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The Alexandria Police respond to the mid-day fatal shooting death of Pierre Clark.

## Vigil Follows Mid-day Murder

A father reforming his life was killed less than one month after jail release.

BY VERNON MILES  
GAZETTE PACKET

Pierre Clark had a personal motto. “Yeah that, two times,” Clark would often say. Those close to him say he’d often say it in response to someone’s proposal for a party or an adventure. The idea was to live big and double the stakes. As friends and family filled the 1000 block of Montgomery Street, where the 28-year-old was gunned down in the middle of

the day on June 8, they chanted Clark’s motto in his honor.

The shooting occurred around noon and temporarily sent nearby schools and public facilities into lockdown. Clark’s murderer remains unidentified and on the loose. In the days after the murder, a tree near the site of Clark’s death has been covered in flowers, candles, and a painting of Clark. After a community meeting on Friday, June 10, the block was full of friends and family holding a candlelight vigil and remembering him.

While the gathering was somber, many also sang and cheerfully recounted Clark’s larger than life exploits. It was the kind of send-off many said Clark would have enjoyed.

“He was a real nice guy, genuine, and always showed love,” said Kimberley Majors, a family friend who grew up with Clark, adding with a smile, “and he was a fly dresser.”

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### Call

Anyone who may have seen or heard something related to the murder of Pierre Clark is asked to call Chief Detective William Oakley at 703-380-5019. The identity of the caller can be kept confidential if requested.



PHOTO BY VERNON MILES/GAZETTE PACKET

Friends and family at Clark’s memorial chant his personal slogan, “Yeah that, two times.”

## No Vacancy

Alexandria continues to hemorrhage affordable housing.

BY VERNON MILES  
AND RIKKI GEORGE  
GAZETTE PACKET

Living in Alexandria isn’t cheap and for many locals who need affordable housing, it seems to be getting more expensive by the day.

“If you look at the broad range, it’s not so good,” said Helen McIlvaine, director of the Office of Housing. “Since last January, we saw about a 2,000 unit decrease [in affordable rental apartments]. Rents have gone up in general and wages have stayed stagnant. Sometimes it does not take a great deal of movement for that to happen. It’s a trend that concerns us.”

Many of the rent increases across the city come with property owners attempted to renovate and rebrand their formerly affordable housing. Hunting Point, a pair of apartment towers near the Woodrow Wilson Bridge, came under new ownership in 2013. Since that time, it has steadily continued to increase rents and push current residents out to redevelop the property into luxury housing.

“There’s 530 units [at Hunting Point] and we might see renovations and rent increases [which] means 200 or 300 are impacted,” said McIlvaine. “It’s a big property, so whatever they do makes a big

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## WWII Veteran Dies at 95

Bill McNamara survived Normandy invasion.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

At 15 years old, Bill McNamara was determined to join the U.S. Cavalry. But when he walked into the local armory one Friday night, he was told he was too young. Not to be dissuaded, he walked around the block, stepped back inside and this time gave his age as 18 to the recruiter. The year was 1936 and McNamara had joined what would become America’s Greatest Generation, one of thousands who left for battlefields half a world away never knowing if they would ever see home again.

“It was scary going into the unknown,” said McNamara, who led



a six-man detachment onto Omaha Beach during the D-Day invasion of Normandy in 1944. “What I saw that day was unbelievable. We weren’t expected to come out alive.”

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower had charged McNamara with putting out the Stars and Stripes newspaper for the front line troops. Within days of the landings, he and his crew of Army journalists were churning out thousands of “Beachhead Bulletins” on a mime

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# ‘A Place To Regain Our Pulse’

**Church of St. Clement service reflects on Orlando shooting.**

BY MARTI MOORE  
GAZETTE PACKET

In the wake of the country’s worst mass shooting, a few Northern Virginia churches are helping local residents reflect on the 50 lives lost in Florida and pray for those who survived the ordeal. More than 25 people gathered Tuesday evening, June 14, in Alexandria at the Church of St. Clement on N. Quaker Lane, where the Rev. John Hortum encouraged participants at the worship service to not live their lives in fear.

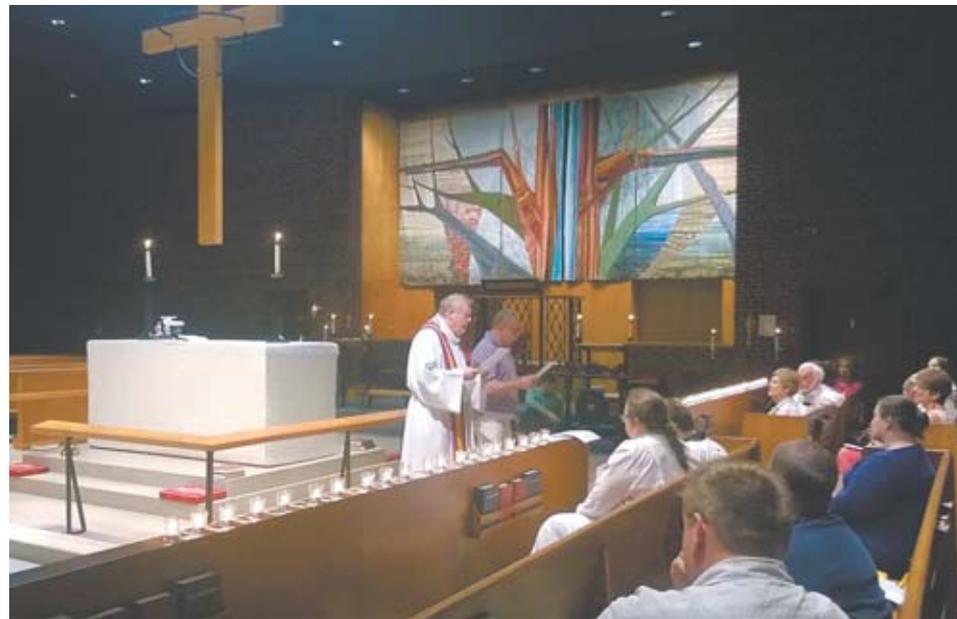
“We are a people called by God to not be afraid,” he stated in his sermon.

Hortum reminded his audience to just breathe, be and know “this is a place to regain our pulse again.”

He urged people to find ways to make a difference after the service. As a country, Americans cannot put the means into the hands of perpetrators.

According to City of Orlando Police Department reports, mass shooter Omar Mir Seddique Mateen, 29, of Fort Pierce, Fla., legally purchased the firearms used to kill his victims at the gay-friendly Pulse Nightclub in Orlando. Local and federal investigators are trying to determine if the massacre was a hate crime or terrorist act.

Church leaders at St. Clement believe policies governing the purchase of assault rifles need to be examined or else more innocent people will die.



PHOTOS BY MARTI MOORE/GAZETTE PACKET

**More than 25 people gathered Tuesday evening in Alexandria at the Church of St. Clement on N. Quaker Lane to remember the 49 victims of the country’s worst mass shooting June 12 in Orlando, Fla.**

“We’ve got to wake up,” said Hortum. “We have to call upon God’s help ... to make a difference.”

Each name and age of the known 48 Pulse Nightclub victims were called aloud in both English and Spanish — followed by a single beat of a gong.

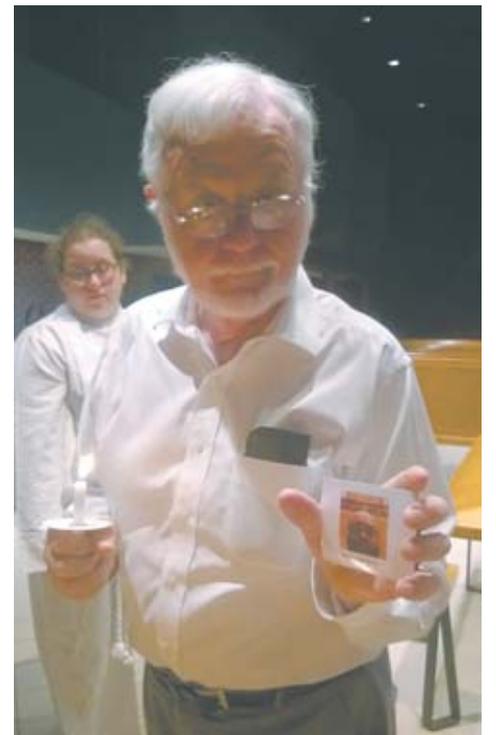
The youngest was 18-year-old Monet Murray of Philadelphia. The eldest was Franky Jimmy Dejesus Velazquez, 50, of Orlando. The names and ages of victims are posted online at the City of Orlando website. Various news reports state Pulse patrons celebrated LGBT Pride Month Saturday at a Latin-themed party before the shooting began.

One victim had yet to be identified by the time of Tuesday’s vigil. Orlando Police reports state an additional 53 individuals were

injured. “The shooter, we give to the mercy of God,” Hortum proclaimed before the Eucharist, or holy communion, at the all-inclusive Episcopal church.

Arlington resident Amy Medrick, 45, said her parents housed gay teens who were rejected by their folks in Lincoln, Neb. — a city she claims has the highest gay population per capita in the country. Most of the time, the LGBT community was so well accepted, hate crimes were of little concern there in the middle of America.

Medrick fears for the safety of a close relative who came out of the closet recently. She asks herself “what if” her beloved family member was at the Pulse Nightclub early Sunday morning, or it “could have been” my relative or someone else she knows



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trapped there.

Medrick appreciates Rev. Hortum’s message on how love is the best way to diffuse hatred. During his message, he read from the New Testament Gospel of Luke 6:27-29 in which Jesus preached: “To you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them.”

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## Garden of Education

**Minnie Howard Campus reopens Emma’s Garden.**

BY EVAN JENKINS  
GAZETTE PACKET

T.C. Williams’ Minnie Howard Campus’ renovated courtyard, Emma’s Garden, officially reopened on June 9. The courtyard was renamed in 2010 and dedicated to late teacher Emma Cabrera, who died in an accident that school year. Biology teacher Benjamin Matthews along with local master gardener Susan Helper helped



PHOTO BY EVAN JENKINS/GAZETTE PACKET

**Ninth grade Minnie Howard students pose in front of the Emma’s Garden sign, painted in 2010. The students worked together to renovate an area of the courtyard including removing the pre-existing grass and painting the benches.**

outline the project and received a \$500 grant from the PTSA to aid in completing the renovation.

“When I came into the system several

years ago I just noticed that this space wasn’t being used,” said Matthews, “and I’m always an advocate to get outside and have the outside be part of the education pro-

cess.” Matthews and Helper facilitated the process, but they say most of the work was done by the students. Students

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# Police Investigate Murder of Pierre Clark

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Among those remembering Clark, his refined sense of fashion came up more than once.

"We was a good person, you couldn't have asked for a better friend," said Nika Calloway, "He was always well dressed."

"He was a stylish family man," said Niesha Tillery, his long lost sister whom he'd recently reunited with. "He was so fun and outgoing. This is so sad. If someone had a problem with him, they must not have had respect for themselves."

His murder occurred less than a month after his release from Alexandria Jail. In 2012, Clark was charged with possession of a controlled substance, MDMA, with intent to distribute. Clark pled guilty and was given a three-year sentence with all but 90 days suspended. But after three probation violations, Clark was sent back to the Alexandria Jail to serve the remainder of his time. His probation and parole officer, Christopher Cahill, said in a report that Clark was struggling with a serious addiction to marijuana and PCP.

But during incarceration, those who knew Clark says he reformed and was beginning to turn his life around.

"He was a great father and loved his kids," said his aunt, Markeete Scott. "He just changed his life. He just got two jobs and

was supposed to go to orientation. He was trying to do right."

Ruth Graham, an inmate classification counselor who has served with the Alexandria Sheriff's Office, said that Clark had been in a re-entry program at the Detention Center because he "wanted to get a better understanding of himself." Graham recalled Clark saying, just before his release on May 17, that he "really wanted to be there for his children." She said that when they last spoke it was a positive conversation with Clark saying that he "wanted to change how he was thinking so he could change what he was doing."

"He left here with the right mindset," Graham said, "I was stunned to find out what happened to him."

The Braddock Road area has become one familiar with tragedy. The murder is the third within the same three block radius, near the Braddock Road Metro Station, in the last year. On Friday, June 10, police gathered in the gymnasium of the Charles Houston Recreation Center to discuss the murder with the local citizens. Almost exactly a year ago, police were forced to hold a similar meeting in the exact same room after the murder of Shakkon Elliot-Tibbs. The routine felt familiar, with police asking for witnesses to the murder to report what they saw, anonymously if necessary, and local citizens pleading with each other to

come together and form a tighter community in the wake of the violence.

