

The Compass

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Preparation for Pride of Ownership

By Susan Willis

The Common Area Committee (CAC) invites all homeowners to spend time in March and April sprucing up their yards, then nominate yourself and/or your neighbor for our Pride of Ownership Award! This annual event encourages the beautification of our community and enhances the curb appeal and value of all Cameron Station residences. A variety of attributes will be considered in determining the winners: turf condition, groomed shrubs and aesthetic (color and variety), well-designed and weed-free garden areas. Visual impact may be enhanced with decorative flower pots and other landscape decor, but be sure to check your Cameron Station Design & Maintenance Standards or condominium covenants for any items that might require pre-approval.

Nominations are due by Monday, May 16, to commonarea@cameronstation.org, and judging will take place the following week. We hope to present the awards at the annual pool party in June and the winners will be notified beforehand. If you are interested in helping sponsor the prizes for our hard-working, deserving homeowners, please contact the CAC at the above email address. We are looking forward to being deluged with nominations!

Winners of the 2010 Pride of Ownership competition:



5255 Pocosin Lane



307 Cameron Station Boulevard



4909 John Ticer Drive



5259 Colonel Johnson Lane

Susan Willis is a resident of Cameron Station and a member of the Common Area Committee.

No More Compass Newsletter?

Pat Sugrue will be stepping down as editor-in-chief of *The Compass*. Pat is happy to remain on the committee as a member of the staff and will help with any training, but without an editor-in-chief, someone to coordinate all the facets of the newsletter, *The Compass* can't continue to publish. If you are interested in the job, please contact Pat at sugrue@comcast.net or 703-566-6721. If no one volunteers, May/June will be the final issue of the community newsletter.

Neighbors Step Forward to Form Events Committee

By Pat Sugrue

As explained in the January/February issue of *The Compass*, as of January 1, the Board of Directors divided up the Cameron Club & Events Committee's (CCEC) responsibilities into two committees: the Cameron Club Facilities Committee and the Activities & Events Planning Committee. This was

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From the President Of the CSCA Board Of Directors

By Mindy Lyle

There are many definitions of "community." I've found 94 as of this writing. However, the Cameron Station Community can be described as a group living under common rules with diverse interests and many different family structures. We have singles, couples, families with children and families without children. Many of these homes also include a variety of pets as part of the family structure. On any day you will find large numbers of people, both Cameron Station residents and non-residents, walking both dogs and cats down the street, along the linear park path and through the common areas.

Over the past few years the number of issues involving pets has escalated as the community has grown. Pets off-leash are not only prohibited but are in danger of being seriously

injured or killed by a car or truck. According to Alexandria Animal Control, there is no "off leash certification" for dogs. Dogs are expected to be on a leash at all times and under the owner's control.

The most significant pet problem is the irresponsibility of some owners in cleaning up after their dogs. For some reason this problem increases around holidays and during the winter. This winter several dogs contracted serious illnesses from fecal matter left on the ground in the community. A couple of these canine family members came very close to dying. I received the following letter from a resident that put the entire situation into perspective.

"For most 'dog-loving' people, our dogs are family members — they are not just dogs. Yet, day after day, some Cameron Station neighbors are putting my dogs' lives on the line. Why? Because some people still refuse to pick up their dog's feces. Last week, a neighbor put my dog in the Veterinary Hospital Emergency Room. Thankfully, (after hundreds of dollars later) my dog survived. But how would you feel if because of you, and your refusal to pick up your dog's feces, an unsuspecting dog died? How would you feel if

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What's on the Agenda at Board of Directors Meetings?

By Catherine Huddleston

Author's note: I assumed the board meeting reporting for The Compass last year and was embarrassed to admit to the editor that I never attended a board meeting nor read the report in the newsletter in the five years I had been a resident of Cameron Station. I went to the next meeting and was hooked. I, personally, am so impressed by the board members, who volunteer their time to represent our interests in the Cameron Station community. Individually their credentials are remarkable, and we are directed by a dedicated team. The management team is knowledgeable and professional, and they work very hard for us. Now, I enjoy

attending the board meetings and would like to encourage each of you to do the same, even if it's only once a year and for just an hour. I am writing the report differently in this issue to give you a better understanding of how the meetings are conducted and so that you will mark your calendar for the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7pm in the Cameron Club Henderson Room. For those of you who are interested in reading the Board Packet Material, it is available at the Cameron Station Management Office. The following is the agenda format for each meeting:

- I. Each meeting begins with a *Call To Order* and a quorum is established.
- II. The *Agenda* is then approved.
- III. The *Guest Speaker* portion is done early in the evening so guest(s) may leave when finished. Deputy Chief Blaine Corle from Alexandria Police Department usually attends to discuss and answer questions in regard to police activity.

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CSCA Board of Directors 2011 Meeting Dates

Meetings are held in the Cameron Club at 7pm on the fourth Tuesday of the month, except in November and December when they are on the third Tuesday.

April 26

July 26

October 25

November 7

May 24

August 23

November 15

(Annual meeting
unconfirmed)

June 28

September 27

December 20

Town Hall Meetings: Sunday, May 15; Sunday, August 14 (in conjunction with Ice Cream Social). Annual Meeting: Monday, November 7 (proposed)

Committee Updates

Activities and Events Planning Committee

(Please see article on front page.)

Architectural Review Committee

No update received.

Common Area Committee

The Pride of Ownership landscaping competition is underway. (Please see article on front page.)

Some residents have questioned the height of the mulch around community trees. Joel Owen of Lancaster Landscapes (Cameron Station's landscaper) explained that these "mulch volcanoes" are actually soil, and they cover the root system as a way for the tree to take root. Cameron Station's trees were planted high due to the lack of soil, and they are essential for the trees' well-being. If the trees were planted at the normal height they would eventually drown as the soil surrounding them does not drain properly. As the trees mature, the "volcanoes" will be less noticeable. We do not expect the planting height to be a detriment the trees' health, but rather expect to have a beautiful tree canopy in the future.

Cameron Club Facilities Committee

Please note that the Cameron Club closes sharply at 11pm on weeknights. There have been reports of some residents being argumentative and threatening toward club employees. Please be respectful of our staff. If you have an issue, please contact community management at communitymanager@cameronstation.org.

