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New Board Members Elected at Annual Meeting

By Judy Coleman

Four residents were elected to the Board of Directors of the Cameron Station Community Association (CSCA) at the annual meeting on November 4. The new members are Igor Dubinsky, Donna Kenley, and Paul Rocchio. Current board member Michael Johnson was re-elected. The other members of the Board are current President Nicholas Giannotti, Alvin Boone, and Jon Dellaria.

About 89 homeowners attended the meeting, which was held at Samuel Tucker Elementary School. Another 156 homeowners cast their ballots by proxy.

Featured speakers at the meeting this year included Blaine Corle, Deputy Chief of the Alexandria Police Department, who discussed traffic problems in the community, as well as members of the resident committees.

Outgoing board member Mindy Lyle was also presented with the Mark Pillow Community Spirit Award. (See page 4.)

The board would like to thank the Main Street retailers for providing this year's door prizes.



New board member Donna Kenley poses with Ray Celeste, chair of the Cameron Club Facilities Committee, and current board member Alvin Boone. Below, Nicholas Giannotti addresses residents.



Photos by Judy Coleman

Annual Holiday Party

Sunday, December 8
5-7pm, Cameron Club



Important Update on IDs and 2014 Passes

By Candace Lewis

Processing of resident ID cards is now complete! By now, residents should have received a letter in the mail notifying them that their ID card is ready for pick up at the Management Office. 2014 resident stickers, visitor parking passes, facility guest passes and nanny passes are also ready for pick-up.

All passes and stickers for 2013 will be invalid after January 1, 2014. Valid 2014 IDs are particularly important for shuttle bus riders and fitness center and pool users.

The Management Office is open Monday through Friday, 9 am to 5 pm, and on Saturday from noon to 4 pm. The Management Office will have extended hours Monday, December 9 through Thursday, December 12, from 5 pm to 8 pm to retrieve new IDs and 2014 passes.

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Assessments to Rise for 2014

Adapted from text by the Board of Directors



The Board of Directors of the Cameron Station Community Association (CSCA) approved an increase in homeowner assessments for 2014 of about \$60 for the year for houses and townhouses and \$48 for the year for condominiums.

The increase can be attributed primarily to the following line items in the budget: Interest Earned decreased by \$12,292 (37.82%); Payroll Taxes/Benefits increased by \$8,025 (14.35%); Trash and Recycling increased by \$11,000 (4.03%); TMP (shuttle bus contract) increased by \$13,310 (6.60%), and Repair and Replacement Reserves Contributions increased by \$36,000 (13.25%) (see below for more information). The board opted to use \$23,650 of prior year equity to help offset the increase in assessments for FY2014. About \$1 of the increase is attributed to the increase in the city-mandated transportation assessment.



The increase in the reserve contribution reflects the analysis contained in the long-term reserve study recently completed for the CSCA. In consultation with the Financial Advisory Committee, the board determined that a FY2014 reserve contribution of \$265,000 is a necessary and appropriate step in accumulating the additional funds that will be needed during the balance of this decade and beyond. The board explained the study and its findings as follows:

The Virginia Property Owners' Association Act requires associations like the Cameron Station Community Association (CSCA) to obtain a comprehensive "reserve study" every five years. Because our most recent prior study was performed in 2008, we were obliged to obtain one again in 2013. A proper reserve study is conducted by a licensed engineer, who performs an on-site examination of all of the buildings and grounds that the Association is responsible to maintain.

The engineer that CSCA hired for this year's study personally evaluated the current condition and remaining useful lifetime of roughly 50 individual "elements" - from the floor of the basketball court to the asphalt pavement on our private streets. All of these professional assessments were then combined into a 30-year schedule of expected future repair and replacement costs for each element. Note that this schedule excludes the smaller "ongoing maintenance" expenses that are routinely included in each year's operating budget. With this cost projection in hand, CSCA's responsibility is to maintain a separate reserve fund that will cover these expenses.

