

Medicaid Expansion Now Covers 300,000

Governor visits Neighborhood Health clinic.

Gov. Ralph Northam and Medicaid Director Jennifer Lee visited a Neighborhood Health clinic to announce 300,000 previously uninsured low-income Virginians have signed up for Medicaid after the recent enactment of Medicaid expansion.

They made this announcement at the Neighborhood Health clinic located on Richmond Highway in Alexandria. In attendance were state Sen. George Barker (D-39); Del. Paul Krizek (D-44); Del. Mark Sickles (D-43); and Del. Patrick Hope (D-47), as well as many community members, and Neighborhood Health board of directors and staff.

Lee began her remarks commending Neighborhood Health for “the great work you are doing here. I am so impressed with so much you do on the front lines,” she said.

Lee also praised the governor for his leadership and for the hard work it took to finally get legislative approval for Medicaid expansion which has resulted in a positive impact for hundreds of thousands of adults who previously had no coverage, and who could not afford to pay for the health care services they needed.

Of the 300,000 who became enrolled for healthcare services through the expansion, Lee noted that in less than one year, 229,000 have already received services,



At the July 31 event: Tom Greeson, board president; Carter Flemming; Mike Millman; Gov. Ralph Northam; Dr. Basim Khan, executive director; and Alisa Valudes Whyte.

and 90,000 of those are now receiving treatment for chronic conditions. She also pointed out that results of a survey of new patients found that two thirds reported that before expansion they had to choose between paying for medical care and putting food on the table for their families, or were forced to go without healthcare completely.

According to statistics released by the state Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS), of the 303,768 adults newly enrolled in Medicaid as of

July 31, 102,898 are parents, and 220,584 live below the federal poverty level, which is \$20,780 for a family of three. In Northern Virginia and Winchester alone, 59,150 individuals have been enrolled. “Today, they have greater stability in their health and finances,” Lee said, adding that it was important to note that this success came in just seven months, “and we’re just getting started.”

Northam took to the podium to a standing ovation from those in attendance, including Neighborhood Health board members, staff

and representatives from community partner agencies. “Healthcare is a right,” said Northam. “We all have days when we don’t feel well.” And, he stressed, having to choose between putting food on the table or going to see a doctor when necessary “is something we shouldn’t accept.”

Northam addressed the long road it took to reach this point after the Affordable Care Act was passed in 2010 and the effort it took in the past five years for Democrats working in the statehouse to finally succeed, eventually with support from across the aisle. In making his announcement, Northam said: “Because we expanded the Commonwealth’s Medicaid program, hundreds of thousands of additional Virginians now have access to medical care and an opportunity to lead healthier, more productive lives. The tremendous progress we have

made with enrollment shines a light on the need for quality, affordable health care in Virginia and across our country. We will continue to get the word out to newly eligible individuals who may be unaware that the rules for health coverage have changed.”

In addition to announcing the milestone, Northam said he came to Neighborhood Health to “thank everybody,” especially the administration and staff for working hard to enroll people. “We really appreciate this,” he said. Northam also pointed out that while access to healthcare is a direct benefit to the individuals and families who are now enrolled, it is also a boon to the Commonwealth as a whole because it benefits the entire state economy. “To be productive, you’ve got to be healthy,” said Northam.

Barker, whose district includes parts of Fairfax and Prince William counties and the City of Alexandria, has been among the key players in the expansion of Medicaid, and he noted that the pace of enrollments exceeded expectations. “It’s making a big difference already,” he said. During the years’ long process it took to reach this point, Barker said he would tell people that he couldn’t say when it would happen, or how it would happen, but he was certain that one day Medicaid expansion in Virginia would happen.

But he also added, “we’re not done yet” noting that expansion does not cover dental care and there are gaps in mental health services which need to be addressed. “Keep with us,” he told the audience. “We’ll keep pushing and we’ll get it done.”

Earlier in the program, Neighborhood Health Board President Tom Greeson welcomed the guests and noted that Neighborhood Health was now serving 25,000 patients in 12 clinics across Alexandria, Arlington and Fairfax County. Executive Director Basim Khan noted that most of Neighbor
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Gov. Ralph Northam.



Virginia Medicaid Director Jennifer Lee.

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Hugh Smith, an alum of Gunston Elementary School, another African American school, speaks about his experience prior to desegregation.



Members of the Quander family pose for a photo during the reunion of Drew-Smith Elementary.



Organizer Reba Burruss-Barnes with Florence King at the Drew-Smith Elementary School Reunion.

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Drew-Smith Elementary School Classmates Reunite

Drew-Smith Elementary School, which opened its doors in 1953, served the African American residents of Gum Springs and the surrounding area. The school eventually closed in 1965, along with all other African American schools in the county, when Fairfax County Public Schools desegregated.

Saturday, Aug. 3, was the first reunion of Drew-Smith alumni in roughly 20 years, according to committee member Reba Burruss-Barnes.

Descendants of many prominent and historically significant African American families were in attendance. Siblings Dan and Sherri Moon are the children of one of Drew-Smith's principals, and the Quander family owned the land that the Quander Road School, another formerly African American elementary school, was built on.

Ronald Chase, Gum Springs historian and



Historian and director of the Gum Springs Museum, Ron Chase.

director of the Gum Springs Museum, lectured on the history of Gum Springs and of Drew-Smith Elementary, and the tight-knit alumni of Drew-Smith vowed to have more



Committee member Linda Barber checks in attendees of the Drew-Smith Elementary School reunion.

reunions in the future.

Drew-Smith Elementary is now the Gum Springs Community Center and Museum, which is open Monday-Friday

from 9 a.m. to 9:45 p.m., and on Saturdays from 1-9:45 p.m.

— SARAH SKLAR

Say 'Yes' to Success

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
THE GAZETTE

Monte Durham, fashion director and host of the popular TLC reality show "Say Yes to the Dress: Atlanta," was the featured speaker at the Aug. 6 Alexandria Rotary Club meeting at Belle Haven Country Club.

The longtime Alexandria resident and trained hair stylist didn't waste any time hinting that he is close to finalizing plans to open his own salon in Old Town.

"It's not a very big space," Durham said of the potential location near the Hotel Indigo on South Union Street. "But I love the location and it will have an intimate feel."

Durham said that he did not expect much to happen before next March but that he is looking forward to showcasing his own line of hair products and being a business owner

TLC's Monte Durham hints at future Old Town salon.

in Alexandria.

"I love this community," said Durham, who was a longtime resident of Old Town before a recent move to the Mount Vernon area. "My friends are here, my church is here ... this is truly my home."

Durham talked about his path from being bullied as a child in rural West Virginia to his success on the national media stage.

"I give all the credit to my mother," Durham said. "We had so little but she always told me to stay focused, to work hard and get an education and I could achieve my dreams. I am a product of community college and here I am."

In an animated and entertaining presentation, Durham talked about style trends for both women and men and gave some behind-the-scenes insight into how the reality show is produced.

"Brides go through a screening and interview process that I am not involved in," Durham said. "My TLC partner and I do not meet the bride and her family until the day of filming. We are only given some basic information, such as an illness or family death, so that we are sensitive to each individual's circumstances."

When asked if the brides arrive with a set budget in mind, Durham, joked: "They do, but that pretty much gets tossed aside by the end of the episode."

Durham is involved in many local and national nonprofits. Honors include the West Virginia Most Distinguished Citizen Award and the Ronald McDonald House Spirit Award for his work with underprivileged students.

"I am deeply grateful and honored for the opportunities I have been given," Durham said. "I have to give back whatever I can."



PHOTO BY JANET BARNETT/THE GAZETTE

TLC host and Alexandria resident Monte Durham, second from right, poses for a photo with Rotary club members Katy Fike, Nancy Cooper and Marita Alabaster following the organization's Aug. 6 meeting at Belle Haven Country Club.



A band, Mary Bower, Lynne White, and Friends, entertains the crowd while others play cornhole nearby.



Families enjoy the evening and National Night Out at Mount Vernon Park.

Enjoying National Night Out

National Night Out is held the first Tuesday of August, and the neighborhood of Hollin Hall celebrated with food, games, music, and other activities. National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. Neighborhoods participate across thousands of communities from all 50 states, United States territories, Canadian cities, and military bases worldwide.

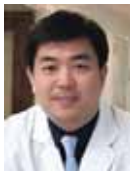
The community enjoyed its night out at the Mount Vernon Park and Pool from 6-8 p.m. on Aug. 6h. The event was hosted by the Hollin Hall Village Citizens Association. Pizza was available to buy, many of the youngsters in attendance sported dyed hair and temporary glitter tattoos, provided by Let's Make a Face, and the music was provided by Mary Bowers, Lynne White, and Friends.

