

**The Fairfax County Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission held its first meeting March 23 at the county government center.**



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## 'A Way for Something Good'

**Emotional beginning for Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission.**

BY TIM PETERSON  
THE GAZETTE

While several other members of the recently created Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission stated their general intent to listen and learn and help, Salvatore Culosi had a more specific request. "My son would still be alive today," Culosi said, "but for 2006 Fairfax County policies to routinely use SWAT and aggressive procedures against citizens certified to be low risk."

Culosi's son Dr Salvatore "Sal" Culosi Jr. was killed by a Fairfax County Police officer Jan. 24, 2006 outside his Fair Oaks townhouse. Culosi Sr. told other members of the commission that he was told by then-Fairfax County Police Chief and current deputy county executive David M. Rohrer that use of force policy changes had been made since his son's shooting. But Rohrer declined to give him copies of the changes or tell him exactly what changes were made.

During his introduction at the commission's first meeting on March 23 at the Fairfax County Government Center, Culosi said he has yet to receive a list of the changes. But, he said, the members of the commission, created by Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova and endorsed by the rest of the board, should have that list as they proceed with developing recommendations for further policy changes.

"I want to assuage the public this commission is not a political cover," Culosi said.

Bulova later responded that the information Culosi referred to would be provided to the commission.

With more than 35 members, comprised of citizens, legal experts, academics and representatives from the media and law enforcement, the commission is approaching the size of the Virginia Senate, which has 40. Bulova compared the "not too large" size to previous commissions created to review redistricting and a meals tax.

While members repeatedly commented on the "di-



**Commission members Sal Culosi (left), father of Dr Salvatore "Sal" Culosi Jr., who was killed by a Fairfax County Police officer, and Nicholas Beltrante (right), executive director of the Virginia Citizens Coalition for Police Accountability attend the first meeting of the Fairfax County Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission.**

versity" of the commission in terms of experience and expertise, Great Falls resident Jerry Santos was critical of other imbalances. "The optics are bad," he said, observing that of the 30-plus members, less than a third are female and the majority are middle-aged Caucasian men. "I'm the only Hispanic in the room," he said. "It's outrageous, them throwing out the word diversity."

The commission was created amid a swell of media and public attention to the case of John Geer, a Springfield man who was shot dead by Fairfax County Police Officer Adam Torres on Aug. 29, 2013. Details of the shooting, including the name of the officer, were kept hidden from the public and the Geer family, until Jan. 30, 2015.

The commission, Bulova reiterated, was set up to review the police department's policies for use of force and release of information compared with best practices in other jurisdictions, and to make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for potential changes.

"We are not investigators," Bulova reminded the commission members. But hopefully, she said, "this is a way for something good to come out of some

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## Hannah Graham Remembered

**A remembrance at West Potomac softball home opener.**

BY TIM PETERSON  
THE GAZETTE

Ruddy cheeks glistened with sweat and tears following a home opener for the West Potomac softball team.

After a late scare, the Wolverines held on to defeat the local rival Mount Vernon Majors 6-4 on March 18. The chilly air gave little indication the first day of spring was just 48 hours away.

After the final out in the top of the seventh inning, West Potomac head coach Craig Maniglia lined both teams up along the first base line, facing heavily layered parents and siblings occupying the home bleachers. Among them was Susan Graham, mother of Hannah, who died last fall after she went missing from the University of Virginia Campus.

Jesse Matthew, the man charged with Graham's abduction and murder, will have a trial date set at a May 5 hearing in Albemarle

County.

Graham was a sophomore at the time. She graduated from West Potomac and played four years of softball for the Wolverines, earning a starting position on the varsity squad in left outfield as a senior. She was also named a team captain.

"She was a dedicated player and an exemplary teammate," Maniglia said, trying to hold a strong speaking tone while his hand gripped the script tightly.

Maniglia announced that the team was dedicating their season to Hannah, as well as wearing her initials on their helmets, flying a banner with her number on the right field fence and hanging a softball-shaped plaque with her name permanently on the press box. Her jersey, #11, will be retired for at least this season.

Another softball will be hung for Renee Sheldon, a former player who died in a car accident on

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**Hannah Graham will have a softball plaque mounted permanently on the press box in memorial.**

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## NEWS

# The Magic of Giving Back

## Friends of UCM hosts annual Spring Gala for United Community Ministries.

BY TIM PETERSON  
THE GAZETTE

**U**nited Community Ministries executive director Nichelle Mitchem wasted no time addressing the challenges she and the multi-faceted service organization are facing. Heavy on her mind is the Healthy Families program, aimed at preventing child abuse through intensive home visits to first-time parents, that's slated to be eliminated in FY2016.

"I'm horrified for it to go," Mitchem said during the silent auction portion of the Spring Gala hosted by the volunteer fundraising group Friends of UCM. Mitchem explained Healthy Families costs \$3,900 per child per year, as opposed to \$7,200 for foster care, and has proven efficacy.

"It's frightening," she said, "I can't understand the rational basis for cutting it. In light of dwindling funding, that's what makes this type of event even more important."

The "Magic of Giving: Spring Gala" is the second of two annual major fundraisers hosted by Friends of UCM to benefit United Community Ministries, a non-profit which provides the greater Route 1 corridor community basic needs services, professional assistance, literacy and citizenship classes, crisis intervention and numerous other community initiatives.

"All of us live along Route 1; these people are our neighbors, is how we look at it," said Friends of UCM member and gala co-chair Elin Bohn.

The gala, hosted for the second time at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in Alexandria after previously being held at the Mount Vernon Country Club, featured a silent auction, raffle and formal dinner. After the Friends of UCM was established in 2001, the first gala followed in 2002.

According to Diane Tollefson on the board of the Friends of UCM, the 2013 gala raised about \$123,000 and 2014 rose to \$193,000. With attendance at this year's event expected to peak at a new high of 280 people, Tollefson and others hoped to see the

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**Gigi Hyland (left) chair of the UCM Board of Directors and Nichelle Mitchem, UCM executive director, enjoy the UCM Spring Gala, hosted by the Friends of UCM.**



**Friends of UCM member and community leader Becky Todd and Democratic Mount Vernon supervisor hopeful Tim Sargeant prepare for dinner at the United Community Ministries Spring Gala.**

fundraising increase again.

One hundred and fifty items for auction included a stay in a Paris apartment and 24 vacation trips around the country, from South Beach and New York City to Las Vegas and destinations on the West Coast.

Supervisor Gerry Hyland (D-Mount Vernon) was bidding on a robust basket of mixed gourmet treats he planned to deliver to the sisters of the Monastery of the Poor Clares.

"[United Community Ministries is] the reason I've been supervisor for 28 years," said supervisor Gerry Hyland (D-Mount Vernon). "They got behind me. And they're doing the things government should be doing, at half the costs. They just do it so well



**From left: Torria Baker, director of the UCM-Bryant Early Learning Center; Minnie McClure with the Early Learning Center; UCM executive director Nichelle Mitchem and UCM volunteer Danielle Adamson gather for the UCM Spring Gala, hosted by the Friends of UCM.**



**UCM Spring Gala co-chairs Colleen Haddow, Meg Galanty and Elin Bohn pause from managing the logistics of the event.**



**From left: Supervisor Gerry Hyland (D-Mount Vernon), Del. Mark Sickles (D-43) and Del. Scott Surovell (D-44) celebrate United Community Ministries at its spring gala, held at U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in Alexandria.**

and really have a finger on the pulse of the community."

Hyland's daughter Gigi is chair of the UCM board of directors. "This is just a big community event," she said. "The friends are

meant to be celebrated as well. We're very thankful to them."

For more information the work of United Community Ministries, visit [www.ucmagency.org](http://www.ucmagency.org).



