



Officer Marvin Goodley of Mount Vernon Police Station (left) discusses the safety programs the station offers for business owners.



Police officers from Mount Vernon and Franconia Stations enjoy breakfast with the chamber.

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Advising Businesses on Improving Safety

Police captains urge chamber members to be proactive about security.

BY ELISSA ESHER
THE GAZETTE

Police Captains Greg Freid of Franconia Police Station and Brian Ruck of Mount Vernon Police Station spoke at the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce's August Business Breakfast last week, encouraging business owners to build relationships with law enforcement officers and utilize police programs to prevent crime before it happens.

The lecture focused on the prevention of active shooter situations in light of the two gang-related shootings in the Mount Vernon area this year and the more recent shootings in El Paso and Dayton.

"The chamber partners with the Fairfax County Police Department to keep our businesses safe so that employees and customers feel safe when they come into these businesses," said Holly Dougherty, executive director of the Chamber of Commerce. "We want our businesses to know the police officers and have good relationships with them so they know who to call whenever they need anything."

Ruck emphasized that the two



Police Captains Greg Field of Franconia Police Station (left) and Brian Ruck of Mount Vernon Police Station.

shootings in Mount Vernon are believed to be the connected results of gang activity, not random acts of violence. Nevertheless, the station encouraged business owners to join Fairfax Business Watch, a partnership of local businesses and the Fairfax County Police Department providing free protection programs such as security checks, robbery prevention, and active shooter situation safety.

"It's so important to get out as much information as possible out and reduce fear," said Freid, who has been dealing with other gang-

related shootings in Franconia. "We're being proactive in stopping acts of violence like this and we have a lot of free services available to keep homes and businesses safer." Freid also reminded attendees that cruisers can be called upon for free to supervise business events in both Mount Vernon and Franconia and that any reports of suspicious activity in or around a given business are helpful in data collection and preventative action.

"We're happy to go where you want us to go," Freid said to the chamber. "As part of the business

community you are part of the community as a whole, and we want you to talk with us about your business's needs. Fairfax only stays safe when everyone gets involved."

Despite the shootings, Ruck said that Mount Vernon's already relatively low crime rate reduced by 7% this year. Officer Marvin Goodley of Mount Vernon Police Station said that this generally safe environment can make businesses owners lazy about security.

"A common misconception business owners have here is that they don't have to do anything," Goodley said. "Fairfax County is a safe place but

we still need to be proactive to make sure our business and homes stay that way."

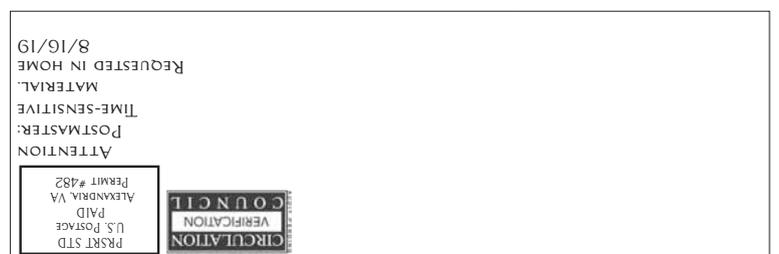
Ruck said this year's reduction in crime could have been caused by transportation apps such as Uber and Lyft which decrease the

incentive to drive under the influence and the new Virginia state law that raised the felony theft threshold from \$200 to \$500. Domestic violence and pedestrian traffic crash fatalities continue to be county-wide issues.

Ruck encouraged attendees to participate in the Mount Vernon Police Station's Citizen Advisory Committee, a discussion group concerning crime statistics and safety-related questions that meets at 7 p.m. on the last Thursday of every month. "We're not making Fairfax County safer by just writing tickets," said Freid. "We're doing it with education and engagement. We're all going to be stronger and we're all going to be more resilient when we find ways to work together as a community."

For more information on the Citizen Advisory Committee, visit: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/GetInvolved/CitizenAdvisoryCommittee>

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Residents gathered for the Battle of the Bands held at Fort Hunt Park.



Tom Curcio watches as the tow truck delivers Uncle Fred's Barbecue Truck at the Battle of the Bands event held in June.

Celebrating United Community's 50th Anniversary

Upcoming events support the nonprofit's services.

BY GALE CURCIO

United Community (formerly United Community Ministries) continues to celebrate its 50th anniversary.

The nonprofit kicked off the year with an anniversary gala titled "50 Years of Neighbors Helping Neighbors" at the Belle Haven Country Club.

In May, United Community's Creekside Community Center held a celebration of community and partnership. This free family-oriented day showcased special appreciation for mothers and community leaders of all ages.

Sacramento Neighborhood Community Center held its celebration of community and partnership in June.

This event was also free and family-oriented.

Charles Bolden Jr. delighted both children and parents with his stories about serving as an astronaut on three separate missions. Bolden was the first African-American Administrator of NASA, a retired U.S. Marine Corps Major General, a former astronaut, and a long-time Mount Vernon resident.

He showed maps and answered questions, ranging from what it



Children enjoy dancing to Moondaddies.

was like to be an astronaut, to what type of rockets NASA is building today to what it was like to take a photo of the earth from the moon. He also showed how much the earth's atmosphere is warming up using time lapse photos.

The event highlighted student and teacher achievement and community leaders of all ages.

The first Battle of the Bands was also held in June. Spearheaded by Mary Beth Powers, this event featured an afternoon of music, food, and fun. More than 100 guests enjoyed performances from local artists Moondaddies (Rock), Kumbia Power (Latin), and The Mobile Church (Gospel).

Barbeque, lemonade, snacks, and summer treats were included with admission, courtesy of Uncle Fred's BBQ Smokeshack, La Prima Catering and other local partners.

Unfortunately, Uncle Fred's truck broke down the morning of the event, so the organizers filled in with sandwiches from Costco, chips and salsa from Moe's and pizza.

Tom Curcio paid for Uncle Fred's truck to be towed and the truck arrived midway through the event. The crowd greeted him with applause.

