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Personal Property Taxes Due Wednesday, October 5 Avoid the Lines! Pay by Mail or Online!

Personal Property tax payments are due by Wednesday, Oct. 5, and can be paid by mail, by *eCheck* online at alexandriava.gov, by credit card, or in person at the Department of Finance in City Hall.

Owners of personal use automobiles have received their 2005-2006 windshield decal with the tax bill. Residents of residential parking permit districts have also received their residential parking permit which goes on the rear bumper of the vehicle. For further information, call 703.838.4777.

Leaf Collection Begins Soon

In mid-October, City crews will begin the annual fall leaf collection program. An informational flyer will be mailed to residents at the end of September. The collection schedule and area map is available at alexandriava.gov/tes/sw/leaf_collection or by calling the Solid Waste Division at 703.751.5130.

Copias en español del FYI en Alexandria están disponibles en las Bibliotecas de la Ciudad, el Departamento de Servicios Humanos, el Centro de Recreación Lee y la Municipalidad.

City Council Resumes Regular Meeting Schedule

The Alexandria City Council resumed its regular meeting schedule on Sept. 13 after its brief summer recess. In the coming year, the Council will consider a full range of issues including affordable housing, land use, transportation, economic development, emergency management, public safety, the environment, and human and social services, as well as the City's Fiscal Year 2007 budget.

The City Council holds its legislative meetings at 7 pm on the second and fourth Tuesdays from September through June in Council Chamber located on the second floor of City Hall at 301 King Street. Council generally holds its public hearing meetings at 9:30 am on the Saturday following the first Tuesday legislative meeting.

All meetings are open to the public and are broadcast live on Alexandria cable channel 70. City Council meetings are also web cast on the City web site alexandriava.gov. For a schedule of Council meeting re-broadcasts, call the



Alexandria City Council pictured from left to right, back row: Councilmembers Paul Smedberg, Ludwig Gaines, Joyce Woodson, Andrew Macdonald and Rob Krupicka; front row: Mayor William Euille and Vice Mayor Redella "Del" Pepper.

Office of Citizen Assistance at 703.838.4800. City Council meeting agendas are posted on the City's web site alexandriava.gov and can be e-mailed upon request to subscribers of the City's *eNews You Can Use*. *eNews* sign-up information is posted on the City's web site. Copies of Council agendas are also available at the City Clerk's Office, Room 2300 of City Hall.

Persons who wish to speak at a City Council public hearing may sign up in advance with the City Clerk by telephone, 703.838.4550, by e-mail at jackie.henderson@alexandriava.gov, or in person before the public hearing in the Council Chamber.

Please Help in the Hurricane Katrina Disaster Relief Effort

The Alexandria City Council challenges Alexandrians to assist the areas impacted by Hurricane Katrina by making monetary donations or volunteering. The City government is working with the Alexandria Red Cross Chapter, local non-profit agencies, the faith community, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and the Virginia Department of Emergency Management to assist in the relief effort. City employees are participating on regional teams being dispatched through FEMA to assist the affected jurisdictions in Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana. If you wish to donate to the Hurricane Katrina victims or volunteer, visit alexandriava.gov, or FEMA's web site www.fema.gov, or call the Red Cross at 1.800.HELP.NOW.

Prepare for Emergencies: Be Ready, Alexandria!

The Alexandria Fire Department's "Be Ready, Alexandria!" campaign will reach out to the City's more than 65,000 households and 8,000 businesses in 2005-2006 to inform them about how to prepare for an emergency. The Department is also seeking volunteers who are interested in helping in this education effort.

You can begin to prepare for an emergency by:

- Volunteering;
- being informed;
- making an emergency kit of food, water and supplies; and
- developing a family emergency plan that includes important telephone numbers including the number for a family member or friend living outside of the area who can serve as a point of contact.

For further information, contact the Emergency Management Office at 703.838.3940 or visit alexandriava.gov or www.makeaplan.org.



