

The compass

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Mark Pillow Award Presented at Annual Meeting

By Anne O'Connor

The Mark Pillow Award was created in 2006 by the Cameron Station Community Association Common Area Committee in memory of our neighbor, Mark Pillow, who died suddenly in December 2005. Mark embodied the spirit of Cameron Station and made it a better place to live. The award is presented each year to a resident who has made a lasting impact on the welfare and spirit of our community, exemplifying Mark's special volunteerism. This year, at our annual meeting, two winners were announced: Ray Celeste and Cal Weaver.



Ray and Cal

Ray Celeste has worked for over five years on the Cameron Club & Events Committee and chaired the committee for the last three years. He has led or assisted in putting on several events each year, including the annual pool, holiday, Valentine's Day and Halloween parties, thus bringing joy to hundreds of residents. He has also been involved in organizing the community's happy hours and yard sales, using his attention to detail to make them a success, and he also led the way in improving the community's fitness center. He has also worked for 14 years as a tutor in the Alexandria City Public School system. His commitment to education has led him to become a tutor recruiter in this system, helping children to improve their reading, writing and math skills. (See article on page 12.)

Cal Weaver is known in our community as "one of the best neighbors anyone could hope for." His day-to-day neighborliness includes picking up neighbors' newspapers, watering gardens and plants, getting mail, taking in packages,

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No More Cameron Station Community Events???

By Pat Sugrue

At the end of 2010, the Cameron Station Community Association Board of Directors split the Cameron Club & Events Committee into two committees. The new Cameron Club Facilities Committee was formed to work on issues related to the actual Cameron Club facility. This committee will review studies and recommendations for renovating and refurbishing the facility, security issues and general maintenance. The new Activities & Events Planning Committee will plan all events in Cameron Station.

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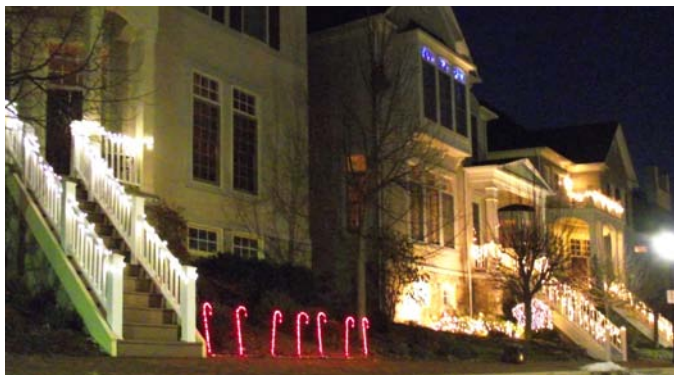
The company that prints *The Compass* surprised us in December by adding color at no charge to the cover of the November/December issue. GAM Printers has generously offered to provide color covers for each 2011 issue, again at no additional cost, and we have accepted the offer. The feedback we received from residents to November/December's color has been positive, and the coordinator of the Adopt-a-Family program, which was featured on that issue's front cover, believes the color drew more attention to the article and thus helped increase donations.

The inside pages of the printed newsletter will continue to be printed in black and white. If you would like to see entire issues in color, we urge you to request electronic delivery rather than paper. Please see the article on page 22 that explains how to arrange for e-delivery.



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From the President of the CSCA Board of Directors

By Mindy Lyle

With the new year come many changes to the Board of Directors and the Cameron Station Community Association (CSCA). First, thank you to Mike Kuhl, Mahl Avila and Dak Hardwick for their service on the board. Their hard work and countless hours are much appreciated. The new board members and board positions are listed on page two of this issue. There have also been changes in the staff of the CSCA: Mary Flynn was promoted to the position of assistant community manger, and Chris Neuberg was added as the on-site maintenance engineer. We currently have two open positions for covenants administrator and front desk staff.

We are beginning the year 2011 with the association in sound financial condition. In spite of the record snowfall expenses for 2010, we were able to trim expenditures, avoid an increase in dues and still maintain the expected level of service. In 2011, we hope to continue working with the City of Alexandria and Greenvest to complete bond out on the remaining phases. Bond out for Phase IV should be complete in the next one to two months.

On the committee level some changes have taken place. The former Cameron Club & Events Committee was split into two committees. A new committee has been formed to work on issues related to the actual Cameron Club facility. This committee will review studies and recommendations for renovating and refurbishing the facility, security issues and general maintenance. The new Activities & Events Planning Committee will plan all events in Cameron Station. As of January 1, we only have one application for membership on the Events Committee. **Until this committee has the required number of members, there will be no events in Cameron Station (see article on front page.)** In addition, we have openings on other committees, so please fill out an application form for a committee position.

I encourage all of you to attend a board or committee meeting and to voice your concerns about issues. The Board of Directors meeting is held on the fourth Tuesday of each month, except in November and December when the meeting is held on the third Tuesday; Residents Open Forum begins at 7pm. If you are not able to attend a board meeting but have something you need the board to address, please send an email to boardofdirectors@cameronstation.org.

From the Editor

By Pat Sugrue

Happy New Year, everyone. It seems appropriate at this time of year to look at change as a welcome jumpstart to our lives and responsibilities, and so it is at *The Compass*. Change is afoot – read on!

