DATE: JANUARY 19, 2017
TO: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS
FROM: WILLIAM CHESLEY, DEPUTY DIRECTOR
RECREATION SERVICES DIVISION
SUBJECT: RECREATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES REPORT - ITEM –

Program Wrap-Ups

- On November 19, William Ramsay Recreation Center collaborated with Tomorrow’s Black Men, Inc. to conduct the Giving Thanksgiving food distribution event. The event provided 100 families in need with a full Thanksgiving Day meal.

- Swim with Santa took place at Chinquapin Park Recreation Center & Aquatics Facility on December 3. Close to 30 participants met Santa and Mrs. Claus and had their picture taken under water courtesy of Blue Octopus Scuba.
• The Successful Aging Committee held its annual **Senior Holiday Party** on December 9 at the First Baptist Church of Alexandria. Over 200 seniors from local senior centers enjoyed lunch, holiday-inspired desserts and a carol sing-along to spread holiday cheer. The Successful Aging Committee is comprised of staff members from RPCA, Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS), Alexandria Housing and Redevelopment Authority (ARHA) and Senior Services of Alexandria (SSA).

• On December 18, RPCA collaborated with the Alexandria Fire Department to host its 10th annual **Holiday Dinner and Toy Giveaway** event. Over 200 toys were distributed to needy children at Nannie J. Lee Recreation Center. This was the largest distribution in the history of this event. Additional activities included games, a moon bounce, bike raffles, face painting, and a visit from Ronald McDonald.

• On December 21, Cora Kelly Recreation Center held its **holiday play**, with OSTP participants performing their rendition of the Nutcracker. Though the classical component of the story remained the same, participants added a soulful twist with music from Duke Ellington and Michael Jackson. Over 60 participants enjoyed showcasing their many talents in a gym filled with family and friends.

• Last fall, a number of new programs were offered at Chinquapin Park Recreation Center and Aquatics Facility, including **30 Minute Abs & Glutes** and **Chinquacircuit**. Both classes introduced a new model for short but effective fitness offering for participants looking for class options during their lunch break or during their child's swim lesson. They exceeded minimum enrollment with a combined 21 participants and generated $1,165 in revenue.
• The Girls’ Volleyball League Championship concluded the Fall season for girls ages 9-14, which ran from September to December. Congratulations to Oregon for winning the American League Championship, and Stanford for bringing home the National League Championship trophy. The program generated $11,355 in revenue, which is relative to last year’s earnings.

• In December, both William Ramsay and Patrick Henry Recreation Centers held their Toys for Tots events. Children performed their rendition of holiday carols for parents and staff. Activities included a raffle, holiday book giveaway, delicious treats and refreshments, and Toys for Tots gifts for each child. There was also an appearance from Santa.

• Many families enjoyed Santa’s Winter Wonderland at Charles Houston Recreation Center. This annual program includes festivities designed to celebrate the holidays, including gift distribution to community children, a catered reception for volunteers and partner, holiday storytelling by Vice Mayor Justin Wilson and former Mayor Bill Euille, and a visit from Santa. Over 800 participants contributed to the success of this 3-day event.

Program Updates

Out of School Time FY14 through FY17 Summer/School Year Participant and Revenue Comparison

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*Fees paid in installments.
• The **American Red Cross Learn to Swim Program** is essential to the water safety of the community. Fall enrollment includes 866 participants and 95 waitlisted in 223 class offerings, generating $91,971 in revenue. In 2015, 976 participants were served with 86 waitlisted in 208 class offerings, generating $102,703 in revenue.

• The **Winter Youth Basketball League** kicked off its first regular season games on January 7. This season, 110 teams divided into 8 divisions will compete for a chance to play in the Annual Basketball Championship Games on March 11, at T.C. Williams High School. 1,050 participants generated $77,965 in revenue, which is relative to last year’s earning.

**Upcoming Programs & Events**

• **Night of Stars Performing Arts Festival** will take place on Friday, January 27 at T.C. Williams High School. The festival’s theme will be “Bully Free Starts with Me”, and will include 6 individual performances and 8 group performances featuring drama, comedy, music and dance.

• On January 27, Cora Kelly Recreation Center will host its **Teen Winter Social** for all middle school-age teens to enjoy video games, pool, pingpong, sports and dancing. There will also be an internet cafe, YouTube video station, photo booth, DJ, and refreshments.

