

**City of Alexandria, Virginia  
Park and Recreation Commission**

**PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING**

**Thursday, June 20, 2013, 7:00 p.m.  
Charles Houston Recreation Center  
901 Wythe Street, Alexandria, VA 22314**

**Agenda**

- I.** Call to Order by Chair, Judy Guse-Noritake.

**Items for Action:**

- II.** Approval of Summary Minutes:  
    A. April 18, 2013  
    B. May 23, 2013.
- III.** Public Hearing - Capital Improvement Programs-External Projects-Citizen Requests
- IV.** Selection of 2013 CIVIC Award Recipients
- V.** Potomac Yards Metro landing sites tour- follow-up.

**Items for Information and discussion:**

- VI.** Overview of the City Open Space Master Plan, Status of Implementation Report- Laura Durham, Open Space Coordinator.
- VII.** Braddock Park- Tentative Post Office Block Site (Park Planning & Planning and Zoning)
- VIII.** Four Mile Run (Park Planning)
- IX.** Division Updates:  
    A. Recreation Programs and Service Update - William Chesley, Deputy Director  
    B. Park Operations Report – Dinesh Tiwari, Deputy Director  
    C. Marketing, Special Events, Waterfront Operations - Jack Browand, Division Chief  
    D. Park Planning, Design & Capital Development Reports – Ron Kagawa , Division Chief and Team  
        - Update on Large Master Parks Process
- X.** Director’s Report - James Spengler.
- XI.** Report from Commissioners (verbal updates):  
    A. Waterfront Commission - Gina Baum  
    B. Youth Sport Committee.  
    C. Four Mile Run - Ripley Forbes  
    D. Freedmen’s Cemetery.

- E. ACPS & Capital Improvements - Judy Guse-Noritake
- F. Community Gardens Policy- Judy Guse-Noritake
- G. Ft. Ward - Ripley Forbes
- H. ACPS School Projects- Judy Guse-Noritake
- I. Jefferson Houston School – William Cromley
- J. Open Space - Judy Guse-Noritake
- K. Braddock Plan Park- Judy Guse-Noritake

**XII.** At the close of the meeting, the Commission will take comments on any other topic from the public

**XIII.** Agenda items for July18, 2013, meeting and location.

**XIV.** List of upcoming public meetings.

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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** JUNE 20, 2013

**TO:** PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS

**FROM:** PARK PLANNING, DESIGN & CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT TEAM  
BETHANY A. CARTON, ASLA PARK PLANNER  
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**ACTION ITEM:** CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM  
EXTERNAL PROJECT REQUESTS – SPRING 2013

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**ISSUE:** Park and Recreation Commission consideration of the spring period citizen requests for capital projects.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Park and Recreation Commission:

1. Review and discuss the six citizen requests; and
2. Provide RPCA, Park Planning staff with a recommendation for future action regarding each request

**BACKGROUND:** The Park Planning, Design + Capital Development Division of RPCA has received six external project request that would require City funds for the 2013 spring Park and Recreation Commission review cycle, consistent with the established process for such projects.

The items below were submitted for review by Park & Recreation Planning District Commissioners, with complete applications to be provided at the May 23 meeting. If recommended for implementation, staff will conduct additional public outreach related to those projects.

**1. Commonwealth Medians Improvements**

For the past eleven years, the Del Ray Citizens Association Adopt-a-Park Committee has been volunteering to pick up litter on the Commonwealth Avenue medians located Between Cliff Street and Mount Vernon Avenue. With this citizen request they are raising concerns about the current condition of the medians. Most of the medians are 12 feet in width, with turf and several mature oak trees.

The proposed project requests median improvements that include the re-building of the curbs, renovation of the median soil, more frequent watering and/or new irrigation, turf renovation, plantings, and occasional benches, and trash receptacles. The medians are currently not irrigated and are mowed on 14 day cycle throughout the growing season. Successional tree plantings are done to replace trees in decline and to fill in missing trees, which are typically spaced 40' apart. The initial cost estimates for irrigating the medians is approximately \$27,000.

**2. Exercise Stations in Planning District I**

The proposed project requests that the City install at least one chin-up/pull-up bar at any of the city's parks located in Planning District I, preferably one of the Waterfront Parks. The application describes a common element missing from Alexandria's parks area exercise stations. With many military families in the area, the applicant notes that pull-ups are a required component of their training requirements. While exercise stations would benefit everyone, they are an invaluable asset to the former and active-duty military.

The applicant also notes that he is willing to personally volunteer to assist with the project and plans to fund raise if necessary. There is potential to incorporate exercise equipment into existing play areas, which would decrease the cost as the correct surfacing is already present. The estimated cost for a complete fitness station, with surface treatment, ranges from \$5,000-\$10,000. Installing chin-up/pull-up bars only would be substantially less.

**3. Lee Center Playground Expansion**

The proposed project requests an expansion of the existing playground behind the Lee Center to include accessible equipment. Following the successful partnership for fundraising and construction of the Miracle Field, The Miracle League of Alexandria and the Kelley Cares Foundation joined efforts again to pursue this project that would provide additional outdoor recreational opportunities for the Therapeutic Recreation program, based at the Lee Center. Their goal is to raise \$70,000 for equipment, rubber surfacing, and an accessible pathway to the playground from the Lee Center. Kelley Cares has already secured \$13,000 through fundraising efforts and applied for a \$50,000 grant through CVS/Caremark for the remaining funds. If awarded, the grant funds would be available in Fall 2013. If the grant is denied, Kelley Cares would pursue other fundraising efforts.

The proposed playground equipment would be geared towards children with special needs, but could be used by anyone.

**4. Simpson Dog Exercise Area Lighting**

The proposed project requests lighting the dog park in Simpson Stadium Park. Currently, the dog area is unlit, despite many dog owners using the park after dark, particularly during late fall and winter months. Many other areas of the park, including the ball fields and basketball court are lit until 10pm, when in use, but the lights do not shine onto the

dog area.

Dog park lights could be activated by push button and automatically turned off at 10pm, so they are only on when needed during park hours. One light with these features would cost approximately \$5,000, including installation, with an annual operating cost of \$100-\$200. If further pursued, lighting the dog park would require a special use permit.