**Mount Vernon residents Hope Warshaw (left) and Don Kraus (right) visit with Mount Vernon School Board member and candidate for Mount Vernon supervisor Dan Storck (center).**



**Guests of the United Community Ministries Spring Gala participated in a silent auction, raffle and dinner at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in Alexandria.**

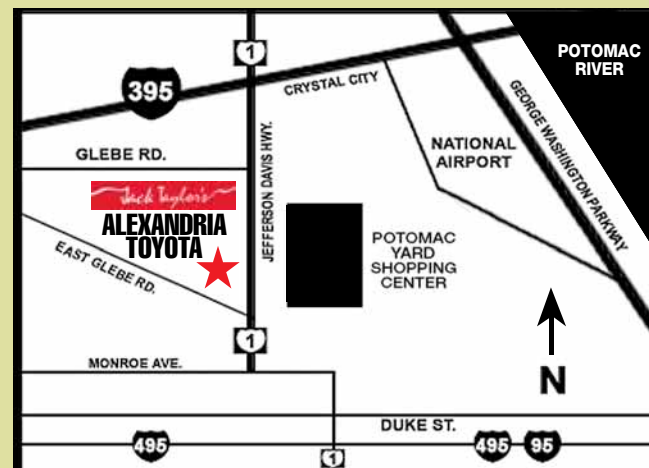


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# ‘A Way for Something Good’

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thing tragic.”

Jeff Stewart, a close friend of Geer’s who witnessed the shooting and said he was contacted by Bulova for the commission at the beginning of the selection process, said he is hoping for a “positive and constructive” process. Stewart added he would “like to see independent oversight” of the police department by citizens “at the very least. I hope that can come about in a timely manner.”

Bulova set a deadline for handing over recommendations for policy changes to the Board of Supervisors by Oct. 1 of this year. “We have a lot of work in front of us,” said commission chairman Michael Hershman.

In response to Culosi’s comment that the commission might be some kind of cover in light of upcoming elections in Fairfax County, Hershman said, “There will be no obstacles placed in our way by the county. I’ve been assured of that.”

Hershman explained the commission would designate themed subcommittees to tackle its review mission, focusing on the use of force, communication and cooperation policies, recruitment and vetting of officers and the Crisis Intervention Team. Chairs of the subcommittees will have the authority to appoint additional citizens to be part of those groups, and their meetings will also be open to the public.

The next public meeting of the commission will be April 27 in rooms 9 and 10 of the Fairfax County Government Center, beginning at 7:30, and is open to the public. The April meeting will be “foundational” with regards to establishing the subcommittees and their objectives, and answering the question “Why we’ve found ourselves in this position.”

## NEWS BRIEFS

## Interim Agreement Would Increase Affordable Housing

Since the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority (FCRHA) purchased the 48 acres of property along Route 1 known as North Hill in 1981, only 15 acres have been developed: the current community of Woodley Hills Estates.

At a March 19 meeting, members of the FCRHA voted 9-1 in favor of moving forward with interim agreement to finally develop the remaining 33 acres of North Hill.

The partnership CHPPENN (Community Housing Partners of Virginia and Philadelphia-based developer Pennrose) proposed constructing 329 multi-family rental units in two separate buildings, 144 for-sale townhomes and preserving a portion of the land for a park.

A portion of the apartments and townhomes will be designated for individuals or families with lower incomes.

“The interim agreement on North Hill will increase affordable housing opportunities for workforce moderate-income and low-income households,” FCRHA Mount Vernon Commissioner Matt Bell said in a statement.

“The median income for a family of four in Fairfax County has risen to over \$107,000,” Bell’s statement continues, “making it very difficult for Fairfax County firefighters, teachers, county employees and others



**Commission chair Michael Hershman, right, and Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova speak at the first meeting of the Fairfax County Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission, with former Commonwealth Attorney Robert Horan.**

Commission member Lt. Col. Tom Ryan, deputy chief of police for police administration, said, “Our organization is a learning organization. There’s still room to be better and learn where we’ve gone wrong. I come here with an open mind.”

For more information on the commission and to find a full list of commissioners and meeting schedule, visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/policecommission](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/policecommission). Questions for the commission chair Michael Hershman or requests to be involved with the work of the subcommittees can be directed through Bulova’s office, by calling 703-324-2321 (TTY 711) or emailing [chairman@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:chairman@fairfaxcounty.gov).

to reside in the same Fairfax County community in which they work. North Hill will provide over 282 rental units for households making annually between \$53,500 and \$64,200.”

For more information, visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rha/north\\_hill](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rha/north_hill).

## Public Hearing on Route 1 Widening

Citizens can attend a public meeting at the South County Government Center to learn more about and voice comments on proposed Northern Virginia Transportation Authority regional transportation projects for FY2015 and FY2016. One project on the prioritization “bubble” is the widening Route 1, from Mount Vernon Memorial Highway to Napper Road.

Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova and Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee) encouraged the NVTa to hold the meeting so the community had an opportunity to be more involved. This meeting is the second of two on the subject.

The meeting will take place Tuesday, March 31 at the South County Government Center, 8350 Richmond Highway, room 221 in Alexandria. An open house will begin at 6:30 p.m. with presentation following at 7 p.m. To learn more, visit [www.thenovaaauthority.org](http://www.thenovaaauthority.org). To submit comments through April 11, email [twoyearprogram@thenovaaauthority.org](mailto:twoyearprogram@thenovaaauthority.org).

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## Nova nursing students awarded Harriet H Fatzinger Memorial Scholarships.

BY TIM PETERSON  
THE GAZETTE

In 2011, Mount Vernon resident Dr. Glenn B. Fatzinger and his daughter Jennifer created a pair of scholarships to memorialize their wife and mother Harriet H. Fatzinger. Harriet was an elder and chair of the Congregational Care Council at Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church, where she helped co-found a regular Friday-night fellowship program called Agape Reservoir that continues to serve individuals with special needs in the Mount Vernon Area.

"She wanted to help those less fortunate; we wanted to do something as a long-term legacy," said Fatzinger, speaking at the Fort Belvoir Officers' Club on March 11. The Northern Virginia Community College Educational Foundation sponsored the luncheon and administers the scholarships being awarded to Nova nursing students that day. Harriet Fatzinger was a 1973 graduate of the Nova nursing program.

"You may end up seeing that person in the doctor's office one day," said Fatzinger, who is on the faculty at Nova and Marymount University.

This year, the pair of scholarships were given to Brittney Arsenov and Andrea Balbuena, both of whom are involved with nursing programs at Nova and plan to continue with Masters and RN to BSN programs after graduating.

Guest speaker Dr. Anne Loochtan recently joined the Northern Virginia Community College Medical Education Campus in Springfield as provost. She said that of the 23 community colleges in Virginia, Nova's six campuses and 78,000 students account for 28 percent of the state's community college enrollment this spring.



**From left: Mount Vernon residents Janice Doe, Wilda Armstrong, Dorothy Heil and Nancy Noel congratulate scholarship winner Brittney Arsenov.**

"For many of our students, they're the first in their family to attend college," said Loochtan. "We're truly the melting pot of the college system. We have a place for just about everyone."

One example is Annandale High School graduate and scholarship winner Balbuena, whose parents are from Peru; she'll be the first in her family to complete a college education.

Balbuena had financial aid for tuition up until this year, when she lost her eligibility. The scholarship will allow her to finish her program and follow her plan to pursue a Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing program after graduating.

Loochtan commented that Nova students at the medical campus take the same



**Dr. Glenn Fatzinger opens the awards luncheon at the Fort Belvoir Officers' Club.**

and compete for the same entry-level positions.

These scholarships could be the lifeline for low-income students, Loochtan continued, that it's "not uncommon to serve students who are homeless" and sometimes living in tents outside buildings on campus.

For Arsenov, the scholarship will help cover at least one and a half semesters of her program at Nova. She hopes to attend



**From left: Dr. Anne M. Loochtan and Dr. Glenn Fatzinger award a Harriet H. Fatzinger Nursing Memorial Scholarship to Brittney Arsenov.**

credentialing exams as students at 4-year universities

The George Washington University after graduating for a Masters degree.

Arsenov and her husband Pavel share a house in Ashburn with a few other residents to cut down on living costs. "Having someone recognize my efforts, how hard I've worked," said Arsenov, "I couldn't believe it. There's huge security with this help."

Sustaining the cost of living in northern Virginia plus educational expenses and studying has been "a family endeavor," said Arsenov's husband. "We've had to put social life on the backburner."

# 'May The Light Always Shine Brightest Right Here'

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graduation night in 2007.

"It's supposed to be motivating for the personal level," Maniglia said after the presentation, "for them to think about their relationship with her and draw from within. I want them to look up at the fence and say: You and I."

Maniglia, who's been head coach of the program for the last five years and otherwise involved for 17 years, said forming lasting relationships is as important as competing in the sport.