"We can't give details, but we can tell you that we are making progress," said Chief Earl Cook.

Cook said that the nation has experienced an increase in violence since early 2015, and that Northern Virginia was not an exception to the trend. For Alexandria, that started with Tibbs' murder. In a coincidence, the day after Clark's murder, police announced the arrest of Rashad Lonzell Adkins for the 2015 murder of Tibbs. While Cook emphasized that police do not believe Clark's murder was gang related, he did say there were other similarities with the Tibbs case.

"Citizens saw the crime, and fear of retaliation meant they didn't come forward," said Cook. "48 hours after this crime, we know there are people who saw it who haven't come forward. It does take courage to step forward and say 'I want to see justice done.'"

Cook noted that it was witness statements that played a major part in finding Tibbs' alleged murderer.

Just like after Tibbs' murder one year ago, local citizens came forward and talked about the need for a tighter community.

"We cannot expect the police to be our bodyguards," said the Rev. Gregory King Sr. from the Christian Methodist Episcopal



**The Alexandria Police K-9 unit helps in the investigation of the murder scene on June 8.**

Church. "The community must be involved and police themselves."

"We keep shooting each other," said Tony Stewart at Clark's memorial service. "It's going to keep going unless we preach non-violence. We need a stop the violence campaign. We need it everywhere."

Anyone who may have seen or heard something related to the crime is asked to call Chief Detective William Oakley at 703-380-5019. The identity of the caller can be kept confidential if requested.

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# A Second Family at Sunrise

Every Alzheimer's story is unique.

BY SHIRLEY RUHE  
GAZETTE PACKET

A yellow balloon zooms across the room. An arm reaches up from a wheelchair and bats it back across the room. The balloon flies faster and faster. "Go Hunter, you throw harder than anyone." Some of the residents are down the hall taking naps.

Jenny Bonilla, a staffer at Sunrise of Alexandria on Duke Street says, "We engage the residents; they love to play the balloon toss, and some of them are competitive." She works in Reminiscence at Sunrise. Bonilla explains, Reminiscence is Memory Care for late stage dementia and has about 33-34 living there now.

"Also for the ladies they like to have us paint their nails pink or red. And we have one resident who likes to do puzzles and another man who likes to play UNO. But I don't know much about it, and he always beats me." Bonilla adds that they like to keep the residents busy. "We don't want them just sitting around. They are still living." Bonilla moves to the end of the couch and massages Ira's head. "She is such a darling. She just loves it when I do this."

It is mid-afternoon at Sunrise of Alexandria, and snack time is over. "The chef brings out cupcakes or fruit or ice cream. They love ice cream — those Dream-cycles or vanilla. Every time I see them I think that's my favorite ice cream."

"Are you lonesome tonight? Can I hold you tonight?" Old tunes play in the background while Dorothy sings softly on the couch. "Miss Dorothy you're such a wonderful singer." Bonilla adds, "She has the best voice of anyone."

Mabinty Kamara, one of the other staff, dances in circles holding Charles Percy's hand while he sits in front of his walker. Later some of them will watch an old movie before dinner. "They love the old movies because they remember things they see on the screen." Marion Strosnider sits in a wheelchair at the end of the couch looking for a conversation. "She is our oldest resident at 101. She is a lovely lady." Her daughter lives downstairs.

Bonilla says that the residents share their stories with her and every day is unique. "They may remember something one day and not the next. Alzheimer's, how do you say, they go through things differently. They might ask me what day it is and then ask me again later." But she says, "They don't seem to get



**Jenny Bonilla tosses the balloon back and forth to residents in one of the favorite afternoon activities in Reminiscence at Sunrise of Alexandria. There are 33-34 residents in the Memory Care neighborhood for late stage dementia.**



PHOTOS BY SHIRLEY RUHE/GAZETTE PACKET

**Lt. Cmdr. Alan S. Miller points to the Bronze star commendation on his wall for his service on the USS Hollister in 1973. His walls at Reminiscence are full of other special awards he received during his service in the Navy.**

frustrated that they can't remember. They go with the flow. Their days are normal for them."

Bonilla walks down the hall. "This is Rachel Stewart's room. She loves to read." A sign on her door says, "A Bookworm Lives Here." Further down the hall she knocks on the door of Alan S. Miller, U.S. Navy. "We have a lot of military here." Miller opens the door and welcomes her into his room, walls covered with medals and plaques. He points to the wall proudly. "This is my Bronze Star for combat in 1973 when I was Lt. Cmdr. on the USS Hollister. See, it says I inspired the crew. I love that part. And here is my Meritorious Service Medal in 1972."

Bonilla says she has been working at Sunrise for almost a year. She got a Certified Nurse Assistant License at 16 but couldn't get a job in a nursing home until she was older. So she applied at Sunrise when she turned 18 "and I was lucky to get this job." She said she did her clinic at Woodbine Rehab and Healthcare Center where she got to go upstairs and see the Alzheimer's patients. It was interesting from the start. I knew what I wanted to do. "

Soon it will be time for dinner followed by two favorite TV shows, Wheel of Fortune and Jeopardy. Some residents will go to bed. "It's very individualized for what they want to do." Bonilla says this is like a second family for her. "When I am gone two days, I can't wait to get back. I miss them all."



**Jenny Bonilla is engaged by Marion Strosnider who is always looking for a good conversation. Strosnider at 101 years old is the oldest resident in Reminiscence at Sunrise of Alexandria.**



PHOTO BY EVAN JENKINS/GAZETTE PACKET

**Biology teacher Benjamin Matthews at T.C. Williams' Minnie Howard campus helped start the renovation of Emma's Garden with a grant from the school's PTSA.**

## In Emma's Garden

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reached out to local businesses and residents and received donations ranging from plant seeds to coffee grounds which they used in creating the garden.

The garden is just getting started. Over the summer, student volunteers plan to help water the plants and provide upkeep for the garden. In the fall, Matthews plans to plant bulbs with the next incoming class so they can see them bloom in the spring.

Minnie Howard is a ninth grade learning center as part of T.C. Williams High School, which means the students who are there now won't be there in the fall of the coming school year, but that doesn't stop them.

"The students are totally invested in this project, even though they're not going to be here next year," said Matthews, "they want to see it succeed and continue to grow and see the impact they've had in this space."

Matthews and Helper plan to reassess what's coming next for the garden when school resumes in the fall, but they've already seen change in the current students. "I feel we've started a little bit of a movement," said Matthews, "cause students are asking 'when can we go out and work in the garden?'"

Follow the progress and view pictures of Emma's Garden on twitter @TCBioTeacher or @TCW\_STEM.

## Reflecting on Deaths

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Two area churches will hold services June 16.

At 6:30 p.m. Thursday evening, June 16, Rock Spring Congregational Church of Christ in Arlington will stand "in solidarity with the LGBTQ community and all people of faith" with an interfaith service followed by an event they have planned for weeks: a traditional Ramadan meal after sunset.

Laura Martin, director of mission integration and congregational care at Rock Spring, said the Christian, Jewish and Muslim leaders will speak during the worship service at 5010 Little Falls Road.

She said participants are invited to write messages of hope and healing on pieces of paper that will form a chain of love sent to survivors in Orlando. Also, a petition against gun violence will be sent to local lawmakers.

The church held a blood drive during Memorial Day weekend

and will offer another Aug. 21. Information on where to donate blood will be offered at that night's service.

"We are grieving together and turning our grief into love and action," Martin said.

All participants of the impromptu vigil for Orlando shooting victims are invited to stay and attend the Iftar gathering, which breaks the daily fast during the Muslim religious holiday of Ramadan.

Senior Pastor Rev. Dr. Kathy Dwyer is not afraid her church will run out of food: "We believe in loaves and fishes," she said.

Call 703-538-4886 or visit its website at

www.rockspringucc.org.

Fairfax United Methodist Church at 10300 Stratford Ave. will hold a prayer vigil at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 16. The church is at the corner of Stratford Avenue and University Drive. Call 703-591-3120 or visit its website at www.fairfaxumc.org.

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# Hemorrhaging Affordable Housing

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impact.”

Residents being pushed out of their homes is beginning to impact Alexandria’s nonprofits as well. Mark Moreau, intake and data quality coordinator for Bridges to Independence, says local affordable housing groups have felt the impact of increasing rents and housing loss. Bridges to Independence is a transitional program that helps Arlingtonians and Alexandrians facing homelessness find housing. In the past year, Moreau says the organization has seen an increasing number of large families in need of housing assistance.

“It isn’t getting easier,” said Moreau. “It’s very difficult to house large families, like a family of nine or the family of eight. We’ve partnered with [other organizations] for that, combining two two-bedroom units into one four-bedroom unit.”

But Bridges to Independence faces its own internal pressures. Moreau says Bridges to Independence gets 75 percent of its funding from the office of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and other government resources, which has been pushing for the non-profit to move people quickly through the program.

“There is a push to get people out of the shelters quicker and not keep people in transitional housing,” said Moreau. “If you put people in housing too quickly without support, it sets them up to fail. But HUD and others have argued that it is the model they’re pursuing. We’ve adjusted to that, but a lot of the staff are not thrilled about it. We would like to

keep people in the shelter longer to help them work through issues.”

Where Bridges to Independence used to keep families for up to two years, and generally at least six months, the push has been to get that number down to four months. But Moreau says there are other issues homeless citizens are facing that can’t be fixed in four months. Moreau says some need mental health support, while others have little to no source of income. If they have criminal records, Moreau says that can make finding employment difficult. The non-profit also helps those who might have a murky immigration status, which also makes finding employment and housing a challenge.

“Some of our folks have a hard time getting approved for an apartment because they have bad credit or even no credit,” said Moreau. “It [was] initially shocking to me; people with no credit getting turned down. We’re seeing more young people in transition age youth, 18-24. Some are adult children with parents. We had a 20-year-old that was pregnant with first child. It’s harder [to find housing] with no rental history. That affects their chances of qualifying.”

As the city continues to hemorrhage market affordable housing, the committed affordable housing can’t keep up, despite a relatively “good year” in 2015. McIlvaine pointed to Jackson Crossing, a new 78-unit affordable housing complex in the Potomac Yards that opened in April, and the nearby 28-unit Lynhaven Apartments. Other committed affordable units are coming in at scattered new developments,

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# OPINION

## Making Lemonade

BY KATHARINE DIXON  
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With a homemade lemonade stand adorning the front yard and the basement playroom walls painted with green rolling hills and blue skies, it is evident that Ariel wants her three young children to grow up having a memorable and safe childhood. Ariel purchased the home she grew up in from her parents in 2014, when her parents moved only half a block away.

Ariel loves the Alexandria area and hopes to stay here for as long as possible. She feels safe in her neighborhood close to Holmes Run, "A lot of people here are community oriented." During the snow storm in January, Ariel's neighbors helped dig out her parent's home. She is also active in the community, attending farmers markets and enhancing play spaces for her children and the community.

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Here in Alexandria about half of our residents are homeowners. Not all of these homeowners can maintain their homes as well as they'd like, so at Rebuilding Together Alexandria, we focus on helping our city's struggling homeowners by providing free home repairs. That's how we met Ariel.

During a recent service appointment for the heating system, Ariel's furnace was "red tagged" and considered inoperable. Not sure where to turn on a tight budget, Ariel remembered a pamphlet she had picked up about Rebuilding Together. We replaced her furnace within days. Since then, a team of volunteers replaced an old CO2/smoke alarm, installed a GFCI outlet in the kitchen, reattached an outside railing, installed a French drain in the backyard to keep it dry, and fixed a bathroom door threshold.

For Rebuilding Together Alexandria, we are



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### Volunteers install a drain in the backyard to keep it dry.

proud supporters of homeownership year round because creating a vibrant community where people of all income groups and cultures live in safe and healthy homes is the ultimate benefit of homeownership. If you know someone like Ariel who could benefit from our services, we encourage you to introduce them to us. For more information, call 703-836-1021 or visit [www.RebuildingTogetherAlex.org](http://www.RebuildingTogetherAlex.org).

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Dealing With Crime

To the Editor:

Last week the murder of Pierre Clark, in broad daylight a block from the new Belle Pre building, marked the third homicide in less

than 12 months to occur within a narrow radius, just steps from Braddock Road Metro.

