



City of Alexandria, VA

City Hall, 301 King St. Room 3500, Alexandria, VA 22314

Grand Opening of The Station at Potomac Yard on Saturday, October 17

Celebration Includes Opening of City's First New Fire Station in 30 Years

- WHEN:** Saturday, October 17
City Council/media tour of The Station at Potomac Yard: 8 a.m.
Grand Opening Ceremony: 8:30 a.m.
Public tours and refreshments: 9:30 a.m. to noon
- WHO:** Mayor William D. Euille and Members of the Alexandria City Council
Board Members, Alexandria Housing Development Corporation
- WHERE:** The Station at Potomac Yard
2801 Jefferson Davis Hwy.
Alexandria, VA
- WHAT:** The City of Alexandria invites residents and the media to join Mayor William D. Euille and members of the Alexandria City Council for a ceremony celebrating the grand opening of its award-winning development, The Station at Potomac Yard, and the opening of the City's first new fire station in more than 30 years.

The Station at Potomac Yard is an innovative mixed-use structure that combines first floor municipal use and a small retail element with a four-story residential component comprised of 64 units of affordable and workforce rental housing.

The media is invited to view the Alexandria City Council, Fire Chief Adam Thiel, and board members from the Alexandria Housing Development Corporation performing a ceremonial hose uncoupling, which signifies the occupancy of the fire "house." Representatives from the Fire Department will join Alexandria residents for the ceremonial "pushing" of apparatus, known as "The Housing Ceremony." This ceremony is a tradition dating back to the 19th century. Before the arrival of motorized fire trucks, firefighters with horse-drawn apparatus would unhitch their horses when they returned to the firehouse, then had to push the apparatus back into the station.

Following the ceremony, tours will be available to the public from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Directions and parking information are available at www.housingalexandria.org. For

more information about The Station at Potomac Yard, visit
www.alexandriava.gov/PotomacStation.

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