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Volunteers Needed for Cameron Station's 20th Anniversary Celebration

By Pat Sugrue

It is hard to believe that it has been 20 years since our community started being developed. We have come a long way from the former military base that used to be housed here. The Cameron Station community continues to be quaint and beautiful, while fostering life-long friendships among neighbors.

In celebration of the community's 20th anniversary, an outdoor party, which will be full of food, music, dancing, and more, will be held on Saturday, September 15. The event will take place at the pocket park on Kilburn Street and Donovan Drive, which is where the celebration for the 10th anniversary was held as well. This a great opportunity to spend time with friends, meet new neighbors, and just have a good evening!

As the Founder of the Marketing and Event Consulting Company with the Athleta Design Group and Chair of the Communications Committee (ComCom), Kimberly Dillon will be working alongside ComCom to plan the event. Additional volunteers, however, are needed to help with the planning and staffing of the extravaganza. A separate planning committee has been formed, and we are looking



for anyone interested in volunteering to help with the organization of the event.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Kimberly Dillon at communications@cameronstation.org.



The 10th Anniversary was an event to remember, and with your help, the 20th Anniversary will be just as successful!

Bargains Abound in Annual Spring Yard Sale

The Cameron Station Spring Yard Sale returned on April 28, and from 8am-1pm, residents hit the street to hunt for some hidden treasures. The yard sale is always a great opportunity for neighborhood fellowship, and this year was no exception! There were some great deals on some unique items, and it is always exciting to see participation growing each year. Thank you to all of the neighbors who participated in the yard sale, and a big thanks to the early-bird shoppers who made the day a huge success!



Photo credit: Cameron Station Grapevine

Block Party on John Ticer

By Pat Sugrue

Three dozen original owners, new residents, and former neighbors gathered together on a Sunday afternoon in May for a party in the Ticer Pocket Park. After a week of soaking rain, they came to celebrate the sun and each other and to feast on a delicious selection of hors d'oeuvres, beverages, and a beautiful cake. It was Ticer's youngest residents, 12 children (ages 2 to 11), who really stole the show and our hearts!



Father Time

By Psy Scott

Time waits for no one. As we age, no matter how hard we try, there are a few things that we will have to accept. The days of us running so fast that tears run backwards from our eyes may be far behind us. Having a rocket arm that could throw a football 40 yards may very well be a thing of the past. Eating a whole large pizza, washing it down with a two-liter soda, and following it up with ice cream just might cause heartburn with an overstuffed, nauseating reflex.

Yes, father time catches up with us all. We ask him "Can we stay out longer?" "Can we eat this?" We ask him for all of what we had in our yesteryears. For all that we think we've lost, we have gained. Indeed, we will carry the burden of our aches and pains, but we are fortunate to carry the battle wounds of time as we have learned from them.

We are now in the present day. Cells are the building blocks of tissues. All cells experience changes with aging. They become larger and less able to divide and multiply. Among other changes, there is an increase in pigments and fatty substances inside the cells (lipids). Many cells lose their ability to function, or they begin to function abnormally. As aging continues, products build up in tissue. A fatty brown pigment called lipofuscin collects in many tissues, as do other fatty substances.

Connective tissue changes, becoming stiffer. This makes organs, blood vessels, and airways more rigid. Cell membranes change; therefore, many tissues have more trouble getting oxygen and nutrients and have more difficulty removing carbon dioxide and other wastes. Many tissues lose mass (atrophy). Some tissues become lumpy (nodular) or more rigid. Because of cell and tissue changes, your organs also change as you age. Aging organs slowly lose function. Most people do not notice this loss immediately because you rarely need to use your organs to their fullest ability.

We cannot escape father time, but with a healthy diet and exercise, we can maximize the time that we do have and lead a more well-balanced and productive life.

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Activities & Events Planning Committee

By Andrew Yang

The Activities & Events Planning Committee has a number of events scheduled for the summer months, and we hope to see you there! To keep you in the loop of some of the upcoming events, please see the schedule below.

Father/Daughter, Mother/Son Dance - Saturday, June 16

Annual Pool Party - Saturday, August 11

More details will be posted closer to event dates. The committee invites you to suggest opportunities for events or activities. Feel free to e-mail suggestions to events@cameronstation.org.

Architectural Review Committee

By Mark Brzezinski

Whether you are planning a landscape project or improving the exterior of your home, review the Cameron Station Design and Maintenance Standards (DMS), and submit a Cameron Station Community Association Application form to the Architectural Committee (ARC) for approval before starting any exterior project. Applications must be submitted by the *homeowner* and apply to “any alteration, enlargement, demolition, removal, or any change whatsoever which alters the exterior appearance (including paint color) of the home or the lot on which it is situated, unless the DMS expressly authorize the same without specific approval.”

Some projects may also require a building permit from the City of Alexandria.

To ensure your application processes smoothly, make sure to include the following items:

- a plat plan, if appropriate, to indicate the location and scope of your project;
- photos, brochures, drawings, and detailed descriptions and measurements of the proposed project; and
- if you are relying on a neighbor’s project as a basis or example of what you are proposing, please include photos and the address.

