



**APD K-9 Officer Steven Escobar presents APD K-9 instructor Officer Carlos M. Rolan with a plaque of appreciation from 2014 class participants.**

## Zara Graduates

**Z**ara, a young female Belgian Malinois, officially graduated from basic training at the Alexandria Police K-9 School on Wednesday morning, Aug. 13, at the Alexandria Police Headquarters on Wheeler Avenue. Zara, a shelter dog, had been surrendered by her owner who could not keep her in September of 2013.

Since she exhibited extraordinary energy and drive, the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria staff determined that she might be difficult to place with a family and made a call to the Alexandria Police to see about placing her in the K-9 training program. Zara passed all of the initial tests and was admitted to the program.

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**APD K-9 Officer Steven Escobar introduces Zara, the K-9 dog to fellow officers and visitors at the police headquarters last Wednesday morning.**



**Police officers, family, staff and members of the Alexandria Police Foundation gather outside of police headquarters to see Zara, the newest member of the K-9 team.**

## Will Carluccio's Beat Site's Jinx?

**Long-shuttered landmark at 100 King has storied past.**

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

**T**he jinx of 100 King St. dates back to the Corn Exchange, the ill-fated original purpose of the building. When grain merchants failed, the soaring 25-foot ceilings were used as retail space to sell groceries and feedstuffs. Ground-floor retail space was reserved for Diamond tires in the 1920s. Since that time, the building has business after business open and close. More recent years have seen the landmark building boarded up and seemingly abandoned. Now London-

based Carluccio's is hoping to break the curse of 100 King, opening its first American location here in Old Town.

"They looked in Chicago and they looked in New York and they chose this building at the foot of King Street as the place where they wanted to build their American showcase and enter the U.S. market," said Stephanie Landrum, vice president of the Alexandria Economic Development Partnership.

The international chain started in 1999, when Italian chef Antonio Carluccio opened the first Carluccio's Caffè in London. Since

## On the Road Again

**Longtime director heads back to Florida.**

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

**W**hen Rich Baier came to Alexandria in 2000, the city had few bike lanes and no BikeShare. Monroe Avenue Bridge was a twisted jag that created gridlock on Jefferson Davis Highway. The idea of dedicated lanes for transit would have seemed alien. Now the longtime director of the Alexandria Department of Transportation and Environmental Services is stepping down to take a position as director of public works for Sumpter County, Fla.

"It's bitter-sweet," said Baier, who is paid \$167,000 a year here in Alexandria. "My parents will be an hour and a half away, but it's hard because my kids grew up in Alexandria."



**Rich Baier**

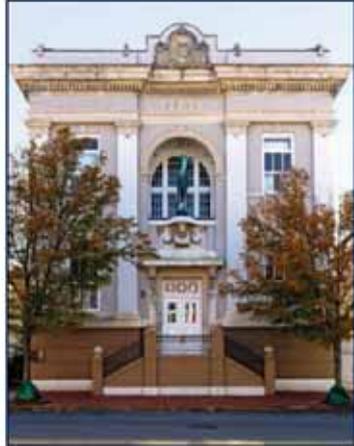
Since Baier was first hired in 2000, Alexandria has doubled its recycling rate from 25 percent to 50 percent. City leaders say that's largely because Baier worked to make recycling a priority. He also brought pedestrian countdown signals to Alexandria, the first city in the region to have that technology. Later this week, as he says goodbye to the city, Baier will take

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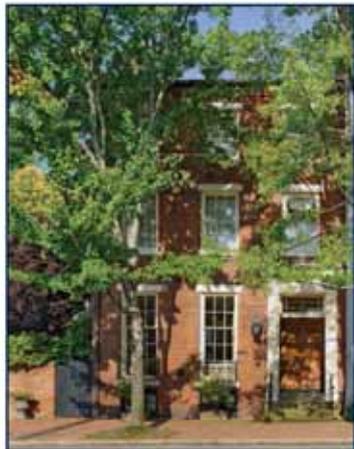
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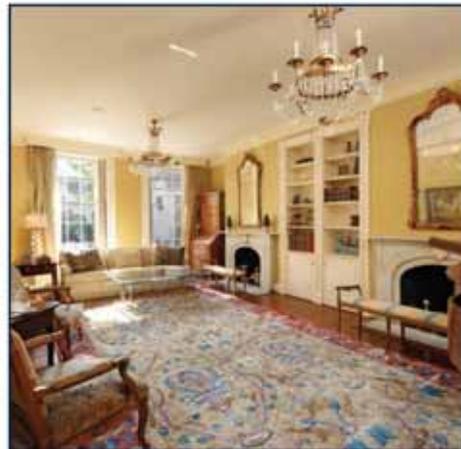
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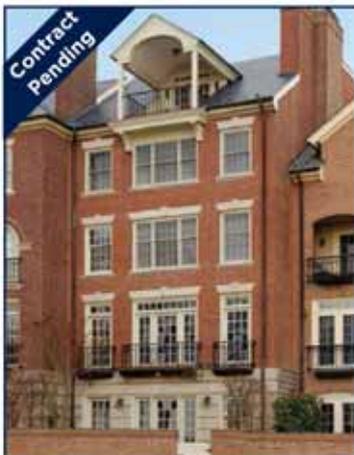
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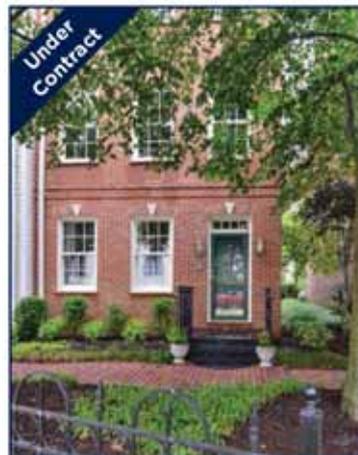
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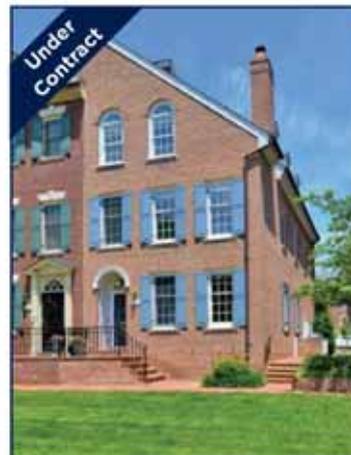
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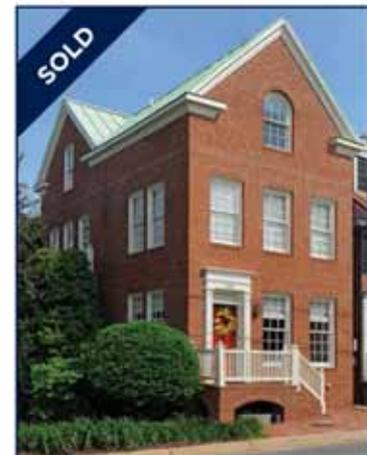
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## Shuttered Platinum Anniversary

The storied Old Town Theater spent its 100-year anniversary last weekend shuttered. The building, which originally opened in August 1914, was known for many years as the Richmond Theater. These days it's once again closed for business after a comedy club proprietor was unable to make his business model thrive.

"I have no idea what happens next," said **Rob Kaufman**, who owns the historic building. "At this point I'm still looking at options and ideas but no decisions have been made at all."

Several years ago Kaufman renovated the building for **Tom Kennedy**, who tried to transform the historic building into a Comedy Zone location. But the business model failed to meet expectations, and the business closed. Kaufman tried to keep the building open for a while, but he decided to shutter the building several months ago. Now the future of the old theater is once again in doubt.

"The building had a failed tenant," said Kaufman. "I did the building for a tenant, and the tenant failed. So that's really how this thing got rolling."

## Banned Books

Mark your calendars. The last week in September is Banned Books Week. So dust off your copy of "For Whom the Bell Tolls" by **Ernest Hemingway**. Uncover your tattered copy of "Fifty Shades of Grey" by **E.L. James**. And round up your dog-eared copy of "Animal Farm" by **George Orwell**. It's time for an old-fashioned Banned Book Read-Out.

This September the Northern Virginia Fine Arts Association will be joining the Alexandria Library to host a series of Banned Books events in Alexandria from Sept. 21 to Sept. 27. Events include a lecture, a panel discussion and an interactive Library Survivor game. The week will culminate with a Banned Book Read-Out at the Athenaeum. Organizers are building on the success of last year's Banned Book Week, which was featured on C-SPAN.

"We have a new motto this year," said **Catherine Aselford**, executive director of the Northern Virginia Fine Arts Association. "It's Defend your Intellectual Freedom, and Celebrate your Right to Read."

## Haunted Metro Station

Sometime before Halloween, leaders at the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority are expected to release a draft environmental impact study for the Potomac Yard Metro station. By the witching hour of All Hallows' Eve, Alexandria will have a frightening level of detail about the options now under consideration.

"This will have a whole lot of detail," said Deputy City Manager **Mark Jinks**. "Decibel levels of the trains in relationship to adjacent properties. The impact on traffic on Route 1. Ridership."

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

"In early 2015, the City Council will have a public hearing and then choose a locally preferred alternative," said Jinks. "Then the Federal Transit Administration will issue a record of decision."

## Senior Drain

The departure of longtime transportation director **Rich Baier** will seriously erode the institutional wisdom among department heads at City Hall. Baier served as director of the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services for almost 15 years, a tenure that makes him one of the most seasoned city officials on the payroll. This comes on top of the recent retirement of Deputy City Manager **Michele Evans**, who served the city for 37 years. That makes **Mildrilyn Davis** the dean of city officials. She originally joined the city staff in 1982 as a housing analyst, and she's been director of the Office of Housing since 1991.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

# New Day in Old Dominion

## Gay couples anticipate same-sex marriage in Virginia.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

**D**wayne and Rodney Byrum will be at the Fairfax County Courthouse long before it opens this Thursday on a civic mission decades in the making — to become one of the first same-sex couples to receive a marriage license in Virginia. The couple has already been married on reality television, appearing in the pilot episode of the TLC show "Wedding Island." The marriage took place on Dec. 12, 2012 at 12:12 p.m. in Vieques, Puerto Rico.

That was reality television. This week, the marriage license will become a real-life reality.

"We're bouncing off the walls happy," said Dwayne Byrum, a native of Lumberton, N.C., who lives in Groveton. "It's come along a lot faster than we ever dreamed than it would."

Just a few short years ago, voters in Virginia approved a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage. Since that time, a dramatic shift has happened as public opinion polls have flipped. That has allowed elected officials more latitude to take actions that would have been unthinkable a few short years ago. Democratic Attorney General Mark Herring, for example, voted in favor of the amendment as a member of the General Assembly. But now that he's the commonwealth's chief law-enforcement officer, he says it's unconstitutional. Now the Virginia courts have struck down that law, and same-sex marriage could become legal in the commonwealth as early as this week unless the U.S. Supreme Court intervenes.

"This is especially exciting because Virginia had to be dragged kicking and screaming into marriage equality for races," said Liane Rozzell, an Arlington resident whose D.C. marriage to her longtime partner could become legal this week. "So I think it's really exciting to have Virginia be one of the states where marriage equality will be happening and it won't be the last one."

**LAST WEEK**, the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals declined to issue a stay of its ruling affirming that Virginia's marriage ban is unconstitutional. Unless the U.S. Supreme Court issues its own stay, which it has done in nearly identical pending cases, Virginia's marriage ban will end on Aug. 20. In a written statement outlining his action, the attorney general said he believes the case will prove compelling for the court because of the "stringent, dis-



Liane Rozzell, left, and Linda Kaufman exchange wedding vows in a 2010 District of Columbia service.

criminatory nature of Virginia's marriage ban." He also drew attention to Virginia's previous ban on interracial marriage, a legal precedent known as the Loving case.

"Virginia got that case wrong," said Herring. "Now we have a chance to get it right and to help extend to all Americans the right to marry the person they love."

Civil rights advocates across the commonwealth cheered the attorney general's decision.

"There is no doubt that Virginia is ready for the freedom to marry," said James Parrish, executive director of Equality Virginia in a written statement. "Marriage validates the commitment couples make to one another and, if the Supreme Court doesn't intervene, achieving marriage equality in Virginia will be a tremendous step forward."

**FOR THOSE** who have been fighting for marriage equality for years, recent events seem like a headlong rush into the future. Back in 2006, many advocates for civil rights believed they could beat back the push toward adding a new amendment to the Virginia Constitution excluding a gays and lesbians from the institution of marriage. But advocates for the Marshal-Newman

amendment won a decisive victory, winning with 57 percent of the vote.

"It was shocking," said Kelly Young, a native of the Philippines who has lived in Ballston since 2001. "I was very surprised."

It was much more decisive than I expected it would be."

Herring is the first state attorney general to argue successfully at the federal district and appeals levels that a state marriage ban should be struck down.

Virginia had supported a previous request for a stay because of the uncertainty that families could face if marriages proceed in Virginia and neighboring states and the Supreme Court ultimately rules against marriage equality.

"Throughout this process, we have fought for the principle of equality, moving the case forward in a swift and orderly way," said Herring.

"That is why I have asked the Supreme Court to review the case to quickly and definitively resolve the issue for the Commonwealth and all the states."

**"We're bouncing off the walls happy. It's come along a lot faster than we ever dreamed than it would."**

— Dwayne Byrum

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# On the Road Again

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part in cutting a ribbon on the region's first dedicated lanes, a new project that connects Braddock Road to Crystal City.

"There are probably more people that have Rich Baier's personal cell phone number than any other department head in the city," said Deputy City Manager Mark Jinks. "It's because he gave it to them, and he said if you have an issue you call. He didn't always agree, but he was always available."

