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Watch for the Sunset

By Catherine Huddleston



A Red Sunset Maple tree, donated by Campbell & Ferrara Nurseries in September 2008 for Cameron Station's 10-year anniversary, was the subject of a dedication ceremony on Saturday, April 19. Planted last fall near the southeast corner of Brenman Park Drive and Somerville Street, the tree, named Anny (the Anniversary tree), was watched over carefully during the winter months by Sonia Agosto, chairperson of the 10-year anniversary celebration.

Red Sunset Maples are extremely showy, with glossy green leaves that turn to brilliant orange-scarlet each fall. We all will enjoy watching the tree grow from its pyramidal form while young to a rounder form with height of 40-50 feet and width of 30-35 feet when fully grown. Thank you Sonia and Campbell & Ferrara!



A highlight of the dedication ceremony was an amazing and delicious cake created by Cameron Station resident and former professional baker Ron Loveng. The cake depicted the entrance from Duke Street, down the green median, to the gazebo in Cameron Circle. Ron spent more than 12 hours rendering the brick walls, gate, grass, flowers and gazebo. Made from different

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Pool Season Opens with a Splash

By Pat Sugrue

The 2009 pool season is officially underway, and a party and arts festival are planned to add to the season's enjoyment.

The Cameron Club pool is open seven days a week through Monday, September 7, as well as these additional weekends: September 12-13, September 19-20 and September 26-27. The pool is open daily from 11am to 9pm, including federal holidays. Lap swimming is available weekday mornings only from Tuesday, May 26, through Friday, September 4, during the hours of 6am to 8am, excluding federal holidays. Kevin Horner, fitness center director, advises that swimming lessons will be offered this season; staff is in the process of finalizing the program. Kevin can be reached at 703-567-8555 or fitness@cameronstation.org.

Chairperson Ray Celeste and the rest of the Cameron Club & Events Committee invite everyone to the community's Annual Pool Party on Saturday, June 13. There will be Red Hot & Blue's world-famous barbecue, a clown creating balloon art for the children, a moon bounce and an inflatable slide. The pool party will run from 11am until 3pm. There will be enough food for the first 600 people (first come, first served). Please bring your Cameron Station resident identification to the Cameron Club for your food ticket. You must be a Cameron Station resident to participate. This is one of the community's most popular events, and volunteers are needed. Please contact the committee at ccec@cameronstation.org if you are able to lend a hand.

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From the President of the HOA Board

By John Sullivan

The nation's economic struggles continue and are being felt here in Cameron Station. As most of you know, Stems and Cameron Perks have ceased operating, and just recently La Vida Spa also closed. Those merchants remaining need your support. So when you think of the need for milk, wine, beer, coffee, a sandwich, etc., think of the Main Street Market. When you feel hungry or just want to relax with a glass of wine or a beer, think of Food Matters. The same with your laundry, dry cleaning, and dental care needs. Part of the charm and value of living in Cameron Station are our own local merchants. They need us, and we need them.

HOA Board of Directors 2009 Meetings

Tuesdays, 7pm
Cameron Club

May 26
June 23
July 28
August 25
September 22
October 27
November 17
December 15

Annual Meeting is Tuesday, November 10.
Town Hall Meeting is Sunday, August 16.
Mark your calendars now!

Free Wednesday Concerts in Ben Brenman Park

Bring your neighbors and a picnic dinner and enjoy
free entertainment in our local park!

July 15
Wes Tucker & The Skilletts
(folk/rock)

July 29
Flavor Shot (funk/R&B)



Cameron Station's 5th Annual Festival in the Park

Saturday, June 13
9am-4pm
Brenman Park Drive

For more information, contact Donna Kenley at
703-887-7288 or kenleyd@aol.com.



2009 Cameron Club Guest Passes and Visitor Parking Passes

Available at front desk of the Cameron Club.

Pool Season Opens

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Please note that there will be parking restrictions for the pool party. On Friday, June 12, and Saturday, June 13, no vehicles may be parked on Kilburn Street (behind the Cameron Club fitness center, adjacent to the pool area) from Cameron Station Boulevard to Medlock Lane, as that is where the pool party will be held. If cars are parked there, they will be towed to another location close by.

Also scheduled on the day of the pool party is Cameron Station's 5th Annual Festival in the Park. The festival will take place from 9am to 4pm along the median of Brenman Park Drive and will feature a variety of offerings, including: children's books; designer clothing, jewelry and handbags; visual arts; glass; photography, paintings, pottery and sculpture; dog duds, dog walkers and treats; and displays by the Alexandria Animal Welfare League and the Alexandria police and fire departments. For more information, contact Donna Kenley at 703-887-7288 or kenleyd@aol.com.

Committee Updates

Architectural Review Committee

Please see maintenance article on page 10.

Common Area Committee

Lancaster Landscapes is working with Virginia American Water to complete the installation of irrigation systems in five additional areas of the community. In addition, the committee is reviewing nominations for the Pride of Ownership awards. The awards ceremony will take place on Sunday, August 16, in conjunction with the Town Hall Meeting and the Ice Cream Social.

Cameron Club & Events Committee

The Cameron Club and Events Committee (CCEC) held the first Community Happy Hour on Friday, April 24. The turnout was about 80 people. Big thank yous to Mindy Lyle for her suggestion to start this event, and to Pinky Fitzgerald, who was the project lead and was highly organized and very enthusiastic about its potential. Yvonne Pover and Mary Murphy of the CCEC also helped out a great deal. The CCEC intends to host this event monthly. We are looking for volunteers to help with this event; if you are interested, please contact Pinky at magsfitzgerald@comcast.net.

The Cameron Station Annual Pool Party is coming up on Saturday, June 13. This is one of the community's most popular events, and volunteers are welcome and appreciated. If you are able to help set up this event or break it down, please contact Raymond.Celeste@gmail.com. Please note that the area between Cameron Station Boulevard and Medlock Lane will be used for this event, so please do not park in this area. Thank you.

Financial Advisory Committee

No update was received.



Communications Committee

The committee reviewed the Web Communications Specialist resumes and is in the process of interviewing the best candidates. This new part-time position will begin June 1.

Ad-hoc Cameron Club Renovation Committee Gets Down to Work

The HOA Board of Directors is currently considering possible renovations to the Cameron Club, including the fitness center, community association management offices and existing rentable space. For the past year, the Cameron Club and Events Committee has worked to develop a plan, including architectural drawings, for these renovations. In order to obtain additional community feedback and resident recommendations, the board has established an ad-hoc committee of Cameron Station residents for the sole purpose of evaluating possible club renovations and making a recommendation to the board.