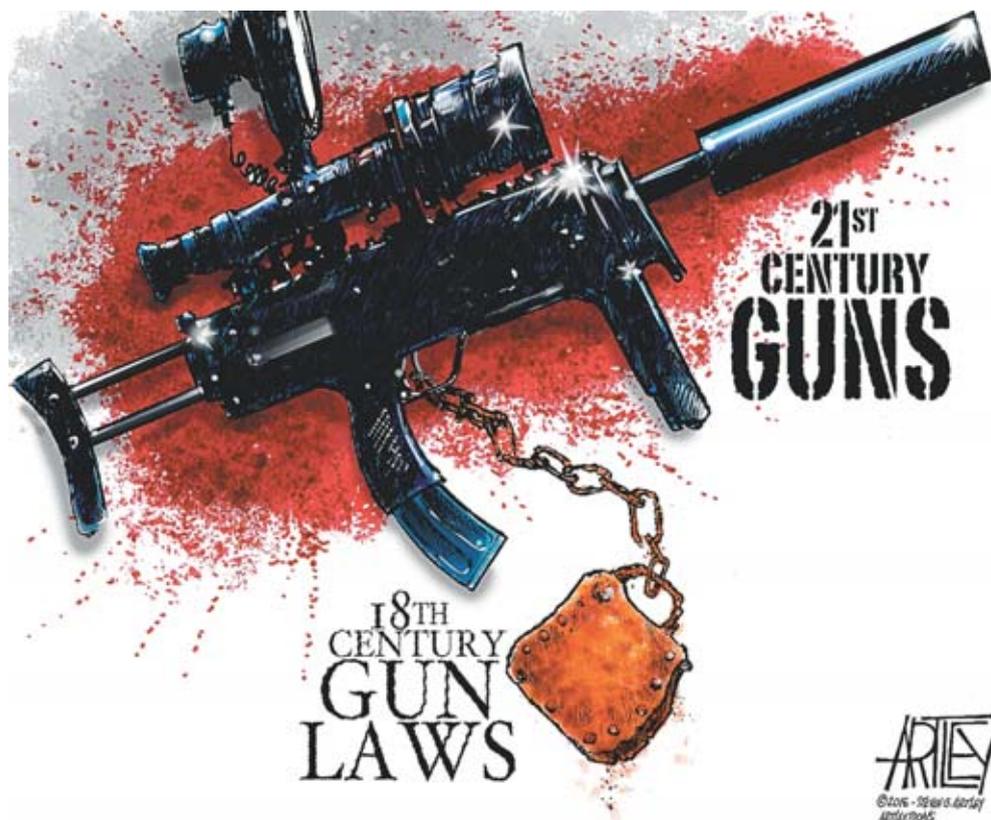
Residents ask why Alexandria tolerates this violence, especially since it appears the fix would be straightforward: offsite some of the area's public housing into small clusters around town and end the projects' magnetic appeal to drug dealers and cowboys with grudges and

guns.

West Old Town Citizens Association has dealt successfully with crime issues for decades. It was WOTCA that analyzed crime data after another daylight killing in 2008 — a white Pennsylvania criminal and fugitive who was slain behind the low-income Pendleton Park apartments. The data revealed that within Census Tract 16, Part 1 crime rises the closer a block is to public housing. (Ironically, this information was disclosed at a civic association meeting attended by Lenny Harris, a future homicide victim himself.) WOTCA later demonstrated that Jefferson-Houston had more crime on its perimeters than any other elementary school in Alexandria.

Community policing was once effective here, but sadly it has been allowed to morph. Alexandria's prosecutors and judges have weakened the enforcement of anti-loitering laws as well as ARHA's barment list, problems the civic association and City Attorney Philip Sunderland addressed years ago. The list of cold case homicides in the neighborhood grows stale, yet other neighborhoods quickly solve theirs. ARHA buys a new headquarters building for \$4 million cash, then publicly claims that it can't afford security cameras.

Sadly, Alexandria's leaders have made a calculated decision that it is more important to retain power than to protect citizens from violence. This despite the casualties, the criticism from ARHA's own tenants about safety, and the pleas of grieving mothers already voiced. Not long ago they subdivided a voting precinct



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thinking the remaining voter bloc would favor high density and a weakening of anti-crime measures, measures which were successful and race-neutral. The city just closes its eyes as ARHA acquires additional properties here.

Council as well as the present and past mayors lack the commitment and skill involved in problem solving and consensus building. They allow an increasingly politicized planning staff to do their thinking for them. The city lacks the fortitude to stand up to ARHA, whose intransigence is well known to staff and citizens alike.

There are veteran Alexandria leaders who know how to restore the standards of the past. Before retiring, former Commonwealth's Attorney Randy Sengel and APD Captain Bill Johnson cited research about the danger of piling on more density in a neighborhood with "pockets of poverty." Chief Cook uncomfortably acknowledged these pockets of poverty last Friday.

The current crop of politicos bury their heads in the sand, preferring to cultivate self-interested citizens, developers and architects; to form front groups that support the city's

dubious theory that development, not off-siting, will diminish crime. One such group is newly established, an association which represents itself as pro-development and supports such expanded projects as the Bradley and Ramsey Homes despite strong opposition from the neighbors of both sites. With retailers now nervous, how long before we have another, still-ailing Braddock Place.

It looks like the summer of 2016 will be even hotter than anticipated.

**Leslie Zupan**  
Alexandria

## Benefits of New Pool

To the Editor:

In a letter to the editor from last week's edition of the Alexandria Gazette Packet ["Government Over-reach"], Jimm Roberts is critical about several things in Alexandria. One of those happens to be the new 50-meter indoor pool that will be built at Chinquapin. While there is little likelihood of changing Mr. Roberts' mind, his letter presents a great opportunity to boast about the benefits of that

new pool.

Here are some of the positives of that new year-round pool:

❖ The latest recreation needs assessment by the city shows the need for more swimming pools to be one of the highest unmet demands of city residents.

❖ In the latest media survey of city residents, 76 percent of the respondents favored building the new pool at Chinquapin.

❖ Both of these survey results highlight the fact that our residents appreciate the health and lifestyle benefits of swimming pools. Exercising in water is an activity that anyone can do at almost any age and learning to swim can save your own life and maybe others. What better use of the city's money than to keep children and adults healthy and safe?

❖ Our group – the Advocates for Alexandria Aquatics – is working with the city and others, such as INOVA Alexandria Hospital and the Alexandria City Public Schools, to teach all kids in Alexandria how to swim. To do that, we need more pool space, which the new pool will provide. We estimate that approximately 7,500 kids in our public schools cannot swim (about 50 percent).

❖ One of the benefits of a large,

indoor pool is the wide range of activities that it can support — from recreational lap swimming to competitive high school meets for our local schools (which currently rent space in other jurisdictions just to have a "home" meet), to water aerobics for seniors, to water polo matches and kayak lessons, to therapy sessions and prenatal and postnatal classes, and to Special Olympics training and scuba diving. What other recreational facility offers such a range of great activities?

❖ Our group is a microcosm of those uses and interests. We have members who use the existing pool for therapy sessions and lap swimming for fitness; we have others who take their kids and grandchildren to learn how to swim or just play in the water; we have youth and adult competitive swimmers and triathletes; we have parents of high school swimmers and kids who swim in recreation leagues; we have members who play water polo; you name it, and we probably have someone in our group who does it. We all share one observation – there is not enough pool capacity in Alexandria for

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everyone to participate in these activities. A consultant for the city estimates that the current pools only meet 20 percent of the potential demand.

❖ A well-run pool can generate revenue for the city when swim meets are held here. The city is targeting an 80 percent cost recovery of pool costs — we expect that it can be even higher with judicious use of naming rights to pool features. That's hardly a drain on the city's budget for all of the benefits that our residents will experience.

❖ We have already been approached about resident and employee wellness programs being established at the new pool. With the proper marketing, it can be a very positive selling point for living in Alexandria.

There are many more advantages to the new pool, but the weather is perfect and Mr. Roberts' letter has me thinking about swimming with my grandchildren. See you at the pool!

**William Rivers**  
Chair, Advocates for  
Alexandria Aquatics

## Design Change Unsettling

To the Editor:

A lack of transparency and violations of trust are poisonous to community life. Yet

that is exactly what the Alexandria School Board has done in favoring a design for the expansion of Patrick Henry school and recreation center after stakeholders had agreed on a different design.

After months of deliberations by the Patrick Henry Advisory Group in which compromises were made on all sides, a vote was overwhelmingly for Design C-1, one that balanced the desires of the community and the needs of the school. Earlier the School Board had indicated its favor for C-1 and ACPS staff had endorsed it. It seem that the system had worked and plans for the expansion could move ahead smoothly.

Then suddenly, "out of the blue," the School Board Chair, Ms. Graf, announced that the rejected design, A-1, would be chosen instead. Subsequently by a vote of 6-2, the School Board went along. The reason given was that A-1 was estimated to cost between \$1.5 and \$2 million less than C-1 — a fraction of the total project cost. But that rationale was undermined when the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Crawley, advised the board that he could not be certain that there would not be changes to make A-1 eventually more costly than C-1.

Clearly something unknown is driving the decision toward A-1. Rejecting as it does what had been widely agreed after months of discussion, this decision appears arbitrary and capricious on the part of Ms. Graf and the board. Citizens all over Alexandria have a right to be concerned, if not outraged, by this result. Let us hope that the mayor and



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## Playing Catch

Blue plays Frisbee with Abby Desjardins at the dog park by the Windmill Hill Park area.

City Council, who previously have taken Alexandrians on this issue. considerable interest in the Patrick Henry project, will weigh in on the side of maintaining the trust and support of all

**Jack Sullivan**  
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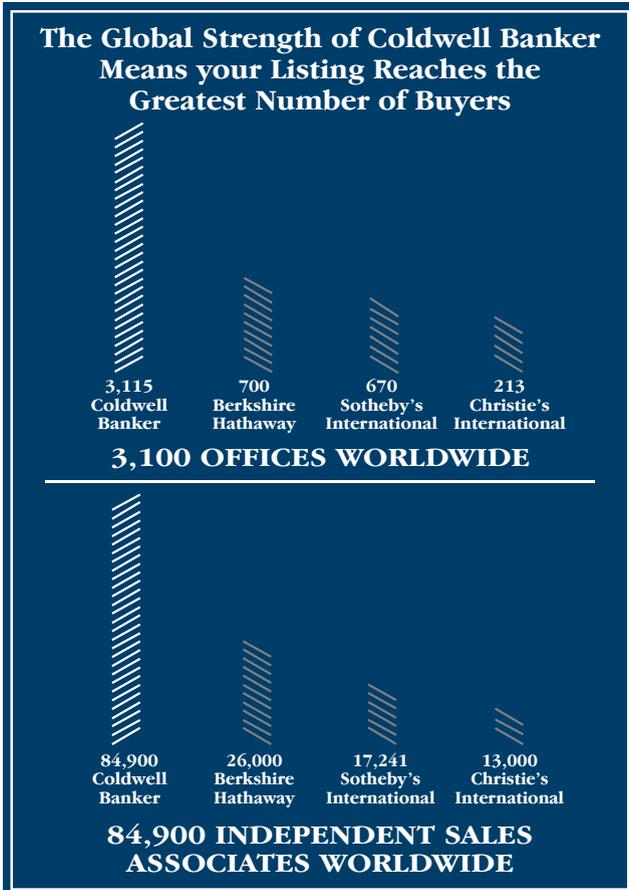
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## OBITUARY

### Cindee Jackson Cornelison

Cindee Jackson Cornelison, age 69, was born in Milwaukee, Wis. As the daughter of an Air Force officer, she grew up in Nebraska, Texas, Mississippi, Nevada and Alabama. She studied at the University of Alabama and graduated



from the University of Virginia in 1972 with a degree in mathematics. She was the runner-up to represent the state of Alabama in the first Miss Universe competition. Following graduation, she was a professional model.

Cindee had a distinguished real estate career for over 40 years. She was a co-founder and the vice president of WJD Associates. Her strong leadership and creative marketing expertise resulted in WJD Associates becoming a highly successful real estate firm from 1985-1996. In 1996, Cindee and her two partners sold WJD Associates to Pardoe and Graham Real Estate, which continues today as Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage.

Cindee was a devoted grandmother, a gourmet cook, a fabulous entertainer and a lover of the beach. Cindee and her loving husband, Ron, together with their family and friends, enjoyed many wonderful vacations at their beach home in the Outer Banks of North Carolina.

Cindee is survived by her beloved husband, Ronald F. Cornelison and her father, Col. Harlan C. Hobbs. Additional survivors include her children: Skylar Moss (John); Jill Jackson Stewart (Brad); Jennifer Cornelison Bowne (Gabe); Laura Cornelison

Sacher (Paul); Margaux Cornelison Lynam (Sean) and William Cornelison. Sisters include Gale Akerman (Ron) and Janis Ormaner (Jerry). Nieces and nephews include LeaAnn Ormaner Kutz (Tim), Karrye Ormaner (Sam), Mikell Dawson, Emily Dawson Meeks (Bill), Matthew Cornelison, Christine Bonner (Ben) and Elizabeth Cornelison Cathcart (Chris).