**A NATIVE OF** Pittsburgh, Baier took an interest in roads as a college student at the University of South Florida. While studying civil engineering and mechanics, he started working with Professor Myron Haden on something called "cathodic protection." Essentially, that's a process of using a sacrificial metal to take the pounding abuse from Florida saltwater. Baier said Haden made the classes interesting, and it sparked an interest he maintains today.

"I remember Richard as a student who was very personable and inquisitive," said Haden, who now runs an engineering firm in Tallahassee. "He was a pleasure to have in class and a pleasure to have involved in the professional societies."

By the time Baier got a master's degree in industrial engineering, he was already working at the Florida Department of Transportation. He eventually worked his way up to becoming a division chief, then took a job with the city of Clearwater. Then, in January 2000, the city of Alexandria hired Baier and the rest, as they say, is history.

"Sure I didn't agree with him about everything,"

## Baier Council Yearbook, 2000 to 2014

- ❖ **Most Entertaining: Justin Wilson**  
Baier says Wilson's "rapid-fire" questions are thoughtful and entertaining.
- ❖ **Funniest: Lois Walker**  
Baier says he admires the late councilwoman's "dry wit."
- ❖ **Most Challenging: Paul Smedberg**  
Baier says Smedberg is "the most probing steward of the taxpayer."
- ❖ **Most Easygoing: Lonnie Rich**  
Baier says Rich is easygoing lawyer who is also a "southern gentleman."
- ❖ **Bess Dressed: James Banks**  
Baier says the city attorney is a "snappy dresser, from head to toe."

said Yvonne Weight Callahan, former president of the Old Town Civic Association. "But my garbage was always picked up by competent people."

**ASKED ABOUT** his memories of Alexandria, he said he enjoyed sparring with council members on the dais and working with civic leaders in the streets. He acknowledged that he was sometimes the focus of bitter commentary on everything from pollution to bike lanes. But when he looks back, Baier said in a cell phone interview from Florida this week, he does not recall the complaining and the bad times. Instead, he thinks of a city where people care enough to complain.

"Alexandria is really unusual because people get involved in and they stay involved," said Baier. "They give years of their lives to projects and programs."

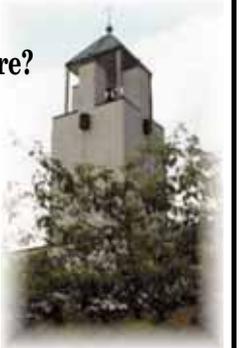
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## PEOPLE

# In Charge on the River

## Piloting Nina's Dandy.

BY SHIRLEY L RUHE  
GAZETTE PACKET

**C**aptain Ryan Wojtanowski, "call me Captain Ry," writes in the radio log where every official transmission must be recorded. He calls to get a count of the number of passengers and crew aboard. Tonight there are 160 passengers and 17 crew including deck hands, chef and waiters, and smooth-voiced Susie at the piano. He gets the Chesapeake weather forecast with no hazardous weather predicted, northwest winds at 5 knots and one-foot waves. He critically eyeballs the tide. "The tide is important," he says, "because if it is too high we can't fit under the bridge and need to take an alternate way ... although it doesn't happen very often."

He gives the mandatory DOT water safety announcement, yells "all lines clear, hands aboard, aye" as the blast of the engine kicks in. He still likes to use the traditional French commands but says most have disappeared. "So if you hear me say pon pon you know it means pay attention to something serious." He departs the pier at Zero Prince Street and heads up the 25-foot deep channel a mile to the Washington Channel and on to Georgetown. The boat cruises at 5 knots upstream of the 14<sup>th</sup> Street bridge complex. The current Nina's Dandy was commissioned in 1999 with its first cruise on New Year's Eve. Captain Ry has been working at this company for 20 years.

"I started sailing when I was eight years old," he said. "My mother always said if she had kids, she would have two sons, a soldier and a sailor, and that's what happened." He explained he learned to sail at Camp Letts, then moved to Mount Vernon and got his own 8-foot pram.

As a teenager he was in the Coast Guard auxiliary. During the following years he got a degree in TV and film production, worked as a jazz singer for six years, prospected successfully for gold, wrote his own show at the Shoreham as well as some poetry and is still working on a couple of novels. Along the way, when he saw a sign "Boat Operator Wanted," he applied and got hired on a little single screw, diesel tug, called a dredge tender. He worked in marine construction which "is like a rodeo on the water. You get to play with all of the big equipment. It's just plain fun." Eventually this led to achieving his third mate license through the Coast Guard which is what he needs to captain Nina's Dandy.

The Fourth of July is the most popular cruise and always fully booked. He said he leads the guests in singing "the real national anthem without all of those embellishments entertainers add, and I see tears rolling down the faces of grown men." The ship's schedule is a steady business until New Year's Eve, then slows down until Valentine's Day.

"People celebrate special occasions on the boat,



**Captain Ryan "Ry" Wojtanowski logs in as he begins the three-hour cruise on Nina's Dandy departing the pier at Zero Prince Street in Alexandria.**

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some returning every year for the same event. And there have been a few weddings. He says about two-thirds of the guests are local with many returning customers and a third are tourists. "Hear that?" he says as the sound of a cheer goes up overhead the pilot house. "They are setting up the equipment to dance. This cruise we have a number of young people and they like to dance in the open air."

Captain Ry scans the water with his binoculars and sees a vessel between his boat and the War College. "Because we are gaining on It, that makes us the burdened vessel because we have the ability to overtake it, so we are responsible for avoidance." He said there is a system of signals. "For instance, if I give two whistles it means pass to the starboard."

Captain Ry says, "I have a good situation. As head captain I can control the schedule that allows me to do what I like here and then to fit in travel, work on projects and write." I like what I do although it's considered a milk run, much easier than other ships I've been on in the past." But he says, "there are bears and lizards," and he is a bear so by September he is tired of the heat and ready to take off for visiting friends and camping in Maine.

He said things are usually calm and this has been an especially beautiful summer. But every once in a while there is a medical emergency, he says with a sigh, "like when someone who is allergic eats the clam chowder even though he knows it has clams. The emergency response time on the water is very quick."

His hands rest easily on the big wheel as he points out the view of the lights on the Georgetown fountain in the distance. He says, "during the lunch cruise, I give a historical talk about the sites as we pass by."

As he heads back from Georgetown, a nearly full moon lights up the return. The three-hour dinner cruise comes to a close, as he gently eases the ship back to the dock while a faint Washington Monument glimmers over his shoulder.



**The cruise winds up, and the captain gently eases Nina's Dandy back to the pier as the Washington Monument shines in the distance through the glass of the pilot house.**



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## Benefit Concert

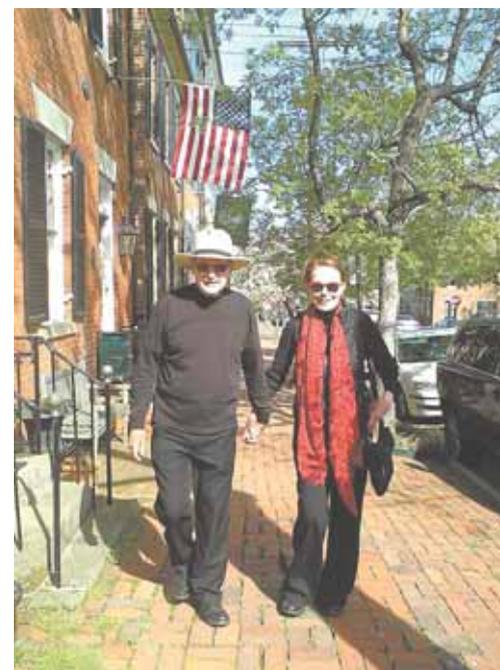
**Alexandria band Fuse Box played in the Pentagon's five-acre, central courtyard in a benefit concert on Aug. 13 for Feds Feed Families, the federal government charity that has collected 25 million pounds of food to fight hunger. Fuse Box headlined Feds Feed Families' "Cover the Map" rally; the Pentagon's 30,000 employees contributed nonperishable food items to support the Capital Area Food Bank.**



PHOTO BY TRACY BARBER

## In Memory of Chick Armstrong

**From left, Javonta Campbell, Travis Berry, Joshua Jordan, Reggie William and Joshua Asare organized the Northern Virginia Alumni Classic, a basketball game in remembrance of coach Chick Armstrong, at the Cora Kelly Recreation Center on Saturday, Aug. 2. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Carpenter's Shelter.**



## Snapshot

**Ruth and Thomas Hummel walk hand-in-hand up Queen Street on a quiet Sunday.**

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# Long-shuttered Landmark Has Storied Past

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that time the business has expanded to more than 70 locations across the United Kingdom. It's also in Ireland and the Middle East. Renovations are now taking place at the building to transform it into the first American Carluccio's, relocating the front entrance from the center bay to the westernmost bay. That door will lead customers into a retail area that will sell high-end market selling olive oils and pastas and a counter selling sandwiches. A restaurant will be located upstairs, but will it encounter the traditional Corn Exchange misfortune?

"That's a good question," said David Tracz, architect on the project. "They are doing everything right, and they really understand their concept and they understand how to make it effective."

**THE HISTORY** of 100 King Street dates back to a time when Alexandria was still emerging from the dark days of military occupation during the Civil War. The commonwealth of Virginia had only rejoined the Union the year before the Corn and Produce Exchange approached architect Benjamin Franklin Price to construct an Italian Renaissance building in 1870. When it opened the next year on the site of an old federal customhouse, the Corn Exchange was located on the impressive second floor and Noble Lindsey opened a grocery store on the first floor.

"Unfortunately, the corn exchange failed," wrote Alexandria Historian Michael Miller. "Lindsey's business thrived, and by 1922 the Lindsey-Nicholson corporation was one of the premier enterprises in Alexandria."

The roaring 1920s brought automobiles



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**Carluccio's is a chain of high-end markets originally launched by Italian chef Antonio Carluccio.**

to Old Town, which created a market for tires and inner tubes. Lindsey eventually went into business with Charles Nicholson, and the two created the Linsey-Nicholson Corporation.

According to a contemporaneous account from the Alexandria Gazette in the 1920s, the business had six salesmen roaming Northern Virginia and Maryland. The location at 100 King was the flagship of the

operation.

"It is the center of the wholesale district," the Alexandria Gazette reported in 1922. "It handles a complete line of staple and fancy groceries, notions, flour, feedstuffs, etc."

**NOW 100 KING** is about to be reborn again, this time returning to an earlier use as a retail outlet for high-end groceries. The

gas carriage lamps will be removed. The market will offer a variety of Italian items, everything from fresh pasta and balsamic vinegar to prepared food. The historic granite steps will be sunk into the ground so the entrance will be fully accessible.

"Nothing will be removed from the site," said Tracz. "We're trying to make sure we are as conscious about historic preservation as we can."

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 ♦ Thursday/Sept. 11, 2:30-8 p.m. at Alexandria Chapter House, 123 North Alfred St.

### AFTER SCHOOL FUN

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Recreation.

- ❖ Power-On for grades K-6 is offered weekdays from 2:30-6 p.m. at John Adams Elementary School, Douglas MacArthur Elementary School, Charles Barrett Recreation Center, Charles Houston Recreation Center, Cora Kelly Recreation Center, Mount Vernon Recreation Center, Patrick Henry Recreation Center and William Ramsay Recreation Center.
- ❖ Power-Up for grades 6-8 is offered at Francis C. Hammond Middle School, weekdays from 3:15-6 p.m. A transportation option is available for students attending George Washington Middle School.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

**Suicide Prevention Plan.** Through August 15.

The Community Services Boards (CSBs) of Northern Virginia are asking community members to complete a brief survey to provide important information for the development of a regional suicide prevention plan. This survey is open to anyone, share this information with others who may be interested in completing the survey.

The survey is available at [www.surveymonkey.com/s/6SHN2NQ](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/6SHN2NQ).

**The City of Alexandria** is seeking community input on existing walking and bicycle issues and needs, and ideas for improving the environment for walking and biking.

An online survey and interactive map can be accessed from the project webpage [www.alexandriava.gov/pedbikeplan](http://www.alexandriava.gov/pedbikeplan). Visit [alexandriava.gov/PedBikePlan](http://alexandriava.gov/PedBikePlan) for more on the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan.

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# OPINION

## Accountability for Police in Northern Virginia

There is more transparency in the police shooting in Ferguson last week than in police shootings in Northern Virginia.

This is not Ferguson, and tanks do not roll down the streets of Northern Virginia driven by police officers pointing sniper rifles at residents.

But police departments here are engaged in serious and significant abuse of power. This is the perfect moment to do something about it.

The first paragraph of Virginia Freedom of Information Act, passed by the General Assembly in 1968, states that all public records “shall be presumed open.” But the legislation includes an exception that allows police to withhold “complaints, memoranda, correspondence, case files or reports, witness statements and evidence.”

Police officials in Fairfax, Arlington and Alexandria have adopted what they call a “blanket” approach to using their exemption. That means they have decided to withhold any document they can without any analysis of whether they should, whether the case is open or closed, whether they are about a “police-involved shooting” or information requested by a family about a homicide victim.

This isn't about race; this is about abuse of

power. This is about lack of accountability and denying the public access to information that must be made public.

Consider:

Police shot and killed 46-year-old John Geer standing unarmed in the doorway of his home on Pebble Brook Court in Springfield on Aug. 29, 2013. Unlike in the case in Ferguson last week, the officer who shot him remains unnamed, and we have no official explanation of what happened or why.

