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Most visitors to Alexandria know the city as the hometown of such notables as George Washington and Robert E. Lee. Dig a little deeper and you’ll learn that Jim Morrison, Mama Cass Elliot, Dermot Mulroney and House of Cards creator Beau Willimon also called Alexandria home.

No longer the sleepy Southern city portrayed in the Disney film “Remember the Titans,” Alexandria’s cobblestone streets and lively waterfront attracts more than three million visitors every year.

At 15.4 square miles and with a population of just over 150,000, Alexandria hosts nationally recognized events such as the Tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary War Soldier and the National Inventors Hall of Fame.

In the West End are the Fort Ward Museum and Historic Site and the Winkler Botanic Reserve, a tranquil nature sanctuary tucked in the shadows of the BRAC center and Interstate 395.

While there are volumes written about Alexandria’s historic past, there is an edgier side of the city that attracts artisans and even inspired musician Dave Grohl of Foo Fighters to fame. "Arlandria” in homage to his hometown neighborhood.

Willard Scott, “Nashville” star Chip Esten and "Saturday Night Live" alum Casey Wilson also hail from Alexandria, as does Christopher Meloni of “Law and Order SVU” fame. But you can’t consider yourself a local until you’ve listened to Jamey Turner play “Ode to Joy” on his glass harp at the waterfront.

More traditional entertainment can be found at the Birchmere, MetroStage, The Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center and LTA’s home on Wolfe Street, where both Mulroney and Academy Award winner Marcia Gay Harden honed their craft.

But what many consider to be Alexandria’s finest attraction is its sense of community and service. Organizations like the Rotary Club, Senior Services of Alexandria or Carpenter’s Shelter provide a helping hand to some of the city’s most vulnerable citizens.

So whether you spend a few years or stay for a lifetime, there really is no place like Alexandria to call home.

### A Safe Bet?

What are the odds that the opening of the MGM Casino at National Harbor will be good for Alexandria? That is the subject of discussion as Agenda:Alexandria begins its 2016-2017 series Sept. 26 with “Gambling on the Future: What Will Maryland’s Casino Mean for Alexandria?”

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For more information, call executive director Sherry Brown at 703-548-7089 or visit www.agendaalexandria.org.

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Hope everyone is enjoying the last days of summer. Soon the air will be crisp and the leaves will be changing color. Alexandria is stunning in the fall.

For those who are newcomers to Alexandria, I would like to extend a heartfelt welcome to our beloved, historic city!

Founded in 1749, Alexandria is authentic and charming. We have a number of historic districts throughout our city, and Old Town Alexandria is recognized as a national gem with its restored homes and buildings of the 1700s and 1800s, gas lampposts, brick sidewalks, cobblestone streets, and historic markers and ubiquitous plaques that show us where President George Washington’s lawyer and physician lived or where Robert E. Lee lived as a boy. Over three million visit Alexandria each year. Historic preservation is a core value here.

With a small town feel, we have an excellent sense of community. We are a city of great neighborhoods. Farmers’ Markets thrive across our city. The Old Town Farmers’ Market is the oldest, ongoing farmers’ market in the country. Known for some of the best culinary talent in the region, Alexandria is for foodies. We have beautiful parks plus biking and walking trails. Many Alexandrians love gardening, and the city will sell trees at a reduced rate this fall. I ask my fellow Alexandrians to please plant a tree. Let’s “green up” our city and go from our 34 percent tree canopy to the national goal of 40 percent. This is a community-wide and team effort. Please join us in this endeavor. We are a compassionate city with a phenomenal nonprofit sector. If you want to volunteer, we have a nonprofit for you. We are a can-do city. Our citizens see an issue and roll up their sleeves to create change. Here are some fun highlights for this fall. On Sept. 24, the TWIG will host its 75th Annual Historic Alexandria Homes Tour. On Oct. 1, the Del Ray Art on the Avenue is fantastic and has a homemade pie contest. Be sure to catch the Del Ray Halloween Parade. It is old-fashioned fun.

On Dec. 3, the Campagna Center’s Scottish Christmas Walk Parade will thrill thousands. There is our ever-popular First Night Alexandria on New Year’s Eve. Months later, the Ballyshanes’ St. Patrick’s Day Parade is amazing. These traditions and more create the glue that gives our city an abiding sense of community. I am so honored to serve as your mayor.

At City Hall, we are working hard for all our citizens. I ask you to help us make our great city even greater. Please consider joining one of our 100 boards or commissions. Civic engagement is critically important. The City Council holds a monthly public hearing on a Saturday, and citizens can speak for three minutes about any concern. I welcome your input and host a monthly coffee called “Mayor on Your Corner.”

Please let me know if I may ever be of any help. Together, we are making Alexandria even stronger.
Upcoming Development

By Vernon Miles
Gazette Packet

For residents of Alexandria, developments might seem to spring up quickly, but many of the plans to reshape the result of decades of planning and negotiation. Some long gestating developments, like the open Waterfront, are beginning to bloom within the next year. Others, like the development of the Potomac Yard Metro, are just getting started.

Beauregard Town Center

The redevelopment of the Beauregard Town Center in the West End was part of the Beauregard Small Area Plan approved in 2012, but City Manager Mark Jinks said the marketplace at the time kept the developers from moving forward on the project. However, Jinks said developer JBG Cos. is beginning plans to move forward with the development of the retail and residential complex. The design now is smaller than the original plans, but the buildings will still replace the existing 2,600 apartments. According to Jinks, the Beauregard Town Center is part of a longer range plan to bring transit oriented development into the area.

“[Beauregard Town Center] sits roughly where the current retail center is,” said Jinks. “The plan for Beauregard corridor is redevelopment of older garden apartment community into mixed use, transit-oriented development. The Beauregard corridor will be part of the West End Transitway; bus rapid transit like on Route 1 that will run from the Van Dorn Metro station along Beauregard corridor, ending either in Arlington or at Pentagon station.”

Jinks said the developer had the right to tear down the existing apartments, but negotiated with the city to preserve 800 units of affordable housing.

Landmark Mall

Landmark Mall is a complicated site. Macy’s, Sears, and the Howard Hughes Corporation each own a third of the property, meaning any development will need to take the approval of all three. Progress has been made in 2016, but it’s been slow. Jinks said the latest update came in May when the Howard Hughes corporation showcased the mall to retailers and restaurateurs at the International Conference of Retailers in Las Vegas.

“People are interested in being there,” said Jinks. “It’s these macro business deals that need to be completed.”

But as the project moves forward, Jinks says the city will likely require a level of public participation, meaning the city would pay to redevelop the complex. No exact details on cost have emerged, but Jinks said the city has had “productive conversations” with Howard Hughes about the potential for public participation in paying for infrastructure on the site. Jinks compared the city’s potential involvement in Landmark Mall’s redevelopment to Arlington County’s $10 million investment of public revenue for garage and transportation improvements for the Ballston Mall.

“For big retail centers, some kind of public participation is a common element of the financing,” said Jinks. “We’ve said for over a decade that may well be needed to make development work.”

North Potomac Yard

With one year left before construction on the North Potomac Yard Metro project gets underway.

Navigating Development

By Jeanne Theismann
Gazette Packet

The acronyms run from AEDP to WEBA and represent citywide or regional and various business associations that span every corner of the City of Alexandria.

Some, like the Chamber of Commerce, have been around for over a century, while others, like the Capitol Post, represent the needs of the city’s shifting demographic.

