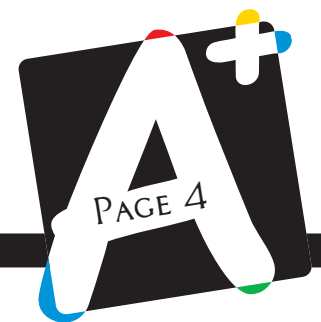


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The Mount Vernon Community Band performed throughout the afternoon and early evening.

## Oktoberfest at St. Aidan's



Sid Wade on the tuba and Adam Spence on the trombone perform with the Mount Vernon Community Band.

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THE GAZETTE



Ponies Plus in Nokesville, Va., provided baby chicks, a rooster, two young goats and a pair of ducks for a petting zoo.

The Mount Vernon Community Band set up as volunteers heated up the grills for cooking German sausage in preparation of St. Aidan's Oktoberfest celebration on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 11. The children were entertained with games and craft stations, moon bounces, pony rides and a petting zoo. There was also face painting, a cake walk and a silent and live auction.



Sophia and George along with their mother Lynne Munson add lollipops to the lollipop tree at the autumn celebration at St. Aidan's.

## Delay in Shooting Investigation Decried

**Supervisors urge action by U.S. attorney.**

BY TIM PETERSON  
THE GAZETTE

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors decided they've exercised enough patience with U.S. Attorney Dana Boente's office. Now more than 13 months after Fairfax County police shot and killed John Geer, standing unarmed in the doorway of his Springfield home, Board chairman Sharon Bulova addressed the silence from Boente.

In a letter to Boente, dated Sept. 19 and released last week, Bulova acknowledged the U.S. attorney's office has had the Geer case since January 2014.

"Since the shooting occurred," Bulova said in the letter, "our citizens have regularly contacted various members of the board to communicate their concern and at times displeasure that the criminal investigation into this incident has not yet been completed."

After the shooting on Aug. 29, 2013, the initial investigation by the Fairfax County Police Department was handed off to Fairfax County Commonwealth Attorney Raymond Morrogh. Several months and a pair of conflicts of interest — cited by Morrogh — later, the case was transferred to Boente's office.

Fairfax County Police have yet to release any information to the Geer family or the public regarding details of the shooting or their own internal investigation. The U.S. Department of Justice been just as forthcoming.

"The board, however, would like to express to you the importance of a resolution of this matter," Bulova wrote in the letter, "as that will go a long way towards allowing our citizens to have faith in the process by which police shooting incidents are investigated."

In an Oct. 10 response, a spokesman from the U.S. Attorney's Office said they have no additional comment in light of Bulova's letter.

John Geer's father Don recently penned a letter of his own, not to Boente but to Nicholas Beltrante, SEE SHOOTING, PAGE 8



John Geer standing in his doorway, minutes before he was shot by a Fairfax County Police officer.

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*In Memoriam*  
**John McEneaney**

On October 8, 2014, John McEneaney, chairman and founder of McEneaney Associates, passed away at age 87. An admired and respected real estate legend in the community, when John opened the first office of McEneaney Associates in 1980 his goal was to gain the respect of the public and to provide real estate services that are second to none. The firm now serves the entire metropolitan Washington, DC area and is consistently ranked among the 75 largest real estate firms in the United States.

Described as a smart and generous man, John's devotion and loyalty to the company and its Associates, clients and customers is a testament to the major contributions and success of the firm throughout the years. Proudly named McEneaney Associates with no ampersand in the name, the firm was not built to be John and his employees but a company of like-minded professionals in which everyone is a part of the family. John was a pillar of the community, a mentor, leader and friend. The company will continue his legacy committed to the same principals and values on which it was founded.

Our sympathy goes to the McEneaney family, including his six children – Sean, Sharon, Mark, Maureen, Mike and Kathy, eleven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. John will truly be missed by the Associates of McEneaney and all those who know and love him.

## An Economic Debate 8th Congressional District candidates differ over priorities.

BY VERNON MILES  
THE GAZETTE

Congressional candidates Don Beyer and Micah Edmond squared off last week at a forum in what could rank as one of the election season's tamest political debates. With bipartisanship as a major theme of each party's platform, neither candidate could afford to appear confrontational.

For the two major party candidates for the 8th congressional district which comprises Alexandria, Arlington and part of Mount Vernon, the debate, hosted Oct. 9 by the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce, came down to priorities. For Beyer, the Democratic candidate, the highest priority is addressing environmental concerns. While he acknowledged that this might not be the most popular stance, it was one that needed to be addressed.

"Great leaders don't think short term, they think about 10, 20, 30 years from now," said Beyer. "Sea levels are on the rise.... Half of all animals on planet have disappeared since 1970. As much as I care about employment, the greater threat is environmental change."

For Edmond, the Republican candidate, nothing on the agenda was more important than solving the current financial crisis.



PHOTO BY VERNON MILES/THE GAZETTE

Republican Candidate Micah Edmond (left) in discussion with Rashan Colbert (middle) and Democratic Candidate Don Beyer.

Edmond emphasized his business background as an investment banker and his budget work for the government as crucial to his focus on economic issues.

"People want a long-term stable budget," said Edmond. "This is a discussion about priorities, mine will be the economy. Beyer has said his is climate change, woman's right to choose, and gun control. All important, but those are politically partisan,

and they won't do anything to help the economy or the things that you care about."

The first question from the audience, asking how a carbon tax would help Northern Virginia businesses, indicated that both issues were a major concern to the local business community.

"It's not designed, in the short run, to grow businesses," said Beyer. "But look at

the larger picture, at what's happening in America and in the world, and what that's going to mean for us, to our budgets and our businesses, if we don't do anything about it."

Beyer also raised the possibility of using some of the revenue raised by the carbon tax to refund small businesses and as corporate tax relief, but Edmond was skeptical.

"The short answer is, it won't," said Edmond. "You always hear about big sweeping government policies that will change the nature of things. That's not progressive, it's regressive."

According to Edmond, the most likely scenario is that larger businesses decide they'd rather pay a fine or a tax on their polluted materials and continue to operate in the same manner. It's the smaller businesses, he says, which will bear the full burden of a carbon tax.

"It's going to generate a lot of money, but they won't tell you where that money goes," said Edmond, "but I can tell you it won't be to the little guy."

While each wanted certain conditions laid out, both candidates openly supported an increase in the minimum wage. According to Beyer, the full increase to \$10 per hour would help lift 900,000 Americans out of

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## Waging Upstream Battle Against Mainstream Parties

### Taking a chance on an Independent.

BY VERNON MILES  
THE GAZETTE

John Saylor says with pride that he was Gwendolyn Beck's friend long before he became her campaign manager. Like most friends in the Washington area, he'd talk politics with Beck. The conversation always seemed to get back to why Congress isn't working and what can be done to fix it. People in these conversations always ask "What can somebody do?" and someone always jokes "well, you can run for Congress."

But Beck wasn't joking. Saylor, who had worked on political campaigns before, tried to make sure Beck understood how much work was involved: Not just in terms of getting elected, but in actually getting the federal government to function. She understood the commitment it would take, and in October last year she asked Saylor to be her campaign manager if they had the opportunity to run for Congress.

Early the next year, that opportunity came up. In January, 8th District U.S. Rep. Jim Moran announced his retirement, and the election scramble to find his replacement began. In a heavily Democratic district, there's a passive assumption that the posi-

tion will likely pass on to Democratic candidate Don Beyer, but Beck won't let that happen without a fight.

"People say we have to have a balanced budget in a certain amount of time, and that's got us gridlock. That's gotten us shut-down," said Beck. "We need to fix these problems. If you send a Democrat or a Republican, it's just going to keep the two sides apart."

She added that she has the utmost respect for Beyer and the work he's done for Virginia, but she believes he'll face the same partisan obstacles Moran did and the gridlock will continue.

"There's nothing wrong with them," said Beck, "they just don't work with the Ted Cruz's and John Boehner's of the world."

According to Saylor, that change has to start now and it has to start in the 8th district.

"Let's get the message out there, that there are alternatives," said Saylor. "The timing is now. Congress is so dysfunctional, what's it going to take to fix that?"

Beck started working with her mom in the travel industry when she was a child. There she discovered her love of math and finances. She went on to work in bonds, then stocks, eventually become a vice president at Morgan Stanley. Along the way she wrote a book, "Flirting with Finance," that tries to break economic principles down into

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### Libertarian conducts unconventional campaign.

BY VERNON MILES  
THE GAZETTE

Jeffrey Carson, the 8th district's Libertarian candidate, has an unconventional campaign. From a focus on social media over television to the choice to meet for interviews at Arlington's First Down Sports Bar, Carson has found that he can't follow the preset election paths. His only option was to make his own. In the heavily Democratic district, Carson's fight won't be an easy one, and one he can't run the way his opponents do.

"We've got to play an unconventional game," said Carson. "If we go to bat thinking 'we have to do what Micah Edmond and Don Beyer are doing', we've already lost."

Carson knew from the outset that the campaign was going to be an uphill battle. Carson's inspiration for the campaign, Robert Sarvis, lost his 2011 Virginia State Senate campaign, his 2013 Virginia gubernatorial campaign and faces a difficult election in the 2014 Senate campaign. It was Sarvis' 2013 gubernatorial campaign that inspired Carson to get involved with the Libertarian party and run for office.

"I like being the underdog here, it suits me," said Carson. "The vast majority of people I talk to ... as long as they're not hardcore Democrats or Republicans, after 10 minutes they are generally very supportive. The problem is to reach all of them."

This is where campaign financing becomes troublesome. According to Carson, while campaign financing was pushed forward in the guise of helping third party candidates, it is generally more hurtful.

"Campaign finance reform meant to screw third party candidates," said Carson. "There's no way I have the rolodex Beyer or the Republicans have, and so there's no way I can compete. It's counterintuitive, but it's the truth."

While elections tend to favor candidates who spend more, David Brat's victory in the 7th congressional district Republican primary over incumbent Eric Cantor has inspired potential dark horse candidates like Carson and other independents. The biggest problem, says Carson, is that too many people stay at home and don't engage in the process. Carson understands this point of view all too well, as he used to avoid voting.

"I was trying to make a statement by not legitimizing the process, and I thought that was a good way to send a message," said Carson. "In hindsight I realized that's not the best approach to trying to change."

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# Applying to Private Schools

Local educators offer insider tips on how to select and get a child admitted to the perfect school.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE GAZETTE

**W**hile this school year might still feel new, some parents are already thinking next fall. Or if they're not, they should be. For parents who are considering sending their children to one of the area's private schools for the 2015-2016 school year, the application process should be underway.

"Now is the time to begin the independent school admission process for the 2015-2016 academic year," said Diane Dunning, director of admission and financial aid at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School in Alexandria. "Application deadlines vary by school, but generally fall between mid-December and late January.

"Parents often start the process by exploring school websites and speaking with trusted friends who have personal experience with specific schools. Doing your research may be time-consuming, but what could be more important than finding the right educational fit for your child?"

Use this time to peruse school websites and get to know the schools you think might be a good fit for your child. "Go beyond the admission [web] pages," said Mimi Mulligan, assistant head and director of admission and enrollment management at Norwood School in Bethesda, Md. "Read a school's magazine or its weekly parent memo. Follow a school's Facebook page or Twitter feed. Looking at a school through varied lenses will provide a better sense of culture at the school.

"Talk as a family about what would be the best kind of school for your child," she continued. "Coed versus single gender, traditional versus progressive, suburban versus urban, no uniform versus uniform, kindergarten through second versus kindergarten through eighth versus kindergarten through 12th."

Consider your child's strengths and weaknesses, and what they need to be happy and successful in school. "Keep your mind open," said Mulligan. "The spectrum of excellent schools in our area is broad, enabling parents to think beyond name recognition and focus on right fit when selecting a school."

There are a few factors for parents to consider: "Does a school's mission resonate with your family's values?" asks Dunning. "Will the curriculum challenge your child's strengths and support him or her in other areas?"

**PARENTS AND STUDENTS** should begin by creating a list of schools where they plan to apply and start contacting their top choices. "The most important piece of advice for a family is to visit the school website often. That is full of interesting stories about a school," said Ann Richardson Miller, director of admission and financial aid at The Madeira School in



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**When choosing a private school, sports and other activities that the school offers is a factor that should be considered.**

McLean.

"Once you've narrowed down your choices, make plans to visit the schools. Tours have started, and there will be additional opportunities such as open houses, student visiting days, and curriculum nights," said Dunning. "It is important to experience the culture of the school to get an accurate picture. Each independent school has its own distinctive mission, and you will feel it as soon as you step onto campus."

