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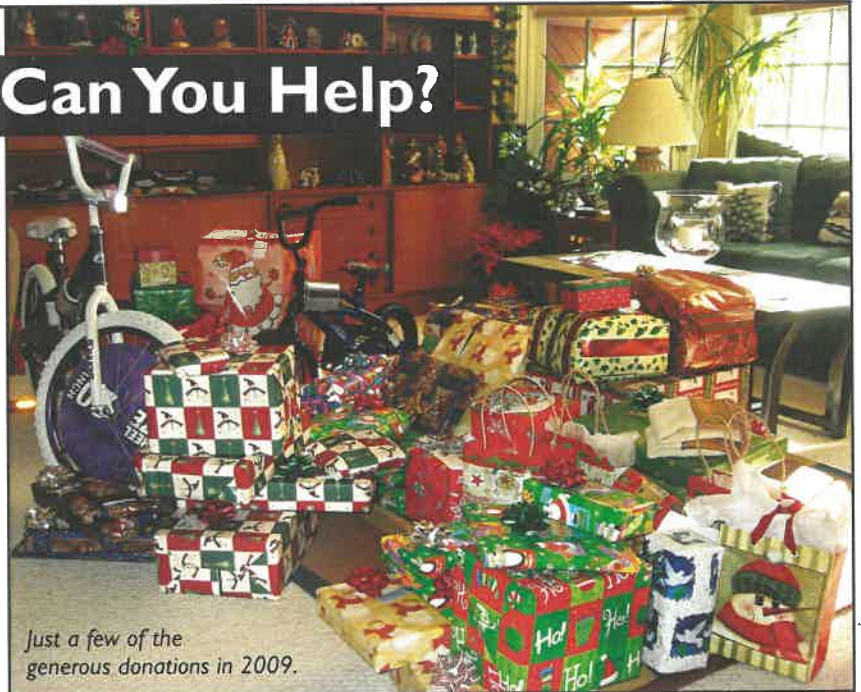
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Adopt-A-Family: Can You Help?

By Ingrid Sanden

The Adopt-A-Family holiday gift program for less-fortunate Samuel W. Tucker Elementary School students is a program supported and organized by the school. Since the program began 10 years ago, generosity from supporters, including many Cameron Station residents, has helped 200 families. Without help, these families might not have had any holiday celebration at all.

Individual residents, groups of neighbors, clubs, committees or entire streets can join together to adopt an individual student, a couple of students, a family or several families. Family needs are screened by the social worker and principal at Tucker. Lists of needs, some as basic as dishes and towels, are compiled by the school, along with clothing sizes, shoe sizes, toy requests, etc. You can shop for items or donate gift cards. Everything is greatly appreciated. Thanks to Toka Salon and Day Spa for offering to be a donation drop-off location.



Just a few of the generous donations in 2009.

If you are interested in adopting a Tucker student or a family, contact Mindy Lyle at adopttuckerfamily@comcast.net. Mindy would very much appreciate an extra couple of hands to organize the requests, match families together and collect/store donations. Thank you in advance for your help and generosity.

Ingrid Sanden is a Cameron Station resident and parent of two Tucker students.


Annual Holiday Party
Sunday, December 5
5-7pm
Cameron Club

(See CCEC update on page 6.)

Chanukah Celebration

Wednesday, December 8

6:30pm

Cameron Club



Lighting of the menorah, traditional holiday food, treats for children.
Sponsored and led by Rabbi Mordechai Newman of the Chabad Lubavitch of Alexandria/Arlington.

No Increase in Fees

There will be no increase in the CSCA general assessments.

(Annual Meeting article will appear in Jan/Feb Compass.)

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From the President of the HOA Board of Directors

By Michael Kuhl

Well, folks, this is it – my farewell piece in *The Compass* as president of the Cameron Station Community Association. It has been a pleasure to serve the residents of Cameron Station for the past four years as a board member, and for the last year as president. The residents of the community who volunteer on the committees of the association and the Board of Directors have accomplished much over this time because of their hard work. I would like to single out a few of those special people whose work is exemplary; without their help I would not have been nearly as successful as I was in accomplishing good things for Cameron Station.

Common Area Committee Chairperson, Robert Burns – To me, Robert is the ideal committee chairperson. His committee is responsible for a greater percentage of the community's budget than any other. His professional manner of doing business and great leadership skills help us manage the very complex set of issues faced by the committee (maintenance of the common areas, snow removal, etc.) Thanks for all of your hard work, Robert.

Fellow board members (past and present) – I would like to thank my fellow board members Mindy Lyle, Mahl

Avila, Tom McClimon, Dak Hardwick, Don Buch, John Sullivan, Brad Holsclaw, Micki Aronson, Jim Nissley, Max Weintraub and Sarah Townes. I appreciate your service to the community, as well as the opportunity to learn from and with you. While we may not have agreed 100% of the time on all issues, we always were able to pull it together and do the very best for Cameron Station.

Community Management Corporation – I would like to thank Airielle Hansford and her team for all they do to serve the residents of Cameron Station. This is a job that has both good and bad moments, but without their support, I would have never been able to do my job as a board member or as president. We owe them all a big "thank you," as without them Cameron Station would not function as well as it does. Thanks, Airielle!

Finally, I would like to reiterate something I noted in my very first article for *The Compass*: the volunteers of this community are its lifeblood, making Cameron Station the wonderful place that it is. If you currently volunteer, thanks for your service; if you do not, stop being a backbencher and get involved! Thanks.



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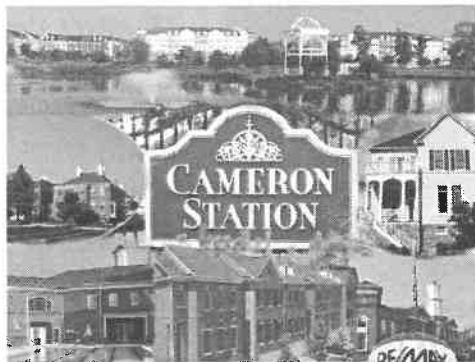
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Board of Directors Meeting, October 26

By Catherine Huddleston

Guest Speakers

Deputy Chief Blaine Corle, City of Alexandria Police Department, discussed recent crime-related activity in the community. The patrol presence throughout the community has increased now that school has begun.

Financial Report

On September 30, 2010, the association had operating and investment funds totaling \$2,196,769.14. The Income Statement Report reflects a year-to-date income of \$1,669,963.90, which is \$14,620.90 above budget. Year-to-date expenses are \$1,763,930.12, which is \$90,880.93 above the budgeted amount of \$1,673,049.19. A few line items exceed the year-to-date budgeted amount by more than \$1,500:

Architectural - by \$2,071.95 due to the costs for data processing for the monthly comprehensive reports. As of September, the monthly inspection data will be entered on site by the covenants administrator.

Snow Removal - by \$199,021.90; this includes street cleaning costs of \$4,976.

Common Area Water/Sewer - by \$4,424.64 due to the increased water consumption associated with the irrigation system expansion.

Postage - by \$1,599.99. A significant portion of this overage is due to the cost to mail the Cameron Club Policy and DMS Amendment in May, which totaled \$3,170.35.