As the West Potomac and Mount Vernon players hugged, cried and lived the moment, a few smiles proved this was also a celebration of what Hannah gave to the program, to her peers.

"Here's to Hannah: a friend, a teammate and a kid with a big-hearted smile for everyone she knew," Maniglia said in his speech. "May the light always shine brightest right here for you."



**West Potomac High School softball coach Craig Maniglia (right) explains how the team plans to honor the late Hannah Graham, a former captain and outfielder.**



**The fence looking over right field at the West Potomac softball park honors Hannah Graham prominently, along with softball placards for other Wolverine alumni.**



# OBITUARY

## Evelyn May Poole

Evelyn May Poole died in her home on March 19, 2015, surrounded by her loving family.

She leaves behind her daughter Janice Goodell and her husband Bob of Fredericksburg, Va., and her son G. Phillip Poole and wife Mary Nell of Fort Worth, Texas; grandchildren Greg Goodell, Gretchen Pendleton, Lisa Lambert, B. Phillip Poole, Aaron Poole and Sadie Poole; great-grandchildren, Blake Poole, Harris Lambert, Molly Lambert, Hudson Lambert, Henry Pendleton, and Vivi Goodell. Her loving husband of many years Garland (Guy) Poole predeceased her, as did her parents James Garfield and Sadie Duvall, and a brother James Garfield Duvall.

Evelyn was a lifelong resident of Mount Vernon. She worked for the American Red Cross in Alexandria, the Vet Clinic at Fort Belvoir and volunteered for many years at Mount Vernon Hospital. Evelyn touched many with her unconditional love and caring friendship. She will be missed by many.

Visitation is on Friday, March 27, 2015 from 11 a.m. until the Celebration of her Life begins at noon at the Cunningham Turch Funeral Home, 811 Cameron Street, Alexandria. Interment will follow in Mount Comfort Cemetery, Alexandria.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Mount Vernon Hospital Auxiliary or the Carroll County Maryland Hospice Center.

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# OPINION

## Why Little League Matters

JOHN DONALDSON

**A**s I write this, millions of boys and girls in countries around the world are beginning another season playing baseball and softball in more than 7,000 Little League programs. Little League is the world's largest youth sports organization, run in large part by adult volunteers who give their time and energy to create the opportunity for children from age 4 to 18 to play baseball and softball on local neighborhood fields with their friends and classmates.

I have been associated with Little League for more than 20 years, and I work with many other volunteers who have spent far longer committed to the ideals first put in place by Carl Stotz in 1938. In local Little Leagues today, it's not uncommon to find three generations involved in various ways, grandparents in the stands, parents coaching and children participating. Simply put, Little League baseball is engrained in the culture of most communities in the United States, both reminding us of the core values of our country and demonstrating the virtues of teamwork, leadership and mutual respect.

In a time when competition for our children's time is intense — school related activities, a rich variety of sports options and even a variety of choices for youth baseball — it's fair to ask why Little League matters in today's world. To me, the answer speaks less to how children find ways to exercise, and more to the challenges that will face them as they grow up in an increasingly complex world.

Most of us of a certain age can remember childhoods filled with neighborhood activities that involved physical activity and interactions that provoke rich memories even today. Our parents shooed us outside in

the morning and called us back for meals. School activities were open to everyone, regardless of ability. Today, most schools are cutting back on PE programs; kids are devoting more time to gaming, social media

and other technology-driven activities that keep them inside, inactive and apart from

physical interaction with others their age.

Today, many families are dual-income households, free time is at a premium and activity schedules are more regulated. Childhood has become less about unstructured collaborative fun and more about competition and pursuing individual achievement. I know parents mean well and are certainly working towards the best interests of their sons and daughters. But in a world where parents are bombarded with messages about giving their kids an edge and developing elite skills, where you can find coaching and mentoring pitches that almost guarantee a path to scholarships and success, something crucial can be lost. When I was a coach in Little League, my team was involved in a game for the league championship. The players were nervous, so I took them out into left field before the game and tried to put things into perspective. I told them that 10 years from then, they would not remember the outcome of the game or what the score was. They would remember that it was a glorious spring day, the sun was shining and they were playing baseball with their friends. It has now been more than 15 years since that day, and these 12 kids have grown into adults, one of them my son. I still see some of these former Little League players in from time to time in our community. Invariably, they still remember their time playing baseball with their friends. More importantly, they retained the life lessons that Little League baseball taught them, lessons that help during the often difficult path from childhood to becoming successful adults.

Baseball is a team sport. You may be a star pitcher, but without the help of eight other players, you cannot be successful. I found that, during my year of coaching, every one of the players on my team contributed substantially in winning at least one game. Some of them were gifted players; some of them were not. They were friends, classmates and neighbors before and after the game ended. During the course of the season, all of them learned to depend on the others, to take pleasure in the other's success and find ways to work together towards common goals. Some of them contin-

ued to play baseball through their teen years, others went on to other sports and interests. All of them took their experiences from Little League baseball into their adult lives.

Many people know Little League from the tournaments that conclude with the World Series in Williamsport in August each year. But Little League is so much more than this. Little League is open to everyone, regardless of talent, ethnicity, sex or ability to pay — anyone who wants to play baseball. No one is turned away. There are and always will be opportunities for better players to play in more competitive programs. But I believe that talented players can learn far more from Little League than from these elite programs. I believe that a truly talented baseball player is one who helps make his entire team better than it would otherwise be; one who understands that contributing to team success provides more benefit than can be achieved alone. A child that learns these lessons has all the perspective and tools he or she needs to be a success in life.

Little League's message is engrained in the pledge recited before games — "I trust in God, I love my country and will respect its laws. I will play fair, and strive to win, but win or lose I will always do my best."

The world has changed since I was a kid, and it's unrealistic to expect Little League baseball to remain entirely as it was in the 1950s. Our sense of neighborhood and community has evolved as well. Children today face many more challenges and pressures than we did as kids. I am not involved out of a sense of nostalgia. I am involved because in a world where interactions are increasingly impersonal and indirect, Little League provides a place where kids can have fun, where they can learn important life lessons. It provides a sense of connection across generations, common ground between parent and child and a reminder of what binds us together as a community, and the source of our strength as a nation.

*John Donaldson is a district administrator for Little League, a member of the Little League International Advisory Board, a former president of Fort Hunt Little League and an active umpire.*

### COMMENTARY

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Is a House of Worship Just Another House?

To the Editor:

Saturday night March 21, 2015, sometime during the night, person or persons unknown, broke into Messiah Lutheran Church. They broke in through a window and broke several doors looking for whatever monies they thought we might have. Nothing was vandalized, this time. Several years ago, a break in occurred.

Then a stained glass window was broken and a cross was damaged.

Messiah is a small congregation in the Mt. Vernon area. We have no large spires or priceless works of art. We are involved in the neighborhood through works with United Commu-

nity Ministries, ROC, the Eleanor Kennedy Shelter, and other charitable organizations. Oh and yes, we also just celebrated our 61<sup>st</sup> anniversary as a house of worship.

Anyone who was ever a victim of a robbery in their home, understands the feeling of sadness that accompanies a violation of their personal space.

But I think the sadness is even greater when one's place of solace and fellowship each week, is the subject of such a crime. The church brings people together and offers a safe haven for those who sometimes do not have a lot to celebrate or joy in their lives.

If only for that brief time together, Sunday morning is for some the only friendship and feeling of belonging that comes from worshipping God, and that space has been violated, we can only imagine how all who attend a

House of Worship must view those who "trespass against us."

And yet, we are called to forgive and pray for those souls who have such low regard for their neighbors.

We will continue to do the work that we do in Jesus's name. Our work in the community with our neighbors will continue. Our work in the world will continue. May everyone who attends and works for their House of Worship continue despite whomever thinks their House is just another house. It isn't. It's the community of neighbor helping neighbor here and abroad. It is the hope for peace and working toward that peace.

**Jane Paul**  
Council President  
Messiah Lutheran Church

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# LETTERS

## Stand Up For Safety

To the Editor:

I am mother of two elementary school kids, a resident of Alexandria, and am deeply concerned about a bill pending in Congress that would force each state to recognize concealed carry permits from every other state.

Congress imposed carry, S 498, would force Virginia to allow dangerous people to carry concealed handguns — including in playgrounds, parks, and our cities' streets — even people without any gun safety training, teenagers, and some criminals with recent convictions for violent crimes.

