



Events

“Hot! Hot! Hot!” (art exhibit) at Del Ray Artisans

to July 15
Art Exhibit of a collection of artists interpreting the title “Hot! Hot! Hot!”
Every Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday. Free
2704 Mount Vernon Ave.

Mount Vernon in the Civil War, Walking Tour

Every Saturday & Sunday
till October 28
9:30am and 3:30pm
Mount Vernon,
\$5 in addition to estate
admission (\$15 adults, \$7
children, 5 & under free)

AIDS Memorial Quilt Exhibition

July 21 to 25 daily
10am -6pm, free
The Torpedo Factory will
have a section of the quilt
on display in the main hall
as well as on the dock

Farmers Markets

Make sure you stop by to
support our local farmers.

Saturdays 7am-noon

Located in the market
square at 301 King Street.

Wednesdays 3-7pm

Located in the park near
King Street Metro.
Join us at:
[www.facebook.com/
upperkingstreetfarmers
market](http://www.facebook.com/upperkingstreetfarmersmarket)

Take Me Out To The Ballgame! *By Mike Mendoza*

Years ahead of schedule, the Washington Nationals have captured our hearts and as I write are in first place. You read that right – first place! Who wouldn't want to see prodigies Bryce Harper and Stephen Strasburg in action? But who wants to deal with traffic and crowds?

There is a great solution to the second question. Skip the traffic and take the Potomac River Boat Company's Water Taxi from right here in Old Town to Nationals ballpark. Enjoy the sights of the Potomac and take the Water Taxi.

Round-trip is \$24 and departures from Old Town are an hour before the game. Free parking pass enables you to park at Port of Alexandria, 210 The Strand or at Altman's Parking, 300 North Lee Street after 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and anytime on weekends, though space is limited at each location. The dock is a short walk from the first base gate. The return trip taxis depart from the ballpark approximately 20 minutes after the last pitch and arrive back in Alexandria about 35 minutes after that. You can't beat mixing the joys of a riverboat tour with the chance to root for our Nationals! For more information see <http://www.potomacriverboatco.com>.

Capital Bikeshare to Debut in Alexandria

Capital Bikeshare now maintains approximately 1500 rental bikes at 150+ stations in Washington, DC and Arlington, VA, and as soon as all permits are cleared, will open 8 more as part of a pilot program in Alexandria this summer. The initial Alexandria stations will be located across Old Town, and plans include one located next to Trader Joe's in North Old Town.

Surveys have found that most Bikeshare riders use the bikes mostly for short trips of 30 minutes or so to accomplish shopping and other errands or to travel from one tourist destination to another. For more information or to obtain annual or 30-day memberships, call 1-877-430-BIKE, or visit CapitalBikeshare.com. For 3-day or 24-hour memberships, you can visit any station and access bicycles through touch-screen kiosks using credit cards.

Ice In Alexandria *By Tom Soapes*

A pile of bricks and an open pit inside a construction fence at Gadsby's Tavern on the corner of Royal and Cameron streets marks the start of restoration of the historic structure's 18th-century ice well. Preserving ice was a constant, expensive, and time-consuming challenge in early Alexandria: ice was cut from the frozen Potomac River in winter, hauled to the tavern, and covered with straw to preserve it for summer use. Ice was a luxury – primarily for the wealthy – for preserving food and cooling beverages.

Gadsby's ice well, linked directly to the tavern through a brick vaulted tunnel, measured 17

feet in diameter and over 11 feet in depth and could hold 68 tons of ice. It is a rare surviving example of a commercial ice well in an urban environment. Most surviving wells were for private use.

Gadsby's well illustrates historic themes of commerce, hospitality, and technology in Alexandria's early days. Today, the well is part of Gadsby's Tavern Museum, owned and operated by the city of Alexandria. The restoration is funded by private donations; no city government funds are involved. For further information, see [www.Alexandria.gov/
historic/gadsbys](http://www.Alexandria.gov/historic/gadsbys).

No-Build Option For Transit Corridor A *By Christa Watters*

After years of discussion of Transit Corridor A, essentially a north-south route connecting Alexandria and Arlington along the Route 1 Corridor, City Council voted unanimously June 16 for a no-build option for Route 1 corridor south of Braddock Rd. Metro Station. The city will instead consider a circulator bus for the North Old Town area, connecting King St. Metro Station, Braddock Rd. Metro Station, and other parts of Old Town. Council asked staff to prepare language changing the City's Master Plan to reflect the decision. According to Poul Hertel, a member of the High Capacity Transitway Corridor Work Group, residents had rejected the idea of catering to commuters traveling through Alexandria via either dedicated rapid transit bus lanes or a streetcar, given that Metro and VRE lines already serve the needs of these commuters. The decision not to build was recommended by the Work Group, the Planning Commission, and the Transportation Commission.

A public hearing on how the plan will proceed is scheduled for September, at which time the City Staff will present and residents can offer opinions on the proposed changes to the master plan.

Package Theft Incidents *By Greg Ogden*

Who of us doesn't occasionally have a package delivered by FedEx or UPS while we are away from home? A recent apparent uptick in thefts or disturbance of such packages has been reported. Sgt. James Craige, the Alexandria Police Department community liaison officer for North Old Town, confirmed in late June that 7 such package-related incidents have been reported so far in 2012. We hear from word of mouth that several such incidents also occurred around the holidays in late 2011. Sgt. Craige reports that in 2012:

- One arrest has been made.
- Two of the seven incidents took place in the 1000 and the 1100 blocks of N. Pitt Street.
- Most incidents to date have taken place west of Washington St. on Columbus St.

- Part of the increase in incidents over 2011 is due to increased reporting as citizens became aware of the importance of reporting to police as well as delivery firms.

The Crime Analysis Unit asks our readers and members to help by reporting any thefts or other abnormal events or suspicious behaviors ASAP to the police at 703.838.4444. You can contact all delivery firms and ask that they not leave packages unattended, if that is your preference, or arrange with a stay-at-home neighbor to take in your packages.

From our NOTICE homepage (www.NOTICE-alexandria.org) you can follow all reported crime (daily RSS feed) citywide, a popular feature with over 400 hits to date. CLICK left sidebar: Helpful links > Civic > Alexandria Crime Information Map (enter 22314 as ZIP).

NOTICE is for you

We Inquire: *Staying connected with changes and issues that affect North Old Town.*

We Inform: *Circulate information to our members through newsletters and circulars, email and our website.*

We are Open: *Welcoming varying views of our role in North Old Town.*

We Discuss: *Remaining involved in finding alternative solutions and being tolerant of our neighbor's perspectives.*

We Meet: *Membership meeting three times a year, and a winter party in February.*

Membership - Join NOTICE

Single \$15, Family \$25, Sponsor \$50, Angel \$150+

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Mail this form and payment to:

NOTICE; P.O. Box 25571; Alexandria, VA 22313

Events

Let's Have a Tea Party!

July 22, 10am - noon
Kids class for 7-11 year olds
Teaching children how to create good food and have fun at the same time.
La Cuisine, 323 Cameron Street. \$55

Washington Meropolitan Philharmonic's Free Summer Chamber Music Series

Weekly till September.
July 22, 3-4:30pm
Cellist Douglas Wolters performs Bach: Suite for Unaccompanied Cello No 1 in G Major (performed on Baroque Cello) Carl Fredrich Abel: Sonata in D minor for Unaccompanied Viola da Gamba Haskell Small Suite for Solo Cello. Lyceum, Alexandria's History Museum, Free. See schedule at <http://www.wmpamusic.org/html/performances/chamber.html>

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