



## *Volunteers Needed*

### **Wright to Read**

provides elementary School students with one-on-one reading help, mentoring and tutoring. Volunteers can assist in either the After School Reading Program or the Tutor/Mentor Program. Help students to improve their literacy by reading books and working on different comprehension activities. Each program requires volunteers to attend an Orientation and a separate Training. The Tutor/Mentor program additionally requires a criminal background screening.

Join us at one of the upcoming orientations to learn more:

**Monday, September 17**  
2012 at 6:30 pm

**Thursday, September, 27**  
2012 at 6:00 pm

For more information, contact Luisa Reyes at [lreyes@wrighttoread.org](mailto:lreyes@wrighttoread.org).

## *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.

### **Construction Starts on Oronoco** *by Greg Ogden*

Construction of the Oronoco, a 60-unit luxury condominium residence on Oronoco Bay Park, is slated to begin early this fall. The process will begin with the demolition of the existing brick and sheet metal exterior of the former Sheet Metal Workers Union Building at Pendleton and Fairfax streets, which will be stripped down to the basic structure. Construction of the new façade and a completely renovated interior is scheduled for early 2013. Occupancy is planned to begin in late 2013 and continue through summer of 2014. The project will have two indoor parking slots for each residence, with 56 additional slots for use of visitors or for owners to purchase for additional vehicles.

The contractor, EYA, held a meeting with local residents outlining plans for the construction period. City-assigned truck routes inbound will be on Oronoco Street, with outbound haul routes on Montgomery Street. EYA notes that since the structure will maintain its original footprint, trucking needs will be considerably less than for a comparable new project involving excavation, but there will still be increased truck traffic during the construction period. EYA plans to have a Web site for citizen inquiries and complaints. Expect some curb lane closures on Pendleton and Fairfax. There will be no Sunday construction activity. The construction firm encourages all subcontractors to use public transportation to avoid congesting local streets.

For more information, including links, visit: <http://notice-alexandria.org/>

### **Capital Bikeshare Launches in Alexandria**

The installation of Capital Bikeshare stations in Alexandria is now complete and our own local station in front of Trader Joe's in North Old Town at the corner of N. St. Asaph and Pendleton streets is stocked with bicycles.

Check out the other seven stations, located at the following intersections: Prince/Union, King/N. Royal, King/S. Patrick, Commerce/S. Fayette, N. Henry/Pendleton; and at Braddock Road Metro, and King Street – Old Town Metro. The City has announced on its Web site that a launch event is scheduled for Wednesday, September 19, at 11:45 a.m. in Market Square, 301 King Street.

### **Mirant/GenOn Plant Will Close**

*By Ernest Lehmann*

The Potomac River Generating Station, a 500-megawatt coal fired power plant located at the end of North Royal Street in North Old Town, is scheduled to close on October 1, 2012. This plant is the last coal fired power plant and the largest stationary source of air pollutants in the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. area. The citizenry of Alexandria, the Mayor and members of the City Council, city staff members and a variety of environmental organizations played vital roles over a 10-year period in bringing about this plant's closure. NOTICE can take pride in being an important part of this massive effort. Plans for a celebration of this important event are under way. Once these plans are finalized NOTICE will alert its members.

## Oktoberfest on the Potomac *By Mike Mendoza*

Days are becoming shorter, warning us that summer will shortly give way to autumn, and the new season brings us plenty of advertisements for upcoming Oktoberfest celebrations. There are several ways to celebrate Oktoberfest without going far and without driving. On September 22 and 23, National Harbor hosts "DAS Best Oktoberfest" with beer and brats, oompah bands, and more, all on its grounds. Tickets range from \$25 to \$85. Visit: <http://www.dasbestoktoberfest.com/washington-dc/show-info> for all ticket options. You can be transported to National Harbor via the Potomac River Boat Company's ferry from the Old Town waterfront pier for \$16 roundtrip. Hours can be found at: <http://www.potomacriverboatco.com/national-harbor.php>.

In years past Rustico has held an Oktoberfest celebration in the restaurant's parking lot on 827 Slaters Lane. However, due to overwhelming demand, they are moving their Oktoberfest celebration to Yards Park outside of Nationals Stadium on Saturday October 13, 1 p.m. – 6 p.m. This festival is accessible via Metro's Navy Yard station. More information about the event can be found at: <http://www.snallygasterdc.com/>.

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## Imagining History: The Intersection of King and Fairfax in the 18th Century *By Tom Soapes*

Alexandria is so rich in history that on any walk around Old Town Alexandria you are likely to see a number of historic buildings and sites. Sometimes the old buildings are gone, but if you know the history of the site, you can use your imagination to picture the spaces as they were. The intersection of King and Fairfax Streets is one such place. William Ramsey, one of the founders of the city, occupied the house at 221 King, now the Alexandria Visitors Center. Ramsey, who was elected honorary Lord Mayor in 1761, was a good friend of the Washingtons. The property across King Street, where Burke and Herbert Bank now stands,

was then owned by Lawrence Washington, elder half-brother of George. These lots were probably vacant when Lawrence Washington owned them. Looking to the northwest corner of King and Fairfax, you see Market Square, site of an early produce market to which George Washington sent produce from his farms. The 18th Century market was located closer to the footprint of today's city hall than today's market place. The block of King between Fairfax and Royal streets was lined with shops. Today's city hall area held the courthouse, two fire houses, an assembly hall, a jail, and the stocks and pillory.

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## 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.*

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## Membership - Join NOTICE

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

NOTICE is a 501-C3 organization. Dues are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail this form and payment to:**

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

## Save the Date

### 3rd Annual Alexandria Story Festival

Saturday September, 15  
10:00 am - 1:00 pm

T.C. Williams High School  
3330 King Street  
Alexandria, VA 22302

Meet authors, hear stories,  
play games, and have fun!  
[www.alexstoryfest.com](http://www.alexstoryfest.com)

### NOTICE Community Meeting

Thursday, September 20

7 p.m. Social Hour  
7:30 p.m. Business Meeting

Details Coming Soon:  
Watch for e-mails and  
flyers.

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## NOTICE Board

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## What did we miss?

Email us your suggestions on articles, links, or subjects you would find interesting to you.

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