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Another Wonderful Annual Eggstravaganza



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Activities and Events Committee

By Andy Yang

The Activities and Events committee kicked off the year with its second annual St. Patrick's Day themed trivia night. About 50 people attended the event, which consisted of trivia questions, beer, wine and snacks. The top three teams were awarded gift cards for their knowledge and teamwork in answering the most questions correctly. It was a fun event and we hope to plan more in the future.

The annual Egg Hunt was held on Saturday, April 8, 2023, in the Donovan Drive/Kilburn Street pocket park. Besides the main egg hunt for various age groups, the event included coffee, hot chocolate and donuts, live bunny petting and a visit from the Spring Bunny. New to this year was the hunt for the golden egg. Each age group was given the opportunity to find a golden egg, which would then be exchanged for a jumbo grand prize egg filled with goodies. A special thanks goes to the additional volunteers who helped make this event a success.

As we continue to plan more activities throughout the year, please check the Friday email blasts or follow Cameron Station on social media to be in the know for future events.

The Communications Committee

By Tricia Hemel

The Communications Committee and its subcommittees have been busy this spring! We are excited to announce that the community branding is complete and the updated website will launch this summer. We have also welcomed a total of 52 new residents to Cameron Station this year, and our Welcome Subcommittee continues to make them feel at home.

Our volunteer photographers have been capturing memorable community moments, and we encourage you to follow us on social media for updates. You can find us on Facebook: [@CameronStationCA](#), Twitter: [@CameronStation](#), and Instagram: [@CameronStationCommunity](#). Don't forget to like and follow us!

We extend our appreciation to the Newsletter Subcommittee for their outstanding work in producing another edition of *The Compass*. This newsletter aims to highlight uplifting and positive community news, events and our remarkable neighbors who contribute to the liveliness and character of our vibrant community. We hope you enjoy this issue!

If you would like to contribute to any of the projects mentioned above or have suggestions for improving communication in our community, please reach out to us at communications@cameronstation.org. We appreciate your support in keeping our community connected and informed!

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Cameron Club Facilities Committee

By Ray Celeste

The pool season is upon us!

Pool Hours:

- Sunday - Saturday, 10:30am - 8:30pm
- The last 10 minutes of each hour, the pool is dedicated for lap swimming. If a swim lesson is in progress, that lesson can continue during this period.

Additional activities surrounding the use of the pool:

(1) Lap Swimming: Any resident who can swim laps is welcome to participate.

- Permitted hours:
- Monday - Friday, 6am - 8am
- The last 10 minutes of each hour, 10:30am - 8:30pm

(2) Aqua Aerobics: Saturdays, starting June 3, 9am - 10am

(3) Swim Lessons: AquaMobile is the sole source for swimming lessons during the Summer of 2023.

- Dates of Instruction: Tuesday, May 30 - Friday, September 1.
- Permitted Hours: Monday - Thursday - 10:30am - 8:30pm; Friday: 10:30am - 5pm.
- Weekends and holidays are not open for swim lessons
- Residents in need of this service are required to sign up/contract with AquaMobile at <https://register.aquamobileswim.com/provider/cameron-station-1>.

Swim lessons will be conducted by an AquaMobile team member, and this service is permitted to occur during this time. Lessons can only be provided to residents currently living at Cameron Station within their access to the facilities, outlined in the Cameron Club Operating Rules and Procedures (Section 1, page 3).



All residents must have a facilities ID pass to access the pool. As we are transitioning to a new access system, any current or previous Cameron Station facilities ID will suffice. Additionally, you must present the 2023 Facilities Guest Pass for guests. To obtain an ID pass or guest pass, please contact the office at admin@cameronstation.org. Alcohol is not permitted at the pool.

Please note: The fitness center hours are extended to 8:30pm on Saturday and Sundays to mirror the pool hours.

Please also take note that we have 10 complimentary classes taught by outstanding instructors. One of them or more may be a good fit for you and/or a family member to consider.

If you have questions about fitness, please see our outstanding fitness instructor Psy Scott at cameronclubfitness@gmail.com.

Many thanks to our great management team, Steve Philbin and Angel Robles, for the execution of some major capital improvement projects. These projects included painting of the clubhouse/fitness center, a new floor for the fitness center and a new access and security systems. These projects have been decades in the making, and funding was set aside via our reserves.

As always none of this would have been possible without the support of the CCFC members and our outstanding Board members.

“The body achieves what the mind believes.” *Anonymous*

Common Area Committee

By Don Williams and Kathy McCollom

The Common Area Committee (CAC) is pleased to welcome new member Justin Newsome, who officially joined the CAC in April. The committee now has a full complement of members.

Summer flowers have been planted in common areas at the Duke Street entrance, around the gazebo circle and around the Cameron Club. The committee has begun its monthly walk-throughs to review the condition of common areas and look for problem spots. Walks are held in the morning on the third Thursday of each month through September, as long as it isn't raining. You'll see us out and about with Management and Lancaster Landscapes.

Ongoing projects include replacing trees in decline, addressing drainage and erosion needs and performing turf restoration in common areas. As much of our community's original landscaping ages, the committee continues to replace declining vegetation and restore our pocket parks and common areas. The CAC has provided input to the upcoming community reserve study in order to budget for future long-term common area needs.

In mid-May, after nominations were submitted, committee members were judges for the annual Pride of Ownership contest. Areas judged included overall appearance/design

impact, planting choices, clean edges (no weeds), pruned trees and shrubs and turf condition. Winners received prizes from area businesses.

The best time to prune many varieties of blooming bushes is right after bloom time. This includes the azaleas that are common in our community. Please make sure bushes and plants do not encroach on sidewalks.

Please contact management if you notice an area of concern in our community's common areas, including uneven bricks on sidewalks, dead trees or burned-out streetlights. Management maintains a list of ongoing maintenance tasks and can help route items to the appropriate party. We depend on reports from residents to help address issues promptly. Thank you for helping us keep Cameron Station beautiful!