PUBLIC FORUM

Community Creates Vision For Braddock Road Metro Station Area

More than 75 local residents, business owners and civic leaders participated in two recent City sponsored meetings to kick off the Braddock Road Metro Station Area Planning Study. The Department of Planning and Zoning and other City staff will use feedback from the meeting for the planning study.

The planning effort enables the community to define a common vision for the neighborhood by examining the opportunities and challenges of new development, and discussing what the community would like to see in the neighborhood. Participants agreed on goals such as:

- Preserving the historic fabric of the neighborhood
- Increasing community-serving retail options, including a grocery store
- Mitigating traffic increases
- Creating a safe walkable environment
- Capitalizing on public benefits such as open space



The goals developed in the Braddock work-sessions reinforce City Council's Vision for Alexandria in the year 2015.

This fall and winter, Planning and Zoning staff and local stakeholders will continue to work on the Braddock Road Metro Station Area Planning Study, with completion of the

planning study expected in Spring 2006. The City is conducting a retail strategy study to determine the best way to achieve a vibrant retail area, including a grocery store, to serve the local neighborhood. Community members and staff will explore the following issues:

- Appropriate size and scale of new buildings
- Locations for open space, retail and community activities
- Preservation of existing homes, and a smooth transition from new development
- Future use of the Braddock Road Metro Station land
- Pedestrian, transportation and parking improvements

Information about the study is available at alexandriava.gov/planningandzoning or by contacting the Department of Planning and Zoning at 703.838.4666 or e-mail pnzfeedback@alexandriava.gov.

Alexandria Plans Fall Workshop Series On Livable Communities/Smart Growth

This fall the City Council will hold two workshops on Livable Communities and Smart Growth. The first session on Livable Communities/Smart Growth is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 20, and will feature Ed McMahon, Senior Resident Fellow at the Urban Land Institute, and a national authority on sustainable development, land conservation, and urban design. The second session on Walkable/Livable Communities is planned for Monday, Nov. 14, and will feature Daniel Burden, Executive Director of Florida's nonprofit Walkable Communities, Inc. Alexandrians will have an opportunity to learn more about the community benefits of planning for the City's future, as well as the ways in which Alexandria has been a leader in planning for a livable city.

Planning and Zoning Department staff have translated City Council's Strategic Plan for Alexandria 2015 into four major planning themes that shape the City's current planning initiatives, finished plans, and approved development applications.

- **Transit Oriented Development** - The Eisenhower East and Braddock Road Metro Areas are "transit villages" in the making. They take advantage of the investment in Metro and will include new development to focus on pedestrians rather than cars.
- **Creating and Preserving Neighborhoods** - The Mount Vernon Avenue and Arlandria Plans strengthen retail and restaurant uses, enhance the historic main street, improve walkability, and create parking and transit solutions.
- **Strengthening our Main Streets** - The King Street Retail Strategy ensures regional competitiveness by enhancing the vibrancy of this unique historic street.
- **Creating Urban Villages** - Planning for the revitalization of the Landmark/Van Dorn Area recognizes the value of mixed-use residential urban centers that design for people.

Proactive community planning and extensive community involvement - from creating plans to reviewing development applications - mean that the City can continue to expect high quality development and significant public benefits as part of the City Council's Vision for Alexandria. For more information, visit the City's web site at alexandriava.gov, call 703.838.4666 or send an e-mail to pnzfeedback@alexandriava.gov.

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IN FOCUS



Positive West Nile Virus Mosquitoes Reported in Five City Locations

In mid-August, positive West Nile virus mosquito collections were found at test sites in the Del Ray area of Alexandria near Monroe and Dewitt Avenues, Fort Ward Park, the Alexandria Sanitation Authority (near the beltway), Daingerfield Island and Jones Point Park. In 2002 and 2003, two people who lived in the Del Ray area were diagnosed with West Nile virus.

