‘Our Big Moment’

VDOT hosts Route 1 Widening meeting: Jeff Todd Way to Napper Road.

By Tim Peterson
The Gazette

Over the last five years, there have been 461 crashes within the three-mile stretch of Route 1 between Jeff Todd Way and Napper Road. Two of those included pedestrian fatalities, making it one of the most dangerous roadways to walkers in Virginia. That data was part of Mark Gibney’s presentation on the Virginia Department of Transportation project to widen that area of Richmond Highway from four to six lanes.

The project, estimated to cost $215 million, is anticipated to begin construction in the spring of 2023 and be open to traffic by 2026. Gibney is the project manager. He presented at the first major public information meeting about the widening on Tuesday evening April 18 at Mount Vernon High School, alongside VDOT special projects manager and lead for the widening Amanda Baxter.

Baxter said VDOT is in the middle of the environmental assessment process and going through a noise wall procedure.

A primary concern for many residents and business-owners is how they will be impacted by right-of-way land acquisitions to make way for the widened highway. That portion of the project is estimated to cost $120.6 million alone and begin in spring 2019.

Baxter tried to calm some of the anxiety by saying each right of way impact case will be unique, and there “could be temporary easements or partial acquisitions” in certain scenarios.

Gibney’s slides included a draft graphic of a typical segment of the improved roadway, which will include protected elements for bicycles and pedestrians. Design isn’t expected to be approved until late in the year 2018, after two more major public hearings anticipated for late this year and mid-2018. He also showed traffic volume projections, which he said are based on the current Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan. They don’t take into account the county’s EMBARK initiative to bring Bus Rapid Transit and Metro expansion to the corridor, not to mention the increased population density those would bring with them.

“It’s necessary,” said state Sen. Scott Surovell (D-36). “Route 1 is simply no longer functional, it inhibits further growth for the community.”

While Surovell said the impact widening will have from right-of-way acquisitions is unquestionably upsetting and disconcerting, it’s important to keep in mind the vision of many tens of thousands more people coming to the Mount Vernon area with both the widening and EMBARK projects.

“BRT, Metro expansion,” he said, “will bring a 300 percent increase in businesses in the area. These people, they all have to eat, shop, go somewhere.”

Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee) agreed there are difficult decisions that have to be made in carrying out the widening, but that’s expected in transportation projects of this magnitude. He compared it to the Woodrow Wilson Bridge and Springfield Interchange.

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“T’m excited about the increased pedestrian safety and the prospect of quick transportation up and down Route 1 that VDOT and EMBARK will provide,” Thompson said. “My hope is that there is still affordability in regards to the housing, so that families that have been here for generations will be able to enjoy the added amenities and changes to the local community.”

Thompson referenced some business institutions he remembers growing up with, including Johnny Mac’s Rib Shack and Elsie’s Skillet.

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Inova Mount Vernon Receives National Safety Awards

Inova Mount Vernon Hospital has received two patient safety awards from national patient advocacy organizations.

Inova Mount Vernon Hospital is one of 823 hospitals nationwide to receive an A hospital patient safety ranking by The Leapfrog Group, a national patient safety watchdog organization. This distinction ranks the hospital among the safest hospitals in the United States. This “A” score marks Inova Mount Vernon’s sixth consecutive “A” patient safety rating, qualifying the hospital as an elite “Leapfrog Straight A” organization for sustained patient safety excellence.

Inova Mount Vernon also received the 2017 Patient Safety Excellence Award from Healthgrades, the national advocacy organization dedicated to helping consumers find the right doctor and right hospital for the right care.

This distinction places Inova Mount Vernon in the top 10 percent of all hospitals evaluated for superior performance in safeguarding patients from serious, potentially preventable complications during their hospital stays.

Inova Mount Vernon is one of only 460 hospitals in the nation to receive this distinction, and one of only 19 in the state of Virginia.

Residents gathered April 16 for the Easter Sunrise Service at Historic Mount Vernon.

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service

The Rotary Club of Mount Vernon sponsored the Easter Sunday Sunrise Service at Historic Mount Vernon. Participants included the Rev. Dr. Johnnie L. Abram, organist Dan Doxzen, and Scout Troop 993.

Music for the morning’s sunrise service was provided by Dan Doxzen, music minister, organist and cantor at St. Thomas a Becket Catholic Church in Reston.

The Rev. Dr. Johnnie L. Abram of Harvest Assembly Baptist Church in Gum Springs officiated at the Easter Sunday Sunrise Service.

Members of Scout Troop 993 move towards the tomb of George Washington to lay a wreath.

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Man Tased, Children Recovered

Barricade incident in Fort Hunt area.

A barricade incident in the Fort Hunt area involving a man experiencing a crisis and his two young children was resolved shortly after 1 p.m. on April 17 when the children were able to exit the home safely, according to police. They were taken into protective custody, police said, and are now with family.

The man exited and re-entered the home in the 8600 block of Thomas J Stockton Parkway, not cooperating with police negotiators. Ultimately they tased him when he last came out of the house. Police took him into custody, he was then taken to the hospital to be treated and evaluated.

MPO Don Gotthardt with FCPD said a temporary detention order was issued for the 41-year-old man who was the subject of the barricade scenario. Gotthardt said the man is still under the care of a mental health facility and that “there are no supplements to the report indicating that any charges will be filed.”

The incident began the previous night around 8 p.m. when police said they received a call from a concerned friend who thought the man was having a mental health crisis.

Officers made contact with the man in question inside the house but were not allowed to come inside, police said.

After it was discovered there were two children in the house with the man, police obtained an Emergency Custody Warrant. Crisis negotiators continued an intermittent dialogue with the man into the early afternoon the following day.

Police said they never confirmed if the man had any weapons inside the house. They said they were concerned for the welfare of his children, but that the man never made any threats to harm them. — Tim Peterson

Crime Report

The following incidents were reported by the Mount Vernon District Police Station.

