



Terry Gish as Wernher Von Braun.



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Sarah Ceteras portrays popular 19th century novelist Constance Cary Harrison.

The Living Dead

Reenactors give visitors first-person biographies of the dead at Ivy Hill.

BY VERNON MILES
GAZETTE PACKET

Like any good host, many of Ivy Hill Cemetery's permanent residents greeted visitors at the front gate. Despite many being deceased for well over a century, on April 4, the tenants were brought to life by costumed reenactors who guided visitors on tours of the cemetery.

Burials on the cemetery grounds began in 1811. Lucy Burke Goddin, president of the Ivy Hill Historical Preservation Society, said the tours are part of a campaign to get people to come to the cemetery for reasons other than dying.

Stacy Hawkins, while dressed in a historic bonnet and gown, wasn't playing a particular character. Instead, Hawkins said she filled the vital role of a 19th century town gossip. Despite the intrepid reporting of the Alexandria Gazette, Hawkins said word of mouth was still how news of events most often travelled around Alexandria.

Hawkins directed visitors towards George Mason, a Virginia statesman and considered one of the fathers of the Bill of Rights, played by Richard Robinson III. Mason stood watch over the grave of his great-grandson Beverly Randolph

Mason, a Confederate soldier as a young man and later founder of the Gunston School for young women in Washington D.C.

Robinson said he wasn't very familiar with Mason before he joined the event, but said that as he read more on the subject he realized that Mason doesn't get the credit he should as a founding father or as an early proponent for education in the United States.

"Education is not as valued or cherished now as it once was," said Robinson.

Further down the hill, Sarah Ceteras stood in character as Constance Cary Harrison, an American writer who died in 1920, above the woman's grave. Between 1876 and 1911, under the pen name Refugitta, Harrison wrote serialized historical fiction and romance novels for

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Stacy Hawkins as the Mistress of the Cemetery greets visitors to Ivy Hill on Saturday afternoon.

Less Parking

Planning Commission updates policy on residential parking spaces.

BY VERNON MILES
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A proposed text amendment to the Alexandria Parking Standards will decrease the amount of parking spaces residential property developers will be required to provide.

The amendment, proposed by the Parking Standards for New Development Study Group at the April 7 Planning Commission meeting, was passed in a 6 to 1 vote and will be considered by City Council at its April 18 meeting. Proponents of the change argued that the new definitions reflect an Alexandria that is more "walkable" and has greater mass transit accessibility. Residents of

Old Town say the change only further exacerbates the already dire parking conditions along Alexandria's Waterfront.

According to Carrie Beach, the division chief for Neighborhood Planning in the Department of Planning and Zoning, the change in parking standards is a "right-sizing" of the city's zoning ordinance.

Beach noted that the last major overhaul of the city's parking standards was in the 1960s.

The text amendment would categorize multi-family market-rate housing into two categories, those within a half-mile walking distance of a metro station and those outside of a half-mile distance from a metro station. Residential developments located within a half mile of a metro station would be required to develop 0.8 spaces

per bedroom in an apartment, while those outside of a half mile of a metro station would be required to develop 1.0 space per bedroom.

The current policy determines parking requirements by unit rather than bedrooms, although multi-

family dwellings are still subcategorized by bedroom units. For example, single residential units and townhouse developments require two spaces per unit, while two bedroom apartments require 1.75 spaces per unit and dwellings with three or more bedrooms require 2.20 spaces.

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— Stewart Dunn, member, Planning Commission

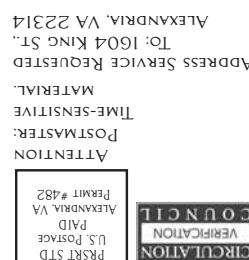
Dead Body Found

The Alexandria Police Department is conducting an investigation into the death of a 21-year-old male in the 5800 block of Quantrell Avenue.

Around 9:49 a.m. on Thursday, April 2, officers responded to the

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Council To Consider Reduced Parking Proposal

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Stewart Dunn, a member of the Planning Commission, expressed concerns that a developer could build an apartment that technically only had one bedroom but came with several dens or living rooms that could be used, in practice, as bedrooms.

"If we're counting by bedroom, it's crucial that we understand what that means," said Dunn. "That definition is not in this text and that's a problem. The issue here would be a developer passing off a two-bedroom unit as one for a parking discount."

Robert Kerns, Development Division Chief for the City of Alexandria, responded that the city uses the statewide building code definition of a bedroom as their parameter. However, there was an awkward moment during the commission meeting when Dunn asked Kerns to read the statewide definition, which was listed as to be determined "by appropriate zoning codes of the local municipality."

"This is circular," said Dunn. "We don't have a definition. There are things we need to take care of here."

"We'll have to find a definition," said Nathan Macek, a member of the Planning Commission and the Parking Standards for New Development Study, "but this is a problem with the existing standards, it doesn't matter [in terms of] whether we approve this or not."

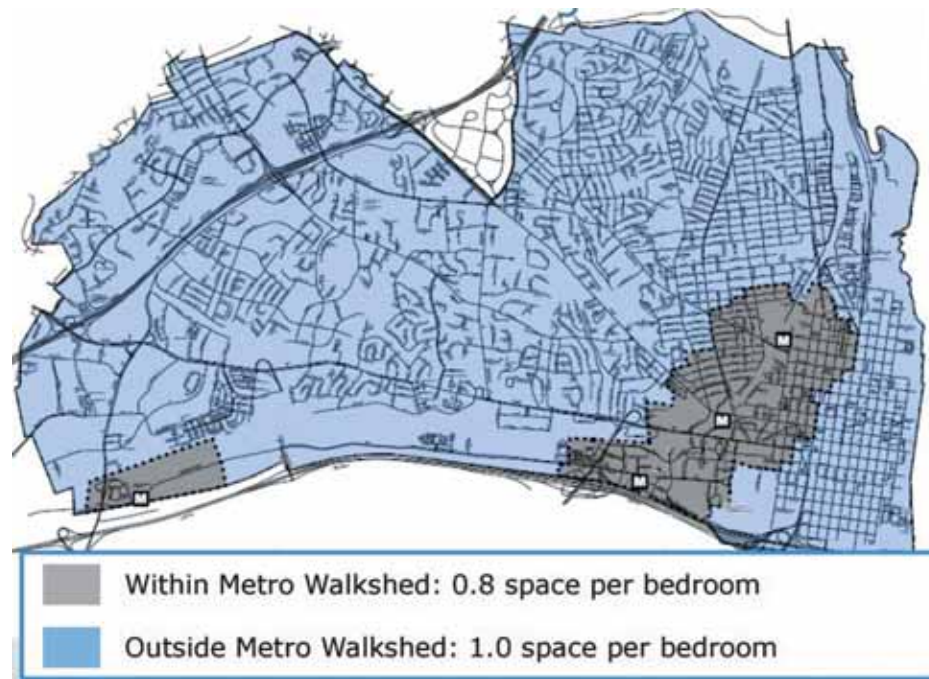
Projects located outside of the half-mile radius of a metro could apply for credits that would allow them to reduce the number of required parking spaces. If a project is outside of the half-mile radius from the metro station but within a half mile of a Bus Rapid Transit stop, the project could apply for a 10 percent overall parking reduction. If there are four or more bus routes within a quarter of a mile from the development, or if the project has 20 percent or more studio apartments (a single room apartment), the project can apply for a five percent reduction in its parking requirements.

One of the more controversial credits involves a credit for up to 10 percent based on the project's "walkability index score." Walkability of a neighborhood was initially determined using a web application "Walk Score" (walkscore.com) that determines an address' distance to locations like grocery stores and public amenities. The proposal noted that, while Walk Score was initially used during the development of determining "walkability," city staff developed an Alexandria-specific index that scores developments based on proximity to neighborhood services, civic and community facilities, and retail.

"I don't think 'walkability' is a solid idea in terms of credits," said Dunn. "It's hard to define, it's very subjective ... We're getting into something very imprecise, and if we downsize parking too far, it's very difficult to recover from that."

Macek emphasized that the index is still a draft and will likely continue to be refined and re-written.

"This walkability index came up late in



The map of the proposed text amendment's metro-centered parking standards.

the process and perhaps we need to take another look at the index," said Macek. "I don't want to see this stripped out, but I think there's room to drill down on this."

Beach said that the change is an affirmation of parking trends already seen in current developments in Alexandria. According to the staff report on the amendment, of the 15 residential/mixed-use development projects that have been developed in Alexandria over the last five years, 14 have requested and received parking reduction special use permits.

Later that same evening, the Planning Commission approved an additional special use permit for an existing housing complex near the Braddock Road metro to turn one of its parking lots into a dog park for residents.

The Potomac Club Residence requested approval of an amendment to its Development Special Use Permit to remove a 26-space surface parking lot, which would reduce the parking ratio to 1.10 spaces per housing unit, and shift the parking at the facility exclusively to a 518-space underground parking garage on the site and another eight space surface parking lot. The facility has 479 residential units and 526 parking spaces.

The Potomac Club Residence is a quarter mile from Braddock Metro, meaning at 1.10 parking spaces per unit, it would actually be over the 0.8 spaces per bedroom ratio established in the text amendment. In the text amendment, any development seeking to build parking in excess of 0.8 spaces per bedroom would have to file for a parking modification special use permit.

"This proves the point that we're going to have some issues moving forward," said Macek. "Are they now going to be doing this perverse thing of asking for a parking increase by asking for a parking reduction?"

"We should be thrilled that we don't have to answer that tonight," said Maria Wasowski, a member of the Planning Commission.

The Potomac Club Residence's request was accompanied by a letter from Judy Guse-Noritake, president of the Braddock Metro Citizen's Coalition, that expressed support for the change.

"Since this development was planned and constructed there have been many changes in the way people live, work, and play in this neighborhood," said Guse-Noritake. "We have learned that less parking is needed this close to the Metro stop and that open space in such a dense area is at a premium ... Fewer cars, more open space resources for people and a private dog park for the tenants ... this is a win-win all the way around in our view."

Overall, members of the Planning Commission said that this was an example of the kind of shift in parking trends that merited the text amendment.

"This is the poster child for why we're pursuing this new policy," said Macek.

"It's a pleasure to approve a project like this," said Mary Lyman, a member of the Planning Commission. "How often do you get to turn a parking lot back into a park?"

The answer would be "frequently" if Jim Kapsis, chair of the Environmental Policy Commission, had his way. Kapsis' letter to Mayor Bill Euille and members of the City Council was included with the parking text amendment. Kapsis' expressed support for the amendment as complementary with Alexandria's Environmental Action Plan's goals to reduce emissions from daily vehicle usage and to promote "more responsible land use."

But the public comment portion of the commission meeting revealed that citizens of Alexandria's Old Town believe the new parking standards will hurt the already dire condition of parking on the waterfront.

"Staff has mentioned an oversupply of parking, but on the waterfront there is no oversupply," said Jerry McAndrews, an Old Town resident. "This policy may be fine for the rest of the city, but it puts the waterfront in a crunch."

"The staff recommendations are surprising considering the acute shortage of spaces and with the city proposing new developments and trying to attract more visitors," said Susan Askew, a local resident. "A plan that reduces parking defies logic. We need to think bigger and think creatively. We need to create incentives to create more parking, not to reduce it. If we don't address this ... people won't want to come to Alexandria."