• The **Annual Alexandria Holiday Cheer Competition** was rescheduled to January 29 due to inclement weather. The competition will take place at T.C. Williams High School and will feature 3 age categories from neighborhood recreation centers and the metropolitan area. Each team will receive a trophy at the awards presentation immediately following the competition.

• On February 2, Charles Houston Recreation Center will host a **Job Fair** for older teens and young adults. The event will include job readiness workshops, a number of potential employers, and basketball games.

**Staff Updates**

• On December 16, RPCA held its annual **Holiday Party** for staff at Nannie J. Lee Recreation Center. The theme of the afternoon was giving back to your community. RPCA teamed with Volunteer Alexandria to help with the Holiday Sharing Community Toy Drive. Staff members made cards and ornaments for overseas military personnel and homebound seniors, and sorted hundreds of toys that would later be distributed to Alexandria families in need.
City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JANUARY 19, 2017

TO: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS

FROM: DINESH TIWARI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR - PARK OPERATIONS, RPCA

THROUGH: JAMES SPENGLER, DIRECTOR, RPCA

SUBJECT: PARK OPERATIONS MONTHLY UPDATE

1. PARK AND FACILITIES MAINTENANCE

   a. Community Gardens – Regulations for 2017 gardening season were updated and shared with all gardeners. Currently, all previous gardeners that wished to renew their plots and submitted applications by the deadline have been registered and assigned garden plots, totaling 130 gardeners. We have begun offering available plots (40) to persons on the waiting list. Gardening activity will resume on March 01.

   b. Park Maintenance
      • Athletic Field Maintenance Guidelines completed – to be fully implemented starting in spring 2017.
      • Staff working with TES to install up to 75 new recycling containers in parks by spring 2017.
      • Staff has completed leaf season and is fully mobilized and prepared for the Winter Weather (snow) Operations. Additional capacity added this year to clean snow/ice from sidewalks adjoin City facilities for timely response in compliance with the City’s snow ordinance. Winter projects such as fence and sign repairs, trail maintenance, and restroom painting have been scheduled at several locations throughout the City.

   c. Park Facilities Maintenance
      • Charles Houston Recreation Center will be the first facility to secure “Green Seal Certification” for custodial services. Certification review begins in January with certification award expected by June, 2017.
• Required Evacuation Plans for all recreation centers have been completed. In addition, recreation center space inventory and numeric identification of each space has been completed and maps available at each center.
• Staff working with Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) for the annual review/update of the Facility Use and Maintenance MOU and developing a new MOU for the maintenance of the ACPS’ synthetic turf fields.
• Contract awarded to upgrade our central control system (Maxicom) for managing the irrigation at various parks and other locations.
• Staff continues planned maintenance activities, including park light inspection, timer management, irrigation system repairs and preventive maintenance of turf equipment and vehicles.
• Staff and contractors continue working on the seasonal leaf collection and ornamental bed maintenance at schools, R.O.W. and other City facility grounds.
• FY2017 equipment replacement programs fully implemented with replacement of 16 units. FY2018 equipment replacement program has been developed.
• New remote sensors installed on all mowing equipment to gather data for equipment maintenance needs and generate work orders.
• New Horticulture Supervisor position has been filled to manage contracted services and other in-house projects.

d. Waterfront Parks
• Construction of a new portion of fence was completed at Windmill Hill Park. Extensive repairs were made to all slate walkways throughout the park and new mulch was blown into the playground. In Washington Way Park a new wooden fence was installed.
• Staff continued trash clean-up duties, flower bed care, leaf litter removal, Call Click Connect requests, inspections, and assisting with a number of special events including the holiday tree and other decorations in the Market Square and assisting with set-up of the Toys-for-Tots event.

2. URBAN FORESTRY

a. Fall tree planting program concluded at the end of December. Approximately 374 trees have been planted, exceeding our goal of 350 trees. Special planting projects that were completed this fall include:
• Planted 25 trees at the intersection of Slaters Lane and the George Washington Memorial Parkway in cooperation with the National Park Service,
• Planted 24 trees at Fort Ward Park in coordination with
Alexandria Archaeology, and

- Planted nine trees at Taney Avenue Park as part of its recent renovation project.

b. The Holiday Tree lighting ceremony at Market Square took place on November 25th, in conjunction with the installation of the other seasonal decorations there and the King Street tree canopy lights display. This year’s Holiday Tree is a 32 foot Concolor fir (Abies concolor) from western Maryland. The tree is decorated with approximately 50,000 LED lights. We also placed two smaller trees at the ends of King Street, at King Street Garden and at the intersection with Union Street. The lights along King Street will remain on until March 31st.