Human cases of West Nile virus were first diagnosed in Alexandria in 2002. Last year, Alexandria had no laboratory confirmed human cases of the West Nile virus, although there were seven mosquito collections that tested positive for West Nile virus in the City.

“The confirmation of positive mosquito collections in the City emphasizes the importance of mosquito control around our homes and the steps everyone needs to take to protect themselves from mosquito-borne illness. We urge Alexandrians to eliminate mosquito breeding habitats,” said Alexandria Health Director, Charles Konigsberg, Jr., MD, MPH.

For more information, visit www.vdh.virginia.gov/whc/external_whc/westnilevirus.asp or call the Alexandria Health Department at 703.838.4400 x327 or 326.



Brehan Miller and Kim Frank examine mosquito traps at Jones Point Park - Photo by Patricia Ruble

City Council Adopts Major Innovative Business License Tax Relief, Reform, and Simplification

On June 21, Alexandria City Council adopted an ordinance to provide business license tax relief, reform, and simplification for small and medium-sized businesses during their major first two years of operation in the City.

The system, which is relatively unique in Virginia, will reduce the tax burden for businesses whose estimated gross receipts are between \$100,000 and \$2 million to only \$50 in the first year, and then, on average, cuts the tax burden in approximately half for the second year.

Businesses that have estimated gross receipts of \$2 million or less in the first year of operation will pay a one-time \$50 fee to obtain a business license. In the second year of operation, the businesses will pay the business license tax based on the first year's actual gross receipts and not the second year estimated gross receipts, which had been the standard practice. The businesses will pay the business license tax in the third year based upon the second year's actuals.

By implementing these reforms, the City will be leaving needed funds in start-up businesses' coffers at a time when those businesses most need those funds. In addition, the tax reform will serve as an incentive for businesses to locate in Alexandria.

Based on the number and tax returns of new businesses received in prior years, the ordinance is expected to benefit approximately 100 new businesses in Fiscal Year 2006 at a cost of \$200,000. In Fiscal Year 2007 and beyond, the estimated cost is \$400,000 and would benefit approximately 200 new businesses per year.

For details on the City's new business license tax reform, call Mark Jinks, Assistant City Manager, at 703.838.4300.

Fiscal Year 2007 Budget Process Reforms

Last May, when the City Council passed the budget for Fiscal Year 2006, (which began July 1, 2005), it also passed a resolution that significantly reforms the budget process to be used for creating the Fiscal Year (FY) 2007 budget. According to City Manager Jim Hartmann, “The new budget process for FY 2007 will present many challenges. This is also an opportunity for us to reduce the rate of growth in the budget and the budget's increasing reliance on residential and real property taxes, while we work to provide a more responsive and effective City government.”

Planning and preparation for the FY 2007 budget has already begun. The City Manager's preliminary forecast and budget outlook, will be presented to City Council in October for use at its Oct. 29 budget retreat. That forecast will provide a preview of budget revenue and expenditure issues, including estimates of revenues under existing tax rates, expenditures necessary to maintain appropriate current services and policies (a baseline budget), the outlook for additional City operating and capital needs, the outlook for federal and state grants to the City, and the outlook for meeting unfunded federal and state mandates. The Alexandria City Public Schools have been asked to provide similar information to City Council. A public hearing on the budget will be held on Saturday, Oct. 15, to solicit public input on FY 2007 budget issues.

The City Council will establish budget growth targets in November for City and School programs. The City Manager will present a proposed budget to Council that meets those targets on Feb. 14, 2006, three weeks earlier than in previous years, allowing Council more time to consider and review the City Manager's recommendations before adopting a budget. The City Manager's budget also will present alternative tax rates that could be enacted with whatever revenues might be available above those necessary to meet the expenditure target set by Council in the fall. The City Manager may also present add-on options above the targets to meet emerging community needs.

