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Two Valued Neighbors Receive Awards at Annual Meeting

By Pat Sugrue

The Mark Pillow Community Spirit Award



(Photograph by David Thorpe)

This year's winner of the Pillow Award is Dak Hardwick.

Dak moved into the Condos on Cameron Station Boulevard in 2003, and he and his wife purchased their current home on Brawner Place in 2006. Dak was a member of the Architectural Review Committee from 2007 to 2008, and in 2008, he was elected committee chair. From there, he was elected to the Board of Directors, where he served through 2010. During Dak's tenure on the Board, Snowmageddon hit the community, and the board instituted a policy that benefits the community to this day – blocking off visitor spaces to dump the snow when more than a foot is predicted. (May we not have to put that into effect this year!)

Dak also served many years on the Cameron Station Civic Association, including multiple terms as its president. Since the Civic Association mostly deals with issues "outside the wall," he became very familiar with projects and activities in the West End and throughout the City of Alexandria.

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Cameron Station Volunteer of the Year Award



(Photograph by David Thorpe)

The first recipient of the new Volunteer of the Year Award is Radhika Goel.

Radhika moved into Cameron Station in 2006. In 2014, she joined the Activities & Events Planning Committee and became its chair, a position she continues to hold (and one we hope she will never leave!) Thanks to her tireless leadership, organizational skills, creativity, and strong sense of community, the number of social events and activities has increased dramatically; we now have more opportunities than ever to get to know each other and share and appreciate each other's customs and cultures.

Radhika and her team plan events for every kind of resident – children, families, singles – and she works hard to keep costs down by seeking and negotiating deals with a variety of vendors. Sponsorships in 2016 totaled more than \$16,000!

Here are just a few of the events that were held this year:

Movie Night; Poker Night; Board Game and Coloring Night;

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Getting to Know the New Editor of *The Compass*

By Megan Skinner, Editor-in-Chief



(Photograph by David Thorpe)

Hello, everyone! My name is Megan Skinner, and I am super excited to have been given the opportunity to be the new Editor-in-Chief of *The Compass*. Eric Veres is passing the torch, and I want to give him a shout-out for all of the hard work he has put in over the past year. I know that I,

along with others in the community, really appreciate the time Eric has invested in *The Compass*, and I want to thank him, Pat Sugrue, and so many others who have been incredibly welcoming to me and have helped me transition into this new role.

I am originally from Foley, Alabama, which is a small town on the Gulf Coast. I work as a curriculum editor for an online university, and I moved to Cameron Station a little over a year ago with my husband, Cameron, who is an officer in the Navy, and our two sons, Kingston and Jett. When we started house hunting, we wanted to find a community that offered good schools for our children and was accessible to Old Town and the DC area. Cameron Station checked all of those boxes and more. Through the eyes of someone from the South, Cameron Station resembled a scene from a movie, and it was more than the cobblestone sidewalks and the impeccable landscaping that caught our attention; although the running trails and the family-friendly park and recreation areas are obviously appealing, it is the people who elevate this community to the next level. How often can you walk into a coffee shop in a city of this size and have the owner know you by name? The interconnectedness within our community is not

commonplace, and that is what makes this neighborhood so unique. I have lived in countless neighborhoods in a number of states, but Alexandria has grown to be a city I love, and Cameron Station has become home.

In my spare time, I enjoy watching Alabama football, jogging off all the pizza and ice cream I cannot help but eat, and going on impromptu road trips with my other half. Also, anyone with kids understands the value of having peaceful alone time, so — in theory — I enjoy reading a good book in a quiet space with a cup of coffee in hand. Can't a woman dream?

Anyone who is familiar with the military — or any profession that regularly relocates — understands how difficult moving can be on a family. Making new friends can be a challenge, so I wanted to get involved with *The Compass* in order to connect with the individuals who make this community so special. *The Compass* is our neighborhood's outlet for highlighting the talents, interests, and accomplishments of the residents, so I encourage you to become involved. Please direct any submissions to thecompass@cameronstation.org.

Website Registration

If you have not already registered for the Cameron Station website, www.cameronstation.org, please do so. If you have, please make sure you have updated your profile with all of your information. If you have any problems, please contact the Management Office at admin@cameronstation.org or call 703-567-4881.

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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The Annual Meeting was held on November 2, 2016; the individuals who are currently on the Board of Directors are aforementioned. The Board Titles and Liaison Positions have not been selected and will not be known until the Board Meeting on December 13, 2016.

Meetings are the last Tuesday of every month, unless otherwise indicated.

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Committee Corner

HARD AT WORK ON BEHALF OF OUR RESIDENTS

Architectural Review Committee

By Elizabeth McAlee

The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) is pleased to welcome Sebastian Hobson as the new Covenants Coordinator. Some residents may know Sebastian from his time as an administrator during the weekend hours at the Cameron Club; he answered community-related questions, created Cameron Station IDs, and helped residents register their vehicles. The committee would like to thank Meghan Marville for her dedication and good work as the previous Covenants Coordinator. She has taken on new responsibilities in a different community, and we wish her well.

The holiday light season is fast approaching, and the ARC wishes to remind all residents that temporary holiday lights and decorative objects associated with this time of year are permitted for up to four weeks prior to a holiday and three weeks after the holiday being celebrated. Please be mindful of your neighbors when placing and timing holiday light displays, whether on your deck or in front of your residence.

Winter weather can be difficult to predict, so please review the highlights from the Snow Removal Policy regarding driveway and sidewalk maintenance.

Snow Removal and Inclement Weather Rules and Regulations

- Owners and residents are required to clear snow and ice from the driveways serving their home, the lead walkway to the residence, and any sidewalks fronting or bordering the home no later than 24 hours after each snow event.
- Owners and residents shall not throw snow or ice onto the Association's roadways after the roadways have been cleared of snow for emergency vehicle access.
- Owners and residents shall not throw snow onto the Association's roadways in a manner that impedes vehicular traffic.
- Owners and residents shall not throw snow or ice onto adjacent neighbors' sidewalks or driveways.

The City of Alexandria enforces the same 24-hour requirement. In February 2010, the City of Alexandria issued Cameron Station a citation for not removing snow from the walkways under its control, including many of

those serving private residences. To assist residents with this time-sensitive requirement, each year, Management develops a list of individuals/contractors willing to provide snow removal. Residents may contact these individuals/contractors directly to arrange snow removal and negotiate a price.

The Board of Directors or Management staff may make a determination on the closure or modified schedule of the facilities and/or cancellation of events. The Board and Management will make every effort to publish notifications regarding cancellations, modifications, and/or closures on the Association's website. We will work to notify residents through the Association's various communication methods, such as email blasts.