3. **NATURAL LANDS MANAGEMENT**

a. **Natural Resources Management Plan - Draft** of this plan is under review by inter-agency staff team. An update on the plan will be provided to the Parks and Recreation, Planning and Environmental Policy Commissions after the completion of the internal review.

b. **Invasive Plant Management and Ecological Restoration**

- Staff supervised our contractor, Invasive Plant Control (IPC), with completing foliar-treatment of English Ivy at Windmill Hill Park.
- Staff removed thousands of Oriental Bittersweet seedlings and saplings from interior sections of Dora Kelley Nature Park.
- Staff cleaned all litter and roadside debris from the 4-acre area at Telegraph and Duke Streets, a native managed meadow complex.
- Staff planted a Post Oak and Sassafras as part of the ongoing Windmill Hill Park restoration plantings.

c. **Cooperative Initiatives**

- On December 18, 2016, City Natural Resource Manager led a field trip of over 50 participants through the old-age forest at Chapman State Park in Charles County, Maryland for the annual, MNPS, VNPS, and Botanical Society of Washington sponsored Winter Solstice Field Trip.

d. **Environmental Review**

Staff reviewed the Fire Station #3, 2801 Cameron Mills Road-Preliminary Review Proposal.
4. JEROME “BUDDIE” FORD NATURE CENTER

a. Programs/Updates

For December, there were 55 interpretive programs attended by 1,232 people. The combined total number of visitors and program participants for December was 1,867 people.

School Programs:

For the month of December, the naturalist conducted 2 school programs reaching 668 people.

- December 1- Naturalist Jane Yeingst participated in annual MacArthur Elementary School Science Fair. This year, the nature center displayed “Hidden Creatures in Your Neighborhood”. Visitors to the table learned about American millipedes, frogs including Spring peepers, cricket frogs and grey tree frogs, and one of the smaller native snakes, a DeKay snake. More than 650 students and their families attended this program.

- December 13- One class of Ramsay Elementary School pre-K students came to the nature center to learn about hibernation. The children meet many of the center’s animals that can hibernate in the winter. After the program, the 19 students and their teachers invited the naturalist back to their classroom to proudly show off their dinosaur diorama.

Nature Center Programs:

During the month of December, there were 4 birthday parties, 35 impromptu programs conducted by staff, 1 girl scout program, the monthly “Little Adventures” program and one weekend program. Total participation for these programs was 464 people:

- December 3- For this weekend program, children and their parents came to a workshop to Make Your Own Holiday Ornaments. Creativity abound with ornaments of birds, flowers, trees and stars- many of them fashioned out of felt, stuffed and sewn.

- December 16- This was the last program of the Fall series of Little Adventures. The children learned about hibernation and migration. The usual hike was cancelled due to the frigid weather. Instead the group made two crafts- a cardinal made from their handprint and seed covered suet pinecone.

Afterschool Buddies Program:

The Nature Buddies Afterschool Program started working on a...
new long-term project led by Katie Hawkins, an artist volunteering her time and resources to this program. The project began with everyone venturing out to the park to collect trash (plastic bottles, cans, plastic bags, etc.). The staff then sorted and cleaned the collected materials. Now the children are creating a native animal of their choosing from these collected recycled materials. The children continue learning about shelters and caring for the nature center animals.

b. Volunteers and Interns
A total of 3 volunteers provided 22 hours of service during the month of December.

Local artist, Katie Hawkins, BFA, specializes in sculpture and is volunteering with the afterschool children to create works of art from recycled materials. This new project combines creativity with stewardship. Katie will continue to come on afternoons to work with the children. She is a welcomed addition to the nature center.

c. Noteworthy
Supervisor’s Management School:
Mary Farrah and Majd Jarrar attended the first year of the National Recreation and Parks Association’s Supervisors’ Management School in Wheeling, West Virginia from November 6-10. The training offered a very full schedule of classes carefully designed to illuminate the finer details of time management, team building and interpersonal skills. It was also a great opportunity for Mary and Majd to network with Parks and Recreation professionals from across the country, including a nice visit with David Miller, formerly of RPCA Recreation Services.

