



# THE KID'S GUIDE TO ALEXANDRIA

#### A Note From Allison

Hi!

My name is Allison and I am one of the lead agents with The Goodhart Group. I have two little boys and am always searching for fun activities for us to do in Alexandria. From kid-friendly restaurants to pools and parks, pre-schools, daycares, and activities like music lessons or sports leagues, our area has so much to offer for kids and families.

I hope you enjoy our guide for kids in Alexandria. If you have other recommendations that we've missed, please send them my way! If you're thinking about a move in the near future, you might find our guide to moving with kids helpful, which is <u>linked here</u>.

If you have any questions, you can always feel free to reach me directly at allison@ thegoodhartgroup.com or on Instagram at @allisongoodhart or @thegoodhartgroup. I'd also encourage you to look at our blog at thegoodhartgroup.com/our-blog/ or sign up for our weekly newsletter to stay up to date on what is happening in our community!

All the best, Allison



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# PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

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# **Armory Tot Lot**

208 South Royal Street

The Tot Lot is geared toward children ages 2-5 and consists of a large sandbox, double teeter-totter, tunnel slide, double slide, two climbing features, and two bucket swings.

## Jefferson Houston Elementary School Park

1501 Cameron Street

This playground is one of the largest in Old Town and has endless equipment and climbing structures! It's just down the street from the Old Town Pool. Parking is easy and there is something for everyone.

#### Jones Point Park

125 Jones Point Drive

Jones Point features an Adventure Ship structure, climbing equipment, slides, a seesaw, a separate toddler area, and two basketball courts. Jones Point was a shipyard used during World War I. You can see the ship's rudder here along with panels along trails highlighting the history and importance of the shipyard during colonial times.

# Lyles Crouch Elementary School Playground

530 South St. Asaph

Lylces Crouch is a good place to go to with older more adventurous kids. This playground was designed for children from kindergarten through 5th grade, so the climbing structures are higher.

# **Montgomery Playground**

901 North Royal Street

You'll find a fenced dog area, four lighted tennis courts, shaded picnic gazebo, a water fountain, and a playground with slides and climbing equipment at this playground.

# Windmill Hill Park (aka: Lee Street Park) 501 South Union Street

This Old Town staple contains a large playground featuring slides, tunnels, monkey bars, a suspension bridge, rope walls, swings, a seesaw, a sand box, a sand volleyball court, basketball courts, and a large field. The park can also be accessed from the 500 South block of Lee Street.

# South Royal Street Park

200 South Royal Street Park

This tucked away park encompasses a small playground and sandbox.

# PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

#### 22301

#### **Beach Park**

201 Rucker Place

Located right behind Naomi L.. Brooks Elementary School, Beach Park offers swings, various slides, as well as drinking fountains, seating, and trails for walking/running/bicycling.

# East Del Ray Avenue Park Playground

1 and 7 East Del Ray Avenue

Here you'll find a small woodland-themed playground featuring climbing equipment, a slide, and bench seating.

#### Hooffs Run Park aka Blue Park

18 East Linden Street

Known by locals as "Blue Park," Hooffs Run offers swings, slides, and a sea-saw as well as a community garden and tennis courts!

# Judy Lowe Neighborhood Park

7 East Del Ray Avenue

This park/playground is for younger children with a small slide, log tunnel, and benches.

# **Mount Vernon Elementary Playground**

100 East Uhler Avenue

Located just off Mount Vernon Avenue, this large playground offers a popular hangout for children and parents alike!

# Naomi L. Brooks Elementary School

600 Russell Road

You'll find a slide, jungle gym, swing, and tennis courts here.

# St. Stephens St. Agnes School Playground

400 Fontaine Street

This private school playground is only open to the public on the weekends. Multiple playgrounds are designed for a wide age range including jungle gym, slides, and more.

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# George Mason Elementary School Playground

2601 Cameron Mills Road

The school backs up to George Mason Park and has a playground, fields and other community facilities.

# Chinquapin Park

3210 King Street

Chinquapin Park is a smaller playground next to Alexandria High School. Highlights include slides, a chain link cargo net, pull up bars, tunnels, steering mechanisms, a tic-tac-toe board, and swings. Also located at Chinquapin is an indoor public pool and rec center.



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# **Armistead L. Boothe Park** 520 Cameron Station Boulevard

This park includes several different play areas with slides, climbing structures, swings, and a basketball court.

# **Ben Brenman Park** 4800 Brenman Park Drive

Ben Brenman Park is an enclosed playground with a soft, rubber surface. It features slides, swings, rubber stepping stones, and a mini rock climbing wall.

# Douglas MacArthur Elementary School Playground

4633 Taney Avenue

This playground features large and small slides, monkey bars, and various climbing apparatuses more appropriate for older children.

# Fort Ward Park

4301 West Braddock Road

This historic park features a playground including a rock wall, a chain ladder, a suspension bridge, stepping stones, corkscrew bars, slides and swings. The park also contains numerous picnic areas, an amphitheater and dog exercise area, and houses a Civil War museum.

#### **Holmes Run Park**

4000 Holmes Run Parkway

This mulch playground contains swings, monkey bars, climbing equipment, and benches.

# Stevenson Square Park

300 Stultz Road

Stevenson Square Park is a quaint community park featuring a basketball court, picnic area, baseball field, and small playground.

# PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

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## **Beverly Park** 620 North Overlook Drive

Affectionately known to locals as "The Pit," Beverly Park sits on a mulch surface and contains a cargo net, monkey bars, climbers, a zipline slider, four slides, ladders, a corkscrew climber, a mini rock climbing wall, a cargo chain and suspension bridge. The Pit also features an attached playhouse and a small fire truck, a double see-saw, swings, and a large sandbox.

# **Hume Springs Park**

100 Dale Street

Highlights of this small mulch playground include climbing equipment, bucket swings, monkey bars, and a slide.

## Lynhaven Park

5 East Reed Avenue

Lynhaven Park contains two metal cargo chain nets, tic-tac-toe boards, a tunnel, steering wheels, swings, and a spring rider that seats four.

# Potomac Yard Park Playground & Sprayground

2501 Potomac Avenue

There is something for everyone at Potomac Yard Park which contains two separate fenced playgrounds consisting of rubber surfaces. The toddler playground features small slides, a teeter-totter, swings, a mirror-filled maze, steering wheels, crawling spaces, and tic-tac-toe boards. The older playground includes swings, stepping stumps, metal rings, a cargo chain and dual rock wall, a zip line, teeter-totters, jungle gyms, balance beams and spring beams, slides, and hammocks. In between the two playgrounds is an interactive fountain, along with tennis, basketball and volleyball courts.





