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Pride of Ownership Winners

By Linda Greenberg

Each year, the Common Area Committee's Pride of Ownership awards are given to homeowners whose front and/or side gardens are well-cared for and exceptionally attractive.

For the last several years, Kathy McCullough and I have greatly enjoyed seeing the many attractive and well-tended gardens of Cameron Station residents as we walked through the community and looked at contest entries. Along the way, we often discovered outstanding gardens that had not been submitted for review. These were also considered as contestants. Throughout the community, we saw many handsome gardens, which was evidence of planning and work undertaken by our neighbors to beautify our community.

The winners for 2017 are as follows: Margrethe and Anthony Kleiber at 5000 Grimm (corner townhome); Margot and Michael Gay at 5236 Bessley Place (corner townhome); Adrienne Zaleski and Hart Dementi at 191 Cameron Station Boulevard (townhome); and Suzanne and Michael Vigil at 349 Cameron Station Boulevard (single-family home). This year, there was no condominium winner; instead, there are two townhome winners.

The Kleibers' side and front gardens offer an atypical selection of handsome shrubs that are attractively presented. The Kleibers obviously went to some trouble to find more unusual specimens that would thrive without direct sunlight. They also use soaker hoses to maintain their gardens. The Gays have a large front garden, which is rather shady and requires more work to maintain. Its pleasing arrangement of shrubs and flowers is eye-catching. The Zaleski-Dementi townhome has a smaller but inviting front garden that balances background shrubs with a colorful border of begonias. The Vigils' single-family home is outstanding in the care and color-coordination taken to show off each shrub and plant to its best advantage within a balanced presentation.

The two Honorable Mentions are Molly and Matthew Hall at 5018 Gardner and Elissa Baum and Paul Zaucharzok at 265 Murtha.

The Halls used pachysandra to create a simple design to edge their front garden and ceramic urns to create interest on their porch. The Baum-Zaucharzok residence turned a very small "patch" into a lush outpouring of greenery and flowers.

We are all most appreciative of the sponsor for the gift cards for each winner: Irina Babb of Re/Max Realty provided the four winners with a very generous gift card to Home Depot.

Not content to "rest on our laurels," we urge you to think of entering your home in next year's Pride of Ownership contest. With a little planning, some garden work, and sun and water, you can create a prize-winning garden. If you have landscaping questions, the volunteer landscape committee would be glad to assist. Please contact Kathy McCollom at Gardeners@cameronstation.org.



Photo credit: Linda Greenberg

PR Committee Is Up and Running

By Stew McHie

The Public Relations (PR) Subcommittee has begun investigating ways to increase the visibility of Cameron Station to potential home buyers who may be attracted to the West End by new developments, such as Pulte and others. Developers' large marketing budgets will bring more people to the area, and we want to ensure that buyers include Cameron Station in their purchase decision. This should serve to strengthen sales and home values.

Activities of the PR Subcommittee to date include:

- constructing a resident survey to be fielded upon Board approval that will rank the most appealing attributes of Cameron Station,
- interviewing local real estate agents to understand how potential buyers view Cameron Station and what attracts or concerns them,
- interviewing Cameron Station office staff to understand resident concerns that can be mitigated or overcome,
- reviewing Cameron Station's website and social media sites to ensure that the most important attributes of the community are prominently featured,
- understanding the publically available development plans of the City of Alexandria, and
- proposing ideas to strengthen the awareness of the Cameron Station "brand."

Please complete the resident survey when it arrives to assist the committee to complete its task. If you are interested in joining the PR Subcommittee, please contact communications@cameronstation.org.

2017 Activities & Events Committee Calendar

October

Casino Night – Saturday, October 7,
6:30 – 9:30pm

Kid's Halloween Carnival – Saturday,
October 21, 11am – 2pm

November

Family Movie Night – Friday, November 3

Adult Happy Hour – Friday, November 4,
6:30pm – 9:30pm

BUNCO Night – Wednesday, November 15,
6:30 – 8:30pm

December

Decorating for Christmas Party – Saturday,
December 9, 10am

CSCA Annual Holiday Party – Sunday,
December 10, 6 – 9pm

Questions?

Email us at events@cameronstation.org.

Activities are held in the Victoria Hebert Great Room of the Cameron Club unless otherwise noted.

About . . .

The Compass is the newsletter for the Cameron Station Community Association and is run entirely by volunteers.

The Compass welcomes your articles and photo submissions, as well as your suggestions for future issues.

Please send us an email at TheCompass@cameronstation.org.

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CSCA Annual Meeting

Wednesday, November 1
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Tucker Elementary

The Cameron Station Community Association (CSCA) Annual Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 1, 2017, at 7:30pm; registration will begin at 7pm. The meeting will be held in the Samuel Tucker Elementary School cafeteria.

Please mark your calendars so that you may plan to participate in this important event. In order for the Annual Meeting to be held, we must have at least 10% of the property owners accounted for to constitute a quorum.

Piano

LESSONS AVAILABLE

Experienced Cameron Station piano teacher, Linda Taousakis, has availability for lessons in her home. Twenty seven years of experience. Beginners to early advance.

Contact: Lindataousakis@gmail.com



Committee Corner

HARD AT WORK ON BEHALF OF OUR RESIDENTS

Activities & Events Committee

By Michelle Rampey

The Activities & Events Committee has a new Facebook page, which is named the "Cameron Station Community Events Calendar." Please reference the calendar for the most current information and updates, especially for last-minute weather announcements or venue changes due to weather. Information will still be distributed in the Cameron Station email blast.