MALICIOUS WOUNDING: 8400 Richmond Highway (Penna’s), April 16, around 2 a.m. Officers responded to a report of a fight at the restaurant. An investigation determined a 41-year-old man had been stabbed in the hand. He was treated for minor injuries at a local hospital and released. The suspect was described as a Hispanic man, 20 to 30 years of age, with long hair and wearing a tan hat and brown jacket.

ROBBERY: 7700 block of Richmond Highway (The Home Depot), April 8 around 6:15 a.m. A man entered the store, picked up merchandise and walked toward the exit. As he passed an employee, he threatened her and left the store. The investigation is ongoing.

BURGLARY: 6400 block of Cavalier Drive, between April 8 and April 10. Homeowners reported that while they were away for the weekend someone entered their home and took property.

ROBBERY: 2700 block of Arlington Drive, April 8 around 10:25 p.m. A man was robbed by two acquaintances. The victim was sitting outside when the suspects ran up to him. One of them displayed a knife, they stole cash from the victim and fled. The victim did not require medical attention. The investigation is ongoing.

SHOOTING INTO AN OCCUPIED DWELLING: 1420 Maroon Avenue, April 8 between 12:10 and 12:30 a.m. and April 9 around 11:40 p.m. Detectives are investigating two reports of gunshots fired near apartment buildings. The first incident occurred on April 8. Bullets struck at least five cars and the glass door of an apartment.

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the second incident, several gunshots were fired into an apartment of a different building. No one was injured in either incident and officers checked the area on both nights but did not locate any suspects. Detectives are looking into whether these incidents are related to each other or to a shooting that occurred nearby on April 6.

UNLICENSED DOG: 7900 block of Audubon Avenue, April 11 around 12:25 p.m. Animal Protection Police (APP) officers responded to a home for a report of a welfare check on a 6-month-old Pit Bull mix. The owner was home, so APP officers spoke to him about properly caring for dogs, laws pertaining to owning pets and provided him a brochure, "Your Pets and the Law." The man was issued a summons for not having a dog license.

ROBBERY/ARREST: 2800 block of Fairhaven Avenue, April 11 around 4:20 p.m. A man was arrested after attempting to rob a 27-year-old woman. The victim was walking outside when the man approached and asked for money. When she refused, he displayed a small knife and demanded money. The victim ran to safety. Officers responded and located the suspect nearby in his apartment. A 30-year-old man from Alexandria was arrested, taken to the Adult Detention Center and charged with robbery. He was also served with an outstanding assault warrant. The victim did not require medical attention.

ROBBERY/ARREST: 2500 block of Huntington Avenue, April 11 around 11:05 p.m. Two men were arrested for robbing another man. The victim, a 27-year-old man, was at a bus stop when the two men asked him for money. The victim gave them a small amount of money then one of them asked for the bag he was holding. When the victim refused, the suspects implied they had a gun, took the victim’s bag and boarded a bus to escape. Officers located the bus, stopped it and took the suspects into custody. Two men, both of Springfield, were taken to the Adult Detention Center and charged with robbery. The victim did not require medical attention.

APRIL 17
LARCENIES
1600 block of Belle View Boulevard, groceries from business
8100 block of Claremont Woods Drive, wallet from vehicle
2300 block of Fort Drive, cell phone from business
7300 block of Richmond Highway, beverage from business
APRIL 14
STOLEN VEHICLE
2600 block of Huntington Ave, 200 Ford Tow Truck
APRIL 13
LARCENIES
7700 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business
APRIL 12
LARCENIES
7800 block of Richmond Highway, beer from business
APRIL 11
LARCENIES
5900 block of Grand Pavilion Way, cell phone from residence
APRIL 10
LARCENIES
6000 block of Fort Hunt Road, purse from vehicle
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Ribbon-cutting for Ball Fields

On Saturday, April 8, local officials, players and coaches cut the ribbon on the renovated McNaughton Park ball fields in the Mount Vernon area. Attending the ceremony were members of the Woodlawn Little League, which has used these fields since the 1960s. A presentation of the colors by the Fairfax County Public Safety Honor Guard was followed by the National Anthem sung by Genevieve Kirk. Speakers included Mount Vernon District Supervisor Daniel G. Storck, Park Authority Board Member Linwood Gorham (Mount Vernon), Lee District Supervisor Jeff C. McKay, President of the Woodlawn Little League Dennis Dunn, Director of the Park Planning and Development Division David Bowden, and Senior Director of Community Relations for the Washington Nationals Shawn Bertani.

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Mother’s Day

Mother’s Day is Sunday, May 14 this year and as usual every year at this time, The Gazette calls for submissions to our Mother’s Day photo gallery. Send photos of mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, with children or without children in the photos. Please name everyone in the photo, the approximate date, describe what is happening in the photo and include your name, address, email address and phone number. We will not print your full address or contact information.

You can upload photos and information directly to www.connectionnewspapers.com/mothersday/ or email to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com.

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COUNTY POISED FOR CONTINUED GROWTH

To the Editor:
The April 12 article, “Uncertainty Amid Growth,” might have left readers wondering about the strength and future of Fairfax County’s economy.

Much of the uncertainty arises from concerns about the direction of the federal budget, because many employers in Fairfax County and northern Virginia are involved in government contracting. However, more than two-thirds of the federal procurement dollars won by Fairfax County companies in fiscal 2016 involve three departments for which President Trump has indicated he would seek increased funding: Defense, Homeland Security and Veterans Affairs.

For that reason and others, I think the Fairfax County economy is poised for continued development. In 2016, the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority worked with 194 companies that added nearly 7,500 jobs to the county economy. Many of those companies are in the professional and technical industry sectors that will generate the most prosperity for the community.

Just since the beginning of 2017 the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority has announced several companies that are adding hundreds of jobs here. Some, like favor TechConsulting or IOMAXIS, focus on work with federal customers. Others such as All Traffic Solutions and Global Guardian, focus on private-sector customers. This is the hallmark of a mature economy: companies working in a variety of sectors and for a variety of customers and finding the kind of skilled talent they need to thrive. This kind of economic diversity is what every community longs to attain.

