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Players on the Mount Vernon Majors varsity football squad pour an ice bucket over the head of Coach Barry Wells at the conclusion of practice on Monday afternoon as part of the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge.

Coach Takes ALS Ice Bucket Challenge

A national fundraising effort became local on Monday afternoon, Aug. 18, at the conclusion of the Mount Vernon Majors football practice. Majors' head Coach Barry Wells took the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge from Becky Todd and let his varsity squad pour a bucket of ice water over him.

The ALS Challenge is a national campaign to raise awareness and funds for research into a cure for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), often referred to as Lou Gehrig's Disease. ALS is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and the spinal cord. For more information visit www.als.org

FCPS Inducts 1,200 New Teachers

“Great Beginnings” program at South County High School prepares new and transferring teachers for their first week.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE GAZETTE

As summer vacation in Fairfax County winds down, the hallways and classrooms at South County High school are already buzzing. Beginning Aug. 18, roughly 1,200 new and returning teachers — as well as those new to the school system — took part in a week-long induction program called “Great Beginnings: The Next Generation.”

The summer institute — now in its 15th year and sponsored for the sixth year by the Apple Federal Credit Union Education Foundation — is a kickoff for the year-round support offered to new teachers by the FCPS office of professional practice and instructional services. Fairfax resident Richard Culp is one of the educational specialists in that outfit, who says that getting teachers off on the right foot and establishing a support



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Richard Culp is an education specialist with FCPS professional practice and instructional services.

network is critical to their success — and retaining them as teachers.

“Your first year of teaching is mostly about survival,” Culp said. Great Beginnings, which includes full days of keynote speakers, sub

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Kathleen Walts, FCPS director of Pre-K through 12 professional learning and school support, helps check in teachers at the Great Beginnings induction.

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Steve Sasson, inventor of the digital camera, speaks to students during Camp Invention.

Inspiring Minds

Inventor of digital camera visits Camp Invention.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

Steve Sasson was just 25 years old and beginning to work his way up at the Eastman Kodak Company when he got an assignment from his supervisor: build an electronic camera using a charge coupled device. The result — U.S. patent number 4,131,919 — earned Sasson induction into the National Inventors Hall of Fame for what is known today as the digital camera.

“I was too young to think it couldn’t be done,” Sasson said at the Inventors Hall of Fame ceremony in Alexandria earlier this year.

Sasson was back in the area last week to pay a visit to children attending Camp Invention, a summer day camp that focuses on STEM skills, creativity and innovation through hands-on activities and experiences.

Held at Fort Hunt Elementary School Aug. 6-7, the curriculum was created by National Inventors Hall of Fame inductees, U.S. Patent and Trade Office representatives and educators in an effort to prevent “summer

slide, a term used to describe the loss of students’ academic skills and knowledge during the summer.

“Camp Invention provides us, as inductees, the opportunity to inspire and challenge children through our experiences in youth and beyond,” said Sasson, a 2011 NIHF inductee.

According to a Harris Poll study, 65 percent of parents acknowledged that they take action to prevent summer slide. Yet only 38 percent of those parents consider registering their children for educational summer camps, such as Camp Invention. The study also reveals that students lose an average of one to three months of what they have learned upon returning back to school after summer break.

Camp Invention’s 2014 curriculum was themed “Morphed!” and immersed elementary students in hands-on activities where attendees had an opportunity to build original prototypes, create a personalized motor-powered vehicle and disassemble electronics to

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Steve Sasson, the inventor of the digital camera, poses for a photo with participants of Camp Invention held Aug. 7 at Fort Hunt Elementary School.

New Day in Old Dominion

Gay couples anticipate same-sex marriage in Virginia.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE GAZETTE

Dwayne 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-



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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.”

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— Dwayne Byrum

New Teachers Learn Class Management Skills

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ject- or grade level-based breakout sessions called “cohorts” and designated time for networking, is all about establishing order early.

“Right now,” Culp continued, “what’s on their mind is ‘What is my classroom going to look like, where are my resources, how am I going to set up routines and procedures for classroom management?’ That’s what we focus on this whole week, and prepare them for what exactly they’re going to do when they meet those kids that first Tuesday after Labor Day.”

FOR GREAT BEGINNINGS

2014, the host venue changed to South County after having been held at Hayfield Secondary School for several years. Also new this year, organizers reached out to second- and third-year teachers, as well as providing a pilot for teachers in West Potomac and Mount Vernon High School pyramids. Keynote speakers included FCPS at large board member Ilryong Moon, 2013 Virginia Teacher of the Year Melissa Porfirio and “Conscious Classroom Management” author Rick Smith.