The Board of Directors and Management staff also have the discretion to designate certain visitor parking spaces as snow collection locations, provided that a snowfall affecting the Association is sufficient in quantity and severity. The Association's snow removal contractor may use these spaces as a place to deposit snow during snow plowing efforts. The Board of Directors and Management staff will attempt to publish notifications (on the Association's website) advising residents when use of visitor parking spaces will be limited due to snow accumulation.

The Association has the right to tow any vehicle left in a visitor parking space that has been designated as a location for snow collection. If a vehicle parked in a visitor parking space is in violation of the Association's parking policy, the Association will tow the vehicle offsite at the owner's expense. (NOTE: If a vehicle displaying a valid Visitor Parking Pass is in a visitor parking space designated as a location for snow collection, the Association shall first attempt to notify the owner of the vehicle.) If the Association must relocate a vehicle that is parked in a snow collection area and is in compliance with CSCA's Parking Policy, the Association shall be responsible for the associated towing costs. If a vehicle displaying a valid visitor parking pass must be towed, the Association shall provide notification by:

- posting notification on the vehicle, and/or
- providing actual notice to the owner of the vehicle telephonically, verbally, or electronically.

If you have any questions about this policy, contact the Cameron Station Management office at (703) 567-4881 or via email at communitymanager@cameronstation.org.

Cameron Club and Facilities Committee

By Ray Celeste, Jr.

Cameron Club and Facilities Committee (CCFC) has worked exceedingly hard to better our Fitness Center, our pool, and our locker rooms. Thanks in large part to the support of our Board of Directors, our management team (led by Bette Sanft and Deirdre Baldino), and ProFIT (Fitness Management Company), great progress has been made toward the ultimate goal of improving the quality of life for our residents here in Cameron Station.

During 2016, the CCFC was able to upgrade much of our Fitness Center equipment as part of the equipment replacement plan. The following pieces of equipment were replaced: three treadmills, two recumbent bikes, and all of our dumbbells.

We are grateful for ProFIT'S recommendations and the continued outstanding leadership of our Fitness Director, Psy Scott. Our complimentary fitness classes continue to gain participation. We have implemented a pilot gym assistance program through which our fitness director offers personalized fitness direction/guidance at no charge. This pilot started in September and will run through the end of December, 2016.

We just finished the first phase of our pilot program for a poolside snack bar service. This service was not well-used this summer; therefore, we are in the process of developing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the service to be outsourced.

Our pool is undergoing an extensive renovation. After 16 years, it was time for the coping stones (perimeter) to be replaced, tiles (lane/perimeter) to be replaced, and for light-emitting diode (LED) lights to be installed. We think this upgrade will add years of life to our pool, which is one of the most utilized assets in our community. We are grateful for the foresight the Board of Directors has shown in implementing necessary pool maintenance. Our pool management company, Community Pool Services, did an outstanding job by providing us with well-trained, attentive, and well-mannered lifeguards led by Ky Rabsatt, our Pool Manager.

The CCFC will continue to be forward-leaning and innovative in the years to come. We are proud to serve our residents and think we have served our residents well.

Financial Advisory Committee

By Jeff Gathers

The Financial Advisory Committee (FAC) is busy every year during August and September, also known as budget season. We view our role as one of coordination between the Board of Directors and the Management Team, led by Bette Sanft. The Board is responsible for overall policy, the ultimate approval of each year's budget, and setting each year's assessment rates. Management is charged with doing the year-round work necessary to keep Cameron Station running smoothly without exceeding the annual budget that the Board has approved. By facilitating meetings between Board and Management, the FAC was able to assist significantly in formulating both the broad objectives and the line-by-line details in the 2017 budget.

Activities & Events Planning Committee

By Radhika Goel

Upcoming Events:

December 11 – Holiday Party

December 18 – Wine Tasting and Murder Mystery Party

January 11 – Adult BYOB + Snacks, Movie, and Pizza Night

January 13 – Family BYOB + Snacks, Movie, and Pizza Night

February 5 – Super Bowl Party

Thank you to committee members, sponsors, and volunteers for the support and generous donations for this year's events.

More details on upcoming events will be posted closer to event dates. The committee invites residents to suggest opportunities for events or activities. Additional volunteer opportunities are available to coordinate events. High school students fulfilling community service requirements are welcome to volunteer as well. For additional information or to offer suggestions, please contact events@cameronstation.org.

Neighbors in the News

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 submit relevant information to thecompass@cameronstation.org.

October Board of Directors Meeting Recap

By Deborah Routt

Police Report

The meeting on October 25 was called to order by President Mike Johnson. Acting Chief of Police for the City of Alexandria, David Huchler, provided the crime report from September 1 to October 25. He reported nine criminal incidents, three of which related to a single domestic incident and another two which related to a resident's domicile allegedly being unlocked, and change being removed from the residence. Another reported incident involved an alleged larceny in which a compound bow was purportedly removed from a Cameron Station vehicle. There was also a report of one stolen vehicle (the owner had apparently left the keys inside the car). One report involved an alleged grand larceny, but it was later discovered that the car was mistakenly removed from the neighborhood and was later returned to the owner. Huchler also reported one package theft, and he reported graffiti markings in the gazebo, which were not gang-related. An armed robbery was reported in the vicinity of Van Dorn Street and Pickett Street. Lastly, there was an incident at 11:45pm on Friday, October 21, near the gazebo. A birthday party that had concluded at the clubhouse spilled outdoors and became boisterous; Alexandria police were called to respond, and the police determined that no criminal activity or violence had taken place.

Residents' Open Forum

Residents noted that there has been an increase in "No Dogs" signs throughout the community. The individuals who spoke wanted to see the "No Dogs" signs removed from pocket parks, common areas, and elsewhere throughout Cameron Station so the neighborhood could become more pet-friendly. The Common Area Committee (CAC) and Board will consider any and all input from Cameron Station residents on the matter. The CAC has met to understand the history of Cameron Station, particularly the installation of irrigation systems in these pocket parks and common areas. A Town Hall Meeting is being held on this topic on Thursday, December 1 at 7pm in the Victoria Herbert Great Room. All residents are encouraged to attend.

Financial Report

The September Board minutes were approved, and the meeting quickly turned to the Financial Report. Megan Brock reported a 1.72% delinquency rate on HOA fees, which is well below the national average for neighborhoods like Cameron Station.

Fitness Center

Tammy Cooper, ProFit Regional Manager, provided stats on the Fitness Center. September utilization was down compared to August (109 users/day versus 319 users/day). Boot Camp and Gentle Yoga were the most popular wellness classes for the month. All of the equipment is functional, and the computers have 100% uptime. One new client was recruited for personal training, and onsite trainers are recruiting additional Cameron Station clients. If you are interested in learning more about personal training services offered within the community, talk to Psy Scott, ProFit Fitness Center General Manager. Residents continue to express their satisfaction with the ProFit classes on the Cameron Station Facebook page.