Miller says open houses can help reduce the potential anxiety a student might have about other parts of the application process, such as an interview or standardized test, which are often requirements for private school admissions. She also suggests attending a school play or athletic event. "Those are great ways to see a school community."

Keep a list of the school's applications requirements, test requirements and application deadlines. "If testing is required, call to make an appointment as soon as possible so that you can schedule a time that works for your child," said Mulligan. "Think about whether a morning time or an afternoon time works better for your child and find a tester with that time available. Block off time before and after your testing appointment to make sure that you are not rushed getting there and have time to relax afterwards."

"Students in the upper grades should have registered for the Secondary School Admission Test (SSAT) or the Independent School Entrance Examination (ISEE)," added Miller.

While talking to friends and colleagues about area private schools and the application process, there is a caveat, said Mulligan: "Take their advice with a grain of salt. Finding the best fit school for your child and your family is a very personal decision."

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**— Mimi Mulligan, assistant head and director of admission and enrollment management, Norwood School**



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# NEWS

## Focusing On Police

CCPA, Mount Vernon-based group, persists in police oversight board.

BY TIM PETERSON  
THE GAZETTE

Louis Meyers with the Citizens Coalition for Police Accountability (CCPA) opened the group's Oct. 6 meeting by saying, "We're privileged to have a very good police department."

He followed that by citing the dozen civilians killed by Fairfax County Police over the last several years. The fact that those events have come and gone with little or no explanation released by the police set up some of the CCPA's central questions:

"Can the police truly be expected to police themselves?" Meyers said. "Can we have a partnership with police?"

THE CCPA is continuing to petition the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to appoint a citizens' police advisory board to join the ranks of the 67 other county advisory boards or commissions.

The evening's guest speaker was Mona Andrews, chief investigator with the District of Columbia Office of Police Complaints.

Andrews spoke about her office, as well as other models for civilian review boards in jurisdictions around the country. In some cases the citizens' board investigates complaints themselves and then makes recommendations to their city council or supervisors, while in others they audit or monitor police internal affairs directly.

Though other areas, including D.C., have found success with one model or the other, Andrews cautioned that one size doesn't fit all, that it's worth taking the time to set up a board that's tailored to the situation.

IN FAIRFAX COUNTY that may mean some of column A and column B; however the message from Meyers was they first need to get the Board of Supervisors on board.

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# Crashing the Parties in the 11th District

## Joe Galdo, Green

BY TIM PETERSON  
THE GAZETTE

As one might expect from the 11th district Green candidate, Joe Galdo has solar panels, a whole solar photovoltaic system, on the roof of his house in Fairfax. The panels generate about half the power required to run his house. He would've installed more, but the roof wasn't big enough.

Galdo helped facilitate homeowners and businesses being able to install and use solar panels in the first place.

"He was one of the first people to try to represent a green vision of adopting renewable energy," said Jack Cadogan, a former colleague of Galdo's at the Department of Energy. "He was very instrumental in the distribution utility concept. Now, he's got solar tanks on his roof; you could say Joe has put his money where his mouth is."

The Philadelphia native worked for nearly two decades for the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Utility Technologies in the DoE's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy. To develop the technical standards and usage models for Green energy around the country, Galdo and his renewable energy team had to work with regulators, government organizations and

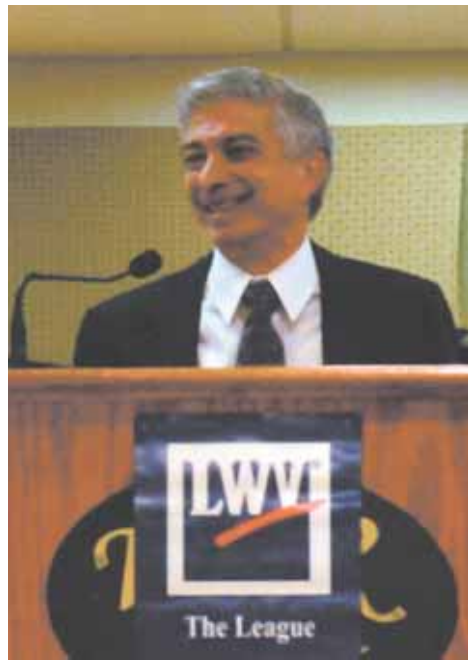


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**Green candidate Joe Galdo speaks at a League of Women Voters event Oct. 14 at the Westminster retirement community in Lake Ridge.**

utilities — no shortage of competing programs.

"He did it in a low key way," said Cadogan, a wind energy advocate. "He's

kind of completely unflappable."

Cadogan cited Galdo's prior career working at the Defense Intelligence Agency and the U.S. Army Foreign Science and Technology Center. "Maybe that helped him; he developed a thick skin when people like me gave him grief."

"Joe is a very deep thinking, thoughtful person, short on the glib," said John Lovaas, host and producer of the TV program "Reston Impact." Lovaas, who's interviewed Galdo on the show several times and known him for 15 years, said he would be a fresh fit in Washington.

"He's a soft, gentle voice in an environment where everyone else is screaming."

With his sights set on reforming tax policy, global trade and energy policy, Galdo is intent on making a break from corporate interests having a role in government.

"You've got to admire his commitment to represent the common man and the environment, to do it without the helping hands of big money," said Cadogan. "This being his second time as a Green candidate indicates his vision that the Democrats and Republicans are both too much caught up with Wall Street."

"He would do it quietly, he wouldn't make a lot of noise," said Lovaas. "He's such a genuine, nice person people would want to talk with and not be threatened by."

## Bio

**Candidate:** Joe Galdo  
**Political Party:** Green  
**Current Position:** Retired from Department of Energy  
**Born:** Philadelphia, Pa., age 68  
**Residence:** Fairfax  
**Spouse:** Maryanne  
**Children:** Joe, Anne-Marie, Michael, Eva and Catherine  
**Education:** B.S. in physics, Fordham University; Ph.D. in physics, University of Virginia  
**Previous Organizations:** Director Special/DoD programs with EWA, Inc., Director Research with Strategic Analysis, Inc., Defense Intelligence Agency and US Army Foreign Science and Technology Center.



## Q&A with Joe Galdo

**What do you think are your top three accomplishments in your previous role?**

❖ At the Department of Energy, I led an effort to have more utilities offer Green power as an option. From the three utilities that had Green pricing programs and attended our first workshops, that expanded to over 80. Now it's hard to find a utility that doesn't offer some Green pricing.

❖ I helped connect industry with the utilities distribution system: We did a case study

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## Marc Harrold, Libertarian

BY TIM PETERSON  
THE GAZETTE

Marc Harrold is a self-professed creature of habit. He's been going to the same bars and restaurants near his Fairfax home for years, where the close friends he's made there say his great sense of humor and diverse intelligence help him "hold court" and converse easily with anyone, on any subject.

"He's a friendly guy, easy to talk to and smart as a whip," said Brandon Loudenslager of Bristow, who's known Harrold for several years.

Harrold's multidimensional gift of gab may be due to the fact that by day, the Libertarian candidate for Virginia's 11th district is the principal attorney in his own law firm specializing in immigration, The Harrold Firm, PLLC. Or it may come from his experience as a repeat political analyst for TV programs on FOX News, CNN and BBC, among others.

"He's good at going back and forth," said Gonzalo Muñoz, a bartender and friend at Ozzie's Good Eats in Fairfax. "I can see his sides, but he definitely doesn't try to beat me over the head with it."

"His opinions aren't the first things that come up naturally," said Harrold's friend Nancy Sicairos of Loudoun. "He doesn't wear politics on his sleeve."

On the campaign trail, Harrold has learned to embrace being transparent about



PHOTO COURTESY OF MARC HARROLD

**Libertarian candidate Marc Harrold talks with festival-goers at the 2014 NOVA Pride, held Oct. 5 in Centreville.**

his politics face to face, a characteristic he believes is missing in Washington.

"I enjoy talking with people who disagree with me, more than I thought I would," said Harrold. "And some people do. A lot of times they've heard something I've said they disagree with, and perception is reality."

Harrold developed a background in immigration prior to starting his firm as Assistant Chief Counsel with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), where he was an authority on the fourth amendment. He's also written extensively on the first amendment, including his book "Observations of White Noise ... an 'Acid Test' for the First Amendment." Teaching at his law alma mater, the University of Mississippi, helped

inform Harrold's strict constructionist beliefs that helped motivate his run for Congress. "There would be a number of things where I would say that's not even a bad idea, just not the proper federal role," said Harrold. "I believe that every piece of legislation should start with, expressly, the part of the Constitution it's grounded in."

The Huntington, W.Va. native grew up in Pittsburgh, and though he's come around to habitually cheering on the Washington Nationals, Harrold remains a devout Steelers fan. In fact, it's the one subject where people won't challenge him.

"He's always like, 'We should watch games together,'" said Muñoz. "I'm a Jets fan. I kind of avoid the topic."

## Bio

**Candidate:** Marc Harrold  
**Political Party:** Libertarian  
**Current Position:** Attorney, author and legal and political analyst  
**Born:** June 12, 1972, Huntington, W.Va.  
**Residence:** Fairfax  
**Spouse:** Single  
**Children:** None  
**Education:** BA in Political Science, Clemson University; JD with honors, University of Mississippi  
**Additional Organizations:** Member of the U.S. Supreme Court Bar.



## Q&A with Marc Harrold

**What do you think are your top three accomplishments?**

❖ Serving as a police officer out of college

❖ Going back to teach at my alma mater, the University of Miss, and being part of a research program. I was pretty proud of the writing I've done in fourth amendment law and first amendment law.

❖ Most recently, leaving the government and starting a small business, a solo law practice.

**If you're elected, what be would your top three priorities as a congressman?**

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# One Month Missing

## Search for Hannah Graham continues.

Over 30 days after second-year UVA student and West Potomac alumna Hannah Graham was last seen on a surveillance tape in Charlottesville's Downtown Mall, Charlottesville police and the Virginia Department of Emergency Management are continuing their search.

Graham's parents John and Sue made a statement via the UVA website on Oct. 13, marking the one-month mark, urging

people to speak up, or search their own property if they haven't already.

"We truly appreciate the enormous effort that is being made to find Hannah," they said. "It is heart-breaking for us that the person or persons who know where Hannah is have not come forward with that information. It is within their power both to end this nightmare for all, and to relieve the searchers of their arduous task."

# Shooting Investigation

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executive director and founder of the Virginia Citizens Coalition for Police Accountability (CCPA). Beltrante was inspired to begin petitioning the Board of Supervisors to appoint a citizens' police oversight board after the 2010 police shooting of David Masters.

"We have now spent 13 frustrating months trying to acquire information as to who, why, etc. John was killed," Don Geer said in the letter. "The Police Department policy of investigating a case, then hiding behind internal rules to avoid releasing information while working to exonerate the shooter is unacceptable. This does not pro-

vide justice for the victim, satisfaction for the public or closure for the family."

Don Geer summarized his account of what happened to his son, and the timeline that followed.

"Therefore," his letter continued, "I fully support the appointment of a Citizens Complaint Review Board that would report to the county Board of Supervisors to provide transparency and accountability for the actions of the Police Department."

Last month, Geer family lawyer Michael Lieberman filed a \$12 million wrongful death and gross negligence suit against the Fairfax County Police Department.

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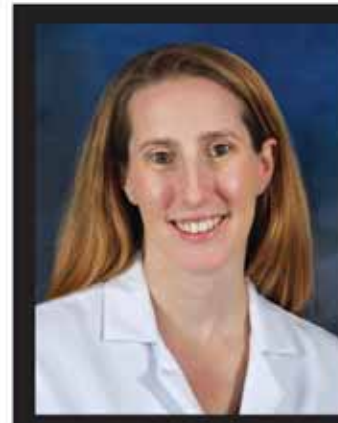
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# OPINION

## Coming: Children's Gazette

**D**uring the last week of each year, The Gazette devotes its entire issue to the creativity of local students and children. The results are always remarkable. It is a keepsake edition for many families.

The annual Children's Gazette is a tradition of well over a decade, and we begin getting inquiries from teachers and parents about submitting artwork and writing almost as soon as summer is over.

We publish artwork, poetry, essays, creative writing, opinion pieces, short stories, photography, photos of sculpture or gardens or other creative efforts.

We ask that all submissions be digital so they can be sent through email or delivered on CD or flash drive. Writing should be submitted in rich text format (.rtf). Artwork should be photographed or scanned and provided in jpeg format.

