

PROCLAMATION

EXHIBIT NO. 1

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*WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria recognizes its natural environment is irreplaceable and fragile, and must be preserved for future generations; and*

*WHEREAS, Earth Day is a natural event to increase people's understanding of their environment and mobilize support for its protection and was first celebrated 40 years ago, in March 1970; and*

*WHEREAS, the Environmental Policy Commission was formed 40 years ago, in January 1970, to advise the City Council on all matters environmental, and the Environmental Protection Agency was also created 40 years ago, in December 1970, to protect the environment and public health; and*

*WHEREAS, the National Arbor Day Foundation has recognized the City of Alexandria as a Tree City USA every year since 1983 and by planting a tree every year on Alexandria Earth Day, the City demonstrates the importance of trees as the backbone of our urban habitat and its commitment of the natural environment; and*

*WHEREAS, the Alexandria Earth Day Committee, in partnership with the Environmental Policy Commission, the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities, and the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services, sponsors the seventeenth annual Earth Day Celebration at Ben Brenman Park; and*

*WHEREAS, Alexandria City Public Schools has appointed an Environmental Steward for every school and, working closely with City officials, Environmental Policy Commission members, parents, teachers and ACPS officials, the Superintendent's Environmental Stewardship Committee has prepared an Action Plan for all concerned by especially the children; and*

*WHEREAS, because of the generous support of Alexandria's business community, non-profit organizations, and our civic leaders' commitment to the values of environmental stewardship, Earth Day has become Alexandria's premier environmental celebration; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria recognizes that the future of this planet is in the hands of the world's youth so this Earth Day's theme will be to celebrate the green activities of our children and the environment actions of the Alexandria City Public Schools system; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria, as a signatory to the US Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement and similar agreements, has, with aid of the Environmental Policy Commission, adopted in June 2008 the Environmental Charter and, in June 2009, an Environmental Action Plan to lead the City through to 2030.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim April 24, 2010 as:*

**"ALEXANDRIA EARTH DAY AND ARBOR DAY"**

*in the City of Alexandria and hereby commend all persons who are committed to and work towards preserving our environment.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 2010.*

**WILLIAM D. EUILLE MAYOR**  
On behalf of the City Council  
of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, MMC City Clerk



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## **BEN BRENNAN PARK**

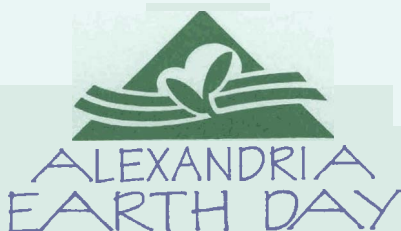
4800 Brennan Park Drive

10 am – 2 pm

Rain Site: Samuel W. Tucker Elementary School, 435 Ferdinand Day Drive

ACPS School Exhibits and Competition • Green Home Workshop •  
Used Book Collection • Live Animal Exhibits • Arbor Day Tree Planting •  
Spring Tree Sale • Guided Bike Tour along Holmes Run •  
Environmental Exhibits and Displays • Blue Sky Puppet Show •  
Live Music • Food, Beverages and Fun!

To participate, call 703.746.5418. For information, call 703.746.5592  
or visit [www.alexearthday.org](http://www.alexearthday.org) or [www.alexandriava.gov](http://www.alexandriava.gov).



**FOR PARKING AND REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION, PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE →**