Cameron Club Facilities Committee

By Ray Celeste

The Cameron Station Facilities Committee (CCFC) would like to thank our lifeguards for keeping our residents safe and for teaching our children to swim. We would also like to thank the staff of our Tiki Bar. In the first photo (from left to right) are Jadon O'Neal (lifeguard), Effie Kalulu (lifeguard), Ray Celeste (CCFC Chair), Asia Ledda (lifeguard), and Orlando Lebert (pool manager). In the second photo (from left to right) are Gaurav Bhanot (snack bar worker), Mikays Hailu (snack bar worker), and Darwin Henriquez



The CCFC is also very grateful to Psy Scott for putting together a tremendous class program that offers a great variety to our residents. Thank you, Psy!

Photo credit: Ray Celeste

(snack bar worker); not pictured is Ian Birchler (snack bar worker). We are very appreciative to one and all for a great pool season! The pool was used a great deal more this season. We are very grateful to the Board of Directors for their concurrence with the CCFC last year to have the pool renovated after 16 years of service to our community.

Common Area Committee

By Kathleen McCollom

Warm weather months are when the Common Area Committee (CAC) members, Lancaster Landscaping company, and Cameron Station management team do their monthly walkthroughs of the community on Thursday mornings. The walkthroughs look at recent common area improvements, reported problem areas, and new areas that require work. In May, the walkthrough included representatives from the city parks department reviewing the length of the Linear Park and noting where work was needed.

Over time, spaces between buildings where grass no longer grows and erosion has been a problem have been rebuilt with stone swales and landscaping. Other deep-shade areas are best with mulch and shade-loving accent plants instead of struggling grass. Small grass areas that get heavy foot traffic and pet use are also being replaced with mulch or paving stones.

The CAC is working on proposals to add soft accent lighting to the circle gazebo and to add lighting to the path that cuts through to the trade center.

Many original community plants that are now performing poorly or are crowded out by other growth are being trimmed or replaced. The planting along Duke Street, in particular, now has blooms through many seasons.

Sidewalks are continually being repaired for tripping hazards or to replace missing bricks. Report any needed repairs to the management office, and they will add it to the repair list.

Communications Committee

By Kimberly Dillon

The Communications Committee (ComCom) is happy to announce the formation of a Public Relations (PR) Subcommittee and welcome its three enthusiastic and experienced members: Stew McHie, Steve Abbott, and Sandra Troutman. ComCom has been working for several months researching and discussing ways to actively promote our unique community in the face of all of the new developments going up in the West End of Alexandria. Please refer to Stew's article on page 2 to see how the PR Committee has this task well underway. Also, please be sure to complete the homeowner's survey they will be sending to all residents in the near future.

Giving Thanks for Good Neighbors – The Mark Pillow Award

By Pat Sugrue

Those of us lucky enough to have known Mark Pillow, who died suddenly in December 2005, remember him as a great friend and neighbor and a generous community volunteer, someone who embodied the spirit of Cameron Station and made it a better, brighter place to live.

In 2006, in memory of Mark and in honor of those who have followed in his footsteps, the Common Area Committee established "The Mark Pillow Community Spirit Award." The Board of Directors now manages the award and is asking for nominations. The award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on Wednesday, November 1.

Please think of your good neighbors and how they add to the quality of your life. For example, there are those who help out the entire community – they volunteer on committees, lend a hand at community events, organize meetings and parties, serve on the Board, work on the Civic Association – Cameron Station could not function without

these dedicated volunteers, many of whom toil year after year after year.

There are also those who help on a more personal level; they feed and walk your pets, water your plants, pick up your newspapers and mail, shovel your driveway, provide rides to doctors and airports. They offer the ordinary, day-to-day neighborliness that makes such a difference in our lives.

How can you thank these neighbors? Nominate them for the Pillow Award. You may nominate as many neighbors as you wish, but **NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27**. Send their names and a description of their contributions to Boardofdirectors@cameronstation.org. Then, please come to the Annual Meeting where the winner(s) will be announced. Their names will be added to those of previous winners engraved on the award plaque located in the Cameron Club, outside the Victoria Hebert Great Room.



Community Update: Pickett Place

By Deborah Routt

Recently, individuals met at the Van Dorn Station shopping center to hear from representatives of the Greenhill Realty Company on its plans to develop the 24-27 acres that will be utilized for two of Alexandria's current development projects: 1) Block J of the Van Dorn Small Area Plan (north of Pickett Street) and 2) a portion of the Eisenhower West Plan (south of Pickett).

George Eisenberger, project architect, gave an overview of the proposed plans. Greenhill is to develop over 3 million square feet of a multi-use development, which will be composed of residential units, retail units, and parking areas—about two-thirds of which lies in the area north of Pickett and the remaining one-third lies south of Pickett Street. The entire project is envisioned as a 10-15 year effort that will be constructed in phases. According to Eisenberger, a part of the plan can and will start “as soon as possible,” pending review and approval by the community, City of Alexandria, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), and Norfolk Southern Railroad, to name a few.

Greenhill proposes a combined retail space of nearly 230,000 square feet in the two parcels to be developed—94% in the Van Dorn section and 6% in the Eisenhower West section. Parking will be primarily underground.

Pickett Place would be the main development “destination,” with new, multi-use buildings of 12-15 stories flanking a new green belt. Among the first phases to be developed would

be the property at the Pickett and Edsall intersection, where a six-story civic complex would be built, with residential units atop new retail establishments on the ground level; the residential and retail units would surround a piazza or central plaza where residents and shoppers could meet, spend leisure time, shop, and dine—inside or outside, depending on the weather. Along with the planned plaza, there would be room for a theatre or civic-based “anchor” for the neighborhood.