Common Area Lighting Maintenance - by \$3,728.95. This line item was increased by \$8,000 in FY2011 to \$30,000.

Tree & Shrub Maintenance - by \$2,014.50 due to the considerable amount of work needed to maintain the common area trees. This line item was increased by \$28,847 in FY 2011 to \$38,847.

Exercise Equipment Repair and Maintenance - by \$4,249.93 due to increased wear and tear on the aging fitness center machines. Management has recommended an increase in this line item for FY2011; it is anticipated that several of the older machines will be replaced in late 2010 and early 2011.

Utilities - by \$4,037.62. Management anticipates that this line item will level out toward the end of the year.

Casual Labor - by \$35,280.38. This overage is due to the association's using contracted maintenance service during the first half of the year. The majority of these charges were coded to Administrative Payroll. At the September 2010 board meeting, management was asked to move these costs to Casual Labor.

Sprinkler System - by \$2,470.57 due to a few repairs necessary to maintain the fire suppression system.

Landscape Maintenance - by \$2,624.07; it is expected to level out toward the end of the year.

Overall there is a negative variance between year-to-date income and expenses in the amount of \$93,966.22 through September 30, 2010, which is \$76,260.03 above the budgeted amount for Net Income/Loss for August 2010. The Capital Reserves account totals \$70,772.52. The Accounts Receivable Residential Assessments as of September 30, 2010, was \$22,886.19. This reflects a delinquency rate of approximately 1.09%, which is below the industry standard of 5%. Accrued Reserves total \$1,423,976.52 and are fully supported by cash and investments. This signifies that the association is in a healthy financial position.

WTS Cameron Club Report

Fitness Director Kevin Horner gave an update on the fitness center. He mentioned that fitness center usage is up from last year. The updated WTS programming survey has been sent to residents through the fitness center email list, and a link to the survey was posted on the Cameron Station website. Replacement of a broken treadmill has been approved. Andre Williams will be joining the WTS staff and will be working Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

Action Items

- The 2011 Operating Budget, keeping the CSCA general assessment the same - Approved.

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Cameron Club Fitness Center Hours

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



Fitness Center News

By Kevin Horner

Group Exercise Classes

The last group exercise session of 2010 is underway. Residents can always drop in on a class for a \$10 drop-in fee. Our 2010 session will end with two \$5 weeks beginning on Monday, December 6, and Monday, December 13. Check with the fitness center to see if the class you want to take will be held. Some of the classes will be make-up classes. These classes are great for everyone who has resolved to be healthy and fit in 2010!

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, 8:30 - 10am and 3:30 - 5pm, you can bring your kids to the Victoria Hebert 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 Reminders

Even though we have reminded fitness center users over and over, many people are not wiping down the cardio machines and the area around them when they finish their workouts. The germs and bacteria sweat carries could cause a cold, stomach illness or staph infection. Cold and flu season is here, so it is more important than ever to wipe down equipment with the sanitizing wipes and anti-bacterial spray we provide. Remember: the best way to keep from getting sick is to wash your hands often and to use the hand sanitizer we provide.

Toys for Tots

We are collecting for the Marines' Toys for Tots program again this year. Collection will continue through Wednesday, December 15. The residents of Cameron Station have always been more than generous with their donations, and we thank you in advance.

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

WINTER ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6:00/7:00AM							
7:00/8:00AM							
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			9:00-10:00AM Yoga/Sculpt (Denise)		9:00-10:00 AM Yoga (Denise)		9:00-10:00AM Fitness Fusion (Denise)
10:00AM							10AM-12NOON Pick-up Basketball
3:30PM		3:30-5:00PM Workout Parents		3:30-5:00PM Workout Parents		3:30-5:00PM Workout Parents	
7:00PM		7:00-8:00PM Sports Conditioning w/ Abs (Amy)		7:00-8:00PM Zumba (Christina)			
7:30PM			7:30-8:30PM Pilates (Denise)				
8:00/8:15PM			8:00-10:00PM Pick-up Basketball	8:00-9:00PM Yoga (Natalie)	Yoga Fusion 8:15-9:15PM (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.

Committee Updates

Architectural Review Committee

Now that we are in the holiday season, residents are reminded that holiday decorations must be removed no later than 30 days after the occasion and preferably closer to the conclusion of the event. As winter approaches, please remember that snow must be removed within 24 hours from residents' driveways, walkways to the front door and adjacent sidewalks. This is a City of Alexandria requirement. There will be some openings on the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) soon. If you would like to get more involved in your community, joining the ARC is an excellent means to that end. Happy Holidays from the ARC!

Cameron Club & Events Committee

The Cameron Station community yard sale held on October 16 went well. Many thanks are in order for the support of Donna Kenley and new Cameron Club & Events Committee



(CCEC) member Brigitte Savage. They ensured that the event was well advertised and coordinated with the condominium management associations. Thanks also to Cindy Thomason, our webmaster, for getting the event publicized on the relevant websites. We are fortunate to have such dedicated residents who give so much of themselves to better Cameron Station. In the future, we are going to encourage residents to take their items to the sidewalks bordering Cameron Station Boulevard in order to increase their visibility.

October's TGI(L)F Halloween-themed gathering was quite popular, drawing 55 residents. Many thanks to Sonia Agosto for her tireless efforts in organizing and hosting the event, as well as to Jerry and Bernadette Graves for the wonderfully creative coffins made from wardrobe boxes (pictured), to Brigitte Savage and Jayne Schwetje, without whose help these events would not have been possible, and to friend Victor Chavez, who spent hours helping with the preparations. Guests enjoyed wine, cheeses, fresh fruit, shrimp, chips and salsas, and Mindy Lyle prepared some great special desserts. Thanks also to volunteers Sieg and Gunn Chencinski and Marsha Arrington for helping throughout the evening and to Mark Miller, Frank and Sheila Cole and Lauri Dubia for helping with the breakdown.



Our annual Halloween Party held on October 31 also was a big success. Sonia Agosto did a magnificent job organizing this event, with the timely assistance of many, including Jayne Schwetje and Lauri Dubia (non-CCEC members who helped at both the TGI(L)F and Halloween Party), neighbors



Mayu and Stefo Lehmann and CCEC members Brigitte Savage and Margaret Wormington. The decorations were striking and highly creative. By 5:45pm over 200 residents had already arrived, and final attendance was 408! Special thanks to Penny and Mike Waite for the delicious holiday cupcakes and to Cameron Café for the delectable cookies to accompany the beverages and snacks enjoyed by all.

The annual Cameron Station Holiday Party is scheduled for Sunday, December 5, from 5pm to 7pm. **Unfortunately, we will not be able to decorate the basketball court, as we do not have enough volunteers to assist with this manpower-intensive undertaking.** Adults and children are invited to attend and help spread the holiday spirit! We will have wonderful Greek cuisine from La Casa Restaurant at Foxchase Plaza, adult beverages and a visit from Santa, who will be taking gift requests. Please bring your cameras to capture this magical moment. And don't forget your Cameron Station I.D.