This issue is the first of five issues we plan to publish in 2011 (every other month except July/August) along with six bimonthly Community Updates beginning in February. With the exception of a couple of months in 2002 when the community was undergoing changes in structure and governance, *The Compass* has been published continually since June 2000, first as a monthly newsletter and then, beginning in Fall 2002, as a bimonthly one. Leigh Darcy was the first editor-in-chief (as well as the designer), and she remained in that position until she and her family moved from Cameron Station in the summer of 2002. Leigh started with a newsletter committee of half a dozen residents, a few of whom, including myself, are still on the committee today.

I took over from Leigh at the end of 2002 and have been chief editor ever since, supported by a terrific group of community volunteers. (Design is now done through our management company, CMC.) But enough already!! It's time for someone



The Original Newsletter Committee

else to take the helm. The community is growing and changing, new folks are moving in with new ideas and new talents, and I believe the newsletter can benefit from someone new.

I am putting out a call to the community for a new editor of *The Compass*. I am happy to remain on the committee as a member of the staff, and of course will help with any training, but it's time for someone else to take the lead. **Without an editor-in-chief, someone to coordinate all the facets of the newsletter, *The Compass* cannot**

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continue to publish. Some of you may not care ... but others seem to care a lot. So if you do, and would like to consider being editor-in-chief and working with a great bunch of neighbors, please join *The Compass* crew this year and find out what it's like. After a decade working on *The Compass*, many of those years holding down a full-time job as well, I can honestly say that this has been one of the most enjoyable and satisfying jobs I've ever had. Contact me at sugrue@comcast.net or 703-566-6721 to find out more. Thank you.

P.S. Curious as to how the newsletter got its name? See the article on page 11 from the very first issue of *The Compass*.

Mark Pillow Award *(Continued from page 1)*

shoveling walkways and driveways, walking dogs and even taking people to the airport, Metro or train station. He volunteers to do these things without having to be asked. Besides helping endlessly on a personal level, Cal is friendly and outgoing and always has a kind word for a neighbor. He serves on the Cameron Station Civic Association as well, but it is his thoughtfulness and generosity that makes a difference to all of us here in Cameron Station.

Congratulations to both Ray and Cal!

Anne O'Connor is a resident of Cameron Station and a member of the Common Area Committee.



2010 Pool Party

No More Community Events???

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What does this mean for you? No pool party, holiday party, Valentine's brunch, TGI(L)F, garage sale, ice cream social, Halloween party ... none of the get-togethers that have helped define Cameron Station for the past 11 years as a community rather than just a collection of households.

We are indebted to the many neighbors who have served on the Cameron Club & Events Committee over the years, organizing and staffing the events and doing everything necessary to ensure that all that the rest of us had to do was show up and have a good time. But they have done their part, and now it's time for others to step up to the plate ... that is, if we wish to maintain our community spirit.

While the committee needs seven voting members to function, there is no reason why these seven must do all the work ... and in fact, they shouldn't have to do all the work. If you would like to see events continue but are unable to commit to being a member at this time, your help for a few hours at an event of your choice would be welcome and appreciated.

To become a member of the Activities & Events Planning Committee, or to volunteer your help at an event once the committee is established, please contact Community Manager Airielle Hansford at 703-567-4881 or communitymanager@cameronstation.org.



2010 Halloween Party

Cameron Station Committees Need You!

The Cameron Station Community Association committees are the foundation of our Cameron Station community, and they are all staffed by volunteers. If you can give a few hours of your time, please consider joining one that matches your interests. Click onto

Board/Committees on the Cameron Station website, www.cameronstation.org, to learn more about the various committees. All the committees currently have openings; interested homeowners should send an email to communitymanager@cameronstation.org.

Board of Directors Meeting, December 13

By Ann Grochala

The board's first order of business was to elect officers: Mindy Lyle, president; Tom McClimon, vice president; Michael Kidwell, secretary; and Don Buch, treasurer. The board also appointed members as liaisons to the committees.

City of Alexandria Deputy Chief of Police Blaine Corle reported that it appears that crime in Cameron Station is down nearly 50% in 2010 as compared to 2009. In the city overall, the crime rate is expected to be flat year over year. He said that during the holiday season there would be more plain clothes officers in the community due to previous package thefts.

Cheryl Lawrence, Director of the Special Events Office of the city's Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities, reported on plans for the West End Art & Wine Festival to be held October 8-9, 2011, along Brenman Park Drive from the gazebo into Ben Brenman Park. This expansion will take the annual arts festival held in Cameron Station to a new level. The event has the full support of the mayor, and the police, health and other city departments have been involved in planning the event. Cameron Station residents Sonia Agosto and Donna Kenley are heading up the festival. The art show will be a juried event, with over 90 artists expected to participate; a wine garden will be an additional attraction. West End restaurants will provide food. The city will coordinate transportation and parking options to shuttle people to and from the event. Event planners are looking for major sponsorships to assist in the funding.

Jannen Golubin from Manhattan International discussed shuttle schedules with board members, including some recent issues with arrival and departure times.

The board agreed to continue offering free advertising space for Main Street retailers in *The Compass* in 2011, but the maximum ad size will be reduced to a quarter page to better manage the newsletter's size.

