



## Once a Titan ...

Parents and students from the Class of 2015 remember successes and struggles.

BY VERNON MILES  
GAZETTE PACKET

**M**uch of the Robinson family pointed out every girl entering the floor of the Patriot Center, trying to determine at a distance which was McKayla Robinson. It wasn't an easy task, and each one of the parents filling the 10,000 seat sports center at George Mason University was attempting to accomplish. More than 700 students were gathered at the Patriot Center on June 15 for the 2015 T.C. Williams High School graduation.

"Is that her?" They would ask, and LaKeyda Robinson shook her head. Even at this distance, a mother could pick her daughter out of a crowd.

"She's in the back," said LaKeyda Robinson as her daughter walked in. At that point, the families shook their banners. The main one, spread across four seats, congratulated McKayla Robinson on getting into Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond. LaKeyda Robinson said her daughter was going to study physical therapy. While at TC, in addition to her classes, McKayla Robinson played volleyball, softball, and briefly basketball.

"She played sports for all four years, and she absolutely thrived," said LaKeyda Robinson. "She's so active, and she just thrives in everything she



Students line up in the loading dock at the George Mason Patriot Center before the commencement ceremony on Monday morning, June 15.

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does."

While not every family had a banner, the parents and families filling the stands of the Patriot Center were no less enthusiastic to see their children graduate.

A few rows below the Robinsons, Jane and Richard Tynan were trying to spot their son Davin. Davin Tynan has been through Alexandria schools for 13 years and is planning on attending Coastal Carolina University to study business. Jane Tynan said TC's College Summit, a national program that helps encourage students to attend college and find one that fits them, was particularly helpful during her son's decision making process.

Sports played a large part in many of the TC students' lives. Pamela Underhill remembered one volleyball game with her daughter, Madeline Fos

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SGA President Zauhirah Tipu gives a farewell embrace to retiring principal Suzanne Maxey.

## A Party Divided

Democratic unity in Alexandria uncertain as Euille weighs options.

BY VERNON MILES  
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**O**ne week after the Democratic primary, questions linger about whether or not incumbent William Euille will challenge Democratic candidate Allison Silberberg as a write-in. While on the surface local Democrats have rallied behind Silberberg's nomination as Democratic candidate for mayor, Euille's reluctance to yield the position casts doubts.

On June 9, Silberberg won the three-way Democratic primary by 312 votes over Euille. Following the release of the election results,

Silberberg immediately received the vocal support of opponent Kerry Donley, who said the party needed to remain united for November's election. However, an endorsement from Euille was not as forthcoming, and the incumbent mayor announced that he would take the weekend to deliberate on whether or not to orchestrate a write-in campaign.

The Alexandria Democratic Committee (ADC) released a statement of unity on June 16, including comments from both Silberberg and Euille. Silberberg thanked her opponents and emphasized the need to set aside dif

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## Patrick Henry School Plan Advances

School Board addresses community criticisms.

BY VERNON MILES  
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**A**divided School Board moved forward with plans to rebuild the Patrick Henry Elementary School. In a 6-3 vote, the School Board approved construction of a new Patrick Henry School and will begin the planning phase for the new building. Patrick Henry Elementary currently houses nearly 600 students in grades preK-5, but will expand to 800 students as a preK-8 school. The design phase is set to last 18 months, with construction beginning in Spring 2017.

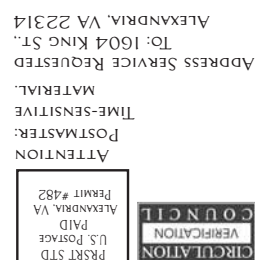
Chris Lewis, the School Board vice-chair, said that the School

Board will address concerns from the community during the planning phase, particularly regarding the entrances and exits to the school, the size of the recreation center, and the height of the school buildings.

One of the largest concerns voiced from the neighborhoods is the roadway connecting the site to the nearby two-lane, residential North Latham Street.

"All points of ingress and egress must remain on Taney Avenue," said Liz Parker, one of the school's neighbors. "Access to Latham must be limited to emergencies."

The access to Latham became the focal point of the public criticism. SEE SCHOOL BOARD, PAGE 4







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# The Lot That Wasn't There

## Subdivision on Vassar Road divides neighborhood and City Council.

BY VERNON MILES  
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**S**teve Hales currently owns the dwellings at 809 and 811 on Vassar Road, but Hales would rather own 809, 811, and a subdivided lot 626. In theory, lot 626 is comprised of the empty space between the houses on lots 809 and 811. The plan was passed by the Planning Commission in a 5-1 vote.

After the commission recommended approval of the subdivision, the neighbors appealed the decision to the City Council. At its June 13 public hearing, while the City Council did not directly overturn the Planning Commission's recommendation, the subdivision request was sent back to the Planning Commission with instructions to reconsider with a different set of comparative models.

During the discussion at its May 5 meeting, the first time the subdivision was brought before the Planning Commission, the commission sided with planning and zoning staff in recommending approval over the objections of neighbors. The staff compared the proposed property on lot 626 to other "pie-shaped" lots in the Clover neighborhood. Neighbors argued that 3/4 of the properties lot 626 were being compared to were located on a cul-de-sac and were categorically separate from a house located on a curve in the road. However, staff found that the lot size was comparable within reason and the pie-shaped space made the spaces applicable, regardless of whether or not they were on a cul-de-sac.

