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Be Ready, Alexandria! H1N1 Influenza Update

The H1N1 influenza virus continues to spread across the United States. Currently, 48 states, including Virginia, have reported "widespread" influenza activity. The City of Alexandria is prepared. Since spring, the City and the Alexandria Health Department (AHD) have been monitoring the disease, and the City has implemented its Pandemic Flu Plan.

The City urges residents to be prepared, too:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze (alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective).
- Protect others by sneezing or coughing into your sleeve.
- When you feel sick, stay at home and stay away from others.
- If you do not feel well, call your doctor. In case you have the flu, this will help them take steps to prevent its spread to others.
- Protect yourself against seasonal flu by getting your regular flu vaccination.
- Get an H1N1 vaccination when it is available.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, production of H1N1 vaccine has been slower than expected and states are receiving limited shipments. Within the next several weeks, however, adequate supplies should be available for everyone who wants to receive the vaccine. Please follow health officials' directives on when and how to get an H1N1 flu vaccination. To learn more about the H1N1 flu vaccine and vaccination clinics in Alexandria, call 703.838.4400, ext. 352.

The health of the City's schoolchildren is of particular concern. An important message for parents, as well as faculty and school staff, is to stay home if they have flu symptoms such as fever, cough, sore throat or fatigue. A person with such flu-like illness should stay home until they have been without a fever for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medicine. Infected adults and children can still be contagious even after they begin to feel better. Have an emergency care plan in the event a child is sent home for illness while parents are at work or if a child needs to stay at home while ill.

For general H1N1 questions, call the Virginia Department of Health's toll-free hotline number at 1.877.275.8343. Visit the City's H1N1 Information Web site, alexandriava.gov/Flu, or call the Office of Citizen Assistance at 703.746.4800 to receive Be Ready, Alexandria! For a Pandemic Flu Outbreak, a brochure with information on preparing yourself and your family. The City's information page also includes information about vaccination clinics, the City's Pandemic Flu Plan, news updates, and links to other important information.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius received a seasonal flu shot at T.C. Williams High School during a community flu vaccination clinic on September 11. Photo Courtesy of Pierre Paret.



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Mayor Euille Testifies Before Senate Subcommittee

On July 21, Mayor William D. Euille testified on the Eco-City Alexandria Initiative before the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works and the Subcommittee on Green Jobs and the New Economy. The Mayor's testimony was part of a joint hearing on "Clean Energy Jobs, Climate-Related Policies and Economic Growth – State and Local Views." The purpose of this hearing was to examine the economic benefits and opportunities for job growth from clean energy and climate-related policies. To see the Mayor's testimony, visit alexandriava.gov/Environment.

City Council Launches Strategic Planning Process

A major activity for City Council this year is the review and revision of the City's Strategic Plan, Alexandria Vision 2015, which was developed in 2004 and revised in 2006. The new strategic planning process launched by City Council this year is an effort to update the Plan and to move the City forward in realizing the goals of the community. At the core of the Plan are seven goals that touch upon the City's economy, environmental sustainability, transportation, education, youth, local government, public safety, human services, and historic and cultural diversity.

City Council will be holding public meetings on these goals and how to implement them. Your thoughts and input are important to this process and your contributions are important to the development of the City's plan. Learn more at alexandriava.gov/StrategicPlanning, about the plan, and about how you can get involved in helping shape the City's future.

Deputy Police Chief Earl Cook Named Police Chief

City Manager James K. Hartmann has named Acting Police Chief Earl Cook as Chief of the Alexandria Police Department. A native of Alexandria, Chief Cook is a 30-year veteran of the Alexandria Police Department and the first African-American in the City's 260-year history to serve as the Chief of Police. He will be responsible for the administration of a 400-member police department. He replaces former Chief of Police David P. Baker, who resigned on July 28.