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# **Groveton Heights Park**

3429 Clayborne Avenue

This small neighborhood playground is comprised of slides, trapeze rings, a fireman's pole, and benches.

## **Lenclair Park**

6625 Lenclair Street

Lenclair Park features swings, slides, tunnels, and monkey bars on both a grass and mulch surface.

# Martin Luther King Jr. Park

8115 Fordson Road

This large community park highlights slides, a telescope window, monkey bars, metal rings, steering wheels, a tic-tac-toe board, a rock wall, ladders, swings, and trapeze rings.

# Stoneybrooke Park

3900 Stoneybrooke Drive

Stoneybrooke Park is a small mulch playground with swings, slides, tunnels, climbing equipment, and benches. 22308

# **Collingwood Park**

8200 West Boulevard Drive

This massive park offers tennis courts, open space, soccer and baseball fields, and a large playground with slides, swings, and climbing equipment.

# Stratford Landing Park

2301 Stirrup Lane

Stratford Landing Park is a large neighborhood playground with swings, slides, climbing equipment, tic-tac-toe-boards, animal rockers, a large field, basketball courts, and tennis courts. 22309

# George Washington Grist Mill Park

5512 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway

Located near George Washington's Mount Vernon, this park contains athletic fields for soccer, softball, baseball and football, two full-size basketball courts, a large playground with climbing equipment, and the perimeter of the park has hiking and biking trails that bypass a dog park. This park was once the site of a former farm lane.

### **Mount Vernon Manor Park**

8600 McNair Drive

Mount Vernon Manor Park is tucked away behind a cul-de-sac and entails a baseball field, tennis courts, trails, a picnic area shaded by trees, a playground that has swings, a frog spring rocker, slides, ladders, rings and a spiral climbing gym.

#### **Mount Vernon Woods Park**

4014 Fielding Street

This park comprises a small mulch playground with swings, slides, and climbing equipment.

#### Muddy Hole Farm Park

7941 Kidd Street

Muddy Hole Farm Park consists of tennis courts, a soccer field, three basketball courts, picnic tables with a grill, and a playground with tunnels, slides, and climbing equipment.

# **Woodley Hills Park**

8710 Old Mount Vernon Road

This neighborhood park features tennis courts and a playground with slides, swings,

a tic-tac-toe board, a steering wheel, ladders, rings, and climbing equipment.

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## Chessie's Big Backyard

6601 Telegraph Road

Inside Lee District Park, highlights of Chessie's Big Backyard include a climbing web, climbing ropes, rocks, tree stumps, stone walls, a rope ladder, suspension bridges, and various ramps. Interactive gadgets throughout the playground allow kids to track the sounds of a skunk, raccoon, river otter and alligator, and search for woodland animals along the rubber surface.

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#### Bren Mar Park

6324 Edsall Road

Bren Mar Park encompasses several slides, a suspension bridge, climbing blocks, a pull up bar, a steering wheel, a picnic area, and a baseball field.

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#### **Hayfield Park**

7611 Hayfield Road

This mulch playground consists of stepping stumps, whisper phones, animal and baseball tic-tac-toe boards, a mini climbing wall, a rock mountain, slides, and a crawling tunnel. The playground is accompanied by a circular stone area with stone benches and a large grass field.

# POOLS & WATER PARKS

#### CITY OF ALEXANDRIA POOLS

## **Cameron Run Regional Park**

4001 Eisenhower Avenue

Great Waves Waterpark offers a wave pool, four-story water slides, and a snack bar, plus a shallow-water play pool.

# Chinquapin Park Recreation Center

3210 King Street

This 25-meter indoor pool offers visitors aquatic sports and fitness classes as well as access to diving boards.

#### **Old Town Pool**

1609 Cameron Street

This outdoor pool offers not only entertainment in the water, but also on dry ground with a tot playground adjacent to the pool and picnic area. This pool is the only Alexandria pool located in Old Town.

#### **Warwick Pool**

3301 Landover Street

This 25-yard outdoor pool encompasses a picnic area and playground to keep your kids entertained.

#### **Memorial Pool**

901 Wythe Street

Located inside Charles Houston Recreation Center, this small pool with beach entry and spray features is ideal for families with young children, as well as adults seeking therapeutic benefits. Admission wristbands must be purchased at the Recreation Center and are limited to 75 participants at any one time.

#### PRIVATE SOUTH ALEXANDRIA POOLS

# Hollin Meadows Swim and Tennis Club 2500 Woodlawn Trail

Located in the Hollin Hills Community, this close knit community club encompasses a five-plus acre complex with a 25-meter pool, lap lanes, an enclosed wading pool for toddlers, five tennis courts, a ping pong table, cornhole, a children's play area, and an exercise area. Swimming and tennis instruction are available, and various family activities and social events are offered.

# **Belle Haven Country Club**

6023 Fort Hunt Road

Located just south of Old Town, Belle Haven Country Club offers both an eight-lane pool and a kiddie pool for those under six years of age. The club also includes eight outdoor clay tennis courts and five indoor DecoTurf courts, allowing for year-round play. Golfers will love the 18 hole Arthur Hills-designed course at Belle Haven. The club offers a variety of teams, tournaments, and social activities for its members.

## **Hollin Hills Pool**

1602 Paul Spring Road

Hollin Hills Pool is located in the Hollin Hills Community and includes aerobics classes, swimming instructions, two water slides, a separate 30-foot shaded wading pool for toddlers, and a playground area. It also offers dinner at the pool, food trucks, social events, and a private party area.

## Little Hunting Park

7000 Canterbury Lane

Little Hunting Park is located on a secluded 10 acres just south of Old Town. Facilities include a six-lane, 25-meter pool, a separate diving well with diving board, a wading pool for children five and under, a play area and swings, four lighted tennis courts available year-round, and various sport courts (including basketball, shuffleboard, four-square, and tennis).

#### **Mount Vernon Park**

8042 Fairfax Road

Set on nearly 13 acres of wooded parkland, Mount Vernon Park is the focus of summer activity for 600 families. MVP members enjoy three pools (25-meter, 50-meter, and wading), four lighted tennis courts (open year round), a large picnic area with grills, grass volleyball court, a children's playground, a covered pavilion, and a one-acre pond for fishing.

