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Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities programs and activities' announcement for the month of July 2009:

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For additional information, visit www.alexandriava.gov/recreation or call 703.838.4343.

COMMUNITY & SPECIAL EVENTS

July 11

233rd USA/ 260th Alexandria Birthday Celebration

Oronoco Bay Park, 100 Madison St. from 4-10 pm

(Rain Date for fireworks only July 12)

Sponsor: City of Alexandria

Oronoco Bay Park has lawn seating, and participants are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets. Food, such as ice cream, hot dogs, hamburgers, shaved ice and kettle korn are available for purchase, but everyone is welcome to pack a picnic supper. No grilling allowed. For more information, visit www.alexandriava.gov/recreation.

July 18

Civil War Camp Day and Skirmish

Fort Ward Park, 4301 W. Braddock Rd. from 10 am-5 pm

Sponsor: City of Alexandria Office of Historic Alexandria

For more information, call Susan Cumbey at 703.838.4848.

July 25

African Heritage Cultural Festival

Market Square, 301 King St. from 1-7 pm

Sponsor: City of Alexandria

For more information, call the Special Events Hotline at 703.883.4686 or the Special Events Office at 703.838.4844.

SUMMER CONCERTS

Music At Twilight Concerts

Fort Ward Park Amphitheater, 4301 West Braddock Rd. at 7:30 pm (* 7 pm)

This free concert series features area artists in performances of music ranging from concert band pieces to soft rock.

July 16 Ebenezer Baptist Church Evangelical Women's Choir (Choral)

July 23 Alexandria Harmonizers (Barbershop)

July 30 Irish Breakfast Band (Traditional Irish) *

Lunch Bunch Concerts

Canal Plaza, 44 Canal Center Plaza at Noon

Free concerts featuring a variety of musical entertainment.

July 8 Mike Cotter (Classic Rock/Folk)

July 22 2nd Story Band Duo (World Beat Blues)

Ben Brenman Park Concerts

Ben Brenman Park Amphitheater, 4800 Brenman Park Dr. at 7 pm

Free concerts featuring a variety of musical entertainment.

July 15 Wes Tucker & the Skillets (Folk Rock)

July 29 Steve Smith & the Meteors (Original Blues)

Alexandria Citizens Band Concerts - "City's Oldest Performing Arts Organization"

Market Square, 301 King St. at 7:30 pm

July 17 & 31

FARMERS' MARKETS

West End Farmers' Market

The West End Farmers' Market is open to the public on Sundays through November 22 from 9 am to 1 pm at Ben Brenman Park, located at 4800 Brenman Park Drive. For additional information, call 703.838.4343.

Upper King Street Fresh Farmers' Market

The Upper King Street Fresh Farmers' Market is open to the public on Wednesdays through October 28 from 3-7 p.m. This weekday farmers' market in Historic Old Town Alexandria is located at the King Street Garden's Park, 1806 King St., just a few steps from the King Street Metro Station. For additional information, visit <http://www.upperkingstreet.org/farmersmarketfrontpage.htm> or email UKSNAMarketCom@gmail.com.

ARTS IN ALEXANDRIA

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, please sign up for Arts eNews at <https://enews.alexandriava.gov/register.php>.

Sponsorships and Advertising Opportunities Available for the Alexandria Film Festival

The Third Annual Alexandria Film Festival will be held Thursday, September 24– Sunday, September 27 at the George Washington Masonic Memorial. The Alexandria Commission for the Arts seeks corporate and individual sponsorships and offers a variety of options. For sponsorship levels and benefits, program underwriting or advertisement opportunities, please visit www.AlexandriaFilm.org or contact Alisa Carrel at 703.838.5095, extension 273 or by email at alisa.carrel@alexandriava.gov.