Police Chief Earl Cook

Chief Cook has spent his entire career as a member of the Alexandria Police Department. He began as a police academy recruit in January 1979. Upon graduation from the academy, he worked in patrol and criminal investigations until 1989. Over the next six years, he was promoted several times, advancing to sergeant, lieutenant, captain, and assistant chief. As assistant chief, he managed the criminal investigations bureau, and was named deputy chief in that role three years later. In 2006, he rose to the position of Deputy Executive Chief, serving as second in command; acting for the Police Chief in his absence; and providing significant direction on the police department's policy and budget.

Chief Cook was born and raised in the City of Alexandria. He grew up on Princess Street and attended Lyles-Crouch Elementary School, Parker-Gray Middle School and George Washington High School through 10th grade. He transferred to T. C. Williams High School, after the school was integrated, and became a member of the historic Titans football team. After graduating from T. C. Williams in 1973, he attended Duke University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in history and education. He resides in Alexandria and has three children and two grandchildren.

Welcome to the New FYI Alexandria

Welcome to the leaner (and greener) *FYI Alexandria*! In an effort to improve efficiency, and bring you City news and information, we have produced this new version of the resident newsletter and will produce *FYI Alexandria* in both online and printed versions. You can access information about your City and neighborhood two ways:

- Visit the City's Web site to get *FYI Alexandria Online*, (alexandriava.gov/FYI) an interactive digest with stories, feature articles, links to podcasts, video, expanded content and other dynamic features (including a downloadable, "printer friendly" version). To receive *FYI Alexandria Online* by e-mail, subscribe to the City's eNews service (alexandriava.gov/eNews) and sign up for "*FYI Alexandria*" under "My Alerts"
- Sign up to continue receiving printed copies of *FYI Alexandria* by sending an e-mail to fyi@alexandriava.gov or call 703.746.3959.

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Mayor's Corner

As the economic downturn continues, the last few months haven't been easy. And, when things are tough, we all have a tendency to get discouraged. This can create increased stress or depression, which may lead to overeating, decreased exercise, weight gain, and compromised health. It is important during times like these to maintain a personal commitment to be fit and healthy. By staying healthy, you maintain your own health, lower your health-related expenses, and most importantly, serve as a good example to your friends, family, neighbors and community.



Mayor William D. Euille

Getting in shape—and staying there—is not easy, I can tell you that. It is tough. However, 60 pounds and 11 inches later, I feel and look better. I am healthier, and striving to lead by example—and so can you.

That is why I am asking you to join the “Get Healthy for Life, Alexandria,” initiative, a collaboration between the City, the Partnership for a Healthier Alexandria, MECKids.com, and local health and fitness organizations. You can participate in so many ways—by eating better, becoming active, and adopting a healthy lifestyle. And there are tools to help. The City has joined forces with the nationwide 50 Million Pound Challenge (www.50millionpounds.com), a diet and exercise program developed by Dr. Ian Smith and sponsored by State Farm. The site contains free resources and tips for you to develop your own fitness program. Get started on becoming a better you today. Let's all get healthy for life, Alexandria!

For more information, contact Carrie Fesperman at 703.838.4400, ext. 263 or e-mail carrie.fesperman@vdh.Virginia.gov.

New City Council Takes Office, Resumes Regular Meeting Schedule

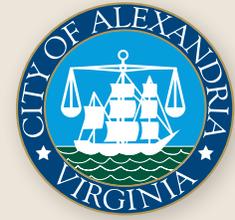
On September 8, the City's Town Crier, William North-Rudin, officially opened the City Council's first legislative session after the summer recess. Following his proclamation, the new City Council—Mayor William D. Euille, Vice Mayor Kerry J. Donley, and Council members Frank H. Fannon IV, Alicia R. Hughes, Rob Krupicka, Redella S. “Del” Pepper, and Paul C. Smedberg—took their place on the dais.

In the coming year, the Council will be considering a full range of issues, including economic sustainability, public safety and strategic planning.

Legislative meetings of the City Council are generally held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month (from September until June) at 7 p.m. in City Hall, 301 King Street.



From L to R: Councilman Paul C. Smedberg, Councilwoman Alicia R. Hughes, Vice Mayor Kerry J. Donley (seated), Councilwoman Redella S. “Del” Pepper, Mayor William D. Euille (seated), Councilman Rob Krupicka, Councilman Frank H. Fannon IV. For more information on the Alexandria City Council, visit alexandriava.gov/Council.



