



# City of Alexandria, VA

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## eNews

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

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

Community & Special Events  
Farmers' Markets  
Out of School Time Programs  
Early Morning Fitness at Charles Houston  
Arts in Alexandria  
Youth Sports  
Commission & Committee Meetings  
Dispatches from the Front

For additional information, visit [alexandriava.gov/recreation](http://alexandriava.gov/recreation) or call 703.746.4343.

### **COMMUNITY & SPECIAL EVENTS**

#### **October 3**

Art on the Avenue

Mt. Vernon Ave. from Bellefonte to Hume Ave. from 10 am–6 pm

Sponsor: Delray Business Association

For information, call Pat Miller at 703.683.2570 or email [pmiller1806@comcast.net](mailto:pmiller1806@comcast.net)

#### **October 17**

Family Fall Festival

Armistead Booth Park, 520 Cameron Station Blvd. from 10 am–3 pm

Sponsor: City of Alexandria

For information, call the Events Hotline at 703.883.4686 or the Special Events Office at 703.746.5418.

#### **October 24**

Walk to Fight Breast Cancer

Eisenhower Ave. 206 Swamp Fox Rd /AMC Theater Parking Lot at 8:30 am

Sponsor: INOVA Foundation/Office on Women

For information, call 703.838.5030 or email [angela.johnson@alexandriava.gov](mailto:angela.johnson@alexandriava.gov)

#### **October 24**

Re-enactment of John Carlyle

John Carlye House 121 N. Fairfax St. to the Presbyterian Church, 321 S. Fairfax St. from 9–11 pm

Sponsor: Alexandria's Footsteps to the Past

For information, call Jim Bartlinski at 703.549.2997

## **October 24**

Paws in the Park

Montgomery Park, 901 N. Royal St. from 11 am–1 pm

Sponsor: Old Town North Community Partnership

For information, call Elizabeth Frommer at 703.835.8066 or email [efrommer@mreproperties.com](mailto:efrommer@mreproperties.com)

## **October 25**

13th Annual Delray Halloween Parade

Mt. Vernon Ball Field, 2701 Commonwealth Ave. at 4 pm

Sponsor: Delray Business Association

For information contact Gayle Reuter at 703.684.3535 or email [gayle.reuter@mail.house.gov](mailto:gayle.reuter@mail.house.gov)

## **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.

### **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.

## **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](mailto:Sheila.whiting@alexandriava.gov).

## **ARTS IN ALEXANDRIA**

### **Annual Alex Awards**

Scheduled for Friday, October 23, the annual Alex Arts Awards program, sponsored by the Alexandria Commission for the Arts (ACA) and Office of the Arts, promotes interest and involvement in the arts by recognizing those who have excelled over the past year in their contribution to the Arts in Alexandria. In prior years, the ACA has awarded the Alex Arts Awards for specific categories. This year, two Alex Arts Awards will be given, each recognizing an overall contribution to our City's strong arts culture. For additional information, [alexandriacommissionforthearts.org](http://alexandriacommissionforthearts.org).

### **Grant Workshops Scheduled for On-Line Grant Applications for Fiscal Year 2009-2010**

The Alexandria Commission for the Arts will conduct a grant workshop on Wednesday, October 7 from

7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Dr. Oswald D. Durant Center, 1605 Cameron St. The workshops will provide information about the Commission's annual grant program, which provides funding to non-profit arts organizations for various arts programs, and instructions for the on-line grant application process. All applicants, including past grant recipients, are strongly encouraged to attend one of the grant workshops. For more information, visit [alexandriacommissionorthearts.org](http://alexandriacommissionorthearts.org) and [alexandriava.gov/arts](http://alexandriava.gov/arts).

### **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 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 703.746.5402

### **Youth Volleyball League Season Starts**

The 2009 Girls Volleyball League begins its eighth regular season on Thursday, October 15 at the Minnie Howard Ninth Grade School. This year, more than 110 girls between the ages of 10 and 14 are participating in the league, consisting of nine teams. Games are scheduled on Thursday and Friday nights through December. For additional information, visit [alexandriava.gov/recreation](http://alexandriava.gov/recreation).

### **Youth Basketball Registration**

The Youth Sport's Office is currently accepting registrations for the Winter Youth Basketball League for boys and girls ages 7 - 17. Registration fee is \$25 per child and is available to City residents only. Registration deadline is November 15. Registration forms are available at all neighborhood recreation centers, public libraries and the Department's administrative office at 1108 Jefferson St. For more information, visit [alexandriava.gov/recreation](http://alexandriava.gov/recreation) or call the Youth Sports Office at 703.746.5402.

## **COMMISSION & COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

All commission and committee meetings are open to the public. For additional information, call 703.746.4343.

### **October 13**

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

**October 15**

Public Hearing and Park & Recreation Commission, 7 pm  
Patrick Henry Recreation Center, 4643 Taney Ave.

**October 20**

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

**October 20**

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

**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](http://alexandriava.gov/recreation).

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