The year is not over. Upcoming United Community events include:

- ❖ Early September Wine Tasting

Unwined Gourmet Wine and Cigars
Belle View Shopping Center
1600 Belle View Boulevard, Alexandria

United Community is growing its network of supporters by reaching out to professionals, families, entrepreneurs, college students, and more, and attract them to join the United Community family.

- ❖ Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 27-28 Caring for Our Neighbors Mission Conference (Co-hosted with Bethlehem Baptist Church)

Bethlehem Baptist Church, 7836 Fordson Road, Alexandria
Members of area faith and other organizations will participate in a

two-day conference and discuss addressing local concerns and needs of the community. Ticket cost: To be announced.

Sponsorships available: Contact United Community Giving Office at 571-255-8977.

- ❖ Saturday, Oct. 19, 5-8 p.m. United Community Homecoming

Mount Vernon Country Club, 5111 Old Mill Road, Alexandria
Free, by invitation. Current and former board members, team members, major donors, community leaders, clients and volunteers will reminisce 50 years of United Community serving the community. Special guest: former United Community Executive Director, Sharon Kelso.

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- ❖ Sunday, Nov. 3, 4-8 p.m. The Capitol Steps

Registration opens at 4 p.m. Performance starts at 5 p.m. U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, 501 Dulany Street, Alexandria

Hosted by The Friends of United Community, Capitol Steps is an annual comedy troupe performance benefiting United Community. Sponsorships and tickets available: Contact United Community's Giving Office at 571-255-8977.

For more information, contact: Arleen Ramirez Borysiewicz, director of Development, arleen.borysiewicz@UCagency.org, 571-255-8977.

CRIME REPORT

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

TRESPASSING/ASSAULT ON LAW ENFORCEMENT/RESISTING ARREST: 8400 Richmond Hwy, Aug. 11, 8:27 a.m. An officer stopped to speak to a woman who had an out-

standing warrant for her arrest. The woman punched the officer in the face, spat on the officer, and removed several pieces of police equipment from the officer as she resisted arrest. A 45-year-old woman from Alexandria was charged with two counts of assault on a law enforce-

ment officer, resisting arrest and the original warrant of trespassing.

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY: 2900 block of Arlington Drive (Family Fortune Restaurant) Aug. 8, 3:30 a.m. Someone broke through the front glass door and removed cash

from the register.

STOLEN VEHICLE RECOVERY: 6600 block of Richmond Highway, Aug. 6, 4:24 p.m. Officers responded to the area for a lookout given for a stolen, black Toyota 4-Runner. The SUV was seen driving into the park-

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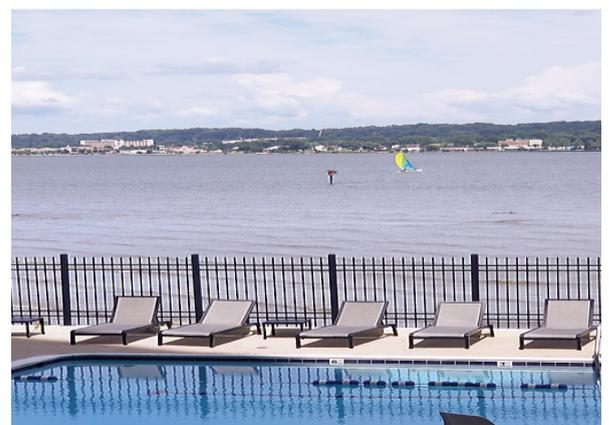
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Giving Back to the Community

Former astronaut committed to encouraging learning.

BY ALEX MORIN

Astronaut Charles F. Bolden, Jr. has spent his life serving his country. Born in 1946 in Columbia, S.C., Bolden needed a recommendation from Representative Dawson from Chicago to attend the U.S. Naval Academy, because his South Carolina delegation turned him down. After studying at the Naval Academy, Bolden served in Vietnam and flew more than one hundred sorties piloting the A-6A Intruder. He continued to develop his flying proficiency, participating in several test projects at the Naval Air Test Center.

Like many other astronauts, it was Bolden's flying experience that led him to apply to NASA. During his time as an astronaut, he logged more than 600 hours in space across four missions, completing several experiments and technical objectives. He piloted the shuttles Columbia and Discovery in 1986 and 1990, respectively, then commanded flights onboard the Atlantis and Discovery. His final mission, STS-60 in 1994, was the first in history to include a Russian cosmonaut aboard a U.S. space shuttle. After his last spaceflight, Bolden returned to the Marines and was promoted to major general until his retirement in 2004.

In 2009, President Obama appointed Bolden to be the first African American administrator of NASA. Along with overseeing the organization's projects and missions, Obama tasked Bolden with "re-inspiring



NASA PHOTO

children to want to get into science and math." Bolden stepped down from the position in 2017 and currently lives near the Mount Vernon Estate.

Even after his service to the country, Bolden finds time to give back to the community. Recently, Bolden visited the Sacramento Neighborhood Center near Richmond Highway and the Campagna Center in the City of Alexandria. Both organizations are committed to educational development in their communities and host events that encourage children to learn about the sciences and technology.

He has also spoken at several commencement ceremonies, including for Mount Vernon High School, Thomas Jefferson High School, and the School Without Walls in Washington, D.C. Even though Bolden is retired, he continues NASA's mission to educate children about STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math). To Bolden, informing the next generation of scientists, engineers, and even astronauts is the most important mission.

Alexander Morin graduated from South County High School in June 2018. He is currently pursuing a computer science degree at Virginia Tech and interning at the office of Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck.

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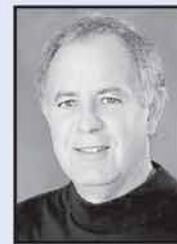
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Newly-minted 18-Year-Old?

Remember to register to vote.

BY PAUL KRIZEK
STATE DELEGATE (D-44)

Summer is slowly coming to a close, and that means that college students will be making their way back to school. This year, my own daughter will begin her freshman year. My wife and I are very proud of her, as you can well imagine.