Committee Reports

Individual committee reports were provided by the following committees: Activities and Events Planning, Architectural Review, Facilities, Common Area, Communications, and Financial Advisory.

The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) is considering amendments to the current parking provisions. This change is expected to be implemented in 2017 to provide greater clarity concerning current parking rules. If you'd like to comment, submit your thoughts to the ARC 2017 Budget.

Finally, the Board approved the 2017 budget. Another \$308,500 will be contributed to reserves next year. Bette Sanft, Community Manager, will issue a letter to homeowners, explaining the 2017 budget in detail. The letter will also announce the 2017 homeowners' assessment rates.

Remember, these are your meetings, and you are encouraged to attend when you have availability! How can you get involved? The meeting schedule is posted on the website, www.cameronstation.org, and the Board typically meets on the last Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the Victoria Hebert Great Room in the Cameron Club. We'll see you there!

Dak

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Dak is currently the Chair of the City of Alexandria's Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee and will serve as the Chair of the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce's Board of Directors in 2017. He is the Vice Chair of the Eisenhower West Small Area Plan Implementation Group and the most recent president of the New Hope Housing Board of Directors, a nonprofit organization working to end homelessness in Northern Virginia. He also serves as the Vice Chair and Northern Virginia Board Member for the Virginia Aviation Board, appointed by Governor Terry McAuliffe.

Dak has worked tirelessly to bring smart development to the West End and is always willing to appear before City boards to push for quality projects and initiatives that will benefit our neighborhood. As one resident explained in his nomination of Dak – "He is a great neighbor and always ready to help!"

Radhika

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Super Bowl Party; themed Happy Hours such as Mardi Gras, Cinco de Mayo, and St. Patrick's Day; Oscars Night Party; Father-Daughter and Mother-Son Dance; Kentucky Derby Party; Ice Pops/Cotton Candy at the Pool; Fiesta and Pool Party; Yard Sale; High Tea Time; Wine and Paint Night; Oktoberfest and Casino; Jazz Concert; Ethiopian Happy Hour; Adult and Family Movie and Pizza Nights; Halloween Party.

Radhika has been described by many residents as a marvelous neighbor and friend. "She is humble and much more a 'workhorse' than a 'showhorse.'" Radhika is "an inspiration to us all, and she makes Cameron Station an even more desirable place to live."

Thanks to Dak and Radhika for their community spirit and volunteer service to Cameron Station, and congratulations from all of us on receiving these well-deserved awards.



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Kids Halloween Party Scares Up Some Fun

By Maya M. Noronha

The Cameron Station Club hosted a capacity crowd of families on Sunday, October 23, as the community celebrated its annual Halloween party. Kids, along with their parents, arrived in full costume that afternoon for stories, games, and treats.

Superheroes, princesses, ninjas, and ladybugs packed the Victoria Hebert Great Room for a special feature of the Halloween party this year. A storyteller interspersed the spooky tales of Anansi the spider and folktales teaching morals with songs and clapping. She even included the children in the storytelling, bringing them to the front of the room to act out a story. Her tales were received with loud applause.

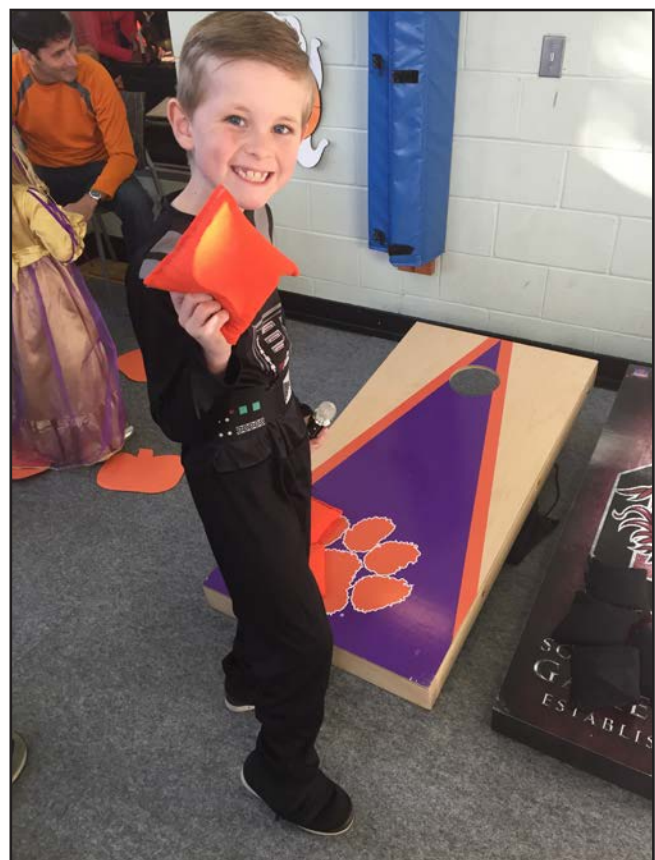
The basketball area was decorated with various tables. Volunteers handed out candy and Halloween toys, lined up the children to play corn hole and other games, painted faces, and helped kids paint pumpkins. The Clubhouse was filled with the peals of laughter of the young and old, and we appreciate everyone who volunteered and attended this event!



(Photograph by David Thorpe)



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The History of the Halloween Extravaganzas in the Knapp Pocket Parks

By Susan Birchler

Six years ago, when my brother, Don, and his son, Alan, were loving horror films, they had the bright idea to decorate the pocket park near us for Halloween. This idea morphed into a block party to involve the neighbors as well. Don, Alan, my other nephew, Ian, my sister, Mary, and I made 11 styrofoam tombstones and a cardboard coffin, and Mike and Kathy bought hay bales. We planned and plotted while imbibing Kathy's incredible drink concoctions. When we placed everything in the pocket park, it was pretty simple. We had two standing figures, one black-robed death character that moved back and forth between two trees, 11 coffins, one hiccupping fog machine, a vampire that shot out of a coffin, and spider webs in the trees.

We were stoked.

We invited everyone on the block, and we created a poster to put on doors. We put up a food table, and Kathy made her infamous chili and a hot drink that would knock your socks off. We dressed up, and we had a blast! The kids and neighbors loved it, and because we were unprepared for the popularity of the event, we ran out of candy!

In light of the event's success, what could we do but fiendishly plan for the next year's horror show? Don, Alan, and Dieter (one of our neighbors who also loves horror films) put their heads together, and before we knew it, they had conceived a new theme—Zombie Land, complete with a cage to hold individuals dressed as zombies. We added two or three more animatronics, made a fence, bought more hay bales, and built the cage. It, too, was a success! More neighbors showed up dressed thematically, and more neighbors brought candy. Kathy became the candy maven as she could time the giving out of candy down to the last piece so we ran dry at precisely 9:00 PM! It was terrific fun!



