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Happy 20th Anniversary, Cameron Station!

By Barbara Bolin

The Cameron Station 20th Anniversary celebration was a party to remember! The Great Gatsby theme made for an enjoyable backdrop, casino tables added to the fun, and neighbors strolled about in flapper attire and tuxedos, which brought a touch of class to the evening. Chairperson Kimberly Dillon (who is also Chair of the Communications Committee) put hours of preparation and planning into the event, which had gorgeous lighting and decor, plenty of adult beverages, and beautiful and delicious appetizers.

David Thorpe, our neighborhood DJ, once again came through with terrific tunes. He created energy for dancing and ambiance for meeting old and new friends. His customary irrepressible sense of fun and showmanship drew all ages into the dancing and mingling.



More than 600 people attended the party, making this the biggest turnout at any community event in Cameron Station's 20 years of existence. Cameron Station remains a unique place and home to so many special people. Thanks to everyone who envisioned, contributed, planned, supported, assisted, and participated in helping celebrate a milestone in our wonderful community.

Editor's Note: As noted, our neighbor Kimberly Dillon devoted countless hours of time and effort to create this wonderful party for our community. She used many resources of her own events company, Altheta Design Group, and did not charge for her services. Thank you, Kimberly! If you would like more information on Altheta Design Group, see page 12.

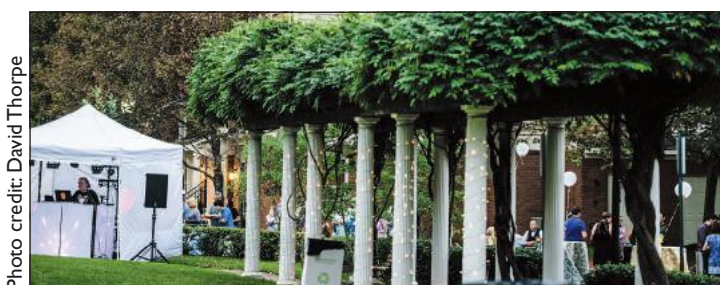


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Annual Holiday Party
Sunday, December 9 • 6-9pm • Cameron Club



The 2018 Mark Pillow Award Winner: David Thorpe

By Pat Sugrue

For those of you who did not have the good fortune of knowing Mark Pillow, one of his friends captured him beautifully when she said, "Mark embodied community spirit and was always the first to lend a helping hand. He volunteered throughout Cameron Station in so many ways and had one of the biggest hearts I have ever known."

The same can be said of this year's Pillow Award winner, David Thorpe, who may be Cameron Station's biggest supporter and its most generous volunteer. And given the number of incredible volunteers we have here, that is really saying something!

David is an active member of the Communications Committee and photographer for *The Compass*. David and his wife Stephanie sponsor and host an annual Easter Egg hunt for the children of the community and host Martini Monday parties to bring neighbors together socially. As our resident DJ, David provides music for Cameron Station events, most recently the 20th Anniversary Party, to which he also donated money for the Raffle. David created the Cameron Station Grapevine social media site to keep neighbors informed and, as one of the community's popular realtors, promotes our neighborhood far and wide. David works hard to integrate the neighborhood with the wider West End and actively supports and promotes Cameron Station retailers, as well as restaurants in the West End. The list goes on!

Presenting the award to David at the Annual Meeting, Board President Megan Brock shared a quote by Winston Churchill: "You make a living by what you get. You make a life by what you give." Thank you, David, for your kindness and generosity and for adding so much fun to our lives in Cameron Station. You are so deserving of the Mark Pillow Award!



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Activities & Events Planning Committee

By Andrew Yang

The Activities and Events Planning Committee took on a variety of different events this year. From the smaller events, such as family movie nights, adult happy hours, Bunco, and a new speaker series, to larger events, such as the annual Egg Hunt, Pool Party, and Casino Night (rolled into the 20th Anniversary), there was something for everyone.

Most recently, we had our annual Halloween event. Due to the dreary weather, the event was held indoors at the Cameron Club, where dozens of families strolled through the hallway. Prizes were awarded for the best costumes. After the contest, a create-your-own treat bag, crafts, games, and candy were made available in the gym.

To end the year, we will be holding the Annual Holiday Party on Sunday, December 9, from 6 to 9pm at the Cameron Club. Be sure to look for notices in the weekly e-mail blast. Please contact Cameron Station management if you are not on the official mailing list.

If you are interested in volunteering for this event or others, or have any suggestions, please e-mail events@cameronstation.org.

Cameron Club Facilities Committee

By Ray Celeste

The Cameron Club fitness facility is open Monday through Friday from 4:45am to 11pm and Saturday and Sunday from 7am to 8pm. Please contact the Fitness Director, Psy Scott, at fitness@cameronstation.org with any questions. The phone number for the Fitness Center is 703-567-8555.

Class Descriptions

Boot Camp (Complimentary) – Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30pm-7:30pm – Multi-Purpose Court

Boot camp is a circuit training workout that challenges your entire body, utilizing any or all of the following: body weight exercises; strength training; agility drills; cardio training and/or core stabilization exercises; and a wide variety of interval training, including lifting weights/objects, pulling rubber TRX straps, doing pushups/sit-ups, performing plyometrics, and various types of intense explosive routines. This class uses a variety of fitness equipment!

Gentle Yoga (Complimentary) – Thursdays, 9:30-10:30am – Victoria Hebert Great Room

Gentle yoga classes are typically described as appropriate for those who want a softer, nurturing, slow-paced, well-

supported, and relaxing practice. The approach includes carefully orchestrated movements, controlled pressure, and well-measured stretches, including range-of-motion exercises. Postures may be approached in gradual steps, with plenty of time to focus on breathing and repetition so that the practice is simple to do and easy to remember. A gentle yoga style encourages a highly individualized approach to practice with on-going encouragement to make moment-to-moment adjustments.

Stretch and Core (Complimentary) – Mondays and Wednesdays, 10:30am-11:30am – Multi-Purpose Court

Stretch and Core classes are focused on abdominal and core training, using a variety of tools, which may include stability balls, BOSU, medicine balls, and weights integrated with restorative stretch and flexibility.