Common Area Committee

Here are few reminders regarding trash pickup in our community:

1. All trash must be placed in cans with lids. Plastic garbage bags may not be put out at curbside without being in a trash container. Plastic bags allow odors to escape, attracting rodents.
2. Please put light things that may blow around at the bottom of your recycle container and weigh them down with heavier items.
3. Put your address on the outside of your trash can and recycling bin so it can be returned to you if it is carried off by the wind.
4. Trash cans and recycling bins are to be put away after pickup, in an enclosed or screened area. They may not be stored in front of homes or in driveways.
5. Be a good neighbor and pick up any trash that gets loose.

Thank you for keeping our community clean.

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Communications Committee

The committee reviewed two additional designs submitted by Micro Consolidated (MicroC) in connection with the website redesign, both based on feedback from the committee on earlier designs. Committee members then participated in a conference call with MicroC and Cameron Station Community Manager Airielle Hansford. A design was selected, subject to some modifications. MicroC will provide the committee with the new design. Once the homepage is finalized, interior page designs will be presented for approval. After the site is designed, training will be offered by MicroC, probably remotely, at dates to be determined.

The committee also discussed ways to move to the new site to best protect confidentiality, i.e., to ensure that only owners and residents have access to the non-public portion of the new site and that the website database is tied to the other management database. This process would inhibit reporters, realtors, etc. from easily gaining access.

Social networking capabilities of the new website will be discussed further at a later date.

Financial Advisory Committee

No update received.

**HOA Board of Directors
Final Meeting of 2010
Monday, December 13, 7pm,
Cameron Club**

HOA 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

Cameron Station Committees Need You!

The Cameron Station Community Association committees are the foundation of our community, and they are all staffed by volunteers. If you can give a few hours of your time, please consider joining one that matches your interests. The Activities and Events Planning Committee, the Cameron Club Facilities Committee, the Communications Committee, the Architectural Review Committee and the Financial Advisory Committee currently have one or more vacancies. Interested homeowners should send an email to ahansford@cmc-management.com.

Board of Directors Meeting

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- Cameron Station Design & Maintenance Standards (DMS) revisions - Approved
- R.E. Lee Electric Co., Inc. contract to provide snow removal services for the 2010-2011 winter season on the private streets and walkways in pocket parks and around Cameron Club - Approved
- Gym Source proposal totaling \$16,999.30 for replacement of fitness equipment - Approved
- Snow Removal and Inclement Weather Rules and Regulations Policy - Approved
- Write-Off of Small Balances Administrative Resolution - Approved
- Record Retention Policy Administrative Resolution - Approved
- Contract Procurement Policy Administrative Resolution - Approved

Additional Items

The management office will be closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 25, and Friday, November 26. The fitness center will close at 6pm on Thanksgiving Eve and will be closed on Thursday, November 25.

The management office will be closed for the Christmas holiday on Friday, December 24. The fitness center and Cameron Club will be closed on Friday, December 24, and Saturday, December 25.

The management office will be closed on Friday, December 31, in observance of New Year's Day. The fitness center and Cameron Club will close at 6pm on Friday, December 31, and will be closed on Saturday, January 1, 2011.

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In Memoriam

The Good Neighbor

Dr. Lorna Polk, a resident of Cameron Station for four years, died on August 6, 2010. Dr. Polk is fondly remembered by neighbors as a caring woman who took the time to look out for other residents on the block, whether by picking up a newspaper on a rainy day or giving a warm smile to those she encountered on a daily basis.

Outside of Cameron Station, Dr. Polk was a long-serving federal employee, working over 40 years in Washington; her last position was Senior Education Program Specialist with the Department of Education. She devoted her professional life to education and programs that championed traditionally underserved Americans.

Dr. Polk was involved in many service organizations and active in her church. However, it was her association with the Tuskegee Airmen that gave her the most joy. She served on the Executive Board of the East Coast Chapter and was a tireless volunteer. A lifelong interest in aviation led her on many journeys throughout her adult life and eventually to earning her own wings as a private pilot.

Described by those who knew her as "living life to the fullest" and "enjoying fine food and world travel," in our community Dr. Polk was the daily acquaintance who made human contact a ritual and a pleasure. The residents of Gardner Drive will miss her happy presence on a daily basis, and the rest of Cameron Station has lost a good neighbor.



*"Living Life
to the fullest"*



Mourning a Patriot, Walker and Friend

By Cathy Nahirny

It is with great sadness that I learned of the passing of one of our Cameron Station neighbors, Barbara Macknick, on September 7, 2010. I first met Barbara when I was the quasi-leader of the neighborhood walking group, probably sometime in 2001. She had read about the walking group in *The Compass*, decided to check it out one evening, and quickly became a "regular." As anyone who has been a member of the walking group knows, we all talked – about everything – in order to make the time go as quickly as possible. Here is what I learned about Barbara Macknick.

She was a career member of the U.S. Army. She loved her country, her family and her cats, and she loved life. Barbara was never one to sit around the house and do nothing; rather, she explored everything the DC area had to offer; she sang; she played bridge; she went to museums and concerts. Barbara always had something to do.

When she shared with me that she had cancer, I knew that she would fight the illness to the very end. Her strength and determination kept her smiling. The last time I saw Barbara was in late August 2009, as I was taking my last walk around the pond with a friend before moving to New Mexico and we stopped to chat for a few minutes. She looked great, with color in her face and hair growing back in a layer of peach fuzz that reminded me of a military "high and tight" cut. Her spirits were high, too, on that day. We shared our best wishes and goodbyes and parted ways. I didn't think we would lose her so soon. All who knew her will miss her.

Cathy Nahirny is a former resident of Cameron Station.



Barbara with her friends from the Cameron Station book club, Reading Between the Wines.



Civic Association Update

By Dak Hardwick

Greetings from the Cameron Station Civic Association! For those of you not familiar with the association, we are a non-profit, non-political organization promoting the interests, welfare and common good of the residents of Cameron Station and the general welfare of the citizens of Alexandria.

The Civic Association is a separate organization from the Cameron Station Community Association (also known as the homeowners association); it works on outside civic issues including redevelopment, traffic and recreation that affect the quality of life within and around our community. Formed in 2000, the association has been actively involved in issues such as defeating plans to build a road connecting Duke Street and Eisenhower Avenue through Brenman Park, advocating for Cameron Station residents during the renewal of the Virginia Paving special use permit and working with the City of Alexandria on the planting of additional trees along the Linear Park near Backlick Run.

The association currently is engaged in several city-related activities, including the ongoing BRAC-133 traffic mitigation situation and efforts to complete the Small Area Plans for Beauregard Corridor and Eisenhower West. Several of our

members serve on critical city-run boards and commissions in order to give Cameron Station an official voice in city matters.

For additional information about the Cameron Station Civic Association, contact President Dak Hardwick via email at dakhardwick@yahoo.com. Our next general membership meeting will be held on Thursday, December 2, at 7pm in the Henderson Room at the Cameron Club. We hope to see you there!

See a Problem in the Neighborhood?

Streetlight out? Sprinkler not working? Moss on brick sidewalks? Potholes in street? If management doesn't know about a problem, they can't fix it. And not every problem occurs during office hours. If you see something that needs repair, call the HOA office at 703-567-4881 and be sure to give a complete description and exact location.

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Meet the Candidates Night



On Sunday, October 17, the community had a chance to hear from three candidates running for the Cameron Station Board of Directors: Nick Giannotti, Phil Ludvigson and Alvin Boone.