EDITORIAL

In December, 2008, Fairfax County police officers chased 19-year-old Hailu Brook across the county line into Arlington and shot him dead. Brook, a senior at Yorktown High School, had reportedly robbed a BB&T in McLean. The autopsy report, one of the few documents his parents were able to obtain, shows that the teen was shot 20-25 times by three officers with large caliber handguns. Baffled by what happened to their son, the parents sought access to police reports and documents, but even now that the case is closed, their requests have been denied.

Other police-involved shootings include the November 2013 death of James Bryant, 28, a

resident at the Eleanor Kennedy homeless shelter in Mount Vernon, who assaulted other residents at the shelter and then police when they arrived, wrestling away the baton of one police officer; David Masters, an unarmed man with mental illness who was shot and killed by police in 2009 on Route 1 in Mount Vernon; there are many other examples.

Even for family members of crime victims, documents are routinely withheld by police agencies. One example is the 2009 murder of 19-year-old Kossi Djossou, who was shot at his workplace in Alexandria. After the murder, the Djossou family tried to find out what had happened, but their repeated attempts to get documents in the cases were denied. “How can something happen to your son, and you're never going to know the facts?” asked Geoffrey Josseau.

Police wield power unlike any other entity — the power to detain and question, the power to arrest, the power to respond with force when necessary, the power to use deadly force.

With that power, comes responsibility — the responsibility to operate openly and with transparency, the responsibility to make available the greatest possible amount of information, especially the responsibility to provide the public with a full picture of what happened when something goes wrong.

It's time for a change.

— MARY KIMM,

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### A Matter Of Trust

To the Editor:

This month's troubling events in Ferguson, Mo., give our entire nation pause. As the mayor of a broad and diverse city, I am proud

of Alexandria's accomplishments as a community and our tradition of passionate but peaceful approaches to difficult issues.

Each of us, from elected officials and public safety personnel to individual residents and business, can play a role in making sure everyone in our society feels safe and

valued. I urge us all to continue to speak out in a constructive and compelling manner whenever there is an opportunity to promote equality and justice.

We are fortunate to live in a community in which we and those who protect us trust and respect each other. Let us continue the

positive dialogue that promotes progress for all.

William D. Euille

Mayor, City of Alexandria

#### Test of Time In Design

To the Editor:

Is Mayor Euille serious when he stated he was “not opposed to glass and steel” when discussing new buildings to replace the Robinson Terminal? (“Identity Crisis,” front page, July 31)

Those of us who live in Old Town do so because we like traditional architecture from the 18th and 19th centuries. Red brick, or wide clapboards, and symmetry are characteristics of classical architecture in historic Alexandria, which has stood the test of time with our many Federal-style homes and shops and even some 20th century brick buildings designed to blend in with these gems.

Glass and steel blends with absolutely nothing pleasing to the average eye. If the mayor and other supporters of modernist, industrial designs wish to inflict upon the region their contemporary experiments, perhaps it would

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# LETTERS

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be best if they moved to, and stayed in, Crystal City.

**Kenneth J. Wolfe**  
Alexandria

## Is New Building Enough?

To the Editor:  
As the new Jefferson-Houston school building gets rave reviews and is about to open its doors to students this fall, I watch with anticipation to see over the next year (or years) whether a new building is enough to attract families, diversify the student body, and change the tide of the past 10 to 11 years of failing to meet testing benchmarks. The SchoolBoard would counter that it is not just the new building.

Jefferson-Houston recently became an official International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme school and the Superintendent is seeking a new lead principal to help guide Jefferson-Houston to new heights. My prediction is that the majority of parents and students will not take a chance on Jefferson-Houston un-

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**3810 Westgate Dr**  
**\$689,900**  
**Westgate Stunner!**  
Remarkably attractive price for totally updated spacious Colonial in wonderful Westgate, one of area's premier communities. Fabulous features include: open floor plan, sun room, amazing custom kitchen, 4 BRs, 3.5 updated baths, 4FP, finished lower level and side load two car garage. Magnificent grounds with patio and large level open spaces. Impossible to duplicate this incredible property at even close to this price! **OPEN SUN 8/24, 1-4! GW Pky S, past Estate; L-Old Mt Vernon Rd; R-Westgate.**



**9000 Beatty Dr**  
**\$799,000**  
**Classic Colonial-Just off Parkway!**  
Just minutes from Old Town, this fabulous classic Colonial is in premier setting on gorgeous 1/2 acre corner lot just steps from River, bike path, & all the Parkway amenities. Features include open floor plan, sunroom, expanded kitchen with dramatic informal dining area, hardwood floors, 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, thermal windows, finished lower level, oversize, side load 2 car garage. Best price for large home in this prime location! **OPEN SUN 8/24, 1-4! GW Pky S; R-River Farm Rd; R-Beatty Dr.**



**4416 Tarpon Ln**  
**\$569,000**  
**Contemporary Rambler-Waterfront Community!**  
Walk to Yacht Club from this fabulous home. Glass window walls make for exceptionally bright, airy atmosphere & capture natural beauty of grounds. Spacious home with numerous special features include: bright, open floorplan, large glass walled great room with fireplace, bedrooms on main level, hardwood floors, 3 updated baths, finished walk-out lower level with fireplace & large windows. Gorgeous setting on 1/2 acre lot near river!



**3705 Carriage House Ct**  
**\$689,000**  
**Unique Riverwood Opportunity!**  
Rare combination of best price and one of best locations in prestigious Riverwood. Pride of ownership is evident throughout this truly special one owner property. Beautifully maintained home in excellent condition. Many features include: 4 bedrooms, spacious eat-in kitchen, family room with fireplace, hardwood floors, two car garage, brick walks and rear patio. Gorgeous setting on one of nicest lots in community. Exceptionally attractive price—super value!

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Largest unit (corner) in building offering 3BR/2BA. Rarely available 2 garage spaces. Updated kitchen with SSA, Silestone, double oven/convection, wine chiller, full-size W/D. Large balcony. Bus stop at front door. Shuttle to Pentagon Metro M - F.



**Franki Roberts 703.898.0840**  
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**1722 ABINGDON DRIVE #201** Old Town Condo - Take another look! Shows great! This charming 1BR/1BA faces the courtyard, has updated kitchen/baths, wood floors, W/D in unit, new heating/AC unit, plus many amenities, parking and low condo fees. Minutes to DC.



**Mike Manuel 703.615.6317**  
**ALEXANDRIA / Old Town \$ 384,900**

2 level condo with private entrance feels like an in-town row home. Warm wood floors, grand living room with fireplace, galley kitchen with brand new SS. UL features large bedroom plus full bath with laundry. Storage and more. Centrally located between King St Metro and river.



**Anya Macklin 703.518.8720**  
**ALEXANDRIA \$ 250,000**

Features of this 2BR home include beautiful hardwoods thru-out, new blinds, updated heating and appliances + new appliances. Delightful deck. Pet-friendly community with renovated gym. Low condo fees. Extra storage. Near Metro.



**Cindy Nelson 703.965.7562**  
**ARLINGTON \$ 899,000**

Showroom ready 2BR/2BA unit with gleaming hardwoods. Gourmet kitchen with Sub-Zero, Viking, Wolf & Miele appliances. 2013 upgrades include granite, glass backsplash, designer fixtures, new carpet in BR and fresh paint. 2 balconies. Walk to Courthouse Metro.



**Brian Hong & Jerry Beamer 703.929.5764**  
**ALEXANDRIA \$ 800,000 OPEN SUNDAY 1 - 4**

**5662 CLOUDS MILL DR** Gorgeous 4BR/3.5BA Colonial with 3 level bump-out, 2-story foyer, open floor plan. Gourmet kitchen with island, granite, SSA. Master suite with tray ceiling and sitting room. Timberex deck/custom stone patio. www.brianandjerry.com



**Brian Hong & Jerry Beamer 703.929.5764**  
**ALEXANDRIA \$ 800,000 OPEN SUNDAY 1 - 4**

**522 N WEST ST** Lovely 2BR/1BA condo with gleaming hardwoods in living/dining area. Wood-burning fireplace in living room. Updated kitchen. Newer HVAC. Updated bath. New W/D. Master BR has rear balcony. Assigned off-street parking. Metro. www.brianandjerry.com



**Louise Devers 703.795.9944**  
**ALEXANDRIA \$ 467,500**

Do not miss this one in Potomac House! 2BR/1.5BA, garage parking space. Maple wood floors with caramel finish, custom paint and blinds. Shows like a model! Close to absolutely everything plus river views from the balcony.



**Janice Allen 703.509.0906**  
**ALEXANDRIA \$ 400,000**

Lovely 2BR/2BA unit with parking. Cherry hardwoods and granite in master suite and thru-out. Galley kitchen has SS appliances, upgraded cabinets + wine cooler. Separate dining room, ceiling fans and ample closets. Close to all Old Town offers, military and more!



**Debra Bell 703.350.9750**  
**ALEXANDRIA \$ 750,000**

Great Location. Great Price. Well-maintained 5BR/3BA home with fenced backyard, attached garage. Hardwoods on 2 levels. Living room has built-ins and fireplace. LL family room with fireplace and bedroom could convert to au-pair or in-law suite.

**RENTALS**

- 801 Howard St #404 \$1,500**
- The Plaza** Garden 2BA / 2BA Fireplace Garage  
Catherine Foltz 703.626.6914
- 904 Prince St #101 \$2,300**
- Old Town** Multi-Family 2BR / 1.5BA Fireplace  
Norma Gants 703.408.2560
- 400 Madison St #2106 \$2,400**
- Alexandria House** Hi-Rise 1BR / 1.5BA 1 Garage Space  
Walid Ashoor 703.585.6224
- 1032 N Royal St \$3,100**
- Watergate of Alex.** Townhouse 2BR / 2.5BA Frpl 2 Garage/2 Assigned  
Betsy Gorman 703.861.4825
- 5972 Manorview Way \$3,550**
- Northampton** Detached 4BR / 3.5BA Frpl 2 Garage  
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## ONGOING

**Historical Exhibit.** Through August at the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. "Sit Down and Take a Stand" commemorates the 1939 library sit-in of five African American men and its mastermind, Samuel Tucker. One of the earliest occasions of individuals using the sit-in as an act of civil disobedience in the modern civil rights movement. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 703-746-4356.

**Archeology in Action Tour.** Fridays in August. 11-11:45 a.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Take an inside look at the history of the Mount Vernon archaeology program and the current discovery efforts in progress. \$40 for four admission tickets, \$17 for adults, \$8 for children six to 11, \$16 for seniors. Visit [www.mountvernon.org/](http://www.mountvernon.org/) for more.

**Ice Cream Making.** Saturdays in August. 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at 3200 Mt. Vernon highway, Mount Vernon. Cool down with 18th century ice cream making demonstrations. Admission: Adults, \$18; Children, \$9; Under 5, free. Visit [www.mountvernon.org/](http://www.mountvernon.org/) for more.

**Art Exhibition.** Through Sunday, Aug. 31 at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St. Artist Steven Walls will show "Transient States," a solo exhibition, at the Torpedo Factory Art Center. On Thursday, Aug. 14 there will be a reception from 6-8 p.m. and an artist talk at 7 p.m. Call 703-838-4565 or visit [www.torpedofactory.org/partners/target-gallery/](http://www.torpedofactory.org/partners/target-gallery/) for more.

**Multiple Exposures Gallery.** Through Aug. 31, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursdays 2-8 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Fine art photography exhibition. Free. Visit [www.multipleexposuresgallery.com](http://www.multipleexposuresgallery.com) for more.

**Blue Star Museums.** More than 2,000 museums across America offer free admission to military personnel and their families this summer through Sept. 1. A complete list of museums is available at <http://arts.gov/national/blue-star-museums>. The museums in Alexandria participating in the program are Gadsby's Tavern Museum, the Lee-Fendall House Museum and Garden and Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum.

**"Fire."** Through Sept. 7. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Studio 18 of the Torpedo Factory Art Center at 105 North Union St. The artists' imagination is "fired" by heat, flames, burning, passion, fiery tempers, anger, explosive situations, camp fires, BBQs, and fireflies to name just a few possible interpretations. Free. Call 703-838-4565 or visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org).

**Art Exhibit.** Through Sept. 8, 6:30-8 p.m.; Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday, noon-6 p.m. at the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. An art exhibit titled, "Scapes and Structures." Free. Visit [www.theartleague.org](http://www.theartleague.org) for more.

**Doggy Happy Hours.** 5-8 p.m. at Jackson 20 and Hotel Monaco Alexandria, 480 King St. Thursdays during the summer. Free, drinks sold separately. Treats and water for dogs, with pet boutique and service vendors. Portions of proceeds benefit People. Animals. Love. Visit [www.Monaco-Alexandria.com/alexandria-hotel/doggy-happy](http://www.Monaco-Alexandria.com/alexandria-hotel/doggy-happy)



## Save the Date

Art at the Center celebrates with their 6th Annual Big Chalk Draw Friday, Aug. 29, 8-10 a.m. in the Art at the Center parking lot. This is a free community art event. The event will once again collect school supplies and backpacks to benefit children in need in the area. Art at the Center is located at 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. Call 703-201-1250 or visit [www.artatthecenter.org](http://www.artatthecenter.org) for more.

hour.html.

### Port City Playhouse's 37th Season.

Port City Playhouse, 1819 N. Quaker Lane. Port City Playhouse will begin its 2014-15 season of outstanding plays with the premiere of *Black Hole* by Jean Koppen. Performances are Friday-Saturday, Sept. 12-13, 19-20 and 26-27, and Tuesday, Sept. 23, at 8 p.m., with matinees on Saturday, Sept. 20 and 27, at 2 p.m. General admission tickets are \$18 for adults, \$16 for seniors, military and students, and \$14 for groups of ten or more. Visit [portcityplayhouse.org](http://portcityplayhouse.org) for more information.