All exterior modifications are evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

With the arrival of spring, those pesky weeds will grow quickly. The DMS requires weeds to be removed from all areas of the lot, including driveways, and planting beds must be kept neat and be trimmed. Unused stakes and trellises should be removed.

Front yard plantings should be in the character and style of the community.

If you are planning garden improvements, don’t forget that an application is required for the following additions:

- garden timbers, stones, pavers, blocks, rocks, or other material that is used to form a wall;
- edging and ground filler for exterior planter beds; and
- rock gardens, a collection of rocks, and single rocks in dimension, with the exception of a single line of decorative edging.

Rocks should be left their natural color. Marble chips, volcanic stone, and railroad ties are not permitted.

Planning to repair or re-stain your fence and deck/balcony? Repairs must be completed in the same design as offered by the original builder of your home. Decks and fences should be stained or sealed—but not painted—and should be the same color. There has been a revision of allowable stain colors; the color wheel is available for review at the Association’s Management Office. Stain colors on the color wheel are similar to those found in natural wood.

An application for approval is required for any change unless the DMS expressly authorize the change without requiring specific approval. When in doubt, contact the Association’s Management Office.

Considering replacing windows on your home? The homeowner must submit an application for review and approval by the ARC in all cases. Window styles should be consistent with the architectural style of the community. Windows should match as closely as possible with the windows being replaced, including glass tint, grid style and pattern, and screen style. Photos, brochures, and contractor bid documents are helpful to the ARC’s consideration of the application. Window modifications are considered on a case-by-case basis and with the intent of maintaining the consistency of the architectural style of the community.

The Cameron Station DMS and a Cameron Station Community Association Exterior Modification Application form are both available online.

Cameron Club Facilities Committee

By Ray Celeste

The 2018 Cameron Station pool season runs from Saturday, May 26, through Labor Day weekend. The pool is open every day during that time, and then the pool will be open on weekends only through September.

Normal Pool Hours:

- Monday - Friday: Lap swimming only, 6am-8am. There is no lap swimming on federal holidays (i.e., Memorial Day, Labor Day).
- Monday - Sunday: 10:30am-8:30pm

Community Pool Service offers swim instructions before the normal pool operating hours. Please contact Neely Cohen at ncohen@communitypools.com or 703-276-7665, Ext. 10 for further information. Community Pool Service is the only company approved by the Board of Directors for swim instruction. Bathers who are not toilet-trained must wear swim diapers. Additionally, babies must wear rubber swim pants, which are available at the guard station. They are available at no cost to the resident. Also available are pool toys and pool noodles.

For our serious swimmers, kick boards and swim buoys are available to check out from our lifeguards. Please note that our Fitness Center will be open a half hour later on Saturdays and Sundays during the pool season and will remain open a half hour later (7:30am - 8:30pm instead of 7am - 8pm).

If residents are interested in being a lifeguard at our pool, please contact Neely Cohen at ncohen@communitypools.com for further information.

Common Area Committee

By Kathleen McCollom

The Common Area Committee will resume monthly walk-through inspections in May. The committee teams with representatives from the management company and Lancaster Landscapes to ensure that common areas are well maintained and to note problem areas that require solutions. Many areas are now in deep shade from tall trees, and grass no longer grows in these areas. Some of these areas are better corrected with mulch and shade-

loving foliage plants such as hostas and ferns. Other areas that are muddy or have rain erosion problems are better built into stone swales to direct water to drainage.

Common area tree maintenance will continue through this year. About a quarter of trees are pruned each year. Residents who have trees on their private property are responsible for keeping them pruned. Many are now getting large and may block sidewalks or signs. Branches that touch walls are an incoming path for insects and squirrels and can cause damage in high winds.

Judging for Pride of Ownership winners was done in May and the winners will be announced soon.

Communications Committee

By Kimberly Dillon

The Communications Committee is looking for volunteers to help with Cameron Station's 20th Anniversary celebration. A separate planning committee has been formed, and we are looking for individuals who would be interested in volunteering their time, ideas, and/or talents to the planning of the extravaganza. Volunteering opportunities are wide-ranging, and there are a number of areas where we need your help in order to make this event a success! For more information on the event, please see the full article on page 1 of the newsletter.

If you are interested in volunteering for the event, please contact Kimberly Dillon at communications@cameronstation.org.

Tucker News

By Julie Painter

Thank you to all in the Cameron Station community who have helped make this 2017-2018 Samuel Tucker Elementary school year a great success! We appreciate the time and contributions made by so many in our Cameron Station Community. As we prepare to wrap up the school year on June 20, we continue to need your help to raise money for the Tucker Fine Arts and are very close to meeting our goals. If you would like to become one of Tucker's community partners, please contact Cameron Station neighbor Michael Johnson at 202-270-3512.

Calling All Kindergartners

Do you have a child who will start kindergarten on August 2, 2018? We will have some summer play dates planned! Contact Cameron Station neighbor Aimee Wieland at ahenneke@gmail.com so you don't miss out on the information.

Restaurant Night

We will have our final restaurant night in June, where a portion of the proceeds will go to Tucker Elementary. Be on the lookout on our neighborhood Facebook pages for details. It is a great way to visit with neighbors and support our local school.

