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**Public officials celebrate Dominion Energy's donation of air conditioning units to ARHA, the local public housing authority. From left are Daniel Bauman, chair of ARHA's Board of Commissioners; Keith Pettigrew, ARHA's CEO; state Sen. Dick Saslaw (D-35); Dominion's Scott Reamy; and City Councilman Willie Bailey.**

## No Longer a Luxury

**Dominion Energy donates air conditioning units to public housing.**

BY DAN BRENDEL  
GAZETTE PACKET

In the fittingly nasty heat last Thursday, Aug. 16, Dominion Energy donated 156 window air conditioning units to the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority (ARHA).

ARHA administers federal housing programs, including public housing and "Section 8" vouchers, locally. While some of its properties have central air conditioning, Samuel Madden and Andrew Adkins in Old Town don't. Until Dominion's donation, Madden and Adkins tenants have been left to purchase their own air conditioning units.

Older people "remember when air conditioning was thought of as a luxury," said Bill Murray, a Dominion executive. "What we've come to find, actually, is that it is just as dangerous to lack cooling as it is to lack heating. That's still something that public policy is catching up to."

"Children, the elderly, and people with chronic conditions are usually the first to suffer from the

heat. Heat exhaustion, cramps, or — in extreme cases — heat stroke can result from prolonged exposure to these temperatures," according to the Alexandria Health Department.

The donated air conditioning units, plus funding to operate them, come through Dominion's EnergyShare program. EnergyShare, which has expanded since its establishment in 1982, provides bill assistance and energy upgrades to low-income persons, seniors, persons with disabilities, and veterans. Dominion distributes these benefits through partnerships with public agencies and nonprofits — for example, Alexandria's Department of Community and Human Services, Rebuilding Together, and the Salvation Army. Starting in FY 2019, which began July 1, Dominion committed \$13 million per year for 10 years, as required by Virginia's Grid Transformation and Security Act, a new law.

EnergyShare funding comes from voluntary sources, including shareholders' after-tax profits, meaning "they can't write it off," said state Sen. Dick Saslaw (D-35), who represents Alexandria's westernmost part. Customers can also tack donations onto their monthly bills.

"I just want to thank Dominion and ARHA for their consideration of residents. It's good for residents to be able to be in cool units, especially some

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## Help Plan Future Of Public Housing

**ARHA seeks public comment.**

BY DAN BRENDEL  
GAZETTE PACKET

The Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority (ARHA) is seeking public comment on its HUD-required FY 2019 Annual Agency Plan, before adopting the document next month.

The plan includes major planning initiatives, as well as activities and progress in a variety of areas and the use of resources during FY 2018.

The draft reaffirms ARHA's intention to modernize or redevelop

492 housing units — over 40 percent of its total inventory — on seven properties. These properties include Ramsey Homes (already underway); the Ladrey high-rise (housing for seniors and persons with disabilities); Andrew Adkins; Samuel Madden Homes; Hopkins-Tancil Courts; ARHA's old administration building; and Cameron Valley. All but the last are located in Old Town.

Additionally, ARHA would dispose of 43 units located within two larger condo communities — Park Place and Saxony Square. In each

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## Irish Festival To Honor Pat Troy

**Memorabilia sale to include Ireland's Own Reagan table.**

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

Pat Troy was larger than life, a proud Irishman who would tell anyone who listened that one of the highlights of his life was when President Ronald

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**Pat Troy, a founder of the city's St. Patrick's Day Parade.**

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# Hermitage Hosts Kaine Residents use community meeting to question senator.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

**T**he Hermitage Northern Virginia hosted U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine Aug. 15 at a community meeting at tended by the facility's residents and neighborhood citizens.

"This was a very informative meeting," said 92-year-old Stanley Turkel, a World War II Army Air Corps veteran. "And his comments about the Pledge of Allegiance and the oath he takes as senator to the Constitution meant a lot to me as a veteran."

Kaine had talked about the history of the Pledge of Allegiance and noted that as a member of Congress his oath is to uphold the Constitution of the United States, not to support any particular president or political party.

"As a senator, I take an oath to 'support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic,'" said Kaine in quoting a part of the formal oath of office all members of Congress take when elected. "That's very powerful and I take that oath seriously."

For nearly two hours, attendees asked questions ranging from the upcoming Supreme Court confirmation hearings for Judge Brett Kavanaugh to Russian hacking



**World War II veteran Stanley Turkel, right, speaks with U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine following a community meeting Aug. 15 at The Hermitage Northern Virginia.**



**Laura Lawson asks a question regarding Virginia's Real ID procedures during a community meeting with U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine Aug. 15 at The Hermitage Northern Virginia.**

PHOTOS BY JEANNE THEISMANN/GAZETTE PACKET

and diplomatic relations between the U.S. and North Korea.

The subject of Medicare was brought up when Kaine was asked why the health insurance program does not cover hearing aids.

"I don't know why hearing aids are not covered," Kaine replied. "Technology continues to improve and costs come down. It's

an obvious omission in a really important program."

Virginia's Real ID guidelines, the national opioid crisis and services for veterans were also part of the discussion.

"I learned a lot today," said Cindy Courville, who was in the audience. "This was an important meeting for all of us to attend."

## A Morning of Food, Flowers, Crafts, and Music

**T**he Old Town Farmers Market was in full swing Saturday, Aug. 11, as it has been each summer and fall for the past over 250 years. Located at 301 King St., visitors will find traditional and unusual vendors offering a range of options including: Wood and clay crafters, farmers selling an abundance of fruit and vegetables, pasta sellers, pork and beef sellers, specialty ham seller, flower mart sellers, farm fresh egg sellers, mushroom seller, plant sellers, fruit and veggie canned preservatives, bakery specialists, Amish farmer selling eggs, milk, butter, and painters and photographers, custom clothiers, and entertaining street musicians.

The market is open each Saturday morning until noon.

— GERALD A. FILL



**Randy Vanscoy and Annika Eelkema with preserves.**



**James Moore and Jarrett McKinney at the Alexandria Families for Safe Streets booth. See [www.alxffss.org](http://www.alxffss.org).**



**Kelly Walker with winged children's clothes.**



**Stefanie Tolosh, 14-month-old Bayleigh Tolosa and Sandy Phillips**



**Sax players Dwight Washington and D.J. Smith**

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High school students participate at Hack BI, a computer programming competition hosted at Ireton in January.



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A member of Ireton's Girls Who Code club teaches about programming at Hack BI, a computer programming competition hosted at Ireton in January.

# Pursuing Holiness through Education

## Exploring a religious high school's role in Alexandria.

BY DAN BRENDEL  
GAZETTE PACKET

*Below is the seventh in an ongoing series of conversations with local religious leaders about religion in the public square. It's edited for space, style, and flow.*

**D**r. Thomas Curry serves as the Head of School at Bishop Ireton Catholic High School. After growing up in Catholic schools, as an adult he's spent much of his career in Catholic education. Ireton is one of eight religious schools in Alexandria, according to the Virginia Council for Private Education. It's one of five private

### A CONVERSATION

schools in Alexandria serving grades 9-12, in addition to T. C. Williams, the city's public high school.

**Catholic teaching speaks of "penetrat[ing] of all spheres of human society" and "sanctif[y]ing" ... the world from within as a leaven." Though religions, not least Catholicism, also have various alternative institutions — especially schools, media. Could you comment on this tension?**

For 55 years, you've got students who've come from mainly Alexandria to Bishop Ireton, and then gone off and really changed the world. ... Being a coed school, and being a place where religion can be discussed freely, and where faith can be practiced freely, we think is a preparation for the real world. Because the Church has never been out of the world, the Church has always been in the world. Christ, if we speak from the perspective of faith, is the incarnation

of God in the world. So we have always been an incarnated Church. ... And the school's the same. We are an extension of the Church's mission to proclaim the gospel, and that's through education."

**"You've spoken most about the role of faith in the education of the actual students .... Would you sit down with the principals, or whoever your counterparts would be, in public schools periodically and discuss the state of youth in the city? Or do teachers cross-pollinate in that way?"**

"We have service as part of our curriculum. ... Senior centers, preschools, some other places. So [students are] out in the field, if you will, doing direct service to those in need. We'll also do fundraisers here. We have a sister school in Haiti that we support. We have service trips to Camden, New Jersey, which is a city devastated with poverty and drugs and crime. ... We also do something called Work Camp, where kids go away for a full week ... to build projects in rural areas. Internationally, we're a global school with Catholic Relief Services [an aid organization]. ... We collect money and we teach our kids about what service means globally. ...

"When it comes to safety and security, our director of operations has been to several conversations with his counterparts at St.



Dr. Thomas Curry, Head of School, Bishop Ireton Catholic High School.

Stephen's, Episcopal and T. C.

"With teachers, I've seen the arts programs connect. Two years ago, [our students] had an opportunity to play at the Kennedy Center. We had choirs from I think five different public schools come and join the students from BI.

"Last year we did a 'hackathon' [a computer programming competition]. ... I think we drew from like 45 schools. Kids from all sorts of public schools came in.

"One thing that we'd like to do is to connect our students — and this also gets to your question about leaven — to local businesses; to

the National Science Foundation; our parents are involved in government and military and the private sector and the Church; and nonprofits, we're in the nonprofit capital of the world here; how many associations are here in Alexandria, and how many of their parents are sitting on those boards? So getting a kind of small institute within the school — I'm not sure what that looks like, exactly — that connects students to those various areas, while they're students. And having those leaders ... come and talk to our kids.

"We are a Catholic school within the Salesian tradition, which goes back to St. Francis de Sales. He was one of the first saints to build a lay spirituality. He saw holiness in the way that mothers raise their children, in the way that the shopkeepers treated their customers, and he built on

that. It's in and through your profession, or your vocation, that God is calling you to holiness. That's how we see our education here. Circle-the-wagons Catholicism, it doesn't make sense to me. I mean, you're always in the world. To escape, I think, is the opposite of Catholic."

**Bishop Ireton says: "The presence of students from other faiths provides a wonderful diversity to the school." At the same time, "non-Catholic students are expected to participate in the religious formation and education programs" and "must participate in liturgies." Does this ever present a challenge, despite voluntary enrollment? What other religions are present?**

"We have a full array of Protestant denominations, Jewish teachers, five or six Muslim students. I think [non-Catholic students] welcome [attendance at Mass]. It's kind of neat, as a school, to be totally there, everyone: 'this is Bishop Ireton, all of us in the flesh.' And that includes everybody.

"I don't think it's a tension. In fact, one of my former students at another school I taught at was Orthodox Jewish, and was probably my best theology student. Part of it was because he asked a lot of questions. We had a great relationship. His parents invited me over to a Seder for Passover and I got to read some of the prayer. I've taught world religions myself. My area actually was in Mahayana Buddhism and Catholicism, and those kinds of conversations. So the Dalai Lama commenting on the four Gospels, I find that fascinating. And Catholic theologians commenting on the writings for the Buddhist tradition.

"We don't make [non-Catholic students] say the certain Catholic prayers, we don't make them sign themselves. That would be inappropriate and disrespectful, absolutely. It's only been positive, because the students

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## LIVING LEGENDS

# Responding to, and Learning from, Crises

## Marion Moon gives back to the community.

BY MIKE LANE

**“Y**ou learn a lot about people by the way they get through crises.” Marion Moon remembers hearing that advice from her father when she was a young woman.

Having lived in Alexandria since 1951, she attended what was then George Washington High School.

Moon married and divorced young. Her marriage blessed her with two sons: Rick and Craig. She faced the challenges of single-motherhood while successfully pursuing a trailblazing professional career that allowed her to provide for her family.

In the 1970s, Moon began 15-years of volunteer work for Northern Virginia Offender Aid and Restoration (OAR) mentoring detainees. She was elected president of the Northern Virginia OAR where she pioneered creation of family support groups.

In the early 1980s, Moon became the first woman leasing manager for Chrysler. She called on the transportation manager at Washington National Airport to inquire if they ran their own taxi service. After demonstrating how the airport's best option was to lease 100 taxis from her, Moon became Chrysler's top leasing manager nationwide, earning her an incentive trip to see the Washington Redskins beat the Miami Dolphins in Super Bowl XVII. But all trip awardees were required to share a room and Moon was the only woman who earned the award. She decided to take Rick and Craig on the trip, pay for all their expenses herself, and share her room with them. Mini-crisis solved!

A decade later, Moon founded Convention and Tradeshow Freight Specialists (CTFS, né Convention Freight Services) with her son Rick. This was another industry where women were not prominent players. Today, CTFS is a nationally recognized leader among its peers. This successful business venture provides the resources for her

wide-ranging philanthropic activities.

To what does she attribute CTFS' success? “We encounter a myriad of challenges with an immediate deadline for resolution. I find that I am much better at solving a problem if I have five minutes than if I have five days.”

As CTFS grew, the business acquired a large warehouse, half of it often unused. When the Alexandria Police Department (APD) inquired about terms to use the available space for training their Special Operations Team as well as their K-9 Unit, Moon donated the space. Soon first responders from surrounding localities as well as the federal government had complimentary access to the building to meet their critical training needs.

It was the untimely deaths of her sons that became Moon's most difficult and poignant crises. She learned a lot about herself responding to these events.

Craig passed away unexpectedly in 2009. When Craig was in elementary school, a recruiter visited from Virginia's Fork Union Military Academy (FUMA). He excitedly said he wanted to attend high school there. Moon first thought, “What have I done wrong that he wants to go away to high school?” The answer was nothing and the next year Craig enrolled as cadet at FUMA. “They took a boy and turned him into a man before my very eyes,” she remembers.

Craig completed his service in the United States Air Force and was a FUMA Director-elect when he died. The board asked her to serve in his stead. She enthusiastically accepted. “I get involved in places where I have confidence in their leadership — where they are making a difference,” she said.

Moon also established a FUMA scholarship in her son's name. Since the Major Craig Moon Access Scholarship was created, 100 cadets have benefited from her generosity. “It is a wonderful way to celebrate

serves as an inspiration to others.

For information, to volunteer, become a sponsor or nominate a future Legend, visit [www.AlexandriaLegends.org](http://www.AlexandriaLegends.org) or contact [AlexandriaLegends@outlook.com](mailto:AlexandriaLegends@outlook.com)



Marion Moon

his memory,” she notes. As of this writing, 14 FUMA cadets from Alexandria are receiving assistance.

Tragically, in 2013 her son Rick died, also unexpectedly. Although it was not easier, Moon already knew the path to acceptance. Relying deeply on her faith, she determined to honor the memory of both sons with a continual “joyous celebration” of their lives.

As a seemingly forever member of the Alexandria Sportsman's Club (ASC), Moon was elected the first female board member in the 1980s. She established a scholarship in Rick's memory at ASC to help Alexandria's student athletes. In 2017 she raised and donated more than \$20,000 to benefit ASC's award recipients. In 2017, Moon was recognized as Alexandria's Sportsman of the Year, the highest honor of that organization. Moon also heavily supports the Alexandria Seaport Foundation, an organization that provides leadership and shipbuilding skills training for troubled youth who might otherwise wind up on the streets unskilled and directionless.

Moon has served on the board of the United Community Ministries (UCM) and provided trucks to collect donations to the UCM back porch collection facility.

Moon has been a presenting sponsor and donor to the EOD (explosive ordnance disposal) Warrior Foundation which provides financial assistance and support to active-duty and veteran EOD warriors as well as

to families of the wounded, injured, ill or fallen. These specialists' medical conditions are often among the most severe as a result of their work with explosives.

First Baptist Church of Alexandria has been Moon's worship home since childhood. As a woman of deep faith, she takes personal reward in volunteering and generously supporting its ministries. Not surprisingly, she was a leader in the church's grief-counseling ministry.

She has also donated generously and served on the board of the John Leland Center for Theological Studies, an evangelical seminary that prepares both men and women to become Christian leaders in ministry. The Old Dominion Boat Club (ODBC) has long been an important institution in Alexandria. Moon serves on

the board of the ODBC and is the outside liaison to many charitable events that ODBC hosts.

She also is immersed in fundraising events for such other charitable groups as the Hiring our Heroes Corporate Fellowship Program and is a designated Companion of the Legion de Lafayette of the National Guard Foundation recognizing the highest-level donors to the foundation.

She is a generous contributor to the Mount Olive Ministries (MOM) of Mississippi, an organization that provides educational excellence to underprivileged students in a poverty-stricken locale whose only other option is a failed public school. Her support allows MOM to continue to educate all students regardless of race, creed or color. MOM students typically perform at a level two-grades above the alternative. Why does she do it? “Because I can,” she once told the Alexandria Gazette. She takes great joy in helping others achieve and reach new heights. “I haven't missed a single dime of all the money I have been able to contribute. It is personally rewarding to honor my sons' memories. I just thank God I have been able to do so.”

Personally, she likes to bowl and fish. She aspires to learn both fly-fishing and bocce ball. At the end of the day, you might catch her drinking a glass of her favorite pinot grigio. It is a well-deserved reward for all she has done.

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# OPINION

## Successful Strategy

To the Editor:

The other night, I was driving eastbound on Prince Street, and approached the usual logjam at its Route 1 South intersection, which has been one of my longstanding concerns (and aggravations).