The Ad-hoc Cameron Club Renovation Committee consists of five members: Martin Menez, Cris Hamer, Kittie Messman, Karen Diener and Matthew Rodjom. Board members Mindy Lyle and Tom McClimon are co-liaisons to the board.

If you would like to provide input to the committee, please email ccec@cameronstation.org.

Committee Meetings

All meetings are held in the Cameron Club. If dates must change, they will be posted on the Cameron Station website at www.cameronstation.org.

Cameron Club & Events Committee

First Monday of the month at 7pm

Architectural Review Committee

First Tuesday of the month at 7pm

Common Area Committee

First Wednesday of the month at 7pm

Communications Committee

Second Monday of the month at 7:30pm

Financial Advisory Committee

Third Thursday of the month at 7pm

"Because We Care"

By Carla Besosa

Responding to the tragedy involving the owners of Cameron Perks, friends and neighbors rallied to support the Downs family and to create an education fund for daughter Dana. Food Matters graciously partnered with the community, and every seat in the house was filled for the "Because We Care" Dinner.

The event included a three-course dinner prepared by Chef Tom, multiple wines to sample and a silent auction with over 70 items. A heart-warming demonstration of Cameron Station's sense of community!



Dana Downs, Yoko Downs, Sarah O'Connor



So many choices at the silent auction!



Wonderful meal. Wonderful evening.

ALIVE!

(ALexandrians InVolved Ecumenically)

Food Distribution

8:30am - 11:30am

Saturday, May 30

Saturday, June 27

Saturday, July 25

Church of the Resurrection,
2280 N. Beauregard Street, Alexandria
(Take 395 north to Seminary Road west,
right on Beauregard, right into parking lot.)

Volunteers Needed!
Thank You!

The HOA office will be closed on the following dates in 2009:

Memorial Day, Monday, May 25

Day before Independence Day,

Friday, July 3 (Tentative)

Labor Day, Monday, September 7

Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26

Day after Thanksgiving Day,

Friday, November 27

Christmas Day, Friday, December 25

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shapes and painstakingly frosted, the magnificent, three-dimensional cake was a masterpiece. Thank you Ron!

Following the dedication ceremony and cake cutting, a BocciGolf tournament was hosted by Cameron Station resident Bo Schnurr. Bo and his teams played 18 holes over 90 minutes with much gusto, and a wonderful time was had by all. Bo and John Johnson assembled and distributed four bags with cones, balls, rules and stickers, with the charge for others to lay out their own neighborhood course in anticipation of a September championship. Thank you Bo!

Board of Directors Meeting, April 28

By Ann Grochala

Shuttle Drop-Off Location

James Hamre, an employee of WMATA, reported to the board on efforts to resolve the problem of shuttle access to the Van Dorn Metro station. On April 1, WMATA met with HOA Board Chairperson John Sullivan, board member Tom McClimon and city staff to discuss issues surrounding shuttle access. Hamre noted that there has been an increase in shuttles dropping off people at the Metro station and Kiss & Ride areas, which are designated for autos. He said in the near term, smaller shuttles will return to the Kiss & Ride area, but shuttles over 26 feet in length (including Cameron Station's shuttles) will drop off at the bus shelter on Eisenhower Avenue. Monthly meetings will be held over the next several months to determine how to redesign the Kiss & Ride, but significant hurdles remain: a new design must be created for the Kiss & Ride, a funding source identified, approvals obtained, and changes made to bus shelters and street traffic lanes. Board member Mindy Lyle said that the HOA is getting daily calls complaining about alternative shuttle drop-off sites, and the current alternative of dropping people off on Eisenhower Avenue is very dangerous due to truck traffic on the street. She and other board members expressed a great deal of frustration with the long process and the difficulty in identifying who has the power at WMATA to make decisions about the problem.

Police Report

Deputy Chief Blaine Corle said that a prowler was reported in the community, and on April 16, there was an attempted entry into a home on Murtha Street. He said it was unclear whether the same person was involved, but there had been no other incidents since then. He also reported on an incident in which a man was photographed stealing a package from a residence in the nearby Summers Grove community; he may be responsible for a similar theft in Cameron Station. Police have increased surveillance in the community, including plainclothes officers in unmarked cars.

Police have in custody two people who allegedly broke into cars in Cameron Station on October 5. Police were able to link them to the crimes after they used a credit card stolen from a car. Uniformed police officers will be checking car doors in the community and leaving yellow notices if they find cars unlocked.

Corle said that as the weather gets warmer, there is a greater potential for crimes in the parks and nearby areas. He again urged residents not to hesitate to call police if they see suspicious activity.

Open Forum

Several residents who have recently moved into townhomes in the final phase, complained strongly about

the designation of all parking on Harold Second Street as visitor parking. The residents complained that they had been told by their builder that they could park on the street and were not notified of the visitor designation. Board members told the residents that parking has been a problem in the community since its start; some residents believe parking rules are too strict, while others do not think they are strict enough. The city requires that 15 percent of parking be designated for visitors. Parking for residents consists of garage parking and driveway space, if it exists. The city's requirement results in essentially all private street parking in the community being designated for visitors. Anyone can park on the public streets in the community: Cameron Station Boulevard, Ferdinand Day Drive, Somerville Street and Brenman Park Drive. Board members told the residents that to change the city requirement, 100% of community residents must sign a petition to begin the process. They also gave the residents information about where to find the parking requirements in city documents and HOA covenant documents, the latter of which residents must be given when they purchase a home.

Financial Report

As of March 31, the HOA had cash and investments of \$2,042,731.68; year-to-date income of \$550,822.72; year-to-date expenses of \$539,299.98; and net income surplus year-to-date of \$11,522.74. Delinquencies stood at 1.88%, below the industry average of 5%.

Other Issues

The board has received a study of all trees in the community conducted by RTEC Treecare. A company representative will attend the May board meeting to respond to board questions about the study and its findings.

Community Manager Airielle Hansford has been negotiating with the city to get approval for Cameron Station to assume maintenance of the Linear Park.

Action Items

Board action items included:

- Replace dry pipe valve accelerator for \$1,200 - Approved
- Cleaning of association streets for \$4,650 - Approved
- Renew janitorial contract for \$2,444.70 - Approved
- Charter for Ad-hoc Cameron Club Renovation Committee - Approved
- Additional funds for irrigation system of \$5,500 - Approved
- Insurance policy renewal (supplemental) - Approved

Neighbors in the News

Cameron Station is filled with interesting people doing interesting things. If you would like to be recognized in a future issue of *The Compass*, or if you have a neighbor you think deserves recognition, please email the information to thecompass@cameronstation.org.

