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Caffeinate Congregate Celebrate at Cameron Café!

By Carla Besosa

I had a chat with Cameron Café owner Dayan Worku about the many changes occurring at our wonderful coffee shop. The renovation includes décor, menu, entertainment and more.

The first step of the renovation was focused on the patio. Bistro tables, picnic tables and colorful Adirondack chairs can accommodate neighbors and new friends. Bright chartreuse umbrellas and a canopy of trees provide shade and create a welcoming setting. The interior, too, has a new look with new art, new furniture and additional seating to accommodate those socializing and/or working. Many thanks to our local realtor, Irina Babb, for sponsoring the interior updates.



Dayan says that about 70% of his customers are regulars who consider Cameron Café theirs. He loves the fact that everyone is part of the program and takes ownership. Neighbors happily assist with glass recycling, social media, plant watering... whatever's helpful. Dayan enjoys providing a gathering place for all, particularly as we emerge from pandemic sequestration and socializing resumes. Even the Cameron canines gather for water, dog treats and social sniffing. Cameron Café attracts patrons of all ages and cultures. It would not be uncommon to hear four languages simultaneously. I love the diversity, which is such an integral part of what defines Cameron Station.



Dayan credits his engaging and kind staff, Lem Lem, Rhoda and Simone, for pulling it all together. He feels lucky to have them jointly focus on serving the neighborhood. We've come to know and love the Cameron Café crew and think of them as an important part of the community. Dayan is looking to add some part-time baristas to the crew as well.

If you've not been or haven't been for a while, come check out Cameron Café's eclectic variety of wines and beers, all reasonably priced. You'll likely make some new discoveries. My personal favorites are Torrent Bay Sauvignon Blanc and Foris Chardonnay. Come for Wine Wednesday, when Cameron Café hours extend to 8pm and wine discounts are offered 4pm to 8pm, paired with a small selection of bites for sale. Dayan is also offering seasonal selections such as Peppermint Mocha and Boozy Coffee/Hot Chocolate (add Kahlua,



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Taking Care of *The Compass*!

By Gen Harrison-Doss

Hello! My name is Gen Harrison-Doss and I have the honor of being the Editor of *The Compass* for this issue. The community is still seeking a permanent editor for our bi-monthly Cameron Station newsletter (see page 17).

A bit about me: I am married to an active-duty Air Force Sr. Non-Commissioned Officer, Mike, and we have a five-year-old son and three King Charles Cavalier Spaniels. My family and I moved to Cameron Station in March 2020 as renters when my husband got orders to the Pentagon and absolutely fell in the love with the community. We

became homeowners in 2021 and hope to live here for many years. I am a Sr. Recruiting Manager at Amazon, where I have worked for nearly 11 years and will work from Amazon's second headquarters (HQ2) in Arlington, once construction of the campus is complete.

As the caretaker of *The Compass* my goal is to provide you, the residents of this wonderful community, a positive and light-hearted look at living here. This is a richly diverse community and it is exciting to have the opportunity to showcase that five times per year in this newsletter.



If you are interested in becoming Editor-in-Chief of this delightful publication, an important part of Cameron Station since 2001, please contact the Communications Committee at communications@cameronstation.org.



About... *The Compass*

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.

Previous issues of *The Compass* are available online at www.cameronstation.org.

Go under the "News" tab on the home page and click on "Community Communications" on the left-hand side.

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Activities and Events Committee

By Andy Yang

The Activities and Events committee organized a couple of events in October, starting with a wine tasting event held in the Great Room. About 40 residents enjoyed a variety of wines from Vinedication along with light refreshments. Overall, this was a great event to learn about wines, socialize with neighbors, and purchase some additional wine.

On the last Saturday in October, the committee held its annual Halloween event. The event began with a costume contest as lots of participants strolled from the Farmers Market parking lot to the Cameron Station Blvd. gazebo. Prizes were awarded for best individual, group and pet costumes. Afterwards, there was a dance party held in the Great Room with a fog machine and light effects. Residents were also treated to sweets (but with healthy fruit options, too). There were also crafts and games made available in the gym. Thanks to Irina Babb for sponsoring this event. (additional photos on Page 6.)