At the recommendation of the Common Area Committee, the administration of the Mark Pillow Award is being



From left: Philip Ludvigson, Nick Giannotti, Alvin Boone, Michael Kidwell, Tom McClimon, Mindy Lyle, Airielle Hansford, Mary Flynn, Hilary Lape

transferred to the board of directors, who will determine recipients in the future.

The Cameron Club & Events Committee has split in two, creating a committee focused on facilities and another focused on events. Unfortunately, at the time of the board meeting, there was only one applicant for membership on the events committee. **Thus as of January 1, no events can be planned.** (See article on front page.)

Other Action Items

- December 13 meeting agenda – approved with an addition.
- Minutes of October 26 meeting – approved as amended.
- Appointment of Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Chairperson, Vice Chairperson – approved.
- Appointment of ARC member – approved.
- Appointment of Cameron Club Facilities Committee members – approved.
- Rental for one year of storage facility not to exceed \$1,500 – approved.

CSCA Board of Directors 2011 Meeting Dates

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

January 25	April 26	July 26	October 25
February 22	May 24	August 23	November 15
March 22	June 28	September 27	December 20

Town Hall Meetings: Sunday, February 20; Sunday, May 15; Sunday, August 14 (in conjunction with Ice Cream Social). Annual Meeting: Monday, November 7 (proposed)

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Committee Updates

Architectural Review Committee

No update received.

Cameron Club & Events Committee

This is the last update from the Cameron Club & Events Committee (CCEC) as it has been restructured into two new committees: the Cameron Club Facilities Committee and the Activities & Events Planning Committee.

The CCEC ended the year on a high note with its annual holiday party. We had close to 400 people come to celebrate. La Casa Restaurant's cuisine was, once again, very well received. Santa Claus, played by Bo Schnurr, was well received also, and we so very much appreciate Bo's steadfast support over the years. Mark Miller's support along with that of Jim McCoy was also very welcome. The committee members' work was also noteworthy, including that of Yvonne Pover, Donna Kenley, Sonia Agosto, Margaret Wormington and Brigitte Savage. The CSCA board of directors' liaison to the committee was Michael Kidwell; we very much appreciate all of his timely guidance this past year. We are also very grateful for the support of our board, whose members work extremely long hours on behalf of our community. Its support of the CCEC has always been unwavering!

This was the last event for the Cameron Club & Events Committee, as its responsibilities have now been divided up. If you would like to volunteer for any of the new committees, please contact Airielle Hansford at communitymanager@cameronstation.org.



Neighbors feast on LaCasa cuisine at holiday party.

Common Area Committee

The CAC has been asked by the board to read a recent study of asphalt conditions in the community and then recommend to the board what actions should be taken.

Communications Committee

At its last meeting, the committee reviewed the latest Cameron Station website designs from Micro Consolidated and discussed site structure. The committee hopes to have the new website go live in early 2011; more detailed information

will be provided in the next issue of *The Compass*. Beginning in 2011, Jamie Test will be the new chairperson. There are two available positions on the committee, and we welcome participants to assist with the website and the upcoming social network.



Members of Communications Committee and Newsletter Subcommittee at annual holiday dinner.

Financial Advisory Committee

Andrew McDonald is the new chairperson of the FAC, and there are currently three openings on the committee. If you would like to apply, please contact Community Manager Airielle Hansford at communitymanager@cameronstation.org or 703-567-4881.

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

Fitness Center News

By Kevin Horner

Group Exercise Classes

Our first group exercise session of 2011 is underway. Residents can always drop in on a class for a \$10 drop-in fee. These classes are great for everyone who has resolved to be healthy and fit in 2011!

Fitness Center Reminders

It is still a problem! Even though we have reminded fitness center users over and over, it is becoming more and more common that people are not wiping down the cardio machines, and the area around them, when they have finished 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 your equipment. We provide sanitizing wipes and anti-bacterial spray to make wiping down the machines easy.

Remember, the best way to keep from getting sick is to wash your hands often and to use the hand sanitizer we provide in the center.

Toys for Tots

Once again, residents of Cameron Station stepped up and were very generous in donating toys for the United States Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots program. They were so generous that they continued giving even though the deadline ended - we had to make a special trip to Quantico to deliver the extra toys! Thanks to all those who donated. We filled three boxes this year!

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

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



WINTER ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6:00/7:00AM							
7:00/8:00AM							
8:30AM		8:30-10:00AM Workout Parents		8:30-10:00AM Workout Parents		8:30-10:00AM Workout Parents	
9:00AM			9:00-10:00AM Yoga/Sculpt (Denise)		9:00-10:00AM Yoga (Denise)		9:00-10:00AM Fitness Fusion (Denise)
10:00AM							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							
7:30PM			7:30-8:30PM Pilates (Denise)				
8:00/8:15PM			8:00-10:00PM Pick-up Basketball		8:15-9:15PM Yoga Fusion (Denise)		

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

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

There's No Such Thing as Cheating

By Paula Jarvis

Have you ever heard the tip that if you want to lose weight you should hang out with someone thin? My sister is overweight, yet each year when she comes to visit me for a week she loses a few pounds. I don't starve her, and I don't run a "Biggest Loser" camp for the week. We walk at a brisk pace every day. We eat out sometimes, but mostly at home, with an emphasis on vegetables, fruit, whole grains and lean protein. She has told me that she watches how much I eat and finds herself downsizing her own portions. She doesn't go home hungry, deprived, sore or exhausted – just a few pounds lighter.