COMMENTARY Among the moving boxes and seemingly endless preparations that go along with making the move to college, something like voter registration might slip through the cracks. However, for newly-minted 18-year-olds, this coming November will be their very first opportunity to cast their ballots. Studies have shown that if a young person casts a vote when they first become eligible, they will be more likely to remain civically engaged throughout their lives.

An informed and engaged electorate is vital to a thriving democracy, and regular voting habits should be encouraged among our young people.

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Virginia. Virginia is an open primary state, which means that a registered voter has the option of voting in either the Democratic or Republican primary (but only one).

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I hope this information is helpful and that our young people don't forget to vote this November and every year thereafter. It is our duty as citizens to choose who will represent us in our local, state, and federal government. A healthy democracy requires high voter participation so that your government represents you best. Don't forget to vote, because of every election matters.

trigger. Those are the characteristics of a real military assault/battle rifle. AR-15s are semi automatic firearms and neither weapons of war nor "weapons of mass destruction" as some politicians, reporters and pundits in the media have mislabeled them. Vincible ignorance is no excuse for disseminating false information.

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SOLD IN LESS THAN A WEEK! Updated Colonial sited on 1/2 acre lot, over 3,300 sf of living space including renovated kitchen, fully-finished basement, Master suite, and private fenced backyard and patio. Green thumb? A vegetable garden is already established. Attached 2-car garage. Easy commuting.



Dave Okonsky 703.585.5268
ALEXANDRIA / Westgrove \$ 870,000

An immaculately maintained and spacious home with 2 additions: family room / kitchen addition with cathedral ceiling & skylights opens up the living area; plus an enlarged luxury Master BA with glass shower, large tub, & vaulted ceiling. Brick patio off family oversees private landscaped back yard. Too good to miss!



Catherine Foltz 703.626.6914
ALEXANDRIA / Kings Landing \$ 650,000

Beautiful 3-level home with backyard wooded views from the 2-level deck. Kitchen has quartz, SS appliances and is adjacent to family room, with fireplace, leading to deck. LL walk-out plus media room, rec room and full bath. Freshly painted. Convenient to Huntington Metro, Old Town, Pentagon, Ft Belvoir, DC.



McCormick & Lusk Group 202.412.8885
ALEXANDRIA / Manors at Mt Vernon \$ 1,195,000

Luxuriously upgraded Colonial on 1.8 acre cul-de-sac lot. Renovated kitchen with chef's appliances, island, subway tile and breakfast nook. Home has sun-room with vaulted ceiling, mudroom, master suite with spa bath. Finished LL walk-out game/rec room, and more. Deck, patio, play area in parklike setting.



MaryAnn Burstein 703.850.0306
ALEXANDRIA / College Park \$ 859,000

Your new home is sited on gorgeous landscaping plus matured trees; and perfectly located to everything. A kitchen with SS appliances leads to open dining room; sunroom looks out onto patio and backyard; master has en-suite, hardwoods; fully-finished basement; laundry room; garage and so much more!



Jenna Gallant 860.227.4241
VIENNA / Virginia Center \$ 780,000

Stunning townhouse ready for you! 3BR / 3FBA, 2 gas fireplaces, finished lower level and full-size 2-car garage. Master suite has vaulted ceilings, garden bath, 1 walk-in + 1 extra closet. Hardwoods on main / upper levels, interior walls and moldings freshly painted, bath fixtures updated. Vienna Metro 3 blocks away.



Heidi Kohler 703.785.5619 & Elke Kohler 703.850.5630
ALEXANDRIA / Fairview \$ 699,000 OPEN SUN 3 - 5

3104 FRANKLIN ST Charming circa 1937 home with unique/vintage finishes feels like another era. Original pine floors, stone fireplace, crystal door knobs shine along more modern updated kitchen, Florida/sunroom, formal dining, freshly painted thru-out. 4BR / 2.5BA. 1/4 acre lot. Detached brick 2-car garage.



Heidi Kohler 703.785.5619 & Elke Kohler 703.850.5630
ALEXANDRIA / Hollin Hall Village \$ 639,000

All brick Cape Cod 3+ level home with 5BR / 2FBA (baths on main and upper 1). Traditional design, wood floors, one fireplace, gas cooking and driveway parking. Back yard is partially fenced. Public transportation less than 1 mile and convenient to Old Town, airport, Ft. Belvoir, Pentagon, Crystal City and DC.



Ruth Guirard 703.609.3343 & Martha Deal 703.622.6797
ALEXANDRIA / Wellington Estates \$ 499,900

Fantastic opportunity! Sought after neighborhood with rising prices and new construction. Just a few blocks from GW Parkway, Mt Vernon hike/bike trail and the Potomac River. Beautiful level lot bordered by creek. Wayneswood Elementary School. 4BR / 3BA home could be spectacular renovation. As is cash sale.



Janet Mwobobia 773.844.5034
ALEXANDRIA / Rose Hill Farm \$ 475,000

Beautiful, well cared for 1-level, 3BR / 1.5BA home located on a large level corner lot. Bright light pours into the open living/dining space from the bay window. Sliding doors from dining/kitchen area lead to the patio and backyard. Family room has brick accent wall and study area. Outdoor shed and driveway



MaryAnn Burstein 703.850.0306
ALEXANDRIA / Isabella at Monticello Mews \$ 421,000

Elegant top floor condo with 2BR / 2BA and private balcony. Open floor plan with wood floors thru-out and skylights. Gourmet kitchen with granite, island with seating, SS appliances. Master has tray ceiling, skylight, en-suite and sitting area. Washer/dryer; 2 reserved parking; shuttle to Van Dorn Metro and more.