Financial Advisory Committee (FAC) Update

By Takis Taousakis

The FAC together with CAMP, our management company, has completed the 2023 Cameron Station Community budget. The budget includes activities that start in August and finish in October. The approximate timeline is as follows:

- All committees submitted draft budget requests to management at the end of August.
- Management (CAMP) issued the first budget draft to FAC and the Board of Directors in mid-September.
- The second draft budget and potential assessment rates were developed in September.
- Updated review meetings were held with CAMP, FAC and BOD in late-September to mid-October.
- Final 2023 CSCA budget was completed by the third full week of October.
- CAMP develops the monthly budget with FAC and committee members before December 31, 2022.

Communications Committee

By Tricia Hemmel

Year 2022 has been a busy one for the Communications Committee and subcommittees! The Welcome Subcommittee welcomed 164 new residents to Cameron Station, and volunteer photographers took beautiful photos of the community and events which have been used in the Eblast and on social media. Our newest initiative of updating the

Cameron Station website is in the works and we hope to have the updated website go live in early 2023.

We continue to work on our social media presence; you can find official CSCA information on Facebook: [@CameronStationCA](#); Twitter: [@CameronStation](#); and Instagram: [@CameronStationCommunity](#). Please like and follow! Finally, many thanks to the Newsletter Subcommittee for creating this wonderful issue of The Compass, our community newsletter that highlights our community activities, area events, and wonderful neighbors.

If you would like to help with any of the projects mentioned above, or if you have ideas on how to better the communication in our community, please contact us at communications@cameronstation.org.

Special Common Area Committee December Update

By Mindy Lyle

In mid-December the Common Area Committee (CAC) granted permission to local realtor, Aaron Podolsky, to provide luminaries to CS residents on Christmas Eve. Aaron will be responsible for lighting the median of Cameron Station Boulevard, the Gazebo Circle and Ben Brenman Drive and clean-up on Christmas morning. Residents who want to participate will pick up their bags, sand and light source (to be determined) from the front of the Cameron Club/Gazebo on Christmas Eve from 10 – 12 PM. Coffee and cocoa will be provided (additional details Page 19).

Adopt-a-Family...It's a Holiday Tradition

By Mindy Lyle

Once again, the Cameron Station Community will help those less fortunate have a Merry Christmas. Over the past 22 years, Cameron Station residents have adopted hundreds of families from Samuel Tucker Elementary School, who without our help might not have any Christmas celebration. Last year we returned to the traditional Adopt-a-Family format, and both the needs of our families and the response from the broader Cameron Station Community was overwhelming.

While this year continues to be a challenge for all of us, it has been extremely difficult for these families. Needs are greater than ever as many who were already living day-to-day have now lost their jobs due to the closing of many businesses; many have had their working hours cut; and some have also faced health challenges. This year we welcomed many families from Afghanistan and Ukraine, and they need our help as well.

In order to participate in the Adopt-a-Family program, family needs are screened by the social worker and principal at Tucker Elementary. Lists of needs – some as basic as dishes – are compiled by the school, along with clothing sizes, shoe sizes and special wish lists from the children. We then have families that can be “adopted”. In previous years, neighborhood streets banded together; families adopted another family; and one condo community adopted four families. Many of our area businesses adopted families as well.



A Section 501(c)(3) organization has been established to accept monetary donations, which can be mailed to Greenhill's Pickett Place Community Foundation, 4901 Fairmont Avenue, Suite 200, Bethesda, Maryland 20814. Please put “Adopt a Family” in the subject line.

If you are interested in helping to continue this wonderful Christmas tradition, please email adopttuckerfamily@comcast.net. And please note that the needs of families at Samuel Tucker continue throughout the year – gift cards are always welcomed by the school! Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Give the Gift of Reading – Please Help a Child Learn to Read

Do you have an hour a week to help a child learn to read? The Alexandria Tutoring Consortium (ATC) still needs volunteers to tutor kindergarten and first grade struggling readers in the Alexandria Public Schools. ATC provides training, weekly materials and ongoing support. Volunteers commit to working with a student in 30-minute sessions, once or twice a week, during

the school day (8am-2:20pm), October through May. Tutoring occurs in person in the schools.