Fitness Center Reminders

- ➔ Please clean the equipment and the areas around it after using the equipment.
- ➔ Please do not drop the weights.



Cameron Club Fitness Center Hours

Monday-Friday
5am-11pm

Saturday-Sunday
7am-8pm

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

Closed:

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

Closing at 6pm:

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

Opening at 8am:

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



Last year after her visit, she called one day to tell me she was walking home from the grocery store with a bag full of fresh vegetables, and she was looking forward to preparing a veggie-dense dinner. Within a couple of weeks, her lifestyle reverted to her previous patterns of inactivity, overeating and choosing calorie-dense foods.

I'm happy that I can have a positive influence on my sister, but I wish we lived closer so it would not be limited to once or twice a year. A week is not nearly enough, nor is a month or even a year. She must make the choice herself to change her lifestyle permanently. Having a role model or a friend to share the challenge and to support you through the process is an enormous help, but it's not a requirement. It's your body, your health and your lifestyle, so making the changes is ultimately up to you.

Making the decision to live a healthier lifestyle isn't the same as going on a diet. Diets end. People cheat on diets. Diets provoke sympathy and make us hungry, tired and cranky. Choosing a healthier lifestyle means making good choices for yourself every day and forever. There's no cheating, because there are no forbidden foods – although there are certainly foods that carry a high calorie count and little nutrition. (Ice cream and great chocolate are my weaknesses). Making healthy choices means eating those foods occasionally, in moderation, and adjusting for the indulgence with the other choices you make that day or week. Of course you'll stray from your exercise routine and your healthy food choices, but you'll stray with moderation and you won't punish yourself. You'll just get back to your routine as soon as possible.

Once you adopt the ideas that all foods are acceptable in moderation and exercise is part of your daily life, then practice and repetition will make them stick. After a time, the concept of "taking a break" from your new lifestyle doesn't really make sense. You wouldn't take a break from being healthier any more than you'd take a break from brushing your teeth or stopping at red lights. It's just the way you live your life. You'll have indulgences, but as a rule, you'll make healthy choices, and the rewards of that lifestyle will keep you reconfirming it, day after day. Start tomorrow, and keep it up.

Paula Jarvis is a resident of Cameron Station and a certified personal trainer.

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 CSCA office at 703-567-4881 and be sure to give a complete description and exact location.

Adopt-a-Family

By Mindy Lyle

The stories are varied — a family that lost its home to fire, a father with a brain tumor, parents who lost jobs this year. But all the stories had the same impact on those they touched: a very sparse Christmas for many children and families in Alexandria's West End. The Samuel J. Tucker Elementary School Adopt-a-Family program began 10 years ago to help families have a happy holiday. The program has grown over the years, and the number of volunteers this year was amazing.

Thanks to the generosity of the Cameron Station community, we were able to help more than 35 families during the holiday season by giving them gifts to meet their needs. An additional 30 families were supplied with gift cards. Whether you adopted a family, supplied gift cards, contributed money, shopped for presents or wrapped packages, your contribution put a smile on the faces of children and adults on Christmas morning. Toka Salon & Day Spa provided an additional drop-off point for contributions, and Virginia Paving adopted and shopped for several families again this year.

The families appreciate the contributions and gifts; however, the needs do not end with the holiday season. During the year, Tucker Elementary will accept donations of gift cards to help sustain these families. If you would like to donate something during the "off season," please just drop a gift card off at the school office (attention Karen Morisato) knowing that it will be put to good use. The support that Cameron Station continually gives to students and families at Tucker Elementary is a wonderful example of the ongoing partnership between the school and the neighborhood. The students and families at Tucker appreciate your involvement!



Mindy Lyle and a few of the generous donations.

Civic Association Update

By Ingrid Sanden

The Cameron Station Civic Association met on December 2. Alexandria Vice Mayor Kerry Donley, Director of Transportation & Environmental Services Rich Baier and Assistant City Manager Mark Jinks explained Special Tax Districts and Commercial Add-On Taxes in the city and how they may play a role in development and transportation expansion throughout the city, particularly in Potomac Yards. Please visit <http://alexandriava.gov/TransportationAddOnTax> to learn more about the Add-On Tax. Read more about the plan for Potomac Yards, and how the Special Tax District will play a role in development, at <http://alexandriava.gov/PotomacYardPlan>.

Guest speakers also included ACT for Alexandria's Executive Director John Porter and Community Manager Tracy Viselli. ACT for Alexandria is a community foundation that seeks to "raise the level and effectiveness of community engagement and giving for the benefit of all Alexandria." Residents are encouraged to visit the website at www.actforalexandria.org.

Ingrid Sanden is a member of the Cameron Station Civic Association.