The neighbors' appeal of the decision came with 15 valid signatures, representing 30 percent of the land area within 300 feet of the property (the minimum requirement for an appeal is 20 percent), the appeal was considered valid and was taken up before the City Council at its June 13 public hearing.

According to city zoning ordinances, a subdivision must be granted provided if it meets three requirements. The first are general, or technical, requirements. The second, which was touched on briefly during the Planning Commission and the City Council meeting, is individual zone requirements like lot area frontage or property width. However, the majority of the debate in Saturday's hearing centered on the third

requirement: that the subdivision be in keeping with the character of the neighborhood.

According to City Planner Nathan Randall, the character requirement means that new lots must be substantially consistent with other nearby lots. Lots can either be compared to original specifications for the neighborhood or, as in this case, to nearby lots of similar shape and size. New lots are required to be at least 50 percent the size of other lots selected for comparison. The newly created lot 626 would meet this requirement, but only barely. At 9452 feet, the lot square footage was near the bottom of the comparisons, and in terms of width it came in last at 67 feet.

During the Planning Commission meeting, Stewart Dunn, who abstained, expressed concerns about lot size and width. During the City Council meeting, Vice Mayor Allison Silberberg echoed these concerns. Specifically referencing the property's width, Silberberg supported sustaining the neighbors' appeal.

During the public comment, nearby residents expressed a mix of opposition and support to the subdivision request.

"I've dealt with the city, they're tough, and I appreciate that," said neighbor Jason Van Wagner. "It keeps the neighborhood the way it is, and it means that there's a reason this subdivision was passed. People might disagree ... but it meets the rules and regulations, so not approving it would be arbitrary."

Helen Lloyd, a local resident, spoke against subdivision. Lloyd said comparing the house at the top of the hill to others in neighborhood would be akin to comparing apples and oranges. Vassar Road, she argued, has different character than other parts of the neighborhood.

"The lots are larger than the rest of Clover: deliberately to give them a sense of importance, of space, of wealth, as compared to the rest of the neighborhood," said Lloyd. "Vassar Road was meant to be the crown jewel of the neighborhood."

The City Council expressed its own concerns about the subdivision, but struggled with finding a way to sustain the appeal

Similarly-Situated Lots within Area of Comparison



Proposed subdivided lot outlined in red, with lots used by staff for comparison outlined in green.

within the legal parameters of the city ordinances.

"Did the Planning Commission go against the ordinance as written?" said Councilman Tim Lovain. "It's a tough call to say that's true. I think they struggled mightily and took a great deal of time, and it's hard for me to say they did it wrong. The problem is with the underlying law. This is a pretty significant thing to say that they got it wrong, that's a tough thing to say, and I don't think I'm quite there."

"I'm struggling with this," said Councilwoman Del Pepper. "I hate subdivisions, they tighten neighborhoods, and I'm just not pleased with the comparatives we have here but I don't know what else we can do about that. I'm not sure where we go from here."

"I'm in a place where I'm uncomfortable voting either way on this," said Councilman Justin Wilson.

Lovain and Pepper expressed a desire to defer the item until the law concerning the requirements to subdivide property could be reexamined, but City Attorney James Banks said that the property subdivision cannot be evaluated by standards written ex post facto.

"The question before you is: did the Planning Commission use the correct legal standards in reaching its decision," said Banks. "If you find that they did not, I would suggest to you that you state on the record specifically what it was that the Planning Commission did or did not do that you believe

violated the law that's before you. Even though [the ordinance] may not be as clear as you would like it to be, that is the relevant law that is in front of you, that is the relevant law that must drive your decision .... This is the relevant law that will decide the case, even if you change the law tomorrow ... If you sustain the appeal and deny the subdivision, I would urge you to state on the record specifically the reasons why."

Banks also noted, half-jokingly, that a clear statement from each of the City Council members on the legal grounds the subdivision was denied on would make his job as city attorney much easier.

However, Silberberg suggested that if the City Council found that the comparative area used by the Planning Commission, specifically the cul-de-sac at the end of Vassar Road, was invalid, the item would be sent back to the Planning Commission for review.

In a 4-3 vote, the City Council remanded the appeal back to the Planning Commission with instructions to find a different selection of lots for comparison. The item will be presented to the Planning Commission again in the fall, a little over one year after Hales had initially approached city staff about the subdivision.

After the decision, Hales expressed his surprise and disappointment in the City Council's decision.

"If the City Council isn't going to listen to the staff or the Planning Commission, then what's the point?" said Hales "Those guys are supposed to be the experts."

Hales suspected the decision was politically motivated and that members of the council were afraid to look like they're in the pockets of developers during an election year.

"But we're not developers," said Hales. "We're just regular folks who can't get their lots subdivided while on the Waterfront, [actual developers] seem like they can do whatever they want ... I'm a homeowner. I live here, it's my land ... Both of us have aging parents, so if we wanted to build a home next to ours and couldn't, that seems wrong."