Police Memorial Community Meeting to be held July 28

The Alexandria Police Memorial will be an integral part of the new Alexandria Police Department Headquarters building scheduled to open in the fall of 2011 on Wheeler Ave. The City of Alexandria is conducting a competition to select an artist and design and has formed a Selection Panel representing a cross-section of Police groups and artists/design professionals. A community meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 28 at 7 pm at a location to be announced. Updated information will be posted at www.alexandriava.gov/arts. If you are interested in attending and wish to be notified of the location, please e-mail aca@alexandriava.gov.

Annual Arts Commission/Alexandria Arts Forum Picnic at Fort Ward Park

The Alexandria Commission for the Arts and the Alexandria Arts Forum will hold their annual picnic at Fort Ward Park on Thursday, July 23 at 5:30 pm. The potluck picnic will be followed by a performance by the Alexandria Harmonizers in the Fort Ward amphitheatre at 7:30pm. R.S.V.P. to aca@alexandriava.gov.

YOUTH SPORTS

Coaches Needed

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities is currently seeking volunteers to coach youth Volleyball, Cheerleading, Basketball, Baseball and Softball. Criminal History background checks are required. Interested persons should call the Youth Sports Office at 703.838.4345 or e-mail mac.slover@alexandriava.gov or tamika.coleman@alexandriava.gov.

Girl's Fastpitch Softball Championships Played

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities' Youth Sports Section held its Girl's Fastpitch Softball Championship games on Wednesday, June 17, at Armistead L. Boothe Park. In the National Division, the Hurricanes won their third straight league championship by slipping by the Riptide 13 - 12. The Hurricanes team members include Head Coach Richard Stone, Gabriella Barbieri, Brianna Blakeney, Sydney Collins, Abby Daniels, Amanda Dorris, Natahlie Frith-Severiche, Jordanne Gerard, India Khanna, Sarah Leckman, Claire Michael, Catherine Nelson, Kayla Shelley, Jillian Stone and Isabel Tyree.

The Riptide team members include Head Coach Paul Cunningham, Margaret Brenner, Nancy Brooks, Jessica Coleman, Helen Cunningham, Soraya Diggins, Josey Dunbar, Angelica Felder, Katie Henshaw, Anna Hill, Ambriel Hurst, Catherine Luther, Abbey Nelson, Alexis Owens and Logan Robinson. In the American Division, the Cougars defeated the Sluggers 10 - 6 completing an undefeated season. The Cougars team members include Head Coach Gino Viissicchio, Denancy Brown, Olivia Devereux,

Savannah Devereux, Madison Fletcher, Rachel Leckman, Nadia Liss, Eileen Louison, Sara Lunini, Jenna Mukai, Emily Norris, Shalia Purce, Hannah Smythe, Shannon Smythe, Emma Vissicchio, Skye Whitlow.

The Slugger team members include Head Coach Bob Heckman, Lisa Carlson, Anya Cunnane, Emily Erger, Victoria Heckman, Keyonte Kyle, Mollye Lent, Ellen Livingston, Claire Nagle, Kari Nelson, Catherine Ray, Kathleen Reilly, Alma Schuster, Hannah Timmons, Mollie Timmons.

Alexandria Youth Participate in Hershey Track & Field State Meet

The Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities sponsored 30 youth who attend the Virginia State Hershey Track and Field Meet at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville on Saturday, June 20. The youth competed against other jurisdictions from throughout the state. The runners that advanced to the state meet were Zoey Freeman (CH) - 50 Meter Dash, Jada Graves (PH) - 100 Meter Dash, Relay, Keyonna Waller (CK) - 200 Meter Dash, Relay, Bobbie Parham (PH) - 100 Meter Dash, Yusuf Sankoh (FH) - 100 Meter Dash, Me'Lani Jackson (WR) - Relay, Natalia Allen (WR) - Relay, Aliyah Morris (WR) - Relay, Aiyana Waddell (WR) - Relay, Kathryn Knight (PH) - Relay, Keyarna Frederick (PH) - Relay, Lauren Dozier (PH) - Relay, Amanda Macia (CK) - Relay, Cindy Romero (CK) - Relay, Tayah Sanchez (WR) - Relay, Delonte Eason (CH) - Relay, Khalil Williams (CH) - Relay, Cameron Campbell (CH) - Relay, Akiti Taylor (CH) - Relay, Deandre Hamilton (PH) - Relay, Bryan Rufifin (PH) - Relay, Tresean Ketter (PH) - Relay, Najee Turner (PH) - Relay, Yusuf Sankoh (FH) - Relay, Evan Martin (FH) - Relay, Samuel Davies (FH) - Relay, Irvin Coleman (FH) - Relay.