CSCA Committee Meetings

All meetings are held in the Cameron Club. If dates change due to holidays or other reasons, they will be posted on the Cameron Station website: www.cameronstation.org.

Activities and Events Planning Committee

First Monday of the month at 7pm

Architectural Review Committee

First Tuesday of the month at 7pm

Cameron Club Facilities Committee

Second Thursday of the month at 7pm

Common Area Committee

First Wednesday of the month at 7pm

Communications Committee

Third Monday of the month at 7:30pm

Financial Advisory Committee

Third Thursday of the month at 7pm

Communications Committee

The Communications Committee continues to work on the new website with vendor MicroConsolidated. We hope to have the new website completed and live soon. There is much work still to be done, and there are vacancies on the committee. If you have an interest in the community newsletter, website or other communication-related activities, we could really use your help; please contact the community manager at communitymanager@cameronstation.org.

Financial Advisory Committee

No update received.

Agenda at BOD Meetings

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- IV. *Residents' Open Forum* is for any homeowner in Cameron Station to be heard by the board and management, and it's the best place to go on record with any questions, complaints or compliments.
 - V. *Approval of Minutes* from the prior month's meeting. (All members of the board and management staff have completed binders at their seats to review the minutes and agenda items with supporting materials).
 - VI. *Appeal Hearings* (for residents in attendance).
 - VII. *Financial Report* presented by the Board Treasurer.
 - VIII. *WTS Report* from the prior month. Kevin Horner attends the meetings and presents the fitness center report.
 - IX. *Officers/Committee Reports* – each officer presents a report and the committees have a member present or a written report.
 - X. *Old Business* consists of any ongoing topics such as Retailer Update and City of Alexandria/Bond Out Update.
 - XI. *New Business*.
 - XII. *Management Report* deals with ratifications, appointments and proposals for board decision; also matters for board review and information to include any updates and manager's report.
 - XIII. *Executive Session* is for the board to evaluate items such as the Delinquency and Collection Report and any Waiver/Hearing requests. This portion of the meeting is for board and management only.
 - XIV. *Adjournment*
- Each Cameron Station homeowner is encouraged to attend the board meetings, and I look forward to seeing you there! Contact the Cameron Station Management Office and ask to review the board meeting materials for the meetings. I promise you will learn something new about our beautiful neighborhood.

Renters, We Value Your Participation!

By Pat Sugrue

Renters in Cameron Station are a valuable and vibrant part of our community, but they don't always feel that way. We'd like to correct the notion that only homeowners are invited to participate in community life. The only restriction on renters regards voting rights. To be a member of the Cameron Station Community Association (CSCA) and be able to vote on issues that affect the CSCA, you must be a homeowner, and your assessments must be paid and up-to-date. This also means that renters may not be voting members of a CSCA committee, nor may renters vote for board members at the Annual Meeting.

But those are the only restrictions.

Renter participation in all Cameron Station activities and events is welcome and needed. Renters may join any subcommittee, such as *The Compass* newsletter (a renter can even be editor-in-chief!) or the Website Subcommittee. With permission of the committee chairs, you may become an auxiliary member of any of the committees, offering your time and talents but just not voting. And of course the newly formed Activities and Events Committee is in great need of auxiliary members, both renters and homeowners, who can help plan events and lend a hand during them.

Printed copies of *The Compass* newsletter are mailed only to homeowners, but all renters may receive a copy electronically and each issue is posted on the website. (We appreciate the irony of delivering this message to renters via the newsletter, which unless you are reading it electronically or on the website, you will not be receiving.) Bimonthly community updates are also mailed to homeowners, but they too are posted on www.cameronstation.org. And we encourage all renters to sign up for weekly email blasts (refer to page 21).

So, our apologies to any renter who may have felt less than a full member of our community. We're glad you're here and we look forward to getting to know you.



Cameron Station Committees Need You!

The Cameron Station Community Association committees are the foundation of our Cameron Station community, and they are all staffed by volunteers. If you can give a few hours of your time, please consider on joining one that matches your interests. Click on Board/Committees on the Cameron Station website, www.cameronstation.org, to learn more about the various committees. All the committees currently have openings; interested homeowners should send an email to communitymanager@cameronstation.org.

Management Office Holiday Closings for 2011

Memorial Day
Monday, May 30

Independence Day
Monday, July 4

Labor Day
Monday, September 5

Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, November 24

Day after Thanksgiving
Friday, November 25

Christmas
Monday, December 26 (Observed)

2011 Decals

Per Policy Resolution No. 2010-01 of the Cameron Club Operating Rules & Procedures, all Cameron Station homeowners and tenants and all residents/facilities pass holders (including those who already have Cameron Station facilities passes) must obtain a 2011 decal for their facilities passes. The 2011 decal must be on your facilities pass no later than May 1, 2011, for you to use any Cameron Station facility (including the shuttle bus) or to gain entrance to any event sponsored by Cameron Station. Residents may obtain their 2011 decals at the fitness center front desk during association hours, Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm, and on Saturdays, 12noon-4pm. 2011 decals will be available after May 1, but access to the facilities/shuttle without them is not. If you have questions about obtaining the decal, please contact the management office at 703-567-4881 or via email at residents@cameronstation.org.

Fitness Center News

By Kevin Horner

Group Exercise Classes

Our second group exercise session of 2011 began the week of March 7. Residents can always drop in on a class for a \$10 drop-in fee. These classes are great for everyone who has resolved to be healthy and fit in 2011! See the spring activities schedule for classes and times. If you do not receive emails from the fitness center, please email Kevin at fitness@cameronstation.org to get on the list.

Personal Training Is Available at the Cameron Club!

The mission of the Exceed Personal Training Program is to educate and motivate individuals to achieve their fitness goals through personalized instruction and guidance designed to enhance results and provide improved quality of life.



Since everyone has unique goals, we offer a variety of program formats to meet your needs. The following formats are available:

- Private One-on-One Training
- Express One-on-One Half Hour Training

Fitness Center Reminders

When using the dumbbell area, please refrain from dropping the dumbbells. Since we are on the second floor, dropping the weights causes damage to the ceiling on the first level. This is a rule stated in the Cameron Club rules and regulations.