Greenhill's plans allow for either of the two proposed multimodal bridges that were outlined in the original Eisenhower West plans. As the realty company envisions, one of the new connectors would span from Pickett to the Van Dorn Metro. Greenhill also planned to set back new construction along Van Dorn to accommodate bus lanes that are under consideration from the Van Dorn Shopping Mall to a redesigned stretch of Eisenhower Avenue leading to the Van Dorn Metro Station.

Data collection is underway now for the 26 intersections that comprise Greenhill's development plans. The company will work closely with the City of Alexandria and VDOT to mitigate traffic congestion related to future development.

Eisenberger stated that the goal is to secure approval for the first phases of development in early 2018 as well as to conduct analyses and the concept planning required to support the Van Dorn Small Area and Eisenhower West initiatives.



Photo credit: Greenhill Properties



You can stay up-to-date by navigating to the Greenhill website and viewing the project plan on this development. A new website is under construction, which will serve as your source for dedicated plans, traffic studies, and City of Alexandria

comments. You will also be able to subscribe to email blasts or give your own input: <http://www.greenhillcompanies.com/user/pages/02.properties/18.alexandria-properties/Alexandria%20Development%20Presentation.pdf>.

Easy Ways to Benefit Samuel W. Tucker Elementary

By Julie Painter

After a six-week summer break, our resident Samuel W. Tucker Elementary students started back to school in early August, courtesy of a modified calendar. The Tucker Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is busy planning events and programs that benefit the school. Some of these events have been briefly described below.

- **“Meet the Artists” Fundraiser:** This PTA-sponsored fundraiser will be held on October 10 from 6:30 to 8:30pm at *Taste of Asia*, and you will be able to meet artists Cindy Wallace and Len Garon who are painting the mural along Edsall Road near Pickett Street. Enjoy hors d’oeuvres, wine, and saki with friends, city leaders, and local developers. Tickets are \$50 each with the proceeds going to Samuel W. Tucker Elementary School PTA and its effort to make Samuel W. Tucker’s art and music department number one among Alexandria elementary schools. RSVP to Michael Johnson, VP of Fundraising for the PTA, with any questions and to confirm attendance. Please make all checks payable to “Samuel W. Tucker PTA.” Checks may be dropped off at the school or mailed to Michael Johnson at 5180 Brawner Place, Alexandria, VA, 22304. You should also RSVP by telephone with Michael Johnson at (202) 270-3512 to get on the list!

- **Harris Teeter’s Together in Education program:** This year, the Samuel W. Tucker PTA joins the Harris Teeter’s Together in Education program to help raise funds for our school. It is easy and FREE. If you shop at any Harris Teeter and have a VIC card, you can sign up and help. Simply give the cashier Tucker’s school code, which is 6272, the next time you are checking out at Harris Teeter, and ask the cashier to link your VIC card to Tucker Elementary. This program does NOT interfere with your VIC savings nor does it cost you any money.

- **Box Tops:** To help Tucker, look for pink Box Tops on products, clip them, and send them to the school. For more information on the Box Tops for Education program, including a list of participating products and the school’s progress, visit www.BTFE.com. Be sure to become a member to receive exclusive coupons and recipes, and learn about extra ways for our local elementary school to earn.

- **Shop on Amazon:** Love Amazon? Want to support Tucker without ever leaving your house? The Tucker PTA has teamed up with the Amazon Smiles program to donate to Tucker every time you shop at Amazon. Use the following link to link your purchases to Tucker Elementary, and shop away: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/54-1998920>.

A Lady of Means

By Deborah Routt

So, you have probably seen Jonathan Goldsmith selling Dos Equis beer at least once over the past 10 years as the “Most Interesting Man in the World” – whether it be on television, the Internet, or the radio. But, do you know we have our very own “most interesting” residents right here in Cameron Station?

Please let me introduce you to one of our most inspirational, and among the earliest residents of Cameron Station, Marilyn Means. Now, some of you may know Marilyn from fitness classes with Psy Scott at the Cameron Clubhouse. She is usually there for core/abs on Mondays and Wednesdays and weight class on Fridays. She can also be spotted at yoga with Beri and Greta on Tuesdays and Thursdays. I am also proud to say that she is my biking buddy; we regularly set a good pace from Cameron Station to National Harbor and back. We also bike to Teddy Roosevelt Island from time to time.

What you may not know, however, is that Marilyn is an avid rower, having caught the bug after successfully beating breast cancer in 2005. She was among the first participants in We Can Row DC, which started in 2004, when three breast cancer survivors, Beverly Buffkin, Nancy Kellner, and Doris Parker came together from three different rowing clubs in the Washington DC area. They did not know each other, but people who knew them and knew of their love for rowing helped connect them. They met for lunch to share their knowledge and convictions that a breast cancer diagnosis and subsequent treatments did not mean having to limit one’s physical abilities. Following meetings in Boston with Holly Metcalf, 1984 Olympic Gold Medalist, We Can Row DC came to life. They sponsored the first Learn to Row (LTR) weekend event. Today, many of the 15 rowers introduced to the sport that weekend – including Marilyn – continue to row together and have been joined by others who have participated in LTR events in subsequent years.