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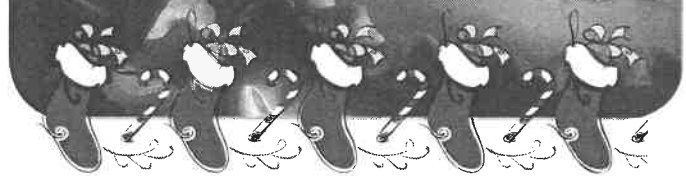
The Cameron Station Management Office will be closed:

Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, November 25

Day after Thanksgiving
Friday, November 26

Christmas Day – Observed
Friday, December 24

New Year's Day – Observed
Friday, December 31



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Possible Closing of the West End Farmers Market

By Susan Birchler

The City of Alexandria, the current administrator of the West End Farmers Market, has asked the market to become a separate non-profit entity as a condition of re-opening next spring. To meet this requirement, the market needs a minimum of five people, a Board of Directors, to help start the non-profit and run the market, including:

1. A pro bono lawyer: Create the non-profit and maintain its legal status over the year.
2. A pro bono accountant: Donate four to five hours a month to maintain market finances.
3. One or two people willing to help with community outreach, social media and marketing.
4. One or two people willing to take turns running the market on Sundays.

Currently, the market generates enough income to cover its payroll, marketing and maintenance needs, with a little left

over at the end of every year. Some monetary compensation will be available.

The market **WILL NOT RE-OPEN** in the spring unless this non-profit is established.

Think about a Sunday without Karla's tomatoes and basil, Lucia's melons, Alma and Barry's fresh peaches and raspberries, Tommy's extraordinary cheeses and jellies, the On the Gourmet food truck and Cheryl's fresh orange juice and scones...and if that absolutely devastates you, please contact me as soon as possible at sabirchler@gmail.com or 571-431-7557.

Susan Birchler is a resident of Cameron Station and manager of the West End Farmers Market.



When Catching a Runaway Dog, Avoid the Obvious

By Christina Anderson

A couple of my friends recently had to contend with runaway dogs. They finally found their dogs, but not without a lot of heartache and sleepless nights wondering if they were all right. A dog on the loose can be a difficult thing to deal with, but if you are a dog owner, it is bound to happen. Even if it doesn't, you are likely to come across a canine on the run at some point in your life. They dig holes under fences, they slip out of their collars and then they run. The main thing to realize is this: the initial instincts that kick in when you are trying to catch a dog are usually wrong. These steps illustrate the best techniques to catch that runaway canine.

1. **Avoid running after him and yelling.** That may be your first instinct, but it is wrong. It is natural to want to go towards the animal and yell out to him, but most of the time that will make him run farther and faster.
2. **Understand that you are likely dealing with a dog that is afraid.** They may have freed themselves from their yards, or maybe they were dumped on the side of the road. Either way, when they are on the loose, they are in unfamiliar territory – so even a beloved owner can spook his own dog if he walks or runs aggressively towards the dog.
3. **Use the "pack leader" method first.** Dogs are pack animals, and they are accustomed to following a strong leader. So instead of facing the dog, turn your back and start going in the other direction, with your face looking back at the dog. Call to her in a very upbeat, happy voice, like you are going to do something really fun! No harsh tones, or you could scare her. The idea is to get the dog to follow you as she would a pack leader. Crouch down and call to her. This will put you more on the dog's level and keep you from looking intimidating. Keep the happy voice and see if the dog follows your lead, whether you are walking or crouching. Always have a leash ready to slip over the neck if the dog gets close to you. If this does not work, try the next step, which is surrounding the dog.
4. **Try the surround method if the pack method does not work.** Get a few family members or friends to widely surround the area where the dog is running free. Do not crowd him or back him into a corner, as this could scare him or cause aggression. Arm everyone with

treats. Hot dogs are good, because they have a strong smell and the meat and fat content are very appealing to dogs. If the dog comes to anyone in the group, he should immediately be rewarded with the treat, not scolded. Have a lasso ready and slip it over the head when he gets close.

5. **Have a leash ready to work as a "lasso."** Don't try to put on a regular dog collar with a runaway dog. Have a leash ready to use as a lasso with a slip noose. This way when the dog comes near you, or any other member of your group, you are ready to slip the noose over the head and tighten it. Try to have a treat ready, so that the dog is not traumatized.
6. **Reward, don't punish, the dog when you have caught her.** When the dog is caught, reward with treats. Do not make this an unpleasant experience, or you will have a more difficult time getting the dog to come to you if it happens again.



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Pr frightfully Fun HALLOWEEN Block Parties

Rockin' the West End

By Carolyn Bedi

The night was cold, but spirits were glowing. Smiles dominated even the scariest of costumes as over 70 neighbors and friends of Cameron Station's West End celebrated the Second Annual Halloween Block Party in true "block party" fashion. Food and drink kicked off the party in the Ferdinand Day Drive back alleyway, with grilled hot dogs, burgers, special marinated chicken and brats by "1 Guy" George Worley, the evening's grill master. Savory sides and desserts including Oreo dirt cake and orange-frosted goblins added to the Halloween theme. Watermelon and other delicious flavors poured out of the margarita machine.

Games and contests filled the evening with money and prizes worth \$500! Kids enjoyed the amenities, including a moon bounce in the Vines' family garage, hot popcorn and children's movies projected on the entire side of a house. The adults also played games. One of them was "Which Neighbor?" Did you know that Tracey Ray had dinner with Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward? Did you know that Robin McConnell was a member of the All American Softball Team? If you did, you could have received a \$15 iTunes or Starbucks gift card! Another game highlight was a "corn-hole" competition in which nine teams of kids and adults paired in twos participated. The best part was hearing the names of the teams - too funny. In the end, the Trelawney

family's friends, "Team Eyeball," won \$100 and a brand new corn hole donated by Robin and Ace McConnell.

The \$100 best couple, best child and best adult costume prizes brought out some serious contenders this year! Elmo and Grover from Sesame Street (of the Klubes family, who flew in from Florida just to celebrate Halloween with the Lopez family) won the best couples costume. Other entrants included Siegfried and Roy with a baby tiger, the ninja family, zombies, the electric plug and socket and Tiger Woods and Elin. Children posed as gladiators, princesses, superheroes, cows and lambs, but the winner was Alejandra Jimenez, who was all smiles in her butterfly/ballerina outfit. Finally, the Wayne and Irina Babb Halloween Award for best costume went to Shannon Worley, who was dressed as Neytiri from the movie Avatar. (It took Shannon two hours to get ready!) Other contestants included Mother Goose, Ironman, Mrs. Robinson, referees, devils, cowboys and cowgirls.

A special thanks goes out to the host family, Jebo, Angela, Gab and Gianna Lopez, for all of their work organizing, decorating and leading this fun event! Jebo says it's his favorite time of the year because he gets to wear his favorite color - orange. He added that 2011's event will be even bigger!

Please share your own block party stories with *The Compass* by emailing information to thecompass@cameronstation.org.

Carolyn Dedi is a resident of Cameron Station.