This work is never done, of course. In addition to Fairfax County’s traditional business strengths, my office has targeted cybersecurity, data analytics and translational medicine as industry sectors with great growth potential here. The foundation is firmly in place to help Fairfax County achieve even greater economic stability and prosperity in the years ahead.

Gerald L. Gordon, Ph.D.
President and CEO
Fairfax County Economic Development Authority

Good Use for Dirt

To the Editor:
Stratford Landing Elementary School on Riverview Road is currently undergoing a taxpayer-funded $25 million renovation. To the left of the school, a large mound of dirt is sitting there as a result of the excavation that took place as the renovations began.

To the left of the school, a small park is located. Whenever it rains, for many years, the park becomes a swamp with standing water remaining there for days after each rain event. This is a likely breeding ground for mosquitoes and other insects that may very well cause harm to the children from whom those children so often play there. It is surprising to me that, year after year, the Mount Vernon supervisor and the School Board representative have done absolutely nothing to mitigate this serious health concern for the children of our community who attend the adjacent school.

I have a suggestion: Why not take the mound of dirt and spread it over the park to raise its elevation sufficiently in conjunction with providing appropriate drainage pipes so that rainwater drains off the park during rain events so that it is no longer a health hazard for the children.

I checked the county maps and the park is not in a resource protection area (RPA). As such, there is no environmental impediment to getting this done. Sooner, the better.

H. Jay Spiegel
Mount Vernon

BULLETIN BOARD

Submit civic/community announce- ments at ConnectionNewspapers.com/ Calendar. Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

APRIL

Coffee for Campers. April is the Month of the Military Child, and to honor our nation’s little heroes, the National Military Family Association is asking if you’d give your up your coffee shop coffee and donate that extra $5 a day to send a military kid to Operation Purple Camp. Visit www.militaryfamily.org/get-involved/donate/coffee-for-campers.html to learn more.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

GrandInvolve recruits adult volunteers who are interested in mentoring, providing reading and math tutoring, as well as assisting in the classroom at Fairfax County’s Title 1 schools. They are currently seeking a core group of community volunteers for the GrandInvolve Steering Committee in the Mount Vernon District. Tasks include developing timelines, establishing goals and objectives, networking in the community, and developing community partnerships. Email GrandInvolve@gmail.com.

THIRD MONDAY OF THE MONTH

Mobile DMV, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Sherwood Hall Library. Two programs, DMV Connect and DMV 2 GO, will provide full DMV service to the 1st floor. At the Sherwood Hall service centers, customers can apply or renew their ID cards, drivers licenses, take road and knowledge tests, apply for special ID cards, get copies of their driving records, obtain vehicle titles, license plates, decals and transcripts, order disabled parking placards or plates, purchase an EZ-Pass transponder and more. A full list of services is available at www.dmv.virginia.gov.

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

Healthcare Discussion, 2-4 p.m. Mount Vernon Government Center, 2511 Parkers Lane. Fairfax County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. will host a discussion on healthcare insurance challenges, the healthcare gap affecting 19-34 year olds in Virginia, and the Medicaid gap in Virginia. The keynote speaker is Emma Schneider, Young Invincible’s Healthcare Political Activist. Free and open to the public. Visit www.fcacdst.org for more.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

The Spirituality of Recovery 7:30-9 p.m. at St. Aidan’s Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. Guest speaker is Maureen Schneider. Call 703-360-4220 or visit www.staidansepiscopal.com for more.

DEADLINE FRIDAY, APRIL 28

Mount Vernon Lee Chamber Scholarships. At least $12,000 will be awarded to local graduating seniors pursuing further education in business. Students may apply online at www.mvleno-leechamber.org/scholarship-application or call 703-360-6925 to request an application.

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Eighty percent of the time, they will repeat a crime, such as trespassing or disorderly conduct. If they commit a repeat crime, the judges can offer a "supervised release" instead of bail. Supervised release requires mandatory treatment, with supervision by a trained probation officer. The person gets treatment and can recover. Then they can be released from criminal charges and treatment only a few thousand dollars per year, over time the County will save significant funds.

That means a 60 percent reduction in crime from 80 percent to 20 percent. Literally hundreds of crimes can be prevented each year. With jail costing around $200 per day, and treatment only a few thousand dollars per year, over time the County will save significant funds.

This program is a win-win. Treatment improves lives. Crime will be reduced. Taxpayers will save long-term money. We must continue the progress of Diversion First by implementing these new avenues for diversion. This will allow the County to direct resources more efficiently, allow the Police to save time, and help people with disabilities improve their lives.

Ready for Next Phase of Diversion First

By Supervisor John C. Cook
District Supervisor (R-Braddock)

Fairfax County continues to make substantial progress on a program called "Diversion First." This program provides treatment instead of incarceration for people with mental health issues or developmental disabilities who come into contact with law enforcement for low-level offenses. With Diversion First, an officer can identify a suspect as needing supportive services, and can bring him or her to the Community Services Board (CSB) instead of making an arrest. Instead of making an arrest, officers bringing low-level offenders to the CSB saves the County money, time, and resources. Last year, 375 people were diverted from arrest into treatment, which represents a huge accomplishment. This is not the only opportunity for diversion, however. The County is now pursuing the next phase of the Diversion First program, with a focus on making adjustments after this initial contact with law enforcement.

Silence for making and meditation lasts an hour followed by sharing images or insights gained through the process, if desired. Children able to participate in silence are welcome to come with a parent's quiet supervision. KNP not necessary for attendance, but helpful for planning purposes. Call 703-360-4220, email info@centerforspiritualdeepening.org or visit www.staudeanepiscopal.com/ Center-for-Spiritual-Deepening.

Mount Vernon Preservation Challenge: George Washington’s Mount Vernon has embarked upon a special year-end fundraising campaign that will help ensure the ongoing preservation of the estate of this nation’s first President. As the country’s most popular historic home, Mount Vernon does not accept government funding, instead relying upon donations from patriotic individuals and organizations. Through the Preservation Challenge, Mount Vernon hopes to raise enough money to perform critical repairs and restoration work on original structures located in the historic area. The funds raised through the Mount Vernon Preservation Challenge will support the following projects:

- The Spring House: This building currently does not have a roof. Money originally slated for this project was reassigned to perform emergency repairs in the Mansion. The Mansion: Mount Vernon has just begun a five-year “rehabilitation” project, which is the method used in George Washington's time of cutting, beveling, and sand-casting wood siding to make it appear as if it is stone.