Marilyn rowed competitively for four years (2008 – 2011). She has raced all over the country and is most proud of competing in the 2010 U.S. Rowing Masters National Championship on the Cooper River. She and her teammates took first place in their light-weight division against a master women’s rowing team. She has raced twice on the Charles River in Boston, including the famous Head of the Charles race, a three-mile course – not counting the strokes rowed to and from the boathouse dock. She has also raced on the Cooper and the Schuylkill Rivers here in the United States as well as on rivers in Canada. Marilyn particularly loves rowing in and around Alexandria with her friends from the Old Dominion, Capital, and Potomac Boat Clubs. She is currently being coached by Metcalf for the 37th annual Head of the Potomac Regatta, which is scheduled for Sunday, September 24, 2017. The race will be best viewed from the Key Bridge, and it is another three-mile or 2,000-meter race course, where the boats start in their respective divisions at 10-second intervals.

So, look for Marilyn on her bike, in fitness class, or on the water. She will undoubtedly help organize the 2018 LTR event next May for We Can Row DC. She is truly an inspirational woman for our community.

For information on We Can Row DC, contact Marilyn at meansmarilyn@yahoo.com, or go to <http://www.wecanrowdc.com/>.



Marilyn is pictured on the far left at the front of the boat.

Photo provided by: Deborah Routt

Neighbors Gear Up for Adopt-a-Family Program

By Mindy Lyle

This is the 17th year that the Cameron Station community will be helping needy families from Tucker Elementary School have a joyful Christmas. Before all of the demands of the holiday season kick in, we wanted to let you know a little about this wonderful tradition.

Since the Adopt-a-Family program was founded, Cameron Station residents have warmly embraced it, along with local businesses that have helped hundreds of families who, without this help, might have had no Christmas celebration at all.

Tucker's social worker and principal select the families and screen their needs. Lists of needs – some as basic as dishes and towels – are compiled by the school, along with clothing sizes, shoe sizes, and wish lists from the children for toys, books, and games. Families are then available for "adoption."

There are many ways to "adopt": In the past, streets have banded together to buy for several families; often, one family chooses a single family to buy for; neighbors sometimes select one or two members of a family, and other neighbors cover the rest; committees, book clubs, and groups of friends often buy for multiple families; others prefer to give cash or gift cards so others may do the gift-buying. Others, who are unable to make a monetary donation, volunteer their time to shop, wrap, or help deliver the gifts to the school. There are many different ways to participate—all of them valuable and all of them greatly appreciated.

If you would like to be a part of the Adopt-a-Family program, look for more details in email blasts and *The Compass* as Christmas draws near.



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The Cameron Station Annual Pool Party

By Michelle Rampey

The Annual Pool Party was threatened by weather this year, but it did not stop Cameron Station residents from attending. The weather held off, and 650 people attended the event sponsored by Irina Babb Homes, the Podolsky Group, Thorpe Homes, Charles Schwab, the Pretentious Chef, Fire Station 208 (Battalion 212), and ProFit.

The kids made their way to the Gazebo to have their faces painted and have a balloon artist make their favorite

animals. You could even dunk your neighbor in the dunk tank. The big attraction was the fire trucks and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) staff who joined us for the event. Kids and adults climbed in and out of the trucks and learned about their equipment. The pool was open for those who wanted to relax and enjoy the DJ. Psy taught salsa lessons, and everyone enjoyed *King Street Blues* BBQ, ice cream, and snow cones. The small portion of leftover food was delivered to Alexandria's Christ Church Mission.



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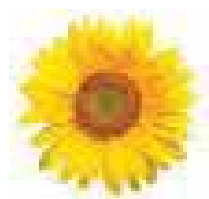
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Carla's Picks

By Carla Besosa

Anacostia Arts Center (DC)

Oct. 6-8 – *J.A.M. Gr8st Hits - A Dance Spectacular Musical Review*

Arena Stage (DC)

Oct. 27-Dec. 24 – *The Pajama Game*

Nov. 10-Dec. 24 – *Nina Simone: Four Women*

Atlas Performing Arts Center (DC)

Oct. 22 – Capital City Symphony

Nov. 11 – Gay Men's Chorus of Washington

The Barns at Wolf Trap (Vienna)

Nov. 11 – George Winston

Nov. 13-14 – Herb Alpert & Lani Hall

Nov. 28-29 – An Evening with David Crosby & Friends

Birchmere (Arlandria)

Oct. 13 – Herman's Hermits

Oct. 10 – Buddy Guy

Oct. 11 – Emily Saliers (of Indigo Girls)

Oct. 13 – 10,000 Maniacs

Oct. 16 – Peter White & Marc Antoine, "Guitar Tango"

Oct. 17 – Boney James

Oct. 22 – Al Stewart "Year of the Cat" Concert

Oct. 30-31 – Shawn Colvin

Nov. 17 – Walter Jazz

Nov. 30 – Marshall Tucker Band

BlackRock Center for the Arts (Germantown)

Oct. 8 – Sweet Honey in the Rock

Blues Alley (Georgetown/DC)

Oct. 5-8 – Chick Corea - Steve Gadd Band

Oct. 20-22 – Najee

Oct. 26-29 – Jane Monheit

Nov. 2-5 – Jonathan Butler

Nov. 15 – Chelsey Green Project

Nov. 24-26 – Alex Bugnon

Nov. 30-Dec. 3 – Arturo Sandoval

Carlyle Club (Alexandria)

Oct. 13 – Comedy Supreme

Nov. 25-26 – A Motown Christmas

Creative Cauldron (Falls Church)

Oct. 5-29 – *The Mistress Cycle*

Nov. 3-19 – *A Little Princess*, Sara Crewe

Dance Place (DC)