As a mom, I find it alarming that a federal law could force Virginia law enforcement to let people without basic gun safety training carry a loaded gun around my children and family — the people I care about most.

Recently in my son's school, Riverside Elementary, a bullet was found in the gym during physical education class. If Congress forces Virginia to allow untrained people carry concealed, loaded handguns here, I'm afraid we may see these frightening incidents become

more common.

Parents will not just sit and watch while our lawmakers put the lives of our children and communities at risk. While we are grateful to Senators Warner and Kaine for supporting gun sense policies when they stood with

92 percent of Virginians and voted in favor of comprehensive background checks, we must now urge them to stand up for the safety of our Virginia communities by opposing S498.

**Regina Sanchez**

Volunteer, Virginia Chapter,  
Moms Demand Action for Gun  
Sense in America

## Supervisors OK Raises

To the Editor:

Well, your taxes will be going higher again. Despite a revenue shortfall for the next Fairfax County budget year, on March 3, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors (BOS) continued to disregard the taxpayer by approving a \$20,000 raise (26.66 percent in pay that will total \$95,000 annually for a part-time supervisor job and the chairman's salary was in-

creased \$25,000 (33 !S percent) for a total of \$100,000 annually. The motion to approve the pay raise was made by Supervisor Frey (R) Sully District and seconded by Supervisors Hyland (D) Mt. Vernon District and McKay (D) Lee District. The six supervisors who voted yes are Chairman Bulova (D), Supervisors Foust (D) Drainsville District, Hudgins (D) Hunter Mill District, McKay (D) Lee District, Hyland (D) Mt. Vernon District, and Frey (R) Sully District. The four supervisors who voted no are Cook (R) Braddock District, Gross (D) Mason District, Herrity (R) Springfield District and Smyth (D) Providence District. Only two supervisors Herrity and Smyth have opposed the pay raise since it was first proposed a few months ago.

How many of you can raise your salary — particularly part-time workers? Don't be hoodwinked by your supervisor when they claim that the law prohibits them from raising their own pay because the pay raise doesn't take effect until after the election following the vote for the pay raise. Since most of the supervisors run for reelection unopposed, they are, in effect, voting themselves a pay raise and

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## OPINION

# Housing and Health So much depends on having a home.

BY DAVID LEVINE  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, GOOD SHEPHERD  
HOUSING AND FAMILY SERVICES, INC.

**M**any homeless people experience an episode of homelessness because of a chronic physical or mental illness, a disabling injury, or other health issues. Several years ago, the National Alliance to End Homelessness estimated that people living in homeless shelters were more than twice as likely to suffer from an acute medical condition. Many have fallen into homelessness because of repeated failures in their health. The medical bills mount, they can't pay rent, and they end up evicted from their housing.

The link between health and

homelessness is no mystery. Recognizing that link, the 100,000 Homes Campaign was a national movement to focus on permanently housing those homeless Americans who face the highest risk of death from living homeless on the streets. In June 2014, the four-year 100,000 Homes Campaign had successfully moved 101,628 homeless individuals into permanent housing. As the Campaign reported: "That number represents an estimated annual taxpayer savings of \$1.3 billion and reflects the collective work of 238 U.S. communities who have joined the Campaign ...."

The Campaign proved that homelessness can be ended. But it also showed that housing is itself a life-saving tool.

Housing provides the supports that many

chronically ill and disabled homeless people require for their conditions. With a stable address these homeless people can call home, they can plan their treatments and doctor visits. They can transit from home to treatment centers and back home again without any fear. The neighbor next door will be there to drive them. Their prescription medicines will be available to them in a medicine cabinet in their bathrooms. They have a bed where they can rest after a painful treatment or hospital stay.

The other link between housing and health comes from the housing itself. According to the Environmental Health Watch (EHW), nearly six million households "live with moderate to severe home health and safety hazards." People living in such hous-

ing may experience higher risks of illnesses and injuries from greater exposure to asthma triggers, lead hazards, excess moisture, pest infestations, and toxins.

The financial savings are significant from a basic healthy home.

In other words, these savings come from homes that are dry, well-ventilated, pest- and contaminant-free. Healthy homes lead to improved health results. Asthma-related healthcare costs are lower and labor force productivity is greater from such homes. According to EHW estimates, billions are saved from healthy homes in reduced healthcare expenditures.

When anyone considers the link between housing and health, it really comes down to this idea: housing matters for life. It is that critical.

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rewarding themselves at your expense.

Why should they be rewarded when they use your hard-earned tax dollars to recklessly spend, for example, \$10 million for a bonus to employees who are paid on average \$68,000 per year whether they earned the bonus or not, \$30 million to bail out a bank that had an unsecured loan of an arts foundation, and subsidized housing in communities that units are valued at \$1 million.

The last time I checked the county had over 100 taxes and fees for hardworking taxpayers to pay including a sick tax when persons use an ambulance for emergencies. The sick tax was increased in 2014. And, they want more taxes, such as a meals tax. With such tax burden on taxpayers, it's unconscionable to raise their pay.

It's time to remove career supervisors. Keep that in mind when you go to the polls. We need supervisors who will look out for the people they represent as a first priority not rewarding themselves as career politicians usually do. If no one is running to oppose your supervisor, write in a name or put "not you again" as the write-in candidate. A low vote total usually encourage others to run for the job and a message is sent to the incumbent that the people are not satisfied with performance.

Keep in mind, no one forces anyone to run for public office or run for reelection. It shouldn't be a job for anyone who place themselves first as some of the current BOS members have done by giving themselves a raise over the people they were elected to represent. It is up to you.

**Frank Medico**  
Mt. Vernon

## Predictable MVCCA

To the Editor:

Reminiscent of the movie "Groundhog Day," if it is March, it is time for the MVCCA to enact a budget resolution in time to be

considered by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors (BOS) during its budget deliberations. Invariably, the resolution urges the BOS to raise every category of tax to the maximum amount possible in order to fund the grand designs of MVCCA leaders. This year is no exception.

In the MVCCA's "Record," for March 2015, its Budget and Finance Committee has proposed a resolution that will be voted upon this week after the submission deadline for letters to the Gazette. If past is prologue, the resolution will be enacted with little or no revision.

The proposed resolution requests that the BOS (1) choose the "maximum real estate tax rate" it advertised, (2) approve a "Meals Tax Referendum," (3) raise the BPOL tax rates "to more closely correspond to the tax rates in surrounding jurisdictions," (4) increase "proffers from real estate development," (5) "assess and impose transportation impact fees on any development needing a building permit," and others. While any rational person would realize that these proposals could not possibly fly in an election year (except for perhaps the real estate tax rate), apparently this reality has not dawned on the MVCCA's leaders.

The MVCCA's membership list of community associations continues to diminish. According to its website, it now has only 42 member associations. A couple of years ago, in response to a FOIA request, I was informed that there were 228 community associations in the Mount Vernon District at that time.

Thus, the MVCCA represents fewer than 20 percent of those associations and even a lower percentage of the residents of the Mount Vernon District since numerous neighborhoods are not served by a community association, mandatory or otherwise.

Under these circumstances, the MVCCA's resolutions certainly deserve consideration but cannot possibly be considered dispositive of the views of the community as a whole.

Instead, they should be considered representative of the views of those who drafted the resolution and the community



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## Sunrise Easter Service

**Join the Mt. Vernon Rotary Club and Boy Scout Troop 993 at the annual Sunrise Easter Service at the Mt. Vernon Circle. The event will be followed by a pancake breakfast hosted by Troop 993.**

associations whose representatives vote to enact it. Given recent history, I predict around 20 community associations will be represented when the proposed resolution is voted upon. Over the past 6 months, at-

tendance has averaged 19 community associations.

**H. Jay Spiegel**  
Mount Vernon

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# SPRING FUN & ENTERTAINMENT

## 'Devil's Tailors' Sow Roots in Alexandria

Scottish music group finds new home in Old Town tavern.

BY VERNON MILES  
THE GAZETTE

Many bars in Old Town Alexandria have live music venues. Some have folk musicians perform on a small stage, others have karaoke nights. John Strongbow's Tavern on King Street is, so far, the only one to regularly feature regular "jam sessions" with bagpipes. Every fourth Sunday of the month, Peter Walker and members of his band, The Devil's Tailors, play in the main dining room at Strongbow's, a medieval tavern in Old Town, where they invite other local musicians to join them and play traditional Scottish songs.