This project, submitted by the informal Simpson Dog Park advocates group is strongly supported by dog park users (see attached list of signatures).

**5. W&OD Greenway Off Leash Dog Exercise Area**

Due to frequent poor drainage, standing water and proximity to traffic, a nearby resident and park user submitted a request to change the area where the off leash exercise for dogs is permitted. The requests indicates a better location for the off leash area would be further southeast on the trail in the area currently bordered by a warehouse on one side and high residential fences on the other side. This location has better drainage and dries out much more quickly after rain. The warehouse area includes a dog daycare, so the noise level would be similar. The resident proposes that volunteers could clean the dog area periodically.

There is little to no cost associated with this request other than staff time to relocate the bollards that demarcate the off leash area and an update to the City's online materials that discuss the location of the area.

**6. Windmill Hill Off Leash Dog Exercise Area**

A citizen request was received via email (not the standard form) for changes to the off leash dog exercise area at Windmill Hill Park. The submission includes a request to provide a foot bridge across the river end of the drainage area that would connect the Fords Landing path, all along the river side of Windmill Hill Park, to Harborside. In conjunction with the foot bridge, a fence would also be provided along the water's edge, with a gate to provide dogs access to the water when it is safe to do so (and separating the dogs from pedestrians using the path when the gate is closed). This fence would run all along the north end of the off leash area, along the drainage area, and continue along Union Street to keep dogs from running in the street. The approved Dog Park Master Plan calls for low shrubbery along Union Street, but does not include fencing.

**DISCUSSION:** None

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Varies based on scope of each request.

**ATTACHEMENT:** Citizen Requests, Spring 2013

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**SUBJECT: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM  
 EXTERNAL PROJECT REQUEST – COMMONWEALTH MEDIANS  
 IMPROVEMENTS**

**Park Planning District II.**

For the past eleven years, the Del Ray Citizens Association Adopt-a-Park Committee has been volunteering to pick up litter on the Commonwealth Avenue medians located between Cliff Street and Mount Vernon Avenue. With this citizen request they are raising concerns about the current condition of the medians. There are twelve medians total, most are 12 feet in width, the largest is approximately 35 feet wide. Each median has turf and trees of varying maturity.

The proposed project requests median improvements that include the re-building of the curbs, renovation of the median soil, more frequent watering and/or new irrigation, turf renovation, plantings, and occasional benches, and trash receptacles. The medians are currently not irrigated and are mowed on 14 day cycle throughout the growing season. Successional tree plantings are done to replace trees in decline and to fill in missing trees, which are typically spaced 40' apart.

The Department of Transportation and Environmental Services (TES) is responsible for maintaining City roads and sidewalks, which includes curbing. Based on an estimated 6,500-7,000 linear feet (approx. 1.6 miles) of curbing, the replacement cost is approximately \$100,000. Availability of TES operating and capital funds are not feasible as curb replacement would use 1/3 of their current citywide sidewalk maintenance budget.

Initial cost estimates to irrigate the medians is approximately \$27,000 derived in 2009, which excluded power and water source. The cost to supply an appropriate water source for each island can range from \$1,150 each, for a ¾ inch meter, to upwards of \$15,000-\$20,000 each, for a 2" meter. Installation of a new power source to operate the system is estimated to be a minimum of \$7,000, provided that power can be pulled from the right-of-way.

Automatic irrigation is generally not recommended on existing island medians due to the invasiveness of the work and impacts to existing trees and right-of-way infrastructure. In addition, operating impacts can be expected from maintaining and repairing the system.

Based on the varying sizes of the median, installing benches and trash receptacles would need to be evaluated and approved by TES who has authority over the right-of-way.

This project could move forward as a future CIP project that would combine the work of TES and RPCA.

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**SUBJECT: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM  
EXTERNAL PROJECT REQUEST – EXERCISE STATION(S) IN PLANNING  
DISTRICT I**

**Park Planning District I.**

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**SUBJECT: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM  
EXTERNAL PROJECT REQUEST – LEE CENTER PLAYGROUND  
EXPANSION**

**Park Planning District I.**

The proposed project requests an expansion of the existing playground behind the Lee Center to include accessible equipment. Following the successful partnership for fundraising and construction of the Miracle Field, The Miracle League of Alexandria and the Kelley Cares Foundation joined efforts again to pursue this project that would provide additional outdoor recreational opportunities for the Therapeutic Recreation program, based at the Lee Center. Their goal is to raise \$70,000 for equipment, rubber surfacing, and an accessible pathway to the playground from the Lee Center. Kelley Cares has already secured \$13,000 through fundraising efforts and applied for a \$50,000 grant through CVS/Caremark for the remaining funds. If awarded, the grant funds would be available in Fall 2013. If the grant is denied, Kelley Cares would pursue other fundraising efforts.

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**SUBJECT: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM  
EXTERNAL PROJECT REQUEST – SIMPSON DOG EXERCISE AREA  
LIGHTING**

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**SUBJECT: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM  
EXTERNAL PROJECT REQUEST – W&OD GREENWAY OFF LEASH DOG  
EXERCISE AREA**

**Park Planning District II.**

This proposal requests relocation of the off-leash dog exercise area in the W&OD Greenway. Due to frequent poor drainage, standing water and proximity to traffic, a nearby resident and park user submitted a request to change the area where the off leash exercise for dogs is permitted. The request indicates a better location for the off leash area would be further southeast on the trail in the area currently bordered by a warehouse on one side and high residential fences on the other side. This location has better drainage and dries out much more quickly after rain. The warehouse area includes a dog daycare, so the noise level would be similar. The resident proposes that volunteers could clean the dog area periodically.

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**SUBJECT: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM  
EXTERNAL PROJECT REQUEST – WINDMILL HILL OFF LEASH DOG  
EXERCISE AREA**

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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** JUNE 20 2013

**TO:** ALEXANDRIA PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

**FROM:** JACK BROWAND, DIVISION CHIEF  
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURAL  
ACTIVITIES

**ACTION ITEM:** CONSIDERATION OF THE 2013 CIVIC AWARD NOMINATIONS

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**ISSUE:** Park and Recreation Commission consideration of the nominations for the 2013 CIVIC Awards.