“Capitol Post offers military veterans and spouses in the Washington, D.C. region personalized guidance through mentoring, business counseling and access to key resources, programs, mentors, and co-working space,” said Capitol Post executive director and West Point graduate Emily McMahen. “Our mission is to establish and cultivate the top community for veterans to start a business, grow a business, explore a new career and get involved locally.”

In addition to hosting workshops and events, Capitol Post offers co-working, conference and training space and is the host of business incubator Bunker Labs DC. Bunker Labs DC integrates military veteran entrepreneurs into the greater business ecosystem through connections to potential customers, employees, advisors and investors.

The Capitol Post is located at 625 N. Washington St., Suite 425. 703-652-5377 or www.thecapitolpost.com.

Visit Alexandria

Visit Alexandria is the city’s tourism marketing agency and attracts visitors to the city through sales and marketing programs. The Visitor’s Center is located at 221 King St. with administrative offices at 625 N. Washington St., Suite 400. VisitAlexandriaVA.com

Alexandria Economic Development Partnership - AEDP

Founded in 1992, the Alexandria Economic Development Partnership actively positions and promotes commercial spaces and economic opportunities in the City of Alexandria as the city’s primary engine for economic development. AEDP serves as the leading resource for economic data, customized reports, development maps, real estate insights and information on tax and financial incentives for businesses and commercial real estate professionals. 625 N. Washington St., Suite 400. 703-739-3820 or www.AlexEcon.org

Alexandria Chamber of Commerce

Alexandria is home to one of the largest chambers in the Greater Washington region, with 850 professional business members and partners employing more than 49,000 people region-wide. Founded in 1906, it serves as the voice of the business community in the City of Alexandria through lobbying efforts at the local, state and federal levels. 2834 Duke St. 703-549-1000 or www.AlexChamber.org

Patricia Washington is president and CEO of Visit Alexandria, the city’s convention and tourism marketing agency.
About the Gazette Packet

As your local, weekly newspaper, the Gazette Packet’s mission is to deliver the local news you need, to try to make sense of what is happening in your community, to gather information about the best things in and around your community, to advocate for community good, to provide a forum for dialogue on local concerns, and to celebrate and record achievements, milestones and events in the community and people’s lives.

Here in our Newcomers and Community Guide, we’ve included an updated version of our award-winning Insider’s Guide to the Parks, plus details of how to vote in the upcoming elections, information on local government, nonprofits and business organizations, plus tips and tidbits from the community.

We invite newcomers and long-time residents alike to let us know how we’re doing and let us know what is going on in your part of the community. If you have questions or ideas, send us an email or call us, contact us on Facebook or send us a tweet. We invite you to send letters to the editor or to send an email with feedback about our coverage.

We want to know if someone in your family or your community published a book, started a business, became an Eagle Scout, raised money for a good cause, accomplished some feat like running a marathon, supporting a cause or having art included in an art show. We publish photos and notes about personal milestones and community events, including births, engagements, weddings, anniversaries, awards and obituaries.

We are also interested in events at your church, mosque, synagogue, community center, pool, school, club, etc. Email us a note about the event, be sure to include when and where the photo was taken and the names of all the people who are in a photo.

We also publish notes about news and events from local businesses. Notes about openings, new employees and anniversaries are welcome. It is especially important to support local businesses.

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— The Rev. Tim Bobbitt
Senior Pastor
First Christian Church of Alexandria

Stroll Through Simpson Gardens

VC Master Gardeners who maintain Simpson Park Demonstration Gardens will be in the garden on Tuesday, Sept. 6, from 11 a.m. to noon to welcome visitors, answer gardening questions and describe what’s blooming in the garden. Simpson Park Gardens are located at 420 E. Monroe St., Alexandria, by the YMCA. They comprise a series of gardens that demonstrate what plants do well in a variety of situations: the Waterwise Garden, the Flagstone Garden, the Tufa Garden and a new Shade Garden. There is also a Butterfly Garden containing plants attractive to butterflies, and a Scented Garden.

For more information, contact the VCE Help Desk at 703-228-6414 or by email at mgarlalex@gmail.com.
Newcomers & Community Guide

Schools Benefit from Community Support

By Dr. Alvin Crawley
Superintendent of Schools

As Alexandria City Public Schools starts the 2016-2017 school year, we would like to welcome all of our families.

ACPS is a very special place. Our schools are the heart of Alexandria. They are a rich and diverse collection of communities that come together to make up one school division. We pride ourselves on our diversity and celebrate the fact that, with students from more than 80 different countries speaking more than 60 languages, we are one of the most diverse school divisions in the United States.

Our schools are places where communities gather before, during and after school. They are places where new friendships are made, many of which will last a lifetime. They are places where students can feel safe and cared for, and where every student has the opportunity to succeed. Our schools are places where new friendships are made, many of which will last a lifetime. They are places where students can feel safe and cared for, and where every student has the opportunity to succeed. Our schools are places where new friendships are made, many of which will last a lifetime. They are places where students can feel safe and cared for, and where every student has the opportunity to succeed.

High-performing schools are characterized by a clear focus; expectations for all students; a strong instructional program; differentiated and Gifted and Special Education services. This information will help us to implement a rich, rigorous and engaging instructional program that meets the needs of all students.

We are also moving forward with the continued implementation of restorative practices and cultural competency initiatives to promote equitable practices within and across schools.

ACPS benefits from the strong support of our City Council, the business community, community partners, community organizations, faith-based institutions, and nonprofit organizations.

We also benefit from connected Parent Teacher Associations and Booster clubs that together create a strong network of support for our students, programs and infrastructure. We look forward to nurturing and deepening these relationships even more through the opening of our new Office of School, Community, and Business Partnerships.

Whether or not you have children in ACPS schools, I encourage you to volunteer, partner with us and to be a champion for our school division.

I am proud to be your superintendent of schools and look forward to another exciting school year filled with opportunities to celebrate the accomplishments of our students and staff.
How to Vote

Every year is election year in Virginia; mechanics and details of voting require attention to detail.

Absenee Voting in Person in Alexandria

Voting begins Sept. 23, and with record turnout possible, voting early if you qualify is a good choice.

There are 19 valid reasons to vote absentee in Virginia, including working and commuting to and from home for 11 or more hours between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Election Day. Check the Virginia Department of Elections list to see if you are eligible. http://elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-ballot/absentee-voting/index.html

There are two ways to vote absentee, in-person and by mail. To do either, you should first check your voter registration status to make sure it is up-to-date. If you vote absentee in person you will fill out the application when you arrive at the in-person absentee location. There are two locations in Alexandria, the Office of Elections and the Beatty Library.

Office of Voter Registration & Elections
132 North Royal Street, Suite 100 (beginning Friday, September 23)

In-person absentee voting at the Voter Registration Office begins on Friday, Sept. 23 at 8 a.m. and ends on Saturday, Nov. 5 at 5 p.m.

Regular hours for in-person absentee voting are Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Closed on Monday, Oct. 10.)

Extended hours for in-person absentee voting:

- Saturdays, Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and Nov. 5 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 27, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 28, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 31, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 1, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 2, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 3, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Friday, Nov. 4, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 5, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Virginia Voter ID

Virginia has a stringent voter identification requirement, plan to bring photo identification with you to vote, whether that is absentee or on Election Day.

Among accepted ID: valid Virginia Driver’s License or Identification Card; valid Virginia DMV issued Veteran’s ID card; valid U.S. Passport; other government-issued photo identification cards issued by the U.S. Government; the Commonwealth of Virginia, or a political subdivision of the Commonwealth; valid college or university student photo identification card from an in

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- Friday, Oct. 28, noon to 6 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 29, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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- Saturday, Nov. 5, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Upcoming Deadlines

On Election Day Polls are open from 6 a.m. - 7 p.m.