Cindee is survived by 9 and a quarter beloved grandchildren: Shelby, Jackson and Lauren Moss; Caeley, Jameson, Charlotte and Emmett Sacher; Sophia and Lilly Bowne; and Baby Lynam.

She is also survived by her brother-in-law Cdr. Gary A. Cornelison (Pat) and her sister-in-law Vicky Lynn Grant (Chris). She was pre-deceased in death by her former husband Robert W. Jackson, and her mother Lavonne Gray and Elizabeth Hobbs.

There will be a Celebration of Life at her home on July 7 from 2 to 4 pm.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions be made to the Education Endowment at The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. If mailing a check, please make payable to the Kennedy Center and include on the notes section of the check, "Education Endowment - Cindee Jackson Memorial." Contributions can be made over the phone by calling 202-416-8041 or sent to the attention of Jenny Questell at The Kennedy Center, PO Box 101510, Arlington, VA 22210.

## Losing Affordable Housing

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like 45 rental set-aside units at Notch 8 and 33 units at the Parc Meridian apartments across from the new National Science Foundation building. All of these are located near current or planned metro stations, which McIlvaine said was part of the guidance from City Council.

Alexandria also has two major committed affordable housing projects emerging: the redevelopment of the Church of the Resurrection property into a 100-132 unit housing complex and the redevelopment of the Carpenter's Shelter that will include 90 affordable rental units above the current shelter. But there's a catch.

McIlvaine said construction costs could range from \$5 million to \$8 million, which would use all of the department's funds, as well as general obligation bond funding, to provide support for the tax credit that would make construction possible. One project will move forward in 2017, the other is forced to wait a year to secure additional funding.

New housing can't come soon enough for Alexandrians in need. The Alexandria Housing Development Corporation (AHDC) has 183 units of committed affordable housing in the city, all but two of which are occupied.

"There are next to no vacancies," said Jon Frederick, executive director of AHDC.



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- ◆ Led our varsity mathletes to a first-place season finish and the robotics team to the state semi-finals.
- ◆ Prepared thousands of sandwiches for Martha's Table; collected food items and volunteered at local food banks. Led supply drives for local agencies and our partner school in Haiti. Volunteered thousands of hours with local non-profits. Participated in international causes in Romania and Haiti.
- ◆ A Cappies award and nomination for *The 39 Steps*. Performed in all of our drama and musical productions, Evening of the Arts, Multicultural Night, and the Pit Orchestra; directed the One-Act Plays.
- ◆ Performed in the Virginia District 10 Music Festivals and invited to sing Evensong at the National Cathedral.
- ◆ Won eight Gold Keys, nine Silver Keys, and 16 Honorable Mentions in the regional Scholastic Art & Writing Awards and one Silver Key at the national level. Awards for photography, painting, drawing, ceramic creations, poetry, and personal essays. Won top awards at the Alexandria All City High School Visual Art Exhibit.
- ◆ Thirty-three to play collegiate athletics next year, representing ten sports.
- ◆ Led the boys and girls lacrosse teams to VISAA state championships and won three individual state championships in boys swimming, girls indoor track relay, and wrestling. ISL championships in field hockey, girls lacrosse, girls soccer, and softball. Participated in league finals or state tournaments in boys basketball, cross country, field hockey, boys lacrosse, girls lacrosse, boys soccer, girls soccer, softball, swimming & diving, boys tennis, track & field, and wrestling.

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# ME & MY DAD

A gallery of photos contributed by readers.



My name is Avery Evans. I am 8 years old and live in Alexandria with my Mom, Dad (Craig Evans) and dog Lucy. I go to Maury Elementary. My family went to France last summer. This is of me and my Dad on the Eiffel Tower. We went to the very top. Then the line was really long so we walked down the stairs and we stopped and took a selfie.

— AVERY EVANS



My father Bill Neurohr holding me, his seventh child, on Father's Day 1954 with my two oldest sisters Janie and Mary Lou. He would go on to have six more children after me. Greatest dad ever. (Greatest mom too.)

— JIM NEUROHR



Jerome Ware of Alexandria and baby Tysin, born May 14, 2016.



Old Town residents Makena and her dad Pete Kaiman dancing the night away at their annual Father-Daughter Dance.



Ted Koch with his sons, Parker (10), Landon (8) and Evan(4). Ted loves UVA Football, Roller Coasters and taking the boys on adventures.

— CAROLYN KOCH



This picture of me (Susan Bromm, the blonde), my Dad, (H. James Bromm) and my sister (Denise Bromm) was taken at Reagan National Airport just after my father arrived on an Honor Flight for WWII and Korean War veterans. It was a great day for him and my sister and I were thrilled to share it with him.



Dylan and his Dad Pete Kaiman love the beach.

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### BEAT THE HEAT

**2016 Fan Care Program.** City of Alexandria residents, 60 and older, who meet income requirements may be eligible for a fan or one of the limited number of window air conditioning units. The program runs through Sept. 30. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov/Aging](http://www.alexandriava.gov/Aging) or call 703-746-5999.

### THURSDAY/JUNE 16

**U.S. Navy Band Commodores.** 7 p.m. at the Fort Ward Park

Amphitheater, 4301 W. Braddock Road. The City of Alexandria will host the "U.S. Navy Band Commodores," the U.S. Navy's premiere jazz ensemble. Bring a picnic dinner, chairs or blankets or sit in the amphitheater seating. Free. Visit [www.navyband.navy.mil/commodores.html](http://www.navyband.navy.mil/commodores.html) for more.

**Special Public Hearing.** 7 p.m. at City Council Chambers, City Hall, 301 King St. Alexandria City Council will hold a special public hearing to consider several actions relating to the Potomac Yard Metrorail Station, Potomac Greens Park, and Potomac Yard Park. These include a Master Plan Amendment, Map Amendment (rezoning), and Development Special Use Permit with site plan and associated Special Use Permits. Contact Jason Kacamburas at 703-746-4049 or

[jason.kacamburas@alexandriava.gov](mailto:jason.kacamburas@alexandriava.gov) or visit the City's Potomac Yard website at [alexandriava.gov/PotomacYard](http://alexandriava.gov/PotomacYard).

### SATURDAY/JUNE 18

**City Council Public Hearing.** 9:30 a.m. City Hall, Council Chamber, 301 King St. Contact Jackie Henderson, [jackie.henderson@alexandriava.gov](mailto:jackie.henderson@alexandriava.gov), 703-746-4500.

### TUESDAY/JUNE 21

**Waterfront Commission.** 7:30 a.m. City Hall, Sister Cities Room 1101, 301 King St. Contact Jack Browand, [jack.browand@alexandriava.gov](mailto:jack.browand@alexandriava.gov), 703-746-5504.



Eric Mellette fishing in Northern Ontario with Isabelle (7) and Luc (6) Mellette.

# ENTERTAINMENT

## Learning from 'The History Boys' at LTA

Play evokes time and place that senior year represents in an English boy's life.

BY STEVE HIBBARD  
GAZETTE PACKET

The Little Theatre of Alexandria (LTA) presents "The History Boys" through June 25. The play focuses on an unruly class of gifted and charming senior boys in an unimpressive boarding school called Cutlers' Grammar School, Sheffield, in the North of England. As these young men prepare for their college entrance exams, they are taught by two very different teachers with contrasting styles: one eccentric and innovative, the other deductive and Socratic. With their headmaster pushing them all to be accepted into Oxford or Cambridge, standards are raised and expectations are high.

Playwright Alan Bennett evokes the special period and place that senior year represents in an English boy's life. In doing so, he raises — with gentle wit and pitch-perfect command of character — not only universal questions about the nature of history and how it is taught but also questions about the purpose of education today.

The play won multiple awards, including the 2005 Laurence Olivier Award for Best New Play and the 2006 Tony Award for Best Play.

Joshua Mutterperl plays the role of Posner, who is a bit of an oddity. "While the rest of the boys seem to take their lives without a great deal of seriousness, Posner has a flair for the dramatics, and considers himself a tortured soul," he said. "This is due to his unrequited love for the most handsome and charming member of the group, Dakin."

He said a challenge was figuring out how to play Posner. "I wanted to show the ho-

mosexuality, but to overdo it even for a moment seems downright disrespectful to everything my character stands for," he said. "It was tough playing the tortured soul, when in real life, I am quite simple, in that regard. Even so, I've had an absolute blast figuring out how to best portray this role."

He said, "There are so many incredible themes in this play (growing up, discovering who you are, the purpose of education, and hoping to find what love is, just to name a few) that I have no doubt that the audience will take at least one important message away from this show."

He added, "I want the audience to laugh, to cry, to grimace, to look at each other in confusion. I want them to think. If the audience feels even a sliver of the emotion I have felt throughout this process, I will consider this a job well done."

Ned Read plays the role of the headmaster, Felix Armstrong, who is not a warm and fuzzy guy. "He's all business, and very concerned with improving his status and the school's status (in that order)," he said. "The boys are a means to an end for him (he wants to burnish his career before it ends), and he doesn't have a lot of patience for the fuzziness of Hector's teaching methods — and is a tad disappointed that Mrs. Lintott can't be a bit more innovative than she is."

"It's easy to stereotype a character like this, so the biggest challenge is to have him be real — to not go too far in the direction of caricature (a challenge given that the writing itself leans toward caricature)," said Read. He said the headmaster tends to just pop up through the course of the play — generally to move the plot forward — and provide a certain amount of amusement for



COURTESY OF KEITH WATERS

Starring in "The History Boys" are (front row): Noah Mutterperl (Timms), Matt Stevenson (Lockwood), and Kate Ives (Dorothy Lintott); (back row): Joshua Mutterperl (Posner), and Ben Peter (Scripps).

the audience along the way.

He added, "In the end, if I fail to make him as real as I would like, but I amuse or entertain the audience with this character, I will consider it a success."

"I hope audiences will find themselves pondering questions about just what 'education' is — or should be. The questions raised about competing goals and values in education, and even about how history is portrayed (and taught) are as contemporary and relevant in the U.S. in 2016 as they were in 1980s England (the era and setting of this play)," said Read.

Producer Mary Beth Toomey said she is doing the show for several reasons.

"One, Frank Shutts and I have been working together as a team since our first show, 'The Fantasticks,' in 1989. This is our 17th

show together," she said. "Two, I really like this show, the message is about how these boys individually and collectively come together to achieve a goal. There are competing goals, questions about how things are taught, and sexual innuendo. It has very funny moments and very touching ones. It makes you think."

She added, "Three, I really like working at LTA and having the opportunity to do this type of show."

*The Little Theatre of Alexandria is presenting "The History Boys" through June 25. Tickets are \$19 and \$22. Showtimes are Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sunday matinees at 3 p.m. A Talk Back with cast/crew/designers will be after the performance on Friday, June 17. Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St., Alexandria. Visit [www.thelittletheatre.com](http://www.thelittletheatre.com) or call the box office at 703-683-0496.*

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#### ONGOING

**Exhibit: "A Retrospective Exhibit of Florals and Still Life."** Gallery hours at Goodwin House Alexandria Art Center, 4800 Fillmore Ave. Artist Concetta C. Scott presents her work. Call 703-578-1000 for more.

**Multiple Exposures Gallery: New Photography by Soomin Ham.** Through June 19, gallery hours at The Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Photographer Soomin Ham exhibits new work. Free. Visit [www.multipleexposuresgallery.com](http://www.multipleexposuresgallery.com) for more.

**Multiple Exposures Gallery: New Photos by E. E. McCollum.** Through June 19, gallery hours at The Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. McCollum's work explores familiarity, simplicity, and the

commitment to place in a series of photographs made over the course of a year at a small, suburban pond. Working in black and white, McCollum brings a sense of intimacy to a small landscape. Free. Visit [www.multipleexposuresgallery.com](http://www.multipleexposuresgallery.com) for more.

**Art Exhibit: "Respect: Unsung Heroes in Uniform."** Through June 26, gallery hours at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Artists express their point of view, depict something amusing, or honor a loved one. There will be a small memorial section where visitors can reflect, contemplate and remember. Free. Visit [www.thedelrayartisans.org](http://www.thedelrayartisans.org) or call 703-838-4827.