Architectural Review Committee

By Stephen Pearson

With spring well under way, residents typically begin to plan improvements to their yard. Don't forget that all substantial yard improvements must conform to the guidelines established in the Design and Maintenance Standards (DMS) and must be approved by the ARC **before** you begin construction. When submitting your application, always include a scope of work from your contractor (or yourself if this is a DIY project) describing hardscape materials, plant species and their locations and most importantly an overhead drawing of the proposed design in relation to your property lines. If the improvements you're considering come close to your property line, the DMS requires that applications to the ARC include a site survey/plat describing the boundaries of your property. A plat is usually included with your settlement documents when you purchase your property.

Another type of application we're seeing a lot of recently is window and glass door replacements. Always include a scope of work describing the style and exterior color of all your replacement windows, including depictions of mullions and whether you plan to use half or full screens. Pictures of the existing windows you are replacing are always very helpful to the committee. If you are replacing a patio or deck door, include the exterior color, a depiction of the mullions and a description of the door's hardware design and color.

The ARC strongly encourages homeowners to appear before the committee to discuss their applications and answer questions. We are still meeting via Zoom, so attending is easier than ever. Always begin planning for your exterior modifications by consulting the DMS. Make sure your DMS copy says, "Effective September 16, 2021." All previous versions are now invalid. The forms you will need to submit (the Exterior Modification Application, Private Tree Replacement Application and approved color and shingle lists) along with the latest version of the DMS are located here: cameronstation.org/our-neighborhood/board-committees/architectural-review-committee/covenants. If you have any questions about the process, which changes require an application, or wish to submit your completed application, contact: covenants@cameronstation.org

Financial Advisory Committee

By Takis Taousakis

We are getting ready to complete a financial review of our reserve study, so now is a good time to be reminded of the basic functions of these studies:

What Is a Reserve Study?

A Reserve Study is a capital I budget planning tool used to determine the physical status and repair or replacement cost of capital components and an analysis of an association's funding capacity to maintain, repair and replace capital components (no improvements or enhancements to be included here).

- It is not a spending plan.
- It is not a prescription for the community.
- It provides a rational basis for budget planning.

Reserve Study Requirements

- Conduct a reserve study "*at least once every five years.*"
- Review reserve study results "*at least annually to determine if reserves are sufficient.*"
- Make any adjustments deemed necessary to maintain reserves.

Performing the Financial Review of the Reserve Study

Each committee reviews the most recent reserve study and looks for any missing items or items that need their estimates revisited. Examples for 2023 are:

- Fire hydrant replacement and painting was assumed to be part of the city's responsibilities. We were informed that this is the community responsibility, so this item needs to be added to the reserve study.
- The replacement cost of the fitness equipment was not calculated correctly, so we will revise this cost to reflect actual incurred costs.
- We needed to add ADA (American with Disabilities Act) compliant doors to the Cameron Club. These were never in the reserve study (oversight).

Some items in the reserve study were performed earlier than planned, and some can be postponed to a later date than that shown in the reserve study.

- Management collects all the information, reviews the information with the FAC and the Board and sends a package to the reserve company.
- The reserve engineer takes this information (no physical inspection or presence on the site) and uses their methodology (cost estimates and service lives, funding analysis) to update the reserve study.
- Management, the FAC and the Board review the updated study.

When the study is finalized, the results are communicated to the community.

Neighbors in the News

Gerry Hebert Recognized for Decades of Volunteerism

By Pat Sugrue

Many of you know our neighbor, Gerry Hebert. He and his wife Victoria are original owners, having moved into Cameron Station in 1999. You may know that shortly after move-in they created Martini Monday, where so many neighbors met and formed friendships that still flourish today. And that they were co-owners of Food Matters, the first restaurant to fill the space now occupied by IndoChen. And that the Cameron Club Great Room is named for Victoria, one of the first two residents to serve on the Board of Directors when our community was still run by the developer.

But I'm guessing most of us had no idea about Gerry's decades-long service not just to the residents of Cameron Station, but to the citizens of the City of Alexandria, particularly through his work with ALIVE!, one of Alexandria's most effective and important charities.

In April, Gerry received the *Joan White Grassroots Volunteer Service Award* from Volunteer Alexandria in recognition of his work with ALIVE!. This award is given to volunteers who have selflessly committed time, energy and skills to help



organizations further their missions. Gerry was presented the award by Cameron Station neighbor Mary Eileen Dixon, a long-time supporter of ALIVE! and currently president of ALIVE!'s Board of Directors. Mary Eileen spoke of Gerry's continuous commitment to ALIVE! and its mission of helping Alexandrians in need, from his serving as president and long-time development chair, to spending countless hours delivering furniture and housewares to those in need, to his most recent project...stepping in at the last moment to open ALIVE!'s first Food Hub in the Van Dorn Shopping Center. Thanks to its success, Food Hub #2 is now underway, and yes, Gerry is as involved as ever.

As his friends will attest, Gerry is a marvelous raconteur. His acceptance speech at the awards ceremony was masterful – the audience was captivated not just by his rhetorical skill but by his recounting of his varied experiences with ALIVE!. Gerry described his first time delivering furniture to a family who had no furniture at all - they were sleeping on towels on the floor. When his team finished outfitting the apartment, the mother sobbed, hugged Gerry and said she had prayed for a guardian angel and here he was. As Gerry explained:

"It's hard to put into words when you see people who have lost hope, or feel like they have been forgotten, finally receive things that not only restore their dignity but also connect them to people who give them love and hope. You can see it in their eyes: the spark of life, hope for a better tomorrow for them and their children and meeting their neighbors like me who genuinely cared about them. I was hooked."

Thanks in part to Gerry's influence, ALIVE! has been able to count on a number of Cameron Station residents to help their mission. Neighbor Ken Naser had already served as president of ALIVE!, but after he retired, Gerry convinced



Gerry is no stranger to fighting the good fight, and he is now in another as he battles brain cancer. His friend and neighbor, Carla Besosa, wrote this poem to remind him that once again he will come out a winner.