Resident Birder Shares His Shots

By Cynthia Longo

Have you ever noticed the diversity of wildlife around Cameron Station and in Ben Brenman Park? Walt Barrows has, and he thinks you should, too.

Walt, a resident of Cameron Station for the past nine years, is a hobbyist nature photographer and third-generation birder. As a child, he went on birding treks and learned about feathered friends with his grandfather and father. This is a hobby he later shared with his own son.

Walt has always enjoyed photography; however, it was only recently at the suggestion of friends that he combined both hobbies. "Capturing wildlife through the lens at Ben Brenman Park helps hone my skills and highlights the remarkable flora and fauna of our lovely little park," he said.

Walt's camera is a Nikon D40x, a digital DSLR (single lens reflex) camera which he combines with his favorite 300mm fixed lens. He explained that this particular lens is good for capturing images of nature, especially birds.



Northern Mockingbird

Walt has spotted many types of birds in his life, and several of those have been close to home. During our conversation in Ben Brenman Park, we saw red-winged blackbirds, green herons, sparrows, swallows, and many others. The highlight was two ospreys flying overhead, then diving feet-first into the pond to catch some fish.



Walt's favorite bird is the Belted Kingfisher, a small bird that dives head-first into water to catch fish and other tasty morsels.

Every serious birder has what is called a "life list" — a list of all the species of birds one encounters over the course of a lifetime. Walt's life list will not be complete until he spots a Black Burnian Warbler.



But if you aren't into birds, don't fret! You can also admire a variety of plants and animals, like spring flowers, turtles and rabbits. The next time you are in the park, take a few minutes to look around and above you. You just may see something special!



Please visit Walt's collection of birds and other wildlife he has spotted in the neighborhood at <http://www.pbase.com/wlb3/benbrenman>.

Please Help!

Donate treats and/or goodies to the Walter Reed Wounded Warriors.

Delivered by Pinky Fitzgerald.

Call her at 703-461-3027.



Fitness Center News

By Kevin Horner

Group Exercise Classes

Group Exercise Session #3 of 2009 will begin the second week of June; these classes continue to be very popular. Walk-ins on the night of a class are welcome for a \$10 fee; this is a great way to try out a class. The schedule is as follows:

Sports Conditioning with Abs: Mondays, 7-8pm (with Amy)

Pilates: Tuesdays, 7:30-8:30pm (with Denise)

Cardio Sculpt: Wednesdays, 7-8pm (with Kathy)

Yoga: Wednesdays, 8-9pm (with Suzanne)

Yoga/Sculpt: Thursdays, 9:30-10:30am (with Denise)

Pilates/Yoga Fusion: Thursdays, 8:15-9:15pm (with Denise)

Pilates: Saturdays, 9-10am (with Denise)

Yoga: Saturdays, 10-11am (with Denise)

Workout Parents

Are you an at-home mom or dad who would like a chance to work out during the day? Here's an opportunity to get some exercise and take a short break from the kids, all under one roof at the Cameron Club.

On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, from 8:30am to 10am, you can bring your kids to the Great Room and alternate childcare duties with other participating parents. How often you watch your children and those of other residents depends on how many moms and dads participate. This is not a babysitting or daycare service.

Fitness Center Maintenance

We were very fortunate this winter and spring with only a few mechanical breakdowns of the equipment. This was probably due to a combination of residents taking the extra time to wipe their shoes off before entering the center and the extra preventative maintenance that we had done. It is still important that residents wipe their shoes off before entering the center. We would also like to remind residents to wipe down the machines after using them.

Pool News and Swimming Lessons

We are in the process of finalizing the swimming lessons program for the 2009 summer season. If you have questions about the program, email the fitness center at fitness@cameronstation.org.

Suggestions

This is the time of year when we hear numerous concerns about the temperature of the fitness center. We monitor the temperature in the club to try to keep it comfortable for all the people working out.

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 at 703-567-8555 or fitness@cameronstation.org.

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

Pride of Ownership Award Ceremony



Sunday, August 16
Cameron Circle

Will be held in conjunction with Ice Cream Social and Town Hall Meeting

SUMMER ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8:00/9:00AM		8:30-10:00AM Workout Parents		8:30-10:00AM Workout Parents		8:30-10:00AM Workout Parents	
9:00/9:30AM			9:30-10:30AM Stroller Strides		9:30-10:30 AM Yoga/Sculpt (Denise) 9:30-10:30AM Stroller Strides		9:00-10:00AM Pilates (Denise)
10:00AM							10:00-11:00AM Yoga (Denise)
							10AM-12PM Pick-up Basketball
7:00PM		7:00-8:00PM Sports Conditioning w/Abs (Amy)		7:00-8:00PM Cardio Sculpt (Kathy)			
7:30PM			7:30-8:30PM Pilates (Denise)				
8:00/8:15PM			8:00-10:00PM Pick-up Basketball	8:00-9:00PM Yoga (Suzanne)	8:15-9:15PM Pilates/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.



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- Make Beds & Change Linens
- Remove Trash
- Vacuum All Carpet Areas
- Remove Cobwebs
- Sanitize Bathroom Fixtures
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June is Maintenance Month!

By Michael Mayes

The Architectural Review Committee (ARC), in conjunction with the Cameron Station Community Association, is pleased to declare the month of June "Maintenance Month." We are encouraging all residents to clean up, pick up, and spruce up; and with that in mind, we invite residents to take advantage of discounts offered by some of the vendors and contractors that neighbors have recommended. Spring is the perfect time to improve the value of our homes, and with the able assistance of these local businesses, it is the right time to address exterior painting and repairs, landscaping and interior organizing as well.

Please remember to refer to the community's Design & Maintenance Standards to check for any restrictions and also to determine if any exterior improvements planned need approval prior to commencement of that work.

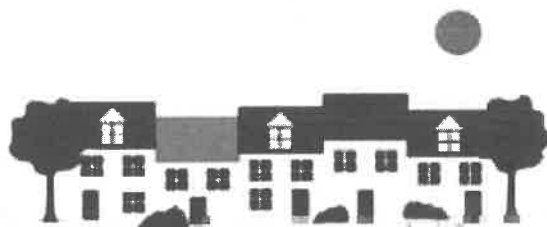
The list of recommended vendors offering discounts on their services for the month of June can be found on the main page of the Cameron Station website at www.cameronstation.org.

Michael Mayes is the chairperson of the Architectural Review Committee.



Swim Lesson Restrictions for 2009 Season

Please note that swim lessons can only be held Monday-Thursday, 2pm-7pm, during pool season. Instruction is contracted through the Fitness Center Management Contractor ONLY. Registration is at Fitness Center front desk.