The Old Town Area Parking Study, released in early 2015 and currently under review by the Parking Study Work Group, showed that parking on the waterfront is beginning to show signs of strain. On-street parking in Old Town averages 71 percent capacity during peak hours, which is under the city's definition of "full," which ranges from 85 to 90 percent occupancy. Maximum capacity is not 100 percent as, at 85 percent, it becomes nearly impossible for someone casually searching a parking area to find a spot.

However, the study shows that many roads near the waterfront frequently exceed their maximum occupancy. On-street parking on King Street exceeded maximum capacity on Friday and Saturday evenings, reaching 96 percent and 92 percent capacity respectively. The roads perpendicular to King Street get more crowded closer to the waterfront. On Mondays through Fridays, from noon to 2 p.m., on-street parking on St. Asaph Street, Pitt St., Fairfax St., Lee St., Buchanan St., Harvard St. and Royal St. falls between 91 and 95 percent capacity, and reaches 91 percent capacity on Saturday evenings. Union Street, Diagonal Road, and Commerce street all reach 100 percent capacity or more. With only 16 parking spaces, parking on The Strand never dips below 94 percent, and twice on Fridays reaches 106 percent. The Old Town Area Parking Study's possible recommendations include raising hourly parking rates and decreasing on-street meter time limits, but no plans for additional public parking.

Off-street parking locations aren't as crowded as on-street parking, but still averages at 65 percent occupancy.

Townsend "Van" Van Fleet spoke as president of the Old Town Civic Association in his call to exempt all future waterfront developments from the proposed text amendment.

Sandra Marks, the Deputy Director of Transportation and Environmental Services in the City of Alexandria, said that the city recognized the concerns of the Old Town residents and said that staff had included the Old Town Area Parking Study data in their decision-making process, but that ultimately the amendment is best for the city as a whole. Marks noted that the waterfront was outside of the half-mile radius from a metro and developers would fall under that classification when developing on the waterfront. All currently planned developments, like the facilities at Robinson Terminal North and South, and housing planned as part of the waterfront redevelopment, would still fall under the old parking regulation.

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PEOPLE

A Breath of Spring

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

When Nancy Ziegler's husband died in 2006, a friend gave her a gift certificate to be used at The Art League. It was there that she discovered her artistic talents and has been a flourishing artist ever since.

"I played the piano and studied voice so I had some creative blood in me," Ziegler said. "But I had always wanted to paint. I just never pursued it until my husband passed away."

Ziegler, whose work can be seen at the Vander Zee Gallery in Old Town, joined forces with fellow artist Eric Nelson to host A Breath of Spring reception March 19 to celebrate the end of winter.

Held at Artfully Chocolate in Carlyle, Ziegler and Nelson exhibited dozens of pieces of their work in a joint showing that drew collectors from across Northern Virginia.

"Eric's work is so bold," said Anita McFadden of Fairfax. "The contrast of primary colors he uses is so interesting."

Unlike Ziegler, Nelson has kept sketchbooks at his side since he was a teenager. But it wasn't until 2006 that he "jumped off the cliff," leaving the corporate world to pursue his artistry full time.

"It still took a long time for me to describe myself as an artist," Nelson said. "It seemed a bit presumptive. That changed the first time someone bought one of my pieces."

Ziegler, who specializes in oil on canvas landscapes, is also a fan of Nelson's work.

"Eric's work is so unique," Ziegler said. "He is such a happy artist. Everything he

does makes you smile."

Along with Artfully Chocolate co-owner Edward Hart, Ziegler and Nelson conceived the idea for the reception as a way to welcome the long-awaited change of seasons.

"The winter weather had been so dreary," Nelson said. "It was time to wake up and get out of hibernation."



Nancy Ziegler, left, talks about her favorite pieces with her 19-year-old granddaughter Hayley Charas.


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JOHN BORDNER



Artists Nancy Ziegler and Eric Nelson co-hosted the Breath of Spring art reception March 19 at Artfully Chocolate.



Artist Eric Nelson, right, talks with collector Anita McFadden during the Breath of Spring reception March 19 at Artfully Chocolate. Nelson and Nancy Ziegler showcased their artwork as part of a celebration of the official end of winter.



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No this isn't really a brie; it looks like it but is not the same texturally. It is made by a Vermont creamery, Jersey cow milk." Vanessa Moore, proprietor of Unwined in the Bradlee Shopping Center added, "the rind is wrapped in tree bark but it's runny inside. You just scoop it out. It is so good."

Marion Brady is looking for an Easter gift for dinner and says she doesn't know all of these cheeses and doesn't want something too strong. she knows she can always get something special here.

A Van Morrison song is playing in the background. Moore is about to open the bottles for the weekly Saturday afternoon wine tasting. "We feature new arrivals and wines for traditional holiday feasts," she said. The first bottle pops open. "This is a rosé from the village of Tavel in the Southern Rhone Valley. We just got it in yesterday. It is a wine drinkers rosé, not as light and delicate."

Reed Stuntz, a long-time customer, steps up for the first taste. "This is a regular for me. It's a great producer."

Moore says the wine shop specializes in smaller producers that represent where they come from, new grapes, new appellations. "We have about 1,000-1,200 different wines. We like to educate people about their origin," she said.

They combine new wines with familiar items. "The store is about discovery and rotation." Moore has owned Unwined for 10 years and has some customers since the beginning. "One man is from South Africa and back when no one else was paying attention he would tell me about the great South African wines, what to buy." She said, "It's not what we like; it's what the customers like. Of course we want to drink it, too."

Thinking back, Moore says she has seen customers change since she started selling wine. "It used to be they would come in looking for something they recognized and would feel lost if they didn't find it. Now I will suggest something new and they will try it. I think it is because people are so well travelled and exposed to different cultures." She said when she was growing up in Baton Rouge, La., that her family went camping for vacations but now people travel all over.

"I didn't learn about wine until I moved to Alexandria and worked here part-time while I was in graduate school before I bought the store. Her parents



Vanessa Moore opens up several bottles of newly arrived wines for the regular Saturday wine tasting at Unwined located in the Bradlee Shopping Center.

aren't big wine drinkers and will leave an opened bottle on the table for months thinking they can finish it. "I send them half bottles," she said.

When she was learning about wine, "I sold the same one kind of wine over and over to everyone because I knew all about it." But over time she became more comfortable as she learned about all of the wines in the store.

As much as Moore loves finding out about wines and cheeses and all the other products in the store, she says what she really likes are the clientele who come in happy and excited to be there and the physical labor that involves 10 hours a day on her feet delivering wines, stocking shelves and "a lot of running around." But she says once in a while some days when she is exhausted she thinks, "If I could just come in and talk to people, I'd be happy."

Moore says she wants a wine to speak to her before she has it in her mouth. If she had to choose it would be Northern Italian reds, something aromatic. "I love champagne." She reaches around for more wine glasses and pours a taste of red. "This is a Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir from Anthill Farms. It can stretch from ham to lamb for Easter dinner."

A second store is located in the Bellevue Shopping Center. She says it is the same experience but has a different space and wine selection and a huge parking lot out in back where they have outdoor events including a yearly anniversary celebration. In addition winemakers visit both stores for special tastings, and an educational series is offered in sit-down classrooms. They also help customers match wines to their meals. "Right now we're working with a bride and groom and another group has a wine club and bring in their courses for us to match."

Stuntz walks by; "It's spring," he said. "I have a six-pack of different rosés."

PHOTOS BY SHIRLEY RUHE/GAZETTE PACKET



A regular customer, Reed Stuntz steps up to taste the Tavel rosé which he says is one of his favorites. "It is a good producer."



Marion Brady has come in to buy a special cheese for a hostess gift to take for Easter dinner. She doesn't want something too strong and knows she can always get something special here with the help of owner Vanessa Moore.

DiPatrizio Named New Postmaster

Mario DiPatrizio was recently named postmaster of Alexandria. DiPatrizio, a postal employee of more than 23 years, replaces John Brodbeck who has moved to a new position in Baltimore. DiPatrizio began his career as a letter carrier in Doylestown, Pa., in 1992. Soon after, he was promoted to an entry-level management position in Phoenixville, Pa. His success as a manager led to a series of postmaster promotions with increasing responsibility across three postal districts. Most recently DiPatrizio served as senior manager, Post Office Operations in the Central Pennsylvania and Northern Virginia districts where he provided oversight for thousands of postal employees. In February, DiPatrizio achieved a career-long goal by becoming Alexandria's 35th postmaster. "I am very excited to serve as postmaster for the City of Alexandria and look forward to providing Alexandria residents



Mario DiPatrizio

with efficient, dependable service," said DiPatrizio. In his new position, DiPatrizio oversees 510 employees engaged in retail, delivery and support operations.

There are 256 routes in Alexandria with 152,269 delivery points. A swearing in ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday April 21 at the Masonic Memorial Temple located at 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria.



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From left: T.C. Williams Lead Academic Principal Jessica Hillery, Abby Hamilton, SFA Executive Director Beth Lovain, SFA Assistant Director Alysha Damratowski, and College Advisor Margaret Feldman.

Receiving Top Scholarship

Scholarship Fund of Alexandria's Executive Director Beth Lovain presented SFA's largest 2015 award during a surprise classroom visit at T.C. Williams High School Monday, April 6.

The winner of the Madelyn Anderson Scholarship, T.C. Senior Abby Hamilton, will receive \$10,000 per year toward her college expenses for a total of \$40,000.

Hamilton has distinguished herself through service as a social

entrepreneur in the Alexandria community. Using a college-level entrepreneurship class as a springboard, she parlayed her expertise as a portrait photographer into co-founding a nonprofit organization to provide low-cost portraits to military families awaiting deployment.

This initiative was recognized by the Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship who honored Hamilton as a 2015 Global Young Entrepreneur of the Year at a ceremony in New York City in March.

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The Living Dead

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young women.

"She was from high society," said Ceteras on what interested her about the character, "But she was adventurous, brave, and bold."

In addition to her fame as a writer, Harrison and two of her cousins are credited with sewing the first confederate battle flag.

At the bottom of the slope that covers most of the cemetery grounds, the last actor on the tour wore a much more modern suit than the other reenactors scattered across the hillside. Terry Gish portrayed Wernher von Braun, one of the cemetery's more recent famous residents. Braun was a German scientist who was the chief architect of the Saturn V rocket which sent American astronauts to the moon on the Apollo missions. One of Braun's relatives had recently left a model of one of the rockets at the gravesite.

As a former Nazi, a member of the Schutzstaffel (SS), and the chief architect of the V-2 missile, Braun is also one of the cemetery's more controversial figures. Gish said it's important to understand the historical context for a German

scientist in the 1930s. By the 1940s, Braun became an outspoken critic of the part and was eventually arrested as a communist sympathizer accused of deliberately sabotaging the development of V-2 project.


Braun was brought to the United States as part of Operation Paperclip, a program orchestrated by the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) to bring more than 1,500 German scientists and engineers to the United States. In the United States, Braun worked on the development of intercontinental ballistic missiles during the Korean War, but would develop his greatest achievements during his time at NASA.

"NASA was the best thing to happen to Braun," said Gish. "His technological developments were finally about space flight, not weapons."

Braun's family still lives in Alexandria. Last year, Gish said he was honored to meet a relative who visited the grave last year.

Despite Braun's being, arguably, the cemetery's most famous resident, Goddin said she tries not to

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OPINION

A Big Election Year in Virginia

Register, research, vote. And vote again.