Strength and Stretch (Complimentary) – Tuesdays, 9am-10am – Multi-Purpose Court

Our gentle stretch and strength class incorporates a flow of yoga poses and concepts. This class is appropriate for all fitness levels with emphasis on balance, dynamic strength, and core, and this class will improve your overall strength all the while improving your flexibility, allowing you to feel healthier and more centered.

Total Body Weights (Complimentary) – Fridays, 10:30am-11:30am – Multi-Purpose Court

Weight training is the best way to increase your metabolism and burn calories while toning and firming. Whether you are a beginner or experienced, this is a class tailored to women, teaching the latest strength training techniques and workouts.

Vinyasa Flow Yoga (Complimentary) – Mondays, 6:30pm-7:45pm – Victoria Hebert Great Room

Vinyasa yoga, in which movement is synchronized to the breath, is a term that covers a broad range of yoga classes. This style is sometimes also called flow yoga, because of the smooth way that the poses run together and become like a dance. The breath acts as an anchor to the movement as you flow from one pose to the next in time with an inhale or an exhale.

Zumba (Complimentary) – Wednesdays, 6pm-7pm – Multi-Purpose Court

It's a very exciting dance party atmosphere full of Latin and international music. You'll forget you're working out with simple moves to dance music like cha cha, salsa, reggaeton, rumba, and more. Best of all, you don't need any previous dance experience!

It's fun and effective, as it uses interval training combined with fast and slow rhythms for an effective aerobic workout while, at the same time, targeting your legs, abs, glutes, and arms. The workout is basically watch and follow. The moves are repeated often enough for you to catch on, and they're not complicated. The routines are repeated week after week with additions every now and then to spice things up even more! Zumba combines high energy and motivating music with unique moves and combinations that allow the Zumba participants to dance away their worries. It is based on the principle that a workout should be fun and easy to do in order for Zumba participants to stick to the Zumba fitness program to achieve long-term health benefits. Zumba is not only great for the body, but it is also great for the mind. It is a feel happy workout.

Pilates (Complimentary) – Wednesdays 7-8pm – Victoria Hebert Great Room

Pilates is the art of controlled movements, which should look and feel like a workout (not a therapy) when properly manifested. If practiced with consistency, Pilates improves flexibility, builds strength, and develops control and endurance in the entire body. It puts emphasis on alignment, breathing, developing a strong core, and improving coordination and balance. Pilates allows for different exercises to be modified in range of difficulty from beginner to advanced or to any other level, and also in terms of the instructor's and practitioner's specific goals and/or limitations. Intensity can be increased over time as the body conditions and adapts to the exercises.

Common Area Committee

By Kathleen McCollom

Routine fall landscape maintenance is either done or underway, including aerating and repairing turf areas, replacing poorly performing trees and bushes, and mulching. Many small, isolated grassy areas have become bare, either from deep shade or strong sun. These are being mulched or brick paved, as suitable.

Uneven sections of brick walkways were repaired this summer, often requiring the removal of underlying large

roots causing the problem. There will always be new uneven areas. Notify the management office so they can be on the next repair round.

The landscaping company will be clearing fallen leaves from now through early January. Specific days will be in the weekly e-mail blasts. They clear common areas; however, it's an owner's responsibility to do private areas such as rear patios or front gardens. Leaves can be bagged in paper or clear plastic to be picked up with trash or can be moved into the street before a leaf-clearing day.

It's not too soon to prepare for snow this winter. Owners must clear sidewalks and driveways after snow. This is a good time to arrange for someone to shovel for you before they are fully booked. If doing it yourself, check the condition of your snow shovel, and get a new one when stocks are plentiful early in December. They will totally sell out after the first storm. Avoid using salt for ice on brick paving. It is corrosive and will stain the brick, it kills grass and plants near the walkway, and causes painful foot burns to walking dogs. There are less harmful chemical melts. Gritty materials, such as cat litter or sand, are also effective on ice.

Communications Committee

By Kimberly Dillon

The Communications Committee (ComCom) has spent the majority of the year planning the 20th Anniversary party, including scheduling/managing vendors; purchasing all of the necessary items to put it on; raising money for the raffle and sponsorship; advertising and promoting it; and gathering volunteers to help set-up, breakdown, and work the event. It was an incredibly successful event that had an estimated 650-person attendance. At the same time, we coordinated with Bright Start Learning Center to plan the Children's Movie Night, which was attended by 76 children. A large thank you goes out to the Activities & Events Planning Committee for donating funds to cover the 20th Anniversary budget and for rolling Casino Night into the Anniversary party for some added fun. ComCom is now focused on revamping the Cameron Station website to improve its functionality and to ensure that its content is current and complete.

Tucker Update

By Julie Painter

The Tucker Elementary School community would like to say thank you to the Cameron Station neighbors for their continued support. The community's commitment to supporting the Tucker students does not go unnoticed. We appreciate the contribution from the 20th Anniversary Party as well as the support of our monthly dine-outs and Fall Fundraiser.

With the cold weather settling in and holidays around the corner, if you would like to help families close to home, please consider donating grocery store gift cards or gently used coats. We will also be having a food and clothing drive at

Tucker during the month of November. If you are interested in donating, please drop off your items at Tucker, or contact Aimee Wieland at ahenneke@gmail.com or 512-787-4168.

The Tucker community will once again be collecting items for the Adopt-a-Family program during the Christmas holidays (see page 13). If you are interested in adopting a family, please e-mail adopttuckerfamily@comcast.net. And, finally, a big thank you to Nader Tamadon with Merrill Lynch for partnering with Tucker; for every mortgage Nader secures in Cameron Station, a donation is made to Tucker. Thank you!

Kimberly Dillon Receives Volunteer of the Year Award

By Pat Sugrue

The Volunteer of the Year Award was instituted in 2016 to recognize residents who have made a significant, positive impact on our community by volunteering their time and energy, regardless of years of service.

This year's recipient is Kimberly Dillon, Chair of the Communications Committee (ComCom) and creator and Chair of the Cameron Station 20th Anniversary Celebration.