Smith’s talk featured numerous strategies for dealing with stressful classroom situations, with interactive role-play opportunities for teachers to try out tools like “Soft Eyes.”

Mentorship is a statewide requirement from the Virginia Department of Education, and in Fairfax County, that includes one-on-one support, after-school classes and reaching out to non-classroom employees like occupational therapists and speech and language pathologists.

According to Culp and director of Pre-K through 12 professional

learning and school support Kathleen Walts, teacher development and retention are two major challenges and areas of focus. “Statistics show that 50 percent of the new teachers in classrooms today will not still be teaching in five years,” said Culp, “and our goal is to make sure that Fairfax County isn’t part of that.”

“It’s really important for us to continue the teacher’s learning,” added Walts, a Manassas resident, “so that we can ensure that they’re not only high quality in their first year, but they continue to learn and grow as teachers, and continue to impact our students across the board.”

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Fairfax County sits above the national average, with a 93 percent retention rate of teachers after their first year. Walts attributes that success in part to the relationships teachers of various experience levels and schools form with one another during the summer institute.

“In those relationships they’re learning with coaches,” said Walts. “And I think that part of it alone is significant in their development. They will spend time for the entire year with those cohorts, and continue to learn and grow together as a group.”

“It’s not part of the teachers’ evaluation process,” said Culp. “We’re there to support them. They feel free to speak to their coaches, their mentor about things that are challenging them, and know that that conversation isn’t going to go beyond.”

According to Culp and Walts, the nearly 1,200 fresh faces are all enthusiastic and eager to start molding minds. Their job is to keep them that way for weeks, months and years to come.

“Your first year of teaching is mostly about survival.”

— **Richard Culp, educational specialist**



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Author of “Conscious Classroom Management” Rick Smith speaks to new teachers on the first day of the FCPS Great Beginnings induction program.



New teachers practice role-playing exercises during the keynote speech of Rick Smith at South County High School.

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Email announcements to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Include date, time, location, description and contact for event: phone, email and/or website. Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

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REUNION INFORMATION

The Groveton High School class of 1964 is looking for contact information for as many classmates as possible.

The planning for the 50th reunion is underway, however only a small number of people have been contacted. If a Groveton graduate of ’64 and interested in attending next September’s reunion email contact information to GHS64@verizon.net.

TUESDAY/AUG. 26

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SUNDAY/SEPT. 7

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MONDAY/SEPT. 8 OR WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 10 Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training. 7-10:30

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Teens Volunteer

Thanks to community support and dozens of volunteers, close to 1,000 Alexandria area students from low-income families received new backpacks and grade-appropriate school supplies this past week at United Community Ministries. At left, helping hundreds of students select their new backpacks are teen volunteers (from left) Gabriella Unciano (senior at Mount Vernon High School), Hilary Kraus (senior at Commonwealth Academy), and Alan Golubev (junior at Annandale High School).

Inventor Visits Camp Invention

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build an insect-themed pinball machine.

"We work with our partners - who include world-renowned innovators - to create programs that inspire inventive thinking and creative problem-solving, while sharpening students' STEM skills," said Mike Oister, CEO of Invent Now, which coordinates Camp Invention. "The students that go through Camp Invention have bright futures ahead of them and we are proud to be a part of an organization that will continue to inspire innovation in youth for many decades to come."

Camp Invention is the only nationally recognized summer program focused on creativity, innovation, real-world problem solving and the spirit of invention. Through hands-on programming, Camp Invention encourages children in grades one through six to explore science, technology, engineering and mathematics curricu-

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— Steve Sasson, inventor of the digital camera

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Steve Sasson, inventor of the digital camera, signs autographs during Camp Invention, held Aug. 6-7 at Fort Hunt Elementary School.



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Welcoming residents to Neighborhood Health on Community Wellness Day are, from left, David Killeen, health center quality assistant; Dr. Basim Khan, medical director; Jane Knops, health center grant manager, and Rosa Villoch-Santiago from the American Cancer Society.

Celebrating Community Wellness Day

Neighborhood Health (formerly Alexandria Neighborhood Health Services, Inc.), a local non-profit organization, celebrated National Community Health Center Week with a Community Wellness Day at its new health center across from the Beacon Mall Center at 6677 Richmond Highway, on Saturday, Aug. 16.