Some suggestions:

❖ Drawings or paintings or photographs of your family, friends, pets or some favorite activity. These should be photographed or scanned and submitted in jpeg format. Photos of sculpture or larger art projects are also welcome.

❖ Short answers (50 to 100 words) to some of the following questions: If you could give your parents any gift that didn't cost money what would that gift be? What are you most looking forward to in the upcoming year? What is one thing that you would change about school? What do you want to be when you grow up? What is your favorite animal? What is your favorite toy? What makes a good parent? What makes a good friend? What is the

best or worst thing that ever happened to you? What is the best gift you've ever given? Ever received?

❖ Your opinion (50 to 100 words) about traffic, sports, restaurants, video games, toys, trends, politics, etc.

❖ Poetry or other creative writing.

❖ News stories from school newspapers.

❖ Photos and text about activities or events.

We welcome contributions from public and private schools, individuals and homeschoolers.

Email submissions for the Children's Gazette to [gazette@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:gazette@connectionnewspapers.com).

Identify each piece of writing or art, including the student's full name, age, grade and town of residence, plus the name of the school, name of teacher and town of school location. Please provide the submissions by Monday, Dec. 8.

To send CDs or flash drives containing artwork and typed, electronic submissions, mark them clearly by school and hometown and mail the CD to Children's Gazette, 1606 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

Please send all submissions by Dec. 8. The Children's Gazette will publish the week of Dec. 27, 2014.

### Halloween Parties, SoberRide

Halloween is now as much of an adult party as a children's festival. Along with the Fourth of July, the holiday period including New Year's Eve and a few other dates, Halloween stands

out as a holiday connected to increases in drinking and driving.

If you will be out celebrating with alcohol, you can plan ahead. Assign a designated driver. Celebrate at home. Take public transportation. But if these plans fall through, the nonprofit Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP) Halloween SoberRide program provides a safety net.

For six hours from 10 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 31 until 4 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 1, SoberRide serves as a way to keep impaired drivers off the road. During this six-hour period, area residents ages 21 and older celebrating with alcohol may call the toll-free SoberRide phone number 1-800-200-TAXI and be afforded a no-cost (up to a \$30 fare), safe way home.

For more information visit [www.wrap.org](http://www.wrap.org)

### Last Call for Letters

Letters to the editor from local residents about the upcoming election should be received by Friday, Oct. 24 to be considered for publication ahead of Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 4. Letters on candidates, bond questions, election procedure or any other local, election related topics are welcome and encouraged. Letters should be original, and include the writer's full name and address; we will print your town name, not your full address. Letters will be under 200 words and convey opinion with civility. Send letters to [gazette@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:gazette@connectionnewspapers.com)

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## U.S. 1 Transit Study: Time to Speak Up

BY SCOTT A. SUROVELL  
STATE DELEGATE (D-44)

**L**ast week, Virginia's Department of Rail and Public Transit held the last public hearing on the U.S. 1 Multimodal Transit Study. This study will determine the most appropriate road configuration, mode of transit and accompanying land uses for the U.S. 1 corridor for the next 30 years. As the study ends, public input is absolutely critical.

In 2012, state Sen. Toddy Puller and I won approval of \$2 million to fund the study. After 16 months taking input and considering various alternatives, the consultant team is recommending the "Hybrid Option" – (1) a six-lane U.S. 1, (2) a bike-pedestrian path the entire length, (3) a median-dedicated bus rapid transit system from Huntington Metro station to Woodbridge, and (4) a two-stop Yellow Line Metro extension with stops at Beacon Hill and Hybla Valley. The total cost in 2014 dollars would be about \$2.4 billion.

However, after considering funding input from the Fairfax County Department of Transportation, the consultants recommended that the project be broken into four phases: In phases I-III, the bus rapid transit system would be constructed between 2024-2035. In phase

**COMMENTARY** IV, the Yellow Line extension would be built with service starting in 2040.

While I am very excited that they recommended the Hybrid Option, the phasing approach and more specifically, the timing is totally unacceptable. We need projects in the ground as soon as possible.

At the Executive Committee Meeting, the schedule was also unacceptable to Mount Vernon District Supervisor Gerry Hyland, state Senators Puller and Adam Ebbin and Del. Mark Sickles. This view was also reiterated at the public hearing and many residents also commented that the Metro extension should be the first priority for funding with the bus rapid transit system coming second.

It is a complicated problem. Construction of any project will require funding. There is some transit funding available from the state, but Fairfax County has not dedicated its transit funding more than six years out, and most of the funding scenarios considered also involve significant federal funding, presumably under the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) "New Starts" Program.

As of today, New Starts grants base funding on numerous criteria including environmental benefits, local funding commitment and rid-

ership. The U.S. 1 corridor has a long way to go to reach the housing densities traditionally associated with Metro stations such as Arlington's Clarendon or Courthouse areas. Federal funding availability and criteria has changed over the last decade and could also continue to change – for better or worse.

Moreover, our current infrastructure – with or without Metro – is incapable of handling another 120,000 people living on U.S. 1. These plans are dependent upon a new road grid secondary to U.S. 1 (e.g., secondary roads running along the west side of Hybla Valley and Beacon Hill so that U.S. 1 is not the only route between shopping centers).

In the next month, we need to complete this study. Now is the critical time for people to weigh in. I have created a page on my website where you can post final comments that I will forward to the consultant team. Please visit and comment at [www.scottsuovell.org/route1comment](http://www.scottsuovell.org/route1comment).

The consultant team will consider comments received and make final recommendations in the next 60 days. Then the Executive Committee will vote and forward recommendations to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors for their endorsement. Then we focus on imple-

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# LETTER

## Abject Neglect

To the Editor:

I've lived in the Route 1 corridor for 33 years. It is in desperate need of revitalization and has been neglected by the Board of Supervisors for decades while they favored development in the western areas of Fairfax County. We all know that metro rail is the game changer that will spur new growth and economic development needed to both revitalize this corridor and to increase the revenues to pay for thus far unfunded infrastructure needs for modern storm water systems, stream restoration, sidewalks, bike trails, parks, and a host of community assets known to communities elsewhere in Fairfax County but lacking in many of the neighborhoods adjoining Route 1.

It is outrageous that this area of the county continues to be treated like the unwanted step child by the Board of Supervisors, county agencies and departments. This older developed part of the county has antiquated and failing infrastructure that has rendered our watersheds the most degraded in all of Fairfax County. Fairfax leaders seemingly direct to the Route 1 corridor a poverty culture mentality that perpetuates the highest concentration of people in need of social services and assistance. The Route 1 commercial areas continue to evolve into a mish mash of poverty-based retail and predatory businesses that thrive on the misfortunes of economi-

cally challenged citizens.

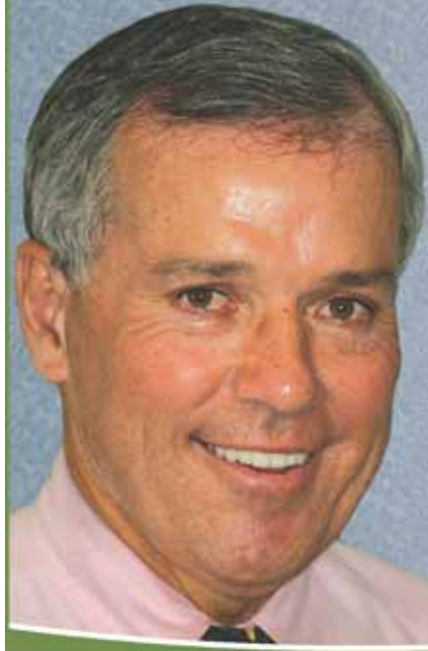
Nearby, across the river, the National Harbor development along with the now under construction casino will draw thousands of visitors daily through this area and other nearby locations. Alexandria city has begun planning ways by which they can increase accommodations and attractions to expand commerce from this projected influx of visitors to the area. Fairfax County has done absolutely nothing in this regard unless you consider permitting an abundance of car title and quick cash loan businesses on Route 1 to meet the need for fast money to the casino gamblers a plan. This kind of abject neglect is testimony to the ever-present negative attitude towards this section of the county originating from Fairfax County officials. All of the surveys and voices from the citizens in this area overwhelmingly support metro rail extension yet the plan presented does not respond to what the citizens want but rather the plan that the county officials want representing their persistent negative attitude regarding the Route 1 corridor.

The citizens have had three scripted presentations over the past 9 months where the people doing the proposed plan have heard consistently the call for extending metro and the outcome is a recommendation that puts metro dead last in their timeline with no guarantee that it will ever come. The citizens will hear from Fairfax County that they were given a voice in the

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## ONGOING

**Doggy Happy Hours.** 5-8 p.m. at Jackson 20 and Hotel Monaco Alexandria, 480 King St. Thursdays during the summer. Free, drinks sold separately. Treats and water for dogs, with pet boutique and service vendors. Portions of proceeds benefit People. Animals. Love. Visit [www.Monaco-Alexandria.com/alexandria-hotel/doggy-happy-hour.html](http://www.Monaco-Alexandria.com/alexandria-hotel/doggy-happy-hour.html).

**"Metamorphosis" Juried Art Exhibit.** Runs through Sunday, Nov. 2, Thursday noon-6 p.m., Friday and Saturday noon-9 p.m., Sunday noon-6 p.m. Del Ray Artisans Gallery. Transformative art embodying 'change'. Visit [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org) for more.

**Art Display.** Through Oct. 5 at Margaret W. and Joseph L. Fisher Art Gallery, Northern Virginia Community College. Electronic Aesthetics by sculptor Eric Celarier and painter Glen Kessler will be on display, and viewing is free and open to the public. Open Friday-Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Hacking Objects of Desire.** Through Oct. 19 in the Target Gallery. Norwegian Sámi artists Joar Nango, Silje Figenschou Thoresen, and Sigbjørn Skåden examine pertinent questions about commercialism and globalism.

**Saving Mount Vernon.** Saturdays and Sundays through Oct. 26. 3:30 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Visit the rarely seen basement and wander the historic area to learn the heroics of the estates caretakers. \$5 in addition to estate admission. Visit [www.mountvernon.org/](http://www.mountvernon.org/) for more.

**Through My Eyes.** Saturdays and Sundays through Oct. 26. 1:30 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Join people from Washington's world as they go about their daily activities, making several stops along the way. \$5 in addition to estate admission. Visit [www.mountvernon.org/](http://www.mountvernon.org/) for more.

**Play.** Runs Oct. 10-25. 8 p.m. at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Fort Hunt Road. Agatha Christie's "Murder on the Nile" will be presented. Visit [www.acctonline.org](http://www.acctonline.org) for more.

**Art Exhibit.** Through Oct. 26 at the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter, 101 Eisenhower Ave. "All Creatures Great and Small" is an animal themed, fundraising exhibit. Both nonprofit organizations receive a percentage of each sale. Monday-Thursday, noon-7 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday, noon-5 p.m. Visit [TheDelRayArtisans.org/AWLA](http://TheDelRayArtisans.org/AWLA) for more.

**National Treasure Tour.** Through Oct. 31. 1-3 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. A tour dedicated to the behind the scenes filming of "National Treasure 2: Book of Secrets." \$5 in addition to estate admission. Visit [www.mountvernon.org/](http://www.mountvernon.org/) for more.

**Art Exhibit.** Through Oct. 31 at Prudential PenFed Realty, 300 N Washington St., Suite 100. The artwork of Wendy Band, Sharon Frey and Linda Lowery in the small group show: "Three Artists, Three Visions" will be displayed. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Visit [TheDelRayArtisans.org/PrudentialPenFed](http://TheDelRayArtisans.org/PrudentialPenFed) for more.



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## 'Three Sistahs'

MetroStage reunites "Three Sistahs" through Sunday, Nov. 2. The musical is directed by Thomas W. Jones II, featuring Bernardine Mitchell, Roz White, and Ashley Ware Jenkins with original music by William Hubbard. William Knowles is music director. Performances are Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 8 p.m.; Saturday at 3 and 8 p.m.; and Sunday at 3 and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$55-60. Call 800-494-8497, Info/Groups 703-548-9044 or visit [www.metrostage.org](http://www.metrostage.org). MetroStage is located at 1201 North Royal St.

**Ashley Ware Jenkins, Bernardine Mitchell and Roz White star in "Three Sistahs" at MetroStage.**

**October-long Star-Spangled Banner Exhibition.** George Washington's Mount Vernon has partnered with Maryland Historical Society to display Francis Scott Key's original draft of the Star-Spangled Banner in the Donald W. Reynolds Museum and Education Center in commemoration of the poem's bicentennial. The exhibition of the manuscript will be surrounded by panels describing Mount Vernon at the time the poem was written.