**June Artist Showcase.** Through June 30, gallery hours at Broadway Gallery Fine Art & Framing, 5641-B General Washington Drive. The Alexandria Gallery is featuring the paintings of plein air artist Christine Lashley. Free. Visit [www.broadwaygallery.net](http://www.broadwaygallery.net).

**Art in Progress: "Highest Honor."** Through June 30, gallery hours at The Art League, 105 N. Union St. In collaboration with military veterans

from The Art League's IMPart program, artist and League instructor Andy Yoder will construct a site-specific, suspended, 25-foot triangular banner for the Torpedo Factory Art Center's atrium. Yoder will be working daily in studio 8 in the Torpedo Factory Art Center to create the banner through the month of June. Free. Visit [www.theartleague.org](http://www.theartleague.org) for more.

**The von Braehler Ltd. Gallery: "Circuitous Roots."** Through June 30, gallery hours at 7931 E. Blvd. The von Braehler Ltd./Gallery, announces the Opening of an Exhibition, "Circuitous Roots: A Celebration of Art" at George Washington's River Farm on the Potomac, home of the American Horticultural Society. The exhibition will honor artists represented by VBG over three decades, as well as Liberal Studies' Artists from Georgetown University, Anna Katalina, Nan Morrison, Anne Ridder, Robert Murray and Rana Ryan. Free. Contact Robert F. Murray at 703-798-8686 or [vbppromo@aol.com](mailto:vbppromo@aol.com).

**Caribbean-American Jubilee Arts Exhibition.** Through July, gallery

hours at The Torpedo Factory Arts Center, 105 N. Union St. The Second Art Impact USA Caribbean Jubilee Arts Exhibition is in honor of National Caribbean-American Heritage Month. Free. Visit [www.artimpactusa.org](http://www.artimpactusa.org) for more.

**Alex Tolstoy: "Watermarks."** Through July 3, gallery hours at The Art League, 105 N. Union St. Artist Alex Tolstoy's past life as an ocean acoustics mathematician subconsciously informed and inspired her present life as a watercolor artist, as she now paints the moods and forms of the oceans, seas, lakes, ponds, and storms. Free. Visit [www.theartleague.org](http://www.theartleague.org) for more.

**"Who The Wounded Are."** Through July 11 at Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St. "Who These Wounded Are: The Extraordinary Stories of the Mansion House Hospital" is about people who lived and worked at this site in Alexandria and their real life stories that inspired the PBS show, "Mercy Street." Tickets are \$2-12. Visit [www.carlylehouse.org](http://www.carlylehouse.org) for more.

**Target Gallery: "Please Touch."** Through July 17, gallery hours at

Target Gallery, 105 N. Union St. Sixteen national and international artists, including four people from Virginia, were juried into this group show. This all-media exhibition features 20 works with which audiences are invited to engage. Free. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org) for more.

**Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery: "Circuses."** Through July 24, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at 105 N. Union St. Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery announces the juried show "Circuses." Artists' derive inspiration from clowns, animals, trapezes, jugglers, ringmasters, sideshows, crowds and other big house trappings. Free. Visit [www.potomacfiberartsgallery.com](http://www.potomacfiberartsgallery.com) for more.

**"Violent Grace: A Retrospective."** Through July 30, gallery hours at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. This exhibit is a survey of five decades of paintings by Edwards Knippers. Free. Visit [www.ourconvergence.org](http://www.ourconvergence.org) for more.

**Art Exhibit: "Streets Meets Glass."** Through Aug. 15, business hours at the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter,

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## 'Great Falls Mist'

Christine Lashley's "Great Falls Mist" is featured in Broadway Gallery's June Artist Showcase. Lashley is a plein air artist, or an artist who paints primarily outdoors. Free. Visit [www.broadwaygallery.net](http://www.broadwaygallery.net) for more.

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**Fort Hunt Concerts.** Through Aug. 28, Sundays 7-8 p.m. at Fort Hunt Park, 8999 Fort Hunt Road. A different band performs each week. Free. Visit [www.nps.gov/gwmp](http://www.nps.gov/gwmp) for more.

**Collage and Ceramics - Kathryn Horn Coneway.** Through Aug. 28, gallery hours at Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Free. Visit [www.kathryncoway.com](http://www.kathryncoway.com) for more.

**Mercy in Alexandria Walking Tour.** Sundays at 1:30 p.m. at Alexandria Visitors Center, 221 King St. Experience an inside access tour of 19th century Alexandria. Inspired by the PBS mini-series "Mercy Street," accompany a trained military historian through Civil War-era Alexandria and learn the actual history behind the TV show. Short tours are \$15, private tours for five are \$149. Visit [www.dcmilitarytour.com](http://www.dcmilitarytour.com) for more.

**The Lyceum: 175 Years of Local History.** Ongoing, Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday 1-5 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. On view in the museum's Coldsmith Gallery, the historical objects and images featured represent The Lyceum, the community at work, and commemorations and celebrations. Throughout the exhibition, visitors are invited to "be the curator" and think about why the various artifacts are in the museum's collection, and about how tangible representatives of the past help tell the story of Alexandria's history. Free. Visit [www.alexandriahistory.org](http://www.alexandriahistory.org) for more.

**Medical Care for the Civil War Soldier Exhibit.** Ongoing at the Fort Ward museum, 4301 W. Braddock Road. ongoing exhibit which features original medical instruments and equipment from the

Civil War period and information on Union Army hospital sites in Alexandria. Free. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov/fortward](http://www.alexandriava.gov/fortward) for more.

**Alexandria's Nurses & Hospitals During the Civil War.** Ongoing at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. An exhibit on the life of Clarissa Jones, a nurse at The Lyceum hospital during the Civil War. The true story of a nurse in Alexandria during the war, drawing parallels with characters portrayed in the PBS drama "Mercy Street," with references to the experiences of other nurses, such as Anne Reading, who worked in the Mansion House hospital, and Jane Woolsey, who served at the Fairfax Seminary hospital. Admission is \$2. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov/lyceum](http://www.alexandriava.gov/lyceum) for more.

**"Ancient Art of Movement."** 1 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Carmen Shippy, retired professional dancer, teaches a series designed for ages 50 and above. Movements are designed to strengthen core muscles and increase flexibility. Adjustments will be made for those with physical limitations. First lesson in the series is free for non-center members. To continue lessons, a yearly membership to all Senior Center programs is \$48. Call 703-765-4573 to sign up.

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

**The Monday Morning Birdwalk** takes place weekly, rain or shine (except during electrical storms, strong winds, or icy trails), at 7 a.m. (8 a.m. November through March), is free, requires no reservation and is open to all. Birders meet in the parking lot at the park's entrance at 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Direct questions to Park staff during normal business

hours at 703-768-2525.

**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 with the National Kidney Foundation for a program highlighting a different artist each month for a year.

**Civil War Sundays.** 1-5 p.m. at Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 North Union St., #327. Learn more about the Civil War as it occurred in Alexandria. Find dioramas, newspaper articles and more. Free. Visit [www.alexandriarchaeology.org](http://www.alexandriarchaeology.org).

**Doggy Happy Hour.** Starting April 5, Tuesdays through October 5-8 p.m. at Jackson 20 and Hotel Monaco Alexandria, 480 King St. Doggy Happy Hour at Jackson 20 and the Hotel Monaco Alexandria offers specials on cocktails and beers plus treats and water for canine companions. Free, but drinks sold separately. Visit [www.monacoalexandria.com](http://www.monacoalexandria.com) for more.

**Historic Alexandria Attics and Alleys Tours.** Saturdays, May-October, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Attics and Alleys is a three-hour walking tour featuring the rarely seen spaces of four sites—the Lee-Fendall House, Gadsby's Tavern Museum, the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, and Carlyle House Historic Park. Tickets are \$35. Visit [www.gadsbystavern.org](http://www.gadsbystavern.org) for more.

**CAMPS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS**

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www.thelittletheatre.com for more.

**Photography Workshop.** 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at Multiple Exposures Gallery on 105 N. Union St. Photographers of all skill levels are invited to share work, ideas, and questions at this free workshop held on the last Sunday of each month, except December. No reservations. Call 703-683-2205.

**Community Dance.** 7:30-9:30 p.m. every third Friday at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Live music. Tickets are \$4. Call 703-765-4573.

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

**Community Yoga.** Wednesdays 9:30-10:30 a.m. and Sundays 7:30-8:45 p.m. at 532YOGA, 532 N. Washington St. Suite 100. No experience required to participate in weekly community class. Suggested \$10 donation. Visit [www.532yoga.com](http://www.532yoga.com).

## THROUGH JULY 24

**Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery:** "Circuses." Gallery hours at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery announces the juried show "Circuses." Artists' derive inspiration from clowns, animals, trapezes, jugglers, ringmasters, sideshows, crowds and other big house trappings. Free. Visit [www.potomacfiberartsgallery.com](http://www.potomacfiberartsgallery.com) for more.

## FRIDAY/JUNE 17

**Daddy Meet-Up.** 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Gymboree Play & Music, 318 S. Pickett St. Moms can bring children to "open gym," while Dads get a chance to relax and paint. Children must be under 5. Free. Call 703-212-9244 to reserve a space.

**Community Dance.** 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Third Friday Community Dance with the Mount Vernon Swing Band. Live music conducted by Owen Hammett. Tickets are \$4. Call 703-765-4573.

## FRIDAY-SATURDAY/JUNE 17-18

**"Stupid F#@\*ing Bird."** 8-10 p.m. at Port City Playhouse, 1819 N. Quaker Lane. Anton Chekhov's "The Seagull" gets an irreverent update in this comedy about the battles between the sexes and the generations, and the disappointments to be found in

love, art and aging. Tickets are \$18-20. Visit [www.portcityplayhouse.com](http://www.portcityplayhouse.com) for more.

## SATURDAY/JUNE 18

**Growing Edible Plants in Containers.** 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. The program will cover how to select the right pots and plants, prepare for planting, and how to maintain plants growing in containers. Free. Register at [mgnv.org](http://mgnv.org).

**Lecture: "The Secret History of Juneteenth."** 11 a.m. at the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. Historian C.R. Gibbs discusses the history of the celebration of the freeing of the slaves in Texas. Free. Visit [www.blackhistory.org](http://www.blackhistory.org) for more.

**The Dance Studio at Hollin Hall Recital.** 2 p.m. at Bryant Alternative High School, 2709 Popkins Lane. More than 200 students perform dances to this year's theme of "Family, Friends and Love." Free. Visit [www.thedancestudiohh.com](http://www.thedancestudiohh.com).

**Tigerlily Foundation Pajama Glam Party.** 4-8 p.m. at Hotel Monaco, 480 King St. Women and girls are invited to wear (pink, purple, or red) pajamas and listen to music, visit pampering stations, and more. Also guest appearances by Asia Monet, Tati from WPGC (95.5), and Ashley Boalch Darby from Bravo's Real Housewives of Potomac. Tickets are \$25 for children, \$45 for adults.

## SUNDAY/JUNE 19

**Arlandria Chirilagua Festival.** 12-7 p.m. at Four Mile Run Park, 3700 Commonwealth Ave. This annual festival celebrates and highlights the Arlandria community's Latino community featuring musical entertainment, food, crafts and cultural vendors. Free. Visit [www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com/summer](http://www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com/summer).

**Father's Day Open House.** 1-4 p.m. at Friendship Firehouse Museum, 107 S. Alfred St. The Friendship Firehouse Museum is free for fathers and their families on Father's Day. The firehouse photographer will be on duty, so dads can take home a complimentary photograph. Call 703-746-4994 for more.

**Father's Day at Stabler-Leadbeater.** 1-5 p.m. at Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105-107 S. Fairfax St. Admission is free for fathers, \$5 for all other adults and \$3 for children 5-12. Call 703-746-3852 for more.

**Father's Day at Gadsby's Tavern.** 1-5 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Get a tour by Junior Docents. Free for fathers, \$5 for all other adults and \$3 for children 5-12. Visit [www.gadsbystavern.org](http://www.gadsbystavern.org) for

more.  
**Alexandria's Historic Breweries Guided Tour and Tasting.** 2 p.m. at Old Town Alexandria. Join Alexandria's Historic Breweries author Garrett Peck and Portner Brewhouse co-founder Cat Portner on a guided walking tour around Old Town Alexandria exploring the foundations of local brewing. The tour includes highlights from the print brochure, a Portner Brewhouse beer sampling and culminates at one of Alexandria's current Hops Stops. Tickets are \$20. Visit [www.portnerbrewhouse.com/events-tours](http://www.portnerbrewhouse.com/events-tours).

