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Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities programs and activities' announcement for the month of April 2010:

- Community & Special Events
- "Power-On" Out of School Time Programs
- Early Morning Fitness at Charles Houston
- Spring & Summer 2010 Program Guide Now Available
- Arts in Alexandria
- Third Annual Earth Day Tree Sale
- Public Meetings
- Dispatches from the Front

For additional information, visit www.alexandriava.gov/recreation or call 703.746.4343.

COMMUNITY & SPECIAL EVENTS

April 10

Annual Citywide Cheerleading Competition

T.C. Williams High School, 3330 King St. from 11 am - 1pm

Sponsor: City of Alexandria

For more information, call 703.746.5407 or email mac.slover@alexandriava.gov.

April 13

Days of Remembrance

Market Square, 301 King St. from noon - 1 pm

Sponsor: City of Alexandria

For more information, call the Special Events Hotline at 703.746.5592 or the Special Events Office at 703.746.5418.

April 24

Project Discovery Walk-a-thon

Fort Ward Park, 4301 W. Braddock Rd from 8 am - noon

Sponsor: Alexandria Office of Youth Services

For more information, call Ron Frazier at 703.746.596.7092 or email ron.frazier@alexandriava.gov.

April 24

Alexandria Earth Day 2010

Ben Brenman Park, 4800 Brenman Park Dr. from 10 am - 2pm

Sponsor: City of Alexandria

For more information, visit www.alexearthday.org, call the Special Events Hotline at 703.746.5592 or the Special Events Office at 703.746.5418.

April 25

26th Annual GW Parkway Classic Race

Oronoco Bay Park, 100 Madison St. at 6 am

Sponsor: Pacers

For more information, call Kathy Dalby at 703.836.1463 or email kathy@runpacers.com.

April 30

Spring For Alexandria

Market Square, 301 King Street from noon – 5 pm

Sponsor: Alexandria Volunteer Bureau

For more information, call Melinda Patrician at 703.836.2176 or email mpatrican@alexandriavolunteerbureau.org or visit www.volunteeralexandria.org.

“POWER-ON” OUT OF SCHOOL TIME PROGRAM

The Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities is proud to announce the new brand name for our elementary age Out of School Time Program offered at recreation centers and school facilities throughout the City. This program is designed to turn the “Power-On” to engaging activities and positive experiences for children to enjoy. “Power-On” gives parents the peace of mind of knowing that this program helps to keep their children safe, healthy and on track for success. From games to arts to skill building to cultural adventure, children will have the opportunity to explore and grow through participation in creative recreation and leisure programs. For additional information, visit www.alexandriava.gov/recreation/

EARLY MORNING FITNESS AT CHARLES HOUSTON

The Department of Recreation Parks and Cultural Activities provides early morning fitness and recreation opportunities, Monday through Friday, from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. at the Charles Houston Recreation Center, 901 Wythe St. Participants have access to the center’s fitness room, game room, gymnasium and computer lab. Single and multi visit admission passes are available for purchase. For additional information, call 703.746.5552 or email Sheila.whiting@alexandriava.gov.

SPRING & SUMMER 2010 PROGRAM GUIDE NOW AVAILABLE

The program guide highlights City classes, programs, activities and special events occurring April through August 2010. Registration for spring and summer classes and activities began at 9 am on Wednesday, March 31 for City residents, and begins Friday, April 2 for nonresidents. Individuals, who do not subscribe to receive the program guide by mail, may download a free copy by visiting www.alexandriava.gov/recreation.

ARTS IN ALEXANDRIA

Celebrate national Poem-In-Your-Pocket Day on Thursday, April 29!

Select a poem you love or write a new poem during National Poetry Month then carry it with you to share with co-workers, family, and friends on April 29.

Poems from pockets will be unfolded throughout the day with events in Market Square, libraries, schools, workplaces, and bookstores. For more information on National Poetry Month, visit www.poets.org. For a listing of scheduled events, please visit www.alexandriava.gov/arts.

Sign up for Arts eNews!

The Office of the Arts now has eNews. To receive periodic news and announcements on arts events, programs and services from the Office of the Arts, sign up for Arts eNews at: <https://enews.alexandriava.gov/register.php>.

Police Memorial

Three finalists have been named in the public art competition for the Alexandria Police Memorial. The Selection Panel reviewed 71 applications, including five international submissions and selected three artists for the final phase of the competition. For additional information, visit www.alexandriava.gov/arts.

Charles Hamilton Houston Memorial

Nearly 60 artists from 23 states submitted their applications for the Charles Hamilton Houston public art competition. The Selection Panel narrowed the group to four talented artists. For additional information, visit www.alexandriava.gov/arts.

3RD ANNUAL EARTH DAY TREE SALE

"Great Trees, Great Prices, and Great for Alexandria"

The City's Alexandria's Urban Forestry Steering Committee (UFSC) and the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities will hold a tree sale on Saturday, April 24, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. during the City's Annual Earth day Program at Ben Brenman Park, 4800 Brenman Park Dr. The goal of the sale is to promote the preservation of the Alexandria's tree canopy by encouraging the planting of trees on private property throughout the City. Alexandria Tree Stewards and Master Gardeners will be on site to answer questions about tree selection, planting and care. For additional information, visit www.alexandriava.gov/recreation/

PUBLIC MEETINGS

For additional information, call 703.746.5500.

Ad Hoc Fort Ward Park & Museum Advisory Group

Thursday, April 8 at 7 pm
Fort Ward Museum, 4301 W. Braddock Rd.

Alexandria Beautification Commission

April 8 at 7:30 pm
Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson St.

Waterfront Committee Marina Subcommittee

April 8 at 6:30 pm
Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson St.

George Washington Celebration Committee

April 19 at 7 pm

Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson St.

Alexandria Waterfront Committee

April 20 at 7:30 am

Lee Center 1108 Jefferson St.

Commission for the Arts

April 20 at 7 pm

Durant Center, 1605 Cameron St.

Park & Recreation Commission

April 22 at 7 pm

City Hall, 301 King St., Room 2000

Ad Hoc Fort Ward Park & Museum Advisory Group

Tuesday, April 27 at 7 pm

Fort Ward Museum, 4301 W. Braddock Rd.

Center Advisory Boards

Neighborhood recreation center advisory boards meet monthly. Call your neighborhood center for meeting information. For a listing of neighborhood centers, visit

www.alexandriava.gov/recreationcenters.

DISPATCHES FROM THE FRONT

"Dispatches from the Front" is the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities Park Operations & Park Planning newsletter reporting on current issues, activities and updates on park projects. To view the current issue, visit www.alexandriava.gov/recreation.

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