Purchasing Textbooks

The Tucker Parent Teacher Association (PTA) continues to work on raising money to support purchasing textbooks for the classrooms as well as for the fine arts department. If you or your business would like to become a Tucker Community Partner, please e-mail Mike Johnson at mike@mikejohnsonlaw.com.

Harris Teeter's Together in Education Program

It is easy and FREE. If you, grandparents, family, friends, or neighbors shop at any Harris Teeter and have a VIC card, you can sign up and help. Simply give the cashier our school code, 6272, the next time you are checking out at Harris Teeter,

and ask them to link your VIC card to Tucker Elementary. This program does NOT interfere with your VIC savings nor does it cost you any money.

Papa John's Pizza

Do you like Papa John's Pizza? If so, for every large pizza you buy at regular menu price with your pizza card, you get one free! This means that if you order 10 pizzas with your pizza card, you get 10 free! This offer is valid for carryout at over 100 participating locations in DC, Maryland, and Virginia. For more information, please contact the Tucker PTA at tuckertigersroar@gmail.com.

Shop on Amazon

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

The West End Farmers Market Is Back!

On Sunday, May 6, the West End Farmers Market celebrated its 10th anniversary! Over the past decade, our local farmers market has brought fresh goods and unique products to the Cameron Station community, and we are happy to continue this tradition.

If you are new to the area and aren't familiar with the market – it is a foody paradise with a full complement of goodies. You can always find freshly picked, locally grown, exquisite vegetables. In addition, you can find free-range meats, olive oils, cheeses, coffee — newly brewed or ground, and freshly squeezed orange juice. Whether you crave good hearty breads, scones, or a sweeter variety of baked goods, such as pastries, cookies, brownies, or gluten-free cookies, you can find what you crave. Choose from multiple fruit and vegetable stands with the goodies you love most! Farmers agree that the weather this year brought the peach, apricot, plum, and apple trees into bloom early! Be on the lookout for peaches, apricots, and plums in early June. In the meantime, enjoy strawberries, raspberries, and blackberries.

This year, we have new food and artisan vendors, some of which are offering empanadas and sorbet, and we also have new jewelers and a dog-grooming truck just to name a few. Make certain to check out the new third row of vendors! The farmers and chefs you have loved these past years are returning as well, including the Thai Food Truck! As usual, the market will have tables and chairs out for your comfort.

If you would like to know more about the market, please visit our website. There is a complete list of vendors with descriptions and photos: www.westendfarmersmarket.org.

Check us out on Facebook for weekly information on what's new at the market, non-profits or government agencies scheduled at the market, and new vendors for the week: <https://www.facebook.com/WestEndFarmersMarket/>

Eat well and have fun every Sunday from 8:30am to 1pm in Ben Brenman Park, which will be open from May to October! We will see you there!



Photo credit: Cameron Station Grapevine

Cameron Station Residents Know “Positivity Rocks!”



Cameron Café Update

By Rene Zimmer

Several months ago, I wrote an article outlining the future plans for the Cameron Café. Dayan Worku had hoped to move his business down the street to a larger space so he could expand his business. Unfortunately, the permits and construction costs were prohibitive, so the Cameron Café will remain in its current location.

Dayan is in the process of calibrating his menu, products, and offerings. Furthermore, Dayan told me that he does not have a set menu yet, but he is working on his vision for the café, which is very exciting! Our neighbors and friends continue to enjoy the relaxing, convivial atmosphere as well as the good coffee and food. Cameron Café is a neighborhood treasure, and I know we will all continue to support this wonderful local business!

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Cameron Station Civic Association Meeting Addresses Issues “Outside the Wall”

By Martin Menez

The Spring 2018 Cameron Station Civic Association (CSCA) general membership meeting was held on Wednesday, May 2, at the Cameron Club. Featured speakers were Michael L. Brown, the Alexandria Police Chief, who addressed various aspects of child safety in schools, and Shannon Steene, former Cameron Station resident and Executive Director of the Carpenter’s Shelter, who gave an update on the new and interim facilities.

Chief Brown explained that the Alexandria Police Department has dedicated a school resource officer to be present in public schools (except at elementary schools, per ACLS request). The police have provided input on structural changes to school entrances/exits to make them safer and are beginning to work closely with private schools to help on safety issues. There are mutual-aid agreements with local municipalities so that Alexandria gets immediate police help for major events. Alexandria Public Schools follow the policy of ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate). Training instructor-led classes provide preparation and a plan for individuals and organizations on how to proactively handle the threat of an aggressive intruder or active-shooter event. Whether it is an attack by an individual or by an international group of professionals with the intent of conveying a political message through violence, ALICE tactics have become the accepted response for the schools versus the alternative, which is the “lockdown only” and “run, hide, fight” approach.



Photo credit: David Thorpe



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Mr. Steene addressed the planning for the new Carpenter’s Shelter building on the existing site and the temporary quarters, which will be housed in Landmark Mall for the next 18 months. Permits for the temporary build were approved by the City in early March. The work at the Mall will begin in the next couple of weeks and is anticipated to be completed in late spring. The Shelter will relocate residents and its operations and programs to the front of the former Macy’s in June. Approximately 60 persons will be housed at the interim site. The Shelter will return to its former location on North Henry Street in the new facility in late 2019/early 2020. (See the Carpenter’s Shelter article in this issue on page 16 to learn more about the project.)