For more information, contact Executive Director Lisa Jacobs at ljacobs@alexandriatutors.org or go to <https://alexandriatutors.org/tutors/sign-up-to-become-a-tutor/>. More children than ever need your help! Thank you.

A Boo-tiful & Spooky Halloween Had by All

By Lenore Marema



Children and their parents celebrated with a party on the Saturday before Halloween. All enjoyed the decorations at the gazebo and in the Victoria Herbert Great Room, including the strobe lights. There were refreshments, games and a dance party in the gym. Everyone went home with a goody bag.

The main feature was the costume parade, and judges picked first and second place for the costumes. The winner was dressed as a pirate and sat in a real boat, and the little chicken in

Halloween was back without restrictions for the first time. Prior to the pandemic, Cameron Station embraced Halloween on the West End. We were known for decorations, parties, and

above all, a safe and welcoming place to bring your children. Most of the children Trick or Treating were from areas around Cameron Station. We welcomed them back this year.

On Halloween night, judges walked through Cameron Station and picked the first, second and third prize winners for their house decorations.

Thanks to our Sponsors—Irina Babb, one of our local relators for the great Halloween party and all the treats on Saturday, and thanks to the Podolsky Group, also local relators, and the Cameron Station Common Area Committee for the generous monetary prizes for the home decorating contest.



Locker Room Renovation

By Raymond Celeste

I am pleased to report that the locker room renovation went very well. As you might know, it was very extensive, and both locker rooms were torn down to the studs.

I want to thank our Board of Directors and our stellar Management team – specifically Steve Philbin and Angel Robles – for their unwavering support in bringing this project in on time and within budget.

On behalf of the Cameron Club Facilities Committee (CCFC) we offer a huge “THANK YOU!!!” The CCFC continues to work hard on your behalf in bringing you a first-class fitness center. ProFIT, our fitness center management company, continues to provide excellent service, and our Fitness Director Psy Scott is second to none!

When you have a moment, please try taking one of our 10 complimentary classes. They are professionally done and are a huge benefit to our beloved community. Remember, you are in charge of your health and fitness. If you have questions, please feel free to reach out to Psy Scott at cameronclubfitness@gmail.com.

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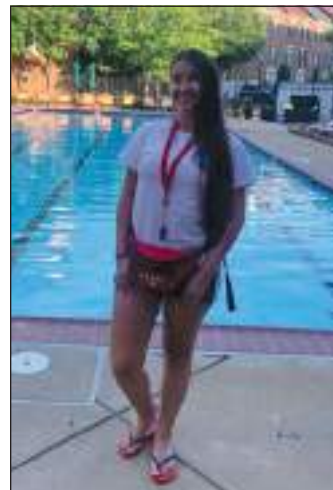
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Days to Celebrate!

By Carla Besosa

DECEMBER:

Dec. 20 National Sangria Day - Yelp likes Matt & Tony's, Majestic and Vola's Dockside.

Dec. 27 National Fruitcake Day - There's only one, it just gets passed around.

Dec. 28 National Short Film Day - Check Oscar Shorts on Netflix... great finds!

JANUARY:

Jan. 1 National Hangover Day – Be sure to have crackers and h2o on hand!

Jan. 3 J.R.R. Tolkien Day – Lots of great Tolkien films to stream...

Jan. 14 Dress Up Your Pet Day – And take a snap for Pet of the Month!

Jan. 15 National Bagel Day – Yelp likes Chewish Deli and Bagel Uprising.

Jan. 20 Penguin Awareness Day – Visit some penguins at the Virginia Safari Park.

Jan. 27 National Chocolate Cake Day – Check out the Chocolate Lover's Medley at MB Bakery!