More than 150 people attended the free event, which offered health screenings by health center medical staff. Also provided, with support from the American Cancer Society, was education on how to prevent cancer, including nutrition information for a healthy lifestyle. Thanks to Will Bailey of the Fairfax County Fire Department, Neighborhood Health was able to hand out free back-to-school backpacks to children, along with free books donated by MGM

Roast Beef in Washington, D.C.

The children had fun activities to keep their attention while parents were getting their health screenings, including a close-up look at the Penn Daw Fire Station vehicles and the opportunity to go home with a balloon animal or a painted face.

ified health center, we are happy to welcome one and all." Neighborhood Health is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit Federally-Qualified Health Center that provides primary health care, including behavioral and dental health, to people in Alexandria, Arlington and Fairfax County.

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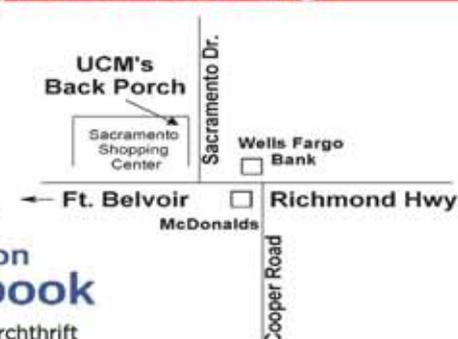
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Accountability for Police in Northern Virginia

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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Children's Issues Dominate Hispanic Town Hall

BY SCOTT A. SUROVELL
STATE DELEGATE (D-44)

On Saturday, Aug. 16, I held my third town hall meeting of the year and my first ever Hispanic Community Town Hall. I was also joined by the first Democratic elected Latino State Delegate — Alfonso Lopez — who represents South Arlington and Bailey's Crossroads.

The Hispanic population has grown from less than one percent in Virginia in the 1970s to 8.6 percent today. Here in our area, there was virtually no Hispanic population when I was a kid. Today, the Hispanic population is the largest minority demographic in the 44th District. One in four people who lives in the 44th District is Hispanic.

This community represents a new and growing part of Mt. Vernon and Lee and are a growing part of the community. It's important that we reach out to and engage every group in our area in order to have a robust conversation about the challenges we face.

At the meeting, we discussed the following:

- ❖ Route 1 Transit Study.
- ❖ Healthcare Expansion for Low Income Families
- ❖ Secondary Education Funding
- ❖ Low Cost Internet and Computers for Students



❖ Virginia DREAM Act - In-state tuition for migrant students

❖ Affordable Housing

During the question-and-answer session, the main focus of the audience was improving local schools and providing more resources for children in the community.

Attendees specifically raised concerns about the 17 trailers at Hybla Valley Elementary School — even after a new addition to the school. They pointed out that children cannot access bathrooms or water without going outside and back into the main building which also raises safety concerns.

Several mothers pointed out that Hybla Valley Elementary School does not have the same services for students as other schools in the area. The school also does not have a Parent Teacher Association which also limits parental involvement.

Attendees also had concerns about the lack of any meaningful after-school activities for children in their neighborhood. Several mothers from Audubon Estates Mobile Home Park pointed out that they do not have convenient pedestrian or bike access to any parks or other activities. The only activities accessible to chil-

dren are playing street. Several agreed that a bike and walking trails connecting Lockheed Boulevard, Audubon Estates, Mount Vernon Woods, Muddy Hole Park, and the Gum Springs Community Center would help to alleviate this problem.

The attendees also raised concerns about the condition of Audubon Estates, rent increases, and towing practices in their community.

Questions were also asked about how voting could be made more accessible to accommodate people's working schedules. It was also suggested that legislation should be introduced to allow the Virginia DMV to issue driver's licenses to all people residing in Virginia similar to Maryland.

Delegate Lopez explained how his father came to the U.S., acquired a college education, and helped to educate dozens of members of his extended family. He also explained the Virginia DREAM Act and Attorney General Herring's recent decision which directed Virginia universities to extend in-state tuition to the 8,000 children granted status under President Obama's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) policy.

I encouraged the attendees to stay engaged in the community and we discussed setting up further meetings with other local elected officials.

It is an honor to serve as your state delegate. Please email me at scotturovell@gmail.com if you have any feedback.

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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 archeology 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 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 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/ 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 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.

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 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



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 for more.

www.Monaco-Alexandria.com/alexandria-hotel/doggy-happy-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 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 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 historic area to learn the heroics of the estates caretakers. \$5 in addition to estate admission. Visit 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 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 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 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 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 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 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

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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 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 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 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.