Kimberly began volunteering on ComCom in 2013 as the community website was undergoing a renovation and complete redesign, along with the Welcome Packet for new residents. As a professional graphic designer, she brought not only her invaluable technical expertise and experience to the projects but also her positive, inspiring outlook.

In 2016, Kimberly agreed to become Chair of ComCom and provided leadership not only to ComCom but also to *The Compass*. In 2017, recognizing the challenges our community would face as newer, more modern residential developments were springing up around Cameron Station, Kimberly established a Public Relations (PR) Subcommittee. Under her direction, the PR Committee produced a substantive research report that addressed our community's position in the surrounding real estate market and provided recommendations for keeping home values high.

This past year, Kimberly volunteered endless hours of her own time as well as pro bono services of her company, Altheta Design Group, to plan and execute the 20th Anniversary Celebration, all the while running her own



Photo credit: David Thorpe

business. Kimberly handled every detail of the party, not to mention dealing with a hurricane and other last-minute challenges, and the 20th Anniversary party was a great success (see page 1 for details and photos). Not only did 650 residents enjoy an evening of fun, but Kimberly came up with the idea of a raffle, with the proceeds being split among the resident winner, Carpenter's Shelter, and Samuel W. Tucker Elementary. This is a good example of Kimberly's kind and caring nature, not only toward her friends and neighbors but also toward our wider community.

When Megan Brock presented Kimberly with the award at the Annual Meeting, she shared with the audience a quote that she said inspires the idea of the Volunteer of the Year Award:

"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart."

Thank you, Kimberly, for all you do for our community, and congratulations on this well-deserved award!

CLASSIFIED AD

MERCEDES-BENZ OF ALEXANDRIA – I would like to help the residents of the Cameron Station Community with their automotive questions. Please call or text George Jermstad on 703-864-3386 or email gjermstad@mercedesalexandria.com. Thank you!

Annual Meeting Is Information-Packed

By Pat Sugrue

Approximately 150 residents attended this year's Annual Meeting and listened to a number of informative guest speakers and community volunteers, who updated the audience on important issues inside the wall and out. Attendees enjoyed delicious sandwiches, vegetables and dip, and cookies purchased from Harris Teeter. Door prizes from Cameron Café, Home Depot, and Shooter McGee's were awarded throughout the evening.

Police Report

The meeting began with Lt. Matthew Weinert, Cameron Station's liaison to the Alexandria Police Force, addressing crime in the community. He said this remains a very safe neighborhood, with most crimes being crimes of opportunity due to unlocked cars and open garage doors. He assured residents that these incidents had no connection to Carpenter's Shelter, which is temporarily housed in Landmark while its new facility is under construction. The Chief of Police, Michael Brown, spoke about the City of Alexandria's five-year decrease in crime and the city's 21st-century policing programs that are intended to make the city even safer. More information can be found on www.alexandriava.gov/police.

Carpenter's Shelter

Shannon Steene, Executive Director of the shelter and a former Cameron Station resident, reported that there are three areas operating at the shelter during the winter – the family shelter, a day shelter, and a hypothermia shelter that is operated from 7am to 7pm to offer people safety from the cold weather. He said they have had an increase in the number of families at the shelter – from six families to nine; 21 children were there on Halloween. Shannon thanked the community for its support and extended an invitation for any resident to come to the shelter for a tour.

Board of Directors Election

Thanks to the 132 proxies received In addition to the meeting's attendees, a quorum was reached, and the three board positions were filled by Megan Brock, Jon Dellaria, and Tom Sugrue.



Photo credit: David Thorpe



Photo credit: David Thorpe

Awards

Kimberly Dillon was named as Volunteer of the Year, and David Thorpe received the Mark Pillow Award. Please see separate articles on both award winners in this issue.

Committee Reports

Representatives from the six HOA Committees – Activities & Events, Architectural Review, Cameron Club Facilities, Common Area, Communications, and Financial – reported on current committee activities. Among the items of interest was the slight increase in the annual assessment, which remains well below average; and the upcoming Holiday Party on Sunday, December 9. (Please consider volunteering an hour or two of your time at this fun event! Contact events@cameronstation.org.)

Civic Association

Marty Menez, president of the Civic Association, reminded residents of the importance of this organization, which deals with issues "outside the wall" and is a valuable partner to the HOA. He encouraged folks to become members and invited everyone to Civic's November 7 meeting.

Other Items

Additional issues covered at the meeting included an update on Landmark Mall; volunteer opportunities at Samuel Tucker Elementary School through the Alexandria Tutoring Consortium (ATC), "Gobble Gobble," and "Adopt-a-Family," which are annual Thanksgiving and Christmas programs that help deserving families at Tucker Elementary. Two neighbors running for the Alexandria School Board, Ramee Gentry and John Lennon, also introduced themselves to the community.

Board President Megan Brock thanked the HOA management team – Judy Johnson, Deirdre Baldino, Nicole Davis, and Mimi Kebede – for their assistance with the Annual Meeting and their ongoing service to the community.

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Thank you.

A Hand and Voice in Alexandria Affairs: The Civic Association

By Elizabeth McAlee (2004); Updated by Mindy Lyle and Marty Menez

The Cameron Station Civic Association is a growing group of community residents who become knowledgeable about and get involved in our city government's plans for Alexandria's future development. Issues such as traffic control, land use development, and redevelopment all fall under the interest of the Association. Specific interests include those properties in the immediate vicinity of Cameron Station.

Formed by Cameron Station "pioneers" during the first phases of the community's construction to focus on civic affairs in the broader community and to serve as a conduit of information to residents, the Civic Association has also played a role in Cameron Station's evolution from blueprints to a real community. While the Civic Association is not formally associated with the HOA, and thus is not one of the committees under its oversight, it does have good relations with the Board of Directors and may share information on its activities and issues of interest at HOA board meetings. Occasional articles have appeared in *The Compass* alerting residents to issues of particular interest to our community.

Early Civic Association involvement included rallying residents to lobby city leaders to oppose a proposed Wilson Bridge staging area on Eisenhower Avenue (directly behind Cameron Station); working with the city to install speed tables in Ben Brenman Park and to reprogram the traffic lights on Duke Street and Cameron Station Boulevard to make street crossings safer; and helping put a halt to the originally proposed high-rise building and apartment complex on the west end of the community. In addition, the Civic Association was instrumental in securing developer funds for the renovation of Boothe Park, securing a lot for Ben Brenman Park, and soliciting developer funds for improvements and irrigation on the Linear Park Trail.