### Art Exhibit.

Through Sept. 21 at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street. "Influence and Inspiration: The Art League Faculty Celebrates 60 Years." Exhibit showcases Washington Color School Artists to present League faculty. Reception Sunday, Sept. 7 from 4-6 p.m. Exhibit open Thursdays and Fridays noon-4 p.m., Saturdays 1-4 p.m., Sundays noon-4 p.m., and closed Mondays-Wednesdays. Visit [www.theartleague.org/content/influence\\_inspiration](http://www.theartleague.org/content/influence_inspiration) or call 703-683-1780 for more.

### Saving Mount Vernon.

Saturdays and Sundays through Oct. 26. 3:30 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Visit the rarely seen basement and wander the heroic area to learn the heroics of the estates caretakers. \$5 in addition to estate admission. Visit [www.mountvernon.org/](http://www.mountvernon.org/) for more.

### Through My Eyes.

Saturdays and Sundays through Oct. 26. 1:30 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Join people from Washington's world as they go about their daily activities, making several stops along the way. \$5 in addition to estate admission. Visit [www.mountvernon.org/](http://www.mountvernon.org/) for more.

### National Treasure Tour.

Through Oct. 31. 1-3 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. A tour dedicated to the behind the

scenes filming of "National Treasure 2: Book of Secrets." \$5 in addition to estate admission. Visit [www.mountvernon.org/](http://www.mountvernon.org/) for more.

### New Exhibit.

Mount Vernon invites visitors to explore George Washington's design for the grounds of his estate, through a new exhibition, "Gardens & Groves: George Washington's Landscape" at Mount Vernon through Jan. 12, 2016. Gardens & Groves is the first museum exhibition to focus specifically on Washington's landmark achievements as a landscape designer combining rarely-seen original documents, artwork, and books with period garden tools, landscape photography, and a scale model of the Mount Vernon estate. Included in admission \$18/adult; \$17/senior citizen; \$9/child age 6-11; children under 5 are free. Visit [www.mountvernon.org/](http://www.mountvernon.org/) for more.

### Alexandria Cars & Coffee

invites car enthusiasts to meet for coffee at Hollin Hall Shopping Center in front of Roseina's, 1307 Shenandoah Road. Owners of classic cars, hot rods, exotic cars, motorcycles and more meet to share car stories and drink coffee. Group meets the first Sunday of every month. 8:30-11 a.m.

### Songwriter's Showcase.

Every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at The Old Town Theater, 815 1/2 King St. Features a different Songwriter's Association of Washington artist each week. Visit [www.theoldtowntheater.com](http://www.theoldtowntheater.com) for tickets.

### George Washington's Mount Vernon

has joined Thomas Jefferson's Monticello and James Madison's Montpelier to expand the "Presidents Passport," Virginia's premier presidential trail. As an added bonus to this year's program, visitors to the Alexandria Visitors Center at 221 King St. showing or purchasing a ticket to any of the three presidential estates will, upon request, receive for free Alexandria's "Key to the City" pass, which grants access into nine historic sites and museums in Alexandria - a \$26 added value. Visit

[www.PresPassport.Monticello.org](http://www.PresPassport.Monticello.org) for more.

### Fifty Years of Collecting.

Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sundays noon to 5 p.m. Fort Ward Museum 4301 West Braddock Road. An anniversary exhibit of objects from the Fort Ward collection. Free. Visit [www.fortward.org](http://www.fortward.org) or call 703-746-4848.

### Dinner for the Washingtons.

Noon at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. A walking tour that goes behind the scenes to find out how food was prepared and served before the era of microwaves and TV dinners. \$5 in addition to estate admission. Visit

## FOOD & DRINK

### Summer Restaurant Week.

Through Aug. 24, in neighborhoods throughout Alexandria, including Old Town, Del Ray, Carlyle and West End. \$35 for a three-course dinner or \$35 for dinner for two. Menu options vary by location. Visit [www.AlexandriaRestaurantWeek.com](http://www.AlexandriaRestaurantWeek.com) or call 703-746-3301 for more.

### Mount Vernon Farmers Market.

8 a.m.-noon, Wednesdays, through Dec. 17. Fresh local food, artisan crafts. Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/mtvernonmkt.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/mtvernonmkt.htm) for more.

### Kingstowne Farmers Market.

4-7 p.m., Fridays, through Oct. 31. Giant parking lot, 5955 Kingstowne Towne Center. Products include fresh organic honey, pies and rolls. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/kingstownemkt.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/kingstownemkt.htm) for more.

### Old Town Farmers Market.

7 a.m.-noon, Saturdays year round. Local farmers and artists have been selling products there since 1753. Located at Market Square, 301 King St. Call 703-746-3200 or email [oldtownfarmersmarket@alexandriava.gov](mailto:oldtownfarmersmarket@alexandriava.gov).

### Del Ray Farmers Market.

8 a.m.-noon, Saturdays year round. Features fresh vegetables and fruits in season, meats, eggs, fresh pasta and sauces, Amish cheese, yogurt, bakery goods and more. Located at the corner of East Oxford and Mount Vernon avenues. Contact [pmiller1806@comcast.net](mailto:pmiller1806@comcast.net) for more.

### Four Mile Run Farmers & Artisans Market.

9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays through November. Brings fresh nutritious foods to people of all income levels. Located at the entrance to Four Mile Run Park at 4109 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit [www.4mrmkt.org/](http://www.4mrmkt.org/) for more.

### West End Farmers Market.

8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays through November. Fresh, locally grown, in-season vegetables as well as sweet juicy berries, apples, pears, and seasonal peaches. Vendors also sell fresh-squeezed orange juice, fresh-baked pastries, gourmet cheeses and more. Located at Ben Brenman Park, 4800 Brenman Park Drive. Visit [www.westendfarmersmarket.org/#FarmersMarket](http://www.westendfarmersmarket.org/#FarmersMarket) for more.

[www.mountvernon.org/](http://www.mountvernon.org/) for more.

### Second Thursday Music.

Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. 7 pm. Second Thursday of every month. Visit [nvfaa.org](http://nvfaa.org) to view concert calendar and listen to upcoming Second Thursday Music artists.

## CAMPS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

### Cool Yoga.

Wednesdays, through Aug. 27, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at 1900 Mt. Vernon Ave., Del Ray. Outdoor yoga classes. Free. Call Maureen Clyne at 703-967-8884 or visit [www.prasadayoga.com](http://www.prasadayoga.com) for more.

### Art Classes.

Fall registration has begun at Art at the Center, 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. Register by Friday, Aug. 29 to take advantage of the early bird discount. Art at the Center is located at 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. Call 703-201-1250 or visit [www.artatthecenter.org](http://www.artatthecenter.org) class listings and registration information.

### Creating and Portraying a Living History Character.

This four-part workshop taught by an experienced first-person interpreter will demonstrate how to research and develop a first-person character, select appropriate period clothes, offer practice sessions in character, and provide an opportunity (and goal) to step out onto the "stage" during Gadsby's Tavern Museum's 2014 Candlelight Tour Program. Meant for beginners, participation in all four classes is recommended. Classes are held at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal Street 2-4 p.m. on Sundays, Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2, and Dec. 7. Cost is \$40 for the series, \$12 per class as space allows; tickets must be purchased in advance either through the online shop at <http://shop.alexandriava.gov> or by calling 703-746-4242. Visit [www.gadsbystavern.org](http://www.gadsbystavern.org) for more.

### Metropolitan School of the Arts Classes.

5775 Barclay Drive, Suite 4. The Metropolitan School of the Arts will begin classes on Monday, Sept. 8. The studios offer beginner and advanced instruction in a variety of different dance forms, including tap, jazz, ballet, Pointe, Irish dance, contemporary, acting, combination classes, hip-hop or theatre as well as piano and guitar lessons. Registration is available online at [www.metropolitanarts.org](http://www.metropolitanarts.org).

### Photography Workshop.

10:30 a.m.-noon at Multiple Exposures Gallery

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on 105 N. Union St. 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.

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

## SATURDAY/AUG. 23

**Meet The Designer.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at PetSage, 2391 South Dove St. Meet Laura Corn, founder and designer of Corn Dog Collars (and cat collars). Corn Dog Collars offer fun patterns on coordinated webbing for to show off a pet's personality or to join in seasonal fun. Visit [www.petsage.com](http://www.petsage.com) or call 703-299-5044.

**Artist Material Market.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Vendors, along with many artists, will be selling or trading a variety of art supplies for uses across the visual media. Free admission. Visit <http://torpedofactory.org/event/art-material-market/> for more.

**Fall Vegetable Gardening.** 10:30 a.m.-noon. Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Come and learn all you need to know to keep your garden growing during the fall and winter months. The program is free, but registration is requested. Call 703-228-6414 or email [mgarlalex@gmail.com](mailto:mgarlalex@gmail.com).

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. at The

Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Performance by Mary Bridget Davies. \$25. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) or call 703-549-7500.

**Live music.** 7 p.m. at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. Focus Music in Mount Vernon presents folk singer/songwriters Al Petteway and Amy White. Tickets \$15-\$18. Discounts available for Focus members. Visit [www.focusmusic.org](http://www.focusmusic.org), or contact Herb Cooper-Levy at 703-380-3151 or [herb@focusmusic.org](mailto:herb@focusmusic.org) for more.

## SUNDAY/AUG. 24

**Duck Race.** 11 a.m. at Cameron Run Water Park, 4001 Eisenhower Blvd. Adopt a rubber duck for a chance to win excellent prizes. Single tickets, \$5. Discounts available with multiple tickets. Visit <http://origin.library.constantcontact.com/download/get/file/1112142899919-17/Duck+Race+2014.pdf> for more.

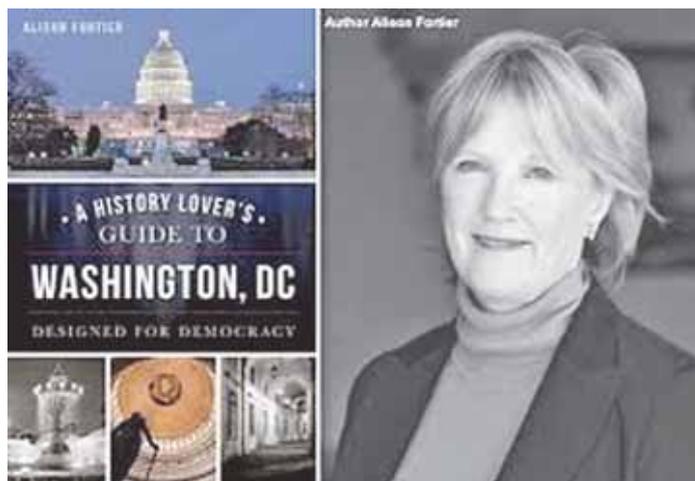
**Lyceum Summer Chamber Series.** 3 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Bassoonist Aaron Goler and pianist Stephen Bertino perform. Free, donations accepted at the door. Visit [www.wmpamusic.org](http://www.wmpamusic.org) or call 703-799-8229 for more.

## MONDAY/AUG. 25-FRIDAY/NOV 21

**Young at Art.** Opening Reception, Aug. 27, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St. An exhibit for artists who are 55 or older. Free. Call 703-836-4414 or 703-824-1345 for more.

## WEDNESDAY/AUG. 27

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Larry Graham and



## Book Talk

Join author Alison Fortier as she curates an expedition to the shining city on a hill, in her book "A History Lover's Guide to Washington, D.C." From George Washington's Mount Vernon to the Kennedy Center, trek through each era of Washington, D.C. Saturday, Aug. 23, 2 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Free. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org) or call 703-548-0035 for more.

Graham Central Station. \$69.50. Visit [www.larrygraham.com](http://www.larrygraham.com) or [www.Birchmere.com](http://www.Birchmere.com) for more.

## THURSDAY/AUG. 28

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Chris Hillman & Herb Pedersen and Carlene Carter perform. \$29.50. Visit [www.chrishillman.com](http://www.chrishillman.com), <http://herbpedersen.com>, [www.carlenecarter.net](http://www.carlenecarter.net) or

[www.Birchmere.com](http://www.Birchmere.com) for more.

## FRIDAY/AUG. 29

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. at Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mt. Vernon Memorial Highway. Performance by Seldom Scene using a wide range of different instruments. Free. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/) for more.

## SATURDAY/AUG. 30

**5K and 1M family Fun Run.** 8 a.m. Fun Run, 8:30 a.m. 5K at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 8710 Mount Vernon Highway. Proceeds benefit local non-profit groups as well as the Shepherd's Gate grant program. 5K: \$30 for adults, \$20 for 18 and under. 1M: \$20 for adults, \$15 for 16 and under. Visit <http://gs-cc.org/getinvolved-intlfestivalrun.php> for more.

**White Elephant Sale.** 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 8710 Mount Vernon Highway. Shop for found treasures at one of the largest indoor yard sales in the area. Proceeds benefit local non-profit groups as well as the Shepherd's Gate grant program. \$10 8:30-9:30 a.m.; free after 9:30 a.m. Visit <http://gs-cc.org/getinvolved-intlfestivalelephant.php> for more.

**Wreath Laying at the Grave of Robert Allison, Jr.** 10 a.m. at Old Presbyterian Meeting House Cemetery & Columbarium, 600 Hamilton Lane. As part of the official British Challenge, help honor the Veterans of the War of 1812 by marking the graves of those who fought throughout the cemetery. Visit [www.visitalexandriava.com/1812](http://www.visitalexandriava.com/1812) for more.