## Graduation

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ter, had a teammate who had been unable to play for part of the season. In the final game, Foster made sure the girl had a chance to go out onto the field with the team. Foster started her schooling at Charles Barrett Elementary School and plans on continuing it post-High School at Smith College in Massachusetts to

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Salutatorian Barbara Joy Peisch speaks of the moments shared in the T.C. Williams community.



Molly Merbeth, vice president of the Senior Class, presents the class gift.



Markell Bonds receives one of the two principal awards for the Class of 2015.



# School Board Addresses Criticisms of Patrick Henry Project

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cism of the project and eventually divided the School Board. "[This] sends the wrong message to the community, and I won't vote for the next phase of a plan if there's a parking entrance or exit off of Latham," said School Board member Kelly Booz. "I think a lot of my colleagues agree, so I don't see why we can't restrict that now to show good faith to the community."

"We're in the feasibility phase," said

School Board Chair Karen Graf. "If we ask our organization to articulate policy on the Latham egress issue, we'd be shackling the process before we get the best design."

One of the other major concerns about the site, however, is the still unknown size of the nearby Patrick Henry Recreation Center. Jim Spengler, director of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities, said his department is currently considering the scale of service for the Patrick Henry Recreation

Center. "If all I'm serving is after-school programs, I'm planning for 200 students," said Spengler. "But if I'm also serving elderly or citywide programs, that's a different space."

While the recreation center will have an impact on the location of the parking lot and the egress from the school, Graf said it isn't the School Board's most immediate concern. "The [Patrick Henry Recreation Center] is not going to have a grand im-

pact on the design," said Graf. "The largest constraint we're discussing here is money."

According to the feasibility study, the new Patrick Henry School is estimated to cost \$38.1 million. Currently, the new Patrick Henry School is slated to open its doors in Fall of 2018. Spangler said the parks department has no final date scheduled for opening, but will unveil detailed plans for the Patrick Henry Recreation Center at a June 18 public hearing.

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## PEOPLE

# City Workers Brighten Alexandria

BY SHIRLEY RUHE  
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**T**he 2x3 foot gray bucket slowly rises 17 feet toward the traffic light at Prince Street and Alfred in Old Town. Alvin Jefferson, a signal tech for the City of Alexandria, has strapped on his safety helmet, snapped on his red safety harness and hooked it onto the bucket. He is retrofitting Alexandria traffic signals with LED lights as part of the city's program to have all 250 signals completed by the end of the year. Matt Melkerson, division chief of traffic operations, says LED lights are more energy efficient and will save the city a lot of money on maintenance costs. Instead of changing bulbs every year and a half, the new LED bulbs are supposed to last at least five years and maybe longer. This frees the workers up to do other things. "In addition, it reduces the time when our workers are up in the air and exposed to traffic hazards."

### PEOPLE AT WORK

Jefferson will remove the old 150-watt bulb, reflector and lens and replace it with a new one-unit 10-watt LED light. Jefferson says that depending on the intersection, maybe they can do 2-3 a day. "See, look this intersection has six signal heads in one direction but big intersections have a boatload of signal heads." A day can be unpredictable because, he explains, he is also on call to fix malfunctions that is "just part of the job." It could be a bad push button, green lights in all directions, a yellow light that goes on blinking too long or a Ped (pedestrian) Walk sign that has the wrong timing. "It should be about 3 or 4 seconds, I think, for every two steps," Ronnie Campbell, another signal tech, said.

A work truck had been parked across the street and surrounded with orange cones to alert oncoming drivers that the lanes would narrow down to one lane across the street.

Cliff Hampton with traffic control stands beside the truck to signal drivers and wave pedestrians around the bucket truck. Campbell said, "You have to take three levels of two-day courses to become certified to set up a work zone. You learn about the traffic signals, the technology, how things have changed and standards to work in a safe environment. It's all about safety." In addition, a boom truck safety training course is required to work with boom vehicles. "They teach you things like what to do if your bucket becomes disengaged. It doesn't just fall out of the air."

Thirty minutes have passed, and the bucket is maneuvered back down to the truck. Jefferson unloads the old parts and grabs the 12" LED replacements. Up he goes again to finish this part of the intersection. Campbell points out this bucket has a



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**In half an hour Alvin Jefferson finishes up the first step of substituting the old energy inefficient light bulbs and installing new LED lights. In the final step, the gray bucket will return to the truck to retrieve the new LED lights that are being installed all around Alexandria.**

200-pound capacity. "If you weigh more than that, they make you lose weight. Again, it's all about safety." Jefferson has been with the Traffic Operations Division for 17 years. His hours are 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m. five days a week. In addition, he is on rotating call duty 7 days a week from Friday to Friday for emergencies. "Sometimes I just have to tell my wife I can't do what we had planned. And I drive in from Maryland in the middle of the night."

While Jefferson finishes the LED installation, Campbell walks over to the corner and unlocks a large metal box, attached to a post. His tiny key opens the door to reveal a maze of wires and boxes. "This is the conflict monitor. Every corner with a signal has one." If there is a problem with lights at this intersection, the answer lies inside the "brains" in the box. Jefferson explains that's one reason he loves his job. "Every day is a challenge. When there is a malfunction at a box, I take a seat back, scratch my head and ask what is the problem. You want to hurry up and get that intersection up and running. I am responsible for these four corners."