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CRIME

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STOLEN AUTO WITH APPREHENSION: 6140 Richmond Highway (Moon Inn), Aug. 3, 4:47 p.m. Officers were called to the area to look for a stolen vehicle and found it in the parking lot of the Moon Inn. A 27-year-old man from Washington D.C. was charged with unauthorized use of a vehicle.

BURGLARY: 8333 Richmond Highway (South County Fire Marshal's Office), July 29, 4:52 a.m. Someone broke into the business and damaged the property.

BURGLARY: 3000 block of Preston Avenue, May 28 - July 26. The homeowner returned home to find a door was damaged and several personal items taken from their home.

ROBBERY: 7700 block of Richmond Highway, July 26, 10:16 p.m. A delivery driver was approached by a man and a woman. The man displayed a handgun, demanded money then hit the driver in the head with the gun. The driver gave the suspects cash and the two ran away. The first suspect is described as a black man, 20 years old, 5'11", wearing a white shirt and black pants. The second suspect is described as a black woman, 5' and in her teens.

ROBBERY: 6500 block of Quander Road, July 26, 1:43 p.m. The victim was approached by a juvenile suspect who assaulted him and stole a pair of headphones. Officers investigated and recovered the headphones; the juvenile suspect has been charged.

ROBBERY: 8600 block of Village Way, July 26, 9:29 p.m. The victim was walking in the area when he was assaulted by a group of 10 juveniles. The suspects took the victim's wallet. The

group was described as Hispanic males in their late teens to early 20s.

BURGLARY: 8631 Richmond Highway (Kiki Nails), July 26-28. Someone entered the store overnight and stole cash.

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY: 5800 block of North Kings Highway, 7/25/19, 9:34 a.m. The victim was waiting for a bus when a man approached her and demanded her property. The suspect did not get any property and left the area. Officers found and arrested a 35-year-old man from Alexandria. He was charged with attempted robbery.

AUG. 6 LARCENIES
7700 block of Richmond Highway, generators from business

AUG. 5 LARCENIES
2600 block of Arlington Drive, property from residence
8400 block of Frye Road, merchandise from business
3100 block of Lockheed Boulevard, cosmetics from business
2500 block of Parkers Lane, wallet from location
6300 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business
6800 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business
7300 block of Richmond Highway, license plates from vehicle
7700 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business
8600 block of Richmond Highway, credit cards from location
9000 block of Tower House Place, property from residence
STOLEN VEHICLES
7400 block of Richmond Highway, 2003 Chevrolet Express

AUG. 2 LARCENIES
6600 block of 10th Street, keys from residence
7200 block of Jon Paul Drive, license plates from vehicle
6300 block of Richmond Highway, gift card from location
7800 block of Richmond Highway, beers from business
7300 block of Tavenner Lane, license plate from vehicle

AUG. 1 LARCENIES
8700 block of Village Square, license plate from vehicle

JULY 31 LARCENIES
7800 block of Audubon Avenue, bicycle from location
6200 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business
7700 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business
7700 block of Richmond Highway, wallet from location
STOLEN VEHICLES
8200 block of Russell Road, 2017 Mazda 3

JULY 30 LARCENIES
2300 block of Huntington Avenue, merchandise from business
8500 block of Richmond Highway, radio from vehicle
8500 block of Richmond Highway, wallet and phone from vehicle
6600 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business

JULY 29 LARCENIES
7200 block of Beechwood Road, wallet from vehicle
8400 block of Fort Hunt Road, cell phone from school
2900 block of Huntington Grove Square, laptop computer from vehicle
3100 block of Lockheed Boulevard, merchandise from business

300,000 No Longer Uninsured

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Neighborhood Health's mission, he said is "To improve health and advance health equity in Alexandria, Arlington and Fairfax County by providing ac-

cess to high quality primary care regardless of ability to pay." Given their experience working with the same patient population, Khan noted that Medicaid expansion was a major step in ensuring that everyone in Northern Virginia had access to high quality and affordable health care.

Following the announcement, Northam toured the Neighborhood Health clinic at 6677 Richmond Highway where he met and spoke with doctors, nurses and patients.

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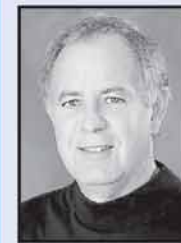
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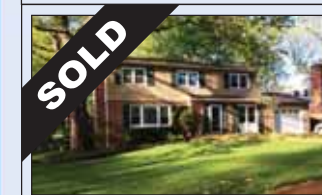
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OPINION

Gun Reform Now

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The NRA publicly launched its operations that day from the conference room of the Speaker of the Virginia House of Delegates, literally announcing to members on its website where to meet. It must have seemed such sweet success to them to shut that session down without any deliberation.

The lives of the 12 people who died in Virginia Beach at the end of May were not discussed.

But now many more lives have been cut short or forever changed by gunfire between the July 9 debacle in the Virginia General Assembly and today.

There must be state and local legislation as well as federal legislation.

Here are some key provisions:

- ❖ No one with a restraining order or convicted of domestic violence should have access to firearms.
- ❖ Comprehensive background checks with-

out loopholes or exceptions.

- ❖ Ban assault weapons.
- ❖ Ban large capacity mechanisms for ammunition.

ON TUESDAY, Aug. 20, at noon, the Virginia General Assembly Crime Commission will accept public comments on the gun legislation introduced during the July 9 and through July 19. Public comment will be taken for the first 3 hours (more details will be announced in the coming weeks on how to sign up to speak). Next, patrons will present their bills. Currently, there are about 60 bills that have been filed. Members have until July 19 to file legislation. Link to bills: <http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?192+1st+ALL> See <http://vscc.virginia.gov/meetings.asp> for updates.

Crime Commission staff is currently accepting written comments on this topic. Send written comments and any other information/materials relevant to this topic via email to comments@vscc.virginia.gov or via postal mail. Comments will be shared with members of the Crime Commission.

Additional details regarding the deadline for submitting written comments will be announced following the Aug. 20 Crime Com-

mission meeting.

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THREE THINGS:

❖ Video games aren't the cause. Video game usage is as high or higher in many other countries, all with almost no gun violence.

❖ It's not mental illness, although giving more resources for treatment of mental illness would be welcome. Incidence of mental illness is similar in other countries, all with almost no gun violence. (Doing a better job keeping guns out of the hands of people with mental illness would prevent thousands of suicides.)

❖ More guns won't help. In Dayton, police shot and killed the attacker in less than a minute, but still he shot and killed nine people and wounded 27.

There is a good chance that these reforms won't happen without electoral change both in Virginia and nationally. Don't forget about voting in November. Every seat in the Virginia General Assembly is on the ballot.

— MARY KIMM

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Issues Behind Boundary Discussions

To the Editor:

In response to Mr. Spiegel's letter ["Postpone Boundary Vote," July 25], there is a great deal of misinformation circulating in the community regarding the School Board's ongoing discussions around the boundary policy (Policy 8130).

The School Board has both a legislative and a governance responsibility to review its own policies. We began discussions regarding our boundary policy in 2018. The School Board work session on Monday, July 22, was the fourth meeting (Oct. 15, 2018, Feb. 25, 2019, and March 11, 2019) the board held to discuss the policy. All of the meetings have been advertised and open to the public. The review of the boundary policy was initiated because of the following issues:

- ❖ Overcrowding at several schools,
- ❖ The reliance on trailers (over 750),
- ❖ Planned growth in specific areas of the county,
- ❖ The demand for additional pre-k classrooms,
- ❖ Recognition that the current level of bond funding is not sufficient to address capacity demands, renovations (currently a 37-year cycle) and major maintenance in a timely manner.

The current boundary policy has not had a comprehensive review since its 1986 adoption. The county and the school system were significantly smaller at that time. A modification that allowed a single board member and the

superintendent to make changes impacting 5% or less of a school annually was introduced in 2000 and an expedited process was included in the regulation in October 2015. The superintendent stopped that less than transparent approach a year ago.

At the July 22 meeting, FCPS staff presented a draft policy in which "capacity surplus or deficit of an existing school" was listed as a reason to revise school boundaries. The draft policy does not recommend moving students outside of their communities to "balance respective districts with regard to racial and socioeconomic criteria" as Mr. Spiegel suggests in his letter. The One Fairfax Policy, adopted in 2017, commits the county and school district to intentionally consider equity when delivering policies, programs, and services. The existing and proposed boundary policy includes the consideration of criteria such as walking and busing routes, travel times, and socio-economics. FCPS provides transportation services for 139,000 eligible students every day to and from their neighborhood schools or to special programs away from their base schools. While the majority (76%) of the bus routes in FCPS allow students to spend less than 30 minutes in transit each way, the increased roadway congestion and length of bus rides continue to concern the School Board.