Oct. 7-8 – Roy Assaf Dance

Nov. 4-5 – Metro Tap Roots

Del Ray Artisans Gallery (Del Ray)

Oct. 6 – Opening Reception: Captured Beauty

Nov. 3 – Opening Reception: Under \$100

Dulles Expo Center (Chantilly)

Oct. 7-8 – Heritage India Festival

Oct. 20-22 – Craftsmen's Classic Arts & Crafts Festival

Nov. 4-5 – DC Big Flea Market

Eagle Bank Arena (formerly Patriot Center/GMU)

Sept. 29-Nov. 8 – Disney on Ice: Dare to Dream

Fiona's Irish Pub (Kingstowne)

Oct. 27 – Joe Chicocca Band

Fireflies (Del Ray)

Oct. 5 – Janna Audey

Festivals

Oct. 1 – NOVA Pride Fest (Bull Run/Centreville)

Oct. 6-8 – Fall Wine Festival & Sunset Tour (Mount Vernon)

Oct. 7 – Fall Jubilee (Manassas)

Oct. 7 – Art on the Avenue (Del Ray)

Oct. 8 – Clifton Day Festival (Clifton)

Oct. 14 – City of Fairfax Fall Festival (Fairfax City)

Oct. 14-15 – Virginia Wine Festival (Old Town)

Oct. 21-22 – Fall Harvest Family Days (Mount Vernon)

1st Stage Theater (Tysons)

Sept. 7-Oct. 8 – *Jesus Hopped the "A" Train*

Nov. 16-Dec. 17 – *My Name is Asher Lev*

Ford's Theater (DC)

Sept. 22-Oct. 22 – *Death of a Salesman*

Nov. 16-Dec. 31 – *A Christmas Carol*

Gala Theater (DC)

Oct. 7-21 – Blancaflor

Nov. 3-12 – Feugo Flamenco

George Mason Center for the Arts (Fairfax)

Oct. 7-8 – Virginia Opera: *Samson and Delilah*

Oct. 13 – Pilobolus

Oct. 14 – Tango Buenos Aires

Nov. 25 – Chanticleer

Gunston Theater (Arlington)

Oct. 14 – *A Night in the Garden of Spain*

Nov. 10-Dec. 3 – *Madeline's Christmas*

The Hamilton (DC)

Oct. 4 – The Secret Sisters

Oct. 20-21 – The Fab Faux - The Beatles 1966-1967

Harman Center for the Arts (DC)

Nov. 14-Dec. 20 – Twelfth Night

Imagination Stage (Bethesda)

Oct. 7-29 – The Smartest Girl in the World

Nov. 18-Jan. 7 – Charlotte's Web

Jammin Java (Vienna)

Oct. 9 – Maria Muldaur

Oct. 22 – The Music of Simon & Garfunkel

Oct. 28 – Ellis Paul

Nov. 14 – Antigone Rising

Kennedy Center (DC)

Oct. 4-Nov. 8 – Washington Ballet presents
Russian Masters
Oct. 24-Nov. 19 – The Book of Mormon
Nov. 22-26 – Kansas City Ballet: The Nutcracker

King Street Blues (Old Town)

Oct. 7 – Joe Chiocca Band
Oct. 28 – Judge Smith
Nov. 25 – Judge Smith

Lansburgh Theater (DC)

Sept. 26-Oct. 29 – The Lover and The Collection

Lisner Auditorium (DC)

Oct. 20 – Sukhishvili Georgian National Dance

Little Theater of Alexandria (Old Town)

Oct. 21-Nov. 11 – Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike

Lorton Workhouse (Lorton)

Nov. 11 – Second City Art Walk
Nov. 18 – Date Night: Chef's Table

Metro Stage (Alexandria)

Oct. 5-Nov. 5 – Are You Now, or Have You Ever Been...
Nov. 17-Dec. 24 – Christmas at the Bull & Bush

MGM Theater (National Harbor)

Oct. 18-21 – Chris Rock
Oct. 25 – Steely Dan
Nov. 3 – Tori Amos: Native Invader Tour

National Theater (DC)

Oct. 31-Dec. 3 – *Mean Girls*

Port City Playhouse (Falls Church)

Oct. 13-28 – *Hamlet*

Round House Theater (Silver Spring)

Sept. 6-Oct. 8 – *In the Heights*
Oct. 4-29 – *I'll Get You Back Again*
Nov. 29-Dec. 24 – *The Book of Will*

Signature Theater (Shirlington)

Oct. 3-Nov. 26 – *An Act of God*
Nov. 7-Jan. 14 – *Crazy for You*

Sonoma Cellar (Old Town)

Oct. 19 – Janna Audey
Oct. 26 – Janna Audey

The State Theater (Falls Church)

Nov. 11 – Tusk - Fleetwood Mac Tribute

The Strathmore (Bethesda)

Oct. 19 – Sergio Mendes
Nov. 10 – Black Violin
Nov. 19 – A Night with Janis Joplin
Nov. 28 – Deepak Chopra

Studio Theater (DC)

Sept. 6-Oct. 8 – *Skeleton Crew*
Nov. 29-Jan. 7 – *Curve of Departure*

Synetic Theater (Crystal City)

Sept. 28-Oct. 30 – *Dante's Inferno*
Oct. 18-Nov. 19 – *The Adventures of Peter Pan*

Theater J (DC)

Oct. 3-29 – *Sotto Voce*

Verizon Center (DC)

Nov. 16 – Janet Jackson
Nov. 19 – Lady Gaga

Warner Theater (DC)

Oct. 14 – Margaret Cho: Fresh Off the Bloat
Oct. 20 – Tom Hanks in Conversation with Ann Patchett
Oct. 21 – So You Think You Can Dance - Live Tour
Oct. 28 – Michael MacDonald
Oct. 29 – Ludovico Einaudi
Nov. 17 – Joe Biden: American Promise Tour
Nov. 24 – Chaka Khan
Nov. 30 – Washington Ballet's Nutcracker

Woolly Mammoth (DC)

Nov. 11-Dec. 31 – *Nothing to Lose (But Our Chains)*

And Another Thing...