However, I was most gladdened to see a uniformed police officer directing traffic, ensuring that everyone

**LETTERS** obeyed the laws, to include not interfering with the traffic flow by trying to squeeze in line before there is room. I recommended this type of traffic intervention when I ran for City Council back in 2000. It was specifically aimed at the Prince Street-Route 1 South juncture during peak traffic hours, since Route 1 is a major north-south thoroughfare, and it is strategically important to keep traffic flowing.

Under the sponsorship of former council member David Speck, the City Council adopted the initiative, and it worked! However, after about a year it was discontinued for reasons unknown. Many kudos to Police Chief Mike Brown for bringing this initiative back.

**Townsend A. "Van" Van Fleet**  
Alexandria

## Immigrant Concerns

To the Editor:

We appreciated Sheriff Dana Lawhorne's explanatory op-ed ["Sheriff's Office and Due Process"] in the Aug. 2-8 Alexandria Gazette Packet.

We continue to question the practice of holding detainees in the Alexandria jail beyond their legal custody period in order to transfer them to ICE. Although the Sheriff has clarified that it rarely takes the full 48 hours (his original agreement) — and more often takes 16 hours (his modified agreement) — why should we hold them at all beyond their legal custody period, especially in the absence of a judicial warrant?

If they have posted bail, or if they have completed their sentences, they should be released. Moreover, we are concerned about detainees in pre-trial, who have not yet gone through the judicial process — should they also summarily be turned over to ICE for deportation? We believe that every individual should be treated justly and accorded due process before the law, regardless of their immigration status.

Further, the request from ICE to

the ASO may be deemed "lawful," but what is currently "lawful" under the Trump administration's immigration policy is inhumane, as we've seen all too clearly. The recent ICE raids in D.C. and Richmond add to the public's fears. Indeed, another troubling result of our continued agreement with ICE is the immigrant community's heightened concerns about reporting genuine threats to public safety — whatever they may be — due to fear of ICE involvement. While we are sure this is not the Sheriff's intent, it is important for him to realize that this reluctance to report crime is a widely documented byproduct of collaboration with ICE. We believe that if any of our neighbors refrain from reporting serious crime, our entire community will be less safe.

The ASO's Statement on Immigration Concerns states an aim of "striking a balance between protecting the public and doing no harm."

Unfortunately it misses the mark when people seeking a better life, asylum, and refuge are being harmed by federal policies. We want to make sure that the ASO is not facilitating policies that undermine the wellbeing and freedom of individuals and families in Alexandria. To that end, we urge the ASO to remove ICE from its contract with the U.S. Marshals Office, and thus terminate the practice of holding detainees beyond their legal custody period. We request that Sheriff Lawhorne set a higher bar by requiring a warrant from ICE that is signed by a judge.

Finally, we also would like to respectfully ask the Sheriff to initiate a public conversation with the larger Alexandria community about ways to protect our immigrant population. We must work collaboratively to help them stay together as families and feel safe in our city.

**Zeina Azzam**  
**Janet Murphy**  
Alexandria

## Private, Not Public Solutions

To the Editor:

We all need a plan. Intuitively, we know the more complex the task; the more likely the goal will be attained with a roadmap. Alexandria's transportation plan, adopted in 2008, is a splendid example of a complex task that needs updating. From what was revealed in the Gazette's August 9 article, the update is starting out on the right track by wondering how to make the money-losing city-owned transit company, Dash, so



PHOTO BY HAL HARDWAY

## A Line of Red, White and Blue

National pride on display on a summer's day in August along 700 block of South Lee Street.

convenient that it will actually get people out of their cars and into Dash buses.

Here's my suggestion: Close down Dash. Its ridership is so anemic that it would be better to give the few who use it taxi vouchers, or maybe electric bikes. If bikes, then at least the bike lanes might see some use.

Let's face it: our city bureaucrats are not trained to operate a business; they have no skin in the game, so to speak. What they're using is your money to operate a business; it's not their money at risk. And the results show it: except for rush hours, big buses rolling along during the day with so few riders that Dash will never pay for itself.

Ditto for the city's bike sharing program. This is the venture that commandeered locations throughout Alexandria with no heads-up to neighborhoods that a bike rack would be taking up some of their precious street space.

If that condescending conduct wasn't enough, then at least savor this: the city bike program is, like Dash, is a money-loser, and for the same reason: our local government — like all governments big and small worldwide — don't use money efficiently; that is, by ensuring revenues exceed expenses. If their businesses need more money; then they don't become more efficient; they raise taxes

All right, in lieu of Dash, maybe taxi vouchers and electric bikes aren't practical. Either would require more bureaucrats to doll out the goodies; that is, the bikes and vouchers. What bikes? How many vouchers? Too messy. But here's a solution that will work: Let the private sector solve the problem of getting people to where they want to go. Lots of benefits when the public sector lets the tax-paying private sector make money by providing services. One of them is more tax revenue for a city that

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Winning artists from the 2017 Young at Art Exhibition's Welcoming Reception.

## 'Young at Art' Exhibition Returns 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Juried Art Show for artists 55-plus.

BY MARYANNE BEATTY  
DIRECTOR, OUTREACH  
SENIOR SERVICES OF ALEXANDRIA

The Young at Art Exhibition will celebrate its 32<sup>nd</sup> anniversary this September at the Durant Arts Center in Alexandria. Senior Services of Alexandria (SSA) and the Goodwin House Foundation are co-sponsoring again this annual event that showcases art of the many talented senior artists from the Washington Metropolitan area.

To be considered for this year's exhibition, artists 55 and older can submit their art, along with a completed application and entry fee of \$20, on Monday, Sept. 10 from 10 a.m. to noon to the Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St. in Old Town Alexandria. The \$20 entry fee covers up to three pieces of art. The "Call for Art" includes a variety of art types, including oil, acrylic and watercolor painting, ceramics, sculpture, digital composition, pastels, stained glass and mixed media.

Rula Jones Brock will serve as this year's juror. She has been working in the visual arts for over 15 years,

curating, exhibiting, and teaching at various notable institutions, including the Brooklyn Children's Museum and the Corcoran College of Art + Design. She holds a B.A. from Marymount College in New York.

Art selected for the exhibition must remain on exhibit until the close of the show on Nov. 8, 2018. Works of art not chosen for the exhibition must be picked up on Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2018 from the Durant Center.

A "Meet the Artists" reception and presentation of awards will take place on Thursday, Sept. 13 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Durant Arts Center. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three pieces of art.

If anyone is interested in being a sponsor for this year's exhibition, please contact Christopher Bryant, development director or Marcia Saumweber, director of program operations with the Goodwin House Foundation at 703-824-1200.

For more information about the exhibition and the application process visit seniorservicesalex.org or call Senior Services at 703-836-4414, ext. 110 or the Goodwin House Foundation at 703-824-1200.



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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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never has enough.

Maybe several small bus companies will emerge with small, propane powered buses; or small electric powered ones. Who knows? But as long as the city regards transportation as a service it must provide, an updated transportation plan will be a waste of time, money and the trees felled to make paper on which it publishes its vision.

If a plan absolutely must be produced, then it should be lased focused on how to limit the number of automobiles that can be registered in Alexandria. If it's expensive enough, then more people will find less costly ways to get to where they want to go. Some

might even walk.

**Jimm Roberts**  
Alexandria

### Political Atmosphere

To the Editor:

"There's no silence. If anything, I'm giving them a bigger voice," Trump said. "Many people don't even know who (Brennan) is, and now he has a bigger voice. And that's OK with me, because I like taking on voices like that. I've never respected him."

This man has the gall to pick on American heroes, women, handicapped, the press, minorities, immigrants, U.S. allies, and I'm sure

I missed a few groups ... and of course his own extended staff, the Intel community in general, judges, the court system, and now he's found a way to bully a new group that has some clout.

When are lawmakers on the right side of the aisle going to wake up and realize Trump is tearing apart our government's ideals, traditions, and quite possibly our national security, all because he can't handle anyone disagreeing with him. What petty childish temper tweets!

By the way, Virginia Dems, I will miss the supportive political atmosphere here when I move back to Florida this fall.

**James O. Wooten**  
Alexandria

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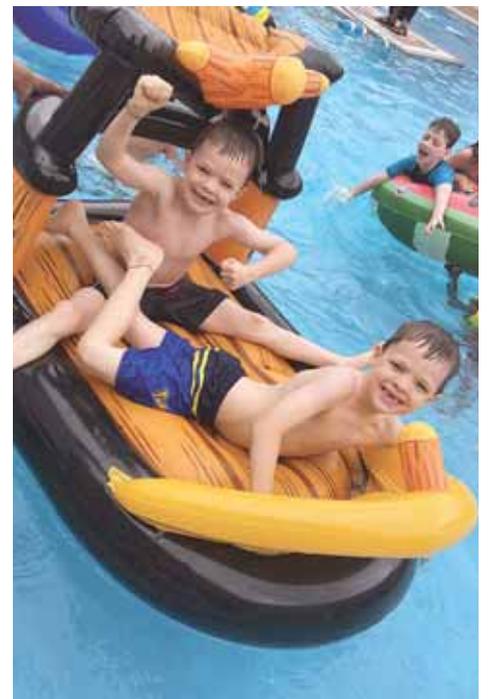
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# Enjoying Summer Recreation

The City of Alexandria, Department of Recreation provided a variety of specialty, enrichment and traditional camps throughout the summer, from as young as 3 years old to 17 years old.

Participants were engaged in fun activities such as arts and crafts, cooperative games, STEM, cooking, performing arts, Lego Mania, sports camps, and swimming at the neighborhood pools to name a few. Participants also had the opportunity to go on weekly excursions around the region, such as Six Flags, Universoul Circus, Smithsonian museums and the Medieval Times.

The Department of Recreation strives to provide opportunities for children to meet new friends, and create summer camp experiences that will last a lifetime. If interested in an afterschool program for the school year, call 703-746-5414 or register online at [www.alexandriava.gov/recreation](http://www.alexandriava.gov/recreation).



# OBITUARY

## Samira M. Hadeed

Born in Ramallah, Palestine on Jan. 24, 1939. She died peacefully in her sleep on Aug. 17, 2018, at her home of 50 years in Alexandria.

A loving mother and homemaker, Samira was a remarkable cook and enjoyed entertaining, dancing and preparing meals for her family and friends, most especially over the holidays.



While never using a cookbook or reading recipes, her classic middle eastern food dishes were famous among her party guests, church community and all who knew her. After raising her children, she spent her later years generously sharing her knowledge of the foods she loved while working as a hobby at the Mediterranean Bakery.

Samira is survived by the love of her life for 60 years, Michael Hadeed; her children, Michael Hadeed Jr., Mary Hadeed Zaboli, and Joseph Hadeed; her two daughters-in-law, Marcella Hadeed and Valerie Hadeed; 12 grandchildren, John Hadeed, Michael Hadeed III, Teresa Hadeed Ragno, Joan Hadeed, Catherine Hadeed, Thomas Hadeed, Samantha Zaboli, Alexander Zaboli, Adam Zaboli, Sarah Zaboli, Michael Frix and Samira L. Hadeed; her two great-grandchildren, Samir Minda and Elizabeth Hadeed, and several siblings. Samira was predeceased by her son-in-law, Shawn Zaboli. Samira's unconditional love and support for her family and others in her life was exhibited daily in her humble and kindhearted manner.

Samira's family invite all to her viewing at Everly Wheatley Funeral Home, 1500 W. Braddock Road, Alexandria, Tuesday Aug. 21, from 2-4 p.m., and from 6-8 p.m.

A funeral service celebrating her life will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2018, at 11 a.m. at Holy Transfiguration Greek Melkite Catholic Church, 8501 Lewinsville Road, McLean, followed by a Meal of Mercy at the Church Hall.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to United Palestinian Appeal, upaconnect.org.

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# Irish Festival To Honor Pat Troy

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Reagan made a surprise visit to Troy's Ireland's Own Restaurant on St. Patrick's Day in 1988.

Until Ireland's Own closed in 2014, the table Reagan occupied that day held a prominent place inside the restaurant. On Saturday, Aug. 25, that table, along with other storied memorabilia from Ireland's Own and Pat Troy's personal collections, will be sold during the Alexandria Irish Festival.

"That is a very special table," said Bernadette Troy, Pat Troy's widow. "Reagan's visit was a complete surprise and it is a part of history. Now that the restaurant is closed it needs to be somewhere it can be seen and appreciated."

Bernadette Troy will also be donating several items that belonged to her husband, including the tweed jacket he wore when he first arrived in the U.S. from Ireland.

"Pat always kept that jacket as a souvenir," said Bernadette Troy. "We'll also be offering the kilt and sporran he used to wear and some of the pins he had collected since first opening the restaurant more than 30 years ago."

The Alexandria Irish Festival will



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

**President Ronald Reagan, seated at right, made a surprise visit to Pat Troy's Ireland's Own Restaurant on St. Patrick's Day in 1988. The table he occupied that day will be auctioned off Aug. 25 during the Alexandria Irish Festival.**

take place Aug. 25 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Waterfront Park. Entertainment will include Irish dancers and pipe bands and craft and food vendors will also be on hand.

Festival proceeds, including from the sale and auction items, will go to support the 2019 St. Patrick's Day Parade. In 1980, Troy

co-founded The Ballyshaners for the purpose of organizing a Saint Patrick's Day Parade in Old Town. The all-volunteer, nonprofit organization's goal is to promote and preserve Irish Heritage.

"This year's festival will be dedicated to Pat," said Bernadette Troy. "What a nice way to honor him." See [www.ballyshaners.org](http://www.ballyshaners.org).

# Dominion Donates A/C Units

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of the units that were outdated and haven't been redeveloped yet," said Kevin Harris, president of the ARHA Resident Association. "I think most of the residents have purchased their own [air conditioning] anyway, especially at this point." But some residents he spoke to "were excited, because some of theirs are outdated, and it's always good to get a new [air conditioning] unit that's functional."

"Public servants have a responsibility to ensure that city residents can live in safety and comfort, especially during dangerously hot summer months," said Councilman Willie Bailey. "My family got their

start in this city, right here [in public housing]. My parents knew that affordable and safe housing was important to the wellbeing and health of the family. Without adequate housing, families have trouble managing their daily lives. ARHA paved the way and helped us with life skills that allowed us to be independent. Back in those days, it took a village to raise a child, and I'm so happy to see that village is still up and running with Dominion Energy [doing] their part. ... This shows you how important public-private partnerships are to the city." For more information, visit [www.dominionenergy.com/community/energy-assistance/energyshare](http://www.dominionenergy.com/community/energy-assistance/energyshare).

# ARHA Seeks Public Comment

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case, "the high condominium fees have made this project financially unfeasible." ARHA will instead "accommodate the current occupants with vouchers," which tenants can use to help pay for qualifying private rentals.

Specifics remain forthcoming. Last month, in conjunction with terminating underway plans to redevelop Adkins with CRC, a private developer, ARHA announced that it would reevaluate its real estate portfolio and redevelopment sequencing.

The draft identifies a total of \$40.7 million available during ARHA's FY 2018. Most comes from the federal government, including \$4.5 million in operating funds for public housing and \$23.7 million for "Section 8" vouchers.

Adjusting for inflation, the former figure represents a 13 percent increase over the amount reported in last year's Annual Agency Plan, but a 23 percent decrease compared to FY 2012. The latter figure is

flat compared to last year and a 3 percent increase over FY 2012.

ARHA's year-on-year increase in operating funds may not amount to much of a windfall, given the larger context of federal cuts to public housing. Between 2000 and 2016, adjusting for inflation, "funding for repairs [nationwide] has fallen 53 percent," from about \$4 billion to under \$2 billion, according to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, a research organization. Over that period "funding for operation has met need only three times."

Find ARHA's draft plan at [www.arha.us/news](http://www.arha.us/news). Public hearings will take place from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 27 at Ladrey (300 Wythe St.) and on Wednesday, Aug. 29 at ARHA's administration building (401 Wythe St.). Submit written comments to [elacy@arha.us](mailto:elacy@arha.us) by Thursday, Sept. 6. Residents can comment in person at the Sept. 24 ARHA Board of Commissioners meeting, before the board takes official action.

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## ONGOING

**Life Under the Sea.** Through Aug. 26 at Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery, in Torpedo Factory Art Center, Studio 29, 105 North Union St., Alexandria. Real or imagined, the world beneath the waves calls to the artists for this show: Enchanted mermaids, coral, shells, sunken ships, fish, and glorious colors. Free. Visit [www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com](http://www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com) or call 703-548-0935.

**Art Exhibit: "Off the Grid."** Through Aug. 31, gallery hours at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. "Off the Grid" is an exhibit of artwork by Fairfax County and City of Alexandria inmates. The inmates vary in age, background and artistic experience, with most having never drawn before their lessons with volunteer art instructor Kelli Schollard-Sincock. Visit [torpedofactory.org](http://torpedofactory.org).

### Fine Art Photography Exhibit.

Through Sept. 2 at Multiple Exposures Gallery, located in Studio 312 at the Torpedo Factory Art Center in Alexandria. Show features 30 images juried by Mark L. Power. Exhibition hours are 11 a.m.-5 p.m. daily, except Thursdays, 2 p.m.-8 p.m. Visit [www.multipleexposuresgallery.com](http://www.multipleexposuresgallery.com).