The board requested that the superintendent hire an outside consultant to work with the board to identify best practices in boundary policy and engage the community in the discussion. The board also requested of the superintendent to identify "hot" areas that are not included in the current FCPS Capital Improvement Program but may need a boundary

adjustment.

The School Board understands the sensitivity of discussing boundary policy and is committed to continuing our work in a transparent manner which involves the community. In the event that specific proposals for changing school boundaries are considered, they will continue to be done in a transparent manner that includes community engagement. It should be noted that scoping for Glen Forest Elementary School was approved by the board in January 2019. The magisterial member and school staff have begun to work with the community on the scoping.

I hope that this letter will put to rest false rumors that are creating unnecessary anxiety among residents and homeowners of Fairfax County.

Karen Corbett Sanders

Chair, Fairfax County School Board
Mount Vernon District Representative

Strongly Opposed To Pedestrian Underpass

To the Editor:

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors (BOS) endorsed the design plans for Richmond Highway from Jeff Todd Way to Napper Road on July 30 that included two pedestrian underpasses: Dogue Creek and Little Hunting Creek. Gum Springs did not object to the new bridge for Little Hunting Creek but strongly

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Richmond Highway Improvements, Underpasses and Undergrounding

BY DAN STORCK
MOUNT VERNON DISTRICT SUPERVISOR

COMMENTARY On July 30, after decades' long efforts by state and local representatives, Commonwealth transportation studies and extensive public engagement, including seven public hearings, multiple homeowners and citizen group meetings and almost 400 survey responses, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors endorsed the design plans for the Richmond Highway widening project, including pedestrian underpasses at Little Hunting and Dogue Creeks.

The \$372 million project will widen a 3.1 mile section of the roadway from Sherwood Hall Lane to Jeff Todd Way to three travel lanes in each direction with two-way bike lanes and pedestrian sidewalks on both sides, while preserving space in the median for the coming Bus Rapid Transit (BRT). With this approval VDOT can now embark on the next steps, which include final design and beginning right-of-way acquisition with an expected 2026 construction completion. The final design will be presented in a community meeting this Fall.

Due to the extensive studies and public outreach, safety for all highway users has been designed into these plans. I strongly support them, including the two under-

passes, because these plans provide safe passages for drivers, riders, pedestrians, cyclists and animals while also improving highway traffic flow. For the Little Hunting Creek underpass, where Buckman Road and Mount Vernon Highway meet at Richmond Highway, picture 11 total lanes of vehicular and bus traffic (with turning lanes added to the eight through lanes) and, on both sides, protective landscaping, bike lanes and pedestrian sidewalks. These intersections are going to be double their current width and will take more than one light cycle to cross.

Street level crossings, of course, will be available. However, the necessity of waiting for what will be a long traffic signal cycle to cross just halfway, waiting for a few minutes on a highway median while cars, buses and trucks whiz by before finishing the other half of the crossing at this busy pedestrian and student crossing necessitated improved safety. Over the decades, these very wide underpasses will also provide easier access to the water, wildlife and trails that are crucial to the enhancement of our developing Corridor. As the properties around these areas are revitalized and the creeks are restored, these areas will become sought-after parts of our natural landscape. On-going safety and maintenance funding has been committed to assure that they remain that way.

Undergrounding of utilities is also impor-

tant to the future of Richmond Highway and likely a once in a lifetime opportunity to improve the reliability and aesthetics of our utilities. Our success here still remains very uncertain, as VDOT funding is not permitted and securing majority support for corridor or county funding possibilities has yet to be achieved. I am continuing to work hard with local businesses, county and elected leaders to achieve this vision, but we are running out of time for a solution.

Exciting times for the Richmond Highway

Corridor are upon us as we pivot to the 21st century. With investments of more than \$1 billion, from roadway widening to new livable, walkable communities, bus rapid transit, new businesses, all types of upscale and affordable housing, new education options and increased tourism, the corridor is posed for accelerated economic revitalization and continued strong community building while preserving our heritage. It's a privilege to be your Mount Vernon District supervisor and work with you to achieve our vision.

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opposed the inclusion of a pedestrian underpass.

Gum Springs opposed the pedestrian underpass for safety and maintenance concerns. Those concerns included:

- ❖ limited or lack of resources (people and funding) needed to ensure the safety of pedestrians;
- ❖ illicit activities such as temporary shelter for homeless individuals, drug use, muggings, child molestation, graffiti;
- ❖ maintenance concerns to include drainage and flooding issues (snow, ice and rain), trash, litter; and
- ❖ unsanitary because it could be used as an open port-a-john.

VDOT has acknowledged that there is a problem with flooding. So, if VDOT is aware

that pedestrians will not be allowed to use the underpass because of weather-related events, flooding and other safety reasons, why build an entrance for pedestrians?

Another concern is the need for expanded or Increased police patrol. Certain activities we now see above ground will now be underground-away from prying eyes.

Supervisor Dan Storck considered the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations' (MVCCA) resolution that supported the pedestrian underpass as a part of his support and endorsement for the design plans. Gum Springs voted to not support the Little Hunting Creek pedestrian underpass on April 9, 2019 but waited for the outcome of the April 24, 2019 MVCCA vote prior to transmitting its comments to VDOT.

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ENTERTAINMENT

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ONGOING

Junior Golf Fairfax Camps, Clinics and Competition. Burke Lake Golf Center is located at 6915 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Pincrest Golf Course is located at 6600 Little River Turnpike, Alexandria. Twin Lakes Golf Course is located at 6201 Union Mill Road, Clifton. Oak Marr Golf Complex is located at 3136 Jermantown Road, Oakton. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/golf/junior.

❖ In one-session introductory Junior Golf clinics, kids and teens learn basic golf rules, etiquette of the game, get familiarized with different types of clubs and acquire skills for putting and chipping in a social and relaxed environment. Clubs and practice balls provided. Clinics are offered at Burke Lake, Oak Marr and Pincrest golf courses for \$15 each in August.

❖ Golf camp week-long sessions are still open – campers learn putting, chipping, iron and woods play from certified instructors in a friendly, group atmosphere. Course etiquette and best safety practices will teach kids and teens fundamentals while they socialize and have fun. Clubs are not required but suggested. All campers will receive a certificate and golf fun pack upon camp completion. Burke Lake Golf Center and Twin Lakes Golf Course offer half day summer camp, Pincrest Golf Course offers both half and full day summer camp options. Oak Marr Golf Complex offers half day spring and summer camp through Everybody Golf School.

❖ Course-ready juniors will enjoy the Junior Club Championship, Aug. 16, 8 a.m.-noon at Burke Lake Golf Center. Golfers participate in an 18-hole individual stroke competition. Competitors will be separated into three divisions with first, second, and third place prizes available in all divisions. Lunch provided. Call 703-323-1641 to register.

The Producers – A New Mel Brooks Musical. Through Aug. 17 at The Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St. Max Bialystock, the one time king of Broadway



Ensemble-Derek Marsh, Michael Sarisky, Leo (Ryan Phillips), Carmen Ghia (Timothy King), Roger DeBris (Bryan Lyons-Burke), Ensemble-Drake Leach, Courtney Caliendo.

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Registration Open: NVSO. The

Northern Virginia Senior Olympics features more than 60 events that challenge the mind as well as the body. New games this year: jigsaw puzzle and line-dancing. The games run Sept. 14-28. There will be no on-site registration. Paper registrations, available at most local recreation and senior centers, must be postmarked by Aug. 24. Online registrations must be completed by Aug. 31 at www.nvso.us.

Art Exhibit: More Than A Body. Through Aug. 4, gallery hours, at Target Gallery at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Target

Gallery, the contemporary exhibition space for the Torpedo Factory Art Center, presents their competitive annual solo exhibition featuring Northern Virginia-based artist Julia Kwon. Kwon uses traditional Korean inspired textiles to create a dialogue on othering and objectification she experiences as a Korean-American woman. Visit torpedofactory.org/target.

Ceramics Go Casual. Through Aug. 4, gallery hours at Scope Gallery, ground floor Studio 19 of the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St. The “Siestaware”

Kiln Club show features calm colors and organic contours in a collection of blissed out dishes and shapely sculptural work by the Kiln Club artists. Call Scope Gallery at 703-548-6288 or visit www.scopegallery.org.

Living Legends of Alexandria: African American Activists.

Through Aug. 10, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. Living Legends of Alexandria: African American Activists highlights the work of African American men and women who have made important contributions to the growth and productivity of the City of Alexandria. Call 703-746-4356 for more.

Art Exhibit: “Some Like It Hot.”