**Birds of Prey Class:**
In fulfillment of the USDA Graduate School “Birds of Prey” class, on November 5, Mary Farrah took a day trip to Hawk Mountain in Kempton, Pennsylvania. Hawk Mountain is one of the best places on the east coast to watch the fall raptor migration. The trip provided an excellent opportunity to hone identification skills for birds of prey in flight and at a distance. Officials count the total number of raptors through the migration route for the day, which included: 2 Bald Eagles, 1 Northern Harrier, 29 Sharp-shinned Hawks, 1 Red-shouldered Hawk, 58 Red-tailed Hawks, 4 Cooper’s Hawks, 6 Golden Eagles, 1 Merlin and 3 unidentified buteos (a type of hawk).

**New Turtle at the Nature Center:**
The Nature Center received a call from the Alexandria Animal Shelter regarding a painted turtle that they had received. This
turtle was not releasable because it was originally from West Virginia and had been in captivity as someone’s pet for more than a year. After being examined by the shelter’s veterinarian, it was determined that the turtle was in excellent health. The Nature Center adopted the turtle and “Frankie” (its name at the shelter) now joins an older painted turtle and a red-eared slider in its new home.
City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JANUARY 19, 2017

TO: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS

FROM: JACK BROWAND, DIVISION CHIEF
PARK PLANNING, DESIGN & CAPITAL PROJECTS
RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

SUBJECT: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION DIVISION UPDATE

COMMUNITY MATCHING FUND Awardees
Project Manager: Dana Wedeles, Acting Principal Planner & Lucresha Murphy, PARKnership Manager

The following four groups have received matching funds from the community matching fund. Three out of four of the groups have started fundraising and are well on their way to achieving their goals. Three out of four groups have signed their contracts and provided their first quarter reports.

- **Charles Houston Advisory Council: $25,000**
  To develop a model teen center within existing space at the Charles Houston Recreation Center. This group has signed the contract and have raised $20,010.37. $1,000 is pledged

- **Alexandria Soccer Association: $15,000**
  To provide existing court enhancements to upgrade and support community Futsal program at Four Mile Run Park. We are awaiting ASA’s signed contract and 1st quarter fundraising report.

- **Four Mile Run Conservatory Foundation: $5,000**
  To install water-bottle and jug filling stations at the two highest-use fields in the City, those at Simpson Stadium Park and Witter Recreational Fields where there is currently no outdoor access to drinkable water; wall-mounted ADA-accessible stations installed on the existing built facilities. This group has signed the contract and has raised $ 4,066.21 towards their goal.

- **PKMove: $5,000**
  To provide free, weekly Parkour lessons for senior citizens and other special populations in our city parks by purchasing a Pop-up Playground and two portable mats to expand
and increased participation. This group has signed the contract and has raised $900 towards their goal. They have also applied to Running Brooke for a Move2Learn grant for $5,000. They will know by the end of January if they are a recipient of the grant.

**DEL RAY GATEWAY PROJECT**
*Project Manager: Dana Wedeles, Acting Principal Planner*
A community group comprised of neighborhood stakeholders in Del Ray hired the firm Cole & Denny Architects in October 2016 to develop a conceptual plan and cost estimates for the Colasanto Splash Pad and Nancy Dunning Memorial Garden. Cole & Denny, in collaboration with Land Planning & Design Associates, is working pro bono on the project.

On January 11, Cole and Denny presented the concept, shown right, to the Del Ray Citizens Association for feedback. City staff will use the concept plan and cost estimates to determine an implementation strategy for the Capital Improvement Plan and the potential for a public-private partnership.

**HENSLEY PARK**
*Project Manager: Bethany Znidersic, Principal Planner*
In 2014 the Park and Recreation Commission and City Council endorsed the Citywide Parks Improvement Plan which addressed the City’s six largest parks. The six parks are Ben Brenman Park, Chinquapin Park, Eugene Simpson Stadium Park, Four Mile Run Park, Holmes Run Park, and Hensley Park. The recommendations for Hensley Park include renovation of the three softball fields, conversion of the rectangular field to synthetic turf, renovating the parking facilities, new restrooms, a new multi-use court, and improved maintenance facilities. Early design work for the renovation is underway and public engagement will begin later in 2017. The project is funded through the Capital Improvement Program.

**LIMERICK FIELD AND PUBLIC RESTROOMS (AlexRenew)**
*Project Manager: Bethany Znidersic, Principal Planner*
RPCA staff is working with Alexandria Renew to open Limerick Field for public use. Limerick Field is a new synthetic turf rectangular field in Carlyle/Eisenhower East built through a partnership between the City and Alexandria Renew. The field is located on top of waste water
treatment tanks and publicly accessible restrooms were built into the adjacent administrative building at the field level. The final construction items are being addressed and the City will meet with Alexandria Renew in late January regarding the field transfer.