(in my stream-of-consciousness order)

New Eats!

Cathal Armstrong's *Hummingbird*, now open in the waterfront Hotel Indigo at 220 S. Union St.

Dolce and Bean, a family-owned confectionary, serving macarons, crepes, gelato, and gourmet fudge, *Sundays in Saigon*, 683 N. St. Asaph St.

Nectar Del Ray, 106 Hume Ave.

The Club: Burgers & Sandwiches, Van Dorn Plaza

Bob & Edith's Diner, 5918 N. Kings Hwy.

Closed!

Pie 360 in Foxchase Shopping Center

Smashburger in Modera Tempo

Be On the Lookout!

Old House (German) coming to 1024 Cameron St.

Whiskey & Oyster coming to the Carlyle complex, 333 John Carlyle St.

Queen of Sheebah (Ethiopian) coming to Van Dorn Station

For Sale!

After more than 2.5 years and \$3 million in remodeling, the elusive Yates Pizza Palace is for sale. If anyone is interested, the asking price is \$7 million.

Music!

Check these out:

Sans Fusils, Ni Souliers, a Paris (Martha Wainwright's Piaf Record)

Full Circle & Espirito by Lawson Rollins (of Young & Rollins)

First Annual National Night Out: A Community Outreach Event

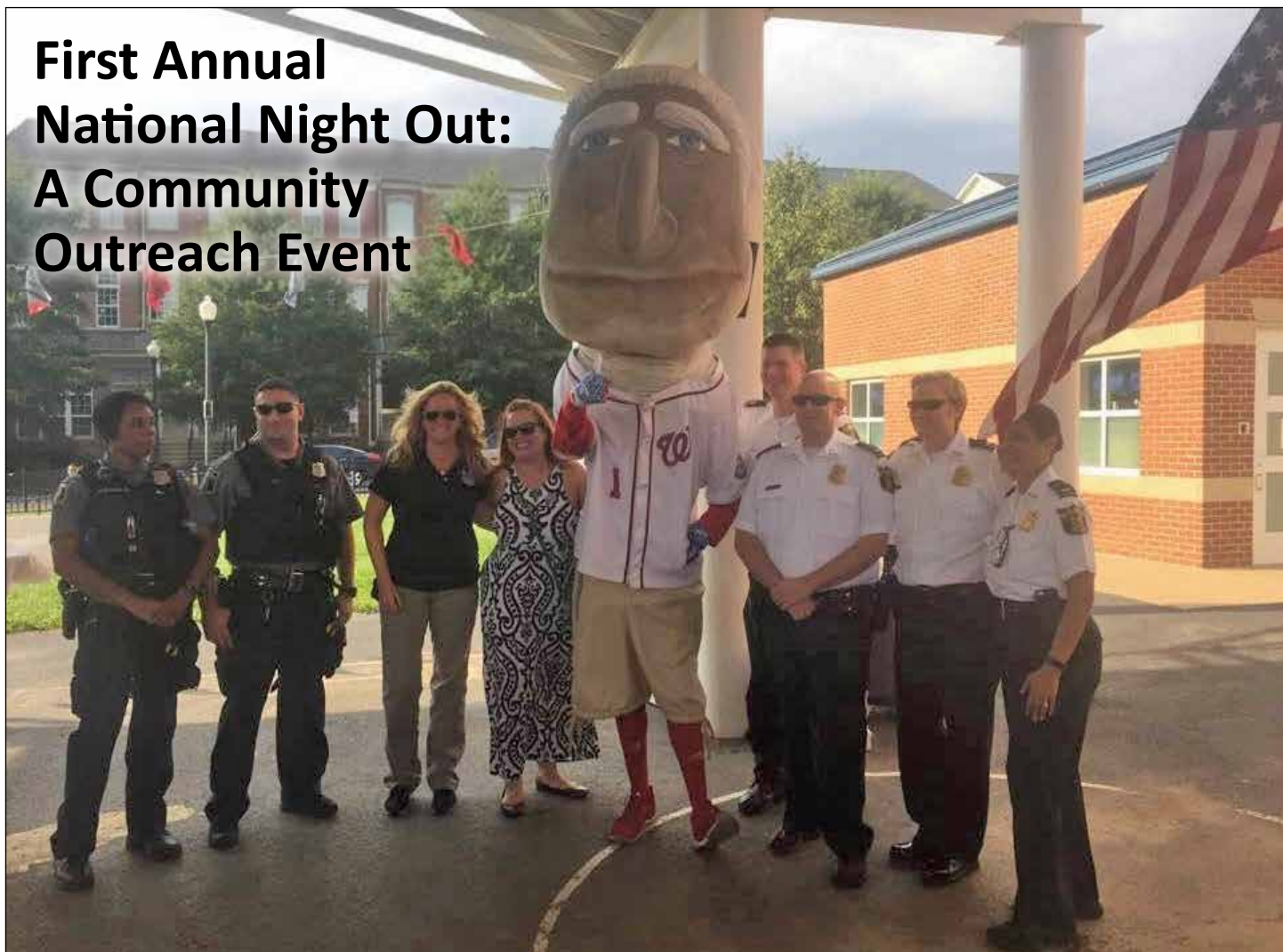


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By Michelle Rampey

Our 1st Annual National Night Out was held the first Tuesday in August, and the event was sponsored by Greenhill Foundation, Cameron Station, Samuel Tucker Elementary, Thorpe Homes, and the Pretentious Chef. The event honors our local police, firemen, and first responders. It is a part of an annual national community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer and more caring places to live.