Through Aug. 25, gallery hours at Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center, Studio 29, 105 North Union St. Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery presents its juried show, “Some Like It Hot” featuring work by artists and craftspersons influenced by the weather and the beautiful colors of the summer season. Themed work will be eligible for recognition by the jurors. Non-themed work may also be exhibited. Free admission. Visit www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com or call 703-548-0935.

Creative Summer Programs.

Through Aug. 31 at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Del Ray Artisans’ Creative Summer Programs is a series of workshops exploring the arts. Learn techniques in photography (macro and SmartPhone), painting, sculpture, mixed media, jewelry-making, sketching, and more; and discover how to use art for affirmation, communication, and intention. Details and registration at DelRayArtisans.org/programs/creative-summer/.

Art Exhibit: Fresh Meat. Through Sept. 1, gallery hours at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. “Fresh Meat” features artwork by Del Ray Artisans’ newest members from 2018-2019. “Fresh Meat” highlights new faces and new techniques. Register in advance for a special acrylics painting workshop on Saturday, Aug. 10. Visit DelRayArtisans.org/event/fresh-meat for more.

Art Exhibit: Piercings, Clay Body

The Garden Brings Bouquet of Beers, Beignets to Del Ray

BY HOPE NELSON

Atop the grounds that used to be a beloved Del Ray garden nursery comes a new sort of garden — a beer garden. What was once a haven for perennials, annuals and trees of all stripes is now a spot that plays host to dozens of beers on tap, plus a versatile food menu ... and even some beignets on Saturday mornings.

APPETITE Welcome to The Garden, the newest opening from the folks that gave Alexandria such staples as Live Oak and Charlie’s on the Avenue. It took a little time to get up and running, but co-owner Jeremy Barber is happy with the final result.

“When we took over Fireflies and opened up Charlie’s, we always looked at the space next to it when it was Greenstreet Gardens,” Barber said. He and his partner always thought it would be a great outdoor space.

“We always thought it would maybe be a

patio of some sort,” he said.

The owner of the land that Greenstreet Gardens was situated on reached out to Barber and chef Justus Frank to gauge their interest in taking over the property for a new restaurant space.

“It sounded like a terrible idea,” Barber laughed, adding that they had “no business” opening a third restaurant in three years. But the seed was planted, and soon after, work began to conceptualize the new beer garden, and the building-from-scratch process began in earnest.

“Both (Live Oak and Charlie’s) were restaurants when we took them over. The bones were there,” Barber said. “This was a whole new ballgame.”

Over the course of the next few months, the former nursery was transformed into a proper beer garden, complete with 16 taplines, a new kitchen, plenty of open space and more. The Garden opened on July 7, and the customers started flowing in as quickly as the beer flowed through the taps.

Open every other day of the week at 11 a.m., The Garden does something special for Saturdays.

“The best part about Saturday is that we open up at 9 a.m.,” Barber said. But for once, the beer isn’t the star of the show. Rather, 9 a.m. on Saturdays is when the beignets and coffee show up, getting the weekend off on the right foot before the day’s chaos begins.

“We didn’t know how (customers) would respond, because it’s not your typical beer garden,” Barber said. But on the first weekend of beignet service, “we sold out of beignets at 10:15.”

The Garden’s everyday menu ranges from tacos to paninis, winding back around to salads and sliders, but at the end of the day it’s really the beer that people are there for. And the taps are teeming with local and regional brews from the likes of Aslin, Port City, Right Proper, Old Ox, 3 Stars and more.

Though it’s hard to believe now, in due time the weather will cool off and the out-

If You Go

THE GARDEN, 1503 MOUNT VERNON AVE.

Hours: 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday-Friday; 9 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday.

Try this: The blackened fish tacos. “I really like how fresh the fish is, and the spice on it is very nice,” says co-owner Jeremy Barber.

doors may become less hospitable. Barber and his crew are prepared.

“We eventually would love to be open year-round,” he said, adding that their first year, the goal is to successfully launch, take feedback, then adapt.

But for now, The Garden has its doors wide open, the beer flowing, the food departing the kitchen to waiting hungry tables of customers. As with any garden, it continues to grow with the passing weeks and months.

Hope Nelson owns and operates the Kitchen Recessionista blog, located at www.kitchenrecessionista.com. Email her any time at hope@kitchenrecessionista.com.

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Art and Carving. Through Sept. 1, gallery hours at Scope Gallery, Studio 19 of the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St. The season is shaping up to be steamy as designs are working out, clay bodies are shaping up, donning some fierce detailing in "Piercings, Clay Body Art and Carving." Ceramic Guild art becomes less hippie and more hipster as artists go epic with an aggressive take on decoration outside the bowl. Call 703-548-6288 or visit www.scopegallery.org.

Mount Vernon Farmers Market. Wednesdays (through Dec. 18), 8 a.m.-noon at Sherwood Hall Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. The McCutcheon/Mount Vernon Farmers Market opened May 1 with an array of farm-fresh produce and local foods, plus some new features (fresh brewed coffee!). 17 local farmers and producers will sell fresh, locally grown vegetables and fruits; meats; Chesapeake Bay seafood; breads and pastries; honey, jams and jellies; milk, cheese and eggs; herbs and plants; and more. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets.

Band Members Needed. Join the Mount Vernon Community Band, a group of players who enjoy playing many styles of band music in a relaxed atmosphere. Rehearsals are Tuesdays 7:30-9:30 p.m. in the Mount Vernon High School Band Room, 8515 Old Mount Vernon Road. No auditions. All instruments needed. Contact Eric Leighty directly 703-768-4172 or visit www.mvbands.com/join-us/.

FRIDAY/AUG. 9

Alexandria After Work Concert Series:

Massive Donut. 6-8 p.m. at Lloyd House, 220 N. Washington St. Join on the second Friday of the month for a concert sponsored by The Folklore Society of Greater Washington (FSGW) and The Office of Historic Alexandria. Locations will rotate between Lloyd House and the Alexandria History Museum at The Lyceum. Great music with a suggested donation for the musicians. No ticket required. Beer and wine for sale; light refreshments available as well.

Mount Vernon Nights: The Get Right Band (funk rock, reggae). 7:30-8:30 at Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Performances will feature musical styles from soul to and pop and bluegrass and rock. Bring a picnic dinner and a blanket and enjoy one of Fairfax County's summer traditions. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/mt-vernon-nights for more.

Mirror Mirror: David Schulman with Tillery. 9 p.m. at Waterfront Park, 1 King St. The City of Alexandria commissioned a series of original site-specific performances for the sound-responsive, interactive installation Mirror Mirror. Composer and violinist David Schulman and Orange Grove Dance will perform on select dates between July and October. All performances are free and feature lawn seating. Lawn chairs and blankets are encouraged. Leave pets at home. Visit alexandriava.gov/publicart for details.

Application Deadline: Master Naturalists. The Virginia Master Naturalist program trains volunteers to provide education, citizen science, and outreach to help conserve and steward natural resources and public lands. Master Naturalist volunteers gain certification through state-approved natural history courses. Recognized experts in a wide range of disciplines such as ecology, botany, herpetology, ornithology, forest and aquatic ecosystems, and more provide fun and interactive training. Volunteers must commit to at least 40 hours of service and eight hours of continuing education annually to become certified. Training session is Mondays, Sept. 9-Dec. 9, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center. Visit www.armn.org.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/AUG. 9-10

Reserve a Boxwood Cutting. The historic boxwood at Gunston Hall are in declining health and are being removed as a part of a garden restoration project. Hundreds of clippings of these boxwood plants have been taken to preserve their genetic material. Following Gunston Hall's big rooting day, there are still some cuttings available. Reserved cuttings are available available online only; boxwood cuttings will not be reserved over the phone or in person. Reservations need to be completed no later than 9 a.m. on the day of pick up. Reserved cuttings will be potted. \$15. Visit gunstonhall.tix.com and click Reserve a Boxwood.

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Art Exhibit: Habitats. Gallery hours at Target Gallery at the Torpedo Factory, 105 North Union St., Studio 2. The newest group exhibition Habitats in Target Gallery, the contemporary exhibitions space of Torpedo Factory Art Center, poses the question, "What makes a habitat a home?" The selected artists address these questions and raise new ones. Work is presented in a diversity of media, from sculpture and photography to video and virtual reality. An opening celebration on Aug. 9 begins at 7 p.m. during The Late Shift: Habitats. Visit torpedofactory.org/partners/target-gallery.

SATURDAY/AUG. 10

War of 1812 in Alexandria. 10 a.m.-noon at Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden, 614 Oronoco St. 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 in advance, \$15 at the gate. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org or call 703-548-1789.