For more information, visit www.mountvernon.org/donate.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Peer Facilitated Mental Health Support Group 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Garlant Behavioral Health Center, 8119 Holland Road. Facilitated by trained peers with lived-experience dealing with mental health challenges. 577-414-9072 sharonmartinobs@yahoo.com Family Support Group 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at Garlant Center, 8119 Holland Road. Opportunity for discussion, information and support for families with members experiencing symptoms of mental illness. Professionally facilitated. Program varies, may include guest speakers, movies. Pre-registration is appreciated, but not required. Free. For more information contact Nja Nguyen at 703-799-2726,TTY 711.

Telephone Support Group. 7-8 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. For family caregivers of older adults. Discuss “Keeping Organized as a Caregiver: What Works?” Share experiences, gain support and get information without having to travel. Free. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/ olderadultservices.

Alzheimer’s Association support groups provide a place for people with Alzheimer’s, their caregivers, family members, and/or friends to share information, caring tips and concerns. Groups are facilitated by trained group leaders and are ongoing, free and open to the community. Call the Alzheimer’s Association 24/7 Helpline at 800-272-3900 before attending a group for the first time to verify meeting information, obtain directions or other information about the group. A complete list of all groups in the National Capital Area region can be viewed at www.alz.org/nea.

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United Community Ministries (UCM) will honor retired county Supervisor Gerry Hyland. UCM will present the inaugural Gerry Hyland Humanitarian Award to Hyland himself, the long-time Mount Vernon supervisor, at its annual fundraiser “Give from the Heart Gala” at the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office in Old Town Alexandria on Saturday, May 6.

Hyland represented the Mount Vernon district for 28 years before his 2015 retirement and was instrumental, among other successes, in the redevelopment of the Route 1 corridor and keeping the INOVA Mount Vernon Hospital anchored in the community. He also served on the UCM board of directors from 1981-1987.

“Hyland has been a valuable asset to the vitality of the Mount Vernon community,” said Ken Disselkoen, chair of the UCM Board of Directors.

UCM offers a social services program that includes after-school activities, early childhood care and learning, emergency assistance, ESL and adult education, and college scholarships.

For information about the “Give from the Heart Gala,” ticket information and donation opportunities, visit www.ucmagency.org/gala2017.html.
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Weighing Long-Term Benefits of Summer Camp

Camp experiences can enhance social and psychological development, say experts.

By Marilyn Campbell

As the end of the school year draws near, so does the beginning of summer camp experiences. Child development experts say that summer camps offer more than just fun; they present opportunities for emotional, social and psychological growth and development.

“Summer camps provide children with a sense of community where they can feel safe and learn through first-hand experiences, said Stacie Gottlieb, director, Bullis Summer Programs at Bullis School in Potomac, Md. “Within this setting, campers develop a sense of independence as they try new adventures in an environment different from the norm.”

Children benefit from the nurturing structure of a summer camp in a way that is different from the structure they get during a school year, says Jim Supple, associate dean of students and director of Summer Programs at St. Stephen’s & St. Agnes School in Alexandria. “Summer camps allow children to be children,” he said. “They allow them to make new friends, try new things, and learn how to be part of a group. These are attributes of camps that will promote not only healthy interaction among peers, but also building a healthy image of what type of child they want to be.”

A summer camp where children engage in new and memorable activities will sow seeds for learning during the upcoming academic year, said Shannon Melideo, Ph. D., associate dean of the School of Education & Human Services and associate professor of education at Marymount University. “For example, if your child’s summer camp takes a field trip to a historical site that your son finds fascinating and then during the school year, the teacher introduces [the] same historical events and location, he has schema for the lessons. He is more likely to participate, learn more, be better prepared to read his social studies textbook, and even perform better on the exam.”

“Summer camp can be a terrific opportunity to grow your child’s sense of competence and mastery over something that they love,” added Carolyn Lorente, Ph.D., professor of psychology, Northern Virginia Community College. “By picking a camp where your child has an interest, they can be mentored in a passion in ways that a typical school day often can’t.”

When selecting a camp, Melideo advises parents to consider a complete picture of their child. “For example, while your daughter, Sophia loves softball, find a summer camp where she can refine [her] batting and pitching skills and engage with books, perform in skits, play math games, and try something new,” she said.

A child’s social skills can be boosted at camps which provide children with opportunities to make new friends or nurture existing friendships, says Colleen K. Vesely, Ph. D., assistant professor of Early Childhood Education and Human Development at George Mason University. “Developing new social and cognitive skills outside the physical walls and social boundaries of school can help promote healthy self-esteem in children, while spending time in nature can boost children’s overall health and well-being.”

Camps offer an opportunity for children to gain skills that lead to independence. “For older children, over 8-plus years old, typically sleep away camp offers opportunities to develop independence and self-reliance by providing children with space to navigate daily life away from the directing of parents but under the guidance of trusted adults,” said Vesely.

For some parents, there are mixed emotions around enrolling a child in camp. “Sometimes working parents feel guilty for enrolling their children in summer camps because of the need for child care during the work day,” said Ivy Beringer, Ed.D., professor of Early Childhood Education and Dean for Social and Professional Sciences at Northern Virginia Community College. However, children are usually very excited to attend summer camps. This is especially true if the children have input into the camp selection.”

“Summer camps allow for continuous learning that extends beyond the regular school year and provide a relaxed atmosphere that stimulates their brains for creative learning without the assessment anxiety that often accompanies school classroom learning,” said Beringer. “[Summer camp] enhances self-esteem by offering special interest learning in small group situations and often with a lower adult-student ratio in school settings.”