#### **Riverside Gardens Pool**

8633 Buckboard Drive

Located in the back of the Riverside Gardens neighborhood, this club provides a private and safe environment. Facilities consist of a zero-entry shallow pool, a slide for toddlers, a 25-meter pool, a diving board, a pool house with restrooms, showers, and changing rooms, a picnic area, grills, tennis courts, a playground, and a sand volleyball court.

## **Waynewood Recreation Association**

1027 Dalebrook Drive

Located in the heart of the Waynewood neighborhood, this pool serves as a gathering spot for the community. Facilities entail two 25-meter swimming pools, one with a Duraflex diving board, a waterslide with a 48-foot slide run, a fenced baby wading pool, and over 300 pieces of deck furniture.

# **Stratford Recreation Association**

2300 Brinitzer Way

The Stratford Landing neighborhood has a recently renovated pool which includes a zero-entry shallow end with bubblers at the entrance as well as a fenced-in baby pool with covered area. The concessions area has covered seating and tables along with vending machines.

# Highland Park Swim and Tennis Club

6400 Highland Drive

Located two blocks from Lee District Park, this club includes a six-lane swimming pool, a large baby pool for children under the age of seven years, a diving well – with two diving boards, two tennis courts, and sport courts for basketball, hockey, volleyball, and shuffleboard.

# **Mount Vernon Country Club**

5111 Old Mill Road

Situated on George Washington's former farmland, the Mount Vernon Country Club offers a 25-meter competition-quality pool along with a wading pool and poolside grill. Children have the opportunity to join the Club's competitive swim team. Its members also enjoy a championship golf course and a variety of social activities.

#### Virginia Hills Pool

6301 Prospect Terrace

Located in the center of the Virginia Hills Community. Facilities include a six-lane 25meter main pool with a separate diving well, slide, and shallow area, a fenced baby/toddler pool with sprinkler, extensive deck, and lawn area for sunbathing or relaxing.

# KID FRIENDLY RESTAURANTS

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# **Dairy Godmother**

2301 Mount Vernon Avenue

For Wisconsin-style frozen custard, take a trip to Del Ray to visit the Dairy Godmother (highly recommended by Allison)! What makes frozen custard different from ice cream? Well, it has at least 1.4% pasteurized egg yolk, at least 10% milk fat, and is made in a special machine using a very specific technique. The result is an amazingly creamy and smooth summer treat. Vanilla and Chocolate custard are available daily, plus a Flavor of the Day. The Dairy Godmother also offers an incredible variety of sorbets (dairyfree) in enticing flavors like Lemon Lavender, Strawberry Balsamico, Orange Blossom, Pineapple with Cilantro, Cucumber with Fresh Mint, Pear with Vanilla, and many more.

#### **Del Ray Cafe**

205 East Howell Avenue

Served on Saturdays, Sundays and major holidays, the brunch at Del Ray Cafe is delicious. The brunch menu consists of many starters, eggs, and omelets, including the option to create-your-own omelet. Also, sweet or savory crêpes are available at any time during the day.

# **Holy Cow**

2312 Mount Vernon Avenue

Looking for delicious hand cut fries, burgers, and shakes? Try out Holy Cow in Del Ray. The relaxed counter service environment is perfect for families and the restaurant is stroller-friendly. The outdoor seating is perfect for when the weather warms up. Holy Cow's kids menu is great for picky eaters.

# Lena's Wood-Fired Pizza and Tap

401 East Braddock Road

Lena's, a member of the Alexandria Restaurant Partners, has wood-fired pizza and Italian food. Try the Diavola pizza with salami, mozzarella, fried kale, and ghost pepper honey (don't worry it's not too spicy) or stick to the classic Margherita pizza.

#### Los Tios Grill

2615 Mount Vernon Avenue

This local favorite Tex-Mex grill sits just on the edge of the Avenue, in Del Ray. With huge portion sizes and unbeatable, authentic tastes, Los Tios Grill is Del Ray's go-to spot for school fundraisers, birthday parties, and any other excuse to enjoy the environment inside and out. Los Tios has the best chips and salsa in town, hands down; combined with incredible service and an affordable selection, it is hard to beat this top Del Ray restaurant!



# Pork Barrel BBQ

2312 Mount Vernon Avenue

When Pork Barrel BBQ opened in 2011, it quickly became Del Ray's hottest restaurant. In what is already considered the Avenue's most visited block, Pork Barrel joined Del Ray's famous St. Elmo's Coffee Pub, The Dairy Godmother, and its sister restaurant Holy Cow. Pork Barrel brings nationally ranked BBQ to the heart of Del Ray, attracting BBQ lovers from all over the region to this family-friendly restaurant. It also features arcade games, a sports bar, and outdoor seating. After indulging in an award-winning sandwich, the "Del Ray" thing to do is stroll down the block for frozen custard or pastry at the Dairy Godmother.

#### **Stomping Ground**

2309 Mount Vernon Avenue

Stomping Ground is a cozy coffee shop known for its fabulous buttermilk biscuits. Make sure to try the Not So Classic fried chicken biscuit, made with benne seed tahini, Stomping Ground's special hot sauce, honey, red onion and za'atar. You can also build your own biscuit creation. Stomping Ground prides itself on always using seasonal, local, and organic ingredients whenever possible. It is one of our favorite breakfast stops in Alexandria!

# Taqueria el Poblano

2400 Mount Vernon Avenue

Voted in Zagat's Top 10 best Mexican restaurants in the D.C. area (2014), Mount Vernon Avenue's Taqueria el Poblano's margaritas are said to be "made with lots of TLC." The restaurant has a fabulous neighborhood vibe and very lively atmosphere. Its extensive menu features traditional Mexican favorites like tacos, chile rellenos, enchiladas, and burritos. The friendly and welcoming service at Taqueria el Poblano is yet another reason to stop by!

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#### **Duck Donuts**

3610-F King Street

Originally from North Carolina's Outer Banks, these sinful donuts have made their way to Alexandria. Duck Donuts are delicious, handmade, and fried to perfection. The toppings are custom-made to your choosing. Make sure you try their signature Maple & Bacon or Powdered Sugar & Blackberry Drizzle donuts!

# KID FRIENDLY RESTAURANTS

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#### Northside 10

10 East Glebe Road

Northside 10 has great options for the whole family. You can find a variety of burgers, sandwiches, and salads. Be sure to start with one of the killer appetizers, like the fried brussel sprouts with bacon and asiago, or the risotto fritters fixed with gruyere cheese.