Alexandria Titans Youth Tackle Football

The Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities is now accepting registrations for the Alexandria Titans Youth Tackle Football program. Teams are formed in the following weight divisions and participate in the Fairfax County Youth Football League: Anklebiters, 75 lbs/ 85 lbs/ 95 lbs/ 110 lbs/ 125 lbs/ and 150 lbs. Participants will be weighed and assigned to teams according to their weight and age. This program is for participants ages 7 - 16. Registration fee is \$25. All participants must have a Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Identification Card upon registration. For more information, call the Youth Sports Office at 703.838.4345 or visit www.alexandriava.gov/recreation.

ADULT SPORTS

Adult Women's Flag Football League Championships

The Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities held its Women's Flag Football Spring League Championship games on Sunday, June 21 in front of a crowd of more than 300 spectators at the George Washington Middle School Football Field.

In the first of two semi-final games, the number one seeded Playmakers were defeated by the fourth seeded Lady Phantoms 8 -0. In the second semi-final game number two seeded Lady All Mets lost to the third seeded Lady Cougars 11- 8. In the Championship game the Lady Phantoms defeated the Lady Cougars on a game winning field goal in overtime to win the championship.

For additional information, call the Adult Sports Office at 703.838.5003 or visit www.alexandriava.gov/recreation .

NEW FALL CLASSES OFFERED

The Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities is offering a variety of new programs beginning in September. New classes for youth include Tumbling for ages 3 - 12, Cheerleading for

Ages 7 and up, as well as a new program called Romp, Stomp and & Zoom in the new Chinquapin Soft Play Room. New classes for Adults include Aerobic Belly Dance, Cardio Latin Dance, Hip Hop Aerobics, Clay Handbuilding and variety of new Yoga classes. Seniors have new and exciting classes to look forward to which include Aquatic Exercise for Seniors, Cardio Chair & Sculpt, and Introduction to the Fitness Room for Seniors. All classes are held at Neighborhood Recreation Centers including the newly renovated Charles Houston Recreation Center located at 901 Wythe St. in Old Town. Fall class schedule will be available the week of August 10. For additional information, visit www.alexandriava.gov.

COMMUNITY AWARD

Cora Kelly Recreation Center Receives Community Award

The Community Praise Center, Seventh Day Adventist Church (Russell Rd.) recognized the Coral Kelly Recreation Center on May 30, 2009 for their commitment to excellence with the programs available to seniors, adults, teens and youth of all ages, and for their efforts at reaching out to all different groups in the community. For additional information on the programs and activities offered at the City's neighborhood recreation centers, visit www.alexandriava.gov.

COMMISSION MEETINGS

All commission and committee meeting are open to the public.
July 16

Park and Recreation Commission Public Hearing and Regular Meeting

The City of Alexandria's Park and Recreation Commission will hold a public hearing on to review and discuss the conceptual plan for the Contrabands and Freedmen's Cemetery Memorial. The public hearing is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 16 at the Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson St. After discussion on the Contrabands and Freedmen's Cemetery Memorial has concluded, the Commission will hear comments from City residents on any other park and recreation related issue not previously discussed in a public hearing by the Commission. For additional information, call 703.838.4842.

DISPATCHES FROM THE FRONT

"Dispatches from the Front" is the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities 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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