Every year, contributions are paid to this fund and some expenditures are made from it. After almost 15 years of operation, the balance in CSCA's reserve fund is

approximately one million dollars. While substantial now, the findings of the 2013 reserve study indicate that the fund will need to grow steadily in the next five to ten years to ensure that CSCA can afford all of the repairs expected to be necessary in that time frame. Many of the "50 elements" will contribute to this need, but the most notable are the expected costs to maintain our streets and sidewalks in good condition. Similar periods of peak expenditures will continue to appear throughout the 30-year study period - and, for that matter, as long as Cameron Station exists.

The Board of Directors is fully aware of the importance of both the physical integrity and the outward appearance of our common buildings, streets, and landscapes in maintaining property values. Prudent management of the reserve fund is the best available means to attain this goal while potentially eliminating the need for "special assessments" or expensive loans. As further required by Virginia law, each year the board and FAC will consult with the engineer to obtain updated cost information, then reevaluate the status of the reserve fund and its progress toward the levels needed to finance the anticipated expenses.

If you have any specific questions about the FY2014 budget, please do not hesitate to contact Community Manager Colleen Hairston at (703) 567-4881 or via email at communitymanager@cameronstation.org.



Payment coupons will be mailed to most homeowners by the end of the year. Homeowners who are using CMC's direct debit payment system and condominium owners will not receive payment coupon books. Any homeowners who are not currently using direct debit but wish to choose it as their payment option may contact CMC Customer Service at (703) 631-7200. You may also obtain the Auto Debit Authorization Form from the CMC website at www.cmc-management.com. Click on "Homeowner" at the top of the homepage; under "Forms," select "Ask an Assessment Question" from the pull-down menu, then select "Auto Debit Authorization Form."

Winter Reminders for Cameron Station Residents

Shuttle Bus Service During Holidays and Inclement Weather

The shuttle does not operate on federal holidays. During inclement weather, if federal government employees have a work delay or are released early, the shuttle schedule will be adjusted to accommodate these situations. For example, if there is a two-hour delay in the morning, the shuttle will begin at its usual time but run an additional two hours. If government workers are being released before the end of the workday, whatever time the government offices close is the time the shuttle will begin its run (allowing time for the management office to notify the shuttle company); the shuttle will end at its usual time that evening.

Please remember that residents must show their Cameron Station identifications cards to the driver upon boarding. To receive a copy of the shuttle bus schedule, please visit www.cameronstation.org or pick up a copy at the management office.



Snow Removal Policy

Residents are responsible for removing snow and ice from the driveways serving their homes and from any sidewalks fronting or bordering their homes. Condominium associations are responsible for removing snow and ice from the sidewalks bordering their condo buildings and any condominium common areas.

Help Needed with Snow Removal for Older and Disabled Neighbors

If you need assistance, or if you are willing to provide assistance for Cameron Station neighbors who might need help with snow removal this winter, please contact Assistant Community Manager Mary Meghan Flynn at 703-567-4881 or assistantmanager@cameronstation.org.

Trash Collection in Inclement Weather

American Disposal Services will cancel collection in areas in which they deem that the roads are unsafe due to snow and/or ice. There will be no adjustments or make-up schedule for missed services due to inclement weather. Trash, recycling and yard-debris collections will resume on your next regularly scheduled service day. Please return your trash cans to your garage until your next pick-up.

Christmas Tree Removal

Christmas trees will be collected on the first two Wednesdays in January. All tinsel and decorations must be removed, and trees should not be placed in plastic bags.



Holiday Schedules

Fitness Center and Cameron Club
Tuesday, December 24 – closed
Wednesday, December 25 – closed
Tuesday, December 31 – closing 6pm
Wednesday, January 1 – closed

On-Site Management Office
Wednesday, December 25 – closed
Wednesday, January 1 – closed

Shuttle Service
Tuesday, December 25 – no shuttle
Wednesday, December 25 – no shuttle
Wednesday, January 1 – no shuttle



Seeking Resident with Web Experience for Community Website

By Donna Gathers, Chair of the Communications Committee

Do you think good communication is important in our Cameron Station community? We do! We are the Communications Committee, and we are responsible for helping maintain the high quality of *The Compass* newsletter, the CSCA website, the weekly email blasts (although management deserves most of the credit for them), the welcome packet ... pretty much anything that has to do with getting out news to our neighbors.