Show Your Love for our Beautiful Neighborhood on Instagram - #LoveWhereYouLive

By Gen Harrison-Doss



We live in a beautiful community! From the colonial style brick and painted buildings, tree-lined streets, local businesses, seasonal flora and fauna and Ben Brenman Park on our doorstep, Cameron Station is eminently photographable. If you “love where you live,” share your neighborhood photos on the Cameron Station Instagram page! Be sure to: a) have a public profile, b) tag “Cameron

Station Community”, and c) use **#LoveWhereYouLive** in your photo caption. The Communications Committee will then share the pictures to the official community Instagram page! Demonstrate your neighborhood pride and photography skills while also highlighting our wonderful community on social media.



Book Clubs

Monday Night Bookball Book Club:

December: *The Sentence* by Louise Erdrich

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

Reading Between the Wines

December: *The Maid* by Nita Prose

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Restaurant Review: Panjshir – Home-Style Afghan Food

By Carla Besosa - Cameron Station Foodie

I would like to introduce you to my new favorite restaurant, **Panjshir**! This establishment has everything I look for in a restaurant. It's small, family-owned-and-operated, serves excellent food reasonably priced, and the staff is efficient and friendly. **Panjshir** offers authentic home-style Afghan dishes from Kabul.

The décor is upscale and inviting; the feeling is intimate and cozy. I've dined at **Panjshir** five times in the past two months, and everything I've ordered has been superb. Those dining with me were in agreement as to the flavor and quality of the food.



Start with one of the tasty appetizers (all very sharable). My favorite is the *Bulanee Gandana*, lightly fried turnovers filled with fresh scallions, herbs, minced beef and a seasoned yogurt sauce. Their *Mahsawa* is one of the best soups I've ever consumed and a perfect complement as outdoor temperatures drop. It's a hearty multi-bean soup topped with seasoned yogurt and a dash of mint.

The entrée list is plentiful, including eight vegetarian options. Seasonal changes appear, such as fall dishes made with fresh pumpkin. Whether you order chicken, beef, lamb or vegetables, your meal is prepared with expertise. My favorite, and litmus test for any Afghan restaurant, is the *Aushak*, dumplings filled with scallions in a seasoned yogurt and meat sauce. Delicious! The lamb dishes are quite popular and regularly recommended by the house. Check out this creative concoction - *Seib Chalow*, baked apples, light tomato sauce, Afghan prunes, walnuts and split peas with basmati.

The desserts all receive high marks, including the requisite *Baklava*. I select the *Gosh-E-Feel*, a light elephant ear pastry sprinkled with cardamom and pistachios. The Cardamom tea pairs well.

The overall Panjshir experience is satisfying in every respect. I think you'll be pleased...I can't wait to return!

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Winter Family Fun on Both Sides of the Potomac

By Gen Harrison-Doss

In 2022, the City of Alexandria was named one of the “Top Five Best Small Cities in the US” by Conde Nast Traveler, the world-famous travel magazine; and also one of the “30 Most Magical Christmas Towns Across the World” by Oprah. And it’s no surprise, as this area is charming, diverse and full of fun activities for families during winter.

After a very warm summer and fall, the temperatures have finally cooled, and it is time to take stock of all of the winter activities in our area and make some plans. The DMV area is packed full of events in December and January, but we’re focusing on two areas: Alexandria and the National Harbor, just across the Potomac in Maryland.

Alexandria:

Alexandria was founded in 1749, and the architecture in Old Town, spanning Colonial to Victorian to mid-century modern, is made even more special with Christmas décor added. One of the best times to visit Old Town is during the holidays to take in the many festivities and enjoy the beautiful views.

Old Town Alexandria is home to many dessert shops, including Jeni’s Splendid Ice Creams, Pop’s Old Fashioned Ice Cream Co., Lavender Moon Cupcakery, Kilwin’s, Alexandria Cupcake and many others. Grab your kiddos, get some sweet treats, bundle up and stroll through beautiful Old Town taking in the holiday buzz and excitement.



