presents "Drumming with Dishes: The Holiday Edition." \$8/child and adults. Visit [www.artsonthehorizon.org](http://www.artsonthehorizon.org) for tickets.

### WEDNESDAY/DEC. 4

**Theater Performance.** 10 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. at W-3 Theatre at the Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Arts on the Horizon presents "Drumming with Dishes: The Holiday Edition." \$8/child and adults. Visit [www.artsonthehorizon.org](http://www.artsonthehorizon.org) for tickets.

**Magic Show.** 7 p.m. at Bishop Ireton High School, 201 Cambridge Road. See a performance by International Brotherhood of Magicians Ring 50. Bring a canned food item or toy that will be donated to the Alexandria Citadel of the Salvation Army. Visit [www.ibmring50.blogspot.com](http://www.ibmring50.blogspot.com).

**Theater Performance.** 10 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. at W-3 Theatre at the Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Arts on the Horizon presents "Drumming with Dishes: The Holiday Edition." \$8/child and adults. Visit [www.artsonthehorizon.org](http://www.artsonthehorizon.org) for tickets.

### THURSDAY/DEC. 5

**Theater Performance.** 10:30 a.m. at W-3 Theatre at the Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Arts on the Horizon presents "Drumming with Dishes: The Holiday Edition." \$8/child and adults. Visit

## Menorah Kindling

Chabad Lubavitch of Alexandria-Arlington invites the entire community to celebrate the Festival of Lights at a public Menorah kindling ceremony. The grand Chanukah celebration will take place on Sunday, Dec. 1, 5 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 901 N Fairfax Street. Mayor William D. Euille will be honored with lighting the six foot Menorah. Following the kindling, hot potato pancakes and doughnuts, the traditional

foods of Chanukah, will be distributed free to everyone. The program will also feature professional family entertainment, a free Chanukah raffle for a NOOK HD, Chanukah gifts and treats, lively Chanukah music and more. In its Chanukah outreach campaign, Chabad Lubavitch of Alexandria-Arlington joins thousands of Chabad centers across the globe that are staging similar public displays of the Menorah and its symbolic lights. Bring the children and make this a special Chanukah celebration. Contact Rabbi Mordechai Newman at 703-370-2774 or visit [www.chabadAA.org](http://www.chabadAA.org).

[www.artsonthehorizon.org](http://www.artsonthehorizon.org) for tickets.

**Holiday Shopping Event.** 4-8 p.m. at Reunions Gifts and Antiques store, 1709 Centre Plaza. Enjoy champagne, snacks, raffle, trunk show by local artist Janine Bland. Twenty percent of all sales will be donated to Senior Services of Alexandria. Visit [seniorservicesalex.org](http://seniorservicesalex.org) for more.

**Ballet Performance.** 5:30 p.m. Alexandria Community Dance and West Potomac Academy present "The Nutcracker" at West Potomac High School theater, 6500 Quander Road. More than 100 students from local schools and performers ranging from age 4 to adult will perform. \$12/adult; \$10/student in advance or \$15/adult; \$12/student at the door. Visit [www.alexandriadance.com](http://www.alexandriadance.com) for tickets.

**A Peter White Christmas.** 7:30 p.m. at Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Features Minda Abair & Rick Braun. \$49.50. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) or 703-549-7500 for tickets.

### FRIDAY/DEC. 6

**Theater Performance.** 10 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. at W-3 Theatre at the Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Arts on the Horizon presents "Drumming with Dishes: The Holiday Edition." \$8/child and adults. Visit [www.artsonthehorizon.org](http://www.artsonthehorizon.org) for tickets.

**Holiday on the Avenue.** 6-9 p.m. at the Del Ray Farmer's Market at Mount Vernon Avenue and E. Oxford Ave. Watch as the Del Ray Christmas tree is lit up, enjoy a visit from Santa Claus and a stroll down Mount Vernon Avenue which is illuminated by thousands of candles. Free. Visit [www.visitdelray.com](http://www.visitdelray.com) or 703-683-2570 for more.

**Ballet Performance.** 6:30 p.m. Alexandria Community Dance and West Potomac Academy present "The Nutcracker" at West Potomac High School theater, 6500 Quander Road. More than 100 students from local schools and performers ranging from age 4 to adult will perform. \$12/adult; \$10/student in advance or \$15/adult; \$12/student at the door. Half-price tickets for all Boy and Girl Scouts. Visit [www.alexandriadance.com](http://www.alexandriadance.com) for tickets.

**Holiday Open House.** 6:30-9 p.m. at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Enjoy food, refreshments and music while browsing items for purchase. Door prizes will be given. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org) for more.

**Music Performance.** At Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Bo Bice will perform as a special guest vocalist with Blood Sweat & Tears. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) or 703-549-7500.