Years of interaction with elected city officials, city council members, as well as a number of developers has created an association familiar with city processes and staff. Cooperation with other Alexandria civic associations has created an

influential voice for city neighborhoods in local politics.

Within our walls, the Civic Association has played a role in addressing landscaping issues on city-owned property and air quality and has initiated two programs with Tucker Elementary School: a tutoring program, teaming residents with students needing extra help; and a holiday sharing program for needy Tucker students and their families to ensure that every child receives a gift during the holidays.

Current events on the agenda for the Civic Association include: keeping apprised of the redevelopment of the Landmark Mall, being scheduled for hearings by Planning Commission and City Council in April; following the development plans for the Greenhill Pickett Place site; and extending the Linear Park Trail along Backlick Run. Proposals for further development of Ewald Park and a new Parkour Course are also of interest to the Civic Association.

The Civic Association urges Cameron Station residents to become involved in Alexandria city government by serving on one of the many boards and commissions in the city. The population of Cameron Station should be better represented in city government, and nearly every board and commission within the city has vacancies.

Membership in the Association is open to any resident, real property owner, or business establishment owner of property, which is located in Cameron Station.

The Civic Association general membership meets four times a year (the officers/directors meet quarterly in addition). Residents interested in learning more about the Cameron Station Civic Association and becoming one of the approximately 200+ persons who receive information on the association's activities can register to receive e-mail updates by sending a request to Art Impastato (aimpastato@earthlink.net). Dues are now only \$10 per year and can be paid at any membership meeting.

New Plans for Landmark Redevelopment

According to the City of Alexandria website, there have been lengthy delays in the redevelopment of the Landmark Mall due to the site's ownership structure, changes in department store ownership and economics, and the overall real estate market. The Howard Hughes Corporation now has development rights to the entire site and will be going back to the city with revised plans in Spring 2019.

Four meetings are planned for community input and discussion. The first was held in the Cameron Club on November 14. There will be three others on December 12, January 26, and February 27. Locations to be determined.

For updates, go to www.alexandriava.gov/Landmark.

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 e-mail information to thecompass@cameronstation.org.

A “Girls Just Want to Have Fun” Kind of Halloween Night

By Susan Birchler

Who was that woman in the pink wig and 80s get up? It was our own Mindy Lyle as Cyndi Lauper, making her rounds on Halloween. At the two pocket parks at Knapp and Cameron Station, our neighbors decked themselves out to participate in the fun. The costumes were magnificently creative, the children were adorable, and the parents were grinning. It's always a blast on Halloween in Cameron Station!

As always, we had one park for the little ones and one creepy park for those who wanted a more ghoulish experience. Christina Finch, Maria Nieves, and their families decorated the children's park in a Toy Story theme. Their creativity in costume and set design knows no bounds. There was a full contingent of Toy Story characters roaming the park, interacting with the children, and handing out candy. Buzz Lightyear was there with his best friends Woody, Jesse, Farmer John, Wheezy the Penguin, some aliens, and Mrs. Potato Head. The sets in the park were delightful as well. A full-scale replica of Buzz Lightyear's spacecraft shared space with the Martian spaceship, a barn with stuffed animals peeking out of the windows, and so much more. Every year, Maria, Christina, and company make the most out of the simplest ingredients: cardboard boxes, paint, and magic markers. It's always magical, and the little kids just adore walking around and interacting with their favorite movie characters.

Some of the children do not dare cross the street to see the ghoulish cemetery. They can hear the moans and groans; see characters moving around tombstones; and spot lighted witches, ghosts, and ghouls. They choose to continue trick-or-treating elsewhere. Others take the opportunity to fully participate in getting the bejesus scared out of them. This is our eighth year transforming the pocket park on Halloween Eve. This year, zombies sat at a table and feasted on body parts, while witches, a witch doctor, a creepy ghoulish, and a mad scientist roamed the cemetery looking for more victims. Cobwebs only partially hid the screaming bats, witches, and zombies hiding in the trees. A parade of cute, clever, scary, and beautiful characters cautiously eyeing the cemetery moved around the park for their candy rewards.

Never ones to let a good occasion for some fun slip by, the residents of Cameron Station decked themselves out in full glory. I could not possibly get a picture of all of the stupendously creative costumes on parade that night, but there were plenty to be had.

We are extremely grateful for every resident who dropped off candy and showed up to assist in creating the fun night. We couldn't do it without your help. A big thank you to the man whose name I did not catch who came out early to help Maria and Christina set up, along with Norma, Gayle, Nichole, Sue, Matt, Norma's husband, Mike, Gaurav, Ian, and Arjun. A big enormous hug of gratitude for Steven Varechio, Maria Nieves, Christina Finch, and Dieter Jobe — and myself — for planning and executing such a marvelous evening.



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A Stellar Season at the West End Farmers Market

By Susan Birchler

The vendors at your local West End Farmers Market want to thank you, the customers, for coming out in record numbers this season! Despite multiple monsoon-like days, the market thrived this season. The weather, which remained warm through October, added a boon to the bounty by allowing summer vegetables and fruits to grow well past the normal picking dates. Tomatoes, corn, peaches, blueberries, plums, and summer squash were available for many more weeks than we usually get to enjoy them.

On the other hand, the early spring rainy weather drowned some of the strawberry, lettuce, and spring onion type crops, so the strawberry season was over really fast. The small farmers who bring you so much fresh goodness every week are pretty smart, and they took every advantage to provide the best and tastiest produce, extending the season for as long as they could!