**Cricket Match.** Noon-6 p.m. at Jefferson Cricket Field, Potomac Park, Washington, D.C. Team Alexandria will be taking on Team Britain as part of the British Challenge and memorial of the War of 1812. Visit [www.visitalexandriava.com/1812](http://www.visitalexandriava.com/1812) for more.

**U.S. Navy Band Concert.** 3-4 p.m.

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## CALENDAR

at Market Square, 300 King St. The US Navy Band will be holding a concert as part of the British Challenge and memorial of the War of 1812. Visit [www.visitalexandriava.com/1812](http://www.visitalexandriava.com/1812) for more.

**Honors Ceremony.** 4:30-5 p.m. at Alexandria National Cemetery, 1450 Wilkes St. There will be an honors ceremony as part of the official British Challenge featuring the Continental Color Guard with Fife and Drum. Seating opens at 4:15 p.m. Visit [www.visitalexandriava.com/1812](http://www.visitalexandriava.com/1812) for more.

**Bill Kirchen.** 7:30 p.m. The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. \$29.50. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) for more.

### SUNDAY/AUG. 31

**Yacht Race.** 11 a.m. at Old Dominion Boat Club, 1 King St. As part of the official British Challenge Team Alexandria (Old Dominion Boat Club) will take on Team Britain (British Defence Staff, UK Embassy) in a Yacht Race. Visit [www.visitalexandriava.com/1812](http://www.visitalexandriava.com/1812) for more.

**Signature Event.** Noon-5 p.m. at Waterfront Park, 1A Prince St. Waterfront Park will be transformed into a festival to commemorate the events of the War of 1812. Meet townspeople of 1814, enjoy boat tours of the river, listen to the U.S. Navy Sea Chanters, Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps and learn more about the War of 1812 through a variety of hands-on activities and information booths. Visit [www.visitalexandriava.com/1812](http://www.visitalexandriava.com/1812) for more.

**Lyceum Summer Chamber Series.** 3 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Pianist Thomas Pandolfi performs music by Chopin and Gershwin. Free, donations accepted at the door. Visit [www.wmpamusic.org](http://www.wmpamusic.org) or call 703-799-8229 for more.

**Tug of War.** 3:30 p.m. at Waterfront Park, 1A Prince St. Watch as Team Alexandria (City of Alexandria Fire Fighters) takes on Team Britain (British Defence Staff, UK Embassy) in a tug of war. Visit [www.visitalexandriava.com/1812](http://www.visitalexandriava.com/1812).

**Presentation and Recognition of British Challenge Winners.** 4:15 p.m. at Waterfront Park, 1A Prince St. There will be presentations and

recognition of the Cricket, Yacht Race and Tug of War winners from the British Challenge. Visit [www.visitalexandriava.com/1812](http://www.visitalexandriava.com/1812).

**Live Music.** 7 p.m. at Fort Hunt Park, 8999 Fort Hunt Road. The United States Air Force Band playing Celtic Aire. Free. Visit [www.usafband.af.mil](http://www.usafband.af.mil) for more.

### MONDAY/SEPT. 1

**International Festival.** 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 8710 Mount Vernon Highway, Alexandria. This multicultural festival features ethnic foods and drinks, live entertainment, children's rides and games, bingo, and a raffle with a grand prize of \$10,000. Festival proceeds benefit local non-profit groups as well as the Shepherd's Gate grant program. Free admission. Visit <http://gs-cc.org/getinvolved-intlfestival.php> for more.

### TUESDAY/SEPT. 2

**Stained Glass.** 6-8 p.m. at Morrison House, 116 S. Alfred St. Artist Joseph Cavalieri combines modern elements with time-honored processes used by Medieval stained glass artists. He will be showing images of his hand-painted and silk-screened stained glass works and will do a demonstration of silk screening on glass. Visit [www.morrisonhouse.com](http://www.morrisonhouse.com).

### TUESDAY/SEPT 2-SUNDAY/OCT. 12

**Photography Exhibit.** Opening Reception on Sunday, Sept. 7, 2-4 p.m. Gallery Hours 11 a.m.-5 p.m. daily and 2-9 p.m. on Thursdays at Multiple Exposures Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center #312, 105 N. Union St. E.E. McCollum will be showing images from his "Shadow Series" and Danny Conant will be showing "French Impressions." Visit [www.dannyconant.com](http://www.dannyconant.com) or [www.eemccollum.com](http://www.eemccollum.com) for more.

### THURSDAY/SEPT. 4

**Live Music.** 6-9 p.m. Mount Vernon Inn restaurant, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. The Kevin Kline Band performs covers of many familiar Billy Joel, Elton John and Bruce Hornsby tunes. Free. Visit [www.mountvernon.org/Inn](http://www.mountvernon.org/Inn) for more.  
**History Presentation.** 7:30-8:30 p.m. at George Washington Masonic

National Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive. British naval historian Andrew Lambert presents "When John Bull Came to Town: Alexandria in the War of 1812." \$10 per person. Seating is limited. Purchase tickets at [shop.alexandriava.gov](http://shop.alexandriava.gov) or call 703-746-4242 for more.

### FRIDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 5-OCT. 5

**Electronic Athletics.** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Opening reception is Sept. 6, 4-6 p.m. Schlesinger Center, Margaret W. & Joseph L. Fisher Gallery, 4915 East Campus Lane. Exhibit of artwork by Eric Celarier and Glen Kessler. Free. Visit <https://www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/calendar.html>.  
**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Euge Groove performs live. \$39.50. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) or [www.eugegroove.com](http://www.eugegroove.com).

### SATURDAY/SEPT. 6

**Sculpture Workshop.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Ave. Artist Laura Hummel teaches a mixed-media sculpture workshop about how to repurpose new or vintage metals and more. \$55-\$65. Visit [www.thedelrayartisans.org/birdworkshop](http://www.thedelrayartisans.org/birdworkshop) for more.  
**Dedication Ceremony.** 10 a.m. at the Contrabands and Freedmen Cemetery Memorial along Church Street, just west of the intersection with South Washington St. The City has created a new webpage for the event on the homepage of the Office of Historic Alexandria, at [www.historicalexandria.org](http://www.historicalexandria.org). Visit for additional activities surrounding the dedication.  
**All the President's Pups.** 10 a.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Bring digs to explore the Estate and learn about canine life at mount vernon. \$5 for dogs, in addition to estate admission for humans. Visit [www.mountvernon.org/](http://www.mountvernon.org/) for more.  
**Dance.** Lessons at 6:30 p.m., dance at 7-9:30 p.m. at Lincolnia Senior Center, 4710 N. Chambliss St., Alexandria. Country-Western themed dance with music provided by a DJ. Smoke and alcohol free. Bring your own refreshments. NVCWDA members, \$10; non-members, \$12; children under 18 with a paying adult, \$5. Visit [www.nvcwda.org](http://www.nvcwda.org).

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# Extending Summer Reading

Local educators say reading is just as important as youngsters get ready to go back to school.

By MARILYN CAMPBELL  
GAZETTE PACKET

The start of school is just around the corner. Summer reading requirements are finished and reading contests sponsored by local libraries are coming to an end. That doesn't mean that the waning days of summer can't be filled with exciting reads. Local educators and library media specialists underscore the importance of not losing reading as school starts.

"Continuing to read during the last days of summer is a good way to help with the transition back to school, even for children

who are going to preschool for the first time," said Potomac, Md.-based reading specialist Mimi Kurz. "Make it fun. Allow children to choose their own books. The most important thing is they keep reading."

In fact, the American Academy of Pediatrics recently underscored the importance of reading, even urging parents to read to their newborn babies. "Early exposure to books and reading is getting quite a bit of buzz right now, and I hope it keeps up," said Melissa Davis, head of Lower School, Alexandria Country Day School. "Exploring and reading books, as well as plenty of time for talk and enjoyment of the story are key factors in reading acquisition."

## Book Suggestions

Suggestions from Melissa Davis, head of Lower School, Alexandria Country Day School

### Toddler/Pre-School suggestions:

**Naming Books**  
"What Is It?" by Tana Hoban  
"Red, Blue, Yellow Shoe" by Tana Hoban  
"Max's First Word" By Rosemary Wells

**Toy Books**  
"Pat the Bunny" by Dorothy Kinhardt  
"Where's Spot?" by Eric Hill  
"Maisy Goes to Bed" by Lucy Cousins

**Rhymes and Songs**  
"Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes and Other Action Rhymes" by Zita Newcome  
"Hush Little Baby" by Marla Frazee  
"I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly"

by Simms Taback  
"The Wheels on the Bus" by Paul Zelinsky

**Mother Goose**  
"Here Comes Mother Goose Edited" by Iona Opie and Rosemary Wells  
"Tomie de Paola's Mother Goose" by Tomie de Paola  
"Each Peach Pear Plum" by Allen and Janet Ahlberg  
"A Movable Mother Goose" by Robert Sabuda

**Alphabet Books**  
"Chicka Chicka Boom Boom" by Marin and Archambault  
"Animal Alphabet" by Bert Kitchen  
"Alligator Arrived with the Apples" by Crescent Dragonwood  
"A Book of Letters" by Ken Wilson-Max

**Counting Books**

"Ten, Nine, Eight" by Molly Bang  
"Carlo Likes Counting" by Jessica Spanyol  
"Rain Dance" by Kathi Appelt

**Concept Books**  
"Exactly the Opposite" by Tana Hoban  
"My Feet" by Alike  
"I Love Guinea Pigs" by Dick King-Smith

**Wordless Books**  
"Truck" by Donald Crews  
"Pancakes for Breakfast" by Tomie dePaola  
"Picnic" by Emily McCully

**Pattern/Predictable Books**  
"Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?" by Bill Martin Jr. and Eric Carle  
"The Napping House" by Audrey Wood  
"Rosie's Walk" By Pat Hutchins

Book Suggestions from Elizabeth Lockwood, library media specialist, Alexandria Country Day School

**Preschool Books**  
"Where's My Teddy" by Jez Alborough  
"When Dinosaurs Came With Everything" by Elise Broach  
"Stellaluna" by Janell Cannon  
"Freight Train" by Donald Crews  
"Jamberry" by Bruce Degen  
"Go Away, Big Green Monster" by Ed Emberley  
"Chrysanthemum" by Kevin Henkes  
"Where's Spot?" by Eric Hill  
"Biggest, Strongest, Fastest" by Steve Jenkins  
"Mama, Do You Love Me?" by Barbara Joose  
"The Snowy Day" by Ezra Jack Keats

"George and Martha" by James Marshall  
"Chicka Chicka Boom Boom" by Bill Martin  
"Everywhere Babies" by Susan Meyers  
"Piggy in the Puddle" by Charlotte Pomerantz  
"Where the Wild Things Are" by Maurice Sendak  
"Sheep in a Jeep" by Nancy Shaw  
"Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus" by Mo Willems  
"Owl Babies" by Martin Waddell  
"Yoko" by Rosemary Wells  
"A Chair for My Mother" by Vera Williams

Book Suggestions from Diana Price, Central Library Youth Services manager, Alexandria Library

### Grade school suggestions:

**Picture Books (gr. K-2):**  
"Peck Peck Peck" by Lucy Cousins  
"Peanut Butter and Jellyfish" by Jarrett Krosoczka  
"The Pigeon Needs a Bath" by Mo Willems  
"Gaston" by Kelly DiPucchio  
"Don't Play With Your Food!" by Bob Shea

**Chapter Books (gr. 3-5):**  
"Operation Bunny" by Sally Gardner  
"Fortunately, the Milk" by Neil Gaiman  
"The False Prince" by Jennifer Nielsen  
"Counting by 7s" by Holly Goldberg Sloan

**Middle School Fiction (ages 12+)**  
"Midwinterblood" by Marcus Sedgwick  
"We Were Liars" by E. Lockhart  
"Mister Orange" by Truus Matti  
"The Last Dragonslayer" by Jasper Fforde  
"Lockwood & Co. The Screaming Staircase" by Jonathan Stroud

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# Removing Barriers to College

Local services help students complete college paperwork, remove barriers.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
GAZETTE PACKET

**L**aQuita King relocated across the state from Chesapeake, Va., to Alexandria in the summer of 2013, moving into an apartment with her aunt and three cousins. King had just graduated from high school and was looking forward to taking classes at Northern Virginia Community College. So far, that hasn't happened.

"There were a lot of financial aid forms that I needed to fill out," said King, who is one of six children in her family and the first to finish high school. "Everything is online and if you make one mistake you have to start over. There were a ton of registration forms that I had to fill out. It just got to be too much."

Finally, King got a job, although she still hopes to attend college one day. Her plight, say college officials, is not uncommon. In fact, the amount of paperwork that students must complete can overwhelm some students, particularly those with limited financial means and who might be the first in their families to seek higher education. A recent study by researchers at Stanford University showed that the stacks of forms that students must complete in order to enroll in college deter students from lower and working class backgrounds.

"Paperwork can sometimes hinder some students from attending because they may not know how to follow up in regards to what documents to submit, or may be afraid to do it and get discouraged if they do not have someone to help them figure out how to complete paperwork and requirements," said Laydy Reyes, program coordinator, Early Identification Program in George Mason University's Division of University Life.

However, programs, on college campuses and in the community can assist students. "There are counselors and programs available to help them," said Jennifer Gonzalez of the Public Information Office at Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA). "There are some students who don't know how to fill out forms and our counselors have a full range of tools to help those students."