**Art Exhibit: "A Murder in Bruges: A Cast of Characters."** Through Sept. 2, gallery hours at The Art League Gallery, 105 North Union St., Studio 21. Artist Ito Briones's whodunit pays homage to the great mystery writers, from Sir Arthur Conan Doyle to Agatha Christie. This interactive exhibit, inspired by classic murder mysteries, presents viewers with a trail of clues that lead to a suspect hidden in plain sight; the murderer's portrait is among the twenty five characters on display. Opening reception Thursday, Aug. 9, 6:30-8 p.m. Visit [www.theartleague.org](http://www.theartleague.org) or call 703-683-1780.

**Art Exhibit: Art, Light, and Metaphor.** Through Sept. 2 at Target Gallery in the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. New exhibition explores the connections between art, light, and metaphor. The opening reception will be the cornerstone of the Torpedo Factory Art Center's Late Shift: Bright Lights on Friday, July 20, 7-9 pm. A Gallery Talk with select artist comments will take place at 8 p.m. There will also be a special Illuminate pop-up exhibition in the Grand Hall. Learn more at [torpedofactory.org/target](http://torpedofactory.org/target).

**Ceramics Combust.** Through Sept. 2 at Scope Gallery, 105 North Union St., Studio 19, Torpedo Factory Art Center, Alexandria. Featuring "Brilliance: An Exploration of Heat and Light." Hours are Monday through Sunday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., with Thursdays open until 9 p.m. Call Scope Gallery at 703-548-6288, visit [www.scopegallery.org](http://www.scopegallery.org), [www.torpedofactory.org/galleries/scope](http://www.torpedofactory.org/galleries/scope).

**Ancestry Art Exhibit.** Through Sept. 2, at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. The "Ancestry" exhibit at Del Ray Artisans showcases how the diverse, vibrant cultures of our members come together to form one strong community. Visit [www.DelRayArtisans.org/event/ancestry/](http://www.DelRayArtisans.org/event/ancestry/).

### Honoring Our Veterans Exhibit.

Through Labor Day, at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St., Alexandria. Included in museum admission - Adults: \$5, Children



Eschoir is a Welsh male choir based in London.

## Eschoir

Eschoir is a Welsh male choir based in London, formed in 2009 at the Borough Welsh Chapel near London Bridge with the aim of encouraging the male choir tradition among younger men, as well as creating a home-from-home in the busy city. They have sung for the British Prime Minister at 10 Downing St, at the British Embassy in Tbilisi, Georgia, and for the Archbishop of Canterbury's retirement reception at Lambeth Palace. Saturday, Sept. 1, 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Center, 4915 E. Campus Drive, Alexandria. \$10-\$50. Visit [thewnaa.org/single-event-will-call-tickets.html](http://thewnaa.org/single-event-will-call-tickets.html) for more.

(ages 5 -12): \$3. After his service in the Revolutionary War, Hamilton went home to contribute to his community and nation. As part of the World War I 100th Commemoration, learn how returning veterans served Alexandria, including American Legion Post #24, which restored Gadsby's Tavern in honor of WWI veterans. See how the museum looked under their care and hear about the contributions veterans still make to the City of Alexandria today. Visit [www.gadsbystavern.org](http://www.gadsbystavern.org).

**"Dredging The Lethe."** On view through Sept. 14 at The Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Free admission. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org). Wrapped around the interior wall of a smokestack of the former munitions factory, Kara Hammond's mural, "Dredging the Lethe," uses recycled book-pages, collage, charcoal, gesso and ink to create large-scale drawings of Greek goddesses amid contemporary human events. Free admission. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org).

**Art Exhibit: Makers in the Mansion.** Through Oct. 22 at Woodlawn & Pope-Leighey House Historic Site, 9000 Richmond Highway. Six installations of work by local African American makers hosted in an 1805 mansion owned by Nelly Parke Custis and Lawrence Lewis, once a prominent plantation home. Stories of a transformed African American community through the artisan eye. RSVP to [Woodlawnevents@savingplaces.org](mailto:Woodlawnevents@savingplaces.org).

**WFUMC Farmers Market.** Tuesdays through Oct. 23, 4-7 p.m. at Washington Farm United Methodist Church, 3921 Old Mill Road. Orchard Country Produce, from Gardners, Pa., will operate a Farmer's Market from the west parking lot of WFUMC. They also operate from the St. Luke's parking lot on Fort Hunt Road on Saturday mornings. They have a very wide offering ranging from fresh vegetables to meat and desserts. Admission is free. Visit [www.washingtonfarmumc.org](http://www.washingtonfarmumc.org) or call

703-780-4696.

**Row by Row Junior.** Through Oct. 31, local quilt shops like Artistic Artifacts (4750 Eisenhower Ave.) are welcoming children participating in Row by Row Junior to their shops. It's the junior version of the summertime travel event for quilt making fans known as Row by Row Experience. Kids visit shops in person, collect a free sewing pattern, and find inspiration in colorful, creative world of sewing. At home, families can find free tutorial support and activities online by visiting [www.rowbyrowexperience.com](http://www.rowbyrowexperience.com) or [www.artisticartifacts.com](http://www.artisticartifacts.com).

**Mount Vernon Farmers Market.** Wednesdays, 8 a.m.-noon at Sherwood Hall Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria. Every Wednesday (through Dec. 19), 15 local farmers and producers will sell fresh produce and fruits; meats; breads and pastries; honey, jams and jellies; dairy products and eggs; herbs; and more. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets).

**Open for Tours.** Through December. At 9000 Richmond Hwy., Alexandria. Woodlawn and Frank Lloyd Wright's Pope-Leighey House is open for tours Friday through Monday, from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. (last tour at 3 p.m.) Not open to the public Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. To learn more about National Trust Sites, visit [savingplaces.org/historic-sites](http://savingplaces.org/historic-sites).

**Tours of the Freedom House Museum.** Saturdays and Sundays, 1-5 p.m. at Freedom House Museum, 1315 Duke St. The Freedom House Museum was once the headquarters and holding pen for the largest domestic slave trading firm in the United States, Franklin and Armfield. The building is currently owned by the Northern Virginia Urban League and together with the Office of Historic Alexandria. Visit the museum in this historic reminder of slavery. Admission is \$5 per person. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov/Museums](http://www.alexandriava.gov/Museums).

## CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

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

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

**The Harmony Heritage Singers** (Mount Vernon Chapter of Barbershop Harmony Society), a daytime, a cappella, Chorus, rehearses on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays, monthly, at Sherwood Hall Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Newcomers welcome for fun or to book for a performance. visit [www.HHSingers.org](http://www.HHSingers.org), or call Bruce at 703-352-5271.

## THROUGH AUG. 26

**Summer Restaurant Week.** Spans for 10 Days. In neighborhoods throughout Alexandria, including Old Town, Del Ray and the West End. Featuring 50 restaurants offering a \$35 three-course dinner or a \$35 dinner for two; and select locations offering lunch from \$15 or \$22 per person lunch and brunch specials. New restaurants include: Mia's Italian Kitchen and Café 44. Returning participants include: Hank's Pasta Bar, Evening Star Café, BRABO, Vermilion, Hummingbird, Del Ray Café and Virtue Feed & Grain. Restaurants with lunch offerings include: The Majestic, Vola's Docks Grill, Bastille Brasserie & Bar, Blackwall Hitch and Society Fair. Restaurants with brunch specials include Chadwicks, Cheesetique, Cedar Knoll, The Wharf and Vermilion. Visit

[www.AlexandriaRestaurantWeek.com](http://www.AlexandriaRestaurantWeek.com); call 703-838-5005.

## THURSDAY/AUG. 23

**Westlaw Training.** 3-4 p.m. at Alexandria Law Library, 520 King St., Suite LL34, Alexandria. Designed for those researchers who have some experience with Westlaw, this seminar reviews basic legal research techniques and then builds on terms and connectors advanced searching, West Topics and Key Numbers, using filters, Copy with Reference, and explores features within KeyCite. Free. Email [aprice@alexlibraryva.org](mailto:aprice@alexlibraryva.org).

**Fall/Winter Vegetable Gardening.** 7-8:30 p.m. at the Ellen Coolidge Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road, Alexandria. Fall is a delightful time to garden, with cool autumn days and waning pest populations. Learn inexpensive techniques to extend the harvest and even how to enjoy crops in the dead of winter. Free. Call 703-228-6414 or Visit [mgnv.org](http://mgnv.org).

## FRIDAY/AUG. 24

**Children's Art Workshop.** 1:30-3 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. Join artists on the Athenaeum staff for a hands-on art workshop. Explore techniques in creating mixed-media collages and then create your own masterpiece. Recommended for children ages 5-12, children must be accompanied by an adult. Free. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org).

**Teen Comic Book Club.** 4-5 p.m. at James M. Duncan Jr. Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria. Teens will discuss great comic books and graphic novels. Snacks provided. Free. Visit [alexlibraryva.org](http://alexlibraryva.org).

**Mount Vernon Nights.** 7:30 p.m. at Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mt. Vernon Memorial Highway. This series of free, public concerts features a variety of musical performances reflecting Fairfax County's diversity, culture and community spirit. Bring a picnic dinner and a blanket and enjoy

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### 4 Restaurants Offer a Football Feast

BY HOPE NELSON

There's just a touch of autumnal crispness to the air now, which can mean only one thing: Football is coming, and it's coming fast. And with those matchups come parties with enough food to feed an army. Here are some restaurants that can help your main course along with a quick phone call or a push of a button.

#### Faccia Luna, 823 S. Washington St.

The venerable Italian eatery on Old Town's Washington Street can be easily overlooked for its pizza-takeout capabilities, but doing so would be a mistake. Faccia Luna has a baker's dozen pizzas to peruse and select; come in any night of the week to pick them up and you'll see you're not the only one with the carry-out idea. For a party-pleaser, the formaggio – a sauce-and-cheese selection – doesn't disappoint. Or branch out a bit and go with the Florentine, teeming with spinach and ricotta cheese, or the namesake Faccia Luna, with sausage, roasted red pepper and mushroom. Having a big gathering? Order them all and watch the slices disappear.

#### Galae Thai, 215 Swamp Fox Road

Who says football parties are limited to pizza and wings? Strike out in a different direction with an online order from Galae Thai. Situated adjacent to the AMC Hoffman movie theater, the Asian restaurant offers more than just its namesake Thai; it also whips up a multitude of sushi dishes and bento boxes. For a small gathering, have guests order their preference, ranging from such signature dishes as pineapple fried rice to massaman curry with chicken. Or,

for a larger group, pick a smorgasbord of options that can easily be divided – a variety of fried rice, pad Thai noodles, spring rolls or panang, red and green curries with a choice of protein.

#### Hard Times Café, 1404 King St.

What's a fall football party without some chili and wings? Hard Times has you covered with its U-Cater menu. A bridge between the standard carryout options and a full-on catering job, the U-Cater offers up all the chili-slinger's best dishes in party-sized quantities without the hassle of a proper catering gig. A \$25 half-gallon of chili will serve eight; \$48.99 will get you a gallon that serves 16. Fifty wings will set you back \$50, and don't skimp on the sides, such as spaghetti noodles, diced onions, jalapenos and more. Leave your slow cooker in the cabinet and dial up Hard Times for easy service.

#### Taqueria Poblano, 2400-B Mount Vernon Ave.

Why not set up a taco bar for your guests, complete with chips, salsa, guacamole and more? Taqueria Poblano's catering menu is un-intimidating and straight to the point, offering diners a wide array of Mexican favorites. For the biggest bang for the buck, you could do worse than the taqueria's crispy or soft taco platter, offering 25 or 50 tacos with a filling of your choice. Thirsty? Taqueria Poblano also offers its margarita mix in party-sized amounts. Get a carton of rice or beans on the side and you'll have a fiesta for the ages.

Hope Nelson owns and operates the Kitchen Recessionista blog, located at [www.kitchenrecessionista.com](http://www.kitchenrecessionista.com). Email her any time at [hope@kitchenrecessionista.com](mailto:hope@kitchenrecessionista.com).

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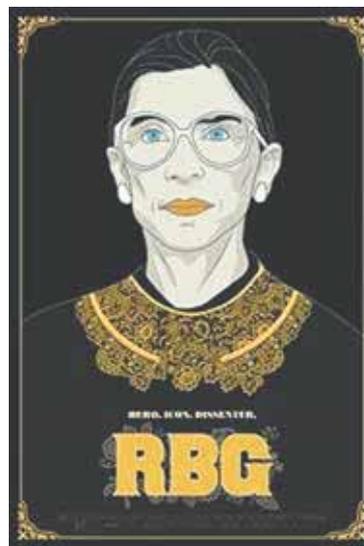
one of Fairfax County's special summer traditions. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/mt-vernon-nights](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/mt-vernon-nights).

#### SATURDAY/AUG. 25

**Mount Vernon Flea Market.** 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at 8717 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. Flea Market will take place every fourth Saturday of the month through September. Vendors will sell items such as: homemade goods, lavender sachets, jewelry, soap, antique and vintage items; books, CD's and DVDs, comic books and more. Refreshments will also be on sale. Hosted by the Mount Vernon Masonic Lodge No. 219. Rain or shine. Visit [www.facebook.com/mountvernonfleamarket/](http://www.facebook.com/mountvernonfleamarket/).

**Summer Kayak Cleanups.** 9 a.m.-noon at the Conservatory Center at Four Mile Run Park, 4109 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. The Four Mile Run Conservatory Foundation will deploy its fleet of kayaks to collect litter along the streambank of Four Mile Run. Volunteers will have access to a water refill station, snacks, gloves, trash grabbers and bags, and a limited number of kayaks with life-vests, but are asked to bring their own reusable water bottle, sunscreen, bug spray, and water shoes. A limited number of boats may be reserved. Participants can use their own as well. Visit [www.fourmilerun.org/](http://www.fourmilerun.org/).

**Telling their Story: Museum Specialty Tours.** 10 a.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St., Alexandria. Tour the halls where Washington, Lafayette, Jefferson, Madison and Burr partied



### 'RBG' Movie

At the age of 85, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg has developed a lengthy legal legacy while becoming an unexpected pop culture icon. But the unique personal journey of her rise to the nation's highest court has been largely unknown, even to some of her biggest fans – until now. From Betsy West and Julie Cohen, and co-produced by Storyville Films and CNN Films. Wednesday, Aug. 29, 7:55 p.m. at John Carlyle Square Park, 300 John Carlyle St., Alexandria. Visit [www.AlexandriaVA.gov/CarlyleFun](http://www.AlexandriaVA.gov/CarlyleFun) for more.

and made history. Consider the ideas debated in the rooms where it happened... for some, but not for all. \$12. Visit [www.gadsbystavern.org](http://www.gadsbystavern.org).

**Yappy Hour.** 10 a.m.-noon at James M. Duncan Jr. Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria. Light refreshments for people and dogs, and give away of free Alexandria Library frisbees for kids and dogs. Alexandria Animal Welfare League will join in with some of their adoptable animals. Free. Visit [alexlibraryva.org](http://alexlibraryva.org).

**War of 1812 Walking Tour.** 10 a.m.-noon at Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden, 614 Oronoco St., Alexandria. A guided walking tour of people and places in Old Town

associated with the War of 1812 and the British occupation of Alexandria in 1814. \$10/advance; \$15/door. Visit [www.leefendallhouse.org](http://www.leefendallhouse.org).

**Cool Off with Hand-Cranked Ice Cream.** 11 a.m.-noon at Historic Huntley, 6918 Harrison Lane, Alexandria. Make and taste hand-cranked ice cream as Huntley's Harris family may once have done. Discover how the histories of ice cream and Huntley followed a similar path from elite luxury to family fare. A tour of the ice well and the Historic Huntley House are included in the program. \$8 per person. Call 703-768-2525 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/historic-huntley](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/historic-huntley).

**Alexandria Irish Festival.** 11 a.m.-7

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p.m. at Waterfront Park, 1-A Prince Street in Old Town Alexandria. There will be vendors, crafts, food, beverages, pipe bands, Irish Dance Schools and Irish entertainment. The Festival is a fundraiser to support Alexandria's St. Patrick's Day Parade. The Ballyshanners have organized and hosted the Parade for over 35 years. This year, they will be celebrating Pat Troy, the organization's founder. Without Pat, there would be no Ballyshanners. Without the Ballyshanners, there would be no parade. Visit [www.ballyshanners.org](http://www.ballyshanners.org).

**Container Workshop: Geometric Garden Terrarium.** 1-2:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Enjoy the outdoors inside by creating a beautiful, hanging, geometric terrarium. Begonia enthusiast Johanna Zinn provides information on this versatile genus and teaches you techniques for creating the perfect terrarium. Modern, metal terrarium, plants, soil and care instructions provided. Ages 16-adult. Register for program (\$38, code 290 384 7001) and supply fee (\$25, code 290 384 7002). Register online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktaks](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktaks) or call 703-642-5173.

## SATURDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 25-26

**33rd Annual Begonia Show and Sale.** Saturday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; and Sunday noon-3:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Sponsored by the Potomac branch of the American Begonia Society. Be tempted with splashes of color and shape for homes and greenhouses that last long after frosts have put outdoor gardens to bed. The sale offers a wide variety of begonias, including subtropical species. Free admission. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/green-spring/begonia-show-and-sale/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/green-spring/begonia-show-and-sale/) 082518.