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 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/ 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 for more.

estate admission. Visit www.mountvernon.org/ for more.

Second Thursday Music. Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. 7 pm. Second Thursday of every month. Visit 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 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 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 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.

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 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 or call 703-299-5044.

Artist Material Market. 10 a.m.-3p.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.

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

Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Performance by Mary Bridget Davies. \$25. Visit 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, or contact Herb Cooper-Levy at 703-380-3151 or 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.

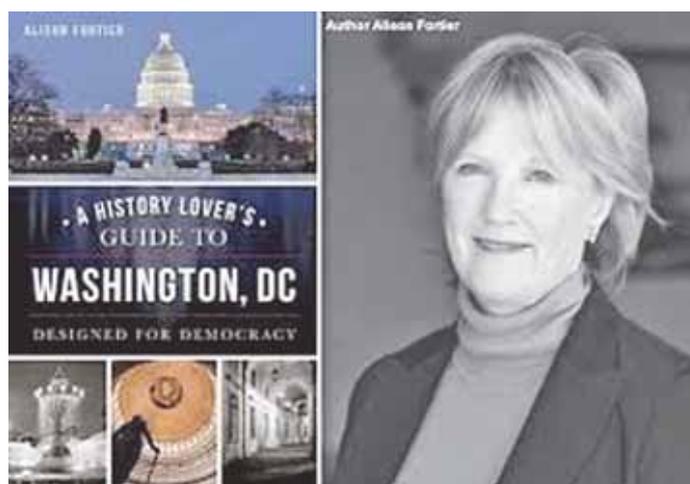
Lyceum Summer Chamber Series. 3 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Bassoonist Aaron Goler and pianist Stephen Bertino perform. Free, donations accepted at the door. Visit www.wmpamusic.org or call 703-799-8229 for more.

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 or call 703-548-0035 for more.

Graham Central Station. \$69.50. Visit www.larrygraham.com or 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://herbpedersen.com>, or www.carlenecarter.net or

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/ 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 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 for more.

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



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Stained Glass

Artist Joseph Cavalieri, who combines modern elements with time-honored processes used by Medieval stained glass artists, will appear at Morrison House, 116 S. Alfred St. on Tuesday, Sept. 2, 6-8 p.m. 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 for more.

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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 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 for more.

Bill Kirchen. 7:30 p.m. The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. \$29.50. Visit 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 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 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 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.

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.

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 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.

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 or 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 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 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 or 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 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. 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/ 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 or

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LETTERS

Protect Our Freedoms

To the Editor:

Are our privacy and freedoms in jeopardy? Read the following and then you decide.

Several private companies offer credit score reports for individuals, etc. For those private companies to prepare a credible report, they must have your total earnings, debts, payment history, etc. Such private information apparently is readily available to anyone that can be used to infringe on our privacy and freedoms.

NSA is monitoring our emails and phone records. Such data can be used to intimidate us and thus reduce our privacy and freedoms. Security doesn't mean that all Americans need to be spied on.

The IRS has targeted certain organizations to audit because of their political beliefs. Each of us have opinions and we can make them known. That is guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution. Free speech is a treasure and shouldn't be destroyed because of one's beliefs. We are not robots that must adhere to speech that someone else may believe is appropriate.

IRS is proposing to monitor church services to develop a speech code. Who at the IRS has the wherewithal to be able to determine whether ministers, rabbis, priests, etc., homilies are appropriate? Here again big government is getting in the way of free speech and religion. Such speech codes are a violation of the U.S. Constitution.

Some bureaucrats in the name of making people more healthy, want to impose what one can or cannot eat. All of us have a free will and no one should attempt to stifle that in the name of health. Again, such dictators violate the freedoms guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution.

And finally, the government is on track to take over your health care. Once the government has that control, you have lost your freedom. Controlling your health is controlling you.

An attempt to monitor what newspeople were saying for appropriateness, was called off. Here again, a violation of free speech of the U.S. Constitution.

Don't sit around and complain but get involved and let the elected officials know that they must protect our constitutional right of freedom of speech, freedom of religion and unreasonable search and seizure. These rights are too precious to lose. If we do nothing, one day we will wake up and ask what has happened to our freedoms. Then it's too late.

Again, you have to decide if these freedoms are precious and must be protected.