The evening began with "Hail to the Chief" and the entrance of the Washington National's running President George Washington. Approximately 300 people attended and interacted with the first responders who attended. The Alexandria Mayor, Alison Silberberg, provided a warm welcome and thanked those in attendance. David Thorpe provided the music, creating a festive atmosphere. Before the evening ended, two Washington Redskins Cheerleader Ambassadors showed up and posed with attendees. Mindy Lyle hosted the event and arranged for catering with La Casa. We cannot wait to attend this event in the future!



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Warehouse Wall Becomes Artists' Canvas

By Pat Sugrue

If you have driven down Edsall Road lately, you have noticed the transformation of a football field-sized wall into a work of art. According to Cameron Station resident Mindy Lyle, who pulled all the pieces together, this project has been a year in the making.

Lenny Greenberg of Greenhill Properties – owner of the entire block, with the exception of Modera Tempo, bounded by S. Pickett Street, Van Dorn Street, and Edsall Road – decided that he wanted to install a mural to enhance his property while it is being redeveloped. Greenhill has a site plan coming to the planning commission and City Council in the late fall for more than 3M square feet. After several months, Len Garon and Cindy Wallace, Alexandria residents who both live in the West End, were selected to design the mural.

The Greenberg family also set up a foundation to work on West End initiatives, which is called Greenhill's Pickett Place Foundation. They were the sponsor of the National

Night Out event for the West End (see article on page 16) and are planning more West End initiatives.

The mural project is a true community partnership, with multiple people committed to making it a success. In addition to the work of artists Cindy and Len, Johnny Bernuy of Bernuy Painting provided the labor and skill to paint the frame; Lane Construction/VA Paving provided funding for a scissor lift to access the upper parts of the wall; Agnes Artemel, an Alexandria resident who sits on the Implementation Work Group for Eisenhower West, facilitated the funding from Lane Construction; Home Depot supplied the paint at deeply discounted prices; and Mindy Lyle coordinated the effort. Jay Korff of WJLA Channel 7 is currently documenting the process for a future airing date.

As this newsletter goes to press, the mural is a few weeks away from "lighting." Do yourself a favor, and take a walk or a drive down Edsall, and enjoy this beautiful addition to our neighborhood!



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Artists Cindy Wallace and Len Garon are painting the mural along Edsall Road near Pickett Street.

Meggrolls

By Carla Besosa

"All good things which exist are the fruits of originality." – John Stuart Mill

It is always exciting to discover a unique eating venue that in no way overlaps any of the existing options! Meghan Baroody had already made a name for herself with her *Meggrolls Food Truck* and her catering business. This past April, she went brick-and-mortar and opened *Meggrolls* on N. Fayette in Old Town.

The space is relatively small (former location of *Five Guys*) with seating for about 40, plus a handful of seats out front. The décor is fun but not fancy with a rock-n-roll theme to match the background music. Place your order at the counter with friendly, helpful staff, who are more than willing to answer questions and explain the menu.

A *Meggroll* is Meghan's made-to-order egg roll, filled with all types of yummy and fresh ingredients that no one would ever have thought about putting in an egg roll...except Meghan, of course! I first sampled these treats at a catered function in Cameron Station, where all were enamored with these delicious creations. I had *Meggrolls* at last year's Carpenter Shelter Cook-Off where they took first place for the People's Choice Award. Also, the *Meggrolls Food Truck* has had a devoted following for years.