Every year is an election year in Virginia. Here are a few examples that demonstrate that while elections are ubiquitous in Virginia, they are neither simple nor unimportant. Wade in, a lot depends on figuring this out and voting. This is not intended to be a comprehensive list of candidates.

The choices begin April 23.

Almost every state and local elected office in Virginia will be in play. Democrats will choose their candidates in the primary on June 9. Republicans will choose candidates for individual offices at caucuses, firehouse primaries and conventions, beginning April 23 and finishing by June 9.

For example, the Republican candidate for Sully District supervisor will be chosen in a firehouse primary on Saturday, April 25 at Westfield High School, with three candidates seeking the nomination to replace retiring Michael Frey.

The three candidates are Brian Schoeneman, John Guevara and John Litzenberger, and the winner will likely face Democrat Cathy Smith on Nov. 3. Smith is vacating her Sully District School Board seat to run for Sully District supervisor.

This year's elections begin May 5 with elections in the Town of Vienna with three candidates vying for three positions on the Vienna Town Council. For more, see <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/upcoming.htm>.

There are similar chains of musical chairs happening in the Mount Vernon district, with District Supervisor Gerry Hyland (D) retiring,

and Democrats Jack Dobbyn, Dan Storck, Candace Bennett and Tim Sargeant seeking the Democratic nomination to replace him. Democrats will choose their candidate in a primary June 9 at usual polling places; Republicans have scheduled a canvass on May 16 at Sherwood Regional Library.

IN FAIRFAX COUNTY, all 10 members of the Board of Supervisors are on the ballot including district members and the chairman. Also on the ballot: all members of the School Board including district members and three at-large members; Constitutional Officers Sheriff, Clerk of Court and Commonwealth's Attorney; and three members of the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District Board Directors.

Every seat in the Virginia General Assembly will be on the ballot, including all State Senate and House of Delegates seats. With several key retirements, including Del. Rob Krupicka (D), Del. Tom Rust (R) and Sen. Toddy Puller (D), it's clear that there will be some change. Del. Scott Surovell (D) will give up his seat to run for Puller's Senate seat, so the musical chairs continue.

IN ARLINGTON, the General Election on Nov. 3. will include Virginia Senate (30th, 31st, and 32nd Districts), Virginia House of Delegates (45th, 47th, 48th, and 49th Districts), County Constitutional Offices (Clerk of Court, Commonwealth's Attorney, Sheriff, Commissioner of Revenue, and Treasurer), County Board (two seats), and School Board. In Arlington, staggered terms on the County Board and School Board mean that there are two seats on the County Board and one on School Board up for election.

The Democratic party will select its nomi-

nees for County Board and House of Delegates, 45th District, on Tuesday, June 9. Republicans will select their nominees for all offices at party meetings or caucuses, to be held at dates to be announced. The Republican party has until June 9 to select nominees. Source: <http://vote.arlingtonva.us/elections/>

IN ALEXANDRIA, aside from the five Democratic candidates seeking the nomination to replace Krupicka, only one Democratic candidate qualified for the primary ballot for Virginia State Senate (30th and 35th Districts) and House of Delegates (46th District) and only six Democratic candidates qualified for the primary ballot for City Council, so no primaries for those offices will be held.

In addition, only one Republican candidate qualified for Virginia State Senate (39th District) so no primary for that office will be held. Source: <http://www.alexandriava.gov/Elections>

The Republican Party will be nominating its candidates for Mayor, City Council, Virginia House of Delegates (45th and 46th District) and State Senate (30th and 35th District) through a party canvass. Check with the Alexandria Republican City Committee for more information, www.alexgop.org.

The Democratic Party will be nominating its candidate for Virginia State Senate (39th District) by a method other than a primary. Check with the Alexandria Democratic Committee for more information, www.alex Dems.org.

Don't miss any of this. Check that you are registered to vote at your current address by visiting <http://elections.virginia.gov/>

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LETTERS

Fund Law Library

To the Editor:

The following open letter was addressed to Mayor William D. Euille.

This letter is on behalf of the board of directors of the Alexandria Law Library. The board was greatly disappointed to learn, when the proposed budget for the City of Alexandria was released on March 2015, that the city manager eliminated the city's contribution to the continued operation of the Law Library. The city is one of the partners who, along with the Court and the Alexandria Bar Association, formed the Law Library many years ago. (Each of these partners appoints three members to the Law Library Board.) It appears that the city manager has taken this action without discussing the matter with the Court or the Bar Association.

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LIVING LEGENDS

Alice P. Morgan: A Lifetime of Getting People Involved

Never too young or old to volunteer.

BY SHERRY WILSON BROWN

Suppose you must select one word to describe 2015 Living Legend Alice P. Morgan. There are many choices: groundbreaker, activist, and nurturer come quickly to mind. But perhaps the most all-encompassing is inclusive. Morgan is about including people. For example, when Morgan chaired Alexandria's annual Martin Luther King Day celebrations, she found a way to include anyone who showed an interest, even children.

"Youngsters were never too young to help, even if all they did was distributing programs. If they wanted to help, they could," she said. "Some of those young volunteers returned each year. It gave them their first experience as volunteers."

Kenya Turner, today a community center director in Fairfax County, said, "I have known Mrs. Morgan all my life. She introduced me to my first role in public service when I was 5 and she allowed me to be a hostess for the Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Service." With continued backing and encouragement from Morgan, Turner went on to receive an outstanding achievement award as a senior at Alexandria's T.C. Williams High School and

eventually to obtain a degree in public administration from George Mason University.

Morgan initiated Alexandria's Martin Luther King Memorial Service in 1973, before the holiday was officially recognized by the Commonwealth of Virginia or the U.S. Congress. She went on to volunteer as chair for 34 of the next 35 years before finally retiring in 2008, leaving behind a well-established legacy.

Perhaps, it is the pioneering side of Morgan (another good word) that motivates her to undertake challenges no one like her has attempted. It is part of why she was selected in 2010 by the Alexandria Commission on Women for the Marguerite Payez Lifetime Achievement Award. Her nomination cited that Morgan was the first woman and the first African American woman to be appointed to the Alexandria Planning Commission (on which she served two terms). This was during a significant period in Alexandria. Ira Robinson had been elected to City Council, the first African American since Reconstruction Times and he faced all-white boards and commissions. Robinson had been mentoring Morgan with whom he worked on voter registration and his council campaign. At his urging, Morgan applied for the Planning Commission and was appointed. In 1979, she was the first African Ameri-



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Volunteering became an early pattern for Alice Morgan. By the time Morgan was in her third year of college, she was recognized by the Red Cross for having donated over 500 hours of service.

can woman to run for City Council. Although not elected, her candidacy was an encouragement for other African American Women. Morgan's activities have led to entries in Outstanding Young Women of America (1970), Who's Who among Black Women (1975-76), and World Who's Who of Women, 4th Edition (1978).

The first child in a closely-knit family of two brothers and a sister in Richmond, Morgan graduated from Maggie L. Walker High School which was named for her grandfather's half-sister. Her father, Elmore W. Johnson, Jr. was an acquaintance of King associate the Rev. Wyatt Tee Walker whom he held up to his children as an example of service with the reminder that "if you are not part of the solution, you are part of the problem." Morgan believes that she developed her interest in community service from that and in social work from her mother, Fannye Mae Quarles Johnson who often fed or housed friends and relatives in need.

After high school, Morgan earned a B.A. from Virginia Union University and a master's degree in social work from Virginia Commonwealth University. She had an eye toward being an Army nurse but a dislike of needles and blood ended that so she concentrated on a professional career as a social worker focusing on mental health.

In 1980, Morgan was one of 25 people selected nationwide for an Intergovernmental Management Program sponsored by the Department of Health and Human Services. Her field placement was the Bureau of Medical Services as a program analyst while taking accelerated classes that led to a master's degree in public administration from the University of Southern California Washington Center. Among her duties was preparing a briefing book on public health for the Reagan Transition Team. Now retired, she had been a social work administrator in various positions in such organizations as Prince William County Welfare Department, Hopkins House, then an Alexandria settlement house, and St. Elizabeth's

Living Legends: The 2015 Project

Living Legends of Alexandria is an ongoing 501(c)(3) photo-documentary project to identify, honor and chronicle the people making current history in Alexandria. The project was conceived in 2006 to create an enduring artistic record of the people whose vision and dedication make a positive, tangible difference to the quality of life in Alexandria. This is one of a series of profiles that will appear this year. For information, to volunteer, become a sponsor or nominate a future Legend, visit <http://www.AlexandriaLegends.org> or or contact Info@AlexandriaLegends.com.

Hospital which began as a federal government hospital now serving the city of Washington, D.C.

Volunteer is another good description for Morgan. Volunteering became an early pattern for her. At 7, she began making "Use Me" books for the Red Cross. Using construction paper, she created books that included such things as a stick of chewing gum and invited the reader to "chew me" and a comic strip that invited the reader to "read me." That was followed by being a candy striper. By the time Morgan was in her third year of college, she was recognized by the Red Cross for having donated over 500 hours of service. She also volunteered in Richmond for voter registration and for marches and sit-ins to desegregate restaurants and movie theaters.

Morgan moved to Alexandria in 1967. Early involvement focused on affordable housing, senior citizen advocacy and affordable health care. Among her first activities were volunteering for the Alexandria Tenants' Council, the Alexandria Boys Club and the Legal Aid Society. She served on the Police Community Relations Task Force, the board of the Alexandria Mental Health Association, and the local chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. From 2010 to 2013, she was on the board of Living Legends of Alexandria. Since 2007, she has served on the board of Agenda:Alexandria organizing programs on African American history, affordable housing, immigration, and T.C. Williams students after graduation. The last is especially important to Morgan as her children Weldon "Donnie" Morgan and Arvette Morgan Reid are graduates.

In 2012, she received the President's Volunteer Service Award for Community Service in Alexandria which was accompanied by a certificate and letter of congratulations signed by President Barack Obama.

She has been married to Wilson Miles Morgan since 1966. They "met" in college but on a visit home, Morgan discovered that they had known one another as toddlers when their parents swapped babysitting duties. She is the proud grandmother of W. Miles and Alexandra "Zan" Morgan and Jarren M. and Sovay A. Reid, a new generation to include in public service.

Sherry Wilson Brown is executive director of Agenda:Alexandria



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First row, from left, are Nina Tisara, Mayor Bill Euille, Joyce Rawlings, Councilwoman Del Pepper; second row, Kathleen Baker, Kate Campbell Stevenson representing Marga Frapp, Fred Parker, Alice P. Morgan, Councilman John Chapman and Gayle Reuter.

2015 Living Legends Gather

More than 200 people gathered for the 8th Annual Meet the Legends reception on March 19 at the Patent & Trademark Office Madison Building. Guests included the 2015 Living Legends of Alexandria: Kathleen Baker, Kate Campbell Stevenson representing Marga Frapp, Alice P. Morgan, Fred Parker, Joyce Rawlings, Gayle Reuter and Nina Tisara. Though City Council had a budget workshop scheduled that evening, Mayor Bill Euille stopped by to congratulate the Legends as did Councilwoman Del Pepper and Councilman John Chapman. John Porter served as master of ceremonies.

In the audience were staff, teachers, students and parents from Commonwealth Academy (C/A). Last April, Living Legends founder Nina Tisara attended a Holocaust Memorial program at Market Square and saw a quilt produced by students at C/A. She was so impressed with the student's work that she contacted the school to ask about possibilities for collaboration. The outcome was the production of digital portraits, working digital clocks, unique silkscreen designs — all gifts for the Legends — and a tribute video. See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j2t0k1PLnsE>.