Mary Taylor 703.785.5619 & Pat Tierney 703.850.5630
ALEXANDRIA / Porto Vecchio OPEN SUN 2 - 4

#320 \$369,000 - Enjoy sunrises, sunsets, fireworks and more. Fulfill your dreams in this charming and spacious 1BR condo. Update the kitchen and bath to make it your own. Balcony, wood floors and new carpet, garage space, and storage unit. Plus all amenities: limo, pool, tennis, party room & 24 hour security.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Submit entertainment announcements at www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/. The deadline is noon on Friday. Photos/artwork encouraged.

ONGOING

Junior Golf Fairfax Camps, Clinics and Competition. Burke Lake Golf Center is located at 6915 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Pinecrest 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 Pinecrest 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. Pinecrest 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 producers, is hungry to strike it rich. Leo Bloom, an accountant with



High-fire contrast stoneware jewelry holder with earring hanger and ring basin by Chris Coyle of Glenn Dale, Md.; High-fire stoneware bowl glazed ocean blue with spiraled peek-a-boo detailing by Klaudia Levin of Silver Spring, Md.; Impressed porcelain ceramic colander for berries, cherries and more by Ana Cavalcanti of Bethesda, Md.; High-fire sgraffito contrast platter with etched turtle by Shirley Gromen of Arlington, Va.; Petite woodfired geometric vase with pricked detailing by Roni Polisar of Burtonsville, Md.

Art Exhibit: Piercings, Clay Body Art and Carving

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. The exhibit runs through Sept. 1, gallery hours at Scope Gallery, Studio 19 of the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St. Call 703-548-6288 or visit www.scopegallery.org.

dreams of someday becoming a theatre producer, discovers that they could get richer by producing a flop instead of a hit. They start by finding the worst show, worst director, and worst actors. When their new production, “Springtime for Hitler,” turns out to be a smash success, the plan is thrown off and the partners lives are thrown into chaos. Note: This show contains language and adult themes. \$29-\$34. Visit thelittletheatre.com.

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: “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. Visit DelRayArtisans.org/event/fresh-meat for more.

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www.scopegallery.org.

Art Exhibitions. Through Sept. 15, Wednesday-Sunday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Artists @ Mosaic, 105 District Ave., Fairfax. For the first time, the Torpedo Factory Artists’ Association is sharing its gallery space with a group of student artists. The Torpedo Factory Artists @ Mosaic is a satellite gallery sponsored by the Torpedo Factory Artists’ Association. Visit www.torpedofactoryartists.com/mosaic/ for more.

❖ “Make Your Mark” is part of the Torpedo Factory Artists’ Associations’ effort to provide exhibit opportunities for gifted artists in the community. In this show, each of the 13 students taking classes from TFAA artist and arts educator Marsha Staiger present one painting that represents their body of work.

❖ “Animal Kingdom” is the theme of the Torpedo Factory artists’ exhibit and will showcase the best of what nature has to offer, including the wild and the tame.

Art Exhibit: Habitats. Through Sept. 22, 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. Visit torpedofactory.org/partners/target-gallery.

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



Participants of Swim for Engie III in 2018. Engie Mokhtar is center in light blue and Doug Prince is seated at right (in the Alexandria Masters Swimming t-shirt).

Swim for Engie

In honor of Alexandria Residents Engie Mokhtar and Doug Prince. Proceeds from the Swim for Engie Swimathon will go to John Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center. Swimmers of all ages welcome. Saturday, Aug. 24, 8-10 a.m. at Wayneswood Pool, 1027 Dalebrook Drive. \$10 suggested donation. Email swimforengie@gmail.com or visit bit.ly/swim4engie for more.

ENTERTAINMENT

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.

Open House. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at School of Rock Alexandria, 3260 Duke St. Take a tour of the school, meet instructors and learn more about School of Rock's performance-based music programs. Lessons available in guitar, bass, keyboard, vocals and drums in both group and individual lessons. Free. Call ahead to schedule a free, 30-minute trial lesson, 571-376-7625. Visit alexandria.schoolofrock.com for more.

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/performance/mt-vernion-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



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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.gadstavern.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.

TUESDAY/AUG. 20

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Genealogy: Immigration and Naturalization. 1-3 p.m. at Mount Vernon Genealogical Society, Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Genealogist Sharon MacInnes will speak about researching ancestors who immigrated to America. The presentation is called "Immigration and Naturalization from 1607 Until Today." Free, open to the public. Visit www.mvgenalogy.org for more.

THURSDAY/AUG. 22

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

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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. 23

Mount Vernon Nights: Lena Seikaly Quartet (jazz). 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.

SATURDAY/AUG. 24

Swim for Engie. 8-10 a.m. at Waynewood Pool, 1027 Dalebrook Drive. Swim for Engie Swimathon in honor of Alexandria Residents Engie Mokhtar and Doug Prince. Proceeds will go to John Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center. Swimmers of all ages welcome. \$10 suggested donation. Email swimforengie@gmail.com or visit bit.ly/swim4engie for more.

Watercolor Workshop: Unfinished Paintings. 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. (Adults) Bring in any incomplete paintings to the session at Green Spring Gardens. Instructor and artist Marni Maree will point participants in the right direction and help resolve problem areas. Whether it's technique, color mixing, composition or value, she'll help. Receive individual attention, instruction and guidance to finish those paintings or begin new ones. Bring supplies to work in class. \$93/person. Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes/ using code 99F.BC10 or call Green Spring Gardens at 703-642-5173.

George Washington's Alexandria. 10 a.m.-11:30 at the Torpedo Factory, 101 N. Union St. Explore historic Old Town Alexandria as George Washington knew it. This 90-minute guided walking tour will explore sites associated with Washington and his closest colleagues. The tour begins behind the Torpedo Factory's south entrance, in front of Vola's Dockside Grill. Free. No reservations required. Offered by the Office of Historic Alexandria. Call 703-379-7460.

Beyond the Battlefield. 10 a.m.-noon at Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden, 614 Oronoco St. A guided walking tour of Civil War sites in Historic Old Town featuring locations and stories associated with soldiers, citizens, and the enslaved, including the occupation of Alexandria and emancipation. \$15 in advance, \$20 gate. Visit www.leafendallhouse.org or call 703-548-1789.