Technically, Walker leads the group with a tune played from his border pipes which a variant of their more infamous cousin, the bagpipes. The border pipes aren't quite as abrasive as the bagpipes and Walker says they accompany fiddle tunes better, whereas highland bagpipes are meant to be played alongside drums. While the music is certainly a draw to the restaurant on Sunday mornings, the group is mindful that the patrons are primarily there to eat and dine in peace, and the music is a background feature. This is evident when the group gathers on the stage, instruments at the ready, only to wait a half-hour for two patrons at a nearby table to finish their meal.

Walker's group relocated to Alexandria in January, making the March 22 session its third appearance at Strongbow's tavern. Walker's "jam sessions" have had nomadic existence across the region: starting in 2004 at the Royal Mile pub in Wheaton, Md., and eventually relocating to O'Sullivan's in



PHOTO BY VERNON MILES

Peter Walker, his band members and other attendees of his Jam Session at John Strongbow's Tavern.

Herndon. The jam sessions mostly consist of members of Devil's Tailors, but he says members of the community often come out and join them and some have become regulars.

Sandy Hoar has played fiddle for the past 11 years and played with the group when they were at the location in Wheaton, but this is her first time joining them at Strongbow's.

"You never know if it's going to be three people here," said Hoar, "or 20."

Brandon Kennedy was a newcomer to the group, showing up just before the first song and nervously pulling his fiddle from its case. He's already sent a message to the facebook group, but he still asks if it's all right to join. As soon as the music starts though, he's immediately in sync with the rest of the group.

"I just googled 'jam sessions,'" said Kennedy, an Alexandria resident, "I have been looking for something like this in the area."

Kennedy says he enjoys this type of informal concert. Not only is it a good place to practice, but Kennedy says that he loves that

it feels like it's part of a long-standing oral tradition.

It's Barbara Saliunas' second time at one of the Strongbow's jam sessions. She's played Scottish style fiddle for 10 years, becoming enthralled with it after hearing a concert played in 2003's Smithsonian Folk Life Festival. Immediately after the concert, she sought out instruction in Scottish style string instruments and put her training in classical music on hold.

"Most of the people here aren't full time musicians," said Saliunas, "we all have jobs that we do to pay the bills."

Like many others in the jam session, Walker isn't Scottish, not even a little. His family is Irish-English, but he says there's something in the rhythm of Scottish folk tunes that feels very familiar to many Americans.

Walker attributes it to American folk's — and by extension Country and Rock — roots in Scottish music played in the American colonies by settlers. In Alexandria, a city founded in large part by Scottish settlers, the music represents a piece of the city's ancestry.

"When you think of Ireland, you think of rolling green hills," said Walker. "And when you think of Scotland, you think mostly of rocks and crags. That carries over into the language and style of the music ... There's an energy there that's compelling."

The reception on March 22 seemed mixed. The two patrons sitting near the musicians immediately moved across the room as soon as the music started playing. Others playing a card game at a nearby table complained throughout the first song, but when the second song started one recognized it from the 2002 sci-fi show Firefly. By the third song, several members of the card-playing cadre were tapping their feet and nodding along.

"It's usually more customers tapping their feet than complaining," said Ramona Cojocar, a manager at Strongbow's Tavern. "Customers usually stay longer. They stay to listen to the jam music, it's something special. Not every place has Scottish music, and we've only been doing it for about two months now. Once more people start to know we do it every month, then it will start to get more popular."

### CALENDAR

Email announcements to [gazette@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto: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.

#### ONGOING

**Blossom's Rainbow.** Runs through Sunday, March 29. 10:30 am. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St.,

Alexandria. Wednesdays-Fridays and Sundays. In the show, a painter's brush sets a young cherry blossom's world into motion. Infused with whimsical dance, vibrant colors, and dynamic live music, join Blossom on her journey from the red mountains down to the indigo city in this new piece that celebrates Japanese culture. Best for children ages 2-5 and their families. Arts on the Horizon is a theatre company that produces original work exclusively

for children ages 0-6 and their families in Northern Virginia and the DC metro area. \$8, tickets online or at the door on the day of the performance. Box office: 703-967-0437. Visit [www.ArtsOnTheHorizon.org](http://www.ArtsOnTheHorizon.org) for more.

**"In and of the Land."** Through Sunday, March 29, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and during performances at The Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center, Margaret W. and Joseph

L. Fisher Art Gallery at the Alexandria Campus of Northern Virginia Community College, 4915 East Campus Drive, Alexandria. "In and of the Land" is a two person exhibition of recent work in paintings by Clive Pates and ceramics by Virginia Rood Pates. Visit [www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/Gallery](http://www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/Gallery) for more.

**"Four."** Through Sunday, March 29 11 a.m.-6 p.m. at The Associates Gallery, Studio 319, at the Torpedo Factory,

105 North Union St., Alexandria. The Torpedo Factory gallery presents "Four," featuring photographer Julie Patrick, mixed media artist Kara Hammond, painter Jill Finsen and painting/mixed media artist Barbara Muth. TAG will present a new show each month. Visit [torpedofactory.org](http://torpedofactory.org) for more.

#### "Reconstructing the Landscape."

Through April 6 at The Art League, Studio 21 in the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St.,



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Alexandria. "Reconstructing the Landscape" features large-scale abstract paintings by Claudia Cappelle. Visit [www.theartleague.org](http://www.theartleague.org) or call 703-683-1780.

## Michael Graves Memorial Exhibit.

Through Friday, April 10 during library hours at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. The architect and designer of the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, Michael Graves, passed away on March 12. The Library has devoted a memorial table of his work along with a feature on the Alexandria Library website. Visit [www.alexandria.lib.va.us](http://www.alexandria.lib.va.us).

## Art Exhibit.

Through Tuesday, April 14. Sunday and Monday, 12-5 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. at Principle Gallery, 208 King St. Artist Kevin Fitzgerald presents a collection of coastal images painted in the tonalist style. Visit [www.principlegallery.com](http://www.principlegallery.com).

## "Strong Men and Women."

Through April 14 at Alexandria Library, 5005 Duke St. The display honors distinguished African-Americans from Virginia. Contact Kyle Maier at 703-746-1776.

## Art Show.

Through May 3 at Cove, 805 King St., Alexandria. Cove will partner with ArtSee to open the doors of their Alexandria location for a reception featuring the work of Alexandria artist, Pete McCutchen. The work on display shares McCutchen's "Geometrics" series. Visit [cove.is](http://cove.is) for more.

## Art Exhibit.

Through Sunday, May 3 at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St. Two new exhibits will be on display at the Multiple Exposures Gallery by artists Susan Meyers and Colleen Henderson. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org).

## Nine Paintings from John

**Chapman.** Through May 25, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Donald W. Reynolds Museum and Education Center Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Highway, Mount Vernon. Nine unique paintings by the Virginia born artist John Gadsby Chapman (1808-1889) illustrating landscape scenes important to George Washington's biography are on view. Visit [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org).

## "Paws 'N Claws for Art."

Runs through May 31 at Vola Lawson Animal Shelter, 4101 Eisenhower Ave., Alexandria. Del Ray Artisans and Animal Welfare League of Alexandria teamed up to present this animal-themed, fundraising exhibit. Both nonprofits receive a percentage of each sale. Also showing, but not for sale, will be UpCycle's Fur-Vor project community-based student-recycled dog art. Visit [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/GWW](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/GWW) for more.

## "Intricacies" Exhibit.

Through Sunday, May 31 at various times at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. Artist-Photographer Nina Tisara unveils her "Intricacies" exhibit, a collection of mosaics. Visit [www.ourconvergence.org](http://www.ourconvergence.org).

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## Fifty Years of Collecting.

Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sundays noon-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.

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## TAG Gallery Introduces 'Layers'

The Associates Gallery (TAG), located at the Torpedo Factory, studio 319, 105 North Union St., is introducing a new exhibit, "Layers" starting March 30. The exhibit will feature four artists; ceramics artist Bev Andrews, painter Ann Noel, mixed media artist Gail Spencer Saour and fine arts photographer Jo Ann Tooley. The exhibit will run until April 25. TAG Gallery's hours are 11-6. Find more information at [www.torpedofactory.com](http://www.torpedofactory.com).