ONWARD

By Carla Besosa

Armed with steely resolve
He charges into battle.
His armor has been fitted,
He's strapped into his saddle.

Off to slay the dragon
With keenly sharpened blade,
The enemy will quiver,
The pending threat will fade.

"Onward!" is the battle cry
And forward is the path.
The power of momentum
Trumps the enemy's wrath.

Support will thrust him steady on,
He's fully armed with love
From everyone he's ever met
Plus those from up above.

The battlefield is full of mines
The enemy's in sight,
As angels watch and referee
This man can win the fight!

him to become its first executive director. Gerry also recruited his 90-year-old mother to replace him on the furniture committee, and Addie liked it so well she worked on the housewares committee, too. Her Cameron Station buddy Ron Loveng was often helping by her side, and had they not both passed away a few years ago, they would probably have added the Food Hubs to their repertoire.

Gerry credits his law practice – which focused on civil rights, especially voting rights – with giving him great experience crafting messages to help those in need. He also learned

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

much from civil rights icons he represented or met over the years, including Congressman John Lewis, Rosa Parks, Coretta Scott King, Julian Bond and Thurgood Marshall.

"What they taught me was something so powerful and so moving: 'The agony of the poor impoverishes the rich; the betterment of the poor enriches the rich; I am inevitably my brother's keeper because I am my brother's brother and my sister's brother. What benefits one directly, benefits us all indirectly.'"

The award winners did not receive plaques, but rather they were each given a tree to be planted on Earth Day. Gerry's is a white oak, which he and Victoria and daughter Greta planted on Holmes Run Trail near CVS. Asked to say a few words at the planting, Gerry said:

"Love is like a tree. It grows on its own accord. It puts down deep roots into our whole being."

Thank you, Gerry, for the love and roots you have put down in Cameron Station. We congratulate you on your much deserved award.

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The West End Farmers Market: A Favorite Summer Activity

By Donna Kenley

The West End Farmers Market opened its season early on April 9, 2023, and featured over 50 vendors. Crowds of visitors roamed our local farmer's market and found there was "something for everyone." Rubie Williams, Market Manager, explained that "four family members have co-owned and operated the market since 2018." Her son, Dawnta Million, remarked that "The market provides farm-fresh foods directly to our community. This creates an opportunity for small businesses to expand their networks and to bridge different cultures through the venue of food." One word describes the Farmer's Market: "Remarkable!" Its diverse food choices provide a gastronomic treat! As I walked the market, I enjoyed a breakfast wrap, guacamole and chips, a BBQ pork sandwich, a strawberry lemonade, cookies, coffee, tea and finally an ice cream cone dipped in chocolate.

The market's 50-plus vendors represent an array of products, including: Farm-fresh produce; orchard fruits; garden flowers and plants; gourmet cheeses, yogurts, jams, pickles and local honey; fresh baked bread and pastry delights; gourmet products (olive oil, spice rubs, sauces and chocolates); fresh lemonade, BBQ, empanadas, guacamole, breakfast wraps and locally made sausages and bacon; food trucks (specialty coffees and ice cream); and various crafts and jewelry items. Also, local musicians and dancers often entertain while you shop. This year many new vendors joined the market. Since I have a dog diva named "Baby," I was fascinated by the "pet-friendly" atmosphere which showcased Teddy's Turmeric Tamer to keep pets healthy, and the Walking Paws Boutique to outfit best-dressed pooches. I enjoy a good mystery, so, I



was attracted to Old Town Mysteries where I had my book, *Dangerfield Island*, signed by local writer, John Wasowicz.

Come spend the morning at the West End Farmers Market (pooches are welcome, too) and enjoy breakfast or lunch while you shop for unique gifts. The West End Farmers Market is located in the southern parking lot at 4800 Ben Brenman Park and is open every Sunday through November 19, 2023, from 8:30am to 1pm. For more information, go to westendfarmersmarket.org or contact Rubie Williams at 703-606-0503.



Only If You Missed Our Own Sunday Farmers' Market!

By Pat Sugrue

If you read the article on the West End Farmers Market, you'll agree that it's the best in town! But if you miss it, just can't get there some Sunday, and can't live without fresh farm produce 'til the next Sunday rolls around, here are some local farmers markets held on other days.

Tuesdays

Crystal City FRESHFARM Farmers Market

333 Long Bridge Dr., Arlington

Tuesdays from April–November, 3-7pm

Wednesdays

McCutcheon/Mount Vernon Farmers Market

2501 Sherwood Hall Ln., Alexandria

Wednesdays from April 19–December 20, 8am-noon

Rosslyn FRESHFARM Farmers Market

1800 N. Lynn St., Arlington

Wednesdays from May–October, 3-7pm

Wakefield Farmers Market

Wakefield Park 8100 Braddock Rd., Annandale

Wednesdays from May 3–October 25, 2-6pm

Thursdays

Annandale Farmers Market

Mason District Park, 6621 Columbia Pike, Annandale

Thursday from May–November, 8am-noon

Ballston FRESHFARM Market

901 N. Taylor St., Arlington

Thursdays from April–November, 3-7pm



Fridays

Kingstowne Farmers Market

5844-5862 Kingstowne Ctr., Alexandria

Fridays from May 5–October 27, 3-7pm

Saturdays

Del Ray Farmers Market

203 E. Oxford Ave., Alexandria

Saturdays, 8am-noon

Old Town Farmers Market

301 King St., Alexandria

Saturdays, 7am-noon

Springfield FRESHFARM Farmers Market

6699 Spring Mall Dr., Springfield

Saturdays from May–December, 10am-2pm

Curious What's in Season Here in Virginia?

By Gen Harrison-Doss

If you are not sure what is in season locally throughout the year, consider checking out the “Virginia Produce Calendar” on the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services website. There you can explore month-by-month when more than 30 fruits and vegetables are in season here in Virginia.