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'All Clear' Given To For Sale Signs

BY SCOTT ROY MCLEAN

Who would have thought that a single individual taking a stand for the First Amendment would prompt Alexandria to remove a 50-year old ordinance from the books? But that is just what happened — and it's a victory for everyone's free speech rights, and everyone's right to sell their car without ridiculous restrictions on advertising.

For those who are new to the story, before March 14, it was illegal in Alexandria to have a "For Sale" sign displayed on your parked car. The law has been on the books since 1963, allowing for city officials to ticket and collect fines of up to \$100 for each offense. Unfortunately, this happened to me in early 2012, and I fell victim to a ticket on my car for violating a law that I didn't even know existed.

Feeling that my First Amendment rights were being violated, I filed a lawsuit against the city last October.

In response, City Council has now unanimously voted to repeal

this ill-conceived law that had been trapping unaware Alexandrians for the last half-century. My lawyers at the Pacific Legal Foundation (who took this case without charge) discovered that over the past five years, more than 700 citations were given to Alexandrians, resulting in more than \$28,000 in fines for the city. In other words, a citation was written almost every two-and-a-half days to unsuspecting residents like me. I grew up thinking that being able to advertise, as long as the advertisement contained truthful information, was a person's right. It is a form of free speech, after all. Alexandria was not, and is not, alone in this practice. Other local governments and even some of our nation's courts have forgotten that free speech is essential to free enterprise. The ability to express truthful information to potential customers is not universally, or even consistently, protected around the country, nor even within the Commonwealth. I would suggest, however, that it should be protected just as other forms of speech are protected.

COMMENTARY

Being able to communicate freely with potential customers is essential. For sellers, being able to advertise might be just as important as being able to express support for a political candidate, to proselytize a religion, or to express an opinion on public policy. Freedom to do these other things is important too, but they can't put bread on the table.

I am so grateful to the liberty-loving attorneys at Pacific Legal Foundation, as well as to the fine attorneys at Holtzman Vogel Josefiak PLLC. Because of their efforts, Alexandria has seen fit to do the sensible thing and repeal this poorly thought-out law. I applaud the city for doing what is right for Alexandrians but if the city wants to continue in this vein, it might consider repealing other freedom-squelching laws. For example, the other half of the same section that prohibited my "For Sale" sign makes it illegal to do maintenance on your own vehicle if parked on the street. So be careful out there, Alexandrians, especially if you have to change out a headlight or replace an air filter.

The writer is a resident of Alexandria.

LETTERS

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You may recall that in the 2015 budget cycle, the city manager proposed completely eliminating the city's contribution to the Law Library. We believe that the council determined that continued operation of the Law Library is beneficial to the citizens of the City of Alexandria when it reinstated its contribution in the amount of \$62,462. Although these funds were insufficient to employ a full-time law librarian, and the full-time law librarian position was terminated, the Law Library kept its doors open by employing temporary personnel at reduced hours. Also, as noted last year, the Law Library has discussed a possible combination with the City Library.

The city's contribution to the Law Library is used primarily to cover personnel costs. As a result of the elimination of funds by the city, the Law Library will not be able to cover future personnel costs. The termination of the city's contribution also eliminates any possible combination with the City Library. It is our understanding that the City Library cannot consider a combination with the Law Library if there are not sufficient

funds in the budget to employ a law librarian. In addition, the termination of funding by the city caused the three city-appointed board members to resign.

Because of the fiscal impact of the city's decision to terminate funding for the Law Library, the board voted to close the Law Library effective March 27. This leaves the City of Alexandria as the only jurisdiction in Northern Virginia without the resources of a law library available to its citizens. It should be noted that almost two-thirds of the Law Library patrons are not lawyers. Closing the Law Library will result in the loss of significant, important services to the citizens of the City of Alexandria.

We do not believe that it is in the city's best interest for the Law Library to close. The board of directors of the Alexandria Law Library respectfully requests that City Council reestablish its commitment to the Law Library and permanently reinstate funding.

Michael L. Zupan

President, Board of Directors
Alexandria Law Library

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D.C. Design House

McLean showcase home opens to the public April 12.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
GAZETTE PACKET

Local interior design enthusiasts will have an opportunity to tour a much-anticipated unveiling this weekend when the 2015 Design House opens in McLean on Sunday, April 12 at noon, with ticket sales benefiting the Children's National Health System.

The 8,869-square-foot home was built by Artisan Builders and designed by Harrison Design to look like an old American farmhouse. Then, 24 local designers were chosen to design a room in the home — the eighth annual design house — using inspiration that ran the gamut from American art to the home's natural surroundings. Organizers hope the varied styles will make the home's design appear to have evolved over many years.

THE KITCHEN was designed by Paul Lobkovich and Emily Neifeld, of Lobkovich Kitchen Designs in Tysons Corner. Antique white walls accented by a custom hood in both black and stainless steel create a simple, but elegant gathering space.

If this kitchen is the hub of a home's activities, then the butler's pantry is where the preparation for those celebrations begins. That notion was the inspiration for Margery Wedderburn's design. "This butler's pantry is the celebration of a good life," said Wedderburn, of Margery Wedderburn Interiors, LLC in Vienna. "One enters the heart of the home, the kitchen and family room, through this butler's pantry, so the room is casually elegant, but doesn't take itself too seriously. It is happy, bright and fun."

"This home was designed to have a country farmhouse feeling, and we were inspired by the architecture plus the Virginia countryside," she said, explaining that nature was also a big inspiration. "We have the casual green leaf wallpaper, plus we designed a custom, faux-wallpaper on the ceiling which looks just like repurposed wood. We bring the outdoors in with the green and blue tones of the space, including the fun peacock color, which ties in with our peacock feathers in the umbrella stand."

cock feathers in the umbrella stand."

Another active hub of the home is the back stair hallway, which connects all three floors. Although it's windowless, designer David Benton's goal was to create a warm, welcoming and stylish space. "Using furniture, lighting and accents, we visually divided the hall into two zones," said Benton of RA Spaces, the interior division of Rill Architects in Potomac, Md. Benton even created a "virtual window" with a commissioned painting, "Old Dominion Sky."

The first-floor space is accented with a custom, tufted bench and unexpected pops of color to create a formal space between the butler's pantry and dining room. "The hall space that connects the garage, mudroom and kitchen is anchored by a console table and wool rug," said Benton.

Open shelving and a built-in desk offer additional display areas. Benton finished the space with a chandelier by Circa Lighting and photo art. Those accessories "deliver fresh takes on period furnishing," said Benton. "The classic Eames bright blue fiberglass shell chair introduces an unexpected Americana twist."

"Like the house, which feels like it has been added to over time, we wanted the interior to feel like an acquired collection of pieces," said Benton. "The useful storage bench and custom sweater rug give the space warmth and style. The fun and inexpensive swag light is another way we added flair and utility."

INSPIRED BY A SAILING TRIP through the fjords of New Zealand and by the bright oil-on-canvas painting, "Mountains and Sea," designer Lisa Tureson, of Studio Artistica in Oak Hill, created a powder room that she said resembles "a little art gallery."

Tureson hung a custom, hand-etched mirror and eight paintings in the space. "My goal was to create a pictorial space since I'm an artist and painter," she said. "The subtle sparkle on the walls ... adds pizzazz."

When designing the room known as the gentleman's retreat, Scott Cooke, of Scott Cooke Design in Alexandria, wanted to

"honor the architecture of the house itself, with a room that's rustic in nature, and that feels in sync with the time period the house evokes," he said.

From the wooden poster bed and canopy to the rug and art, Cooke used neutral hues throughout the room. He drew inspiration from the home of the late fashion designer Bill Blass, which was, "done in a monochromatic color story ranging from white and parchment, to caramel, chocolate, espresso

and black," said Cooke.

Transforming this grand house into a home was a mammoth undertaking, but one designers say was well worth the effort.

"It is an honor to be a part of this amazing group of designers," said Wedderburn. "The great thing about the group is that everyone is wonderful and helpful to each other. There is a special camaraderie here and we are all drawing inspiration off each other."



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ENTERTAINMENT

Meet the Chef: Christophe Poteaux at Bastille

Ingredients are important to the French.

BY SHIRLEY RUHE
GAZETTE PACKET

A bucket of 5-inch long pod-shaped razor clams from Virginia Beach sits on the counter ready for the lunch special at Bastille.

"This dish is seasonal," said Chef Christophe Poteaux. "It depends on the moon cycle since you need a wide beach when the tides are out to harvest the clams. The clams dig deep into the sand." The chef will add "a little bunch of vegetables" from a tray of square white containers. Into the skillet with a little oil go the artichokes, fennel, celery, carrots, peppers and tomatoes and he says shaking the pan, "we sauté them but not so much they color."

Poteaux added, "I've seen people become more adventuresome these days. Ten years ago they wouldn't have ordered braised veal breasts, and hangar steak was a little obscure." He added that side

IN THE KITCHEN

dishes of vegetables and small plates are a lot more popular because they are nutritious. He says this past winter the customer favorites have been the short rib beef daube, and the potato gnocchi, "and there's the homard curry (lobster Thai style.)" But Poteaux said, "I have a personal feeling about duck — confit on cassoulet, rillettes and duck prosciutto which I cure for 48 hours and then hang to dry."

He sees a trend in people interested to know where their ingredients are from locally. "As a French person the ingredients are essential."

Poteaux always wanted to be a chef. He had a cousin in France with a restaurant where he sometimes worked in the summers as a youth. "My other influence

"I have a personal feeling about duck."

— Christophe Poteaux, Chef, Bastille Restaurant



PHOTO BY SHIRLEY RUHE/GAZETTE PACKET

Michelle Poteaux, pastry chef at Bastille, brings in a tray of freshly baked focaccia to top with aioli for the finishing touch.

was my grandpa, who was a baker. See his picture is in the hallway," he said, pointing through the kitchen door. Poteaux spent several summers there with his grandpa. He came to the U.S. in 1977. "I worked in finance and banking and got a late start on cooking. I made a good living, but I was miserable." He went to Los Angeles, then moved to New York. From 2003-2006 he was a chef at the Watergate Hotel.

Poteaux rubs salt between his fingers, and adds tellicherry pepper, a splash of chardonnay and shellfish broth to the skillet. He covers the dish for 3-4 minutes. "Get

me a cassoulet dish," he said, adding the large pink shrimp at the last minute "so you don't over do it."

Michelle Poteaux appears around the corner with a sheet of crisp newly-baked focaccia. "I thought you might want to use these with some aioli on the dish with the special."

He says the most difficult thing to cook is lobster because you have to be careful of the temperature or "it will curdle and get tough." Also duck because it is lean and gamey so you have to cook it slowly on the skin to render the fat. Poteaux begins his day about 9 a.m. when "I make sure everyone is on time." Then he checks his ingredients.

The menu is set for the season but he may



The razor clams are added to a bit of oil and slightly sautéed vegetables, covered and cooked 3-4 minutes.

change one dish, and he has a special for the day. "For instance we had rockfish two weeks ago when they told me they could go to the water to get some." When they have a special he will do it himself the first few times so the others in the kitchen know how for next time. "I am the quality control."

Sometimes he gets an idea. "I have been cooking for 20 years so I start with a classic and add a few things. My ideas burst." He thinks of the seasons, what is fresh and then adds protein. But he says he has failures. "Then I laugh." Before he puts a new dish on the menu, he tries it out on his staff and then adds it to the menu when it's ready.