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**SWAN Day.** 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Poet Shelly Bell will host an evening of poetry, dance, music and the visual arts by women artists. Tickets are \$15. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org).

**Air Force Band Concert.** 8 p.m. at Lyceum History Museum, 201 S Washington St. The United States Air Force Band-Woodwind Quintet and Chamber Trio offer a public concert. Free. Visit [www.usafband.af.mil](http://www.usafband.af.mil).

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### FRIDAY/MARCH 27

**"Arts on the Horizon."** 10:30 a.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. "Blossom's Rainbow" is a combination of live music and dance narrating the journey of "Blossom." Tickets are \$8. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org).

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**Eggstravaganza at Four Mile Run.** 11 a.m.- 2 p.m. at Four Mile Run Farmers and Artisans Market, 4109 Mt. Vernon Ave. This is an early Easter event featuring a visit by the Easter bunny and several Easter egg hunts for children. Free. Visit [theaterchurch.com](http://theaterchurch.com).

**CRAVE Micro-Granting Dinner.** 5-8 p.m. at The Lab at Convergence, 1819 N. Quaker Lane. The Torpedo Factory Art Center and Convergence will host a CRAVE (Creating

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**Orchestra.** 7 p.m. at The George Washington Masonic Memorial Theatre, 611 King St. The Symphony Orchestra of Northern Virginia presents "Les Misérables." Visit [www.sonovamusic.org](http://www.sonovamusic.org) for more.

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**Easter Egg Hunt.** 2:30 p.m. at Spring Hills Mount Vernon Assisted Living Center, 3709 Shannon's Green Way. Seniors and their families may enjoy Easter-themed festivities and crafts, then partake in an egg hunt. Free. Register by calling 703-650-0779.

**Dance in the Gallery.** 2 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Take a sneak peek at the group's spring concert lineup. Free. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org).

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QuinTango with guest Carina Losano, will perform an interactive concert and a Q&A. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org).

## MARCH 29-APRIL 26

**“Art and Story.”** Through April 26 at Shirlington Library, 4200 Campbell Ave., Arlington. Del Ray Artisans presents artworks illustrating the power of art and story. Visit [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org).

## MARCH 30-APRIL 25

**Art Exhibit.** The Torpedo Factory, The Associates Gallery, studio 319, 105 North Union. Ceramics artist Bev Andrews, painter Ann Noel, mixed media artist Gail Spencer Saour and fine arts photographer Jo Ann Tooley will present work for an exhibit titled “Layers.” Visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org).

## TUESDAY/MARCH 31

**Cookie Class.** 6 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Larry Calvert leads a class on how to make hand-decorated sugar cookies. All supplies included. \$45 for the general public, \$35 for NVFAA members. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org).

## WEDNESDAY/APRIL 1

**Swing Dance.** 9-11 p.m. at Nick’s Nightclub, 642 S Pickett St. The Kelley Walters Band will provide the music for a night of swing dancing. \$10. Call 703-359-9882 or visit [www.gottaswing.com](http://www.gottaswing.com).

## THURSDAY/APRIL 2

**Tango Concert.** 7:30p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St.

## FRIDAY/APRIL 3

**Blues Night.** 7 p.m. at Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St. The “Blues Night” is part of the “First Fridays” Series. The Series is a project of the Office of the Arts, a division of the Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities. Appetizers, soda and water are available beginning at 6:30 p.m. complements of the King Street Blues Restaurant. Tickets are \$5 per person and \$15 per family. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov/Arts](http://www.alexandriava.gov/Arts).

## FRIDAY-SUNDAY/APRIL 3-5

**Easter Egg Hunt.** Friday, 3 p.m.; Saturday, 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m.; and Sunday, 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. at The Lee-Fendall House, 614 Oronoco St. The historic Lee-Fendall House will host their 16th Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Other activities include games, crafts, refreshments, and photos with the Easter Bunny. Every participating child will receive an Easter Egg. Tickets are \$12 for children 12 and younger, \$5 for all others. Visit [www.leefendallhouse.org](http://www.leefendallhouse.org).

## MONDAY/APRIL 6

**R.E. Lee Camp Dinner.** 6:15 p.m. at American Legion Post 24 Hall, 400 Cameron St. Hear speaker Billie Earnest speak on “The Life of George Pickett.” On display, find items that once belonged to the General and his family. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$12.50 for children 17 and under. Visit [www.leecamp.org](http://www.leecamp.org).

## SATURDAY/APRIL 4

**The Ivy Hill Players.** 1-3 p.m. at Ivy Hill Cemetery, 2823 King St. costumed interpreters will perform as historical personalities that are buried at Ivy Hill Cemetery.

**Pohick Church Tours.** 1-3 p.m. at Pohick Church, 9301 Richmond Highway. During the colonial period, Pohick Church was the congregation of many of the area’s most prominent families, including the Washingtons, Masons and Fairfaxes. Free. Visit [www.pohick.org](http://www.pohick.org).

## TUESDAY/APRIL 7

**History Lecture.** 7 p.m. at The Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. Attend a lecture on the arrival of Emancipation to Alexandria presented by Char McCargo Bah. Free. Email [lance.mallamo@alexandriava.gov](mailto:lance.mallamo@alexandriava.gov) or call 703-746-4554.

**Public Art in Alexandria.** 6-8 p.m. at Morrison House Hotel, 116 South Alfred St. Join Diane Ruggiero and Matthew Harwood from the City’s Office of the Arts in a talk about Alexandria’s new implementation plan for public art. Free. Contact Alexandria Archaeology at 703-746-4399.

## SUNDAY/APRIL 12

**Artist Talk: Enveloping Time.** 3 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. Opening for an exhibition of the works of Robert Cwiok in the Athenaeum gallery. Cwiok’s paintings, collage, and mixed media works lead visitors on a visual tour through the development of an artist. Text, print ephemera and envelopes are visual leitmotifs

throughout his career. Free. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org).

## WEDNESDAY/APRIL 15

**Antiques Club.** 9:30-11 a.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. The Alexandria/Mount Vernon Antiques Club presents Dick Hamly, discussing oarlocks. Experience with sailing and rowing, as well as serving in the Navy sparked his interest in different oarlock types, including visits to Venice where he learned about variations in shape and details of design in Italian oarlocks, even to a high art. Free. Call 703-360-4979.

**Joan Armatrading.** 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mt Vernon Ave. singer/songwriter/guitarist Joan Armatrading performs. Tickets start at \$75. visit [www.joanarmatrading.com](http://www.joanarmatrading.com).

**Swing Dancing.** 9-11 p.m. at Nick’s Nightclub, 642 South Pickett St. Tom Bowes, Willie Barry, Eric Hurt and Louis Newmyer form the newest rockabilly and early rock-n-roll quartet in the DC area. Admission is \$10. Call 703- 751-8900.

## THURSDAY-SUNDAY/APRIL 16-19

**Spring Book Sale.** Members preview on Thursday, 4-8:30 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Sunday, 1-4:30 p.m. at Charles E. Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Books are \$3 or less unless specifically marked. Find hardbacks, paperbacks, children’s books, and audio-visual items. Visit [www.alexandria.lib.va.us](http://www.alexandria.lib.va.us).

## APRIL 16- MAY 31

**Art Exhibit.** Athenaeum Gallery, 201

Prince St. “Rara Avis” is an exhibition of bird-centric works of Beverly Ress, Langley Spurlock and Martin Tarrat in the Athenaeum Gallery. Admission to the gallery is free. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org).

## SUNDAY/APRIL 19

**“Rara Avis” Opening Reception.** 4-6 p.m. at Athenaeum Gallery, 201 Prince St. Attend the reception for “Rara Avis,” an exhibition of bird-centric works of Beverly Ress, Langley Spurlock and Martin Tarrat in the Athenaeum Gallery. Free. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org).

## TUESDAY/APRIL 21

**Honoring the Past.** 12:45 p.m. at Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. Join the Director of the Alexandria Black History Museum as she takes you through the 20-year process from rediscovering to reopening and remembering this part of Alexandria’s story. Call 703-746-4242 or visit [shop.alexandriava.gov](http://shop.alexandriava.gov).