Frank Medico/Mount Vernon

Ways To Improve Pedestrian Safety

To the Editor:

While reading of Mr. Farooq's tale in the Gazette's "Safety at a Crossroads" article, I could not help but nod my head in assent every few lines. Living and working in the Mount Vernon community, the lack of side-

walks has always troubled me. Not only are the areas around Janna Lee Avenue and Ladson Lane extremely dangerous, but many wide swaths of the Richmond Highway corridor are lacking pedestrian paths (and no, eroded paths do not count).

While looking at the map of fatalities, it is not surprising to anyone with a modicum of intellectual honesty: yes, they are all concentrated in the poorer parts of the corridor. I will say, however, that the crosswalks that are in place are underutilized, and I lay some of the blame on the Mount Vernon district of the Fairfax County Police

Department. If FCPD were properly ticketing jaywalkers with an increased foot patrol, it could greatly cut down on pedestrian accidents and fatalities (while simultaneously generating revenues, which we all know Fairfax County is always hungry for).

There is no excuse for pedestrians who choose to ignore traffic and safety laws, though: running across three to four lanes of traffic to catch a Fairfax Connector bus is not prudent in any estimation of mine, and this is a common, daily occurrence. Ms. Ford's apathy concerning both the legality of illegal crossings and other residents' safety ("I'm not going to go out of my way to go through the crosswalk. I'm going to cross ... people die.") speaks volumes to the attitude adjustment that needs to take place in the community. Again, FCPD needs to do a better job deterring illegal and/or unsafe crossings; I have yet to see a ticket issued to anyone, and I walk to and from work many days during the week. With the "economic revitalization" that is taking place in the area, hopefully this is a matter that can be remedied in the near future; I am not optimistic however, as the lack of community activism coupled with the economically disadvantaged's lack of political clout will make it difficult to get the message out.

In case anyone has forgotten the basics concerning crossing the street while maintaining their lives: look left, right, and left again before crossing. It could save your life, wallet, or both.

Steven Rhodes/Alexandria

Avoid Stone Dust Surface

To the Editor:

Since 2009, a group of Mount Vernon residents has worked together expending thousands of hours of volunteer time and many thousands of dollars in an effort to create an off-leash dog area (OLDA) at Westgrove Park. The Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) allowed the OLDA to initially be established on an interim basis upon approval by the Planning Commission and payment of \$3,000 as a contribution toward installation of a peripheral fence.

Westgrove PACK (PACK) was created as the sole sponsoring group for the OLDA and signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with FCPA to that effect. The MOU obligated PACK to raise an additional \$7,000, for a total of \$10,000 contributed once a permanent Master Plan would be

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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.

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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 "	\$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.

Removing Barriers to College

Local services help students complete college paperwork, remove barriers.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE GAZETTE

LaQuita 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
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 ❖ Marymount University, www.marymount.edu/parents

Fairfax County
 ❖ George Mason University, <http://eip.gmu.edu/>

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 ❖ Department of Family Services, www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/disabilities/transition.htm

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 ❖ Alexandria County Public Schools, www.acps.k12.va.us/tcw/counseling/career-center/

Running Back Adusei-Poku to Lead MVHS Offense

Linebackers strength of Majors defense.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE GAZETTE

If Bill Adusei-Poku's talents as a wrestler are any indication of what he can do on the football field, the Mount Vernon offense will be in good shape.

"We're all hoping they just all come into their own at the same time because if they do, we'll be in a lot of games."

— Mount Vernon football coach Barry Wells about his linebackers

Adusei-Poku, a junior, reached the state championship match during his first two years as a high school wrestler, winning as a freshman. He enters the 2014 fall season as the Majors' starting tailback, replacing the graduated Carlton Griffith. In 2012, Griffith set the Mount Vernon single-season rushing record of 1,671 yards as a junior.

"Hopefully I can do better than Carlton did, because Carlton was really good," Adusei-Poku said. "Hopefully [I can]

carry on the legacy, because Mount Vernon usually always has a good running back."



Head coach Barry Wells, left foreground, and the Mount Vernon football team will open the 2014 season against Edison on Aug. 28.

Head coach Barry Wells, a fan of the run game during his first four years at Mount Vernon, speaks highly of Adusei-Poku.

"He's a special kid," Wells said. "He's tough as nails. He's got something you can't teach."

Senior Joshua McGrigg could also see time at tailback, but Wells said he likes McGrigg as a slot receiver.

"If you get him the ball in space," Wells said, "he's dangerous."

Adusei-Poku and McGrigg are the primary threats on a Mount Vernon offense that still has questions at the quarterback position heading into the Majors' second preseason scrimmage.