**RECOMMENATION:** That the Park and Recreation Commission:

1. Recognize that no nominations were received for the 2013 CIVIC Awards;
2. Establish an Awards Subcommittee to review the existing program; and
3. The Awards Subcommittee recommends either discontinuing or developing a new/modified program for Commission consideration by the Commission's November 2013 meeting.

**BACKGROUND:** For the past 27 years, the Commission's CIVIC Awards formally recognized outstanding residents, groups, clubs, organizations, and corporate neighbors who provided a valuable service to our community in meeting recreation, park, or cultural needs. Annual CIVIC Award recipients are recognized by the Mayor and members of City Council at the Annual USA/City Birthday Celebration.

**DISCUSSION:** None.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** \$500-\$1,000. Annual purchase of plaques for award recipients

**ATTACHMENTS:** None

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**TO:** PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS

**FROM:** BETHANY A. CARTON, ASLA PARK PLANNER  
RON M. KAGAWA, ASLA LEED AP DIVISION CHIEF

**SUBJECT:** POTOMAC YARD METRORAIL STATION UPDATE

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**ISSUE:** Staff update to the Park and Recreation Commission on the Potomac Yard Metrorail Station.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Commission receive the staff update.

**BACKGROUND:** The Potomac Yard Metrorail project is an infill Metrorail station located between the National Airport and Braddock Road Metrorail stations on the Blue and Yellow lines in the vicinity of the Potomac Yard.

**DISCUSSION:** The development of the draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the project is currently underway. The project team, comprised of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) as the federal lead agency, the City of Alexandria, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), and the National Park Service (NPS), is advancing the socioeconomic, environmental, and transportation impact assessments for the no build and three build alternatives. When complete, the DEIS will comprehensively assess the environmental effects of the build alternatives and the no-build alternative, and will address key environmental considerations, including air quality and climate change, transportation and land use, visual resources, parklands, historic and cultural resources, noise, vibration, wetlands and habitats, and temporary construction impacts.

Under the initial schedule, the DEIS was to be released on May 3, 2013, followed by several Community Education and Discussion Workshops and a public hearing scheduled for the last week in June. However, during the preliminary agency review, several technical changes and amendments were recommended, which the project team is incorporating into the draft. With this additional work, it became clear the original schedule could not be met and public engagement would have occurred during the summer, which would have resulted in less opportunity for community input.

To encourage public participation, the City requested, and the cooperating agencies agreed, to modify the schedule so the DEIS will be released in the fall, followed by additional public outreach meetings and a public hearing. The Alexandria City Council likely will consider the

selection of a preferred alternative in late fall 2013. This shift in the schedule will enable maximum civic engagement by holding the community meetings and the DEIS hearing when the community and stakeholders in this process are able to be fully present to participate. The shift will also allow the City and cooperating agencies more time to discuss the impacts of the alternatives.

**ATTACHMENTS:** NONE

For more information on the project, please visit [www.alexandriava.gov/potomacyard](http://www.alexandriava.gov/potomacyard).

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**TO: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS**

**FROM: WILLIAM CHESLEY, DEPUTY DIRECTOR  
RECREATION SERVICES DIVISION**

**SUBJECT: MAY 23, 2013 COMMISSION MEETING ITEM- IX-A  
RECREATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES REPORT**

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**Youth Activities**

- Registration for Recreation Department sponsored summer recreation programs in the recreation centers and for day camps is underway. Programs will begin on June 24.
- The Miracle Baseball League of Alexandria's spring program ended on Saturday, June 8. The Washington Nationals mascot was in attendance. The program is featured in the June 13 edition of the Alexandria Gazette Packet.
- Therapeutic Recreation program co-hosted an event in May with the National Rehabilitation and Rediscovery Foundation where we introduced the documentary film "Caris's Peace". The documentary was a very in depth look at the life of a women who was an actor, who developed a brain tumor, which gave her short-term memory loss. The documentary was a journey through Caris's path back to the theater and stardom.
- Therapeutic Recreation program collaborated with the Mental Health Anti-Stigma HOPE Campaign to host an art exhibit, displaying artwork from individuals who have mental illnesses or who have a family member with a mental illness. The opening reception for "Art Uniting People", a celebration of creativity and mental health was held at the Lee Center. This year's exhibit features the artwork of Northern Virginia artists of all ages, celebrating their creative spirit. The event featured a special interactive performance by storyteller Auntie Oye, Master Drummer Joseph Ngwa & Friends.
- Therapeutic Recreation program assisted with the Mental Health Forum on Children and Youth, hosted by State Delegate Rob Krupicka on Saturday, May 18 at the Lee Center. This community forum featured an update on the mental health bills at this year's General Assembly as well as panel discussions on mental health issues, services, and needs in Northern Virginia.

- The Department held its annual Hershey's Track and Field meet on Saturday, May 18, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at TC Williams High School's Parker Gray Stadium. More than 200 children competed in the event, which was attended by approximately 250 spectators. The District Meet was held on June 1 and 25 Alexandria youths won their events and will represent Alexandria at the State Hershey Track and Field Meet on June 22.
- More than 150 youths have registered for the Wahoos swim program. The team began practicing earlier this month. The program offers youth ages 6 – 18 the opportunity to develop swimming skills over the summer months and compete against other Swim Clubs in Northern Virginia.
- The Alexandria Titans Track and Field Club began its 2013 Summer season on Tuesday, June 3 at TC Williams High School's Parker Gray Stadium. Fifty boys and girls have registered for the program. The club will compete bi-weekly in the Potomac Valley Games at Edison High School.
- The Girls Field Hockey program is scheduled to begin on Monday, June 10 at 6:00 p.m. with a field hockey clinic at Witter Recreational Park. League play will begin this month. Enrollment is expected to reach between 230 and 250 girls for this year's program, up from the 100 girls enrolled in the program when the program started four years ago.
- RPCA and ACPS in collaboration with ARHA sponsored the fourth Annual Youth Arts Festival held at George Washington Middle School on Saturday, June 8. Hundreds of youth enjoyed opportunities to engage in interactive arts activities with arts organizations including puppet making, painting, and kite making and participated in entertainment throughout the event including singers, band performances and dances. Youth visual artwork was on display and provided by the Recreation Centers, Campagna Kids Program, ACPS, and the CAC. The Fatherhood Initiative also hosted a Father's Day basketball tournament in conjunction with My Hoop Life and sponsored a kite making activity as a part of the festival.