To determine whether you are eligible and registered to vote in this election, visit the Virginia Department of Elections website at http://elections.virginia.gov or call Fairfax Elections office at 703-222-0776.

❖ Sept. 23: In-Person Absentee Voting Begins
http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/absentee.htm
❖ Oct. 17: Voter Registration Deadline - In-Person: 5 p.m., Online www.vote.virginia.gov 11:59 p.m.
❖ Nov. 1: Last Day to Apply for an Absentee Ballot by Mail, Fax, Email or Online: 5 p.m.
❖ Nov. 5: Final Day for In-Person Absentee Voting
❖ Nov. 8: Absentee Ballot Return Deadline: 7 p.m.

CONTACT
Call the Alexandria Voter Registration Office at 703-746-4050 or visit 132 North Royal St.
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2 Ben Brennan Park  
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3 Brookview Park  
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4 Cameron Station Linear Park  
5131 Braver Place  
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5 Chinquapin Park/Forest Park  
3210 King St.  
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6 Four Mile Run Park  
3700 Commonwealth Ave. and 4131 Mount Vernon Ave.  
Citywide Park  
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7 Holmes Run Scenic Easement  
Holmes Run Parkway  
Citywide Park  
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8 Joseph Hensley Park  
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Citywide Park  

9 Potomac Greens Park  
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Citywide Park  
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10 Potomac Yard Park  
2501 Potomac Ave.  
Citywide Park  
Size: 23.4 acres, Features: ADA accessible picnic tables and pathways, special events area with outdoor stage, athletic fields, basketball courts, tennis courts, volleyball courts, picnic area, interactive fountain, ADA playground, stormwater management ponds, and walking/bike trails, passive seating areas and historical interpretation. 10 a.m.-9 p.m. daily.

11 Tarleton Park  
4420A Vermont Ave.  
Citywide Park  
Size: 6.14 acres, Features: Dog exercise area, nature area with trails, open play area, playground, walking/bike trails, and sitting area.

12 Witter Recreational Field  
2700 Witter Drive  
Citywide Park  
Size: 13.7 acres, Features: Athletic fields (two synthetic turf rectangular), cemetery, park shelters, parking, and restrooms.

13 All Veterans Park  
4725 Duke St.  
Citywide Park  
Size: 37.78 acres, Features: Dog exercise area, trail, observation deck to view Bicentennial Tree.

14 Eugene Simpson Stadium Park  
426 E. Monroe Ave.  
Citywide Park  
Size: 9.94 acres, Features: Baseball fields, basketball court, dog exercise area, garden, playground and tennis.

15 Armory Tot Lot  
208 S. Royal St.  
Citywide Park  
Size: 0.43 acres. Features: Riverfront.

16 Fort Ward Park  
4301 W. Braddock Road  
Historical/Destination  
Size: 0.80 acres, Features: Open play area, playground, park shelter, and sitting area.

17 Founders Park  
351 N. Union St.  
Historical/Destination  
Size: 43.46 acres, Features: Amphitheater, dog exercise area, museum, park shelter, parking, picnic areas, playground, and restrooms.

18 Freedmen’s Cemetery  
636 North Alfred Street  
Historical/Destination  
Size: 0.83 acres.

19 King Street Park  
1 King St.  
Historical/Destination  
Size: 0.38 acres, Features: Architectural design, farmers market, flower beds, plantings, and sitting areas.

20 King Street Gardens Park  
1806 King St.  
Historical/Destination  
Size: 0.80 acres, Features: Open play area, playground, park shelter, and sitting area.

21 Market Square  
300 King Street  
Historical/Destination  
Size: 1.11 acres, Features: Event space, farmers market, open plaza with fountain and planning beds.

22 Old Town Pool  
1609 Cameron St.  
Historical/Destination  
Size: 2.71 acres (0.48 acres Facility Area), Features: Basketball court, parking, picnic area, and swimming pool with handicap accessible wading pool.

23 Oronoco Bay Park  
100 Madison St.  
Historical/Destination  
Size: 5.08 acres, Features: Event space, parking, picnic areas, and walking/bike/jogging trails.

24 Point Lumley  
1 Duke St.  
Historical/Destination  
Size: 0.38 acres, Features: Riverfront sitting area.

25 Roberdeau Park  
1 Wolfe St.  
Historical/Destination  
Size: 0.23 acres, Features: Riverfront sitting area.

26 Shipyard/Harborside Park  
1 Wilkes St.  
Historical/Destination  
Size: 1.52 acres, Features: Trail and riverside seating.

27 Waterfront Park  
14 Prince St.  
Historical/Destination  
Size: 1.37 acres, Features: Boat docking, open lawn space, riverfront seating, and walking trails.

28 West’s Point Park  
1 Oronoco St.  
Historical/Destination  
Size: 0.07 acres, Features: Riverfront sitting area and observation deck.

A Sampling of Alexandria Parks
29 Windmill Hill Park  
501 South Union St.  
Historical/Destination  
Size: 3.43 acres, Features: Basketball court, playground, riverfront seating, and sand volleyball  

30 Wythe Street Plaza  
700 South Fairfax St.  
Historical/Destination  
Size: 0.23 acres, Features: Seating area and flower beds  

31 Harborview/Hopewell Park  
1 William St.  
Historical/Destination  
Size: 0.43 acres, Features: Trail and picnic seating  

32 Cloverleaf National Park  
4811 Clubhouse Ave.  
Natural Area  
Size: 4.64 acres, Features: Wooded area  

33 Nora Kelley Nature Park  
1750 Indian Ave.  
Natural Area  
Size: 2.94 acres, Features: Environmental programs, seating areas, walking/biking trail, Nature Center, and wooded natural area  

34 Fort Williams Park  
101 Fort Williams Parkway  
Natural Area  
Size: 2.83 acres, Features: A nature area with a walking path  

35 Monticello Park  
40 Beverly Drive  
Natural Area  
Size: 1.23 acres, Features: A nature area with a walking path  

36 Old Cameron Run Channel Park  
2551 Mill Road  
Natural Area  
Size: 2.83 acres, Features: A nature area with a walking trail  

37 Robert Leider Park  
1001 Valley Drive  
Natural Area  
Size: 1.92 acres, Features: Nature area with trail  

38 Ryan Nature Park  
1040 South Chambler St.  
Natural Area  
Size: 1.92 acres, Features: Nature area with trail  

39 3550 Commonwealth Avenue  
3550 Commonwealth Ave.  
Neighborhood Park  
Size: 0.53 acres, Features: Adopt-a-Garden  

40 African American Heritage Memorial Park  
250 Holland Lane  
Neighborhood Park  
Size: 0.83 acres, Features: One early 19th century African American Gazebo that has been restored, park along a portion of the original banks of the Swale, and a restored, 19th century, one-room schoolhouse
41 Angel Park  
201 W. Taylor Run Parkway  
Neighborhood Park  
Size: 10.34 acres, Features: Athletic fields, basketball court, play-ground, and shelter with grill.

42 Beach Park  
201 Buckner Place  
Neighborhood Park  
Size: 1.42 acres, Features: open lawn area with seating, playground.

43 Beverley Park  
620 N. Overlook Dr.  
Neighborhood Park  
Size: 3.31 acres, Features: athletic fields, basketball courts, playground, and tennis courts.

44 Carlyle Dog Park and Tennis Courts  
450 N. Carlyle St.  
Neighborhood Park  
Size: 0.53 acres, Features: Playground equipment, sitting areas, natural wooded area.