**Art Exhibit.** Runs through Nov. 3 at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St. "Beyond the Edge" Contemporary Portraits by Leslie Nolan Reveal will be on display. Call 703-683-1780 Visit [www.theartleague.org](http://www.theartleague.org) for more.

**Photography Exhibition.** Through Nov. 9. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and during performances. Schlesinger Center Margaret W. & Joseph L. Fisher Gallery, 4915 East Campus Lane, Alexandria. "The Man in the Bowler Hat" is an exhibition by photographer Michelle Rogers. Visit [www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/gallery.html](http://www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/gallery.html).

**Young at Art.** Through Nov. 21 at Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St. An exhibit for artists who are 55 or older. Free. Call 703-836-4414 or 703-824-1345 for more.

**Multiple Exposure Gallery.** Oct. 14-Nov. 23 at The Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N Union St. See the diversity of styles and the artistic, personal vision of the Torpedo Factory's fine art photographers. Call 703-838-4565 or visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org) for more.

**Art Exhibit.** Runs Nov. 7-30. "Nourish & Flourish: The Food Show" art exhibit at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. This member show reflects and illuminates the ways food influences us all. Thursday, noon-6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, noon-9 p.m. Sunday, noon-6 p.m. Visit [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org) for more.

**Art Exhibit.** Through Jan. 2 at 1717 King St. and 300 S. Washington St. BB&T Bank hosts an exhibition of portraits of African American and women Living Legends of Alexandria at its Old Town branches. Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Fridays 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Visit [www.AlexandriaLegends.com](http://www.AlexandriaLegends.com) for more.

**New Exhibit.** Mount Vernon invites visitors to explore George Washington's design for the grounds of his estate, through a new exhibition, "Gardens & Groves: George Washington's Landscape" at Mount Vernon through Jan. 12, 2016. Gardens & Groves is the first museum exhibition to focus specifically on Washington's landmark achievements as a landscape designer combining rarely-seen original documents, artwork, and books with period garden tools, landscape photography, and a scale model of the Mount Vernon estate. Included in admission \$18/adult; \$17/senior citizen; \$9/child age 6-11; children under 5 are free. Visit [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org) for more.

**Alexandria Cars & Coffee** invites car enthusiasts to meet for coffee at Hollin Hall Shopping Center in front of Roseina's, 1307 Shenandoah Road. Owners of classic cars, hot rods, exotic cars, motorcycles and more meet to share car stories and drink coffee. Group meets the first Sunday of every month. 8:30-11 a.m.

**George Washington's Mount Vernon** has joined Thomas Jefferson's Monticello and James Madison's Montpelier to expand the "Presidents Passport," Virginia's premier presidential trail. As an added bonus to this year's program, visitors to the Alexandria Visitors Center at 221 King St. showing or purchasing a ticket to any of the three presidential estates will, upon request, receive for free Alexandria's "Key to the City" pass, which grants access into nine historic sites and museums in Alexandria - a \$26 added value. Visit [www.PresPassport.Monticello.org](http://www.PresPassport.Monticello.org) for more.

**Fifty Years of Collecting.** Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sundays noon to 5 p.m. Fort Ward Museum 4301 West Braddock Road. An anniversary exhibit of objects from the Fort Ward collection. Free. Visit [www.fortward.org](http://www.fortward.org) or call 703-746-4848.

**Dinner for the Washingtons.** Noon at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. A walking tour that goes behind the scenes to find out how food was prepared and served before the era of microwaves and TV dinners. \$5 in addition to estate admission. Visit [www.mountvernon.org/](http://www.mountvernon.org/) for more.

**Second Thursday Music.** Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. 7 pm. Second Thursday of every month. Visit [nvfaa.org](http://nvfaa.org) to view concert calendar and listen to upcoming Second Thursday Music artists.

**The Monday Morning Birdwalk** has been a weekly event at Huntley Meadows since 1985. It takes place every week, rain or shine (except during electrical storms, strong winds, or icy trails), at 7 a.m. (8 a.m. November through March), is free of charge, requires no reservation, and is open to all. Birders meet in the parking lot at the park's entrance at 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Direct questions to Park staff during normal business hours at 703-768-2525.

## CAMPS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

**Tavern Toddlers.** Every Monday from Oct. 20 (except Federal Holidays) 10:30-11:30 a.m. Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal Street, Alexandria. Join other families with toddlers (walkers through 36 months) to have fun in Gadsby's historic ballroom. Playtime features a craft table, book corner, toys and group dancing. \$7 for a group of three. Visit [www.alexandria.gov/gadsbystavern](http://www.alexandria.gov/gadsbystavern) or call 703-746-4242.

**Pottery Classes.** 1-4 p.m. at

Alexandria Clay, 2389 S. Dove St. Try It classes Oct. 19, Nov. 2 and Nov. 16. Call 703-672-2419 for more.

**Sewing Classes.** Introduction to Machine Sewing for Kids. Sewn Collage for Kids: Thursdays through Oct. 23, 4:15-5:45 p.m. or Saturdays through Oct. 25, 10-11:30 a.m.; Sewn 3-D Creations for Kids: Thursdays, Nov. 6-20 or Saturdays, Nov. 8-22, 10-11:30 a.m. Visit [www.artatthecenter.org/registration-fall2014.htm](http://www.artatthecenter.org/registration-fall2014.htm) to register.

**Photography Workshop.** 10:30 a.m.-noon at Multiple Exposures Gallery on 105 N. Union St. Photographers and enthusiasts of all skill levels are invited to share work, ideas, and questions at this free workshop held on the last Sunday of each month, except December. No reservations. Call 703-683-2205.

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

## THURSDAY/OCT. 16

**Members Preview Fall Book Sale.** 4-8:30 p.m. Charles E. Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke Street. \$10 memberships available at door. \$3 or less, unless specially marked. Hardbacks, paperbacks, children's books and audio-visual items. All genres. Call 703-746-1702 or visit [www.alexandria.lib.va.us](http://www.alexandria.lib.va.us) for more.

**Art Performance.** 7 p.m. at The Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N Union St. Norwegian Sámi actress Sara Margrethe Oskal will use storytelling and yoiks to tell three traditional tales in a mix of Sámi and English. Call 703-838-4565 or visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org) for more.

**Tales of Mystery.** 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Actors from Guillotine Theatre will read stories and poems by Edgar Allan Poe. Admission is \$10. Visit <http://www.nvfaa.org> for more.

**Evening of Music.** 8 p.m. at Alexandria's History Museum, 201 S. Washington St. The United States Air Force Band-String Ensemble presents "An Evening of Music for String Ensemble," featuring members of the Air Force Strings. This concert is free and open to the public. Contact 202-767-5658 or visit [www.usafband.af.mil](http://www.usafband.af.mil) for more.

## FRIDAY/OCT. 17

**Fall Book Sale.** 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Charles E. Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. \$3 or less, unless specially marked. Hardbacks, paperbacks, children's books and audio-visual items. All genres. Call 703-746-1702 or visit [www.alexandria.lib.va.us](http://www.alexandria.lib.va.us) for more.

## SATURDAY/OCT. 18

**Fall Book Sale.** 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Charles E. Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. \$3 or less, unless specially marked. Hardbacks, paperbacks, children's books and audio-visual items. All genres. Call 703-746-1702 or visit [www.alexandria.lib.va.us](http://www.alexandria.lib.va.us) for more.

**Burgundy Fall Fair.** 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Burgundy Farm Country Day School, 3700 Burgundy Road, Alexandria. Family fun for all ages: Haunted House, pumpkin painting, moon bounce, live music, craft mart, used book and kids' closet sale, food tent. Free admission. Proceeds from activity tickets and food and merchandise sale benefit student



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Visit [www.burgundyfarm.org](http://www.burgundyfarm.org) or call 703-960-3431.

**Food Lovers Market.** 2-5 p.m. at Balducci's Food Lover's Markets, 600 Franklin St. Enjoy a whirlwind of tastings of the finest gourmet cheeses sourced from around the world. Visit [balduccis.com/cheesetopia](http://balduccis.com/cheesetopia) for more.

**Photography Exhibition Opening Reception.** 3-5 p.m. Artist's talk at 4 p.m. Schlesinger Center Margaret W. & Joseph L. Fisher Gallery, 4915 East Campus Lane, Alexandria. Opening reception for "The Man in the Bowler Hat", an exhibition by photographer Michelle Rogers. Visit [www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/gallery.html](http://www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/gallery.html) for more.

**Concert.** 7 p.m. Celebration Center for Spiritual Living, 2849 Graham Road, Falls Church. Focus Falls Church presents Jennifer Cutting, Andrew Dodd and Lisa Moscatiello, of Ocean Orchestra. Admission is \$18, \$15 for advance sales and members. Visit [www.focusmusic.org/venue\\_alexandria.php](http://www.focusmusic.org/venue_alexandria.php) or call Herb Cooper-Levy, venue host.

**Mediumship Demonstration.** 7-9:30 p.m. at Ivy Hill Cemetery, 2823 King St. Barb Mallon will conduct two mediumship demonstrations with inspiration, validations and messages from the other side. Call 703-549-7413 for more.

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Raven's Night 2014 'Sci-Fi Phantasm.' \$25. Visit [www.ravensnight.com](http://www.ravensnight.com) or [www.Birchmere.com](http://www.Birchmere.com) for more.

**Raven's Night.** 7:30 p.m. at The Legendary Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. In celebration of the spooky season, belly dancers slink across the stage and reenact old, familiar tales with a

modern twist. Admission is \$25. Call 703-549-7500 or visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) for more.

**Fall Concert.** 8 p.m. at Fairlington United Methodist Church, 3900 King St. Visit [www.alexandriachoralsociety.org](http://www.alexandriachoralsociety.org) for more.

## SUNDAY/OCT. 19

**Book Signing.** 10-11 a.m. at Lorian Hotel and Spa, 1600 King St. Author Joy T.J. Riley will be signing copies of her new book "Get Your Joy in the Morning." Call 703-894-3434 for more.

**Cauldron Tea at Carlyle House.** 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at The Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St. Enjoy a cup of tea while learning about 18th century funeral and mourning practices. Call 703-549-2997 or visit [www.carlylehouse.org](http://www.carlylehouse.org) for more.

**Fall Book Sale.** 1-4:30 p.m. Charles E. Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. \$3 or less, unless specially marked. Hardbacks, paperbacks, children's books and audio-visual items. All genres. Call 703-746-1702 or visit [www.alexandria.lib.va.us](http://www.alexandria.lib.va.us) for more.

**Art Exhibit.** The last day to see three indigenous Norwegian artists examine pertinent questions about commercialism and globalism as they re-appropriate everyday objects to reflect the worldview of the Sámi people at The Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N Union St. Call 703-838-4565 or visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org) for more.

**Live Music.** 7:30 at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. An Evening with Andy McKee. \$25.00. Visit [www.andymckee.com](http://www.andymckee.com) or [www.Birchmere.com](http://www.Birchmere.com) for more.

**Intermediate Halloween Cookie**

## FOOD & DRINK

**Mount Vernon Farmers Market.** 8 a.m.-noon, Wednesdays, through Dec. 17. Fresh local food, artisan crafts. Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/mtvernonmkt.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/mtvernonmkt.htm) for more.

**Kingstowne Farmers Market.** 4-7 p.m., Fridays, through Oct. 31. Giant parking lot, 5955 Kingstowne Towne Center. Products include fresh organic honey, pies and rolls. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/kingstownemkt.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/kingstownemkt.htm) for more.

**Old Town Farmers Market.** 7 a.m.-noon, Saturdays year round. Local farmers and artists have been selling products there since 1753. Located at Market Square, 301 King St. Call 703-746-3200 or email [oldtownfarmersmarket@alexandriava.gov](mailto:oldtownfarmersmarket@alexandriava.gov).

**Del Ray Farmers Market.** 8 a.m.-noon, Saturdays year round. Features fresh vegetables and fruits in season, meats, eggs, fresh pasta and sauces, Amish cheese, yogurt, bakery goods and more. Located at the corner of East Oxford and Mount Vernon avenues. Contact [pmiller1806@comcast.net](mailto:pmiller1806@comcast.net) for more.

**Four Mile Run Farmers & Artisans Market.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays through November. Brings fresh nutritious foods to people of all income levels. Located at the entrance to Four Mile Run Park at 4109 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit [www.4mrrmarket.org/](http://www.4mrrmarket.org/) for more.