All of us at the Cameron Club appreciate everyone's commitment to fitness, and we value your support throughout the year. Thanks for making the fitness program here at Cameron Station a huge success!

For information on any of the programs, please contact the Fitness Center: 703-567-8555 or fitness@cameronstation.org.

SPRING ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8:30AM		8:30-10:00AM Workout Parents		8:30-10:00AM Workout Parents		8:30-10:00AM Workout Parents	
9:00AM			9:00-10:00AM Yoga/Sculpt (Denise)		9:00-10:00AM Yoga (Denise)		9:00-10:00AM Fitness Fusion (Denise)
10:00AM							10:00AM-12NOON Pick-up Basketball
3:30PM		3:30-5:00PM Workout Parents		3:30-5:00PM Workout Parents		3:30-5:00PM Workout Parents	
6:45/7:00PM		6:45-7:45PM Cardio Box (Fran)		7:00-8:00PM Zumba (Sarah)	7:00-8:00PM Masala Bhangra (Ann)	6:45-7:45PM Cardio Box (Fran)	
7:30PM			7:30-8:30PM Pilates (Denise)				
8:00/8:15PM			8:00-10:00PM Pick-up Basketball		8:15-9:15PM Yoga Fusion (Denise)		

Drop-ins are welcome on a space-available basis for \$10.

This schedule can change at any time due to low class participation, so please call the fitness center or check the website for an updated schedule.



Samuel W. Tucker Elementary School Registration

Kindergarten registration for all Alexandria City Public Schools starts in April. If your child turns five before September 30, you may enroll him or her in Kindergarten for the 2011-2012 school year. Tours of Tucker Elementary are available by appointment upon request by calling 703-933-6300. Find out more about the registration process at <http://www.acps.k12.va.us/enroll/>.



Keeping Mom Healthy

By Paula Jarvis

With Mother's Day coming soon, I've been thinking about some of the hallmarks of motherhood. Mothers are nurturing, selfless and peacemakers. They give unconditional love. They give rides and birthday parties and they get up in the middle of the night when you're sick. They listen, give advice when needed (and sometimes not needed) and cook comfort food. They teach manners, values and morals. They get you to the doctor and the dentist, make sure you did your homework, and give the stamp of approval on your choice of dates and life partners. They are there for you. I'm a mother, and I've found satisfaction in knowing that my children feel certain I will always be there for them, no matter what. They are at the top of my priority list; then come my other family members, my friends, my dog, my community and myself. I've kept myself on the priority list, and I believe that's very important. We can continue taking care of others, if that's part of who we are. But we also need to remember ourselves. We can't be there, taking care of everyone else's needs, if we don't take care of our own bodies and our spirits. And that doesn't pertain just to mothers...it's a lesson we all need to learn.

The best way to keep our bodies healthy and our energy level high is daily exercise of some sort and a healthy diet for ourselves and our families.

Many of us do things for ourselves, such as manicures, hair appointments or new clothes — great treats for outer beauty. But we need to take care of ourselves in a more fundamental way. The following ideas have worked for me and my family, and hopefully will enhance your well-being, as well.

If you're a mom, or a caretaker of children, be an active one -- take the kids outdoors to play or walk or ride bikes. Set a good example by taking the stairs, walking when you could ride and parking further away from the door when shopping.

Serve smaller portions at mealtimes. Using smaller plates and bowls and tall skinny glasses is an effective way of signaling to your body that you have had enough. Serve in the kitchen and don't offer second helpings.

Serve more vegetables. Experiment with new vegetables and cooking methods and learn about flavoring with herbs and spices. Eat two to three servings of fruit each day; focus on fresh fruit rather than juices.

Serve water at meals and encourage the family to drink water throughout the day, with a goal of six to eight glasses a day.

Make sure the whole family has a nutritious breakfast, then eat small meals and healthy snacks throughout the day. Eating more frequently helps keep your blood sugar level,

which helps you avoid making poor food choices and eating too fast and too much. Send healthy snacks with everyone for their day at school or work.

Whether you are a mother or you're honoring a mother you know on this Mother's Day, you can make this a day of focusing on the importance of a mother's health and well being. Instead of a box of candy, try a beautiful fruit basket, flowers, a cookbook that features quick and simple low-calorie meals or a gift certificate for a salon service or gym session. If you're going out to a restaurant, consider choosing something lighter this year than the brunch buffets that encourage overeating and feature high calorie foods. If you're spending the day out, why not go someplace where you can walk -- a local park or botanic garden, a walking trail or a fun neighborhood in the city. After Mother's Day has passed, follow through by getting exercise every day and eating well.

Whether you're a mother, daughter, sister or partner, make this Mother's Day about keeping Mom healthy, inside and out.

Paula Jarvis is a Certified Personal Trainer living in Cameron Station.

Cameron Club Fitness Center Hours

Monday-Friday
5am-11pm

Saturday-Sunday
7am-8pm

The Fitness Center's regular hours will be in effect every day, except for the following:

Closed:

Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Day

Closing at 6pm:

Fourth of July, Thanksgiving Eve, New Year's Eve

Opening at 8am:

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Presidents' Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans' Day, Day after Thanksgiving



Food Matters Mixologist Wins 2011 Cherry Challenge

For the third consecutive year, the George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee (GWBCC) sponsored the Cherry Challenge as part of the festivities. The Cherry Challenge featured cherry-centric creations by Alexandria chefs offered on menus February 6-12. As patrons ordered these featured items, they were given ballots that allowed them to become the judges. Items were judged on taste, presentation and creativity.

John Shope of Food Matters restaurant was the winner of this year's Cherry Challenge in the Drinks Category with his cocktail, *Sweet Cherry Rye*.

The winners in all four categories were:

Starters: *Insalata di Ceresa e Mela di Fuji* from Tempo Restaurant

Entrées: *Duck a la Cherry* from Murphy's Irish Pub and Restaurant

Drinks: *Sweet Cherry Rye* from Food Matters

Desserts: *Cherry Kulfi* (ice cream) from Dishes of India



John with his winning cocktail, *Sweet Cherry Rye*, in front of chalk artwork done by Adan Aparicio, a waiter at Food Matters.