Fall and Winter Vegetable Gardening. 10:30 a.m.-noon at Burke Library, 4701 Seminary Road. What can one plant when the weather starts to cool? Think healthful greens like kale, collards, bok choy and a wealth of lettuces. Learn what to plant when, and simple tips for success. Learn inexpensive techniques to extend a harvest and even how to enjoy crops in the dead of winter. This event is offered by Extension Master Gardeners. Free. Advance registration requested at mgnv.org. Questions? Telephone 703-228-6414 or email mgarlalex@gmail.com.

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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.

Begonia Container Workshop. 1-2:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. (16-Adult) Pot up a begonia in a galvanized wall planter for an outdoor garden area with the help of begonia expert Johanna Zinn. Learn about beautiful begonias types that can grow in Virginia and how to care for them. \$38/person for the program and \$25/person for the supply fee. Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes/ using code 24A.DA18 or call Green Spring Gardens at 703-642-5173.

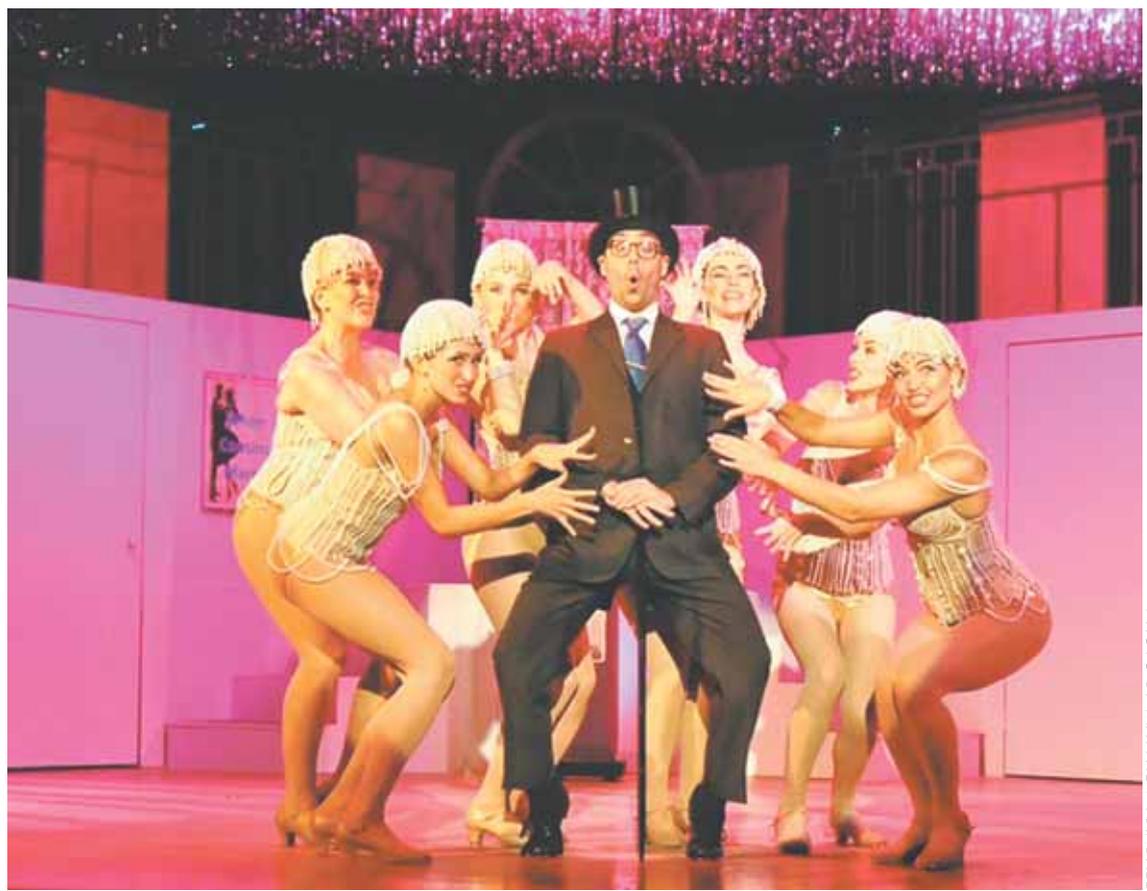
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SATURDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 24-25

33rd Annual Begonia Show and Sale. Saturday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Sunday, noon-3:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Sponsored by the Potomac branch of the American Begonia Society. Be tempted with splashes of color and shapes 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. Call Green Spring Gardens at 703-642-5173.

SUNDAY/AUG. 25

National Dog Day. 10 a.m.-noon at 2425 Eisenhower Ave (on the grassy



Leo (Ryan Phillips) and Follies Girls (from left to right Taegan Chirinos, Cheryl Bolt, Erin Pugh, Kathleen West, Shannon Robichaud, Colleen Kleveno).

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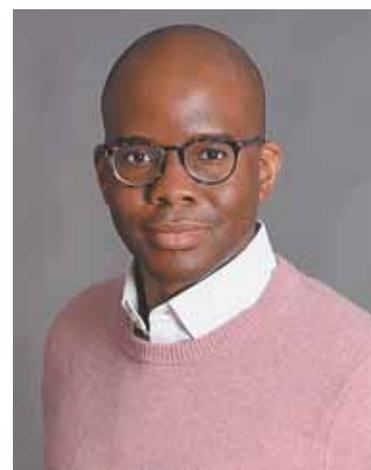
www.nps.gov/gwmp/planyourvisit/dykemarsh.htm.

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 William McDaniel, piano. Free. Donations are appreciated. Visit www.wmpamusic.org or call 703-799-8229.

The Carter Gospel Singers. 4 p.m. at the Woodlawn-Faith United Methodist Church, 7010 Harrison Lane. The Carter Gospel Singers of Alexandria will be celebrating 50 years of singing ministry in honor of the original Carter Chorus Singers. The anniversary them is "We have come this far by faith." Call 571-552-0994 or visit www.woodlawnfaith.org for more.