Alongside the farmers' colorful displays, multiple artisans, crafters, bakers, and chefs presented some terrific options for gifts, indulgences, and tasty cooking. We had a new chef bringing you his unique spice blends. Each spice blend, evocative of a certain region's cooking, can be used without adding any other spice, salt, or pepper, making it very easy to buy some steak at Maple Avenue Market, season it with one of Nativio's Spices, stick it



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in the broiler, and voila – a scrumptious dinner. Maple Avenue Market expanded its free-range, organic chicken and beef products to include more sausages and sliced meats. Spartan Olive Oil sold out of stock of Greek Olive Oil, created from the owner's family's olive farm in – well – Greece, toward the end of the market. His olive oil is so tasty that, all by itself, it can add flavor to any cooked meal. Tommy the Cheese Guy added multiple types of prepacked cheeses to his inventory, which included goat cheese, goat cheese spreads, butter, and yogurt, as well as Amish Baked goods. Ana's Twist could not keep up with the demand for her pre-cooked empanadas. Arkibuna Coffee was so busy that they did not take their usual trip back to Ethiopia to stock up on coffee from their families' farms. Virtual Tea Company, a new vendor, added to the copious yumminess of the market, offering multiple handcrafted tea blends. Metropolitan French Bakery and the so-very-American Sugar Shack donuts and Sweet Dele's Sweet Treats vendors sold out nearly every week. In other words, there was no shortage of delectably delicious foods, and our customers took full advantage every Sunday.

As usual, our customers could buy a gift or add to their wardrobe from our many non-food vendors. Mario the Tailor was available to measure men and women for a tailored outfit. Shayla's clothing truck offered the best of new fashion, while Emma's tent made available lovely casual clothing and leggings. Marietha, Esther, Veronica, and Athena offered a wide variety of jewelry, sunglasses, and purses. Ted brought his down-home handmade wooden toys, including wooden rocking horses. Joette made lovely wreaths and decorations, and Gerry had funny t-shirts. If you needed a book, Lauren Holl had a whole tent to choose from, and the library brought books for sale as well.

From books to croissants, your local market offered flavor, variety, fun, and deliciousness to your Sunday mornings every week. We thank you for coming every week and enjoying the work of your farmers, bakers, chefs, artisans, and entrepreneurs.

See you again in May 2019!



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The London Curry House with a Classy New Twist!

By Rene Zimmer

I had an opportunity to sit down with Ashok Tamang, one of the new owners of The London Curry House on 4906 Brenman Park Drive in the heart of the Cameron Station. The new owners are four individuals from the hospitality industry who are starting their first venture together. They are taking what they learned from their experiences at The Four Seasons, The Watergate, and The Blue Duck Tavern to elevate the dining experience at The London Curry House.

Ashok stressed that Chef Ram and the whole team at London Curry House are working hard to bring their knowledge and expertise to improving the restaurant and the connection to the friends and families who live in the neighborhood and beyond.

They are featuring classic as well as modern cuisine with a seasonal flair to feature some ingredients that reflect the current season. They also want to make the food “palate friendly” to all. They have kept some dishes from the previous menu and have added a variety of new ones. They can help a diner who may want a less spicy choice as well as the diner who requires gluten-free and dairy-free options.

There is now a Happy Hour in the bar area only from 4:30 to 6:30pm on Monday through Thursday. This features wines by the glass, cocktails, and bar bites. London Curry House has also begun participating in the Martini Monday functions in the neighborhood. The next scheduled event is January 7, 2019. This is a wonderful way to enjoy excellent food and to get to know your neighbors! The main



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restaurant will continue to offer a full menu after 5pm each day, and it is open for lunch from 11:30am to 2pm each day.

The London Curry House is happy to offer their private dining room for events of up to 25 people. They will also rent out the entire restaurant for office parties, lunches, or other special occasions.

My husband and I recently brought six of our local friends to dine here. Every one of them raved about the quality of the food, the service, and the warm, cheerful atmosphere. They will all be returning soon! The food is amazing, the service is unmatched, and the atmosphere is bright and inviting. Do not miss this neighborhood gem!

Partnership Allows Tax Deductions for Adopt-a-Family Participants

By Mindy Lyle

For the past 17 years, the residents of Cameron Station have been strong supporters of the Adopt-a-Family program, which helps needy families from our local Samuel Tucker Elementary School have a Merry Christmas.

Adopt-a-Family has formed a partnership with Greenhill's Pickett Place Community Foundation, a 501(c)3. This will allow a tax deduction to the extent of the law for both monetary and in-kind contributions. Go to www.Greenhillcompanies.com, and click on “Philanthropy.” The foundation is only able to accept contributions made in cash, by check, or scanned/copied receipts from gift purchases. A letter acknowledging the contribution will be provided.

Monetary contributions are not the only way to participate however; those not familiar with the Adopt-a-Family program, here is how it works.

Tucker's social worker and principal select the families and screen their needs. Lists of needs — some as basic as

dishes and towels — are compiled by the school, along with clothing sizes, shoe sizes, and wish lists from the children for toys, books, and games. Families are then available for “adoption.”

There are many ways to “adopt.” In the past, streets have banded together to buy for several families; often, one family chooses a single family to buy for; neighbors sometimes select one or two members of a family, and other neighbors cover the rest; committees, book clubs, and groups of friends often buy for multiple families; others prefer to give cash or gift cards so others may do the gift buying. And for those who are unable to make a monetary donation, you are welcome to volunteer your time to shop, wrap, or help deliver the gifts to the school. There are many different ways to participate, all of them valuable and all of them greatly appreciated.

If you would like to be a part of the Adopt-a-Family program, please e-mail adopttuckerfamily@comcast.net.



In Memoriam: Paul Gatza

Our Cameron Station neighbor, Paul Gatza, who was one of the first residents of our community, has died. He passed away in September doing what he loved to do, travelling the world. He died after suffering a heart attack in Bucharest, Romania. He was 86. A service celebrating his life was held on Saturday, December 1, in the Victoria Hebert Great Room in the Cameron Club.

Paul came to Cameron Station in late 1998 with his wife Anne. Paul had retired as a material engineer for the U.S. Army's research laboratory at Fort Belvoir. Anne died shortly after they moved into Cameron Station, after a long battle with colon cancer. After Anne passed away, his Cameron Station neighbors adopted Paul as their own. He attended family holiday dinners, parties, and special events in the neighborhood. He never missed a Martini Monday, which at that time was held just a few doors away from Paul's townhouse on Waple Lane.