Main Street
MARKET

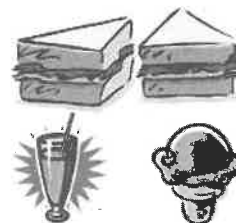
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Sat:	8:00 AM ~ 9:00 PM
Sun:	9:00 AM ~ 8:00 PM

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- ☺ Smoothie
- ☺ Fruit Tea Blast
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- ☺ Greeting Cards
- ☺ Bistro Tables (Indoor, Outdoor)



Civic Association Update

By Ingrid Sanden

The Cameron Station Civic Association wrapped up another year of activity at its May 4 meeting. The association doesn't meet over the summer months and will meet again on September 14. *(The usual meeting date is the first Monday of every other month; however September 7 is Labor Day.)* Keep up with the civic association during the summer months in three ways:

- 1) Sign up for email blasts at cscivicassn@gmail.com.
- 2) Join our Facebook group at <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=57893870441&ref=ts>.
- 3) Check our website, www.cameronstationcivicassociation.org, regularly for updates on issues, community meetings and other events.

Eisenhower West Industrial Study

In June 2008, City Council directed city staff to initiate a study analyzing the costs, risks, benefits and opportunities associated with redeveloping the industrial sites in Eisenhower West (Virginia Paving Asphalt plant, the Covanta waste-to-energy facility, the Vulcan facility and the Norfolk Railroad ethanol transloading facility) into mixed-use communities. The study will focus on the development costs and opportunities for redeveloping these industrial sites, the feasibility of relocating these uses and the impacts and benefits of these uses in those locations. Find out more about the project and upcoming community meetings at <http://alexandriava.gov/IndustrialStudy>.

Norfolk Southern/Ethanol Update

(See separate article on page 12). You can also read more about the case at http://www.cameronstationcivicassociation.org/Norfolk_Southern.html and at <http://alexandriava.gov/Transloading>.

New Leadership

The Cameron Station Civic Association is looking for people interested in serving on its board. At the September meeting, the civic association will hold board elections, and we're looking for residents who will get involved and keep our community a wonderful, safe and thriving place to live. If you're interested in getting involved, please email cscivicassn@gmail.com.

Ingrid Sanden is the president of the Cameron Station Civic Association.

Support Our Cameron Station Retailers

Bright Start Learning Center Day Care
& Preschool
703-370-8414

Cameron Station Valet Cleaners
703-823-0606

Dr. Mai, Family Dentistry
703-461-3000 or 703-778-1221

Food Matters
703-461-3663

Main Street Market
703-823-6162

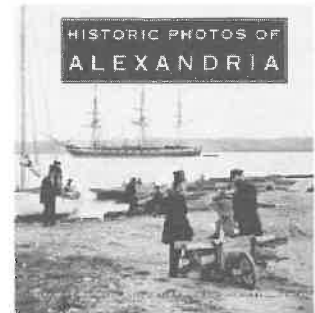
Alexandria Library Assists Patrons with Family and Local History

By Mark Schwartz

Alexandria Library's Local History/Special Collections house many resources for those interested in Alexandria and Virginia history and genealogy and the Civil War. Major activities include generating online exhibits, collection guides and genealogy indexes. This division of Alexandria Library is located inside Barrett Branch at 717 Queen Street in Old Town. For more information or hours of operation, call 703-838-4577.

Now on sale at Local History/Special Collections: *Historic Photos of Alexandria* by Julie Ballin Patton and Rita Holtz. Includes nearly 200 photos. Copies are signed by the authors.

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



Hobby Horses! Merry-Go-Rounds! Carousels! Oh My!

By Pinky Fitzgerald

Regardless of what you call them, hobby horses, carousels and merry-go-rounds are timeless treasures that thrill both the young and the young at heart. Did you know that the last carousel census found fewer than 300 in use in the United States? Most of them were built from the turn of the last century through the Roaring Twenties. We lucky locals are graced with about ten totally restored and beautifully painted carousels. Perhaps you've noticed the lovely one, vintage 1847, on the National Mall near the Smithsonian Metro stop (see photo). Did you know that the National Cathedral has one that was built in the 1840s but only opens it to the public during its annual spring plant sale?

However, we Cameron Station residents need drive a mere five miles to Lake Accotink Park to take a ride on a lovely carousel built in 1930. Interested in going there? Just drive out Cameron Station Boulevard to Edsall Road, drive about four miles to Backlick Road, turn left and go about a mile. Where Backlick Road splits, you will see a sign on the right to Lake Accotink Park. Follow the signs thereafter until you spot the gorgeous carousel. The park also offers boat rentals, picnic areas and a big lake with a paved path around it. For more information see <http://www.yelp.com/map/lake-accotink-park-springfield-2>.



Other carousels in Virginia are located at Burke Lake Park in Fairfax Station, Lee District Park in Franconia, Lake Fairfax in Reston and Taylor Amusements in Staunton. In Maryland, carousels are located in Glen Echo, Wheaton and Watkins regional parks and at Harbor Place, Baltimore.

Norfolk Southern/Ethanol Update

A federal judge ruled in April that Norfolk Southern can continue operating the ethanol-transfer station near Cameron Station, overruling the City of Alexandria's haul permit. The city had issued that permit to Norfolk Southern to control the hours of operation, etc. for the ethanol transfer trucks to enter and leave the ethanol transloading facility. Norfolk Southern sued the city in federal district court, maintaining that truck hauling permits issued by the city for transporting ethanol inside city limits are preempted by federal law and that the city did not follow certain procedural steps in establishing a hazardous materials route.

The city filed an answer and counterclaim, maintaining that it is regulating trucks on its streets, not rail operations,

and that the half-mile path the trucks must take from the terminal is not subject to the type of procedures that Norfolk Southern contended.

In his ruling, U.S. District Court Judge Cacheris found for the city in some respects, but generally found that the city's permitting system for the trucks entering and leaving the transloading facility is preempted by federal law. The city disagrees with certain aspects of the opinion, and Acting City Attorney Chris Spera is evaluating the city's appellate rights. Spera believes that the court's ruling still allows the city to pursue regulation of the trucks. There will be more information coming from the city as staff further evaluates this decision.

Adult Happy Hour Report - TGI(L)F

(Thank Goodness It's (Last) Friday)

By Pinky Fitzgerald

Cameron Station's first adult "Last Friday" on April 24 was an enormous success, with nearly 80 friendly folks attending the event. Residents brought finger foods and adult beverages along with their warm smiles and easy conversations. Name-tags made mingling easy, and the Cameron Club was a cozy venue for the event. The party began at 6pm and ran beyond the advertised two hours - people hated to leave. (Rumor has it that a certain birthday lady continued the festivities in her home.) Many grabbed a bite either before or after at Food Matters, our local walk-to restaurant.