First Vice President “Sash” Impastato delivered updates on the Landmark Mall, the Beauregard development, and the Multi-Modal Bridge project. The membership voted on a small change to its bylaws, and Treasurer Mike Mayes encouraged attendees to join the CSCA if they were not already members.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 5, at 7pm, in the Victoria Hebert Great Room in the Cameron Club. Members and non-members are welcome to attend.

For more information on the CSCA, contact President Martin Menez at cameronstationcivic@gmail.com.

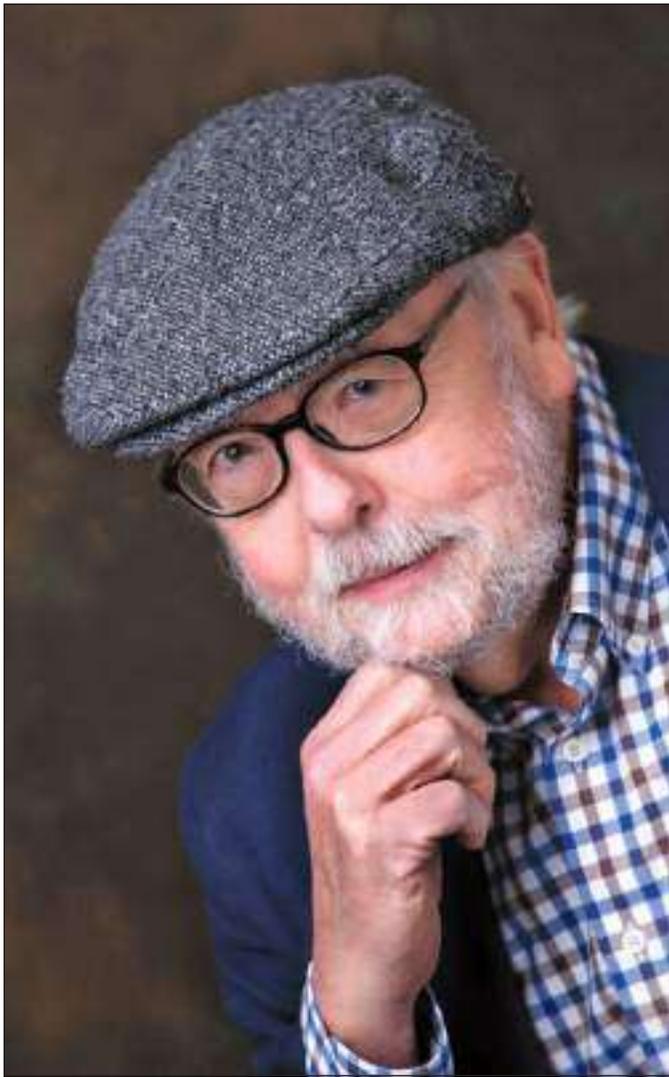


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Brewhouse Book Banter

By Rene Zimmer

On March 14, a group of Cameron Station neighbors gathered at Portner Brewhouse to hear from author David Allen Edmonds, who talked about his new book, *Personal Pronouns*, a captivating mystery with a high school German teacher as the main character. David led a lively discussion about the book itself as well as his personal writing journey, and he shared many insights concerning the writing process — he is very disciplined and writes for several hours each day. He recommends joining a writing group if you think it's something you want to pursue, emphasizing that it's important to get feedback and support from other writers. David feels that everyone has a story to tell and that you should write about what you know. The audience was receptive and enjoyed an evening filled with discussion, drinks, and good food.

A retired high school teacher from Ohio, David is currently working on a sequel to *Personal Pronouns*. His next appearance in the Mid-Atlantic region will be at Bethany Beach Book Store on Saturday, June 23, from 6:30-8:30pm. Make certain to stop by if you are in the area.

And Another Thing...

(newsy notions & other fun facts!)

Did You Know...

London Curry House has a new lounge area (e.g., sofas, chairs) at the end of the bar. Also, the patio is open with new vibrant patio chairs!



Photo credit: Cameron Station Grapevine

Delia's Mediterranean Grill & Brick Oven Pizza opened at its new location at 2931 S. Glebe Rd. (formerly Tazza Kitchen).

Van Dorn Diner is open in Van Dorn Plaza.

Mia's Kitchen is open at 100 King St. (formerly Carluccio's).

Smoking Kow BBQ is open at 3250 Duke St. (formerly Sinbad's)

The lone Alexandria establishment on Open Table's Top 10 Seafood Restaurants list is *Hank's Oyster Bar* at 1026 King St.

Dudley's Sport & Ale is coming soon to Shirlington.

Capitol City Brewing in Shirlington has closed.

Pho Huy is planned to open in Foxchase.

Executive Diner & Café is open at 1400 Duke St.

Cameron Station neighbor Mayu Molina Lehmann has written a wonderful children's book with both English and Spanish, and it is based on a true story! Check out *A New Life for Candy/Una Vida Nueva para Candy*.