**Tribute to Motown.** 5-10 p.m. at The Carlyle Club, 2050 Ballenger Ave. Brencore Allstars and Pam Ward perform. Tickets are \$30-35. Visit [www.brencore.com](http://www.brencore.com) for more.

## MONDAY/JUNE 20

**Art of Ballroom Dance.** 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. A class to learn to dance or improve your dancing skills: foxtrot, waltz, tango, swing, salsa, merengue, rumba, cha-cha, and samba. Tickets are \$15. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org) for more.

## TUESDAY/JUNE 21

**U.S. Passenger Arrival Records, 1820s-1930s.** 1-3 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Genealogist John Colletta, Ph.D., talks about arrival records and alternatives for overcoming issues like variant spellings of names, conflicting arrival dates, confusion of ship names, various ports of departure and arrival, and missing passenger manifests. Free. Visit [www.mvgenalogy.org](http://www.mvgenalogy.org) or call 703-768-4101.

**Colvin & Earles.** 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Tickets are \$79.50. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) for more.

**Out and About: Environs of DC.** The Associates Gallery, Studio 311, The Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. TAG member artist and oil painter Ellen Kolansky presents a grouping of her landscape paintings in Studio 311 through Sunday, July 17. Her style is loose, noted for its rhythm, color, and grace. In the current show, scenes depict the C & O Canal, Potomac river, Frederick Maryland train station and Great Falls among other locations. Visit [torpedofactory.org/](http://torpedofactory.org/) for more.

## WEDNESDAY/JUNE 22

**Lecture: The True History of the Mansion House Hospital.** 7:30 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Sarah Coster, the former site director of the Carlyle



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### 'The True Story of the Mansion House Hospital.'

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House, and Audrey Davis, director of the Alexandria Black History Museum, will share some of the many stories connected with the Mansion House during the period. Free for members of the Alexandria Historical Society, \$5 for non-members. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov/Lyceum](http://www.alexandriava.gov/Lyceum).

#### THURSDAY/JUNE 23

**Photography Workshop With George Tolbert.** 6-8 p.m. at The Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. The former U.S. Senate photographer provides tips and techniques. Participants are encouraged to bring their own images on a thumb drive or CD to garner tips on improvement during the session. Free. Call 703-746-4356 for more.

**Angie Stone.** 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. R&B songstress performs. Tickets are \$59.50. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) for more.

#### FRIDAY/JUNE 24

**Film Screening: "Goonies."** Movie starts at dusk, activities start at 6 p.m. at Four Mile Conservatory Center, 4109 Mount Vernon Ave. Free. Visit [www.fourmilemovieseries.com](http://www.fourmilemovieseries.com).

**10,000 Maniacs.** 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. The band celebrates the release of a live-recording album. Tickets are \$39.50. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) for more.

#### FRIDAY-SATURDAY/JUNE 24-25

**"Stupid F#@\*ing Bird."** 8-10 p.m. at Port City Playhouse, 1819 N. Quaker Lane. Anton Chekhov's "The Seagull" gets an irreverent update in this comedy about the battles between the sexes and the generations, and the disappointments to be found in love, art and aging. Tickets are \$18-20. Visit [www.portcityplayhouse.com](http://www.portcityplayhouse.com) for more.

#### SATURDAY/JUNE 25

**Lecture on Alexandria's 18th-Century Ship.** 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. By examining the wood and iron fastenings from Alexandria's recently excavated ship at 220 South Union St., the speaker illustrates how deep draft cargo vessels were constructed, repaired, and beached and broken during the 18th century in the Mid-Atlantic. Emphasis is placed upon historic documents relating to Alexandria during the 18th century as well as the story the timbers tell. Jason Lunze is a Maritime Archaeologist who holds a master's degree from the University of Southern Denmark. Free, but reservations required. Call 703-746-4399 for more.

**Lecture: Let's Talk About Marriage and Finance.** 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at The Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. Nicolas Troy Abrams - A Certified Financial Planner Professional and Founder and CEO of AJW Financial Partners, LLC of Columbia and Washington, D.C., discusses the wealth management and financial planning that couples should commit to before marriage. Free. Call 703-746-4356, or email [reserve@portofharlem.net](mailto:reserve@portofharlem.net).

#### Vine on the Waterfront Festival.

12-6 p.m. at Oronoco Park, 100 Madison St. Formerly known as the Alexandria Food & Wine Festival, the festival will expand to include both restaurants within Alexandria and other eateries throughout the region. The event is free to attend, but tickets are \$15 per area (food or wine), \$20 after June 18. Visit [www.vineonthewaterfront.com](http://www.vineonthewaterfront.com).

**Well Ray 2016.** 1-6 p.m. at 2214 Mount Vernon Ave. The third annual Well Ray festival is a community wide effort to highlight resources for living healthily and happily. Browse health and lifestyle inspired tents and more. Free. Visit [www.MindTheMat.com/Well-Ray/](http://www.MindTheMat.com/Well-Ray/).

**National Day of Play.** 3:30-7:30 p.m. at Gymboree, 318 S. Pickett St. All Families with children from birth to 5

are welcome to drop-in for play activities, flying parachutes, bubbles, art, music, touch a truck, child ID program, balloons, refreshments and more. Free. Call 703-836-2277 for more.

**Dogue Run Distillery Dinner.** 6-10 p.m. at George Washington's Gristmill and Distillery, 5513 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. View the innovative gristmill in action and explore the distillery while enjoying cocktails and light refreshments. Guests will then make their way to the grand Woodlawn Estate for a rare, Virginia-inspired sit-down dinner. Dine on locally-sourced food and expertly paired wines by Early Mountain Vineyards, while being served in various rooms throughout the historic Mansion. Tickets are \$225. Visit [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org).

#### SATURDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 25-26

**MSA: "Alice in Wonderland."** 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center at 4915 E. Campus Drive. The show will feature almost 1,000 MSA students in dance, music, and theater. Tickets are \$20-23. Visit [www.metropolitanarts.org](http://www.metropolitanarts.org).

#### SUNDAY/JUNE 26

**Living With a Happy, Healthy Cat.** 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at PetSage, 2391 S. Dove St. Learning more about cat health, diet, preferable environment and more via lectures, panel discussions, and more. Tickets are \$50 until June 16, \$65 after and \$75 at the door. Visit [www.ittybittyurl.com/Ya9](http://www.ittybittyurl.com/Ya9) for more.

**Three Dog Night.** 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Live music. Tickets are \$69.50. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com).

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## TUESDAY/JUNE 28

**Family Fun Day: Shaping Our City.** 10-11:30 a.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Explore how shapes are used in buildings – in the classroom and on the streets of Alexandria. Families are encouraged to bring recycled materials to share during our building workshop and should be prepared for a short walk outdoors, including walking shoes, sunscreen, and clothing appropriate for the weather. Tickets are \$8 for children, free for adults. Visit [shop.alexandriava.gov/events.aspx](http://shop.alexandriava.gov/events.aspx) for more.

## THURSDAY/JUNE 30

**Film Screening: "House Maid."** 6-8 p.m. at The Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. The Alexandria Black History Museum hosts a series of programs from the pages of Port Of Harlem Magazine. All programs open with a 20-minute reception with light refreshments. Set in Gambia, West Africa and written by Gambian Bubacarr Jallow, this 90-minute culturally reflective, sometimes comedic film is about a wife who loses her man to their maid. Free. Call 703-746-4356 for more.

## SATURDAY/JULY 2

**Independence Fireworks.** 6 p.m. at Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. Greet "General and Mrs. Washington" in the historic area before trying a turn at bocce ball and 18th-century dancing demonstrations. Mount Vernon's colonial artisans will reveal how 18th-century ice cream was made in the days before freezers. Enjoy a performance by Yorktown Fife & Drum and the National Concert Band. Also enjoy a fireworks show. Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$20 for youth. Visit [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org) for more.

## MONDAY/JULY 4

**An American Celebration.** 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. Watch made-for-daytime fireworks shoot off over the Potomac River. Admission is \$9-20, free for children 0-5. Visit [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org) for more.

**Plant Sale.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Waywood Recreation Park, 1027 Dalebrook Drive. Features plants that are known to thrive in this area. Members from the Garden Club of Waywood will be available to answer questions on plants. There also will be a children's table to help them start plants. Free. Call 703-549-4245 for more.

## TUESDAY/JULY 5

**Simpson Park Garden Stroll.** 11 a.m.-12 p.m. at 420 E. Monroe St. VCE Master Gardeners who maintain Simpson Park Demonstration Gardens invite Alexandria residents and others to stroll by the gardens. Free. Call 703-228-6414 or email [mgarlalex@gmail.com](mailto:mgarlalex@gmail.com).

## THURSDAY/JULY 7

**Artist's Reception.** 6-8 p.m. at The Associates Gallery, Studio 311, The Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. TAG member artist and oil painter Ellen Kolansky presents a grouping of her landscape paintings "Out and About: Environs of DC." Her style is loose, noted for its rhythm, color, and grace. In the

current show, scenes depict the C & O Canal, Potomac river, Frederick Maryland train station and Great Falls among other locations. Visit [torpedofactory.org/](http://torpedofactory.org/) for more.

## SATURDAY/JULY 9

**Civil War Kids Drill Day.** 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at Fort Ward, 4301 W. Braddock Road. Children ages 9-12 can learn more about the daily life of the Civil War soldier. Tickets are \$25. Visit [www.fortward.org](http://www.fortward.org) for more.

## Beyond the Battlefield Walking

**Tour.** 10 a.m. starting at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Discover the real-life stories and locations of soldiers, citizens, and former slaves that inspired the PBS drama "Mercy Street" in this walking tour of Old Town. Tickets are \$15. Visit [www.leeefendallhouse.org](http://www.leeefendallhouse.org).

## Our American Girl.

1-3 p.m. at Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. Join Mount Vernon's own American girl, "Nelly Custis" on a tour of George Washington's estate. Enjoy refreshments with "Lady Washington" and create colonial crafts. Bring your favorite doll. Tickets are \$35 for youth, \$25 for adults. Visit [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org) for more.

## Alexandria/USA Birthday

**Celebration.** 6-10 p.m. at Oronoco Bay Park, 100 Madison St. Visitors celebrate America's 240th birthday and Alexandria's 267th along the Potomac waterfront at Oronoco Bay Park and enjoy live music by the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra, patriotic birthday cake, food vendors and a fireworks display. Free. Visit [www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com/alx-bday](http://www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com/alx-bday).

## THURSDAY/JULY 14

**Rejuvenate the Midsummer Herb Garden.** 7-8:30 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Learn how to keep your herb garden going strong in hot summer weather through good maintenance practices and occasional replanting. Learn tips and techniques to use and preserve herbs, including how to flavor vinegars. Free. Call 703-228-6414 or email [mgarlalex@gmail.com](mailto:mgarlalex@gmail.com).

## FRIDAY-SATURDAY/JULY 15-16

**Alexandria Comcast Outdoor Film Festival.** Gates open at 5:30 p.m. at Waterfront Park, 1A Prince St. Two movies will show on a 40-foot inflatable movie screen, with the Alexandria Waterfront as the backdrop. Free. Visit [www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com/summer](http://www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com/summer).

## SATURDAY/JULY 16

**Family Fun Day: The Wright Flight.** 10-11:30 a.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Celebrate the 107th Anniversary of Orville Wright's historic flight from Fort Myer to Alexandria and test the basic principles of flight. Like the Wright brothers, work together as a family to create a hypothesis and conduct test flights to learn which design is the best. Tickets are \$8 for children, free for adults. Visit [shop.alexandriava.gov/Events.aspx](http://shop.alexandriava.gov/Events.aspx).

**Canine Cruise.** 11 a.m. at Alexandria City Marina, 1 Cameron St. With four-legged friends in tow, board a Potomac Riverboat Co. cruise and tour the Alexandria Seaport on this popular 60-minute waterfront excursion. Dogs must be on 6-foot flat leash at all times. Tickets are \$16 for adults, \$10 for children, free for dogs. Visit [www.PotomacRiverboatCo.com/canine-cruise.php](http://www.PotomacRiverboatCo.com/canine-cruise.php).



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# The Gap Year Trend

The pros and cons of taking a break in academic studies before college.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
GAZETTE PACKET

**R**appelling down an 80-foot waterfall, the ground appearing miles away, zip lining through thickets of dense, steamy rain forest, treating wounded travelers in the wilderness and engaging in other limit-pushing adventures — that’s how three local young adults spent their time after graduating from high school.

“Scuba was definitely my favorite part of the course because of a strong reinforcement that I would enjoy working as a scuba instructor one day,” said A.J. Galindo of Alexandria. His adventure was part of Outward Bound’s Costa Rica program.