“A mother recently called me with a concern that her son only wanted to attend soccer camps this summer and she felt this was too limited of an experience,” continued Beringer. “My response to her was that if he was interested in improving his soccer skills she should view this in a positive light. After all, he will be outdoors in the fresh air and sunshine everyday, exercising his body, and enhancing skills in a sport he loves. What’s not good about that choice?”
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“Breaking the Glass Ceiling – The Sky’s the Limit” Exhibit-April 10, 7-9 p.m. at 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. at Del Ray Artisans. Artists reflect on this metaphor of pushing barriers. Visit www.delrayartisans.org or call 703-838-4827.

UCM Raffle Tickets. Ongoing, the United Community Ministries is raffling off a trip to Cancun at the ‘Give From the Heart’ Gala on May 6 at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, 600 Dulany St. $175 admission, $25 raffle ticket. Visit www.ucmva.org for more.

Water Taxi to National Mall. Through April 16. Departing at 11:10 a.m., 1:35 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. from the waterfront at Cameron and Union streets. Potomac Riverboat Company offers a 30-minute direct water taxi to the National Mall in Washington, D.C. to access events of the National Cherry Blossom Festival, including the Blossom Kite Festival. $28 round-trip for adults, $16 one-way for adults, $16.50 round-trip for children under 12, $8 one-way for children under 12. Visit www.potomacrivertaxi.com or call 703-684-0580 for more.

The Mercy Walk Tour. Saturdays and Sundays through April 16, 2:30 p.m. Tour starts at the Alexandria Visitor Center, 221 King St. The Mercy Walk tour will give visitors and locals alike a feel for what it was like to live in an occupied city during the Civil War. $13 adults, $7 children, $12 seniors. Call 703-519-1749 or visit www.alexandriatours.com for more.

3-Dimensional Views Artshow. Through April 23, various times at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, Studio 29, 105 N. Union St. This show will also highlight the work of three featured artists: Emma Bednar, Gayle Roethm, and Emma Thompson. Free. Visit www.potomacfiberartgallery.com or call 703-548-0935 for more.


Costumes of Mercy Street. Through Sept. 1, at The Lyceum. Alexandria’s History Museum, 201 S. Washington St. To learn more about The Lyceum, visit alexandriaviva.org or call 703-746-4994.

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.alexandriaviva.org/forwardformore.

Alexandria’s Nurses and Hospitals During the Civil War. Ongoing at The Lynneum, 201 S. Washington St. An exhibit on the life of Garisone Jones, a nurse at The Lynneum 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 Annie Reading, who worked in the Mansion House hospital, and Jane Woorley, who served at the Fairfax Seminary Hospital. Admission is $2. Visit www.alexandriaviva.org/lyceumformore.

Shield of Earth: Defending the Heart of the Union exhibit. Ongoing, museum hours Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sundays, noon-5 p.m. at Fort Ward Museum, 4301 West Braddock Road. Highlights of the exhibition include military passes issued by Provost Marshal’s Office, construction tools, and original photographs of some of Washington’s defenders. 703-746-4848 or www.fortward.org.

WHO THESE WOUNDED ARE: THE EXTRAORDINARY STORIES OF THE MANSION HOUSE HOSPITAL EXHIBIT. Ongoing, Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. at The Gayle House Historic Museum, 1129 S. Byrd St. Come see the site that inspired “Mercy Street,” the new PBS series inspired by real events that took place at Carlyle House. Visit www.carlylehouse.org or call 703-549-299.

Alexandria Caros and Coffee invites car enthusiasts to meet for coffee at Hollin Hall Shopping Center in front of Rosetine’s, 1307 Shenandoah Road. Owners of classic cars, hot rods, exotic cars, motorcycles and more meet to share car stories and drink coffee. Group meets the first Sunday of every month. 8:30-10 a.m. Visit www.alexandriacoarsandcoffee.org.

Opening Reception. Artist Avis Fleming’s opening reception 2-4 p.m. Sunday, May 7, at Printmakers Inc., Studio 325 (third floor) of the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. A one-artist show of etchings, lithographs, monotypes, paintings and ceramics runs May 1 through June 28. Call 703-683-1342.

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Color-Disorder Exhibit. Ongoing, Thursday through Sunday, noon-6 p.m., Sundays, noon-4 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. A joint exhibition of artists Katie Baines and Amy Chan who use diverse painting materials such as acrylic, gouache, airbrush and screen print to build energized abstract paintings. Visit www.atlas.org or 703-548-0035.

Flamecon Show. Wednesdays and Thursdays, 7:30-8:30 p.m. at La Tasca, 607 King St. Watch dancers and guitarists perform traditional flamenco. Free to attend. Call 703-299-9810 or visit www.latascausa.com.

French Movie Night. Every Thursday, 7 p.m. in the back room of Fontaine Cafe and Copperite, 115 S. Royal Street. View a French film. Free. No reservation necessary. Call 703-535-8151 or visit www.fontainecaffefrench.com or reviews.html.

Their Fates Interwoven: The Lees of Alexandria in the War of 1812, Wednesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. -6 p.m. Sundays, 1-4 p.m. Lee-Fendall House and Gardens, 614 Oronoco St. A new exhibit on the experiences of the Lee family in Alexandria during the War of 1812 examines the contributions of Alexandria’s citizens during the conflict that led to the writing of our nation’s anthem through the lenses of this iconic Virginia family. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org or call 703-548-1789.

Dinner for the Washingtons. 12 p.m. at George Washington’s Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. A walking tour that goes behind the scenes to find out how food was prepared and served before the era of microwaves and TV dinners. $5 in addition to estate admission. Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.


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 the public. 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.

Civil War Sundays. 1-5 p.m. at Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 510 North Union St., #327. Learn more about the Civil War as it occurred in Alexandria. Find dioramas, newspaper articles and more. Free. Visit www.alexandriacoarsandcoffee.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 for more.