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“Alexandria is a vibrant, diverse, historic, and beautiful city with unique neighborhoods and multiple urban villages where we take pride in our great community.”

— Alexandria Vision 2015, the City's Strategic Plan

For dockets, video, and podcasts of City Council meetings, go to alexandriava.gov/Webcasts.

Messages for City Council can be left at the Office of the City Clerk/City Council: 703.746.4550.

New Stimulus Grant Applications

The City has recently submitted applications for several stimulus grants. The first is for funding from the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block grant program for \$1,372,800, which the City would use to implement a variety of energy efficiency and “green” programs. Examples of such programs include 1) installation of LED street lights and traffic signals; 2) a green revolving loan program for Alexandria households seeking to invest in green technologies for their homes; 3) a green buildings program that seeks to reduce energy consumption; and 4) a job-training program focused on emerging green industries.

The second application, submitted by Alexandria Library, is for a competitive grant of \$255,000 in federal funds to improve broadband and Wi-Fi infrastructure upgrades and to acquire a number of new mobile computer workstations for each branch. The new workstations will be used to provide computer training for library users.

The City joined five other area jurisdictions in applying for a \$3.5 million grant from the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP). Because NSP grant policies favor regional applications, the City applied as a consortium with the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. Alexandria plans to use funding received through this program to assist first-time homebuyers in buying foreclosed homes within two Census tracts, which include areas of Eisenhower Avenue West and South Van Dorn Street; and Lincolnia Hills and communities along Quantrell Avenue and Armistead Street.

Alexandria and the Recovery Act: An Update

Since this spring, the City has continued to apply for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act grants. Recently, the City began to implement five grants that were awarded during the summer:

- To provide green jobs skills through the summer youth employment program and job training to adult and displaced workers who have been affected by the economic downturn: **\$184,606** in Workforce Investment Act funds.
- To provide rental assistance, rapid re-housing and case management to those individuals and families who are homeless, or in danger of becoming homeless: **\$512,214** in Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing grant funds.
- To make security improvements to the Court House; purchase equipment needed by the Police Department; improve programs the Court Service Unit oversees for the mentoring of young City residents; and to expand training programs for at-risk youth that are run by the Seaport Foundation, in conjunction with the Court Service Unit: **\$323,939** in Justice Assistance Grant Funds.
- To increase dental services that are available to low-income Alexandrians; give job training to ex-offenders; and provide utility assistance, including utility management education, to low-income City residents: **\$240,988** in Community Services Block Grant (stimulus) funds.
- To train staff who work with sexual assault/domestic violence victims who identify as members of the gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender community: **\$36,884** in stimulus funds from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services.
- To hire an infant development specialist to run a parent resource and training center through the City’s Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse: **\$144,000** in Community Services Board Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Funds.

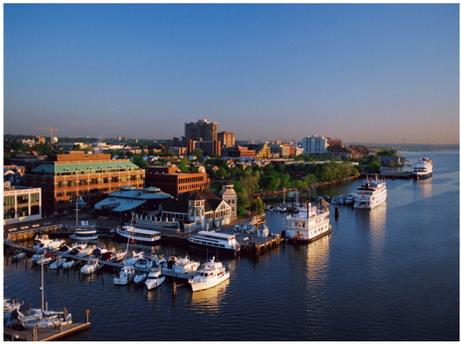


Additionally, several of the City’s partners were awarded federal stimulus funds for various programs:

- To the Alexandria City Public Schools: **\$4,106,822** for several purposes, such as professional development and capacity building activities, classroom instruction, supplemental student services, management information system upgrades, early childhood education services, and facilities renovations.
- To the Alexandria Housing and Redevelopment Authority (ARHA): **\$2,056,530** in grant funding for capital investment in Low Income Housing Tax Credit projects through the Tax Credit Assistance Program. The grant will provide partial funding for the first phase of the James Bland redevelopment. ARHA also received **\$1,800,000** to make improvements to various ARHA projects.
- To pay for less-polluting diesel buses for the City’s DASH bus system. Funding will pay the difference in cost between a traditional bus and one that emits less pollution. This grant, when combined with other state money, will provide sufficient funds for approximately seven new buses: **\$810,000** (through the Mid-Atlantic Regional Air Management Association).
- To strengthen services at the three locations of the Alexandria Neighborhood Health Services, Inc.: **\$300,000**, from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Funding will be used to create or save staff positions at a time when clinics have seen an increasing number of patients who lack health insurance during the economic downturn.