## SUNDAY/AUG. 26

**Swim for Engie.** 8 a.m. at Waynewood Pool, 1027 Dalebrook Drive, Alexandria. Lap-swimmers of all ages welcome to participate in swimathon in honor of Engie Mokhtar to raise money for breast cancer research. Sponsored by Alexandria Masters Swimming and

Alexandria West Rotary. \$10 suggested donation. Contact Madeline Muravchik at [swimforengie@gmail.com](mailto:swimforengie@gmail.com) or call 202-262-0184. Visit [secure.metavivor.org/page/contribute/swimforengie](http://secure.metavivor.org/page/contribute/swimforengie).

**Yoga for Healthy Backs.** 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at 532Yoga, 532 North Washington St., Alexandria. Maintain a strong and healthy back. Take charge of back pain. Improve posture and related health. \$25 drop-in. Visit [www.532yoga.com](http://www.532yoga.com).

**Meet the Junior Docents.** 2-5 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal St., Alexandria. These young historians, grades 4 and older, will be on hand to share highlights of the tavern and answer questions as guests journey through the museum. Great for families as children connect with the building through their peer tour guides as well as for adults looking for some inspiration. Included in regular admission: \$5 adults (\$4 with AAA), \$3 children ages 5-12, and 4 and under are free. Call 703-746-4242 or visit [www.gadsbystavern.org](http://www.gadsbystavern.org).

**Andes to Romances.** 2 p.m. at Alexandria Historical Society, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. Join in an afternoon of authentic Andean melodies from the Latin-American repertoire and international song book of Juan Cyrampoma and Ernest Bravo, performing as Andes to Romances. Using an array of traditional Andean and contemporary instruments, they perform music that embodies the soul of the Andes while paying homage to love, hope, romance and their native land. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org).

**Concert.** 3-5 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria. The Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association presents its weekly free summer chamber concert series. This week's concert features violinist Benjamin Scott and pianist Brad Clark playing the music of Mendelssohn, Prokofiev, and Bartok. Free. Visit [www.wmpamusic.org](http://www.wmpamusic.org).

## TUESDAY/AUG. 28

**Undulations.** At Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery at Torpedo Factory Art Center. Studio 29, 105 North Union St., Alexandria. Work exhibiting movement, swaying rhythms, or



Participants in Partners in Art meet to share their goals and get feedback on their artwork.

## Partners in Art

Join a collegial group of artists to share goals and get feedback on artwork. Monthly meetings include discussions on exhibit opportunities, the creative process and the local art scene. Artist can bring 1-3 works – complete or in progress – for feedback. All skill levels and media welcome. Donations (\$1-3) appreciated. Monday, Sept. 10, 2-4 p.m. and Tuesday, Sept. 25, 7-9 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans gallery, 2704 Mt Vernon Ave. Visit [DelRayArtisans.org/partners-in-art](http://DelRayArtisans.org/partners-in-art) for more.

other interpretations of undulation will be solicited from fiber artists for this themed show. Themed work will be eligible for recognition by the jurors. Non-themed work may also be exhibited. Visit [www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com](http://www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com).

## WEDNESDAY/AUG. 29

**Cool Yoga 2018.** 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Del Ray Psych & Wellness Lot, 1900 Mt. Vernon Ave. Maureen Clyne teaches Cool Yoga – Del Ray's free summer outdoor yoga, Wednesdays through Aug. 29. Chill out after class with the Cool Yoga After-Party featuring refreshments courtesy of Bon Vivant Cafe + Farm Market. Email [yoga@prasadayoga.com](mailto:yoga@prasadayoga.com).

**"RBG Movie."** 7:55 p.m. at John Carlyle Square Park, 300 John Carlyle St., Alexandria. At the age of 85, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg has developed a lengthy legal legacy while becoming an unexpected pop culture icon. From Betsy West and Julie Cohen, and co-produced by Storyville Films and CNN Films. Visit [www.AlexandriaVA.gov/CarlyleFun](http://www.AlexandriaVA.gov/CarlyleFun)

## AUG. 30-SEPT. 30

**"The Painted Rocks at Revolver Creek" by Athol Fugard.** At MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal St., Alexandria. "The Painted Rocks at Revolver Creek" by Athol Fugard, directed by MetroStage Artistic Associate Thomas W. Jones II, will open the 2018-19 season at MetroStage. Visit [metrostage.org](http://metrostage.org).

## FRIDAY/AUG. 31

**Four Mile Movies: Space Jam.** 6:30 p.m., film begins at dusk, Four Mile Conservatory Center 4109 Mt. Vernon Ave. A summer tradition in Alexandria returns with a host of new and old favorites on the last Friday of

the month this summer. Fun with friends and family, a picnic dinner, and a blanket or chair. Free. Visit [www.fourmilemovieseries.com](http://www.fourmilemovieseries.com).

**Mount Vernon Nights.** 7:30 p.m. at Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mt. Vernon Memorial Highway. This series of free, public concerts features a variety of musical performances reflecting Fairfax County's diversity, culture and community spirit. Bring a picnic dinner and a blanket and enjoy one of Fairfax County's special summer traditions. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/mt-vernon-nights](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/mt-vernon-nights).

**Twilight Hilltop Tour.** 8-9 p.m. at Historic Huntley, 6918 Harrison Lane, Alexandria. This historic site sits high upon a hill overlooking Hybla Valley and Huntley Meadows Park. It's a dramatic setting made all the more stunning by the setting sun. Join this after-hours tour to see the house in a different light. Light refreshments will be served afterward. \$5. Call 703-768-2525 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/historic-huntley](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/historic-huntley).

## SATURDAY/SEPT. 1

**Perk Up Fall Garden.** 10-11:30 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Horticulturist Brenda Skarphol discusses dividing perennials, planting cool-season plants and beautifying a garden with fall season show stoppers so it looks its autumn best. Special emphasis placed on plants for pollinators and other wildlife. \$18. Register online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktaks](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktaks) using code 290 484 5901 or call 703-642-5173.

**Story Time for Little Historians.** 11 a.m. at the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St., Alexandria. Featuring The Spider Weaver: A Legend of Kente Cloth by Margaret Musgrove and Julia Cairns.

Children's story time in the Watson Reading Room (located next door to the museum). Join in cultural stories and creative craft activities. Explore the museum exhibits afterwards to learn about local Black History. All ages welcome, but most suitable for children 3-6 years old. \$3 admission ages 3-plus. Visit [alexandriava.gov](http://alexandriava.gov).

**The Spider Weaver: A Legend of Kente Cloth.** 11 a.m. at The Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St., Alexandria. By Margaret Musgrove and Julia Cairns. Visit [alexandriava.gov/Historic](http://alexandriava.gov/Historic).

**Welsh Choir.** 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Center, 4915 E. Campus Drive, Alexandria. Eschoir is a Welsh male choir based in London, formed in 2009 at the Borough Welsh Chapel near London Bridge. \$10-\$50. Visit [thewnaa.org/single-event-will-call-tickets.html](http://thewnaa.org/single-event-will-call-tickets.html).

## SUNDAY/SEPT. 2

**BBQ and Beer.** 5 p.m. at Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way Lorton. New Orleans Funk band Bonerama is performing in the Rizer Pavilion on the Workhouse Arts Center's newly remodeled center Quad. There will be food trucks and beer/wine/soft drinks available for sale. Early bird pricing: \$20 per person. Visit [workhousearts.org/event/bbq-beer-bonerama/](http://workhousearts.org/event/bbq-beer-bonerama/).

## SEPT. 4-OCT. 14

**Photography Exhibition: Michael Borek.** Gallery hours at Multiple Exposures Gallery, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. "Aimless Walk Reprise" presents 22 photographs taken by Michael Borek in his native Czech Republic. Over the last 10 years, Borek continued to return to photograph an old blue-collar neighborhood in Prague, where he grew up. Visit [www.multipleexposuresgallery.com](http://www.multipleexposuresgallery.com).



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# Sharing Random Acts of Kindness

The City of Alexandria, Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities, Nannie J. Lee Recreation Center along with other city Recreation Centers participated in Camp Kindness the week of July 23.

Campers throughout the city were able to show compassion towards others as well as engage in games and activities that help build a sense of community as well as empathy, generosity and kindness towards others. Campers are standing up for a kinder world and showing each other that kindness is all around Alexandria. In conjunc-



tion with Camp Kindness, Spirit Week was also celebrated where campers were able to dress up and show their spirit. From Pajama Day, to Super Heroes, to Sports Jer-

sey Day, each day was filled with pure joy, fun and enthusiasm from the campers. Each spirit day had a special theme that showcased how character counts and sharing is

caring. For more information about opportunities and program offerings, contact the Nannie J. Lee Recreation Center at 703-746-5535.



## BULLETIN BOARD

Submit civic/community announcements at [ConnectionNewspapers.com/Calendar](http://ConnectionNewspapers.com/Calendar). Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

### THROUGH AUG. 24

**School Supply Drive.** At United States Senate Federal Credit Union: Eisenhower Branch, 211 Eisenhower Ave. The local United States Senate Federal Credit Union (USSFCU) branch is hosting a back to school

supplies drive in support of Alexandria public schools. All supplies will be donated to the Carpenter's Shelter of Alexandria and distributed locally.

**Feedback Opportunities.** 1-4 p.m. outside of the Olde Towne West Leasing office, 500 S. Alfred St. Residents of Olde Towne West and The Heritage at Old Town apartments are also invited to stop by the Office of Housing's information stand. Staff will be available to

answer questions about the planning, redevelopment, and relocation process, affordable housing resources, and City services and programs. Interpretation will be provided. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov/Housing](http://www.alexandriava.gov/Housing) or call 703-746-4990.

### MONDAY/AUG. 27

**Immigrant Employment Workshop.** 6-8 p.m. at Ellen Coolidge Burke Branch Library, 4701

Seminary Road. Struggling to get a good job because of serious competition? Join Katherine and Michael Akbar, career coaches, to learn the strategies they teach their clients for getting a job they will love. Free. Email [ressuel@lssnca.org](mailto:ressuel@lssnca.org) or call 240-619-9892.

**Fact or Fiction.** 7-8 p.m. at Kate Waller Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Where did that photo come in your Instagram feed come from? Can you find the right resource for

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### WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 5

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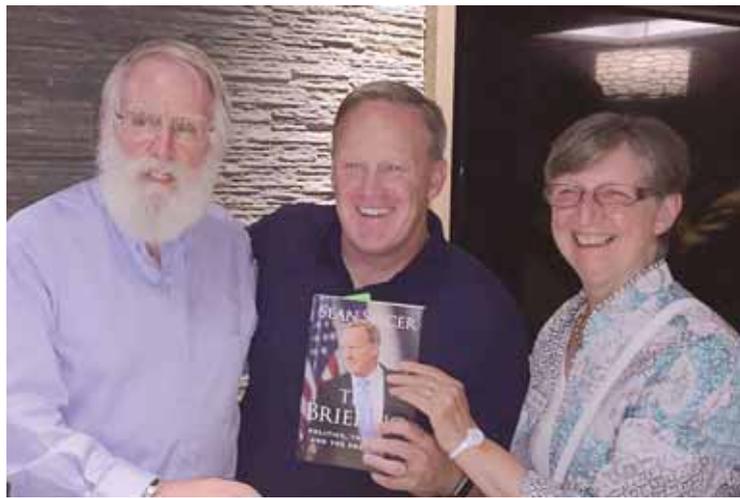


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**Author Sean Spicer with Gerald Chandler and Jan Bates.**

## Spicer at Book Launch

Sean Spicer, former press secretary to President Trump, was in Alexandria Aug. 17 to speak about his new best seller, "The Briefing: Politics, the Press, and the President." Introduced by Sean Lenahan, Alexandria Republican City (ARCC) Committee chairman and event sponsor, Spicer addressed a standing-room-only gathering.

Spicer spoke of his ongoing book tour and how much he appreciated being here "at home" in Alexandria and the support given to him

by local Republicans. He spoke about what it was like to be on stage at the White House and face a hostile press 24/7. He described the pressures the President encounters as well.

Spicer said writing the book was a cathartic experience — it gave him an opportunity to reflect on the larger picture. His challenge was to write a book that would explain what happened and stand the test of time — be a book he and fellow Republicans felt proud of in 10 years.

### NEWS BRIEFS

## City Attorney Banks Resigns

Alexandria City Attorney James L. Banks will step down effective Sept. 7, to become General Counsel of the Society for Human Resources Management (SHRM). SHRM, a human resources membership organization, has 300,000 members in over 165 countries.

Banks has served as city attorney

since his appointment by City Council in 2009. He has helped modernize the City Charter and Code and led the acquisition of land in support of the city's Waterfront Plan.

City Council will consider the appointment of an acting city attorney at its regular meeting on Sept. 11.

## City Reduces Speed Limit

The City of Alexandria has reduced the speed limit on the Jefferson Davis Highway portion of U.S. Route 1 (between Slaters Lane and Four Mile Run) from 35 mph to 25 mph, effective Monday, Aug. 20.

Between 2015 and 2017, 25 people were hurt in 106 crashes on the portion of U.S. Route 1 where the change are implemented,

including three people who were seriously injured. According to the city, after recent speed limit reductions on King Street, Seminary Road and Quaker Lane, the average annual number of crashes fell by 53 percent, 40 percent and 33 percent, respectively. Traffic crashes kill or seriously injure approximately 37 people per year in Alexandria.

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**Community Meeting.** 6-8 p.m. in the Sister Cities Conference Room (Room 1101), City Hall at 301 King St. The Department of Planning and Zoning will hold an open house on T.C. Williams Parker-Gray Stadium Improvements. Staff will give a brief presentation and be available to answer questions. Visit [www.acps.k12.va.us/Page/1508](http://www.acps.k12.va.us/Page/1508) for more.

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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:

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There will be a non-mandatory pre-Proposal conference for this solicitation on August 31, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. in the Purchasing Conference Room located at 100 N. Pitt St., Suite 301, Alexandria, VA 22314.  
Closing Date and Time: September 24, 2018, 4:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

For general inquiries contact Peter Tomaselli at [peter.tomaselli@alexandriava.gov](mailto:peter.tomaselli@alexandriava.gov).

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### Obituary



**Joan Bradley Ogren, (formerly Joan Bradley Cohen),** died peacefully surrounded by family in Aldie, Virginia at the age of eighty-five. She was pre-deceased by her husband, John Patrick ("Pat") Ogren, Captain, US Navy (Ret). Joan will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery with Pat at 10 am on September 11, 2018.

Joan is survived by her three children, Teresa Cohen Kelley, (Lance) of Round Hill, VA, Mark Cohen, (Stasha) of Darien CT, and Douglas Cohen of Reston, VA. Joan is also survived by her sister, Margaret "Peggy" Williams, her brother, William Bradley. Joan remained close to her former husband, and dear friend, Harvey B. Cohen (Marina) of McLean, VA. Joan was adored by her seven grandchildren, Katherine Lamb (Justin), Alexandra

Spooner (Capt. Steven Spooner, USMC), Danielle Gatling, Jonathan Gatling, Joseph Cohen, Jake Cohen, Zachary Cohen, and her first great grandchild, Lydia Spooner. Joan was happiest spending time with children and grandchildren at the backyard pool in Alexandria, and during the many summers spent in Rehoboth Beach, DE.

Joan loved to travel and lived a life of courage and many adventures. The daughter of John and Esther (Fitzpatrick) Bradley, Joan was born on March 24, 1933 in [Milford], MA, the oldest of five siblings. Her excellent academics drove her to an early high school graduation and enrollment at Emmanuel College in Boston at the young age of sixteen. Graduating at only twenty years old, Joan left for her next great adventure, moving to Washington D.C. to start work at the National Security Agency (NSA) in 1954 as a cryptologist.

In the mid 1950's, Washington was in the height of the cold war, and Joan was thrust into her demanding work as a code-breaker with NSA, translating - and decoding - foreign messages for the "good guys". During these years, Joan commuted to work with other NSA staffers, including a young Pat Ogren, who typically saved the front seat for Joan.

In 1960, Joan Bradley married attorney Harvey B. Cohen, moved to Alexandria, VA, and dedicated herself to raising three children, boosting the Young Republicans, and spending free time antiquing and gardening. By the mid 1970's, Joan was on her own again, and chaired the Alexandria Bicentennial Committee in 1975-76. After a stint managing the Hermes department at Garfinckel's in Washington, she opened her own boutique in Alexandria, VA, the Great Gatsby, a vintage and specialty clothing shop.

In January 1989, some 30 years after commuting together to NSA, Pat walked back into Joan's life. They had dinner together, eventually married, and moved to Foxfire Village, NC, where they spent many happy and wonderful years together. Joan returned to Virginia after Pat's passing to spend more time with her family.

Joan will be remembered as an elegant woman, who would light up the room with her smile, grace, and blue eyes. She will be greatly missed, but often remembered, by her children, grandchildren, family and friends.

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## When Did This Happen?



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I remember conversations regularly occurring between me and some other person, presumably older (if heard over the phone) or in person if my sight and senses didn't deceive me, where the question was asked to me: "You're probably too young to remember?" concerning any number of subjects. Now, I'm asking the identical question, and I don't think my sight or senses are deceiving me, though they are refracted, so to speak.

Somehow, I'd like to believe that despite the obvious passage of time, I am, to quote Bob Dylan from his song "My Back Pages," included on his "Another Side of Bob Dylan" album released in 1964: "Ah, but I was so much older then, I'm younger than that now."

I wish.