BEVERLEY PARK RENOVATION
Project Manager: Judy Lo, Urban Planner III
The solicitation for the park construction was advertised in November, and award of the construction contract is anticipated winter 2017. Weather permitting, the general contractor is anticipated to begin construction by spring 2017. Construction will take approximately six months. The renovation will include replacement of the existing playground areas and pavilion, improvements to stormwater drainage and accessibility, repair of the existing retaining walls, and new plantings.

CITYWIDE WAYFINDING
Project Manager: Dana Wedeles, Acting Principal Planner & Robert Narvaez, Urban Planner II
Final report was received from Applied Wayfinding in November 2016. Next steps are to prioritize signage installation with ongoing and future park construction. RCPA was also awarded an EPA grant for $18,000 to install educational signs at Four Mile Run Park.

WINDMILL HILL PARK SHORELINE PROJECT
Project Manager: Jack Browand, Division Chief
City staff is preparing the invitation for bid’s release by the end of January 2017. Construction anticipated to begin in early spring 2017.

- Windmill Hill Park Shoreline Project

PATRICK HENRY PREK-8 SCHOOL AND RECREATION CENTER
Project Manager: Jack Browand, Division Chief & Margaret Orlando, Division Chief
The DSUP application was approved by the Planning Commission on December 6, 2016 and City Council on December 12, 2016. Construction is planned to begin in spring 2017 with completion of the school and recreation center for the summer of 2018. Final site work to begin late fall of 2018 following demolition of the existing school with substantial completion in spring/summer 2019.

- Patrick Henry PreK-8 Grade School & Recreation Center Project

WARWICK POOL REPLACEMENT PROJECT
Project Manager: Jack Browand, Division Chief
The ITB for final design and construction closed January 6, 2017 with multiple proposals received. Staff is reviewing and verifying proposals received. Pending construction estimates, construction will begin in winter/spring 2017 with a planned completion for the summer 2017 pool season.
CAMERON RUN REGIONAL PARK PLANNING PROCESS
Project Manager: Jack Browand, Division Chief
On January 10, 2017, City Council approved the proposed Cameron Run Park Public Planning Process as endorsed by the Park & Recreation Commission and authorize the City Manager to direct the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities (RPCA) to proceed with the proposed Planning Process. Staff is working with the consultants to implement Task 2, the Public Engagement Process. In addition, City Council directed staff to provide an update to City Council in advance of Task 3, development of Conceptual Design(s).

- Cameron Run Park Public Planning Process Docket Item (January 10, 2017)
PUBLIC ART PROJECTS

Time & Place

Lead Agency
Office of the Arts
Project Scope
Develop a program plan for contemporary public art in historic settings as recommended in the Plan.
Project Budget
$50,000 for the public art project
Task Force Members
Beth Coast, Kate Elkins, Liz Williams, Kathy Glennon, Michele Longo, and Carol Reed
Update
Lauren and Stewart continue to do their research. They have set up an Instagram account to follow along @centenialoftheeveryday. Sheldon is preparing for a lecture to coincide with the announcement of the performance.
Next Steps
The artists are developing their Spring, 2017 programs.
Anticipated Completion
Spring, 2017

Simpson Park

Lead Agency
Office of the Arts
Project Scope
Add a public artist to the design team to integrate and install public art as part of the playground restoration.
Project Budget
$30,000 for artist administrative fees, $65,000 for fabrication and installation, $5,000 for artist interviews.
Task Force Members
Betsy Hennigan, Michelle Kozlak, Paul Linehan, Laura Fries, Dana Wedeles, and Lardner/Klein
Update
The artists have engaged an engineer to finalize the drawings for the project.
Next Steps
Submit construction drawings.
Anticipated Completion
FY17
PUBLIC ART PROJECTS, cont’d

Lake Cook

Lead Agency
Office of the Arts

Project Scope
Add a public artist to the design team to integrate and install public art as part of the lake/site restoration.

Project Budget
$20,000 for phase 1 design

Task Force Members
Allison Nance, Allison Heck, Stephanie Pankiewicz, Marcy Giannunzio, Umar Shahid, Matt Landes, and Sara DeGroot

Update
The artist has submitted a concept proposal.

Next Steps
Convene the Project Task Force to review the proposal.

Anticipated Completion
Summer, 2017

Trails & Paths, Planning

Lead Agency
Office of the Arts

Project Scope
Develop a plan to implement public art along trails and paths in the city.