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Alexandrians Explore the Future of the Waterfront



Alexandria continues its comprehensive planning process to enhance the character of the City's Waterfront to make this hometown jewel a more attractive, accessible and enticing destination. As part of the extensive public participation process, the City hosted two public forums in April; since then, the City has sponsored a boat tour, a walking tour and a community charrette.

The May 30 boat tour, aboard the Potomac Riverboat Company's Miss Mallory, traveled from Jones Point to Dangerfield Island. On the

tour, more than 80 attendees had the unique opportunity to view the City's waterfront from the water. During the tour, they learned about the history of the waterfront, including the more than 200-year-old debate on the ownership of fastland (land created by filling along the shoreline). They also learned about land title settlement agreements made between the U.S. government and landowners for many (but not all) parcels of waterfront land as a result of litigation initiated by the federal government in 1973.

On June 24, a walking tour led by the Alexandria Waterfront Committee, went from Windmill Hill Park (501 S. Union St.) to Founders Park (351 N. Union St.). On this tour, more than 20 participants learned about the history, challenges, opportunities for change and growth of the Waterfront area.

On June 27, nearly 100 City residents, business and property owners attended a daylong Waterfront Charrette. The morning began with presentations on the existing issues and opportunities along the Waterfront, and ended with participants indicating the areas along the waterfront they enjoyed, as well as those they wanted to see change, on a large floor map.

In the afternoon, participants formed small groups to develop their vision for the Waterfront. Armed with markers and a large map of the waterfront, each group was given time to create the Waterfront they desired to visit. At days end, each group presented their vision. In general, the groups wanted to see more connectivity along the waterfront, redevelopment at Robinson Terminal North, new opportunities at Robinson Terminal South and opportunities for more active uses at the Strand, such as outdoor dining, shopping, museums, boating, and improved views of the water. The City and its consultants are reviewing this information and will come back to the community in the fall with options based on the community's input.

Links to the presentations, video clips, and upcoming meeting information are available at alexandriava.gov/Waterfront or contact Veronica Davis at 703.746.3855 or veronica.davis@alexandriava.gov for further information.

Alexandria: A Bike-Friendly City!

In May, the League of American Bicyclists designated the City of Alexandria as a Bronze-level 2009 Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC). The League recognized the City for its efforts in welcoming bicyclists and making bicycling safer and more enjoyable.

For more information, visit alexandriava.gov/LocalMotion.



Alexandria and the Recovery Act, Cont'd.

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- ▶ To provide a variety of energy efficiency renovations at the Lacey Court apartment complex, including new roofing and doors, energy star appliances, bike racks, and exterior lighting: **\$335,003** in Community Development Block Grant funds.

The City also took advantage of a federal stimulus program provision that allows the federal government to subsidize the interest localities must pay when they borrow money for capital improvements. In late June, Alexandria competitively sold \$79.7 million in AAA/aaa general obligation bonds to fund improvements to the City's public buildings, schools and parks. Recovery Act financing provides a 35 percent interest rate subsidy from the federal government, allowing the City to save \$9.5 million in interest costs over the life of the bonds.

To hear a podcast about Alexandria's stimulus funding activities, and for more information, visit  alexandriava.gov/Recovery.

King Street Trolley

Alexandria's King Street Trolley is a charming and fun way to get around town and the best part is this convenient travel service is completely free! The City of Alexandria's free King Street Trolley transports residents, visitors, and those who work in Old Town between the King Street Metrorail Station and the Potomac River waterfront. As the holidays approach make sure to take advantage of the free trolley service, which operates along the one-and-a-half-mile route seven days a week from 11:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., providing access to accommodations, dining, entertainment, shopping and all the great amenities Alexandria has to offer. For more information visit alexandriava.gov/Trolley.