For example, NOVA's College Pathway Initiatives is a set of four programs that provides support and service to students from underrepresented populations. The initiatives help remove some barriers to higher education while helping increase the num-



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**Parents and students attend a college readiness presentation at Westover Public Library in Arlington. While completing the necessary paperwork to attend college can overwhelm some, local educators say there are community resources to help.**

ber of students who succeed in and graduate from college.

**REYES HAS SEEN FIRSTHAND** how a simple bit of assistance can mean the difference between attending college and not. "[There is] a Mason student who comes from a single parent household. ... The student was granted a scholarship through the Early Identification Program and Mason's

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— Laydy Reyes, George Mason University

financial aid services that has helped to pay for the student's college education," she said. "The student is currently a senior working on a degree in bioengineering."

Mason's Early Identification Program (EIP) has a long record of helping first generation students from low-income families

cross some of the hurdles to a higher education. "Mason's Admissions Office plays an instrumental role of support in collaborating with EIP regarding the college application process so that it is more simple, and that our students receive advice and resources to complete the application and successfully transition to Mason," said Reyes.

Some of the services that George Mason University offers are college essay and re-

sume workshops where students have access to a computer lab and assistance completing college entrance essays. Mason also has no-cost Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) workshops where students and their families meet in a computer lab and get

assistance completing financial aid forms. Reyes points to other programs on campus that are available to assist students:

- ❖ College Prep — For three weeks during the summer, students are introduced to financial aid advisors, academic advisors, and others who could be a resource to students once they are in college.
- ❖ During Mason's Early Identification Program annual Summer Academy at the Fairfax and Prince William campuses, they begin to work on the Mason admissions application so that it is ready to submit in the fall.

- ❖ During their senior year of high school, Mason officials work to make sure students in the Early Identification Program submit the online application and required docu-

ments such as the essay, recommendation letters, secondary school report, SAT/ACT scores.

**AT MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY** in Arlington, newly accepted students receive an acceptance package with detailed instructions on completing forms. The university hosts campus visit days where students can learn about the school and get assistance completing necessary paperwork. Financial aid officers are also available to help students identify available scholarships and ensure that all financial aid paperwork is complete. Services offered by the Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington, including the Catholic Charities Education Program, can also assist students who might experience difficulty cutting through the college paperwork red tape.

"Christian Area Network and Hogar Immigrant Services are two programs that can help students complete paperwork necessary for college," said Maria Drule of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington.

Arlington County Public Libraries can also be a source of assistance. Local school counselors and other counseling professionals offer free or low-cost assistance.

"I ... am available for one-on-one assistance with an appointment," said Kathryn Oberg of Arlington County Public Libraries. "For quick help, patrons are encouraged to approach a professional librarian at any of our branch libraries for assistance finding information."

Meanwhile, King has a full-time job and is not sure when she will resume her efforts to get a college education. She is pleased to know that there are services in the City of Alexandria, as well as Arlington and Fairfax counties that can guide students through the maze of paperwork and lead them to a college classroom, and hopes to use them soon.

## Where to Go for Help with College Paperwork

### Arlington County

- ❖ Catholic Charities, [www.cdda.net](http://www.cdda.net)
- ❖ Arlington County Public Library, <http://library.arlingtonva.us/programs/education-programs/college/>
- ❖ Marymount University, [www.marymount.edu/parents](http://www.marymount.edu/parents)

### Fairfax County

- ❖ George Mason University, <http://>

[eip.gmu.edu/](http://eip.gmu.edu/)

- ❖ Department of Family Services, [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/disabilities/transition.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/disabilities/transition.htm)

### City of Alexandria

- ❖ Alexandria County Public Schools, [www.acps.k12.va.us/tcw/counseling/career-center/](http://www.acps.k12.va.us/tcw/counseling/career-center/)

## HISTORY

# Battle of Bladensburg – August 1814

BY TED PULLIAM

This is the seventh of a series of articles telling how Alexandrians were affected 200 years ago by the War of 1812. For earlier articles in this series, go to alexandriagazette.com.

**O**n Aug. 18, 1814, authorities in Washington learned that British warships were sailing up the Patuxent River in considerable force. Was Washington their target? Taking no chances, the authorities immediately ordered the District of Columbia militiamen, including the Alexandria Brigade under General Robert Young, to report for duty.

Simultaneously, they ordered General Young to dispatch the Alexandria Dragoons to meet Secretary of State James Monroe in Maryland at 4 a.m. the next morning. Several days later, the Dragoons would ride with Monroe to the fiasco of the Battle of Bladensburg, the British victory that enabled the British army to seize Washington.

Monroe had volunteered to ride to the Patuxent “to find and reconnoiter the enemy.” No one seemed to think it unusual for a 56-year-old secretary of state to go on a scouting expedition, but Monroe was a veteran of the Revolutionary War with a bullet wound in his shoulder to prove it. Thus, on Aug. 19 at 1 p.m., Monroe rode out to seek the British accompanied by 25 or 30 Alexandria Dragoons as his escorts and messengers.

The Dragoons were led, as they had been on their adventurous ride to the Patuxent in June, by Alexandria druggist Captain William H. Thornton. Members of the Dragoons included relatives of several prominent Alexandrians. Young Privates Thomas and William Herbert were sons of Thomas Herbert, president of the Common Council. Cornet Samuel Thompson, 21, was the son of prosperous merchant and wharf owner Jonah Thompson of 209-211 North Fairfax Street, for whom Thompson’s Alley is named. Private Robert Conway, age 22, was the nephew of former Mayor Richard Conway, who in 1789 had loaned money to George Washington so Washington could



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**Secretary of State James Monroe and the Alexandria Dragoons scout British soldiers landing at Benedict, Md., on the Patuxent River.**

clear his Virginia debts and go to New York to become President of the United States.

On the morning of the 20<sup>th</sup>, Monroe and the Alexandria Dragoons arrived on a hill overlooking the Patuxent about three miles from Benedict, Md. Monroe quickly sent one of the Dragoons to President Madison with the news that the British were disembarking numerous soldiers at Benedict. Where they were headed — to Washington, Annapolis, or Baltimore — was unclear.

For the next several days, Monroe continued to follow the British army as it marched north generally parallel to the Patuxent River, and he continued to send, by the fast-riding Dragoons, messages about the enemy’s movements and strength to General William H. Winder, the American army’s commander, President Madison, and even the French ambassador.

Although General Winder commanded the American army, he had only limited military experience, and that experience included blundering into the British lines near Lake Ontario, being captured, and remaining a prisoner for almost a year. While the British army was marching through Maryland, the American army under Winder only monitored the British from afar while repeatedly moving backwards and forwards uncertain as to the enemy’s destination. Historian Henry Adams wrote, “Thus for five full days a British army marched in a leisurely manner through a long-settled country, and met no show of resistance.”

Finally it was clear that the British were

marching toward Washington by way of Bladensburg, a town of about 1,500 inhabitants on the east bank of the Eastern Branch (now the Anacostia River) six miles from Washington. There the road to Washington led over a bridge crossing the Branch at a spot where it narrowed and could be waded easily.

On the morning of Aug. 24, Winder ordered his army to Bladensburg. There the army was positioned disjointedly by individual unit commanders, by Monroe employing Captain Thornton’s Alexandria Dragoons, and by Winder into three parallel lines on the west side of the Branch facing the British in the town on the opposite bank. The lines, however, were too far apart to support each other effectively.

Early in the afternoon, the British charged. After being checked briefly by fire from the Americans, these veterans of battles against Napoleon quickly rallied, crossed the bridge or waded through the Branch, and swept through the American’s three lines one at a time, driving most of the largely inexperienced and tired American soldiers off to Washington at a run.

President Madison, Secretary of State Monroe, and other civil leaders were near the first line when the battle started. They soon moved to a place behind the third line, and when all appeared lost, they hastily retreated into Washington and then through it to the Virginia or Maryland countryside.

The Alexandria Dragoons also retreated, but it is unclear what they did next. Some

probably accompanied Monroe as he moved about the Maryland countryside, but many of them had been dispersed earlier in various directions while carrying messages. As a captain of another American cavalry unit reported: “The Alexandria troop . . . had so many detached on duties [elsewhere], as left but a few scattering ones on the field [at Bladensburg].”

In the meantime, Alexandria’s infantry under General Young missed the Bladensburg Battle entirely. Initially it had been assigned a position in Maryland three miles behind Fort Washington to guard the fort from attack by land. Then on the morning of the battle, Young was ordered to abandon that position and march to the Eastern Branch bridge into Washington. Before he reached that new position, however, he was ordered to cross the Potomac into Virginia. Then, after some of his men had embarked on boats to take them across the river, he received new orders to occupy a position north of Fort Washington. Finally, as the main army was retreating through Washington, Young again received orders to cross to Virginia, which he wearily did that night. Encamped west of Alexandria, he awaited further orders.

Meanwhile, word reached Washington and Alexandria that seven British warships were sailing up the Potomac River with only the poorly designed Fort Washington blocking their way.

#### MAIN SOURCES:

“Through the Perilous Fight” by Steve Vogel; *American State Papers, Military Affairs*.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FROM PAGE 11

less it gains accreditation which may involve shaking up the student body, rebalancing student assignments, and potentially re-growing the school. We all have a vested interest in helping our community school become a high-achieving institution for years to come – a \$44.2 million vested interest as City of Alexandria residents as well as our vested interest in the next generation.

I welcome wider community involvement and the extra scrutiny that will inevitably result from the new building as

efforts continue to improve Jefferson-Houston and student achievement.

**Jennifer Topping**  
Alexandria

## Animal Waste Fouls Water

To the Editor:

Recently the drinking water of 400,000 Toledo residents was fouled

by animal waste. With unfettered growth of animal agriculture and ineffective discharge regulations, it will happen again in our own state.

The problem has become pervasive. Waste from chicken farms has rendered ocean off the East Coast unfit for fishing. Waste from Midwest cattle ranches carried by Mississippi River has created a permanent “dead zone” in the Gulf of Mexico larger than that

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## Snapshot

Buzzing through the summer.

# PEOPLE



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## Generation-to-Generation Volunteering

Senior Services of Alexandria's volunteers — both young and old — have been delivering Meals on Wheels seven days a week throughout the summer months. Volunteers come from school organizations, non-profits, youth groups, faith communities and a dedicated group of individuals. Alexandria's seniors know they can count on home delivery of two healthy meals every day thanks to these organizations.



The Senior Services of Alexandria's board of directors.



Meals on Wheels Association of America and the AARP Foundation.



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St. Stephens & St. Agnes School students Derek Thomas and Ian Lloyd.



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The Old Presbyterian Meeting House Service Sunday volunteers.

Kenny, participant of St. Coletta's of Greater Washington and Senior Services' nominee as the Meals on Wheels Association of America volunteer of the year.

# TC Football Looking To Build on 2013 Playoff Berth

## Coach Randolph: Titans lacking senior leadership.

BY JON ROETMAN  
GAZETTE PACKET

**T**he class of 2014 played a huge role in helping the T.C. Williams football program end a 22-year playoff drought. Jeremiah Clarke, now a defensive tackle at the University of North Carolina, was a force on the offensive and defensive lines. Malik Carney, now a linebacker at UNC, delivered blows on defense while shouldering the load on offense as a running back.

There were many others who made significant contributions to the Titans' first playoff berth since 1990: Kevin Perry, Rashawn Jackson, Tyrice Henry, Philip Tyler, Timmy Rattanaphone and the list goes on.

Those guys are gone.

What the Titans have left entering the 2014 season are a handful of experienced seniors, a load of talented youngsters, and a need for leadership.

"The one thing that was really evident last year was we had a bunch of seniors that cared and really wanted to make a difference and change," head coach Dennis Randolph said. "They didn't miss a summer workout ... that's why we were so successful last year, because they stepped up. This year we don't have a tremendous amount of senior leadership."

T.C. Williams finished 7-3 during the 2013 regular season, qualified for the playoffs, and lost to South County in the opening

round. If the Titans are to build off last season's success, it will start with senior quarterback Darius Holland (6 feet 3, 190 pounds), who returns for his second season as a varsity starter.

"Everybody looks up to him," Randolph said, "so how Darius goes is how we're going to go."

Holland's physical talents were evident during his junior year, but his lack of experience at times led to questionable decision making. Holland said he has a better understanding of down and distance, such as not needing to throw deep in a third-and-manageable situation.

"I feel a lot more confident," Holland said. "I feel that my football IQ and knowledge of the game is enhanced."

Holland will be surrounded with a talented group of skill-position players. Junior running back Mahlique Booth (6-0, 165) is a speedy track athlete who briefly showed his talents at the varsity level as a sophomore before missing the end of the season with an injury. Seniors Terry Jordan (6-2, 180) and Isaiah Clarke (6-2, 180) are the Titans' outside receivers. Clarke, the younger brother of Jeremiah Clarke, ran track last season but did not play football.

"I know what I can do," he said. "Being the new guy, not a lot of people are expecting me to be a threat, so I have that surprise factor."

Junior Colson Jenkins (6-0, 165) and sophomore Hassan Atimbo (5-9, 157) are

the inside receivers.

"One of the things we have is tremendous athletes," Randolph said. "We have a run-

ning back who is a speedster. We have a quarterback who can run, we have two inside receivers who can run the ball and they can run open in space, and we have two guys that can go deep. Skill-wise, we have some excellent talent."

On the offensive line, senior Nick Stone (5-10, 200), a transfer from Wisconsin, will likely start at center. Junior Gareth Markel (6-0, 180) will start at left guard. Junior Ravon Bridges (6-0, 250) is expected to make an impact at one of the line positions.