We have an opening on our committee, and we are especially looking for someone with some "techie" skills as we are in the process of improving the community website. We do have a website administrator, but we really need assistance revamping the site so that it is secure, accessible, and easy to navigate, and that its content is timely, informative, and useful.



We are a friendly bunch – of course, we're communicators! We meet once a month, and we always have beverages which help with the communicating. We hope you will consider joining us. Please contact our Community Manager Colleen Hairston at communitymanager@cameronstation.org or 703-567-4881 to apply.

Meeting Calendar

Please check www.cameronstation.org to confirm the time and location for each event.

- Dec. 2 Activities & Events Committee
- Dec. 3 Architectural Review Committee
- Dec. 5 Cameron Station Civic Association
- Dec. 9 Board of Directors
- Dec. 10 Common Area Committee
- Dec. 12 Cameron Club Facilities Committee
- Dec. 16 Communications Committee
- Dec. 19 Financial Advisory Committee
- Jan. 6 Activities & Events Committee
- Jan. 7 Architectural Review Committee & Common Area Committee
- Jan. 9 Cameron Club Facilities Committee
- Jan. 20 Communications Committee
- Jan. 23 Financial Advisory Committee
- Jan. 28 Board of Directors

Mindy Lyle holds the plaque recognizing her as this year's winner of the Mark Pillow Community Spirit Award.



Photo courtesy of CMC

Community Recognizes Mindy Lyle at Annual Meeting

By Pat Sugrue

The Mark Pillow Award was created in 2006 by the Common Area Committee in memory of our neighbor, Mark Pillow, who died suddenly in December 2005. Mark embodied the community spirit of Cameron Station and helped make it a special place in which to live. Each year this award is presented to a resident who has captured Mark's spirit of generosity and has impacted the welfare of our community. The 2013 recipient is Mindy Lyle.

Almost since Mindy moved here in September 2000, she has worked tirelessly for the residents of Cameron Station both inside and outside "the wall." She has served on, and led, the HOA Board of Directors and the Cameron Station Civic Association; and for many years has been coordinator of the Adopt-a-Family program for needy Tucker Elementary families. She has facilitated our "bond-out" – the phasing out of Greenvest, the developer of Cameron Station; was a force in having Virginia Paving Company improve their facility and curtail their hours; led a demonstration against the ethanol transloading facility across from our community that undoubtedly resulted in better security procedures; and has been a vocal proponent for the needs of Cameron Station as they relate to the many developments going up around our community.

There has hardly been a community event or activity Mindy has been unwilling to help with or participate in...she even baked dozens of cupcakes for the Wounded Warriors fundraiser, plus a multi-layered cake that brought in more money than any other item!

As one of our neighbors so aptly said in support of Mindy's nomination: "Mindy Lyle has been the reliable, go-to person who has selflessly dedicated herself and given generously of her personal time to ensure that Cameron Station remains a wonderful place to live."

Congratulation, Mindy, and thank you for all you have done and continue to do for our community.

Local Development Updates

By Don Buch, President of the Cameron Station Civic Association

New developments in our area will be the focus of the December 5 meeting of the Cameron Station Civic Association, which will take place at 7pm in the Great Room at the Cameron Club.

We will have representatives of several different organizations available to make brief presentations and answer questions about the current status of their projects. In the meantime, below is a synopsis of where certain developments stand at the present time.

The Delaney the “Bowling Alley”

In light of changing market conditions, the owners are planning an appreciably different development than they had previously intended.