Project Budget
$20,000

Task Force Members
Shirley Downs

Next Steps
Staff has received and is reviewing consultant proposals for the project planning.

Anticipated Completion
tbd
PUBLIC ART PROJECTS, cont’d

Old Town North Small Area Plan

Lead Agency
Planning & Zoning, Office of the Arts

Project Scope
Incorporate public art into the planning process for the OTN SAP.

Project Budget
$25,000

Task Force Members
Lisa Baranello, Shirley Downs

Next Steps
Staff will work with the Task Force to determine project options.

Anticipated Completion
Temporary projects have been requested for Summer, 2016

Fitzgerald Square, Planning

Lead Agency
Office of the Arts

Project Scope
Hire a curator/consultant to develop the public art program plan.

Project Budget
$20,000

Task Force Members
TBD

Next Steps
Staff has received and is reviewing consultant proposals for the project planning.

Anticipated Completion
TBD

Residency, Planning

Lead Agency
Office of the Arts

Project Scope
Hire a curator/consultant to develop a public art artist in residency program. The first site/partner selected is AlexRenew.

Project Budget
$20,000

Task Force Members
N/A

Next Steps
Staff has received and is reviewing consultant proposals for the project planning.

Anticipated Completion
TBD
PUBLIC ART PROJECTS, cont’d

Potomac Yards Metro

Lead Agency
WMATA

Project Scope
Include public art in the new Potomac Yards metro station.

Project Budget
$250,000

Task Force Members
N/A

Next Steps
Staff has met with WMATA’s public art staff to determine next steps. WMATA will begin the development of their panel which will include Office of the Arts staff and at least one member of the Arts Commission.

Anticipated Completion
TBD

Duke Street Tunnel

Lead Agency
Office of the Arts

Project Scope
Update artwork in the Duke Street Tunnel

Project Budget
$20,000 (from Carlyle Vitality budget)

Task Force Members
Betsy Hennigan, Gayle Converse

Next Steps
The Office of the Arts has been asked to update the temporary public art that has been in the tunnel for over 12 years. The new public art can includes two-dimensional work as well as new media works.

Anticipated Completion
TBD
PUBLIC ART MAINTENANCE

Path of Thorns and Roses/Freedmen’s Cemetery Memorial

Lead Agency
Office of the Arts

Project Scope
Realign the top stone that has shifted, assess the condition of the bronze panels, review options for pooling water in the sculpture.

Update
A scope of work has been developed and staff is in the process of contracting with a conservator.

Next Steps
A professional conservator has been hired to review the site and make a recommendation for treatment/repair.

Anticipated Completion
Winter, 2017 (weather dependent)

King Street Gardens Park Artwork

Lead Agency
Office of the Arts

Project Scope
Begin the development of a restoration plan for the artwork.

Update
Staff is working with the Department of Project Implementation (DPI) to begin the work on the rain garden restoration.

Next Steps
As the design develops staff will review the information with the artist and Foundation. Staff will continue to work with DPI throughout the project.

Anticipated Completion
unknown

Brio

Lead Agency
Office of the Arts

Project Scope
Per the Public Art Condition Assessment, inspect the base of the structure and move stones into place.

Update
Staff will hire a conservator for the inspection. This work will be done in conjunction with the WWII memorial.

Next Steps
Hire a conservator to do the inspection and stone replacement.

Anticipated Completion
Unknown
PUBLIC ART MAINTENANCE, cont’d

Alexandria War Dead Memorial

Lead Agency
Office of the Arts
Project Scope
Per the Public Art Condition Assessment, inspect the base of the structure and move stones into place.
Update
Staff will hire a conservator for the inspection. This work will be done in conjunction with Brio.
Next Steps
A conservator has been hired to do the inspection and stone replacement.
Anticipated Completion
Unknown

Public Art Condition Assessment

Lead Agency
Office of the Arts
Project Scope
Complete assessment by conservator of the public art collection to develop a public art maintenance plan.
Update
Staff is updating the list of artworks to be assessed and is working with the previous conservation team on the updated assessment.
Next Steps
Sign a contract with the vendor
Anticipated Completion
August, 2016

PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

Grant Program

Lead Agency
Office of the Arts
Project Scope
Administering the City of Alexandria’s Arts Grant Program
Task Force Members
Allison Nance, Catherine Ahern, Lisa Baranello, Karen Thomas, Mike Detomo, Regan Spurlock
Update
FY 18 online Grant program went live on January 3, 2017. First FY18 Grant program webinar was held on Monday, January 9, 2017. Applications are due by Friday, February 24, 2017.
Next Steps
Appoint FY18 Grants Task Force. Conduct FY18 workshops and webinars.
PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES, cont’d

Arts & Economic Prosperity Study 5

**Lead Agency**  
Office of the Arts

**Project Scope**  
The City is participating in the Americans for the Arts (AftA) nationwide Arts & Economic Prosperity Study. The study measures the impact of non-profit arts and culture organizations. We are required to submit at least 800 audience intercept surveys.