Pictures with Santa are always a fun experience for parents with young kids. Will your child embrace Santa or will they be terrified? It’s a roll of the dice. If you’d like to combine this experience with brunch and cocktails on several dates in December through the morning of Christmas Eve, Alexandria Restaurant Partners’ restaurants have a series of **Breakfast with Santa** events at three of their restaurants. Participating restaurants include *Ada’s on the River*, *Mia’s Italian Kitchen* and *Theismann’s Restaurant*. My family did this in 2021 and will do it again in 2022. It’s a very fun and relaxing way to get Santa pics with kids AND have cocktails in the morning!

Finally, on New Year’s Eve you can experience the New Year’s Eve festival called “**First Night Alexandria**.” Here you can ring in the new year with music, comedy and dance and then end the night with a fireworks show over the Potomac River at midnight. The festival lasts all day, so even if you can’t stay awake until midnight, there is plenty to take in earlier.

National Harbor:

Hop on the water taxi at the Old Town marina for a 20-minute ride across the Potomac and head over to the National Harbor area for “**Holidays at the Harbor**.” Throughout the month of December there are many free events, including a nightly tree lighting from sunset to 9pm, with a light show, fireworks and holiday music from the US Air Force Band.

The Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center also offers several activities for families as a part of their “**Christmas at Gaylord National**” programming. Their signature event is called “**ICE!**” and it’s back for 2022. This year, the ice sculptures feature scenes from the 1983 holiday classic “A Christmas Story.” Using more than two million pounds of ice, the sculptures go up to more than 20 feet in height and include lights and sounds. The immersive experience takes about 30 minutes to walk through, and it’s a chilly 9° Fahrenheit inside! Kids can also glide down a giant slide made of ice; go snow tubing; have snowball fights at the Gaylord National on Snow Flow Mountain (made from snowmaking machines); go ice skating; or just zoom around. There is also an area for photos with Santa and gingerbread house-making.

At the MGM National Harbor resort, there is a Cirque du Soleil-style Christmas show called **Cirque Dreams Holidayze**. On January 6 the dancers and competitors from ABC’s *Dancing with the Stars* come to the MGM Resort with their live tour. This family-friendly show features the most memorable dances from the program’s previous seasons and new, never-before-seen routines.

And finally, consider a visit to **Top Golf D.C. National Harbor**, in Oxon Hill, MD. The golf bays are climate-controlled so you can spend some time outside with your family in



comfort. There are HDTVs in each golf bay, so it is a great place to watch winter professional sports. Top Golf is ideal for parents and kids to play together, as there are clubs and games for all age ranges and abilities. If you have run out of things to do with your kids during the long winter school break, add Top Golf to your calendar!

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September



Nellie

October



Mookie

November



Rose

Another Bountiful Year for the Farmers Market

By Rubie Williams

What an amazing year for the West End Farmers Market!!!! We are so grateful that each year the market keeps growing and growing, thanks to all our wonderful vendors and this wonderful community that gives us such strong support.

This season brought many new vendors and many more buyers. In addition to our farmers delivering the freshest produce week after week, we were also able to bring in vendors who offered breakfast food, homemade juices, breads and pastries, fish, pork, hot sauces, BBQ, hummus, guacamole, popcorn, fresh flowers and so much more! We also featured vendors who make amazing crafts that everyone can enjoy, including ceramics, jewelry, candles, toys and clothes. And Tony the saxophone player returned for another year to entertain us. This market truly has something for everyone.

We love and cherish the Cameron Station community. Thank you for supporting us, please continue to be safe and we hope to see you all again next year at our even bigger and better West End Farmers Market.

Happy holidays from the Williams Family.

Editor's Note: We are so sorry to learn of the passing of Orlando Williams, beloved member of the Williams family. Orlando was often at the West End Farmers Market helping vendors and customers alike and even helping direct the traffic. He will be missed. Our deepest sympathy to the family.



Cameron Club New Access System – January 2023

Management is pleased to announce that the Cameron Club will have a new access system installed, which is tentatively scheduled to be operational beginning on January 1, 2023. Old data is currently being purged, and the transition to the new system will take place over the next few months. The process will require all residents of Cameron Station to obtain a new card/fob or, if you choose, you may obtain mobile credentials on an iPhone or Android phone to enter the building and use the shuttle bus.