For example, June through July, beets, cabbage, blueberries, cucumbers, green beans, and squash are in season. In July delicious stone fruits like nectarines and peaches are at their peak. And for those like me, who love a caprese salad with gorgeous, ripe heirloom tomatoes, July is their time to shine. Happy eating!

Link: <https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/pdf/producechart.pdf>



Carla's Picks

By Carla Besosa

Anacostia Arts Center (DC)
Jul 5-30 *Breakthrough*

Arena Stage (DC)
May 5-Jun. 25 *Exclusion*
July 19-Aug. 27 *Cambodian Rock Band*

Atlas Performing Arts Center (DC)
May 31-Jun. 11 *Solas Nua: The Humours of Bandon*
Jun. 21-Jul. 2 *A Raisin in the Sun*

Bethesda Blues & Jazz Club (Bethesda)
May 27 Walter Beasley
Jun. 3 Prince Tribute
Jun. 9 Norman Brown
Jun. 24 Deniece Williams
Jul. 16 Motown Review

Birchmere (Arlandria)
May 20 Najee
Jun. 2 Natalie MacMaster & Donnell Leahy
Jun. 4 Leonid & Friends - Chicago Tribute Band
Jun. 22 Justin Hayward (from Moody Blues) feat. Mike Dawes
Jun. 23 "The Voices" - Tribute to Motown
Jun. 30 The Songs of Burt Bacharach & Hal David
Jul. 6-7 Michael Franks
Jul. 9 Acoustic Alchemy
Jul. 22 Who's Bad - Michael Jackson Tribute
Jul. 29 Maysa

Blues Alley (Georgetown/DC)
May 23 Veronneau: Blue Tapestry
May 30 Veronneau: Deep Cuts
Jun. 15-18 Kirk Whalum
Jul. 14-16 Alex Bugnon

Capital One Arena (DC)
Jul. 7 Alicia Keys
Jul. 13 Erykah Badu
Jul. 28 Drake
Aug. 4 Sam Smith

Capital One Hall (Tysons)
May 26 *Madagascar the Musical*
Jun. 8 *Swan Lake*
Jul. 28 Travis Tritt
Aug. 3 Oak Ridge Boys

Creative Cauldron (Falls Church)
May 11-Jun. 4 *Audrey*
Jun. 30-Aug. 19 Summer Cabaret Series

Del Ray Artisans Gallery (Del Ray)
Jun. 2 Opening Reception: American Patchwork
Aug. 4 Opening Reception: Treasures of the DMV

Dulles Expo Center (Chantilly)
May 19-21 International Gem & Jewelry Show
Jul. 29-30 D.C. Big Flea & Antiques Market
Aug. 18-20 International Gem & Jewelry Show

Fillmore Theater (Silver Spring)
Jun. 21 Bebe Rexha

1st Stage Theater (Tysons)
Jun. 8-25 *The Last Match*

Foxfire Grill (Alexandria)
3rd Saturday of each month: Wine Tasting Paired with Chef's Small Plates

The Hamilton (DC)
Jun. 11 Illusions Drag Brunch
Jul. 9 Bettye LaVette
Aug. 6 Joan Osborne

Howard Theater (DC)
Jul. 14 Dancing Queen: ABBA Glitter Disco

Jammin Java (Vienna)
Jun. 9 Lucy Kaplansky
Jun. 18 All You Need is Beatles (tribute)
Jul. 7 The Fabulous Djaltones

Kennedy Center (DC)
Jun. 9 Ben Folds
Jun. 14 Anoushka Shankar
Jun. 26 Pat Metheny
Jun. 27 Herbie Hancock
Jun. 30-Jul. 1 Natalie Merchant
Jun. 22-29 The Lion King
Jun. 27-Jul. 16 *1776 The Musical*

Little Theater of Alexandria (Old Town)
Jun. 3-24 *The Nacirema Society Requests the Honor of Your Presence at a Celebration of Their First One Hundred Years*

MGM Theater (National Harbor)
Jun. 6-7 Bruno Mars
Jun. 22 Gladys Knight
Jun. 27 Chicago
Jul. 6 Boyz II Men
Jul. 20 Peter Frampton
Jul. 26 Santana
Jul. 30 Penn & Teller

Mount Vernon (Alexandria)
Jun. 9-10 Mount Vernon Summerfest
Jun.30-Jul.1 Fireworks
Jul. 4 An American Celebration

National Harbor (P.G. Co.)
Movies on the Potomac: Jun. 3, 10, 17 & 24

National Theater (DC)
Jun. 6-18 *Hadestown*

Providence Players (Falls Church)
Jun. 9-24 *Don't Dress for Dinner*

Round House Theater (Silver Spring)
Jun. 7-Jul. 2 *August Wilson's Radio Golf*
Jul. 7-Aug. 13 *Fela!*

Signature Theater (Shirlington)
May 16-Jul. 9 *Sweeny Todd*
Jun. 27- Jul. 9 *Soul Divas Reprise*

The State Theater (Falls Church)
Jun. 2 Dave Matthews Tribute Band
Jun. 3 The Stranger (Billy Joel Tribute)
Jul. 1 Bad Animals (Tribute to Heart)
Jul. 13 Spyro Gyra
Aug. 4 Greggie & the Jets (Tribute to Elton John)

St. Elmo's Coffee Pub (Del Ray)
May 28, Jun. 25 & Aug. 27 Janna Audey

The Strathmore Music Center (Bethesda)
Jun. 1 BSO: Latin Fire
Jun. 4 National Philharmonic: Hailstork's 5th & Carmina Burana
Jun. 15 AngeliQue Kidjo
Jun. 19 Step Afrika!: Step Xplosion

Synetic Theater (Crystal City)
Jul. 14-Aug. 13 *Cyrano de Bergerac*

Theater J (DC)
Jun. 7-Jul. 2 *One Jewish Boy*

Warner Theater (DC)
Jun. 2 Billy Porter
Jun. 24 Melody Gardot
Aug. 25 Joss Stone

Wolf Trap (Vienna)
Jun. 2-3 John Legend
Jun. 7 Indigo Girls
Jun. 11 Buddy Guy
Jun. 14-15 Kenny Loggins
Jun. 21 Straight No Chaser
Jun. 22 Steve Miller Band
Jun. 27-28 Tedeschi Trucks Band
Jul. 1 Diana Ross
Jul. 19 Boney James & Lalah Hathaway

Woolly Mammoth (DC)
May 29-Jun. 25 *Incendiary*

And Another Thing...