The five-foot arm with bucket is tucked back in the truck. This intersection is completed. "No calls about malfunctions. On to the next intersection."



**Alvin Jefferson stands in a bucket 17 feet above the intersection where he is removing the old three-part 150-watt bulb and replacing it with a new one-unit 10-watt LED light.**

**Ronnie Campbell, a signal tech for the City of Alexandria, demonstrates the new 12" LED light that will be installed at the intersection in Old Town.**



**Benjamin David Thomas is the 2015 valedictorian.**



**Brianna Renee Smith was awarded a principal's award for 2015.**

## Moving Forward

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study global affairs. Underhill said it's a choice of major that very much suits her daughter, whose fondest memory from her daughter's high school years was when Foster returned home from a year studying in Panama speaking fluent Spanish, a language she didn't know when she had left.

It wasn't an easy journey for all of the students, or parents. Renee Smith recalled that her son, Na'eem Kearney, had difficulty with many of the school's standardized tests.

"It was a long journey to get here," said Smith. "He struggled through some of the test, but when he passed it, that was such a proud moment for us."

Na'eem Kearney's sister, Jasmine Smith, said the family had come to Alexandria from New Jersey, where the testing was not as rigorous.

"The classes here were more challenging," said Jasmine Smith, "But that was a good thing."

Jasmine Smith said that the family is getting ready for another transition as Na'eem Kearney prepares to go to VSU to study computer programming, but said that the family is ready for him to be able to follow his own path.

Both Salutatorian Barbara Peisch and Valedictorian Benjamin Thomas encouraged the peers to take time, every now and then, to stop and appreciate what they have. Peisch said the moments she remembered most from High School weren't tests or homework, but driving to school with her friend or seeing her art teacher, Holly Langenfeld, be emotional when describing her favorite Michelangelo piece.

"I found a home here in those moments," said Peisch.

Thomas referenced a joke told by American novelist David

Foster Wallace about two fish who don't know they're surrounded by water.

"Sometimes we miss what's all around us," said Thomas. "There is so much potential here."

Thomas encouraged his classmates to go out and, even if only in a small way, make a positive impact on someone else's life.

The room fell silent as Principal Suzanne Maxey stood to speak. After five years as principal of TC, this was Maxey's final address to the class of 2015.

"There is so much I want to say," said Maxey. She added that she would love to fill the speech with stories about each of the students, and could, but they were short on time. "Instead, I'll focus on something we have in common ... We are both leaving the security of known routine to face new ideas and challenges ... But you are a Titan. Although you are leaving us, a part of you remains here."

After the ceremony, parents and families met with the students, still in their caps and gowns, clutching their diplomas. Aisha Yunas' whole family had come to see her graduate. For Yunas, the best part of high school was getting a chance to meet new people over the course of her four years at TC. Her mother, Sumaera Mubarak, said that the family lived close to the school and recalled several times where she'd get phone calls from the school when Yunas would ask her to bring over supplies that she'd forgotten.

"It feels so good to be here today," said Mubarak. "In a way, it feels like I graduated."

Nearby, twins Surafel and Kirubel Adere took pictures with their family while the crowds around the Patriot Center began to disperse.

"It feels amazing," said Surafel. "It's great to feel like you accomplished something, like you were a part of something greater than yourself."



# OBITUARY

## Martha S. Feldkamp

Martha S. Feldkamp died on May 31, 2015, at her home in Alexandria, after a brief illness. She is survived by her husband Robert H. Feldkamp.

Mrs. Feldkamp was born in Marion, Ohio and moved to the Washington area from Akron, Ohio. She has lived in Alexandria in since 1967.

A longtime advocate of Alexandria historic preservation, Mrs. Feldkamp was a gubernatorial appointee to the board of the Alexandria Historical Restoration and Preservation Commission, from 2002-2011. She also served as a member of the Alexandria Board of Equalization and Assessment Review from 1988 to 2006. She served on the Historical Alexandria Resource Committee from 1996 to 1998.

She was a member of the Board of Trustees and the treasurer of the



Historic Alexandria Foundation and served on the executive committee of the

Foundation's Alexandria Antiques Show. A graduate of George Mason University, with a master's degree in American history, she wrote "A History of Alexandria during the depression, 1930-1934," as her master's thesis. Before retirement, she was a Realtor with Wharton Real Estate and Jacob and Roberts Realtors of Alexandria.

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# ME & MY DAD

Reader submissions for the Gazette Packet's Father's Day photo gallery.