Management Office Holiday Closings for 2011

President's Day
Monday, February 21

Memorial Day
Monday, May 30

Independence Day
Monday, July 4

Labor Day, Monday
September 5

Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, November 24

Day after Thanksgiving
Friday, November 25

Christmas
Monday, December 26 (Observed)

Congratulations to Mary Flynn, Our New Assistant Community Manager

The Cameron Station staff of Community Management Corporation (CMC) is excited to announce that Mary Flynn has been promoted to the position of Assistant Community Manager. Mary was previously the Covenants Administrator for Cameron Station. Until the Covenants Administrator position is filled, please continue to contact Mary regarding any covenants or architecture-related questions and information at mflynn@cmc-management.com or 703-567-4881.



Naming the Newsletter

By Erin Wetherald

You may be wondering, "How did the newsletter committee come up with our Cameron Station Community Association newsletter name, *The Compass*?" Well, it took plenty of meeting, thinking, scribbling, debating and voting on some 50 contenders.

We started with simple yet descriptive names, such as *Cameron Station Community News*. We contemplated a name conveying a railroad connection, *The Cameron Station Local*, but decided that folks may not want to be reminded that they live next to railroad tracks, especially since they are reminded every night. Speaking of a connection, *The Connection* was a likely candidate, but those of us who grew up watching "The Love Connection" on TV didn't want to be mistaken for a matchmaking service. (Besides which, a group of local newspapers uses the name.)

We contemplated *The Current* because of our proximity to several runs, but realized that another community association already uses it. And so it went. Then we began reflecting upon the history of our development as an army base. *The Bugle* emerged and quickly became a favorite with several of us. However, we decided to regroup and think of more names pertaining to Cameron Station and vote again the next time we met.

During our third meeting, we narrowed the field to three names and cast our final vote. With one person vacationing, we were down to six voting committee members, causing an even split between *The Bugle*, *The Compass* and *The Communicator*. We each ranked those names in order of preference, and *The Compass* prevailed, with close competition from the others.

So why *The Compass*? It is an icon that clearly denotes a sense of direction; and tying into Cameron Station's past, it's a tool that army soldiers have surely relied upon to get their bearings in the field. Likewise, it is the mission of the newsletter committee to help impart a sense of direction in Cameron Station, enabling homeowners to maintain their bearings in our development as well as in our community, through the news and information that we communicate in *The Compass*.

And finally, *The Compass* represents the fact that we have all come to Cameron Station from every directional point, including such locales as New York to the north, Florida to the south, California to the west and Old Town to the east!

Erin Wetherald is a former Cameron Station resident and one of the founding members of The Compass. She and her family now live in California.

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Neighbors in the News

Ray Celeste Receives HPTi Award

Cameron Station resident Ray Celeste recently received the High Performance Technologies Incorporated (HPTi) Community Service Award. This award recognizes HPTi employees who volunteer their services to enhance the communities in which they work and live. Recipients are honored for helping to better the lives of others and addressing important social issues such as assisting troubled youth and the elderly, supporting community improvement projects and working for other leading non-political, non-religious social causes.

Ray has served the Alexandria City Public School system (specifically, Patrick Henry Elementary School and the Mount Vernon Community School) for 14 years as a volunteer tutor and tutoring recruiter. He has recruited scores of tutors from HPTi, the Marine Corps, St. Stephens and St. Agnes High School and the Foxchase Apartments complex. The principals of both schools have recognized him for his commitment to the education of Alexandria's children and his continuing work helping students who need extra attention to grasp the fundamentals of reading, writing and math. In the spring, Ray and the other tutors also assisted students in preparing for the SOL (Standard of Learning) tests.

Last year, HPTi's Community Outreach Committee donated \$250 to Patrick Henry Elementary School on Ray's recommendation.



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eBooks and More, Available 24/7 at Alexandria Public Library



By Mark Schwartz

All four branches of Alexandria Library not only offer their patrons traditional materials such as books, CDs and DVDs, but the library also offers materials such as eBooks, eAudioBooks and online resources to cardholders remotely. Cardholders can visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us and have the library world at their fingertips. The question: what is now the most popular “e-resource”? The answer: eBooks! The eBooks collection is growing fast to meet the

great demand. Most titles can be played on both Mac and PC computers and uploaded to iPads and eBook readers such as Barnes & Noble’s Nook and Kobe and Sony eReaders. (Kindle has not gotten onboard yet with public libraries.) What are you waiting for? Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us and begin browsing!

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

Flood Gauge System Planned for Boothe Park

By Dak Hardwick

The City of Alexandria Department of Transportation & Environmental Services (T&ES) is working with Fairfax County to allow the county to install a flood gauge system at Backlick Run in January 2011. The system will provide real-time flood information to assist in providing flood warnings to residents south of Cameron Run. Fairfax County will share the data with City of Alexandria staff to assist in emergency response and notification efforts.

The gauge will be located at the back of Armistead L. Boothe Park, between the ball field fence and the concrete channel. It consists of an 18-inch diameter aluminum standpipe that stands about eight feet high. A sensor from the standpipe will run under the railing and down into the channel. The photos show the planned location of the gauge and a gauge already installed in Fairfax.

By way of background: when Cameron Station was constructed, the concrete channel behind the Linear Park was reconstructed to carry more flow. At the same time, fill was placed on the site to raise it above the flood plain. The Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA) flood insurance rate map (FIRM) was modified at that time to remove Cameron Station from the flood plain.