I may be wiser and full of perspective, but despite flowery lyrics, I am older – just check the calendar. Father time waits for no man – or woman. As years pass, the pages turn and you simply aren't the person you used to be (or thought you were).

Benjamin Button may have gotten younger (aged in reverse, having been born an old man), but for the rest of us, we may feel that "youth," as they say, "is wasted on the young." Nevertheless, none of us is getting any younger.

Moreover, to quote Charles Franklin: "No one gets out of this life alive." (Although, I swear I remember my late mother attributing that quote to the legendary screen actress, Bette Davis.)

Life goes on is the short version, and through that passage of time, at some point, apparently you're addressed respectively as "Mister" and "Sir," and doors are opened/held, seats are offered and accommodations made. And when I have those random conversations with strangers – to pass that time or even with people with whom you have a familiarity, more and more of those people are younger than I am and I find myself asking/presuming if they know what past event, historical fact, popular culture reference or sports memory, etc., I am even referring to. And as often as not, they don't.

What's odd – or lost on me because I'm loathe to admit it, is that the former "question-ee" – yours truly – has become the current questioner – again yours truly. As is becoming abundant clear, where I was once ascending, I am now descending.

This has nothing to do with my last few cancer columns. It has to do with my birth year: 1954. Meaning, as the birthday card jokes on the front cover "I wouldn't say you were old this year" to the inside-of-the-card slam: "Hell, you were old last year."

It just seems/feels that this juxtaposition of the "space-time continuum" ("Star Trek: Voyager") time/age relative to others has happened in a blink (nanosecond) and that blink is a tell. And no matter what I do to counter that impression, I can't stop it. It seems that tell has become a tell all.

And since I'm telling all, dealing with one's own mortality for as long as I have been: Feb. 27, 2009, the official date of my non-small cell lung cancer diagnosis, has certainly had its share of wear and tear, emotionally and physically.

For me – or for any of you regular readers to think that this unexpected journey has not been fraught with before, during and after side effects – and main effects, up and down and all around, is unrealistic at best and delusional at worst. And since I'm rarely delusional except when it comes to the Boston Red Sox, it must be unrealistic.

But maybe being unrealistic is what has taken me nine years and nearly six months past my original diagnosis. If that's the reason, I see no reason to change now, age notwithstanding, or sitting, however the case may be.

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## FAITH

# Bishop Ireton

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stay here all four years and they graduate happy to have had an Ireton education.

"Personally I was always in Catholic schools, but I have to think that certain Jewish schools have Christian students that go there. ... My nephew knows many Jewish hymns right now, because he's at a Jewish day school ..., but his parents are Catholic and he's Catholic."

**Bishop Ireton says it "challenges students to recognize and respect the multicultural diversity within our global society." What are some specific ways this challenging occurs?**

"[Students'] families come from all over the globe. You look out and it looks like America, it's who we are. And it's very welcomed. I lived in Asia, I lived in Japan for a year, so having conversations with people who have traveled and lived in those areas that I've been to is fascinating. My wife is from South Korea, so having conversations with our Korean students, seeing their parents and being able to say hello in Korean is kind of neat.

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"We have [students from] Eastern churches also, so Coptic, Ethiopian."

**Bishop Ireton says it "fosters Christian ethics." Could you define "ethics" more specifically?**

"One simple definition would be the application of virtue. [Traditionally the Catholic Church teaches seven virtues: faith, hope, charity (love of God and neighbor), prudence, justice, fortitude, temperance.] Our mission is to form the whole child, so not to differentiate among the virtues, they're all strengths.

"The definition of a Catholic ethic is not [merely], 'Do good, avoid evil,' or to be a 'nice person.' ... We're all for academic excellence. There are certain students who succeed very well. There are others who don't succeed at that level. We're not going to just leave them behind, so we coach them up. That could be in the classroom, it could be on the [sports] field. ... We have [an] advisory program [that pairs students with faculty], to make sure that one adult in the building is keeping an eye on each of our students for all four years, watching them develop, seeing some of the struggles they go through, being there as someone who is a resource."

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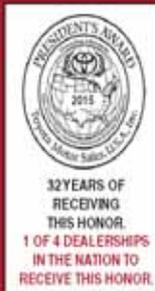
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# About the Gazette Packet

**A**s your local, weekly newspaper, the Gazette Packet's mission is to deliver the local news you need, to help make sense of what is happening in your community, to advocate for community good, to provide a forum for dialogue on local concerns, and to record achievements, milestones and events in the community and people's lives.

Here in our Newcomers and Community Guide, we report on the character of your community, information on nonprofits and business organizations, plus tips and tidbits from the community.

We invite newcomers and longtime 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.

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

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## Home, Sweet Home

Alexandria: From the waterfront to the West End.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

**W**elcome to Alexandria, known as the hometown of such notables as George Washington and Robert E. Lee. The city was also home to Jim Morrison, Mama Cass Elliot, Willard Scott and House of Cards creator Beau Willimon.

Dig a little deeper and you'll learn that U.S. President Gerald Ford was a longtime resident, that Miss World 2013, Megan Young, is an Alexandria native and that U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers lived here after he was released from a Soviet prison in 1962.

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 Scottish Walk and Del Ray's Art on the Avenue. But off the beaten paths of King Street and Mount Vernon Avenue are attractions such as the Tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary War Soldier and the National Inventors Hall of Fame.

"This is a very special place," said astronaut Buzz Aldrin of the National Inventors Hall of Fame when he attended an event there. "No other place celebrates the history and innovation of our nation."

Another Alexandria landmark is the Captain Rocky Versace Plaza and Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Located in front of the Mount Vernon Recreation Center, the plaza



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**The George Washington Birthday Parade celebrates the birthday of the nation's first president with the country's largest parade in his honor. It is one of Alexandria's many festivals and parades that draw thousands of visitors to the city.**

honors the 67 Alexandrians who lost their lives in the Vietnam War.

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.

One of the city's most obvious landmarks is also one of its best kept secrets. Located on 36 acres overlooking Old Town, the George Washington National Masonic Memorial was built in the 1920s as a memorial and museum highlighting the contributions of Freemasons to the United States. The structure also serves as a research center, library, community center and performing arts center and offers one of the best panoramic views of the city.

Tucked away on a side street in Old Town is the less obvious "Spite House." At just 7-feet wide, it is one of the tiniest historic homes in the nation. Built in 1830, the private residence was constructed by John Hollensbury using the existing brick walls of the adjacent homes to prevent horse-drawn wagon traffic from using the alleyway.



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**In 1830, John Hollensbury constructed what is now known as "the Spite House" — a 7 feet wide, 325-square-foot two-story home that used the existing brick walls of the adjacent homes to prevent horse-drawn wagon traffic from using the alleyway.**



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**A 52-foot wide and 11-foot tall history mural is the focal point of the new National Science Foundation Headquarters building in Alexandria. It provides a visual history of the NSF and depicts seven decades of scientific discovery and innovation.**

King Street in Old Town and Mount Vernon Avenue in Del Ray serve as the shopping and dining hubs of the city. Both are lined with locally owned boutiques and restaurants. The free King Street Trolley runs from the "river to the rails," bringing riders from the waterfront to the King Street Metro station seven days a week.

The many arts and entertainment offerings in town include the Birchmere, MetroStage and The Little Theatre of Alexandria. The Alexandria Symphony Orchestra, which performs at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center on the campus of Northern Virginia Community College, is considered one of the finest in the nation.

If you're looking to perform yourself, a variety of classes are available for children and adults at LTA's home on Wolfe Street, where Dermot Mulroney and Academy Award winner Marcia Gay Harden honed their craft. The Alexandria Singers, a pops chorus, also holds open auditions for new members.

It doesn't take long for even a newcomer to realize that Alexandria is a city that loves

its festivals and parades, starting with the largest George Washington birthday celebration in the country and ending the year with First Night Alexandria, a day-long celebration that culminates with a fireworks finale over the Potomac River.

There are no shortage of accolades for Alexandria, from being named a Top Holiday Town by USA Today to being recognized as having the best downtown of any small to mid-size city in the nation by Livability.com. So spend a few years or stay for a lifetime — there really is no place like Alexandria to call home.



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**The Captain Rocky Versace Plaza and Vietnam Veterans Memorial honors the service and sacrifice of the 67 men from Alexandria who either died in Vietnam and the surrounding area or remain missing in action. The plaza is located in front of the Mount Vernon Recreation Center in Del Ray.**



PHOTO BY TOOL JAMPATHOM

**The Alexandria Singers, a pops chorus, will hold open auditions for new members on Sept. 11 and 18.**

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# A Mayoral Welcome An abiding sense of community.

BY ALLISON SILBERBERG  
MAYOR OF ALEXANDRIA



**A**s we enter the final days of summer, I would like to extend a heartfelt welcome to all those who are newcomers to our beloved, historic city! Alexandria is a stunning city in every season, but especially with the fall foliage that will be here soon.

Founded in 1749, Alexandria is authentic and charming. With a number of historic districts throughout our city, we are a city of great and diverse neighborhoods. Old Town Alexandria is recognized as a national treasure with its restored homes and buildings of the 1700s and 1800s, gas lampposts, brick sidewalks, cobblestone streets, and historic markers. You can visit historic sites such as Gadsby's Tavern Museum, where important figures such as George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, George Mason, and the Marquis de Lafayette ate, drank, and at great risk, planned the creation of our nation. Historic preservation is a core value here, and it is one of the major reasons over three million people visit Alexandria each year.

Alexandria is also an arts destination that includes our Alexandria Symphony Orches-

tra, MetroStage's award-winning theater, the Art League, and numerous art galleries. One of my favorite places to visit with family and friends is the internationally known Torpedo Factory Art Center.

A vibrant city of 150,000 residents, Alexandria still retains its small-town feel. You can find fresh produce and goods at our many Farmers' Markets. Old Town's Market Square is home to the oldest continuous Farmers' Market in the country. And don't miss our well-known, unique shops throughout our city. From Old Town to Del Ray and the West End, Alexandria is a city for foodies, known for some of the best culinary talent in the region.

We have beautiful parks plus biking and walking trails. Some of my favorite places to go for a walk or to meet friends are Founders Park, Oronoco Bay Park, Fort Ward Park, and Brenman Park. Many of our parks have recently been improved with the help of community support, including donations and volunteerism. We also have a community-wide goal of "greening up" our city and dramatically increasing our tree canopy. I encourage everyone to join fellow Alexandrians in this team effort to plant trees. During the past two years, together we have nearly tripled the number of trees

planted per year.

Alexandria is a city of kindness and compassion. The City Council and I signed a Statement of Inclusiveness reaffirming our strong commitment to diversity and declaring our city to be a hate-free zone. This is a core value of our city. There is no place for intolerance here.

Alexandria has a phenomenal nonprofit sector. If you would like to volunteer, we have plenty of opportunities for you. We are a can-do city. Our citizens are known for seeing an issue and rolling up their sleeves to create change. Check out Volunteer Alexandria for information about volunteer opportunities.

Here are fun highlights for the coming months. On Sept. 22, TWIG will host its 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Historic Alexandria Homes Tour. On Oct. 6, Del Ray will host its Art on the Avenue. Be sure not to miss the Del Ray Halloween Parade. On Dec. 1, the Campagna Center's Scottish Christmas Walk Parade celebrates our Scottish heritage. There is our ever-popular First Night Alexandria on New Year's Eve. In 2019, we will enjoy our George Washington Birthday Parade, the

Ballyshanners' St. Patrick's Day Parade, and Alexandria's annual birthday celebration. These annual traditions create the glue that gives our city an abiding sense of community.

**I ask you to help us make our great city even greater by sharing your ideas with us. Please don't hesitate to speak out about issues.**

At City Hall, we are working hard for all our residents. I ask you to help us make our great city even greater by sharing your ideas with us. Please don't hesitate to speak out about issues. You may also consider joining one of our boards

or commissions. Civic engagement is critically important. One Saturday a month, the City Council holds a monthly public hearing, and at the beginning of the meeting, residents may speak for three minutes about any concern or suggestion. I welcome your input and host a monthly coffee called "Mayor on Your Corner," where all are encouraged to come share thoughts and concerns. I am deeply honored to serve as your Mayor.

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

## A Welcome to All New ACPS Families

BY DR. GREGORY C.  
HUTCHINGS, JR.  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS



**H**ello and welcome to all of our new students and new families! And of course, welcome back to all of our returning students and their families, too.

It's been just over two months since I returned to Alexandria as your Superintendent of Schools and I have to say, it is so good to be back home. Alexandria is such a great place to live and work

and our community is especially diverse, vibrant and welcoming. We want to make sure that every one of you feels that great sense of community when you walk through the front doors of our schools. We are working hard to get our schools ready so all of our students feel comfortable, welcome and ready to learn on day one.

At ACPS, we stand for every student succeeding. We have students from 118 different countries who speak 120 different languages and this diversity is truly a gift. There is no other school division where students can experience such a rich global environment as the one we have in the city of Alexandria. Our students in ACPS graduate being able to fully engage in and contribute to our dynamic world. Time and time again, our students come back and tell us they were better prepared for their college experience or their work environment, thanks to their ACPS experiences, and best of all they actively want to give back to our community as a result.

This year, we will be welcoming around 15,700 students and while that growth is a cause for celebration, we also need to make sure we are preparing for it in the future. This fall, we will be looking to create a new vision for high school programming that matches the future workforce needs of Al-

**You can make this the best year ever for your child by staying connected to your child's school.**

exandria, the DC metro area, the United States and beyond.

Some of you have already heard that we recently launched the Governor's Health Science Academy at T.C. Williams High School in collaboration with The George Washington University. This is the first public-private educational partnership of its kind in Virginia. Students who graduate from the Health Sciences Academy have the opportunity to earn up to 22 college credits and get automatic acceptance to The George Washington University. We hope to create more partnerships like this in the future and expand our high school offerings as well as opportunities still further.

As part of my 100-Day Entry Plan, I will be meeting with a wide range of school, community and business leaders whose expertise and knowledge of the community will afford ACPS an opportunity to ensure every student succeeds upon graduation of ACPS. I, too, have two children who attend

ACPS and understand the importance of a high quality educational experience. Just like you, my wife and I get one shot to raise our children and it is imperative that our schools provide an engaging learning environment that allows all students to thrive academically. Furthermore, we must prepare students to be able to think critically and make wise decisions to afford a productive life. Together, I know that we can meet our students where they are and provide the support needed to help them achieve success regardless of their life circumstances.

Staying connected is one of the most important things we can do to strengthen our sense of schools as the heart of our community. Your engagement, feedback and input will set ACPS on the trajectory to attain our ACPS 2020 goals over the next two years and beyond. Please sign up to receive our weekly school news via ACPS Express at [www.acps.k12.va.us/news](http://www.acps.k12.va.us/news), or connect with us in English, Spanish, Arabic, Amharic on Facebook, or Spanish and English on Twitter.

We know this is going to be an awesome school year. You can make this the best year ever for your child by staying connected to your child's school. Volunteer, join your PTA and attend community meetings. There is real power in being involved and we are so grateful that you've given us the honor of serving our ACPS families each day.

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**Gathering for Spring2Action, Alexandria's Giving Day, at City Hall.**



## Join in by Giving Back

BY HEATHER PEELER  
PRESIDENT & CEO  
ACT FOR ALEXANDRIA



**W**elcome to Alexandria. Whether you are returning to our community or are a newcomer, we are excited to have you as our neighbor.

As you get to know Alexandria, you'll find our community is rich with parks and cultural opportunities, has some of the best

dining and nightlife in the region, offers a connection to many elements of American history and features diverse cultures and neighborhoods.

Alexandrians are known for their generosity. We care about the health and wellbeing of fellow residents and there is a vibrant network of community organizations working hard to ensure that Alexandria is a vibrant place for all.

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# Making Cents for Charity

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

**H**oly Cow, Del Ray's Gourmet Burger Joint, marked a milestone Aug. 21: the donation of more than 400,000 quarters, or \$100,000, to local charities through ACT for Alexandria. Since the restaurant opened in 2012, it has donated \$.25 for each burger sold to more than 250 charities as selected by the patron.

"People spend more time trying to decide which charity to donate to than they do which burger to order," joked co-owner Donna Anderson. "To save time you can check out the list of charities online at HolyCowDelRay.com before ordering."

Dining out at Holy Cow is one small way to give back to the community. From national organizations like Rotary and Lions Clubs to local nonprofits like Senior Services of Alexandria, there are seemingly endless opportunities to volunteer your time and talents.

"Volunteer Alexandria is a connector of people and groups interested in getting involved in our community and organizations who are in need of volunteers to help them fulfill their mission," said Marion Brunken, executive director of Volunteer Alexandria. "Often, people don't know



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where to start so we will help anyone who wants to volunteer."

Volunteer Alexandria will help connect individuals six years or older with a non-profit organization or city agency that needs assistance and suits their interests.

"It's really easy to be matched," Brunken said. "Just visit VolunteerAlexandria.org, enter a keyword, zip code, or age, and the system populates a list of current opportu-

**Dining out or volunteering, opportunities abound to help community.**

nces.

The American Legion provides support and services for veterans from World War II through the War on Terror. Members also volunteer in numerous community activities, including Rebuilding Together Alexandria, which works year round to repair and rehabilitate homes free of cost for those in need, including the elderly, persons with disabilities, military veterans and families with children. Since 1948, the Alexandria Sportsman's Club has been providing scholarships to high school athletes through fundraising events and monthly meetings that feature speakers such as NFL Hall of Famer Darrell Green.