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## Caphe Banh Mi

407 Cameron Street

Tucked away off of King Street is the cozy Caphe Banh Mi offering Vietnamese food that is packed with flavor. Enjoy their pho, banh mi sandwiches, summer rolls, rice plates, or vermicelli (a Vietnamese noodle bowl). They even have tofu options for vegetarians and vegans!

#### Chadwicks

203 Strand Street

Their slogan "casual dining at its very best" truly lives up to its claim. The perfect quick place to dine in the Southeast Quadrant of Old Town, Chadwicks has a kid-friendly brunch and amazing clam chowder. Visit on a Monday for half-priced burgers all day.

# **Emmy Squared Pizza**

124 King Street

After several successful locations in Nashville and New York City, Emmy Squared came to Old Town Alexandria in 2021. Their unique pizza combinations are sure to please any kid. From classic and specialty pizzas to burgers and salads, picky eaters and adventurous eaters alike will love eating here.

#### Faccia Luna

823 South Washington Street

Faccia Luna was named Best Pizza by Washington City Paper (2015 and 2016) and it deserves the title! Try the Via Tuscana, a white pizza with caramelized onions, prosciutto, and smoked gouda or its signature red-based Faccia Luna pizza.

#### Mai Thai

6 King Street

Enjoy authentic Thai cuisine on the waterfront in Old Town Alexandria. After dinner stop by Pop's for ice cream and stroll down the Old Town waterfront with the family.

#### Mason Social

728 North Henry Street

Known for its outstanding modern spin on classic American cuisine, Mason Social has something perfect for the whole family. They have favorites like shrimp and grits, burgers, fried chicken and mac and cheese. Located in Old Town North, this is a welcoming place, where you can find great food. Stop in for specials on Marrow Monday, Taco Tuesday, and Wine Down Wednesdays.

#### Mia's Italian Kitchen

100 King Street

Located by the water on King Street, Mia's, owned by the Alexandria Restaurant Partners, offers brick oven pan pizza, salads, house made pasta and a variety of other Italian specialties. Try one of their personal pizzas like the Prosciutto & Fig or Mortadella & Burrata and be sure to share one of their family style salads.

# KID FRIENDLY RESTAURANTS

# Momo Sushi

212 Queen Street

Momo Sushi's lunch special can't be beat. The lunchtime bento box includes Chicken Teriyaki, a six-piece California Roll, plus salad, rice, and miso soup. For dinner, you can also choose from one of Momo's 10 sushi combos, rice bowls, or yakisoba noodle dishes.

#### Namaste

1504 King Street

Take your kids to try Indian food at Namaste in Old Town. The spacious restaurant is family-friendly and offers an extensive menu. New to Indian food? The friendly staff always has great recommendations. Try the Palak Ki Chat for a delicious appetizer, and you must get one of their many types of Naan.

# **Pop's** 109 King Street

With its old-fashioned atmosphere and fabulous customer service, Pop's Old Fashioned Ice Cream is a local favorite. You can find the usual standby flavors at Pop's, but also some truly unique ones like Kahlua Chocolate Chip, Peanut Butter Chocolate Pretzel, and Carrot Cake. Or try one of their specialty sundaes such as the Johnny Appleseed, with vanilla ice cream, apple pie chunks, butterscotch, caramel, and whipped cream. A lactose-free soft serve ice cream is also available at Pop's.

# Sweet Fire Donna's

510 John Carlyle Street

Looking for fantastic BBQ? Try Sweet Fire Donna's. It is one of the sister restaurants of Holy Cow and Pork Barrel. The cornbread is always fresh and they have a variety of combos. Try the Pitmaster's Nachos with your choice of meat or the White Chicken Chili.

#### **Table Talk**

1623 Duke Street

If you are looking for the big, hearty, New Jersey diner feel, then hit Table Talk! All of its homemade classic meals and omelets are served with home fries. Table Talk's generous servings will surely fill you up for the day. With a variety of menu options, everyone in the family is bound to find something they like with this restaurant.





# **Vola's** 101 North Union Street

Offering one of the best waterfront dining views in Old Town, Vola's is a fabulous spot for a seafood lunch. Try the Chesapeake Bay Chowder, made with blue crab, to start. For your main dish, try the Lobster Roll, the Blackened Grouper Sandwich, or Firecracker Shrimp Tacos — with a side of Old Bay Fries, of course. The Red Hot Apple Cobbler is the perfect way to end your meal, with its special ingredient of spicy red hot candies and cooling cinnamon ice cream. Located in the Torpedo Factory, Vola's offers both indoor and outdoor seating as well as the Hi-Tide lounge, a throwback cocktail lounge.

#### **Zento**

693 North Washington Street

Zento has great sushi and a family-friendly relaxed atmosphere. It is counted in the top Asian restaurants in Alexandria. Choose from one of the sushi assortments served with miso soup and a house salad or try one of their other delicious Asian dishes.

# PRESCHOOLS AND DAYCARE

#### PRE-SCHOOLS

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# Abracadabra Child Care & Development Center

6 West Masonic View Age range two to five years.

#### **Emmanuel Preschool**

1608 Russell Road Age range two to five years.

#### **Immanuel Lutheran School**

1801 Russell Road Age range two and a half to six years.

## The Nest Academy at Del Ray

2609 Mount Vernon Avenue Age range three weeks to five years.

# **ChildSpace Learning Center**

2721 Mount Vernon Avenue Age range three to five years.

## **Creative Play School II**

100 East Windsor Avenue Age range two to five years.

#### **Del Ray Montessori School**

100 East Windsor Avenue Age range two and a half to nine years.

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#### **Blessed Sacrament School**

1417 West Braddock Road Age range three to five years.

#### **Trinity Preschool**

2911 Cameron Mills Road Age range 18 months to five years.

## Saint Clement Episcopal School

1701 North Quaker Lane Age range two and a half to five years.

### Saint Stephen's & Saint Agnes School

400 Fontaine Street Age range four to five years.

## **Fairlington Preschool**

3900 King Street Age range two to six years.

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# Valley Drive Cooperative Preschool

700 Commonwealth Avenue Age range two to five years.

#### **Creative Play School**

845 North Howard Street Age range 16 months to six years.

#### The Child & Family Network Centers

This Alexandria non-profit offers eight preschool locations throughout Alexandria that provide free, quality bi-lingual preschool for the community's working poor.