45 Chambliss Park  
2505 N. Chambliss St.  
Neighborhood Park  
Size: 8.16 acres, Features: Parking, tennis courts, wooded nature area with a walking trail.

46 Ewald Park  
4452 Duke St.  
Neighborhood Park  
Size: 3.88 acres, Features: Basketball court, open space/field, parking, playground, swimming pool and bathhouse.

47 Goat Hill Park  
33 Kennedy St.  
Neighborhood Park  
Size: 2.47 acres, Features: Playground equipment, sitting areas, natural wooded area.

48 Hooffs Run Park and Greenway  
18A E. Linden St.  
Neighborhood Park  
Size: 4.53 acres, Features: Basketball half court, dog exercise area, garden, tennis court, and play-ground.

49 Hume Springs Park  
100 Dale St.  
Neighborhood Park  
Size: 0.53 acres, Features: Playground and sitting areas.

50 James Mulligan Park  
3300 28th St.  
Neighborhood Park  
Size: 3.55 acres, Features: Natural wooded area, picnic area, and playground.

51 Luckett Field  
3540 Wheeler Ave.  
Neighborhood Park  
Size: 3.31 acres, Features: athletic fields.

52 President Gerald R. Ford Park  
1426 and 1422 Janneys Lane  
Neighborhood Park  
Size: 1.13 acres, Features: Open exercise area, picnic areas, and wooded area.

53 Schoylery Hamilton Jones Skateboard Park  
3540 Wheeler Ave.  
Neighborhood Park  
Size: 0.99 acres, Features: skateboard ramps.

54 Stevenson Park  
300 Stultz Road  
Neighborhood Park  
Size: 8.49 acres, Features: Athletic fields, basketball court, park shelter with grill, playground, and seating.

55 Timberland Park  
66A Kennedy St.  
Neighborhood Park  
Size: 0.53 acres, Features: Passive park area.

56 Montgomery Park  
901 N. Royal St.  
Neighborhood Park  
Size: 2.01 Acres, Features: Fenced dog run, tennis courts, tennis practice board, picnic tables, playground, shelter, and water fountain.

57 Powhatan Park  
1010 Douglass St.  
Neighborhood Park  
Size: 1.47 acres, Features: Basketball court, playground, and tennis court.

58 Taney Avenue Park  
4149 Taney Ave.  
Neighborhood Park  
Size: 2.57 acres, Features: Open play area, sitting areas, picnic area, and wooded nature area.

59 Jones Point Park  
1 Jones Point Drive  
National Park  
Features: Playground, athletic fields, trails, fishing piers.

60 Cameron Run Regional Park  
4001 Eisenhower Ave.  
Regional Park  
Features: Great Waves Waterpark, miniatures golf, batting cages, picnic shelter and a special events pavilion.

61 Daingerfield Island  
1 Marina Drive  
National Park  
Features: Sailing, sailing classes, fishing, field sports and a restaurant.

62 George Mason Park  
2601 Cameron Mills Road  
Shared Use  
Size: 5.36 acres (9.40 acres with school), Athletic fields, basketball courts, tennis courts, parking, playground, and sitting area.

63 James K. Polk Field  
5000 Polk Ave.  
Shared Use  
Size: 8.44 acres, Features: Located on Polk School grounds, athletic fields, basketball courts, and playgrounds.

64 John Adams Park  
5651 Rayburn Ave.  
Shared Use  
Size: 1.54 acres, Features: Athletic fields, basketball court, and playground.

65 Lenny Harris Memorial Fields at Braddock Park  
1005 Mount Vernon Ave.  
Shared Use  
Size: 7.09 acres - Braddock Field / 2.61 George Washington Fields, Features athletic fields.

66 Lyles-Crouch School  
530 S. Saint Asaph St.  
Shared Use  
Size: 1.39 acres, Features small ballfield and playground.

67 Minnie Howard Field  
3701 W. Braddock Road  
Shared Use  
Size: 5.38 acres, Features: Lighted athletic field with synthetic turf, lighted tennis courts, parking, and rest rooms.

68 Mount Vernon Field & Recreation Center  
2600 Mount Vernon Ave.  
Shared Use  
Size: 1.58 acres, Features: Athletic fields and tennis court.

69 Nannie J. Lee Center  
1108 Jefferson St.  
Shared Use  
Size: 14.6 acres, Features: Athletic fields, basketball court, play-ground, recreation center, tennis courts, and volleyball court.

70 Patrick Henry Field  
4643 Taney Ave.  
Shared Use  
Size: 11.56 acres, Features: Athletic fields, tennis courts, wooded area.

71 William Ramsay Field  
5700 Sanger Ave.  
Shared Use  
Size: 10.94 acres, Features: Athletic fields, basketball court, playground, and tennis courts recreation center with a full basketball court, and adjacent activity/game room.

72 Jefferson Houston Elementary School Park  
1501 Cameron St.  
Shared Use  
Size: 8.44 acres, Features: Basketball court, playground, open field.

73 Hammond Upper and Lower Fields  
4646 Seminary Road  
Shared Use  
Size: 18.91 acres, Features: Athletic fields, running track, asphalt track and soccer field, lit roller blade hockey rink.

74 Buchanan Park  
1501 Cameron St.  
Shared Use  
Size: 0.3 acres, Features: Basketball court and playground.

75 Fort Ward Athletic Facility  
4421 W. Braddock Road  
Size: 5 acres, Features: Synthetic Turf Athletic Field, Tennis Courts and Parking.

76 Metro Linear Park  
330 Buchanan Street  
Shared Use  
Size: 3.83 acres, Features: A pathway connects the Buchanan Street neighborhood community to the Metro Stations at Braddock Road and King Street.

77 Pomander Park  
600 S. Union St.  
Shared Use  
Size: 0.84 acres, Features: Riverfront sitting area.

78 Rivergate City Park  
2 Montgomery St.  
Shared Use  
Size: 2.84 acres, Features: Riverfront sitting, picnic areas, and volleyball court.

79 Taylor Run Park  
Taylor Run Parkway East  
Shared Use  
Size: 3.14 acres, Features: Dog exercise area, and wooded area.

80 Timberbranch Parkway  
Timberbranch Parkway  
Size: 6.19 acres, Features: Dog exercise area, and wooded area.
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stitution of higher education located in Virginia; valid student ID issued by a public school or private school in Virginia displaying a photo; employee identification card containing a photograph of the voter and issued by an employer of the voter in the ordinary course of the employer’s business.

Any registered voter who does not have one of the required forms of identification can apply for a free Virginia Voter Photo Identification from any general registrar’s office in the Commonwealth. Voters applying for the Virginia Voter Photo ID complete the Virginia Voter Photo Identification Card Application, have their picture taken, and sign the digital signature pad. Once the application is processed, the card will be mailed directly to the voter.

A voter who does not bring an acceptable photo ID to the polls will be offered a provisional ballot.

**Provisional Ballot Process for Voters Who Arrive Without Identification**

If you arrive at your polling place on Election Day without an acceptable form of photo identification, don’t panic or give up. You will be given the opportunity to vote a provisional ballot. After completing the provisional ballot, the individual voting will be given written instructions from the election officials on how to submit a copy of his/her identification so that his/her vote can be counted.

A voter will have until noon on the Friday following the election to deliver a copy of the identification to the local electoral board or to appear in person to apply for a Virginia Voter Photo ID Card. Voters may submit a copy of their ID via fax, email, in-person submission, or through USPS or commercial delivery service. Please note that the copy of the ID must be delivered to the electoral board by noon on Friday, or the provisional ballot cannot be counted.