Currently, at the City Manager's direction, City staff are identifying possible reforms to City-wide administrative processes, potential operational improvements in each City department that could yield efficiencies and improved effectiveness, possible budget increases necessary to meet strategic goals, an inventory and assessment of potential fee changes, and establishing capital project priorities.



eGOVERNMENT UPDATES

City Launches “Wireless Alexandria”

First Free, Outdoor, Wireless Internet Zone in DC Metro Area

The City of Alexandria officially launched “Wireless Alexandria” in August, marking the formal kickoff of the region’s first free, outdoor, wireless Internet zone. This new service allows any user with a wireless device to access the Internet in designated areas at no charge.

The goals of the one-year pilot project are to provide a convenient public service to users, stimulate economic development and tourism by drawing people to Alexandria, promote the image of Alexandria as a high-tech community, and test the feasibility of using wireless devices for municipal operations.

The current outdoor coverage area is centered along the King Street corridor in Old Town between Washington Street and the waterfront, including Market Square and the City Marina. Depending on building locations and other conditions, coverage is available for some distance around that corridor in each direction. If the pilot project is successful, coverage may be expanded to other public spaces and pedestrian corridors in the City. *Wireless Alexandria* is also available at all Alexandria public library branches.

The service is optimized for outdoor use. Although some indoor users may be able to connect to the system, the service is not intended to compete with commercially available Internet service and should not replace existing home or business Internet access. The network is not secured, which means that sensitive personal or financial information sent across the network will not be encrypted. Commercial Internet service is more appropriate for these types of uses.

Wireless Alexandria is available to anyone using a “Wi-Fi”-enabled laptop or personal digital assistant (PDA). Wi-Fi devices (also known as 802.11 devices) can connect to the Internet wirelessly, without the need for any cords, cables, or special software. Many new laptops and PDAs come standard with Wi-Fi capability. Laptops (and some PDAs) without the feature can be upgraded inexpensively.

The initial cost of the necessary equipment was less than \$14,000, with an ongoing monthly cost of \$650 for Internet bandwidth. The project was funded by Alexandria’s Information Technology Plan, which is part of the City’s capital improvement program.

For more information on *Wireless Alexandria*, visit wirelessalexandria.com or e-mail Craig Fifer, the City’s E-Government Manager, at craig.fifer@alexandriava.gov or call 703.838.6333 x537.



Alexandria and Arlington Create High-Speed Fiber Optic Interconnection

The City of Alexandria and Arlington County have constructed a high-speed fiber optic interconnection joining the Alexandria Institutional Network (I-Net) and the Arlington I-Net.

The fiber link, which uses existing Comcast cable fiber, is the first step in creating a series of Northern Virginia regional interconnections. This inter-jurisdictional fiber connection has been cited by the federal Department of Homeland Security as an innovation it would like to see replicated in the Washington, D.C., area, as well as other metropolitan areas of the United States.



Future applications for the fiber link include:

- Connecting emergency operation centers of the two jurisdictions;
- sharing of live video and satellite programming;
- videoconferencing for inter-jurisdictional meetings;
- sharing of building permit, GIS, tax, and criminal identification databases;
- processing Alexandria’s payroll on Arlington’s mainframe computers;
- integrating traffic management between neighboring communities;
- backing up connections to radio controllers in neighboring communities; and
- backing up 911 call centers and emergency operations centers in neighboring communities.

Emergency responders used this new interconnection for communications during a Pentagon Emergency exercise in June.

The fiber link regional interconnection eventually will also connect with the City of Falls Church and Fairfax County and possibly other Northern Virginia jurisdictions.

Alexandria Library Upgrades Online Catalog

The Alexandria Library has upgraded its online catalog with technology that allows for faster, smarter searching and easier communication between the Library and patrons, such as automatic e-mail notification of overdue items.