Pinky Fitzgerald, Ray Celeste, Kevin Horner



Four "neighborhoods" within Cameron Station have already signed up to host future Last Friday events. Hosting is a simple operation consisting of setting up and breaking down the drink and food tables; hosts act as greeters as they circulate within the crowd. Table-covers, napkins, paper plates, name tags, ice, tubs, openers and glasses are provided by the HOA, along with the venue.

Last Friday, a/k/a TGI(L)F, will be held on the following dates: May 29, June 26, July 31, August 28, September 25, October 30, November 27 and December 18. Mark your calendars and think about having your "neighborhood" host so that we can continue getting to know our wonderful neighbors in Cameron Station.

Please call Pinky Fitzgerald at 703-461-3027 or email her at magsfitzgerald@mac.com to volunteer your street, condo, or circle to host one of these great events.



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West End Farmers Market Now Open

By Susan Birchler

On two Sundays, May 3 and May 10, the West End Farmers Market celebrated the opening of its 2009 summer season. The market will be open on Sundays, May 3 through November 22, from 9am to 1pm, in the south parking lot of Ben Brenman Park.

Despite dark skies and persistent rain on May 3, people came out to the market to buy fresh, seasonal vegetables and fruits. The vendors did not disappoint, presenting customers with a tempting array of asparagus, bok choy, lettuces, radishes, chard, leeks, onions, micro-greens and succulently sweet strawberries. Vendors also were selling (and will be selling throughout the summer) annual and perennial plants. In addition, the Alexandria Library storyteller gathered small groups of children under umbrellas to listen to stories in the rain. Artists and crafters sold photographs, paintings, greeting cards, children's aprons, lotions, creams, jewelry, yarn made from alpaca and llama wool, hand-mixed teas and homemade soaps. These artists and crafters and more participated in the May 10 market and plan to be back on the first Sunday of every month throughout the summer and fall: May 7, June 7, July 5, August 2, September 6,



October 4 and November 1, as well as the last two Sundays of the 2009 season, November 15 and November 22.

All the favorite food vendors from last year and seven new ones will be at the market this season. An array of fresh, locally grown, seasonal vegetables, fruits, honey, lavender plants and flowers, free-range, grass-fed beef and chicken, local jellies and preserves, fresh salsas and sauces, warm straight-from-the-oven breads and pastries, cut flowers, potted plants, coffee, fresh orange juice, artisan cheeses, gourmet condiments, Virginia Wine and organic dog biscuits will be available from the vendors.

Below is a complete list of vendors you can find at the West End Farmers Market. Stop by the market manager's tent for free recipes. Come and enjoy beautiful summer mornings, incredible food and chatting with your neighbors,

while supporting farmers and the local economy at the same time. We look forward to meeting you at the market!

Susan Birchler is a resident of Cameron Station and associate market manager of the West End Farmers Market. She may be contacted at 571-431-7557 or sabirchler@gmail.com.

Vegetables:

J&W Farm

A mix of seasonal vegetables

Penn Farm

A mix of seasonal vegetables

Lorenzo

A mix of seasonal vegetables

Wisteria Gardens

Micro-Greens

Fruits:

Alma - The Berry Farm

Seasonal fruits, vegetables, jams and jellies

Papa's Orchard

Seasonal fruits, winter apples and pears

Breads:

Bonaparte Breads

Various breads and pastries

Joe and Vera

Hot-from-the-oven breads, muffins, scones and pastries

Treats by Gale

Cookies, poundcake, Caribbean rum cake, cupcakes and gift baskets

Uptown Bakers

Artisan breads and pastries

Grace's Bakery

Various breads and pastries

Dairy Products:

The Amish Cheese Store and More

Various artisan cheeses, yogurt, goat cheese and eggs

On the Gourmet Food

Local ice-cream, yogurt and cheese

Wine:

North Gate Vineyard

Loudon County Wine

Jams, Jellies, Condiments, Sauces and Miscellaneous:

The Crackpot Gourmet

Handmade, fresh seasonal preserves

The Amish Cheese Store and More

Jams, jellies and canned veggies

On the Gourmet Food

Gourmet mustards, vinaigrettes, sauces, jams and jellies

Honey Farmers

Various types of honey and honey-based lotions and creams

Bees and Blossoms Honey

Honey from organic fields and

specialty honeys, creams, soaps and candles

Beanetics Coffee Roasters

Locally roasted coffee

Fresh Joseph

Fresh-squeezed orange juice

Roberto

Plants

Billie and his Son

Fresh-cut flowers and brewed coffee

Lisa

Organic Dog Biscuits

Grass-Fed Free-Range Meats:

Catherine - The Chicken Lady

Chicken, beef, lamb and eggs

Local Farmers Markets

Of course, we think the best one is our own West End Farmer's Market, held Sundays in Brenman Park! (*See article on page 14.*) But for those times when you may be out of town and just can't get to it, or find yourself in the middle of the week desperate for a real tomato, here are some convenient choices for other days of the week.

Tuesdays

8am-noon, thru November 24
Mount Vernon Farmers Market
2501 Sherwood Hall Lane
Fairfax County

Wednesdays

2-6pm, thru October 28
Wakefield Farmers Market
Wakefield Park
8100 Braddock Road
Annandale

Thursdays

8am-noon, thru November 5
Annandale Farmers Market
Mason District Park
6621 Columbia Park
Annandale

Fridays

11am-3pm, thru October 16
Ballston Farmers Market
Wellburn Square, North Ninth and North Stuart streets
Near Ballston Metro and Mall
Arlington

4-7pm, thru October 23

Kingstowne Farmers Market
Kingstowne Towne Center
Kingstowne Boulevard (near Giant Food)
Fairfax County

Saturdays

8am-noon, thru December 5
Del Ray Farmers Market
East Oxford Street and Mt. Vernon Avenue
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Rethink and Refine: Redecorate "Green" Without Spending a Dime

How to love the home you're in – without spending a lot of money

By LeeSa Page

As the mother of two young children (ages three years and seven months), I have a constant reminder of the future. And when I think of the future, it is hard to ignore the idea of "living green". There is a segment on the subject on every newscast, at the grocery, in magazines – it is everywhere. And as a Certified Interior Refiner, it is my profession – and my passion – to help my clients approach decorating with a "green" sense of style. But what exactly does that mean?