(Photograph by David Thorpe)



The following year, several neighbors suggested that we use the other pocket park for a milder, kid-friendly display. I presented the idea to my book club, and voila—Christina and Maria created Neverland out of cardboard. It was exquisite. The kids rang a bell, and candy rolled down a tube, which was attached to the Lost Boys' tree house. Members of the book club either helped set up or dressed as Peter Pan characters. Christina's extended family came from Maryland and Virginia to help set up and dressed as various characters. Talk about charming the little ones — everyone loved the Peter Pan park!



(Photograph by David Thorpe)

Meanwhile, on the other side, we added an insane asylum animatronic and Don, Dieter, Alan, and Mary dressed as crazy patients or crazy doctors. We scared the bejesus out of the trick-or-treaters, and it was another unbelievable success!

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Halloween

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The event continued to grow in popularity as the themes became more elaborate and the props became more ornate. More and more neighbors came out in full costume and volunteered to jump out from behind trees to scare the kids. Although I lost Alan to college, I had a neighborhood full of people who were volunteering to be a character, help set up, or bring candy. If I started naming names, it would take up half a page.



(Photograph by David Thorpe)

Fast forwarding to this year, Christina and Maria shook it up by creating a Toy Story theme. It was a clever and delightful scene. In the creepy park, a horrible cemetery came alive. Thanks to Steven, three more animatronics, standing witches and ghosts, and new headstones made their debut. Even though it was a Monday, we still had a full crowd of trick-or-treaters. This year, four teenagers and seven adults dressed up to play parts and scare the trick-or-treaters. It was another awesome Halloween!



(Photograph by David Thorpe)

Over these last four years, Halloween has become a Cameron Station tradition in the largest sense. Residents in Cameron Station decorate and create their own Halloween extravaganzas. Many people dress up, and there are tons of people walking around, meeting their neighbors, and enjoying the activities. It's a fun community event, and

we have become Halloween Central—so much so that Channel 7 News filmed our activities this year.

One marker of a good community is the number of shared experiences—opportunities for neighbors to interact with one another—that create stronger ties as well as a sense of belonging. Our Halloween extravaganzas are one such opportunity. I hope you enjoy them as much as we do! If you have an idea for next year's theme and/or would like to participate, please contact me at sabirchler@gmail.com.



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The quarterly assessment fee for Townhouse/Single-Family Homeowners will increase by \$0.85 from \$341.23 to \$342.08. The quarterly Transportation Management Plan (TMP) assessment fee, which is set by the City of Alexandria, will increase from \$20.14 to \$20.34. The total 2017 assessment will be \$362.42 per quarter or \$120.80 per month. Payment coupon books for 2017 have been ordered and will be mailed separately in the coming weeks. The payment coupons will include both the assessment fee and the TMP fee. If you do not receive your new coupons before the end of this year, please contact Community Management Corporation (CMC) at 703-631-7200.

Condominium Owners:

The quarterly assessment fee for Condominium Owners will increase by \$0.67 from \$272.99 to \$273.66. The quarterly Transportation Management Plan (TMP) assessment fee, which is set by the City of Alexandria, will increase from \$20.14 to \$20.34. The total 2017 assessment will be \$294.00 per quarter or \$98.00 per month. Please note that Condominium Owners are not billed directly by the Cameron Station Community Association (CSCA). The CSCA assessments are included in your respective Condominium Association monthly dues. If you have questions about your Condominium Association dues or the collection process, please contact your Condominium Association manager.

For more information on the factors that affected the assessment fees, please refer to the 2017 CSCA Budget.

Donations for the Wounded Warriors

By Dubey Lifmann

Please consider donating new winter clothing and/or accessories for our wounded warriors at Bethesda Walter Reed Hospital. We will be bringing donations in late January, so should you have a Christmas gift that doesn't fit or that you just don't like, please consider gifting it to a wounded warrior.

We would like to share the following stories about our Wounded Warrior project.

There was a wounded warrior who was told by his doctor that he needed to get away on a retreat. A donor surprised his wife and him with a trip to Hawaii; however, he did not have any summer clothes for the trip. We were able to provide him with swimming trunks, shorts, and polo shirts. He was thrilled!

We had another warrior who was wounded and put on an airplane directly to the hospital. He came without any clothes or personal items. When he approached our desk, we were able to provide him with personal items and new clothes. He was very happy to receive them.

With stories like these, you can see that our trips to the hospital are very worthwhile!

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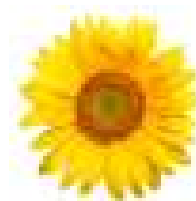
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Annual Meeting Recap

By Pat Sugrue

The 2016 Annual Meeting was held at Tucker Elementary School on Wednesday, November 2. A quorum was reached by proxies or in-person attendance (200 in all), which led to the successful election of three board members: Megan Brock, Jon Dellaria, and Elliott Waters. Thanks to these neighbors for their willingness to serve and also to the three other candidates: William Blumberg, Kim Canter, and Martin Menez.

Attendees were treated to a variety of delicious sandwiches and desserts, and several local businesses – Cameron Café, London Curry House, Home Depot, and Shooter McGee's – provided \$25 gift certificates as door prizes.



(Photograph by David Thorpe)

Development Update

The meeting began with an update on the Cameron Park and Cambria Square developments currently under construction on Pickett Street. Representatives from both projects made themselves available in the hallway during and after the meeting to answer any questions.

Holiday Giving

Donna Kenley is the coordinator of "Operation Gobble Gobble" that, for the seventh year in a row, is providing grocery bags full of Thanksgiving dinner items, including a turkey, to needy Tucker Elementary School families. They filled 43 bags in 2015 and hope to reach 50 this year.

Mindy Lyle described the Adopt-a-Family program that has been supported by Cameron Station residents since 2001 and which she has coordinated for many years. Mindy works with a social worker at Tucker Elementary to identify Tucker families who are at or below the poverty line in order to provide them with Christmas gifts. Children are asked to put together wish lists for toys and games, but it is not uncommon for families to request such basic necessities

as sheets and towels. Between 45 and 60 families are helped each year. If you would like to participate, please contact Mindy at adopttuckerfamily@comcast.net. (Note: Information about the program will be provided in email blasts and can also be found on page 2 of the September/October 2016 issue of *The Compass*.)

Community Awards

In addition to the Mark Pillow Community Spirit Award, a new annual award was created by the Board of Directors – the Cameron Station Volunteer of the Year. Dak Hardwick received the Pillow Award, and Radhika Goel was named the first Volunteer of the Year. (See front page.)