Along with the new catalog system, patrons will notice a faster, sleeker Alexandria Library homepage, with one-click ease to reach their patrons’ records, renewing checked out items, reserving items, and searching the catalog. The general navigation through the pages of the Library’s site is more intuitive, and it is no longer dependent on “drop down” menus with tiny print. Visit the Library’s new home page at www.alexandria.lib.va.us.



PROGRAMS & SERVICES



Alexandria Selected to Participate in National Afterschool Technical Assistance Project

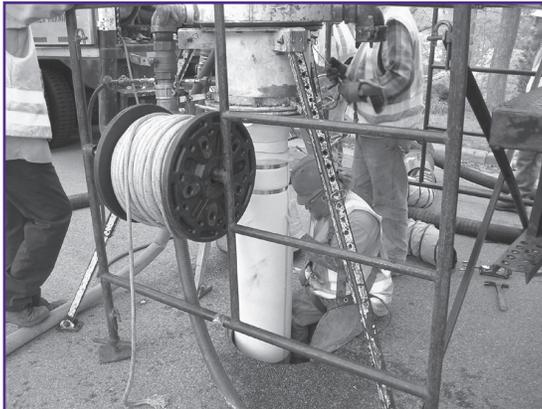
Alexandria is one of 12 cities in the City Leaders Engaged in Afterschool Reform (CLEAR) technical assistance project sponsored by the National League of Cities Institute for Youth, Education and Families (YEF).

The City will work with the YEF staff and staff in the 14 cities that have participated in the program. The city-wide plan for quality, accessible afterschool care will be presented to City Council this fall.

For more information, call Carol Farrell, Director in the Department of Human Services' Office of Early Childhood Development, at 703.838.0785.

Inflow and Infiltration Project

The \$3.8 million Four Mile Run Inflow & Infiltration (I&I) sanitary sewer rehabilitation project is scheduled to be completed in early fall. Over 57,000 feet of sanitary sewer pipe was relined and 650 manholes were repaired in order to prevent ground water from leaking into sewers. This groundwater takes up pipe capacity and leaves little room for conveyance of sewage from homes and businesses.



The second phase of the I&I rehabilitation project in the Commonwealth Avenue sewer area will begin this fall, when over 71,000 feet of sewer will be relined and 855 manholes will be repaired. This \$5.3 million project is scheduled in 2006.

For more information about this project, call the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services at 703.838.6438.

Traffic Calming Projects

The City government, and the upper King Street and Jefferson Houston Elementary School communities have worked together to improve pedestrian safety. The City built a series of bulb-outs and curb extensions along Cameron Street, and installed a set of speed cushions and stop signs at Cameron and Peyton Streets.

In the central part of the City, a speed cushion was installed on Cambridge Road near Bishop Ireton High School and the City built a missing link of sidewalk.

To address speeding problems on Russell Road, which has a steep slope at the segment between Pine and Aspen Streets, the City built a series of three curb extensions, which narrow the street. As a result, motorists slow down and pedestrians can cross safely. For more information, call Bob Garbacz at 703.838.4411.

Carsharing Reaches Alexandria's West End

EOS twenty-one, an apartment and condominium community on Van Dorn Street between Duke Street and Edsall Road, will be the first to bring carsharing to Alexandria's west end. Many of the 3,500 residents in the area already use mass transit.

Carsharing helps eliminate the costs and headaches of car ownership by sharing the use of a private vehicle (provided by Flexcar or Zipcar). The service also assists those unable to purchase their own vehicle. For more information, contact Vanessa Vega at 703.838.3800 or visit alexride.org.

New and Better Bus Shelters for Alexandria

The Department of Transportation and Environmental Services is working to provide new and better bus shelters for City transit users. Once Transit Services completes a bus stop inventory for the entire city this fall, the department will begin replacing deteriorating Metro bus shelters throughout the city and erecting new bus shelters in many locations. The City Council has funded a four-year bus shelter replacement program in an effort to improve transit access.