Alexandria's sense of community and service are considered by many to be the city's greatest attraction. "Any level of volunteering will make a difference," Brunken added.

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Other volunteer opportunities include Senior Services of Alexandria, which uses volunteers for Meals on Wheels deliveries as well as the Friendly Visitor Program and Groceries to Go service. Carpenter's Shelter, the city's homeless shelter, uses volunteers for administrative tasks and meal ser-

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**Alexandria Symphony Orchestra Music Director James Ross**

## A World-class Treasure

**In your backyard.**

BY MELINDA KERNC  
ALEXANDRIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The Washington, D.C. metro region boasts some of the finest culture institutions and performing arts groups in the country. Although you may be tempted to cross the river for a night out, you may not know a shining gem is right in your neighborhood.

Celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary season this year, the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra draws from the wealth of musical talent throughout the region; many ASO musicians are principals with other professional orchestras. This fall the ASO will welcome top soloists to the stage along with the new maestro, James Ross, who assumed the baton as music director earlier this month.

In the spring of 2018, the ASO completed a two-year international search, hiring Ross as its fifth music director. Ross was selected among 170 applicants and participated in the 2017-2018 season as a finalist, conducting and programming his performances. ASO audiences, musicians and trustees rated the candidates following each concert, and this valuable feedback influenced the final selection.

The ASO presents eight main series concerts (four pairs of week-end performances) from September to April. Saturday evening performances are held at the Rachel

M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center (NVCC – Alexandria campus), and Sunday matinees are held at the iconic George Washington Masonic Memorial. Both venues are metro-accessible and offer free parking. Attendees of all ages are welcome; youth tickets (18 and under) are \$5, and student tickets (with ID) are \$10.

In addition to its orchestral series, the ASO underwrites ASO Sympatico, an El Sistema-inspired music education program at John Adams Elementary School (Alexandria City Public Schools), launching its fifth school year this fall with six ensembles serving 130-plus students.

Each July, the ASO performs a free outdoor public concert at the Alexandria Birthday Celebration in Oronoco Bay Park (Alexandria waterfront), complete with fireworks and live cannons. Many ASO concerts and events throughout the year include an educational component.

In total, the ASO reaches more than 40,000 people annually through performances, music education programs and community outreach.

The ASO is supported by the community through ticket sales, individual gifts, corporate sponsorships and grants.

In April 2018, the ASO launched a three-year 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Campaign to initiate new projects, expand community outreach and support the events surrounding the anniversary.

To contribute to the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Campaign or to purchase tickets, call 703-548-0885 or visit [www.alexsym.org](http://www.alexsym.org).

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# PARKS

A SAMPLING OF ALEXANDRIA PARKS

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MAP BY LAURENCE FOONG; DESIGN BY JEAN CARD



**A 12-foot white skiff served as a blank canvas for painters of all ages as part of the Alexandria Seaport Foundation's Seaport Day, one of many events held in Waterfront Park.**

**1 Armistead Boothe Park**

520 Cameron Station Blvd.  
Citywide Park  
Size: 10.81 acres, Features: Athletic fields, basketball court, playground, picnic pavilion, restrooms, tennis courts, and walking/biking trails.

**2 Ben Brenman Park**

4800 Brenman Park Dr.  
Citywide Park  
Size: 59.3 acres, Features: ADA accessible picnic benches and pathways, Amphitheatre, athletic fields, dog park, parking, picnic pavilion with grill, playground, pond, restrooms, and walking/bicycle trails.

**3 Brookvalley Park**

5599 Holmes Run Parkway  
Citywide Park  
Size: 22.03 acres, Features: Garden plots, natural area, playground, picnic areas, walking/bicycle trail, home to Bicentennial Tree.

**4 Cameron Station Linear Park**

5131 Brawner Place  
Citywide Park  
Size: 7.56 acres, Features: Biking/walking/jogging trail

**5 Chinquapin Park/Forest Park**

3210 King St.  
Citywide Park  
Size: 52.89 acres (Chinquapin: 32.08 acres; Forest Park: 20.81), Athletic fields, basketball courts, garden plots, picnic area with grill, parking, playground, tennis courts, recreation center with an indoor swimming pool, and wooded area.

**6 Four Mile Run Park**

3700 Commonwealth Ave. and 4131 Mount Vernon Ave.  
Citywide Park  
Size: 46.75 acres (an additional 1.47 acres has recently been acquired and a planning process is currently underway for the additional land), Features: Athletic fields, basketball, biking/jogging/walking trail, bird and river watching, fishing, playground, picnic benches, and seating.

**7 Holmes Run Scenic Easement**

Holmes Run Parkway  
Citywide Park  
Size: 8.02 acres, Features: Natural wooded area, walking and biking paths.

**8 Joseph Hensley Park**

4200 Eisenhower Ave.  
Citywide Park  
Size: 21.66 acres, Features: Softball fields, soccer field, restrooms, on-site parking, picnic area, park shelter with grill.

**9 Potomac Greens Park**

700 Carpenter Road  
Citywide Park  
Size: 18.47 acres, Features: Playground, seating area, wooded area with trails

**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/bicycle 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/biking trails, and sitting area.

**12 Witter Recreational Field**

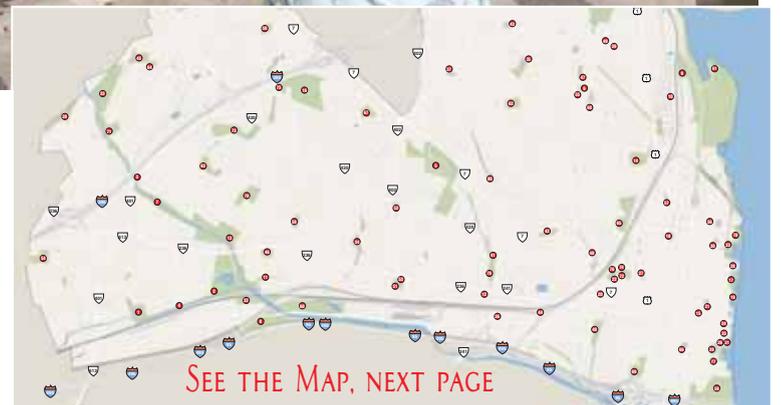
2700 Witter Drive  
Citywide Park  
Size: 13.7 acres, Features: Athletic fields (two synthetic turf rectangular), cemetery, park shelters, parking, and restrooms.

**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.  
Historical/Destination  
Size: 0.18 acres, Features: Playground/tot-lot, sitting area.

**16 Fort Ward Park**

4301 W. Braddock Road  
Historical/Destination  
Size: 43.46 acres, Features: Amphitheater, dog exercise area, museum, shelter, parking, picnic areas, playground, and restrooms.

**17 Founders Park**

351 N. Union St.  
Historical/Destination  
Size: 4.67 acres, Features: Dog exercise area, volleyball court, benches, walking paths.

**18 Freedmen's Cemetary**

638 North Alfred Street  
Historical/Destination  
Size: 0.43 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 planting 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/biking/jogging trails

**24 Point Lumley**

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

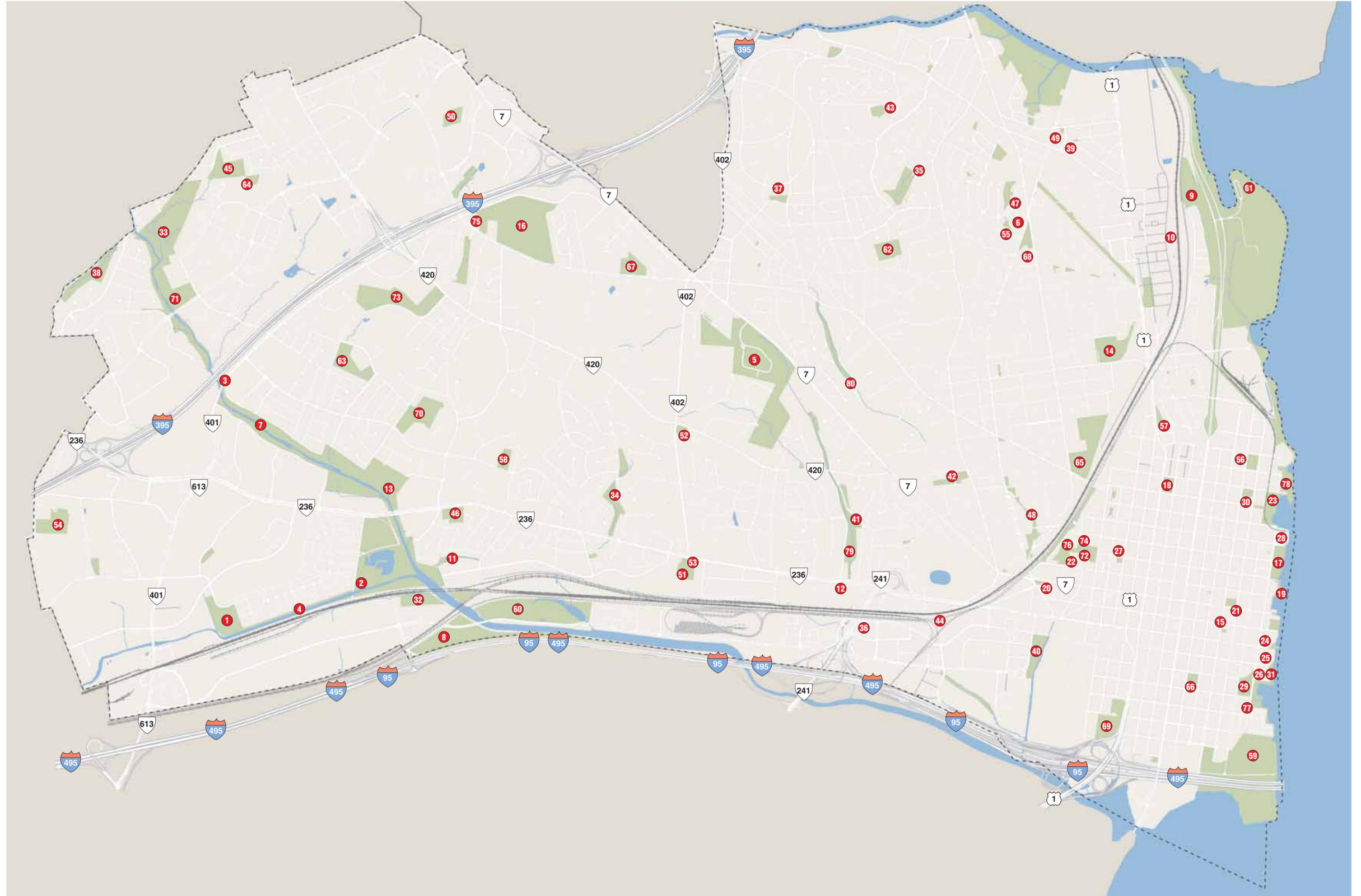
# PARKS



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**Cameron Run Park features batting cages, mini golf and a water park.**

- 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**  
1A Prince St.  
Historical/Destination  
Size: 1.37 acres, Features: Boat docking, open lawn space, riverfront seating, and trails
- 28 West's Point Park**  
1 Oronoco St.  
Historical/Destination  
Size: 0.07 acres, Features: Riverfront sitting area and observation deck
- 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**  
705 North Fairfax St.  
Historical/Destination  
Size: 0.44 acres, Features: Seating area and flower beds
- 31 Harborside/Shipyard Park**  
1 Wilkes St.  
Historical/Destination  
Size: 1.52 acres, Features: Trail and riverside seating
- 32 Clermont Natural Park**  
4551 Eisenhower Ave.  
Natural Area  
Size: 5.95 acres, Features: Wooded area
- 33 Dora Kelley Nature Park**  
5750 Sanger Ave.  
Natural Area  
Size: 46.61 acres, Features: Environmental programs, sitting areas, walking/biking trail, Nature Center, and wooded natural area.
- 34 Fort Williams Park**  
501 Fort Williams Parkway  
Natural Area  
Size: 8.3 acres, Features: Wooded nature area with a walking path.
- 35 Monticello Park**  
320 Beverley Drive  
Natural Area  
Size: 6.24 acres, Features: Bird watching, dog area, stream, walking trail
- 36 Old Cameron Run Channel Park**  
2551 Mill Road  
Natural Area  
Size: 2.83 acres, Features: A nature area with stream
- 37 Robert Leider Park**  
3002 Valley Drive  
Natural Area  
Size: 1.3 acres, Features: Nature area with trail



# PARKS

## 38 Rynex Nature Park

1500 North Chambliss St.  
Natural Area  
Size: 9.32 acres, Features: Heavily wooded nature area

## 39 3550 Commonwealth Avenue

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

## 40 African American Heritage Memorial Park

500 Holland Lane  
Neighborhood Park  
Features: One-acre 19th century African American Cemetery, memorial sculptures, park design includes part of the original landscape of the cemetery and a wetland.

## 41 Angel Park

201 W. Taylor Run Parkway  
Neighborhood Park  
Size: 10.34 acres, Features: Athletic fields, basketball court, playground, and shelter with grill.

## 42 Beach Park

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

## 43 Beverley Park

620 N. Overlook Dr.  
Neighborhood Park  
Size: 1.74 acres, Features: Hard court play area, playground with a park shelter and picnic tables, sitting areas, and wooded nature area.

## 44 Carlyle Dog Park and Tennis Courts

450 Andrews Lane  
Neighborhood Park  
Size: 2.96 acres, Features: Fenced dog exercise area, tennis courts, parking

## 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 playground.

## 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.



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**Alexandria celebrates its birthday each July at Oronoco Bay Park. The event features a concert by the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra and cannon fire during the grand finale fireworks display during Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture."**

## 51 Lockett 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 lawn and seating areas

## 53 Schuyler 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 Douglas St.  
Neighborhood Park  
Size: 1.47 acres, Features: Basketball and tennis courts, and playground

## 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  
Features: Great Waves Waterpark, miniature golf, batting cages, picnic shelter and a special events pavillion

## 61 Daingerfield Island

1 Marina Drive  
National Park  
Size: 106 acres, 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, playground, 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.  
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

300 Buchanan Street  
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.  
Size: 0.84 acres, Features: Riverfront sitting area

## 78 Rivergate City Park

2 Montgomery St.  
Size: 2.84 acres, Features: Riverfront sitting, picnic areas, and volleyball

## 79 Taylor Run Park

Taylor Run Parkway East  
Size: 3.34 acres, Features: Wooded area

## 80 Timberbranch Parkway

Timberbranch Parkway  
Size: 6.19 acres, Features: Dog exercise area, and wooded area

## NEWCOMERS & COMMUNITY GUIDE

# ACT for Alexandria: Join in by Giving Back

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One of the best ways to get to know our community is by getting involved and participating in the civic life of our city. There is a volunteer opportunity for everyone – from delivering meals to homebound seniors with Senior Services of Alexandria, to helping homeless families get back on their feet at Carpenter’s Shelter, to lending your voice with the Alexandria Harmonizers! Not sure where to begin? Volunteer Alexandria can help you find the perfect volunteer opportunity that aligns with your interests, skills and schedule.

Another way to give back is by focusing your charitable giving in

Alexandria. Chances are there’s a nonprofit organization in our community that aligns with your passion. There are many effective, highly respected nonprofits in Alexandria that address a variety of needs and causes. ACT for Alexandria is Alexandria’s community foundation and we are here to help you connect to nonprofits, learn about important issues fac-

ing our community and provide guidance on how you can be more effective in your giving.

Community foundations are entities dedicated to improving the quality of life of the local community. We were established to provide a centralized source of support to nonprofit organizations and to help the city, schools, businesses and other organizations partner in new ways. We were also set up to make charitable giving in Alexandria easy. ACT offers donor advised funds — one of the fastest growing charitable giving vehicles in the country. Donor advised funds are like a charitable bank account where you control when and how much you give to

the nonprofits you care about. Best of all you get a tax deduction when you put money in a donor advised fund and then you can decide when to make a donation to a nonprofit of your choice, now or later.

Finally, you’ll want to keep Spring2ACTion, Alexandria’s Giving Day on your radar. Sponsored by ACT, Spring2ACTion takes place every April and is an exciting way to join thousands of your

neighbors in supporting more than 150 nonprofit organizations. In 2018, together we raised \$1.8M. With your involvement in 2019, I know we will raise even more!

Make giving back — either as a volunteer, donor, or both! — part of your plan to become an active member of the Alexandria community. Visit [www.actforalexandria.org](http://www.actforalexandria.org) or call us at 703-739-7778 to learn more.

## Scrutiny through Agenda: Alexandria

Founded in 1998 to provide a forum of in-depth and unbiased discussion of city issues, Agenda: Alexandria celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2018. This nonprofit was founded to provide a forum of in-depth and unbiased discussion of city issues.

“Our current board of directors is excited to build in the 20-year history of this organization by looking at issues without taking sides,” said Michael Lee Pope, chairman.