Residents should also be aware that the FIRM map used by FEMA to calculate 100-year flood events in and around Cameron Station is being modified. Even with the modifications, almost all of the homes in Cameron Station remain outside the 100-year flood zone. The new map will incorporate a hydraulic model for this area prepared by the Army Corps of Engineers after the 2006 Alexandria flood event. This model shows somewhat different boundaries for the flood plain in Cameron Station, particularly around Samuel L. Tucker Elementary School. For more information or to receive a copy of the new FIRM map, please contact Emily Barker, City Engineer with T&ES, at 703-746-4045.

Dak Hardwick is president of the Cameron Station Civic Association.



Gauge installed in Fairfax.



Planned location of gauge in Boothe Park.



Annual Cameron Station Holiday Party





Cameron Station Chanukah Celebration

By John Johnson

More than 60 Cameron Station residents, their families and guests participated in a Chanukah menorah lighting celebration on December 8 in the Cameron Club. Rabbi Mordachai Newman, Director of the Chabad Lubavitch of Alexandria-Arlington, led the celebration with stories and songs of Chanukah. Alexandria Vice Mayor Kerry Donnelly represented the City of Alexandria and participated in the evening activities by lighting the first candle. He wished everyone a Happy Chanukah and congratulated Cameron Station for holding this annual event. Colorful Chanukah gift bags with dreidels, chocolate gelt and crafts were given to the children. The celebration was organized once again this year by Cameron Station resident Rebecca Johnson. She expressed sincere thanks to Rabbi Newman for conducting the lighting of the Chanukah candles and providing potato latkes, dreidels and gelt, plus a free raffle prize. The annual Chanukah menorah lighting is co-sponsored by the Cameron Station Community Association.

John Johnson is a resident of Cameron Station and husband of the event's organizer.



Sparse Attendance at 2010 Annual Meeting

By Elizabeth McAlee

The Cameron Station Community Association (CSCA) Annual Meeting was held on November 8 at Samuel J. Tucker Elementary School. The meeting was called to order at 7:52pm after an extended period of time awaiting a quorum of residents. Volunteers scrambled to get residents into the school, phoning friends and neighbors to urge them to attend. Some even went knocking on doors at nearby houses to bring people to the meeting. Eventually there were sufficient numbers for Mike Kuhl, the outgoing CSCA president, to move the meeting forward.

The three candidates for vacant board positions, Alvin Boone, Nicholas Giannotti and Philip Ludvigson, were elected. Two outstanding community members, Ray Celeste and Cal Weaver, were presented with the Mark Pillow Community Spirit Award for their years of volunteer service in making Cameron Station's many community events possible and popular. (See article on front page.) Besides a certificate of appreciation, both received \$100 gift certificates to Food Matters, purchased by the CSCA.

Yon Lambert, Deputy Director for the City of Alexandria's Department of Transportation & Environmental Services, presented a list of the city's priority transportation projects for the next 10 years. Mr. Lambert informed the group that Alexandria is the fifth fastest growing city in the country. He noted that despite the boom, the lean economic times have led to diminished funding for many Alexandria projects, forcing the city to plan further into the future for work to be done. One project that is planned for execution, however, is the construction of a new station entrance at the Eisenhower Avenue Metro Station, which will affect most Cameron Station commuters in the near future. Other projects include high capacity transit lanes in the Beauregard Street/Van Dorn Street areas and improvements to the bicycle and Greenway trails along Armistead L. Boothe Park and Eisenhower Avenue. Those projects are five to 10 years in the future. Many attendees asked questions about the construction of the Army Corps of Engineers building (along I-395 South). Mr. Lambert was not able to offer much information as he is not part of the city department that is handling that matter. He did say that new left turn lanes are under development along Seminary Road, but this information did not allay the residents' concerns. Additional



information about area transportation issues and city long-term planning are available on the city's website.

Periodically throughout the meeting, prize drawings were held and attendees won gift cards from local businesses through numbers drawn randomly. Cameron Cafe, Toka Salon & Day Spa, Main Street Market and Food Matters all donated multiple gift certificates for the drawings.

After a quorum of owners was reached and election of new board members accomplished, leaders from each of the community's committees were brought to the stage. After introductions, homeowners had an open forum to ask questions. One homeowner asked about the lack of swimming lessons offered through the pool this past summer; it was reported there were no complaints about not offering lessons. Another resident inquired about when the bond out would finally be accomplished and learned there is no firm date for release. The water monitoring station continues to elicit questions annually, and the crowd was informed that it would remain standing for at least two more years. The community shuttle service also gave rise to many homeowners' frustrations. The evening shuttle service can be unreliable and/or the vehicle used is too small for the number of passengers. This information was news to the association management staff; they promised to speak with the transportation company and they urged residents to make CSCA aware of these issues, although occasional service problems are to be expected.



Main Street Condo residents gather to "deck the halls" for the holidays!

Were You There When It Counted?

By Elizabeth McAlee

The annual meeting has come and gone – were you counted?

If you were there, in person or by proxy, thank you. If you were not, perhaps you heard that the meeting was sparsely attended. It is true that some people came in pajamas after being alerted that the number of homeowners in place and in proxy didn't constitute a quorum. The meeting stretched on and on while those in attendance waited to see if a quorum could be reached in a relatively timely manner.