Scarifyin' the Pocket Park

By Susan Birchler

The Third Annual Knapp Place/Lannon Court/Cameron Station Boulevard/Grimm Drive Halloween Block Party was celebrated on Halloween evening in the pocket park at Knapp Place and Cameron Station Boulevard. Neighbors began decorating the park at noon on Sunday, and by 2pm, the park had been transformed into a ghastly, spooky cemetery. Giant spiders hung from the spider-webbed trees, along with a red-caped ghoul and scary ravens. More ravens sat atop tombstones, lit with spooky lights, staring down at the picked-over skeleton bones emerging from the

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damp earth. Ghouls draped themselves over the tombstones or were digging themselves out of the dirt.

According to the gravestone inscriptions, Frank N. Stein, Bitter May and Foolish Harold are buried in the park, alongside unmarked tombstones. Only Dracula, popping out his coffin and welcoming trick-or-treaters to his cemetery, knows how many others lie beneath the grass. Broomhilda the Witch, stirring her cauldron, guarded the entrance to the cemetery, while Grimmy the Grim Reaper welcomed all comers to be scared — very scared! Behind them a mournful goblin moaned and wailed as he glided back and forth between the trees.

Treats could only be retrieved by those brave enough to walk past Grimmy, Broomhilda, Dracula, the Goblin, spiders, ravens and spooky lights; nonetheless, several hundred takers found the courage to claim their candy treats on Halloween night! The next morning, no sign of the cemetery remained, but Bitter May, Foolish Harold, Grimmy, Dracula and the rest of its spooky denizens will return...perhaps to be joined by

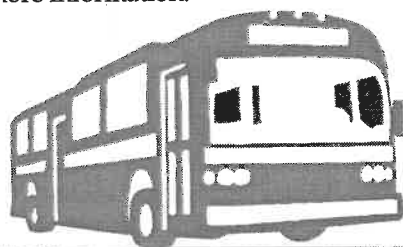


others eager to terrify imprudent mortals of all ages on the scariest night of the year.

Susan Birchler is a resident of Cameron Station and manager of the West End Farmers Market.

Transportation Options

In addition to the Cameron Station shuttle bus, the Alexandria Dash bus AT-8 stops on Duke Street in front of the community and provides transportation to both the Van Dorn and King Street Metro stations. Go to www.dashbus.com for a schedule. The Washington Metrobus 8Z also stops on Duke Street and provides rush-hour service to the Pentagon Metro station. Go to www.wmata.com for more information.



After-Hours Assistance

The community management office is open Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm, and Saturday, 12noon-4pm. If you need assistance after closing, please leave a message on the office answering machine, 703-567-4881. Calls will be returned the following business day. In case of emergency, call CMC at 301-446-2635. That number is answered after hours by an answering service that directs calls to the CMC on-call manager.



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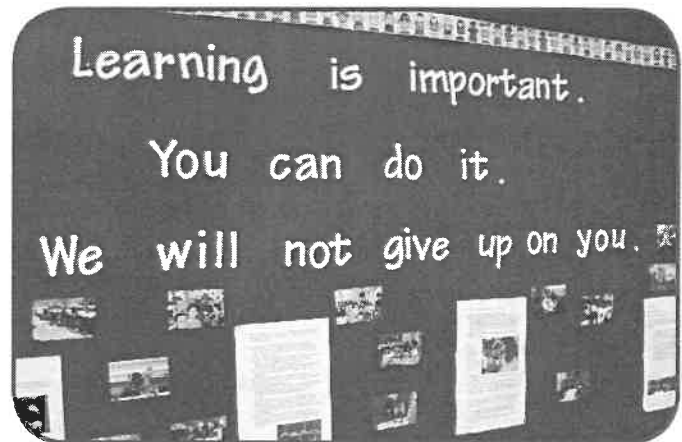
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This bulletin board greets students as they enter Samuel W. Tucker Elementary School.

Samuel W. Tucker Elementary News

Tucker Elementary School

Join the Tiger Den

By Ingrid Sanden



You can support the fundraising efforts of Tucker Elementary School's Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) any time! The Tiger Den enables neighbors, parents and friends of Tucker to make a tax-deductible donation of any amount directly to the PTA. Send your tax-deductible contribution to Tucker PTA, 435 Ferdinand Day Drive, Alexandria, VA 22304, Attn: Tiger Den.

If you are interested in receiving regular email updates about PTA news, dates, schedule changes and more, please email TuckerTigersRoar@gmail.com. Don't forget to check www.TuckerPTA.org for updated information about school events, fundraisers, calendars and more.

Ingrid Sanden is a Cameron Station resident, parent of two Tucker students and a member of the Tucker PTA.

Participating in American History

By Linda Greenberg

Tucker students Jade Rosser, Ahmed Shujah and Aidan Donnellan participated in an official ceremony at which City of Alexandria Mayor William Euille announced that Constitution Week would be celebrated September 17-23, 2010. The proclamation ceremony took place in Council Chambers at City Hall on August 27, 2010.

Other participants included: Aidan Donnellan's mother Jan Chong; Tucker staff person Kate Graham; 10 students from Mt. Vernon Elementary School, their principal and a few parents; two city council members, Alicia Hughes and Frank Fannon; reporters; and six members of the Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) from four

local chapters. Cameron Station resident Linda Greenberg, a member of the John Alexander chapter of the DAR, arranged this year's event. She is one of five John Alexander chapter members who live in Cameron Station.

The mayor addressed the gathering, speaking of his days as a student at Lyle Crouch Elementary School and recognizing the continuing role of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution in promoting the freedoms of every American.

The proclamation urges "all our citizens to pay special attention during that week [September 17-23] to our Federal Constitution and the advantage of American Citizenship." September 17 commemorates the day in 1787 that the Constitution was adopted by the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia. The Constitution became law in May of 1790 after it was ratified by 13 states.

The American Constitution is the basis for our republican three-part form of government, which establishes a government of the people, for the people and by the people. It lists the rights of every citizen and the limitations on our government. The American Constitution is a model that other nations have emulated around the world.

In 1956, Congress, at the urging of the Daughters of the American Revolution, designated the week of September 17-23 as Constitution Week by enacting public law 915. The proclamation urges Americans of every age to reflect on the innumerable benefits of our form of government.

The DAR is the largest women's patriotic organization in the world with over 165,000 members. Virginia has 135 chapters and 8,834 members. There are six local chapters, one of which is the John Alexander Chapter, which has over 150 members. For more information please visit www.johnalexandersdar.org.



City Council Member Frank Fannon, Mayor Euille, DAR Member Jean Lindsay, Mt. Vernon Principal Tina Radomsky, Social Worker Magda Leon-Rodriguez, Samuel Tucker Staff Member Kate Graham, Council Member Alicia Hughes and Tucker students Aidan Donnellan and Jade Rosser.

Alexandria Library Offers Two New Online Resources

By Mark Schwartz

The Alexandria Library announces the availability of two new online resources available 24 hours a day, seven days a week: Mango Languages and TumbleBookLibrary.

Mango Languages is an online language-learning system teaching conversation skills for a wide variety of languages, including Spanish, French, Japanese, German, Greek, Mandarin Chinese, Italian and Russian. Mango uses real-life situations and actual conversations to more effectively teach a new language.