ECO-CITY ALEXANDRIA

Plastic Bag Recycling Initiative

On Monday, September 21, the City of Alexandria launched a public outreach and education campaign targeted at recycling plastics and using reusable bags. As part of the Eco-City Alexandria Initiative, residents, students and businesses are encouraged to “Make the Right Choice — One Plastic Bag at a Time!” by reducing, reusing and recycling their plastic bags.

The Plastic Bag Initiative is funded through a State grant secured by state Senator Patricia S. “Patsy” Ticer and former City Councilmember Timothy B. Lovain. The Initiative will work with local businesses to reduce the negative impact of plastic bag use and increase plastic bag recycling by providing information for residents. Current partners of the Plastic Bag Recycling Initiative include 7-Eleven, Presto Valet, COVANTA, Dominion, WM Recycle America, Trex, Washington Art Institute and the Alexandria Times. A public service announcement (PSA) for the initiative was created by former T.C. Williams High School graduate Carlie McGuire. The PSA, which encourages making plastic bag recycling a part of everyday life, will air locally on Comcast cable television.

For more information, contact Stacy Herring, Recycling Coordinator, at 703.519.3486.

Holiday Sharing Program Donors Needed

Share the holiday spirit by helping eligible low-income families, foster children, and elderly or disabled citizens through the City’s Holiday Sharing Program. Donors are needed to fulfill “wish lists” for children and seniors, or purchase gift cards for teens in foster care. To learn more, visit alexandriava.gov/HolidaySharing, call Suzanne Kratzok at 703.746.5663, or e-mail holidaysharing@alexandriava.gov.

Be Ready, Alexandria! Are You Prepared?

Are you ready? The time to plan for a natural disaster, weather emergency, or national threat is now. By having the right supplies; knowing where to get information; and having a written plan for you, your loved ones and your pets, you can be prepared for whatever emergency arises.

Make a plan. Create a preparedness plan, which may include emergency telephone numbers and contact information, and share it with your loved ones. Be sure to consider all occupants of your home or office, and take into consideration those with special needs, small children and pets.

Be prepared. In the event of an emergency, tune in to your local TV or radio station for instructions from City Government on how to proceed. Depending on the situation and type of emergency, you may be instructed to “shelter in place,” that is, take immediate shelter where you are—or evacuate. (Note: You can also receive emergency alerts on your cell phone, pager, or PDA through the City’s eNews service. To subscribe, visit alexandriava.gov/eNews.)

Shelter in place. During an emergency, unless you are in a burning building or otherwise unsafe location, chances are that you will be instructed to shelter in place—whether at home or at work—and await further instruction from the City. To prepare to shelter in place, you should plan on having the following supplies:

- A three-day supply of bottled water, one gallon per day per person
- A three-day supply of nonperishable food
- An extra supply of prescription medications
- A flashlight, battery-operated radio, and extra batteries
- A first aid kit
- A written preparedness plan

This is a basic checklist; there are many other supplies that can help you and your family become even better prepared. For an expanded checklist, visit www.makeaplan.org or www.readyvirginia.gov.

Evacuation. Should your local government instruct you to evacuate, remember to stay calm and follow your preparedness plan. Consider alternate ways to travel in case all or part of your route is blocked. Having an alternate evacuation route is essential when creating your preparedness plan.

For more emergency preparedness information, visit alexandriava.gov/Emergency or www.readyvirginia.org. To sign up to receive emergency alerts on your cell phone, PDA, or pager through the Alexandria eNews service, visit alexandriava.gov/eNews.

Get Involved! Volunteer Opportunities in the City

Many City programs need volunteer support to provide services to residents. Learn more about how you can get involved in serving your community today! Visit alexandriava.gov/Volunteer.

“I always thought that I would not have enough time or energy to volunteer. However, I realized that volunteering is a natural energy fix for me. I always feel exhilarated after I finish a SOHO session.”