Foxfire Grill has a wine tasting with paired small plates on the third Thursday of the month.

The James Beard nominees have been announced for 2018. There are none in Northern Virginia. There are four in DC: *Centrolina* (Downtown), *The Dabney* (Shaw), *Himitsu* (Petworth), & *Bad Saint* (Columbia Heights).

What am I Listening to?

Luis Fonsi - Despacito
 Michael Sheridan - Prelude
 Derek Trucks Band - Songlines
 Margot MacDonald - Canvas
 Ben Rosenblum - Instead

Days to Celebrate!

June 1 - Flip a Coin Day
 June 3 - Repeat Day
 June 4 - National Cheese Day (I'm on it!)
 June 6 - National Yo-Yo Day
 June 15 - Smile Power Day
 June 18 - National Splurge Day
 July 4 - Sidewalk Egg Frying Day (You try it; I'll watch!)
 July 13 - Embrace Your Geekness Day and National French Fries Day
 July 18 - National Hot Dog Day
 July 21 - National Junk Food Day
 Aug. 3 - Grab Some Nuts Day (Don't go there!) and International Beer Day
 Aug. 17 - National Thrift Shop Day

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Carla's Picks

By Carla Besosa

Alexandria

May 28 - Memorial Day Festival, Waterfront Park
July 8 - Fireworks, Alexandria Waterfront

Arena Stage (DC)

July 7-Aug. 6 - *The Originalist*

Atlas Performing Arts Center (DC)

June 6-July 1 - Mosaic Theater Co: *The Vagrant Trilogy*
June 16 - The In Series: *The Emperor of Atlantis*

The Barns at Wolf Trap (Vienna)

June 22-30 - Mozart's *Idomeneo*
July 15-21 - Gounod's *Romeo et Juliette*
July 22 - Aria Jukebox

Birchmere (Arlandria)

June 10 - Three Dog Night
June 12 - David Sanborn
June 18 - Gordon Lightfoot
June 24 - Jonathan Butler
June 28 - Sergio Mendes
July 7 - Maysa
July 8 - Cheryl Wheeler & Jonathan Edwards
July 19 - Nitty Gritty Dirt Band
July 20-22 - The Bacon Brothers
July 26 - Cowboy Junkies
Aug. 4 - 1964: The Tribute
Aug. 13 - Mindi Abair & The Boneshakers
Aug. 19 - Jean Luc Ponty

Blackwall Hitch (Old Town)

June 1 - Kajun Kelley
June 10 - BSQ Jazz

Blues Alley (Georgetown/DC)

June 28 - Bob Baldwin
July 19-22 - Poncho Sanchez
July 26-29 - Jazz Funk Soul - Jeff Lorber, Everette Harp, Paul Jackson, Jr.
Aug. 9-12 - Marcus Johnson "Urban Jam Band"
Aug. 14 - Earth Wind & Fire Tribute Band

Capital One Arena (DC)

June 11 - Daryl Hall & John Oats/Train

Carlyle Club (Alexandria)

June 17 - A Tribute to the Music of Motown
Aug. 4 - Jerry Garcia Birthday Celebration

Creative Cauldron (Falls Church)

May 24-June 17 - *Charlotte's Web*

Dance Place (DC)

May 29-June 3 - Dance Africa
June 15-16 - Capitol Tap

DAR Constitution Hall (DC)

July 14 - Bill Maher

Del Ray Artisans Gallery (Del Ray)

June 1 - Opening Reception: *Wanderlust*
Aug. 3 - Opening Reception: *Ancestry*

Dulles Expo Center (Chantilly)

July 21-22 - D.C. Big Flea & Antique Market
Aug. 17-19 - International Gem & Jewelry Show

Epicure Café (Fairfax)

June 8, July 13, Aug. 10 - Eclectic Jam with Cristian Perez

Fiona's Irish Pub (Kingstowne)

Aug. 18 - Janna Audey with Rob Santos

FIREWORKS!

June 29 - Mount Vernon
June 30 - Lorton Workhouse
July 4 - Fairfax High School
July 4 - McLean, Churchill Road Elementary School
July 4 - Falls Church, George Mason High School
July 4 - Vienna, Yeonas Park
July 5 - Ashburn, Lakes Rec Center
July 8 - Alexandria Waterfront

1st Stage Theater (Tysons)

May 31-June 24 - *Swimming with the Whales*
July 12-22 - Logan Festival of Solo Performers

Fort Ward Park (Alexandria)

June 9 - Civil War Camp Day

Gadsby's Tavern Museum (Old Town)

June 2-Sept. 1 - Specialty Tour:
Hamilton BFF & Frenemies
June 10 - FaceTime with History: Thomas Jefferson & James Madison Discussing the New VA University
July 27 - 18th Century Gaming Night

Gala Theater (Adams Morgan)

June 7-July 1 - *Dancing in my Cockroach Killers*

Gunston Theater (Arlington)

May 31-July 1 - *The Tempest*

The Hamilton (DC)

June 1 - Bonerama
June 9 - Regina Carter: Simply Ella
June 10 - Terence Blanchard
June 22 - Bruce in the USA
Aug. 17 - Spyrogyra

Harman Center for the Arts (DC)