Galindo took what is known as a “gap year,” which means taking an academic break for a year or a semester before beginning college. Gap year programs offer students an opportunity for “personal growth in ... leadership, self-awareness [and] ... character development,” said Soizic Hagege, spokeswoman for Outward Bound Costa Rica.

After completing his Outward Bound program, Galindo enrolled in Thompson Rivers University in British Columbia, Canada.

The American Gap Association (AGA), an organization that accredits and sets standards for gap year programs, reports that taking a gap year has become an increasingly popular choice for American students. The association has seen renewed interest since Malia Obama’s recent decision to take a year off before beginning her studies at Harvard University.

**A RECENT AGA STUDY** showed that students who took a gap year over performed academically in college. The organization released the results from a survey of its 2015 alumni. More than 90 percent of those sur-



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**A.J. Galindo of Alexandria, Benjamin Waters of Fairfax and Kirby Nassetta of Arlington participated in Outward Bound Costa Rica’s Gap Year program.**

veyed credited their gap year with increasing their self-confidence and maturity as well as offering time for personal reflection.

Uncertainty about future plans is one of the reasons students decide to take time off between high school and college. “Some don’t know yet what they want to study, or want to take the opportunity to travel or work to get experience in the real world,” said Francesca Reed, associate vice president for Enrollment Management and director of Graduate Enrollment Services at Marymount University. “A gap year ... can be a great opportunity for a person to mature and discover their interests before pursuing a college degree.”

Experiences gained during a year away from school can offer clarity, says Jim McClellan, PhD, dean of Liberal Arts at Northern Virginia Community College in Alexandria. “Few students know what they want from life or what will be their life’s work when they first enroll in college,” he said. “Few finish college in the same major where they began. Sometimes a year of reflection can help a student focus. A year abroad or in some environment beyond

their previous experience can offer new perspectives. Working at a 7/11 convinced me I needed to continue college.”

While the AGA reports that 90 percent of students are actively enrolled in a four-year institution of higher learning within one year of completing a gap year, the organization acknowledges that this option is not for everyone. The decision to delay college comes with a caveat that students may lose the academic momentum they gained through high school.

“There is a set of skills that a student learns moving through each grade level. Like playing tennis or any other sport, the more practice, the better the performance,” said McClellan. “Laying out for a year leads to skills atrophy. [For some students] it is better to continue on while in top form than to try to rebuild lost skills and regain good study habits.”

Even for students who feel certain that they want to take a gap year, Reed advises completing the college application process if obtaining a college degree is future goal.

“It is easier while they are still in school to gather letters of recommendation and use

the resources of guidance departments when applying for college,” she said. “It will also keep them focused with a future plan. If the student decides to go abroad or work full-time, it may be difficult to request a letter of recommendation while they are busy overseas or with work. Once accepted into college, they can defer their admission a semester or a year.”

Boosted by a belief in the benefits of a gap year experience, a growing number of colleges and universities are supporting students who want to take time off between high school and college. “Most colleges are accommodating and will move their start date to the following year,” said Reed. “Colleges and universities like to see students with a plan and a degree of motivation before entering college, and the gap year may be the perfect opportunity to do just that.”

**RESEARCHING OPPORTUNITIES**, thinking about goals and having a plan in place about how the time will be spent are critical components of a successful gap year. “They shouldn’t wait until they graduate to start planning,” said Reed. “Do you want to travel abroad? Learn a new language or improve your foreign language skills? Volunteer either at home or abroad? Explore career interests? It’s important to have something meaningful in mind. There are many programs available for students that are considering a gap year.”

McClellan suggests an alternate option for students and parents who are concerned that a gap year could slow a student’s academic progress. “Spending the junior year abroad is a better idea since no academic momentum is lost and the experience of living and studying abroad is of incalculable value,” he said. “Plus, with two years of college completed and added maturity, the junior year abroad is more meaningful than a gap year.”

# Considering Private School?

Small steps this summer can minimize stress of application process.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
GAZETTE PACKET

**T**he school year has just come to an end ... which means it’s the ideal time to prepare to apply to leading independent schools.

A supply versus demand imbalance for a coveted spot at one of the local, top-tier private schools makes advanced planning a critical part of the process. Local admissions directors offer suggestions on what can be done during the laid-back days of summer before the demanding fall application process begins.

“Do your research over the summer,” said Mimi Mulligan, assistant head of school and director of admission and enrollment management at Norwood School in Bethesda, Md. “Spend time educating yourself on the wide variety of independent school options

in the area.”

Perusing school websites and becoming familiar with a school’s mission and philosophy toward education can help narrow down choices. Reading social media postings can give parents a sense of a school’s culture and community.

Have a family conversation about the type of school that would best serve your child, advises Mulligan, who warns that a school’s perceived prestige or reputation doesn’t necessarily translate into a good match.

“Be realistic about your child’s strengths, weaknesses, and learning style, then create a list of schools that you feel would be a good fit for your child and your family,” she said.

Talking to parents and students at prospective schools is one way families can get a sense of a school. “Create a chart to compare [factors such as]: How the students

treat each other. What is the teacher-student relationship like? How does the school care about each individual student and other things that are important to you?” said Terri Collins of Oak Crest School in McLean. “Ask to speak with two current parents to get their perspective of what they see as the strengths and weaknesses of the school.”

“I think one of the things would be to identify the type of school: a boarding school or a day school,” said Scott Conklin, director of admissions at Episcopal High School in Alexandria. “Once you’ve come up with a list of schools, visit some of them. Most are probably open during the summer.”

“Once families have narrowed down the list, they can send for information and begin to map out their fall visits,” said Clare Dame, director of enrollment management at Randolph-Macon Academy. “Plan to visit

no more than two schools in one day so that they have time to fully investigate each one and will have the time to assimilate the information.”

However, Richard S. Moss, director of admission at the Heights School in Potomac, Md. underscores the importance of creating a balance between advance planning and enjoying a summer respite, and questions the wisdom of focusing too much energy on an academic year that is more than 12 months away.

“Most importantly, families should ... have a good, restful, and productive summer,” said Moss. “It is easy to think about the long-term goal of admission while sacrificing the immediately important goal of having a truly great break. ... Though it is good, as a parent, to be generally aware of the process so that in September you can hit the ground running.”



Claire Constant and the T.C. Williams girls' soccer team lost to Cox 1-0 in the 6A state semifinals on June 10.



Caroline Bates and the T.C. Williams girls' soccer team held a 28-5 advantage in shots against Cox on June 10 but failed to score.

PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/GAZETTE PACKET

## TC Girls' Soccer Falls to Cox in State Semifinals

**Titans out-shoot  
Falcons 28-5 but  
fail to score.**

BY JON ROETMAN  
GAZETTE PACKET

Members of the T.C. Williams girls' soccer team got together early in the spring season and discussed their goals during a team dinner.

The Titans' long-term goal: advance to the state tournament.

After 19 victories, a conference championship and a trip to the region final, T.C. Williams arrived at states on June 10 for a morning matchup with Cox in the semifinals.

When the game was over, TC was proud of its season. But the Titans were also a frustrated group, left to wonder how in the world they didn't win.

Cox defeated T.C. Williams 1-0 on Friday in the 6A state semifinals at Robinson Secondary School. The Falcons advanced to the championship game, where they lost to Battlefield 4-0 on Saturday. It was the Bobcats' third consecutive state title.

On Friday, Cox scored on a corner kick in the 31st minute, capitalizing on one of its few opportunities. T.C. Williams spent most of the match controlling the run of play, but the Titans couldn't put one in the net.

TC out-shot Cox 28-5, but due to some combination of bad luck and a stellar performance by Falcons goalkeeper Maddie Arndt, the Titans were left with a zero on the scoreboard.

TC was awarded a penalty kick in the 77th minute, but Arndt saved the PK, diving to her right to stop the shot.

"I'm happy with how we played," senior defender Philomena Fitzgerald said. "I'm definitely disappointed with the outcome.



Bella Ponzi and the T.C. Williams girls' soccer team finished the season with a 19-4 record.

**"I'm happy with how we played. I'm definitely disappointed with the outcome. It just came to finishing and putting one in and we couldn't do that today."**

— T.C. Williams senior Philomena Fitzgerald

It just came to finishing and putting one in and we couldn't do that today. ... Their keeper is very, very good. We were able to break down their defense a lot and split them a lot and get shots off, but their keeper was just very good today."

In one sequence late in the first half, a TC shot from outside the 18 hit the post, and then two subsequent Titan shots in the box were saved by Arndt.

in the back of the net. We didn't do it against Battlefield and we didn't do it now ..."

TC ended its season with a 19-4 record. The Titans won the first conference championship in program history, beating Woodson 4-1 in the Conference 7 tournament final on May 20, and also qualified for their first state tournament.

"This game was disappointing, but overall I'm super proud of all my teammates," senior defender Hannah Bates said. "This was the best season TC soccer has ever had, bar none. We got on the banner ..."

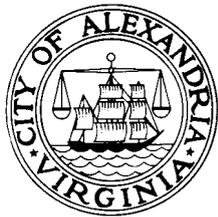
T.C. Williams opened the region tournament by defeating Chantilly 1-1 (10-9) in an 11-round PK shootout. The Titans defeated Patriot 1-0 in the quarterfinals and secured a state berth by beating Oakton 2-0 in the semifinals.

"I couldn't be more proud of them," said head coach Ally Wagner, a 2004 T.C. Williams graduate and former Titan soccer player. "They just put TC on the map. [At] the beginning of the season, we had a team dinner and we talked about our long-term goals and our short-term goals. Our long-term goal was to go to states. It was just such a cool thing for them to experience: setting a goal like that and then actually accomplishing it, especially when it's a huge difference from where our program's been in the past."

TC will graduate double-digit seniors. Constant, freshman forward Caroline Bates, junior goalkeeper Savannah Richardson, sophomore midfielder Bella Ponzi sophomore midfielder Izzy Diz and sophomore forward Kaily Kocot would be among the Titans' top returning athletes, if they decide to play for TC next season.

What does it feel like to be part of this T.C. Williams girls' soccer team?

"It's honestly amazing," Constant said. "People in school recognize us and they say 'Hi' to me now, or 'Good game' [or] 'When's the game?' And that's just an amazing feeling."