"With 93 ballots, the *Sweet Cherry Rye* from Food Matters was in a class of its own," said GWBCC member Ann Yaktine. Food Matters did so well with its cocktail that staff ran out of ballots on the sixth day of the challenge, and mixologist John Shope ended up making up some blanks while he waited for more to be delivered. Scoring was done by rating both the number of ballots submitted and how each dish rated in the palates of the citizens who ordered the items. The winning restaurants received handsome plaques and were featured in the committee's signature event, the George Washington Birthday Parade, on February 21.



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- Remove Cobwebs
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In Memoriam:

Andrew Scott Holmes



A long-time resident of Cameron Station, Andrew Scott Holmes was born in Washington, D.C. on July 18, 1971, and passed away on January 18, 2011, when he lost his battle with depression. He graduated from West Springfield High School in 1989. In 1993, he graduated *cum laude* from Virginia Tech with a double major in Finance and Economics. Andrew became a Certified Public Accountant in 2003.

After college, Andrew began a career with the Naval Audit Service, where he developed a love for auditing. He worked as an auditor, an audit manager and most recently an audit director overseeing multiple audit teams. Andrew's work took him all over the world, an aspect of his career that he greatly enjoyed. He was viewed as an esteemed and admired colleague, was recognized for his leadership and supportive management style and was known for producing high quality audits.

During his school years, Andrew was an accomplished clarinet player and member of his high school concert and marching bands, where his dedication and skill resulted in his being selected for All-State Concert Band. He continued playing the clarinet at Virginia Tech, where he was a member of the Marching Virginians. His band experiences provided many life-long friends whom Andrew treasured.

Andrew loved all things sports, and even after college, he continued to be a strong supporter of the Virginia Tech Hokies. In recent years, his love of sports, particularly football, led him to another passion -- fantasy football. He participated in several leagues and even managed one with close friends and family as a way to promote fun and frequent interaction among those close to him.

He was a member of Grace Presbyterian Church in Springfield, VA, which he began attending as a child with his family in 1978. He was active in the church's youth groups during his school years, and many of these friendships lasted throughout his life. After college, Andrew taught a

children's Sunday School class and served as a substitute tutor in the Grace Tutoring Program.

Andrew lived in the Foxchase Apartments and loved the idea of living in Cameron Station. In 2001, he bought a condominium in the Condos of Cameron Station Boulevard. In 2005, Andrew decided to buy a townhouse on Barrett Place to make room for the family he had always dreamed about. He loved all the wonderful things that make Cameron Station special, like the parks that adjoin the community, the coffee shop, Bright Start Daycare, the fitness center and the pool. The idea of ever moving out of the community was hard to fathom for him, as he just couldn't imagine a better neighborhood in which to raise a family.

Many of Andrew's happiest moments were those spent with his family, whom he loved dearly. He met the love of his life at the Naval Audit Service, and in 2004 he and Brooke were married. Brooke and Andrew especially enjoyed traveling together, an avocation that included several memorable international trips. Andrew's other great loves were his children, Aiden Stewart (two years) and Addison Sydney (three months). He was a dedicated father who got Aiden ready for daycare, enjoyed bath time with the kids and doted on every little thing. Andrew also is survived by his parents, Stewart and JoAnn Holmes of Springfield, Virginia, whom he loved and admired, and his sister Julie Phillips, her husband, Dirk, and their children, Jenna, Amy, and Tyler of Oak Hill, Virginia. Andrew, ever the proud uncle, loved his nieces and nephew as his own.

Friends and family are hosting several family spirit nights in the coming months at local establishments to encourage community and to show their support for Aiden and Addison. Currently planned events include one hosted at our own Food Matters March 10, and Barrel Oak Winery (3623 Grove Lane, Delaplane, VA) will host an event on April 10. If you are unable to make these events, memorial contributions in Andrew's honor may be made to a family support fund for the benefit of Aiden and Addison. Checks may be made out to Pershing, LLC and mailed to Holmes Memorial Fund, c/o Pershing, LLC, 908 NE 4th St, Suite 201, Bend, OR 97701.

February Town Hall Meeting



Four board members and a dozen residents, most of them recent arrivals to Cameron Station, attended the Town Hall Meeting the Cameron Club on Sunday, February 27. Issues discussed included: the healthy financial condition of the community; the need for committee members; the emphasis this year by the community's landscaping company on tree care in the common areas; the return of the West End Farmers Market; a request to salt streets when there is ice but little snow; the repair and renovation of the Cameron Club; the proposed West End Arts Festival; the new Activities & Events Planning Committee; the potential end of the newsletter with the May/June issue; a community Facebook page; swimming lessons at the pool; and the personal trainer policy in the fitness center.

BRAC-133 at the Mark Center: An Overview

By Dak Hardwick and Don Buch

As you travel I-395 by Seminary Road, you have no doubt seen the 15- and 17-story buildings nearing completion at the Mark Center. These will soon be home to a variety of Department of Defense (DOD) agencies and contractors, as a direct result of the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) law passed by Congress in 2005.

"BRAC-133", scheduled to be fully open and operational by September 15, 2011, will bring approximately 6,400 DOD personnel to the West End of Alexandria. As this building is owned by the federal government, it is not subject to local zoning rules and regulations. However, over the past two years, various citizens' groups and the City of Alexandria have been working to help mitigate the impact of BRAC-133 as a consequence of its being located in a semi-residential area with a limited transportation infrastructure.

Short/Mid-Term Road Improvements – If you've been in the Seminary Road/Beauregard Street area recently, you've probably seen some ongoing road construction. The City of Alexandria is undertaking some minor road improvements, including a "triple left" from westbound Seminary onto southbound Beauregard in an effort to alleviate some of the BRAC-bound traffic. Construction of several additional improvements will begin in late winter 2011/early spring 2012 and are expected to take two to three years to complete.

BRAC Transportation Management Plan – DOD and the City of Alexandria have been working on an extensive Transportation Management Plan (TMP) that offers a variety of traffic mitigation efforts. There will be frequent peak period shuttles from five different Metro stations. That includes service between the King Street station and Mark Center every ten minutes on a service open to public ridership.