While it is understandable to think, "Three people running for three vacancies? It doesn't matter if I show up," it does indeed matter. Unless 10% of the homeowners are present, in person or by proxy, the meeting cannot proceed; no elections can take place nor can any new business be discussed. A date for a second meeting would need to be established, and the whole process and expense of securing voters and proxies begun anew. Also, the amount of money put toward rental space, food, printing and mailing cannot be recouped and would need to be expended for a second annual meeting. Those are your homeowner association dollars; money that could be put to much better use within Cameron Station.

It seems there must be a better way to encourage residents to attend the annual meeting. Serving food and giving away

great door prizes from local merchants is apparently not enough to get the 10% (or 177 units) required to attend or send in a proxy. So, we are putting the question to Cameron Station residents:

- **What suggestions do you have to increase attendance at the annual meeting?**
- **Would proxy boxes located in multiple locations around the community make it easier to get the votes in?**
- **Would changing the day or time of the meeting encourage greater attendance?**

This is an important issue for Cameron Station. Homeowners need to understand that they have a stake in the future of the community, and that includes participating in its government, if only for two hours once a year. Please send your suggestions and thoughts on the subject to Community Manager Arielle Hansford at communitymanager@cameronstation.org. Your input is imperative for the growth and management of Cameron Station.

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Toka Opening!



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Sign Up for Community Email Blasts

Residents are encouraged to provide email addresses in order to receive weekly email blasts containing important and timely information about the Cameron Station community. If you would like to be added to the Cameron Station Email Blast list, please log on to the Cameron Station website, www.cameronstation.org, and go to the "Website User Information" link on the bottom of the Community Directory page. Then click on "Update Your User Information." You may add or remove your email from Cameron Station's email blast list by adding or removing your email address in the "email address" field. Please note that you may specify that your email address be used only by the community manager.

If you do not have a log-in for the Cameron Station website, you may contact the management office via email at residents@cameronstation.org or by phone at 703-567-4881 to receive a password.



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Angie Miller, Singer/songwriter, performs at Food Matters.

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Volunteers Needed! Thank You!

CSCA Pet Policy Reminder

Please be reminded that pet owners must leash and directly control, or carry in a pet carrier, all pets when in a common area. Pet owners are required to clean up pet waste and to dispose of it properly in either a waste container belonging to the pet owner or a community pet waste station. Remember, pets and children can become ill from parasites found in pet feces!



“Our Neighbors Recommend”

Vendor List on Website Only

The list of contractors recommended by neighbors can be found on the community website, www.cameronstation.org, under “Neighborhood Net.” If you would like to submit recommendations for this list, please email thecompass@cameronstation.org.

Vendor Complaints

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



Cameron Station Book Clubs

For those of you reading with the book clubs, here are the current selections:

Monday Night Bookball

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

February: *Zeitoun* by Dave Eggers

March: *Kitchen Confidential* by Anthony Bourdain

Reading Between the Wines

January: *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* by Stieg Larsson

February: *Girl with a Pearl Earring* by Tracy Chevalier

March: *Never Let Me Go* by Kazuo Ishiguro

Carla's Picks

By Carla Besosa

The Barns at Wolf Trap

February 18

Jonathan Edwards

You remember "Sunshine"!

Birchmere

February 15

Herb Alpert & Lani Hall

Legendary!

February 22

David Garrett

This young violinist will bring the house down!

March 3

Jesse Cook

Fine flamenco guitarist

Blues Alley

March 30

Jeff Coffin & the Mu'tet

You may know him as Bela Fleck's sax player.

Buzz (Slater's Lane)

February 21-March 14

Janna Audey - Singer/Songwriter

Center for the Arts

February 4

Mark Morris Dance Group

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February 11-12

The Vagina Monologues

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March 25-26

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Food Matters

February 17

Kate Moran

Enjoy a live performance by this talented local singer.

Jammin Java

February 4

Ellis Paul

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February 10

SGGL

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March 18

Deanna Bogart Band

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Kennedy Center

February 1-June 11

Alvin Ailey

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National Harbor

February 15-27

National Harbor Restaurant Week

Port City Playhouse

February-March

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February 18-19

Chesapeake Oyster & Beer Festival

St. Elmo's (Del Ray)

February 2-March 18

Janna Audey - Singer/Songwriter

Strathmore

March 24

Joan Rivers

No explanation needed!

The State Theater

March 18

Strunz & Farah

My favorite guitar duo! Their violin player, Charlie Bisharat (with Shadowfax in the old days). is a favorite as well!

And Another Thing...

Check out my latest vocal discovery, Halie Loren, at www.halieloren.com! If you are in download mode, have a listen to her renditions of "Girl from Ipanema" and "High Heel Blues."



A Bit of This and That

Request Electronic Newsletter Delivery

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Shuttle Bus Service During Holidays and Inclement Weather

A reminder to all residents that the shuttle does not operate on federal holidays.

Regarding inclement weather, if federal government employees have a work delay or are released early, the shuttle schedule will be adjusted to accommodate these situations. For example, if there is a two-hour delay in the morning, the shuttle will begin at its usual time but run an additional two hours. If government workers are being released before the end of the workday, whatever time the government offices close is the time the shuttle will begin its run (allowing time for the HOA office to notify the shuttle company); the shuttle will end at its usual time that evening.