While Wells said he would like to throw

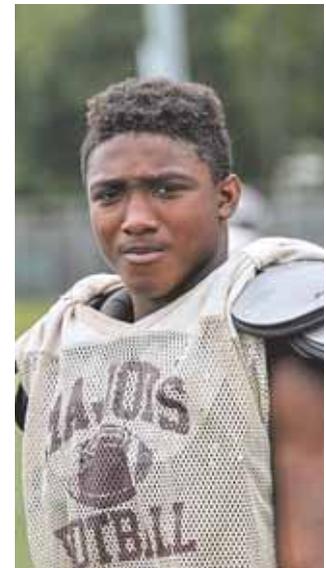
the ball more in 2014, he must first choose a starting quarterback. Currently, there is a three-way competition between seniors Shahyeim Wellmon, Jordan Artis and Jesus Esparza.

Wells said Wellmon is the most physically gifted of the trio, but Esparza looked the best during offseason 7-on-7 competition. Wells said he will make a decision after the Majors scrimmage Freedom on Friday, Aug. 22.

Defensively, Mount Vernon is led by its senior linebacker trio of Tre'Ron Brooks, Christian Abenes and Ernest Ampofo.

"We're all hoping they just all come into their own at the same time," Wells said, "because if they do, we'll be in a lot of games."

Nana Asumadu is a standout on the of-



Bill Adusei-Poku will be the Majors' starting tailback in 2014.

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fensive and defensive lines. Senior strong safety Beau Alade, McGrigg and Mohammed Kamara will be impact players in the secondary.

Kalili Tulifua, a transfer from Hawaii, could make an impact as a lineman.

Mount Vernon qualified for the 5A North region playoffs in 2013 despite a 3-7 record. The Majors hung around against Tuscarora in the opening round before losing, 35-27.

"[We] lost by a touchdown to Tuscarora when everybody that was ranked basically where we were got blown out in the first round," Wells said. "I felt like that was a bit of a springboard. The kids know what they can do when they put their minds to it."

Mount Vernon will open the season at home against Edison at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 28.

SCHOOL NOTES

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The following Virginia Tech students were among those honored at the university's spring commencement ceremony held May 16, in Lane Stadium. **David Moran** received a Bachelor of Science in Business degree cum laude in management from the Pamplin College of Business. **Teresa-Camthao Dang** received a Bachelor of Arts degree in international studies from the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences. **Gonzalo Mallea** received a Bachelor of Science in Business degree in finance from the Pamplin College of Business. **Lindsay Rosenfeld** received a Bachelor of Science degree in human development from the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences. **Kathleen Driscoll** received a Bachelor of Science degree cum laude in human development from the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences. **Kathleen Driscoll** received a Bachelor of Science degree cum laude in psychology from the College of Science. **Alexandra Dunn** received a Bachelor of Arts degree cum laude in international studies from the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences. **Ian Philips** received a Bachelor of Science degree magna cum laude in food science and technology from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. **Lindsey**

Baumann received a Bachelor of Arts degree magna cum laude in communication from the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences. **Julianne Bigler** received a Bachelor of Science degree magna cum laude in psychology from the College of Science. **Rebecca Campbell** received a Bachelor of Science degree in human development from the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences. **Alexander Ghesling** received a Bachelor of Arts degree magna cum laude in political science from the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences. **Casey Jenkins** received a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication from the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences. **Grant Leonard** received a Bachelor of Science in Business degree in marketing management from the Pamplin College of Business. **Corinne Mayer** received a Bachelor of Science degree magna cum laude in biological sciences from the College of Science. **Kelly McFarland** received a Bachelor of Arts degree cum laude in history from the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences. **Matthew McLean** received a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering degree in mechanical engineering from the College of Engineering. **Madalena McNeil** received a Bachelor of Arts degree in international studies from the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences. **Leo Naegele** received a Bachelor of Architecture degree magna cum laude in architecture from the College of Architecture and Urban Studies. **Katelyn Pang**

received a Bachelor of Science degree in apparel, housing, and resource management from the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences. **Madison Tindle** received a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering degree in mechanical engineering from the College of Engineering. **Emmanuel Appiah** received a Bachelor of Science in Business degree in management from the Pamplin College of Business. **Hilmi Entabi** received a Bachelor of Arts degree in geography from the College of Natural Resources and Environment. **Hilmi Entabi** received a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering degree in mechanical engineering from the College of Engineering. **Michael Fagan** received a Bachelor of Science in Business degree magna cum laude in economics, business from the Pamplin College of Business. **Michael Fagan** received a Bachelor of Science in Business degree magna cum laude in marketing management from the Pamplin College of Business. **Travis Frank** received a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture degree cum laude in landscape architecture from the College of Architecture and Urban Studies. **Ezra Kaypaghian** received a Bachelor of Science in Business degree in business information technology from the Pamplin College of Business. **Katelyn Sargent** received a Bachelor of Science in Business degree in management from the Pamplin College of Business.