### **Adult Activities**

- The Spring Late Night Basketball ended in June. We had 13 teams in the program. The games were played at Charles Houston Center and expanded to Cora Kelly Center this season.
- Staff is coordinating the 2013 Johnson and Siebert Summer Men's Late Night Basketball Program.
- Spring/Summer Adult Sports Leagues (Coed Softball, Coed Soccer, Coed Volleyball and Men's Softball) are continuing to run smoothly. We offered two divisions (recreation & competitive) in each of sports leagues. Team registration is consistent with last year's team registration totals. Team numbers: Coed Softball - 37, Coed Soccer - 15, Coed Volleyball - 11 and Men's Softball - 12

### **Power Plus (55 & over) Programs**

- The Senior Health and Fitness Fair was held at Lee Center on Wednesday, May 29 and sponsored by the Successful Aging Committee, a collaborative work group with members from RPCA, ARHA, DCHS, and Senior Services of Alexandria. There were about 125 seniors involved in the activities offered as a part of the Fair including cooking

demonstrations with a chef and nutritionist from INOVA Alexandria, belly dancing and yoga with instructors from PIESFitness Studio, Pickle ball enthusiast from Charles Houston Recreation Center, Robust Walking with Dr. Daniel Kulund of the Commission on Aging, Tai Chi with Darrell Wesley, the Director of the Adult Day Health Center. The Northern Virginia Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons provided hearing tests and Walgreens' provided blood pressure screenings. Exhibitors from AARP, Considerate Care, Dependable Home Health Services, and the National Council on Aging, VICAP, and Joblink were also on hand with valuable information of interest to the attendees. Lunch was provided at the conclusion of the event.

- A small but enthusiastic group of seniors went on the RPCA One Day Adventure June 5 excursion on the Spirit of Washington. The cruise offered sightseeing along the Potomac, DJ music, dancing and lunch.
- RPCA participated in the Senior Services of Alexandria Speaker Series event held at Beatley Library on June 11 by providing an information table for participants. Over 100 seniors attended to hear speakers on the topic of fraud and identity theft. SSA also provided the exhibitors an opportunity to be interviewed for a video spot that will be aired on line and possibly on cable highlighting the organizations offerings to Seniors and their collaboration with SSA

**Recreation Centers**

- Comparative data on School Year Out of School Time Program enrollment and revenue collected for the 2011-2012 school year and YTD for the 2012-2013 school year is as follows:

	<u>Enrolled</u>	<u>Revenue</u>
<b>2012</b>	1,430	\$ 59,997
<b>2013</b>	1,305	\$217,120.75

- We began accepting credit cards as a method of payment at recreation centers on June 1.
- Chinquapin will host T.C. Williams High School's annual all night graduation party on June 15.
- Charles Houston Recreation Center hosted the citywide employee health fair in May.
- The Charles Houston Mural and Hall of Fame Dedication Program, sponsored by the Charles Houston Ad-Hoc and Hall of Fame Committee, will be held at the center on June 22, 2013 from 2:00pm-5:00pm. The mural, which will be located at the entrance of the facility, celebrates neighborhoods, schools, churches and businesses vital to Alexandria's African-American community. The Hall of fame will memorialize the achievements of Alexandria's African-American history makers, document the contributions of the African-American community to the city's history, past and present; and foster appreciation for the diversity of the African-American experience in Alexandria.
- Cora Kelly Recreation Center is holding a Fashion Show at the center on June 14. Children will model the latest summer youth fashions.

- Cora Kelly Recreation Center is holding a “Ride for Health” biking activity on June 15. Participants will explore the bike trails that link the City of Alexandria’s many scenic areas.
- Cora Kelly, Mount Vernon and Charles Barrett Recreation Centers are holding an “Opening Day Summer Camp Kickoff” at Mount Vernon Recreation Center on June 24 from 9am-5pm. The event will feature various games, a moon bounce, dunk tank, relay races, arts and crafts activities and other activities for youth.
- Cora Kelly Recreation Center is holding a Healthy Eating and Living Workshop on June 29. This will be an interactive seminar that will focus on health and wellness through a vegetarian diet. This demonstration is sponsored by Everlasting Life Restaurant & Café located in Washington, D.C.
- Mt. Vernon Recreation Center will host the Lorax Cinema Del Ray The fun starts a 7:00pm or dusk. Sponsored by Jen Walker
- Mount Vernon Recreation Center’s Kid Rock Stroller Walking Club began this month. The Stroller Club is designed as an opportunity for parents, grandparents, nannies and Infants/Toddlers to engage in social and physical activities twice a week.
- The Seventh Annual Del Ray Music Festival will take place on the Mt. Vernon Recreation Center Fields ON June 22. The festival features food and a variety of music including reggae, jazz, blues, swing, folk, country, Celtic, and rock. The majority of the musicians who take the stage are residents of the neighborhood—something that makes this an extra special show for the performers and gives everyone a chance to hear some wonderful local performers.
- Mt. Vernon Recreation Center will hold its annual youth prom on June 7. The annual event was attended by 210 and their parents. The youth and parents had a great time dancing, eating and socializing with classmates and friends. The local chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority supported the event financially and as volunteers.
- William Ramsay Recreation Center’s weekday teen programming continues to attract on average 40 teens per day on Monday – Thursday evenings and over 100 teens for the late night teen program on Friday and Saturday night. We also offer late night teen programs at Charles Houston and Cora Kelly Recreation Centers on Friday and Saturday nights.