(newsy notions & other fun facts)

The Preakness runs May 20; the Belmont Stakes runs Jun. 10.

Roland Garros/French Open: May 28-Jun. 11.

Wimbledon: Jul. 3-16 (Pet Peeve: There's to "d" in Wimbledon!)

Northern Virginia Magazine Pizza Madness winner is Stracci (Hume Ave, Del Ray); 2nd is Lena's (Del Ray, Braddock & Mount Vernon). Other contenders include Andy's Pizza (Old Town) & Pupatella (Glebe).

Open Table Diner's Choice picks near us:

- Best Brunch: Matt & Tony's, Della J's Delectables

- Neighborhood Gems: Del Ray Café, Vaso's Kitchen, A La Lucia, Della J's Delectables
- Most Booked: Ada's on the River, Virtue Feed & Grain
- Best Value: RT's

FREE CONCERTS at area parks throughout the summer! Check Internet postings for concerts at Mason District Park, Ossian Hill Park, Lake Accotink Park, Royal Lake, Old Town Square, Grist Mill Park, Cherry Hill Park, Lee District Park & Burke Lake Park.

New & Coming Soon

Hot Lola's Chicken has replaced Granddaddy's Skillet in Pinecrest Plaza.

CasAmigo replaced Lima Bistro & Bar, which replaced Savio's in Van Dorn Station.

Dos Hermanos will replace Elo's Italian in Del Ray at Monroe & Commonwealth.

Ted's Bulletin coming to Carlyle neighborhood. Lady Camellia Pastry & Tea Room open on the Old Town Waterfront.

Gostov Boulangerie & Brasserie (French Bistro) to open in Del Ray at 2213 Mount Vernon Ave.

Thompson Italian replaced Hank's Oyster Bar in Old Town.

Elaine's Modern Mediterranean replaced Bilbo Baggins on Queen St in Old Town.

District Biscuit open in the north end of Del Ray.

Smyrna Restaurant open on Telegraph Rd.

Linjee Thai replaced Rice & Spice in Landmark Plaza.

What am I Listening to?

40 Fingers

What am I Reading?

Nothing...I'm too busy with the Compass!

Congratulations to the Winners of the Annual Pride of Ownership Contest!



Cameron Station Blvd.



Martin Lane



Tancreti Lane



Bessley Place

AKENO Sushi Bar & Thai Restaurant

By Carla Besosa - Cameron Station Foodie



Photo courtesy of AKENO

This new funky little place is delightful! As soon as I entered AKENO, I felt this was going to be a positive experience! Though the space is small (I prefer to say “cozy” or “intimate”), this venue is big on personality. It’s creatively appointed with festive colors and a touch of “retro”, with the vintage-style upholstered chairs in the foyer. Located in Pinecrest Plaza, AKENO is a quick 7-minute drive from Cameron Station.

As the menu is sizable, I recommend perusing it online beforehand to get your bearings. With fifteen categories of offerings, give yourself a head start. Order a cocktail (or mocktail) while contemplating your selections. AKENO has some of the most artistic libations I’ve ever seen. The *Matcha Sour* is prepared with Suntory, toki, matcha, lemon, yuzu, honey and syrup; it’s a lovely chartreuse with designs in the froth. The *AKENO-Tini* combines Tito’s, sake, cointreau, yuzu and lychee liquor and sports a pinkish hue. A beautiful fresh flower often tops one’s fancy beverage.

We began with a variety of sharable starters. *The Crab Rangoon* and *Hamachi Kama* (grilled yellowtail collar with warm ponzu sauce) paved the way for courses to follow. Explore the *Sashimi Tasting*, Chef’s choice of 6 fresh sashimi. It’s fun to just keep ordering and sharing. The *EbiHotate* (grilled, shrimp-wrapped scallops), *Tobiko* (flying fish row), *Madai* (Japanese snapper), *Sake Maki* (salmon roll), *Spider Roll* (soft-shell crab & avocado) and *AKENO Plate* (Chef-selected combination) are but a few of the possibilities.

Not a sushi eater; no problem. Check out the *Ramen Noodles* and traditional Thai entrees. We shared *AKENO Fried Rice* (with shrimp, crab, egg, onion & scallions). I had the best *Pad See Eew* ever. Also available are *Pad Thai*, *Panang Curry*, *Kaprow Beef*, *Tonkatsu Pork*, *Salt & Pepper Shrimp* and more. We finished with *Mango Sticky Rice* and smiles on our faces.

When asked what they liked about AKENO, my dining compadres replied that it was “simultaneously elegant and zen, while remaining authentically true to the origins of the Japanese and Thai cuisine. The freshness, texture and presentation were superb, with incredible attention to detail.”

AKENO is definitely a fun destination! They have a small patio as well. I was also quite pleased with their Happy Hour featuring discounted drinks and small plates (I couldn’t get enough of the *Shrimp Dumplings*). The staff is friendly and knowledgeable. The patrons are all having fun! That’s certainly a good sign!

A special thank you to neighbors Janis, Mike, Jackie & Keith who helped advise, particularly on matters of sushi.

AKENO Sushi Bar & Thai Restaurant

6550-F Little River
Turnpike
Pinecrest Plaza
Alexandria, VA 22312
571-378-1217

www.akenosushibar.com

Hours

Monday-Friday
11:30am-3pm, 4-10pm
Saturday-Sunday
11:30am-10pm

Bar

Full

Catering Available

Yes

HC Access

Yes

(though small space)

Parking

Lot

Reservations

Yes

(highly recommended)

Renters, We Value Your Participation!