Large black and white pictures of his wife Michelle and the children line the walls in the main dining room. Michelle is the pastry chef originally from Billings, Mo., and they met at UCLA. Today she has made ananas rotie, roasted spiced pineapple with almond cake. Bastille moved to its present location on N. Fayette Street in January from its former location on N. Royal Street. Poteaux said they were bursting out of the old building. Now they have a main dining room with 45 seats and a smaller one in back, "plus a 40-seat patio just waiting for spring. With the development of the waterfront and the sale of the power plant, this area is flourishing."

CALENDAR

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ONGOING

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.

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.

"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 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.

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.

"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 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.

Art for Life. Third Thursday of every month. 4:30-7:30 p.m. at Torpedo Factory, 105 N Union St. Hyatt Regency Crystal City has partnered will the National Kidney Foundation

for a program highlighting a different artist each month for a year.

THROUGH APRIL 26

"The Island." Various times at MetroStage, 1201 N Royal St. The Island is set on Robben Island in South Africa where two political prisoners labor during the day and perform "Antigone" by night. Visit www.metrostage.com.

"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/GWW for more.

THROUGH APRIL 25

Art Exhibit. The Torpedo Factory, The

ENTERTAINMENT

Celebrate Tartan Day

Tartan Day is a celebration of Scottish culture, Saturday, April 11, 1:30-6 p.m. Those of Scottish descent (and those who are not) may don kilts and head to Old Town's Market Square for an afternoon of traditional music and dance. Tartan Day attendees will also find Scottish-themed merchandise for sale. Admission is free. Visit www.dctartanday.org.



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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.

THROUGH MAY 17

"COMPARTMENTALIZED." 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday-Friday 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, 5000 Dawes Ave. The exhibit, featuring Lang's assemblages of photography, digital photomontage, and found objects will be on display. Free. Visit www.schlesingercenter.com.

FRIDAY/APRIL 10

"Dance for All Ages." 7-9 p.m. at T.C. Williams High School, 3330 King St. Find dancing, refreshments, and door prizes. Free. RSVP to jackie.mccord@alexandria.gov.

SATURDAY/APRIL 11

2015 HOPE Experience. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at Hilton Alexandria Mark Center Hotel, 5000 Seminary Road. Child Care/Family Expert and Lifetime TV's "America's Supernanny" Deborah Tillman will headline this conference designed to encourage and empower parents. Admission is \$99.99 plus service fees. Couples tickets are \$149.99 plus service fee. Child care is available for an additional \$40 fee. See www.theparentingmovement.org.

Pinwheel making. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Children are invited to learn to make their own pinwheels. This is a partnership with Stop Child Abuse Now, Virginia (SCAN), which uses pinwheels as a symbol for child abuse awareness. This event is free, \$5 suggested donation. Visit www.scanva.org/kidsneedconnections.

Walking Tour. 1-3 p.m. at The Friendship Firehouse, 107 S Alfred St. Attend the "Firefighting in Civil War Alexandria Walk Tour." Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$4 for children 10-17. Visit www.friendshipfirehouse.net.

Tartan Day. 1:30-6 p.m. at Market Square. Learn about the Scottish culture by viewing

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"Dare to Think Heroically." 8 p.m. at Alexandria Symphony Orchestra, 2121 Eisenhower Ave. Suite 608. The Alexandria Symphony Orchestra welcomes Pianist Thomas Pandolfi to Present Liszt Piano Concerto No. 1. Children's tickets are \$5. Adult admission is \$60-80. Visit www.alexsym.org.

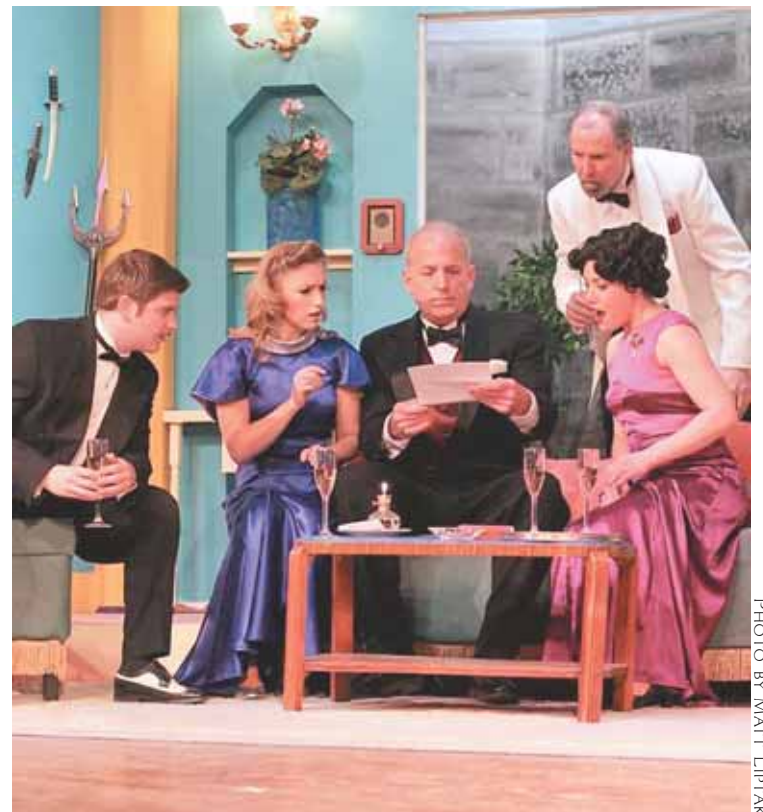


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Spring Cleaning

The Little Theatre of Alexandria is cleaning out its closets and will hold a yard sale Saturday, April 11, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Costumes, props, set pieces, wigs and more will be for sale as LTA prepares for next season's productions. Costume items will include gowns, wedding gowns, period and vintage pieces, sport coats, men's and women's suits, jackets, coats, country-western pieces, furs, hats, shoes and purses. Entire shows such as "Spamalot" will be sold as a group or as individual costumes with helmets and copper shoes alike on the block. 600 Wolfe St. Call 703-683-0496.

rowing, as well as serving in the Navy sparked his interest in different oarlock types, led to collecting them, including visits to Venice where he learned about variations in shape and details of design in Italian oarlocks, even to a high art. Free, public invited. Call 703-360-4979 or email annconnell@verizon.net for more.

Book Signing. 5-7 p.m. at @home 111 S. Alfred St. Col. Patrick Murray will be signing and celebrating the launch of his new book "Government is the Problem." Free. Visit www.athomedcmetro.com.

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

Swing Dancing. 9-11 p.m. at Nick's Nightclub, 642 South Pickett St. Dance to the rockabilly/early rock music of Tom Bowes, Willie Barry, Eric Hurt and Louis Newmyer. Tickets are \$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.

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. Free gallery admission. Visit nvfaa.org.

THURSDAY/APRIL 16

Book Signing. 7:30 p.m. at Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway. Author Mary Kay

Andrews will meet fans and sign copies of her books. Free. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

FRIDAY/APRIL 17

Principle Gallery Reception. 6:30-9 p.m. at Principle Gallery, 208 King St. The Gallery will celebrate the opening of the "Tempo & Pause" exhibit with artists Valerio D'Ospina and Greg Gandy. Free. Visit www.principlegallery.com.

SATURDAY/APRIL 18

Tea Tasting. 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Attendees will learn about and taste several types of Chinese Pu-Erh tea. Tickets are \$25. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring.

Exhibit Reception. 3-5 p.m. at The Target Gallery, 105 North Union St. Eunsook Lee will discuss her exhibit of blacklight threads sealed and laminated alongside images and other materials. Free. www.torpedofactory.com.

"COMPARTMENTALIZED" Opening Reception. 6-8 p.m. at Margaret W. and Joseph L. Fisher Art Gallery, 5000 Dawes Ave. Attend the opening reception for Zofie Lang's "Compartmentalized Exhibit." Free. Visit www.schlesingercenter.com.

Country-Western Dance. 7-9:30 p.m. at Lincolnia Senior Center, 4710 North Chambliss St. The Northern Virginia Country-Western Dance Association will hold a benefit dance for the Fisher House Foundation. \$20 admission. See www.nvcta.org.

APRIL 18-MAY 31

"Dispersed Family." Gallery hours at The Target Gallery, 105 North Union St. Eunsook Lee's exhibit of blacklight threads sealed and laminated alongside images and other materials are on display. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.com.

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LETTERS

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Breaking Golden Egg

To the Editor:

Sell City Hall for private development? Construct a building on Market Square? Relocate a city administration building to the West End? Is someone putting a hallucinogenic in Alexandria's water that is affecting our mayor and two members of council?

Sure it is going to cost something for the upkeep of City Hall. Every building needs maintenance and City Hall is old. That building and Market Square are heart and soul of Alexandria. Old Town has been characterized as the "goose that lays the golden [tourist] egg" for Alexandria. If so, City Hall is the yolk of that egg.

The council seems all to willing to spend millions on questionable items (e.g. Option B, Potomac Yards Metro Stop) but some members now have qualms about fixing up the city's crown jewel. It has to be something in the water.

Jack Sullivan
Alexandria

ASF: Worthy Of Support

To the Editor:

The director of development for the Alexandria Seaport Foundation's letter to the editor in the March 26 issue of the Gazette Packet advised us of the relocation of the ASF from the Robinson Terminal warehouse to the "little red-roofed building" floating at the foot of Queen Street. Ms [Kathy] Seiffert's letter also credited certain entities for providing long-term and transitional support for the ASF. As one who has been involved in ASF since the late 1980s, I'd like to place some additional perspective on the ASF's operations as well as dispel certain misunderstandings about their program.

First of all, the contribution that highly-skilled volunteers make toward the development of "youths at risk" is truly remarkable and commendable. Former executives, journeymen and various retirees, all of whom possess broad experience and appropriate job skills, create a reliable cadre of expertise that gives Alexandria an enormous "Bang for the buck" in the ASF's conduct of daily training toward marketable job skills for youths at risk.

Secondly, hearing criticism "on the street" that the building of small wooden boats is "so passe" and "has no relevance to today's

needs," is very much shortsighted. The building of small wooden boats is the perfect medium to exercise math skills, teamwork, planning and interpretative problem-solving. (Further, that they can work in wood allows for errors made along the way to be corrected as part of the learning experience.) Computers are regularly used where appropriate.

Thirdly, it allows a platform for highly-skilled, motivated and community-sensitive volunteers to donate, share and exercise their skills toward the community good. (If one translated their skills into comparative salaries, the program could well be unaffordable.)

Lastly, as one who has participated in gaining rapport with some apprentices, let me state that innate intelligence and potential does not require a sophisticated pedigree. One could be surprised at the latent skills residing in young people who have been either misled by unsavory peers or happened to live within a home environment that is not conducive to positive personal development. I could cite examples of former apprentices who have entered the workforce,, excelled and became taxpayers instead of liabilities to our communities.

What the Seaport Foundation needs now is a reliable major sponsor (locally prominent or otherwise) to provide tax-exempt funding for these nationally-known and valuable programs that work, as well as appropriate space for their shop and its donated tools and equipment.

The Alexandria Seaport Foundation is indeed a community resource worth preserving and maintaining for many reasons.

