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

- Community & Special Events
- "Power-On" Out of School Time Programs
- Early Morning Fitness at Charles Houston
- Park Planning Construction Updates
- Summer Camps
- Arts in Alexandria
- Public Meetings
- Dispatches from the Front

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

COMMUNITY & SPECIAL EVENTS

May 15

Mayor's Cup Rugby Challenge Match

Braddock Park, 1005 Mt. Vernon Ave. from 10am – 6 pm

Sponsor: Alexandria Rugby, Inc.

For more information, call Owen Malone at 703.851.6188 or email alexandriarugby@comcast.net.

May 16

Titan Expo

TC Williams HS, 3330 King St. from noon - 6 pm

Sponsor: TC Williams HS SCA & PTA

For more information, call Mary Ellen McCormick 703.824.6800 or email maryellen.mccormick@acps.k12.va.us.

May 16

Colin Casey Fun Run

Sponsor: St. Mary's School

St. Mary's School, 400 Green St. from 7 - 10 am

For more information, call Gage & Michael Gribbon at 703.960.5528 or email gagesheridan@yahoo.com.

May 21

Bike To Work Day

Market Square, 301 King St.

Sponsor City of Alexandria /Transit Services

For more information, call GERALYN TAYLOR at 703.746.4084 or email geralyn.taylor@alexandriava.gov.

May 27

Taste of Old Town North

Montgomery Park, 300 Montgomery St. from 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Sponsor: Old Town North Community Partnership

For more information, call Elizabeth Frommer at 703.836.8066 or email efrommer@mreproperties.com.

May 31

33rd Annual Memorial Day Jazz Festival

Fort Ward Park, 4301 W. Braddock Rd. from 1 - 7 pm

Sponsor: City of Alexandria

For more information, visit www.alexandriava.gov/12678, call the Special Events Hotline at 703.746.5592 or the Special Events Office at 703.746.5418.

“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.

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.

SUMMER CAMPS

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

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>.

Outgoing Poet Laureate Mary McElveen to Receive City Proclamation

On May 11, City Council will recognize Mary McElveen with a proclamation for her three years of service as the City's Poet Laureate. Her role has been to promote an appreciation of poetry, to encourage creative writing and reading, and to promote literacy through poetry. She appeared in Alexandria and Northern Virginia at school events, libraries, arts programs and citywide activities. As Alexandria's Poet Laureate, Mary McElveen wrote nine poems for the City and appeared in Alexandria and Northern Virginia at school events, libraries, arts programs and other activities. To learn more about the Poet Laureate program, call the Office of the Arts at 703.746.5588.

Community Meeting Scheduled for May 18 on Torpedo Factory Art Center Study

In February 2010, Management Analysis, Inc. (MAI) released the results of a review of the operations and governance of the Torpedo Factory Art Center. On Tuesday, May 18, 7pm, MAI will give a presentation on the report to the community and take questions from the audience. Hosted by the Alexandria Commission for the Arts and the Alexandria Arts Forum, the meeting will be held at the Charles Houston Recreation Center, Multipurpose Room. To review the full report, visit www.alexandriava.gov/arts. For more information, please contact Alisa Carrel at alisa.carrel@alexandriava.gov or 703.746.5590.

Alexandria Commission for the Arts Meeting

On May 18, the Alexandria Commission for the Arts will hold its monthly meeting, immediately following the Torpedo Factory Art Center Community Meeting. This month's meeting will be held at the Charles Houston Recreation Center, Multipurpose Room at 901 Wythe St. Additional committee meetings are scheduled throughout the month. All meetings are open to the public. For more information, call Cheryl Anne Colton at 703.746.5565.

Free Workshop on Social Media Scheduled for May 25

A Social Media Tools Workshop will be held on May 25, 1 pm, Durant Community Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St. This free training for non-profit organizations is sponsored by the Alexandria Collaborators which include the Office of the Arts, ACT, United Way, and the Department of Human Services. Learn about social media tools and social networking lingo to expand membership, increase audiences, recruit volunteers, and create a "buzz" for your organization. Facilitators: former Arts Commissioner Lynn O'Connell and Craig Fifer, City IT staff. FREE – Reservations are required. Please call the Office of the Arts, 703.746.5588.

Arts Reception to be Held at City Hall on May 25

Artists featured in the Art in City Hall and City Gallery programs from July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010 will be recognized at a reception on May 25, 5 pm at City Hall, Room 2000, 301 King St. In addition, arts organizations that have been awarded a grant from the Arts Commission for Fiscal Year 2011 will be honored. The reception is free and the public is invited. Come early to enjoy the new Art in City Hall exhibition. For more information, please call the Office of the Arts at 703.746.5588.

Alexandria Arts Forum

On May 27, 12:30pm, the Alexandria Arts Forum will hold its monthly meet at the Durant Center, 1605 Cameron St. For more information, please contact Ul James, President, at wmpa@earthlink.net.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

For additional information, call 703.746.5500.

Ad Hoc Fort Ward Park & Museum Advisory Group

Thursday, May 13 at 7 pm
Minnie Howard 9th Grade Center, 3801 W. Braddock Rd.
www.alexandriava.gov/29638

Alexandria Beautification Commission

Thursday, May 13 at 7:30 pm
Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson St.
www.alexandriava.gov/31634

George Washington Celebration Committee

Monday, May 17 at 7 pm
Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson St.
www.washingtonbirthday.org

Alexandria Waterfront Committee

Tuesday, May 18 at 7:30 am
Lee Center 1108 Jefferson St.
www.alexandriava.gov/25562

Commission for the Arts

Tuesday, May 18 at 7 pm
Charles Houston, 901 Wythe St.
www.alexandriacommissionforthearts.org

Park & Recreation Commission

Thursday, May 20 at 7 pm
City Hall, 301 King St., Sister Cities Room 1101
www.alexandriava.gov/25560

Ad Hoc Fort Ward Park & Museum Advisory Group

Tuesday, May 25 at 7 pm
Fort Ward Museum, 4301 W. Braddock Rd.
www.alexandriava.gov/29638

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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