**West End Farmers Market.** 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays through November. Fresh, locally grown, in-season vegetables as well as berries, apples, pears, and seasonal peaches. Vendors also sell fresh-squeezed orange juice, fresh-baked pastries, gourmet cheeses and more. Located at Ben Brenman Park, 4800 Brenman Park Drive. Visit [www.westendfarmersmarket.org/#FarmersMarket](http://www.westendfarmersmarket.org/#FarmersMarket) for more.

**Class.** 2:30 p.m. at La Cuisine, 323 Cameron St. Venture beyond decorating a pre-cut cookie shape and learn how to draw shapes on a cookie, create more intricate designs and fashion layering effects with royal icing from Katrina Tines. The cost of the class and materials is \$120. Visit [www.lacuisineus.com](http://www.lacuisineus.com) for more.

## TUESDAY/OCT. 21

**Harris Teeter Grand Opening.** 5:30 p.m. at The Kingsley, 735 St. and

Asaph St. Celebration to include ribbon cutting ceremony and sampling event. Visit [locations.harristeeter.com/va/alexandria/133](http://locations.harristeeter.com/va/alexandria/133) for more.

## WEDNESDAY/OCT. 22

**Wine Tasting.** 7-9 p.m. The Symphony Orchestra League of Alexandria presents SOLA Uncorked V, an evening of wine, cheese and chocolate pairings. Tickets cost \$50. Email Sue Sticha at [ssticha@cox.net](mailto:sssticha@cox.net) for more.

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount

Vernon Ave. The Marshall Tucker Band. \$45. Visit [www.marshalltucker.com](http://www.marshalltucker.com) or [www.Birchmere.com](http://www.Birchmere.com) for more.

**Informative Speech.** 7:30 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Two city preservation planners will describe changes as they relate to one of Alexandria's oldest neighborhoods, known as Parker-Gray. Contact Audrey Davis at 703-746-4356 or [Audrey.davis@alexandriava.gov](mailto:Audrey.davis@alexandriava.gov) for more.

## THURSDAY/OCT. 23

**Fashion Show and Luncheon.** 10 a.m. at the Fort Belvoir Officers Club. The Yacht Haven Garden Club will be presenting their 31st annual fashion show. Fashions for women of all sizes will be provided by Bloomingdales. Contact Terra at [admommy@verizon.net](mailto:admommy@verizon.net) or 703-340-4555 for more.

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. John Jorgenson Bluegrass Band. \$25. Visit [www.johnjorgenson.com](http://www.johnjorgenson.com) or [www.Birchmere.com](http://www.Birchmere.com) for more.

**Evening of Music.** 8 p.m. The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. The United States Air Force Band-Trombone Quartet will perform. Call 202-767-5658 or visit [www.usafband.af.mil](http://www.usafband.af.mil) for more.

**Halloween Concert.** 7:30-8:30 p.m. at Northern Virginia Community College, 4915 East Campus Lane. The Alexandria NOVA Band will perform. The concert is free and open to the public. Call 703-845-6252 for more.

## FRIDAY-SATURDAY/OCT. 24-25

**Halloween Pumpkin Hunt.** 5:30

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### FRIDAY/OCT. 24

**Brewing History.** 6-9 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. A special beer dinner, brewing demonstration and private mansion tour. Learn more about how beer was brewed in early America. \$95. Visit [www.mountvernon.org/](http://www.mountvernon.org/) for more.

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Steep Canyon Rangers. \$29.50. Visit [www.steepcanyon.com](http://www.steepcanyon.com) or [www.Birchmere.com](http://www.Birchmere.com) for more.

**Special Halloween Tour.** 7-9 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. For one night only, Alexandria Colonial Tours will end its special Halloween tour in the very room where one of Alexandria's most mysterious women became a ghost. Visit [www.alexcolonialtours.com](http://www.alexcolonialtours.com) for more.

### SATURDAY/OCT. 25

**Historical Tour.** 9 a.m. at Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St. Step back in time to John Carlyle's 1780 Funeral. Call 703-549-2997 or visit [www.novaparks.com](http://www.novaparks.com) for more.

**Capturing an American Icon.** 2:30-5 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Go behind the scenes to area of the estate no available to the general public for a photo workshop. \$89 per person. Visit [www.mountvernon.org/](http://www.mountvernon.org/) for more.

**Walking Tour.** 1-3 p.m. Friendship Firehouse, 107 South Alfred St. The "We've Been Burned: Alexandria's Firefighters During the Civil War" walking tour will explore firefighting during the Union occupation. Tour four of the five firehouses and learn what happened if there was a fire in the occupied city. For ages 10 and older. \$6 for adults, \$4 ages 10-17. Reservations are required, space is limited. Call 703-746-4994 or visit [www.friendshipfirehouse.net](http://www.friendshipfirehouse.net) for more.

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

**Fall Harvest Family Days.** 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Enjoy autumn activities including wagon rides, wheat treating, 18th-century dancing demonstration, and straw bale maze, and more. Included in estate admission. Visit [www.mountvernon.org/](http://www.mountvernon.org/) for more.

### SATURDAY/OCT. 25-SATURDAY/NOV. 15

**The Rocky Horror Show.** Through Saturday, Nov. 15 at Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St. Come see the classic, campy musical that inspired the classic cult film. Admission is \$25-\$35. The show is available Wednesday-Saturday, 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. Call 703-683-0496 or visit [www.thelittletheatre.com](http://www.thelittletheatre.com) for more.

### SATURDAY/OCT. 25-SUNDAY/NOV. 30

**Photography Exhibit.** Through Nov. 30 at The Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N Union St. Inspired by FotoWeekDC, this all-media exhibition investigates alternative applications of photography and challenging new contexts for creating

## TORPEDO FACTORY ASSOCIATE ARTIST GALLERY

**Studio 12.** 11 a.m.-5 p.m. daily. About 20 artists will be showing their work in two-week exhibitions through the end of 2014. This dynamic pop-up gallery provides an opportunity for many of the associates to have their work on view. Visit [torpedofactory.org/events/](http://torpedofactory.org/events/) for more.

- ❖ **Oct. 6-19:** Kara Hammond, painting; Barbara Muth, paintings; Julie Patrick, photographs; and Val Proudtkii, photographs.
- ❖ **Oct. 20-Nov. 2:** Ellen Kolansky, paintings; Maria Simonsson, fiber sculpture; Ann Noel, paintings; and Ellen Delaney, paintings
- ❖ **Nov. 3-16:** Bev Andrews, ceramics; Ellen Delaney, paintings; Gail Spencer Saour, paintings/mixed media; and Jo Ann Tooley, photographs
- ❖ **Nov. 17-30:** Erika Cleveland, fiber art; Branden Newton, paintings; Susan Sherwin, paintings; and Fierce Sonia, mixed media
- ❖ **Dec. 1-14:** Felicia Belair-Rigdon, collage; Liz Roberts, paintings; Val Proudtkii, photographs; and Carol Talkov, mosaic
- ❖ **Dec. 15-28:** Fritz Des Roches, paintings; Barbara Muth, paintings; Norma Hintze, ceramics; and Marilynn Spindler, paintings

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### SATURDAY/OCT. 25

**Trick or Treat with the Boo-tiques.** 11 a.m.-6 p.m. More than two dozen shops of the Old Town Boutique District will be handing out treats. Visit [oldtownboutiquedistrict.com](http://oldtownboutiquedistrict.com) for more.

**Fall Fun.** Noon-3 p.m. at Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church, 2001 Sherwood Hall Lane. There will be pumpkins for sale and decoration, a photo booth for children and parents to pose for spooky pictures, pony rides, moon bounces, a cake walk and lunch is included. Call 703-765-6118 for more.

**Annual Del Ray Halloween Parade.** 2 p.m. at Mount Vernon Ave. This parade has historically attracted thousands of participants. Adults, children and dogs are all welcome to join. Visit [www.visitdelray.com](http://www.visitdelray.com) for more.

**Concert.** 4 p.m. at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 4915 East Campus Lane. New Dominion Chorale and Orchestra, conducted by Artistic Director Thomas Beveridge, will open its 24th season with a performance of G. F. Handel's pastoral opera, "Acis and Galatea." Call 703-442-9404 or visit [www.newdominion.org](http://www.newdominion.org) for more.

**Historical Haunt Tour.** 6-10 p.m. at Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N Fairfax St. Revisit the funeral of Alexandria co-founder John Carlyle and learn about early American mourning practices. Call 703-549-2997 or visit [www.carlylehouse.org](http://www.carlylehouse.org) for more.

### SUNDAY/OCT. 26

**Doggy Trick or Treat.** 1-3 p.m. at The Dog Park, 705 King St. Pet owners will be able to visit local business that will be handing out various treats. Call 703-888-2818 or visit [www.thedogparkva.biz](http://www.thedogparkva.biz) for more.

**Halloween Parade.** 2-4 p.m. at Mount Vernon Avenue, south of Bellefonte Ave. This parade has historically attracted thousands of participants. Visit [www.visitdelray.com](http://www.visitdelray.com) for more.

### TUESDAY/OCT. 28

**Pumpkin Coloring.** 5-7 p.m. at Whole Foods Market, 1700 Duke St. Children ages 5-9 will have the opportunity to paint a pumpkin. Visit [www.wholefoodsmarket.com/stores/alexandria](http://www.wholefoodsmarket.com/stores/alexandria) for more.

### THURSDAY-FRIDAY/OCT. 30-31

**Poe in Alexandria.** 8 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Watch as actor David Keltz returns to the Lyceum to reenact famed storyteller Edgar Allan Poe's visit to Alexandria shortly before his death. Admission is \$15. Call 703-746-4994 or visit [www.alexandriava.gov/](http://www.alexandriava.gov/) Lyceum for more.

### THURSDAY/OCT. 30

**Doggy Howl-o-ween Costume Contest.** 5 p.m. at Jackson 20, 480 King St. Celebrate Halloween and the finale of the Doggy Happy Hour series with Doggy Howl-o-ween, where up to 50 contestants will strut down the catwalk in the outdoor courtyard, modeling their Halloween finest. Call 703-842-2790 or visit [www.jackson20.com](http://www.jackson20.com) for more.

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Laurie Anderson 'Language of The Future.' \$39.5. Visit [www.laurieanderson.com](http://www.laurieanderson.com) or [www.Birchmere.com](http://www.Birchmere.com) for more.

**Bark or Treat Halloween Canine Cruise.** 7 p.m. at Alexandria City Marina, 1 Cameron St. The Potomac Riverboat Company invites guests with costumed-pup in tow to cruise around the Potomac River on this 40-minute ride to Halloween tunes. Halloween doggie treats will be provided, as well as a photographer to capture the morning's festivities. Visit [www.potomacriverboatco.com](http://www.potomacriverboatco.com) for more.

**Book Talk Program.** 7-8:30 p.m. Martha Washington Branch, 6614 Fort hunt Road, Alexandria. The program is to promote a community outreach through American literature with a new released book about the Middle Eastern affairs. Call 703-768-6700.

### FRIDAY/OCT. 31

**Annual Fashion Show.** 10:30 a.m. at Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, 5000 Seminary Road. The Board of Lady Managers of Inova Alexandria Hospital will celebrate the 142nd anniversary of the founding of the hospital at their Annual Fashion Show. General admission is \$50. Contact Lynda West at 703-836-8853 for more.

**Trick-or-Treat.** 3:30-6:30 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Join the costumed cast for the opportunity to trick-or-treat in the historic area. \$10 per adult, \$5 per child. Visit [www.mountvernon.org/](http://www.mountvernon.org/) for more.

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Gerald Albright. \$35. Visit [www.geraldalbright.com](http://www.geraldalbright.com) or [www.Birchmere.com](http://www.Birchmere.com) for more.

**Halloween Ball.** 8-11 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Revel in an evening of merriment among art at the Halloween Costume Ball, where guests will be entertained with music, food, drink, a silent movie and work by local artists. Costumes are required. Call 703-838-4827 or visit [www.thedelrayartisans.org](http://www.thedelrayartisans.org) for more.

**Community Fun Days.** Hopkins House, 5904 Richmond Highway. Activities will include games, balloons, face painting. Visit [www.hopkinshouse.org](http://www.hopkinshouse.org) for more.

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	Wellbeing	11/5/14
	HomeLifeStyle	11/12/14
	Holiday Entertainment & Gift Guide I	11/19/14
DECEMBER	A+	11/25/14
	Thanksgiving is November 27.	
	Wellbeing	12/3/14
	HomeLifeStyle: Home for the Holidays	12/10/14
CHILDREN'S CONNECTION	Hanukkah begins December 16.	
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# ENTERTAINMENT

## SATURDAY/NOV. 1

**Inviting Native Pollinators.** 2-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. University of Maryland entomologist Mike Raupp explain what threatens native pollinators and teaches you how to invite pollinators into your landscape. Call 703-642-5173 for more.