In addition, nine (9) security cameras will be installed in and around the Cameron Club. Contractors will be working during the next few months to add necessary equipment and transition to the access system.

To provide for a smooth transition, additional information will be circulated about the access system, including a registration form to change from the current paper IDs, access cards, and fobs to the new options for accessing the Cameron Club and shuttle bus. Please hold all questions until such information has been provided.



Carla's Picks

By Carla Besosa

Alden Theater (McLean)
Dec. 18 Virginia Chamber Orchestra

Alexandria
Dec. 31 New Years Eve First Night Alexandria

Arena Stage (DC)
Jan. 13-Feb. 19 Ride the Cyclone

Atlas Performing Arts Center (DC)
Dec. 18 Annual Holiday Concert & Sing Along

Bethesda Blues & Jazz Club (Bethesda)
Dec. 18 Kirk Whalum & Take 6

Birchmere (Arlandria)
Dec. 22 A Very MAYSA Christmas
Dec. 30 Hank Williams Tribute
Jan. 8 Judy Collins

Blues Alley (Georgetown)
Dec. 13 Veronneau Holiday Extravaganza

Cameron Café
Dec. 21 Holiday Celebration with Lynn & Ken of Veronneau

Creative Cauldron (Falls Church)
Dec. 2-18 The Christmas Angel

Del Ray Artisans (Del Ray)
First three weekends in Dec. - Holiday Market

Dulles Expo Center (Chantilly)
Dec. 16-18 International Gem & Jewelry Show

Fords Theater (DC)
Nov. 18-Dec. 31 A Christmas Carol

Gaylord (National Harbor)
Nov. 20-Dec. 31 ICE!

GMU Center for the Arts (Fairfax)
Dec. 17-18 Fairfax Symphony Orchestra: Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker

The Hamilton (DC)
Dec. 23 Yellow Dubmarine

Holiday Events
Nov. 11-Jan. 8 Bull Run Festival of Lights - Bull Run Regional Park (Fairfax)
Nov. 11-Jan. 8 Winter Walk of Lights -Meadowlark Park (Vienna)
Nov. 11-Jan. 8 Ice & Lights Winter Village - Cameron Run (Alexandria)
Nov. 24-Jan. 2 Botanic Garden Season's Greetings (DC)
Dec. 23-24 Christmas Village at Leesburg Animal Park

Jammin' Java (Vienna)
Dec. 15 Dead Letter Office (R.E.M. Tribute)
Dec. 22-23 Todd Wright's 20th Annual Santa Clauster-f@#! Christmas Spectacular

Kennedy Center (DC)
Dec. 8-Jan. 22 Wicked
Dec. 15-18 Handel's Messiah
Dec. 13-Jan 8 A Soldier's Play
Dec. 17-18 A Candlelight Christmas

Little Theater of Alexandria (Old Town)
Dec. 3-17 Tiny Tim's Christmas Carol

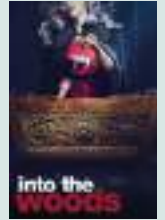
Miracle Theater (Washington Harbor)
Jan. 14 Vanessa Collier

Mount Vernon (Alexandria)
Nov. 25-Dec. 18 Mount Vernon by Candlelight Weekend
Dec. 16-17 Christmas Illuminations at Mount Vernon

National Theater (DC)
Dec. 16-18 A Magical Cirque Christmas
Jan. 11-22 Cats

Round House Theatre (Bethesda)
Nov. 23-Jan. 11 The Tempest

Signature Theater (Shirlington)
Nov. 8-Jan. 29 Into the Woods
Dec. 6-Jan. 22 Which Way to the Stage



State Theater (Falls Church)
Dec. 12 Double Vision - Foreigner Tribute

St. Elmo's (Del Ray)
Dec. 18 Janna & Rob

Strathmore Music Center (Bethesda)
Dec. 14 Ballet Theatre of Ukraine: Swan Lake
Dec. 19-22 The Hip Hop Nutcracker

Theater J (DC)
Dec. 6-18 The Pianist of Willesden Lane

Warner Theater (DC)
Nov. 25-Dec. 30 Nutcracker - Washington Ballet

Woolly Mammoth (DC)
Nov. 16-Dec. 23 Just For Us

Trash and Recycling Collection Schedule

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

- Memorial Day
July 4th
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day
- New Year's Day

When these holidays occur on pick-up days, your trash will be picked up on the next regularly scheduled day.