**Dad Cameron Argetsinger with Angus, 7, and Edie, 21 months, enjoy the trampoline this spring. Who will be the first to get injured?**



**Duane Hartridge strolls through Holmes Run Park in Alexandria with his 6-month-old son Caleb.**



**John Versaggi (father), Will (son) age 5 and Reeves (daughter) age 9 last July at their grandparents house at Lake Norman in North Carolina.**



**The Blackburn Gang rides: Papa "Fast" James, son "Quick" Jimmy, Mama "Dancin'" Deb, daughter "Elegant" Em.**



**From left: Loretta Staley (1 year old), Bill Shapiro, and Harriet Shapiro (9 years old) take a spin on the Mad Tea Party teacups at Disney World in January 2015. Bill Shapiro lives in McLean. Loretta lives in Alexandria and Harriet in Arlington.**



**Charlie Zdebski is so proud of his daughter for graduating Penn State.**



**Neil Snyder celebrating New Year's 2015 with his children, Ava, Jackson and Ruby. (The kids are, of course, not drinking beer!)**



**Father and daughter, Jeff Brodie and Liz, ran the Parkway Classic together.**



**Ethan Brodie jumps in to photobomb dad.**



**Victor Ignacio, detective, Alexandria Police Department, with daughter Madison, student at T.C. Williams High School**



**This is 9-year-old Makena and 7-year-old Dylan with Dad Pete Kaiman at Christmastime 2014.**



## ME & MY DAD



Leon and Natalie Turkevich (and uninvited guest) Disneyworld 2015.



Alexandria City Fire Captain Anthony Casalena with daughters KD and Lillie spending the day at the National Zoo. "Our dad is just amazing! He is a wonderful, caring person who often thinks of others in need. We are so proud of him!"

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# OPINION

## No Space for Mobile Vendors

To the Editor:

In response to the article "Food Truck Showdown" [June 11-17, Alexandria Gazette Packet], I first must state that I am a long-time, devoted resident of Alexandria. My wife and I would not live anywhere else in the D.C. metro region, and we remain consistently engaged in the civic activities of our city, from volunteering for elections, to attending mayoral debates and City Council events, to supporting local charities.

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I am also a proponent of food trucks, where I eat several times a week from the row of mobile food vendors that occupies the block in front of my D.C. office. In fact, I just ate lunch from Dirty South Deli, one of my favorite food trucks. I admire the inherent entrepreneurial spirit and amount of work that a food truck requires, as well as the intense competitive environment in this modern culinary niche.

With that stated, food trucks are not right for Alexandria. The city has a beautiful, vibrant historical center, whose narrow streets would be clogged by these wide-bodied mobile vendors. Food truck vendors are not vested in the Alexandria community, as this article points out most are based in D.C. I prefer to support those brick-and-mortar vendors who are lodged in and directly support the community, especially in paying real estate taxes to help fund our beloved city. Lastly, food trucks taking up increasingly scarce parking would limit accessibility and willingness to frequent the city's brick-and-mortar vendors.

While food trucks are a popular trend, it does not mean they provide a universal benefit, especially for Old Town and the rest of Alexandria. I am sorry to hear that many mobile vendors do not even try to sell in Alexandria, and that the city is apparently against mobile retail. However, as a dedicated city resident: I'm good with that.

**Andrew Hoffman**  
Alexandria

## A Case for Term Limits

To the Editor:

Mayor Euille's petulant reaction to being defeated in the Democratic mayoral primary for a fifth term — by musing about a "write in" campaign — highlights the need for term limiting the offices of mayor and City Council. Alex-



STEVE ARTLEY/GAZETTE PACKET

andria has a wealth of talented and experienced citizens who could effectively serve in office, and doesn't need professional politicians who mistakenly believe that they hold a vested property interest in their elected positions. Mediocre results by the current mayor and council make it clear that a legally mandated turnover in office holders is required. The president is term limited, as is the governor of Virginia. Two terms should suffice for the mayor and council members, with at least six years off between holding the same office again. All council candidates should promise to support legally limiting the terms of the mayor and council.

**Edward M. Templeman**  
Alexandria

## Clarify Priorities

To the Editor:

Because our top city officials favor building a new metro station at Potomac Yard, claiming it will attract needed businesses and their tax revenues, although there is much long vacant commercial space at nearby stations (Eisenhower, Crystal City, Rosslyn and a glut of empty office space even near D.C. metro stations), I suspect the mayor and council are relying on city staff desperate to provide solutions to our revenue problems.

The quest for additional revenues in both the residential and commercial sectors may have led the Planning Commission to strain to justify subdividing property in Clover; residents of a new house will pay additional taxes.

In the past, metro stations have attracted new businesses, but we are in a different era: The Internet Age. Also, the economic downturn has encouraged saving over spending, to the detriment of business revenues and taxes. Past solutions for generating new tax monies will not work today, and even professionals are understandably flummoxed about how to do so in this new environment.

Easy and widespread access to the internet has permanently changed our shopping and commuting practices; we no longer need/choose to visit stores, even those near Metro, and telecommute as much as possible, choosing good environmental practices. Therefore, businesses no longer have a strong incentive to locate near metro. Presumably, our city staff has already been making its strongest case to businesses to locate/remain here. In nearby Arlington, staffers have tried for more than a decade to fill commercial space in Crystal City, still an area in progress. Rosslyn has had much empty commercial space for years, including even the Gannett building which could not find paying tenants in its prime space.