Committee Reports

Representatives from the six HOA committees were on hand to update the community on their current projects. Ray Celeste, Chair of the Facilities Committee, spoke of new equipment for the Fitness Center, introduced Psy Scott, Fitness Center Manager, and encouraged residents to take advantages of the many fitness classes offered. Elizabeth McAlee, Chair of the Architectural Review Committee, advised that a revised or at least a "clearer" parking policy would be issued soon. Jeff Gathers, Chair of the Financial Committee, reported that the community is in excellent financial shape. Rob Burns, Chair of the Common Area Committee, expressed great satisfaction with Lancaster, the community's landscaping company. Radhika Goel, Chair of the Activities & Events Planning Committee, described some of the upcoming social events and encouraged residents to participate and volunteer to help. Donna Gathers, current member and a former Chair of the Communications Committee, reported that *The Compass* has welcomed a new editor, Megan Skinner, and that the committee is seeking experienced PR professionals to form a new Public Relations Subcommittee.

There was only one question asked during the Residents Forum, so the meeting ended before 9pm. Thanks to our management staff – Bette Sanft, Deirdre Baldino, and Mimi Kebede – for a well-organized Annual Meeting and to Board President Mike Johnson for doing a good job moving the meeting along, in spite of the many important issues there were to cover. Also, thanks to the Chicago Cubs and Cleveland Indians for holding the final game of the World Series that night, which encouraged everyone to complete their business quickly. Perhaps we need to factor the Series into future scheduling!



(Photograph by David Thorpe)

Annual Meeting



(Photograph by David Thorpe)



(Photograph by David Thorpe)



(Photograph by Walter Barrows.)

The Alexandria Fire Department was spotted on Backlick Run on Saturday, November 5. Firefighters were testing the equipment, and residents had an opportunity to see the water cannon in action.



(Photograph by Walter Barrows.)

SPIRIT

Volunteer & Community

“Community” Means Lending a Hand... Literally!

By Pat Sugrue

There have been several references to “community” in this issue, and that’s a good thing, especially coming off such a difficult election season when people seemed to be attacking each other rather than assisting.

The Compass staff would like to take one more opportunity to recognize the community-building work done by members of one of our most valued community organizations, the Activities & Events Planning Committee, chaired by Radhika Goel and staffed by half a dozen additional hard-working volunteers.

If you refer to the article on the front page, it explains why Radhika received the inaugural “Volunteer of the Year Award” and also includes a list of some of the events she and her team put on this year. It is an amazing array of creative activities, and the committee made sure that there were events for every kind of person in this community, whether families, singles, or kids. But what wasn’t mentioned is how hard it is to put on these events and how much effort goes into the planning and production of each one.

The AEPC members enjoy what they do; otherwise, they wouldn’t be on the committee. But they need help! While having more residents serve on AEPC would of course be the best thing, that’s not even what they are asking. They are simply requesting a few hours every once in a while from folks who enjoy these fun events.

The Annual Holiday Party, scheduled for Sunday, December 11 (*see page 10*), is always one of the most popular and best attended events of the year. If you can spare an hour or two to help – to decorate, set up, put out the food and drink, greet people at the entrance, help kids onto Santa’s lap, join neighbors singing holiday songs, or clean up at the end – it would be greatly appreciated. Parents, we know your focus and first priority is always your children, but if

you are fortunate enough to have a spouse, maybe one of you could be on kid-duty, and the other could help with the party for a little while. As parents of daughters long since grown, my husband and I still remember which was the easier job!

Please contact the committee at events@cameronstation.org if you are able to volunteer. Thank you.



"Community" Also Means...

By Susan Birchler

I went to the Annual Meeting on Wednesday, November 2. People were throwing around the word "community," and I began thinking about what exactly that means. I did a little research, and this is what I learned.

The simplest definition of community is "a group of people who live in the same locality." Most people, however, enjoy using the word in its richer, more abundant sense—not just the commonality of streets, houses, and trees, but a sense of belonging and being a part of what occurs. By that standard, community is less a noun than a verb, because the lushness of community only occurs with the quality of shared experiences—people interacting and becoming friends. Community is something we do together. "It's not just a container," according to sociologist David Brain.

A community that creates multiple opportunities for these shared experiences is the best kind of community a person could possibly live in. In Robert Putman's book *Bowling Alone*, he found that "a community's well-being is dependent on the quality of relationships...which create a sense of belonging, thus enhancing the overall health of a community."

In Cameron Station, we have a smorgasbord of opportunities to promote shared experiences that create great communities: Cameron Club events; Martini Mondays; community committees; book clubs; block parties; charitable and volunteer opportunities (including Operation Gobble Gobble for Thanksgiving and Tucker's Adopt-a-Family Program for Christmas); the Farmers Market; Halloween extravaganzas throughout Cameron

Station; the pool, gym, and parks; Cameron Café and the London Curry House; and shoveling snow together after blizzards. It's really kind of marvelous.

So, go ahead! Have a block party, join a book club; start a movie or dinner club; invite people to help you with a charitable organization; volunteer for a committee; chat with your acquaintances at the Farmers Market, the gym, or the pool; make friends; have fun; and know that while you are thoroughly enjoying yourself, you are continuously creating great "community" in Cameron Station!

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To ensure equitable use of the Cameron Station Shuttle Bus and the Cameron Station facilities (Fitness Center, Basketball Court, and Pool), all users must show their 2017 CSCA Resident ID; otherwise, access will be denied. This year's stickers are available for pick-up at the Management Office from 9am to 5pm Monday through Friday and 12noon to 4pm on Saturday.

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Carla's Picks

By Carla Besosa

Alexandria

Dec. 10 - Historic Alexandria Candlelight Tour
 Dec. 25 - Chanukah Festival
 (Crowne Plaza Hotel, Old Town)
 Dec. 31 - First Night Alexandria

Anacostia Theater

Nov. 14-Dec. 23 - *Black Nativity*

Arena Stage (DC)

Nov. 18-Dec. 24 - *Moby Dick*
 Jan. 12-Feb. 19 - *Roe*

Atlas Performing Arts Center (DC)

Dec. 2 - Eldar Trio
 Dec. 4, 10 - Bohemian Caverns Jazz Orchestra:
 A Bohemian Christmas
 Dec. 10 - Holiday Cheers: Music, Champagne,
 Audience Interaction
 Dec. 11 - Holiday Concert & Sing Along!
 Dec. 15-30 - Step Afrika's Holiday Step Show

The Barns at Wolf Trap (Vienna)

Jan. 28 - Crystal Bowersox

Birchmere (Arlandria)

Dec. 4 - America
 Dec. 5 - George Winston
 Dec. 6-7 - Mary Chapin Carpenter
 Dec. 12 - Blood Sweat & Tears (featuring Bo Bice)
 Dec. 27-28 - Judy Collins
 Jan. 13-15 - Eddie from Ohio
 Jan. 22 - The Association

Black Rock Center for the Arts (Germantown)

Dec. 17-18 - The Reduced Shakespeare Company -
Holiday Comedy

Blues Alley (Georgetown)