### FRIDAY-SATURDAY/DEC. 6-7

**Scottish Christmas Walk Weekend.** Celebrate Alexandria's Scottish heritage with the 43rd Annual Campagna Center Scottish Christmas Walk Weekend. Start the weekend with the Christmas Marketplace and Heather and Greens sale from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Dec. 6 at the George Washington Masonic Memorial. Deck the Hall with Santa from 1-3 p.m. on Dec. 6 at the George Washington Masonic Memorial. The

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Taste of Scotland is from 8-11 p.m. on Dec. 6 at the George Washington Masonic Memorial. On Dec. 7, enjoy the Scottish Christmas Walk at 11 a.m. and the Tour of Homes from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Visit [www.scottishchristmaswalk.com](http://www.scottishchristmaswalk.com) for tickets and more information.

## SATURDAY/DEC. 7

**Holiday Craft Fair.** 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern, 400 Cameron St. Alexandria Unit 24 of the American Legion Auxiliary will host the event. There will also be a bake sale. All proceeds will support veterans, military and their families in the community.

**Holiday Market.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in the Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. The Del Ray Artisans will offer handmade work from local artists, handmade ornaments and bake sale items to benefit the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria. Free. Visit [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org) for more.

**Theater Performance.** 10:30 a.m. at W-3 Theatre at the Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Arts on the Horizon presents "Drumming with Dishes: The Holiday Edition." \$8/child and adults. Visit [www.artsonthehorizon.org](http://www.artsonthehorizon.org) for tickets.

**Scottish Walk Parade Open House.** 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105-107 S. Fairfax St. Enjoy free tours and browse items that were used during the time of George Washington. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov/historic/apothecary/default.aspx](http://www.alexandriava.gov/historic/apothecary/default.aspx) or 703-746-3852.

**Watercolor Show and Sale.** 4-7 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Over 50 participating artists from the Torpedo Factory will be selling their works. All artists are students of Gwendolyn C. Bragg. Free. 703-765-4573, TTY: 711.

**Country-Western Dance.** Lessons start at 6:30 p.m., dancing from 7:30-10 p.m. at Lincolnia Senior Center, 4710 N. Chambliss St. A DJ provides music. Couples and singles welcome. \$10/NVCWDA member; \$12/non-member; \$5/child. Visit [www.nvcwda.org](http://www.nvcwda.org) or 703-860-4941. Bring own non-alcoholic drinks.

**Music Concert.** 7 p.m. at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. Canadian folk singer James Keelaghan will perform. \$18/general; \$15/advance. Visit [www.focusmusic.org](http://www.focusmusic.org) for more.

**Honky Tonk Holiday Show.** Bill Kirchen & Too Much Fun performs at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) or 703-549-7500.

**Benefit Concert.** 8:15 p.m. at Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill, 3606 Seminary Road. The Singers' Theater of Washington will perform popular arias from composers including Rossini, Puccini, Wagner and more. \$20/admission is suggested. Visit [www.singerstheatre.com](http://www.singerstheatre.com) for more.

**Father Christmas Photos.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Gadsby's Arcade, 320 King St. Children and dogs can take photos with Father Christmas. \$10 for polaroid-like photos and \$5 donation for your own photos. Proceeds benefit Gadsby's Tavern. 703-746-4242.

**Kwanzaa Family Fun Workshop.** 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. Learn about Kwanzaa through games, songs and more. \$5/person. Visit [oha.alexandriava.gov/bhrc/](http://oha.alexandriava.gov/bhrc/) or 703-746-4356.

**Christmas at Carlyle House.** Noon-4 p.m. at Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St. Tour a holiday-decorated house, talk to soldiers from the 1st Virginia Regiment during 1761, enjoy demonstrations, samples and more. \$5/person. 703-549-2997.

**Winter Wreath Workshop.** 1-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Create a beautiful winter wreath to take home for your front door after Green Spring staff demonstrate the dazzling possibilities. Greens, forms, ribbons and cones included with additional \$20 supply fee. Code: 290 484 6901, \$35/person. Register on-line at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring) or call Green Spring Gardens 703-642-5173.

**Ornament Decorating Workshop.** 1-4 p.m. at Alexandria Archaeology in the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Families can decorate an artifact-shaped dough ornament. Free. 703-746-4399.

**Home for the Holidays Pops Concert.** 2 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. at Alexandria Singers, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. The Alexandria Singers will perform. \$25/reserved seats; \$20/general; \$15/group, senior or military; \$5/child age 6 and under. Visit [www.alexandriasingers.com/](http://www.alexandriasingers.com/) or 703-941-7464.

**Ballet Performance.** 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

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Alexandria Community Dance and West Potomac Academy present "The Nutcracker" at West Potomac High School theater, 6500 Quander Road. More than 100 students from local schools and performers ranging from age 4 to adult will perform. \$12/adult; \$10/student in advance or \$15/adult; \$12/student at the door. Military members can get tickets for \$10 with proper ID for the 6:30 p.m. show. Visit [www.alexandriadance.com](http://www.alexandriadance.com) for tickets.

**Holiday Boat Parade of Lights.** Festivities start at 3 p.m. with the parade at 5:30 p.m. at the waterfront at Cameron Street. More than 50 boats will illuminate the Potomac. Special appearance by Santa. Free. Visit [www.visitalexandriava.com](http://www.visitalexandriava.com) or 703-746-3301.

## SUNDAY/DEC. 8

**Theater Performance.** 11 a.m. at W-3 Theatre at the Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Arts on the Horizon presents "Drumming with Dishes: The Holiday Edition." \$8/child and adults. Visit [www.artsonthehorizon.org](http://www.artsonthehorizon.org).

**Breakfast with Santa.** 10:30 a.m. or 1 p.m. at the Hotel Monaco, 480 King St. Metropolitan School of the Arts will host the breakfast. Tickets range in price from \$35-\$45/person. Visit [www.metropolitanarts.org](http://www.metropolitanarts.org) for tickets.

**Holiday Market.** Noon-4 p.m. in the Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. The Del Ray Artisans will offer handmade work from local artists, handmade ornaments and bake sale items to benefit the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria. Free. Visit [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org).

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**Gardeners' Holiday Open House.** Noon-4 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. This festive day is for gardeners of all ages, individuals and families. Admission is free. There will be a Holiday Puppet Show by Bob Brown (tickets for the 2 p.m. show are \$3/person and can be purchased in advance using Code: 290 489 4301), festive greens and tree ornaments for sale, a vintage train display, seasonal breads for sale, and complimentary refreshments. There will be a whimsical gingerbread house contest. Get your Gingerbread House contest entry form at [www.greenspring.org](http://www.greenspring.org) on the Special Events page. Call 703-642-5173 for more information.

**"Christmas in Cape Breton."** 7:30 p.m. at Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Natalie MacMaster is an award-winning fiddler. \$39.50. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) or 703-549-7500 for tickets.

**Chorale Performance.** 4 p.m. at Alexandria Campus of Northern Virginia Community College, 3001 N. Beauregard St. New Dominion Chorale will perform works by Benjamin Britten and Thomas Beveridge. Special guest chorus World Children's Choir will perform along with other guests. \$30/adult; \$25/senior; \$5/student, child; \$20/groups of 10 or more. Visit [www.newdominion.org](http://www.newdominion.org) or 703-442-9404.

**Music Performance.** 3 p.m. The Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic will perform at T.C. Williams High School, 3330 King St. \$20/adult; 18 and under free. Visit [www.wmpamusic.org](http://www.wmpamusic.org) or 703-799-8229.

## MONDAY/DEC. 9

**Tavern Toddlers: Rhythm and Music.** 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Toddlers through 36 months can enjoy storytime, dancing, crafts and more. \$7/group of three. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov/GadsbysTavern](http://www.alexandriava.gov/GadsbysTavern) for more.

**Garden Sprouts: Welcome Winter.** 11 a.m.-noon at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Preschool children ages 3-5 with accompanying adult. Tour the garden to see the changes that winter brings. Learn why some animals stay and others migrate or hibernate. Make a winter landscape to take home and a pinecone feeder for the birds that remain. Code: 290 481 4401, \$6/child. Register on-line at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring) or call Green Spring Gardens 703-642-5173.

## WEDNESDAY/DEC. 11

**Music Performance.** 7:30 p.m. at Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. The Wooten Brothers will perform for all ages. \$35. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) or 703-549-7500.



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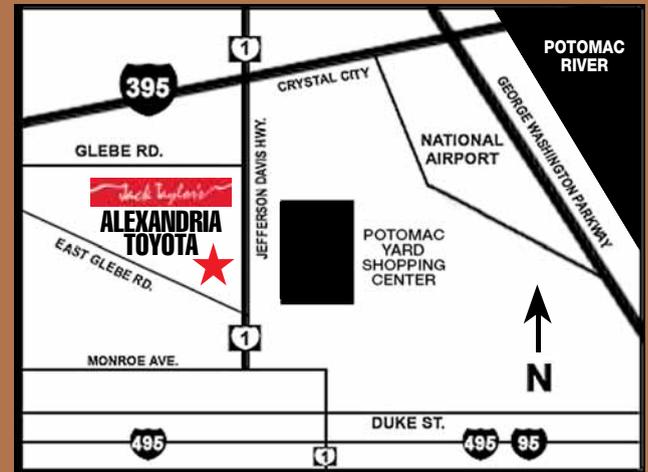
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Stop paying for alignments you don't need.</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: red;"><b>ADJUSTMENT, \$89.95</b></p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. OFFER EXPIRES 11/30/13. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA. TAX AND SHOP SUPPLIES ADDITIONAL.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>WE WILL MEET OR BEAT</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">ANY LOCAL TOYOTA DEALERSHIP'S CURRENT ADVERTISED SERVICE SPECIALS</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. OFFER EXPIRES 11/30/13. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. 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