### **Aquatic Program**

- Chinquapin renovation work will commence The center will close beginning June 17 to prepare for much needed facility improvements. In order to minimize inconvenience for our customers, the following operational adjustments will be made:
  - 1) All classes and camps normally scheduled for the summer will operate at Francis C. Hammond.
  - 2) Hammond Middle School and other locations throughout the City.
  - 3) All valid Chinquapin Fitness Passes will be honored at all RPCA fitness facilities.
  - 4) All valid Chinquapin Aquatic Passes will be honored at all RPCA outdoor pools.
  - 5) All outdoor pools will have extended hours to accommodate swim lessons and lap swimming. (Weather Permitting).
  - 6) The normal summer swim lessons will continue at the Old Town and C. Houston Memorial pools. See website: [www.alexandriava.gov/recreation](http://www.alexandriava.gov/recreation) for each pool schedule of events and lane availability.

- Old Town and Warwick Pools opened on Memorial Day weekend and are operating weekend hours only until June 24 when the pools will operate daily through Labor Day. The Memorial Pool at Charles Houston Recreation Center will begin operating on June 24.

### **Other**

- The Cost Recovery and Resource Allocation Policy that we presented to the Commission this spring has been docketed for the June 25, 2013 City Council meeting.
- The Children, Youth and Family Collaborative Commission have held a number of public forums and Strategy Work Group Work Sessions to get input from residents and to identify strategies for possible inclusion in the youth master plan. Work is expected to be completed on the plan in September 2013. Caris's Peace:

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## MEMORANDUM

DATE: JUNE 20, 2013

TO: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS

FROM: DINESH TIWARI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR - PARK OPERATIONS,  
RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES,

THROUGH: JAMES SPENGLER, DIRECTOR, RPCA

SUBJECT: PARK OPERATIONS UPDATE

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1. **Natural Lands Management** – Staff implemented several projects during the past month, including:
  - **New Polk Avenue Park** – Staff coordinated its efforts with those of Park Maintenance, Park Planning, and Public Information to carry out the dedication and ribbon-cutting at the new open space and park at 5325 Polk Ave. on June 15. This beautiful forested property was recently purchased by the City, and will be managed as a passive park with minimal development.
  - **Invasive Plant Management** - Natural Resource Specialist Rod Simmons was invited to give a technical training presentation at the National Park Service's National Conservation Training Center in Shepherdstown, West Virginia on June 6, 2013. Rod spoke on the topic of Early Detection and Rapid Response (EDRR), which includes a set of techniques to fight the establishment of invasive/nuisance species in parks and natural areas. EDRR increases the likelihood that localized invasive populations will be found, contained, and eradicated before they become widely established. We use EDRR in Alexandria as one of many management tools in our efforts to protect and improve our natural lands, as part of our Invasive Plant Management Program. Two staff members also participated in the EDRR training, and will be able to apply these valuable techniques to their resource management tasks, and in their interaction with volunteer groups to address invasive plant problems.

- Upland Park Invasive Removal - On June 4, staff worked with 19 students from St. Stephen's and St. Agnes' School, who provided volunteer assistance hand-pulling English Ivy from Upland Park as part of the school's Community Service Day.
- Green Roof Maintenance – Staff conducted semi-annual maintenance (i.e., weeding) of the green roofs at Duncan Library and Charles Houston Rec Center. This is a major task that requires a significant amount of staff time. The gravelly “soil” of the green roofs is planted with certain species which facilitate the water storage and treatment functions of the system. We must periodically remove invasive species which would adversely affect the desirable species or interfere with the functions of the roof. While these systems are generally “out of sight,” you may have looked through the windows on the second floor of City Hall and seen the green roof which is maintained by General Services.

See the photo of the Duncan Library green roof after the Spring 2013 weeding, below.



2. Urban Forestry Management – Major focus continues to be our work plan to provide increased tree pruning and maintenance along major arterial roads and in neighborhoods throughout the City. We expect to address maintenance needs on approximately 1,000 trees by the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2013). Recent work includes King Street, Warwick Village, Van Dorn Street, Stephenson Park, and Washington Street.
3. Horticulture Program – A new Landscaping Services Contract is out for bids. The successful contractor will perform various landscape maintenance tasks throughout the City, in conjunction with our in-house staff. We are also preparing our annual Work Plan for Fiscal Year 2014, and are in the process of converting to the CityWorks work order management system. The irrigation system for the west side of the Urban Deck on South Washington Street has been successfully connected to the supply line in association with the

Contrabands and Freedmen Cemetery. We are continuing to work with VDOT to finalize the plan and installation of the new irrigation supply connection for the east side of the Urban Deck.

4. **Jerome “Buddie” Ford Nature Center** – A total of 58 interpretive programs were conducted in May by the Naturalist staff, increasing environmental awareness and understanding for 668 attendees. Presentations and interpretive programming:
  - **Revised Nature Center Brochure completed** - Approximately 2,000 copies of the newly revised Nature Center brochure, completed in April, were printed at no cost to the City, utilizing donations made to Alexandria’s “Living Landscape Fund.” These brochures will be distributed at recreation centers, libraries, and other locations throughout the City to increase public awareness of the Nature Center’s programs, services, and volunteer opportunities. The Nature Center Manager and Volunteer Coordinator are also busy at work updating and enhancing the interpretive trail guide for Dora Kelley Nature Park, which has an expected completion date of July 20th.
  - **Volunteer Program** -- A total of 57 volunteers and 2 community service workers collectively provided 223 hours of service during May. Nature Center Director Mark Kelly and Volunteer Coordinator John Burke were responsible for overseeing their service hours. The Naturalist staff is currently undertaking a focused effort to eradicate a large area of English ivy and bamboo in Dora Kelley Nature Park with the aid of volunteers. In May, this conservation initiative was assisted by two court-ordered community service workers. Their service is being coordinated through the Alexandria Department of Juvenile Justice, which has frequently partnered with the Nature Center on similar projects in the past.
  - **Regional Outreach** - Volunteer Coordinator/Naturalist John Burke attended the annual Virginia Herpetological Survey in Virginia Beach during the first week in May, where he participated in field research and monitoring of reptiles and amphibians. His participation represents the Ford Nature Center’s ongoing effort to expand its presence in regionally important ecological issues.
5. **Park Inventory Update** – Work continues with summer interns to update the City’s GIS system for park assets. This updated data will be the foundation for developing new performance standards for park maintenance.
6. **Pump House at G.W. Middle School** – The renovation of this irrigation pump house structure has been completed (see pictures)