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.



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.



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

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ENTERTAINMENT

MONDAY/AUG. 26

Back to School. Fairfax County Public Schools first day of the 2019-2020 school year. Visit www.fcps.edu/calendars/2019-20-standard-school-year-calendar.

TUESDAY/AUG. 27

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/playourvisit/jonespoint.htm for more.

Twilight & Tipple Tours. 6-9 p.m. at Pope-Leighey House, 9000 Richmond Highway. Experience Frank Lloyd Wright's Pope-Leighey House by twilight. This tour series is a rare chance to see one of Wright's houses illuminated against a night sky. Grab a drink, included in the price of the tour ticket, and walk through the house on a leisurely, open house style tour with plenty of time to take stunning photos. \$35. Visit www.woodlawnpopeleighey.org/ for more.

AUG. 27-SEPT. 29

Art Exhibit: "It's a Jungle Out There." Gallery hours at Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery, Studio 29, Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St. Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery presents its juried show, "It's a Jungle Out There." Cheetahs, lions, rhinos, monkeys, hippos, and the lands that they inhabit serve as inspiration for the pieces in this show. Themed work will be eligible for recognition by the jurors. Non-themed work may also be exhibited. Visit www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com or call 703-548-0935.

THURSDAY/AUG. 29

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.

FRIDAY/AUG. 30

Mount Vernon Nights: Mars Rodeo (rock). 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.

SATURDAY/AUG. 31

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

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/playourvisit/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.

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Mount Vernon Nights: The Slocan Ramblers (bluegrass). 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.

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FROM PAGE 6

require the potential buyer to affirm that they are not under any restraining order, been adjudicated mentally unstable etc., the conditions mentioned in your editorial. I am opposed to some proposals as currently represented. Sales of privately owned firearms to private individuals and friends or acquaintances and gifts to family members should not be included in any law. It criminalizes the firearms sale or transfer between law-abiding citizens and has no effect in stopping active shooters as recent events have demonstrated. This places a burden on law-abiding citizens or gun owners both in terms of time and cost for non-business individual sales. These costs and their impact on private, law-abiding citizens have not been openly discussed in any forum that I have seen. Current private sales or auctions over the Internet based on my research are handled through Federal Firearms Licensees (FFLs) and go through the National Instant Check System (NICS) per the seller's request. A simple check of websites like Gun Broker, Guns America and other sites proves the point. Interstate sale and transfer of guns except through FFLs is already illegal. Virginia provides a means at gun shows for private sellers to have background checks performed. I do support the inclusion of those who have mental issues in the NICS database assuming there are no violations of their constitutional right to privacy and due process in doing so. Virginia does contribute to the NICS database. Some states do not. That 's a real loophole and an area where federal and state governments can cooperate. Individuals who have been identified as attempting to buy firearms or are "straw buyers" in violation of current law, should be arrested and prosecuted to the fullest. Apparently, this law is being mostly ignored by federal and state law enforcement officials. And is another loophole that rests solely with government.

❖ Magazine Limits. The number of rounds needed in a magazine is a function of the type of hunting one may be doing. Hog hunters will use larger capacity magazines and more ammunition than a deer or elk hunter. The threat with which one is confronted is another important consideration. That threat could be a large group of Ku Klux Klansman attacking a black sharecropper attempting to protect his family from the Klan, or a merchant trying to protect his property or business from a mob or looters, or a homeowner protecting his home and family from a group of gang members attempting a forced entry home invasion. All of the preceding is based on a history of actual events in various U.S. cities where either the police did not act or respond or arrived on the scene too late to be of any real value. By the way, the average response time for police to an incident is about eight minutes. Your example is an anomaly and probably a result of increased security at an event.

❖ School Safety. Very little of what I have read addresses this issue except with respect to guns. I support any proposals that will place armed school resource officers or police at all schools. That reduces the time and space that a potential attacker has to inflict maximum damage by enabling a faster armed response. Additionally, physical security measures which provide for security in depth from the school perimeter, school entrances and internal school floor plans are worth doing. These security arrangements are site specific and site surveys are needed. These responsibilities should remain with local authorities. Also, allow those school staff members who wish to carry a firearm to be trained and armed.

❖ Gun Free Zones. Abolish gun free zones of any type. It is clear from most past mass shooting incidents that the attackers have intentionally gone to areas that have been declared gun free zone enabling

them to attack innocents at will without fear of confrontation. These areas have become "government-approved killing zones." Politicians and school officials who have enacted these zones where individuals have been killed bear responsibility for the deaths that occurred in those "killing fields" by failing to provide adequate security. See references below:

- ❖ <https://www.fbi.gov/file-repository/active-shooter-study-2000-2013-1.pdf/view>
- ❖ https://www.fbi.gov/file-repository/activeshooterincidentsus_2014-2015.pdf/view
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George Souza
Alexandria

Postpone School Board Policy Change Vote

To the Editor:

I read with interest the letter published in last week's Gazette from Karen Corbett Sanders, Mount Vernon's School Board representative and currently chairman of the School Board. She was responding to my letter published in the July 25, 2019 Gazette in which I suggested that the School Board needs to postpone any vote on revising Policy No. 8130.7 (my letter inadvertently referred to 8130.6) until after the upcoming election, particularly since (1) proposed changes to school district boundary change policy are highly controversial and (2) there will be significant turnover in Board members this year.

Ms. Corbett Sanders' letter is noteworthy and unacceptable for its avoidance of the turnover issue. Ms. Corbett Sanders gave no assurance that radical changes to School Board policy concerning changing school boundaries will be postponed until a new board is constituted.