- Whereas they had planned 189 rental apartments in one building, they are now proposing up to 26 townhouses at the back of the property, closest to Cameron Station. Each would be three stories with a loft. In today’s dollars they would be priced in the \$800,000s. Fronting on Pickett Street will be a 4-story, 48-unit condo building with units ranging in price from the \$400,000s to \$600,000s, dependent upon size. Below is the proposed site plan.
- Appearance-wise, the condo building will look much like the previously proposed apartment building. At this point, no retail is planned.
- The townhomes will be laid out as shown in the drawing to the right.
- Each townhome would have a 2-car garage. All condo parking would be underground, while there would be surface parking for visitors.
- Given the major changes, it may well be late 2014 before the revised plan is approved, with construction of the townhomes commencing shortly thereafter. Build-out of the townhomes is projected to take a year, with completion of the condo building 6-12 months later.



Proposed Townhouse Design for Delaney



Site Plan for Delaney, showing townhomes at top.

Landmark Gateway (Corner of South Pickett and South Van Dorn Streets)

We have all seen this project progress rapidly.

- Ground-breaking for Phase 1 (361 rental apartments in two buildings) took place back in early January.
- Phase 2, with 131 apartments, commenced construction in September.
- The first residents are expected to take up occupancy next summer (2014).
- At this point, no specifics as to retail tenants are available.
- A right-turn lane from northbound Van Dorn onto eastbound South Pickett is currently under construction.

Landmark Gateway Rendering.



Cameron Park (Corner of Cameron Station Blvd. & South Pickett Street)

The final program and pricing for this project has yet to be finalized, but the rendering below and site plan provide some indication of what the developers anticipate.

- The first phase would be the development of around 70 townhomes on the portion of the site closest to Cameron Station.
- The retail areas, parking, and residential on the floors above the retail will be developed when the owners conclude there is market demand for them.
- Similarly, whether those residential units will be rental or condo remains to be seen and, again, will be driven by market conditions.
- The retail is anticipated to be composed of fast and casual dining establishments along with neighborhood service retailers.



Cameron Park Rendering, showing new proposed road and retail.



Site Plan for Cameron Park, showing townhomes at bottom and proposed mixed residential/retail at top.

Landmark Mall

Demolition of the center section of the mall is scheduled to begin in late spring 2014, with completion by spring/early summer of 2016.

- The plan calls for the central area of the mall to be replaced with a mixed-use residential and retail complex having a traditional street grid, sidewalks, trees, and open space.
- The plan calls for 250,000 - 300,000 square feet of retail and restaurants, along with an upscale movie theatre serving food and beverages.
- At the far (parking deck) end of the central core, 350-400 rental apartments will be developed above the ground-floor retail.



Landmark Mall Rendering.

Next Civic Association Meeting * December 5 * Cameron Club * 7pm

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Spooktacular Set-Up at the Knapp Street Pocket Park

By Susan Birchler

There was howling madness at the insane asylum at Knapp Street and Cameron Station Boulevard on Halloween night. Even the regular park inhabitants, Bitter Mary the Witch, Grimmey the Grim Reaper, Foolish Harold the Zombie, and D the Devil, who come out of their graves every year to haunt the park, were scared by the lunatics escaped from the asylum. The three criminally insane men left in the cage struggled to get out using stolen machetes and knives, while the crazy red-headed doctor who had been performing evil experiments on them was busy cutting up a cadaver she dug up in the cemetery. In the meantime, two mad women roamed the cemetery looking for a little peace – and some candy.

A spooky, eerie glow came over the cemetery and insane asylum in the early evening as the first trick-or-treaters came around the bend in the park to see the insane men in the cage. Some children and adults raced around the corner trying to get a good look and some were more hesitant, but everyone got a good jumpy scare. Leaving the insane asylum cage behind, trick or treaters picked up their candy and eyed

the rest of the scenery as they made their out of the cemetery and the park. Even a little rain did not deter the trick or treaters from getting their thrills and chills.

At the stroke of 8:30PM – thought I was going to say midnight didn't you? – the neighbors swooped in and all signs of madness and haunting were exorcised till next year!