Mount Vernon Commemorates Purple Heart Day. 10:30 a.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon. Join Mount Vernon and members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart for the estate's official National Purple Heart Day Ceremony on the East Lawn overlooking the Potomac River (weather permitting). The ceremony includes the presentation of the colors, a musical performance by the Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps, and remarks by Mount Vernon President Doug Bradburn. Visit the Purple Heart Memorial, the first stop on the Purple Heart Trail, near the entrance to Mount Vernon. All Purple Heart recipients receive free admission to Mount Vernon every day of the year. Visit mountvernon.org/purpleheartday.

Family Fun: Summer Arts al Fresco. 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. (5-Adult) Combine natural elements and various art media to make a creative art project to take home. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. \$10/person. Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes/ using code A13.B32E or call Green Spring Gardens at 703-642-5173.

Bring a Photo, Make a Book. 11 a.m. at Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. In this adult and child workshop, bring a photo (two printouts/copies of the same photo) of someone who is a "Legend" in your family. Artist Sushmita Mazumdar will teach participants how to make a handmade storybook in which they can write the story and make the art to go with it. The photo makes the cover of this lovely keepsake for the family. \$5. Reserve seats in advance at alexandriava.gov/shop.

Summer Saturdays. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Gunston Hall, 10709 Gunston Road, Lorton. Join Gunston Hall for a summer of fun. Each Saturday in June, July, and August, stop by for a historic adventure on the grounds and in the Visitor Center. Included with regular admission. Call 703-550-9220 or visit www.gunstonhall.org/visit/guide/upcoming-events.

World Elephant Day. 1-4 p.m. at UnWined, 1600 Belle View Blvd. Join Elephantopia for South African wine and beer tastings paired with Indian cuisine. The organization will share details about Elephantopia, elephants, the ivory trade, and ways to get involved. Free. Visit elephantopia.org or call 703-380-1883.

Mount Vernon Nights: Paul Reisler & Three Good Reasons (folk jazz). 7-8 p.m. at The Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Performances will range from disco to Indian Bollywood and acoustic blues to big band. Bring a picnic dinner and a blanket and enjoy one of Fairfax County's summer traditions. Come early to the Workhouse Arts Center to explore its vibrant arts scene. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/mt-vernon-nights for more.

Boardwalk Astronomy. 8-10 p.m. at Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. What's new in the night sky this summer? Stroll the boardwalk with park naturalists as they take participants on a tour of constellations and comets and share update on astronomical current events. Designed for participants 12-adult. \$9 per person. Canceled in the event of rain or other severe weather. Call 703-768-2525 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows.

Mirror Mirror: David Schulman with Sarah Marie Hughes. 9 p.m. at Waterfront Park, 1 King St. The City of Alexandria commissioned a

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SATURDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 10-11

10th Annual Alexandria Summer Sidewalk Sale. One of the longest running seasonal summer shopping events returns to the D.C. region's Shop Small destination for independent boutiques with the 10th Annual Alexandria Summer Sidewalk Sale throughout Old Town and Del Ray. The event features more than 50 Alexandria boutiques. New this year, the King Street Mile comes alive with storefront activations, giveaways and live music. Visit VisitAlexandriaVA.com/SidewalkSale for more.

SUNDAY/AUG. 11

Playful Pilates & Pints. 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Lost Boy Cidery, 317 Hooffs Run Drive. Experience Pilates in a new and refreshing way at Lost Boy Cider as Sara takes participants on a playful journey of movement. Top it off with an included pint of cider after class and relax with fellow movers. Bring a mat, extras will be available. Barefoot class, bring socks if needed. \$20. Visit www.localmotionproject.org for more.

Dyke Marsh Meetup, Walk with a Ranger. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Belle Haven Park/ Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve. Enjoy the outdoors on this 2-mile walk with a national park ranger to see the largest freshwater marsh in the nation's capital. Bring a pair of binoculars for viewing an eagle's nest and other marsh life.



Dyke Marsh

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Enjoy the outdoors on this two-mile walk with a national park ranger to see the largest freshwater marsh in the nation's capital. Bring a pair of binoculars for viewing an eagle's nest and other marsh life. Upcoming dates include Aug. 11, 17, 25 and 31, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Belle Haven Park/ Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve. Free. Call 703-235-1530 or visit www.nps.gov/gwmp/planyourvisit/dykemarsh.htm.

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Apothecary Geek Tour: An Outlandish Tour. 11 a.m.-noon at Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105-107 S. Fairfax St. Tour this historic apothecary and learn about a few of the herbal medicines featured in Diana Gabaldon's Outlander series of novels from cascara to dauco seeds. Recommended for ages 18 and up. Arrive at 10:45 a.m. to check in as the doors will be locked when the

tour begins at 11 a.m. \$15. Visit www.visitalexandriava.com for more.

Livestock Open House Event. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. At George Washington's Mount Vernon. Join Mount Vernon's Livestock team for a self-guided tour of its brand new 12,500-square-foot livestock building featuring spacious stalls, a tack room, medical facility, grooming area, and office space. Meet Glory, the adorable donkey, and many of Mount Vernon's horses; some of Mount Vernon's Hog Island Sheep will be on hand for children to pet. Learn about Mount Vernon's rare breeds program and the animals that would have populated Mount Vernon during George Washington's lifetime. The Livestock Open House event is included in general admission to Mount Vernon. Visit mountvernon.org/livestockopenhouse.

Junior Docent Tours. 2-5 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. 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, \$3 children ages 5-12, and 4 and under are free. Call 703-746-4242 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org for more.

Chamber Concert Series. 3-5 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. The Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association sponsors a chamber music series, weekly through Sept. 15, at the Lyceum in Old Town featuring small ensembles and soloists. This week's performance features The United States Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps' Historical Ensemble Presents: From Royalty to Revolution: Dance, Martial and Civic Music from Europe to the New World. Free. Donations are appreciated. Visit www.wmpmusic.org or call 703-799-8229.

Fort Hunt Park Concerts: Lesson Zero. Through Aug. 25, Sundays, 7-8 p.m. at Fort Hunt Park, Pavilion A, 8999 Fort Hunt Road. All are welcome for free community concerts held at Fort Hunt Park every Sunday. Free. Visit www.nps.gov/gwmp/planyourvisit/forthuntconcerts.htm

for performer.

TUESDAY/AUG. 13

Jones Point Meetup. 11 a.m.-noon at Jones Point Park, Jones Point Drive. Join a national park ranger to explore the long history of this little piece of land and see the last remaining inland lighthouse on the Potomac River, once a beacon to boat captains and commerce on the river. Free. Call 703-235-1530 or visit www.nps.gov/gwmp/planyourvisit/jonespoint.htm for more.

THURSDAY/AUG. 15

Fort Hunt Meetup, Walk with a Ranger. 10:30-noon at Fort Hunt Park, 8999 Fort Hunt Road. Join a national park ranger on a 1.5 mile walk through historic Fort Hunt Park, be prepared to learn about some World War II secrets. Meet at Area E parking. Free. Call 703-235-1530 for more.

Make and Take Lunch Break Social. 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at 2425 Eisenhower Ave (on the grassy knoll). Take a real lunch break outside to refuel and recharge with co-workers. Each month a DIY local business will pop-up and offer a themed craft kit supplies last. Email maurisapotts@gmail.com or visit www.FB.com/AlexandriaEcon.

Dedication and Sign Unveiling. 3 p.m. Douglass Cemetery, in the Wilkes Street Cemetery Complex, 1475-1501 Wilkes St. Douglass Cemetery was established in 1896 as a final resting place of slaves and freedmen. The Douglass Cemetery is named in memory of Frederick Douglass, who was a well-known American abolitionist, statesman, orator, writer, and former slave. Griffin Burchard, working to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout, has researched, designed and installed a new sign to bring attention to this historical cemetery and also to give more information about the cemetery and people buried there. All are welcome. Rain date is Friday, Aug. 16.

Summer Recess. 4-7 p.m. at 2425 Eisenhower Ave. (on the grassy knoll). Enjoy live music, happy hour, lawn games, and food. Visit www.FB.com/AlexandriaEcon for more.

FRIDAY/AUG. 16

Mount Vernon Nights: One Nite Stand (R&B). 7:30-8:30 at Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Performances will feature musical styles from soul to and pop and bluegrass and rock. Bring a picnic dinner and a blanket and enjoy one of Fairfax County's summer traditions. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance/mt-vernon-nights for more.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 16-18

Emerging Writers Festival. At Old Town Books, 104 S. Union St. The inaugural Emerging Writers Festival will celebrate, educate, and inspire emerging writers through free and low-cost literacy arts programming. The festival plans to connect readers to new writers and give emerging writers new opportunities and skills. Individuals can kick start their writing practice, learn about pitching editors and agents, take craft classes, or meet their next favorite author. The festival will include more than a dozen free and low-cost writing classes with professional writers, editors, and book industry experts. There will also be a book fair. Visit www.emergingwritersfestival.com.