## FRIDAY/APRIL 24

**Family Fun Night.** 6-9 p.m. at Chingapin Park Recreation Center & Aquatics Facility, 3210 King St. Bring the whole family to Family Fun Nights for swimming and fun for all ages on Friday evenings. Pool games include beach ball relays, water basketball, diving for prizes and fun on the ‘Aqua Challenge’ floating obstacle course. Participate in swimming skill assessments for youth, learn pool safety tips and more. \$4 per person. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov/c/10280](http://www.alexandriava.gov/c/10280) for more.

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#### THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND DRAFT FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT FOR CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A PARKING LOT AT NATIONAL GEOSPATIAL-INTELLIGENCE AGENCY NEW CAMPUS EAST FORT BELVOIR NORTH AREA • FAIRFAX COUNTY, VIRGINIA IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT

#### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: March 23, 2015 – April 21, 2015

#### PROPOSED ACTION

The Real Property Services Field Office of the United States Army Corps of Engineers Baltimore District, on behalf of the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) and in cooperation with the Fort Belvoir Directorate of Public Works, has completed a Final Environmental Assessment (FEA) to address the potential impacts on the human and natural environment resulting from the construction and operation of a 900-space, 7-acre paved parking lot on a previously-disturbed site adjacent to the NGA New Campus East (NCE) on the Fort Belvoir North Area in Fairfax County, Virginia. The site of the proposed parking lot consists of a gravel-covered area currently used for overflow parking by NCE employees; vegetated areas; and two modular buildings with a combined footprint of approximately 28,000 square feet. The proposed action would accommodate parking for personnel currently assigned to NCE by consolidating existing overflow parking areas and improving safety and environmental conditions.

The FEA evaluates the potential environmental impacts resulting from implementing the Proposed Action Alternative and No Action Alternative. The FEA concludes that the proposed action would not result in significant impacts on the environment and a Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) has been prepared.

#### PURPOSE

The purpose of this notice is to provide the public with an opportunity to review the FEA and Draft FNSI and solicit comments concerning the proposed action.

#### PARTICIPATION

Written comments must be submitted no later than 30 days after publication of this Notice of Availability and should be directed to:

Department of the Army  
U.S. Army Garrison Fort Belvoir  
Directorate of Public Works, Environmental and Natural Resource Division  
Attention: Felix Mariani  
Building 1442, 9430 Jackson Loop, Suite 226  
Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-5116

Comments may also be submitted via e-mail to [imcom.fortbelvoir.dpw.environmental@us.army.mil](mailto:imcom.fortbelvoir.dpw.environmental@us.army.mil).

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Copies of the FEA and Draft FNSI are available for review on Fort Belvoir’s website at <https://www.belvoir.army.mil/envirodocs.asp> and at the following repository locations:

Fairfax County Public Library Lorton Branch 9520 Richmond Highway Lorton, VA 22079-2124	Fairfax County Public Library Kingstowne Branch 6500 Landsdowne Centre Alexandria, VA 22315-5011	Fairfax County Public Library Sherwood Regional Branch 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane Alexandria, VA 22306-279
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# WP Softball Looking for Conference 7 Supremacy

Orleans' pitching heroics help Wolverines beat Majors in opener.

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE GAZETTE

**W**est Potomac senior Jayne Orleans headed to the dugout to get warm after pitching five innings during the Wolverines' season opener against Mount Vernon on March 18.

With West Potomac leading, 5-1, Orleans' night appeared to be over. But after her replacement in the pitcher's circle struggled against the first four Mount Vernon batters in the sixth inning, Orleans had to remove the layers she had added in the dugout and return to action.

Off came the winter gloves, jacket, hat, ear warmers and blanket. Moments later, Orleans went from cozy onlooker to determined hurler, mowing down the Majors while maintaining the Wolverines' lead.

After allowing one inherited runner to score on a fielder's choice, cutting West Potomac's lead to 5-4, Orleans struck out the next three Mount Vernon batters and the Wolverines would hold on for a 6-4 victory at West Potomac High School.

Orleans earned the win, allowing one unearned run while striking out 10 in seven innings.

"It was amazing, the fact that she could pull that off," West Potomac sophomore Caroline Bowman said. "We were in the dugout with blankets on, chipping away at our nails."

Orleans' clutch performance helped West Potomac start the 2015 season on a winning note. The Wolverines have since improved to 4-0, with victories over Yorktown, Robinson and Woodson.

West Potomac plays in the loaded Conference 7, led by Lake Braddock and South County. Lake Braddock won the 2014 conference title, but South County responded by beating the Bruins in the 6A North region championship game and the Stallions went on to win their first state championship.

West Potomac has been competitive in the Patriot District/Conference 7 for years, but hasn't been able to conquer both South County and Lake Braddock in the same season. The Wolverines reached the district championship game in 2011, but lost to South County 2-0 in 12 innings.

Last year, West Potomac lost to South County in the conference semifinals, but responded by advancing to the region final four. The Wolverines return the majority of last season's team, and hope this is their



West Potomac senior Jayne Orleans re-entered and pitched the Wolverines out of trouble during their season opener on March 18.



Nikki Minnis bats leadoff and plays shortstop for the West Potomac softball team.

breakthrough year.

"We're an old team this year and we've all been playing together for so many years and we're so ready to win," Orleans said. "We're so beyond ready to take that next step and stop being the 3 seed [in the conference] and be the 1 seed."

While Orleans is a big piece of the puzzle for West Potomac, she has plenty of help. Junior infielder Raven Williams is a middle-of-the-order slugger who made the move from third base to first base after shoulder surgery. Williams is one of West Potomac's top players both in the batter's box and in the field.

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— West Potomac pitcher Jayne Orleans.

ever coached," West Potomac head coach Craig Maniglia said. "As a result, I'm looking for her to be the vacuum over there and have her bat get into the game."

Senior shortstop and leadoff batter Nikki Minnis, junior third baseman Annabelle Miller, senior right fielder Maddie Miller and senior catcher Torie Bolger are experienced members of the Wolverines.

Sophomore designated hitter Bowman is a first-year varsity player who showed her talents during the Mount Vernon game, going 2-for-3 with a double and three RBIs.

"She's going to make a big difference for us," Maniglia said. "Her bat is spectacular and her attitude is spectacular."

Bowman slugged an opposite-field, two-run double to right during the second inning against Mount Vernon.

"I was behind [Mount Vernon pitcher Susannah Anderson] the first time and I was trying to correct it," Bowman said. "[The pitch] was outside, so I just [hit] it that way."

West Potomac will travel to face Annandale at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 26. The Wolverines' first meeting with Lake Braddock is scheduled for April 10 at home, and the first game against South County is April 14 in Lorton.



West Potomac softball coach Craig Maniglia said Raven Williams is "probably the best first baseman I've ever coached."

## SCHOOL NOTES

Email announcements to [gazette@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:gazette@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Thursday at noon. Photos are welcome.

**Alison Somers Lindsay** of Alexandria is enrolled at Washington University's College of Arts and Sciences (St. Louis, Mo.) where she earned dean's list recognition for the fall 2014 semester.

Washington University's College of Architecture (St. Louis, Mo.) recognized **Kelly Marie Dervarics** of Alexandria on its fall 2014 dean's list.

**Reese Paul Frerichs** of Alexandria made the fall 2014 dean's list at Washington University's School of Engineering & Applied Science (St. Louis, Mo.).

The following Fairfax County Public Schools students won awards at the regional competition for National History Day: **Ariana Scott**, **Camille Guzman**, and **Alyssa Kassebaum** of Mount Vernon High School in Senior Group Exhibit; **Tsuyoshi Nemoto** of Mount Vernon High School in Senior Individual Exhibit and "The 442nd Regimental Combat Team" in Senior Individual Exhibit, the 1882 Foundation award.



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Mr. Ramsinh Khimji Asher - Applicant

Notice is given hereby under the Indian succession Act 1956 section 372 to court about the deceased Shigeko Mori Asher who died on 24/11/2012 to get the succession certificate for Rs. 45,18,398.76

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### OBITUARY

**Sydna Mae Stanley**, 80, of Front Royal, VA, passed away on Friday, March 20, 2015 at INOVA Fairfax Hospital.

The family will receive friends on Friday, March 27, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Maddox Funeral Home in Front Royal. Family and friends will meet at Robin's house on Saturday, March 28, at 1:00 p.m.

Mrs. Stanley was born November 21, 1934, in Alexandria, VA daughter of the late William Walter King and Hazel Lee Lovette King.