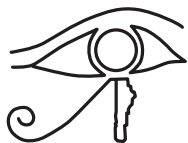
Every year the neighbors in the Grimm, Knapp, Lannon Court area of Cameron Station create a Halloween experience in their pocket park. This year's theme was escaped lunatics. Thanks to the ingenuity of Dieter Jobe, Shannon Jobe, and Donald Birchler, this year's Halloween concept was terrifically scary. Thanks to Ed John, Susan Birchler, and Julliete and Jay Bhanok, for putting up the cage, cemetery, moving figures and body parts, spiders, bats, ravens, moss, spider webs, eyeballs, skulls, skeletons and cadaver-on-a-table in record time. Special thanks to Kathy Wilson and the other neighbors who pitched in for making the candy supply last till we closed down. See you next year!



Right to left: Donald Birchler, Dieter Jobe, Shannon Jobe, Susan Birchler, Mary Birchler and Jen Birchler



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Meet New Main Street Retailer GoGreenCab

By M. Ahmad and Evelyn Guzman

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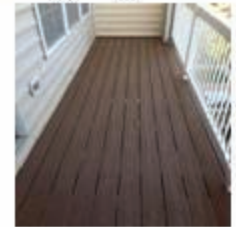


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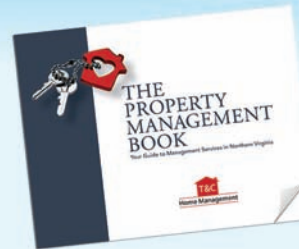
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Monday Night Book Ball

Openings available for Monday Night Book Ball.
Contact: P.J. at psottile@steptoe.com.

- Nov.: *Sandcastle Girls* by Chris Bohjalian
Dec.: *Prague Winter* by Madeleine Albright
Jan.: *Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout

Reading Between the Wines

- Nov.: *Toujari Pavenie* by Peter Mayle
Dec.: *Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant* by Anne Tyler

Third Tuesday Book Club

The Cameron Station Third Tuesday Book Club is still accepting new members! This club reads a variety of books - fiction, non-fiction, biography, etc. Meetings are held at 7:15pm for 60-90 minutes at the homes of book club members on a rotating basis. If you are interested in joining, please contact MHBirchler@gmail.com. All readers welcome!

The November book selection is *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* by Mark Haddon.



Fall in Cameron Station

Photos by Rupert Munro

Volunteer Gardeners

By Kathleen McCollum

The Volunteer Gardeners of Cameron Station are your neighbors who are eager to share their design and how-to knowledge. They live here and know how to work around the limitations, such as the clay soil or a shady lot. They've figured out what plants can succeed and can teach what basic maintenance each requires.



No need to be embarrassed by a brown thumb. Contact the Volunteer Gardeners at gardeners@cameronstation.org for a consulting appointment. This is a perfect time of year to assess what did or didn't work in the past year, what needs to be replaced, or start planning a major redesign for next year. Volunteer Gardeners can help identify plants left from a previous owner and advise on pruning and maintenance, especially now that some original plants are getting big.

All gardens require some maintenance, and residents are responsible for the appearance of their private lots, keeping them attractive and weed free. Let the Volunteer Gardeners get you off to a good start.



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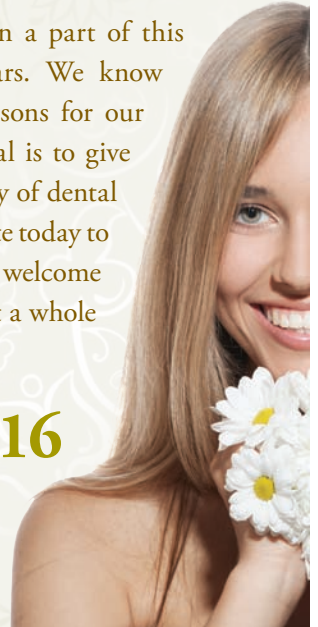
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Restaurant Review:

Sumo

By Carla Besosa

You know that innocuous looking strip of restaurants, past the Hoffman Theaters, on the opposite side of Eisenhower? Perhaps the setting has not enticed you to venture in that direction, but there is a diamond in the rough to explore - Sumo Japanese Restaurant.