AUG. 16-25

Alexandria Summer Restaurant Week. For 10 days and two weekends, more than 70 restaurants in Alexandria will offer a \$35 three-course dinner for one or a \$35 dinner for two. More than 35 restaurants will also offer lunch menus at \$15 or \$22 per person in addition to the dinner specials. Brunch lovers can enjoy brunch menus for \$15 or \$22 per person at nearly 20 restaurants. Visit www.AlexandriaRestaurantWeek.com or call 703-838-5005.

SATURDAY/AUG. 17

Honey Bee Day Celebration. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at River Farm, 7931 E Boulevard Drive. Join the American Horticultural Society for a free, family-friendly celebration of pollinators and pollinator gardening on National Honey Bee Day. Enjoy a variety of activities and tours, and be joined by MOM's Organic Market - Alexandria, which will provide helpful information on organic lawn care. Free. Visit www.ahsgardening.org/about-river-farm/events-programs/honey-bee-day for more. Volunteers wanted to help plant a pollinator garden; sign up at www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0e4ea4a729aaf58-honey.

Puppet Show: Wonderment Puppet Theater. 10 and 11:15 a.m. at the Durant Center, 1605 Cameron St. Alexandria's Office of the Arts hosts monthly puppet shows that are fun for the very young and the young at heart. A greedy troll tries to take over the three goats' bridge and make a meal out of them. But the goats have different plans for the troll. \$6 per person. Call 703-746-5565 or visit alexandriava.gov/Webtrac, enter as guest.

Youth Bike Classes. 10 a.m. at William Ramsay Recreation Center, 5650 Sanger Ave. The City of Alexandria is sponsoring a Youth Learn to Ride bike class, led by the Washington Area Bicyclist Association, for children 6-12. Youth Learn to Ride classes are intended for children who have either never tried to ride a bike or have tried but have not been successful. Each student must bring their own bike and helmet. Students will ride for approximately three hours, with breaks every hour. \$10. Register at



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Beekeepers splitting hives at River Farm

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ENTERTAINMENT



Tope Folarin, author of A Particular Kind of Black Man, will have a reading and signing, Saturday, Aug. 17, 7-8 p.m.



Jane Friedman offers a Publishing Masterclass, Saturday, Aug. 17, 3:30-6:30 p.m.



Novelist Catherine Chung, offers a Fiction Craft Intensive, Saturday, Aug. 17, 10-11:30 a.m.

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waba.org/blog/2019/07/youth-learn-to-ride/.

Jones Point Meetup. 11 a.m.-noon at Jones Point Park, Jones Point Drive. Join a national park ranger to explore the long history of this little piece of land and see the last remaining inland lighthouse on the Potomac River, once a beacon to boat captains and commerce on the river. Free. Call 703-235-1530 or visit www.nps.gov/gwmp/planyourvisit/jonespoint.htm for more.

Dyke Marsh Meetup, Walk with a Ranger. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Belle Haven Park/ Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve. Enjoy the outdoors on this 2-mile walk with a national park ranger to see the largest freshwater marsh in the nation's capital. Bring a pair of binoculars for viewing an eagle's nest and other marsh life. Free. Call 703-235-1530 or visit www.nps.gov/gwmp/planyourvisit/dykemarsh.htm.

Summer Saturdays. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Gunston Hall, 10709 Gunston Road, Lorton. Join Gunston Hall for a summer of fun. Each Saturday in June, July, and August, stop by for a historic adventure on the grounds and in the Visitor Center. Included with regular admission. Call 703-550-9220 or visit www.gunstonhall.org/visit/guide/upcoming-events.

Clear the Shelters. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Animal Welfare League of Alexandria, 4101 Eisenhower Ave. AWLA will take part in the national Clear the Shelters adoption event and adoption fees will be waived for all adoptable animals at the AWLA during this adoption event. To make the event fun for the whole family, the AWLA will be hosting a tent with activities for superheroes of all ages, as well as a yard sale with discounted pet supplies, a bake sale with sweet treats and more. Those who are not ready to adopt, can pledge donations at AlexandriaAnimals.org/ClearItForward. Visit AlexandriaAnimals.org or call 703-746-4774.

Mount Vernon Nights: Hooray for Bollywood (Indian Bollywood dance). 7-8 p.m. at The Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Performances will range from disco to Indian Bollywood and acoustic blues to big band. Bring a

picnic dinner and a blanket and enjoy one of Fairfax County's summer traditions. Come early to the Workhouse Arts Center to explore its vibrant arts scene. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/mt-vernon-nights for more.

Country-Western Dance. 7-9:30 p.m. at Lincolnia Senior Center, 4710 North Chambliss St. The Northern Virginia Country-Western Dance Association will hold a dance with lessons, 6-7 p.m. and open dancing, 7-9:30 p.m. A DJ provides music. Couples and singles of all ages welcome. Admission for members \$10; non-members \$12; children under 18 accompanied by a paying adult \$5. Smoke-free, alcohol-free. BYO refreshments. Visit www.nvcwda.org for more.

Twilight Boardwalk Stroll. 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Join a park naturalist for a guided walk along the forested paths to the wetland and experience the park as it transitions from day into night. Watch and listen for beavers, owls and other nocturnal residents. For participants age 6-adult. \$9 per person. Call 703-768-2525 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows.

SUNDAY/AUG. 18

Beyond Paper and Stone. 10 a.m.-noon at Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St. At Beyond Paper and Stone, staff of the Carlyle House would like to share their love of the collections with guests. Various objects will be pulled from the collections to be displayed and discussed. Get up close and personal with objects that are rarely on display in the house. \$15. Visit www.novaparks.com/parks/carlyle-house-historic-park for reservations.

Adapted Nature Hike. 10:30 a.m.-noon at Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd., Alexandria. Families. Register children and adults; children must be accompanied by a registered adult. All are welcome to join in a leisurely paced hike through a park. The forested trails will be accessible, smooth and shaded for a fun hike to explore and examine whatever we discover. Restrooms and water

fountain/bottle filler inside accessible building, gravel packed trail in shade, then boardwalk on slats, in direct sun when out in the middle of boardwalk but all flat. Benches at beginning and end in shade but not on main trail. Free. Call 703-228-6535 or register online at registration.arlingtonva.us, use code #642959-M.

"Tea and Tattle." 1-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Adults. Rumor, hearsay, scuttlebutt and scandal. Can gossip have a positive impact on society? Hear about the origins and changing definitions of gossip, how people have "dished" hilariously through the ages, and why gossiping was once synonymous with tea-drinking. Program includes a full English afternoon tea. \$36 for the program and tea; \$15 for the program only. Reservations are required. Call 703-941-7987 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/green-spring.

Junior Docent Tours. 2-5 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. 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, \$3 children ages 5-12, and 4 and under are free. Call 703-746-4242 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org for more.

Chamber Concert Series. 3-5 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. The Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association sponsors a chamber music series, weekly through Sept. 15, at the Lyceum in Old Town featuring small ensembles and soloists. This week's performance features the West Shore Trio. Free. Donations are appreciated. Visit www.wmpmusic.org or call 703-799-8229.

Fort Hunt Park Concerts. Through Aug. 25, Sundays, 7-8 p.m. at Fort Hunt Park, Pavilion A, 8999 Fort Hunt Road. All are welcome for free community concerts held at Fort Hunt Park every Sunday. Free. Visit www.nps.gov/gwmp/planyourvisit/forthuntconcerts.htm for performer.

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Summer's Bounty: So Healthy and Tasty

**Don't miss the height of
summer season for fruits
and vegetables.**

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Local farmer's markets right now are overflowing with deep purple plums, tomatoes ripened by rays of sun and peppers in hues that span a rainbow. This season's bounty yields not only flavors with a richness that peaks in August, but also a powerful punch of nutrients.

"Produce is most nutritious when it's in season, but it's normal to see supermarkets carrying the same produce all year long, said nutritionist Carley Johnston. "People don't always think about only cooking with what's in season because they don't have to."

Fruits and vegetables that are consumed out of season are often shipped from other countries, picked before they're ripe and sprayed with preservatives. "When produce is allowed to ripen while it's sitting in a packing box on its way to the supermarket it's robbed of some of its nutritional content," said Johnston.