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## MEMORANDUM

DATE: JUNE 20, 2013

TO: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS

FROM: JACK BROWAND, DIVISION CHIEF  
MARKETING, SPECIAL EVENTS & WATERFRONT OPERATIONS  
RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

SUBJECT: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION: ITEM IX-C  
MARKETING, SPECIAL EVENTS & WATERFRONT OPERATIONS  
UPDATE

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### **New Park Signs Installed in Waterfront District Parks**

Oronoco Bay, Founders, Waterfront and Windmill Hill Parks received the new City standard park sign earlier this month. The remaining Waterfront District parks, Shipyard/Harborside; Point Lumley; Roberdeou; and Rivergate, will receive new signs as funding is identified. Montgomery Park will receive a new sign as part of the improvement activities associated with the Harris Teeter development in north Old Town.

### **Windmill Hill Park Bulkhead Replacement - Update**

URS Corporation, the contractor providing Flood Mitigation Study activities, is finalizing a report for the City outlining the permitting activities associated with three broad categories of shore stabilization: Large Rip-Rap or Similar Riverbank Stabilization; Vegetated or Similar Natural Shoreline("Living Shorelines"); and In-Kind Concrete Structural Retaining Wall. The purpose of this report is to provide staff with the information needed to begin discussions with the community to identify replacement options, potential costs and potential obstacles for replacement. The FY 2014- FY 2023 CIP approved budget includes funding in FY 2015 (\$300,000) and FY 2016 (\$3,700,000), and the Department has set aside an additional \$1,000,000 from the Windmill Hill Park CIP account, totaling \$5,000,000 for bulkhead replacement.

### **Marina Facility Condition Assessment – Update**

Contractors have completed all inspection activities associated with the condition assessment. A summary report will be presented to the Waterfront Commission Marina Committee on Thursday, June 27, 4:30 pm at City Hall. City staff will receive a full report, with cost estimates in early-July.

## Waterfront Commission Waterfront Walk - Update

The Waterfront Commission held its Annual Waterfront Walk on Saturday, June 8. This year's walk will begin at Oronoco Bay Park and continued south to Windmill Hill Park. The only Department follow-up item is to address the landscaping areas within the City Marina north of the Chart House/Food Court. It was further identified by the Fire Department that the City's new fireboat is anticipated to be delivered by mid-August 2013.

## Community Event Calendar: June through August 2013

Jun 22, 2013	Sat	12:00 PM	<a href="#">Alexandria's Food &amp; Wine Festival</a> Alexandria Food & Wine Festival, held at 300 John Carlyle Square featuring arts and crafts, children's activities, food vendors, and a Wine Garden managed by Alive! Inc.
Jun 22, 2013	Sat	12:00 PM	<a href="#">Del Ray Music Festival</a> Community Festival highlighting local musicians, held on the Mt. Vernon Recreation Field
Jun 26, 2013	Wed	7:00 PM	<a href="#">Mokihana - Hawaiian Dance</a> Seeking to facilitate a correct understanding of the Hawaiian culture through educational and entertaining performance of traditional hula in the style and from the genealogy of Halau Mohala `Ilima, Kailua, O`ahu. Feel free to bring a chair or blanket to sit on.
Jun 28, 2013	Fri	7:30 PM	<a href="#">Alexandria Citizens Band Concerts</a> City's Oldest Performing Arts Organization, the band performs a variety of music.
Jul 5, 2013	Fri	7:30 PM	<a href="#">Alexandria Citizens Band Concerts</a> City's Oldest Performing Arts Organization, the band performs a variety of music.
Jul 10, 2013	Wed	12:00 PM	<a href="#">Canal Center Plaza Concert</a> Noon concert by Wake Campbell featuring smooth jazz, beside the Potomac at the Canal Center Plaza amphitheatre.
Jul 11, 2013	Thu	7:30 PM	<a href="#">Carlyle Music at Twilight Concerts</a> Evening Concert by the Sudden M Pac Band performing R & B, both old and new school. Feel free to bring a chair or blanket to sit on.
Jul 13, 2013	Sat	7:00 PM	<a href="#">Annual USA/Alexandria Birthday Celebration</a> 237th Annual USA/264th Alexandria Birthday Celebration. Musical entertainment, food and beverage sales and fireworks.
Jul 19, 2013	Fri	7:30 PM	<a href="#">Alexandria Citizens Band Concerts</a> City's Oldest Performing Arts Organization, the band performs a variety of music.
Jul 19, 2013	Fri	8:00 PM	<a href="#">Comcast Outdoor Film Festival</a> Comcast Outdoor Film Festival
Jul 20, 2013	Sat	8:00 PM	<a href="#">Comcast Outdoor Film Festival</a> Comcast Outdoor Film Festival
Jul 20, 2013	Sat	8:00 PM	<a href="#">Cinema Del Ray</a> Community Movie Night offered outdoors on the Mt. Vernon Recreation Center Field, 2701 Commonwealth Ave. Attendees can enjoy family movies. Popcorn, candy, beverage sales. Movie begins at dusk.