Elaborating on my prior letter, the School Board has 12 members including nine representing each magisterial district and three at large members. Thus, in essence, each citizen is represented by four board members: the member from their district and the three members elected at large. Of the 12 current members of the School Board, the following five are not seeking re-election: Sandy Evans (Mason District), Jane Strauss (Dranesville District), Pat Hynes (Hunter Mill District), Dalia Palchik (Providence District), and Ryan McElveen (at-large). Ms. Palchik is Democratic Party-endorsed for the Providence District seat on the Board of Supervisors. Mr. McElveen ran in the Democratic primary for chairman of the Board of Supervisors and lost. It is possible Ilryong Moon (at-large) will be running for re-election without a political party endorsement as he resigned from the Democratic Party last month. The other six members of the School Board are running for re-election, some unopposed and some opposed. With such a large turnover, it would be inappropriate for School Board members to radically change School Board policy while running out the door.

Two of the main proponents of changing the boundary policy are two of the School Board members who are not seeking re-election. Pat Hynes said this at a recent School Board meeting: "You buy a house in Fairfax County don't expect your kids to go to that (ha ha) school 10 years from now." She also said, "We want to bus your kids further because we think that demographic mix is important." She also said, "Go out front on the fact that we may have major boundary changes in the next 10 years." Jane Strauss said, "I've warned Langley sorry (ha ha) a chunk of

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Don't Monkee Around With Me



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I mean, he didn't even examine me, which he rarely does. (The CT scan pretty much tells him what he needs to know, so he says.)

In addition (or is that subtraction), he didn't even ask me the standard questions he typically does about my quality of life, activities of daily living and general health and welfare. In fact, near the presumptive end of our appointment, as peculiar and uncharacteristic of an appointment as it was, I felt compelled to blurt out the answers to all the questions that he didn't bother to ask that for years he's always asked: any pain, shortness of breath, coughing, headaches, neuropathy, muscle weakness or any new or persistent symptoms? All he could muster was a perfunctory "Do you need any prescriptions filled?"

And then the semi-out-of-the-blue-bombshell: "Are you familiar with Palliative Care?"

Followed by the offer to refer us to a book that he thought we might find helpful/useful.

Helpful? Useful?

I didn't say it at the time because the entire appointment was so odd and impersonal almost. But WHAT?! Palliative Care? What are you talking about? He has never brought up palliative care before. (Although way back when, he had given us a brochure titled "Final Wishes.")

You see, we know about palliative care. We've attended multiple conferences organized by LUNGeVity, "the largest national lung cancer-focused non-profit in the country" where palliative care doctors often have spoken. Palliative Care is not hospice care but it's a transitional level of care to be sure.

If I'm transitioning, I wish somebody would have told me, and not by asking about my familiarity with this type of care.

In a word, palliative care is a type of down-sizing, as best as I can describe its subtleties; separate and apart from hospice care which is, if you don't know it, "the last train to Clarksville," if you get my euphemism (and hopefully someone is meeting you at the station)? But so far as I've been told, I'm not on the last train to Clarksville or any other final destination.

In fact, I rarely take the train. Not that being on or off the train matters when one comes to the end of the line.

Nevertheless, as I review in my mind what my oncologist said this past Monday, I have to wonder if he was feeding me a line, throwing me a line or just reciting a line that is required of oncologists in their regular communications with their cancer patients – a sort of caveat emptor for long-time cancer survivors who are inexplicably still alive (as evidence of such sentiment, my oncologist refers to me as his "third miracle").

But I didn't feel much like a miracle on Monday. I felt more like a dope. Like I was being told something I didn't realize, sort of an emperor has no clothes "something." It was a feeling I had never experienced before; during or after any of our appointments.

Previously, even at the initial Team Lourie meeting in late February 2009 when the hammer came down, I had – though having it in utter disbelief – a grasp of the obvious: "terminal cancer," with a "13-month-to-two-year" prognosis to boot. The particulars of which would be sorted out over the following weeks and months beginning with my first chemotherapy six days later.

And boy were they ever sorted. Ten years and almost six months later, I'm still sorting.

Was I just given an updated "terminal" diagnosis/prognosis or was my oncologist merely having an off day?

Obviously he knows that his words carry enormous weight and significance and create terrible burdens for his patients and their families. But he can't simply toss out the phrase palliative care like it has no impact. Its impact is huge.

It's akin to being hit by a speeding train, the likes of which would prevent one from getting anywhere near Clarksville, let alone being on the last train.

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Potomac Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.

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the boundary will change." The glee with which these lame duck School Board members seek to drop a nuclear bomb on the county tax base by radically changing School Board policy as they sprint out the door is, frankly, disreputable.

Ms. Corbett Sanders denied, in her letter, that the draft policy will include the new criterion of race in deciding whether to change school boundaries but, in fact, "race" is a newly proposed criterion. The current policy, No. 8130.7, effective May 9, 2013, includes in section IX "Implementing Considerations" as one factor: "the socioeconomic characteristics of school populations." The proposed revised policy, to bear Policy No. 8130.8, includes the following factor: "A. Socioeconomic and/or racial composition of students in affected schools." Only Ms. Corbett Sanders can explain her desire to conceal this proposed change. The fact that School Board hearings are public does not excuse this deception. The vast majority of county voters don't spend time watching School Board meetings in person or on television. Instead, they rely upon their elected representatives to keep them informed directly. I'm not saying race as a criterion shouldn't be debated. I'm saying a lame duck School Board in which half or more of its current members may not be serving next year should not be changing the policy. Ms. Corbett Sanders needs to go on record in the Gazette assuring voters that there will be no vote on changing Policy No. 8130.7 until after a new School Board is constituted in 2020 and thorough public discussion and input occur in 2020.

H. Jay Spiegel
Mount Vernon

BULLETIN BOARD

SUNDAY/AUG. 18

Health Fair & School Supply Distribution.
 10:30 a.m. at ICNA Relief Virginia office, 2912 Woodlawn Trail, Alexandria. Islamic Circle of North America Relief started distributing backpacks and supplies to children in need, as part of their #OneNationOneCause Back2School Drive. ICNA Relief Virginia will have a free health fair along with their backpack distribution event. The community-at-large is being invited to support the effort. Checks can be mailed to the ICNA Relief Virginia office located on 2912 Woodlawn Trail, Alexandria, VA 22306. To volunteer, be a sponsor, or to partner, email maham.khan@icnarelief.org. Visit www.icnarelief.org for more.