May 22-July 1 - *Camelot*
June 11 - *Will on the Hill*

Hub Theater (Fairfax)

July 6-29 - *The Secrets of the Universe (and Other Songs)*

Imagination Stage (Bethesda)

June 23-July 29 - *Paper Dreams*
June 23-Aug. 12 - *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*

Jammin Java (Vienna)

June 17 - Vance Gilbert
Aug. 11 - Dan Navarro

Jiffy Lube Live (Bristow)

June 8 - Journey/Def Leppard
 June 9 - Dave Matthews Band
 July 7 - Lynyrd Skynyrd
 July 10 - Steely Dan with The Doobie Brothers
 July 13 - Styx/Joan Jett & the Blackhearts
 July 24 - Lindsey Sterling & Evanescence
 July 25 - Chicago/REO Speedwagon
 Aug. 4 - Jimmy Buffett
 Aug. 12 - Pentatonix

Kennedy Center (DC)

May 29-June 3 - Ballet Nacional de Cuba: *Don Quixote*
 June 7-9 - NSO: Eschenbach conducts Mendelssohn's
Italian Symphony
 June 12-Sept. 16 - *Hamilton*
 June 19-July 22 - *Ain't Too Proud -*
The Life & Times of the Temptations
 June 22 - NSO Pops featuring Melissa Etheridge
 June 30 - Stephen Stills & Judy Collins
 July 31-Aug. 26 - *The Color Purple*

Lisner Auditorium (GWU)

June 2 - Children of the Gospel

Little Theater of Alexandria (Old Town)

July 21-Aug. 11 - *Jesus Christ Superstar*

Lorton Workhouse (Lorton)

June 30 - Fireworks

Merriweather Post Pavilion (Columbia)

June 1-3 - Capital Jazz Fest
 July 6 - Foo Fighters
 Aug. 22 - Kenny Chesney

Metro Stage (Alexandria)

July 28-30 - *Anne & Emmett*
 Aug. 17-Sept 17 - *The Wizard of Hop*

MGM Theater (National Harbor)

June 26 - Steve Miller Band with Peter Frampton
 Aug. 4-12 - Cher

Mount Vernon (Alex)

June 2 - Martha Washington's Birthday Celebration
 June 29 - Independence Fireworks

National Theater (DC)

May 15-June 3 - *Waitress*

9:30 Club (DC)

June 15 - Who's Bad - Michael Jackson Tribute Band
 June 23 - Emmet Swimming

RFK Stadium (DC)

Aug. 19 - DC World Reggae Festival

Round House Theater (Silver Spring)

June 6-July 1 - *The Legend of Georgia*
 Aug. 29-Sept. 23 - *Small Mouth Sounds*

Schlessinger Center (Alexandria)

June 16 - *Willy Wonka*, Metropolitan School of Arts

Show Place Arena (Upper Marlboro)

June 16-Aug. 19 (various weekends) - BEST Horse Show Series

Signature Theater (Shirlington)

June 26-30 - *Entirely Elvis*
 July 7-14 - *Why is Eartha Kitt Trying to Kill Me?:*
A Love Story

Sixth & I (DC)

June 14 - Terri Lyne Carrington

Sonoma Cellar (Old Town)

July 1, July 15 - Dennis Benjamin - Classical Guitar

The State Theater (Falls Church)

June 8 - Satisfaction - International Rolling Stone Show
 June 30 - Tusk - The Ultimate Fleetwood Mac Tribute
 July 6 - Southern Accents - Tribute to Tom Petty &
 The Heartbreakers
 July 21 - The Ultimate Eagles Tribute - On the Border
 July 22 - Louie Anderson

The Strathmore (Bethesda)

June 13 - Boz Scaggs
 June 24 - Herbie Hancock
 June 29 - Sarah McLachlan

Studio Theater (DC)

May 22-June 17 - *The Remains*

Synetic Theater (Crystal City)

July 11-Aug. 12 - *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*

Theater J (DC)

May 3-June 24 - *Trayf*

Union Stage (DC Waterfront)

June 30 - Nellie McKay
 Aug. 4 - Flashband 70s Showcase

Warner Theater (DC)

June 7 - Bill Clinton & James Patterson
 June 30 - Canadian Brass

Wolf Trap (Vienna)

June 1 - John Prine
 June 2 - The Beatles White Album
 June 10 and June 12 - Roger Daltrey Performs
The Who's Tommy
 June 14 - Harry Connick, Jr.
 June 16 - Sound of Music Sing-A-Long
 June 23 - Tony Bennett
 June 26-28 - *Motown The Musical*
 June 29-30 - *The Wizard of Oz*
 July 1 - Reba McEntire
 July 8 - Ludovico Einaudi
 July 10 - Indigo Girls
 July 17 - Straight No Chaser
 July 18 - Boy George & Culture Club/The B-52s
 July 20 - Queen Latifah & Common
 July 29 - Yanni
 Aug. 3 - Verdi's *Rigoletto*
 Aug. 11 - Mary Chapin Carpenter
 Aug. 12 - ABBA The Concert
 Aug. 15 - Gladys Knight & The O'Jays
 Aug. 24 - Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons

Woolly Mammoth (DC)

May 28-June 24 - *Botticelli in the Fire*
 July 10-29 - *Damned if You Do*
 July 31-Aug. 5 - *The Story of the Gun*

Carpenter's Shelter – Committed to the Community

By Pat Sugrue



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If you've been an Alexandria resident for a while, you are probably familiar with Carpenter's Shelter, the city's longtime refuge for Alexandria's homeless, located on North Henry Street in Old Town. You might even be one of the 1,200 volunteers who devote time and energy to keeping the shelter operating 365 days a year.