First of all, it's logistically desirable - it's easy to find, less than 3 ½ miles away, and has a parking lot. Hence, you can begin your experience devoid of the common challenges presented by most Old Town destinations. Relax, take your time, and bask in all that Sumo has to offer!

The restaurant has spacious quarters sectioned in a functional manner. Choose the sushi bar, the hibachi tables, or traditional tables. The décor is inviting, tastefully appointed, and the traditionally dressed staff is very attentive. Patrons feel pampered and never rushed.

You likely fall into one of two categories: sushi eaters, and... everybody else. As I fall into the latter, I solicited input from some of our neighbors who are sushi aficionados, and have forsaken all other sushi venues for Sumo (thanks, Lanet and Luke, who tout Sumo as nothing short of outstanding).

Sushi fans, head straight for the sushi bar and request the Chef's Specials. This will prove exciting for both you and the chef, and don't be surprised if you receive a complimentary appetizer! Some of the highly acclaimed menu concoctions include *Crazy Roll* (spicy tuna wrapped inside out with salmon avocado on top), *Volcano Roll* (shrimp-tempura wrapped inside-out, deep fried with spicy crunch salmon tobiko, and scallions on top), and *Sumo Roll* (baked eel and avocado wrapped inside-out with spicy crunch yellowtail on top, served with eel sauce). Also sought after are the *Dinosaur Egg* (avocado stuffed with lobster and crab), *New Zealand Grilled New Mussels*, *Fried Calamari*, and the *Minion Rolls*.

I am a huge fan of their *Shumai* (steamed dumplings with shrimp, wasabi, pork, and horseradish), *Chicken Cheese Maki* (chicken wrapped with crabmeat, cheese, carrots, and asparagus), the *S&B* (broiled shrimp wrapped in bacon served with teriyaki sauce), and the *Avocado Peanut Roll*.

For fun, choose based solely on the novelty of the name: *Angry Bird Roll*, *AK-47*, *U.F.O.*, and *Hot Lover* will surely be exciting explorations.

I think that you will find Sumo a satisfying selection. It's conveniently located, with rave reviews for food and service.



Sumo Japanese Restaurant

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www.sumosushihibachi.com

Hours of Operation

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Smoking

No

Bar

Full

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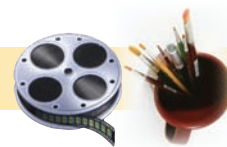
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Reservations

Yes (available online)

Carla's Picks

By Carla Besosa



Alexandria

Nov. 29-Jan. 1 Christmas at Mount Vernon
Dec. 6 Holiday on The Avenue in Del Ray
Dec. 6 Torpedo Factory Holiday Open House
Dec. 7 Holiday Boat Parade
Dec. 7 Gadsby's Tavern Craft Fair
Jan. 25 Gadsby's Tavern Civil War Ball

Arena Stage (DC)

Nov. 29-Jan. 5 Guess Who's Coming to Dinner (with Malcolm-Jamal Warner)

Atlas Theater (DC)

Dec. 8 Annual Holiday Sing
Dec. 11-22 Step Afrika!
Jan. 4 Modern Moves Festival

Birchmere (Arlandria)

Dec. 29 Tribute to John Denver
Jan. 4 The Association
Jan. 24 Judy Collins

Blues Alley (DC)

Dec. 17 Veroneau (bossa nova/jazz/pop)

Creative Cauldron

Dec. 6-12 Christmas Cabin at Carnaween
Jan. 18-Feb. 22 Passport to the World

Del Ray Artisans Gallery (Del Ray)

Dec. Fri.-Sun. Holiday Craft Market (every Fri.-Sun. in Dec. preceding Christmas)
Jan. 3 Primary Colors (show opening/reception)

Dulles Expo Center (Chantilly)