Our city has many essential and expensive needs. Funding improvements to our sewers, streets and schools and ensuring public safety must take priority over building a new metro station in an area already served by new bus rapid transit. We have a large debt; let's not adopt an expensive, non-essential, mistaken "solution" which will mar the beauty of the George Washington Memorial Parkway and interfere with the

flourishing Potomac Yard shopping center in a vain hope that a strategy that worked years ago will succeed.

If it becomes obvious that we need a metro station at Potomac Yard, we can build it later. We can't unbuild a station and eliminate the burden of its debt. Yes, interest rates might be higher in the future, but the cost of having much capital — and nobody really knows how much, despite the estimates — tied up in another metro station must also be considered — and its payoff is uncertain.

Our economy has changed, and generating new tax revenues in the commercial sector is problematic. Let's spend our limited funds on only the highest priorities.

**Ellen Tabb**  
Alexandria

## Write-In Bill Euille for Mayor

To the Editor:

I have never met Bill Euille but for the last 20 years I have lived in the city that he has served for over 40 years. I've lived in Landmark, Old Town, and now in Rosemont. I came to Alexandria young and single and now I'm middle-aged, married, and have children. From these various perspectives I've seen Alexandria steadily getting better over the years.

Our neighborhood school, once a place to be avoided, is now a selling point for Realtors. Derelict railway yards and military bases at the old Roundhouse site,

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**Newly elected officers of American Legion Post 24 are sworn in by past national commander Dan Dellinger during the installation ceremony June 10 at the Legion ballroom in Old Town.**

## 'For God and Country'

### American Legion Post installs new officers.

Vietnam veteran Jim Glassman was sworn in for his third term as commander of American Legion Post 24 in Alexandria during a June 10 ceremony to install the organization's 2015-2016 slate of officers and board members.

"The American Legion has worked hard to protect our veterans," said Dan Dellinger, the 2014 national commander for the organization. "We are here to honor those who have served our nation and I salute Post 24 for your continued efforts to help those in your community."

Dellinger, a long-time critic of the Department of Veterans Affairs' handling of medical care at VA facilities, was on hand to administer the oath of office during the installation ceremony at the Legion's ballroom in Old Town.

Also attending the ceremony was Anh Phan, a representative of U.S. Sen. Mark Warner. Phan made a surprise visit to present World War II veteran Col. Kim Ching (USAF, ret.) with a flag flown over the U.S. Capitol in recognition of Ching's service and 90th birthday May 25.

"I never expected anything like this," said Ching. "I am very honored by Senator Warner's kindness."

In addition to Glassman, newly elected officers include: Jerome Schorr, first vice

**World War II veteran Col. Kim Ching (USAF, ret.) with Anh Phan, who presented**



**Ching with a flag flown over the U.S. Capitol on behalf of Sen. Mark Warner. Ching, a past commander of American Legion Post 24, celebrated his 90th birthday May 25.**

commander; Henry Dorton, second vice commander; John Bordner, third vice commander; Adjunct Dick Evans; and finance officer Doug Gurka.

Executive board members include Scott Allen, William Aramony, Dan Burke, Charlie Euripides, Warden Foley, Patrick Hawley, Mike Nixon, Sam Moore, John Napolitano, Kelly Nierenberger, Stacy Osterhoudt, Chris Ryden and Al Soto.

"American Legion Post 24 has been helping the veterans of our community since 1920," said Glassman, who was Virginia's Legionnaire of the Year in 2013. "Our mission will always be to honor those who have and continue to serve our country."

For more information on American Legion Post 24, visit [www.VALegionPost24.org](http://www.VALegionPost24.org).

— JEANNE THEISMANN

## Party Unity in Euille's Hands

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ferences as the party moves forward to the November election. In the statement released by the ADC, Euille congratulated Silberberg on securing the Democratic nomination.

"I will continue to do my job as mayor, as there is much unfinished business to work on collaboratively until Jan. 1, 2016," read Euille's statement. "I look forward to continuing the fight for a great quality of life, exceptional schools and safe communities that we have found to know in my beloved hometown of Alexandria."

However, the statement does not explicitly rule out the possibility of a write-in campaign. Clarence Tong, chair of the ADC, said he believes a write-in campaign is unlikely.

"I spoke to the mayor directly and he said he wasn't actively pursuing a write-in campaign," said Tong. "He was going to listen

to what his supporters say, but talking to his team it didn't sound like something they're actively engaging in."

The day after the election, a twitter account called "Write-In Euille" was launched. One week after the election, the account has 57 tweets, predominantly cryptic quotes from the mayor regarding the possibility of a write-in campaign, and 118 followers. In the account description, the page notes it is not affiliated with "Euille for Mayor," and for his part, Euille says he is not associated with any write-in campaign.

"I, myself, am not personally engaged in a write-in campaign," said Euille, noting that he wants to continue focusing on leading Alexandria as mayor until his term expires. However, Euille has also not followed Donley in supporting Silberberg. "I have not decided whether or not to endorse Allison Silberberg for mayor," he said.

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## LETTERS

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Cameron Station, and Potomac Yards have been transformed into some of the city's most desirable housing and retail.

I've witnessed an active gas station built on top of a cemetery reclaimed as a tribute to hundreds of people who escaped slavery and made Alexandria their home. While Washington, D.C. and Arlington have dithered over trolleys, Alexandria has implemented a new busway. Over a decade ago, Alexandrians were promised a "waterfront for all" and an end to being a laughing stock every time the Potomac flooded. That dream is about to be realized.

