

## 2015 Content Themes by Season

## **Member Content Needed**

- Events loaded onto VisitAlexandriaVA.com with an image
- Promotions loaded to website with an image
- · Packages loaded to website with an image
- "What's New"
- High quality, high resolution photography

## **Spring 2015 Themes**

Spring Blossoms (usually a recurring theme)
Top 10 Reasons to Visit this Spring

**Spring Hotel Packages** 

**Spring Events** 

Cherry Blossom Festival Tours (TBD - bike, boat and food)

Wellness and Renewal Farmers Markets

Garden Events Waterfront Parks

Launch of Baseball Boat

Launch of Doggy Happy Hour

### Key Events

National Cherry Blossom Festival (March 20 - April 12, 2015)

Historic Garden Week - Alexandria Homes and Gardens Tour (April 18, 2015)

Mother's Day (May 10, 2015)

Mount Vernon Spring Wine Festival & Sunset Tour (May 15-17, 2015)

Memorial Day Weekend (May 25, 2015)

[Spring opening of Carluccio's and Blackwall Hitch]

#### **Summer 2015 Themes**

Past themes: Star Spangled Summer (2014)

Dog Days of Summer (earlier)

Top 10 Reasons to Visit this Summer

**Summer Hotel Packages** 

Summer Events

Summer Tours (walking, bike and boat tours)

**Outdoor Dining** 

**Waterfront Activities** 

Dog Friendly

**Summer Arts** 

#### Key Events

Tall Ship L'Hermione (June 10-12, 2015)

Smithsonian Folklife Festival on the National Mall (June 24-28 and July 1-5, 2015)

World Police and Fire Games in Fairfax (June 26 – July 5, 2015)

### **Spring Timing** (Late March/April/May)

Member Deadline February 1
Page Goes Live February 15
Press Release March 1
Social Media Start March 1
2<sup>nd</sup> Member Deadline March 1
Webpage Updated April 1

### **Summer Timing** (June/July/August)

Member Deadline March 1
Webpage Goes Live April 1
Press Release April 10
Social Media Start May 1
2nd Member Deadline June 1

Webpage Updated May 15, June 15, July 15

Fourth of July

Alexandria/USA Birthday Celebration - Fireworks and Symphony (July 11, 2015)

Virginia Craft Beer Month (August)

Summer Sidewalk Sale (August)

Alexandria Summer Restaurant Week (August)

Fall 2015 Themes

Top 10 Reasons to Visit this Fall

Fall Hotel Packages

Fall Events / Festival Season

Fall Arts

King Street Art Festival

Farm to Table Farmers Markets

Virginia Wine - October is VA wine month

Historic Beer Tour and Pub Guide - brochure

Halloween (events, ghost tours)

Key Events

Labor Day (September 7, 2015)

King Street Art Festival (September 19-20, 2015)

Alexandria Historic Homes Tour (September 26, 2015)

Virginia Wine Month (October)

Art on the Avenue

Mount Vernon Fall Wine Festival/Sunset Tour (October 2-4, 2015)

Woodrow Wilson Bridge Half Marathon

Columbus Day (October 12, 2015)

Halloween (October 31, 2015)

Veteran's Day (November 11, 2015)

.US National 12k (November 15, 2015)

Winter Holiday Themes 2015

Top 10 Reasons to Visit this Winter

Winter Holiday Packages Holiday Signature Events

Scottish Christmas Walk Weekend

**Holiday Shopping** 

Black Friday at Independent Boutiques

Small Business Saturday (November 28, 2015)

Dining on Major Holidays

First Night Alexandria – Family Friendly New Year's Eve Bash with Fireworks

Key Events

Thanksgiving (November 26, 2015)

Black Friday / Kick-Off to Holiday Shopping (November 27, 2015)

Scottish Christmas Walk Weekend

TBD - Holiday Boat Parade of Lights

Christmas at Mount Vernon

First Night Alexandria (December 31, 2015)

Fall Timing (Sept./Oct./Early Nov.)

Member Deadline June 1
Webpage Goes Live July 1
Press Release July 10
2<sup>nd</sup> Member Deadline August 1

Social Media Start

Webpage Updated August 15

August 1

Winter Holidays Timing (November/December)

Member Deadline

Webpage Goes Live

August 1

Press Release

August 10

Social Media Start

October 1

2<sup>nd</sup> Member Deadline

October 15

Webpage Updated Oct. 1, Nov. 1, Dec. 1

## **Late Winter 2016 Themes**

Winter Deals
Alexandria Winter Restaurant Week
Alexandria Boutique Warehouse Sale
Black History Month
George Washington Birthday Celebration (Parade, Cherry Challenge, etc.)

Romance/Valentine's Day

# Key Events

Alexandria Winter Restaurant Week Alexandria Boutique Warehouse Sale George Washington Birthday Celebration Valentine's Day Super Bowl

# Late Winter Timing (Jan./Feb./Early March)

Member Deadline December 1
Webpage Goes Live December 15
Press Release December 15
Social Media Start January 1
2<sup>nd</sup> Member Deadline January 15

Webpage Updated Jan. 1, Feb. 1, Mar. 1