Also by noon on Friday following the election, the voter may appear in person in the office of the general registrar, in the locality in which the provisional ballot was cast, and apply for a Virginia Voter Photo ID Card. At the completion of the application process, the voter may request a Temporary Identification Document. This document may be provided to the electoral board to suffice the identification requirement.

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Alexandria Restaurant Week

Every year near the end of summer, Alexandria's Restaurant Week offers diners a prix fixe menu at some of the city's best restaurants for a great price — generally, $35 per person or per couple depending on the establishment. Also look out for a Winter Restaurant Week near January. Visit www.alexandriarestaurantweek.com.

SEPTEMBER 2016

SATURDAY/SUNDAY/AUG. 27-28
Begonia Show and Sale.
9 a.m.-3 p.m. at 480 King Street. Visit www.kingstreetartfestival.org.

SAVINGO SUMMER 2016

SATURDAY/SEPT. 10
9/11 Heroes Run. 8:30 a.m. at Carl Sandburg Middle School, 8428 Fort Hunt Road. Honor our military and first responders and remember those who died on 9/11 and in the wars since. Registration is $22.50. Visit www.911heroesrun.org.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 10
Scottish Heritage Outlander.
The George Washington Patriot. SUNDAY/SEPT. 11
34th Annual Senior Olympics.
SEPT. 10-21
Hope Fest.
SATURDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 27-28
Begonia Show and Sale.
4:30 p.m. Saturday, 12-3:30 p.m. Sunday at Green Spring Gardens, 4801 36th Street N.W. Free. Visit www.greenspringevents.org.

SEPTEMBER 2016

SATURDAY/SUNDAY/SEPT. 12-18
Colonial Market And Fair. Saturday and Sunday/SEPT. 17-18

SEPT. 13-18
Outlander Tea. 12 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. at Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St. Visit www.mountvernon.org/run.

SEPT. 14
ReelAbilities Film Festival.
Various times and places throughout Northern Virginia. The 5th Annual ReelAbilities Film Festival is a lineup of award-winning feature and short films and a preview of guest speakers and special events. ReelAbilities is the largest film festival of its kind in the nation dedicated to showcasing films by and about people that experience a disability. Opening and Closing Nights: advance tickets are $18 for adults, $15 for JCCNV members, seniors (65+), and for groups of 10 or more. $10 students with valid student ID. All tickets are $20 the day of the opening and closing events. Other ticket prices vary. Visit www.reelabilities.org.

SEPT. 14-24
Mount Vernon Flea Market.
6 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at 8717 Fort Hunt Road. The flea market features: furniture, art, china, glass, porcelain, pottery, books, photographs, lighting, tools, comic books, vinyl records, novelty items and more. Referrals will be available for purchase. Free. Visit www.mountvernonfleamarket.wordpress.com.

SEPT. 15
Run! Geek! Run!
8 a.m. at Potomac Yard. All proceeds from Run! Geek! Run! will go directly to support the non-profit Capital Post. Capital Post offers veterans in the Washington, DC, region personalized guidance through mentoring, business counseling, and access to key resources, programs, and leaders. Registration is $30-50. Visit www.rungeekrun.net.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 29
New Neighbors Oktoberfest.
6:30-8:30 p.m. at Fort City Brewing Company, 3950 Wheeler Ave. The 2016 school year marks the 15th anniversary of The Campagna Center’s New Neighbors program and the many contributions it makes to adult refugees and immigrants in Alexandria who strive to improve their English skills. Celebrate with a night of beer, brats and more. Tickets are $80. Visit www.campaganacenter.org.

OCTOBER 2016

SATURDAY/SEPT. 1
Charity 5k.
9 a.m.-12 p.m. at Cameron Run Park, 4001 Eisenhower Ave. Run or walk to promote traffic safety. $20-35 per person, depending on when you register. Visit www.thecharity5k.org/ ART_5K/.

Art on the Avenue.
10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Mount Vernon Avenue. Art on the Avenue is a multicultural arts festival celebrating the community's diversity through the arts. The event takes place along Mount Vernon Avenue in the Del Ray neighborhood of Alexandria, and features over 350 artists, live music, children's crafts and entertainment, artist demonstrations, a pie-baking contest, and more. Free. Visit www.artintheavenue.org.

WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY/OCT. 7-9
Wine Festival and Sunset Tour.

SUNDAY/OCT. 15
Family Fall Festival.
10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Arlandstead L. Booth Park, 520 Cameron Station Blvd. A family favorite event featuring full activities such as scarecrow making, pumpkin and face painting, arts and crafts, exhibits, food vendors, puppet show, pony rides, and band performance. Free to attend. Call 703-746-5592 for more.

SUNDAY/OCT. 22
Charity 5k.
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SUNDAY/SATURDAY/SEPT. 10
The George Washington Patriots Run. 8 a.m. at Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Run the USA PATRIOT certified road race to enter George Washington's Mount Vernon. Organized by Mount Vernon and the Alexandria George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee, the race will take runners up the George Washington Memorial Parkway. Return down the Parkway to trace Washington's footsteps through the historic area at Mount Vernon. Registration is $50, spectator tickets are $10. Visit www.mountvernon.org/run.
Plan Ahead: First Night Alexandria

Alexandria will be celebrating the 22nd anniversary of First Night on Dec. 31, 2016. This New Year’s Eve party — showcasing singers, dancers, actors, magicians, visual artists and musicians — includes 28 indoor venues with multiple stages featuring performances from 7-11:30 pm. A finale begins at 100 p.m. in the first block of King Street (closest to the water) followed by fireworks on the Potomac River at midnight.

Everything takes place within four Old Town “Spotlight” areas and one in Del Ray. Attendees can take the metro, King Street Trolley, buses or drive and park, walking to their favorite venues and award-winning restaurants. Links with details will be available in October at www.FirstNightAlexandria.org and #ALXFirstNight.

Start the afternoon with the Eighth Annual First Night Alexandria Fun Hunt, a scavenger hunt throughout Old Town that combines geography, history and knowledge of local businesses. Complete the Hunt and turn in answers by 5:30 p.m. at the Durant Arts Center where prizes will be awarded to six lucky entrants. Details will be posted at https://www.FirstNightAlexandria.org/events/fun-hunt.

Purchase admission badges online starting Oct. 1.

Want to come for free? Volunteer for three hours during the evening and get free admission for one, a souvenir apron and box dinner. Sign up on the web site; do it early and choose the venue and time.

In addition to the Fun Hunt, dozens of other activities are being planned for the afternoon this year. They will be posted in the fall at www.FirstNightAlexandria.org and #ALXFirstNight.

Shopping

Old Town Alexandria offers fashion boutiques, home décor, antiques and more.

Green Escapes

Alexandrians enjoy green escapes with parks. There are parks with basketball courts, dog parks and even kiddie parks, such as this one on North Montgomery Street.

The Arts

Alexandria Archeology Museum

105 N. Union St., #327. Showcases Alexandria’s 13,000 year old history through artifacts and exhibits. Call 703-746-4399.

Alexandria Black History Museum and Watson Reading Room

902 Wythe St., Alexandria. Preserves the history of Alexandria’s and Northern Virginia’s African American heritage. Call 703-746-4356 or visit AlexandriaVA.gov/BlackHistory.

Torpedo Factory Art Center

105 North Union St., Alexandria. Featuring artists’ studios, galleries, workshops, and the Alexandria Museum of Archeology, the Torpedo Factory showcases art in a variety of different forms. Call 703-838-4565 or visit www.torpedofactory.org.

The Birchmere

3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. The Birchmere Music Hall is recognized for fostering unique talent and providing legendary performances. “America’s Legendary Music Hall” showcases music in a dinner-theater style. All guests must have a ticket. Call 703-549-7500 or visit www.birchmere.com.