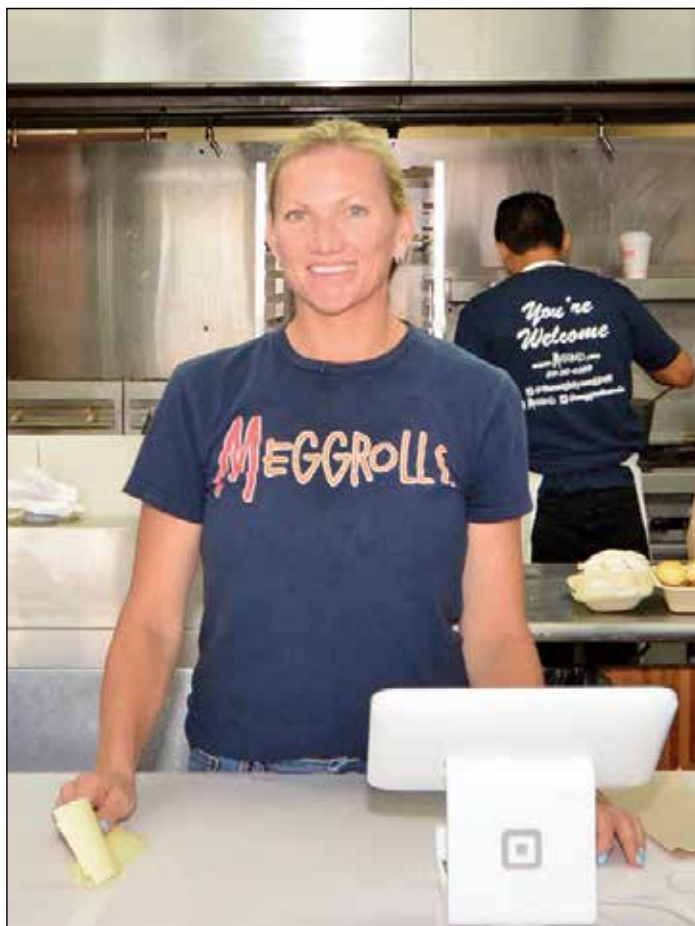


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One of my favorites is the *Bigg Megg*, a name resembling the Big Mac—only much tastier! Next time, I will be aiming for the *Chicken Parm Meggroll*, which contains sautéed chicken breast, lemon-basil ricotta, provolone, mozzarella, and homemade sauce. Also available are the *Buffalo Wing*, *4-Cheese Broccoli Mac*, *Chorizo-Poblano*, and *Gyro Meggrolls*.

The featured side is their homemade slaw - *Original*, *Caesar*, *Cilantro-Ranch*, and *Salad Slaw*. Add some *White Bean Chicken Chili* or some hand-cut French Fries, a la Boardwalk.

The beverage selection includes fountain drinks, bottled water, various beers (including Alexandria's *Port City*), and a couple wines by *Underwood* and *Porch Pounder*.

I am told that *Dessert Meggrolls* may be added to the menu as well. I cannot wait to see what decadent creations those will be.

With *Meggrolls*, you have a concise selection of original works of art, and art has never tasted so good! Treat yourself to a *Meggroll*, or have them cater your next soiree, and support Alexandria's newest single proprietor!



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Cameron Station Wounded Warriors Project Comes to an End

By Dubey Lifmann

It is with a heavy heart that I have decided to resign from the Cameron Station Volunteers for the Wounded Warriors project after five years. A final shipment of fall/winter clothes was shipped to Bethesda Naval Hospital in August. The remaining funds in the Wounded Warriors account will be distributed to two nonprofit organizations benefiting the wounded warriors, which are Pets4Vets and the Travis Mill Foundation (a retreat for the wounded warriors with their families in Maine).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated in our annual bake sale; donated new clothes, batteries, and various sundries; and helped us with the distribution of the donations. All of you made this project successful.

Editor's note: The Cameron Station Wounded Warriors project has been in existence since 2005. It was begun by former Cameron Station resident Cathy Nahirny; Cathy and her sister Amy visited wounded soldiers at Walter Reed Medical Center and brought donations from the Cameron Station community. When the Nahirnys moved to New Mexico, neighbor Margaret "Pinky" Fitzgerald, herself a veteran of the Vietnam War, continued with the project. In 2012, Dubey took the lead. Many thanks to these compassionate women for all they have done for the soldiers and for our community.

Book Clubs

Reading Between the Wines

September: *A Man Called Ove* by Frank Backman

October: *Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah

November: *Commonwealth* by Ann Patchett

Monday Night Book Ball

September: *The Elephant Whisperer: My Life with the Herd in the African Wild* by Lawrence Anthony and Graham Spence

October: *The Way to the Spring: Life and Death in Palestine* by Ben Ehrenreich

November: *Call the Midwife* by Jennifer Worth

If you are interested in joining the Monday Night Book Ball Book Club, please contact sottilepj@aol.com. We would love to have you!

Third Thursday of the Month Book Club

September: *The Rules of Civility* by Amor Towles

October: *The Gardens of Consolation* by Parisa Rena

November: *The Leavers* by Lisa Ko



If you are interested in joining the Third Thursday of the Month Book Club, please contact MHBirchler@gmail.com. We would love to have you!

BUNCO Lovers Enjoyed Wine and Whiskey

By Michelle Rampey

A special night for BUNCO lovers took place on Wednesday, August 30. The Podolsky Group sponsored Wine & Whisky BUNCO Night. Approximately 30 guests arrived at the Clubhouse in the Victoria Hebert Great Room at 7pm to mingle. The dice started rolling at 7:30pm. There was laughter, there was polite trash talk, there were winners, and there were losers. One thing is for certain—everyone had a great time. Julie Kalbfleisch was an incredible hostess and did an excellent job to ensure that the event went smoothly.

Remember, BUNCO Night takes place on the last Wednesday of each month. Some months, BUNCO Night may not occur due to other events taking place; therefore, stay tuned to the Facebook calendar and to the Cameron Station Weekly Email Blast to stay in the loop. The next BUNCO night will be on Wednesday, November 15.

Tracking Community Service Hours for Teen Volunteers

If you are planning to attend college someday, you will likely need some community service hours.

The members of the Activities & Events Committee put their minds to work to figure out how we can support your college dreams, and we decided that we could help! See below to learn how:

1. Let us know you are interested in volunteering for a specific community event. (You will be able to choose what you want to do.)
2. We have a spreadsheet that allows us to input your name, your email address, the event for which you volunteered, the job you performed, and the hours you spent volunteering.
3. In December, the committee will convene to total your hours and create a memo with a committee member's signature. We can email it to you, mail it to you, or you can pick it up.
4. You can even give us ideas of things you may want to do outside of listed events. We care what you think! Keep in mind, safety and money will always be the perimeters we need to work with. We welcome your ideas and are happy to support your desire to serve your community. Let us hear from you at events@cameronstation.org.

Let's make it happen!

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