Long Term Transportation Improvements – In early February, the Virginia Secretary of Transportation announced plans to pursue a new HOV ramp from the northbound HOV lanes of I-395 to westbound Seminary Road (reversing at evening rush hours). The estimated cost of this project is approximately \$80 million. Although some questions remain about the exact scope and scale of the project, the Alexandria City Council has endorsed the proposed ramp and is currently working with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to move it forward as expeditiously as reasonably possible.

If you have any questions about the project, please contact Dak Hardwick, Cameron Station Civic Association President, at dakhardwick@yahoo.com, or Don Buch, member of the Cameron Station Board of Directors and member of the City of Alexandria's BRAC Advisory Group at dnbuch@hotmail.com.

Neighbors in the News

Operation Paws for Homes – A Dog's Best Friend

By Judy Coleman

Many people in Cameron Station have adopted dogs. Jen Dodge has adopted over 200.

Well, not exactly. Dodge is a founding member of local dog-rescue group Operation Paws for Homes (OPH). Along with two other board members and several dozen volunteers, Dodge has coordinated the adoption of about 220 dogs since June 2010, with 20 more expected to be adopted in the next two weeks.

Dodge, a lawyer by day, lives in Cameron Station with her husband Kyle and her dogs Coal and Jada, both black lab mixes and both adopted. From her house and her smartphone she facilitates a multi-step process of getting worthy dogs to loving families.

Most of the dogs rescued by OPH come from shelters in rural North Carolina, where their previous owners abandoned them or their mothers. Most recently, OPH agreed to take 19 puppies in three different litters. According to Dodge, the shelters in North Carolina are simply overrun with abandoned dogs in an area without many potential adopters. One shelter she "pulls" from sees 5,000-7,000 dogs each year.



Dodge confesses to a weakness for black labs, and the shelters know they can always turn to her when someone drops off another litter of pint-size lab-mix puppies.

It was her love of Coal that drove Jen to get involved with rescuing dogs. She began as a volunteer for another rescue organization in the area. Eventually, she decided to join the group on a trip to North Carolina to visit one of the shelters in early 2010. The group learned during the visit that the shelter was euthanizing more dogs than necessary.

"We walked in and it was completely still," Dodge remembers. "You know something's wrong when you're at a shelter and it's quiet." She remembered seeing many empty kennels, which suggested the shelter had the capacity to hold and care for many more dogs.

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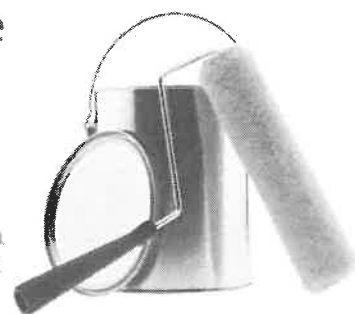
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Operation Paws for Homes

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Although the trip was traumatic, it had a silver lining. The group then visited a second shelter where staff greeted them warmly. Dodge formed an immediate connection with one of the shelter's devoted volunteers, Silvia, who was actively reaching out to work with rescue groups in cities with many more potential adopters.

The experience was so powerful for Jen and several of the other women in the rescue group that they decided to form their own organization. They teamed up with Silvia to arrange an interstate rescue process. And so Operation Paws for Homes was born.

The process begins when Silvia finds out about any new potentially adoptable arrivals at each of three shelters in the same region of North Carolina. Operation Paws for Homes then pays the shelter a fee to keep the puppies and dogs it deems adoptable on "hold," and Silvia, located no more than an hour from any of the shelters, picks up the dogs. Prior to OPH's involvement, without a local volunteer to follow up immediately, Dodge said, there was always the risk the shelter might euthanize the dog before anyone could arrive.

OPH pays for the transportation of a group of dogs from North Carolina every other week. Before they leave North Carolina, the dogs are quarantined, vaccinated and, if old enough, spayed or neutered. Once they arrive in Virginia, they are "fostered" by volunteers until potential adopters can be screened and interviewed. •

Fostering is a critical part of the organization's operation because it gives the organization time to screen potential adopters. Volunteer adoption coordinators check personal and vet references, and the organization requires all other family pets to be vaccinated against rabies and spayed or neutered before it will place a dog in the home. Foster volunteers also learn first-hand about the dog's personality in a home, on the leash, in a crate, around other dogs or around children. That information can be valuable for finding the right adopters, which the organization does by advertising on Craigslist and maintaining a Facebook page.

Puppies are so popular in the DC area that they are often adopted within a matter of days; adult dogs sometimes take longer. After the adoption, Dodge stays in touch with the dogs' adoptive families throughout the year. Proud owners volunteer stories and photos and report back on successful (and mandatory) spay/neuter operations and other developments. Dodge remembers every dog she has rescued thus far.

According to Dodge, Operation Paws for Homes has arranged for many adoptions in the Alexandria area,

even one in Cameron Station. The organization, which is incorporated in Virginia, is entirely funded at this point by adoption fees, which Dodge says are among the lowest charged by other popular area rescue groups. The group also accepts in-kind donations of towels, blankets and other supplies, all of which it gives to the shelters on each trip down to North Carolina.

As the organization grows and its volunteer base expands, Dodge says she can "step back" a bit from the difficult work of managing the adoption process. Her job consists these days of managing the other dog lovers who help her out and preparing for the next new arrivals.

Judy Coleman and her dog Snickers are residents of Cameron Station and have hosted several foster dogs for Operation Paws for Homes.

Another Newsworthy Neighbor



Congratulations to neighbor Mark Wright who finished his first IronMan competition in Cozumel a few days after Thanksgiving in 11 hours and 44 minutes, having learned to lap swim a year and a half ago!

Guide Dog Prevents Cat-astrophe!

By Yvonne Pover

Cameron Station residents Leonard and Andrea Goos were terribly worried. It was a Tuesday morning in February, forecasters were predicting the worst weather of the winter and their three-year-old daughter Gisele's beloved indoor cat Macka had just escaped through an open door during a furniture delivery.

The storm closed in with no sign of six-year-old Macka. Leonard and Andrea alerted the neighbors, called the shelters and posted notices everywhere they could think of, including Cameron Station's email blast. We were all imagining the worst when the snow and ice and wind blew in with a vengeance, stranding motorists and causing widespread power outages. Macka could not have picked a worse time for her outdoor adventure.