On the other hand, produce that is naturally sun-ripened is more vitamin and nutrient-dense than its prematurely picked counterparts because ripening allows those elements to develop fully, says Lauren Trocchio, registered dietitian at Washington Center for Weight Management and Reset. "Cooking seasonally ... means using produce that has traveled less of a distance to your kitchen," she said. "Both of these things may prevent the nutrient loss that comes with picking produce early or spending a lot of time in transit. The longer the transit and wait time, the more impact to nutrition and taste."

Among the nutrient-dense — and delicious — fruits and vegetables that are in season in summer are peaches, blueberries, zucchini and tomatoes. "Blueberries for example are rich in antioxidants and fiber," said Johnston "They're also high in Vitamins C and K. Blackberries are high in fiber and antioxidants. They're also anti-inflammatory which can boost your immune system. Corn is high in Vitamin B. Cucumbers are hydrating which is important during the summer."

Fortunately preserving the health benefits is made easy because only minimal preparation is needed to get maximum flavor, says culinary instructor Terri Carr of Terri's Table Cooking classes in Potomac, Md. "Cooking in the summer with the freshest local produce is a real treat," she said. "There is a smorgasbord of ingredients to choose from."

From watermelons, peaches and plums to tomatoes, corn and zucchini, summer brings a variety of culinary inspiration. "Imagine a platter of tomatoes, peppers, sweet peas, zucchini, sweet Vidalia & red onions, continued Carr. "Complicated recipes are not



PHOTO COURTESY OF TERRI CARR

These skewers of cantaloupe, prosciutto, mozzarella and tomatoes drizzled with a basil balsamic dressing and created by Terri Carr, are vitamin-packed and perfect for appetizers or a light dessert.

needed when quality summer produce is available ... in fact it's better to cook simple recipes that bring out the food's flavor."

Using the best of summer produce, Carr is teaching seasonal cooking classes this summer using her popular preparation methods. "A favorite summer salad is Panzanella ... a classic Italian bread salad," she said. "Combine toasty bread cubes with lots of colorful peppers, tomatoes, green onions, basil, cucumber. Beautiful presentation & flavor. Perfect for lunch or a side dish at dinner."

For those who think eating seasonally means epicurean deprivation, Carr dispels that notion. "Imagine a platter of summer fruit, she said. "Peaches, nectarines, plums, apricots, strawberries, blueberries, blackberries [and] melons. They're absolutely delicious all by themselves or mixed in with a salad or dessert."

Cooking with a mixture of seasonal herbs and produce, like basil and vine-ripened tomatoes, offers an even more powerful impact on the palette. "Summer herbs [are] my favorite, said Carr. "Most herbs are now available in grocery stores year round but they cannot compare to summer's bounty. Basil, thyme, rosemary, parsley and mint are my go-to's when creating a meal."

Summer produce offers energy needed to maintain the active lifestyle that comes with longer days filled with outdoor activities, says Johnston. "Our bodies need the added energy we get from the nutrition found in berries and peaches," she said. "Cucumbers and melons are juicy which keeps us hydrated when it's hot outside."

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— Terri Carr,
Terri's Table Cooking Classes

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LETTERS

FROM PAGE 7

The MVCCA resolution was defeated during its April 24, 2019 meeting. Gum Springs submitted its written opposition to the pedestrian underpass to VDOT on April 24, 2019 with reference to the MVCCA defeated resolution.

The defeated resolution astonished not only the MVCCA co-chairs and MVCCA Transportation Committee chair; but also, state Sen. Scott Surovell. The MVCCA co-chairs refused to transmit the defeated resolution by the April 26, 2019 deadline date established by VDOT. Instead, with the assistance of state Sen. Scott Surovell, the MVCCA Transportation Committee rewrote the resolution. When the Gum Springs MVCCA transportation representative asked members of the MVCCA Transportation Committee to raise their hands if they intended to use the pedestrian underpass, none were raised.

The MVCCA passed its revised resolution on May 22, 2019 and transmitted the revised resolution to Supervisor Storck on June 13, 2019. The MVCCA further compromised its integrity and what and who it represents by not transmitting the May 22, 2019 revised resolution that was presented and voted on by MVCCA members. The MVCCA Transportation Committee chair and/or MVCCA co-chairs transmitted a different revised resolution.

The use of the Little Hunting Creek pedestrian underpass may be at the same (low) level of usage as the bike lane to nowhere implemented by FCDOT and VDOT that Gum Springs opposed.

Queenie Cox
President
New Gum Springs Civic Association

Get Involved In Boundary Process

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to the letter in the July 25 issue of the Mount Vernon Gazette written by Mr. H. Jay Spiegel ["Postpone Boundary Vote"]. There is indeed an emergency requiring the boundary policy be examined and amended. West Potomac High School currently has 18 trailers and was at 117% capacity for the 2018-2019 school year. Mount Vernon High School was at 82% capacity. The numbers for the 2019-2020 year will be West Potomac at 121% capacity, while Mount Vernon will be at 79% capacity. West Potomac is planning for an enhancement, but that will not address the limited amount of parking, which will not increase, nor the tiny feeder road Quander, that will be serving up to 2800 students plus faculty and staff.

All of this information can be found in the Capital Improvement Program on the FCPS website:

<https://www.fcps.edu/sites/default/files/media/pdf/adopted-FY2020-24.pdf>

There are several other schools facing this same problem — two neighboring high schools, with one over capacity and one right next door under capacity. This can be addressed in several ways — one of which is a boundary study. (There are currently no boundary changes on the table.)

There is a lot of concern that this isn't a transparent process. I am here to tell you it is. I have been watching school board meetings in person and on YouTube (they are all taped and posted) for anyone who wants to follow along.

There are also many ways to get involved. You can register to speak in front of the school board at a meeting or send in video testimony. You can email your school board members. You can attend the meetings of FPAC (Facility Planning Advisory Council), which is the body that will most likely be charged

with providing recommendations on the boundary issue this school year.

I have been appointed to FPAC as the Mount Vernon representative, so I can be certain that the Mount Vernon area has a dedicated person who can advise the necessary updates to not only the boundary policy, but also to the boundaries, which haven't been touched as a whole since the 1980s.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Scott Brabrand is focusing on this issue as it is an issue for every taxpayer. We should be supporting FCPS's effort to utilize taxpayer dollars in the best way possible. I am very excited to help the school board come up with some concrete criteria for determining school boundaries, and I encourage anyone who has concerns or ideas to get involved in the process.

Cathy Hosek
Alexandria

Pedestrian Overpasses

To the Editor:

One additional idea for safe pedestrian crossing of Route 1 near the Buckman Road / Old Mt. Vernon Highway intersection that should be considered is a pedestrian overpass. Pedestrian overpasses are very common in Latin America, and people use them. It would additionally be a relatively inexpensive solution, and would not cause delays for vehicle traffic on the highway.

Ned Stone
Alexandria

Roadway Crumbling

To the Editor:

Driving the parkway nowadays is either dodging potholes or hitting patchwork that resembles speed bumps. Instead of getting better, the issue grows with former patches being fractured by heat and heavy rains.

More and more of the parkway is blanketed by black patches that clearly are failing. The same is true at Ft. Hunt Road/Parkway — the portion which is Park Service controlled. Even the loop around the park is so fractured along the centerline that bike wheels can get caught in them. Inquiries to our elected officials in Congress go unanswered as do any communications to the National Park Service.

One would think that the drive to and from historic Mount Vernon would be treated with more care and attention. Sad to see such a beautiful roadway crumble before our eyes.

MV Chittal
Alexandria

Socioeconomics Is an Issue

To the Editor:

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors (BOS) has a very serious problem, a problem that goes to the very core of the quality of life of Fairfax County including the value of the tax base and the services and amenities provided by our local government. Its problem is the Fairfax County School Board.

When the county budget is approved by the BOS, it includes a transfer, now about \$2 billion, to the School Board for administering our public schools. Once the money is transferred, the BOS has little or

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Nancy P. Resende January 13, 1952 – July 31, 2019

Nancy, an Alexandria resident since 1981, died near her Old Town Alexandria home on July 31. Born in Charleston, West Virginia and raised in suburban Wilmington, Delaware, Nancy moved to the Washington, D.C. area after graduating from Madison College (now JMU) with her high school sweetheart and husband, Joe, in 1973 where she taught elementary school in Calvert County for 25 years. In addition to her devotion to family and friends, Nancy's passions included golfing, running and cooking. She was a member of Mount Vernon Country Club (Alexandria), Cripple Creek Golf & Country Club (Bethany Beach, DE) and Naples Grade Golf Club (Naples, FL). Nancy is survived by her husband, two brothers and sisters-in-law, Joe's mother, several nieces/nephews and their spouses, and a growing number of grand nieces/nephews. In lieu of flowers, Nancy requested that donations be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital and/or Pediatric PANDAS Network.