# Directions to Ben Brenman Park

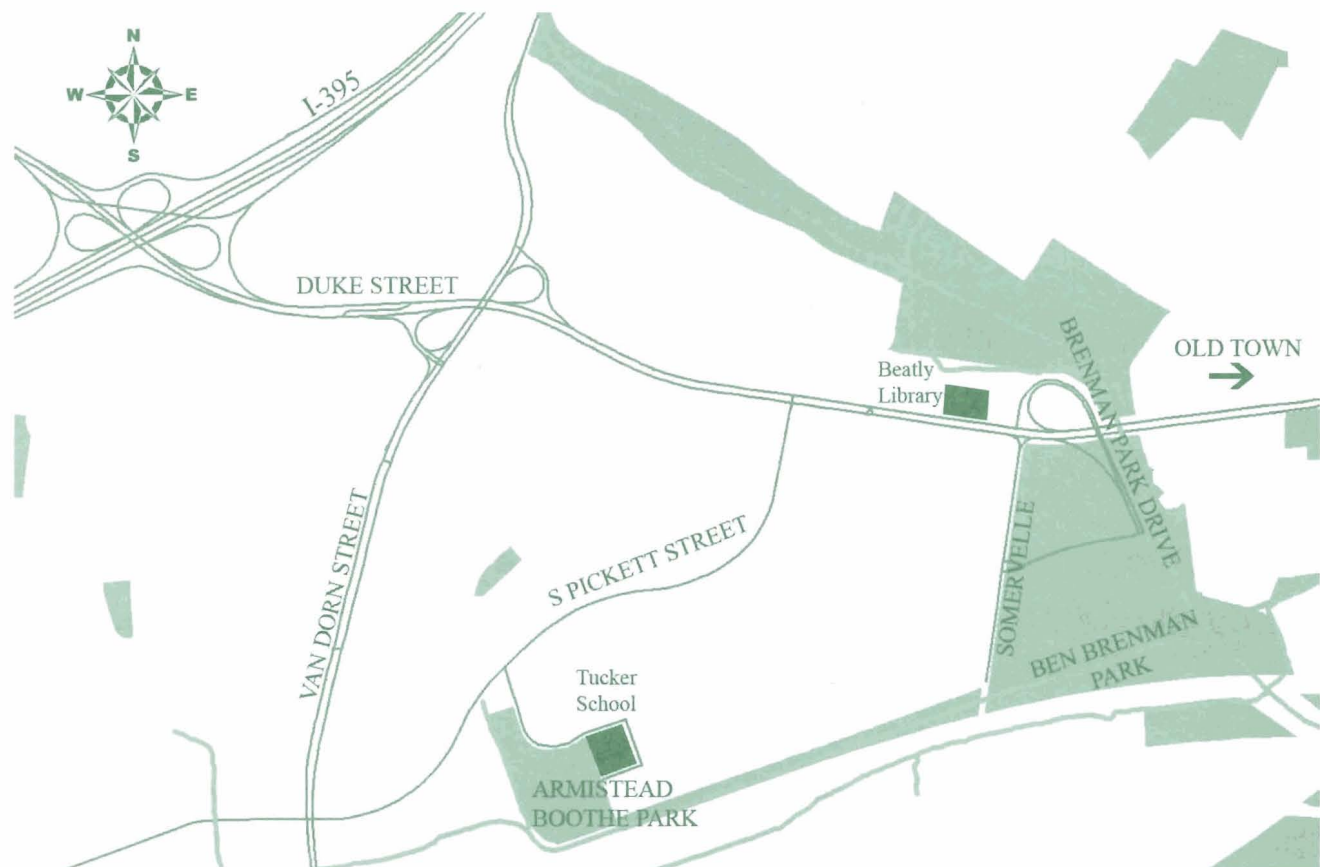
Ben Brenman Park is located at 4800 Brenman Park Drive

From Old Town Alexandria: Proceed west on Duke Street (Route 236), pass Foxchase Shopping Center and look for the brown Ben Brenman sign, turn right onto ramp. Drive over the bridge to the Stop sign and the entrance to the park. Take a right onto Brenman Park Drive, proceed to 2nd stop sign, turn left onto Somerville Street, then left to the parking lot and amphitheatre area.

From I-395:

Take Exit 3A (East Duke Street/Landmark). Proceed East on Duke Street, pass Landmark Shopping Center, approximately 1 ½ miles, take the exit ramp to Ben Brenman Park to the Stop sign and entrance to the park. Then follow directions above.

From I-495: Take Van Dorn Street Exit; take a left at the light onto Van Dorn Street towards Alexandria. Proceed north on Van Dorn Street to Pickett Street. Take a right onto Pickett Street; follow Pickett Street to Duke Street. Take a right onto Duke Street, proceed east on Duke Street to exit ramp to Ben Brenman Park and follow directions above.



The City of Alexandria complies with the American with Disabilities Act for qualified individuals. If reasonable accommodation is needed, please call 703.746.5418, TTY 703.838.4902 ten days prior to an event.

Co-sponsored by Alexandria Environmental Policy Commission, Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities and Department of Transportation and Environmental Services