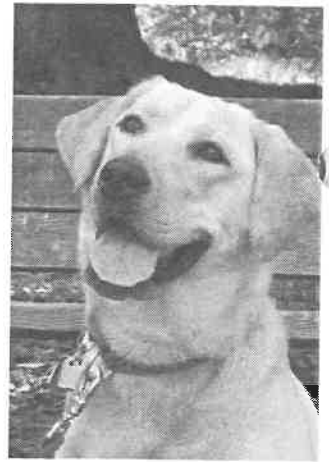
Despite intense searching, Wednesday and Thursday passed with no sign or sighting. The brutal wind continued to blow and ice and snow were everywhere. Surely by now Macka was both terrified and starving.

Then, late Thursday night, neighbor Yvonne Pover took her released guide dog* Yola, a four-year-old yellow Labrador, out for her pre-bedtime walk. Yola was doing her usual sniffing routine when suddenly she froze, then pointed like a bird dog toward the next-door-neighbor's back fence. Yvonne called, "Kitty, kitty!" and heard a faint "Meow ... meow." Not believing her ears, she called again -- and was overjoyed to hear a much stronger "Meow!" in response.

Yvonne ran to get Leonard and together they dug Macka out from under a snow- and ice-covered patio sofa in Joe Stern's back yard. All tearfully rejoiced as Leonard gathered

her into his arms. As soon as the chastened and chilly kitty was safely home, Leonard and Yvonne went around to see Joe to let him know the drama that had transpired in his back yard.

Today Macka is happy, safe and warm with the Gooses, and Yola is feeling pretty proud of herself. She has finally earned her dog biscuits.



*Yvonne Pover is a resident of Cameron Station. *She raised Yola as a guide dog puppy for Guiding Eyes for the Blind, but after seven months in guide dog school, Yola decided that guide dog work was not for her and came home to live with Yvonne as a released guide dog.*

Afghan Children's School Project "Helping our troops help kids in need..."

By Ray Celeste

The Afghan Children's School Project (ACSP) is a joint effort between the Marines and Spirit of America. The program's mission is to keep the American public connected to the efforts of Marines in Helmand Province, while at the same time providing much needed supplies to schools in Afghanistan. Functioning schools stabilize communities, and when communities are stable, less violence occurs.

The following school supplies are needed: rulers, paper notebooks (non-metal bound), pencil sharpeners, handheld chalkboards, protractors, zip-lock stationery/writing utensil holders, pencils, safety scissors (no pointed tip), colored pencils packs, boxes of chalk, erasers, school glue and art paper.

IMPORTANT — In order to ensure the safety of Marines, coalition partners and the Afghan children and parents,

the following should **NOT** be sent: materials with pictures of boys and girls together; pictures of Disney cartoon characters portrayed on materials; material that reflects any sort of religious faith (no crosses, no pictures of any gods or goddesses, no pictures or coloring books reflecting western religious faith;) materials that reflect any national sentiment (no flags, no victory logans, no national memorabilia).

There will be a box in the lobby of the Cameron Club where donations may be dropped off. For any questions, contact Ray at raymond.celeste@gmail.com or 703-819-5203. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Ray Celeste, Colonel U.S. Marine Corps (Retired) is a resident of Cameron Station and chair of the Cameron Club Facilities Committee.

From the President *(Continued from page 3)*

because of you, your neighbor no longer had their best friend? How would you feel if your neighbor was forced to put their dog to sleep, because he/she couldn't afford the vet bill?

During last year's snow storms, I saw many of my elderly neighbors out and about with their dogs – their best friends. Often their dog is all they have, so through rain, snow and storms, they are out there taking the best possible care of their family dog. For those who are not 'picking up': Are you happy putting this dog at risk each and every day?

What I really don't understand is it's 'dog people' who are not picking up! Would you want your dog to die? Then why are you risking others? Please think twice the next time you don't pick up your dog's feces."

It is a city law and Cameron Station regulation that you pick up after your dog.

As an association, we are going to be diligent about enforcing the pet policies and we need your help. If you see irresponsible pet owners who are not picking up after their pets or have dogs off-leash, please report these owners to the Community Manager. We have avenues both within the Community and through the City of Alexandria to take action against these residents.

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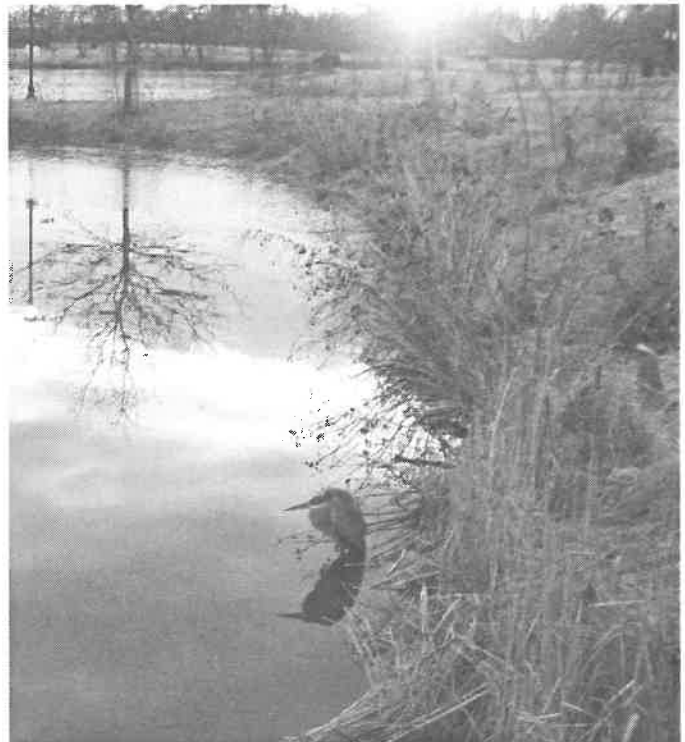
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Events Committee *(Continued from front page)*

done on the recommendation of the CCEC. According to former CCEC chairperson, Ray Celeste, "The responsibilities of the CCEC were too much for the committee members to perform. The duties not only included jurisdiction of the Cameron Club, including the fitness center, gym and pool, but the CCEC was also responsible for organizing all the board-sanctioned community-wide events such as the Pool Party, Arts Festival, Valentine's Day Brunch, Halloween Party, Christmas Party, garage sales and monthly TGI(L) F gatherings. Now that these responsibilities have been divided up, they become much more manageable."