Any fair-minded citizen must give Bill Euille some credit for these transformational achievements. During his decades on the School Board, City Council, and in the mayor's office, Euille has quietly but steadily shepherded these and many more projects from dream to reality. Mayor Euille hasn't led with slogans and pandering, he has succeeded by listening to the people and building consensus over months and years. At times a vocal minority has disagreed with the mayor and the majority on the City Council. However Mayor Euille has persevered and the city and the people of Al-

exandria are better for it.

Mayor Euille's vision for Alexandria has repeatedly been affirmed through elections, by the votes of his fellow city counselors, and, when forced to, by court decisions. That is why I was so distressed by last Tuesday's election results.

"Republicans for Allison" signs, my Republican neighbors being quoted in the press promising to vote for Silberberg and, and finally, election results that showed the strongest Republican precincts going overwhelmingly for the vice mayor are all signs that the voter pool was not representative of Alexandria Democrats. In the end only 300 votes separated the vice mayor from Mayor Euille. This is curiously a similar number of voters who failed to cast a vote for delegate on the same ballot. Could it be that a slate of candidates that victor Mark Levine called "good progressives" was too unappealing to conservative Silberberg voters?

I can accept my candidate not winning. I have learned this lesson repeatedly from Mike Dukakis, Al Gore, Howard Dean, John Kerry, and others. However, I cannot accept interference in a political party's primary. Especially when 300 votes, out of Alexandria's 86,000 registered voters, determine our mayor.

This is why I will be writing in Bill Euille in on the ballot on November. My hope is that a more representative group of voters turns out in November and we can keep Alexandria on the path of progress. Join me.

On Twitter @Write-In Euille and at Write.in.mayor.Euille@gmail.com.

**Glenn Klaus**  
 Alexandria


## Clear Enough Message

To the Editor:

On June 9, election day in Alexandria's Democratic mayoralty primary, several messages were sent. The second runner-up, the former mayor, had proposed speeding up the pace of development. He got a message that many Alexandrians think the current pace not only is fast enough but probably too fast.

The first runner-up, the current mayor, had implied that he was not interested in standing in the way of what developers wanted to do with their property. The message to him was: Residents want thoughtful and carefully calibrated development, not "laissez faire"

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# Ideas for Summer Learning

Experts offer suggestions for avoiding summer brain drain.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
GAZETTE PACKET

**W**hile summer is opportunity for fun, it can also be a breeding ground for stagnation. In fact, the National Summer Learning Association reports children can experience learning loss when they are not engaged in educational activities while on school break. From summer reading programs at local libraries to nature walks in the woods, local educators offer ideas for combining enriching experiences and warm weather fun.

"Most local libraries have a reading program that offers kids incentives for reading books during the summer," said Peggy Woodstock, a Bethesda, Md., based reading specialist. "They add an element of competition which can offer a boost to many kids."

Think of the natural world as an interactive classroom as well. "Hiking and camping are great ways to get kids excited about science and nature," said Amy Adams, director, Aspiring Scientists Summer Internship Program at George Mason University in Fairfax. "There are some local parks that have nature programs and guided walks."

Adams recommends Eleanor Lawrence

Park in Chantilly and Great Falls Park in McLean. "Allow children to explore, but it's always nice to give guidance as well," said Adams. "For example, 'Let's go on this hike and look for evidence that an animal was present,' and then kids get involved trying to determine which animal it was."

Trading video games for blue foam blocks at the National Building Museum's "Work, Play, Build" exhibit is another option. It's a hands-on, interactive space that offers children an opportunity to see the work of architects and engineers.

The National Zoo and the Natural History Museum in Washington, D.C., the National Aquarium in Baltimore, Maryland and the Air and Space Museum's Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center in Chantilly are also good choices for children. In addition, the Potomac Overlook Nature Center in Arlington is "great for teaching kids about birds, turtles and birds of prey," said Adams. "Farms or petting zoos are also great for teaching kids about animals and nature. "4-H programs at local fairs would be another great way to learn about nature and

animals," Adams continued. "Parents can look online for at-home science experiments for kids," on sites like <http://www.curiosityzone.com/Experiments>.

There is plenty of inspiration to be had at home as well, says Gail Multop, who teaches early childhood development at Northern Virginia Community College. "You can build things at home with your kids," she said. "Experiments with water are great. Use funnels and buckets of water and experiment with how water flows." Multop shares ideas for learning on her blog, "The Arts and Early Childhood Education."

For building projects at home, "parents should save cardboard, paper towel rolls, shoeboxes, etc. and provide duct tape and paints. Kids can build castles [and] space ships," she added.

For more inspiration, Multop recommends a blog by Alexandria-based educator Peggy Ashbrook: <http://families.naeyc.org/blog/124>.

"She has lots of activities on it that encourage learning about science in a fun way," said Multop. "What's really important



PHOTO COURTESY OF GAIL MULTOP

**Activities such as building "driveways" in the sand can encourage learning at home during summer months.**

for kids is to inquire and for parents not to give them the answer, but help them find the answers."