Mentoring Volunteer Amy Cable

City Celebrates 70th Anniversary of Civil Rights Sit-In

Years before Mrs. Rosa Parks took her seat on the bus or the Greensboro Four sat at a “whites only” lunch counter, five brave young men went into an Alexandria public library and staged what may have been the nation’s first sit-in for civil rights. On August 21, 2009, the City of Alexandria celebrated the 70th anniversary of the Alexandria Library Civil Rights sit-in at the Barrett Library, which was the site of that historic event.

The program, sponsored by Alexandria Library, Alexandria City Public Schools, and the Office of Historic Alexandria, included a proclamation from Mayor William D. Euille; music; and a re-enactment of the sit-in featuring third grade students from Samuel W. Tucker Elementary School.



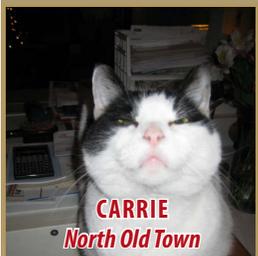
Keep Your Home From Being “Bumped”

Alexandria Police Officer Charlette Mitchell Young spends many of her days identifying environmental factors that attract crime. She analyzes homes and businesses in the city to determine factors that place them at risk for burglary. Residents and business owners sometimes call the police department to request Young’s services, and beat officers take her to patrol areas hit by crime waves. She tells residents and business owners that the two most practical steps they can take to minimize their burglary risk are to 1) trim their shrubs and 2) have “bump-proof” locks installed on their doors.

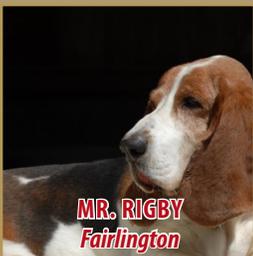
About 62 percent of burglars do not leave signs of forced entry, indicating they were able to enter the home with a key or through an unlocked door or window. Lock bumping is a technique in which burglars use a universal key to open a lock. “Bump-proof” locks use a complicated key design that makes it virtually impossible for burglars to use a universal key.

Bump-proof locks are one of the safest ways to protect the security of your home and family. To hear an interview with Officer Young about bump-proof locks and home security, visit alexandriava.gov/Podcasts.

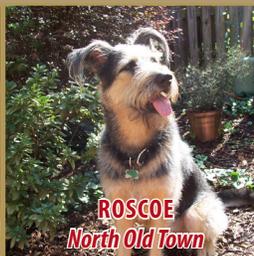
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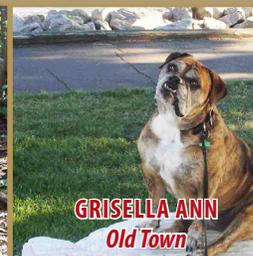
CARRIE
North Old Town



MR. RIGBY
Fairlington



ROSCOE
North Old Town



GRISELLA ANN
Old Town

Pet owners: Is your pet licensed? For the safety of our residents and our pets, all dogs and cats are required by City Code to be vaccinated against rabies and to be licensed in the City. Licenses are available at the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter, 4101 Eisenhower Ave. Visit www.alexandriaanimals.org for more information.

Got a picture of your pet you would like to share? Send your photo, along with your pet’s name and the name of your neighborhood to fyi@alexandriava.gov. And enjoy our photo gallery of fabulous furbabies and precious pets from past issues of FYI Alexandria at alexandriava.gov/PetGallery.

Autumn Leaf Collection

Each year, the City’s Department of Transportation and Environmental Services provides vacuum leaf collection service to single-family residential homeowners. From October through December, crews drive through City neighborhoods with specialized vacuum-equipped trucks to collect leaves that have been raked into the curb and gutter line or have been bagged in the free leaf collection bags. The City grinds the leaves into mulch, which is made available to City residents in the spring.

Leaf collection brochures have been mailed to residents. To view the 2009 leaf collection schedule online, visit alexandriava.gov/LeafCollection. For more information, call 703.519.3486.

Biodegradable leaf collection bags are also available free of charge from the City. The bags are collected one business day after your regular refuse collection day. Collection began October 27 and will end January 4, 2010.