TumbleBookLibrary is an online collection of TumbleBooks – animated, talking picture books that teach kids the joy of reading in a format they'll love. TumbleBooks are created by adding animation, sound, music and narration to existing picture books in order to produce an electronic picture book that children can read or have read to them. Patrons in their homes or inside of any library branch can click on the "online databases" link on the library's homepage (www.alexandria.lib.va.us) to access these two new electronic



resources. Patrons must have their library cards available to log on.

The Alexandria Library allows cardholders access to many other online resources, including Antique Reference, Global Road Warrior, Small Business Resource Center and Testing & Education Reference Center.

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



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Toka Salon & Day Spa Soothes with a Sophisticated Sensibility

By Eliza Dolin

Sometimes a headline says it all, and the rest is details. So it is in the case of the neighborhood's newest retailer, Toka Salon & Day Spa, which opened its doors in October.

The sophistication is evident at a glance, as those readers who have visited, or simply peered in the windows, will attest. The former home of L'Vida Spa & Salon and NuYu Salon and Spa has been transformed into an open, minimalist space that invites the neighborhood inside with its clean lines and all-white décor. Spend a few moments chatting with co-owners Nuri and Teresa Yurt, the husband-and-wife team behind the Toka empire, and the cosmopolitan nature of the enterprise is even more evident.



Stylemaster Nuri Yurt is one of the native Turks recently featured in *The Washingtonian's* September article, "Great Hair 2010: Istanbul on the Potomac." Together with Teresa, he has expanded the brand from an award-winning spa-salon in Georgetown, to Penn Quarter in Washington, DC, to Madison Avenue in Manhattan, and now to Cameron Station.

Toka's worldly attributes extend to its globe-trotting clients, including a number of prominent politicians and celebrities, and to its senior staff, many of whom also have international backgrounds. These include not only Nuri, who is in residence once a month, but also stylists Necip, Adem, Bijan and Mazir (a master of the fast-and-fabulous updo, along with all other things hair-related), Silvia (a magical makeup artist and facialist), Claudia (a gifted massage therapist) and Ogi (Toka's nail care expert). These and other Toka professionals already are gathering a following here in Cameron Station, and the Yurts are enthusiastic about adding local staffers to the Alexandria location. As Nuri emphasizes, "We view expansion into the Alexandria market as an important landmark of our company's growth. We are proud to demonstrate our confidence in the area's economy, and to add, even if in a small way, much-needed jobs at this juncture."

Indeed, for all its glamorous pedigree, Toka also has a sensible side that is sure to appeal to Northern Virginians – and Teresa Yurt is the embodiment of both. A well-traveled veteran of K Street and the Clinton administration, she now serves as Toka's business manager and marketing

expert; day-to-day operator of the Cameron Station location; mother; and owner of two rescue dogs. Her background suits her well for recognizing the requirements of a diverse and discerning local population that includes everything from full-time moms and military personnel to dog fanatics and fashion-forward entrepreneurs. "We look forward to serving residents with our talented team," she says, "and to providing a friendly and professional customer service experience that sets us apart from the competition."

For those concerned or simply curious about the salon's long-term prospects, here's an encouraging fact: according to Teresa, even during these early days, fully half of Toka's clientele actually are not neighborhood residents. That said, the Yurts know well the value of neighborliness: *only Cameron Station residents are entitled to receive 25% off of the published salon rates for any service for the foreseeable future* – meaning Toka's already competitive prices become eminently...sensible.

All in all, this "sophisticated sensibility" seems to be working well. In addition to its experienced staff, range of services, extended hours and ample parking, the Cameron Station salon has already hosted a large bride-and-maids preparation party, a "moms' day" and a Martini Monday soiree. As this issue goes to press, a grand opening celebration is planned for November 18 (featuring an all-day reception and a ribbon-cutting by the mayor at 5:30pm). Also in the works: recurring promotions for moms and

Martini Monday



gentlemen; a doggy fashion show to benefit a local shelter; and other community-oriented events. Ladies take note: for the holiday party season, Toka's "updo maestros" will be on hand to create fabulous looks both retro (think Betty and Joan from *Mad Men*) and modern.

The Yurts encourage one and all to stop by, book a service, buy a gift certificate, peruse the earth-and-tress-friendly hair products by PhytoLium® or simply have a chat. Welcome, Toka!

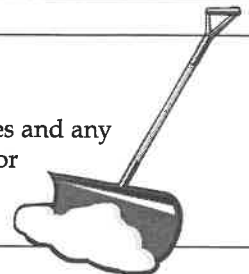
More information regarding Toka Salon and Day Spa's services, staff, products, awards and press coverage is available by calling 703-370-5133 and by visiting tokasalon.com. Located at 4907 Brenman Park Drive, the salon's hours are 10am-7pm, Monday-Saturday, and 10am-5pm, Sunday.



A few of Cameron Station's cute Trick or Treaters

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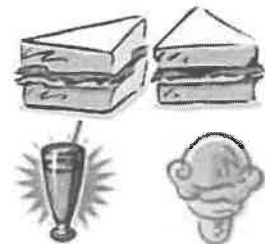
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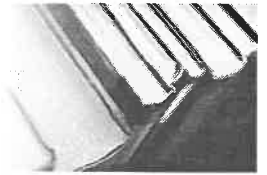
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December: *To Kill a Mockingbird*
by Harper Lee

January: *Sarah's Key*
by Tatiana de Rosnay

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November: *Shooting in the Wild: An Insider's Account of Making Movies in the Animal Kingdom*
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December: Biannual Book Review Party