BULLETIN BOARD

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p.m. Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Academy, 4600 West Ox Road, Fairfax. Fairfax County will offer Community Response Team (CERT) training to residents over a two month period, during September and October 2014. Residents may choose from one of two sessions, either Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29, and Oct. 6, 20, and 27, or Sept. 10, 17, 24, and Oct. 1, 8, 22, 29. The training intends to provide immediate assistance and critical support before first responders arrive on scene. Free. To sign up, go to the Fairfax County volunteer portal at <https://volunteer.fairfaxcounty.gov> and search for CERT. Call Jeff Katz, at 703-246-3926.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 13

Office Hours. 12:30-2:30 p.m. at the Sherwood Regional Library, Conference Room 3. Dan Storck, Mount Vernon District School Board Member for Fairfax County Public Schools, will host Saturday community office hours. Members of the community are invited to stop by to ask questions or to discuss concerns, no appointment necessary. Contact Dan Storck at Dan.Storck@fcps.edu for more.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 17

Providing Health Care Information. 1-2:30 p.m. at Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Marie Woodward, RN, presents information on creating and maintaining a personal health care record to provide critical health care information to a new doctor, physical therapist or an emergency

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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.

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 approved including the OLDA as a permanent feature of Westgrove Park. The Master Plan was approved in October 2013, and subsequently PACK raised over \$3,000 toward the remaining \$7,000 due. In addition, many thousands of dollars more have been raised by PACK's founders to cover out-of-pocket expenses such as for waste bags, straw, grass seed, and other expenses necessary to maintain a turf OLDA.

To facilitate receipt of additional contributions from supporters, PACK incorporated and filed for 501(c)(3) status so that contributions would be tax deductible. The IRS has just approved this status.

Recently, a group consisting of OLDA users approached PACK and requested that it be permitted to raise funds to finally retire the \$10,000 debt. The PACK Board agreed and appointed a chairman of the fundraising committee to supervise the efforts of this group. This arrangement wasn't satisfactory to the group, so they decided to hold their own fundraiser. In one Saturday, to their credit, they raised over \$4,000 to retire the debt.

The most important aspect of the OLDA is that, unlike most other OLDAs in the county (of which few exist), the Westgrove Park OLDA has a turf surface. Virtually all other OLDAs have a low maintenance stone dust surface which can be painful to the pads of a dog's feet. FCPA has made it clear that, although they prefer OLDAs have stone dust surfaces, they are willing to continue supporting a turf surface for the Westgrove Park OLDA solely in light of the longstanding cooperative relationship between their staff and the founders and current leaders of PACK.

Now, the aforementioned group is threatening to kill the goose that laid the golden egg by making all sorts of false charges against PACK to the FCPA and Supervisor Hyland, disrupting the close working relationship between PACK and FCPA, and interfering with protocols established between PACK and County Police regarding reporting of incidents occurring at the OLDA. Most recently, to preserve the turf surface, PACK proposed and the FCPA agreed to bifurcate the OLDA with a new fence into two sections so that when turf conditions are not conducive to use of the OLDA, the majority of its surface can be closed off to public access while a smaller area can always be made available. The other group asked its supporters to send comments about this proposal directly to FCPA rather than to PACK. As a result, FCPA has put a hold on the fence installation. Without the new dividing fence, use of the OLDA when conditions are not conducive to such use will result in deterioration of the turf and an FCPA decision to convert the surface to what no one wants there: stone dust. Inappropriate actions often result in adverse consequences.

If this dissident group does not stop their disruptive activities, the result will be something they did not contemplate: a stone dust OLDA where no one will want to take their dogs. I hope they soon come to their senses and begin cooperating with PACK rather than continuing their disruptive actions. The sooner the better.