Rethink: I grew up in a household with grandparents who lived through the Great Depression, so "living green" really started for me at an early age (although that is not what it was called back then). We were constantly reminded to turn off the lights when we left the room and we recycled everything. Nothing was thrown away, and everything could be repurposed or reused. Not only was this practical and economical, but it sparked our creativity as well. As children we watched our home take on new life every several months when our mother or grandmother would move key pieces of furniture and bring in a few "new" accessories from winter or summer storage. Doing those small things made the space feel fresh and new to us.

With that kind of upbringing, I find that my career as an interior refiner is a natural fit, given that my mission is help people redecorate their homes, using what they already own. I encourage you to rethink your approach to decorating: you do not have to buy a lot of new things to make your home comfortable, stylish or functional. So many times everything you want is right under your roof. "Green decorating" can mean purchasing CFL bulbs, energy-efficient appliances/ or sustainable wood floors. But it can also mean "redecorating" – rearrange, repurpose, reuse, repaint and reupholster – activities that do not have to cost a lot of money.

Refine: You may be staying where you are, for whatever reason, and find that after being in your current home for only a few years, it feels "stale." Your budget might be tight, and the cost of a decorator is out of your range. If so, I encourage you to think about how you can "refine" your space.

With interior refining, your solution for a fresh, new look can be quite simple and inexpensive. To illustrate, let's start with a couple of decorating "mistakes" and address how you can redecorate green for low- or no-cost solutions:

- **Poor furniture placement:** There are two big blunders in this category: bad traffic flow and an uncomfortable conversation area. It is not the furniture (or accessories) that are wrong for your room or house, but it is where you

have them placed. It may be time to simply rearrange your furniture.

- **Lack of cohesive elements:** You know the rooms – you walk in and immediately you feel at peace and calm. Places where you feel calm have similar colors and schemes that pull the room together. Think about repainting your room to give it a good base to work with what you have. Or instead of getting rid of things, think about reusing what you have by reupholstering. If it is well made, reupholstering furniture is a lot less expensive than buying new furniture.

Instead of thinking about "going green," try "living green" and refine what you have; generations of people have done it. Protecting our environment can be accomplished by taking small steps in the everyday tasks (like cleaning and recycling) as well as those not-so-frequent tasks (like redecorating your home). So love the home you're in – rethink and refine – and chances are you won't spend a dime.

LeeSa Page is a resident of Alexandria and a Certified Interior Refiner, IRN and owner, Divinely Refined Interiors. (See ad on page 23.)



At Earth Day celebration in Brenman Park, Food Matters lends a helping hand for a greener community.

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Low Turnout for Mayoral/City Council Election

By Pat Sugrue

All politics may be local, but apparently not that many people care. In the May 6 Alexandria election, incumbent mayor Bill Euille ran unopposed; but all six city council seats were up for grabs, with 10 candidates vying for the seats. Yet city-wide only 15.3% of the registered voters bothered to vote, and in Cameron Station the turnout was even lower - 13.9%.

Following are the votes cast at the Cameron Club precinct:

Cefaratti (R) - 232

Donley (D) - 268

Fannon (R) - 235

Hughes (I) - 318

Krupicka (D) - 268

Lovain (D) - 211

Pepper (D) - 287

Smedberg (D) - 241

Williamson (I) - 86

Wilson (D) - 227

Hughes, Pepper, Donley, Krupicka, Smedberg and Fannon are the new council members.

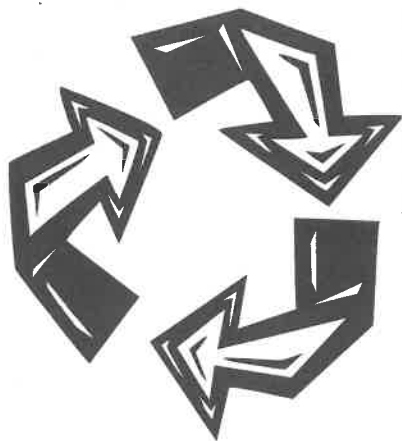


After enjoying a leisurely brunch at Food Matters, Richie Havens (who had performed at the Birchmere the evening prior) said "Wait! I MUST have my photo taken with these two women!" Pictured with Havens are Carla Besosa and Victoria Herbert.

Electronic Version of the Community Newsletter Available

In an effort by the Cameron Station Community Association to "go green," the HOA is offering homeowners the option of receiving *The Compass* via mail (paper copy) or via email by electronic copy (e-copy). A great advantage of receiving the newsletter via e-copy is that you will be able to see the newsletter in color! If you would like to sign up for this and no longer receive a paper copy of the community newsletter, please send an email to ecopyrequest@cameronstation.org. In your email request, please include the following information:

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First Tucker Spring Fling Raises \$8,000

By Ingrid Sanden and Amy Bartlett

Tucker Elementary celebrated its first Spring Fling on Friday, April 17. More than 500 students, families and Cameron Station residents turned out to enjoy pizza, drinks, student artwork and more than 50 raffle prizes. Some of the most popular prizes of the night were a Nintendo DS, Redskins tickets, lunch with Tucker Principal Loretta Scott and dinner with Mayor Bill Euille, as well as a set of junior golf clubs, a bicycle and various themed baskets put together by Tucker teachers. Attendees purchased student art for \$1, raffle tickets for \$1 and pizza slices for \$1, making the event accessible to all and lots of fun!

Local business owners supported the event, which raised nearly \$8,000 toward Tucker teacher technology wish list items, which will be purchased by the Tucker PTA.



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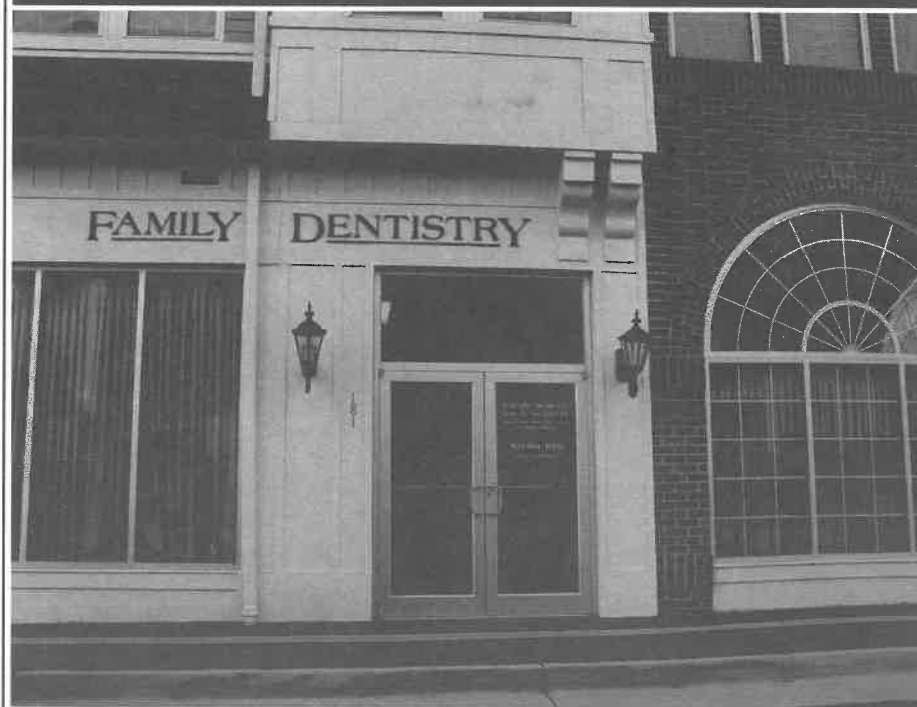
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(A complete list of prizes can be found at <http://www.acps.k12.va.us/tucker/spring-fling-prizes.pdf>).