School Zone Speed Limit Reduction

Beginning in September, the City will lower the speed limit during certain school hours at some of the City's elementary schools from 25 miles per hour to 15 miles per hour. Schools with existing signs with flashers are being targeted in the first phase of this program, with replacement criteria being developed by the City for other schools. This speed reduction is part of an effort to address safety concerns for children traveling to and from school. Over the next three years, the City will add speed limit signs with flashers at additional schools and upgrade the signs at others as needed.



Pedestrian Issues

The Department of Transportation and Environmental Services' new bicycle and pedestrian coordinator, Steve Suder, is on board. He has begun obtaining public input on a City-wide Mobility Needs Assessment of persons with disabilities, pedestrians, and bicyclists. A \$120,000 grant from the Virginia Department of Transportation funds the study which will determine needs and cost estimates for a 10-year improvement program. This effort advances the element of City Council's adopted strategic plan that calls for "an integrated, multi-modal transportation system that efficiently and effectively gets people from point A to point B." For more information, call Steve Suder at 703.838.4966.



CITY LIFE

New School Year Begins

More than 10,000 students are attending Alexandria City Public Schools this year.

Some highlights as school begins include:

- Addition of a modified school calendar at the Mt. Vernon Community School which joins Samuel B. Tucker Elementary School as a year round school.
- The continued and expanded use of laptops by all students in grades 9-12 to improve classroom instruction and enhance learning with technology opportunities.

Up-to-date information about Alexandria public schools is available on its web site www.acps.k12.va.us or for general information call 703.824.6600.



Photo by Dan Pierce, ACPS

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

The Office on Women will sponsor several events in October to highlight domestic violence.

- Oct. 1 - Tent Event at the Target store
- Oct. 18 - Silent Witness Candlelight Vigil and Memorial
- Oct. 29 - Community Forum featuring Call to Men founder Tony Porter

The Office on Women receives more than 3,000 hotline calls each month on its domestic violence and sexual assault hotlines.

The Office on Women has been providing domestic violence and sexual assault intervention and prevention services for more than 20 years. Victims can seek help through hotlines staffed by crisis counselors. Women who are victims of domestic violence can seek refuge in the City's battered women's shelter and can receive counseling and support. Other services offered through the Domestic Violence Program include individual and group counseling, court advocacy and accompaniment, and outreach and community education.

Join the Office on Women during the month of October by wearing a purple ribbon to recognize national awareness of violence against women. For more information, call the Office on Women at 703.838.5030 or visit the web site at alexwomen.com.



TC Williams High School Construction Update

Construction is on schedule for the new 461,000 square foot Alexandria City Public Schools TC Williams High School, located in the 3000 block of King Street and scheduled to open in the fall of 2007.

Construction began in December on underground utilities and foundations not visible from King Street. In the coming months, work will progress on concrete floors and the erection of the steel superstructure, followed by masonry work on the interior and exterior of the building. For more information, visit www.acps.k12.va.us.



Photo by Christopher Bedwell

The Rotary Club of Alexandria donated two benches for Oronoco Bay Park as part of its community service program.

The Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities Living Landscape Program encourages individuals and organizations to donate funds for the beautification of parks, medians, City buildings or playgrounds. For additional information regarding the Living Landscape Fund, call 703.838.5040.

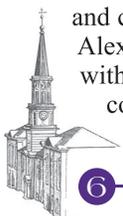
Mirant Power Plant Closes Temporarily

In August, as a result of an air pollution study, the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality ordered the Mirant Corporation to take immediate steps to reduce pollution at its Potomac River generating plant located on the City's north waterfront. Mirant chose to voluntarily shut down the plant temporarily while it developed a plan to reduce air pollution that had been found to exceed federal and state limits for pollutants. The coal-fired plant, which has been in operation since 1949, provides power to customers in the District of Columbia and Maryland.