MONDAY/AUG. 19

Parkinson Social Network Café Alexandria.
 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Brandywine Living at Alexandria, 5550 Cardinal Place, Alexandria. Free. Register at parkinsonsocialnetwork.org/events/cafes/.

Living in a Floodplain. 7 p.m. at the Mount Vernon Governmental Center, 2511 Parkers Lane, Mt. Vernon. Learn how to prepare for an emergency, what to do during and after an emergency. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mountvernon/ for more.

TUESDAY/AUG. 20

Potential Hollin Hills Historic Overlay District. 6:30 p.m. at the administrative offices of Supervisor Stork, 2511 Parker's Lane. The Potential Hollin Hills Historic Overlay District (HOD) working group meets monthly to explore the feasibility of establishing a potential HOD and to facilitate communication between the community and the county. Contact co-chairs Barbara Ward (barlward1@cox.net) or V. Lee Cutler (velmalee_13@msn.com) with questions, comments or to observe an upcoming meeting. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-zoning/plan-amendments/hollin-hills-hod for more.

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BRAKE SPECIAL

\$79⁹⁵

Includes: Install Genuine Toyota front brake pads, inspect front & rear rotors & drums, check tire condition and inspect all hardware. Pads only.

MACHINE ROTORS ADDITIONAL

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FREE BATTERY CHECK-UP

Check cold cranking amps and visual inspection of battery condition. Includes battery condition print out.

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INCLUDES BATTERY INSTALLATION

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ALIGNMENT SPECIAL

\$69⁹⁵

Your car's alignment suffers, and can cause uneven tire wear and steering problems. **INCLUDES:** Inspect suspension, ball joints, struts & shocks, tire condition and set tire pressure.

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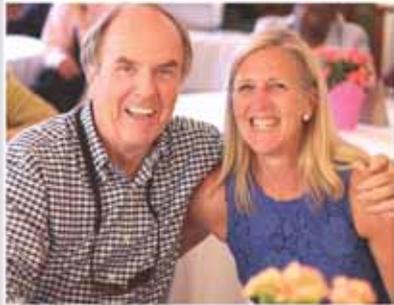
CLEAN AIR A/C INSPECTION & VENTILATION SPECIAL

\$129⁹⁵

Includes: Replace cabin air filter, and Toyota Evaporator Service using anti-bacterial foam cleanser and odor eliminator. Bring back that new car smell!

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4749 Neptune Dr
\$995,000

Significant price adjustment and open Sunday 1-4PM! A true estate caliber property! Spacious custom home nestled on beautifully manicured 3/4 acre grounds near river in prestigious Yacht Haven Estates! Home was carefully crafted with extensive covered verandas and elevated decks to capitalize on the privacy and serenity provided by gorgeous large wooded and lush environment. The home's special featured include: 3 beautifully finished levels, 5 Bedrooms, stately living and dining rooms, large family room with fireplace, and stunning custom chef's kitchen. Numerous glass doors lead from major rooms to outside verandas, ideal for entertaining! Lot is large enough to accommodate spacious custom pool + extensive grassy area. Unique property providing character & graciousness that would be very difficult to duplicate!

PRICE ADJUSTMENT!



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

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 oversize two car garage plus detached garage! Multi-level deck overlooks expansive half acre grounds!

GORGEOUS LOT!



3249 Woodland Ln
\$1,060,000

Stunning opportunity! Custom home by Wakefield Homes, the area's leading luxury home builder. No expense was spared in this estate caliber property which was built with numerous upgrades and expanded floor plan. Special features include: stunning bright and open floor plan, 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 refinished hardwoods, large deck overlooking serene back yard with ponds, basement with fireplace and custom bar, oversize 2 car garage. Great opportunity to be in one of the area's premier neighborhoods for under \$1 M!!

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 include: high ceilings, open kitchen-family room, stunning master suite, finished lower level, and side load 2 car garage. Large deck overlooks back yard and private conservation land. Gorgeous setting!

SOLD!



9316 Heather Glen Dr
\$775,000

Fully renovated and expanded. Idyllic pool scene emphasized by walls of glass allowing views of the pool and tranquil back yard scene from many rooms! Special features include: 3 finished levels, updated kitchen and baths, 4 bedrooms on upper level, incredible pool scene, and 2 car garage. Your own private oasis in Mt. Vernon!

SOLD!



4710 Dolphin Ln
\$629,500

Exceptional opportunity near river just steps from marina and club house in prestigious Yacht Haven Estates! Imposing home in commanding setting on elevated grounds overlooking neighborhood with some views of water. room sizes and very few steps offer great potential for creating your own estate with close to one level living. Features include 5 bedrooms/4 full baths and amazing oversize two car garage. Rare opportunity to acquire property with true nautical estate vibe in premier setting for remarkably reasonable price!

SOLD!



3601 Riverwood Rd
\$785,000

Nicely situated 4 Bed, 2.5 Bath updated home in lovely Riverwood Community. Home features: updated custom Kitchen with granite countertops, stainless steel appliances, beautiful hardwood floors on main and upper level, master suite with private bath and custom closet, replacement windows by Pella, gas fireplace, screened porch, fenced rear yard, and side load 2 car garage. Community has serene riverfront walking path and beachy area!

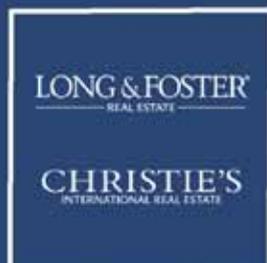
SOLD!



9505 Lynnhall Pl
\$1,250,000

Just completed: Top to bottom renovation maintains the stunning Antebellum character and charm! Potomac River views, expansive verandas & half acre lot give this home a classic Tidewater Virginia feel. Brand new kitchen, baths, fixtures, flooring, the list goes on and on! Great opportunity for virtually new home in desirable Oxford neighborhood!

SOLD!



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