A very special thanks to Cameron Station residents who attended the event — particularly those residents without children! Your involvement and commitment to Tucker Elementary and the students there make our neighborhood stronger and create a supportive learning environment for everyone. Thank you and see you next year!

Ingrid Sanden and Amy Bartlett are Spring Fling co-chairs, members of the Tucker PTA and mothers of Tucker students.

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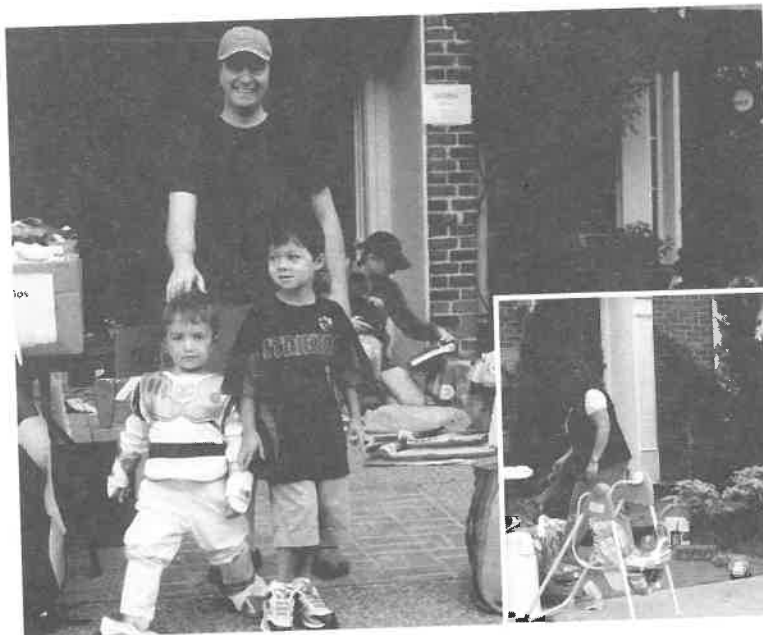
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Saturday: Hand-cut Steak and Half Price Bottle Wine night.

Legendary Sunday Brunch
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Cameron Station Spring Yard Sale

Young and old were out buying and selling at the community-wide yard sale on Saturday, May 2. Intermittent rain showers may have dampened some of the treasures, but none of the enthusiasm. One young neighbor even set up a lemonade stand with the proceeds going to kids in need. Now that's real community spirit!



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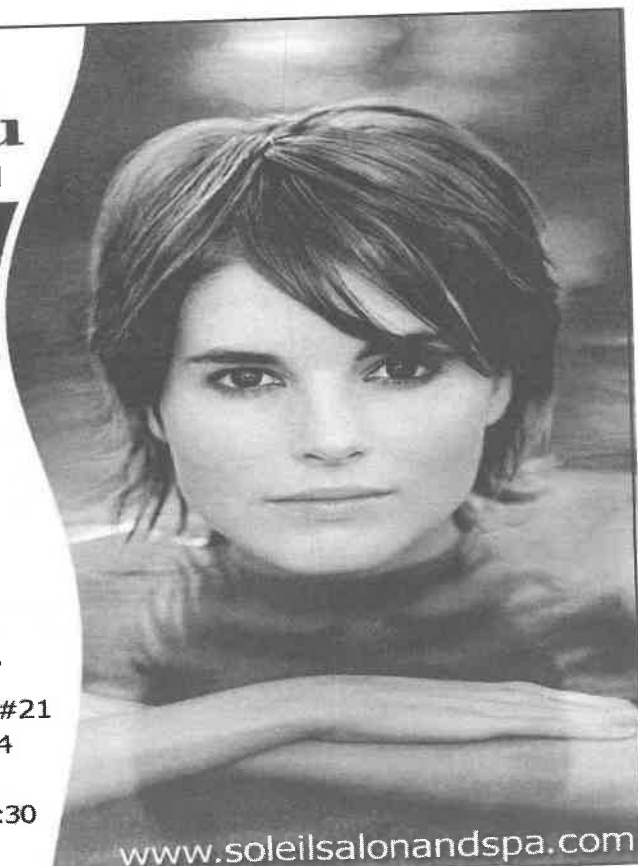
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Monday Night Bookball

May: *The Count of Monte Cristo* by Alexandre Dumas

June: *The People of the Book: a Novel* by Geraldine Brooks

Reading Between the Wines

May: *The Tipping Point* by Malcolm Gladwell

June: *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See



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Carla's Picks

By Carla Besosa

Alexandria Waterfront

June 20-21

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Blues Alley

July 16-19

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Fairfax Festival

June 5-7

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Kennedy Center

June 30-August 2

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Merriweather Post Pavilion

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Capitol Jazz Festival

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National Harbor

June 6-7

The Food & Wine Festival at National Harbor

Nissan Pavilion

June 21

Aerosmith & ZZ Top

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St. Elmo's (Del Ray)