Dec. 1-4 - Arturo Sandoval
 Dec. 8-11 - Marcus Johnson "The Holiday Party"
 Dec. 13-14 - Eric Felton Jazz Orchestra "Nutcracker"

Blues Alley (Georgetown) continued

Dec. 15-18 - Freddy Cole "Here for the Holidays"
 Dec. 22-24 - Jane Monheit "Celebrating the Season"
 Dec. 26-31 - Cyrus Chestnut Trio

Carlyle Club (Old Town)

Dec. 4 - Christmas with the Rat Pack

Creative Cauldron (Falls Church)

Dec. 1-20 - *A Christmas Memory*
 Jan. - Passport to the World
 (see www.creativecauldron.org for details)

Dance Place (DC)

Dec. 17-18 - Kwanzaa Celebration
 Jan. 14-15 - Kan Kouran West African Dance Company

DAR Constitution Hall (DC)

Dec. 2-4 - American Holiday Festival
 Dec. 10 - Spirit of the Season
 Dec. 17-18 - Holiday Concert

Del Ray Artisans Gallery (Del Ray)

Dec. Fri-Sun Pre-Christmas -Holiday Market

Dulles Expo Center (Chantilly)

Dec. 9-11 - Sugarloaf Crafts Festival
 Dec. 16-18 - International Gem & Jewelry Show

1st Stage Theater (Tysons)

Nov. 10-Dec. 18 - *Broadway Bound* (Neil Simon)

Ford's Theater (DC)

Nov. 17-Dec. 31 - *A Christmas Carol*
 Jan. 21-Feb. 19 - *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf*
 (the late Edward Albee)

Gala Theater (Adams Morgan)

Dec. 2-3 - *Hecho en Puerto Rico*

George Mason Center for the Arts (Fairfax)

Dec. 3-4 - Virginia Opera: *The Barber of Seville*
 Dec. 10 - American Festival Pops Orchestra:
 Songs of the Season
 Dec. 17 - A Canadian Brass Christmas
 Dec. 18 - Vienna Boys Choir: Christmas in Vienna

Grounded Coffee (Alexandria)

Dec. 18 - Janna Audey

GW Lisner Auditorium

Dec. 10-18 - The Christmas Revels
 Jan. 13 - Don't Rain on My Parade:
 75 Years of Streisand

The Hamilton (DC)

Dec. 4 - Emmylou Harris

The Hub Theater (Fairfax)

Dec. 2-18 - *The Magi* (Helen Parfumi)

Jammin Java (Vienna)

Dec. 1 - Mama's Black Sheep/Christine Havrilla/
 Naked Blue
 Dec. 12 - A Cappella Afternoon (featuring Exit 245
 & Blue Tones)
 Dec. 28 - Deanna Bogart Band
 Jan. 6 - Tone Rangers
 Jan. 15 - The Music of Simon & Garfunkel
 (featuring Swearingen & Kelli)
 Jan. 21 - Robbie Schaefer

Kennedy Center (DC)

Dec. 1-3 - NSO Pops - Diana Ross: ALL the Best
 of Timea
 Dec. 14-Jan. 8 - *Wicked*
 Dec. 15-18 - NSO: Handel's Messiah
 Dec. 11-22 - Washington Chorus - A Candlelight
 Christmas

Light Horse (Old Town)

Dec. 14 - Janna Audey
 Jan. 25 - Janna Audey

Little Theater of Alexandria (Old Town)

Dec. 2-17 - *A Christmas Carol*
 Jan. 14-Feb. 4 - *Anything Goes*

Metro Stage (Old Town)

Dec. 8-Jan. 8 - *Fully Committed*

National Harbor (P.G. Co.)

Dec. 3, 10, 17 - Harbor Holiday Movies / Holiday
 Performances

National Theater (DC)

Dec. 3 - Dave Koz
 Dec. 10 - *Nutcracker* - Virginia Ballet Company &
 School
 Dec. 13-31 - Dr. Seuss' *How the Grinch Stole
 Christmas! The Musical*

Roundhouse Theater (Bethesda)

Nov. 23-Dec. 18 - *Miss Bennet - Christmas at
 Pemberley*
 Jan. 25-Feb. 26 - *Caroline, Or Change*

Signature Theater (Shirlington)

Nov. 22-Dec. 24 - *Silver Belles*
 Dec. 13-Jan. 29 - *Titanic: The Musical*

Source Theater (DC)

Dec. 11-12 - *The DOMA Diaries*
 Dec. 14 - *A Hot & Sweaty Holiday*

The State Theater (Falls Church)

Jan. 7 - The British Invasion Years
 Feb. 4 - The Stranger / The Billy Joel Tribute

The Strathmore (Bethesda)

Dec. 3 - Handel's *Messiah* (BSO)
 Dec. 8 - A "Swinging Nutcracker" a la Ellington (BSO)
 Dec. 11 - Manheim Steamroller Christmas
 Dec. 15 - Ramsey Lewis & John Pizzarelli:
 A Nat King Cole Holiday
 Dec. 16 - The Hip Hop Nutcracker
 Dec. 17 - Handel's *Messiah* (National Philharmonic)
 Dec. 19 - A Candlelight Christmas
 Dec. 21-23 - Moscow Ballet's Great Russian Nutcracker

Studio Theater (DC)

Jan. 1-Feb. 19 - *The Hard Problem*

Synetic Theater (Crystal City)

Dec. 7-Jan. 8 - *Sleeping Beauty*

Theater J (DC)

Nov. 6-Dec. 11 - *The Christians*
 Dec. 20-28 - *Oy Vey in a Manger*
 Jan. 5-29 - *Copenhagen*

Theater on the Run (Arlington)

Jan 14-28 - *Complete Dogness*
 Jan. 21-28 - *Forty +*

Thomas Jefferson Theater (Arlington)

Dec. 1-4 - *The Nutcracker* / Ballet Nova

Verizon Center (DC)

Dec. 15 - Trans-Siberian Orchestra - "The Ghosts of
 Christmas Eve"

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Carla's Picks

(Continued from page 19)

Warner Theater (DC)

Dec. 1-24 - Washington Ballet: *Nutcracker*

Jan. 6-8 - *Red Bull Flying Bach*

Woolly Mammoth (DC)

Nov. 12-Jan. 1 - *The Second City's Black Side of the Moon*

Workhouse (Lorton)

Dec. 3-4 - *A Christmas Carol* (One-Man Play)

Dec. 10 - Winterfest

Dec. 17-18 - Cabaret Series: Holiday Hijinx!

Jan. 21-11 - Cabaret Series: A Comedy Tonight!

And Another Thing...

(in my stream-of-consciousness order)

Great consignment store now open in Kingstowne: **Petticoat Lane**, 7013B Manchester Blvd (just a few doors down from reviewed restaurant in previous issue, **Shawarma Guys**).

