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

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

NEW DIRECTOR ANNOUNCED

On June 17, 2009, City Manager James K. Hartmann announced the appointment of James B. Spengler as the new Director of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities. The Director of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities is responsible for the administration of year-round, city-wide parks, recreation and cultural activity programming for the City of Alexandria.

Mr. Spengler possesses more than 35 years of experience in the field of parks and recreation management. Prior to his appointment as the City's Director, Mr. Spengler served as the Director of the Metropolitan Park District of the Toledo Area in Northwest Ohio. In that role, he was responsible for overseeing a park district that served five counties in both Ohio and Michigan, serving a total population of 833,000. He managed more than 10,000 acres of parkland in the district and his duties included land acquisition, park planning, construction, land management, botanical garden and arts programs, maintenance, special events, environmental and history programs, historic sites, finance,

and human resources. Mr. Spengler also served for nine years as the Director of Parks and Recreation in Arlington, Texas, six years as the General Manager of the North Bakersfield Recreation and Park District in California, and six years as the Executive Director of the Prince William Park Authority in Virginia.

FALL PROGRAM GUIDE AVAILABLE WEEK OF AUGUST 3

The Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities Fall 2008 Program Guide will be available the week of August 3. The program guide highlights City classes, programs, activities and special events occurring September through December. Registration for Fall Classes Opens August 17 for City Residents and August 24 for Nonresidents.

Individuals who subscribed to receive the program guide will receive it in the mail. Residents who did not subscribe can download a free copy by visiting alexandriava.gov/recreation or pick up a printed copy at neighborhood recreation center, City Hall, public libraries and historic properties.

COMMUNITY & SPECIAL EVENTS

Aug 1

Friendship Firehouse Festival

Friendship Firehouse, 107 S. Alfred St. from 10 am-2 pm
Sponsor: Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Association
For more information, call 703.838.4994.

Aug 8

Irish Festival

Waterfront Park, 1A Prince St. from noon-7 pm
Cosponsor: The Ballyshaners, Inc.
For more information, visit ballyshaners.org.

August 22

One Love Community Festival

Braddock Park, 1005 Mt. Vernon Ave. from noon-8 pm (Music ends at 6 pm)
(Rain date August 29)
Sponsor: Operation Hope
For more information, call Lenwood Harris at 202.285.1240.

August 23

Cambodian Day Festival

Ben Brenman Park, 4800 Brenman Park Dr. from noon-6 pm
Cosponsor: Cambodian Community Day Committee
For more information, call the Special Events Hotline at 703.883.4686 or the Special Events Office at 703.838.4844.

SUMMER CONCERTS

Concerts are cancelled if inclement weather. The performance schedule is subject to change without notice. For up to date information, call the Special Events Hotline at 703.883.4686.

Lunch Bunch Concert

Canal Plaza, 44 Canal Center Plaza
August 5 - Chemistry (Jazz) at noon

Music At Twilight Concert

Fort Ward Park Amphitheater, 4301 West Braddock Rd.
August 6 - All Scottish Night at 7 pm
Featuring the No.Va. Branch, Royal Scottish Country Dance Society and the Alexandria Pipes & Drums

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

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

Alexandria Harmonizers

Market Square, 301 King St.
August 14 at 7:30 pm

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. The West End Farmers' Market will not operate Sunday, August 23 due to the Annual Cambodian Day Festival.

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.

OUT OF SCHOOL TIME PROGRAM

Registration for the Out of School Time Program for the 2009-2010 School Year is currently open for children youth ages 5 (enrolled in Kindergarten) - 12, and Preteens and Teens in grades 6 – 8. The Out of School Time Program operates at the seven neighborhood recreation centers and five school sites (John Adams, Douglas MacArthur, Durant/Houston, George Washington Middle School, and Francis C. Hammond Middle School). Beginning this fall, participants will be charged a \$25 activity fee per semester (Fall, Winter/Spring, and Summer). A Fee Assistance Program is available for eligible families. To register, visit your neighborhood recreation center. [Click here](#) for a list of neighborhood recreation centers. For additional information, call Recreation Services at 703.838.4345.

ENHANCED SERVICE HOURS AT CHARLES HOUSTON RECREATION CENTER

The Department of Recreation Parks and Cultural Activities now offers enhanced service hours, Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m., at the Charles Houston Recreation Center, 901 Wythe St., Participants will have use of the center's fitness room, game room, gymnasium and computer lab. Single and multi visit admission passes will be available for purchase as follows:

- Daily Visit Admission: \$3/resident and \$5/nonresident
- 25-visit Pass: \$50/resident and \$100/nonresident
- 1-month Pass: \$30/resident and \$45/nonresident

For additional information on the Charles Houston Recreation Center enhanced services and other programs, call Sheila Whiting, Center Director, at 703.838.4814.

ARTS IN ALEXANDRIA

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, visit AlexandriaFilm.org or call Alisa Carrel at 703.838.5095, extension 273.

Competition to Select an Artist and Design for the Police Memorial

The Alexandria Police Memorial will be an integral part of the new Alexandria Police Department Headquarters 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. The Memorial is intended to recognize the service of Alexandria police officers to their community. The artwork will focus on the honor, integrity and sacrifice of Alexandria's fallen officers and will convey a message of appreciation and remembrance rather than loss and sorrow. A Selection Panel representing a cross-section of Police groups and artists/ design professionals has been formed to guide the public art process.

The Alexandria Police Foundation is assisting in the effort to raise private funds to construct the Memorial. To contribute to the Alexandria Police Memorial, please send your check in any amount to:

Alexandria Police Foundation - Police Memorial
c/o Burke & Herbert Bank & Trust Co.
Attention: C.K. Collum, Jr., Treasurer
P.O. Box 268
Alexandria, VA 22313

Checks should be made payable to the Alexandria Police Foundation.

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.

Youth Cheerleading Program (Ages 5-16)

Learn the basic cheerleading skills and techniques. Teams are formed at the neighborhood recreation and afterschool centers in the developmental, junior varsity and varsity levels. Age is determined by the age of the participant as of April 30, 2010. Registration is open August 1 through September 7. Nominal charges will be assessed. For additional information, call 703.838.4345 or your neighborhood recreation center.

Youth Boys & Girls Volleyball Leagues (Ages 10-14)

Boy's and Girl's leagues are designed to develop the basic fundamentals and further the development of the skilled players. Teams will be formed based on the number of participants registered and by experience. Practice and games begin in September. League age is determined by the age of the participant as of December 31, 2009. Registration is open August 1 through September 7. Registration fee is \$25. For additional information, call 703.838.4345.

ADULT SPORTS

The Adult Sports' Office is currently accepting Fall 2009 League registrations. For additional information, call the Adult Sports Office at 703.838.5003.

COMMISSION MEETINGS

No meetings scheduled for the month of August.

OPEN SPACE PROPERTIES AT 4109-4125 MOUNT VERNON AVE.

The Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities invites the public to attend an informational meeting, to discuss the upcoming park planning and design process for the open space properties at 4109-4125 Mount Vernon Ave. The informational meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 6, at 7 pm on site at 4109 Mount Vernon Ave. The site was acquired in January of 2007 as part of the City's Open Space Program.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide information and begin a discussion with the community about the park planning process in coordination with the Arlandria Small Area Plan and the Four Mile Run Restoration Master Plan. For additional information, call Laura Durham, Open Space Coordinator, at 703.838.5095, ext. 350 .

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 alexandriava.gov/recreation.

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