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Performance by Sinead O'Connor. \$69.50. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) or call 703-549-7500.

**20th Century Masterworks for Violin and Piano.** 3 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 South Washington St. Michael De Sapio (violin), accompanied by Teodora Adjarova (piano), presents a program of 20th century neoclassical works. Recital is free of charge but donations are appreciated. Email [michaelmartind@gmail.com](mailto:michaelmartind@gmail.com) for more.

**Venetian Masquerade Scholarship Ball.** 7-11 p.m. Belle Haven Country Club, 6023 Fort Hunt Road. Proceeds from this event will fund preschool scholarships for children from low-resourced and military families. Visit [www.hopkinshouse.org](http://www.hopkinshouse.org) for more.

## SUNDAY/NOV. 2

**Art Show Reception.** 1:00-3:00 pm. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Come to the Horticulture Center and Historic House at Green Spring Gardens and see the work of artist Don Joseph DiFiore, photographer Chris Fedderson and artist Erika Ridgway. Call 703-642-5173 for more.

**Capturing an American Icon.** 2:30-5 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Go behind the scenes to areas of the estate not available to the general public for a photo workshop. \$89 per person. Visit [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org).

**Choral Evensong.** 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Old Town, 228 S.Pitt St. An inspirational all saint choral evensong will be held with a reception to follow. Donations and non-perishable foods will be accepted for St. Paul's Lazarus Ministry. Call 703-549-3312 or email [grant@stpaulsalexandria.com](mailto:grant@stpaulsalexandria.com).

## MONDAY/NOV. 3

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Singer Songwriter, Richard Marx will be performing. Tickets go on sale July 25. \$35. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) for more.

## THURSDAY/NOV. 6

**Richmond Fine Arts Flowers and Tea Getaway.** 11:30 a.m.-6:30p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Get away to Richmond for a guided tour of the 12th Fine Arts & Flowers exhibit, dazzling floral design interpretations of masterpieces from the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. Call 703-642-5173 for more.

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Eclectic Guitars: featuring Eric Johnson and Mike Stern. \$45. Visit [www.ericjohnson.com](http://www.ericjohnson.com), [www.mikestern.com](http://www.mikestern.com) or [www.Birchmere.com](http://www.Birchmere.com) for more.

**Presidential Salon with James Madison.** 3 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. President James Madison, as portrayed by John Douglas Hall, shares his thoughts about events 200 years ago to the day at Gadsby's Tavern Museum. Guests are invited to share their opinion on the War and ask questions during this intimate conversation

with the President. \$15 per person. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov/GadsbysTavern](http://www.alexandriava.gov/GadsbysTavern) or call 703-746-4242.

## SATURDAY-SUNDAY/NOV. 8-9

**Orchestra.** 4 p.m. at The George Washington Masonic Memorial Theatre, 611 King St. The Symphony Orchestra of Northern Virginia presents "Premiered at the Opera House" with The Metropolitan Chorus, featuring Carmina Burana. Visit [www.sonovamusic.org](http://www.sonovamusic.org) for more.

## SATURDAY/NOV. 7

**Concert.** 7:30-9 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 2932 King St. Soprano Elizabeth Kluegel will perform. Tickets are \$25. Call 703- 765-0063 or visit [solaconcert.eventbrite.com](http://solaconcert.eventbrite.com) for more.

## SATURDAY/NOV. 8

**Holiday Craft Fair.** 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at First Christian Church of Alexandria, 2723 King St. Proceeds from the sale of tables to vendors will benefit FCC's outreach ministry. There will also be a pancake breakfast that morning. Contact Sherri Carpenter at [cbikerchic@hotmail.com](mailto:cbikerchic@hotmail.com) or 703-963-0072 for more.

**Workshop.** 10 a.m.-noon. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Create a stone trough of hypertufa for a natural looking container that is ideal for succulents, conifers and rock garden plants. Call 703-642-5173 for more.

**Homeowner Rain Garden Workshop.** 1-4 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn how to properly locate, design, construct and maintain a small-scale rain garden. Call 703-642-5173 for more.

**Scotch Tasting Party.** 4-6 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Enjoy traditional music and delectable Scottish accompaniments, Call 703-642-5173 for more.

## MONDAY/NOV. 10

**Capturing an American Icon.** 2:30-5 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Go behind the scenes to areas of the estate not available to the general public for a photo workshop. \$89 per person. Visit [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org).

## TUESDAY/NOV. 11

**Live Music.** 7:30 at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Rachael Yamagata performs, 10th anniversary of her album; "Happenstance." \$25.00. Visit [rachaelyamagata.com](http://rachaelyamagata.com) or [www.Birchmere.com](http://www.Birchmere.com) for more.

## FRIDAY/NOV. 14

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. David Bromberg Big Band with Honey Child. \$45. Visit [www.davidbromberg.net](http://www.davidbromberg.net) or [www.Birchmere.com](http://www.Birchmere.com) for more.

## SATURDAY/NOV. 15

**Brownies Letterboxer Badge.** 10 a.m.-noon.at at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. This event will help Girl Scouts earn their next badge. Call 703-642-5173 for more.

**Coffee and Tea Tasting.** 1-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn about the history, provenance, health benefits, and more of these flavorful brews. Call 703-642-5173 for more.

## SUNDAY/NOV. 16

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Three Dog Night. \$69.50. Visit [www.threedognight.com](http://www.threedognight.com) or [www.Birchmere.com](http://www.Birchmere.com) for more.

**US National 12K.** Start time TBA at Oronoco Bay Park. Open to runners of all abilities, and families can enjoy a kid fun run, live entertainment and a beer garden. Registration for members is \$55 and \$50 for military members and police officers. Visit [www.national12k.us](http://www.national12k.us) for more.

## MONDAY-WEDNESDAY/NOV. 17-19

**Live Music: John Hiatt.** 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. An evening with John Hiatt. \$55. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) or call 703-549-7500 for more.

## SATURDAY/NOV. 22

**Asian Style Miniature Dish Garden.** 10 a.m.-noon. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Design and create an Asian garden scene with figurines, stones and plants. Call 703-642-5173.

**Garden Sprouts.** 11 a.m.-noon. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn about wild turkeys, their families, habits and amazing ways of survival. Call 703-642-5173 for more.

**Family Fun Turkey Hunt.** 1-2 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Create a turkey-inspired decoration for your Thanksgiving table. Call 703-642-5173 for more.

**Thanksgiving Table Arrangement.** 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Break the cornucopia tradition and make a Thanksgiving centerpiece in a fresh pumpkin. Call 703-642-5173

**Period Inspired Banquet.** 8 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Celebrate an evening with retired President Jefferson, played by Colonial Williamsburg's Bill Barker. The evening will feature a period inspired banquet, English country dances, live music, dessert collation and a cash bar. Call 703-746-4242 or visit [www.alexandriava.gov/GadsbysTavern](http://www.alexandriava.gov/GadsbysTavern) for more.

## SUNDAY/NOV. 23

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. The Time Jumpers, featuring Vince Gill, Dawn Sears, Kenny Sears and Ranger Doug Green. \$59.50. Visit [www.thetimejumpers.com](http://www.thetimejumpers.com) or [www.Birchmere.com](http://www.Birchmere.com) for more.

## FRIDAY/NOV. 28

**Alexandria Tree Lighting.** 7-9 p.m. Market Square, 301 King St., Alexandria. Annual event featuring lighting the City tree, performances and a visit from Santa to open the Christmas season. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov/Calendar](http://www.alexandriava.gov/Calendar).

## FRIDAY/NOV. 28 -TUESDAY/JAN. 6

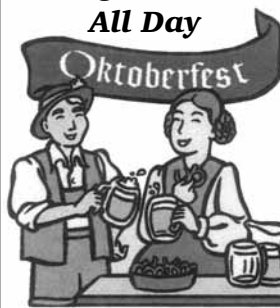
**Christmas in Mount Vernon.** 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. Mount Vernon decks the halls with themed Christmas trees on the estate and festive greenery in the Mansion. Visit [www.mountvernon.org/christmas](http://www.mountvernon.org/christmas) for more.

## THURSDAY/DEC. 4

**Live Music.** 7:30 at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Herman's Hermits starring Peter Noone perform. \$45.00. Visit [peternoone.com](http://peternoone.com) or [www.Birchmere.com](http://www.Birchmere.com) for more.

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# Beck's Independent Campaign

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simple, relatable stories.

"Finance taught me to deal with coalitions and contract negotiations," said Beck, "how to get parties to a table that don't necessarily agree on everything, and leaving with a win-win situation. I also understand the intricacies of the financial system. We're all connected to each other. Our currency has certain values. We need to be cognizant of what we're doing going forward."

Beck gestured out the window to Washington Street, that runs along their campaign headquarters.

"Our corporations are leaving," Beck said. "And we're seeing more 'For Sale' signs every day."

Beck largely attributes this to businesses' inability to repatriate profits from overseas, which forces them to leave money in other countries and continue to invest there. America's corporate tax rate, one of the highest in the world, also keeps businesses that could boost the economy out of the country.

As an Independent, Beck says she's willing to reach compromise where most Democratic or Republican candidates won't. Beck is a gun owner, but acknowledges that the government has a responsibility to take measures to reduce gun violence. Beck says the



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**Gwendolyn Beck in her campaign office with Raika, a campaign staffer.**

primary focus should be on addressing problems with treatment of mental illnesses, but says she's support more extensive background checks to help keep guns in the hands of responsible gun owners.

This emphasis on building coalitions extends to her foreign policy. Rather than focusing on whether or not to deploy soldiers to combat terrorism in Iraq and Syria, Beck says the U.S. needs to refocus its efforts on working through nearby countries to enlist their support.

She acknowledges that her campaign is ambitious, but says that

anyone who replaces Moran will go as a junior congressman. As an Independent, though, Beck says she can use this to her advantage in a way Democrats or Republicans can't.

"The closer in number the Democrats and Republicans are," said Beck, "the more they'll have to reach out to any Independents there."

As an independent, Beck believes she can help facilitate coalitions between Democrats and Republicans. It won't be easy, but it's more than she expects the 8th district would see from a Republican or a Democrat.

"Take a chance on me," said Beck. "At least with me, there's a chance for change."

# Carson Runs as Libertarian

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Carson was a frustrated citizen long before he was a Libertarian candidate. Carson says he bought three Obama t-shirts early in the candidate's run for office, saying he finally felt empowered by a message that promised to curtail the interventionist foreign policy and restrain the War on Drugs, but once Obama became President it was clear that there weren't a lot of differences between him and previous presidents.

"It was very disillusioning," said Carson. "Very disheartening."

After four years of service in the U.S. Army, Carson left to travel across Africa, South America, the Middle East, and Australia. Carson returned to the United States during the financial crisis and was disappointed with what he saw in American politics.

Others in Carson's campaign shared his unhappiness with the modern two-party system.

"I campaigned a lot when I was younger and I really strongly believed in things, but it seems like so much hot air that I never really wanted to get involved," said Vera Medici, Carson's social media coordinator. "It's nice to be involved again."

"My least favorite part of the campaign is the failure of the Democratic Party nominee to regularly engage in debates or forums with the other candidates," said Mat Thexton, Carson's volunteer coordinator, referencing Democratic candidate Don Beyer's absence from events like the previous week's Urban League Young Professionals Network forum. "He is assuming the voters will vote Democrat, without even knowing his positions."

Medici described the campaign staff as almost evenly split between Libertarians and people who just don't identify with either political party, but says that while they occasionally discuss politics while



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**Jeffrey Carson speaks with attendees at the Urban League Young Professionals Network forum on Oct. 6 in Alexandria.**

working at events, their focus on the campaign has kept infighting away.

"I'm not a Libertarian, but I listened to him," said Medici. She met when he was campaigning at a Farmer's Market. "I went home and looked at his website, because I didn't want to dismiss someone because of their political ideology."

Medici said she was impressed with his military and travel experience, but it was his lack of connections with the political establishment that won her over.

"He won't be pressured to be pushed into a party line," said Medici, adding that this could help distance him. "We can't have corporations taking over but not so much restriction that it's over-regulated."

Carson is upfront about his slim chances, but says he and too many of America's undecided middle have sat on the sidelines for too long.