Wake Up Wednesdays. Featuring The Pop Up Café, 7-9:30 a.m. on Wednesday’s near the King Street Tunnel - Carlyle Entrance located near 2000 Duke Street near Metley Food. The cafe will feature music, live music to help commuters start the day off right and donuts from Sugar Shack. maurisapotts@gmail.com
**THURSDAY/APRIL 20**

**Jazz Musicians** 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Tom Teasley and Serh Kibel create a blend includes Jewish klezmer, Arabic rhythms, and American jazz. $15 or $10 for NVFAA members. Visit www.nvfaa.org or call 703-548-0035.

**FRIDAY/APRIL 21**

**Third Friday Dance.** Jazz Musicians every third Friday at Hollin Hall Senior Hall, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Newcomers welcome to book for a performance. Visit www.HHSingers.org or call Bruce at 703-352-5271.

**SATURDAY/APRIL 22**

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**The Harmony Heritage Singers** (Mount Vernon Zion Church of Barbershop Harmony Society), a daytime, a cappella, Chorus rehearses on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday, monthly, at Sherwood Hall Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Newcomers welcome to book for a performance. Visit www.HHSingers.org or call Bruce at 703-352-5271.

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**Friday/April 21**

**Third Friday Dance.** 7:30-9:30 p.m., Room 112, Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. The performers are with the Mount Vernon Swing Band under the leadership of Mr. Owen Hammer. $4. Visit www.hollinhalloccenter.org or call 703-765-4645 for more.

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**Fair Housing Poster Contest** “Alexandria is a Welcoming Community” is the theme for this year’s contest. Submissions of posters will be accepted from all Alexandria students in grades Kindergarten through 7. Posters should be original artwork and represent the theme. Call 703-746-3079 or visit www.lvfaa.org for more info.

**Saturday/April 22**

**Mount Vernon Flea Market.** 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at Fort Hunt High School. An assortment of goods for sale. Free. Meadowbrookcenter.org or www.mvfma.com for more info.

**Garden Day Herb & Craft Sale.** 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St. Celebrate spring with the Friends of Carlyle House’s Annual Garden Day Herb and Craft Sale. $5 for adults; $3 for children, free for Friends of Carlyle House. Call 703-495-2997 for more.

**Groundbreaking Ceremony.** 8:30 a.m. at Windmill Hill Park, 501 South Union St. The project consists of replacing the failed bulkhead and eroding shoreline along the river with a “living shoreline,” as approved by City Council in June 2015. Improvements will also be made to Union Street adjacent to the park, consistent with the Union Street Corridor Study. Rain or shine. Visit www.alexandriava.gov for more.

**Earth Day Up Cycles.** 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at West Potomac High School, 6500 Quander Rd. West Potomac High School volunteers to complete a beautification project as a part of an Earth Day celebration. The project will include planting the foundation of a learn-to-grow and general garden clean-up. Please bring gardening tools if possible. Visit www.ftps.edu/WestPotomacHS/ for more.

**Concert**

The Everly Brothers Experience, 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, on April 27, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. Visit www.birchmere.com for more.

**Garden Tour.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Alexandria Valley Center, 221 King St. The members of the Garden Club of Alexandria and The Hunting Creek Garden Club are opening five homes in Old Town. $45 in advance, $55 at the door. Visit www.vagardenerweek.org for more.

**Raptor Rapture Birdwalk.** 10 a.m.-noon at the Belle Haven picnic area of the George Washington Memorial Parkway. Celebrate Earth day by learning more about raptors, a family that includes owls, hawks, and falcons. Visit www.fdmn.org for more.

**Spring Fashion Show and Luncheon.** 10 a.m. at Aldergate UMC, 1301 Collingwood Road. Advance tickets $25. Limited tickets at door $30. Call 703-765-6555.


**Author, Lecturer, and Historian.** 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. C.R. Gibbs will host a discussion of “Hidden Heroes: African Americans, NASA and The Quest for the Final Frontier.” Free. 703-746-4356.

**Discovery Day at Historic Huntley.** 1-4 p.m. at Historic Huntley, 6918 Harrison Lane. Enjoy activities for the whole family while discovering how Historic Huntley changed over time. Suggested donation $3, children under 10 free. Call 703 768-2525 for more.

**Firefighting History Walking Tour.** 1-2:30 p.m. at Friendship Firehouse Museum, 107 Alfred St. “Blazing a Trail: Alexandria’s Firefighting History” tour. $6 for adults and $4 ages 10-17. Visit www.shop.alexandriava.gov or call 703-746-4994 or 707-746-3891.

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**Meet the Performing Artist.** 7 p.m. at Bishop Ireton High School Theater, 201 Cambridge Road. An evening of magic and illusion featuring the world-famous raptor, $15/person or $20 at the door, benefits Bishop Ireton Theater Technical Department and IBM Ring 50. Email danalalselick@yahoo.com or call 703-347-5540 for more.

**Concerts at St. Luke’s.** 7:30 p.m. at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, 8009 Fort Hunt Road. Paul Leavitt, a musician, composer and organist will be playing St. Luke’s Visser’s Opus 127, “tracker” 3-manual pipe organ. Showcasing the music of Bach, Busnabbale, Dooey, and Beboy. A reception will follow. $20 adults, $15 seniors, free to 18 years and younger. Visit www.saintlukeschurch.net/ events for more info.

**Saturaday/Sunday/April 22-23**

**Barley & Music Fest.** noon-6 p.m. at John Carlyle Square Park, 300 John Carlyle St. Craft brews from 18 artisanal breweries, live entertainment, and food vendors. Email barleymusicfest@gmail.com.

**Sunday/April 23**

**Meet the Artists.** 1-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. One of the area’s wetland flora and fauna, highlighting their exhibit “Natural Beauty: Paintings of the Potomac Valley Watercolors,” which runs April 18-June 18. Free. Visit www.PotomacValleyWatercolors.org or call 703-941-7987 for more.

**Meet the Performing Artist.** 1-4 p.m. at Potomac waterfront at King Street to Gadsby’s Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Sheldon Scott uses the history of harvesting ice from the Potomac, and the storage and use of this ice at Gadsby’s, as his starting point. A Public Art Exhibition series commissioned by the Alexandria Office of the Arts. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/Arts.