**Task Force Members**  
Amber Gordon, Allison Heck

**Update**  
Collection component of the study is complete. Alexandria was able to collect 1023 audience intercept surveys and 35 eligible organizations completed the organizational survey.

**Next Steps**  
All study findings, including the customized findings for the City of Alexandria, will be embargoed from the press and public until Saturday, June 17, 2017. A Metro area roll-out of the data will occur in the Fall, 2017.

DASHing Words In Motion

**Lead Agency**  
Office of the Arts

**Project Scope**  
The selection of Task Force members will occur at January Arts Commission meeting. Call for poems to be sent out on December 19.

**Task Force Members**  
Kate Elkins, Arts Commission  
Mieke Cranford, Teacher, English, St. Stephens and St. Agnes  
Wendi R. Kaplan, Poet Laureate, City of Alexandria  
John Pickett, Professor, English, Northern Virginia Community College  
Matthew Zahn, AP, Lit, Department Chair of English, T.C. Williams High School  
Staff member from the Alexandria Transit Company

**Update**  
Application deadline February 1, 2017.

**Next Steps**  
Review submissions and make recommendations.
PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES, cont’d

Art Purchase Award

**Lead Agency**
Office of the Arts

**Project Scope**
Acquire works of art to be displayed in city buildings such as City Hall and the public libraries.

**Task Force Members**
TBD

**Update**
Staff has met with member of the Arts Commission.

**Next Steps**
Staff will submit a program proposal to the Arts Commission in May.

Community Supported Arts (CSA)

**Lead Agency**
Office of the Arts

**Project Scope**
Built upon the traditional Community Supported Agriculture model that provides opportunities for consumers to buy seasonal food directly from local farmers, Community Supported Arts (CSA) will provide a unique way for collectors to acquire original art from regional artists. Each selected artist or artist team will be paid $1,500 to create fifty (50) original pieces of art. Each piece must be identical or similar in quality and design.

**Update**
Staff is preparing for the 2017 CSA.

**Next Steps**
Artist call will go out in late January/early February

smARTspace

**Lead Agency**
Office of the Arts

**Project Scope**
smARTspace is an artist-in-residency program designed to provide short-term space to visual and/or performing artists and artist teams for the creation and presentation of installation art in unconventional spaces.

**Update**
The Office of the Arts has identified ten local artists to participate in the program.

**Next Steps**
Staff is now working with storefront property owners to secure a space.
Save the Date(s)

**Ipseity**
January 21 – March 5, 2017
Target Gallery at the Torpedo Factory Art Center (Daily, 10 am – 6 pm)
FREE

This all-media exhibition explores individual identity and selfhood. Half of the 17 artists are based in Virginia.

**Art + Inclusivity: Second Thursday Art Night**
Thursday, January 12, 2017
Torpedo Factory Art Center (6 – 9 pm)

Inspired by the City of Alexandria's adopted statement on inclusiveness, the Torpedo Factory partners with the Alexandria Human Rights Commission to celebrate our mosaic community with artist receptions, demonstrations, and more.

**Daniel Taye**
Through January 31, 2017
Site 2 at the Torpedo Factory Art Center (Daily, 10 am – 6 pm)

Acclaimed Ethiopian painter Daniel Taye returns to the Torpedo Factory to show work he’s created in and around Alexandria. See the Trolley and other familiar Old Town sites.

**Jay Hendrick in the Post-Graduate Resident Studio**
Through April 1, 2017
Fairfax-based painter and George Mason University graduate Jay Hendrick will create and show work during his quarter in the Post-Graduate Resident Studio. During his time, he will emulate the process of other artists in the DMV to understand their processes. He will then interview them for a blog series.

**Marketing Magic Tips with Blair deLaubenfels**
Tuesday, January 17, 2017 (7 – 9 pm)
Torpedo Factory Art Center

As part of the Community Partnership Program, Capital Area Photographers periodically host their meetings at the Torpedo Factory. In January, Blair deLaubenfels, co-owner of Prints.ly shares her business tips.