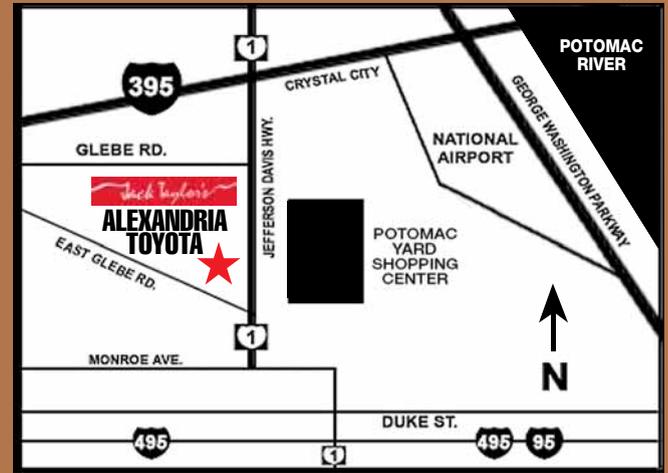
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<p>OIL & FILTER SERVICE SPECIAL</p> <p>\$5⁰⁰ OFF</p> <p>Includes: Change oil, install Genuine Toyota oil filter, inspect & adjust all fluid levels and complimentary multi-point inspection with print out.</p> <p><small>NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER 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>VARIABLE DISCOUNT</p> <p>\$5.00 OFF with purchase of \$35.00 - \$49.99 \$10.00 OFF with purchase of \$50.00 - \$99.99 \$15.00 OFF with purchase of \$100.00 - \$199.99 \$20.00 OFF with purchase of \$200.00 - \$499.99 \$50.00 OFF with purchase of \$500.00 Or more</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>4 WHEEL ALIGNMENT</p> <p>\$79⁹⁵</p> <p>PREVENT UNEVEN WEAR</p> <p>Your car's alignment suffers, and can cause uneven tire wear, steering problems and decreased fuel economy.</p> <p>INCLUDES: Inspect suspension, ball joints, struts & 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>SUMMER DETAIL SPECIAL</p> <p>\$119⁹⁵</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 & 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>TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE BRAKE SPECIAL</p> <p>\$99⁹⁵</p> <p>PADS</p> <p>Includes: Install Genuine Toyota front brake pads, inspect front & rear rotors & drums, check tire condition and inspect all hardware. Pads only.</p> <p>MACHINE ROTORS AN ADDITIONAL \$199.95.</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>TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE 30000 MILES FACTORY RECOMMENDED SERVICE</p> <p>\$159⁹⁹</p> <p>Synthetic \$10 More</p> <p>Includes: Change engine oil & filter (up to 5 qts), rotate tires, inspect wear and adjust pressure, measure brake pad thickness & 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>TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE BASIC MINOR SERVICE PERFORMED EVERY 5,000 MILES OR 6 MONTHS WHICHEVER COMES FIRST</p> <p>\$79⁰⁰</p> <p>2003 & NEWER Synthetic \$10 More</p> <p>Includes: Change engine oil & 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>TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE DETAIL SPECIALS</p> <p>\$39⁹⁵ Wash & Vacuum \$139⁹⁵ Hand wash, wax & interior cleaning \$295⁹⁵ 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>TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE VENTILATION SPECIAL</p> <p>\$79⁹⁵</p> <p>Includes: Clean condenser 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>TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE TRUE START BATTERY SPECIAL</p> <p>\$139⁹⁵</p> <p>INCLUDES BATTERY INSTALLATION</p> <p>Includes: 84 month warranty, 24 month FREE replacement, 24 month FREE roadside assistance, 60 month prorated, PLUS we'll check all battery cables & connections.</p> <p><small>Check 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>TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE BUY 3 TIRES AND GET 4TH FOR</p> <p>\$1⁰⁰</p> <p>GO TIRE? NO CHARGE ROAD HAZARD PROTECTION, TIRE WARRANTY, AND FREE COURTESY MULTI-POINT INSPECTION. PRICE MATCH GUARANTEE. SEE SERVICE ADVISOR FOR DETAILS.</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>TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE HEADLIGHT RESTORATION SPECIAL</p> <p>\$89⁹⁵</p> <p>Plastic lenses can yellow with age, reducing the vehicle's market value. Headlight brightness & the overall safety during nighttime driving. The headlight lens restoration from us allows you to shine and restore headlights to like-new conditions.</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>WE WILL MEET OR BEAT ANY LOCAL TOYOTA DEALERSHIP'S CURRENT ADVERTISED SERVICE SPECIALS</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>TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE COMPLIMENTARY MULTI-POINT INSPECTION</p> <p>Includes: Inspect tires, brakes, wipers, lights, belts & hoses & 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>TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE ROTATE & BALANCE SPECIAL</p> <p>\$59⁹⁵</p> <p>Includes: 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>Before After</small></p>

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