Dec. 13-15 Sugarloaf Craft Show
Dec. 20-22 International Gem & Jewelry Show
Jan. 5-6 DC Big Flea Market
Jan. 25-27 Sugarloaf Craft Show

George Mason Univ. Center for the Arts (Fairfax)

Dec. 15 Mariachi Los Camperos de Nati Cano: Fiesta Navidad
Feb. 7 Driving Miss Daisy

George Mason Univ. Harris Theater (Fairfax)

Dec. 6-7 George Mason Dance - December Concert

Indigo Landing (Alexandria)

Sundays in Dec. Angie Miller performs during the brunch hours

Jammin Java (Vienna)

Dec. 7 Antigone Rising
Dec. 15 Tonic & Gin (a cappella)
Dec. 16 Deanna Bogart
Jan. 10 Tone Rangers (a cappella)
Jan. 24 The District (a cappella)

Little Theater of Alexandria (Old Town)

Dec. 5-22 A Christmas Carol
Jan. 25-Feb. 15 Ragtime

Metro Stage (Alexandria)

Nov. 21-Dec. 22 Broadway Christmas Carol
Jan. 23-Mar. 16 Ella Fitzgerald - First Lady of Song

Port City Playhouse

Feb. 28-Mar. 15 Next Fall

The State Theater (Falls Church)

Dec. 8 Rusted Root

St. Elmo's Coffee Pub (Del Ray)

Jan. 3 Back Alley Blues Boys

The Strathmore (Bethesda)

Dec. 12 BSO: Holiday Cirque
Dec. 13 Spanish Harlem Orchestra: Salsa Nividad
Dec. 23 The Washington Chorus: A Candlelight Christmas
Jan. 31 Bill Cosby

Theater J (DC)

Dec. 19-Jan. 12 Our Suburb
Jan. 29-Feb. 23 Yellow Face

Torpedo Factory (Alexandria)

Dec. 6 Holiday Open House (Art! Music! Refreshments!)
Dec. 12 2nd Thursday Art Night - Reception
Two Exhibits: "The Street Sense Project" & "Small Worlds: A Diorama Show"

The Washington Ballet

Nov. 30-Dec. 1 The Nutcracker (Warner Theater)
Dec. 6-29 The Nutcracker (Warner Theater)
Jan. 29-Feb. 2 The Jazz/Blues Project (Harman Center)

Carla's Picks (cont'd)

And Another Thing...

- ☞ Maggio's (Duke Street) has transformed into a Middle Eastern restaurant, now called Sinbad. There are plans to have a hookah bar downstairs.
- ☞ Satay Sarinah (Indonesian), my favorite restaurant in Van Dorn Station, is no longer open for lunch.
- ☞ Movie Recommendation: *The Hunt* (Danish) starring Mads Mikklesen, directed by Thomas Vinterberg
- ☞ Former Cameron Station resident Lauren Rothman has written *Style Bible - The Definitive Guide to Dressing to Impress*.
- ☞ Favorite Holiday Albums:
 - Poets & Angels* (Ottmar Liebert 1991)
 - Joy to the World* (Pink Martini 2010)
 - December* (Chris Botti)
 - Jingle All the Way* (Bela Fleck 2008)
 - Hear the Angel Voices (Carl Tanner 2006)
 - A Charlie Brown Christmas* (Vince Guaraldi 2012 re-mastered)
 - Songs of Joy & Peace* (Yo-Yo Ma 2008)
 - Watching the Snow* (Michael Franks 2007)
 - La Tuna Estudiantina de Cayey* (old Puerto Rican album)

- ☞ Favorite Holiday Goodies: Turrón (Spanish) and Pastelillos de Queso (Puerto Rican)
- ☞ Favorite Holiday Movie: *Prancer*
- ☞ Planning Ahead: Actress Claire Carroll (featured in *The Compass*) will be performing at 1st Stage Theater (Tysons) in *The Cripple of Inishman*, Mar. 28-Apr. 20.