"Everybody has one good fight they need to take on," said Carson. "This felt right. This felt like what I needed to be doing."

# An Economic Debate

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poverty.

"At \$7.25, you're making less than the federal poverty level," said Beyer. "They have to go out on food stamps and federal housing just to get by, and that's not fair."

Beyer acknowledged that the Congressional Budget Office estimated that the increase would cost 500,000 jobs, but that this growth only represented 2 months' worth of the current job growth trend. Beyer also accepted certain limitations, like not changing the level for teenagers still living with their parents who did not need to pay the costs adult Americans working minimum wage do.

While Edmond also supported a raise in the minimum wage, he did not want it raised to \$10 per hour.

"Members of Congress must broker a compromise that was palatable to national distribution of local economic zones," said Beyer. "An acceptable raise in minimum wage in Northern Virginia is not the same for Montana."

Edmond also referenced a need for a small business tax cut to offset cost of an increase in the minimum wage.

Both candidates agreed that the social security system needs reform, specifically both candidates supported "means testing" which would limit social security benefits to those with greater economic need. While Edmond also stated a need to raise the retirement age to affect more long-term reform, Beyer was more hesitant.

"Raising the social security age makes sense for me and for Micah, but a lot of my employees are mechanics," said Beyer. "I look at them and they're worn out at 60 and 62. We've often had to take them off the line where they're working transmissions and bending over inside cars all day long and give them much easier jobs, they're just plain worn out. For the majority of Americans, who've spent their lives busting their backs, it doesn't make sense."

Beyer and Edmond both stated objections to much of the Affordable Care Act, though each voiced unequivocal support for the inability of insurance companies to deny a person based on preexisting conditions and for young adults being able to stay on their parent's plan. Beyer cited the drop in teen abortions and pregnancies as one of the program's biggest successes.

Edmond was more critical of

the act, saying it had created an additional burden on the economy, but also acknowledged that it needs to be accepted as law now. His core complaint, that the government was even involved in the healthcare business, was met with cheers from the predominantly business-oriented audience.

Both Beyer and Edmond also agreed that the federal budget needs to have a heavier focus on transportation, specifically expansion of mass transit options.

Both also agreed that President Obama should have sought congressional approval for the air strikes in Iraq. The two differed, however, on whether or not to put more troops back on the ground in Iraq.

"We need boots on the ground in Iraq and possibly Syria," said Edmond, emphasizing this was more likely in Iraq than Syria. "We have existing military structure in place and can set a time table. Not so in Syria."

Beyer urged caution before more foreign intervention.

"We need to continue, as a people, to assess how much of a threat ISIS represents to us," said Beyer. "Beheadings and all of that is incredible barbarism, but we see barbarism all around the world for much of our lives, but that doesn't always justify use of military force."

The forum ended with a return to the core discussion of the economy.

"We need to make the American dream more achievable," said Edmond. "We need to put in place a long-term, stable budget that grows the economy by having incentives for businesses to create ... we actually have to provide tax relief and provide targeted tax cuts for small businesses and the middle class." While unemployment has gone down, Edmond also lamented that unemployment is consistently twice the national average for minorities. Beyer followed up with his own unhappiness with current unemployment in America.

"We need a full employment economy," said Beyer. "The poor are getting poorer, and that's because there's not enough competition for labor."

Beyer and Edmond agreed that the United States cannot afford to decrease its investments in national defense. Beyer said that the world still looked to the United States to take a leadership role in international security. In their closing statements, both pledged to take a very bipartisan approach to their representation of the 8th District.



# Election Summit Following Don Beyer's political journey.

BY VERNON MILES  
THE GAZETTE

**D**on Beyer likes climbing mountains. One of his two current dreams is to climb a via feratta, one of the climbing routes along the alps. Beyer has a certain fascination with the Eiger, or "The North Wall." For Beyer, the appeal is in the challenge.

Beyer's second ambition is to be elected Democratic representative for the 8th congressional district.

"You know some days, when you feel like you're in the wrong business?" said Beyer. "I don't have those, not with this."

Beyer's political resume goes back to his election as Lieutenant Governor of Virginia in 1989 and continues through to his recent Ambassadorship to Switzerland and Liechtenstein. But for Beyer, it feels like it has all been leading to this election.

"I feel like I was born to do this," said Beyer. "Ambassadorship is a messenger role; someone else is making the policy. I'm looking forward to being in a change agent role, where I can affect policy."

While Beyer enjoyed both being an ambassador and being lieutenant governor, he's looking forward to being able to work on a federal level. Immigration, infrastructure, and corporate tax code are all things he feels passionately about but has had a very limited ability to influence. Beyer's top priority in office is to deal with climate



PHOTO BY VERNON MILES

**Don Beyer, Democrat, in his Alexandria campaign office.**

change.

"It's not what I hear most about knocking on doors, for a lot of people it's still remote, especially after a cool summer," said Beyer. "But the best leaders think long-term, they're not just thinking about the warm September we had. All of the science, planet wide, suggests that biggest crisis we face is climate change."

Beyer's second priority is the economy, which he identified as a less grim but more immediate crisis. As the owner of the Beyer Volvo dealerships, along with his brother Michael, he cites his first-hand experience in business as essential to his economic policy.

"The globalization of the American economy forces us to ask what the next generation will do," said Beyer. "That's mir-

rored in 16.9 percent unemployment rate for 19 to 29 year olds, and mirrored in the fact that everyone loves that young people can stay on health insurance until 26."

Beyer's third major priority is America's 30,000 gun deaths each year.

He said the attack on former Gubernatorial candidate Creigh Deeds hit this note particularly hard. Beyer has said one of his major focuses in office would be to implement greater measures to keep guns out of the hands of criminals and those in a mentally ill state.

Beyer hopes to build strong partnerships with his Republican peers in Congress, and cited his eight years of experience as lieutenant governor for a Democratic, and then Republican, governor. With a 20-20 split in the Virginia Senate, Beyer says he cast lots of tie-breaking votes, but never voted out of partisan ties. Beyer believes it was his largely his experience as lieutenant governor that helped him win the Democratic primary.

"All of the people I was running against were really good people, but they have much smaller bodies of experience," said Beyer. "With Frank Wolf and Jim Moran leaving, there's a loss of leadership in Virginia's congressional delegation. We need experience."

It was this political experience that drew a lot of his campaign staff to his cause. Rashan Colbert, Beyer's deputy finance director, said Beyer's eight years as lieutenant

governor and years representing the United States overseas is a large part of what drew him to the campaign.

"I looked into who was going to be running ... of the mountain of people piling into the race, he stood out," said Colbert. "He had an amazing record, and I'd grown up seeing his dealerships and had heard of his ambassadorial appointment from the President."

For Tia Shuyler, Beyer's communications director and an Alexandria native, Beyer was a large part of why she got involved in politics, so she wouldn't pass up an opportunity to work on his campaign.

"My first political experience was going with my parents to volunteer for Don's 1993 campaign," said Shuyler. "My whole life, politicians - local or national - have been measured against Don Beyer."

Beyer admits that the primary, competing against other highly qualified Democrats, was more nerve-wrecking than the general election, but that he doesn't want to take the general election for granted.

"The primary fight was against a bunch of incredible elected officials, some really smart people, well grounded in the community," said Beyer. "That was harder than being in a solidly Democratic seat running against people with much thinner records and connections to Northern Virginia. But every day in this office we say 'well, that's what Eric Cantor thought.'"

# Walking the District On the campaign trail with Micah Edmond.

BY VERNON MILES  
THE GAZETTE

**M**icah Edmond's 8th District Congressional campaign has a problem. Without massive campaign donations and party funding, it's impossible to get air time for commercials and difficult to build a major ad campaign. But if Edmond has experience in anything, it's solving problems with tight budgets. His solution is as ambitious as it is simple: he and his team would walk the 8th Congressional District.

All of it.

Well, at least half of it. Edmond concedes that his team will get as far as they can, but by their projections they may have surpassed this goal. Starting in Mount Vernon, Edmond and his campaign staff have gone door to door in every neighborhood, getting their political message out to local citizens and encouraging them, regardless of stated political affiliation, to vote.

"Is it all about raising a lot of money? Get big money, and you can run commercials and you can run ads," said Edmond, "or is it about doing the impossible; looking at a district and walking about half of it? There are about 159 precincts in this district and we said we're going to walk all of them."

Edmond and his campaign manager, Anne Ward, reflected that while it sounds like a fairly simple task, it's a fairly exhausting

enterprise.

"It is a painful, painful exercise," said Edmond. "But if you don't have the fire to do that, if you're not willing to do that, then you're never actually going to carry out the charge of being a representative ... If you really want to know how people feel, you walk half the district and you say to yourself 'Every one in three people; did they like you or did they not like you?'"

The results have not been overwhelmingly positive. Edmond shared experiences where he'd approach neighbors who would disagree with him on every single policy issue, but the people who talk to appreciate hearing from a candidate who doesn't take them for granted.

"We had one person who called in and left a voicemail saying 'you have my vote,'" said Edmond.

"That was it," chimed in Ward. "No name, no number to contact him back at. Just 'you have my vote' and then he hung up."

This strategy has been helpful in political forums, where Edmond says he can ask a person in attendance where they're from and there's a good chance he's been in their neighborhood.

"How can you represent a neighborhood without knowing what it looks like," said Edmond. "I think that's the most positive thing that's kept me going, more than anything else."

In return for people talking to you,

Edmond says honesty is paramount, and there's nothing more honest than a budget.

"Policy and politics is over there," said Edmond, gesturing to the far side of the office, "it's a promise of what you believe in and it's great, it sounds good, but your budget over here is what you're really going to do. Your budget is your greatest reflection of what you truly believe."

To Edmond, the best way of spotting a candidate who isn't serious about his beliefs is one who can't narrow his platform down to a few things. It means that candidate hasn't done the hard work of looking at what is most important. Edmond says he's successfully narrowed his budget to education, transportation and national defense, the three major areas he says the country can't afford not to invest in.

For Edmond, national defense also extends to taking care of veterans returning from America's wars.

"These guys coming home that are battered and wounded," said Edmond. "Nine times out of ten they're not going back into doing the job they were before ... The question they ask is 'what now sir?' and that's a very different cost of war. How do you transition them into healthcare benefits, and into a new job, and it's a conversation we haven't really had."

Edmond says he helped get this conversation started with the 2008/2009 Wounded Warrior legislation. Part of the problem, he



PHOTO BY VERNON MILES

**Micah Edmond at his campaign office.**

also says, is that hospitals avoid diagnosing post-traumatic stress disorder. Edmond hopes to help implement these reforms if he gets a chance to serve on the Armed Services or the Ways and Means committees.

"Freedom comes at a cost," said Edmond. "For most Americans, that's in the abstract sense of war. The average American isn't at Dover when the caskets come in. The average American isn't going to Walter Reed and Bethesda to see it. As a military officer, from day one you're steeped in an understanding of that cost."

Edmond hopes, as a former military officer, he can help bring that understanding to Congress, and maybe in the process help bring Congress a little closer to the people.

"People are distant from their politicians. We knock on every door, and that's changing politics," he said.



# Finn Leads West Potomac XC at Glory Days Invite

Senior captain Maura Finn led the West Potomac girls' cross country team with a 20th-place finish on a muddy course at the Glory Days Invitational on Oct. 11 at Bull Run Regional Park.

Finn was one of 21 harriers to finish in less than 20 minutes, posting a time of 19:58. Her performance helped the Wolverines finish 16th out of 26 teams with a score of 426. Patriot won the event with a total of 104, followed by Washington-Lee (167), Churchill (184) and West Springfield (194).

West Potomac's Zoe Smith finished 90th with a time of 21:27. Meredith Barber was 111th (21:50), Laura Powell finished 117th (21:59) and captain Nikki Amico was 131st (22:14).

Patriot's Rachel McArthur won the event with a time of 18:40. Loudoun Valley's Ciara Donohue finished runner-up with a time of 18:44, followed by National Cathedral's Page Lester (18:47) and Churchill's Lucy Srour (18:54). Westfield's Sara Freix was the 6A North region's top finisher, placing sixth (19:22).



Members of the West Potomac girls' cross country team, including Zoe Smith (2898) compete during the Glory Days Invitational on Oct. 11 at Bull Run Regional Park.

three of their last four, will host undefeated South County at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 17. The Stallions (6-0) defeated T.C. Williams 64-12 last week and are averaging 48 points per game.

## Mount Vernon Football Searching For First Win

The Mount Vernon football team dropped

to 0-6 with a 38-21 loss to Washington-Lee on Oct. 10.