January: *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*
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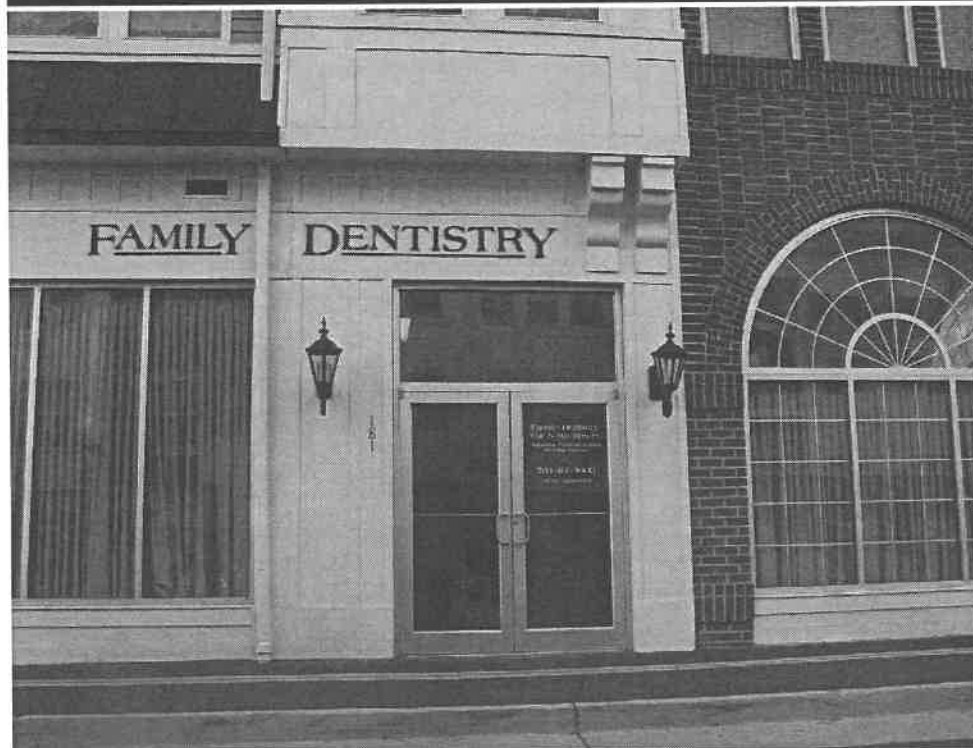
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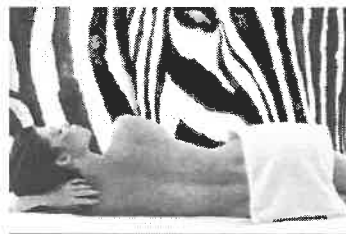
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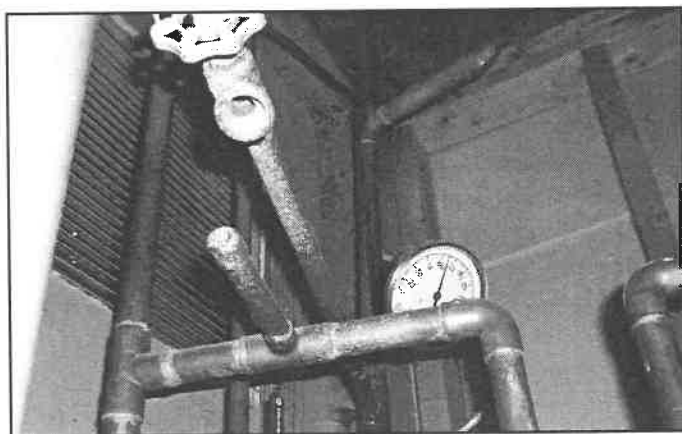
**Come in and visit us!
Monday - Saturday 10AM - 7PM
Sunday 10AM - 5PM**

Can You Handle The Pressure? Check Your (Water) Pressure!

By Dave Jordan

It's that time of year when household maintenance chores in preparation for winter can consume some of our outdoor hiking and football game viewing time. Changing air and water filters and trimming back the bushes and tree branches are all part of the annual routine - but did you know about the all-important water pressure check? Yes, there's a new kid on the block when it comes to home maintenance chores, at least if you live in Cameron Station.

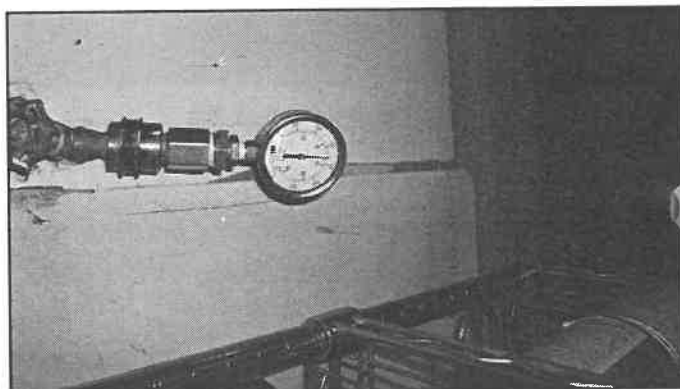
Probably most, if not all, Cameron Station homes come equipped with fire sprinkler systems. These sprinkler systems operate on high water pressure (around 110-125 pounds). That's the good news. As you can see in the picture below, the gauge is indicating a water pressure of about 110 pounds. This gauge was installed during construction of a Van Metre townhome.



The bad news: this Van Metre home doesn't have a pressure gauge on the domestic side of the water line, which is the piping that feeds the dishwasher, toilets, faucets, washing machine and water heater. Those appliances operate at a much lower water pressure of around 55 pounds.

The device that keeps the domestic pressure at 55 pounds is called a water pressure regulator. These regulators go bad just like faucet valves and hot water heaters. Unfortunately, in a home where there is no gauge to check the domestic water pressure, the risk of a catastrophic system failure due to a malfunctioning regulator is high. Toilets can start seeping, and faucet lines can leak, burst or blow out of their connections altogether. Having experienced this type of failure once, I installed a gauge on the domestic side of the water line so that I can check the pressure daily if I so choose.

Last month I checked the domestic water pressure and it was up to 100 pounds. I closed off feed to the domestic side of the system and had the pressure regulator replaced. The gauge in this picture shows the pressure is now at 55 pounds. (This gauge is one that I made that screws onto a hose bib.)



The moral of the story: if your home is over six years old, you may want to have your domestic water pressure checked. If you'd like more information, feel free to email me at H2O55lbs@gmail.com.

Dave Jordan is a resident of Cameron Station.

Trash and Recycling Collection Schedule

Trash collection is every Monday and Thursday. Recycling collection is every Thursday. The only holidays trash/recycling is not collected are:

Thanksgiving Day

Christmas Day

New Year's Day

When these holidays occur on pick-up days, your trash will

be picked up on the next **regularly scheduled day**. Please note that collection days after holidays are the heaviest days of the year, and pickup delays may result due to additional trash and trips to the landfills.



Carla's Picks

By Carla Besosa

National Harbor

December 1-January 9
ICE! at the Gaylord Hotel

Birchmere

December 7
Rickie Lee Jones - performing her first two albums in their entirety...this is the good stuff!

January 14-16
Eddie from Ohio - Much talent. Will sell out all three nights!

Jammin Java

December 16
Dan Navarro (of Lowen & Navarro)

Blues Alley

December 9-12
Marcus Johnson Christmas Show - jazz keyboardist

Strathmore

December 6
Dave Koz - Smooth Jazz Christmas (w/Jonathan Butler, Brian Culbertson, Candy Dulfer)

 January 8
National Philharmonic - Vivaldi's Four Seasons

Center for the Arts

December 11
Synergy Brass Quintet - Christmas in Brass

Del Ray

December 3-5
Holiday Market!!!

St. Elmo's Coffee Pub

December 15
Janna Audey (guitar/vocals)

Mt. Vernon

November 26-January 6
Christmas at Mt. Vernon

November 27-December 19
Mt. Vernon by Candlelight

Torpedo Factory

December 2
Holiday Open House - FREE refreshments, live music, shopping!

The State Theater

December 5
Tab Benoit - blues guitarist

Little Theater of Alexandria

December 3-12
A Christmas Carol

January 15-February 5
Oliver

Warner Theater

December 2-26
Nutcracker - Washington Ballet

Wooly Mammoth

December 8-January 9
A Girl's Guide to Washington Politics (comedy)

Ford's Theater

November 20-January 2
A Christmas Carol

Old Town

December 4
Alexandria Boat Parade, 4pm

December 11
Alexandria Harmonizers, Holiday Concert in Market Square

December 31
First Night Alexandria

And Another Thing ...

Do you know about the *Port City Play House*? Located at The Lab at Convergence, 1819 N. Quaker Lane, the playhouse produces thought-provoking plays that are outside of the usual community theatre repertoire. This innovative theater group challenges and stimulates audiences, presenting plays that illustrate the cultural diversity of our society and attempt to convey a strong message to the play-going public. Check it out; tickets are only \$16-\$18.