June 20 and July 18

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July 23

National Symphony Orchestra

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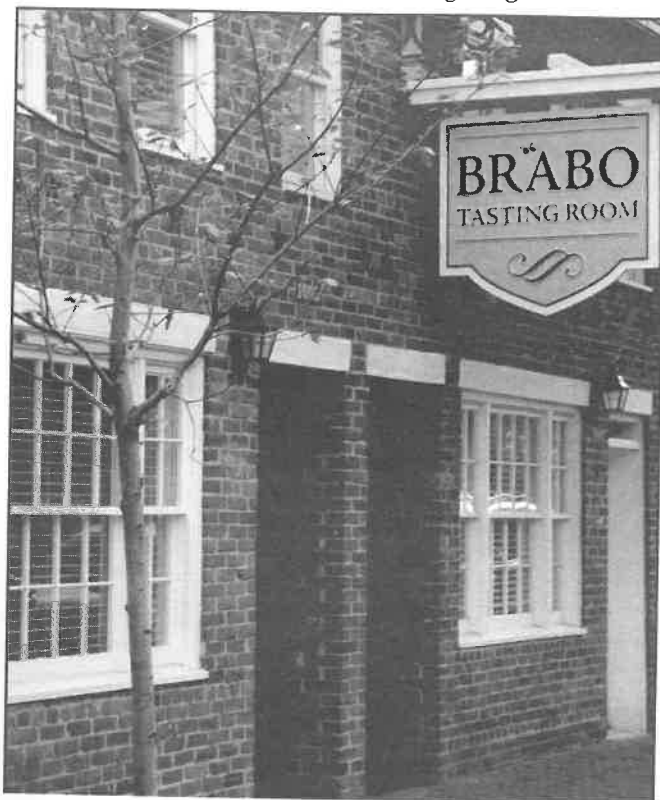
If you have used a recommended vendor and have a complaint to make, please send an email describing your concerns to the community manager (ahansford@cmc-management.com), who will keep a copy on file. Any resident may have access to the file.



Brabo Tasting Room

By Carla Besosa

Old Town's newest nouveau-trendy haunt is *Brabo Tasting Room* (created February 2009), located in the new Lorien Hotel & Spa. The space is rather austere, and on the small side, with white walls, track lighting and brick floors, but "hip" nonetheless. There is a small bar (most conducive to interaction), a tasting table and a smattering of booths and tables. We selected a booth overlooking King Street so we



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could smile and wave at the many passers-by who stared longingly at our food. The mood is casual, the decibel level runs high, and the staff is highly efficient and quite personable. Although there is a wide-screen TV over the bar, it's by no means a focal point of the establishment; that honor goes to the impressive brick ovens. The crowd seemed to be a collection of regulars, Lorien guests and locals such as ourselves, seeking a new experience.

The menu varies with the seasonal whims of the chefs, but the signature creation appears to be their *mussels*, nestled in a wine/garlic/shallot/parsley mixture. I personally am not a consumer of mussels, but after kibitzing with neighboring patrons, I was told these rank at an all-time high. The tasting room is also recognized for its selection of Belgian brews; however, I was having a *wine moment* and will have to run beer experiments during a subsequent pilgrimage (and there WILL be a subsequent pilgrimage!).

The enticing menu is focused, innovative and a bit avant-garde without demanding too much from your wallet. The assortment of "napa-tizers", as they call them, includes soups, sandwiches and salads that demonstrate unique creativity. We chose the *charcuterie & artisan cheese plate* for initiation. We were pleased with the assortment and accoutrements, as well as the delicious accompanying fresh bread. We followed with one of the artistic *wood-fired tarts*, a delicious flatbread concoction prepared in a variety of fashions. My tart was decorated with fresh mozzarella, prosciutto and fresh basil. YUM!

If you too are having a wine moment, here's the bonus - you can order wine by the bottle, the glass or the taste. An excellent opportunity to experiment with some select fruits of the vine with which you may not yet be familiar... broaden those horizons! Our server, Damien, was very familiar with the selections and highly adept at suggesting complimentary pairings.

Brabo Tasting Room is a happenin' spot for light fare, expertly prepared, aesthetically and enthusiastically presented and washed down with exquisite libations. Ask for Damien; he is not only knowledgeable but entertaining as well! Fridays and Saturdays can be fairly crowded, and we were told that Wednesdays are not far behind. Because space is limited, I suggest venturing on an alternate day of the week (Mondays and Tuesdays were recommended) or arriving early, before the crowds descend. It's a fun experience and only a couple of miles down the street from our little microcosm.

Hours of Operation

Every day, 11:30am-1am

Price Range

\$8-\$16

Smoking

No

Handicapped Accessible

Yes, except for wheelchair

Parking

Street

Reservations

No

Classifieds

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Let Us Hear from You...

The staff of *The Compass* welcomes your comments and suggestions about the newsletter and community updates. Please send them to thecompass@cameronstation.org. Thank you.

Sign Up for Email Blasts for News and Emergency Info

During the emergency situation in January, when part of the community was in lockdown, the HOA office sent email blasts to residents to help keep them updated on the situation. Email blasts are also sent on a regular basis to keep the community informed of upcoming events or to alert residents to changes in trash pick-up, shuttle schedules...all kinds of important and timely news.

If you have not already signed up, you may contact the HOA office via email at csadmin@cmc-management.com or by phone at 703-567-4881 to receive a password.

You can change your password by accessing the HOA website at www.cameronstation.org and going to the resident login information page. After you log in for the first time using the information above, please go to "Website User Information" located at the bottom of the Community Directory page. Then click on "Change Your Password."

If you need to update your contact information at any time, please go to "Website User Information" and click on "Update Your User Information." You may add or remove your email from Cameron Station's email blast list by adding or removing your email address in the "email address" field. Please note that you may specify that your email address be used only by the community manager.

Bond for Life Exhibition Explores the Human/Pet Companion Connection

The human/pet companion bond is explored through art in the Bond for Life exhibition at the Del Ray Artisans gallery. The exhibit opens Friday, May 22 (reception 7-10pm), and runs through Sunday, June 21. Admission to the reception and the gallery is free of charge and open to the public.

For show details, special events and gallery hours visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org or contact coordinator Christina Richardson at 703-683-2949 or Christina@FigaroConsulting.com.

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 (e.g., June 30 for July/August; August 30 for September/October, etc.). 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 (e.g., last week of July or first week of August for July/August issue).

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Any submissions for publication must include writer's name, address and phone number and must be received by the 30th of the month preceding issue date (June 30 for July/August; August 30 for September/October, etc.). The newsletter staff, Communications Committee and Board of Directors reserve the right to edit submissions for typos, length, tone and content. They will also determine the newsletter to be "full" at their discretion. Articles are to be factual and of public interest. Editorial content may be deemed inappropriate at the discretion of the newsletter staff, Communications Committee or Board of Directors. Photographs submitted will be returned to sender if accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

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Checks should be addressed to Cameron Station Community Association and sent with camera-ready artwork to Community Manager, 200 Cameron Station Boulevard, Alexandria, VA 22304. Artwork may be e-mailed to fmingione-buzan@cmc-management.com.

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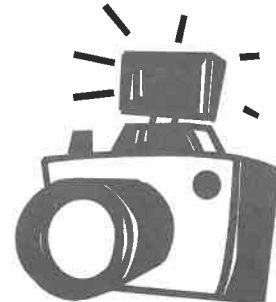
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Thanks for the Photos

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.

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