Open to all, the program, preceded by an optional dinner, is held at The Hermitage Auditorium, 5000 Fairbanks Ave., Alexandria, and other venues around the city. The 2018-2019 season dates and topics have just been announced:

- ❖ Sept. 24: Affordable Housing: Affordable for Whom?
- ❖ Oct. 22: Return of the Electeds: Perspectives,

### Lessons and Legends

- ❖ Nov. 26: Loan Sharks or Lenders of Last Resort?
- ❖ Jan. 28, 2019: Bullying and Lockdowns: Perspectives on School Security
- ❖ Feb. 25, 2019: Whither Landmark: What Happens After Wonder Woman?
- ❖ March 25, 2019: Del Ray: The Forgotten Town of Potomac
- ❖ April 22, 2019: Eco-City Report Card: Is Alexandria Cleaning Up Its Act?
- ❖ May 20, 2019: Broken Promises? Neighborhood Transitions and Transparency

For more about Agenda: Alexandria, visit [www.Agenda:Alexandria.com](http://www.Agenda:Alexandria.com) or email [ExecutiveDirector@AgendaAlexandria.com](mailto:ExecutiveDirector@AgendaAlexandria.com) for early information on membership, sponsorship and advertising opportunities.

## Offering Services for Seniors

Senior Services of Alexandria (SSA) is a nonprofit organization that has as its mission, “to foster independence and self-sufficiency, enabling seniors within the City of Alexandria to age with dignity.”

SSA operates the Meals on Wheels delivery program and DOT transportation reservations for the city, presents educational programs through various events, a speaker series and a monthly cable television production, “Senior Living in Alexandria.” It oversees the Senior Ambassador Program where volunteers spread the word about programs and services

available to seniors to their respective communities.

SSA and the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria operate the Animeals on Wheels program, providing food for pets of low-income seniors. SSA’s Friendly Visitor Program matches volunteers with seniors for weekly visits, enhancing connections to the community. SSA also operates a Groceries to Go Program for seniors who have difficulty shopping. If you are a senior in need of services or would like to join the effort to enhance the lives of seniors, contact SSA at [www.seniorservicesalex.org](http://www.seniorservicesalex.org) or call 703-836-4414.

## Nueva Vida Needs Volunteers

Nueva Vida informs, supports, and empowers Latino families whose lives are affected by cancer and advocates for and facilitates the timely access to state-of-the-art cancer care, including screening, diagnosis, treatment and care for all Latinos. Bilingual volunteers are needed.

Nueva Vida is located at 206 N. Washington St., #300. Call 202-223-9100 or visit [www.nueva-vida.org](http://www.nueva-vida.org)

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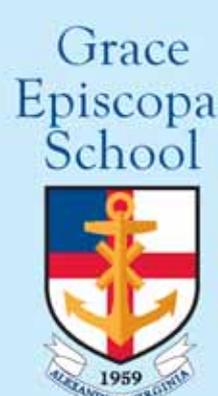
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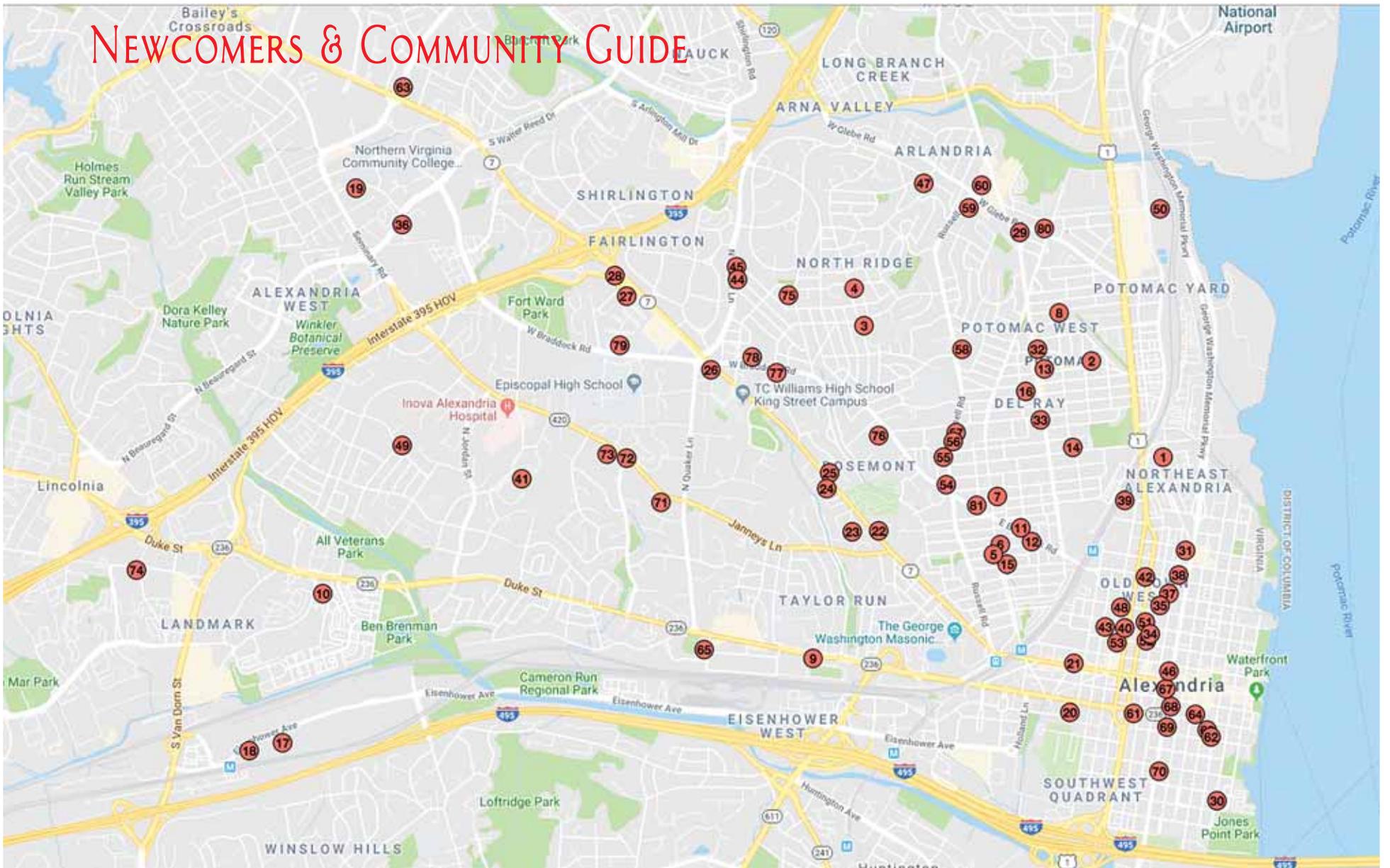
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MAP FROM BATCHGEO

## A City of Faith *A bird's eye view of the city's religious congregations.*

BY DAN BRENDL  
GAZETTE PACKET

Alexandria's 15 square miles. These mostly represent Christianity, especially Protestant or independent denominations. While Catholics comprise the single largest denomination by adherents, according to the Association of Religion Data Archives (ARDA), they gather in only four parishes. The city has two long-established Jewish congregations, plus a smattering representing denominations that ARDA classifies as "other," such as Latter Day Saints (Mormons), Jehovah's Witnesses, and Baha'is.

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### FAITH COMMUNITY IN ALEXANDRIA

Map #	Institution	Address	Phone	Web Site
1	D M V Zion Church	1000 Bernard St		
2	Mount Nebo Pentecostal Church	2300 Burke Ave	(703) 683-2590	www.mtnebonva.org
3	Westminster Presbyterian Church	2701 Cameron Mills Rd	(703) 549-4766	www.wpc-alex.org
4	Trinity United Methodist Church	2911 Cameron Mills Rd	(703) 549-5500	www.trinityalexandria.org
5	Commonwealth Baptist Church	700 Commonwealth Ave	(703) 548-8000	www.cbcalexandria.org
6	Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses	801 Commonwealth Ave	(703) 836-6030	
7	Alexandria Grace Brethren Church	1301 Commonwealth Ave	(703) 548-1808	www.alexgbc.com
8	Emmanuel Temple Seventh Day Adventist Church	2707 Dewitt Ave	(703) 836-6673	www.etsda.org

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Map #	Institution	Address	Phone Web Site
9	Victory Temple Missionary Baptist Church	2762 Duke St	(703) 370-2233 www.victorytemple-mbc.org
10	Tabernacle Baptist Church	5130 Duke St	(703) 212-8833 www.tbcnova.com
11	Alexandria Church of the Nazarene	20 E Braddock Rd	(703) 836-1933
12	Alexandria Church of Christ	111 E Braddock Rd	(703) 836-3083 www.alexandriacoc.org
13	Abundant Life United Holy Church	204 E Del Ray Ave	(703) 548-2813
14	St Andrew & St Margaret of Scotland Anglican Catholic Church	402 E Monroe Ave	(703) 683-3343 www.standrewandstmargaret.org
15	Redeemed Church Of Christ	4 E Oak St	(703) 836-7848 www.redeemedchurchofchrist.org
16	Del Ray United Methodist Church	100 E Windsor Ave	(703) 549-2088 www.delrayumc.org
17	Iglesia Pentecostes Fuente de Salva	5200 Eisenhower Ave	(703) 577-4501 www.ministeriofuentedesalvacion.org
18	Baha'is of Alexandria	5400 Eisenhower Ave	(703) 548-0929 www.eotcdc-mtkc.org
19	St James United Methodist Church	5200 Fillmore Ave	(703) 820-5494 www.sjumc.net
20	Shiloh Baptist Church	1401 Jamieson Ave	(703) 683-4573 www.shiloh-bc.org
21	Alleyne AME Zion Church	1419 King St	(703) 548-3888 www.alleyneamez.org
22	First Christian Church	2723 King St	(703) 549-3911 www.fccalexandria.com
23	Church Of Jesus Christ Of LDS	2810 King St	(703) 683-7577
24	King Street Church	2912 King St	(703) 548-5084 www.thekingstreetchurch.org
25	First Baptist Church	2923 King St	(703) 684-3720 www.fbcalexandria.org
26	Oakland Baptist Church	3408 King St	(703) 998-9006 www.obcalexandriava.org
27	Fairlington Presbyterian Church	3846 King St	(703) 931-7344 www.fpcusa.org
27	Covenant Life Church	3846 King St	(703) 280-0341 www.covenant-life-church.org
28	Fairlington United Methodist Church	3900 King St	(703) 671-8557 www.fairlingtonumc.org
29	Love Of Christ Church	101 Leadbeater St	(703) 518-4404 www.loveofchristchurch.com

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## CAREGIVER CONNECT

*A Monthly Gathering for Caregivers  
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At The Kensington, we understand that caregiving for someone with dementia is a demanding responsibility. We also believe it is one you should not undertake alone. That's why we strive to preserve your well-being by helping you stay positive, manage fatigue and make the most of moments as your loved one's memory changes.

Join us each month to share time connecting with other caregivers and discussing common challenges. Guest facilitators offer information, advice and support in a welcoming, private setting.

Dr. Aleksandra (Anya) Parpura, an expert in aging and dementia, leads our Caregiver Connect program and brings to us vast knowledge, helpful tips and a kind heart.

The first Wednesday of each month from 6:30-8:00pm  
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# FUN, FAIRS & FESTIVALS

## August 2018

### FOURTH SATURDAYS/APRIL-OCTOBER

**Mount Vernon Flea Market.** 8 a.m.-1 p.m., at 8717 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. Features furniture, art, china, glass, porcelain, pottery, books, photographs, lighting, tools, etc. Refreshments will also be on sale. Admission is free. Visit [mountvernonfleamarket.wordpress.com](http://mountvernonfleamarket.wordpress.com) for more info.

### SATURDAY/AUG. 25

**Ballyshanners Irish Festival.** 11 a.m.-7 p.m. at the Alexandria Waterfront Park, 1A Prince St. A celebration of Irish history and culture in Alexandria. Visit [www.ballyshanners.org/2018-irish-festival/](http://www.ballyshanners.org/2018-irish-festival/) for more.

### SATURDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 25-26

**Begonia Show and Sale.** 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on Saturday, noon-3:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Show sponsored by the Potomac branch of the American Begonia Society. Free. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/green-spring/begonia-show-and-sale/082518](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/green-spring/begonia-show-and-sale/082518) for more.

## September 2018

### FRIDAY/SEPT. 7

**Patriot Day Golf Classic.** 11:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. at Belle Haven Country Club, 6023 Fort Hunt Road. 5th Annual Patriot Day Golf Classic to benefit two veteran and wounded warrior organizations. Visit [www.bellehavenc.com/golf/patriot](http://www.bellehavenc.com/golf/patriot) for more.

### SATURDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 15-16

**King Street Art Festival.** 10 a.m.-7 p.m. on Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday at 220 King St. Featuring live music, and interactive art activities. Visit [www.artfestival.com/festivals/alexandria-king-street-art-festival](http://www.artfestival.com/festivals/alexandria-king-street-art-festival) for more.

## October 2018

### SATURDAY/OCT. 8

**Art on the Avenue.** 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Mount Vernon Ave. Art on the Avenue is a multicultural arts festival in the Del Ray neighborhood in Alexandria. Visit [artontheavenue.org/](http://artontheavenue.org/) for more.

### SATURDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 20-21

**Fall Harvest Family Days.** 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Pioneer Farm in George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Celebrate the beginning of autumn with the family at Mount Vernon with activities including wagon rides, apple-roasting and a straw bale maze. Visit [www.mountvernon.org/plan-your-visit/calendar/events/fall-harvest-family-days/](http://www.mountvernon.org/plan-your-visit/calendar/events/fall-harvest-family-days/) for more.

### SATURDAY/OCT. 27

**VolunteerFest.** A region-wide day of community service helps nonprofits accomplish tasks they would not have time or resources to do on their own. Visit [www.volunteerfairfax.org/individuals/volunteerfest.php](http://www.volunteerfairfax.org/individuals/volunteerfest.php) for more.

**Halloween Pumpkin Hunt.** 10:30 a.m.; 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. at Lee-Fendall House Museum, 614 Oronoco St. Elementary school-aged children and younger may participate in the hunt and will receive a toy pumpkin. The event will also feature



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**The annual Scottish Walk Parade is one of Alexandria's signature events and attracts tens of thousands from around the region.**

Halloween crafts, food and drink, ghost stories and a costume parade. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$15 for children participating in the hunt. Visit [www.leefendallhouse.org](http://www.leefendallhouse.org) for more.

**Del Ray Halloween Parade.** 2-4 p.m. at Mount Vernon Ave. All are welcome to march in the parade. Parade ends in a party at the Mt. Vernon Recreation Center fields featuring live music, free refreshments, games, best costume awards, and more. Free. Visit [www.visitdelray.com/halloween](http://www.visitdelray.com/halloween) for more.

### TUESDAY/OCT. 31

**Halloween Trick-Or-Treating.** 5-7 p.m. at Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St. Free. Visit [www.novaparks.com/parks/carlyle-house-historic-park/events/trick-or-treat](http://www.novaparks.com/parks/carlyle-house-historic-park/events/trick-or-treat) for more.

## November 2018

### FRIDAY/NOV. 2

**Art on Tap 2018.** 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/artwork coupling to serve as

their muse to create the perfect complimentary appetizer. Enjoy the brew, bite, and artwork trifectas, then vote for a winner. \$35-45. Visit [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com) and search "Art on Tap" for tickets.

### TUESDAY/ NOV. 6

**Election Day.** General election. Visit [www.sbe.virginia.gov/](http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/) and [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/upcoming.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/upcoming.htm).

### SUNDAY/NOV. 11

**Mount Vernon Salutes Veterans.** 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Free for veterans and active duty military members, \$9-17 for everyone else. See [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org) for more.

### SATURDAY/NOV. 17

**Alexandria Cider Festival.** 2-6 p.m. on the grounds of historic Lloyd House in Old Town Alexandria. Ticket includes tastings, a souvenir glass, live music, and activities. Food trucks available. \$45 per person and will be available online [shop.alexandriava.gov](http://shop.alexandriava.gov). \$55 at the door. Visit [ciderweekva.com/cw\\_events/alexandria-cider-festival-2/](http://ciderweekva.com/cw_events/alexandria-cider-festival-2/) for more.

### THURSDAY/NOV. 22

**Turkey Trot.** 9 a.m. at George Washington Middle School, 1005 Mount Vernon Ave. A Thanksgiving morning tradition, this fast, flat, USATF-certified 5-mile course through the heart of Del Ray. Registration fees vary. Visit [www.alexandriaturkeytrot.com](http://www.alexandriaturkeytrot.com) for more.

### NOV. 23-JAN. 6

**Christmas in Mount Vernon.** 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. Mount Vernon decks the halls with themed Christmas trees on the estate and festive greenery in the Mansion. Visit [www.mountvernon.org/plan-your-visit/tours-activities/christmas-at-mount-vernon](http://www.mountvernon.org/plan-your-visit/tours-activities/christmas-at-mount-vernon) for more.

### FRIDAY-SUNDAY/

**NOV 30-DEC 2, DEC. 7-9, DEC. 14-16 Fine Art & Fine Craft Holiday Market.** 6-9 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. The market offers 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.delrayartisans.org/event/holiday-market-2018](http://www.delrayartisans.org/event/holiday-market-2018).

## December 2018

**Tree Lighting Ceremony.** 6 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. Free. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov](http://www.alexandriava.gov) for more.