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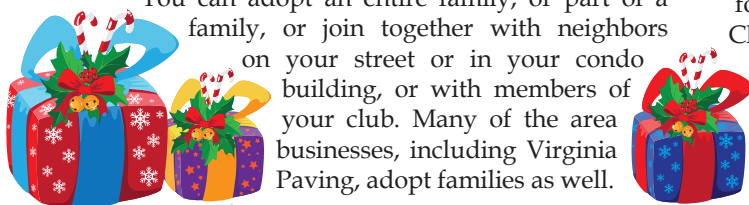
Adopt-a-Family Program Needs Our Help

By Mindy Lyle

Over the past 13 years, Cameron Station residents have "adopted" families from Samuel Tucker Elementary School, who without our help might not have any Christmas celebration. Once again, we are asking the community to participate in this important program.

Family needs are screened by the Social Worker and Principal at Tucker School. Lists of needs—some as basic as dishes and towels—are compiled by the school, along with clothing sizes, shoe sizes, and toy requests from the children.

You can adopt an entire family, or part of a family, or join together with neighbors on your street or in your condo building, or with members of your club. Many of the area businesses, including Virginia Paving, adopt families as well.



If you would like to participate but do not wish to shop, we welcome gift cards, cash or checks, and Cameron Station elves will do the shopping and wrapping.

If you are interested in helping to continue this Cameron Station Christmas tradition and help those less fortunate have a Merry Christmas, please email adopttuckerfamily@comcast.net. Thank you very much.



Birgitta Dewell (left) and Mindy Lyle

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Fitness Center News

By Kevin Horner

Toys for Tots:

We will be collecting for the Marines Toys for Tots program again this year. Collection began the week of November 10 and will end on December 15. The residents of Cameron Station have always been more than generous with their donations, and we thank you in advance.

Group Exercise Classes:

The last group exercise session of 2013 is underway. These classes are great for everyone who has resolved to be healthy and fit in 2013! We are working on an updated schedule of classes for 2014. Residents can always drop in on a class for a \$10 drop-in fee.

Check with the Fitness Center to see if the class you want to take will be held. Some of the classes will be for make-up classes.

Workout Parents:

Are you an at-home mom or dad who would like a chance to work out during the day? Here's an opportunity to get some exercise and take a short break from the kids, all under one roof at the Cameron Club.

On Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 8:30 to 10am and from 3:30 to 5pm, you can bring your kids to the Great

Victoria Herbert Room and alternate childcare duties with other participating parents. How often you watch your children and those of other residents depends on how many moms and dads participate. This is not a babysitting or daycare service. Please contact the Fitness Center: 703-567-8555 or fitness@cameronstation.org for more information.

Fitness Center Reminders:

Even though we have reminded Fitness Center users over and over, it is becoming more and more common that people are not wiping down the cardio machines, the area around them, or their mats when they have finished their workouts. The germs and bacteria sweat carries can cause colds, stomach illness, or staph infections. Cold and flu season is here, so it is more important than ever to wipe down your equipment. We provide sanitizing wipes and anti-bacterial spray to make wiping down the machines easy.

Please refrain from using the stretching area for weight workouts, especially during the busier times when that area is crowded with people who are stretching.

To avoid disturbing other people using the Fitness Center please keep personal noises (i.e., grunts and groans) to a minimum.

For information on any of the programs, please contact the Fitness Center: 703-567-8555 or fitness@cameronstation.org.

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8:30AM	8:30-10:00AM Workout Parents		8:30-10:00AM Workout Parents		8:30-10:00AM Workout Parents	
10:00AM						10AM-12NOON Pick-up Basketball
3:30PM	3:30-5:00PM Workout Parents		3:30-5:00PM Workout Parents		3:30-5:00PM Workout Parents	
7:30PM			7:30-8:30PM BeginnersYoga (Kittie)	7:30-8:30PM Yoga (Kittie)		
8:30PM		8:30-10:30PM Pick-up Basketball				



Drop-ins are welcome on a space-available basis for \$10.

This schedule can change at any time due to low class participation, so please call the Fitness Center or check the website for an updated schedule.



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