By Pat Sugrue

Renters in Cameron Station are a valuable and vibrant part of our community—but they don't always feel that way. [GT1]We'd like to correct the notion that only homeowners are invited to participate in community life.

The only restriction on renters is regarding voting rights. To be a member of the Cameron Station Community Association (CSCA) and be able to vote on issues that affect the CSCA, you must be a homeowner, and your assessments must be paid and up to date. Renters may not be voting members of a CSCA committee, nor may renters vote for board members at the Annual Meeting. But those are the only restrictions.

Renter participation in all Cameron Station activities and events is welcome and needed. Renters may join any subcommittee, such as *The Compass* newsletter or the Website, Public Relations or Welcome subcommittees of the Communications Committee. With permission of the

committee chairs, you may become an auxiliary member of any committee—Activities & Events, Architectural Review, Common Area, Communications, Cameron Club Facilities or Financial Advisory—offering your time and talents but just not voting. The Activities & Events Committee is especially in need of auxiliary members, both renters and homeowners, who can help plan events and lend a hand during them.

Printed copies of *The Compass* newsletter are mailed only to homeowners (who now must specifically request this format), but all renters and owners are entitled to an electronic copy. Additionally, each issue is posted on our website, www.cameronstation.org. And we encourage all renters, as well as homeowners, to sign up at the management office for weekly email blasts.

Our apologies to any renter who may have felt less than a full member of our community. We're glad you're here, and we look forward to getting to know you.

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.



Another Great Spring CS Yard Sale!



Beat the Heat: Indoor Play Spaces to Stay Cool with Kids this Summer

By Gen Harrison-Doss

The summer weather in Northern Virginia in May and June can range from the mid-70s to the high 80s plus humidity, and depending on your kiddo's tolerance for heat, you may need indoor activities to take a break from the summer sun.

As you prepare for summer fun, keep this list handy for days when it's too hot to be outside. I included a variety of play spaces appropriate for all ages – from infants to adults. And once summer is over, save the list for long, cold winter days too!

Alexandria:

GetAir is an indoor trampoline gym for toddlers, kids and teens – and adults can jump too! There is a special “Kiddie Court” for kids under 46 inches, with trampolines and a foam pit just for the littlest jumpers. Kids can also play in the giant foam pit with a rope swing or play slamball (basketball hoop with trampolines). My son's favorite part of GetAir is their “ninja course” – a series of obstacles where kids can pretend they're on the tv show *American Ninja Warrior*. It is an inclusive space too – on the first Saturday of each month there is a special block of time for jumpers with special needs.

KidCreate Studio is a lovely place where kids who enjoy art can take weekly classes, camps and workshops that are age specific and are tailored to provide each student with the curriculum that suits them best. KidCreate has unique art classes curated by age groups, ranging from 2.5 years to 12 years.

Go Scramble is an indoor play area ideal for infants, toddlers and young kids, with separate play spaces for all. There is a fun role-play area, where kids can transform into race car drivers, café baristas, veterinarians, policemen and construction workers. There is also a “sports court” free play area for all ages where parents can join in the play.

Pump It Up is an indoor bounce house play area that my six-year-old son loves. He's been to several birthday parties there, as well as day camps over summer and winter break. In addition to camps and birthday parties, Pump It Up does “open jump” days and even Parents Night Out!

Sportrock is a climbing gym for both adults and kids. The minimum age to climb is five, so parents of young kids should be cognizant of the age limits. Sportrock does classes, birthday parties and lock-ins; and if your kids are in scouts, Sportrock offers a comprehensive rock-climbing



program that fulfills the requirements of the Boy Scouts of America Climbing Merit Badge and the Girl Scouts High Adventure Badge.

Springfield:

Super Awesome & Amazing is an indoor play space located within The St. James fitness complex. While The St. James requires a membership, Super Awesome & Amazing does not. The 30,000-square-foot space includes climbing structures, obstacle courses, Virtual Reality and eSports centers, and even an indoor water park. My son loves playing at Super Awesome & Amazing and has had a blast at several birthday parties there.

Dave & Busters is an arcade and restaurant that is suitable for kids and adults, though there aren't any play spaces for babies or young toddlers. My family enjoys spending a few hours at Dave & Busters playing games, eating lunch and watching sports. My son's sixth birthday was here, and fun was had by all!

Online Resources:

<https://getairsports.com/alexandria/>
<https://kidcreate.com/alexandria/about>
<https://www.goscrumble.com/>
<https://www.pumpitupparty.com/>
<https://www.sportrock.com/>
<https://www.superawesomeandamazing.com/>
<https://www.daveandbusters.com>

Kindergarten Registration at Samuel Tucker

By Gen Harrison-Doss

Summer break has not yet begun for the kids who attend Samuel W. Tucker Elementary School, but parents of incoming kindergartens are already preparing for the new school year. Kindergarten registration for the 2023–24 school year began in late April and continues through the summer.

Because Samuel Tucker follows the modified academic calendar and runs “year around,” the first day of school for the upcoming year will be July 25. However, the “Step up to Kindergarten” experience for incoming

kindergarten students occurs on July 24. This special half-day experience before the official first day of school helps kindergartners become familiar with their school and classrooms right before the start of the new school year.

Samuel W. Tucker Elementary School
435 Ferdinand Day Drive
Alexandria, VA 22304
703-933-6300
<https://swt.acps.k12.va.us/>

Feeling Out of the Loop?

Decisions on community matters made by the Cameron Station Community Association (CSCA) Board of Directors and Committees are discussed, debated and determined in public, with the exception of private matters between residents and the Board that are discussed in closed Executive Session.