Surviving are her husband McDonald Stanley of Front Royal; five children Debra Faye Painter of Rileyville, Douglas Edward Stanley of Stafford, Robin Jean Scriva of Front Royal, Jeffrey Matthew Allen Stanley of Winchester, and Anthony Dean Stanley of Front Royal; two brothers James King of Myrtle Beach, SC and Lesley King of Ohio; one sister Carol Johnson of Waldorf, MD; 12 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

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Email announcements to [gazette@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto: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.

## SOL REVIEW

**Mount Vernon High School** will offer SOL review sessions beginning April 11. Students will be provided with breakfast and lunch.

Registration required, visit [goo.gl/DrBlGT](http://goo.gl/DrBlGT).

❖ April 11, 8 a.m.-noon — Math

❖ April 18, 8 a.m.-noon — Math

❖ April 25, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. — English Reading & Social Studies

❖ May 2, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. — Math & Science

❖ May 9, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. — English Reading & Social Studies

❖ May 16, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. — Math & Science

## THROUGH APRIL 15

**Free Tax Preparation.** Monday-Saturday, 10:15 a.m.-2 p.m.; Monday-Thursday, 5-8 p.m. at Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria. For taxpayers with low and middle income. All ages, with special attention to seniors. Federal and Virginia tax returns prepared and electronically filed by IRS-certified volunteers. Tax questions can be answered. Bring your photo ID(s), Social Security Card(s), tax documents, and your prior year tax return.

## THURSDAY/MARCH 26

**Advisory Group Meeting.** 7 p.m. at Charles Houston Recreation Center, 901 Wythe St. The 12th 12th Oakville Triangle-Route 1 Corridor Advisory Group Meeting will discuss building character, building heights and Mount Jefferson Park improvements. Free. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov/planning](http://www.alexandriava.gov/planning).

## SATURDAY/MARCH 28

**Boater Education Course.** 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Mt. Vernon Knights of Columbus Hall at 8592 Richmond Highway, Alexandria. To legally operate a powerboat in Virginia, Maryland or the District of Columbia, proof of completion of an approved boating education course must be carried by the operator of the boat. Flotilla 25-8 of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary offers a boater's education course that meets the mandatory boating education requirements of all states. Contact Jean Ponton, [herpomp79@yahoo.com](mailto:herpomp79@yahoo.com) or 703-362-7079 for more information and an enrollment form.

## SUNDAY/MARCH 29

**Palm Sunday.** 8:30-10:30 a.m. at St Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. Free. Call 703-360-4220 for more.

## TUESDAY/MARCH 31

**NOVA Summer Registration Begins.** Students may register 24 hours a day online at [www.nvcc.edu](http://www.nvcc.edu).

**Northern Virginia Transportation Authority Meeting.** Open house: 6 p.m.; presentation: 7 p.m. at Northern Virginia Transportation Authority, 3040 Williams Drive, Suite 200. Attendees will be presented the transportation projects for fiscal years 2015 and 2016 for public consideration and comment. Free. Register with [theauthority@tenovaauthority.org](mailto:theauthority@tenovaauthority.org).

## THURSDAY/APRIL 2

**"Social Media Marketing, Part 1."** 8:30 a.m. at Holiday Inn Express, 6055 Richmond Highway. Learn how to use applications like Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, and how to measure success. Free. Visit [www.sfdc.org](http://www.sfdc.org).

**Maundy Thursday Agape Meal.** 6-8 p.m. at St Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. Fellowship meal and prayer service. Free. Call 703-360-4220 for more.

## FRIDAY/APRIL 3

**Good Friday Service.** 7:30 p.m. at St Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. John's passion gospel is at the center of the Good Friday service. Seminarian Morris Thompson will preach. Free. Call 703-360-4220 for more.





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*Planning to sell in 2015?  
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**4006 Renault Pl \$575,000**  
**Nature Lover's Delight**  
Absolutely unique property with stunning floor plan featuring marble floored sun room overlooking natural beauty of grounds. Paths lead to hidden swimming pool on hill above house with extensive decking and gazebo. Total privacy! Home is in excellent condition with many updates & oversize two car garage.



**1209 Falster Ct \$649,000**  
**Updated Throughout!**  
Nothing like it on market—totally updated Collingwood home on quite cul-de-sac for remarkably reasonable price. Major updates include: kitchen, baths, windows, electrical service, roof and basement. Four bedrooms, 3 baths. Large deck overlooks fenced back yards. All the work has been done—just move in! Prime location and Waynewood School attendance area. Don't walk—run to this outstanding property!



**8720 Plymouth Road \$1,719,000**  
**Grand Opening!**  
Brand new home in fabulous Plymouth Haven—buy now & be in by end of year! Spectacular Wakefield home loaded with virtually every custom upgrade & amenity. 3 levels of luxury! Fabulous features include striking open floor plan, high ceilings, designer kitchen, luxury baths, hardwood floors, sumptuous master suite, fabulous screen porch and 3 car gar. Prime location on large lot—walk to Waynewood School!



**9413 Bramble Lane \$949,000**  
**Custom Home with Main Level Master Suite!**  
Custom built by Wakefield Homes in 2010. Fabulous "new home" amenities including high ceilings, open floor plan and energy conserving package. Upgrades include: 4 luxury baths, 5 BR including two master suites, hardwood floors chef's kitchen and finished walk-out lower level. Many features the builder is utilizing in \$1.5+ homes!



**9409 Ludgate Drive \$1,890,000**  
**Dramatic Water Views!**  
Stately Colonial Estate in the Virginia plantation tradition. Magnificent setting overlooking Potomac at its widest point. Truly spectacular home with area's best river views. Stunning river view master suite, 3 additional bedrooms each with a private bath; gourmet kitchen any chef would envy opens to family room. Formal dining room and cozy library. Lower level great room, wine cellar and full bath. Three car garage. Gorgeous setting. House and location cannot be duplicated!



**4712 Ferry Landing Rd \$480,000**  
**Mt. Vernon Steal!**  
Estate sale presents opportunity to acquire spacious home in prime Mt. Vernon location for under \$500,000! A truly unique opportunity! All the fundamentals are here just waiting for your finishing touches: open floor plan, cathedral ceilings, large eat-in kitchen, 4 bedrooms, finished lower level, and amazing oversize 2 car garage. Gorgeous setting on level 1/2 acre lots

**4408 Tarpon Ln \$549,950**  
**Stunning Yacht Haven Opportunity!**  
Fabulous updated home with dramatic open floor plan at remarkable price! Spacious four level home with major updates including brand new custom kitchen, 3 full updated baths, gorgeous hardwood floors on 2 levels, walk out lower level. Large deck overlooks beautiful half acre level lot. Walk to Mt. Vernon Yacht Club. Nothing like it for close to this price!



**9201 Cherrytree Drive \$579,500**  
**Huge House—Small Price!**  
Most home for the \$\$ in premier Mt. Vernon neighborhood! Exceptionally spacious 5 bedroom, 3 bath home with bright, open floor plan in pristine "move-in" condition! Major updates include roof, windows, HVAC, kitchen & more! Other features: hardwood floors, chef's kitchen, gas cooking, heat & hot water heater. Sunroom and custom deck overlook magnificent grounds. We invite comparison—nothing like it on market for close to this price!



**3705 Carriage House Ct \$798,500**  
**Stunning Riverwood Renovation!**  
Wow factor abounds! Better than new featuring dramatic open floor plan, breathtaking white kitchen with gas cooking, 3.5 beautifully updated baths, gorgeous newly stained hardwood floors. Extensive recessed lighting, 4 bedrooms, brand new thermal windows, newly finished lower level with full bath. 2 car garage. Prime cul-de-sac location.



**1804 Rampart Drive \$599,000**  
**Expanded and Updated!**



**9223 Craig Ave \$614,995**  
**Unique 6 BR Home—Prime Location!**



**4720 Dolphin Lane \$809,900**  
**Southern Charm Abounds!**  
Stately Virginia Colonial in gorgeous setting near river and Yacht Club. Distinctive two level Columned Veranda. Fabulous floor plan and exceptionally large room sizes. Features include 3 finished levels, 4BR, 3.5BA, 2 FP, custom master suite, gorgeous hardwood floors on two levels and side load 2 car garage. Home is in exceptionally pristine condition — a uniquely attractive property!



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