



## **COMMUNITY UPDATE** **April 2010**

### **COMMUNITY MEETINGS/EVENTS**

#### **TUESDAYS, APRIL 27 and MAY 25**

##### **Monthly Board of Directors Meetings**

Henderson Meeting Room, upstairs in the Cameron Club, 7pm. Residents' open forum is the second item on the agenda. All are welcome.

#### **FRIDAYS, APRIL 30 and MAY 28**

##### **Adult Happy Hour – TGI(L)F**

Cameron Club, 6-8pm. A casual get-together for adults 21 years of age and older on the last Friday of every month. Please bring finger food and beverages to share, along with your Cameron Station ID. April TGI(L)F will include line dancing lessons; in May, belly dancing lessons are planned.

#### **SATURDAY, MAY 29**

##### **Pool Opens**

Be on the lookout for email blasts with operating hours and other important information. The annual pool party and spring arts and crafts festival will be held Saturday, June 19. More details will be found in the May/June issue of *The Compass*.

##### **“PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP” AWARD NOMINATIONS DUE FRIDAY, MAY 28**

Don't forget to nominate yourself or a neighbor for this community landscaping award which recognizes those residents whose personal landscaping space enhances the community's overall curb appeal. Nominations should be submitted to [commonarea@cameronstation.org](mailto:commonarea@cameronstation.org) by Friday, May 28. Awards will be presented at the gazebo on Sunday, August 15, in conjunction with the Ice Cream Social. For more details, see the front page of the March/April *Compass*.

##### **2010 PASSES**

2010 visitor parking passes and Cameron Club guest passes are available for pick-up at the Cameron Club.

##### **FITNESS CENTER NEWS**

###### **Group Exercise Classes**

Remember that residents can drop in on any of our group exercise classes for a \$10 drop-in fee. This is a great way to try out a class to see if you like it. If you currently do not receive emails from the fitness center about our group exercise classes and other programming and would like to start receiving them, please email [fitness@cameronstation.org](mailto:fitness@cameronstation.org) to be added to the list.

###### **Swim Lessons**

We are looking for someone to teach swimming lessons this summer. If anyone knows of any experienced and certified swim instructors, please have them contact Kevin at the fitness center at [fitness@cameronstation.org](mailto:fitness@cameronstation.org).

### **A Few Reminders**

As we gear up for the summer season, the fitness center will be getting much busier. We want to remind everyone to be mindful of the 30-minute time limit on the cardio machines. Also, it makes everyone's fitness experience more enjoyable if everyone throws away their used paper towels and re-racks their weights at the end of their workouts.

### **SAFETY REMINDER**

Out of concern for the safety of our residents, the association encourages everyone to use the sidewalks when walking through the community – and all residents, especially children, should avoid playing in the streets. Please remember that toys, bikes and lawn furniture cannot be left on private streets or common areas. Be sure to pick up these items after use. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

### **DEADLINES TO REPAIR SNOW-DAMAGED HOMES, PRIVATE TREES AND SHRUBS**

Please note that homeowners have until **Saturday, May 1, 2010**, to repair any structural damage to their homes resulting from the snowstorms. Homeowners have until **Tuesday, June 1, 2010**, to replace private trees/shrubs that were damaged from the snowstorms. ARC approval is not required if the replacement vegetation is the same species as what is being replaced.

### **LE CLUB DE FRANÇAIS DE STATION DE CAMERON**

*Parlez-vous français?* If so, please join your French-speaking neighbors who would like to practice their French speaking skills. We meet the first Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting is set for Tuesday, May [DATE?], at 7:15pm. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to [geraldinestarot@gmail.com](mailto:geraldinestarot@gmail.com) or call 703-671-7421. Note: Although many of us are rusty in our speaking skills, we prefer that you have a basic knowledge of French. *Nous espérons que vous pouvez nous rejoindre!*

### **JOIN THE TUCKER TROT 5K**

On Saturday, May 22, 7:30-11AM, come out to Armistead Boothe Park for a fun run with Tucker Elementary School's new running club. This race is the culmination of a running club for third, fourth and fifth grade girls started this spring by Tucker teacher Martha Grutza. The club meets after school to run and discuss healthy life choices. The route will follow the bike path along the south side of Cameron Station (Cameron Station Linear Park), across the bridge toward the Ben Brenman dog park and back across the bridge to Holmes Run Parkway. There will be a turnaround at the bridge at N. Pickett Street, and the same route will be followed back to the finish line (at the softball field at Boothe Park). Around 9:15am, music may be played to welcome the runners back from the course. It is important to note that the entire route will be along the pathways surrounding Cameron Station, Ben Brenman Park and Holmes Run Parkway. This event has been approved by the city and is open to Tucker families, neighborhood friends and nearby residents who like to run. If you would like to register for the 5K, please email [martha.grutza@acps.k12.va.us](mailto:martha.grutza@acps.k12.va.us).

### **ALEXANDRIA LIBRARY'S 3rd ANNUAL ALL ALEXANDRIA READS**

Join the fun at Beatley Central Library (5005 Duke Street, across from Cameron Station), as Alexandria Library invites its community to read Eric Weiner's *The Geography of Bliss: One Grump's Search for the Happiest Places in the World*. In May, join the following events that relate to the themes of the book: **The Whistle Stop Family Train Station, Saturday, May 8, 11 am** (for all ages) – enjoy a model train display as well as a "Thomas the Tank" table; **Meditation Basics with Art of Living, Saturday, May 15, 10 am** – learn basic exercises for clearing your mind, gaining focus and minimizing stress; **Tulip Mania, Sunday, May 16, 2 pm** (for all ages) – learn more about this coveted flower; **ComedySportz, Saturday, May 22, 11 am** (for all ages) – come laugh as a family as the hit ComedySportz comes to the library to make your family stars; and **SugarCube, Saturday, May 29, 10 am** (for all ages) – learn the types and health benefits of chocolate and enjoy free samples. For more information, call Mark Schwartz at 703-519-3498.