Please remember that residents must show their Cameron Station I.D.s to the driver upon boarding.

To receive a copy of the shuttle bus schedule, please visit www.cameronstation.org or pick up a copy at the HOA office.

Notary Available to Residents

Community Manager Airielle Hansford is a notary public and will notarize documents for Cameron Station residents during normal business hours at no charge. You are encouraged to call the management office prior to visiting for this service. Photo identification will be required.

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.



A Bit of This and That

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 3224 Colvin Street on Mondays between 10am and 6pm.

Trash Collection in Inclement Weather

American Disposal Services will cancel collection in areas in which they deem the roads unsafe due to snow and/or ice. There will be no adjustments or make-up schedule for missed services due to inclement weather. Trash, recycling and yard debris collections will resume on the next regularly scheduled service day. Please return trash cans to garages until the next pick-up.

Not Receiving *The Compass* Regularly?

If you have not been receiving the newsletter on a regular basis, or know of any neighbors who have not been receiving it, please contact the HOA office at 703-567-4881 or ahansford@cmc-management.com to be sure they have the correct address on the mailing list. Each occupied residence is entitled to one copy of each issue of *The Compass*.

Snow Removal Reminder

Residents are responsible for removal of snow and ice from the driveways serving their homes and any sidewalks fronting or bordering their homes. Condominium associations are responsible for removing snow and ice from the sidewalks bordering their buildings and any condominium common areas.



It's Easy to Find the Shuttle Bus Schedule

Just go to the Cameron Station website, www.cameronstation.org, and you'll find the link to the shuttle bus schedule at the top of the home page. Please remember that the shuttle bus does not run on federal holidays.

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.

Thanks to this issue's contributor:

Nicole Gauvin



A Bit of This and That

Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Disposal

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Delia's Mediterranean Grill & Brick Oven Pizza

By Carla Besosa

Have you discovered the Swamp Fox Road Strip – an eclectic handful of eateries right across from the Hoffman Theaters? My favorite among these is *Delia's*, offering Mediterranean fare and brick oven pizza.

The venue is cozy (greatly preferable to the cavernous corporate restaurant) and rendered even more intimate by a floor plan that separates the space into different areas. The décor is modern but not stark, the light is subtle but sufficient, there is a bar, but it is not the focal point, and the music is in the background, not overpowering.

As you are perusing the menu, order from the extensive beer and wine selection. Enjoy a refreshing brew such as the Greek *Mythos* or the Cyprian *Keo*. Off the wine rack, *The Barossa Poachers Blend* is a satisfying white. You may want to have a sip while enjoying the scrumptious bread and tapenade delivered to your table. I was already impressed even before placing my order!

For an appetizer, I cannot rave enough about the *Halloumi Crostini* – grilled Cypriot halloumi cheese served over crostini with warm apricot spread and fresh mint. The combination of flavors is a veritable symphony to the palate. Other tasty starters include the *Goat Cheese & Potato Poppers* and the *Pizza Knuckles*, so feel free to branch out ... after you've sampled the Halloumi Crostini. The creative salad selection includes the tasty combination of *Roasted Walnuts & Gorgonzola* over field greens with grape tomatoes and raspberry vinaigrette.

There are 16 pasta dishes that take off in all different directions. These incorporate sausage, prosciutto, eggplant, veal, chicken, shrimp, crab, scallops, mushrooms and asparagus. One of my favorites is the *Pollo Francese* – fresh chicken breast dipped in egg and sautéed in a lemon and white wine sauce with capers, served with penne pomodoro.

The 13 Mediterranean entrees include creations featuring salmon, beef, lamb chops, chicken, pork chops, eggplant, veal, crab cakes and gyro. Keep your eye on the *Salmon Tricolore* (grilled, herb-encrusted salmon over tricolor orzo with sautéed spinach and ricotta in a lemon caper sauce) and the *Vitello Scaloppini* (served with mashed potatoes, spinach and caramelized onions and finished in a mushroom marsala sauce). Classic Mediterranean favorites like *Moussaka* and *Gyro* also received rave reviews.

If you are in the mood for pizza, Delia's brick oven variety is at the top of its game! The 10 combination pizzas show imagination and creativity and come in 10" and 14" pies. At the top of the totem pole I would place the *Famagusta Pizza* – halloumi cheese, fresh tomatoes, caramelized onions and Cyprian Lunza. Diners can also create their own concoctions incorporating such unique toppings as gyro meat, calamata olives, grilled eggplant, pesto, pignoli, capers, sun-dried tomatoes, grilled chicken and prosciutto. Limitless flavorful combinations await you!



The homemade dessert selection ... if you have saved room ... varies with the chef's inclinations. I have sampled the *Baklava*, which received high marks from all participants.

The service at Delia's is friendly and efficient. Delia's also offers \$5 Kids' Meals, take-out and catering. Delia's definitely gets my seal of approval as a feel-good place, and it is just a hop, skip and jump from Cameron Station. I have patronized this establishment several times and plan to return again ... and again ... and again ...

Delia's

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Hours of Operation

Sunday-Thursday, 11am-10pm
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Appetizers: \$7-\$11
Salads: \$8-\$14
Entrees: \$12-\$25

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