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

Out of School Time Programs

Early Morning Fitness at Charles Houston

Ad Hoc Fort Ward Park and Museum Area Stakeholder Advisory Group Meeting

Park Site Work Scheduled During the Months of January and February

Arts in Alexandria

Commission & Committee Meetings

Dispatches from the Front

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

OUT OF SCHOOL TIME PROGRAM

2009-2010 School Year Theme - "A Blast from the Past"

Each month activities revolve around a different time period of our past. This program is designed to help capture the imagination of children and encourage learning while having fun. Celebrations, food workshops, music, dance, visual arts, and civic event activities are planned throughout the calendar year. The activities support innovative thinking, diversify leisure interests, and expose participants to events and people that have shaped the world of today.

January - The Revolutionary Sixties – Clashes were the shocking norm for this decade: U.S. troops sent to Vietnam, Cuban Missile Crisis, JFK assassinated, Mandela sent to prison, Black Panthers formed. Events featured the Civil Rights Movement, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the Beatles, Motown, Beach Boys, Feminism, Woodstock, Andy Warhol pop art, and tie dye. Special Event celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. For additional information, call Recreation Services at 703.746.5430.

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.

AD HOC FORT WARD PARK AND MUSEUM AREA STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY GROUP MEETINGS

The City of Alexandria's Ad Hoc Fort Ward Park and Museum Area Stakeholder Advisory Group will meet at the Fort Ward Museum, 4301 W. Braddock Rd. at 7 p.m. on Thursday, January 14 and Tuesday, January 26. Established by City Council resolution in June 2009, the Advisory Group will advise City staff on Fort Ward Park and Museum use and management. For more information, please visit <http://alexandriava.gov/recreation> or call 703.746.5493.

PARK SITE WORK SCHEDULED DURING THE MONTHS OF JANUARY & FEBRUARY

City contractors will conduct site surveying and obtain soil samples at the soccer field in Ben Brenman Park, located at 4800 Brenman Park Dr., and at 1 & 7 East Del Ray Avenue Park. Residents will see equipment in use and survey crews at work during the daytime. The survey work and soil samples are necessary for engineering plans associated with proposed field and park improvements. For additional information or questions about the work, call Laura Durham, Park Planning Division, at 703.746.5493.

ARTS IN ALEXANDRIA

Call for Nominations for the City of Alexandria Poet Laureate

The Office of the Arts has issued a call for applications to serve as the City's Poet Laureate. The role of the Poet Laureate is to foster an appreciation of poetry as an art form, encourage creative writing and reading, and promote literacy through poetry. The Poet Laureate is appointed to a three-year term and receives a modest honorarium.

Individuals can nominate themselves or be nominated by someone else. Nominees must distinguish themselves in the field of poetry through the body of work they have created; be a resident of the City for a minimum of one year and maintain residency through the three-year term of service; accept the Poet Laureate post as a ceremonial role, and be 18 years of age or older. All nominations must be submitted to the Office of the Arts, c/o the Durant Center, 1605 Cameron St., Alexandria, VA 22314, by 5 pm on Monday, January 11, 2010. The new Poet Laureate will be named in March 2010.

COMMISSION & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

All commission and committee meetings are open to the public. For additional information, call 703.746.5500.

January 14

Alexandria Beautification Commission, 7:30 pm
Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson St.

January 19

Alexandria Waterfront Committee, 7:30 am
Lee Center 1108 Jefferson St.

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Commission for the Arts, 7 pm
Durant Center, 1605 Cameron St.

January 21

Park & Recreation Commission, 7:30 pm
Charles Houston Recreation Center, 901 Wythe St.

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 alexandriava.gov/recreation.

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