Del Ray Artisans

2794 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Del Ray Artisans is a nonprofit group that organizes different themed art exhibitions from local and community based artists. Call 703-838-4827 or visit www.thedelrayartisans.org.

COMING EVENTS

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Upcoming Development in Alexandria

Underway in 2018, Jinks says the city is anticipating the environmental impact statement in fall 2016 and spending 2017 looking for additional development in the area. The lease for the AMC movie theater currently at the site of the Metro station is set to expire in December 2018.

“The theater site” is one of the touchstone points for entry to North Potomac Yard,” said Jinks. “It basically will be developing into mixed use development that will have entry to the Potomac Yard Metro Station.”

The National Institute for the Blind will also be moving into the area, and Jinks said the city is still looking for occupants for other spaces.

“There’s interest in other parts of North Potomac Yard,” said Jinks. “In southern part, a number of land bases that haven’t been developed.”

The Waterfront

For residents of the city, Alexandria Economic Development Partnership President Stephanie Landrum says it’s important to know what’s going on along Alexandria’s waterfront.

“People driving along the waterfront see a couple projects under construction, but people don’t know that these areas will be a great public space in the future,” said Landrum.

While most of the Waterfront is moving forward with development plans, at least one site has faced recent setbacks. Plans for the hotel, retail, and residential complex at Robinson Terminal North collapsed in late July when CityInterests Inc. and Rooney Properties announced that the project was being put on hold.

The project had costs where, at the end of the day, the market could not support those costs,” said Jinks. “It was not economically feasible. This is going to force them to rethink the project and have discussions with the city about what a new project might be.”

The plans for the site were approved by City Council in 2015, and Jinks said any alternate construction at the Robinson Terminal North would need to go through the approval process at City Council again.

“We would expect, through the next 12 months, there will be discussions within the community and a process for whatever they come up with,” said Jinks. “It will most likely have to go back to the Planning Commission and the City Council.”

Further south, at the end of King Street, Jinks says the new Boat Club building will be going up this fall to replace the recently demolished Beachcomber building.

“When the Boat Club leaves, their site is turning into an interim waterfront park at the foot of King Street,” said Jinks. “That process is funded for fiscal 2017 budget. We will be ready to go when the Boat Club moves out.”

Jinks estimated that it would probably be between 12 to 18 months before the Boat Club was ready to move into its new location. Jinks said the city’s goal was to time the move so that as soon as the Boat Club moved out, the city would be ready to step in and build the park.

“The public has been expecting access to the foot of King Street to enjoy that section of water that’s been blocked off for decades,” said Jinks. “Once it’s in our hands, they’ll expect us to deliver. That’s our goal.” A few blocks south along The Strand, the warehouse at Robinson Terminal South is going down while the Carr Hotel site across Duke Street is on the rise. Jinks said the hotel is currently undergoing interior work and construction of the building’s facade.

“The whole purpose of waterfront plan is public access all along the river in Alexandria,” said Jinks. “That has been a city goal for probably over three decades. Gradually we have achieved that. With these last pieces: Robinson South, the Strand, and Boat Club property, we will be achieving that access.

Robinson Terminal North is the last piece. With that, we will have public access from Dangerfield all the way down to south of Jones Point. That’s a really major accomplishment and benefit to the public. The development has gotten a lot of the attention, but the benefit is the public will be getting a new set of parks along the Potomac.”

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www.alexchamber.com

The Del Ray Business Association - DRBA

The Del Ray Business Association is run by volunteers who are themselves business owners. Started almost 45 years ago, DRBA now has over 200 members and sponsors several events in the Del Ray community each year. www.visitedelay.com

Old Town Business and Professional Association - OTBPA

Open to businesses of any type, OTBPA is the result of a merger of two organizations – Old Town Business (OTB) and King Street Metro Enterprise Team (KSMET). OTBPA’s most visible project is the annual Alexandria Retail Coupon Book. www.otbpa.com

Alexandria Small Business Development Center – SBDC

The Alexandria Small Business Development Center is Alexandria’s economic development program that focuses on small businesses, which comprise the largest segment of Alexandria’s economy. SBDC offers individual and confidential assistance without cost to City of Alexandria businesses and Alexandria residents with businesses elsewhere. 625 N. Washington St., Suite 400. 703-778-1291 or www.alexandriasbdc.org
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What residents say about Alexandria

Ann Michael has lived in Alexandria for 38 years. Michael enjoys “the small town feeling about the city and the historical background.” She recommends that newcomers enjoy the sites that Washington D.C. has to offer, but also to look to Alexandria for their interests. She also enjoys Alexandria’s farmer’s markets and its convenience to Washington D.C.

Paula Dubberly, a member of Christ House parishioner, helps manage the library branch. Christ House has a “vibrant congregation.” It is diverse, she says, and an exciting time to rediscover the church with a new rector coming on board in September. She also recommends Jones Point Park. It has basketball courts, playgrounds and walking paths.

Karen Whelan, visiting Alexandria’s Kate Walker Barret library branch, is from Australia to Del Ray. She didn’t want to live in the suburbs. “Del Ray is great for families, close to Old Town and ... no commute.”

Gordon Elean Booker III, a graduate of T.C. Williams High School, likes Alexandria, its “history from the 1700’s to now” and stories about slaves. Gordon is studying to be a Jehovah Witness like his mother. He said, “A family that prays together, stays together.”

Maria Calloway was born and raised in Alexandria. She recommends Saint Joseph Catholic Church on N. Wythe and N. Columbus. She also likes Old Town’s waterfront.

Joel Sachs has lived in Boston and Ann Arbor prior to residing in Alexandria — all similar port cities, being historical and walking towns. Joel says Alexandria is a dog town, with friendly people, and good, inexpensive restaurants and bars. “The city has put a lot into events ...”

Louis Sabb, soon to be 70, has lived in Alexandria for 47 years. In his youth, he’d go swimming ... borrow a boat and “bring up ... Alexandria is a clean city,” he said. “It’s not bad ... All cities have the same faults.”

Arara Brown, a government retiree, dog walks to keep busy. She’s lived in Alexandria for over 50 years. She bought at Cameron Station at the right time. She likes the parks. Alexandria is “friendly.” And she likes the new mayor — Allison Silberberg.

ACT for Alexandria

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Carpenter’s Shelter

Carpenter’s Shelter serves nearly 750 homeless individuals and families and formerly homeless children and adults each year. It offers continuous services that assist shelter residents to independence; tuition is free, and affordable. Main office is located at 3912 Elbert Ave. Call 703-548-7500 or visit www.carpentershelter.org.

The Campagna Center

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Center for Alexandria’s Children

The Center for Alexandria’s Children (CAC) is a public-private partnership based on the Children’s Advocacy Center Model, which has been shown to improve outcomes for families and victims of abuse. The center provides services for victims and their families and coordinates the response between victims and nonprofits aiming to serve them. The center is located at 1900 1st St. S.W., Suite 525. Call 571-480-4282 or visit www.hopkinshouse.org.

Community Lodgings, Inc.

Community Lodgings’ mission is to lift families from homelessness and instability to independence and self-sufficiency through transitional-in-place housing, affordable housing and youth education programs. Volunteers needed. Main office is at 3912 Elbert Ave., Suite 108. Call 703-549-4407 or visit www.communitylodgings.org.

Computer C.O.R.E.

This organization helps low-income adults acquire the technological and life skills they need to pursue their career aspirations; tuition is free, and accordingly, donations are needed. The main office is located at 5881 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Call 703-931-7346 or visit www.computercore.org.