The Majors will host a Saturday game on Oct. 18 when they take on Falls Church at 1 p.m.

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West Potomac senior Maura Finn finished 20th at the Glory Days Invitational on Oct. 11 at Bull Run Regional Park.

enter the Conference 13 tournament on Oct. 27 with a 10-4-2 record.

The Majors ended the regular season with a 3-0 loss to Yorktown on Oct. 14. Mount Vernon had won three in a row prior to the loss and four of its last five.

## West Potomac Football Falls to West Springfield

The West Potomac football team lost to West Springfield 35-13 on Oct. 10 at West Springfield High School.

The Wolverines (2-4), who have dropped

## MV Field Hockey Enters Postseason At 10-4-2

The Mount Vernon field hockey team will

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#### THURSDAY/OCT. 16

**Senior Choice Expo.** 10-11:30 a.m. at Mount Vernon Country Club, 5111 Old Mill Road. Free admission and refreshments. Contact 703-781-2462 or [seniorschoicealexandria@gmail.com](mailto:seniorschoicealexandria@gmail.com) for more.

**Financial Workshop.** 7-8:30 p.m. Kingstowne Centre for Active Adults, 6488 Landsdowne Center. Learn about saving, planning and securing the future. Space limited, registration required. Call 877-926-8300 or visit <http://states.aarp.org/financialsecurity>.

#### THURSDAY-FRIDAY/OCT. 16-17

**Mental Health First Aid.** 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the South County Center, 8350 Richmond Hwy. Public education program from the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board Wellness and Health Promotion. Over a two-day course, certified instructors help people learn to assist someone developing or experiencing a mental health problem or crisis. \$25. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hscode/ereg/Registration.aspx?groupID=47](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hscode/ereg/Registration.aspx?groupID=47).

#### MONDAY/OCT. 20

**Tavern Toddlers.** Every Monday (except Federal Holidays) 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal Street, Alexandria. Join other families with toddlers (walkers through 36 months) to have fun in Gadsby's historic ballroom. Playtime features a craft table, book corner, toys and group dancing. \$7 for a group of three. Visit [www.alexandria.gov/gadsbystavern](http://www.alexandria.gov/gadsbystavern) or call 703-746-4242.

#### TUESDAY/OCT. 21

**Caregiver Seminar.** 3-4:30 p.m. at Washington Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Road. Learn about scams and financial crimes against seniors. Free. Call 703-768-6700 for more.

#### THURSDAY/OCT. 23

**Support Group.** 6:30-8 p.m. at Bryant Alternative High School. Fairfax County is providing free Support Groups for Kinship Caregivers. Call 703-324-5447 for more.

#### FRIDAY/OCT. 24

**Food Day Event.** All day event at Mount Eagle Elementary School, 6116 N Kings Highway. Real Food For Kids (RFFK), the parent advocacy group working to improve school food in Fairfax County Public Schools, will hold its fourth annual event. Visit [www.realfoodforkids.org](http://www.realfoodforkids.org) for more.

#### MONDAY/OCT. 27

**Caregiver Seminar.** 7-8:30 p.m. at Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre. Learn about the basic skill it takes to become a caregiver. Free. Call 703-339-4610 for more.

#### WEDNESDAY/OCT. 29

**Caregiver Webinar.** Noon-1 p.m. Learn about the six questions to consider before paying for long term care. Free. Register beforehand at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/caregiver.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/caregiver.htm).

**Planning Meeting Set for Old Colchester Park and Preserve and Mason Neck.** 7 p.m. Gunston Elementary School, 10100 Gunston Road, Lorton. Park Authority staff will briefly present the concept for each park and then hear the community's feedback. Individuals may sign up to speak in advance by contacting the Public Information Office at 703-324-86 or via [parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov) or by signing up at the meeting. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/ocpp-mnv.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/ocpp-mnv.htm) to preview the plans ahead of time and to share comments. The public comment period will remain open through Nov. 30.



John Wall poses for pictures with fans during the Wizards' practice at Fort Belvoir

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NED DISHMAN

## Wizards Hold Practice at Ft. Belvoir

The Washington Wizards recently held a practice at Fort Belvoir on Oct. 13 for military personnel and their families. The practice was broadcast live on NBA TV. The event featured interactive elements, giveaways, on-court contests and autograph sessions and was attended by Wizards players and coaches.

To view a video recap of the Wizards' practice at Fort Belvoir, visit Monumental Network.



Paul Pierce interacts with fans during the Wizards' practice.



# POLITICS

## Q&A with Joe Galdo

FROM PAGE 6

and developed technical and safety standards through the IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers) that are incorporated into every net metering law in the U.S. today, including the one that's in Virginia. Those two developments were key to the growth renewable energy has seen in the last 10 years.

❖ I managed a grant to the Green energy folks, regarding solar renewable energy certificates.

### If you're re-elected, what be would your top three priorities?

❖ Tax reform. My proposal isn't a flat tax, but it's close to it. For individual income tax, I would start from scratch, just eliminate all the deductions, all of the complexity in tax code, and have one standard deduction.

❖ Global trade policy. What's important is we reduce our trade deficit; if we have to impose duties, step away from the free trade agreements, we have to be willing to do that.

❖ Energy. We're still investing in old technology instead of new technology, and we're not getting to where we need to be with renewable energy and greenhouse gas reductions.

### Give our readers three reasons they should vote for you on election day.

## LETTERS

FROM PAGE 11

process and now the officials that know what is best will make the final decisions on these recommendations.

The plan recommendations as I view them suggests to local citizens that Fairfax County officials have had a heavy hand in this process steering the way to the outcomes they desire and then adding insult by cynically telling citizens thanks for your input and engagement. This is not representative democracy but rather an economically prejudiced ineptocracy in what is supposed to be one of the wealthiest and best managed counties of the nation. They were voted into office and given agency and department appointments to find workable solutions to

❖ I value people, not Wall Street. I want to focus public policy on people and national interests, not special interests and corporate interests.

❖ I believe in honest and open government and I will do what I can to make government more transparent.

❖ I would provide leadership, to change government policy in a lot of the areas I've talked about. Introduce legislation instead of sitting back and co-sponsoring a bill.

### How would you show off northern Virginia to an out-of-town friend?

Take them into D.C. if they haven't been here before, to see monuments. After that, I'd probably take them to Mount Vernon.

### Tell us something you think people would find surprising about you.

The other fellow that I went to grad school with, that was in my research group, was Javier Solana, who was Secretary General of NATO and the first Secretary General of the Council of the European Union. We played played Frisbee, volleyball, soccer together.

### How you do relax, off the campaign trail?

Sometimes I run, when I'm up for it. In the summer I have my vegetable garden, which has been neglected this summer. I have a huge raspberry stand. And I see at least some of my seven grandkids every week.

— TIM PETERSON

problems and issues for all citizens and areas of the county. Their mandate is not to only support select areas of Fairfax County they deem worthy of their love and financial largess but rather to engage all areas of the county in a fair, meaningful, respectful and constructive way. It is high time that Fairfax County show the citizens along the Route 1 corridor some of that same love and money they so willingly bestow elsewhere in the county. As it stands for right now, the key priorities essential to revitalization, a better environment, economic growth, improved infrastructure and improved communities on Route 1 gets kicked down the road yet again.

**Martin Tillett**  
Mount Vernon

## Q&A with Marc Harrold

FROM PAGE 6

tarization of police, which has really changed the role of policing from investigating completed crimes and being peacekeepers to really sort of being bloodhounds.

❖ I believe that we need a simpler, flatter, tax code. We should get away from deduction-based income tax as the basis of our tax system, but those of course would be much longer term goals.

❖ We're going the wrong direction in foreign policy. What we've gotten away from is an If-Then situation. What is the goal? What's a win? We need to stop using our military as an international police, and stop using our police as a domestic military.

### Give our readers three reasons they should vote for you on election day.

❖ I would be able to be a very transparent congressman, having the geographic location to report directly in a town hall meeting setting.

❖ My approach to this job as the representative would be to really focus on the federal role. I would ask on anything: Is this something the government should be involved in, something the federal government should be involved in?

❖ We're really seeing a two-party duopoly right now. I'm somebody who's going to uphold that vote to the Constitution and not parties, and I'm certainly am not beholden to special interest groups or lobbying. It's kind of hard to lobby a Libertarian because our answer is usually no.

### How would you show off northern Virginia to an out-of-town friend?

I'd take them to Ozzie's [Good Eats] in Fairfax Corner. It's great food and a place I've made a lot of friends. In the 8th District, Clare & Don's Beach Shack is a very cool place I like going to. I take advantage of being near DC as much as I can; I enjoy going to the Supreme Court to watch arguments.

### Tell us something you think people would find surprising about you.

With a lot of my views on police militarization, reshaping the role of the police, especially seeing the Constitution as an affirmative law to enforce, when I tell people I was a police officer, they're surprised by that.

### Who are some of your heroes?

My parents are my heroes. I grew up in a situation where the nuclear family was an intact family. You don't realize the other situations people grow up in. As a police officer, as an immigration attorney, I see the broken families. There's a different kind of hero, that's daily and in your life as you grow up.

### How you do relax, off the campaign trail?

I read, watch a lot of documentaries on historical figures, recent military conflicts and sports. I watch the Sopranos and House of Cards. When you try to explain deregulation to some people, you just ask them how many are tied into network shows with FCC regulations versus Breaking Bad or the Sopranos, that aren't subject to the same thing. Look at the popular shows right now: The Netflix model with House of Cards, they released the whole season at once. That's more what people want.

— TIM PETERSON

## Time To Speak Up

FROM PAGE 10

mentation. This will include updating the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan as soon as possible to add (1) station locations, (2) a new secondary road grid and (3) increased densities to support high quality transit. In the meantime, we need to work to find funding.

It is now time to speak up. I truly believe that extending the Yellow Line to Hybla Valley is a game-changer for U.S. 1 that is key to strong schools and decent shopping and restaurants and to maintaining the high quality of life we all expect in our part of Fairfax County.

I look forward to your input and it is an honor to serve as your state delegate. If you have any questions, please email me at [scottsuovell@gmail.com](mailto:scottsuovell@gmail.com).

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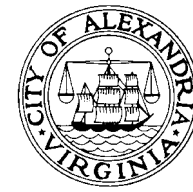
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Public Hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, City of Alexandria, Virginia, on Saturday, October 18, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon as may be heard on the hereinafter described items.

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AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Article A (GENERAL PROVISIONS), Chapter 4 (COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS), of Title 2 (GENERAL GOVERNMENT) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

The proposed ordinance makes the City Clerk or his/her designee the executive secretary for boards and commissions.

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AN ORDINANCE making supplemental appropriations for the support of the government of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, for fiscal year 2015.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the adoption of supplemental appropriations for the operation of the city government in fiscal year 2015.

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AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 3-600 (RA/Multifamily Zone), Section 3-800 (RCX/Medium density apartment zone), Section 3-900 (RC/High density apartment zone), and Section 3-1000 (RD/High density apartment zone) all of Division B (Townhouse and Multifamily Zones) of Article III (Residential Zone Regulations) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by city council as Text Amendment No. 2014-0004.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Text Amendment No. 2014-0004 to add the outdoor food and craft market use to certain higher density residential zones as approved by City Council on September 13, 2014.

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AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Article XIII (Environmental Management) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by city council as Text Amendment No. 2014-0005.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Text Amendment No. 2014-0005 approved by the City Council on September 13, 2014 to update the stormwater management regulations to make them consistent with the final regulations adopted by the State.

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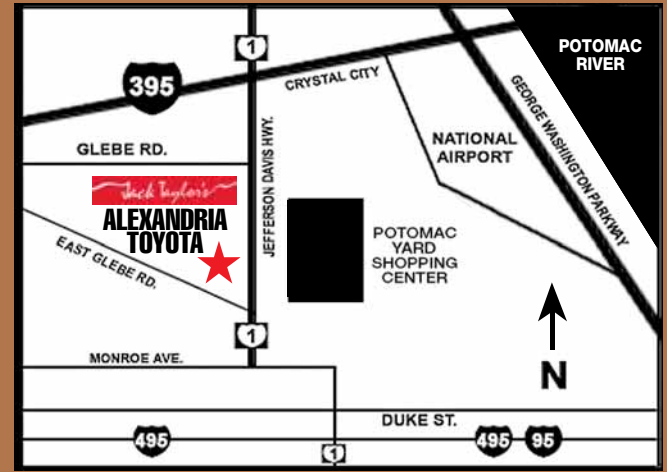
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