**Alexandria Winter Restaurant Week.** More than 60 Alexandria restaurants offer a \$35 three-course dinner or a \$35 dinner 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.alexandriarestaurantweek.com](http://www.alexandriarestaurantweek.com) for more.

**Candlelight Tour.** Visit [www.leefendallhouse.org](http://www.leefendallhouse.org) or call 703-548-1789 or email [contact@leefendallhouse.org](mailto:contact@leefendallhouse.org).

### SATURDAY/DEC. 1

**48th 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, pipe 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/scottishwalkweekend/parade](http://www.campagnacenter.org/scottishwalkweekend/parade) for more.

### SUNDAY/DEC. 31

**First Night Alexandria.** Events take place throughout the day at numerous venues around the City of Alexandria. Visit [www.firstnightalexandria.org](http://www.firstnightalexandria.org) for more.

## February 2019

### 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 2018 federal and state tax returns for households with a total income of \$52,000 or less. Visit [www.volunteerfairfax.org/individuals/vita.php](http://www.volunteerfairfax.org/individuals/vita.php).

## April 2019

**Relay for Life.** April-June. Fundraisers participate in all-night-long events to help those affected by cancer through the American Cancer Society. Visit [www.relayforlife.org](http://www.relayforlife.org) for specific events and details.

**Mount Vernon Flea Market.** Fourth Saturdays, April-October, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., at 8717 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. Features furniture, art, china, glass, porcelain, pottery, books, photographs, lighting, tools, etc. Refreshments will also be on sale. Admission is free. Visit [mountvernonfleamarket.wordpress.com](http://mountvernonfleamarket.wordpress.com) for more info.

### APRIL 27-MAY 4

**Historic Garden Week.** This weeklong 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](http://www.vagardenweek.org).



FILE PHOTO BY MARK MOCLE

**The Holiday Boat Parade is part of the Scottish Walk Weekend of events and features decorated boats from throughout the region.**

# FUN, FAIRS & FESTIVALS



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## First Night Alexandria

The fireworks finale of First Night Alexandria lights up the sky over the Potomac River to ring in the New Year. The family friendly event features live performances in Old Town and Del Ray culminating with the only New Year's Eve fireworks display in the region.

## May 2019

**Art on the Rocks.** In early May, at The Art League, 105 N. Union St. Mixologists 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 holders sample all of the delicious pairings 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. Visit [www.theartleague.org](http://www.theartleague.org) for more.

### MONDAY/MAY 27

**Memorial Day Jazz Concert.** At Waterfront Park, Alexandria. A variety of jazz performances take place throughout the concert. Waterfront Park features lawn seating and the attendees may bring lawn chairs and blankets. Food, such as barbecue, fried chicken, hot dogs, hamburgers, snow cones and funnel cakes are available for purchase, but everyone is welcome to pack a picnic lunch. Pets should be left at home. Admission is free. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov/Recreation](http://www.alexandriava.gov/Recreation) for more.

## June 2019

**Youth Arts Festival.** Early June, at Mount Vernon Recreation Center, 2701 Commonwealth Ave. This festival will showcase the talents of youth around the city and serve as a forum of expression for both visual

and performing arts. Free. Visit [www.arha.us/](http://www.arha.us/) or call 703-549-7115 ext. 370.

**Taste of Del Ray.** 1-3 p.m. at the intersection of Mount Vernon and Oxford avenues. Top neighborhood restaurants participate in this competition. Visit [www.visitdelray.com](http://www.visitdelray.com).

**Wine on the Waterfront Festival.** At Oronoco Park, 100 Madison St. Formerly known as the Alexandria Food & Wine Festival, the festival expands to include restaurants within Alexandria and other eateries throughout the region. Visit [www.vineonthewaterfront.com](http://www.vineonthewaterfront.com).

## July 2019

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

**Grown Ups Art Camp.** Various times at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Del Ray Artisans is offering more than 30 workshops and sessions to choose from. Prices vary. Visit [www.delrayartisans.org](http://www.delrayartisans.org) for more.



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The annual St. Patrick's Day Parade takes place the first Saturday in March and kicks off a month-long celebration of all things Irish. Madison Kennedy enjoyed the 2018 parade a top the iconic Hard Times Horse.

### THURSDAY/JULY 4

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

### SECOND SATURDAY IN JULY

**USA and Alexandria Birthday Celebration.** Oronoco Bay Park, 100 Madison Street, Alexandria. Celebrate Alexandria's birthday along the Potomac waterfront with fireworks, cake and live music. Visit [www.visitalexandriava.com](http://www.visitalexandriava.com).

## August 2019

**Summer Restaurant Week.** August in neighborhoods throughout Alexandria, including Old Town, Del Ray, Carlyle and West End. Menu options vary by location. Visit [www.AlexandriaRestaurantWeek.com](http://www.AlexandriaRestaurantWeek.com) or call 703-746-3301 for more.

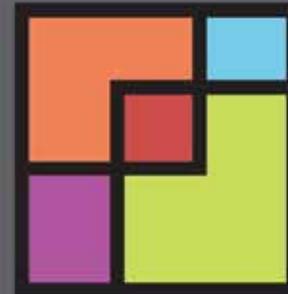
**Ice Cream Making.** Saturdays in August. 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at 3200 Mt. Vernon Highway, Mount Vernon. Cool down with 18th century ice cream making demonstrations. Visit [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org).

**Jane Austen Ball.** Mid-August, 8-11 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. The evening will feature a variety of English country dances in the historic ballroom, live music, and "iced refreshments." Period costume optional; "after-five" attire encouraged. Visit [shop.AlexandriaVA.gov/Events.aspx](http://shop.AlexandriaVA.gov/Events.aspx).

**Friendship Firehouse Festival.** Mid-August, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Friendship Firehouse Museum, 107 S. Alfred St. Held at the historic Friendship Firehouse, 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. The Alexandria Fire Department and the Community Emergency Response Team will also be on hand. Other attractions include craft booths, food vendors and free birthday cake. Free. Visit [www.friendshipfire.net](http://www.friendshipfire.net).



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# NEWS



**Alfred Street Baptist Church**



**St. Joseph Catholic Church**



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**Agudas Achim Congregation, a Conservative Jewish community**

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## FAITH COMMUNITY IN ALEXANDRIA

Map #	Institution	Address	Phone Web Site
30	Zion Baptist Church	714 Lee St	(703) 836-0246 www.zion-baptist-church.org
31	Mesrake Tsehay Kidus Teklehaymanot (Ethiopian Othodox)	708 Montgomery St	www.tekleye24.org
32	First Agape Baptist Community	2423 Mount Vernon Ave	(703) 519-9100
33	Salvation Army	1804 Mt Vernon Ave	(703) 836-2427
34	Alexandria Citadel Corps	www.salvationarmynca.org/alexandria-va	(703) 549-1334
34	Meade Memorial Episcopal Church	322 N Alfred St	www.meadechurch.org
34	Alexandria Central Spanish Church	322 N Alfred St	(301) 680-6451
35	Russell Temple CME Church	507 N Alfred St	www.alexandriacentralspanishva.adventistchurch.org
36	Episcopal Church of the Resurrection	2280 N Beaugard St	(703) 548-1667 www.russelltemplecme.org
36	Iglesia de Restauracion Vida Nueva	2280 N Beaugard St	(703) 998-0888 www.welcometoresurrection.org
36	Bethel Evangelical Church (Ethiopian)	2280 N Beaugard St	(571) 338-7022 www.bethelva.org
36	Power Ministries Penetecostal Church	2280 N Beaugard St	
37	New Pentecostal Church	600 N Columbus St	(703) 684-7266
38	St Joseph Catholic Church	711 N Columbus St	(703) 836-3725 www.stjosephva.org
39	DC Metro Church	1100 N Fayette St	(703) 229-4488 www.metrochurch.com
40	United House of Prayer for All People	324 N Henry St	(703) 549-4199
41	St Andrew's United Methodist Church	845 N Howard St	(703) 751-1696
42	Church of God & Saints of Christ	634 N Patrick St	(703) 549-7488 www.cogasoc.org
43	Mount Jezreel Baptist Church	317 N Payne St	(703) 549-3025
44	Church Of St Clement	1701 N Quaker Ln	(703) 998-6166 www.saintclement.org
45	Convergence Church	1801 N Quaker Ln	(703) 998-6260 www.ourconvergence.org
45	Christ The King Anglican Church	1801 N Quaker Ln	(703) 535-6815 www.ctkalexandria.org
46	Historic Christ Church	118 N Washington St	(703) 549-1450 www.historicchristchurch.org
47	Beverly Hills Community United Methodist Church	3512 Old Dominion Blvd	(703) 836-2406 www.bevhillsunc.org
48	New Life Missionary Baptist Church	1122 Oronoco St	(703) 683-4164
49	Alexandria Free Methodist Church	4901 Polk Ave	(703) 370-3554 www.alexandriafmc.org
50	National Community Church	3575 Potomac Ave	(202) 544-0414 www.theaterchurch.com/campuses/potomacyard
51	Third Baptist Church	917 Princess St	(703) 683-1616 www.thirdbaptistalexva.org
52	Ebenezer Baptist Church	909 Queen St	(703) 683-1473 www.ebc909.org
53	Antioch Church Of Christ	1120 Queen St	(703) 683-0030
54	Community Praise Church	1400 Russell Rd	(703) 548-5998 www.cpcsa.org
54	Antsokia Ethiopian Evangelical Church	1400 Russell Rd	(703) 566-6001 www.antsokia.org
55	Emmanuel Episcopal Church	1608 Russell Rd	(703) 683-0798 www.emmanuelonhigh.org
56	First Church of Christ, Scientist	1709 Russell Rd	(703) 549-7973 www.csalexandria.org

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57	Immanuel Lutheran Church	1801 Russell Rd	(703) 549-0155 www.immanuelalexandria.org
58	Del Ray Baptist Church	2405 Russell Rd	(703) 549-8116 www.delraybaptist.org
58	Alexandria Presbyterian Church (Russell Rd Campus)	2405 Russell Rd	(703) 683-3348 www.alexandriapres.org
59	Grace Episcopal Church	3601 Russell Rd	(703) 549-1980 www.gracealex.org
60	St Rita Catholic Church	3815 Russell Rd	(703) 836-1640 www.strita-parish.net
61	Alfred Street Baptist Church	301 S Alfred St	(703) 683-2222 www.alfredstreet.org
62	Old Presbyterian Meeting House	323 S Fairfax St	(703) 549-6670 www.opmh.org
63	Calvary Baptist Church	3619 S George Mason Dr	(703) 671-9316 www.calvarybaptistofalexandria.com
64	St Paul's Episcopal Church	228 S Pitt St	(703) 549-3312 www.stpaulsalexandria.com
65	Iglesia Pentecostes El Cordero de Dios	25 S Quaker Ln	
65	Iglesia Pentecostal de Jesucristo Camino de Restauracion Shaddai	25 S Quaker Ln	
65	Iglesia Pentecostal Cristo Refugio en la Tempestad	25 S Quaker Ln	(703) 870-9783 www.cristorefugioenlatempestad.com
65	Iglesia Evangelica Apostoles y Profetas	25 S Quaker Ln	
65	Iglesia de Dios Pentecostes Fuente de Vida	25 S Quaker Ln	
66	Basilica of Saint Mary	310 S Royal St	(703) 836-4100 www.stmaryoldtown.org
67	Washington Street United Methodist Church	109 S Washington St	(703) 836-4324 www.wsumc.com
68	Downtown Baptist Church	212 S Washington St	(703) 549-5544 www.downtownbaptist.org
69	Beulah Baptist Church	320 S Washington St	(703) 836-6554
70	Roberts Memorial United Methodist Church	606 S Washington St	(703) 836-7332 www.robertsumc.org
71	Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill - Zabriskie Chapel	3606 Seminary Rd	(703) 370-6556 www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org
72	Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill - Immanuel Chapel	3707 Seminary Rd	(703) 370-6555 www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org
73	Beth El Hebrew Congregation	3830 Seminary Rd	(703) 370-9400 www.bethelhebrew.org
74	West City Fellowship	6000 Stevenson Ave	(571) 406-5902 www.westcityfellowship.com
75	Agudas Achim Congregation	2908 Valley Dr	(703) 998-6460 www.agudasachim-va.org
76	First Assembly Of God	700 W Braddock Rd	(703) 548-0339 www.1stassembly.org
77	Alexandria Presbyterian Church (Braddock Rd Campus)	1302 W Braddock Rd	(703) 683-3348 www.alexandriapres.org
78	Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church	1427 W Braddock Rd	(703) 998-6100 www.blessedsacramentcc.org
79	Elevate Church	3801 W Braddock Rd	www.elevatechurchva.org
80	Freedom Way Mssionary Baptist Church	1 W Glebe Rd	(703) 739-4675
81	Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	100 W Luray Ave	(703) 548-8608 www.gslutheran.net



**Convergence Church, an arts-oriented congregation, shares a meal.**



**Mount Jezreel Baptist Church**



**Mesrake Tsehay Kidus Teklehaymanot, a congregation in the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo tradition of Christianity, celebrates a native Ethiopian saint.**

# GUIDE



**St. James United Methodist Church and adjacent St. James Plaza affordable housing community**

## A City of Faith

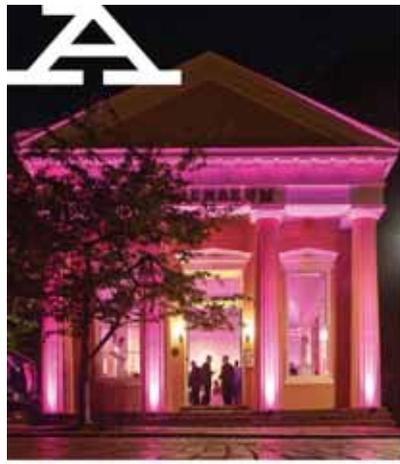
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By other characteristics, Alexandria's congregations vary widely. They include several cultural and ethnic forms — for example, historically African American, Spanish speaking, and Ethiopian. They range from large “mega churches” to much smaller “store-front” type churches. Some were established a century or more ago, while others are newer. Worship styles range from more “traditional” to more contemporary or expressive, as in Pentecostal congregations.

Nearly half of the city's congregations participate in ALIVE! (Alexandrians Involved Ecumenically!), a nonprofit that provides various assistances, such as food and financial, and runs a childhood development center.

The information presented here is adapted from a list obtained earlier this year from Infogroup's ReferenceUSA database. Email [gazette@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:gazette@connectionnewspapers.com) with suggested corrections or additions.

For more general information about religious congregations and how religion relates to public life, see [www.thearda.com](http://www.thearda.com), the National Congregations Study ([www.soc.duke.edu/natcong](http://www.soc.duke.edu/natcong)), or Pew's Religious Landscape Study ([www.pewforum.org/religious-landscape-study](http://www.pewforum.org/religious-landscape-study)).



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Open Thursday — Sunday, 12 - 4 [WWW.NVFAA.ORG](http://WWW.NVFAA.ORG)

## Learn & PlayGroup

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# NEWCOMERS & COMMUNITY GUIDE

## Getting Down to Business Navigating the ABCs of Alexandria.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

Living in the shadow of the nation's capital, acronyms such as DoD, NSA and DHS are a part of the daily vernacular. Alexandria has its own set of acronyms, from AEDP to WEBA, which represents organizations and various business associations that span every corner of the city.

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 McMahan. "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."

The Capitol Post is located at 625 N. Washington St., Suite 425. 703-652-5377 or [www.thecapitolpost.com](http://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



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**Del Ray's Art on the Avenue is just one of many citywide events sponsored by Alexandria's local business associations.**

located at 221 King St. with administrative offices at 625 N. Washington St., Suite 400. [VisitAlexandriaVA.com](http://VisitAlexandriaVA.com)

### Alexandria Economic Development Partnership - AEDP

Founded in 1992, the Alexandria Economic Development Partnership 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](http://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 aggressive lobbying efforts at the local, state and federal levels. 2834 Duke St. 703-549-1000 or [www.alexchamber.com](http://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.visitdelray.com](http://www.visitdelray.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](http://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](http://www.alexandriasbdc.org)

### West End Business Association - WEBA

The West End Business Association is comprised of West End Businesses and those that do business on the West End of Alexandria. WEBA provides members with networking opportunities, education and growth opportunities and representation before the City and economic development officials on matters important to the West End of Alexandria. [www.alexandriaweba.com](http://www.alexandriaweba.com)

### Eisenhower Partnership

The Eisenhower Partnership is a group of commercial and residential property owners and occupiers along the Eisenhower Avenue Valley corridor. The Valley is anchored in the East by the Patent and Trademark Campus and in the West by the Victory Center development/Van Dorn Metro Station. [www.eisenhowerpartnership.org](http://www.eisenhowerpartnership.org)

### Carlyle Council - CCC

The Carlyle Council oversees the open spaces, parks and community amenities in Carlyle. CCC serves as the business and community development organization for Carlyle and advocates on behalf of Carlyle stakeholders on matters impacting the community. [www.thecarlylecommunity.com](http://www.thecarlylecommunity.com)

### Old Town North Community Partnership - OTNCP

The Old Town North Community Partnership seeks to encourage the blend of residential and businesses uses in Old Town North, and make improvements in the area's quality of life through a partnership of residents and businesses working together on common goals. The community includes North of Oronoco Street to Alexandria's northern boundary. [www.oldtownnorth.org](http://www.oldtownnorth.org)



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