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#### **Beverly Hills Church Preschool**

3512 Old Dominion Boulevard Age range two and a half to five years.

#### **Grace School Alexandria**

3601 Russell Road Ages four to 10.

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Alexandria Academy of Fine Arts & Science (Little One Academy)

311 North Washington Street Age range 18 months to five years.

# Northeast Stars Montessori Alexandria

697 North Washington Street Age range 24 months to five years.

## **American Day School**

917 Princess Street Age range 15 months to five years.

## **Bright Mind PreSchool**

322 North Alfred Street Age range two and a half to five years.

#### Children's International School

25 South Quaker Lane Age range two and a half to nine years.

## Flagstone School

721 North Columbus Street Age range two months to five years.

## **Great Beginnings Early Learning Center**

618 North Washington Street Age range six weeks to five years.

## Hopkins House Helen Day Preschool Academy

1224 Princess Street Age range six weeks to five years.

# Innovation Station Child Development Center

500 Dulany Street Age range six weeks to five years.



#### Jefferson-Houston PreK-8 IB School

1501 Cameron Street Ages three to 14.

# **Meeting House Cooperative Preschool**

318 South Royal Street Age range two to five years.

#### **Old Town Montessori School**

112 South Columbus Street Age range three to six years.

## Saint Anthony's Day School

321 First Street
Age range six weeks to five years.

## Saint Mary's Preschool and Extended Day

400 Green Street Age range three to five years.

#### Saint Paul's Nursery School

228 South Pitt Street Age range 18 months to five years.

# Washington Street United Methodist Church Preschool

115 South Washington Street Age range two and a half to five years.



#### **DAYCARES**

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# **Discovery Time Learning Center**

1509 Leslie Avenue Age range six weeks to four and a half years.

#### The Nest Academy at Del Ray

2609 Mount Vernon Avenue Age range three weeks to five years.

## YMCA/METRO - Alexandria

420 East Monroe Avenue Age range three weeks to five years.

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#### Blue Bird of Alexandria

346 Commerce Street Age range six weeks to six years.

# Campagna Center – Alexandria Head Start

418 South Washington Street Age range two to five years.

#### Flagstone School

721 North Columbus Street Age range two months to five years.

#### **Great Beginnings Early Learning Center**

618 North Washington Street Age range six weeks to five years.

#### **Madison Day School**

722 North Henry Street Age range six weeks to five years.

#### St. Anthony's Day School

321 First Street Age range six weeks to five years

#### **Tiny Tots Playroom**

1500 King Street Age range six weeks to three years

# BEST KIDS CLOTHING AND TOY STORES

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# Pink and Brown Kids Boutique

1129 King Street

A children's boutique featuring high quality 100% organic cotton children's clothing, along with a variety of toys, books, and future. Visit this boutique in Old Town or shop online.

# 529 Kids Consign

122 South Royal Street

529 Kids Consign offers high quality clothing from brands like Lilly Pulitzer and Ralph Lauren Baby for children and their mothers. Shop the latest trends while saving money and supporting a local business, and even make money by consigning items of your own!

#### **Hooray for Books**

1555 King Street

Hooray for Books is a locally owned bookstore specializing in children's books. Check out its calendar of events for children, their book clubs for adults and children, or stop by on Friday mornings at 10:30 a.m. for story time.

# Monday's Child

218 North Lee Street

Monday's Child in Old Town is a great place to buy classic children's clothes. Find adorable dresses and outfits for every occasion from Christmas to the Fourth of July. The shop has been around for over 30 years and is one of the most prestigious children's clothing boutiques around.

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#### **Bellies and Babies**

1913 Mount Vernon Avenue

If you are a new mom or soon-to-be mom, Bellies & Babies has everything you need! This high-end consignment store was created by moms who had trouble finding stylish and affordable clothes for themselves and their children. The best part about this store is if they do not sell the clothes by the end of the consignment period, they donate them to United Community Ministries.

# BEST KIDS CLOTHING AND TOY STORES

## **Purple Goose**

2005 Mount Vernon Avenue

The Purple Goose is a Del Ray staple offering baby gifts, shoes, and accessories that are fashionable for little children. Here you can find popular brands like Robeez and Lilly Pulitzer. Sizes range from newborn to size 14. If you are buying a gift for a child that lives out of town, the Purple Goose will wrap it up and ship it for you! The Purple Goose also does fantastic monogramming.

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# One Two Kangaroo Toys

4022 Campbell Avenue, Arlington

One Two Kangaroo Toys is located right outside of Alexandria in Shirlington. If you're looking for a great toy store with a large selection, visit One Two Kangaroo Toys. They have high quality unique toys for all ages. Support a local business by buying gifts and toys for your children here, and receive a personalized shopping experience in return.



# **ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS**

#### **BALLET**

# **Tiny Dancers**

621 South Washington Street

Tiny Dancers is a specialized dance program for children ages two to 12, using a literacy-based ballet, tap, jazz, hip-hop and musical theater program to provide young dancers with a strong technical foundation in a fun setting. The curriculum features choreographed stories and fairytales, and countless custom-made costumes and props. Tiny Dancers' Wiggletoes program for toddlers ages two to three encourages learning through self-expression, exploration of movement, and age-appropriate choreography.

#### **Chris Collins Dance Studio**

5408 Eisenhower Avenue

Open since 1975, Chris Collins Dance Studio offers a wide variety of dance classes ranging from creative movement for young students (starting at age two and a half) to tap, jazz, ballet, pointe, lyrical/contemporary, acro, hip hop, and even musical theater.

#### **BalletNova Center for Dance**

3443 Carlin Springs Road

BalletNova offers dance classes for children starting at age three. Its Discovering Dance, Pre-Ballet and Ballet classes are designed for children ages three to eight and its Youth & Teen Division offers classes in ballet, tap, jazz, modern and Hip Hop for ages nine to 17. Ballet Nova is also home to a young men's program for boys ages seven to 12.

#### Just Dance

1606 Belle View Blvd

Just Dance is located in the Belle View shopping center. Owner Sally Tierney has more than 30 years of dance teaching experience in Classical Ballet, Broadway Jazz, and Broadway Tap. Many of her students have gone on to dance professionally.