**Dominion Chorale Opera.** 4 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 4915 East Campus Drive. The chorale will be joined by finalists and semifinalists of the 2016 Washington International Competition for Voice, and pianist, Thomas Pandolfi. Visit www.newdominion.org for more.

**Jazz at Meade.** 4 p.m. at Meade Memorial Episcopal Church, 322 N. Alfred St. This year is the 105th anniversary of the Jazz at Meade series. $20 donation, free street parking, free intermission buff. Call 267-463-7936 for more.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Meet the Artists

“By July the Pansies Get Leggy” by Carolyn Marshall Wright is one of the paintings in the exhibit “Natural Beauty: Paintings of the Potomac Valley Watercolorists,” running April 20 through June 18 at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Meet the artists on Sunday, April 23. Free. Visit www.PotomacValleyWatercolorists.org or call 703-941-7987 for more.

FRIDAY/APRIL 28
Musical Tribute. 6-10 p.m. at The Carlyle Club, 2050 Ballenger Ave. Brendore Entertainment presents a tribute to the music of Marvin Gaye and Teddy Pendergrass. Music by the Brendore Allstars Band. $30-35. Visit www.brendore.com for more.

SATURDAY/APRIL 29
Fairfax County Anniversary. 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St. “A Place Called Home: Fairfax County. A 275th Anniversary Event” is a day-long exploration of the history of Fairfax County. Free. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library or 703-293-6227 ext. 6.

Native Plant Sale. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at 1701 N. Quaker Lane parking lot. Fifteen vendors from four states selling native perennials, shrubs, and trees for sun or shade. Call 571-232-0375 or visit www.NorthernAlexandriaNativePlantSale.org for more.

Our Readers Will Spend Millions On Their Children This Summer

Summer Camps, Education and Activities 2017

Just in Time for Summer Planning

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Our readers are super-involved parents who plan to spend millions of dollars on their children’s summer camps, summer learning and summer fun. Let them know what you have to offer in this colorful pullout section. Reach more than 200,000 readers and viewers from the area’s top demographic families. Call for special pricing on multiple publications.
Garden Tour

This garden at 607 Cameron Street is one stop on Old Town's Garden Tour, starting April 22, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Alexandria Visitors Center, 221 King St. The members of the Garden Club of Alexandria and The Hunting Creek Garden Club are sponsoring tour of five homes in Old Town. $45 in advance, $55 day of tour. Visit www.vagardenweek.org for more.

TUESDAY/MAY 2
Meet the Author. 7:30 a.m. at the Campagna Center, 418 S. Washington St. Frank Sesno will discuss the changing role of the media in America and outline his new book, "Ask More: The Power of Questions to Open Doors, Uncover Solutions, and Spark Change." $25. Call 703-549-0111 for more.

SATURDAY/MAY 6
Spring Art Market. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Del Ray Artisans’ Spring Art Market showcases original artwork from local artists in a wide range of mediums. Visit DelRayArtisans.org/ArtMarket.

Water Discovery Day. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 1500 Limerick St. Water Discovery Day is a free, family-focused, community event that will give attendees the opportunity to go behind the water cycle scene to explore, learn and create through a series of hands-on activities. Visit alexrenew.com for more.

FRIDAY/MAY 5
Opening Reception. 7-9 p.m. at the Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. In this "Speak Your Mind," exhibit, May 5-28, artists express the message of what they see, feel or think through art. Visit mrsvheartsart.com for more.

MONDAY/MAY 1
Garden Sprouts: Nature Playgroup. 10-11:30 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Nature-themed activities to meet other playgroup parents one Monday each month. A staff member is on hand to put out nature sensory bins, direct games and activities or lead a garden walk. An adult must accompany registered child. The topics for May are butterflies and Mother's Day. $5. Child. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parksgreenspring or call 703-642-5173.

SUNDAY/APRIL 30
Ballet Performance: "Cinderella." 1-3 p.m. at Simpson Park Demonstration Gardens, 420 E. Monroe St. Learn tips to entice birds and other beneficial pollinators to the yard. Master gardeners and Audubon at Home volunteers will be on hand to offer tours, answer gardening questions, and distribute free seeds. Visit www.vagardenweek.org for more.

APRIL 29-30
Grand Opening Weekend. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and noon-4 p.m. Sunday at Home On Cameron, 315 Cameron St. Interior designers Susan Nelson and Todd Martz announce the opening of their new shop that focuses on design concepts. Visit www.homencameron.com or call 703-888-1475 for more.

TRANSFORMING LIVES GALA

EVENING "YET I STAND." 2-4 p.m. at the Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. In honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, “Yet I Stand,” is a community play about Elise, a teenager who has been sexually assaulted, the harrowing after-effects and how her family and friends encourage her to heal. Visit www.re-creationsllc.org or call 703-209-6588.

ANNUAL SPRING GALA FUNDRAISER.

6 p.m. at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, 5000 Seminary Road. Fundraiser to support the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria. Tickets to the Gala and sponsorship opportunities are currently available at www.501auction.com/cfg. Individuals or businesses interested in donating goods or services to the Gala and Silent Auction may contact the Scholarship office at 703-824-6790 or email Beth.Lovain@aps.k12.va.us.

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8-11 p.m. at Gaddy's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal St. Victorian-era ball will feature the waltz, Virginia Reel, and more, as well as live music, desserts, and a cash bar. Period attire, either military or civilian, encouraged. $45 Call 703-746-4242 or visit www.gaddysts.org for more.

CIVIL WAR BALL.

7 p.m. at the Monument Mourning National Memorial, 101 Callahan Road. Three seatings: noon, 3 p.m., and 6 p.m. George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive. $32. Visit www.masonics.org for more.

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BOOK TALK WITH FRED KNOPS.

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6 p.m. at the Westin Alexandria, 400 Courthouse Square. Auction, cocktails, dancing and desserts to help transform the lives of families on the brink of homelessness by providing affordable housing through Good Shepherd. $35. Visit www.goodhousing.org for more.