On May 2, Shannon Steene, Executive Director of Carpenter's Shelter and former Cameron Station resident, came to the Cameron Station Civic Association meeting to update the community on current and future plans. According to Shannon, homelessness is actually on the rise in Alexandria, increasing 7% over the last year. Committed not only to sheltering as many of the city's homeless as possible, but also to transitioning them into permanent, sustainable accommodations, the staff and board of directors approved tearing down their current building and replacing it with a multi-level structure that will not only provide a 60-bed residential shelter but also 97 affordable residential units.

Here is a little background on this well-respected Alexandria institution.

History of Carpenter's

The shelter technically began one cold winter night in 1982 when Blessed Sacrament's then-pastor, Father Tony Casey,

found a man sleeping in his car and another asleep in the doorway of the church. Believing that everyone deserves a safe, warm place to sleep at night, Father Casey welcomed the men into the church and allowed them to spend the night. From that night through the next six years when the building was torn down, Blessed Sacrament's basement provided shelter to those in need. In 1988, when that space was no longer available, a dedicated group of individuals founded Carpenter's Shelter, which first operated in a warehouse on Duke Street, then north Old Town, and about 20 years ago opened in a retrofitted DMV building two blocks from the Braddock Metro Station. It now serves more than 650 homeless men, women, and children annually.

Their Mission

Carpenter's Shelter doesn't just provide a roof over its clients' heads. Rather, it supports the homeless in achieving sustainable independence through shelter, guidance, education, and advocacy. They empower their clients to address the issues that led them to homelessness, and they provide tools to help them achieve lasting independence.

Services and Programs

For 30 years, Carpenter's Shelter has addressed the needs of single adults and families, and the new facility will allow

them to continue the existing programs and provide even more assistance.

- The Residential Shelter provides shelter to both single adults and families. The average length of stay is two months for singles and three months for families.
- David's Place is the only "day shelter" in Alexandria to provide basic assistance for people who are chronically homeless. From 7:30 to 11:30am, individuals may take a warm shower, do laundry, and have access to telephone, Internet, and a mailing address, which helps many of the day-shelter guests look for employment.
- Winter Shelter provides a safe refuge during inclement winter weather.
- The Bloom, in partnership with the Alexandria Housing Development Corporation, will provide 97 affordable rental units, ranging from studios to three-bedroom apartments.

Interim Housing

Demolition of the existing and construction of the new Henry Street building begins this June and is expected to be completed by the end of 2019. In order to continue to provide care to the city's homeless population during construction, a part of the shuttered Macy's building at the Landmark shopping mall will be retrofitted as a shelter

and occupied for about 18 months. The Howard Hughes Corporation (HHC), which now owns Macy's as well as the rest of Landmark (with the exception of Sears), is giving Carpenter's Shelter the building rent-free. *(Note: This interim use has nothing to do with renovation plans for Landmark. Because HHC now owns Macy's, they have to go back to the drawing board to incorporate that area and begin anew the approval process with the city. The Civic Association will keep the community updated.)* Shannon explained that while they are very anxious to occupy their new Old Town building, they are committed to being a good neighbor during their time in the West End. They also see this temporary location as an opportunity to discover any pockets of homelessness in the West End that they may not be aware of, and thus be able to address in the future.

We could not have a more competent and experienced person at the helm of Carpenter's Shelter and overseeing this important transition. Shannon has been the executive director since May 2015, and has more than 15 years of experience in housing and family services. During his time as Executive Director of Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services, the organization received the *Washington Post* Award for Excellence in Nonprofit Management, as well as the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce's Nonprofit of the Year. He is a hands-on manager and always available to answer any questions or concerns.

To learn more about Carpenter's Shelter, visit CarpentersShelter.org.



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Sunday in Saigon

By Carla Besosa - Cameron Station Foodie

"Food is our common ground, a universal experience." – James Beard

If you've never noticed *Sunday in Saigon*, it may be because the façade blends in with that of the adjacent Trader Joe's. We drove past it several times before locating it (granted...we were talking).

What inspired the name? In Vietnam, Sunday is a day when families gather, enjoy each other's company, share food, and forget about the stress of the work week. What a concept! And it is perhaps an idea that the Western Hemisphere needs to re-cultivate.

Sunday in Saigon has a nice patio with heaters, which are put to use when weather-appropriate. My first reaction upon entering was "WOW!" The space is larger than I anticipated, and the Nuvo-Asian décor and modern techno-jazz impressively induces a feeling of euphoria. When I opened the menu, I couldn't help but let out another "WOW!" The menu is displayed in LED lighting! How cool is that?