If you want to know what is going on in Cameron Station, attend the monthly Board and Committee meetings (and/or read the minutes posted on the website); read *The Compass* and sign up for weekly Email Blasts. If you have any questions for the Board or Committees or CSCA management, send an email. Email addresses can be found in every issue of *The Compass* newsletter.

Extra Visitor Parking Spaces

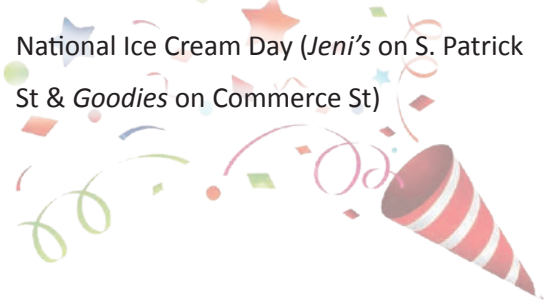
While some areas of the community have very few visitor parking spaces, other areas have plenty. Extra spaces can be found behind Woodland Hall Condos (400-500 block of Cameron Station Boulevard), behind the Carlton Place Condos (Knapp Place) and on Gardner Drive (parallel to Duke Street).



Days to Celebrate!

By Carla Besosa

- Jun. 11 National Rosé Day (Exciting discovery: *La Casa* pours a Bricco Dei Tati Rosé!)
- Jul. 6 National Fried Chicken Day (Yelp says: *Uncle C's Chicken & Waffles is best*)
- Jul. 10 National Piña Colada Day (Popular options: *Tequila & Taco, Los Tios & Vola's*)
- Jul. 19 National Ice Cream Day (*Jeni's* on S. Patrick St & *Goodies* on Commerce St)



Join the Club, or Start One!

Do you have a special interest or talent you'd like to share with others (e.g., walking or bicycling, knitting or sewing, Scrabble or bridge)? If yes, contact *The Compass*, and we'll be happy to connect you with other neighbors who share your interests. Send your name and contact information to thecompass@cameronstation.org

CLASSIFIED AD

Mother's Helper Available – Do you ever feel like you have to take care of stuff, but you have to take care of your kids? Well, 10-year-old Claire DeVooght, who lives in Cameron Station, will take care of your kids for you while you're still in the house, for the low price of \$5/hour. Email c.e.devooght@gmail.com or call her mom Kerry at 703-407-7750.

History in Our Streets

By Pat Sugrue

Spring is a beautiful time to take a walk around our neighborhood, so we thought it would also be a good time to revisit a popular topic from past issues of *The Compass* – the origin of Cameron Station’s street names.

Thanks to the research and writing of former residents Erin Wetherald Guzzetta and Elizabeth McAlee, current neighbor Judy Coleman, and the assistance of T. Michael Miller, research assistant at the Office of Historic Alexandria, we are pleased to provide the following information:

In 1995, a special subcommittee of the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission was formed to develop a list of possible street names for the new community known as Cameron Station. The subcommittee’s list of suggested

street names reflected the contribution Cameron Station, the military installation, had made to the city, and the personal sacrifice residents of Alexandria had made during wartime. Also included on the list were prominent Alexandrians of the 19th and 20th centuries.

Alexandrians Who Died in the Line of Duty During WWII

- Major General Charles Dodson [Barrett](#)
- Sergeant Robert [Brawner](#)
- Richard Medlock
- Ernest [Bessley](#)
- Corporal Joseph A. [Tull](#)
- Corporal Charles H. [Grimm](#)
- Corporal Edward T. [Lannon](#)
- Colonel John T. [Murtha](#)
- First Lieutenant Benjamin J. [Vos](#)
- Private Hard Grover [English](#)

Cameron Station was a military post and also a location of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), a forerunner of the CIA. General William Joseph [Donovan](#) was the creator of the OSS, as well as a Medal of Honor recipient.

Commanding Officers of Cameron Station

- Lieutenant Colonel August [Fucci](#), last military commander of Cameron Station
- Lieutenant Colonel Roger J. [Tancreti, Jr.](#)
- Lieutenant Colonel Thomas [Knapp](#)
- Lieutenant Colonel Richard T. [O’Neill](#)
- Colonel J. B. [Comay](#)
- Colonel Earle A. H. [Johnson, Jr.](#)
- General Brehon Burke [Somervell](#) (our street is misspelled)



Prominent Alexandrians of the 19th and 20th Centuries

. Ferdinand Day, member of the Alexandria School Board, renowned for his role in the integration of Alexandria schools and his work in obtaining rights and opportunities for African Americans in the city.

- Ben Brenman, an active member of the Alexandria community, politically and socially. His dream of using some of Cameron Station for parkland was made a reality, and the street named in his honor fittingly begins (or ends) at Ben Brenman Park.

- John Ticer Drive is named for John (Jack) Ticer, a WWII veteran, a member of the Alexandria City Council during the 1950s, and husband of former Alexandria Mayor and state senator, Patsy Ticer.

- M.H. Barbour, was an early property owner in the area.

- Everett Hellmuth, another early property owner.

- Martin Lane appears in an 1819 property deed of property in the Cameron Station area.

- Dr. Waple owned property on what is now the west end of Cameron Station.

- Harold Secord, first principal of T.C. Williams High School.

Other Connections

- California Lane may have come from "Camp California," a Union Army camp in the area of Cameron Station during the Civil War.

- Yarrow Lane is believed to be named for Dr. Henry Crecy Yarrow, Acting Assistant Surgeon General for the Union Army during the Civil War. He was also a naturalist, an anthropologist, and owner of The Meadows, a farm on the land now occupied by Cameron Station.

- U.S. Navy Commander William Kilburn purchased The Meadows from Dr. Yarrow in 1903, but most of it was burned in a fire the following year. Kilburn held a number of on- and off-shore posts during his career, including Captain of the U.S.S. Aileen during the Spanish-American War.



We have been unable to find information on these streets:

- Livermore Lane
- Minda Court

We hope you enjoyed learning that Cameron Station has a history peopled with real characters who lived and worked in the place we now call home.