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Some Trek: To Go Where This Man Has Never Gone Before



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Although I've had a pretty good run of late not writing much about "the cancer," to quote "Forrest, Forrest Gump," the reality is, as you might imagine, cancer is ever present – in your head and in your heart (and for me, in my lungs).

Never more so than when your quarterly CT scan is imminent. As I sit and write this column on a Sunday, Wednesday, three days hence is what you'd call 'imminent.' Not that there's much preparation, there's not. But with electronic media being what it is, one does receive multiple reminders: text, email and the occasional call.

And, even though I don't actually have to do anything in advance, I am reminded nonetheless, in advance, what there is yet to be done: show up! (Apparently, many cancer patients, staff have told me, are not as compliant as you'd expect them to be.)

But it's not the 'advance' or the 'after' that I'm addressing in this column. It's the way-before and how a CT's imminence affects one's life.

As much as I write a good game – and talk/act a good game, living one's life pretending to minimize cancer's presumptive/possible/"prognosed" impact is indeed make believe. Not that I'm a glass half-empty person, I'm not, as you regular readers know.

However, there's nothing like a computerized tomography and a post-scan appointment with one's oncologist to focus your attention on the fact that you have been/are living with what your oncologist originally characterized back in early 2009, as a "terminal disease:" non-small cell lung cancer, stage IV (and giving you a "13 month to two year" prognosis, to boot).

A disease whose initial progression (doctor-speak for growth/movement) eliminated surgery as an option, but one for which there have been multiple lines of chemotherapy, none of which was ever been said to be a cure. In the spirit of that reality, how does one live in the present and plan for the future? (Jeez, that last line sounds right out of one of the Carrie Bradshaw's "Sex and the City" voice overs.)

On the one hand – the one with no sense of reality, I suppose one is simply to go about one's varied business with nary a care or concern in the world. On the other hand – the one with enough a sense of reality to choke a horse, I suppose I am to mark time, count the number of days until my next scan, plan for today and think about tomorrow.

But, not too many tomorrows as there's no sense getting ahead of oneself or else one will get behind. And if that sounds mixed up, it is. Because for cancer patients, "Time is a godforsaken paradox."

As Captain Kathryn Janeway of "Star Trek: Voyager" further explained many star dates ago: "The future is the past, the past is the future. The whole thing gives me a headache."

And if you do get any headaches, you need to contact your oncologist because in 30 percent of lung cancer patients, the cancer moves to the brain. A location which presents all sorts of treatment and quality of life challenges.

And, a manifestation there, should it appear, scares the living daylight out of me. But never mind. Just keep on planning and pretending that you don't have a "TERMINAL" disease. You know, the type of disease for which there's "NO CURE."

Then again, if I do get bogged down by certain realities, I'll be no work and no play – and no fun (neither do I want to be a dull boy). And no fun is no way to live – in the past, present or future, and that's no paradox.

So, if and when the chips and/or the "chippee" is down, one needs to be thankful for the chips that you do have and for the ones you hope yet to accumulate. Otherwise, you might as well see the cashier on your way out.

Life's too short (don't I know it) to live only in the present and not consider the future. And if I don't consider the future, it's unlikely I'll have one. Just because I've now had a past that lasted years longer than I expected shouldn't mean I can't have a future I never anticipated.

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LETTERS

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no control over how the money is spent. Of course, in determining the amount of the transfer, the BOS receives a detailed budget request from the School Board. However, once the money is transferred, the School Board has the ability to vote on changes.

The School Board also has the authority to revise policies it has enacted to administer the school system. This is where the serious problem arises. In my letter to the editor published in the July 25, 2019 Gazette, I discussed proposed changes to School Board Policy No. 8130.6 in which the School Board wishes to gain the ability to balance the boundaries of school districts taking into account racial and socioeconomic criteria.

My previous letter urged the School Board to postpone any decision on changing Policy No. 8130.6 until after a new School Board enters office next January. Prospective revision of Policy No. 8130.6 should be an election issue particularly since about half the School Board members are not running for re-election and others who are seeking re-election face opposition for their seats.

The bedrock of Fairfax County's tax base is real estate values. More often than not, when people decide to shop for a home in Fairfax County, the first question they ask is which high school is served by their prospective new residence. Thus, for example, people shopping for a home in McLean often make sure that a home they are contemplating acquiring is served by Langley High School, one of the top high schools for academic achievement in the county. Homes served by Langley High School sell for a premium price over homes served by other high schools. Here, people want to know if their home will be served by West Potomac High School or Mount Vernon High School.

If the School Board's proposed policy change is enacted, it will mean that the School Board will have the authority to adjust school boundaries by taking into account "racial and socioeconomic" criteria. It will also mean that the School Board will have the ability to bus students from one area to another based upon such criteria. As a result, no one contemplating purchasing a home in Fairfax County will be able to be reasonably assured that the home they plan to purchase will be served by the high school that forms a basis for their purchasing decision. When this occurs, watch home values plummet across the county.

Since the real estate tax is one of the main sources of revenue that the county can control, plummeting of real estate values will result in reduction of county services and amenities and making Fairfax County a less attractive place to live.

The BOS needs to address this issue on an urgent basis and make it clear to the School Board that actions it contemplates that will have an adverse impact on real estate values must not be undertaken, so that Fairfax County can maintain its stature as an attractive place to live and work.

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wooded areas. Special features include: multi-story entry foyer, grand room sizes, elegant interior finishes, elevator, truly breathtaking master suite with dramatic river views, and his & hers private baths. Nothing was spared in creating this unique, one of a kind masterpiece!

OPEN SUNDAY 1-4PM!



9003 Patton Blvd
\$589,500

Finally - the one you've been waiting for! A fabulous property priced in the \$500K's! Amazing opportunity to acquire this spacious rambler in premier setting on half acre lot overlooking the rolling grounds of the Mt. Vernon Country Club.

Numerous special features include updated kitchen & baths, hardwood floors, 4 BR's, finished lower level, and covered parking for 1 car + storage. Unique combination of size, features and prime location make this one of the area's best values!

JUST LISTED!



4401 Ferry Landing Rd

Most house for the \$ in fabulous Yacht Haven Estates! Classic Mid-Century charm. Features: open floor plan, large room sizes and expansive walls of glass to bring the natural beauty of the grounds to every corner of the home. Exceptionally spacious with two full finished levels, 4 BR's, 3 Full BA's, 2 FP's, all glass thermal replacement windows, gorgeous .5 acre lot, walk to river and MV Yacht Club

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COMING SOON!



4296 Neitzey Pl
\$1,850,000

Truly spectacular estate in premier setting near the river in prestigious Oxford on the Potomac. Custom home capitalizes on its location with soaring high ceilings, glass walls and multi-level decks designed to capture sweeping views of the river & adjoining

wooded areas. Special features include: multi-story entry foyer, grand room sizes, elegant interior finishes, elevator, truly breathtaking master suite with dramatic river views, and his & hers private baths. Nothing was spared in creating this unique, one of a kind masterpiece!

RIVER VIEWS!



9303 Reef Ct
\$699,000

Exceptionally attractive opportunity! Spacious colonial with New Orleans flair on gorgeous half acre lot on quiet cul-de-sac just steps from the Mt. Vernon Yacht Club. Special features

include: main level master bedroom, upgraded Kitchen and baths, and oversized two car garage plus detached garage! Multi-level deck overlooks expansive half acre grounds!

GORGEOUS LOT!



3249 Woodland Ln
\$1,060,000

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2 story entry foyer and family room, Chef's kitchen open to family room, huge master suite, gorgeous hardwood floors, finished lower level w/ full walk out, side load 2 car garage. Gorgeous setting on half acre lot in neighborhood with community access to Little Hunting Creek. Same home build today would cost thousands more!

STUNNING SETTING!



3717 Carriage House Ct
\$898,500

Riverwood gem with all the updates and improvements you're looking for. Classic colonial façade enhanced with custom brick work and trim. Floor plan enhanced by 2 sunrooms creating open and bright interior.

Special features include: 3 finished levels, updated kitchen and baths, sun room additions, freshly finished hardwoods, large deck overlooking serene back yard with ponds, basement with fireplace and custom bar, oversized 2 car garage. Great opportunity to be in one of the area's premier neighborhoods for under \$1 Mil!

RIVERWOOD GEM!



3808 Colonial Ave
\$849,500

Updated colonial in prime location on quaint street near Mt. Vernon Estate! Fabulous home features bright, open floor plan and many updated items commonly found in \$1 Mil+ homes! Special features

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SOLD!



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SOLD!



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\$629,500

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SOLD!



3601 Riverwood Rd
\$785,000

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SOLD!



9505 Lynnhall Pl
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