Defensively, the Titans have switched to a 3-4 scheme. Sophomore Ryan Thaxton (6-4, 210) and senior Boubacar Diallo (6-0, 220) will likely see time on the line. Senior Chris Gannon (6-1, 187), Jenkins, and sophomores Matt Sloan (5-10, 167) and Teyan Williams (5-10, 192) will likely start at linebacker. Senior Mohamed Keita (5-5, 171) could also make an impact at linebacker.

Juniors Chris Waddell (6-1, 150) and Tavaris James (5-11, 173) could be impact players in the secondary.

T.C. Williams will open the season at home against Dunbar at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 6. The Titans host Oakton on Sept. 13. "I think they have a taste in

their mouth [of] what it's like to get in the playoffs and compete," Randolph said, "so they want to build on that."



**T.C. Williams senior quarterback Darius Holland returns for his second season as a varsity starter.**

PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFT/GAZETTE PACKET

# Titans 6th Grade Boys Team Takes National Title

## Team brings home National Travel Basketball Association 2014 Championship title.

**D**uring the week of July 20 through July 28, the Alexandria Titans 6th and 9th grade teams traveled to Myrtle Beach, S.C. to participate in the National Travel Basketball Association Nationals Championship Tournament. More than 300 teams were represented during this week-long tournament. Parental support, local donations and fundraising helped the teams afford the opportunity to stay in Myrtle Beach and to compete in this national tournament.

The Titans 6th Grade Team played seven games in which they were victorious in all except for one. They were given the oppor-

tunity to replay the team they lost to in the championship game and came out victorious and to be crowned the 2014 NTBA 6th Grade National Champions. Most of the players on the 6th grade teams have played in the city's Recreation Department League since the age of 8 representing the Charles Houston, William Ramsay, Mac Arthur, Cora Kelly and Nannie J. Lee Recreation Centers. The ages of the boys now are 12 and 13. Coaches Reginald Diggins and Willie "Giz" Jones are also from Alexandria have taken the 6th grade boys to several championship victories in local tournaments and now they are the national

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**Top row: Coach Reggie Diggins, Terrell Austin, Jihan, Coach Willie "Giz" Jones; middle row: Julius Manning-Jackson, Jaylen Gray, Bernard "BJ" Lee, and bottom row: Tavares Witherspoon, Donovan Eason and Tobias Kargbo.**

champions in their grade group.

The 9th Grade Team advanced to the semi-finals in which they took their first defeat which eliminated them from the champion-

ship game. Marvin J. Elliott, the commissioner of the Alexandria Titans organization and former coach of the 6th grade Alexandria Titans, believes this team of young

athletes has nothing but "great things in their future." In addition to the 6th and 9th grade teams Elliott also has a 4th and 7th grade team in the Titans organization.

## RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO ADOPT AND CHANGE CERTAIN RATES, FEES AND CHARGES

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Alexandria, Virginia Sanitation Authority d/b/a Alexandria Renew Enterprises, Inc. hereby signifies its intent to change certain rates, fees and charges to become effective October 1, 2014 and hereby sets the date of Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at 6:00 p.m., at the Authority's administration office, 1500 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22314 for a public hearing to receive comment regarding same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Executive Officer is hereby directed to have published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Alexandria, for two consecutive weeks, notice of the proposed change in the schedule of rates, fees and charges and the day and time of the public hearing.

The purpose of the proposed change is to convert from quarterly to monthly billing effective October 1, 2014. The preliminary schedule of rates, fees and charges are:

|  | Previously Adopted Quarterly Rates                     |                               | Proposed Monthly Rates   |                               |
|--|--|-------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
|  | FY2015 Effective Oct. 1, 2014                          | FY2016 Effective Oct. 1, 2015 | FY2015 Effective Oct. 1, 2014  | FY2016 Effective Oct. 1, 2015 |
| Single Family Residential Service Base Charge (All Accounts)         | \$25.15  | \$25.15                       | \$8.38   | \$8.38                        |
| Wastewater Treatment Charge (per 1,000 Gallons of water consumption) | \$6.64   | \$6.77                        | \$6.64   | \$6.77                        |
| Wastewater Treatment Billing Cap                                     | Greater of 9,000 gallons or Winter Quarter Water Usage |                               | Greater of 4,000 gallons or *Winter Period Monthly Average Water Usage |                               |

\*Winter Period defined as the months of December, January, and February.

### Master Metered (Residential Apartments and Condominiums) and Non-Residential Service

| Base Charge (All Accounts)                   |          |          |          |          |
|--|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 5/8-inch Meter Size                          | \$75.45  | \$75.45  | \$25.15  | \$25.15  |
| 3/4-inch Meter Size                          | 75.45    | 75.45    | 25.15    | 25.15    |
| 1-inch Meter Size                            | 188.62   | 188.62   | 62.87    | 62.87    |
| 1 1/2-inch Meter Size                        | 377.25   | 377.25   | 125.75   | 125.75   |
| 2-inch Meter Size                            | 603.59   | 603.59   | 201.20   | 201.20   |
| 3-inch Meter Size                            | 1,131.74 | 1,131.74 | 377.25   | 377.25   |
| 4-inch Meter Size                            | 1,886.23 | 1,886.23 | 628.74   | 628.74   |
| 6-inch Meter Size                            | 3,772.50 | 3,772.50 | 1,257.50 | 1,257.50 |
| 8-inch Meter Size                            | 8,676.75 | 8,676.75 | 2,892.25 | 2,892.25 |
| Wastewater Treatment Charge (per 1,000 Gals) | \$6.64   | \$6.77   | \$6.64   | \$6.77   |

### Preliminary Schedule of Rates Other Fees and Charges

In addition to rates for continuing service, the Authority has previously determined the fees and charges for the following services as set forth below:

#### Industrial Pretreatment Fee:

The annual Pretreatment Permit Fee for permitted industrial users shall be:  
 Significant Industrial User- \$1,500 per year  
 Non-significant Industrial User- \$ 500 per year

#### Deduct Meter Fees:

A one-time application fee to establish a new deduct meter shall be \$500, paid in full at the time of the application.  
 The charge for inspection of each deduct meter is \$100 per occurrence.  
 The charge for reading a deduct meter is \$50 per reading per occurrence.

#### Late Payment Charge:

10% of the unpaid balance on accounts not paid within 21 days of their billing date.

#### Returned Check Fee:

Handling charge for all returned checks shall be \$35 per occurrence.

#### Service Termination Related Fees:

Water service shut-off fee shall be \$45 for each occurrence.  
 Water service restoration fee after shut-off shall be \$45 for each occurrence.

#### Security Deposit:

All Customers opening a new account to establish wastewater treatment service or to re-establish sewer service due to non-payment and for which there is no existing deposit on account shall pay a security deposit in the amount specified below:

#### Minimum Deposit Requirement

| Class       | Meter Size | Current    | FY 14      | FY 15      |
|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Residential | 5/8"       | \$112.00   | \$75.00    | \$77.00    |
| Commercial  | 5/8"       | \$230.00   | \$79.00    | \$81.00    |
| Commercial  | "          | \$230.00   | \$79.00    | \$81.00    |
| Commercial  | 1"         | \$383.00   | \$130.00   | \$133.00   |
| Commercial  | 1 1/2"     | \$767.00   | \$261.00   | \$266.00   |
| Commercial  | 2"         | \$1,227.00 | \$418.00   | \$426.00   |
| Commercial  | 3"         | \$2,453.00 | \$834.00   | \$851.00   |
| Commercial  | 4"         | \$4,600.00 | \$1,564.00 | \$1,595.00 |

All other rates, fees and charges currently in force shall remain unchanged.



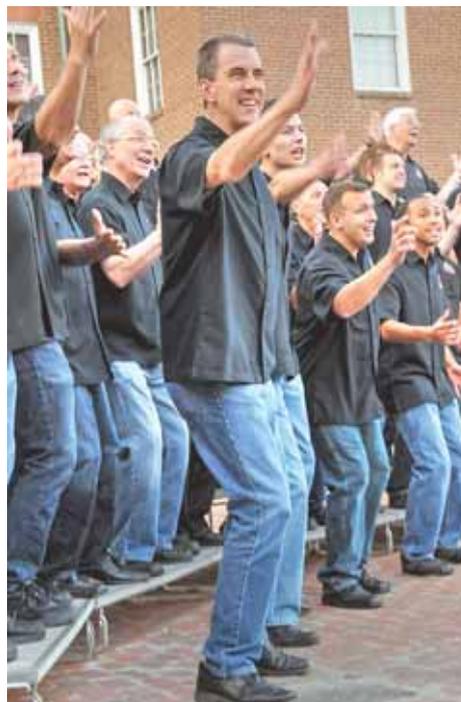
Joe Cerutti directs the chorus.

## Summer Evening Concert

The Alexandria Harmonizers performed at Market Square on Friday, Aug. 15, as part of the city's summer concert series. The chorus, founded in 1948, specializes in one of a *cappella's* most challenging forms, four-part harmony. Beginning as a "men's harmony club," the

group has grown into a world-class chorus with 80 to 100 men on stage, numerous medals from international competition, and performances in Canada, China, France and Germany. For more information on upcoming performances, bookings, visit [www.harmonizers.org](http://www.harmonizers.org)

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President of the Alexandria Harmonizers Chapter Terry Reynolds.



Todd Ryktarsyk and Dave Branstetter take center stage.



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## Louise LeCompte Hopkins

Louise LeCompte Hopkins, 85, of Alexandria, Virginia, died Friday August 15 at INOVA Mount Vernon Hospital after a courageous battle with cancer. She was a member of the INOVA Mount Vernon Hospital Auxiliary for the past 30 years serving as Manager of the Gift Shop. She also served on the IMVHA Board for 25 years. Prior to her service to the hospital Louise was Choral Director at Mount Vernon High School, retiring after 30 years with Fairfax County Schools. During this time she directed annual musicals and holiday Madrigal performances throughout the Alexandria area which became long standing community traditions. Louise served 2 years as President of the Auxiliary, was a weekend volunteer with Select Seconds, and worked tirelessly many years with the Mount Vernon Hospital Lights of Love benefit. Her valued service to both Mount Vernon communities, the high school and hospital, was frequently apparent with visits of many former students stopping into the gift shop for heart-warming hellos and hugs.

Louise was born in Frankfort, KY April 28, 1929, to the late Dr. Porter H. Hopkins, and Elizabeth Sophia Scott Hopkins of Alexandria, VA and Somerset, KY. She is survived by her sister Margaret Scott Hopkins Hieronymus of Springfield, Virginia and four nephews: Robert (Kristy) Hieronymus, of Marietta, GA; William Hieronymus, of Falls Church, VA; David (Karen) Hieronymus, of Pinehurst, NC; and John (Laura) Hieronymus, of Gaithersburg, MD. She was also preceded in death by her sister, Joan Hopkins Farmer of Alexandria, VA, and Toccoa, GA.

Louise is a graduate of Georgetown College and received a Masters in Education from the University of Kentucky. Prior to her service to Fairfax County Schools, Louise taught in the Louisville Kentucky School System.

Louise was an avid Redskins and college basketball fan (UK) and in earlier years enjoyed golf, bowling, and croquet.

Visitation and a Celebration of Life service will be held at the Demaine Funeral Home, 520 S. Washington St, Alexandria, VA at 1:00 pm Friday, Aug 22. Interment will follow at Mt. Comfort Cemetery, 6600 S Kings Hwy, Alexandria, VA.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Louise's name to the INOVA Mount Vernon Hospital Auxiliary.

Condolences may be made online @ [www.demainefuneralhomes.com](http://www.demainefuneralhomes.com)

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# POETRY

## Selfless Dedication

By Lillian J. Jeffrey

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flows through Alice Paul's veins,  
her pulse beat  
a women's right to vote,  
her fervor, women's equality

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stretched on the floor  
joints aching, limp  
she loses weight, not will or wit

Tubes and raw eggs  
forced down her sore throat,  
she bleeds, vomits  
loses weight, not will or wit

Her voice raises, echoes  
pieces ears, hypocrisy  
defender of world freedom  
denies women justice at home

Arrests, jail time, force feedings,  
marches, demonstrations  
captures front page news  
President Wilson, at last  
hears, announces support for  
women's suffrage

The Nineteenth Amendment  
enacted August 26, 1920, her  
mind marches on, she pens  
the Equal Rights Amendment, works  
for fair employment practices,  
until her last breath.

Posthumously, Alice Paul  
is inducted into the  
National Hall of Fame

Her voice and deeds live on in  
our mind, hearts and life.

The writer resides in Del Ray.

## LETTERS

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of the infamous 2010 BP oil spill.

Animal agriculture dumps more pollution to our waterways than all other human activities combined. Principal pollutants are animal manure, fertilizers, as well as soil particles, organic debris, and pesticides from feed cropland. Manure and fertilizers promote growth of toxic algae that poison drinking water supplies. Organic matter feeds microorganisms that deplete oxygen and kill fish.

Effective regulations to limit dumping of animal waste into water supplies have been blocked by the meat industry.

Fortunately, every one of us has the power to stop this outrage three times a day by saying "no" to polluting meat and dairy products.