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Help Needed with Snow Removal for Older and Disabled Neighbors

If you are willing to provide assistance for Cameron Station neighbors who might need help with snow removal this winter, please send your name, email and phone number to communitymanager@cameronstation.org or call Community Manager Airielle Hansford at

703-567-4881. Please reference *Snow Removal Assistance* in the memo line of your email.

If you need assistance, please contact the community manager for the list of helpers.



Toys for Tots

Through Wednesday, December 15

A donation box for new, unwrapped toys is located in the lobby of the Cameron Club.
Thank you for your generosity.



Private Snow Contractors Needed

Management is compiling a list of people willing to shovel snow (for a charge) for Cameron Station residents. Residents will contact the people/contractors on the list directly to arrange snow removal. Please send your name, email and phone number to communitymanager@cameronstation.org and reference Private Snow Vendor in the subject line of your email.

**Corrections to photos in the
September/October 2010
issue of *The Compass*.**



*Donna Kenley, Mayor William Euille and Sonia Agosto
at Festival in the Park*



*Pete Wilhelm with a mockup of the Vanguard satellite launched on
March 17, 1958, next to a "Vanguard inspired" piece of art*

City Services

**Emergency
Call 911**

**Non-emergency
Police 703-838-4444**

**Fire & Rescue
703-838-4660**

**Crime Prevention
Unit 703-838-4520**

**Animal Control
703-838-4774**

**Poison Center
202-625-3333**

**Nuisance
Abatement
703-836-0041**

Holiday Market at Del Ray Artisans

Friday, December 3 – Sunday, December 5

2704 Mt. Vernon Avenue, Alexandria

Unique, handmade fine arts and crafts from local exhibitors and delicious bake sale items to benefit the local community. FREE and open to the public. Check www.TheDelRayArtisans.org for times and directions.

Alexandria Operates 24-hour Nuisance Abatement Hotline

The City of Alexandria's Nuisance Abatement Hotline, 703-836-0041, is a 24-hour phone number for residents and businesses seeking assistance with public nuisance issues involving violations of city codes. If, for example, there are problems caused by a business operating after approved hours (e.g., the nearby asphalt plant), residents can call this number to report the violation. Please state the nature and location of the problem, as well as your name and phone number. This will enable the city to let you know what action they took to address the problem. If the problem is urgent, city agency will immediately dispatch personnel to investigate. If not, action will be taken no later than the next business day.

Trash Removal Restrictions

Due to landfill regulations, the following items will NOT be collected with regular trash: dead animals, oil, paint, stains or other liquids, batteries, construction or remodeling material, manure, tree stumps, mulch, sod, dirt, stone, rocks, cement, bricks, poisons, dangerous acids, caustics, explosives or other dangerous material, or items too large or heavy to be loaded safely in collection vehicles by refuse collectors.

The above items may be taken to the Alexandria solid waste facility located at 3600 Wheeler Avenue on Mondays between 10am and 6pm.

Carla's "Best of..."

By Carla Besosa

We are surrounded by many wonderful and diverse establishments. Preference is subjective, but here are some of my personal favorites. Most are in Alexandria, with a couple farther away. Hope you have an opportunity to experience some of these!

Favorite Pizza

Reynolds Bar & Grill (Reynolds Street, Alexandria) - Bacon/ onion/ olives/ tomato

Delia's (Swamp Fox Road, Alexandria) - Famagusta: Halloumi cheese, tomato, caramelized onions, Cyprian Lunza

Favorite Grilled Cheese

Cheesetique (Mt. Vernon Avenue, Del Ray) - Grown-up grilled cheese

Favorite Indian Restaurant

Aditi (Kingstowne) - Onion Kulcha, Garlic Naan, Paneer Makhani

Favorite Greek Restaurant

Vaso's Kitchen (Powhatan Street, North Old Town, Alexandria) - Flaming Saganaki; Shrimp Stuffed with Crabmeat

Favorite Thai Restaurant

Rabeing (Baileys Crossroads) - Long-standing reputation

Favorite Dessert

La Casa (Foxchase Mall, Alexandria) - Galaktoboureko

Favorite CD Discoveries (2010)

Vocals: **Kellylee Evans** - Nina

Asylyn - The Dandelion Sessions

Piano: **William Joseph** - Beyond

Brian Simpson - South Beach

Guitar: **Rodrigo y Gabriela** - 2X 11:11

Violin: **David Garrett** - Rock Symphonies

Favorite Wine Tasting

Food Matters (Cameron Station) - Christy and Tom do an excellent job of providing great wines, pairing the food and educating participants on the wines, wineries, winemakers, grapes, the winemaking process, history and region!

Favorite Local Wineries

Winery at La Grange (Haymarket)...It's haunted!

Barrel Oak Winery (B.O.W.) (Delaplane)...Splendid patio

Paradise Springs (Clifton)...So close!

Favorite B&B

Great Oak Manor (Chestertown, MD) - Great innkeepers, historic mansion and lovely setting on the Chesapeake

Favorite Soups

The Narrows (Grasonville, MD) -- Cream-of-Crab

Cheesetique (Del Ray) -- Tomato

Food Matters (Cameron Station) -- Jerusalem Artichoke

Cameron Café (Cameron Station) - Delicious selections vary daily.

Favorite Concert Venue

Birchmere (Del Ray) - Five hundred seats; the perfect size!

Favorite Theater Venues

Theater J (Dupont Circle, DC) - Thought-provoking, imaginative productions

Signature Theater (Shirlington) - Good variety, close, new funky location/decor

Favorite Tapas

Estadio (Logan Circle, DC) - Arrive early before the crowds!

Favorite Dive Bar

JV's (Falls Church) - Their slogan: "Ageless Charm Without Yuppie Bastardization." How can you NOT love that?

Favorite Drag Show

Freddie's Beach Bar (Crystal City) - Sundays at 9pm

Favorite Local Sunset Spot

The Deck at **McLoone's Pier House** (National Harbor, MD)... while consuming Buffalo Chicken Wontons

Favorite Unique Dining Venture

Oe Gad Gib (Annandale) - Authentic! You'll feel like you're actually in Korea.

Favorite Mojito

Café Salsa (Old Town) - With a stalk of real sugar cane!

Favorite Local Galleries

Del Ray Artisans Gallery (guess where?) - Great opening receptions for each art show.

Blueberry Art Gallery (Del Ray) - Benefit from the eclectic and avant garde taste of gallery owners Shawn Myers and Randall Blackburn.

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., December 15-30 for January/February; February 15-28 for March/April). 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 January/first week of February for January/February; last week of March/first week of April for March/April).

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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** (e.g., December 30 for January/February; February 28 for March/April). The newsletter staff, Communications Committee or Board of Directors reserves 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.

Cameron Station Community Website Accepting Ads

The Cameron Station website, www.cameronstation.org, is accepting advertising.

Advertising space is limited and is filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Ads will be scheduled to start on Mondays and will run for 28 days.

Ads are published on the site solely at the discretion of the Cameron Station Community Association Communications Committee.

For complete information, including closing dates, rates, material specifications and payment, visit www.cameronstation.org.

Advertising Rates:

Display Ads (<i>Camera-ready</i>)	
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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