Photo by Louise Krafft/Alexandria Gazette Packet

In June 2004, Alexandria City Council took a position that over the long term, the Mirant Plant should be closed permanently. For some time Alexandria elected officials and community members have been concerned about the health impacts of the plant on Alexandrians, especially those living near the plant. The City government has worked with the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and Mirant to address the City's concerns about plant emissions. Consistent with the City Council's position, the City government is opposed to the reopening of the plant.



CITY LIFE



Participate in the Walk to Fight Breast Cancer on Oct. 22

Building on the results of the last 11 years, the 12th Annual Walk to Fight Breast Cancer is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 22, 8 am, at Cameron Run Regional Park.

Walkers can choose from a 1.5K/3.5K/5K walk or run, and the route is accessible to wheelchairs and strollers. Registration and parking will be located at AMC Hoffman Center Theatres on Eisenhower Avenue, with free DASH shuttle service to the Walk route. Registration is \$25 for adults and \$10 for children, if pre-registered by Oct. 19. On-site registration is \$35. Register online at alexcancerwalk.com. Volunteers are also needed to help on the day of the event.

Another fund raising opportunity is the **Dine Out for the Walk to Fight Breast Cancer on Tuesday, Oct. 18**. Alexandria restaurants will donate a portion of the proceeds from their sales to the Walk. Call 703.838.5030 for information.

Walk proceeds support the Alexandria Breast Cancer Walk Fund, which has provided free mammography screenings at Inova Alexandria Hospital to more than 2,200 women since 1994.

Public Invited to Celebrate Duncan Library Re-Opening

The public is invited to celebrate the re-opening of the expanded James M. Duncan Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Avenue on Saturday, Oct. 22, from 11 am to 3 pm. The single-story addition to the 36 year-old building incorporates a vegetated "green" roof system, and masonry to match the existing library facade, with 90 percent of the overall addition consisting of a glass storefront. The green roof and glass storefront incorporate energy conservation measures, with the vegetated roofing expected to filter storm water runoff and reduce heat in the summer. The glass storefront provides natural light, decreasing the need for supplemental interior lighting.



Photo by Christopher Bedwell

The expansion accommodates the adult reading collection, a reading room, periodicals area, information desk, and will serve as the re-oriented entrance from Commonwealth Avenue. The original 8,000 square foot Library was also renovated and incorporates an energy-efficient heating and air conditioning system, upgraded public restrooms, an expanded children's area and multipurpose room, and a young adult room, as well as staff offices and general work areas.

The celebration will include a ribbon cutting, tours of the building, an opportunity to meet staff, and refreshments. Other events will include a puppet show by Bob Brown Puppets, author reading and story hours with Jane Harrington and Barbara Ephron, and live music by The Irish Breakfast Band and the Peruvian Children's Choir. For more information, call 703.519.3498.



Alexandria's third annual Festival of the Arts attracted thousands of visitors to Old Town on September 10-11 - Photo by Louise Krafft/Alexandria Gazette Packet

Fire Prevention Week Memorial Service

The Alexandria Fire Department's annual Fire Prevention Week Memorial Service will be held on Oct. 14, 11 am at the Ivy Hill Cemetery, 2823 King Street. The ceremony honors those who died in the line of duty, and firefighters and EMS employees who died during the past year.

Alexandria Selects A New Town Crier

The City of Alexandria has selected William North-Rudin as the new town crier. North-Rudin was one of five applicants who participated in a "cry off" in City Council Chamber in front of a City panel of judges in July.

North-Rudin is a 20-year resident of the City and lives in Del Ray with his wife. He works at the Alexandria Volunteer Bureau and is attending graduate school at Marymount University in Arlington. North-Rudin replaces the late John I. Yagerline, the town crier since 1998.