# The Little Theatre of Alexandria

600 Wolfe Street

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#### **SWIMMING**

#### **WeAquatics**

Chinquapin Park Recreation Center 3210 King Street

WeAquatics offers a variety of swim classes including a one-on-one Infant Swimming Resource class (for babies six months and older), a 30 minute Learn-to-Swim class for kids ages four and up, and a Young Masters class, which is designed to introduce young swimmers to competitive swimming.



# Goldfish Swim School 3155-B Duke Street

Goldfish Swim School's swimming lessons are specially designed to make learning to swim fun! Its classes, designed for babies and kids from four months to 12 years of age, have a low (four to one) student-to-teacher-ratio. Also, check out its Family Swim classes for a terrific family experience!

#### **GYMNASTICS**

#### The Little Gym

2209 North Pershing Drive + 6911 Telegraph Road

With locations in Alexandria and Arlington, The Little Gym is a great option for introducing your child to gymnastics. It offers something for everyone: parent/child movement from infant to toddler, preschool gymnastics for ages three to six, and gymnastics for ages six to 12.

#### My Gym

5810 Kingstowne Center, Suite 110

My Gym offers programs in movement and gymnastics for children ages seven months to 10 years. Check out its Ninja Training class for kids ages five to 10, which focuses on developing strength, stamina, and agility with relays, games, team-building, and obstacle courses!

# **Dancensations Dance Center**

7572 Telegraph Road

This dance studio also offers gymnastics classes. The gym includes a full-size trampoline, balance beams, and bars, and offers programs for kids ages three to 18. Dancensations also offers a competitive group program to help to further develop students' performance and technical skills.

#### MARTIAL ARTS

#### Potomac Kempo

2050 Ballenger Avenue (plus locations in Fairlington, Huntington, and Kingstowne)

Kempo is a type of martial arts that's been around for more than 1,500 years. This form of self-defense is a blend of Karate and Kung Fu that also relieves stress and increases self-discipline. Potomac Kempo's classes for children begin at age four, and are designed to develop physical fitness through running, jumping, balancing, and moving with precision and strength while instilling a sense of respect and honesty.

# **ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS**

#### Taekwondo Masters

1514 Belle View Boulevard

Taekwondo Masters in the Belle View shopping center offers a wide variety of programs for kids, including after school programs. It also offers its classes for adults and families!

#### **OneKick Martial Arts of Alexandria**

364 South Pickett Street

OneKick's Taekwondo classes are offered six days a week and are designed to increase fitness and reduce stress. Its programs include the Tiny Tiger Curriculum (ages four to six) and a Children's Program (ages seven to 12) in which kids learn kicking, form, self-defense, sparring, and blocking. Classes for teens and adults are also offered, as are after school programs and summer camps (ages four to 12).

#### Seichou Karate

807 North Royal Street

Seichou Karate classes are offered six days a week for both kids and adults. In addition to karate, the studio also offers calligraphy, abacus, and flower arranging lessons, plus birthday parties!

**ART** 

# Metamorphosis Art and Entertainment Center

1801 North Quaker Lane

This studio focuses on developing character through the process of art and strives to "unleash the creative potential that is within all of us." Their My Art Mom's Art Playgroup is a truly

unique program for parents and children to enjoy the process of creating art together. You'll learn about a master artist in each session and then create artwork with paint, pastels, or watercolors.

# The Art League

305 Madison Street, 2nd Floor

The Art League's exceptional children's classes start at age five. In the Art Fun-damentals class, children explore texture, line, shape, and color and are introduced to working with a range of materials. Other classes for kids include cartooning, ceramics, and clay animation. The Art League also offers week-long art camps and teen workshops in the summer.

#### A | R Workshop

1212 King Street, Alexandria

Families and kids can get creative at this studio which offers workshops and clinics for children and families. Kids can pick a project like a wood plank sign, pedestal tray, Lazy Susan, or a canvas pillow and personalize it however they wish. A | R Workshop also offers special events like holiday crafting workshops for kids ages seven and up, and special drop-off programs for kids ages 10 and up.

#### **MUSIC**

# Music Together Alexandria

100 East Windsor Avenue

Music Together is a well-known program that develops kids' natural enthusiasm for music and movement. Its 45-minute classes are designed for children from infancy to age five. 10 week-sessions are offered at two Alexandria churches.

# Alexandria Music Company

1502 Belle View Blvd

This store not only sells and rents a variety of band and orchestral instruments, but it also has a comprehensive program of instruction. It offers lessons for piano, string, woodwind, brass, and percussion instruments, and even voice lessons (all with highly qualified instructors with music degrees). Alexandria Music Company holds annual recitals for its music students.

#### School of Rock

114 East Del Ray Avenue

School of Rock's Little Wing music program is designed for preschoolers and toddlers. Older kids can take beginner guitar lessons, music, and voice lessons, and there is a performance program for children ages eight to 18. Additional advanced programs for teens and adults are available. The signature Rock 101 program is a performance-based music class for kids with no previous musical experience. These students have a weekly group rehearsal to learn classic rock songs that have been simplified specifically for beginner musicians!

# **Del Ray School of Music**

2405 Mount Vernon Avenue

The Del Ray School of Music has been a local institution since 2000. It offers a variety of music lessons for children and adults at all levels of expertise. Its Munchkin and ME class is for kids ages one to three years (with a parent), while Munchkin Rock is available for kids ages four to seven, and the Rock School 12-week program is available for kids ages eight to 18. From instrument, voice, and songwriting lessons, to composition training, Del Ray School of Music is the place for all things music training.



# YEARLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

# FEBRUARY & MARCH: SALES AND PARADES

# Walkable Warehouse Sale

Old Town

Various Old Town boutiques including kids stores like 529 Kids Consign, Hooray for Books!, Monday's Child, and the Torpedo Factory Art Center hold pop-up tents and open retail space along King Street for this annual sale. Around 60 independent boutiques from Alexandria and the region participate in the sale with steals up to 80 percent off.

#### **Manumission Tour**

Old Town

Ride with Manumission Tour Company on a 90-minute guided bus tour to visit various African American historic sites in Alexandria. Hear stories of both enslaved and free African Americans prior to the Civil War as well as learn the stories behind some of Alexandria's most well-known African American historic sites. Sites will include the Alexandria National Cemetery, Alfred Street Baptist Church, Shiloh Baptist Church, Church Alley, the African American Heritage Park, the Contrabands and Freedmen Cemetery, Barrett Library and more.

# **George Washington Birthday Parade**Old Town

February is all about our most famous historical resident, George Washington. We honor his birthday with a parade held on President's Day, as well as the Cherry Challenge, where local restaurants come up with their best "cherry" dishes.