Public Hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, City of Alexandria, Virginia, on Saturday, June 18, 2016, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon as may be heard on the hereinafter described items.  
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AN ORDINANCE to vacate portions of the existing public right-of-way known as Swann Avenue and Calvert Avenue and the entirety of the existing public right-of-way known as Oakville Street all on Tax Map #025.03 (VAC No. 2015-0002) approved on January 23, 2016.  
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The proposed ordinance vacates portions of Swann Avenue and Calvert Avenue and the entirety of Oakville Street as part of the Oakville Triangle redevelopment.  
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AN ORDINANCE making supplemental appropriations for the support of the government of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, for fiscal year 2016.  
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The proposed ordinance accomplishes the adoption of supplemental appropriations for the operation of the city government in fiscal year 2016.  
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AN ORDINANCE making provision for the support of the government of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017. The proposed ordinance appropriates funds for the operation of the City government in FY 2017.  
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AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Division 1 (Parking Meter Zones) of Article G (Parking Meters) of Chapter 8 (Parking and Traffic Regulations) of Title 5 (Transportation and Environmental Services) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.  
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The proposed ordinance updates and clarifies the Parking Meter Zones Division of the City Code with specific locations of existing and approved metered blocks. The ordinance also includes some clarifying language to other sections of this Division.  
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AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Division 2 (Metered Parking Lots) of Article G (Parking Meters) of Chapter 8 (Parking and Traffic Regulations) of Title 5 (Transportation and Environmental Services) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.  
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The proposed ordinance removes the specific metered lots from the City Code and allows City Council to establish new meter parking lots and applicable regulations for such lots by resolution after review and recommendation by the Traffic and Parking Board, rather than by ordinance.  
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AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Sections 5-604 (Conceptual Design Approval), 5-605 (Preliminary Development Approval) and 5-606 (Final Development Approval) of Section 5-600 (CDD/Coordinated Development Districts) all of Article V (Mixed Use Zones) and Section 11-351 (Definitions) of Section 11-350 (Required Disclosures), 11-406 (Contents of Preliminary Site Plan Applications) of Section 11-400 (Site Plans), Section 11-503 (Procedure) of Section 11-500 (Special Use Permits), Section 11-803 (Application for Map Amendment) of Section 11-800 (Zoning Amendment), Section 11-903 (Application for Map Amendment) of Section 11-900 (Master Plan Amendment) and Section 11-1706 (Contents of Preliminary Plat Application) of Section 11-1700 (Subdivisions) all of Article XI (Development Approvals and Procedures) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by city council on May 14, 2016 as Text Amendment No. 2016-0003.  
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The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Text Amendment No. 2016-0003 to lower the percentage of ownership required to be disclosed from 10% or over to 3% or over.  
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AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 4-1410 (Signs) of Section 4-1400 (NR/Neighborhood Retail Zone [Arlandria]) of Article IV (Commercial, Office and Industrial Zones) and Article IX (Signs, Marquees and Awnings) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by city council on May 14, 2016 as Text Amendment No. 2016-0002.  
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The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Text Amendment No. 2016-0002 to adopt new sign regulations to comply with the U.S. Supreme Court ruling requiring content neutrality and other changes as described in the staff report for the Text Amendment.  
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AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Tenant of the property located at 606 North Fayette Street (Parcel Address 620 North Fayette Street) to construct and maintain an encroachment onto the public sidewalk for outdoor dining for the Bastille Restaurant at that location.  
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The proposed ordinance permits the restaurant located at 606 North Fayette Street (Parcel Address 620 North Fayette Street) to establish outdoor seating in the adjacent sidewalk area.  
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AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 9-7-7 (Display of Prices on Signs; Enforcement; Penalty) of Chapter 7 (Filling Stations) of Title 9 (Licensing and Regulations) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.  
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The proposed ordinance amends the requirements for signs at gas stations to make it consistent with the monument sign requirements in the Zoning Ordinance.  
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AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 12-3-1 (Definitions), and Section 12-3-4 (Child Care Home Regulations) of Article A (General Provisions), Section 12-3-62 (Registration Required), and Section 12-3-63 (Application for Registration), and Section 12-3-64 (Procession of Application), and Section 12-3-65 (Action on Registration), and Section 12-3-66 (Display of Registration; Provision of Child Care Information), and Section 12-3-67 (Change in Operator, Address or Personnel; Amendments to Registration), and Section 12-3-69 (Revocation of Registration), of Article B (Child Care Homes), all of Chapter 3 (Child Care) of Title 12 (Education, Social Services and Welfare) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.  
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During the 2015 Virginia General Assembly, Virginia Code Section 63.2-100 was amended to lower the number of children a home daycare could care for without having to be licensed from five to four. Title 12 of the Alexandria City Code is being amended to read that a child care home may care for one to four children, in alignment with the new language in the State Code. The rest of the changes are designed to update the department name from the old Department of Social Services to the current Department of Community and Human Services.  
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AN ORDINANCE to set the hourly wage rate that contractors are required to pay their employees under public contracts for the provision of services to \$14.13 per hour beginning in FY 2017, pursuant to Code Section 3-3-31.1 (Service Contract Wages) of Division 1 (Competitive Sealed Bidding) of Article D (Contract Formation and Source Selection) of Chapter 3 (Purchases and Contractual Services) of Title 3 (Finance, Taxation, and Procurement) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.  
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The proposed ordinance would set the hourly wage rate contractors are required to pay their employees under public contracts for the provision of services to \$14.13 per hour beginning in FY 2017,  
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AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 2-2-10 (Establishment of Election Districts and Voting Places) by establishing T.C. Williams High School as a temporary replacement for the Chinquapin Recreation Center polling place for the November 8, 2016 Presidential Election.  
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THE PUBLIC IS ADVISED THAT AMENDMENTS OR ADDITIONS MAY BE MADE TO PROPOSED ORDINANCES WITHOUT FURTHER PUBLICATION. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT PERSONS INTERESTED IN ANY OF THESE ORDINANCES OBTAIN FREE FULL-TEXT COPIES FROM THE CITY CLERK AT CITY HALL. JACKIE M. HENDERSON, MMC, CITY CLERK

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**ABC NOTICE**  
Hen Quarter, LLC trading as Hen Quarter, 801 King St, Alexandria, VA 22314. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) for a Wine and Beer On Premises, Mixed Beverage Restaurant license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Ali Azima Managing Member  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
Pursuant to the provision of section 4-1-16 of the code of the City of Alexandria, the Alexandria Police Department located at 3600 Wheeler Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22304 is now in possession of unclaimed bicycles, mopeds, lawn equipment, money, scooters, and other items. All persons having valid claim to the property should file a claim to the property with reasonable proof of ownership or the items will be sold, destroyed, converted or donated. For a complete listing go to <http://alexandriava.gov/police/> and contact the Police Property Section at (703) 746-6709.

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Public Hearing on the Consideration of a Lease with the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority for Cameron Run Regional Park.  
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# McNamara

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**Bill McNamara with his wife Pauline and daughters Mary Martha, Kathleen and Maureen.**

eograph machine.

"It was chaotic," McNamara told the Gazette Packet prior to the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the D-Day invasion in 2014. "Nobody knew whether we were winning or losing."

McNamara went on to become publisher of the Stars and Stripes, establishing six later editions that grew to a daily circulation of more than 500,000 by the time the war ended in 1945. On June 4, the decorated World War II veteran died at his Alexandria home from complications of a stroke. He was 95.

Born March 25, 1921, in Blaine, Washington, William McNamara was the third son born to Mary Gatterman and William G. McNamara. He grew up in Tacoma and graduated from Stadium High School in 1939 having already begun his military career as part of the Washington National Guard Headquarters Troop 24th Cavalry Division. His unit was mobilized in 1940 and shipped overseas to England in 1943. McNamara served with the 3051<sup>st</sup> bombardment group until being transferred to London to join the staff of the Stars and Stripes.

"What Bill did in establishing Stars and Stripes on the European continent after D-Day really should be taught in some sort of management course," said Joe Gromelski, a Stars and Stripes journalist. "The planning was precise but flexible, and the execution had a lot to do with establishing our reputation as a paper that gets to the troops no matter where they are."

After WWII, he completed his education with a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master of Arts from American University.

It was during this time that McNamara married Pauline Catalano. The two settled in the Parkfairfax section of Alexandria in a home next door to F. Clinton Knight, a World War I veteran, member of City Council and commander of American Legion Post 24 in Old Town.

"We never heard much about the war growing up," said McNamara's daughter Mary Martha. "Most topics of dinner conversation were about whatever scheme Daddy and Clint Knight were hatching to save Gadsby's Tavern."

At the time, American Legion Post 24 owned Gadsby's Tavern. Knight and other World War I veterans had mortgaged their own homes to buy the building for \$18,000 in 1929 to save it from demolition. Badly in need of repairs, Knight and McNamara sought to find a way to preserve the historic structure. "It was the goal of our World War I veterans to see Gadsby's restored and also have the Legion have some identification with it," McNamara said. "During my time as commander, it was decided to donate the building to the city on the condition that the Legion would be able to maintain in perpetuity its Post in the back wing."

On Aug. 11, 1972, McNamara formally handed over the keys to Gadsby's Tavern to then-mayor Charles Beatley. For his efforts he was named a Living Legend of Alexandria in 2016.

McNamara retired from active military duty in 1958 as a lieutenant colonel. He

went on to work in the Office of Public Affairs at the Department of Defense where he specialized in international sporting events. In retirement, he consulted with the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, the Organization of the American States and the United States Military Sports Association. In 2011, he was presented with the President's Council on Fitness Lifetime Achievement award.

Other honors include the Distinguished Patriot Award presented by the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce and the French Legion of Honor Medal.

"Daddy only slowly began sharing some of his stories with us after the World War II Memorial was dedicated," Mary Martha McNamara said. "That was the trigger for him — he would take out maps and show us where he had served. And of course he loved regaling us with Andy Rooney tales, especially after Rooney became so famous on 60 Minutes."

McNamara was a longtime parishioner of St. Mary's Catholic Church and was a member of the executive board of American Legion Post 24 at the time of his death.

"Daddy was enormously proud of his career with Stars and Stripes and of the Legion's work to save Gadsby's Tavern," Mary Martha McNamara said. "But deep down my father was a family man and wanted nothing more than to be remembered as a good husband and loving father."

McNamara and his wife were married for 49 years before her death in 1995. He was also predeceased by two older brothers, Walter and Jim. Survivors include his three daughters, Mary Martha McNamara (Robert L'Heureux), Kathleen A. McNamara (Quinn Sinnott) and Maureen McNamara, seven grandchildren, Brinn (Krista Olex), Corinn, Devinn and Erinn Sinnott, Martin Robert and Christian L'Heureux and by his brother, Tom McNamara (Carlene) of Dallas, Texas.

A visitation will be held Sunday, June 19, from 1-4 p.m. at Everly-Wheatley Funeral Home, 1500 West Braddock Road. A Funeral Mass will take place Monday, June 20, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 310 S. Royal St. with a reception to follow at the American Legion Ballroom of Gadsby's Tavern, 400 Cameron St. Interment at Arlington National Cemetery will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Labre Indian School, Ashland, Mont., 59004 or a charity of your choice.

"Most people have no understanding of what it's really like in combat," McNamara said prior to spending a recent Veterans Day at Arlington National Cemetery. "But it's important to recognize what those who serve have gone through."

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**OBITUARY**

Joan Barry Nolan  
Age 85

Peacefully passed away on June 7, 2016. Native to New York, Joan became a part of the Alexandria community in 1932. Joan is survived by 4 children, 8 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Family will receive friends on Monday, June 13th from 6-8 pm at Everly Wheatley Funeral Home 1500 W. Braddock Rd. Alexandria, VA. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Community, 1427 W. Braddock Rd. Alexandria, VA on Tuesday, June 14, 2016 at 11 am. Interment will immediately follow at Ivy Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be donated to Alzheimer's Association.

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**JWilliam G. McNamara**  
**LCOL US Army (Ret.)**

Passed away peacefully on Saturday, June 4, 2016 surrounded by his family at his home. Bill was married 49 years to the late Pauline M. Catalano McNamara. He is survived by their three daughters, Mary Martha McNamara (Robert L'Heureux), Kathleen A. McNamara (Quinn Sinnott) and Maureen McNamara, and by his grandchildren, Brinn (Krista Olex), Corinn, Devinn, and Erinn Sinnott, Martin, Robert, and Christian L'Heureux. The visitation and the American Legion Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, June 19, between 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm at Everly Wheatley Funeral Home, 1500 West Braddock Road, Alexandria, VA 22302. The Funeral Mass will be on Monday, June 20, at 10:30 am at St. Mary Catholic Church, 310 South Royal Street, Alexandria, VA. A reception will immediately follow the service at the Legion Ballroom, Gadsby Tavern, 400 Cameron Street, Alexandria, VA. Interment at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date with Military Honors. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to St. Labre Indian School, Ashland, MT 59004 or a charity of your choice.

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

The Stormwater Planning Division of Fairfax County, Virginia, hereby gives notice of the County's intent to revise the FEMA flood hazard map, generally located in the Huntington area. Specifically, the flood hazard information shall be revised along Cameron Run from a point approximately 0.40 miles upstream of the Route 1 crossing to a point approximately just upstream of I-495. The flood hazard revisions are being proposed as part of Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) Case No. 16-03-0626R for a proposed project along Cameron Run. Fairfax County is proposing to install a levee along the right over-bank in the Huntington area as part of a flood mitigation project. Once the project has been completed, a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) request should be submitted that will, in part, revise the following flood hazards along Cameron Run.

As a result of the revision, the Base Flood Elevations (BFEs) will increase and decrease and the 1% annual chance floodplain shall widen and narrow within the area of revision.

Maps and detailed analysis of the revision can be reviewed at the Fairfax County Government Center at 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035. Interested persons may call Mr. Donald Demetrius at 703-324-5500 for additional information.

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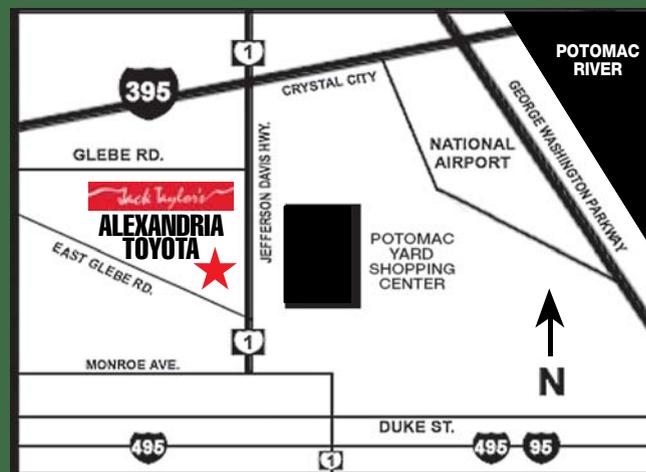
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