(See Sunday in Saigon continued on page 20)



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Sunday in Saigon

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Bar

Full

Catering Available

Yes

Private Room

Yes (minimum applies)

Smoking

No

HC Access

Yes

Parking (3 options)

Street
Garage (\$1 validation toward
Trader Joe's garage)
Free parking deck above restaurant
(Access from Washington St.)

Reservations

Yes

Sunday in Saigon

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Our server was very professional and adept at fielding our many questions, and we had a pleasant chat with the owner as well.

The menu features dishes from various regions of Vietnam, showcasing a broad spectrum of flavors. We chose a variety of items to broaden our scope.

The *Nom Du Du Hoan Kiem* combines beef jerky, tofu, shrimp, pickled pork ear, shredded papaya, mint, basil, and peanut in a garlic vinaigrette, and it packs a kick! The *Bo Bia* is a delightful medley of cheese, sausage, shrimp, and tofu, which is held together with egg, jicama, and bean sauce. The *Nem Ran Hai Phong* consists of pork, shrimp, and crabmeat with cellophane noodles. Peruse their menu to see the incredible selection of creations that have evolved from various combinations of noodles, rice, meat, poultry, pork, steak, duck, chicken, vegetables, seafood, rice porridge, and banh mi. The menu is extremely eater-friendly with indicators for vegetarian dishes, gluten-free dishes, and dishes containing peanuts. There are so many selections that I know I must return to experience more of a good thing! I also plan to check out their Happy Hour with discounted beer, wine, and sake.

Sunday in Saigon is a treat for the senses! When you combine the cuisine with the décor, music, and staff, it's such a fulfilling experience!



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Family Fun in August

By Mindy Lyle

The end of summer brings two opportunities for family fun, and both are designed to support the Alexandria Police Department.



On August 7, from 5pm – 8pm, Greenhill’s Pickett Place Foundation, Cameron Station, and Samuel Tucker Elementary will join with other community businesses to sponsor National Night Out. This is a night to celebrate community policing. Please come and meet the police officers and firefighters who serve our community. Last year, over 200 West End neighbors enjoyed games, wonderful food from *La Casa*, and entertainment provided by the National’s “Racing George Washington.” This event is open to all residents of the West End.

On August 25, from 12pm – 3pm, Greenhill’s Pickett Place Foundation will sponsor “Karaoke with the Cops” at Rocket Grill on King Street. This family event features police officers, community members, and Alexandria-elected officials singing karaoke to raise money for equipment needed by the Alexandria City Police. The “surprise star” of the 2017 event was Kevin Bacon and his band with Alexandria Police Chief Michael Brown performing. The surprise music industry guest will be announced at the event.

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Cameron Station Annual Pool Party

Saturday, August 11

11:30am-3:30pm

To enjoy the fun and food, please remember to bring your Cameron Station ID card to obtain a lunch ticket from the attendant in the Fitness Center lobby. A maximum of two guests per household will be admitted to the party, and they must be accompanied by a Cameron Station resident who presents a Cameron Station facilities visitor pass. In the case of inclement weather, all activities, except the moon bounce, will move inside the Cameron Club.

Road Closure Notice:

A portion of the party will take place on Kilburn Street, between Cameron Station Boulevard and Medlock Lane. The street will be closed from 6pm on Friday, August 10, until 6pm on Saturday, August 11. There will be no parking in this area during that time. Vehicles that have not been moved from visitor parking and/or the street by 6pm Friday will be relocated at the owner’s risk and expense without further notice.

Questions? E-mail us at events@cameronstation.org

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Book Clubs

Reading Between the Wines

May: *Beautiful Souls* by Eyal Press

June: *A Piece of the World* by Christine Baker Kline

July: *Bonjour Tristesse* by Françoise Sagan

August: *Commonwealth* by Ann Patchett

Monday Night Book Ball

June: *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles

July: *The Cellist of Sarajevo* by Steven Galloway

August: *The Honest Spy* by Andreas Kollender

If you are interested in joining the Monday Night Book Ball Book Club, please contact sottilepj@aol.com.

We would love to have you!

Third Thursday of the Month Book Club

June: *The Hummingbird House* by Patricia Henley (Host: Gayle; Bring book club suggestions!)

July: *All the Light We Cannot See* (Host: Susan)

August: *The Woman in Cabin 10* by Ruth Ware (Host: Martha; We will meet on the fourth Thursday of the month, August 23.)

September: *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng (Host: Christina)

If you are interested in joining the Third Thursday of the Month Book Club, please contact MHBirchler@gmail.com.

We would love to have you!



HOA Committee and Board of Directors Meetings

All meetings are held in the Cameron Club. If dates change due to holidays or other reasons, they will be posted on the Cameron Station website: www.cameronstation.org.

Board of Directors

Fourth Tuesday of the month at 7pm (except November and December when dates will be announced)

Activities and Events Planning Committee

First Tuesday of the month at 7pm

Architectural Review Committee

First Tuesday of the month at 7pm

Cameron Club Facilities Committee

Second Thursday of the month at 7pm

Common Area Committee

Second Monday of the month at 7pm

Communications Committee

Third Monday of the month at 7pm

Financial Advisory Committee

Third Thursday of the month at 7pm

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