Hopkins House

The mission of Hopkins House is to provide quality educational programs and opportunities to children, youths and their families, regardless of income, to help them achieve their full intellectual, economic and social potential. The central office is at 5904 Richmond Highway, Suite 525. Call 571-480-4282 or visit www.hopkinshouse.org.


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November 2016

FRIDAY/NOV. 4 Art on Tap 2016. 7-10 p.m at the Art League Gallery, 105 N. Union St. Craft beers from local breweries have been artfully paired with a work of art from an Art League instructor. Local restaurants have chosen a brew/aworkpair to serve as their muse to create the perfect complimentary appetizer. Enjoy the beer, brine, and artwork trifecta, then vote for a winner. Tickets are $35-45 plus a service fee. Visit www.artleague.org for more.

THURSDAY/SATURDAY/NOV. 10-13 Alexandria Film Festival. AMC Hoffman Center 22, 206 Swamp Fox Road and Brattle Central Library, 5005 Duke St. The 15th annual Alexandria Film Festival brings together short and feature-length films of all genres from emerging and established, local and international filmmakers. These events will be held at the AMC Hoffman Theater 22, with the Central Library offering free programs to the public. Visit www.alexandriafilm.org.

FRIDAY/ NOV. 11 Mount Vernon Salutes Veterans. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Honored guests (veterans) are invited to place a flower at Washington's tomb, enjoy a concert by the Harmony Heritage Singers and the United States Air Force Strike Band. The event offers handmade fine arts and craft fairs, and glass. Find different artists each weekend. Free. Visit www.thedelaysartisans.com.

SATURDAY/NOV. 19 Virginia Cider Week Tasting Event. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. In partnership with the Alexandria-Caen Sister Cities Committee, the Lyceum offers a cider tasting as part of Virginia Cider Week. Tickets are $20-25. Visit www.showalexandriava.com/events for more.

THURSDAY/NOV. 24 Turkey Trot. 9 a.m. at George Washington Middle School, 1005 Mount Vernon Ave. A Thanksgiving morning tradition, this flat, flat, USATF-certified 5k course can launch your heart from Del Ray. Registration is $5-25. Visit www.alexandriaturkeytrot.com for more.

FRIDAY/ NOV. 25 Tree Lighting Ceremony. 6-8 p.m at Market Square, 301 King St. Attend the ceremony in which the City Tree is lit and visited by Santa, the Town Crier, and other city officials. Visit www.visitalexandriava.com for more.


December 2016

Alexandria Winter Restaurant Week. More than 60 Alexandria restaurants offer a $35 three-course dinner or a $35 lunch for two. More than two dozen restaurants are also offering lunch deals at $10, $15 or $20 per person in addition to the dinner specials. Visit www.alexandriawinterrestaurantweek.com for more.

FRIDAY/SUNDAY/DEC. 24-25, 9-11, 16-18 Fine Art & Fine Craft Holiday Market. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and 9-6 p.m. Sunday, 2090 Mount Vernon Ave. The market features handmade fine arts and fine crafts from local artists (including pottery/ceramics, photography, jewelry, cloth, paper crafts, and glass). Find different artists each weekend. Free. Visit www.thedelaysartisans.com.

SATURDAY/DEC. 3 46th Annual Campagna Center Scottish Walk Parade. 11 a.m. Old Town Alexandria, the parade begins at St. Asaph and Wolfe Streets. More than 100 Scottish clans, pipers and drum bands, Scottish dancers, re-enactment groups, Scottie dogs, dignitaries and, of course, Santa Claus will march through the streets of Old Town. Visit www.campagnacenter.org/ scottishwalkparade/winter.

SATURDAY/DEC. 31 First Night Alexandria. Events take place throughout the day at numerous venues and the City of Alexandria. Visit www.firstnightalexandria.org.

February 2017

MID-FEBRUARY Community Tax Assistance Day. Fairfax SkillSource Center, 7611 Little River Turnpike, Suite 300 West, Annandale. The IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program offers free assistance with 2015 Federal and state tax returns for low-income households with total income of $52,000 or less. Visit www.vettax.org for households with a total income of $52,000 or less. Visit www.visitdelray.com for more.

SATURDAY/SATURDAY/APRIL 22-29 Historic Garden Week. This weekend statewide event provides visitors an opportunity to see gardens, as well as houses with more than 2,000 flower arrangements created by Garden Club of Virginia members. Visit www.vagardenweek.org.

LATE APRIL Art on the Rocks. 7:10 p.m. at The Art League, 105 N. Union St. Miniolettes are paired with a piece of artwork to use as inspiration to create the most artistic cocktail and appetizer pairing and then compete for the title of Art on the Rocks’ champion. Ticket holder samples all of the dishes and paintings and vote for their favorite at the event. A panel of experts will crown the winner of the most creative cocktail, appetizer, and artwork pairing. Tickets are $35-65. Visit www.theartleague.org for more.

May 2017

SATURDAY/MAY 13 Alexandria Tot Rock Fest. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Mount Vernon Recreation Center, 2701 Commonwealth Ave. The fun includes music, movement, and mindfulness for children. Free. Visit www.totrockfest.com for more.

La Bella Strada. 9-3 p.m. at Mount Vernon Avenue in Del Ray. This modern street painting festival originates from an ancient Italian art form. The festival features locale-scale chalk paintings directly on the sidewalks of Mount Vernon Avenue in Del Ray. Visit www.visitdelray.com for more.

MAY/MONDAY/23 Memorial Day Jazz Concert. 1-6 p.m at Waterfront Park, Alexandria. A variety of jazz performances takes place throughout the concert. Food is available for purchase, but picnic lunches are welcome. Pets should be left at home. Admission is free. Visit www.visitalexandriava.com/Recreation.

June 2017

SUNDAY/JUNE 4 Taste of Del Ray. 1-3 p.m. at the intersections of South Van Dorn and Oronoco streets. The festival offers handmade fine arts and crafts, and glass. Find different artists each weekend. Free. Visit www.friendshipfire.net.

Vine on the Waterfront Festival. Late June, 12-6 p.m at Oronooco Park, 100 Madison St. Street vendors known as the Alexandria Food & Wine Festival. The event expands 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.

July 2017

SATURDAY/JULY 1 Independence Fireworks. 6 p.m. at Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. Great “General and Mrs. Washington” in the historic area before trying a turn at bocce ball and 18th-century dancing demonstrations. Also enjoy a fireworks show. Tickets are $30 for adults, $20 for youth. Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.

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 for more.


SECOND SATURDAY IN JULY USA and Alexandria Birthday Celebration. 2-4 p.m. at 100 Madison Street, Alexandria. During the USA and Alexandria Birthday Celebration, Alexandria’s Revolution 265th birthday and the Potomac waterfront with fireworks, cake and live music. Visit www.visitalexandriava.com/events/ USA-Alexandria-Birthday-Celebration-6607.

A home featured in the 2015 historic homes tour. Twig Hosts Historic Alexandria Home Tour. Last year, the Twig, the junior auxiliary of Inova Alexandria Hospital featured six homes in its annual fundraiser highliting homes important to the city’s history. This year, the tour will be held on Saturday, Sept. 24, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tickets are $35 through Sept. 25 and may be purchased online. Thereafter, tickets are $40 and may be purchased at The Twig’s Thrift Shop, 106 N Columbus St. Visit www.thetwig.org/homes-tour for more.

August 2017

Summer Restaurant Week. Mid-August, in neighborhoods throughout Alexandria, including Old Town, Del Ray, Carlyle and West End. Menu options vary by location. Visit www.AlexandriaRestaurantWeek.com or call 703-746-1300 for more.