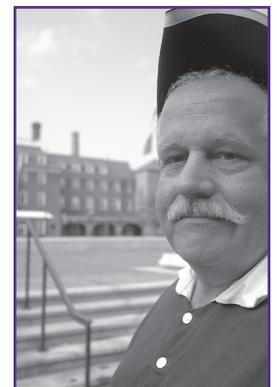


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November 8 is Election Day

On Tuesday, Nov. 8, Alexandria voters will help select a new governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, as well as a sheriff, commonwealth's attorney and its representatives to the Virginia House of Delegates.

The deadline to register to vote is 5 pm on Tuesday, Oct. 11. Applications for registration are available at alexandriavoter.org or by visiting Alexandria's Office of Voter Registration and Elections, Department of Motor Vehicles centers, City Hall, post offices, and City libraries and recreation centers. Call 703.838.4050 for more information.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, Oct. 1
Annual Costume Symposium
 10 am
 Gadsby's Tavern Museum
 \$125 (includes lunch, reservations req.)
 703.838.4242



Target Store Tent Event
 10 am - 4 pm
 Potomac Yard Shopping Center - Free
 703.838.4911

Art on the Avenue
 10 am - 6 pm
 Mt. Vernon Ave. - Free
 703.683.3100



Family Dig Days
 1:30 - 3 pm
 Alexandria Archaeology
 \$5/person, reservations required
 703.838.4399

Sunday, Oct. 2
Ship's Company Living History Program
 Noon - 4 pm
 Fort Ward Museum & Historic Site - Free
 703.838.4848

Saturday, Oct. 8
Shuter's Hill Excavation Tours
 10 am
 Alexandria Archaeology
 Free, reservations required
 703.838.4399

Archaeology Day
 10 am & 1:30 pm
 101 Callahan Drive
 Free, reservations required
 703.838.4399

Canine Games
 10 am - 1 pm
 Episcopal High School
 \$20 in advance, \$25 on-site,
 registration required
 703.838.4774



Saturday, Oct. 8, and Sunday, Oct. 9
Seaport Days
 10 am - 5 pm
 Waterfront Park
 Free, reservations required
 703.549.7078



Saturday, Oct. 15
Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2007 City Budget
 9:30 am
 City Hall, Council Chamber
 703.838.4550

Heritage Trail Bicycle Tour
 10 am
 Alexandria Archaeology
 Free, reservations required
 703.838.4399



Family Fall Festival
 10 am - 2 pm
 Armistead Boothe Park - Free
 703.838.4844

Sunday, Oct. 16
History Hunters
 1 - 4:30 pm
 Gadsby's Tavern Museum
 \$5/person, reservations required
 703.838.4242



Tuesday, Oct. 18
Dine Out for the Walk to Fight Breast Cancer
 All day
 17 Alexandria Restaurants
 All proceeds benefit the walk
 703.838.5030

Thursday, Oct. 20
Livable Communities/Smart Growth Workshop
 7 pm
 Location to be announced
 703.838.4666

Saturday, Oct. 22
Walk to Fight Breast Cancer
 8 am
 Registration/parking at
 AMC Hoffman Center Theatres
 \$25/adult, \$10/child, register by Oct. 19
 703.838.5030

Duncan Library Re-Opening Celebration
 11 am - 3 pm
 Duncan Library - Free
 703.838.4566

Saturday, Oct. 29
Soldier-led Tours of the Fort
 10 am & 2 pm
 Fort Ward Museum & Historic Site - Free
 703.838.4848

Gospel Showcase
 3 pm
 Nannie J. Lee Recreation Center - Free
 703.838.4356

Sunday, Nov. 6
Swordsmen's Rendezvous
 11 am - 4:30 pm
 Gadsby's Tavern Museum
 \$5/person, reservations required
 703.838.4242

Friday, Nov. 11
Veterans' Day Program
 11 am - 2 pm
 Black History Museum
 Free
 703.838.4356



Monday, Nov. 14
Walkable/Livable Communities Workshop
 7 pm
 Location to be announced
 703.838.4666

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