Ray explained that there are funds designated for 2011 community events and that he has a detailed folder on what needs to be done to have successful events that he will pass on to the new committee members. He is available for consultation, too, and welcomes any questions anyone might have. Ray can be reached at raymond.celeste@gmail.com or 703-819-5203.

At press time, according to Community Manager Airielle Hansford, six residents had stepped forward to serve on the new Activities & Events Planning Committee. One more member is needed, so please contact Airielle at communitymanager@cameronstation.org or 703-567-4881 if you would like to join. The committee was scheduled to hold its first meeting at the beginning of March to discuss upcoming community events. Please remember that the committee also needs "auxiliary members" to assist in events – they cannot do it alone. Auxiliary members are not committee members, but rather are residents willing to donate a few hours to plan or assist with individual activities. As the committee determines its needs, information will be forthcoming.

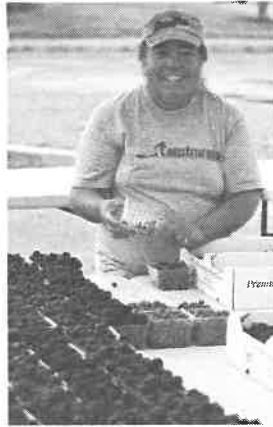


West End Farmers Market Will Return

By Susan Birchler

GREAT NEWS!

The West End Farmers Market is opening on Sunday, May 1. All your favorite vendors will be there and hopefully a few more to add to the spice and pizzazz of our market. We look forward to welcoming new vendors selling pickles and more prepared foods. If you are new to the community, here is an introduction to some of our vendors:



Alma's Berries: Berries, fruit, garden vegetables

Billie's Flowers: Cut flowers

Cavanna Pasta: Homemade pasta and sauces

Dressed Up Nuts: Flavored nuts

Fresh Joseph: Fresh squeezed orange juice, scones,

Great Harvest Bread: Breads, rolls, muffins

Guata Java: Roasted coffees

J& W Farms: Vegetables

Lucia's Farm: Vegetables and fruits

Medina's Farms: Vegetables

On the GOourmet: VA grown and made gourmet condiments, foods, ice cream

OPK Foods: Homemade organic sausages and meats

Papa's Orchard: Fruits

Penn Farm: Vegetables

Roberto's Flowers: Plants, cut flower arrangements

Sharon's Breads: Breads, muffins, pastries

The Flavor Station: Coffee, tea, water, sodas

Tommy's Cheese: Artisan Cheeses, yogurts, eggs, jams, jellies, condiments, sweet baked goods

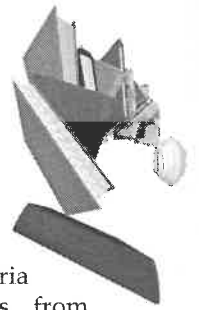
Vero's Bakery: Sweet rolls, muffins, breads, cookies, pastries

Interested in event planning? Good at organizing? The West End Farmers Market is looking for one paid market manager and several volunteers to help on Sundays to manage the market and plan and implement special events. Please call Susan Birchler at 571-431-7557. Thanks.

Susan Birchler is a resident of Cameron Station and manager of the West End Farmer's Market.

New Beatley Central Library Manager

By Mark Schwartz



Renee DiPilato has been selected as the new Central Library Manager of Alexandria Library's Beatley Central Library, across from Cameron Station. She has two Masters degrees, one in Library and Information Science from Catholic University and the other in Public Administration from George Mason University, and is currently working on a Ph.D. in Library and Information Science from Simmons College.

DiPilato has worked as a librarian in Alexandria since 2005, as Adult Services Manager at the Barrett branch and as Branch Manager of Duncan Library. She was key in establishing "All Alexandria Reads," the library's citywide community reading program which focuses on one book and dozens of events related to the themes of that book. In May 2011, All Alexandria Reads will be in its fourth year as the library's most successful "one book" system-wide programming.

As an active member of both the American Library Association and the Public Library Association, DiPilato has chaired committees and was selected as a candidate for the Certified Public Library Administrator Program. She is also a published author, contributing "Four Futures for Children's Programming, Anytown Public Library" to *Shaping the Future: Advancing the Understanding of Leadership*.

As the new Central Library Manager of Beatley, DiPilato will bring with her the leadership skills and sense of community and outreach that helped to make the Duncan Library such a prominent part of Del Ray over the last five years.

Mark Schwartz is a resident of Cameron Station and the Alexandria Public Library Information Officer.

2011 Food Matters CSA Program Is Underway

The Food Matters Community Supported Agriculture program (CSA) kicked off earlier this month, according to General Manager Christy Przyslawik. The CSA works with about a dozen farmers to source local produce and products for its members, with weekly deliveries from March to November. The restaurant donates any food that is not picked up to local shelters or families in need. Food Matters is the only restaurant in the area currently providing this service, which has the support of the City of Alexandria. For more information, visit www.foodmattersva.com/csa.asp or www.foodmatterscsa.blogspot.com.

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The Light Horse

By Carla Besosa

The address 715 King Street has a whole new groove goin' on! This space, formerly occupied by Bistro Europa, now sports an entirely different look and image. *The Light Horse*, named for Virginia's own Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee, beckons you into cozy surroundings with semi-circular booths and tables, a small bar, a brick wall, exposed beams and hard wood floors. The proprietors boast of "pub fare and comfort food prepared with the freshest ingredients." Henry Lee himself would have felt quite welcome in these environs.

The upstairs houses a lively sports bar frequented by many locals and regulars. My focus, however, was on the main dining area, and my intent is to share with you a delightful lunch experience.

I must admit, the initial appeal of *The Light Horse* was the scuttlebutt surrounding its extraordinary Grilled Cheeses. In this world of gourmet exclusivity, it has become difficult to find an exceptional grilled cheese. Though this may be of no consequence to some of you, grilled cheese has always been one of my favorite consumables and *The Light Horse* has gone over the top; this is not your mother's grilled cheese! *The Romanesco* includes pulled chicken, manchego, arugula, piquillo and romanesco sauce (not for sissies). *The Big Cheese* contains Monterey Jack, Swiss, cheddar, garlic and chives (don't breathe on anyone). I chose *The BL Cheese*, constructed from bacon, arugula pesto, roasted tomatoes and parmesan. All Grilled Cheeses are panini-pressed on challah bread. These come with *Traditional Fries* (add bacon; add cheese) or *Sweet Potato Fries* accompanied by bacon mayonnaise.