His Waple Lane neighbors Pat McCombie and Gerry Hebert have combined their remembrances of Paul. Pat writes that she met Paul at the model of the townhouse they both would be moving into on Waple Lane. It was here too, she says, that she met Paul's wife Anne, "that good woman" as Paul always referred to her. His love for Anne never died.

Paul had a hearing problem, which we all soon discovered. Pat says Paul explained to her one time that he had had an ear infection as a child, and the doctors at the time didn't know how to treat it. But that hearing problem didn't keep Paul from enjoying life.

Paul had many talents and interests. Growing up during the World War II era, Paul did what many children did: he learned to build models. He never gave up that hobby, and leaves behind literally hundreds of model trains, cars, and ships—many of which he was working on as he was travelling to Romania. But the two things we will most remember about Paul were his love of traveling and his love for the concertina. He often wore his vest and his jacket covered with patches from the amazing places he visited--from Nepal to Africa

to Alaska and so many places in between that many of us can only dream of visiting. He was asked to play his accordion-like instrument at many of the Cameron Station gatherings, and he graciously agreed. Have you ever heard Irish music played on the accordion? Paul claimed to be 100% Polish, but Pat and Gerry believe there had to be some Irish in him, too. Paul also played the piano and volunteered for Habitat for Humanity. Pat says that as she sits at home sipping a glass of wine, she often listens to one of the many Irish CDs Paul duplicated for her.

At Gerry's church, "We have a word that describes friends and neighbors who are like family. We call them 'family'. Paul was part of our 'family'. From 1999 until he passed away, Paul relied on his Waple Lane 'family,' especially John and Joanna Anderson. Over the years, neighbor Ron Loveng would take Paul grocery or wine shopping. What makes Cameron Station so great is that we look out for each other. Many of us have been living here since this community was first built. That spirit of 'family' not only remains in us, it is spread as new Cameron Station neighbors move in. New, relatively recent neighbors of Paul came to adopt Paul, too. That says a lot about their generous spirit and our strong community 'family'".

We celebrated that "family" spirit and Paul's life on December 1. Rest in peace, Paul Gatza, as you travel on your final journey.



Photo credit: Gatza Family

Upcoming Holiday Events

By Susan Birchler

The minute my last skull and Halloween zombie are taped into their cardboard tombs, I admit my November/December excitement meter ratchets way up. I am a holiday junkie. I admit it.

I especially adore how many extra fun events go on in the DC and Northern Virginia area, ranging from free to "Whoa, how much is that ticket?" Every weekend, there is something fun, different, and a little exciting to look forward to. Here are a few events you can choose from to celebrate in your own way:

Chanukah: "My So-Called Jewish Life: Stories" on December 5 at Sixth and I Synagogue & Event Center: <https://www.sixthandi.org/event/my-so-called-jewish-life-6/>

Downtown Holiday Market: In front of the Portrait Gallery in Chinatown from November 25 to December 25: <http://downtownholidaymarket.com/>

Meadowlark Botanical Gardens: The gardens are lit up and decorated from November 9 to January 6: <https://www.novaparks.com/events/winter-walk-of-lights>

Zoo Lights: At the DC Zoo, enjoy the lights, which are a real pleasure every year from November 9 to December 25: <https://nationalzoo.si.edu/events/zoolights>

Winterfest DC: NoMa Popup Market with local artisans, crafters,

and entertainment at 1101 First St. NE on every weekend through December: <http://wundergartendc.com/winterfest/>

Russian WinterFest: At Hillwood Gardens from December 8 to December 10: <https://www.hillwoodmuseum.org/events/russian-winter-festival>


Fairfax Holiday Market: Old Town Square. Every weekend until Christmas: <https://www.fairfaxva.gov/government/parks-recreation/special-events/holiday-market>

Washington National Cathedral Handel's Messiah: From December 7 to December 10

Holiday Step Afrika Show: At Atlas Theater. This is so much fun and a cheap way to entertain the kids. It's essentially a version of tap dancing using hands, feet, and various percussion instruments to pick out the beat: <https://www.atlasarts.org/event/step-afrika-magical-musical-holiday-step-show-2018/2018-12-14/>


Amahl and the Night Visitors and a Motown Christmas: At Duke Ellington School of Arts on December 7, 8, 14, 15, 16. At only \$25 dollars a ticket, this should be a real treat: <http://www.ellingtonschool.org/box-office/>

New Year's Eve: There will be music in different venues throughout Downtown Alexandria: <https://www.firstnightalexandria.org>




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Old House Cosmopolitan Grill

By Carla Besosa, Cameron Station Foodie

"Don't Fear the Wurst!"

Everyone's talking about it! Our fair city now has a German restaurant!

Just a few months ago, Lucia and Amela Sualina, owners of the famed *Cosmopolitan Grill* on South Rte. 1, opened *Old House Cosmopolitan Grill* in Old Town. They offer an impressive slate of homemade German dishes prepared with locally sourced organic produce and fresh ingredients. There's nothing of its kind in Alexandria.

You're in good hands as Alir and his amicable staff offer explanations, recommendations, and quality service. The space has an "old-world" feel with juxtaposed brick and wood. Displayed are paintings of local scenes by Alexandria's own Len Garon. The fully stocked bar is compact with four stools bar-side plus seven at high-tops. The beer and wine selection includes products from Germany and the Balkan region. The first floor dining room seats about 35. There is additional seating on the second level, which is divided into two sections that can also be reserved for private parties. The *stück de widerstand* (piece de resistance in German) on a beautiful day is the rooftop deck, which can accommodate up to 20.

I like to start with the *Cevapcici* (grilled Balkan beef sausages) or the *Obazda* (Bavarian-style cheese spread served with tomato, onion, and bread). The hearty *Goulas Soup* is highly touted as well. The variety of entrees includes dishes featuring veal, chicken, pork, lamb chops, beef, seafood, vegetables, and *spätzle*. In addition, the chef always offers some excellent specials. The *Chicken Schnitzel* is my litmus test for German restaurants, and *Old House* rises to the occasion. Other styles of schnitzel include *Weiner*, *Schweine*, *Holsteiner*, and *Jager*. My dining companions have enjoyed *Crab Cakes* (moist with much crab), *Mixed Grill* (grilled steak, chicken breast, and *cevapcici*), and *Jager Schnitzel* (grilled with a creamy mushroom sauce).