# Saint Patrick's Day Parade

Old Town

Wear your green for the annual Alexandria Saint Patrick's day parade in March hosted by the Ballyshaners, a non-profit focused on promoting and preserving Irish heritage. Over 2,000 participants march including bagpipes, Irish dancers, dog rescue groups, historical reenactors, and Shriners and Kena cars.

MARCH & APRIL: EASTER EGG HUNTS & GARDEN TOURS

# Lee-Fendal House Easter Egg Hunt

614 Oronoco Street

This classic Alexandria event is decades old! Bring-your-own-Easter-Baskets to fill up with eggs that are placed throughout the property. With lots of activities including games, prizes, sticker stations, temporary tattoos, refreshments, and Easter bunny photos, you'll have an hour and a half of jam-packed entertainment at a full-house event.

# White House Easter Egg Roll

1600 Pennsylvania Avenue

Dating back to 1878, this event on the White House lawn is a national tradition. Free to the public, these tickets are highly sought after and are available exclusively through a lottery system that kicks off in February. They have volunteer positions, and they offer commemorative eggs through the lottery website. If you missed tickets, I've heard that sometimes you can get one at the doors – or even on Craigslist – from someone who couldn't attend after scoring these coveted tix – fingers crossed!

# Salamander Resort and Spa Easter Egg Hunt

500 North Pendleton Street

Head out to Middleburg to spot the Easter Bunny by the Equestrian Center and Culinary Garden at this beautiful resort in Virginia's horse country. Visit with your kids at 10 a.m. or 1 p.m. on Easter Sunday, then stay for a world-class meal and a tour of historic Middleburg. This one's a free event!

## Walkersville Southern Railroad Bunny Train Ride

34 West Pennsylvania Avenue

Take a trip with the Easter Bunny on a train in Frederick County, MD that travels over tracks originally built by the Pennsylvania Railroad in 1872. Visit a hundred+ year old train station, then get your little one a gift from the Bunny himself, all while cruising through picturesque Maryland farm country. Sip some juice and snack on Uncle Ralph's cookies afterwards.

# Tregaron Conservancy Annual Easter Egg Hunt

3100 Macomb Street

Head to D.C. and meet near the Klingle Entrance to hunt for one or two of the literally thousands of candy-filled eggs. There will be a separate section for kids under five so they don't get pushed around by the older kids!

#### Joselito Easter Brunch

660 Pennsylvania Avenue

After all that bunny action, why not wind down with a gourmet Easter brunch? One of the best in D.C. is at Joselito, which is an intimate Spanish spot tucked amongst the fabulous Capitol Hill neighborhood. Celebrating Spain's long tradition of the Easter holiday, they go all out for the

occasion. Joselito offers a bottomless brunch menu, as well as regular menu options with traditional Easter dishes from Spain.

# Historic Homes and Garden Tour

Old Town

Tour gorgeous Old Town homes and gardens as part of the annual Historic Garden Week in Virginia.

**MAY: ARTS & CULTURE** 

# The Little Theatre of Alexandria

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## Tot Rock Fest in Del Ray

Del Ray

Tot Rock fest features live music for children and infants, mindfulness, yoga, and fitness for children, and food vendors. Bring your tots, a blanket, snacks, and water!

# Cinema Del Ray Movie Nights

2701 Commonwealth Avenue

It's so much fun watching a movie with your family, so why not watch it outside? From May to September, different movies will be played on the Mount Vernon Recreation Center Fields (just off Mount Vernon Avenue in Del Ray). Bring a comfy blanket and some snacks and enjoy a free, family-friendly movie!

# YEARLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE: FESTIVALS AND CELEBRATIONS

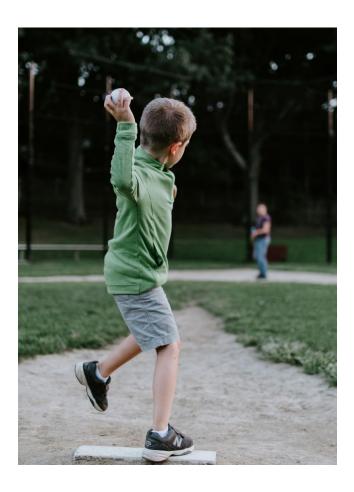
# Portside in Old Town Summer Festival Old Town Waterfront

Kick off summer with live music, local food and beer and hands-on arts and history activities.

# **Juneteenth Celebrations**Old Town

Learn about Juneteenth and Alexandria's Black history and culture with walking tours, musical performances and more.

# Please refer to page 10 to check out all the pools and water parks in Alexandria!



JULY & AUGUST: CELEBRATIONS AND BASEBALL

# **Alexandria's Birthday**Old Town Alexandria

Our lovely city celebrates its birthday every July with an all-out celebration on the Saturday after Independence Day. Bring some lawn chairs or a big blanket to the Old Town waterfront and enjoy some live music by the Alexandria Symphony, a cannon salute, birthday cake, food vendors, and a spectacular fireworks display to top off the night.

# Alexandria Aces Baseball Game or Nationals Game

3700 Commonwealth Avenue + 1500 South Capitol Street, SE

Take the kids to a ballgame and enjoy some popcorn, nice weather and America's favorite pastime! The Alexandria Aces baseball team recruits college baseball players from a variety of universities to play for Alexandria's summer team in the heart of Del Ray. The Aces have roughly 20 home games through the end of July. Another option is heading over to D.C. for a Washington Nationals baseball game! Kids love the "Racing Presidents" and "Screech," the team mascot.

# YEARLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

# SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER: ARTS & HALLOWEEN

# **Alexandria Old Town Art Festival** Old Town

The festival showcases artists from all over the country and is rated as one of the top 100 art shows in Sunshine Artist Magazine.

#### **Historic Homes Tour** Old Town

Embark on an autumnal walking tour of beautiful homes, gardens and backyard entertaining spaces in Old Town.

#### Art on the Avenue

Mount Vernon Avenue

Every October, Del Ray hosts a wildly popular artistic street fair to celebrate Alexandria's diversity. Different artists and local businesses fill Mount Vernon Avenue with stands. Enjoy food from local restaurants and food trucks, performances, and live music. The kids' corner gives children the opportunity to create their own artwork or participate in a project such as mural painting, pumpkin painting, and stomp rockets.