Jane Austen Ball. Mid-August, 8-11 p.m. at Gadby’s Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. The evening will feature a variety of English country dances in the historic ballroom, live music, and “teed refreshments.” Period costume optional; “after-five” attire encouraged. Tickets are $45. Visit shop.AlexandriaVA.gov/ Events.aspx.

Friendship Firehouse Festival. Mid-August, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Friendship Firehouse Museum, 107 S. Alfred St. The festival celebrates the special role firefighters have played throughout history, especially those of Friendship. The event will feature a collection of antique fire equipment and, courtesy of the Alexandria Fire Department, a display of modern fire trucks and apparatus. Free. Visit www.friendshipfirehouse.net.

Youth Arts Festival. Early August, 1-5 p.m. at Mount Vernon Recreation Center, 2701 Commonwealth Ave. This competition will showcase the talents of youth around the city and serve as a forum of expression for both visual and performing arts. Free. Call 703-549-7115 ext. 370. Visit www.ConnectionNewspapers.com.
Art on the Avenue

Held the first Saturday in October, rain or shine. Saturday, Oct. 1, on Mount Vernon Avenue in Del Ray. A multicultural festival with 300-plus artists/artisans sell their work (all price ranges), creating mini-exhibits down the avenue, offering children’s activities, music stage and food. Visit www.artontheavenue.org.

Aldersgate Church Community Theatre

With a home in Wesley Hall of Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Road, Alexandria, the ACCT puts on plays and musicals for families. ACCT has a professional stage and are members of the Northern Virginia Theater Alliance and the Washington Area Theater Community Honors. Call 703-660-2611 or visit www.acctonline.org.

Alexandria Symphony Orchestra

The Alexandria Symphony Orchestra performs at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center at the Alexandria Campus of Northern Virginia Community College, 4915 East Campus Lane. Call 703-548-0885 or visit www.alexsym.org.

The Little Theatre of Alexandria

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It’s not as visible as new construction, but the policy changes coming in Fall 2016 could have a major impact on local residents. As City Council is ramping up to resume its fall session, City Manager Mark Jinks says a number of policy questions will face Alexandria in the coming months. Some of these issues range from smaller questions about street names or food trucks, others could have major ramifications over the next decade of city development.

Jinks says the largest issue will be moving forward on discussion about the city’s strategic plan. According to Jinks, the strategic plan sets the direction and priorities of the city for the next six years. "This plan has measures of ‘how are we going to know if we’re successful’ so we can focus our implementation efforts on activities that we believe will help reach our goals,” said Jinks, noting that combating the city’s crime rate is one of those priorities.

"(Crime) is still trending down, but we need to focus on how we can get it down further. A strategic plan helps any organization focus on long term: what’s important and develop plans to get there. When we do budgets and consider specific detailed actions, one of the questions that gets asked is how this relates to the strategic plan and is it consistent. It sets clear guidance for the entire organization on what we want to achieve. Sometimes there are pressures on government to be all things to all people, but you can’t be effective that way. Helps us stay focused and keep our resources on what’s important.”

On a smaller scale, Jinks says the City Council will receive a report from the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Confederate Memorials and Street Names. The group was established in September 2015 and met over the course of five meetings. Towards the end of the group’s discussion and in draft reports, the group’s consensus was to keep the confederate statue and most of the city’s street names the same. The only major change proposed was renaming the limited parts of Route 1 through Alexandria still called Jefferson Davis Highway.

“There will be a lot of contention and passionate debate,” Jinks said, "but it’s not a major policy setting situation.”

Stephanie Landrum, president of the Alexandria Economic Development Partnership, noted that a number of smaller, ongoing issues will be resurfacing for the city in the fall.

“On a smaller scale, we’re going to see the continued implementation of the Bikeshare as it continues moving towards the West End of the city,” said Landrum. “That's an interesting and cool advancement for the city.”

Landrum also advised new residents of Alexandria interested in local business to keep an eye out for discussions about an Old Town Business Improvement District. There’s an exploratory committee in Old Town looking at what BIDs have done [in this region],” said Landrum. “The exploratory committee continues to meet. Their goal is to come forward with a possible plan that they would then start talking with stakeholders [in the fall], people like local businesses, property owners, residents, and the city council." According to Landrum, new tax districts can only go into effect on Jan. 1. So it can either happen at the end of this year for implementation in 2017 or at some point early in 2017 for implementation in 2018.

Landrum also said the city will have to continue to have discussions about food trucks. “Food trucks are now legal in a few locations, but have you seen any?” asked Landrum. “There aren’t any. We put a policy in place, but it’s not viable for most food trucks. If our goal is to have food trucks come in, we need to revisit the restrictions.”

For more established retail, Landrum advised Old Town residents to note the new Edens project coming online in Old Town where the former Giant and ABC store was located. Landrum said the new construction is currently getting its permits set, but when it opens will provide new retail options for North Old Town.

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Appomattox
Located directly in the center of the South Washington and Prince Street intersection, the Appomattox statue has become a popular sight for many within the Mount Vernon/Old Town area. Originally dedicated in 1889, the figure is of a lone confederate soldier.

Jones Point Park
Intersecting the Mount Vernon Trail, located directly underneath the Woodrow Wilson Bridge, Jones Point Park offers both an expansive history and a variety of activities. The park is equipped with two fishing areas, two playgrounds and two separate basketball courts, along with other areas for recreation. A gravel interpretative trail explains the history behind Jones Point. The lighthouse pictured, located within the park, is the last remaining riverine lighthouse in Virginia.

Getting To Know TC Sports
Girls’ soccer claims Conference 7 title.

School: T.C. Williams High School
Mascot: Titans
School Colors: Red, white and blue
Athletic Director: Steve Calautit
Football Coach: Marc Matthie (second year)
The Titans finished 2015 with their second consecutive 2-8 and failed to qualify for postseason play.

Boys’ Basketball Coach: Bryan Hill
Girls’ Basketball Coach: Kesha Walton
Boys’ Soccer Coach: Martin Nickley
Baseball Coach: Chris Metz
Rival School: West Potomac
What happened last year: The girls’ soccer team finished a great season with a 19-3 record. The Titans defeated W.T. Woodson to win the Conference 7 title 4-1. T.C. Williams went on to lose to Battlefield in the 6A north region title game and then were beaten by Cox in the state semifinals.


— Updated by Aaron Lundmark

Alexandria Library: Quick Facts
How to Become a Borrower
Anyone who lives, works, owns property or attends school in Alexandria is entitled to a free library card and can apply for an account online or through our website. As a member of the Council of Governments, Alexandria residents are also entitled to obtain cards at public libraries throughout the Washington Metropolitan Area.

Library Services
The Library provides something for all ages and interests. Services include: passport processing, wireless access, public computers, customized research assistance, technology training and meeting room spaces. The Library also provides books and resources to homebound customers and retirement communities throughout Alexandria.

Alexandria Library Online
The Library’s website features free access to numerous digital services including downloadable books, audiobooks, magazines and music. Other virtual services include: instructor-led courses, language-learning, practice tests for college and graduate school, resume builders and small business resources.

Programs and Events
The Library offers a variety of special events including author talks, book discussion groups, English language classes, film screenings, financial workshops, health seminars and music concerts. For children and families, we host story times and other programs to build reading skills and support learning in STREAM areas (Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Arts and Math).

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Duncan: 2501 Commonwealth Ave., 703.746.1705
Special Collections: 517 Queen St., 703.746.1705
Law Library: 520 King St., LL34, 703.746.4077

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