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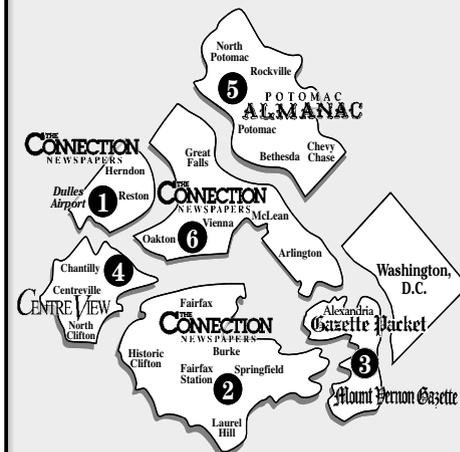
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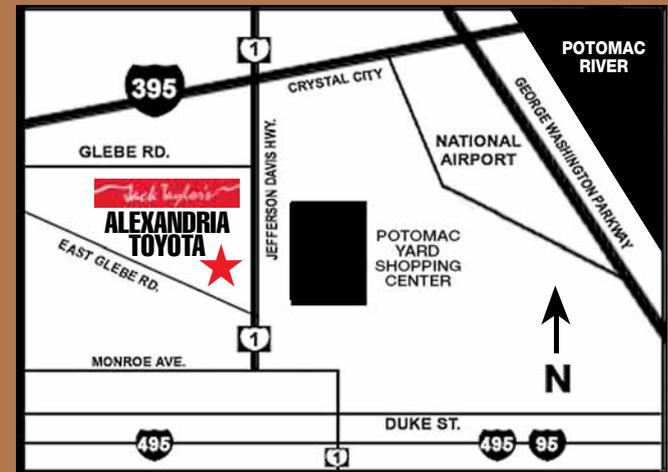
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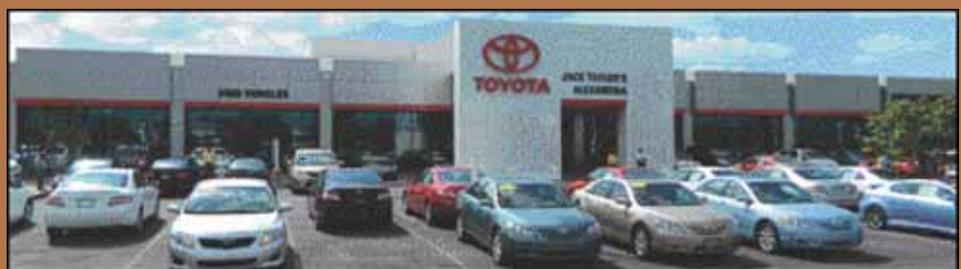
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| <p><b>OIL &amp; FILTER SERVICE SPECIAL</b></p> <p><b>\$5<sup>00</sup> OFF</b></p> <p><small>Includes: Change oil, install Genuine Toyota oil filter, inspect &amp; adjust all fluid levels and complimentary multi-point inspection with print out.</small></p> <p><small>NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. OFFER EXPIRES 8/31/14. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA.</small></p>   | <p><b>VARIABLE DISCOUNT</b></p> <p><b>\$5.00 OFF</b> with purchase of \$35.00 - \$49.99<br/> <b>\$10.00 OFF</b> with purchase of \$50.00 - \$99.99<br/> <b>\$15.00 OFF</b> with purchase of \$100.00 - \$199.99<br/> <b>\$20.00 OFF</b> with purchase of \$200.00 - \$499.99<br/> <b>\$50.00 OFF</b> with purchase of \$500.00 Or more</p> <p><small>NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. OFFER EXPIRES 8/31/14. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA.</small></p>  | <p><b>4 WHEEL ALIGNMENT</b></p> <p><b>\$79<sup>95</sup></b></p> <p><small>PREVENT UNEVEN WEAR</small></p> <p>Your car's alignment suffers, and can cause uneven tire wear, steering problems and decreased fuel economy.</p> <p><b>INCLUDES:</b> Inspect suspension, ball joints, struts &amp; shocks, tire condition and set tire pressure.</p> <p><small>NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. OFFER EXPIRES 8/31/14. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA. TAX AND SHOP SUPPLIES ADDITIONAL.</small></p>   | <p><b>SUMMER DETAIL SPECIAL</b></p> <p><b>\$119<sup>95</sup></b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>Vans &amp; SUVs add \$20.00.</p> <p><small>NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. OFFER EXPIRES 8/31/14. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA.</small></p>   |
| <p><b>TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE</b></p> <p><b>BRAKE SPECIAL</b></p> <p><b>\$99<sup>95</sup></b></p> <p><b>PADS</b></p> <p><b>Includes:</b> Install Genuine Toyota front brake pads, inspect front &amp; rear rotors &amp; drums, check tire condition and inspect all hardware. Pads only.</p> <p><b>MACHINE ROTORS AN ADDITIONAL \$199.95.</b></p> <p><small>DOES NOT APPLY TO ALL VEHICLES PLEASE SEE SERVICE ADVISOR FOR DETAILS. NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. OFFER EXPIRES 8/31/14. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA. TAX AND SHOP SUPPLIES ADDITIONAL.</small></p> | <p><b>TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE</b></p> <p><b>30000 MILES FACTORY RECOMMENDED SERVICE</b></p> <p><b>\$159<sup>99</sup></b></p> <p><small>Synthetic \$10 More</small></p> <p><b>Includes:</b> Change engine oil &amp; filter (up to 5 qts), rotate tires, inspect wear and adjust pressure, measure brake pad thickness &amp; rotor runout, replace cabin air filter (if equipped), replace engine air filter, reset maintenance reminder light (if applicable) and multi-point vehicle inspection.</p> <p><small>NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. OFFER EXPIRES 8/31/14. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA. TAX AND SHOP SUPPLIES ADDITIONAL.</small></p> | <p><b>TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE</b></p> <p><b>BASIC MINOR SERVICE</b></p> <p>PERFORMED EVERY 5,000 MILES OR 6 MONTHS WHICHEVER COMES FIRST</p> <p><b>\$79<sup>00</sup></b></p> <p><small>2003 &amp; NEWER Synthetic \$10 More</small></p> <p><b>Includes:</b> Change engine oil &amp; filter (up to 5 qts), rotate tires, inspect wear and adjust pressure, inspect brakes, top off under hood fluids, reset maintenance reminder light (if applicable) and multi-point vehicle inspection.</p> <p><small>NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. OFFER EXPIRES 8/31/14. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA. TAX AND SHOP SUPPLIES ADDITIONAL.</small></p> | <p><b>TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE</b></p> <p><b>DETAIL SPECIALS</b></p> <p><b>\$39<sup>95</sup></b><br/>Wash &amp; Vacuum</p> <p><b>\$139<sup>95</sup></b><br/>Hand wash, wax &amp; interior cleaning</p> <p><b>\$295<sup>95</sup></b><br/>Full premium detail</p> <p><small>NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. OFFER EXPIRES 8/31/14. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA.</small></p>  |
| <p><b>TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE</b></p> <p><b>VENTILATION SPECIAL</b></p> <p><b>\$79<sup>95</sup></b></p> <p><b>Includes:</b> Clean condensor fins, check A/C performance, inspect drive belts for tension/wear and replace cabin air filter.</p> <p><small>NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. OFFER EXPIRES 8/31/14. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA.</small></p>  | <p><b>TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE</b></p> <p><b>TRUE START BATTERY SPECIAL</b></p> <p><b>\$139<sup>95</sup></b></p> <p><small>INCLUDES BATTERY INSTALLATION</small></p> <p><b>Includes:</b> 84 month warranty, 24 month FREE replacement, 24 month FREE roadside assistance, 60 month prorated, PLUS we'll check all battery cables &amp; connections.</p> <p><small>Does not apply to Hybrid Batteries. NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. OFFER EXPIRES 8/31/14. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA. TAX AND SHOP SUPPLIES ADDITIONAL.</small></p>   | <p><b>TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE</b></p> <p><b>BUY 3 TIRES AND GET 4TH FOR \$1<sup>00</sup></b></p> <p><small>TIRE CENTER</small></p> <p><b>GOT TIRES? NO CHARGE ROAD HAZARD PROTECTION, TIRE WARRANTY, AND FREE COURTESY MULTI-POINT INSPECTION. PRICE MATCH GUARANTEE. SEE SERVICE ADVISOR FOR DETAILS.</b></p> <p><small>NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. OFFER EXPIRES 8/31/14. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA. TAX AND SHOP SUPPLIES ADDITIONAL.</small></p>  | <p><b>TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE</b></p> <p><b>HEADLIGHT RESTORATION SPECIAL</b></p> <p><b>\$89<sup>95</sup></b></p> <p>Plastic lenses can yellow with age, reducing the vehicle's market value. Headlight brightness &amp; the overall safety during nighttime driving. The headlight lens restoration from us allows you to shine and restore headlights to like-new conditions.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Before</p>  </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>After</p>  </div> </div> <p><small>NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. OFFER EXPIRES 8/31/14. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA.</small></p> |
| <p><b>TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE</b></p> <p><b>WE WILL MEET OR BEAT ANY LOCAL TOYOTA DEALERSHIP'S CURRENT ADVERTISED SERVICE SPECIALS</b></p> <p><small>NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. OFFER EXPIRES 8/31/14. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA.</small></p>   | <p><b>TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE</b></p> <p><b>COMPLIMENTARY MULTI-POINT INSPECTION</b></p> <p><b>Includes:</b> Inspect tires, brakes, wipers, lights, belts &amp; hoses &amp; fluid levels.</p> <p><small>NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. OFFER EXPIRES 8/31/14. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA. TAX AND SHOP SUPPLIES ADDITIONAL.</small></p>  | <p><b>TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE</b></p> <p><b>ROTATE &amp; BALANCE SPECIAL</b></p> <p><b>\$59<sup>95</sup></b></p> <p><b>Includes:</b> Rotate and balance all 4 wheels and inspect brakes and tires.</p> <p><small>NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. OFFER EXPIRES 8/31/14. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA.</small></p>  | <p><small>NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. OFFER EXPIRES 8/31/14. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA.</small></p>  |

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**Alexandria \$699,900**

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**Sue Goodhart**  
703.362.3221  
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**Old Town \$724,900**

Historic gem built in 1890. 3-level townhouse near King Street Metro. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, yard, patio - updated, and beautiful. Also zoned commercial use for office/living. Off-street parking available.

**Delaine Campbell**  
703.299.0030  
[delainesells.com](http://delainesells.com)



**Alexandria City \$589,900**

Hardwood floors throughout the main level, living room with fireplace, kitchen with granite countertops, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, fully finished basement with bedroom and bath and separate laundry room. MacArthur School District. 2114 N Early Street.

**Betty Mallon**  
703.989.8548  
[BettyMallon.com](http://BettyMallon.com)



**Beverly Hills \$835,000**

Spacious, brick home just 1 block from Beverley Park. Hardwood floors throughout, including the 3 large bedrooms. The baths have been updated & the kitchen feels fresh with newer appliances and white cabinetry. Level fenced yard. 904 N Overlook Dr.

**Elizabeth Lucchesi**  
703.868.5676  
[LizLuke.com](http://LizLuke.com)



**Accokeek, MD \$899,000**

Charming and historic, on private 10 acres! This well-maintained 200+ year old home has 4-bedrooms, 3-baths, and 5 fireplaces along with a separate guest house. Less than 20 minutes from Old Town. Perfect for full-time living, or weekend getaways! Must see!

**Michael Makris**  
703.402.0629  
[MikeMakris.com](http://MikeMakris.com)



**Alexandria \$1,599,000**

\$100K price drop on this custom colonial that offers over a 1/2 acre of land and over 4,500 SF of living space, including a renovated kitchen and an enormous deck with views of mature trees. Easy walk to Del Ray and all the neighborhood has to offer!

**Elizabeth Lucchesi**  
703.868.5676  
[LizLuke.com](http://LizLuke.com)



**Rosemont \$729,000**

Adorable cottage combining old world charm with today's modern conveniences. Featuring 3 bedrooms and 2 full baths, updated kitchen, wood-burning fireplace, inviting front porch, warm hardwoods, nice room sizes and large unfinished basement.

**Joy & Casey Sutherland**  
703.725.5061 | 703.628.1386  
[JoySutherland.com](http://JoySutherland.com)



**Old Town \$595,000**

Three-level townhome is fully renovated! Gourmet kitchen has deluxe stainless steel appliances and granite counters. Open floor plan with hardwood floors, recessed lighting and Elfa closets. Two master suites. Attic storage. Off-street parking available.

**Susan Craft**  
703.216.4501  
[SusanCraft.com](http://SusanCraft.com)



**Old Town \$799,900**

1 block to the river & Mount Vernon Trail and a short distance to King Street. Spacious 3-bedroom, 2.5-bath townhouse with den/office, 2-car garage, wood floors, lots of closets, huge master bath, deck/grill off kitchen, high ceilings, and more.

**Delaine Campbell**  
703.299.0030  
[delainesells.com](http://delainesells.com)



**Old Town \$859,000**

Stunning 2 year old townhome. 3 bedroom suites, hardwood floors, granite and stainless kitchen, deck, roof terrace, 2-car garage, custom closets and built-ins, park views. 4 blocks to Braddock Road Metro, 6 blocks to the Potomac river, and 7 blocks to King St. 833 N Alfred Street.

**MaryAshley Rhule**  
860.214.7474  
[maryashleyrealestate.com](http://maryashleyrealestate.com)



**Old Town \$510,000**

Huge price reduction on this Marina Towers waterfront condo with 180-degree views of the river, downtown DC, and Monuments, garage parking, gym, pool, super easy access into DC, 24/7 front desk, store, security, grills, large balcony faces east, shows well. Outstanding Value!

**Delaine Campbell**  
703.299.0030  
[delainesells.com](http://delainesells.com)



**Old Town \$599,900**

Wonderful end town home on large lot. Gourmet kitchen opens to living and dining rooms. Two updated bathrooms. Hardwoods throughout. Nice lower level family room. Fantastic Old Town location near shopping & restaurants. 909 S Columbus Street.

**Sissy Zimmerman**  
703.989.9779  
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