Trash Removal Restrictions

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

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

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Amaretto or Bailey’s). And I am excited to report that soup is back! A new Salmon Bagel is surfacing, and sandwich selections will be revamped.

Cameron Café is using a new small batch coffee vendor, Caffe Amouri Artisan Roasters. Try the Badlands French Roast and the Blue Ridge Blend. Customers can also purchase coffee beans by the bag, whole or ground to desired specification.

Dayan plans to continue with occasional events and entertainment. He has sponsored fundraisers for Carpenter’s Shelter and ALIVE!. Live music pops up every now and then with Back Alley Blues Boys, Lynn & Ken of Veronneau and Cameron Station’s own Gerry Hebert. He

invites you to come watch World Cup Soccer with your neighbors. Dayan had a Beer Tasting for his patrons and there are plans for a future Wine Tasting (now we’re talking my language!).

When asked what they liked about Cameron Café, some of the regulars stated, “It’s consistently welcoming”; “I always see familiar faces”; “I meet new people from many cultures.”

I asked Dayan if he had a message that he would like to share with the neighborhood. He smiled and simply said “Yes...thank you.”

Cameron Café t-shirts are available for \$15 each (S/M/L/XL).

Advertising & Article Policies & Procedures

Advertising:

The *Compass* newsletter is published bimonthly (except July/August) and distributed to approximately 1,800 residences, provided to our community businesses for customer access and displayed on the Cameron Station website. Advertising space is filled on a first-come, first-served basis, and the ads published in each issue are solely at the discretion of the newsletter staff or Communications Committee. **Only one ad per advertiser per issue is permitted. Ads must be submitted NO EARLIER than the 15th of the month preceding issue date and no later than the 30th, or the 28th in February (see box).** Payment must accompany all ads. Artwork must be camera-ready in JPEG or TIFF format: 65 line screen or 300 dpi. ELECTRONIC SUBMISSIONS ARE PREFERRED. Ads appear in black/white in printed copies; but are displayed in color on the website and in the electronic version. Estimated (not guaranteed) time of delivery is first or second week of the second month of issue date (e.g., first two weeks of February for January/February issue).

Articles:

Any submissions for publication must include the writer’s name, address and phone number and must be received by the **30th of the month preceding issue date** (see box). Articles are to be factual and of public interest and emailed to thecompass@cameronstation.org. The newsletter staff, Communications Committee or Board of Directors reserves the right to edit submissions, determine in their discretion that the newsletter is “full” or deem any content inappropriate. Photographs submitted will be returned to sender if accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Submission Deadlines

January/February	December 30
March/April	February 28
May/June	April 30
September/October	August 30
November/December.....	October 30

Advertising Rates:

- 1/4 page (3.5” x 4.5”) - \$150
- 1/8 page (3.5” x 2”) - \$125

Classified Ads

- (Limit 35 words)
- Resident - \$5
- Non-resident - \$25
- Lost & Found, Carpool, etc. – Free

Checks should be payable to Cameron Station Community Association and sent with camera-ready artwork to *The Compass*, 200 Cameron Station Boulevard, Alexandria, VA 22304. Artwork may be emailed to admin@cameronstation.org.

Note: The included advertisements, articles or references to websites of third parties do not indicate an endorsement by Cameron Station Community Association, Inc. and are not verified for accuracy. *The Compass* will not be responsible for poor ad reproduction due to the quality of the material provided by advertisers.

Bargain-hunters Come to the Neighborhood

Neighbors of all ages peddled their wares in mid-September at the semi-annual Cameron Station Garage Sale. It was a success for everyone involved!



Cameron Station
LUMINARY NIGHT
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DECEMBER 24

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