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

- Community & Special Events
- Summer Concerts
- 2010 Civic Awards
- "Power-On" Out of School Time Programs
- Operation Prom Prep Rally
- Summer Outdoor Pools Open
- Early Morning Fitness at Charles Houston
- Park Planning Construction Updates
- Annual Waterfront Committee Waterfront Walk
- Arts in Alexandria
- Honors, Awards & Accomplishments
- Public Meetings
- Dispatches from the Front

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

COMMUNITY & SPECIAL EVENTS

June 5 & 6

Old Town Arts & Crafts Fair

Market Square, 301 King St. from 1 - 6 pm & 10 am - 6 pm

Sponsor: Alexandria Volunteer Bureau

For more information, call Melinda Patrician at 703.683.1793 or email

mpatrician@alexandriavolunteerbureau.org.

June 12

18th Annual Alexandria Armenian Festival

Market Square, 301 King Street, from noon - 5 pm

Sponsor: Knights of Vartan

For more information, call Ed Ketchoyian at 571.233.2909 or email green-t@mindspring.com.

June 13

10th Annual Arlandria Chirilagua Festival
3700 Commonwealth Ave. from noon - 7 pm
Sponsor: Tenants and Workers United
For more information, call Monica Cevallos at 703.684.5697 x318 or email mcevallos@tenantsandworkers.org.

June 19
American Red Cross 5k Fun Run
Eisenhower Ave., from 7 – 10 am
Sponsor: American Red Cross in the National Capital Region
For more information, call Dana Brunson at 703.299.2524 or email Brunson@usa.redcross.org.

June 26
Civil War Camp Day & Skirmish
Fort Ward Park, 4301 W. Braddock Rd. from 10 am to 5 pm
Sponsor: City of Alexandria
For more information, call Susan Cumbey at 703.838.4848 or email susan.cumbey@alexandriava.gov.

SUMMER CONCERTS

Featuring a variety of musical entertainment, all concerts are free. Concerts are cancelled in the event of inclement weather and subject to change without notice. For up-to-date information, call the Special Events Hotline at 703.746.5592 or visit www.alexandriava.gov/concerts.

Visitors to the historic district are encouraged to take Metro rail Yellow or Blue lines to the King Street Station in Old Town and take the King Street Trolley; take DASH or Metro buses; or park in one of the convenient parking garages or lots. For a parking map and or information on public transit, call the Alexandria Convention and Visitors Association at 703.838.4200.

ALEXANDRIA PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION 2010 CIVIC AWARDS

The Alexandria Park and Recreation Commission is seeking nominations for the 2010 CIVIC Awards. The annual awards program recognizes the unsung volunteer efforts of Alexandrians who are involved in their communities and who have provided a valuable service to Alexandria in meeting recreation, park, or cultural needs. Individuals can nominate an Alexandria resident, group, club, organization, or corporate neighbor. For additional information and to submit a nomination, visit www.alexandriava.gov/recreation.

“POWER-ON” SUMMER 2010 CAMPS AND ACTIVITIES

The Department offers diverse and fun filled summer camp programs for youth ages 3-17. Kids can fill their summer playing with robots, kicking a soccer ball, swimming and walking through nature just to name a few. Our highly trained staff looks forward to spending time with your children and teens this summer! For additional information and to submit a nomination, visit www.alexandriava.gov/12968.

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OPERATION PROM PEP RALLY

Calling all Prom Beauties! Come out and get prepared for the Prom: beauty, etiquette, exercise, safety and dress (shoes and jewelry) giveaways on Friday, June 4 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Nannie J. Lee Memorial Recreation Center, 1108 Jefferson St. For more information call Ms. Dilworth-Abdalla at 703.746.5533.

SUMMER OUTDOOR POOLS

Outdoor Pools Open Weekends

The Old Town Pool (1609 Cameron St.) and Warwick Pool (3301 Landover St.) will open on weekends beginning through Saturday, May 29, and will open daily beginning June 28. For additional information and a complete schedule of pool openings, visit www.alecandriava.gov/pools

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.

PARK PLANNING CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

The Park Planning Division will provide a monthly update on implementation and construction of approved park plans. To view construction updates, visit www.alexandriava.gov/18078. For additional information, call Laura Durham, Open Space Coordinator at 703.746.5493 or email laura.durham@alexandriava.gov.

ANNUAL WATERFRONT COMMITTEE WATERFRONT WALK

The Alexandria Waterfront Committee invites the public to participate in its annual Waterfront Walk on Tuesday, June 8 beginning at 7:30 a.m. at Oronoco Bay Park, 100 Madison St. The walk will proceed south to the Strand and provide an opportunity assess operational conditions and issues along the Waterfront. For more information, call Laura at 703.746.5494.

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

City of Alexandria Voted Third Best Arts Destination Among Mid-Size Cities in the Nation

A new reader poll conducted by AmericanStyle Magazine ranks Alexandria third among the nation's best arts destinations. Rising from an 11th place ranking last year, Alexandria beat out the 2009 winner, Chattanooga, Tennessee, as well as perennial favorites Savannah, Georgia and Charleston, South Carolina. The top two spots went to St. Petersburg, Florida and New Orleans, Louisiana. For additional information, visit <http://www.americanstyle.com/2010/05/top-25-mid-sized-cities>.

HONORS, AWARDS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Alex Duke was honored as the Department's Sportsman's Club Athlete of the Year. Alex, age 11, is a quiet leader who leads by example. As the leader of his Alexandria Titans 95 lb. American football team, Alex kept a positive attitude at all times. He always demonstrated respect and sportsmanship to his coaches, teammates and his opponents on and off the field. Alex is an "A" student and is student at the St. Stephen's/St. Agnes School.

Mac Slover, Youth Sports Supervisor with the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities, was the recipient of the Alexandria Sportsman's Club's 2010 Civic Award. Mac was honored at their 53rd Annual Sports Banquet in recognition for his work and significant accomplishments in providing quality programming and encouraging good sportsmanship in all sports for the benefit of the youth in the City.

Melissa Riddy, Recreation Supervisor with the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities, attained the classification of Certified Park and Recreation Professional (CPRP). CPRP certification is granted to individuals employed in the recreation, park resources and leisure services profession who meet high standards of performance. In order to achieve CPRP status, applicants must meet minimum qualifications and successfully complete a national examination.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

For additional information, call 703.746.5500.

Alexandria Waterfront Committee

Annual Waterfront Walk

Tuesday, June 8 at 7:30 am

Oronoco Bay Park, 100 Madison St.

www.alexandriava.gov/25562

Ad Hoc Fort Ward Park & Museum Advisory Group

Thursday, June 10 at 7 pm

Fort Ward Museum, 4301 W. Braddock Rd.

www.alexandriava.gov/29638

Alexandria Beautification Commission

Thursday, June 10 at 7:30 pm

Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson St.

www.alexandriava.gov/31634

Commission for the Arts

Tuesday, June 15 at 7 pm

Durant Center, 1605 Cameron St.

www.alexandriacommissionforthearts.org

Park & Recreation Commission

Thursday, June 17 at 7:30 pm

Durant Center, 1605 Cameron St.

www.alexandriava.gov/25560

Ad Hoc Fort Ward Park & Museum Advisory Group

Tuesday, June 22 at 7 pm
Fort Ward Museum, 4301 W. Braddock Rd.
www.alexandriava.gov/29638

George Washington Celebration Committee

No meeting scheduled in June
Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson St.
www.washingtonbirthday.org

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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