Allan L. Gruer
Alexandria

Fiduciary Responsibility

To the Editor:

Thanks to Vice-Mayor Allison Silberberg for speaking out against the outrageous proposal of selling City Hall ["Selling Alexandria's City Hall," Gazette Packet, April 2].

Squeezing a new building into the City Hall plaza is an equally bad idea. City Hall is the anchor of Old Town. We need to maintain it like we do our streets, bridges, parks and monuments. The fiduciary responsibility of the mayor and City Council is to preserve, protect and enhance Alexandria's assets, not convert them into cash.

Andrew M. Findlay
Alexandria

Pot of Gold?

To the Editor:

When I opened my April 1 edition of the Gazette Packet and read the article entitled "Selling Alexandria's City Hall," I assumed that the newspaper was paying homage to April Fool's Day. Reading on, I found that the article was chronicling a real City Council debate — one held on March 17. At that meeting, Mayor Euille was promoting the option of selling City Hall or entering into some type of "public-private partnership" to commercialize it so that the city could extract a "pot of gold" measured in "hundreds of millions of dollars." In addition to exploring the sale of City Hall, the mayor suggested that the city should consider replacing the "plaza" next to City Hall — Market Square to all of us — with a revenue-producing building.

We have many complex development debates ongoing in Alexandria, between those who seek to maximize the dollars out of every economic growth opportunity and those who argue that future growth be done in a manner that protects the integrity of our existing communities. Issues of preserving open space, providing for development of appropriate scale and architectural consistency are central to almost all of these discussions from the West End to the Waterfront. Through all of that, I never thought we would hear an elected leader muse about selling City Hall or building on our central town square.

I agree with Vice Mayor Silberberg's statement at the meeting. City Hall "is the heart and soul of Old Town." If we need to fix it we must. Renovations can make the space more efficient and open parts of it up to new uses. The mayor's comments that we are sitting on "a pot of gold" at City Hall and ought to consider selling it will strike a disturbing chord with many Alexandrians. Many of us do not live in Old Town, but we look to City Hall and the Historic District as our core. We find it an important part of what makes our city special. Many other communities in our region have designed town centers that seek to create what Alexandria has — and has had for more than 150 years. City Hall and Market Square are not "Pots of Gold" — they are central to the core of our City. We must credit Vice Mayor Allison Silberberg for speaking promptly, strongly, and clearly on this issue.

Both Vice Mayor Silberberg and the current mayor are running for mayor in 2015. The choice as to who best represents the balance

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that most Alexandrians want is clear. We don't need leadership that speaks cavalierly about "Pots of Gold" or speculates about new commercial buildings on our central town square. We need new vision for Alexandria and someone who will restore confidence in our leaders. For the past three years, Allison Silberberg has worked to provide that vision and that confidence. Her reaction to selling City Hall for a pot of gold was yet another example of her making the right call. We should all remember that this important primary is June 9 and early voting starts on April 24.

Jeanne Harley
Alexandria

Costs of Development

To the Editor:

Councilwoman Del Pepper likens opening a new fire station without any firefighting equipment or firefighters to opening a library without any books as if she and her colleagues were somehow disinterested bystanders, instead of the elected officials in charge of an incompetent city government which lets this happen.

Alexandria's brand-new fire station without firefighters is a testament to the hidden costs of all this development city hall has green lighted lately. A whopping 4 cent tax hike two years ago and another increase last year still isn't enough to cover basic needs like equipping and staffing a fire station necessitated by all the development city hall is allowing in the West End.

If all this development really were good for us, wouldn't it be generating extra revenue — net of costs — so we wouldn't need to increase taxes? Every year, city hall has some squirrely excuse or another for revenue shortfall, but the constant is this development binge and its hidden costs.

Remember the brand new, unequipped, unstaffed fire station when the same cast of characters tries selling you on a new metro station.

Dino Drudi
Alexandria

Focus Attention On School Buildings

To the Editor:

Citizens of Alexandria, I have written several articles in this newspaper not only to inform you of what is happening in the city but also to raise your ire on important issues so you will take action. I have a confession to make I have been holding out on you. I have been hoping that things would change, however things have not changed and they are spiraling out of control and the whole academic and economic well being of our city will be affected unless we act. Put away the partisan politics; we have no need and no time for that nonsense. Here is the story.

I have written much about the dilapidated condition of our schools but I never delivered the numbers, the real figures as to how



'Depth of Life'

Drawing/painting by Geri Baldwin with pencil, watercolor and ink.

bad things really are. It will take \$435.7 million to repair, renovate or rebuild our school system, to get our scholastic infrastructure back to normal. This figure does not include T.C. Williams High School which is over-enrolled and needs an addition to serve the increased enrollment nor does it include Patrick Henry whose condition is so deplorable that it may need to be torn down and rebuilt. A half a billion dollars to fix our school infrastructure and remember this is a first estimate — or guesstimate is probably a better term based upon the School Board's recent deception with the tennis lights. Jefferson Houston and T.C. Williams were all erroneously bid. It is very possible that this figure soars to \$1 billion, not impossible as the tennis courts were under bid by 50 percent, \$600,000 initial estimate versus the real deal at \$1.2 million, T.C. Williams under budgeted by 40 percent and Jefferson Houston under budgeted by 23 percent. So there is a history here. How can this be? I mean you maintain your house, you maintain your car, schools do not maintain themselves. Don't we budget for school maintenance? I do not want to hear that the schools are 50 years old — the Washington Monument is 127 years old, the White House over 100 years old maintain and they will last. This is at worst criminal and at best irresponsible, without modern infrastructure we cannot compete academically. I really do think an internal audit of city finances is justified if their were funds allotted to maintenance and there has to be, where are they? Who is moving money this time?

This potential billion dollar price tag will be paid over 10 years and is the direct result of the city's infatuation with commercial real estate and not paying attention to what matters: the schools and the neighborhoods, our most important constituents.

I want you to digest the implications of \$1 billion added to our budget over the next

10 years. After increasing the budget \$100 million per year how does the metro project look to you now? What about lights at T.C. Williams, is that really important or a \$40 million pool at Chincopin, were tennis lights more important than school infrastructure? Will our credit rating remain the same? Won't we breach our finance ratios that acting City Manager Mark B. Jinks already said were at their limit. What are they thinking? The answer is no! We don't need it, can't afford it. In closing, let me leave you with one other tidbit to ponder. Of the 13 elementary schools in Alexandria, 11 are over-enrolled and four are over-enrolled by more than 25 percent. Guess what we will be doing in a couple of years? Forget what your political persuasion is, the city needs help, it needs to be rescued or we will drown in debt if the current City Council and School Board have their way.

William Goff
Alexandria

Non-Stop Spending

To the Editor:

The City Council-created mega-spending tsunami has begun. Unless you and your neighbors replace this mayor and City Council with fiscally sensible people and demand the city charter be changed to impose a spending restriction on our elected officials, there is nothing you can do about the enormous wave of debt soon to engulf you. Pointless even to hold on to your wallet.

This is because our the mayor, the three announced candidates for mayor and the current City Council are poised to spend upwards of three-quarters of a billion dollars for a single, new metro station. How about this: The city does not have any of this money set aside for a new metro. In fact, its spending already exceeds its revenues. But this will not stop our spendthrift mayor and his city council think-alikes from

making ready to burden you and unborn future residents with a debt so massive it will span generations

You think I am exaggerating? How's this for evidence of a mind made-up. It's a quote contained in the March 27 city public service announcement declaring the Potomac Yard Metrorail Station planning has reached a major milestone with the completion of the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Mayor Euile said, "This is a significant point in a critical project. The draft EIS reflects extensive community input and staff expertise, and will help City Council make the best decision regarding a new station and location."

Probably by now you are wondering, "If only the location is to be decided, then what's the benefit?" And there's the crux of the matter. From my perch, there's no benefit, zip, zero, nada. However, our mayor and elected officials will have you believe a new metro will take traffic off Highway One, a ludicrous assertion. Doubt me? Go to Tyson's Corner and stand near its new metro station, especially during rush hour. You don't need to be a traffic engineer to discover the congestion there is as acute as it always was. And so will it be on Highway One, the cut-through route for Fairfax County residents

Here's another purported benefit, but not for thee or me: Our tax and spend mayor and council members see the new metro as a pot of gold. Why, you ask? Because they candidly admit it will allow them to raise the property valuations on nearby structures, current and those they believe will be built. These increased property valuations mean the occupants will pay more property taxes than they would sans metro.

Our mayor, our elected officials and mayoral candidates are oblivious that the more something is taxed, the less there will be of it. And not a single one has even made a guesstimate of the delay a new metro station will add to current metro commuters much less explained alternative spending options. Just think about it for a moment. If the city is going to borrow this much money, what other alternatives are there to purchase with this enormous sum?

Three that pop into my mind are (1) Forever fully fund every non-profit providing social services to city residents; (2) Provide in perpetuity four-year scholarships to every graduating high school student; (3) Give electric bicycles annually to everyone in every Alexandria household. And there will be money left over too to bury overhead electric wires and even to pave the streets, some with gold

Finally, don't waste your time appearing before City Council to express your reservations. The fix is in. The only options are to cap what our elected officials can spend without citizen approval and to replace them all with people who know how to create wealth; not just more debt and taxation. If at least you do the former, then our next mayor and City Council will perforce be required to persuade us why their spending schemes will enhance our quality of life. Other Virginia cities require referendums for costly projects. Why not Alexandria?

Jimm Roberts
Alexandria

OPINION



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Alexandria Deputy Director of Administration Alfred Coleman gets to know one of the Volaw Lawson Animal Shelter's puppies.

Alexandria Building Engineer Kevin Jones cuddles a shelter puppy as he meets with Animal Welfare League of Alexandria Executive Director Megan Webb.

City, Shelter Working Together

BY BARBARA S. MOFFET
ANIMAL WELFARE LEAGUE OF ALEXANDRIA

The animals at Alexandria's Volaw Lawson Animal Shelter are cozier than ever these days, thanks to a new state-of-the-art heating system recently installed.

The new heating, ventilation and air-conditioning (HVAC) system was provided by the City of Alexandria to the shelter, which is operated by the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria (AWLA). It's all part of an increasingly vibrant partnership between the city and the AWLA designed to benefit the animals of Alexandria, both pets and wildlife.

"Almost every department of the city — General Services, Health, Licensing, Police — connects to the shelter in some way," said Charlotte Hall, chair of the AWLA Board of Directors. "The city is a real lifeline to the shelter, and vice versa."

Deputy Director of Administration Alfred Coleman oversees the relationship on behalf of the city. "We work very closely with the AWLA year-round to meet the shelter's needs," he said. "Increased communication and cooperation with the league's director have made our relationship better than ever."

A recently signed 29-page contract, continuing a relationship first forged in 1989, spells out the city's responsibilities to the shelter — maintaining the facility, equipment and vehicles and providing custodial services. In return, the AWLA provides animal

shelter management and animal-control services to the city. Under the agreement, the AWLA regularly informs Coleman of its needs, and any necessary repairs or purchases that are consistent with the terms of the agreement come out of the city budget, which allocated \$30,000 to the shelter for 2015. Recent purchases made to improve shelter operations have included two new vehicles — one of them a pickup truck that Animal Control Officers can use to transport dead or injured animals — and a web-based system that will allow pet owners to register their dogs or cats or renew existing pet licenses online.