The standard desserts include *Black Forest Cake*, *Baklava*, and the fluffiest *Cheesecake* you've ever had. Additional desserts appear with the whim of the kitchen. I gravitate toward the *Palacinka* (crêpes with your choice of Nutella or marmalade). Add a cappuccino with two inches of fluffy froth, and you have the perfect end note.

Tired of the same ol' thing? Try a relaxing and fulfilling evening at *Old House Cosmopolitan Grill*. As *The Compass* photographer David Thorpe would say, "All the cool kids are doin' it!"

Old House Cosmopolitan Grill

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Monday Night Book Ball

November: *The Last Jews in Berlin* by Leonard Gross

December: *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah

January: *The Hellfire Club* by Jake Tapper

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

Reading Between the Wines

November: *The Wife* by Meg Wolitzer

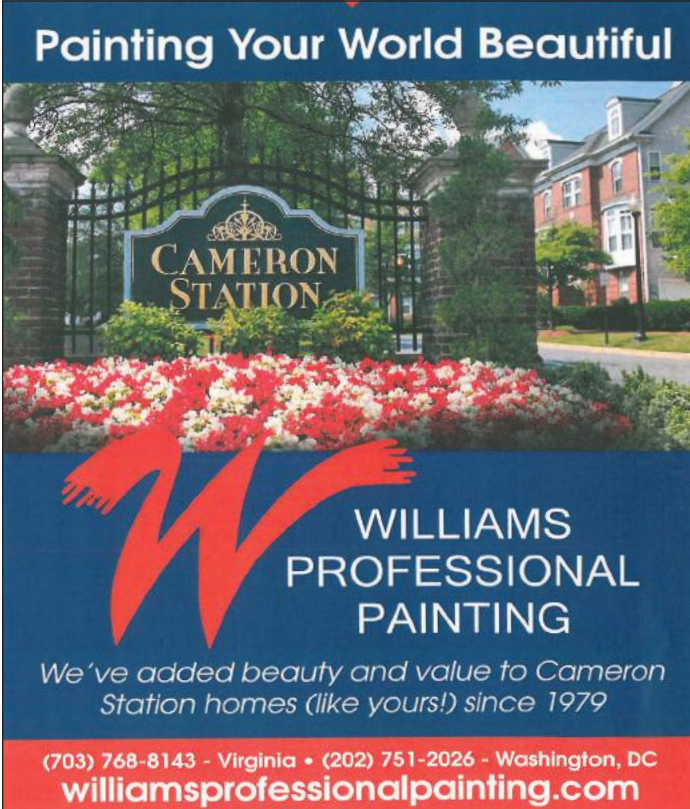
December: *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI* by David Grann

January: *The Last Days of Night* by Graham Moore

Third Thursday of the Month

November: *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee

December: Annual Holiday Party



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Carla's Picks

By Carla Besosa

Anthem Stage (DC/Waterfront)

Dec. 14 - Lindsey Stirling

Arena Stage (DC)

Dec. 2-23 - *Anything Goes*

Nov. 23-Dec. 30 - *Indecent*

Jan. 18-Feb. 24 - *Kleptocracy*

Atlas Performing Art Center (DC)

Dec. 12 - Mosaic Theater: *Oh, God*

Dec. 14 - Step Afrika!: *Magical Musical Holiday*

Jan. 30 - Mosaic Theater: *Shame*

The Barns at Wolf Trap (Vienna)

Jan. 17-18 - John Oats (of Hall & Oats) with the Good Road Band

Jan. 30-31 - International Guitar Night

Birchmere (Arlandria)

Dec. 5 - A Peter White Christmas with Rick Braun & Euge Groove

Dec. 7 - Bebel Gilberto

Dec. 16 - Norman Brown's Joyous Christmas with Bobby Caldwell & Marion Meadows

Dec. 18-19 - Judy Collins

Dec. 20 - A John Waters Christmas

Dec. 22 - A Very MAYSA Christmas

Jan. 18-20 - Eddie from Ohio

Jan. 27 - Kingstowne Trio

Blues Alley (Georgetown/DC)

Dec. 5 - A Chaise Lounge Christmas

Dec. 13-16 - Arturo Sandoval

Dec. 20-23 - Marcus Johnson "Urban Jam Band Holiday Party"

Dec. 26-31 - Cyrus Chestnut "Tis the Season"

Jan. 10-13 - Terence Blanchard & the E Collective

Capital One Arena (DC)

Dec. 5-9 - Cirque du Soleil - Crystal

Dec. 13 - Dave Matthews Band

Dec. 14 - Mumford & Sons

Dec. 23 - Trans-Siberian Orchestra

Dec. 26 - Harlem Globetrotters

Jan. 4 - Justin Timberlake

Carlyle Club (Alexandria)

Dec. 22 - A Party with a Purpose - Robert T. with Shadz of Soul

City Winery (DC)

Dec. 4 - Man About a Horse

Dec. 5 - Lee DeWyze

Dec. 13 - Bettye LaVette

Dec. 21 - Los Lobos

Jan. 23 - Peter (of Peter & Gordon) & Jeremy (of Chad & Jeremy)

Creative Cauldron (Falls Church)

Dec. 6-23 - *Madeline's Christmas*

Jan. 4-Feb. 2 - Passport to the World Concert Series

Dance Place (DC)

Dec. 15-16 - Kwanzaa Celebration

Jan. 19-20 - KanKouran West African Dance Company

DAR Constitution Hall (DC)

Feb. 5 - Sarah Brightman

Del Ray Artisans Gallery (Del Ray)

Dec. 1-16 - Holiday Market

Dulles Expo Center (Chantilly)

Dec. 7-9 - Sugarloaf Crafts Festival

Dec. 14-16 - International Gem & Jewelry Show

Jan. 5-6 - D.C. Flea & Antique Market

Eagle Bank Arena (Fairfax)

Dec. 28 - Harlem Globetrotters

Epicure Café (Fairfax)