Jul 21, 2013	Sun	12:00 PM	<a href="#">Arlandria Chirilagua Festival</a> Community Culture celebration that will include a variety of dance performances and musical groups. The festival will also feature children's activities, a community service and health fair, and displays showcasing traditional arts and crafts from South America, Bolivia, Peru, and Central America. Various foods and beverages will be available for purchase.
Jul 24, 2013	Wed	12:00 PM	<a href="#">Canal Center Plaza Concert</a> Noon concert by Anthony "Swamp Dog" Clark featuring blues, beside the Potomac at the Canal Center Plaza amphitheatre.
Jul 25, 2013	Thu	7:30 PM	<a href="#">Carlyle Music at Twilight Concerts</a> Evening Concert by the Alexandria Harmonizers international champion men's barbershop chorus. Feel free to bring a chair or blanket to sit on.
Aug 7, 2013	Wed	12:00 PM	<a href="#">Canal Center Plaza Concert</a> Noon concert by Silver City featuring country & bluegrass, beside the Potomac at the Canal Center Plaza amphitheatre.
Aug 8, 2013	Thu	7:30 PM	<a href="#">Carlyle Music at Twilight Concerts</a> Evening Concert by Jason Paul Curtis & Swing Lab performing American song book, jazz, swing and bossa nova. Feel free to bring a chair or blanket to sit on.
Aug 9, 2013	Fri	7:30 PM	<a href="#">Alexandria Harmonizers</a> International champion barbershop chorus
Aug 10, 2013	Sat	11:30 AM	<a href="#">Alexandria Irish Festival</a> A day of fun and music, featuring Brook Yoder, Pat Garvey, Rocky Guttman, Mary Smith, the City of Alexandria Pipes & Drums, and many more musical groups and Irish dancing schools. Great vendors will have a variety of Irish items, arts & crafts, and traditional festival foods.
Aug 10, 2013	Sat	1:00 PM	<a href="#">3rd Annual WOLF Basketball Tournament</a> An annual event showcasing a basketball tournament for the community. It's free for anyone ranging from young children to grown adults. Entertainment will include a moon bounce, face painting, and other activities for children. The event will take place at the John Ewald Park.
Aug 16, 2013	Fri	7:00 PM	<a href="#">U. S. Navy Band Commodores (big Band Jazz)</a> Jazz is America's music and the U.S. Navy Band Commodores, the Navy's premier jazz ensemble, have been performing the very best of big band jazz for the Navy and the nation for over 40 years.
Aug 17, 2013	Sat	8:00 PM	<a href="#">Cinema Del Ray</a> Community Movie Night offered outdoors on the Mt. Vernon Recreation Center Field, 2701 Commonwealth Ave. Attendees can enjoy family movies. Popcorn, candy, beverage sales. Movie begins at dusk.
Aug 24, 2013	Sat	6:00 AM	<a href="#">The Run -n- Mate 5k</a> One of five 5K runs in the Washington, DC area merged with social events at local hot spots. \$39 for a series of three weekend events, including the 5K run.
Aug 24, 2013	Sat	10:00 AM	<a href="#">Vietnamese Heritage Festival or VietFest</a> Fully immerse yourself in the Vietnamese Culture! Entertainment will include educational exhibits, performances, talent shows, a pageant, and much more.

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MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** JUNE 20, 2013

**TO:** ALEXANDRIA PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

**FROM:** PARK PLANNING, DESIGN & CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT TEAM  
BETHANY A. CARTON, ASLA PARK PLANNER  
LAURA D. DURHAM, CITY OPEN SPACE COORDINATOR  
DAVID H. GHEZZI, AIA LEED AP ARCHITECT  
JUDY LO, ASLA LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT  
DANA W. WEDELES, AICP PARK PLANNER  
RON M. KAGAWA, ASLA LEED AP DIVISION CHIEF

**ITEM:** ACTIVITIES UPDATE, MAY-JUNE, 2013  
OVERVIEW OF SELECTED PROJECTS AT A GLANCE

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Division activities update items are attached:

1. Active Park Projects including Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) – Update of Selected Projects
2. Active Capital Facilities Maintenance Projects (CFMP) Report – Update on Selected Projects

# Active Park Planning Projects

Friday, June 14, 2013

2:34:20 PM

Lead	Project Name	Team	%Complete	Est. Completion
<b>RPCA</b>				
	<b>Angel Park Shelter Roof Repair or Replac</b>	JL, DG		28-Jun-13
	Notes: GC selected and in process of securing engineering drawings and materials. Mobilization and construction to begin June.			
	<b>Armistead L. Boothe Park Court Renovati</b>	BC JL	0%	31-Mar-14
	Notes: Resurfacing of tennis and basketball courts. See Booth Park Playground Project.			
	<b>Boothe Park Playground Renovations</b>	JL, BC	60% CD	28-Mar-14
	Notes: 60% engineering plans in progress. Minor Site Plan Amendment approval anticipated late July 2013. Picnic shelter improvements funded by FY13 Park CFMP.			
	<b>Chinquapin Aquatics Center Feasibility St</b>	RMK LD	0%	30-Apr-14
	Notes:			
	<b>Four Mile Run Restoration</b>	Dana/Ron	30% design	01-Sep-15
	Notes: Project is moving forward with re-design of bank and wetland restoration, per EPA approval on 3/14/13. Funds are available until Sept 2015. Soil testing complete, waiting on analysis.			
	<b>Ft Ward Park</b>	LD		31-Jan-14
	Notes: Management Plan RFP - Firm selected with work scheduled to begin May 2013. City Council hearing on April 23 released contingent reserve funds.			
	<b>Holmes Run Fitness Equipment</b>	Judy		28-Jun-13
	Notes: February 2013 allocation approved. Purchase order request to be submitted by 4/22. PO approved. Work to be scheduled June 2013			
	<b>Holmes Run Mile Markers</b>	Dana	50%	01-Sep-13
	Notes: Markers shipped. Will start installation week of June 24.			
	<b>Hooffs Run Playground Renovation</b>	Judy	0	30-Apr-14
	Notes: Begin process/coordination with Rosemont Civic/Community March/April 2013. Survey released. Results to be compiled and public meeting to be schedule to be determined.			
	<b>Landbay K</b>	BC RMK	70%	01-Oct-13
	Notes: Construction underway. Park construction completion expected fall 2013. North Pond to be separated and complete Winter 2013/2014. Maintenance Training in progress.			
	<b>Large Park Planning</b>	DW LD	50%	01-Dec-13
	Notes: Workshops complete. Public comment open until end of June, followed by refinement of plans. Expect to go to PRC in Oct or Nov.			