The new HVAC system, which eventually will provide remote monitoring of kennel temperatures, was proposed by Building Engineer Kevin Jones, a city employee who's a regular presence at the shelter and who works closely with city Portfolio Manager Patrice McAuliffe and Building Manager Pelham Park to keep systems running smoothly. The new HVAC arrangement, which is a heat-pump system with electrical backup, replaced a propane system and should save money for the city, Coleman said.

Coleman, a dog lover himself, visits the shelter every few weeks and meets with Executive Director Megan Webb once a month to review shelter needs. On the list for the 2016 budget is the addition of covers for the outside portion of each dog's kennel to provide extra protection from the elements. Taking care of animals is central to the character of Alexandria, Coleman says. "Alexandria is such an animal-friendly town."

Council To Consider Reduced Parking

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lations because they were approved before this amendment was proposed.

"Tonight I heard nothing with regard to objections to these standards from anywhere in Alexandria except Old Town," said David Brown, a member of the Planning Commission. "Do the standards that everyone thinks are applicable everywhere else need to be different for Old Town?"

The Del Ray Parking Study indicated that the area had a 60 percent occupancy rate, though some streets, like Mount Vernon Avenue from Uhler Avenue to Oxford Avenue, consistently scored above 85 percent occupancy.

The text amendment was approved 6-1, with Dunn opposing. The approval also included a note from Macek that city staff clarify the definition of bedroom.

After the meeting, Peter and Holley Kilcullen, lifelong Alexandrians living in Old Town, expressed frustration at the Planning Commission's decision.

"This amendment used a basic standard of one person to each bedroom, but how many apartments are inhabited by couples, each of whom may have their own car?" said Peter Kilcullen. "The notion of one person in one apartment bedroom is absurd. And 'walkability' doesn't cover all aspects of why people have cars. People need cars for more than just visiting the grocery store. You use a car for getting out of town or going to the doctor's office. They really didn't think this through."

"This decreases visitor spaces for developments in Old Town," said Holley Kilcullen. "If you don't have those in the community, people are going to spill out onto the streets."

Peter Kilcullen didn't speak at the April 7 meeting, but said after hearing what staff was proposing tonight, said he was going to sign up to speak at City Council when the amendment goes up for a vote on April 18. The Planning Commission will hold a special meeting on April 9 at 7 p.m. in City Council Chambers to review the Old Town Area Parking study.

Aldersgate Church Community Theater Announces Auditions for



Saturday, April 18th, 2:00—5:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 19th, 6:00—8:00 p.m.

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The T.C. Williams girls' third 8 boat surges to victory in the April 4 Noxontown Regatta. Members of the third 8 include Paige St. John (coxswain), Fatima Chavez, Ella Benbow, Jessica Mellon, Isabel Montenegro, Priya Vohra, Tess Moran, Tori Cook, and Cecilia Fernandez.



The Titan girls' lightweight boat finishes a practice run before its race, in which it beat three-time national champ Holy Spirit to take first in its category. Members of the boat include Elizabeth Roda (cox), Rachael Vannatta, Olivia Anthony, Sierra Arnold, Abby Prall, Sarah Scroggs, Caroline Hill, Emily De-Bodene, and LeeAnn Richards.

Titan Girls' Crew Dominates at Noxontown No. 2 Regatta

T.C. Williams boat beats national champ.

The T.C. Williams girls' crew team fought off challenges from a field of tough competitors, as well as high winds, to dominate the second Noxontown Regatta in Middletown, Del., on April 4. The Titan girls' lightweight 8's victory against three-time national champion Holy Spirit was just one of many outstanding performances for the day. The Titan boys' crew team took a break for the weekend to recharge for next week's competition at the Bull Run Marina.

The Titan girls' crew team put in a powerful performance during its second appearance at a Noxontown Regatta in two weeks. Conditions at the competition were challenging, with Wilson Everhart III, Head Girls Coach for host St. Andrew's School, noting that the "brutal, gusting cross-headwinds throughout the day" were "the strongest winds I have experienced on Noxontown Pond in my 10 years of coaching."

Despite the challenging conditions, the Titan girls took first place in three of the five major girls' races and took second in a fourth race.

The Titan freshman girls led off the com-

petition with a decisive victory against a tough field of competitors for the second week in a row. The freshman girls raced down the 1,500-meter course in 6:08.5 and beat their nearest rivals, Whitman High School, by 19 seconds. Members of the T.C. girls' freshman 8 are Camila Cardwell (coxswain), Hope Parsons, Grace Vannatta, Emma Carroll, Kirsten Emblom, Tess Moran, Grace Hogan, Cleo Lewis, and Rachel Sedehi. Titan head girls' coach Patrick Marquardt guides the freshman 8.

The Titans girls' third 8 then took up the challenge and sprinted down the course in 6:25.8, winning its race against teams such as St. Andrew's, Bethesda Chevy Chase, Whitman, and Madison. Members of the third 8 include Paige St. John (coxswain), Fatima Chavez, Ella Benbow, Jessica Mellon, Isabel Montenegro, Priya Vohra, Tess Moran, Tori Cook, and Cecilia Fernandez.

The girls' second 8 followed immediately afterward, taking second place in its competition. Members of the girls' second 8 include Sadie Frymire (coxswain), Maura Nakahata, Lily Warden, Lynn Stevens, Alyssa Forbes, Hannah Posson, Giulia Pastore, Anissa Ashraf, and Lauren Kelly.

One of the most dramatic moments of the day came in the lightweight category. T.C. Williams family and friends waiting by the finish line were thrilled to see the T.C. girls'

lightweight boat leading the way against rival Holy Spirit as the boats came into view. The Titan girls intensified their assault to maintain their lead against Holy Spirit despite a strong final sprint by this team, which has been the national champion in this category for the past three years. The crowd's cries of "Go T.C.!" were deafening, as the girls' lightweight 8 crossed the finish line victorious. The T.C. Lightweight boat finished the race in 5:43.3 seconds, 4 seconds ahead of rival Holy Spirit. Members of the T.C. lightweight boat include Elizabeth Roda (cox), Rachael Vannatta, Olivia Anthony, Sierra Arnold, Abby Prall, Sarah Scroggs, Caroline Hill, Emily De-Bodene, and LeeAnn Richards. The Lightweight 8 is guided by Coach Jaime Rubini.

The brutal wind forced a cancellation of the events for the Titan novice and freshman B boats.

Other high schools taking part in the regatta included host St. Andrew's School of Delaware, Holy Spirit High School from New Jersey, Walt Whitman High School from Maryland, Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School from Maryland, Lawrenceville High School from New Jersey, and Wilson High School from Washington, D.C.

T.C. Williams girls' head coach Patrick Marquardt said: "The Titan girls are making a strong start this season against some very

tough teams. While we still have a lot of work to do, this team has strong potential to do well in the competitions ahead of us."

The Titan oarsmen and oarswomen will split up on April 11. The Titan girls will return to Delaware one more time for the Noxontown No. 3 regatta, where they will continue to hone their technique against some of the strongest boats on the East Coast. The T.C. boys will go to the Bull Run Marina in Clifton, where they will participate in a scrimmage against Westfield High School.



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Defeating Hutchinson

Senior midfielder Ellie Majure and the St. Stephen's & St. Agnes girls' lacrosse team defeated Hutchinson School (Tennessee) 18-4 on April 3. Four days later, the Saints beat Potomac School 18-3 on April 7, improving their record to 11-0. St. Stephen's & St. Agnes will host the England U19 team at 4:15 p.m. on Friday, April 10. The following day, the Saints will host Cold Spring Harbor (New York) at 11:30 a.m. and Good Counsel at 3:30 p.m.

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THURSDAY/APRIL 9

Hiring Event. 10 a.m. at 1900 N. Beauregard St., Suite 300. Discover Time Learning will conduct onsite interviews for full-time Lead Teachers and Floaters in Alexandria. Visit www.alexandriawdc.eventbrite.com.

Portfolio Management Workshop. 7-8 p.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Learn the "Five Building Blocks of Portfolio Management;" asset allocation, active and passive strategies, market and inflation risks, features of different portfolios, and manager selection. Free. Email rlaplante@alexandria.lib.va.us or call 703-746-1768.

FRIDAY/APRIL 10

Volunteer Registration Deadline. Rebuilding Together Alexandria works to preserve housing affordability and revitalizes the Alexandria community by providing free safe and healthy home repairs. To volunteer or apply to have a home fixed, contact Rebuilding Together Alexandria at 703-836-1021 or visit www.RebuildingTogetherAlex.org.

SATURDAY/APRIL 11

2015 HOPE Experience. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at Hilton Alexandria Mark Center Hotel, 5000 Seminary Road. Child Care/Family Expert and Lifetime TV's "American's Supernanny" Deborah Tillman will headline this conference designed to encourage and empower parents. Admission is \$99.99 plus service fees. Couples tickets are \$149.99 plus service fee. Child care is available for an additional \$40 fee. See www.theparentingmovement.org.

SUNDAY/APRIL 12

Friends and Family Day. 11 a.m. at Roberts Memorial United Methodist Church, 606A South Washington St. Rev Charles Roberts will address the audience. Free. Call 703-836-7332.

MONDAY/APRIL 13

Community Meeting. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at The Exhibit Hall of the Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson St. The City of Alexandria will host a public information meeting on the Windmill Hill Park Shoreline Rehabilitation. Free. Call 703-746-

4155.

Community Meeting. 7 p.m. at Durant Center (Rooms 3 & 4), 1605 Cameron St. Andrew Adkins and Samuel Madden Homes Uptown will be discussed. Free. Visit www.alexandria.gov/planning.

TUESDAY/APRIL 14 AND THURSDAY/APRIL 16

Adult Mental Health First Aid Training Class. 4-8 p.m. 4480 King St., Room 514, Alexandria. Demonstrates the initial help given to a person showing signs of mental illness or a mental health crisis. For more information about classes, contact Donielle Marshall at 703-746-3523 or donielle.marshall@alexandria.gov.

TUESDAY/APRIL 14

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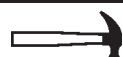
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focus the tours and visits on him. Goddin said it isn't simply because of Braun's controversial history, but mostly out of respect to his family still living in the area. While pushing for the cemetery to be more accessible to the public, for Goddin, it's another example of the difficult balance between building visitorship and maintaining the privacy and respect for families of Ivy Hill's residents. Goddin says people ask her all the time if she thinks holding events like this at the cemetery is disrespectful to those buried there. "As long as the events are done in a respectful manner, I don't think there's any problem with it," said Goddin. "It would be more disrespectful not to bring people here."

According to Goddin, the cemetery's owners realized nine years ago that as the space started to fill up, the cemetery would begin receiving less income and would be less able to maintain the grounds. The Historic Preservation Society was started to help build community interest in the site to keep the cemetery from fading into obscurity once its lots are filled.

Goddin has worked with the Historic Preservation Society for the past eight years and says her family has a deep connection to the cemetery. Goddin says both sides of her family are spread throughout the cemetery grounds, several of whom were discussed at different sections of the tour. Goddin says growing up around the cemetery gave her family a quirky sense of humor. Goddin remembered her mother lying down in the grass and "trying out a spot" on the cemetery grounds. In November of 2014, after she died, Goddin and her family buried her mother there. Her parents would bring her to the cemetery when she was a child and she remembered being terrified, particularly of a (recently renovated) vault her father told her contained a troll. Since beginning her work with the Historic Preservation Society, though, she says the cemetery has started to feel more like a home.

Those who went on the tour said they found it educational. "Everywhere you look in Alexandria, there's history," said John Henrehan. "Until this tour, I really didn't know anything about the cemetery. I was surprised it had so much more recent history. I enjoyed the tour ... and it's always nice to be on the right side of the grass."