## Del Ray Halloween Parade

Mount Vernon Avenue

One of Alexandria's favorite Halloween traditions, this festive parade solicits children, families, pets, and elected officials, to wear their finest costumes and march down Mount Vernon Avenue. Participants can enter a number of contests like the best costume, best pet costume, best stroller, and the best decorated home and business contest.

# **Pumpkin Patches**

- Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill
- Nall's Produce
- Cox Farms Fall Festival
- Wegmeyer Farms
- Pumpkinville Fall Festival
- The Goodhart Group Pumpkin Patch!

# **Trick-or-Treating**

Old Town

Halloween on a Tuesday? No problem! Old Town trick-or-treaters will be out in full force, even on a school night. The most popular streets for trick-or-treaters are in the Southeast Quadrant - Lee Street and the streets perpendicular to it: Duke, Wolfe, Wilkes, Gibbon and Franklin Streets. The little ones will start trick-or-treating just before dusk so be sure to have your candy ready and porch light(s) on! Leave the car at home. Many Old Town streets are actually closed to all but pedestrians. If you must drive on Halloween, use extreme caution! Drive very slowly, make all complete stops, don't turn on red, etc.. Make sure your little ones are easily seen with some sort of reflector on their costumes, or give them a glow necklace or bracelet to wear.

#### **DECEMBER: HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES**

# Best Places to Sled: Masonic Temple & Fort Ward Park

101 Callahan Drive + 4301 West Braddock Road

If you live in Old Town, grab the little ones and head to the Masonic Temple for a fun day of sledding. Be sure to get there early, this is a popular spot! If you're in the Seminary Ridge area you'll want to head to Fort Ward Park.

# **City of Alexandria Tree Lighting Ceremony** 301 King Street

Held the Friday after Thanksgiving, the City of Alexandria's Tree Lighting Ceremony is the perfect way to start the holidays in Alexandria. The tree in Market Square is officially lit to kick off the season. Alexandria's town crier, mayor, city officials, and of course, Santa, make appearances! Students from the Metropolitan Fine Arts Center also perform.

# **Small Business Saturday**

Old Town + Del Ray

50+ independent stores and boutiques in Old Town and Del Ray take part in Alexandria's Small Business Saturday. You can shop local and find special discounts and gifts, and as an added bonus, shoppers receive free metered parking.

## Holiday on the Avenue in Del Ray Mount Vernon Avenue

This popular Del Ray event includes a tree lighting, luminarias, caroling and musical performances, Santa visit, and extended shopping opportunities. The Del Ray Business Association sponsors a tree decorating competition along Mount Vernon Avenue. Local non-profit organizations decorate the trees; the winning organization receives a \$500 prize.

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# YEARLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Scottish Christmas Walk Parade Old Town

At Alexandria's biggest celebration of the year, you'll enjoy watching marching Scottish clans, bagpipers and drummers, dancers, reenactment groups, Scottie dogs, dignitaries, classic cars, Santa Claus and much more at this beloved parade. The parade begins at 11a.m. at Saint Asaph and Wolfe Streets and ends at Market Square. The parade takes place rain or shine (or snow). Be sure to look for The Goodhart Group in the Scottish Christmas Walk and say hello!

# **Torpedo Factory Holiday Fest**

105 North Union Street

The Torpedo Factory's annual Holiday Festival is the perfect stop after the Scottish Walk. This event features a scavenger hunt for kids, live music, giveaways, and a visit from Santa. Shop for handmade jewelry, ornaments, family portraits, couture fashions, and other original works of art.

## Annual Alexandria Boat Parade of Lights Old Town

Stick around after the Scottish Parade and Torpedo Factory Holiday Fest, and at sundown, stroll to the waterfront for Alexandria's famed Holiday Boat Parade. Dozens of boats, decked out for the holidays with thousands of lights, travel along the Potomac River waterfront for judging. Prizes are awarded in several categories, including Hardiest Souls, Best in Show, and Most Spirited Crew.

# Kwanzaa Workshop

902 Wythe Street

Learn all about Kwanzaa and how to celebrate it at Alexandria's Black History Museum. The museum's staff will lead crafts, games, gifts, recipes, and holiday decorating all related to Kwanzaa.

#### Chanukah Festival

201 South Washington Street

See the city's giant menorah lit at the Grand Chanukah Menorah Lighting at The Lyceum. This event, sponsored by Chabad Lubavitch of Alexandria-Arlington, features lively



Chanukah music, traditional foods including latkes, plus a raffle, light sticks for children, and dreidels for all!

# Victorian Christmas at Lee-Fendall House 614 Oronoco Street

Experience a true Victorian Christmas at the historic Lee-Fendall House, which is beautifully decorated for the season. The event includes holiday crafts, Santa photos, holiday treats, storytime, as well as an antique toy exhibit. Tickets are required and can be purchased here.

#### Christmas at Mount Vernon

3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway

Special candlelight, character-led tours of the mansion take place every weekend between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Enjoy historic chocolate making demonstrations, 18th-century dancing, caroling by the fire, and listening to a fifer play holiday tunes. Guests can chat with members of the Washington family and hear stories of past Christmases at Mount Vernon – and even meet Aladdin the Christmas came!

#### Santa Train

1900 King Street

Children adore this outing, it's one of the best holiday events in Alexandria! Book early, as dates sell out quickly. During this two hour event, families travel by train from Old Town Alexandria to Old Town Manassas with Santa and Mrs. Claus on board! Upon arrival in Manassas, all will enjoy hot chocolate, cookies, and storytime, and Santa will even answer questions from the children!

## **Waterskiing Santa**

Old Town

At 1 p.m. on Christmas Eve, watch Santa make his entry into Alexandria – on water skis! For the best viewing, head to the waterfront between King and Oronoco streets to see Santa, wakeboarding reindeers, flying elves, the Grinch, Frosty, and Jack Frost. This is one of the most cherished holiday events in Alexandria since its start in 1986.

#### **Pictures with Santa**

- Tysons Corner
- Pentagon City Mall
- Great Falls Celebration of Lights
- Dulles Town Center
- Merrifield Garden Center
- Manassas Mall
- Fair Oaks Mall
- Springfield Town Center
- Potomac Mills
- Village at Leesburg

# First Night Alexandria

Old Town

Dance your way into the New Year at First Night Alexandria, a spectacular celebration of the performing arts taking place at over 20locations around Old Town. Local retail stores, churches, museums, and public buildings are transformed into performance venues, featuring both local and regional artists.





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