New Eats!

Afghan Bistro in Springfield is getting a lot of buzz!
(www.afghanbistro.com)

Namaste to replace Bistro du Soleil in Old Town at 1504 King St.

Bob & Edith's to open on N. Kings Hwy, in the Huntington Station shopping strip.

Pie 360 open in Foxchase Shopping Center.

According to Open Table...

The most frequently booked high-end restaurant in Alexandria is BRABO.

The Alexandria restaurants with the most scenic views are CEDAR KNOLL, CHART HOUSE, INDIGO LANDING, & BLACKWALL HITCH.

MUSIC

If you missed Cameron Station's first-ever concert, check out Veronneau at www.veroneaumusic.com for bio, calendar, music, etc. They performed in the Cameron Club to a sizable crowd. Both band and audience enjoyed the event. (Thank you Radhika! Another first for Cameron Station!)

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West End Farmers Market Wraps Up Its Ninth Season

By Susan Birchler



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grocery shopping, and enjoying the day. Our strategy has proven successful, and we thank all our great customers for having fun with us!

If you visited us this year, you found the market full of tempting baked goods, (French, German, Uzbekistani, Gluten-free, and Vegan, as well as good old-fashioned cookies, donuts, and cupcakes), gourmet cheeses, olive oil, coffee, orange juice, empanadas, popcorn, flowers, and organic meats. Four farmers, one orchard, and artisans and crafters were also present. Once a month, the Rocklands BBQ truck is parked at the end of the market. The Fire Department came by for a day, and multiple charities, nonprofits, and city agencies set up shop in order to have direct contact with the people in the community. It was never dull at the market!

I could talk all day, but pictures are worth a thousand words. Take a look at how much fun we are having, rain or shine. I hope to see you at the market on the first day of May next year. It promises to be an even better season, as we are already working on new vendors!

In the meantime, check us out on our website, Facebook, and Twitter.

Website: www.westendfarmersmarket.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/WestEndFarmersMarket

Twitter: @WEFM_

Think about it. What makes a trip to Old Town, Del Ray, or downtown DC so much fun? Is it the small boutiques, the ability to eat something new, or the people-watching? Well, you could have had that fun experience every Sunday – without even getting in your car – at the West End Farmers Market in Ben Brenman Park.

Open from May through October, the Market just ended its ninth successful season on Sunday, October 30.

Our motto is “Eat Well & Have Fun.” We have worked hard every year to provide our customers with a fun experience every Sunday – meeting neighbors, stopping for a chat, sitting for awhile at our tables, eating breakfast, buying fun things,



(Photograph by David Thorpe)

Vola's Dockside Grill and Hi-Tide Lounge

By Carla Besosa

Old Town's newest waterfront venue is *Vola's Dockside Grill*, which is named for Alexandria's first female City Manager, Vola Lawson. Vola would be proud of her namesake restaurant, which offers a river view, a fun seafood menu, and splendid service.

Four of us went for lunch and had a delightful time. Inclement weather prevented us from sitting dockside, but under better conditions, the waterfront tables would be great for people-, water-, and boat-watching. Inside, we were greeted by a friendly hostess and some upbeat classic rock (not too loud). The surroundings are an inviting mix of brick, wood, concrete, pipes, and a plethora of vintage local photos collected with the assistance of the Alexandria Library. It's a fairly small space (reservations a must), but the windows seem to open it up.

Our server, Donovan (whom I highly recommend), was knowledgeable, informative, helpful, and appropriately conversational. The General Manager, Mike (formerly of Lena's), was very welcoming as well.

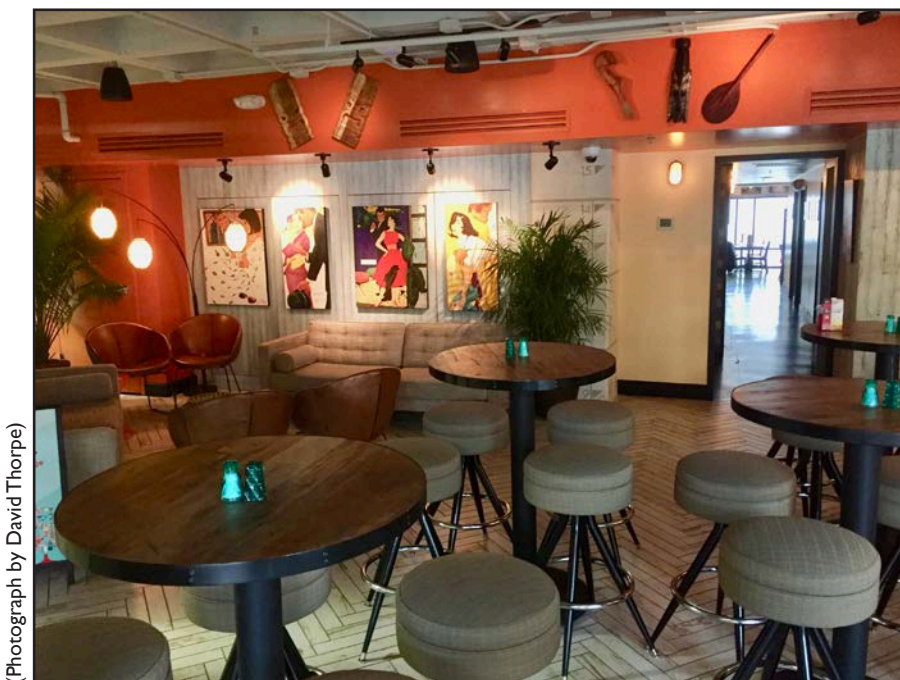
If you like seafood, you'll love *Vola's* menu. Sharable starters include *Conch Fritters*, *Crab Dip*, and the requisite *Hushpuppies*. The *Chesapeake Bay Chowder* is another

possibility to get your taste buds geared up. *Oysters*, *Clams*, *Shrimp*, and *Mussels* are prepared a variety of ways to tempt you.

A fine example would be the *Angry Style Mussels*, prepared with chipotle, dark beer, marinara, and garlic bread (Sop! One must sop!). The *Fish and Chips* were tasty as they are made from fresh Atlantic Cod (the tender part behind the gill). I thoroughly enjoyed my *Blackened Grouper Sandwich*, which was not too blackened and so tender I could barely keep it in the bun. The *Mussels* were served in an incredible broth, and the *Carolina Low Country Boil* came in a sizable bucket containing shrimp, kielbasa, red potatoes, sweet onion, and corn — sure to keep you entertained for a while. Choose from an array of crab cakes, shrimp, cod, and grouper, which are prepared in various manners. Not a seafood lover? Try the *Pickle-Brined Fried Chicken*, *Grilled Chicken Wings*, *Mango-Spinach Salad*, or *Torpedo Burger*. I'm looking forward to exploring *Vola's* brunch. With offerings such as *Crab Cakes Benedict*, *Chicken and Biscuits*, and *Brioche French Toast*, you can't go wrong.