Pick up your free biodegradable bags at the following locations:

- **City Hall**
301 King St.
Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
- **Solid Waste Division**
2900 A Business Center Dr.
Monday - Saturday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- **Charles Barrett Recreation Center**
1115 Martha Custis Dr.
Monday - Friday, 2 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Saturday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- **Chinquapin Park Recreation Center**
3210 King St.
Monday - Thursday, 6 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday, 6 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- **William Ramsey Recreation Center**
5650 Sanger Ave.
Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
- **Mount Vernon Recreation Center**
2701 Commonwealth Ave.
Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Saturday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

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Events & Activities

Through January 9

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Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Admission: (Suggested) \$2

703.838.4356 or www.alexblackhistory.org

Saturday, November 21

BEHIND THE COUNTER TOURS

Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum,

105-107 South Fairfax St., 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Admission: \$25 per person Advance reservations are req'd.
Tours limited to 12 people. Light breakfast included.

703.838.4242 or www.apothecarymuseum.org

Saturday, November 21

LATE HARVEST BALL

Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal St.

8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Admission: \$45 in advance, \$50 at the door (if tickets are available). Reservations are required. Period costume optional, "after-five" attire encouraged.

703.838.4242 or www.gadsbystavern.org

Thursday, November 26

34TH ANNUAL ALEXANDRIA TURKEY TROT 5-MILER

Cora Kelly Recreation Center, 25 W. Reed Ave., 10:00 a.m.

Admission: \$10 for Ages 12 and under, \$20 for ages

13 - 21, and \$25 for 22 and over. Discounted prices for

online registration. Visit visitdelray.com for details.

703.933.0520 ext. 203 or email paul@waterfordinc.com

Friday, November 27

ANNUAL CITY TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Market Square, 301 King St., 7:00 p.m.

703.883.4686 or alexandriava.gov/Recreation

Saturday, December 5

ORNAMENT DECORATING WORKSHOP FOR FAMILIES

Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 N. Union St., #327

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Admission: Free

703.838.4399 or www.alexandriaarchaeology.org

Saturday, December 4 &

Sunday, December 5

39TH ANNUAL SCOTTISH CHRISTMAS WALK WEEKEND

George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Dr.

Fri., 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 p.m. and Sat., 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

703.549.0111, ext. 113 or www.campagnacenter.org

Saturday, December 12

KWANZAA WORKSHOP

Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St.

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Admission: Free

703.838.4356 or www.alexblackhistory.org

Saturday, December 12

CHRISTMAS IN CAMP OPEN HOUSE

Fort Ward Museum and Historic Site, 4301 W. Braddock Rd.

Noon to 4 p.m.

Admission: Suggested donation of \$2 for adults,

\$1 for children.

703.838.4848 or www.fortward.org

Saturday, December 12

CHEERLEADING EXHIBITION

11:00 a.m.

T.C. Williams High School, 3330 King St.

703.838.4345 or visit www.alexandriava.gov

Saturday, December 12 &

Sunday, December 13

ANNUAL HISTORIC ALEXANDRIA CANDLELIGHT TOURS

Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal Street

One Weekend Only!

Saturday, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Sunday, 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Admission: \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors (65 and older),

and \$5 for children (ages 6-17). Pre-sale discounts are

\$15 for adults and \$12 for seniors, are available before

December 1. Reservations are recommended.

703.838.4242 or www.historicalexandria.org

Saturday, December 19

BEHIND THE COUNTER TOURS

Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum,

105 -107 South Fairfax Street

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Admission: \$25 per person. Advance reservations are

required and tours limited to 12 people.

Light breakfast included.

703.838.4242 or www.apothecarymuseum.org

Sunday, December 20

HOLIDAY FAVORITES WITH THE

COLONIAL HANDBELL RINGERS

The Lyceum, 201 South Washington Street

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.; 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Admission: Free

703.838.4994. or www.alexandriahistory.org

SAVE THE DATE!

FIRST NIGHT ALEXANDRIA, DEC. 31

www.firstnightalexandria.org

Visit alexandriava.gov for information
about holiday events in the City.