Notice of Intent

A three-year legal battle between three Old Town residents and the City of Alexandria reached another milestone when, on March 27, the Virginia Supreme Court upheld the Alexandria Circuit Court's dismissal of a lawsuit challenging the city's Waterfront Plan zoning.

"This puts an end to all of the pending litigation on the Waterfront and allows approved and pending redevelopment projects to move forward," said City Attorney James L. Banks Jr. in a statement released by the city. "The Court found that the plaintiffs were not actually aggrieved, and therefore dismissal of the case was proper."

But the city's celebration may be premature. On April 3, the three plaintiffs filed a notice of intent to petition the Virginia Supreme Court for a rehearing of its March 27 decision. The three Old Town residents, April Burke, Bethany Gibney, and Marie Kux, have until April 27 to file an actual petition.

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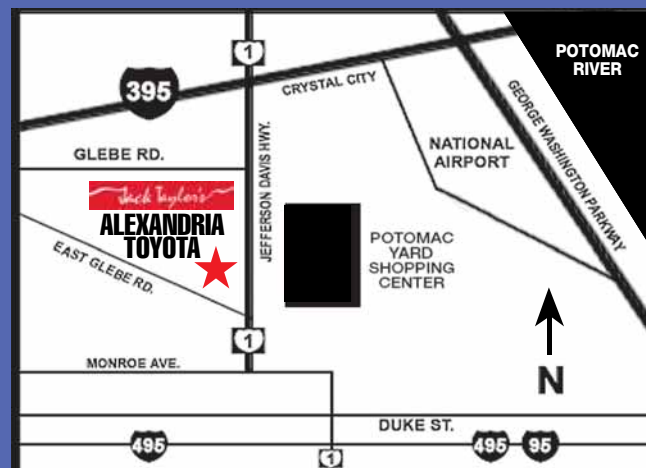


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NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. OFFER
EXPIRES 4/30/15. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF SERVICE.
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**TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE
OIL & FILTER
SERVICE SPECIAL
\$5.00 OFF**

Includes: Change oil, install Genuine
Toyota oil filter, inspect & adjust all fluid
levels and complimentary multi-point
inspection with print out.
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**TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE
POTHOLE SPECIAL
4 WHEEL ALIGNMENT
\$89⁹⁵**

Your car's alignment suffers, and can cause uneven tire
wear, steering problems and decreased fuel economy.
Includes: Inspect suspension,
ball joints, struts & shocks, tire
condition and set tire pressure.
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**TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE
10% OFF
ANY FACTORY
RECOMMENDED
MAINTENANCE**

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SUPPLIES ADDITIONAL.

**TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE
BRAKE SPECIAL
\$99⁹⁵
PAIDS**

Includes: Install Genuine Toyota front
brake pads, inspect front & rear rotors
& drums, check tire condition and
inspect all hardware. TCMC pads only.
MACHINE ROTORS AN ADDITIONAL \$169.95.
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**TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE
ROTATE & BALANCE
SPECIAL
\$49⁹⁵**

Includes: Rotate & balance all 4 tires, inspect
brakes, inspect tires, & inspect suspension.
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**TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE
TRUE START
BATTERY SPECIAL
\$139⁹⁵**

Includes: 54 month warranty, 24 month
FREE replacement, 24 month FREE roadside
assistance, 60 month prorated, PLUS we'll
check all battery cables & connections.
Does not apply to hybrid vehicles.
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OFFER EXPIRES 4/30/15. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF SERVICE.
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**TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE
5K, 10K, 20K, 25K, 35K
MILE MINOR FACTORY
RECOMMENDED
MAINTENANCE SERVICE
\$59⁹⁵**

SYNTHETIC OIL, ADDITIONAL \$10.
NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY.
OFFER EXPIRES 4/30/15. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF SERVICE.
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SUPPLIES ADDITIONAL.

**TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE
DETAIL SPECIALS
\$39⁹⁵
Wash & Vacuum
\$139⁹⁵
Hand wash, wax
& interior cleaning
\$295⁹⁵
Full premium detail**

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Finance a **New 2015 Camry LE¹**

at **1.9% APR** for 60 months

Plus **\$750 Cash Back**



Finance a **New 2015 Corolla LE Auto²**

at **0.9% APR** for 60 months



New 2015 Prius Two³

\$1,250 Cash Back



Finance a **New 2015 RAV4 LE⁴**

at **0.9% APR** for 60 months



1. 1.9% APR financing up to 60 months available to qualified buyers thru Toyota Financial Services. Total financed cannot exceed MSRP plus options, tax and license fees. 60 monthly payments of \$17.48 for each \$1,000 borrowed. Not all buyers will qualify. Finance Cash incentive from Toyota in addition to special APR financing if vehicle is purchased and financed through Toyota Financial Services. Incentive will be applied to the down payment. One incentive per finance transaction. Finance incentive is available on approved credit to qualified customers through Toyota Financial Services. Not all buyers will qualify. See dealer for details. Offers do not include dealer fees. ToyotaCare covers normal factory scheduled service. Plan is 2 years or 25k miles, whichever comes first. The new vehicle cannot be part of a rental or commercial fleet, or a livery/taxi vehicle. See participating Toyota dealer for plan details. Valid only in the continental U.S. and Alaska. Roadside assistance does not include parts and fluids. Plus plug-in hybrid comes with an extra year of roadside assistance, for a total of three (3) years from date of purchase. Lease, APR and Cash Back offers may not be combined. See dealer for details.

2. 0.9% APR financing up to 60 months available to qualified buyers thru Toyota Financial Services. Total financed cannot exceed MSRP plus options, tax and license fees. 60 monthly payments of \$17.05 for each \$1,000 borrowed. Not all buyers will qualify. See dealer for details. ToyotaCare covers normal factory scheduled service. Plan is 2 years or 25k miles, whichever comes first. The new vehicle cannot be part of a rental or commercial fleet, or a livery/taxi vehicle. See participating Toyota dealer for plan details. Valid only in the continental U.S. and Alaska. Roadside assistance does not include parts and fluids. Plus plug-in hybrid comes with an extra year of roadside assistance, for a total of three (3) years from date of purchase. Lease, APR and Cash Back offers may not be combined. See dealer for details.

3. \$1,250 Cash Back from Toyota Motor Sales U.S.A., Inc. available on new 2015 Prius. Customers can receive cash back from Toyota or can apply to down payment. Excludes plug-in models. See dealer for details. ToyotaCare covers normal factory scheduled service. Plan is 2 years or 25k miles, whichever comes first. The new vehicle cannot be part of a rental or commercial fleet, or a livery/taxi vehicle. See participating Toyota dealer for plan details. Valid only in the continental U.S. and Alaska. Roadside assistance does not include parts and fluids. Plus plug-in hybrid comes with an extra year of roadside assistance, for a total of three (3) years from date of purchase. Lease, APR and Cash Back offers may not be combined. See dealer for details. Offers expire 4/30/2015.

4. 0.9% APR financing up to 60 months available to qualified buyers thru Toyota Financial Services. Total financed cannot exceed MSRP plus options, tax and license fees. 60 monthly payments of \$17.05 for each \$1,000 borrowed. Not all buyers will qualify. ToyotaCare covers normal factory scheduled service. Plan is 2 years or 25k miles, whichever comes first. The new vehicle cannot be part of a rental or commercial fleet, or a livery/taxi vehicle. See participating Toyota dealer for plan details. Valid only in the continental U.S. and Alaska. Roadside assistance does not include parts and fluids. Plus plug-in hybrid comes with an extra year of roadside assistance, for a total of three (3) years from date of purchase. Lease, APR and Cash Back offers may not be combined. See dealer for details. Offers expire 4/30/2015.

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Alexandria \$1,124,900

Custom Wow! Behind the doors of this classic beauty lies an architecturally significant work of art! Sunlit throughout, its 4,000 square feet exude a love of nature indoors and then outdoors! 4-5 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, and 2-car garage! 6412 Wood Haven Road

Janet Caterson Price
703.960.5858
JanetPriceHomes.com



Alexandria \$825,000

Lovely center-hall colonial with country kitchen, first-floor family room, formal living room and dining room. 4 bedrooms and 2 baths on the upper level and full walk-out basement with even more space! Did we mention a 1-car garage? 1118 N Howard St.

Julia Robben Lineberry
703.489.7823
McEneaney.com



Alexandria \$1,249,000

Beautiful custom home in an upscale neighborhood near GW bike path and river! Classic design, expert craftsmanship, river views, relaxing veranda, main and upper level master bedroom suites with private offices, 3-car garage! Cul-de-sac! 9058 Tower House Place.

Sue Dickerson
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SueDickersonRealtor.com



Alexandria \$674,000

Stellar location! Gleaming wood floors and built-ins provide classic charm, and the bath and kitchen are updated. The sunroom would make a great office or playroom. Light-filled family room is the heart of this home. Deck and fenced yard. 1210 W Braddock Rd.

Elizabeth Lucchesi
703.868.5676
LizLuke.com



Alexandria \$419,900

Great one level living on two lots (16,000 SF). In-law suite with own entrance, kitchen and bath. Wood-burning stove in living room. Lots of updates and lots of light with skylight in the living room. Your own nature preserve near park and schools.

Phyllis Sintay
703.472.3563
PhyllisSintay.com



Springfield \$495,000

Super rambler in Bramblewood. Move-in condition! Quiet cul-de-sac, treed/lawn lot, fenced back yard, huge deck and patio. Room to spread out! Finished walk-out lower level rec room with brick fireplace plus bedroom and bath. 8636 Woodview Drive

Laurel Conger
703.577.6899
AlexandriaLiving.com



Alexandria \$549,000

Just Listed! Sunlit 3-bedroom, 3.5-bath, garage townhome. Hardwood floors, two fireplaces, two decks, rec room with wet bar, and extra storage. Enjoy all the amenities of Kingstowne. 6008 Wendron Way

Bob Martini
703.798.7400
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Old Town \$1,280,000

Historic, totally detached townhouse with original heart of pine floors and 4 fireplaces. Renovated kitchen with high-end appliances, granite counters, wine cooler and stainless appliances opens to the inviting family room with fireplace. Spacious yard through a pair of glass doors.

Vicki Binkley
703.994.0778
VickiBinkley.com



Old Town \$1,100,000

Enjoy beautiful views of the Potomac from this lovely townhouse with gleaming wood floors, custom built-ins, an eat-in kitchen, first floor den,

updated baths, garage parking and an additional undeeded space. You'll love the enclosed patio, which is about to burst with color! 410 N Union Street

Julian Burke
703.867.4219
JulianBurke.com



Old Town \$440,000

Renovated historic, 1-bedroom plus den. Rare two-level condo with two exits. Bright north facing with high ceilings, wood floors, wood-burning

fireplace and bookshelves. One parking space. Common gardens. Low fee. 603 Queen Street #5.

Barbara Cousens & Jud Burke
703.966.4180 | 703.966.8343
BarbaraCousens.com



Alexandria \$569,900

Charming townhome within walking distance to Braddock Road Metro! Open floor plan, hardwood flooring, beautifully updated kitchen. 3

comfortable bedrooms, and a cozy finished basement rec room. Walkout to fenced rear yard. Steps to "The Avenue" in Del Ray. 210 1/2 Adams Ave.

Jen Walker
703.675.1566
JenWalker.com