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Over the last five years, there have been 461 crashes just within the three-mile stretch of Route 1 between Jeff Todd Way and Napper Road. Two of those included pedestrian fatalities, making it one of the most dangerous roadways to walkers in Virginia. That data was part of Mark Gibney’s presentation on the Virginia Department of Transportation project to widen that area of Richmond Highway from four to six lanes.

Widening

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Magic Skillet.

“This is one of the oldest communities in the county, rich with history,” Thompson continued, “and I hope those that have deep roots here are able to afford the community in which they were raised when it’s all said and done.”

Supervisor Dan Storck (D-Mount Vernon) summed up the balance of sadness and joy he and many in the community feel at the outset of such a project. But ultimately, he said, “This community needs this redevelopment.”

For someone who’s built a business over the last 25 years, Storck said he understands. “It’s like birthing a child.” Losing it, he admitted, could be “sad, frustrating.” Or for some, through the acquisition process, a relief.

For more information, visit the VDOT project site at www.virginiadot.org/richmondhighway.

Comments can be emailed to richmondhighway@vdot.virginia.gov. You can also mail them to Mr. Mark Gibney, PE., 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA, 22030.

Gibney is the primary VDOT contact on the project, handling location and design. He is also reachable by email at mark.gibney@vdot.virginia.gov and phone at 703-259-2734.

Mark Gibney’s slides included a draft graphic of a typical segment of the improved roadway, which will include protected elements for bicycles and pedestrians.

From left, VDOT project managers Mark Gibney and Amanda Baxter lead a public information meeting on the widening of Route 1 from Jeff Todd Way to Napper Road at Mount Vernon High School on April 18.

VDOT’s Amanda Baxter tried to calm some of the anxiety by saying each right of way impact case will be unique, and there “could be temporary easements or partial acquisitions” in certain scenarios. In the MVHS cafeteria following the presentation, additional VDOT representatives interacted with community members.
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, April 22, 2017, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon as may be, for the consideration of the following described items:

AN ORDINANCE to add a new Article C (STORMWATER UTILITY) to Chapter 6 (WATER AND SEWAGE) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, as amended.

The proposed ordinance adopts the framework of the stormwater utility and associated stormwater management fee that is based on a property’s impervious surface area, to fund costly state and federal stormwater mandates.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordinate Section 4-1-16 of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, as amended.

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 licentines, moped, loan equipment, money, scooters, and other items. All persons having any 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 digital replica of the print edition, including photos and ads, delivered weekly to your e-mail box. Questions? E-mail: printnew@connectionnewspapers.com

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AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordinate Section 1-9-109 (WEEDS AND BRUSH) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, as amended.

Interior Designer Yard Sale

SALE DATE: SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2017 – 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Mini Interior and Outdoor Furniture (including Queen bed set, Kravet large chair, Walnut tables, Antiques, bar stools, mirrors, Old captains chest, slipper chair, brass andirons and fireplace ledger, large outdoor umbrella, large storage rack, lamp, Bed frames, designer pillows, draperies, fabrics and trims, loads of fine home and garden décor, bike rack, electronics, appliances, Xmas decor, glass and ceramics, shoes, purses, frames, designer overalls, and SO MUCH MORE!

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed proposals for the City of Alexandria per specifications will be received in the Office of the Purchasing Division until the date and time designated as follows:

RFQ/201500088: Eisenhower West / Landmark Van Dorn Roadway Infrastructure Plan

RFQ Closing Date and Time: May 12, 2017 at 4:00 p.m., prevailing local time, located in the Virginia State Plumbing Code, Section 4-1-16 of the code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.
The proposed ordinance adopts the framework of the stormwater utility and associated stormwater management fee that is based on a property’s impervious surface area, to fund costly state and federal stormwater mandates.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordinate Section 3-2-181 (LEVIED; AMOUNT), Section 3-2-220 (SEWER), Title 5 (TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES), of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

The proposed ordinance increases the sewer line maintenance charge item $1.40 to $1.82 for every 1000 gallons of water supplied per month or quarter.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordinate Section 3-2-181 (LEVIED; AMOUNT), Section 3-2-188 (CLASSIFICATION AND TAXATION OF CERTAIN COMMERCIAL, AND INDUSTRIAL REAL PROPERTY), and Section 3-2-189 (TIER) POTOMAC YARD METROPOLITAN STATION SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT (TWO) of Division 1 (REAL ESTATE), and Section 3-2-221 (LEVIED ON TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY OTHER THAN MOBILE HOMES, AUTOMOBILES, TRUCKS, ANTIQUE MOTOR VEHICLES, TAXICABS, MOTOR VEHICLES WITH SPECIALLY DESIGNED EQUIPMENT FOR USE BY THE HANDICAPPED, MOTORCYCLES, CAMPER AND OTHER RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, BOATS AND TRAILERS) of Division 3 (TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY AND MACHINERY AND TOOLS), all of Article M (LEVY AND COLLECTION OF PROPERTY TAXES), Chapter 2 (TAXATION), Title 3 (FINANCE, TAXATION AND PROCUREMENT) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

The proposed ordinance sets the city’s calendar year 2017 general tax rates for (1) real property; (2) personal property; (3) machinery and tools; and (4) for the additional real property taxes assessed on commercial and industrial real property; and (5) real property located in the special services tax district located in the Tier 1 Potomac Yard Metrorail Special Services District.

PUBLIC HEARING on the Draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Action Plan for Housing and Community Development.

THE PUBLIC IS ADVISED THAT AMENDMENTS OR ADDITIONS MAY BE MADE TO PROPOSED ORDINANCES WITHOUT FURTHER NOTIFICATION. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT PERSONS INTERESTED IN ANY OF THESE ORDINANCES OBTAIN FREE FULL-TEXT COPIES FROM THE CITY CLERK AT CITY HALL. IF THE MAYOR FINDS AND DECLARES THAT WEATHER OR OTHER CONDITIONS ARE SUCH THAT IT IS HAZARDOUS FOR MEMBERS TO ATTEND THE MEETING, THIS MEETING WILL BE CONTINUED TO THE FOLLOWING SATURDAY JACQUIE M. HENDERSON, MMC, CITY CLERK.
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