Our *Grilled Cheeses* were sizable so we did not venture into the appetizer realm, though I feel I must return and do so. I am particularly intrigued by the *Almond Stuffed Dates* (wrapped in bacon and topped with a balsamic reduction), the "*Dressed*" *Potato Chips* (topped with caramelized onions, chives and three cheeses, with additional options of bacon, mushrooms and/or jalapenos), the *Bacon-Wrapped Shrimp* (with Captain Morgan BBQ sauce and gingered mango salsa) and the *Mini Risotto Cakes* (containing roasted poblanos and smoked cheddar and laced with a smoked onion-cilantro aioli).

The Light Horse also offers a variety of soups and salads and some larger entrée salads (*Steak Tender Salad*, *Roasted Chicken Salad*, *Chop Salad* and *Pork BBQ Salad*). The chef has created various burger combinations as well, including the *Breakfast Burger*, which is adorned with bacon and a fried egg.

The dessert selection varies with the mood of the kitchen, but we decided to conclude with the signature *Moremosa*: take your traditional mimosa and augment with fresh berries and a shot of vodka. And a fine dessert that made! Also of signature status is the *House Bloody Mary*: a vodka/V-8 base decorated with diced cucumbers, avocado, shrimp, cilantro and a dash of Worcestershire.

I intend to make a return trip to *The Light Horse* for the dinner experience. Though there is much overlap between the lunch

and dinner menus, the latter offers an array of seafood (mussels, scallops), pasta, pork, chicken and steak dishes. Given the claim to comfort food, my inclination would be toward the *Beef and Pork Meatloaf with Tomato Gravy*.

The Light Horse is understandably proud of its impressive beer selection. On offer are 12 brews on tap and 35 by the bottle. I would lean toward the *Blue Moon*, *Mama's Little Yella Pils* and *Lefthand Sawtooth* (I was taken by the name) on draught and the *Allagash Triple*, *Flying Dog Raging Bitch*, *Blue Point Blueberry Ale* and *Lagunitas Maximus Double IPA* in the bottle. The bar also pours 15 wines by the glass, among which are the 2007 *Martin Codax Albariño* (Spain), the 2009 *Sierra Cruz Sauvignon Blanc* (Chile), the 2008 *Earth 3.0 Organic Tempranillo* (Spain) and the 2008 *Leese-Fitch Merlot* (CA).

The pilgrimage to *The Light Horse* was a positive experience. Our server was friendly and efficient, our food was tasty and plentiful, the selection of consumables is creative – and I shall return!



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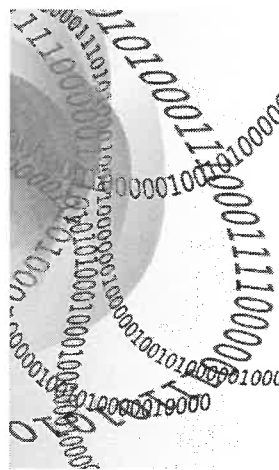
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By Carla Besosa



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April 18

Karen Reedy Dance

Mt. Vernon

April 13-15

Spring Wine Festival and Sunset Tour

National Harbor

May 14-15

Wine and Food Festival

Port City Playhouse

May 6-22

Mindgame – dark comedy, thriller

St. Elmo's Coffee Pub

April 6

Janna Audey (singer/songwriter)

Strathmore

May 2

An Evening with David Crosby and Graham Nash

Sugarloaf Craft Festival

April 8-10

Montgomery County Fairgrounds

The State Theater

April 9

Marcia Ball (blues)

Theater J

May 23-April 24

Photograph 51 – Biography of scientist Rosalind Franklin

May 11-June 12

The Moscows of Nantucket – A fast-paced comedy about family bonding ... or not.

Warner Theater

April 7

Yanni

And Another Thing... Did you know that there is a new brewery just down the street? Check out Port City Brewing at 3950 Wheeler Avenue (www.portcitybrewing.com). You can also find their Optimal Wit on tap at Food Matters.

Advertising & Submissions Policies & Procedures

Advertising:

The *Compass* newsletter is published bimonthly. Advertising space is filled on a first-come, first-served basis, and the ads published in each issue are solely at the discretion of the newsletter staff or Communications Committee. **Only one ad per advertiser per issue is permitted. Ads must be submitted NO EARLIER than the 15th of the month preceding issue date and no later than the 30th (April 15-30 for May/June).** Payment must accompany all ads. Artwork must be camera-ready: 65 line screen or 300 dpi. **ELECTRONIC SUBMISSIONS ARE PREFERRED.** Advertisers will receive a copy of the printed newsletter in which their ad appears. Estimated (*not guaranteed*) time of delivery to residents is last week of first month of issue or first week of second (last week of May/first week of June for May/June).

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Cameron Station Community Website Accepting Ads

The Cameron Station website,
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Ads will be scheduled to start on Mondays
and will run for 28 days.

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For complete information,
including closing dates, rates, material specifications
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Advertising Rates:

Display Ads (*Camera-ready*)

1/2 page.....	\$220
(horizontal: 7" x 4 1/2"; vertical: 3 1/2" x 9 1/4")	
1/4 page (3 1/2" x 4 1/2").....	\$135
1/8 page (3 1/2" x 2").....	\$110

Classified Ads (*Limit 35 words*)

Resident.....	\$5
Non-resident.....	\$25
Lost & Found, Carpool, etc.	Free

Checks should be addressed to Cameron Station Community Association and sent with camera-ready artwork to Community Manager, 200 Cameron Station Boulevard, Alexandria, Virginia 22304. Artwork may be emailed to assistantmanager@cameronstation.org.

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Thanks for the Photos

We encourage residents to submit photos they take around Cameron Station or at community events to *The Compass*. You may send them electronically to thecompass@cameronstation.org. Or you may provide prints, which we can scan in and will return to you. We do ask that you "self-select" your best photos before sending.



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