# Active Rec CFMP Projects

## Parks, Recreation + Cultural Activities

June 20, 2013

FY	Project Name	Project Code	Facility Name	Status	% Complete	Actual Cost
FY 2013	Windows Repairs - Glazing - Replace Insulated Glass Panels	BB-13-01	Ben Brenman Park Buildings	On Hold	-0-	
FY 2013	Replace Gym Floor	CB-13-04	Charles Barrett Center	100% Completed	100%	\$32,110.00
FY 2013	Replace Fan Coil Unit	CB-13-01	Charles Barrett Center	In Queue (Outlying FY)	-0-	
FY 2013	Replace RTU's	CK-13-02	Cora Kelly Center	100% Completed	Completed	\$129,198.00
FY 2013	New Ceiling/Lighting in Locker Rooms, Life Guard & Pool Office, & Fitness Rooms	CN-13-02	Chinquapin Park Rec Center	On Hold	-0-	
FY 2013	Decommission AC Units	DU-13-01	Oswald Durant Arts Center			
FY 2013	Paint Gym	MV-13-01	Mt. Vernon Center	Completed	100%	\$5,350.00
FY 2013	Kitchen Renovations	MV-13-02	Mt. Vernon Center	100% Completed	Completed	\$14,200.00
FY 2013	Replace Millwork - New Base Cabinets & Locks	NL-13-01	Nannie J. Lee Center	Preliminary Phase	-0-	
FY 2013	Regrade and Re-pave exterior area to stop water intrusion.	WR-13-02	William Ramsay Center	RFQ/Bids Sent Out	-0-	
FY 2014	Interior Finishes	CB-14-01	Charles Barrett Center	In Queue (Outlying FY)	-0-	
FY 2014	HVAC Controls	CK-14-02	Cora Kelly Center	In Queue (Outlying FY)	-0-	
FY 2014	Lockers in Pool Office, Ph I	CN-14-01	Chinquapin Park Rec Center	In Queue (Outlying FY)	-0-	
FY 2014	Windows Repair-Glazing	CN-14-02	Chinquapin Park Rec Center	In Queue (Outlying FY)	-0-	
FY 2014	Fabric Acoustic Panels	OD-14-03	Oswald Durant Arts Center	Preliminary Phase	-0-	

FY	Project Name	Project Code	Facility Name	Status	% Complete	Actual Cost
FY 2014	Stage Lighting System	DU-14-02	Oswald Durant Arts Center	On Hold/Delayed		
FY 2014	Auditorium Floor Lighting - Security	OD-14-01	Oswald Durant Arts Center	In Queue (Outlying FY)	-0-	
FY 2014	Millwork Replacement (Multiple Areas)	LC-14-01	Lee Center	Preliminary Phase	-0-	
FY 2014	Replace Cabinets in Kitchen	LC-14-02	Lee Center	Preliminary Phase	-0-	
FY 2014	HVAC Work	LC-14-03	Lee Center	Preliminary Phase		
FY 2014	Activity Room Ceiling Replacement	MV-14-02	Mt. Vernon Center	In Queue (Outlying FY)	-0-	
FY 2014	HVAC System Replacement	MV-14-01	Mt. Vernon Center	In Queue (Outlying FY)	-0-	
FY 2014	New Room Curtain	MV-14-04	Mt. Vernon Center	In Queue (Outlying FY)	-0-	
FY 2014	Resurface Gym Floor	MV-14-03	Mt. Vernon Center	In Queue (Outlying FY)	-0-	
FY 2014	New Reception Counter	NL-14-04	Nannie J. Lee Center	In Queue (Outlying FY)	-0-	
FY 2014	Gym Bleacher Replacement	NL-14-01	Nannie J. Lee Center			
FY 2014	Gym Floor Resurface	NL-14-02	Nannie J. Lee Center	In Queue (Outlying FY)	-0-	
FY 2014	Gym Curtain	NL-14-03	Nannie J. Lee Center	In Queue (Outlying FY)	-0-	
FY 2014	Replace Damaged Dance Floor	WR-14-01	William Ramsay Center	In Queue (Outlying FY)	-0-	

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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** JUNE 20, 2013

**TO:** ALEXANDRIA PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

**FROM:** PARK PLANNING, DESIGN+CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT TEAM  
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURAL  
ACTIVITIES

**SUBJECT:** SUMMER, 2013 INTERNS

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Introductory biographies of interns serving with the Park Planning, Design+Capital Development Division during the Summer 2013.

### Aaron Bond

Aaron received his Bachelor's of Arts in Religious Studies at the University of Virginia in 2012 and is currently pursuing a Master's in Urban Planning from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. During his time as a Master's student, Aaron has worked with a couple of communities in facilitating collaborative visioning processes. Aaron's interests lie in community development especially collaborative projects and programs that are designed to facilitate interaction and bridging-social capital between different age, income, and racial/ethnic groups.

### Amanda Foran

Amanda received a Bachelor's of Fine Art from Auburn University in 2008, and is currently pursuing a Master's of Landscape Architecture at Virginia Tech's Alexandria campus. Prior to relocating to Alexandria, she worked as a Communications Coordinator and Volunteer for Urban Habitat Chicago, an urban sustainable design non-profit in Chicago, IL. Here she was involved in a variety of projects that ranged from designing school gardens and sustainable playgrounds to coordinating communication and marketing efforts for the organization. Amanda is returning for a second summer with Park Planning and Capital Development, and will begin her final thesis year in the fall, with a focus on reviving the health of urban ecosystems in public spaces.

### Rachel Kruse

Rachel is pursuing her Bachelor's of Landscape Architecture from Ball State University and is projected to graduate from the 5 year undergraduate program in the spring of 2014. She is highly involved with both the Indiana state and student chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects. Rachel is originally from Columbus, Ohio where she has gained experience as an intern at various firms including last summer at the Columbus and Franklin County Metro Parks. She will spend time on her own this summer researching and understanding memorial design, public green space, and connectivity of urban spaces. Rachel will begin her undergraduate thesis project in the fall when she returns to Muncie, Indiana.

Jamie Genevie

Jamie received her Bachelor's of Arts in Sociology and Global Change from the University of Michigan in 2009 and is currently working towards her master's in urban and regional planning at Virginia Tech (Alexandria campus). Recent coursework includes a planning studio analyzing open space accessibility in Alexandria. She has over 3 years of environmental policy experience, specializing in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Jamie's interests lie within environmental planning in urban environments, specifically green infrastructure to make cities a more livable and enjoyable place. She joins the City of Alexandria this summer as a part-time park planning intern and will continue research on open space protection and accessibility.