Dec. 14 & Jan. 11 - Eclectic Jam with Cristian Perez

Jan. 18 - Improv Group

Fillmore (Silver Spring)

Dec. 28 - The Roots

1st Stage Theater (Tysons)

Nov. 29-Dec. 23 - *A Civil War Christmas*

Jan. 31-Feb. 24 - *The Brothers Size*

Ford's Theater (DC)

Nov. 15-Dec. 30 - *A Christmas Carol*

Fort Ward Museum (Alexandria)

Dec. 8 - Civil War Christmas in Camp

Gadsby's Tavern Museum

Dec. 8 - Candlelight Tours

Dec. 9 - Facetime with History

Gala Theater (DC)

Dec. 7-30 - *Talley's Folly*

GMU Center for the Arts (Fairfax)

Dec. 6-8 - Mason School of Dance: Dance Innovations (Harris Theater)

Dec. 9 - Mason School of Music: Mason Symphony Orchestra & Jazz Holiday Concert

Dec. 15 - Canadian Brass

Dec. 16 - Fairfax Symphony Orchestra: *The Nutcracker*

Dec. 21 - Moscow Ballet's *Great Russian Nutcracker*

Dec. 23 - The Washington Chorus Family Christmas

Jan. 25 - Momix

Grounded Coffee (Alexandria)

Dec. 16 - Janna Audey

Harman Center for the Arts (DC)

Dec. 4-Jan. 6 - *The Panties, the Partner & the Profit: Scenes from the Heroic Life of the Middle Class*

Howard Theater (DC)

Dec. 15 - Les Nubians

Imagination Stage (Bethesda)

Nov. 3-Jan. 6 - *Cinderella*

Jan. 11-Feb. 13 - *Wake Up Brother Bear*

Jammin Java (Vienna)

Dec. 5 - Coco Montoya

Dec. 6 - Mama's Black Sheep, Christina Havrilla, & LEA

Dec. 10 - Big Band Christmas

Keegan Theater (DC)

Dec. 13-31 - *An Irish Carol*

Jan. 19-Feb. 9 - *The Baltimore Waltz*

Kennedy Center (DC)

Dec. 5-9 - Ballet West: *The Nutcracker*
 Dec. 6 - Simone Dinnerstein, piano
 Dec. 7-22 - Candlelight Christmas
 Dec. 11- Jan. 13 - *Miss Saigon*
 Dec. 20-30 - Handel's *Messiah*
 Jan. 15-20 - *Cinderella*
 Jan. 18-20 - NSO: Renée Fleming Sings Schubert

Little Theater of Alexandria (Old Town)

Nov. 30-Dec. 16 - *A Christmas Carol*
 Jan. 12-Feb. 2 - *The Fantasticks*

Lorton Workhouse (Lorton)

Dec. 8 & Jan. 12 - Second Saturday Art Walk (FREE)
 Dec. 15-Jan. 13 - *Man of La Mancha*
 Dec. 12 & Jan. 19 - Cabaret Series

Lyceum (Old Town)

Dec. 9 & Jan. 13 - Friday Morning Music Club Concert Series (FREE)

Masonic Temple (Alexandria)

Dec. 8 - Christmas Traditions in Colonial Times
 Dec. 8 - Tchaikovsky Squared

Metro Stage (Alexandria)

Nov. 20-Dec. 23 - *Christmas at the Old Bull & Bush*
 Jan. 24-Feb. 24 - *Three Sistahs*

MGM Theater (National Harbor)

Dec. 2 - Paula Abdul
 Dec. 7 - Donny & Marie Osmond
 Dec. 13 - Penn & Teller
 Dec. 15 - Amy Schumer
 Dec. 20-23 - Cirque Dreams Holiday
 Jan. 9 - Dancing with the Stars
 Feb. 1 - Toni Braxton

Mount Vernon (Alexandria)

Nov. 23-Dec. 31 - Christmas at Mount Vernon

National Theater (DC)

Nov. 27- Dec. 30 - *Beautiful - The Carole King Musical*

Round House Theater (Bethesda)

Nov. 28-Dec. 23 - *Gem of the Ocean*

Schlesinger Center (Alexandria)

Dec. 2 - New Dominion Chorale
 Dec. 22 - A Family Christmas

Signature Theater (Shirlington)

Nov. 19-Jan. 6 - *Fabulation or The Re-Education of Undine*

Sixth & I (DC)

Dec. 5 - *My So-Called Jewish Life*

The State Theatre (Falls Church)

Dec. 15 - Rockapella
 Jan. 12 - Hollywood Nights - Bob Seger Tribute
 Jan. 19 - Lez Zeppelin - All Female Zeppelin Tribute

The Strathmore Music Center (Bethesda)

Dec. 1 - Cabaret: Storm Large
 Dec. 2 - Mannheim Steamroller Christmas
 Dec. 4 - Kenny G
 Dec. 7 - National Philharmonic: Holiday Pops
 Dec. 10 - The Beach Boys
 Dec. 13 - BSO: *Cirque Nutcracker*
 Dec. 14-15 - Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis
 Dec. 16-17 - Moscow Ballet's *Great Russian Nutcracker*
 Dec. 18-19 - *The Hip Hop Nutcracker*
 Dec. 20-21 - A Candlelight Christmas
 Dec. 22-23 - National Philharmonic: Handel's *Messiah*
 Jan. 20 - Stop Afrika!

Studio Theater (DC)

Dec. 12-Jan. 6 - *Kings*

Synetic Theater (Crystal City)

Dec. 4-Jan. 6 - *My Father's Dragon*

Union Stage (DC/Waterfront)

Jan. 10 - Dan Navarro
 Jan. 11 - Toby Lightman

Warner Theater (DC)

Dec. 1-28 - Washington Ballet - *The Nutcracker*

Wolf Trap (Vienna)

Dec. 1 - Holiday Sing-A-Long

Woolly Mammoth (DC)

Dec. 3-Jan. 6 - *See the People*

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 **& Pizza, CAVA, and Five Guys* open in Potomac Yard
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 **Charlie's on the Avenue* now open at 1501 Mount Vernon Ave. (formerly Fireflies)
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