(Photograph by David Thorpe)



(Photograph by David Thorpe)

Vola's Hi-Tide Lounge fronts Union Street, which is superb for people-watching. They offer "Bar Bites" to include *Smoked Fish Dip* and *Lobster Deviled Eggs*. The space can accommodate up to 45 for a standing reception or cocktail party, and they have a section that resembles a living room. Their specialty cocktails have creative names — the most intriguing being the *Double Dog Dare* with rye whiskey, Reposado tequila, sherry, spicy pineapple syrup, lemon juice, and honey. *Hi-Tide* has two cocktails on-tap. Try *Don's Hemingway*, which is made with rum, pisco, cinnamon syrup, grapefruit, and lime juice. There are two frozen cocktails, one of which is the *Tide and Fog* containing rum, gin, cognac, sherry, lemongrass-ginger syrup, and citrus juices. From the wine list, *Vola's* pours six

whites, two sparklings, two roses, and eight reds. For the brew crowd, you'll find two on-tap and 10 in bottles or cans. I was pleased to find several local beers such as Flying Dog's *Blood Orange Ale*, DC Brau Brewery's *The Citizen Belgian-Style Blond*, and Alexandria's own *Port City*.



(Photograph by David Thorpe)

Venture down to the river, and check out *Vola's Dockside Grill*, which is a fun new spot to enjoy in Old Town!



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Christmas: Sunday 12/25 – CLOSED

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New Year's Day: Sunday 1/1 – CLOSED

Fitness Center

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Christmas: Sunday 12/25 – CLOSED

New Year's Eve: Saturday 12/31 – 7am-6pm
New Year's Day: Sunday 1/1 – CLOSED

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Christmas: Sunday 12/25 – NO SERVICE

New Year's Eve: Saturday 12/31 – NO SERVICE
New Year's Day: Sunday 1/1/ – NO SERVICE

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Inclement Weather

Safety in the community is our primary concern. Roads and/or areas which are deemed unsafe due to snow or ice will be suspended for collection. If suspension occurs, services will resume on the next regularly scheduled collection day.

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Book Clubs

Reading Between the Wines

November:	<i>All the Light You Cannot See</i> by Anthony Doerr
December:	<i>Saint Maybe</i> by Anne Tyler
January:	<i>Dying to Be Me</i> by Anita Noorjani

Third Thursday of the Month

November:	<i>Kill Em and Leave</i> by James McBride
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Monday Night Book Ball

November:	<i>Wingshooters</i> by Nina Revoyr
December:	<i>The Secret Chord: A Novel</i> by Geraldine Brooks
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A Fond Farewell to the Main Street Market and Mr. Moo Lee

By Pat Sugrue



(Photograph by David Thorpe)

Cameron Station's first retailer closed its doors in November, after 15 years in business. The Main Street Market opened in 2001, when much of our community was a construction site. Its first customer was Joel Ferris, who still lives on Cameron Station Boulevard. He remembers Market staff being so appreciative of his purchase that he was asked to sign the five-dollar bill he paid with that day.

Mr. Sang Moon Lee was the manager of the little store, which was a combination 7-11, candy store, coffee shop, deli, and wine store. Rain or shine, blizzard or derecho, Mr. Moo, as he was affectionately called by neighbors, never missed a day at the store. His homemade cold cut sandwiches were a favorite among the construction workers, and his "penny candy" selection, ice cream bars, and sodas were a hit with the kids after baseball and soccer games in Brenman Park.

Mr. Moo supplied ice cream for a summer Ice Cream Social at the Gazebo, and every year, he graciously provided space in his refrigerator for Dubey Lifmann, the coordinator of the annual Wounded Warriors Bake Sale, to store the baked goods the night before the sale.

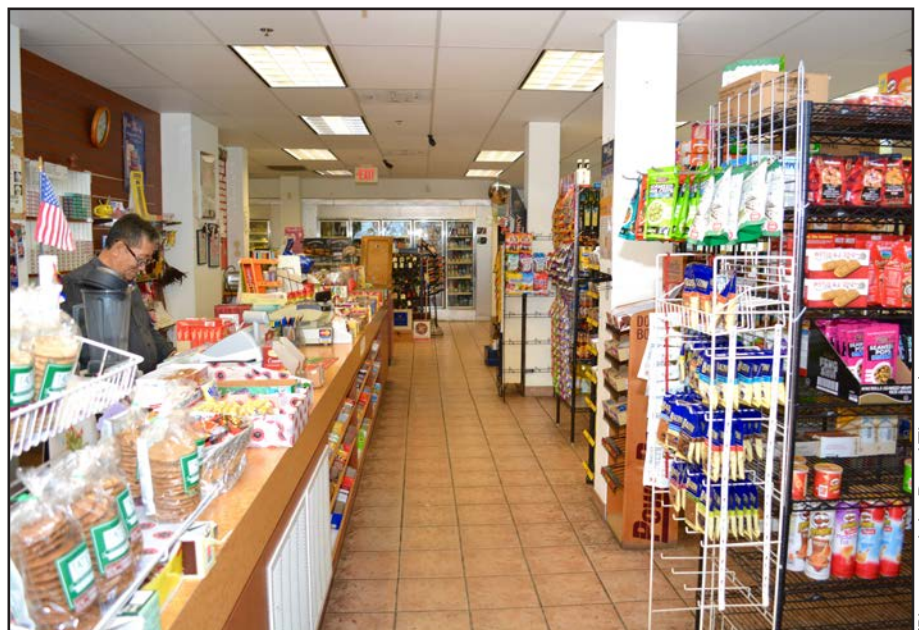
Several neighbors shared special memories of the store.

Neighbor Addie Hebert appreciated being able to buy a nice bottle of wine on her way to Martini Mondays. The Lawrence kids, Will and Kate, loved that they could walk to the store on their own when they were younger, which gave them a bit of independence. Former resident Linda Blohm loved that the Market posted pet photos – pictures of her two kitties with Santa Claus being the first. And Carla Besosa reminds us that the store served fresh coffee long before there was a coffee shop on the street.

In September of this year, Mr. Moo suffered a heart attack, and for the first time in memory, the store was closed. Fortunately, Mr. Moo is recovering well, but the owner of the store, facing increased competition from the many markets now open in our area, decided to close the store for good. In late October, Mr. Moo was able to return to the store for a few hours in the afternoons to sell the remaining inventory.

To show appreciation to Mr. Moo for his many years of service to our community, neighbors Addie Hebert, Lenore Marema, and Megan Brock arranged for neighbors to donate a gift card for Mr. Moo.

Negotiations are underway for another retailer to take its place, but the Main Street Market, and especially Mr. Moo, are already sorely missed.



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