**"Allow children to explore, but it's always nice to give guidance as well."**

— Amy Adams, George Mason University

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Good Restaurants Make Good Neighbors

Once bereft of eateries, Carlyle community  
now boasts embarrassment of riches.

BY HOPE NELSON  
GAZETTE PACKET

For years, the Carlyle community has been more than a 9-to-5 business district. While condos and apartments have been full for more than half a decade, the restaurant population has been slow to catch up. In a neighborhood that was once dominated primarily by sandwich shops and other lunchtime eateries, some more substantial dining spots have emerged, and they're certainly worth a visit.

### Pasara Thai, 2051 Jamieson Ave., Alexandria

Tucked away off the main artery of Dulany Street, situated on the corner of Englehardt Lane, Pasara has been in the neighborhood for nearly a decade. The restaurant, which now sports four locations, was launched 15 years ago in Kingstowne (where the original location still operates) by Pasara Kongubol, who continues to be a major player in the restaurant.

She loves to cook and wanted to share

her passion with other people," said her daughter, co-owner Tulip Kongubol. Now Pasara Kongubol spends her days as the "quality control" agent for the restaurant, ensuring each dish emerges from the kitchen at a high caliber.

Visit the restaurant on nearly any weekday and you'll find a packed house bustling with activity; while the evenings are quieter, you and your dining companions will certainly not be alone in the building. And at both lunch and dinner, you'll find a steady stream of diners coming and going from the bar area — not just to order drinks, but to pick up their call-in orders as well.

Pasara excels in bringing Thai cuisine's complex flavors to your table. Whereas some Thai restaurants' offerings

can be rather one-note, the flavors coming out of Pasara's kitchen are rich and complex. Take their rama chicken and rama jae (tofu) entrées, for instance. The deep, rich flavor of the peanut curry sauce brings forth a nutty note, certainly, but also a spicy undertone that adds just a hint of kick to the dish.

"Nowadays, people love spicy food," she said, noting that the majority of her customers now request their meals

on the hotter side, whereas even a decade ago the orders came into the kitchen much milder. Further, more customers are requesting one of the restaurant's traditional spice

trays to accompany their meals — whereas several years ago the restaurant, made do with five such trays, now it keeps 15 on hand for customer orders.

Of course, any Thai restaurant worth its curry has to bring a decent pad Thai to the

table, and Pasara sails over this benchmark as well. The noodles are smooth, the sauce is silky, and the vegetables and proteins are abundant throughout the dish. The result is a customer favorite, Tulip Kongubol says.

"We use fresh tamarind sauce," which puts the dish over the top, she added.

Given its location on the first floor of an office building, it would be easy to write off Pasara as a workday quick-lunch spot and not much else. But to do so would be an error; no matter the time nor the day, Pasara has grown into a Carlyle mainstay, and for good reason. And Tulip Kongubol says she's happy that Pasara has grown up with the community.

"Come by to try our authentic Thai food," she says.

### Noteworthy

Pasara certainly isn't the only game in town. Other notable eateries worth your



Pasara's rama jae has a deep, rich flavor from its peanut curry sauce.

time and hard-earned dollars include:

❖ **Pho 33, 540 John Carlyle St.** Despite its name, this Vietnamese restaurant offers much more than pho. From vermicelli-noodle and rice dishes to banh mi sandwiches, Pho 33 has quickly become a mainstay for both the lunchtime rush and dinnertime diners. And though its menu is much broader than simply pho, Pho 33 certainly offers a wide array of brothy goodness, from chicken pho to the more exotic selections of pork ears and beef tongue to a vegetarian pho option as well.

❖ **Sweet Fire Donna's, 510 John Carlyle St.** Barbecue has made its way to Carlyle, and the neighbors have responded. Pulled-pork sandwiches, platters teeming with meat and cornbread, and even some salads for lighter fare — this eatery has Carolina barbecue covered. Pop in at lunchtime or after work — they're open till well after dinnertime every night of the week.

❖ **The Trademark, 2080 Jamieson Ave.** OK, OK — it's easy to dismiss a hotel restaurant. But since the Trademark's grand reopening a couple of years ago, it has undergone a resurgence of sorts, emerging from its dormancy with a renewed menu and vigor. Enjoy a flight of beer or a specialty cocktail to pair with your bacon candy or burger, or try a homemade "smoothie invention" to accompany your omelet or shrimp and grits for brunch.

Hope Nelson also writes for and operates *The Kitchen Recessionista* blog, which can be found at [www.kitchenrecessionista.com](http://www.kitchenrecessionista.com).



Pasara's pad Thai is one of the restaurant's top sellers, co-owner Tulip Kongubol says.

### CALENDAR

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### ONGOING

**"Paintings of the Potomac Valley Watercolorists."** Through June 28, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 12-4:30 p.m. on Sunday at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green

Spring Road. Find watermedia floral and landscape paintings. Free to visit gallery. [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring).

**"Building Bridges."** Through June 28 during gallery hours at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2701 Mount Vernon Ave. The gallery will unveil an exhibit that is the result of a partnership with Six Degrees Consortium. