



PHOTO BY RENEE RUGGLES/THE GAZETTE

At Lights of Love

Santa stopped by the Mount Vernon Inova Hospital cafeteria during the 2013 Lights of Love program. Madison was the first one to visit with him. More photos, page 6.

Area Angels Aid the Poor

At Rising Hope, eight churches provide Christmas gifts.

BY ED SIMMONS, JR.
THE GAZETTE

It was a time for angels Sunday evening, Dec. 15, at Rising Hope United Methodist Mission Church where a large, quiet crowd gathered in the candlelit sanctuary for The Blessing of the Angel Gifts.

Located a short ways off Richmond Highway between Hybla Valley and Woodlawn at 8220 Russell Road, the church aids the homeless and needy living along the Route 1 corridor.

"We call them angel gifts because angels went out to buy them," the Rev. Keary Kincannon told the hushed, seated crowd moments before blessing the gifts. "As messengers of God they are

agents of God's grace."

Because most in the crowd were Hispanic, Rising Hope's Mary Hamilton, coordinator of community ministries, spoke to them in Spanish. She explained that while the choir sang Christmas carols, their numbers would be called to go to the adjoining room to pick up their gifts.

"Eight churches went out to buy these gifts," she told them. This year at the bidding of church council, all the gifts were for children. "Each gift was bought with that person in mind," she said.

That night, 400 gifts were given out. Piled in large clear plastic sacks, each gift was brightly wrapped. In the coming week, 2,000 more would be given to

SEE AREA ANGELS, PAGE 5

Food Assistance Cuts Affecting Local Residents

Cuts to food stamp program are hitting local beneficiaries and food banks.

BY LISA SPINELLI
THE GAZETTE

Melinda Anderson, 50, of Alexandria is feeling the extra pinch to her federally-subsidized food budget.

"I have had to eat less and hit up more food banks in the area just to survive," she said while collecting her monthly food allotment from the Fairfax-based food-bank Food for Others. "I'm visiting three [food banks] a month now."

Anderson and the other 456,626 Virginians are among the 47.7 million Americans enrolled in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program — also known as food stamps, all of whom had their monthly food benefits cut on Nov. 1 after a four-year temporary boost from the Recovery and Reinvestment Act (RRA) expired. Virginia experienced a \$99 million cut last month when the boost ended. For Anderson, a childless

SEE FOOD STAMP, PAGE 9

ATTENTION
POSTMASTER:
TIME-SENSITIVE
MATERIAL
REQUESTED IN HOME
12/20/13

PRST STD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
ALEXANDRIA, VA
PERMIT #482

CIRCULATION
VERIFICATION
COUNCIL



Season's Greetings

FROM THE ALEXANDRIA OFFICE AT McENEARNEY ASSOCIATES REALTORS®

John McEneaney, Chairman
Dave Hawkins, Managing Broker

Maureen McEneaney Dunn, President
Michael Day, Assistant Managing Broker

 **RESIDENTIAL AGENTS**
Jan Allison
Paul Anderson
Susan Anthony
Robin Arnold
Barbara Baird
Mason Montague Bavin
Babs Beckwith
Margaret Benghauser
Vicki Binkley
Lauren Bishop
Kay Blemker
Vici Boguess
Amy Brodie
Brenda Gail Brown
Ginny Brzezinski
Clay Burke
Jud Burke
Julian T Burke II
Jodie Burns
Delaine Campbell
Cindy Clemmer
Laurel Conger
Colleen Coopersmith
Pam Cornelio
Barbara Cousens
Susan Craft
Donna Cramer
Liz Crawford
Waldi Crawford
Peter Crouch

Pat Crusenberry
Catherine Davidson
Pat Day
Courtney DeVries
Susan Dickerson
Joan Dixon
Ann Duff
Kristina Eells
Josephine Erkiletian
Mary Farrell
Christine Fischer
Allison Goodhart
Marty Goodhart
Sue Goodhart
Rochelle Gray
Joanne Gunn
Jennifer Halm
Sally Harper
Chris Hayes
Dee Hester
Annette Hinaman
Wayne Holland
Debora Jackson
Noel Kaupinen
Jillian Keck
Rick Kicklighter
Sarah King
Suzanne Kovalsky
Betsy Leavitt
Susan Leavitt
Julie Lineberry
Elizabeth Lucchesi

Joseph Lydon
Harry Mahon
Michael Makris
Betty Mallon
Jane Manstof
Bob Martini
Michael Mayes
Sallie McBrien
Sean McEneaney
Jill McGillivray
Jeffery McGlothlin
Sandy McMaster
Ann Michael
Joel Miller
Kathryn Montalbano
Genevieve Moorhouse
Suzanne Morrison
Brian Murphy
George Myers
Lydia Odle
Yiping Osser
Kate Patterson
Doug Peed
Janet Price
Ginger Quinn
David Rainey
Mary Ashley Rhule
Georgia Rice
Jessica Richardson
Stephanie Rivera
Christopher Robinson
Dave Sanasack

Wendy Santantonio
Charlene Schaper
Nada Seide
Joan Shannon
Phyllis Sintay
Patricia Smith
Sara Smith
Sandra Sperry
Casey Sutherland
Joy Sutherland
Susan Taylor
Dee Thoren
Julianne Waesche
Jennifer Walker
Ken Ward
Suellen West
Cherie Wilderotter
Cecily Winchell
Aaron Wood
Gordon Wood
Kierstan Woods
Ann Yanagihara
Meiling Yang
Kristie Zimmerman
Sissy Zimmerman

 **AGENT ASSISTANTS**
Vanessa Agne
Rixey Canfield
Shauna Carlson
Nicole Chenault

Jennifer Connors
Sharene Doles
Shea Friedland
Frida Hopper
Jane Kicklighter
Susan McAteer
Sophia McMullen
Susan McVety
Anne Norberg
Jamyn Page
Shannon Payne
William Steagall
Holli Wallace
Mary Margaret Wescott
Jill Wilson

 **COMMERCIAL AGENTS**
Ed Cave
Tom Hulfish
Chuck Langdon
Mike Lucker
John Quinn
Brison Rohrbach
John Ross
Rick Sada
Diane Sappenfield
Bob Swearingen

 **RELOCATION SERVICES**
Trudy McCullough

Betsy Myers
Sylvia Pacheco
Jean Sackin

 **PROPERTY MANAGEMENT**
Cindy Troupe
Dan Dever

 **McENEARNEY STAFF**
Edita Capin
Kathy Cooper
Naima Doles
Laurie Howard Felton
Katy Fike
Katie Frontino
Jacqueline Gerardi
Andrea Green
Naomi Gonyea
Tyler Hallman
Nicole Macon
Julia Obermiller
Pat Shoultes

 **GEORGE MASON MORTGAGE**
Brian Bonnet
Carey Meushaw
Amanda Wallingford



109 SOUTH PITT STREET • ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22314
MCENEARNEY.COM • 703.549.9292



What More Could FBI Want? Virginia leaders tout merits of Springfield site for FBI relocation.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE GAZETTE

A high-ranking delegation of Virginia politicians gathered in Springfield Tuesday morning in a renewed effort to convince the Federal Bureau of Investigation to relocate its headquarters to a warehouse site in Springfield.

The move in the high-stakes, highly competitive regional competition comes after site selection guidelines eliminated almost all other Northern Virginia locations.

U.S. Senators Mark Warner (D) and Tim Kaine (D), U.S. Reps. Jim Moran (D-8), Frank Wolf (R-10) and Gerry Connolly (D-11), Governor-elect Terry McAuliffe (D), State Del. Vivian Watts (D-39), Fairfax County Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee) and others held a news conference on Tuesday, Dec. 17 at Northern Virginia Community College's Medical Campus Tuesday to send a message that the Springfield site is the ideal choice.

IN LATE 2011, the General Services Administration (GSA), which manages federal properties, announced plans to move the FBI's main office out of the run-down, dilapidated J. Edgar Hoover Building on Pennsylvania Avenue.

Since then, several jurisdictions across the Washington region have made it clear they have the ideal location for the bureau's move.

But the Virginia delegation made the argument that the federally-owned warehouse in Springfield makes the best location for the FBI to consolidate as many as 11,000 employees for a number of reasons, including the fact that the GSA already owns the warehouse, which guarantees that federal government ownership of the campus is both clean and easy.

"Virginia checks every box," Warner said, "transit accessible, fiber-wired, synergy with FBI Quantico ... Many FBI employees live



U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) joins other Virginia politicians in backing the Springfield site for the new FBI headquarters. The GSA is expected to announce the site selection in 2015. From left are Secretary of Commerce and Trade Jim Cheng, who represented Gov. Robert McDonnell; U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8) and Fairfax County Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee).

in Virginia, and it is easy for D.C. and Maryland residents to commute."

Citing the bi-partisan display of unity in the effort, Kaine said he was "brought into this process by our three members of Congress — Connolly, Moran, and Wolf ... It is characteristic of us in Virginia that we all work together."

Wolf, who chairs the appropriations subcommittee overseeing the FBI, said the site is ideally located, with easy access to the CIA and Quantico.

Connolly agreed: "The FBI's ability to interact with other federal anti-terrorism offices located in NoVA is critical."

McKay, whose district is home to the warehouse site, said county officials will do "everything in our power to make sure zoning and other factors are in place."

McKay said the benefits to the federal government of relocating to Springfield "would be substantial."

In January 2012, Fairfax County joined

Prince George's County and the District in placing its marker on the table in the high-stakes competition soon after the Senate passed a resolution authorizing the GSA and FBI to seek new headquarters in December 2011.

"The FBI needs 2 million square feet of office space, located within two miles of a Metro station and within 2.5 miles of the Beltway according to the GAO. Redeveloping existing sites in D.C. would be extremely expensive, especially given the post-911 security features that are now required ... It is adjacent to the Franconia/Springfield Metro Station, VRE, AMTRAK, bus service, and every highway except Route 66," McKay said at the time.

He pointed out that airport access will soon be served by two Metro stations once rail to Dulles is complete.

Fairfax County would also benefit by high-paying jobs that would come to the area, and redevelopment of the site would spur

construction of other office projects nearby and expand commercial tax base.

"You know the site makes perfect sense when the entire Northern Virginia Congressional Delegation, the Governor, the Governor-Elect, and State elected and appointed officials — both Democrats and Republicans — all agree on something," McKay added.

ACCORDING TO OFFICIALS, the decision by the GSA will be made in 2015. While other regional sites have been eliminated for various reasons, Maryland is still in the running with its site in Prince Georges County.

But Connolly predicts the Springfield site will be the chosen one.

"We're going to win this on the merits, not on politics. We had a number of sites in Virginia, but we put our parochial interest aside to support the best site for Northern Virginia and for our national security."

— U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11)

A Transparent Debate Upcoming session to feature fight over transparency of State Corporation Commission.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE GAZETTE

How much should Virginia citizens know about regulators? That's a debate that's about to take place during the upcoming session of the General Assembly, when two rival bills will attempt to open the books on the State Corporation Commission.

One is from Del. Scott Surovell (D-44), who will be introducing legislation to make the Virginia Freedom of Information Act apply to the State Corporation Commission. Another is from state Sen. John Watkins (R-10), which seeks to make information available without forcing the commission to be subject to the Freedom of Information Act.

"If any entity ought to be subject to FOIA,

it should be the State Corporation Commission because there is so little public accountability associated with their activities," said Surovell. "I don't think the State Corporation Commission is some special blessed agency that gets special rules. They are part of the government just like everybody else, and I think that FOIA ought to apply to them like any other part of the government."

Watkins disagrees. He says Virginia has a good reputation as one of the best states to do business, in part because of the regulatory climate created by the State Corporation Commission. He said making documents and records available under the Freedom of Information Act would jeopardize that reputation, perhaps making the commonwealth a place that is not as friendly to business.

"There is a level of trust that businesses need to have with their regulatory agencies with regard to their proprietary information," said Watkins. "The problem I have with Mr. Surovell's bill is that it puts yet another third party in between the business and the regulatory authority in who is controlling the documents."

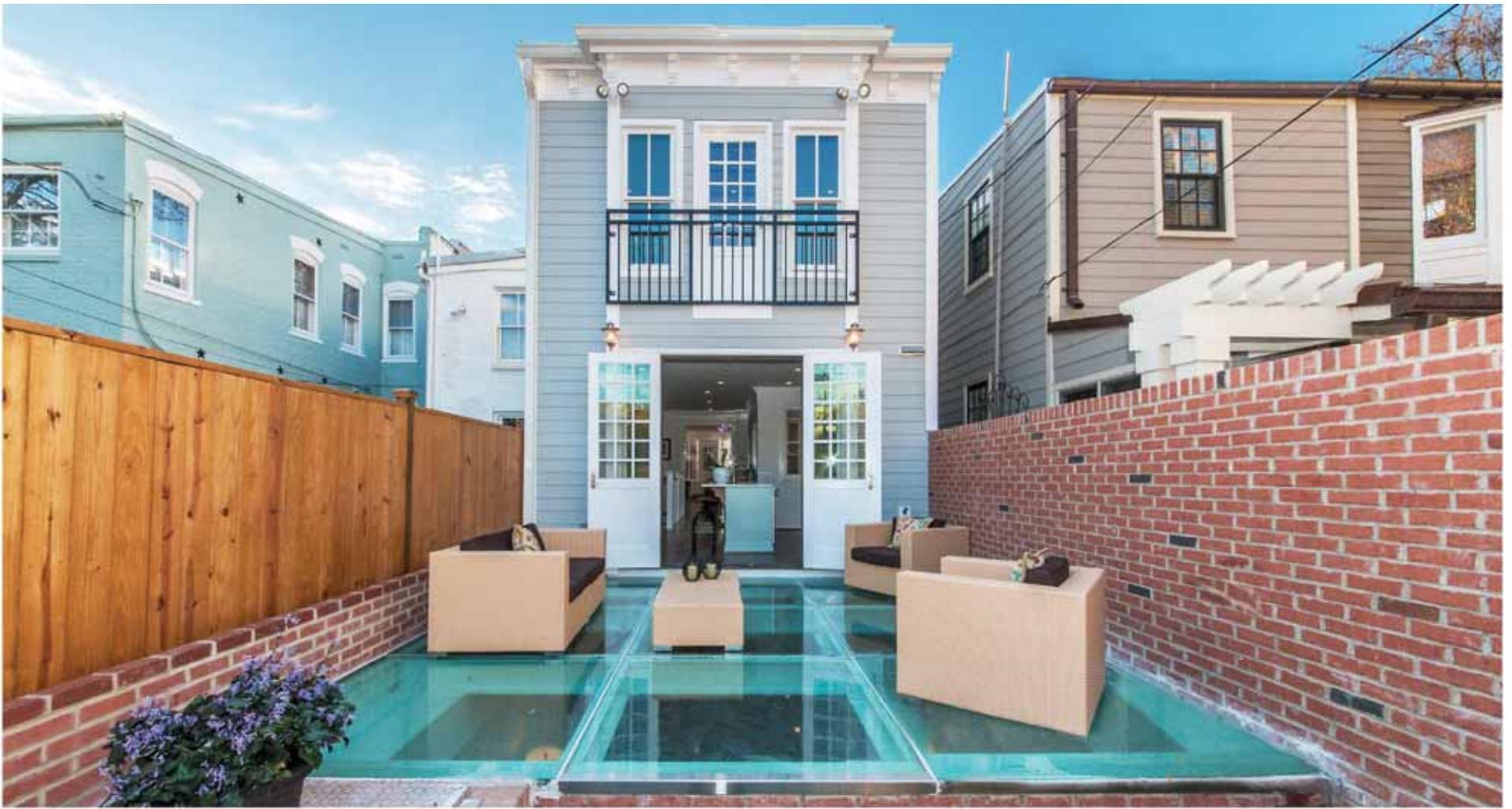
THE STORY begins back in 2011, when the Virginia Supreme Court determined that the Freedom of Information Act did not apply to the State Corporation Commission. Even though there is no specific language making the commission exempt, the justices concluded that the collective reasoning of 26 statutes was that the commission should be exempt from the Freedom of Information Act. Over the summer, leaders of the

telecommunications industry appeared at a Freedom of Information Advisory Committee hearing to warn making their documents available under the Freedom of Information Act would undermine their ability to have open and frank conversations.

"We enjoy that give and take with the commission, and we would hate to see that dialogue become a matter of public record," said Duront Walton, who represents the Virginia Telecommunications Industry Association. "If it does, it will certainly change the combatants and people who represent us will be in a courtroom and not in an informal meeting."

Since that time, members of the advisory council rejected Surovell's bill. But Surovell says he will introduce it anyway, even

SEE TRANSPARENCY, PAGE 18



ALEXANDRIA \$1,495,000

This renovated historic home offers an amazing blend of modern and traditional design, 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, top-of-the-line kitchen, dramatic master suite, spacious L.L. family room, rear yard and off-street parking.

HEATHER COREY +1 703 989 1183

MAXWELL RABIN +1 202 669 7406



ARLINGTON \$3,995,000 | ttrsir.com/id/AR8207559

Offering dramatic views of DC and the Potomac, this 30th floor Waterview Residences penthouse provides elegant spaces suited for both entertaining and private relaxation.

ROB CARNEY +1 703 927 4290



ALEXANDRIA \$3,700,000 | ttrsir.com/id/AX7731151

George Washington spent his last 4th of July in 1798 in this residence when it was once a tavern. The half-acre lot features a 2-car garage, swimming pool, and carriage house.

ROY MELLONI +1 703 863 0077



ALEXANDRIA \$2,900,000 | ttrsir.com/id/21064841

Exemplifying the heritage of beautiful Virginia architecture, yet embracing today's design elements, this home offers 5 bedrooms, pool and cabana on 1.3 acres, and is only minutes from Old Town.

KAREN BARKER +1 703 928 8384



ARLINGTON \$2,825,000 | ttrsir.com/id/AR8191145

This Colonial in Lyon Village has 6 BRs, 5.5 BAs, approx. 6,400 sf, gourmet kitchen, full-house entertainment system, outdoor kitchen, walk to metro, shops and restaurants.

JOHN ERIC +1 703 798 0097



ALEXANDRIA \$1,998,000 | ttrsir.com/id/AX8202960

This stunning end-unit townhome in Old Town waterfront community offers 3 BRs, library, chef's kitchen, and a family room that leads to a brick patio. 2-car garage.

VICTORIA KILCULLEN +1 703 915 8845



ALEXANDRIA \$1,425,000 | ttrsir.com/id/AX8203644

This Federal-style home, on the most charming block of Prince Street, offers refinished original hardwood floors, beautifully landscaped back garden, and a spacious dining room and library.

DAVID DeSANTIS +1 202 438 1542

Alexandria, Virginia Brokerage | +1 703 310 6800
 McLean, Virginia Brokerage | +1 703 319 3344
 Georgetown, DC Brokerage | +1 202 333 1212
 Downtown, DC Brokerage | +1 202 234 3344
 Chevy Chase, Maryland Brokerage | +1 301 967 3344
ttrsir.com

TTR | **Sotheby's**
 INTERNATIONAL REALTY

Sotheby's International Realty and the Sotheby's International Realty logo are registered (or unregistered) service marks used with permission. Each Office is Independently Owned And Operated. If your property is listed with a real estate broker, please disregard. It is not our intention to solicit the offerings of other real estate brokers. We are happy to work with them and cooperate fully.



Rising Hope's Mary Hamilton organized the gift-giving event.



The Rev. Keary Kincannon blesses the gifts.

PHOTOS BY ED SIMMONS, JR./THE GAZETTE

Area Angels Aid the Poor

FROM PAGE 1

needy families. "It's our busiest time of the year," said Hamilton.

Churches that bought and wrapped gifts to meet the need of a specific child include St. Aiden's Episcopal Church, Washington Street UMC Preschool, Washington Street UMC, Franconia UMC, Burke UMC, Christ UMC, Washington Farm UMC and St. Andrew UMC.

Additionally, churches and organizations that donated new gifts to the more than 2,000 gifts given out this week include Mary Gabriel Fund, St. George UMC, Buckhall UMC, Gifts for the Homeless, The Bike Doctor, Christ UMC, South County Region 1

Senior Center, Annandale UMC and Camp Highroad.

In an interval between carols, Kincannon invited those gathered to share stories of Christmas blessings past. Choir member Crain Thomson was one who spoke. A jack-of-all-trades — and homeless — he sleeps in a tent hidden in woods not far away. On particularly frigid nights he stays at the hypothermia shelter located at Rising Hope.

He spoke of waking very early one Christmas morning sensing a presence with him. He realized it was God. He was six at the time and is now in his late 50s.

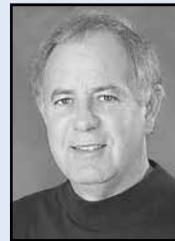
"God's been with me for the rest of my life," he said. He helps out at Rising Hope nearly every day.



PHOTO BY ED SIMMONS, JR./THE GAZETTE

Helping Out

Troop 211 Girl Scouts Olivia, Bridget and Kiki collect food at Hollin Hall Safeway for United Christian Ministries. "We've been best friends for years," said Kiki.



Rex Reiley
RE/MAX Allegiance
703-768-7730
 rex.reiley@rmxtalk.com



Alex. City/Cameron Station **\$724,900**
5242 Tancreti Lane

Cameron Station's finest offering! Beautiful 4-level brick townhome, end unit, with 2-car garage. Gorgeous upgrades throughout and meticulously maintained. Spacious, open floor plan, gourmet kitchen with granite and SS, high ceilings, hardwood floors, beautiful bathrooms, Trex decking, dual-zone HVAC, etc. It's a 10! Fabulous location inside the Beltway, close to Old Town, Pentagon, National Airport, and D.C. Community shuttle to nearby Metro.



Alex./Riverwood **\$759,900**
3713 Riverwood Road

Fabulous 5 BR, 3.5 BA Colonial in prestigious river front community of Riverwood. 3 finished levels, updated & expanded kitchen w/plenty of storage — large sun room addition with wrap-around deck overlooking a beautiful, fenced bkyd. 425 SF of storage below sun room — remodeled baths — finished walk-out lower level w/2 BRs, rec room, den and full bath. 5 minutes to Ft. Belvoir, 15 mins to Old Town, Alex, 25/30 mins to Pentagon/D.C.



RENTAL
Woodbridge, Belmont Bay Rental \$1,800
830 Belmont Bay Dr. #502

Immaculate Condo. 2 BRs, Den & 2.5 Baths — Shows like a model — Top-of-the-line Kitchen with Granite & Breakfast Bar — Sunny and bright with beautiful MBA suite — Near Marina, Golf course and VRE — Short commute to Ft. Belvoir, and Quantico.

For more information: www.RexReiley.com



Each Office Independently Owned and Operated





PHOTOS BY RENÉE RUGGLES/THE GAZETTE

Off in the distance, several trees were shining brightly, lit with Lights of Love.

Mount Vernon Inova Hosts Lights of Love



The IMVH Christmas Carol Group serenaded the audience with several selections.



Members of the Mount Vernon Community gathered in the INOVA Hospital lobby on Saturday, Dec. 14 for the 2013 Lights of Love program. Friends and family who have lost loved ones can honor them, with a light, through a small donation. The funds raised are used to provide needed equipment and improvements in the hospital.



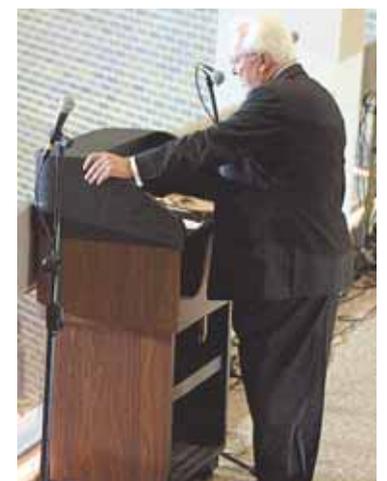
Norm Byers sang "The Little Drummer Boy" for the audience in the lobby, below.



Maxwell Anderer was one of three Groveton Elementary School students who read short essays they wrote about the Lights of Love program.



Marina Blanco reads her essay for the audience.



George Souza, auxiliary president, welcomed everyone to the 2013 Lights of Love program.

Experience Banking on a First Name Basis



ACT NOW!
Open a "Grand Opening"
Money Market Account
between \$2,500 to
\$250,000 in new money
with John Marshall Bank
and earn up to

1%
APY*

To qualify for this special
rate simply open a new
John Marshall Checking
or Interest Checking
Account with \$1,000
or more.

Alexandria Branch Grand Opening!

You know us. We know you. Our team of Erik, Charlie, Ted and Pam has been serving the personal and business banking needs of Alexandrians for generations. Being friendly and helpful is natural for this dynamic foursome. Stop by our new branch and let us show you why so many others have made John Marshall Bank their bank. We make banking fun.



640 Franklin Street
Alexandria, VA 22314
703-289-5950
JohnMarshallBank.com

For more details or to
open an account, call
or stop by today!

*APY is annual percentage yield. APY is quoted with an average daily balance of \$2,500 or more as of November 18, 2013 and is subject to change at any time after April 30, 2014. If the average daily balance falls below \$2,500, APY will be .50%. The APY of 1.0% applies only to balances of \$2,500 or more up to a maximum of \$250,000. The APY on balances of more than \$250,000 will be .50%. Fees may reduce earnings on this account. Withdrawals of more than six (6) per month are subject to a \$10.00 excess transaction fee. If the average daily balance in the related checking or interest checking account opened with this account falls below \$1,000, we reserve the right to convert this account to a regular John Marshall Bank Money Market Account. This is a limited time offer and the availability of this account may be withdrawn at any time without notice.



Don't be left in the Dark!

SIEMENS

Automatic Standby Generator

- Safe, Reliable, Clean & Quiet
- Are power outages driving you crazy?
- Have you gone without heat or A/C for days?

FREE ANALYSIS FOR UNIT SIZING!

Contact:

Alexandria Lighting & Supply
703-548-2320
701 N. Henry Street
Alexandria, VA 22314



Come in and visit our generator and lighting showroom!

NEWS

Food Stamp Cuts Hit Locally

FROM PAGE 1

adult, her food benefits went down \$11 a month to leave her with a max amount of \$189 per month. A family of four is receiving \$36 less a month from a max benefit of \$668 to \$632. And more cuts could be on the horizon once Congress reconvenes next year.

"We've seen a definite increase in referrals for food since the November first reduction," said Lisa Whetzel, executive director of Our Daily Bread, a Fairfax-based nonprofit servicing local disadvantaged families. Her nonprofit receives referrals from social workers on who should be admitted into their food assistance program. "These single mothers, or people with very low income, they need this assistance in order to just make ends meet or to just keep the lights on — especially in this area. I've heard some people say that cutting SNAP is doing the poor a favor — I disagree."

THE REDUCTION isn't necessarily a cut, as many politicians will argue, because the benefits were always intended as a temporarily boost, not a long-term payment-plan. But the Bureau of Labor Statistics puts the total national unemployment rate at 7.9, which is 0.1 percent higher than in 2009 when the RRA boost was enacted — hardly a major recovery. The D.C.-metro area has not recovered well either, being tied in October with the Boston area for the largest metropolitan unemployment rate increase over the last year at 0.6 percent, landing the D.C. area at a 5.9 unemployment rate.

While the total unemployment rate in the metro-area is low compared to the worst-hit parts of the nation — though D.C. by itself ranks among the highest at 9.9 percent, the increase in unemployment hints there is not an instrumental economic growth happening in the area. Without economic growth, those relying on SNAP to feed their children, and themselves, are left scrambling.

"I'm working as a CNA (certified nursing assistant), but it's never steady. We have to come here after everything is finished," said Amany Hussein, 47 of Alexandria, about visiting Food for Others. Hussein said even with her job, being in the SNAP program, and her husband's two jobs as a pizza delivery man and taxi operator, they are still unable to feed themselves and their two teenagers after paying their \$1,700 monthly rent.

Executive Director of Food for Others Roxanne Rice said she sees first-hand the growing economic problems in the area. As she compared the number of patrons to her food bank from last October to this



PHOTO BY JANELLE GERMANOS/THE GAZETTE

Lisa Whetzel, executive director of Our Daily Bread, holds up an advertisement of the organization that encouraged donations.

October, she saw a staggering 28 percent increase — and the SNAP reductions are only going to add to her figures for November, she said.

Those enrolled in SNAP could have even more cuts to fear next year. The Republican-led U.S. House of Representatives recently passed a bill cutting the program by \$39 billion over the next 10 years and is awaiting Senate approval. While the cuts are unlikely to pass, even the Senate is looking to cut \$4.5 billion over 10 years from the most expensive food stamp program the nation has ever seen — \$80 billion a year. The House bill as it stands would potentially cut 3.8 million Americans from the program entirely within the first year, and could especially hurt families with children.

AT LEAST FOR NOW, the Fairfax County Public School system has been picking up some of the bill for those children in need, said Food and Nutrition Director Penny E. McConnell. While all children whose families are enrolled in SNAP, homeless children or children in foster-care receive a free lunch during school days, there are disadvantaged children who fall between the cracks. With the proposed SNAP cuts, the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, predicts many children across the nation will lose their free lunches.

"It doesn't help anybody to cut food stamps," said Rice. "Increasing minimum wages, encouraging ways to end disparity of income in our society is definitely needed, but that has nothing to do with helping people in other ways."



Exterior & Interior

Repair, Refurbish, Replace, Remodel

For all your home maintenance & improvement needs, call or e-mail us today!

703-953-7309

crescenthomeservices@gmail.com

Owner operated, licensed and insured since 1999

Winter brings us indoors...



Are you ready for a fresh look in your home? Call us!

703-684-7702



www.techpainting.com



Shop Local First



For all your holiday wishes!
Find a **LOCAL** business at
www.MtVernon-LeeChamber.org





Mount Vernon-based art instructor and author Kathryn Horn Coneway signs copies of her new books during a recent launch party at Art at the Center.



Sophia Rees-Hoofnagle and Grace and Abby LaFleur, create collages at a launch party and book signing for two books written by Kathryn Horn Coneway of Art at the Center in Mount Vernon.

Art Educator Releases Two Books

Stories offer children and parents innovative ways to explore art.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE GAZETTE

Elizabeth Augenblick Smith, 10, spent a recent Saturday afternoon gluing strips of brightly hued tissue paper to create a collage. There were no rules or guides to follow. Smith was allowed to create her project in her own vision and felt supported. Her project wasn't part of an art class. She was at a launch party and book signing for two books written by her art teacher, Kathryn Horn Coneway of Art at the Center in Mount Vernon.

"The thing I like most about classes at Art at the Center is you choose what you want to do and there's no right or wrong about

it," said Elizabeth. "I really liked that it was collage and you could tell how much work went into it. I like [the fact that] now I know a published author."

Elizabeth's project was based on one of the books, "Collette: A Collage Adventure," which tells the story of a bottle of glue that wants to get in on the artistic action at a studio. The other book released at the party is called "Oops Paint" and is aimed at toddlers and preschool children. It introduces stamping with everyday objects through a fun story of a family accidentally dropping things in paint.

The books were inspired by Coneway's work at Art at the Center and incorporate her art education philosophy of giving children opportunities to explore art in a supportive environment without judgment. Both books conclude with a letter for parents that offers tips for getting started with art at home.

"I want the books to be starting points for people to start creating together," said Coneway, who has worked as an art teacher,

an artist-in-residence and an art therapist. "The best feedback I get is when people tell me they read 'Collette' and want to get some scraps and make collages, or that they read 'Oops Paint' and start noticing everyday objects and imagining shapes and patterns they might print."

Elizabeth's mother, Amy B. Augenblick, of Great Falls, said the books are an extension of the classes at Art at the Center. "Children are given the freedom to create art without being told 'this is the way you have to do it.' Their art projects are not treated as a craft from Pinterest," she said. "They are given the freedom to create their own art in support, nurturing environment."

Elizabeth Rees, the mother of three children ages 10, 7 and 3, attended the launch party and said all of her children have taken classes at Art at the Center. She appreciates the books' underlying messages.

"The 'Oops Paint' book is especially good for younger kids as an introduction to the possibilities of paint and stamping," said

Rees, of Mount Vernon. "'Collette' is a more complex story line, but the beautiful collages engaged all of my children. The mix of simple ideas to try along with a creative storyline helped make a book that was enjoyable for kids and could also be used in art instruction. Both books beautifully reaffirm the idea that any direction in art can lead to interesting results and that anyone can be an artist."

Rees, the associate rector at Saint Aidan's Episcopal Church in Alexandria, took a parent-child class with her 3-year-old daughter. She has also found professional inspiration in the books and art classes. "I get to experiment and create and learn and follow wherever my creativity leads right along with the kids," she said. "I'm a priest and I've had several sermons take shape from my time there. Art at the Center is one of my favorite places to be."

Art at the Center will hold drop-in classes in December based on the themes of the books. For more information on the classes or books, visit www.artatthecenter.org.

Teaching Children To Be Charitable

Experts say modeling, nurturing key to raising generous children.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE GAZETTE

Elena Santiviago walked her 6-year-old son down the aisle of a grocery store near her Arlington home. They picked up five boxes of toothpaste and two bottles of mouthwash, several bars of soap and a few sticks of deodorant. The shopping trip was part of a school project in which students fill holiday stockings with personal hygiene items for the homeless.

"I gave him \$20 to spend," she said. "I

figure he can learn how expensive things are and that there are some people who can't afford to buy the things he takes for granted."

Teaching children about charity, particularly during a season when many are focused on making sure Santa Claus gets copies of their Christmas lists, is an important lesson, according to experts. Redirecting a child's focus from getting to giving this season may not be as difficult as one might think, however. The key, say experts, is for parents to model and foster a sense of gen-

erosity.

"Most children are born with a sense of caring for others, which is related to empathy, or being able to put oneself in another person's shoes," said Amy Van Arsdale, Ph.D., assistant professor of psychology at Marymount University in Arlington. "Empathy and caring are found among humans and other social mammals, and a strong sense of empathy can help people to feel loved and included. As children develop,



PHOTO BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

Experts say exposing children to those in need can help them develop a sense of charity.

SEE CHARITABLE, PAGE 20

OPINION

Preserve 3-2-1 for Housing

Housing for all income levels near transit supports vibrant communities and job growth, reduces traffic.

BY MICHELLE KROCKER
AND JIM EDMONDSON

In the latest edition of The Herry Report, Springfield Supervisor Pat Herry proposed “redirecting developers’ \$3 per square foot contribution for buying rent-controlled housing units into a trust fund to pay for public school renovation and construction.”

The report proceeds to make several unsubstantiated claims regarding the number of people living in subsidized housing and the growth in both the number of subsidized units and number of households in Fairfax County. However as in the past, The Herry Report does not provide the full picture of the housing policy under discussion, and misrepresents the facts.

The Board of Supervisors adopted its housing policy in 2010 as a part of the larger plan

for the redevelopment of Tysons. It is now under consideration, at the request of the board, for application in other designated high density, transit and business centers in the rest of the county. Called the ‘3-2-1’ policy, the proposal by county staff would apply a contribution from commercial development to support the construction of workforce housing in the transit or business area, as it does in the Tysons plan. The contribution would be applied on a sliding scale based on a proposed development’s proximity to a transit station. This proposal will go before the Planning Commission and then the Board of Supervisors in the first quarter of 2014.

Why is this policy important?

❖ To accommodate projected job growth and remain competitive within the region, it is important to ensure housing opportunities for the workforce of the future at all income levels;

❖ Developing housing at transit stations and adjacent to employment centers encourages use of mass transit, walking and biking which can lead to fewer cars, and less congestion; it also enhances Metro revenue and reduces the pressure on local government to provide subsidies for the system;

❖ Linking commercial development (jobs) and housing via a linkage program is an acknowledged “best practice” in hundreds of communities across the country to ensure an

adequate supply of housing to support job growth.

❖ It recognizes the changing preferences of workers/taxpayers/voters, particularly young people, to live near where they work.

The proposed policy anticipates that the contributions will be made to a housing trust fund used by the county to leverage private sector financing to develop the needed housing.

The housing that is constructed will not be owned or purchased by the county. In fact, very little of the affordable housing in the county is owned by the government.

Securing decent housing that is affordable remains a challenge for Fairfax County households earning less than \$60,000.

Meeting the growing needs of our school system is also an important issue. Both education and safe, decent housing are fundamental to the well-being of our community, and residents want leadership that seeks to find workable solutions. Failing to recognize the importance of both and pitting one issue against the other are not the answers, and the citizens of Fairfax County deserve better from elected officials.

Michelle Krocker is executive director, Northern Virginia Affordable Housing Alliance. Jim Edmondson is president of AHOME, which promotes affordable housing opportunities for families at all income levels.

GUEST
EDITORIAL

Route 1 Version 2.0: Yellow Line to Belvoir

BY SCOTT A. SUROVELL
DELEGATE (D-44)



COMMENTARY

This is my fourth article about the U.S. 1 Multimodal Transit Analysis Study and why I believe a Yellow Line Metro subway extension to Fort Belvoir

is the best choice. My first article was an overview. Number two explained how a Yellow Line extension would improve our schools. The third examined reducing traffic congestion. This article explores how extending the Yellow Line would be a boost to our environment.

Moving people by rail uses less energy than moving them by gas-powered vehicles. Thousands fewer pounds of steel are required and rail travel minimizes wind resistance and energy consumption. Also, putting thousands of people on a train is more efficient than putting fewer people in smaller light rail trains or buses. It reduces our community’s carbon footprint. That’s the easy part.

Northern Virginia has some of the worst congestion and highest per capita automobile ownership rates in the U.S., driven by sprawl and relatively high incomes. However, statistics show that people who live inside the Beltway have fewer cars, drive less and use public transit more.

Less-vehicle-dependent,

... and a healthier environment.

walkable communities are smart for other reasons. Parking, especially free parking, inflicts enormous costs on society. County regulations require developers to use huge amounts of land for parking which largely remains empty most of the time. One study estimates that 37 percent of parking lots, even in high-density residential areas, remain empty overnight. Dedicating thousands of acres for impervious parking lots is not efficient, generates polluted storm water runoff and reduces property tax revenues.

Studies also show that walkable communities based on transit have healthier citizens. People who walk get more exercise, weigh less and tend to have lower healthcare costs.

Most important, Metro’s history in Northern Virginia has proven that, like the movie, “A Field of Dreams,” if you build it, they will come. Everywhere Metro lines have been deployed, beneficial redevelopment has followed. Commercial rents for our neighbors in Eisenhower Valley were \$5 more per square foot than in

Tyson’s Corner in 2010, because close-in, Metro-accessible properties are in high demand.

Extending the Yellow Line to Fort Belvoir would bring significant, more environmentally-friendly redevelopment to the U.S. 1 Corridor which also would modernize our stormwater infrastructure.

Mount Vernon has the most outdated stormwater infrastructure in Northern Virginia. When I was a child, Paul Spring Creek was a vibrant stream, home to turtles, crawfish, minnows and bugs. Today, Paul Spring and Little Hunting Creek is a stormwater-ravaged, unpaved storm drain. With every rain, stormwater volumes push everything alive into the Potomac River, along with trash and pounds of eroded sediment. Hybla Valley is essentially a large concrete and asphalt funnel to the Potomac River with few stormwater controls.

One study showed that 62 percent of the county’s streams sampled are in poor to very poor

SEE ENVIRONMENT, PAGE 12

LETTER Woodlawn Betrayed

To the Editor:

The closing of the Woodlawn Stables has caused grief to many, many in the Mt Vernon Area. The open green space with the beautiful horses grazing was an uplifting sight even to those who would not dream of actually touching a horse. Although I am not a member of the Save Woodlawn Group, I signed petitions, wrote letters, attended meetings in support of the stables. How many came out in the community to actively support Arcadia? How many letters, petitions? Once again ‘officials’ have ignored the communities wishes.

Carol E Kennedy
Mount Vernon

Mount Vernon Gazette

www.MountVernonGazette.com

@MtVernonGazette

An independent, locally owned weekly newspaper delivered to homes and businesses.

Published by
Local Media Connection LLC

1606 King Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Free digital edition delivered to your email box. Go to
connectionnewspapers.com/subscribe

NEWS DEPARTMENT:
To discuss ideas and concerns,
Call: 703-778-9410
e-mail:
gazette@connectionnewspapers.com

Steven Mauren
Editor, 703-778-9415
smauren@connectionnewspapers.com

Michael Lee Pope
Reporter, 703-615-0960
mpope@connectionnewspapers.com
@MichaelLeePope

Jeanne Theismann
703-778-9436
jtheismann@connectionnewspapers.com
@TheismannMedia

Jon Roetman
Sports Editor, 703-224-3015
jroetman@connectionnewspapers.com
@jonroetman

ADVERTISING:
For advertising information
e-mail:
sales@connectionnewspapers.com

Julie Ferrill
Display Advertising, 703-778-9446
jferrill@connectionnewspapers.com

Helen Walutes
Display Advertising, 703-224-3028
hwalutes@connectionnewspapers.com

Andrea Smith
Classified Advertising, 703-778-9411
asmith@connectionnewspapers.com

Debbie Funk
National Sales
703-778-9444
debfunk@connectionnewspapers.com

Publisher
Jerry Vernon
jvernon@connectionnewspapers.com

Editor & Publisher
Mary Kimm
703-778-9433
mkimm@connectionnewspapers.com
@MaryKimm

Editor in Chief
Steven Mauren
Photography:
Deb Cobb, Craig Sterbutzel
Art/Design:
Laurence Foong, John Heinly
Production Manager:
Geovani Flores

CIRCULATION: 703-778-9426
Circulation Manager:
Ann Oliver
circulation@connectionnewspapers.com

A Connection Newspaper

2012
AWARD
WINNING
NEWSPAPER
Virginia
PRESS
Association

POETRY

The Visitor

winter starlight
bare trees quivering
in icy winds

The living nativity
on the church lawn shimmers
in its quiet way

I know
that every murmuring
cannot end with the word hope,
and yet, may it all be true
may it all be true

winter starlight
bare trees quivering
in icy winds

— FONDA BELL MILLER

BUSINESS NOTES

Email announcements to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com.

Spring Hills Home Care Services will bring features of Spring Hills Mt. Vernon to seniors who need assistance in their current environment. Help is available for activities of daily living, companionship, medication reminders and other services by certified home health aides. Other opportunities include transportation services, participation in activities in a Spring Hills community, even customized food service where chefs associated with Spring Hills provide advice on how to create meals for individual needs. Spring Hills Home Care Services is located at 3709 Shannons Green Way, Suite 309. Visit www.spring-hills.com/home_care_communities.

BLUEGRASS Christmas

tuesday, dec 24
5pm worship

aldersgate
kingstowne

fire house #5
6300 beulah st

The First Christmas Wasn't Celebrated in a Church Either!

Celebrate the familiar Christmas story in a new way. Enjoy traditional carols by the acclaimed Big Hillbilly Bluegrass band. Join your friends and neighbors at the firehouse this Christmas Eve!

Tuesday, December 24 at 5 p.m.
Franconia Hall at Fire Station 5, 6300 Beulah Street

www.aldersgatekingstowne.com

Christmas at Bethany Lutheran

December 24
Family Worship 5:30 p.m. especially for children • Preservice music at 7:15 p.m.
Candlelight Worship 7:30 p.m.

December 25
Preservice music at 9:45 a.m.
Festival Worship 10:00 a.m.

December 31
Community Watch Night Service by the African Immigrant Ministry 8:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m.

2501 Beacon Hill Road, Alexandria, Virginia 22306
More info: 703-765-8255 or www.bethany-lcms.org

HOPE and JOY

INCLUDED WITH EVERY GIFT

Invest in your world. Shop fair trade.

TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES

915 King Street Alexandria
703-684-1435

Happy Holidays

Serving Alexandria

The Best in Burgers, Steaks, Chicken, Seafood, Full Salad Bar & Sunday Brunch

Since 1904

Royal Restaurant
ALEXANDRIA'S NEIGHBORHOOD RESTAURANT - SINCE 1904

734 North Asaph Street, Alexandria VA 22314

703-548-1616 FREE WIFI

10% OFF
BRING THIS AD and RECEIVE 10% OFF Your Food Bill. Limited to parties of 4 or less. One coupon per party. Offer excludes alcohol, tax & gratuity. Present coupon when ordering. Exp. 12/30/2013

www.TheRoyalRestaurant.com

Nature. Nurture.

Where else can you watch deer gather in the morning mist to drink from a tranquil pond, walk a forested trail, the silence only broken by the peaceful sound of birdsong, gather with friends for quiet coffee and conversation on a deck overlooking the lake—and that very evening see The National Ballet or catch a performance by the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra, attend a gallery opening in nearby Georgetown or—catch Redskin fever with family and friends at an exciting NFL game. *That's life at Westminster at Lake Ridge!*

Call 703-496-3440 today to spend a day at Westminster.

Visit us on the web at www.wlrva.org

Westminster at Lake Ridge
Northern Virginia's Best Kept Secret in Retirement Living

12191 Clipper Drive • Lake Ridge, VA 22192
703-496-3440

TCHOUPITOULAS

Fine Furnishings and Interior Design



Tradition with a Twist

Final Sale of 2013!



Tchoupitoulas is a fine furnishings store located in Old Town Alexandria which specializes in designing interiors to reflect our clients' unique aesthetic. We like to call it "Tradition with a Twist."

Saturday 12/21/13 and Sunday 12/22/13:

30% off everything in the showroom, 30% off special orders and 75% off of ALL Holiday Items.

Active duty and retired US military always receive an additional 10% off.

210 N. Lee Street, Alexandria ~ 703-299-0145

Saturday 12/21/13 & Sunday 12/22/13: 10:00 am-5:00 pm

Monday-Friday 10:00 am-6:00 pm • Saturday & Sunday 12:00 pm-5:00 pm

www.TchoupitoulasFurnishings.com

For a free digital subscription to one or all of the 15 Connection Newspapers, go to

www.connectionnewspapers.com/subscribe

Be the first to know – get your paper before it hits the press.

Complete digital replica of the print edition, including photos and ads, delivered weekly to your e-mail box.

Questions?

E-mail: goinggreen@connectionnewspapers.com



Mount Vernon Gazette

OPINION

A Healthier Environment

FROM PAGE 10

condition. Little Hunting Creek, Quander Brook and other Potomac tributaries violate state and federal pollution requirements because of e-coli, PCBs and other pollutants. Redevelopment with modern infrastructure can help bring our streams and the Potomac into compliance. The Potomac is a drinking water source and food source for five million people.

Adding more buses to U.S. 1 or putting a light rail line on a 45-mph highway will not bring the kind of redevelopment that will maximize the benefits that our community has because of our proximity to Washington, D.C. and a large military job center directly to our south.

It is important for citizens to contribute to the discussion about improving transit on U.S. 1. We have reached a critical point — preliminary recommendations will be decided in the next three months. Please let your voice be heard. One opportunity will be our public hearing in March and at the Jan. 13 hearing of the county's Environmental Quality Advisory Council. Visit <http://bit.ly/eqac2013> for more information.

Most importantly, you need to let your leaders know — myself, Senators Puller and Ebbin, and Supervisors Hyland, McKay, and Bulova, and Congressman Moran. The time for speaking out is now.

Please let me know your views at scottsuovell@gmail.com. It is an honor to serve as your delegate.

Write

The Gazette welcomes views on any public issue. The deadline for all material is noon Friday. Send to:

Letters to the Editor
The Gazette

1606 King St., Alexandria VA 22314

Call: 703-917-6444

Email: gazette@connectionnewspapers.com

Happy Holidays
from everyone at

King's Jewelry



Family owned and operated for over 55 years!

703-549-0011
609 King Street

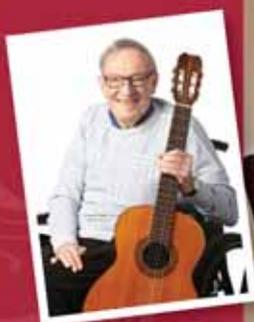
KingsJewelry.NET
Old Town Alexandria

Store hours extended beginning
December 13th until 8:00 pm Mon.-Fri.

Sat. 10:00 am-6:00 pm. Closed Sundays.

BEAUTY
QUALITY

VALUE
INTEGRITY



"I've made a lot of good friends since moving to the Hermitage."

—John Mutchler



Enjoy the Carefree Lifestyle You Deserve

Discover why many people like you have come to call the Hermitage home—the chance to experience a new lifestyle with an array of services and amenities. Just ask resident John Mutchler, who appreciates the freedom from home maintenance and the opportunity to participate in clubs and social activities. Our residents also rave about our superb dining service, our courteous and helpful staff, and an overall feeling of caring and security that comes with living at the Hermitage.

You'll also gain peace of mind knowing that health care and supportive services are available right here, if you ever need them.

For more information, call 703-797-3814.



Senior Living in the Heart of Northern Virginia
Celebrating Over 50 Years of Service to Area Seniors

Alexandria, VA

www.Hermitage-Nova.com



COLDWELL BANKER®

WHERE HOME BEGINS

Follow us on:



Plymouth Haven \$1,375,000
8701 Standish Road, Alexandria, VA 22308
Handsome colonial with builder quality craftsmanship throughout! Features 6BR/6.5BA/2CG, special main level, professional chef's kitchen, main level master, separate apt & private yard!
Phyllis Patterson 703-518-6158



Seminary Area \$1,095,000
909 North Quaker Lane, Alexandria, VA 22302
Overlooking the beautiful Seminary grounds, this brick 4BR/4.5BA center hall colonial features sparkling hwdwd fls, 2 fps + fabulous 1st fl family room & sited on 3/4 acre lot.
Donnan C. Wintermute 703-518-6156



Seminary Ridge \$975,000
3921 Terry Place, Alexandria, VA 22304
Beautifully maintained 4BR/2.5BA brick colonial with generous room sizes, hardwood floors, fireplace, abundant storage + 2 car garage.
Donnan C. Wintermute 703-518-6156



Mt Vernon Grove \$839,000
9336 Boothe Street, Alexandria, VA 22309
Beautifully renovated colonial with designer touches throughout! Features 4BR/2.5BA, newly upgraded gourmet kitchen, oak hard wood floors & spacious backyard with two stone patios!
Phyllis Patterson 703-518-6158



Carlyle Towers Condo \$925,000
2151 Jamieson Avenue 1806-07, Alexandria, VA 22314
Fabulous bright 3BR/3BA double unit w 35' glass balcony. Big kit has 2 entrances, 2 storage, 2 good gar spaces. See photos & floor plan at <http://tour.circlepix.com/home2/ZU6L4B>
Marie Louise Meyer 703-836-2080



Braddock Heights \$799,000
3337 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22302
Newly built Colonial w/ 2CG. All new top of the line stainless appliances, granite & finishes. Conveniently located near Old Town, T.C. Williams, & commuter routes.
The York Group 703-409-3377



Mason Hill \$779,900
1722 Hollinwood Drive, Alexandria, VA 22307
New Price! Beautiful Center Hall Colonial in Mason Hill. This Home has been Updated Inside & Out. Chef's Gourmet Kitchen, Updated Baths, 3 Finished Levels, Deck & Walk Out LL.
Greg Doherty 703-408-5068



The Point At Twin Lakes \$699,000
219 Twin Lake Drive, Fredericksburg, VA 22401
5BR/4BA. Owners will consider all reasonable offers for this 5000 sqft home on almost 2 acres less than 2 miles from VRE stop. Close to new biking/jogging path.
Kevin Harold Posey 703-628-5823



Bucknell Manor \$438,500
6720 Williams Dr, Alexandria, VA 22307
Beautifully renovated 3 level cape offering gourmet kitchen w/ granite & stainless appls, HW floors, finished LL w/ custom built-ins & large private fenced yard mins to Old Town!
Joy Deevy 703.930.5198



New Alexandria \$489,000
1212 Olde Towne Rd, Alexandria, VA 22307
Must see beautiful bucolic retreat. 3B/2Bath, expanded, updated and lovingly maintained brick Rambler. Extensive hardscaping and landscaping including a bubbling waterfall.
Lyssa Seward 703-298-0562



Ridge View \$424,900
4205 Franconia Road, Alexandria, VA 22310
4BR/2BA. Owners will consider all reasonable offers for this charming home less than 2 miles from Huntington Metro. Fenced backyard & across from Clermont Park.
Kevin Harold Posey 703-628-5823



Huntington \$299,999
2100 Arlington Terrace, Alexandria, VA 22303
A great value for Duplex with an over sized corner lot. Walk to Huntington Metro! Value priced. Backs to Huntington Park. Convenient access to the Beltway and min to Old Town Alex.
Fred Marcellus 703-340-2925



Alexandria | 703.518.8300
cbmove.com



The property information herein is derived from various sources that may include, but not be limited to, county records and the Multiple Listing Service and it may include approximations. Although the information is believed to be accurate, it is not warranted and you should not rely upon it without personal verification. ©2013 Coldwell Banker Real Estate LLC. All Rights Reserved. Coldwell Banker Real Estate LLC fully supports the principles of the Fair Housing Act and the Equal Opportunity Act. Operated by a subsidiary of NRT LLC. Coldwell Banker, the Coldwell Banker Logo, Coldwell Banker Previews International and the Previews logo are registered and unregistered service marks owned by Coldwell Banker Real Estate LLC.





LONG & FOSTER

RESIDENTIAL/COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE • MORTGAGE • TITLE • INSURANCE



Season's Greetings - Happy New Year



From Wes Foster and the Agents, Staff and Affiliate Companies of the L&F Alexandria / Old Town Historic Office - 400 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314 - 703.683.0400



Mount Vernon Boys' Basketball Wins 3 of First 4

Majors reached district championship game last season.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE GAZETTE

The Mount Vernon boys' basketball team reached the National District championship game last season and earned a home game in the Northern Region tournament.

In the district final, the Majors fell short against a Wakefield team that reached the state semifinals. At regionals, Mount Vernon lost to a South County team that got hot at the right time, overcoming a seven-win regular season to come within one victory of a state tournament berth.

"I feel like we have more to prove this year than we did last year," senior guard Bryce Washington said. "Last year we went to the district championship and nobody expected us to go there. ... We proved that

we can get there, now we have to prove we can win (big) games."

If Mount Vernon has something to prove this season, the Majors got off to a strong start, winning their first three games. The Majors defeated Centreville, 52-51 on Dec. 3, Lee, 70-44 on Dec. 6, and McLean, 35-32 on Dec. 7.

"We've been up and down," head coach John Wiley said. "We have stretches where we play very good basketball and our half-court defense has been the key."

Mount Vernon was scheduled to face rival West Potomac on Dec. 10, but the game was postponed due to inclement weather. The Majors returned to the court on Dec. 13, losing to Yorktown, 56-48. Wiley pointed to hot Yorktown shooting and poor rebounding and free-throw shooting (5-16) by the Majors as reasons for the defeat.

Senior point guard and team captain Kwadwo Diawuo mentioned a different reason.

"Going into the game," he said, "we were more worried about a game that was post-

He's tough. He's a leader and he can score this year. Last year, he was primarily a defender. This year, I look to him for points.

... Bryce is the one that everyone comes and game-plans for. ... He's a shooter on the pe-

rimeter. What he's added to his game is the (ability to score in the) low post." Senior

Brendon Maturey (6-3) is also a team captain.

Senior center Olu Akinbayo (6-5) and junior forward Ernest Jones

Jr. (6-6) provide the team with height. Senior center Jordan Blanco (6-

6), senior guard Nikai

Glover (6-2) and sophomore guard Tarel Terry (6-3) are also impact players.

Mount Vernon will host Wakefield at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 20.

"I really like this team," Wiley said. "Very coachable, everyone's dedicated to the cause, to the common goal. The guys seem to really like one another."

"I feel like we have more to prove this year than we did last year. Last year we went to the district championship and nobody expected us to go there. ... We proved that we can get there, now we have to prove we can win (big) games."

— Mount Vernon senior Bryce Washington

poned (West Potomac) instead of being ready for the game that was right in front of us."

Diawuo (5 feet 9) and Washington (6-3) are captains and the Majors' top offensive threats.

"Kwadwo is the heart and soul of the team," Wiley said. "He's my point guard."

SPORTS BRIEFS

Mount Vernon Girls' Basketball Gets First Win

The Mount Vernon girls' basketball team defeated Yorktown 83-56 on Dec. 13, improving its record to 1-1.

The Majors opened the season with a 60-32 loss to Centreville on Dec. 3.

Mount Vernon will travel to face Wakefield at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 20.

West Potomac Boys' Basketball Beats Chantilly

The West Potomac boys' basketball team improved to 1-1 with a 51-50 win over Chantilly on Dec. 13.

The Wolverines will host Woodson at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 20.

Aces Seek Host Families For 2014 Season

The Alexandria Aces Collegiate Summer Baseball Club, coming off a 27-17 regular season record which took the team into the Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League playoffs this past summer, are looking for host families for their upcoming 2014 season.

Thirty-five young men from all over the U.S. will come to Alexandria next summer to play wooden bat baseball at Frank E. Mann Field at Four Mile Run Park.

From early June to early August, they will play 40 games in roughly 60 days. An Aces player hosted by a family next summer might one day be playing Major League Baseball sometime in the near future.

Host families are asked to provide a bed and access to a washer and dryer, and the Aces will take care of the everything else.

Those who would like to volunteer as a host family are asked to contact Aces' host family coordinator, Dave Cheney, at 703-370-2882.



The Carl Sandburg Middle School Dance Team competed at the Winterfest Cheer and Dance Competition last Saturday.

PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED



Emma Anderson, 15, competing in the high school category, won second place for her lyrical solo at the Winterfest Dance and Cheer Competition.

Dance Team Returns With Trophies

At the Dec. 14 Winterfest Cheer and Dance Competition at CD Hylton High School, the Carl Sandburg Middle School Dance Team, competing in the middle school category, won first place trophies in Pom and Hip Hop. Additionally, Ashleigh Roddey placed 1st for her jazz solo and Connie French placed 2nd for her lyrical solo.

Coached by Ashley Hoffman, an English teacher at CSMS, the dance team is comprised of both 7th and 8th graders. Throughout the winter, the girls will compete in four more local competitions.

SPORTS

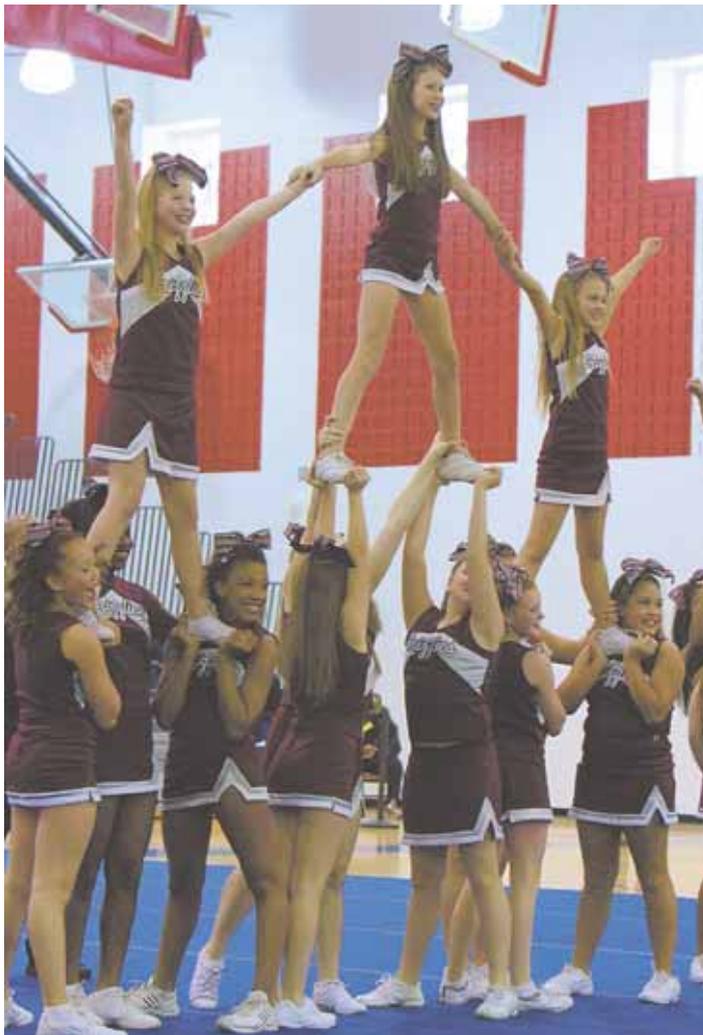


The Mount Vernon Tigers perform the routine that took 3rd place in their division. The cheerleading competition was held at T.C. Williams High School on Dec. 14.

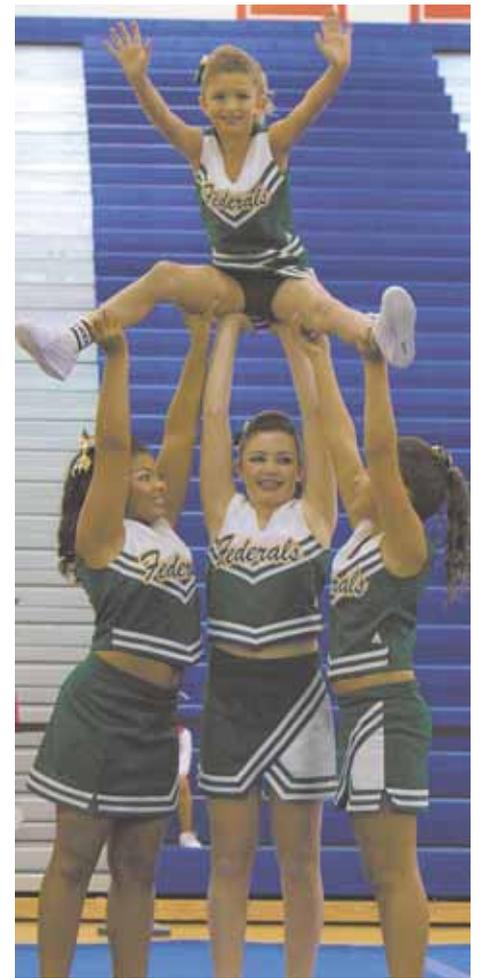
At the Holiday Invitational Cheerleading Competition



Members of the Fort Belvoir Bulldogs doing a lift during their winning routine.



The Gainesville Grizzlies took 1st place after this performance.



Members of the Fort Hunt Federals squad during their spirited performance.



Members of the Fort Belvoir Bulldogs enjoying the music before their performance begins.

PHOTOS BY
RENÉE RUGGLES
THE GAZETTE

Some parents brought banners to show support from the stands.

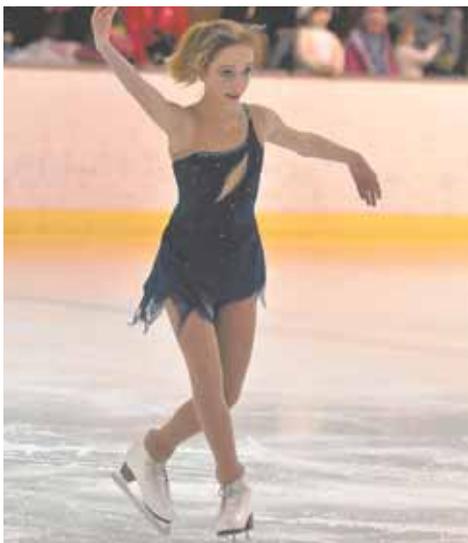


Holiday Ice Show at Mt. Vernon RECenter

Skaters filled the rink for a 4-minute warm-up in preparation for Saturday's Holiday Ice Show at the Mt. Vernon RECenter. The center offers group and individual lessons. On Jan. 4, 2014 group lessons start up again. For more information stop by the center or call 703-768-3224 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks. The RECenter is located at 2017 Belle View Boulevard.



Jessica Ingoglio in O Holy Night.



Isabelle Hendricks in Requiem of the Tower.



Cheyenne McQuinn skates to Santa Claus Is Coming to Town.



Ian Martin in Beat It.



Denise Gant in El Dorado.

PHOTOS BY LOUISE KRAFT/THE GAZETTE

Transparency

FROM PAGE 3

though it does not have the blessing of the council. Leaders at the Virginia Press Association say they oppose Surovell's bill because they believe it will do more harm than good.

"It's very restrictive," said Ginger Stanley, executive director of the Virginia Press Association. "It almost takes away any opportunity to see records."

THE DEBATE about how to draft more transparency has created a sticking point. Leaders at the Virginia Press Association say they are concerned about one of the exemptions, which blocks public access to records related to the commission's "exercise of the powers and duties prescribed to it by the Constitution of Virginia ... or by any law relating to the regulation or control of persons engaged in any activity or conduct that is ... subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission." Some say that exemption is too way too broad.

"We couldn't support it based on the way it came out of the council. I think they were trying to satisfy everybody, and in doing that they pretty much negated openness of the records," Surovell disagrees.

"I don't think that what somebody is paid or how much they paid for furniture or what they did with a procurement — I don't think any of those things relate to regulation or control of people engaged in these activities," said Surovell. "A court wouldn't say the General Assembly made the SCC subject to FOIA and then in this exemption they took the whole SCC out. That's not realistic."

Meanwhile, Watkins is ready to introduce his rival legislation. Stanley says the Virginia Press Association has not yet taken a position on his bill because the draft language is not yet available.

"Virginia is ranked by several to be one of the best places in this country to do business," said Watkins. "I would contend that this is one of the reasons why."



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

MCJROTC Blood Drive

The Mount Vernon High School MCJROTC partnered with the INOVA Blood Service and held a blood drive at the school the Friday before Thanksgiving. The goal was to collect 80 units of blood in six hours to help the Northern Virginia blood bank. The goal was exceeded by three units after 92 donors showed up to donate.

ZONE 3: • ALEXANDRIA
• MOUNT VERNON

HOME & GARDEN

CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM CONTRACTORS.com

703-917-6400

ZONE 3 AD DEADLINE:
TUESDAY NOON

EMPLOYMENT

CLEANING CLEANING

A CLEANING SERVICE
Since 1985/Ins & Bonded
Quality Service at a Fair Price
Satisfaction Guaranteed-
Angies List 2011-Super Service Award!
Comm/Res. MD VA DC
acleaningserviceinc.com
703-892-8648

IMPROVEMENTS IMPROVEMENTS

The HANDYMAN
A DIVISION OF NURSE CONSTRUCTION

BATHROOM REMODELING, DRYWALL, PAINTING, CERAMIC TILE, CARPENTRY, POWER WASHING & MUCH MORE

You have tried the rest - NOW CALL THE BEST!!
Proudly serving Northern VA - 46 yrs. exp.

Licensed Insured **We Accept VISA/MC**
703-441-8811

FIREWOOD
Mixed Seasoned Hardwood
\$130 half cord
\$220 full cord
Call Joe at
301-856-4436
301-602-9528 Cell

HAULING

AL'S HAULING
Junk & Rubbish
Concrete, furn., office, yard, construction debris
Low Rates NOVA
703-360-4364
703-304-4798 cell
7 DAYS A WEEK

ANGEL'S HAULING
Junk Trash Removal, Yard/Construction
Debris, Garage/Basement Clean Out, Furniture & Appl.
703-863-1086
703-582-3709
240-603-6182

LANDSCAPING LANDSCAPING

A&S LANDSCAPING
Planting • Mulching • Sodding
Patios • Decks • Driveway Sealing, Asphalt • Retaining Walls
Erosion Control • Drainage Solutions
703-863-7465

TREE SERVICE

ANGEL'S TREE REMOVAL
Brush & Yard Debris
Trimming & Topping
Gutters & Hauling
Angeltreeslandscaping-hauling.com
703-863-1086
703-582-3709
240-603-6182

R&N Carpentry

◆BASEMENTS ◆BATHS ◆KITCHENS
Foreclosure specialist/Power washing
◆Exterior Wood Rot More!
Deck & Fence repair, Screen Porches
No jobs too large or small
Free est. 37 yrs exp. Licensed, Insured
703-987-5096

LANDSCAPING LANDSCAPING

Remodeling Interior, Bathrooms, Kitchens, Floors, Ceramic Tile, Painting, Decks, Fences, Additions.
703-863-1086

PINNACLE SERVICES, INC. LAWN SERVICE

MOWING, TRIMMING, EDGING, MULCHING & TRIM HEDGES
Friendly Service for a Friendly Price
703-802-0483

TREE SERVICE TREE SERVICE

Quality Tree Service & Landscaping
Reasonable prices. Licensed & insured
Fall Clean Up...
Tree removal, topping & pruning, shrubbery trimming, mulching, leaf removal, planting, hauling, gutter cleaning, retaining walls, drainage problems, etc.
20 yrs. of experience - Free estimates
703-868-5358
24 Hour Emergency Tree Service

ELECTRICAL ELECTRICAL

K&D ELECTRIC
COMMERCIAL / RESIDENTIAL SERVICE
Family Owned & Operated

Recessed Lighting Ceiling Fans Phone/CATV Computer Network Cabeling Service Upgrades Hot Tubs, etc...

Licensed/Bonded/Insured
Office 703-335-0654
Mobile 703-499-0522

GUTTER GUTTER

GUTTER CLEANING
Gutters and Downspouts Cleaned
Small Repairs • Gutter Guards

PINNACLE SERVICES
lic/ins 703-802-0483 free est.
email jamie@lawnsandgutters.com
web: lawnsandgutters.com
Friendly Service with a Friendly Price!

IMPROVEMENTS IMPROVEMENTS

Picture Perfect Home Improvements
(703) 590-3187 www.pyphonline.com

Remodeling Bathrooms, Kitchens & Basements

- FREE Estimates Exterior & Interior Repair,
- FAST & Reliable Service Painting, Carpentry, Wood Rot,
- EASY To Schedule Drywall, All Flooring, Decks
- NO \$\$\$ DOWN!

Handyman Services "If it can be done, we can do it"
Available Licensed - Bonded - Insured

R.N. CONTRACTORS, INC.

Remodeling Homes, Flooring, Kitchen & Bath, Windows, Siding, Roofing, Additions & Patios, Custom Deck, Painting

We Accept All Major Credit Cards
Licensed, Insured, Bonded • Free Estimates • Class A Lic
Phone: 703-887-3827 Fax: 703-830-3849
E-mail: rncontractorsinc@gmail.com
www.rncontractors.com

A&S Landscaping

- All Concrete work
- Retaining Walls • Patios
- Decks • Porches (incl. screened) • Erosion & Grading Solutions
- French Drains • Sump Pumps
- Driveway Asphalt Sealing

703-863-7465
LICENSED
Serving All of N. Virginia

ALEXANDRIA
Gazette Packet CLASSIFIED

Classified or Home • Lawn • Garden:
703-917-6400

Employment: 703-917-6464

THE CONNECTION
to your community
E-mail: classified@connectionnewspapers.com

Employers:
Are your recruiting ads not working in other papers?
Try a better way to fill your employment openings



- Target your best job candidates where they live.
- Reach readers in addition to those who are currently looking for a job.
- Proven readership.
- Proven results.

THE CONNECTION
to your community
703-917-6464
classified@connectionnewspapers.com
Great Papers • Great Readers
Great Results!

BUSINESS OPP BUSINESS OPP

TELEPHONE
A great opportunity to **WORK AT HOME!**
NATIONAL CHILDRENS CENTER
No sell! Salary + Bonus + Benefits!
301-333-1900
Weekdays 9-4

TELEPHONE
A great opportunity to **WORK AT HOME!**
NATIONAL CHILDRENS CENTER
No sell! Salary + Bonus + Benefits!
301-333-1900
Weekdays 9-4

Educational Internships

Unusual opportunity to learn many aspects of the newspaper business. Internships available in reporting, photography, research, graphics. Opportunities for students, and for adults considering change of career. Unpaid. E-mail internship@connectionnewspapers.com

THE CONNECTION
NEWSPAPERS

HOW TO SUBMIT ADS TO THE CONNECTION
Newspapers & Online
CLASSIFIED

DEADLINES
Zones 1, 5, 6.....Mon @ noon
Zones 2, 3, 4.....Tues @ noon
E-mail ad with zone choices to:
classified@connectionnewspapers.com
or call Andrea @ 703-778-9411

EMPLOYMENT

DEADLINES
Zones 5, 6.....Tues @ 11:00
Zones 1, 3.....Tues @ 4:00
Zone 2.....Wed @ 11:00
Zone 4.....Wed @ 1:00
E-mail ad with zone choices to:
classified@connectionnewspapers.com
or call Andrea @ 703-778-9411

ZONES

Zone 1: The Reston Connection
The Oak Hill/Herndon Connection
Zone 2: The Springfield Connection
The Burke Connection
The Fairfax Connection
The Fairfax Station/Clifton/Lorton Connection
Zone 3: The Alexandria Gazette Packet
The Mount Vernon Gazette
Zone 4: Centre View North
Centre View South
Zone 5: The Potomac Almanac
Zone 6: The Arlington Connection
The Vienna/Oakton Connection
The McLean Connection
The Great Falls Connection

Teaching To Be Charitable

FROM PAGE 9

empathy can be diminished if they are not exposed to it often enough or learn that other characteristics, such as aggression, are more rewarding.”

Fred Bemak, Ed.D., who is with the Counseling and Development Program in the College of Education and Human Development at George Mason University in Fairfax, said that some children are more likely to be interested in giving than others. “Children have predispositions for charity, but they are not born with it,” said Bemak. “You have children who naturally share more than others. There are some toddlers who share their toys with other children and some toddlers who don’t.”

Bemak believes that a sense of compassion must be nurtured.

“A child could have a predisposition for charity, but have parents who don’t foster it,” he said. “You can cultivate it by bringing those values into your home environment.”

There are a number of ways to cultivate it. “In young children, parents can foster a child’s sense of empathy by modeling this response,” said Van Arsdale. “For example, if they see a person who has been injured, the parent could comment on how that injury must hurt. ... Ask the child, for example, ‘How might that person be feeling right now?’ These interactions can help foster the child’s empathy for others.”

Bemak suggests directly connecting older children with opportunities to help people who are in need. “Take children to serve people who are homeless or refugee populations or people who don’t have resources,” he said. “Modeling the behavior is extremely important.”

He recalled a personal example from his own life. “I was in Burma working with children who were vulnerable and poor [who

were] at high levels of risk,” he said. “Outside the gates [of our facility] were homeless children who were in more desperate situations than those children I was working with.”

The children were homeless, hungry and dressed in rags. “They had no parents and were markedly different than the at-risk children I was working with,” he said. “Typical response of the children I was working with was ‘Go away. Leave us alone and don’t sit outside our facility.’”

Bemak suggested the homeless children be invited inside for dinner. “We talked with them, welcomed them and ate with them,” he said. “After they left, we talked about what the experience was like for the at-risk kids and what they learned by talking to the homeless children.”

His students learned about charity through processing the experience of having a human encounter. “We talked about what it meant to give,” he said. “It was very powerful for all involved. This exercise can be replicated anywhere.”

Van Arsdale said that older children learn best about charity when their parents involve them in altruistic activities. “For example, the family could volunteer together by serving meals at a homeless shelter,” she said. “This direct, interpersonal experience is more likely to affect the child’s sense of empathy than an indirect experience [such as] telling the child they should be charitable.”

Cultivating altruistic values is key to raising children who have a sense of charity. “Share food, possessions, support and assistance in ways that people might need it,” said Bemak. “Even a young child can share their toys with other children who might not have toys. In psychology we talk about altruism as a healing variable. Altruism leads to compassion and charity.”

BULLETIN BOARD

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

HOLIDAY SPECIAL

SoberRide Program. From 10 p.m.-6 a.m., Dec. 13-Jan. 1, Washington-metropolitan area residents can call the toll-free SoberRide phone number 1-800-200-TAXI for a free taxi ride (up to \$30 value). Visit soberride.com.

TUESDAY/DEC. 24

Bluegrass Christmas Eve. 5 p.m. at Fire Station #5, 6300 Beulah Street, Alexandria. The community is invited to celebrate Christmas Eve with Aldersgate Kingstowne. The Big Hillbilly Bluegrass band will play traditional Christmas carols during the worship service. This is an opportunity to find meaning in the mayhem of the season by celebrating Christmas in a relaxed setting with the whole family. Visit www.aldersgatekingstowne.com.

FRIDAY/JAN. 10

Application Deadline. The Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations (MVCCA) is seeking to recognize a high school senior from Mount Vernon HS, South County SS and/or West Potomac HS, who demonstrates

personal achievement through community involvement, volunteer work, and/or exceptional civic duties. The award will be made during the MVCCA Annual Gala on April 26, 2014. Visit www.mvcca.org.

Speaker Series Kickoff. 8:30-10 a.m. at the SpringHill Suites, 6065 Richmond Highway. Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation will host a free speaker series to encourage the startup and growth of small businesses in Southeast Fairfax County. The series will be held on the second Friday of every month. Panelists include local business owners ready to share their tips, advice and lessons learned. Coffee and light breakfast. RSVP to info@sfdc.org. Visit www.sfdc.org.

TUESDAY/JAN. 14

Pet Loss Support Group. 1:30-2:30 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Talk with others who are dealing with the death of a beloved pet. Free, register by calling 703-333-6963.

SATURDAY/JAN. 18

Open House. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Fort Hunt Preschool in the Carriage House, 1909 Windmill Lane. Learn about the school, meet teachers and our classrooms. Visit www.forthuntpreschool.com for more.

ZONE 3 • ALEXANDRIA
• MOUNT VERNON

CLASSIFIED

703-917-6400
ZONE 3 AD DEADLINE:
TUESDAY NOON

26 Antiques

We pay top \$ for antique furniture and mid-century Danish/modern teak furniture, STERLING, MEN'S WATCHES, jewelry and costume jewelry, paintings/art glass/clocks. Schefer Antiques @ 703-241-0790. Email: theschefers@cox.net

29 Misc. for Sale

2013 Burley Bicycle Trailer for Two Toddlers. Brand new never been used! Has a clear weather cover with 4-point seat belts. \$ 400 new, willing to sell for \$250! Call Chris (703) 618-6944 Anytime.

21 Announcements

ABC LICENSE
Los Cuates, VA Inc trading as Los Cuates Restaurant, 1116 King St, Alexandria, VA 22314. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) for a Wine and Beer, Mixed Beverage Restaurant on Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Sergio Kehl, Director and President.

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

101 Computers

HDI COMPUTER SOLUTIONS

JENNIFER SMITH ♦ Serving the Area Since 1995

- Speed up Slow Computers
- Troubleshooting
- Virus Removal
- Computer Setup

(571) 265-2038
jennifer@HDIComputerSolutions.com

21 Announcements

MullinsMemorial.com, Cape Coral Breeze



Robert "Bobby" Deane Via, 58, a Cape Coral, FL resident since 1986, formerly of Alexandria, VA, passed away Wednesday, December 11, 2013 in Ft. Myers. He was born June 21, 1955 in Alexandria.

Bobby was a faithful and loving son, a wonderful father and husband and a friend to all who knew him. He loved golf, family and his faithful dog Dingo. Better known as the unofficial "Mayor of Cape Coral", Bobby was blessed with countless friends. All you had to do was meet him and you had made a friend for life. Bobby was an unabashed ladies man as well as a man's man. He had a smile and a laugh that would light up any room. He was a tremendous cook, mechanic and master conversationalist with a great sense of humor. Bobby loved life like there was no tomorrow. He will be missed. So where ever you are, please raise a glass to Cape Coral's prodigal son for one last toast. Cheers Bobby!

He is survived by his beloved wife of 31 years, Christina C. Via of Cape Coral; one loving son, James "Deane" Via also of Cape Coral; his mother, Joyce T. Bernstine of Lakewood, OH; his father, Robert E. Via and wife Marilyn of Colonial Beach, VA; a sister, Torey Via Worrion and husband Jeff also of Lakewood, OH; a niece, Tully Lee Worrion of Lakewood; a sister-in-law, Tresa A. Caplanis of Woodbridge, VA; a brother-in-law, Mike W. Caplanis of Stephen City, VA; as well as Dingo!

Bobby was preceded in death by his step-father, Dr. Richard L. Bernstine.

A Celebration of Larger Than Life, Life will be held 2:30PM Saturday, December 21, 2013 at the Chapel By The Sea, 11580 Chapin Lane, Captiva, FL 33924 with Pastor George Morris officiating. A casual dress reception will immediately follow at the Captiva Island Yacht Club, 15903 Captiva Dr., Captiva, FL 33924.

If you will be attending the services, it is requested that you bring any photos of Bobby that you may have to be placed on a memory board as a gift to the family.

Memorial contributions in memory of Robert "Bobby" Via are suggested to the National Foundation for Transplants, 5350 Poplar Ave., Suite 430, Memphis, TN 38119 or the American Liver Foundation, 39 Broadway, Suite 2700 New York, New York 10006.

Friends are invited to send condolences via the on-line guest book which can be found at www.MullinsMemorial.com.

Mullins Memorial Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Cape Coral, is entrusted with final care.

21 Announcements

21 Announcements

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the City of Alexandria has requested authorization from the Marine Resources Commission to repair four existing weirs and an existing weir structure in Cameron Run Adjacent to 3600 -4000 Eisenhower Avenue in the City of Alexandria.

Send comments/inquiries within 15 days to: Marine Resources Commission, Habitat Management Division, 2600 Washington Ave, 3rd floor, Newport News, Virginia 23607

21 Announcements

21 Announcements

EVEN SUPERMAN HAD FOSTER PARENTS



Kids and teens in our community need super parents like you.

855-367-8637 or umfs.org

Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE
Pursuant to the provision of section 4-1-16 of the code of the City of Alexandria, the Alexandria Police Department located at 3600 Wheeler Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22304 is now in possession of unclaimed bicycles, mopeds, lawn equipment, money, scooters, and other items. All persons having valid claim to the property should file a claim to the property with reasonable proof of ownership or the items will be sold, destroyed, converted or donated. For a complete listing go to <http://alexandriava.gov/police/> and contact the Police Property Section at (703) 746-6709.

An expert is someone who knows some of the worst mistakes that can be made in his subject and how to avoid them.
-Werner Heisenberg

21 Announcements

21 Announcements

21 Announcements

Donate A Boat or Car Today!

BoatAngel

"2-Night Free Vacation!"
1-800-CAR-ANGEL
www.boatangel.com

sponsored by boat angel outreach centers STOP CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN



I believe the future is only the past again, entered through another gate.
-Arthur Wing Pinero

ENTERTAINMENT

E-mail announcements to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Photos and artwork are encouraged. Deadline is Thursday at noon.

ONGOING

Book a Librarian. At the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St, for help with research or to better understand the library's databases and resources. Make an appointment by calling 703-746-1751.

Computer Tutoring. At the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Individual assistance from a librarian. Call 703-746-1751.

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/student or child. Visit www.metrostage.org for tickets.

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 or 703-683-0496.

Art Exhibition. Through the end of December, see artist Oenone Hammersley's recent semi-abstract and wildlife paintings at Patrick's Home Decor, 106 N. St. Asaph Street. Call 571 970 6931. Visit www.oenonehammersley.com or www.patrickdesigns.com.

Art Exhibit. See "Fotographers at the Factory" Nov. 1 through Dec. 31 at Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. The exhibit celebrates FotoWeekDC. Hours are Thursdays 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; all other days from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Photographs will line the hall walls and in multiple studios. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.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.potomacfiberartsgallery.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 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 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 for more.

Art Exhibit. See "IMPART," a project that is a collaboration between The Art League and the Wounded Warriors at Ft. Belvoir. Features ceramics by eight artists showcased at The Art League in the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Exhibit runs through Jan. 5. Visit www.theartleague.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 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 for more.

Art Exhibit. See "No Room For Doubt," abstract works on wood, canvas and paper by Kristen Hayes through Jan. 26 at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Free. Visit nvfaa.org or 703-548-0035.

Art Exhibit. See "Primary Colors" art exhibit from Jan. 3-Feb. 2 at The Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Artists use the three primary colors without mixing them. Free.



Williamson

West Potomac Graduate Performing at Kennedy Center

Soprano Lisa Williamson makes her Washington National Opera debut in the world-premiere production of Jeanine Tesori's children's opera, "The Lion, the Unicorn, and Me." Williamson, the daughter of two military musicians, graduated from West Potomac High School. She now makes her home in Connecticut with her husband, Lt. Cmdr. Adam Williamson, the director of the United States Coast Guard Band.

"The Lion, the Unicorn, and Me" tells the story of the Nativity from the donkey's point of view, WNO Artistic Director Francesca Zambello brings this award-winning children's book to life. This holiday family opera runs through Dec. 22 at the Kennedy Center's Terrace Theater. Run time is approximately 90 minutes. Tickets \$44-\$64 at www.kennedy-center.org.

Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org for more.

Occupied City: Life in Civil War Alexandria Exhibition. At The Lyceum, 201 South Washington St., through Sunday, March 23, 2014. 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.

CLASSES

Metro Club After-School Program. From Sept. 9-June 2014, the Metropolitan School of Arts presents an after-school program for grades 1-6. The program is located at both the Lorton studio at Workhouse Arts Center, 9517 Workhouse Way and in Alexandria at 5775 Barclay Drive. Programs will focus on the arts, including music, dance, theatre, yoga and academics, as well as designated homework time. The program will run Mondays, 1-6 p.m., and Tuesday-Friday, 3-6 p.m. Tuition runs from \$130-150. Call 703-339-0444 or visit www.metropolitanarts.org.

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 for a schedule.

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.

Winter Class Registration. Early bird registration for classes at Art at the Center, 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane will end Dec. 20. Call 703-201-1250 or visit www.artatthecenter.org for a list of classes.

Holiday Cupcakes. Through Dec. 31, Occasionally Cake, at 207 King St. in Old Town is hosting cupcake decorating classes on Tuesdays, 5-7 p.m.; Wednesdays, 5-7 p.m.; Saturdays, as scheduled and Sundays 3-5 p.m. Each class is two hours and instructors teach four different cupcake designs for take-home

cupcakes. \$60 per person. Students 11 years old and younger must be accompanied by a paying adult. Call 703-647-9638 or visit www.occasionallycake.com.

WEDNESDAY/DEC. 18

Santa's Winter Wonderland. 5-8 p.m., meet Santa at Charles Houston Recreation Center, 901 Wythe St. See a scale model of the City with features such as City Hall, Masonic Memorial and more, look at 20-foot-high trees decorated for the season and entertainment. Children ages infant to 17 can get a gift. Contact Ian Hawkins at ihawkins@arha.us or 703-549-7913.

A John Waters Christmas. 7:30 p.m. at Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Hear a compilation of Christmas music selected by director John Waters. \$49.50. Visit www.birchmere.com or 703-549-7500.

THURSDAY/DEC. 19

Music Performance. Carbon Leaf will perform at 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit <http://www.birchmere.com> for tickets.

FRIDAY/DEC. 20

Santa Railway Express. 1:25 p.m., depart King Street Station and return at 3:30 p.m. Ride the train with Santa and Mrs. Claus. \$27.50, tickets sold exclusively at Whistle Stop Toy & Hobby, 1719 Centre Plaza. Visit www.whistlestophobbies.com or 703-549-4912.

Holiday Market. 6-9 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 for more.

Light the Night. 5-7 p.m. at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. Bring flashlights for light painting, and new unwrapped toys and books for donation to Rising Hope Ministries (www.risinghopeumc.org). Visit www.artatthecenter.org.

SATURDAY/DEC. 21

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 for more.

Holiday Food & Wine Event. At Balducci's, 600 Franklin St. Join professional winemakers, importers, aficionados and gourmet chefs and sommeliers as they sample various wines, trade recommendations, and just share stories about their mutual passion for gourmet food and wine. Balducci's Food Lover's Market will have special holiday wine and food samplings. Free. Visit <http://www.balduccis.com/> for more.

Author Event. 3-5 p.m. at Mount Vernon Estate, 3200 Mount Vernon

SEE CALENDAR, PAGE 24

At the Library

Martha Washington Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Road. Call 703-768-6700.

Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre. Call 703-339-4610.

John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive. Call 703-971-0010.

Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Call 703-765-3645.

SATURDAY/DEC. 21

Holiday Open House. 10 a.m. at Martha Washington Library. Enjoy music, crafts, booksale and more. Free. All ages.

Preschool Story Time. 10:30 a.m. at Sherwood Library. Children ages 3-5 can enjoy stories, songs and fingerplays. Free. Registration required.

Wag A Tale. 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Kingstowne Library. Children ages 5-12 can register to read aloud to a reading therapy dog. Registration required.

TUESDAY/DEC. 24

Fairfax County Public Libraries close at 1 p.m.

WEDNESDAY/DEC. 25

Fairfax County Libraries are closed.

SATURDAY/DEC. 28

Wag A Tale. 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Kingstowne Library. Children ages 5-12 can register to read aloud to a reading therapy dog. Registration required.

MONDAY/DEC. 30

Rainbow Readers. 10:30 a.m. at Kingstowne Library. Children ages 3-5 can enjoy stories and songs. Free. Registration required.

TUESDAY/DEC. 31

Fairfax County libraries close at 5 p.m.

2014 Composers Competition Opens

The 2014 Kluge Young Composers Competition, a new competition for composers 18 years or younger, was announced in celebration of Maestro Kim Allen Kluge's 25th anniversary year with the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra (ASO).

Established through the joint efforts of the ASO and the Symphony Orchestra League of Alexandria, the competition provides an opportunity for young composers to develop their talents. The winning composition, selected by Maestro Kluge, will premiere at an ASO performance. The 2014 Kluge Young Composers Competition is open to any composer 18 years or younger who resides in the state of Virginia. Compositions should be 5 to 7 minutes in length and should use standard orchestra instrumentation and normal doublings. Submissions must be received by December 20, 2013. In addition to having their piece performed by the ASO, the winner will receive a \$1500 cash prize. For details, visit www.alexsym.org/kluge-young-composers-competition.

Celebrate the New Year

M **murphy's**
a grand Irish pub

Christmas Day - Traditional Dinner with all the trimmings. Open at 5pm. Live music starts at 8:30 pm

New Year's Eve - 4-Course Dinner with party favors, live entertainment and champagne toast at midnight. \$40 per person. Reservations only.

New Year's Day - Brunch 11am-2pm

 murphyspub.com 

713 King Street • 703.548.1717

Dishes OF INDIA
Innovative Indian Cuisine

1510-A Belle View Blvd.
703-660-6085 • www.dishesofindia.com
Belle View Shopping Center

Chef's Special Menu for New Year's Eve
New Year's Day Dinner open 4-9 pm
Call us for details

Closed Christmas Day for the Holiday
Closed New Year's Day for Lunch

Party Trays and Gift Certificates for the Holidays
Luncheon Buffet Every Day * A La Carte Dinner Every Night

Innovative Indian Cuisine

FONTAINE
Caffe & Creperie

Sweet and Savory Crêpes, Steak Frites, Mussels, Boutique Wines and Craft Beers, French Movie Night

RSVP: New Year's Eve Dinner
119 South Royal Street, Alexandria VA 22314
703.535.8151 • www.fontainecaffe.com

BREAD & WATER COMPANY

Open!

Come buy what we've got!



1512 BELLE VIEW BOULEVARD

Enjoy the Romance of Music by Mike Blaney with David Redskin on the Piano and a few arias by Franco, too!

Celebrate the New Year Italian Trattoria Style
Three-course Dinner with Champagne or House Wine includes balloons, noisemakers, hats, etc.

Special Menu Includes:

- Fillet of Salmon with Caviar
- Linguine with Mixed Seafood
- Roast Leg of Lamb with Rosemary
- Veal with Cream Brandy Sauce

• Special Three-Course dinner menu only after 7:30 p.m.

• Early seating available 5:00-7:00 p.m. featuring our regular & special menu

Live Opera... Every Month
Next Opera Night is Dec. 29

- **Mon., Tues., Wed.:** 3-Course Dinner Special
- **Mon.:** Italian Class & Toastmasters
- **Wed.:** Jazz Night
- **Fri.:** Sophisticated Swing
- **Sat.:** Jazz Combo
- **Sun.:** Italian Brunch with Mimosa
- **Daily Lunch Special \$9.95**

Franco & his staff wish you a Joyful 2014!

305 S. Washington Street, Old Town • 703-548-9338 • www.trattoria-dafranco.com

Chadwicks
est. 1967

Your Friendly Neighborhood Restaurant

Join us New Year's Eve and New Year's Day
703-836-4442

Ring in 2014 with Chadwicks!

203 The Strand, Alexandria, VA • www.chadwicksrestaurants.com

Alexandria Style!

From the creators of Restaurant Eve

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Cozy Countdown To-Go Bag

Boeuf Bourguignon • Demi-Baguette
Blini with Caviar & Crème Fraîche
A selection of Society Fair's signature Mini Desserts
Red Wine & Sparkling Wine. \$100, feeds two
Reserve your bags today at store.societyfair.net

Ocean & Range

NYE Dinner in the Wine Bar
Lobster & Steak • \$80, 4 courses.

For reservations: info@societyfair.net or 703.683.3247

Holidays at the Fair!

Plan your holiday party now! Society Fair is ready to make your next event memorable and delicious! On-site cocktail receptions and easy pick-up catering! We'll even bring the Fair to YOU!

For more information, visit the Fair or email info@societyfair.net

SOCIETY FAIR
DEVOTED TO FOOD™

277 S. Washington St • 703.683.3247 • societyfair.net

O'Connell's Irish Bar 2014 New Year's Party



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

112 King St., Alexandria • 703-739-1124



Happy Holidays

Open New Year's Eve
and New Year's Day!
at

Royal
Restaurant
SINCE 1904



Reservations Suggested

734 North Saint Asaph Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314

703-548-1616 • www.theroyalrestaurant.com

Award-winning wine menu • Major credit cards accepted

From the Founder of Au Pied de Cochon
Fine French Bistro
with Affordable Prices



WE ARE OPEN!

Join us Christmas Eve, Christmas Day,
New Year's Eve and New Year's Day!

Special 5-Course Dinner
New Year's Eve
\$52.00

Yves' Bistro

235 Swamp Fox Road, Alexandria, VA • 703-329-1010

Open M-F 8:00 am-10:00 pm; Sat & Sun 9:30 am-10:30 pm

Across from Eisenhower Metro and the AMC Movie Theater.

2014

ENTERTAINMENT

Celebrate NEW YEAR'S EVE

December 31 ★ 10PM - 2AM

★ TWO DJs & THREE BARS ★

No Cover Charge



121 South Union Street, Alexandria, VA
www.unionstreetpublichouse.com
703-548.1785

FIRST NIGHT ALEXANDRIA®

DECEMBER 31, 2013
An Old Town New Year's Eve Party

22 indoor venues with live music,
dancing, and family entertainment

FIREWORKS ON THE POTOMAC



PLUS afternoon adventures with
the Fifth Annual Fun Hunt and
new creative and culinary activities
all around town

Don't miss the area's largest, safest,
family-friendly, budget-friendly
New Year's Eve celebration!

Children 12 and under, and active
military are **FREE**



Badge and schedule information at
FirstNightAlexandria.org



Memorial Highway. Brian Kilmeade will sign copies of his book "George Washington's Secret Six: The Spy Ring That Saved the American Revolution." Estate admission is not required. Visit mountvernon.org/specialevents.

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. \$10/NVCWDA member; \$12/non-member; \$5/child 18 and under. BYO refreshment, non-alcoholic. Visit www.nvcwda.org or 703-860-4941.

SUNDAY/DEC. 22

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.

Pictures with Santa. 6-9 p.m. at Osteria Marzano, 6361 Walker Lane, Suite 140. Children can take a free picture while enjoying dinner. Visit www.osteriamarzano.com or 703-313-9700 for reservations.

National Christmas Tree. Alexandria's Metropolitan School of the Arts' Frosty Follies will perform at 6:30 p.m. on the Ellipse in Washington, D.C. More than 40 dancers from MSA will showcase their live tap dance. Free. Visit www.metropolitanarts.org.

MONDAY/DEC. 23

Breakfast With Santa. 8:30 a.m.-11 a.m. at Union Street Public House, 121 S. Union St. Visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus while enjoying breakfast. \$13.50/child; \$22/adult. Must purchase time slot in advance at <https://usph.webconnex.com/santa>.

Pictures with Santa. 6-9 p.m. at Osteria Marzano, 6361 Walker Lane, Suite 140. Children can take a free picture while enjoying dinner. Visit www.osteriamarzano.com or 703-313-9700 for reservations.

TUESDAY/DEC. 24

Breakfast With Santa. 8:30 a.m.-11 a.m. at Union Street Public House, 121 S. Union St. Visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus while enjoying breakfast. \$13.50/child; \$22/adult. Must purchase time slot in advance at <https://usph.webconnex.com/santa>.

MONDAY/DEC. 30

Burlesque-A-Pades. Starring the Pontani Sisters, The Maine Attraction and more. At The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit www.birchmere.com or 703-549-7500 for tickets.



Breakfast with Santa

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be visiting Old Town before leaving for the big night. Join them for breakfast Monday, Dec. 23 and Tuesday, Dec. 24. Breakfast is table-service and the menu will include some all-time favorites like eggs Benedict and Belgian malted waffles. Six seatings starting at 8:30 a.m. and every half-hour through 11 a.m. \$13.50 per child (age 3-12) and \$22 per adult. Cost includes breakfast, milk, soda, coffee, tea, tax, gratuity, and a visit with Santa and the Missus. Purchase tickets at <https://usph.webconnex.com/santa>.

www.theoldtowntheater.com.

TUESDAY/DEC. 31

First Night Alexandria. Afternoon activities from 1-5 p.m., performances from 7 p.m.-midnight and fireworks at midnight from the Potomac River at the foot of King Street. There will be more than 100 performances at 22 indoor venues, dancing, children's games and more. \$15/before Dec. 15; \$20/after; children under 12 and active military are free. Visit www.firstnightalexandria.org for a full list of activities, performances and locations.

New Year's Eve State of Mind Benefit Gala. 8 p.m.-12:30 a.m. at the Waterford at Springfield, 6715 Commerce St., Springfield. There will be activities, live music, holiday buffet, silent auction and more for the whole family to enjoy. Hosted by the Metropolitan School of the Arts. \$120/adult; \$79/youth age 13-20 years; \$49/child age 6-12 years; free/child under 5. Visit www.metropolitanarts.org or 703-339-0444 for tickets.

SATURDAY/JAN. 4

Show. Doors open at 10 a.m., show starts at 11 a.m. at Old Town Theater, 815 King St. "Dezmo and the Secret Power of Knowledge" will be performed for children. \$15/person. Visit

SUNDAY/JAN. 5

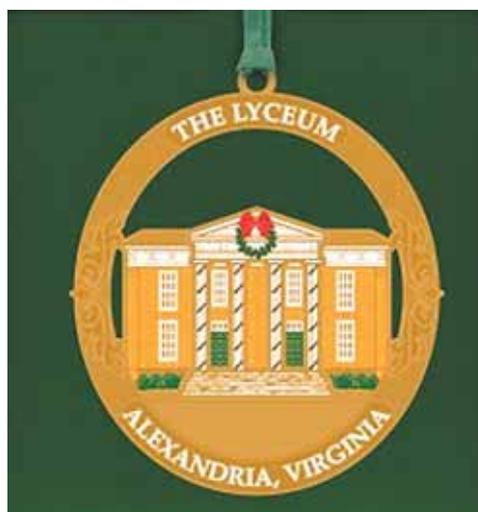
Twelfth Night. 6 p.m. at Christ Church, 118 N. Washington St. Armonia Nova, an ensemble of historical instruments and voices celebrates 12 years of Twelfth Night concerts with more than a dozen seasonal early music gems from England, France, Germany and Spain. Constance Whiteside, medieval/baroque harps; Craig Resta, vielle & baroque violin; Corey McKnight and Jay White countertenors. Donations welcomed. Visit www.armonianova.org.

FRIDAY/JAN. 10

Music Performance. See Ricky Skaggs & Kentucky Thunder at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. 7:30 p.m. \$39.50. Visit www.birchmere.com or 703-549-7500 for tickets.

SATURDAY/JAN. 11

Music Performance. See Ricky Skaggs & Kentucky Thunder at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. 7:30 p.m. \$39.50. Visit www.birchmere.com or 703-549-7500 for tickets.



Alexandria's Ornament

The Lyceum (2013) ornament is the third in the Series honoring the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War. During the Civil War, occupying Union forces seized the building and turned it into a hospital ward, serving both Union and captured Confederate wounded. Turned into a private home after the war, the building now known simply as The Lyceum was saved from demolition by Alexandria's City Council in 1969, to be renovated into the nation's first Bicentennial Center. Today, The Lyceum is Alexandria's general city history museum.

This year's ornament is available for \$18 at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, the Apothecary Museum, The Lyceum, Fort Ward Museum, the Alexandria Black History Museum, the Ramsay House Visitor Center and online at <https://shop.alexandriava.gov>.

ENTERTAINMENT

2013 First Night Alexandria Afternoon Activities

DURANT ARTS CENTER

2-4 p.m. at the Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St. 2-4 p.m. Free. Moon bounce and interactive games for children 12 and under. ThinkFun game room for the entire family.

2 p.m. The George Washington Middle School Chamber Orchestra consists of sixth, seventh and eighth grade students. Under the leadership of Jonathon Jones, this orchestra has performed at numerous festivals and concerts over the past 15 years and has been honored with many first place rankings and/or superior ratings at District X, Kings Dominion and Music in the Parks Festivals. In April 2012, the Chamber Orchestra performed at the International Music Festival at the Kennedy Center where they received the Gold Award for their performance.

2:30 p.m. The Francis C. Hammond Orchestra is a program of about 130 students, with a proud tradition of excellence. Under the direction of Veronica Jackson, the orchestra received Superior and Excellent ratings at District Orchestra Assessment and at Orchestra Competition at Hershey Park.

3 p.m. The T.C. Williams High School choral program is comprised of about 100 students in four distinct groups: Advanced, Mixed, Concert and Show Choir. Directed by Theodore Thorpe, III, their repertoire covers many styles from classical to gospel, from different periods and ranges in difficulty.

3:30 p.m. The T.C. Williams Orchestra, directed by Dr. Tzu-Ching Tai, is comprised of three orchestras including the ninth grade Orchestra, the String Orchestra and the advanced Chamber Orchestra. Students in the orchestra program have performed with world famous violinist Midori during her orchestra residencies program and regularly collaborate with the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra.

FIFTH ANNUAL FUN HUNT

2-5:30 p.m. Sponsored by Dominion Power. Clue sheets can be picked up beginning at 2 p.m. at the Torpedo Factory Art Center (105 N. Union St.). One 2013 First Night Alexandria admission badge is required for each clue sheet. Badges will be on sale at the Torpedo Factory. This is not a timed event. Completed clue sheets must be turned in at the Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St., by 5:30 p.m. to be eligible for prizes.

TORPEDO FACTORY ART CENTER

2-5 p.m. Not a scavenger hunt person? Participate in a fun, art activity for all ages and skill levels, at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N Union St. Make a button, mask or crown to wear to the best parties all night. Artists Lisa Schumaier and Dawn Benedetto and their elves will be there to assist. This is a free event sponsored by Dominion Power.

ALEXANDRIA ARCHEOLOGY MUSEUM

2-5 p.m. Learn about Alexandria's potters at this fun, hands-on activity. Discover Alexandria's salt-glazed stoneware potters and their unique decorative patterns produced from 1813 through 1876. You'll be able to copy or create your own take-home designs on paper using markers, paint, or both at this drop-in activity. 105 N. Union St., 3rd Floor. Free.

THE ART LEAGUE OF ALEXANDRIA

1:30-4:30 p.m. Make a sketchbook to take home, participate in a drawing activity or make a pencil sculpture. 105 N. Union St., 1st Floor. Free.

DOWNTOWN BAPTIST CHURCH

3 & 5 p.m. (one hour show). Travel back in time and interact with Thomas Jefferson, Nellie Bly and

Benjamin Banneker in a multimedia, musical, one-of-a-kind extravaganza for all ages. Through the magic of theater reflect on the old and bring in the New with the Alexandria premier of The Bea & The Bug. Created by Gale Nemecc www.TheBeaAndTheBug.org. 212 S. Washington St. \$10 at the door, or in advance at www.galenemeccbooks.com/the-bea—the-bug.html.

THE PAPER SOURCE

2-5 p.m. Demonstrations including stamping, heat embossing, envelope making and kit making. 118 King St. Free.

ALFRED STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

Noon. In keeping with its rich history as one of the oldest African American churches in the United States, annually on New Year's Eve, Alfred Street Baptist Church hosts Watch Night Services. The afternoon service will begin at noon and consist of music, led by the church's music and worship arts department, prayers, testimonies and an inspirational message. The church welcomes people of all ages and backgrounds to celebrate the hope of the New Year. 301 S. Alfred St. Free.

TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES

1-4 p.m. There will be a "race" track mapped out in the store for kids to follow and stops along the way to learn about other parts of the world. The story of Galimoto will be read at 4 p.m. There will be light refreshments. The age range for the book and activity is 3-8 years old. 915 King St. Free.

SUGAR CUBE

2-5 p.m. "Countdown to Midnight" free cookie decorating (one cookie per child). 1218 King St. Free.

OLIO

1-4 p.m. Olio Taste Testing Bash. Join the party at Olio and try their taste testing challenge. Taste four infused flavors of oils or vinegars, guess which are which — get them all right and win a prize, including discounts on bottles and other giveaways. 1223 King St. Free.

HOORAY FOR BOOKS!

3 & 4 p.m. Storytelling by Miss Megan. 1555 King St. Free.

KING STREET GARDEN PARK

2-5 p.m. Join friends from Barkley Square, the Animal Welfare League and others for a fun afternoon featuring: photos with pets and family; make a picture frame; kissing booth benefiting A Forever Home; and games and activities with Animal Welfare League of Alexandria such as find the microchip. 3 p.m. - Training demo by Kelli Parker. 1700 block of King St. Free.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC MEMORIAL

Tours at 1:30 and 3 p.m. The George Washington Masonic National Memorial is more than a colossal memorial and museum. It is a tourist attraction and destination; research center and library; community center; performing arts center and concert hall; banquet and celebration site; and meeting site for local and countless visiting Masonic lodges and organizations. However, first and foremost, it is a memorial to honor and perpetuate the memory, character and virtues of the man who best exemplifies what Freemasons are and ought to be, Brother George Washington. 101 Callahan Drive. \$8 charge for adults; children 12 and under are free.



Put Us to The Test

- Selection
- Service
- Price



HOLIDAY HOURS

Monday-Saturday 9:00am-8:00pm

Sunday 11:00am-6:00pm

Closed Christmas Day & New Year's Day

Two Convenient Alexandria Locations

Open 7 days a week

Bradlee

3690J King Street

703.820.8600

Belle View

1600A Belle View Blvd.

571.384.6880

www.unwinedva.com

Visit These Houses of Worship

Join a Club, Make New Friends, or Expand Your Horizons...

Good Shepherd Catholic Church

Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening
5:00 pm Vigil Mass
6:30 pm Vigil Mass (en Español)
Sunday
7:30 am; 9:00 am (with Sign Language Interpreter & Children's Liturgy of the Word); 10:30 am; 12:00 Noon; 2:00 pm (en Español); 6:30 pm

Weekday & Saturday Mornings: 9:00 am Mass, followed by Rosary (on First Friday, Mass followed by Eucharistic Adoration)
Thursday & First Friday of the Month: 7:30 pm Mass en Español

8710 Mount Vernon Highway, Alexandria VA, 22309
Tel: 703-780-4055 Fax: 703-360-5385 www.gs-cc.org

Loving as Christ loves, serving as Christ serves

AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION ALLEYNE A.M.E. ZION CHURCH ...703-548-3888	ANGELICAN CHRIST THE SAVIOUR ...703-953-2854 ST. ANDREW & ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND...703-683-3343 CHRIST THE KING ANGLICAN CHURCH ...703-535-6815 APOSTOLIC LOVE OF CHRIST CHURCH ...703-518-4404	BAPTIST ALFRED STREET BAPTIST CHURCH ...703-683-2222 COMMONWEALTH BAPTIST CHURCH...703-548-8000 CONVERGENCE CREATIVE COMMUNITY OF FAITH... 703-998-6260 DEL RAY BAPTIST CHURCH ...703-549-8116 DOWNTOWN BAPTIST CHURCH...703-549-5544 FIRST AGAPE BAPTIST COMMUNITY OF FAITH ...703-519-9100 FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ALEXANDRIA...703-684-3720 PROVIDENCE - ST. JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH...703-683-2565 SHILOH BAPTIST...703-683-4573 MT. PLEASANT BAPTIST CHURCH ...703-256-1239 VICTORY TEMPLE...703-370-2233	BRETHREN GRACE BRETHREN CHURCH ...703-548-1808 ALEXANDRIA CHURCH OF GOD...703-548-5084 BUDDHISM THE VAJRAYOGINI BUDDHIST CENTER...202-331-2122 ROMAN CATHOLIC GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC CHURCH...703-780-4055 ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH... 703-836-3725 ST. LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH ...703-765-4421 ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH... 703-836-4100 CHRISTIAN HIS KINGDOM MINISTRIES ...703-313-5029 FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF ALEXANDRIA...703-549-3911 CHRISTIAN SCIENCE FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, ALEXANDRIA... 703-549-7973 CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH MT. VERNON...703-683-2494 CHURCH OF CHRIST ALEXANDRIA CHURCH OF CHRIST...703-836-3083 EPISCOPAL EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH ...703-683-0798	PLYMOUTH HAVEN BAPTIST ...703-360-4370 ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH... 703-780-3081 ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH ...703-765-4342 ST. MARK EPISCOPAL CHURCH...703-765-3949 LUTHERAN EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH-ELCA...703-780-5077 BETHANY LUTHERAN... 703-765-8255 EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH...703-765-5003 GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH-ELCA...703-548-8608 IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH, MISSOURI SYNOD...703-549-0155 MESSIAH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA... 703-765-5003 NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA...703-768-1112 ORTHODOX SAINT APHRAIM SYRIAC... 201-312-7678 ALL SAINTS OF AMERICA ...703-417-9665 PRESBYTERIAN CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH...703-768-8510 ALEXANDRIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH...703-683-3348 OLD PRESBYTERIAN MEETING HOUSE...703-549-4670	ST. AIDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH... 703-360-4220 MT. VERNON PRESBYTERIAN ...703-360-9546 ...703-765-6118 ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH ...703-765-4342 ST. MARK EPISCOPAL CHURCH...703-765-3949 EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH-ELCA...703-780-5077 BETHANY LUTHERAN... 703-765-8255 EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH...703-765-5003 GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH-ELCA...703-548-8608 IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH, MISSOURI SYNOD...703-549-0155 MESSIAH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA... 703-765-5003 NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA...703-768-1112 SAINT APHRAIM SYRIAC... 201-312-7678 ALL SAINTS OF AMERICA ...703-417-9665 PRESBYTERIAN CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH...703-768-8510 ALEXANDRIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH...703-683-3348 OLD PRESBYTERIAN MEETING HOUSE...703-549-4670	HERITAGE PRESBYTERIAN ...703-360-9546 MT. VERNON PRESBYTERIAN ...703-765-6118 UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST HOPE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST...703-960-8772 UNITED METHODIST ALDERSGATE UNITED METHODIST...703-765-6555 BEVERLY HILLS COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST... 703-836-2406 DEL RAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH...703-549-2088 FAIRLINGTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH... 703-471-8557 MT. VERNON UNITED METHODIST...703-765-1100 ROBERTS MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH... 703-836-7332 ST. ANDREW'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH... 703-751-4666 TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH...703-549-5500 WASHINGTON FARM UNITED METHODIST...703-780-4696 WASHINGTON STREET UNITED METHODIST... 703-836-4324 UNITARIAN MOUNT VERNON UNITARIAN CHURCH... 703-765-5950
---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

To Advertise Your Faith Community, call Karen at 703-917-6468

FIRST NIGHT



Musical entertainment will be featured throughout Old Town during First Night Alexandria festivities. Curtis Blues performed Mississippi Delta Blues at Bittersweet Café during last year's event.



Samuel Barrand, 8, and his brother Lucas, 4, visited from New York to enjoy last year's First Night fireworks.



Midnight fireworks over the Alexandria waterfront will celebrate the finale of First Night Alexandria.

New Year's Eve Alexandria Style

SEE MORE FIRST NIGHT ACTIVITIES ON PAGE 22

First Night makes Alexandria the place to be.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

Billed as the largest family-friendly New Year's Eve party in the greater Washington area, more than 100 live performances will take place throughout Old Town as part of First Night Alexandria, a day-long event filled with entertainment and culminating with a fireworks finale over the Potomac River along the waterfront.

First Night participants can enjoy an afternoon scavenger hunt throughout Old Town before evening performances get underway as part of the celebration that extends from the George Washington Masonic Memorial to the waterfront.

The main event begins at 7 p.m. with live performances at 22 indoor venues in Old Town. Musical entertainment will feature rhythm and blues, New

Orleans funk, traditional Irish music, acoustic folk and more. New acts include WAMMIE-award winning Ruthie and the Wranglers, playing high energy roots rock, and Geoff Gallante, 13-year-old nationally recognized trumpet soloist performing an eclectic mix of classical, folk, hymns and spirituals.

This family-friendly event is full of activities for kids throughout the night, including face painting, a moon bounce, clowns doing balloon sculptures and interactive games. This year features an all-new Battle of the Bands for teens. After submitting online videos and receiving votes from the public, the top choices will compete on Dec. 31 for a paid contract to perform at First Night Alexandria 2014. Alcohol-free venues keep it fun and accessible for all ages – and children under 12 and active military are free.

For tickets or more information, visit www.FirstNightAlexandria.org.



FIRST NIGHT PLAYBOOK

For Children

At 2 p.m. stop by the Torpedo Factory and pick up a First Night Alexandria Fun Hunt clue sheet. It's not a timed event so you can do a couple of the clues and then stop by King Street Blues at 112 N. St. Asaph St. for a late lunch. Kids 12 and under eat free (one child with each adult meal of \$9 or more purchased).

If you aren't into scavenger hunts, there are art activities at the Torpedo Factory in both the great hall and Art League Gallery or explore Alexandria's past in the Archeology Museum on the third floor.

Once you've finished the Fun Hunt, stop by the Sugar Cube for holiday cookie decorating before heading to the Durant Center to drop off your clue sheet and enter to win one of the prizes during the kickoff at 6 p.m. If you arrive early there is a Pyramid Concert from 2-4 p.m. and an art and poetry reading.

Next door to the Durant Center is Jefferson Houston Elementary School where activities for the whole family begin at 2 p.m. and run until 10 p.m. A free shuttle will take you from Durant to the George Washington Masonic Memorial (after 7 p.m.) where there will be face painting, nail art, balloon sculptures and lots of music and dance. You can even see the midnight fireworks from the steps in front of the Memorial.

For Tweens/Teens

Start your New Year's off early with dinner at one of Alexandria's more casual restaurants (www.visitalexandriava.com has menus and addresses) then head to Downtown Baptist Church for entertainment for the whole family. The adults will want to catch Virginia Bronze handbell ensemble and Karen Ashbrook in the sanctuary while the tweens and teens go to the lower level for karaoke, ping pong and a big screen TV.

Across the street at the Lyceum you'll find the Not So Modern Jazz Quartet plus one and Jeoff Gallante, a 13-year-old nationally recognized trumpet soloist.

At Pompanoosuc Mills is WAMMIE winner Ruthie & the Wranglers. Society Fair is in the lobby of the building and a good place for refreshments.

The Durant Arts Center should be on your list of places to stop for the finals of the Battle of the Bands, a competition for teen bands. There will be cash prizes for all the finalists and the winner that evening will receive a paid engagement for First Night 2014. While the judges deliberate, Keira Moran and her band will perform one set.

Top off your night with the grand finale beginning at 10 p.m. in the unit block of King Street followed at midnight with a magnificent fireworks display on the Potomac.

For Couples

Come early and stop for a glass of champagne and dinner at one of Alexandria's restaurants then catch the first performance of the Vaughn Ambrose Jazz Trio at Principle Gallery in the 200 block of King Street at 7 p.m.

At 8 p.m. the Old Presbyterian Meeting House at 321 S. Fairfax St. features Al Petteway and Amy White whose music was featured on the Ken Burns documentaries "The National Parks."

Next head to St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 228 S. Pitt St. to see Musikanten and Anders Lundegard.

Your last stop before the finale will be the Torpedo Factory Art Center for Bill Kirchen's final set at 10:45 p.m. He'll play right up to the point where the fireworks begin on the river at midnight.

After the fireworks you have plenty of time for a bite to eat and another glass of champagne to top the evening.

Young Professionals

Out with friends and not into the bar scene? First Night Alexandria is the place to be. This all-invited performing arts festival has 22 indoor venues from 7 p.m. until midnight.

Start your evening at the George Washington Masonic Memorial where you have a selection of four bands to dance or just listen to — everything from traditional Irish and country to swing and a tour of music written or performed by artists from the DC region.

Across the street at the train station you can find something a bit more quiet with Robin Bullock, hailed as a Celtic guitar god.

In the 1000 and 1100 blocks of King Street you can hear GRAMMY nominated Ray Owen and blues singer Anthony "Swamp Dog" Clark.

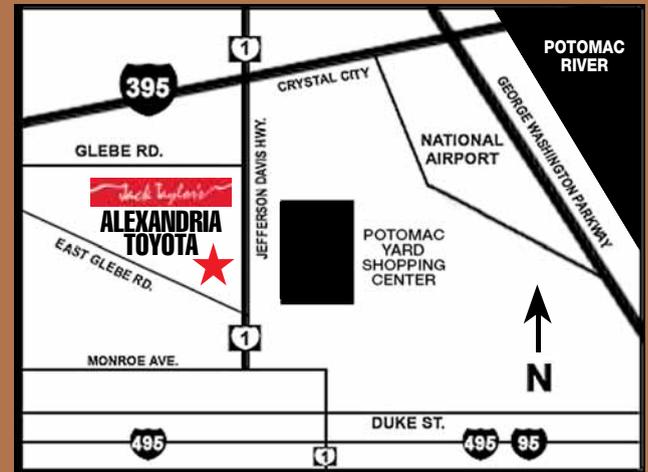
If you want to add a bit of spirituality to your evening, drop by the Alfred Street Baptist Church for "Watch Night" services at 7 and 10 p.m.

WAMMIE winner Ruthie & the Wranglers returns after a multi-year hiatus from First Night at Pompanoosuc Mills.

Jazz favorite Vaughn Ambrose will be at a new venue, Principle Gallery in the 200 block of King Street which positions you perfectly for the finale beginning at 10 p.m. in the unit block of King Street. Starting off quietly with the a cappella Stairwells, we'll crank it up at 10:30 p.m. with our favorite DJ, Ray Casiano who will take us up to the countdown the fireworks finale on the Potomac.

Jack Taylor's
ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA

3750 Jefferson Davis Hwy
Alexandria, VA 22305
703-684-0710
www.alexandriatoyota.com



Service Department Hours:

Monday - Friday,
7:00am to 7:00pm
Saturday, 8:00am to 5:00pm

Make your next service appointment at:
alexandriatoyota.com

You Have Saturdays Off
That's Exactly Why We Don't!



TOYOTA
ServiceCenters
Keep Your Toyota
a Toyota



27 YEARS OF
RECEIVING THIS
HONOR



TOYOTA
Owners
ToyotaOwnersOnline.com



TOYOTA
LIFETIME GUARANTEE

Mufflers • Exhaust Pipes • Shocks • Struts
Toyota mufflers, exhaust pipes, shocks, struts and strut cartridges are guaranteed to the original purchaser for the life of the vehicle when installed by an authorized Toyota dealer. See us for full details.



TOYOTA
Let's Go Places



TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE
BUY 3 TIRES AND GET 4TH FOR

\$1.00



GOT TIRES? **NO CHARGE** ROAD HAZARD PROTECTION, TIRE WARRANTY, AND FREE COURTESY MULTI-POINT INSPECTION.
PRICE MATCH GUARANTEE. SEE SERVICE ADVISOR FOR DETAILS.

NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. OFFER EXPIRES 12/31/13. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA. TAX AND SHOP SUPPLIES ADDITIONAL.

TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE
FREE
QUICK ALIGNMENT CHECK
We will take the guess work out. Stop paying for alignments you don't need.
ADJUSTMENTS, \$89.95

NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. OFFER EXPIRES 12/31/13. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA. TAX AND SHOP SUPPLIES ADDITIONAL.

TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE
WE WILL
MEET OR BEAT
ANY LOCAL TOYOTA DEALERSHIP'S CURRENT ADVERTISED SERVICE SPECIALS

NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. OFFER EXPIRES 12/31/13. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA.

TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE
DETAIL SPECIALS

\$39⁹⁵ Wash & Vacuum	\$139⁹⁵ Hand wash, wax & interior cleaning	\$295⁹⁵ Full premium detail
-------------------------------------------	-----------------------------------------------------------------	--------------------------------------------------

NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. OFFER EXPIRES 12/31/13. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA.

TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE
OIL & FILTER SERVICE SPECIAL

\$5.00 OFF

Includes: Change oil, install Genuine Toyota oil filter, inspect & adjust all fluid levels and complimentary multi-point inspection with print-out.

NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. OFFER EXPIRES 12/31/13. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA.

TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE
TRUE START BATTERY SPECIAL



\$129⁹⁵

INCLUDES BATTERY INSTALLATION

Includes: 84 month warranty, 24 month **FREE** replacement, 24 month **FREE** roadside assistance, 60 month prorated, **PLUS** we'll check all battery cables & connections.

Does not apply to hybrid batteries. NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. OFFER EXPIRES 12/31/13. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA. TAX AND SHOP SUPPLIES ADDITIONAL.

TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE
BRAKE SPECIAL

\$89⁹⁵

PADS

Includes: Install Genuine Toyota front brake pads, inspect front & rear rotors & drums, check tire condition and inspect all hardware. Pads only.

MACHINE ROTORS AN ADDITIONAL \$199.95.

NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. OFFER EXPIRES 12/31/13. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA. TAX AND SHOP SUPPLIES ADDITIONAL.

TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE
FALL DETAIL SPECIAL

\$119⁹⁵

Prepare your car's paint for the harsh winter road conditions. A full exterior buffing, paint sealant and wax, along with a vacuuming of the interior. Vans & SUVs add \$20.00.

NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. OFFER EXPIRES 12/31/13. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA.

TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE
WINTER ROAD TRIP MAINTENANCE PACKAGE

\$69⁹⁵

INCLUDES: Install Genuine Toyota oil filter, up to 5 qts of oil, tire rotation, tire tread inspection, set proper tire pressure, battery check (with print-out), inspect brakes, inspect drive belts, check & top off all fluids and check engine coolant/antifreeze.

NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. OFFER EXPIRES 12/31/13. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA. TAX AND SHOP SUPPLIES ADDITIONAL.

TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE
VARIABLE DISCOUNT

\$5.00 OFF with purchase of \$35.00 - \$49.99

\$10.00 OFF with purchase of \$50.00 - \$99.99

\$15.00 OFF with purchase of \$100.00 - \$199.99

\$20.00 OFF with purchase of \$200.00 - \$499.99

\$50.00 OFF with purchase of \$500.00 Or more

NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. OFFER EXPIRES 12/31/13. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA.

TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE
4 WHEEL ALIGNMENT

\$89⁹⁵

Your car's alignment suffers, and can cause uneven tire wear, steering problems and decreased fuel economy.

INCLUDES: Inspect suspension, ball joints, struts & shocks, tire condition and set tire pressure.

NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. OFFER EXPIRES 12/31/13. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA. TAX AND SHOP SUPPLIES ADDITIONAL.

TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE
12% OFF ANY FACTORY RECOMMENDED MAINTENANCE

NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. OFFER EXPIRES 12/31/13. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA. TAX AND SHOP SUPPLIES ADDITIONAL.

TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE
COMPLIMENTARY MULTI-POINT INSPECTION

Includes: Inspect tires, brakes, wipers, lights, belts & hoses & fluid levels.

NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. OFFER EXPIRES 12/31/13. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA. TAX AND SHOP SUPPLIES ADDITIONAL.

Jack Taylor's
ALEXANDRIA
TOYOTA / SCION

ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA/SCION
3750 JEFFERSON DAVIS HWY. | ALEXANDRIA, VA 22305
1-866-616-8420 | ALEXANDRIATOYOTA.COM
JUST MINUTES FROM REAGAN NATIONAL AIRPORT!



Let's Go Places

LONG & FOSTER

ALEXANDRIA • KINGSTOWNE CENTER



Alexandria 6206 Tally Ho Lane \$789,000
 Historic And Desired Belle Haven, Minutes To 495 And Old Town. Lovely To Look At And Even Better To Live In, This Wonderful Split Level Home Boasts 3 Bedrooms And 2 Full Baths, A Gourmet Kitchen With Designer Space Saving Drawers, New Appliances And Upgraded Granite. New Anderson Windows And Newer Hvac. Lovely Private Back Yard With Patio. Meticulously Taken Care Of And On A Beautiful Street.
Ally Gillette 703-307-5698

Ashburn 21168 Winding Brook Square \$315,000
 Great Investment Opportunity Or Fixer Upper For New Homeowners. Tenant In The Process Of Moving. Home Has Great Bones But Needs Cosmetic Updates And Tlc. Large Open Floor Plan. Large Bay Window. Huge Kitchen With Large Deck. Luxury Master Bedroom With W/soak Tub And Vaulted Ceiling. This One Will Not Last Long.
Gage Cole 703-258-9479



Gainesville 15633 Turtle Point Drive \$665,000
 Simply Stunning 5 Bedroom All Brick Home In Beautiful Gated Community! Attention To Detail Throughout With Elegant Architectural Accents And Spacious Open Floor Plan Flooded With Light. Gourmet Kitchen, Delightful Breakfast Area Surrounded By Glass, Two Story Family Room With Stone Fireplace, And Main Level Master Bedroom. Spacious Deck Overlooking Trees And Golf Course. It's A Beauty!
Becky Berning 703-930-3400

Alexandria 3533 Martha Custis Drive #911 \$331,900
 Rarely Available 2br, Parkfairfax, 1 Level Lincoln Model! Beautiful Upgrades, Beautiful Setting, Beautiful Patio, Beautiful Gardens. Light Filled Home Offering You A Rare Opportunity - Much Sought After Model. Upgrades To Include Work In Both Kitchen And Bath, New Windows In Lr, Upgraded Patio Door, Ceiling Lighting And Much More! Quick Walk To Dash Bus, 10 Minute Walk To Shirlington.
Terry Rader 703-887-3735



Fredericksburg 1409 Hearthstone Drive \$345,000
 \$10,000 Price Drop! Highly Motivated Seller Considering All Offers And Willing To Negotiate Closing Costs. Newly Painted And Carpeted! Shows Well And Has Nice Yard, Stamped Concrete Patio And Common Area In The Front For Entertaining. 4 Bdrm/2.5 Bath And Full Unfinished Basement With Rough Plumb For Bath. 2 Car Detached Garage. Bus Transport To Vre Within One Block Of Property.
Kelly Arthur 571-275-2213

Alexandria 6250 Marcy Court \$499,900
 Private, Beautiful, Single Family Home On Cul-de-sac Near Franconia Metro. W/ Gorgeous Wilderness Like Deck/patio Spacious Home W/ 4 Br, 3 Bath And 1 Car Garage. Freshly Painted. New Carpet, Replaced Furnace. Ac's, Siding And Gutters. Convenient To 495, I 95, And Parkway.
Rita Tassa 703-629-8624



**5911 Kingstowne Village Parkway, Suite 100
 Alexandria VA 22315**



703-313-6500



www.longandfoster.com

Alexandria resident and runway model, **Tameka Young**

EXTRAORDINARY

Alexandria

Find holiday events, gifts and dining info at **VisitAlexandriaVA.com/holidays**