To get more interesting information on our city's many and varied neighborhoods, including our own, click on this website: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_neighborhoods_in_Alexandria,_Virginia.

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WMCCAI Potomac Watershed Clean-Up Event

By Angel Robeles

The Annual Potomac Watershed Clean-Up Event is led by Washington Metropolitan Chapter Community Associations Institute (WMCCAI) on Earth Day, April 22. Every year WMCCAI brings the DMV community together to give back to the community by collecting and removing trash from our environment. This year, Angel Robles, Assistant General Manager of the Cameron Station Community Association, and a member of the WMCCAI and Public Outreach Committee took the initiative to lead an Earth Day clean-up event at Cameron Station.

The focus areas were Ben Brenman Park, Linear Park Trail, Armistead Boothe Park and Holmes Run Watershed.

Approximately 750 lbs. of trash and 375 lbs. of recyclables were collected from all parks including the watershed. The highest number of trash/recycling materials found were water bottles, soda cans, cigarette butts and bottle caps. Unusual items were also found like tires, other car parts and metal water bottles.

The event would not have been a success without the support of WMCCAI, Cameron Station Community Association, the City of Alexandria, CAMP, Lancaster Landscape and the fifty (50) volunteers who said "YES" to make this event happen. Thank you all again for showing up and giving your support!



Caption: Cameron Station CA volunteers. Photographer: Adrienne Zaleski



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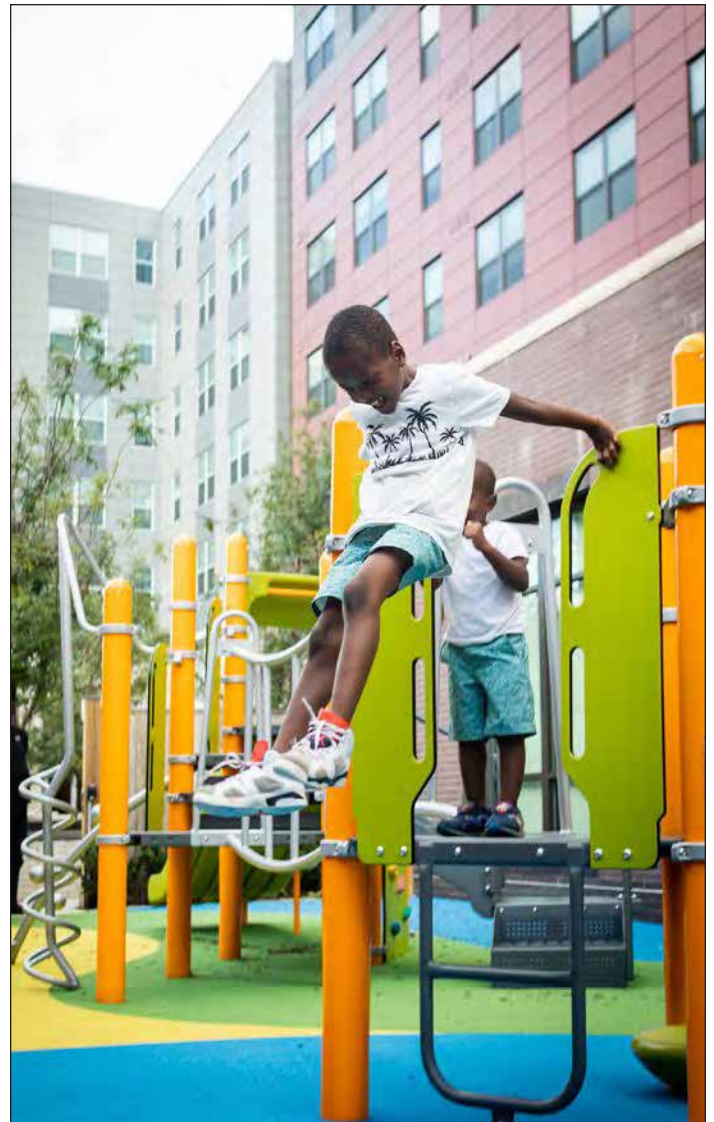
An Update on the Local Housing Not-For-Profit, the Carpenter's Shelter

By Shannon "Tud" Steene

Greetings, Cameron Station neighbors. Because so many of you are supporters of our work, I'm excited to share with you an update about the Carpenter's Shelter. In response to the growing numbers of families needing shelter, we have shifted the population in our 60-bed year-round emergency shelter to serve exclusively families with children. Currently, more than half of the people in our shelter are children. Those children skew younger, with many not yet school-aged. The change in our year-round shelter is going well. We now hear peals of laughter, as well as some crying and wails, from children. It is just kids being kids.

The Carpenter's Shelter also continues to provide services to single individuals. Support for single people include our day shelter for people who are chronically homeless, hypothermia shelter during cold weather months, rapid rehousing services, permanent supportive housing, medical care through the Carpenter's Clinic, and other assistance needed to promote stability and independence.

The majority of the shelter's support comes from the community, and we appreciate all the ways you power our work. From your volunteerism to your financial/in-kind contributions to your advocacy, **thank you!** Additional information is readily available at www.CarpentersShelter.org.



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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.

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(Limit 35 words)
Resident - \$5
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Cameron Station Book Clubs

Calling All Readers: CS Book Clubs

The Compass offers readers a look at what our neighborhood book clubs are reading. When they are accepting new members, contact information is included. If there are other book clubs or discussion group in our community that would like to share their latest reads, please contact the newsletter at thecompass@cameronstation.org and we will include your information in future issues.

Monday Night Book Ball:

May Book: *Founding God's Nation: Reading Exodus* by Leon R. Kass
June Book: *The Storyteller's Secret* by Sejal Badan
If you are interested in joining the Monday Night Book Ball club, please contact PJ at sottilepj@aol.com. We'd love to have you.

Reading Between the Wines:

May Book: *The Bad Muslim Discount* by Syed Masood

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