**Connecting the Dots: The DMV**
Through January 31, 2017
New Project Studio at the Torpedo Factory Art Center (Daily, 10 am – 6 pm)

Extended by popular demand. The HRCHY CIA and Merimart have organized a show of up-and-coming artists and organized work based on Metro lines.

**Closing Reception & Conversation**
Friday, January 27, 2017 (7 – 9 pm)
Organizers of Connecting the Dots host an open conversation about the role of artists in the DMV in 2017.
Save the Date(s), cont’d

First Friday: “Mardi Gras in Alexandria”  
Friday, February 3, 6 pm – 10 pm  
Durant Arts Center  
Advance tickets: residents $5 in advance $10 at the door, nonresidents $10 in advance $15 at the door  
Children under 5 years old are free

Wear your purple, green, and gold while enjoying jazz music by the Not So Modern Jazz Quartet. Enjoy Mardi Gras carnival customs without leaving Alexandria! Make a Mardi Gras mask or bring your own, then join in the evening’s parade.

Bagels and Bach  
Sunday, February 5, 11 am – 1 pm  
Durant Arts Center  
Tickets: residents $10 in advance $15 at the door, nonresidents $15 in advance $20 at the door  
Children under 5 years old are free

Enjoy classical music by Members of Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association’s Youth Orchestras. It’s a wonderful way to start a Sunday morning. A light brunch is provided.

Symphony Orchestra of Northern Virginia Concert  
Friday, February 10, 7:30 pm-8:30 pm  
Durant Arts Center  
Tickets: $15 per person. Children under 5 years old are free.

In Partnership with the City of Alexandria, the Symphony Orchestra of Northern Virginia will present a beautiful chamber music concert which will range from string quartets and woodwind ensembles, to piano and voice recitals and instrumental duets. You will be treated to some of the best chamber music the region has to offer, at an affordable price, in a convenient location.
## Task Force & Committee Roster

### Simpson Park Public Art
1. Betsy Hennigan*
2. Michelle Kozlak*
3. Elisabeth Lardner (project stakeholder)
4. Dana Wedeles (project stakeholder)
5. Laura Fries (comm. stakeholder)
6. Paul Lineham (comm. stakeholder)

### Time & Place
1. Kate Elkins*
2. Beth Coast*
3. OHA staff (project stakeholder)
4. Kathy Glennon (comm. stakeholder)
5. Carol Reed (comm. stakeholder)

### Lake Cook
1. Allison Nance*
2. Allison Heck*
3. DPI (proj. stakeholder)
4. Stephanie Pankiewicz (comm. stakeholder)
5. Marcy Giannunzio (comm. stakeholder)

### Artist Residency (AlexRenew)
1. TBD (Arts Commissioner)
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3. TBD (proj. stakeholder)
4. TBD (comm. stakeholder)
5. TBD (comm. stakeholder)

### Torpedo Factory Board Liaison
1. Mike Detomo*

### Education Committee
1. Beth Coast*
2. Kate Elkins*
3. Michelle Kozlak*
4. Suzie Cohen*
5. Shirley Downs*
6. Kelly Organik
7. Joan Singer

### AftA Arts & Economic Prosperity Study V
1. Allison Heck*
2. Amber Gordon*

### Advocacy & Outreach
1. Gayle Converse*
2. Allison Nance*
3. Allison Heck*
4. Amber Gordon
5. Betsy Hennigan*
6. Shirley Downs*
7. Mike Detomo*
8. Sarah Bobbin*

### Grants Committee
1. Allison Nance, Chair*
2. Catherine Ahern*
3. Lisa Baranello*
4. Mike Detomo*
5. Karen Thomas*
6. Regan Spurlock

### Alexandria Arts Alliance Liaison
1. Amber Gordon

### Trails & Paths
1. Shirley Downs*
2. TBD (Arts Commissioner)
3. TBD (proj. stakeholder)
4. TBD (comm. stakeholder)
5. TBD (community stakeholder)

### Duke Street Tunnel
1. Betsy Hennigan
2. Gayle Converse
3. TBD (proj. stakeholder)
4. TBD (comm. stakeholder)
5. TBD (community stakeholder)

### Waterfront / Fitzgerald Square Public Art
1. Susie Cohen*
2. Mike Detomo*
3. Allison Nance*
4. TBD (proj. stakeholder)
5. TBD (comm. stakeholder)
6. TBD (community stakeholder)

### Waterfront Commission Liaison
1. Susie Cohen*

*Arts Commissioner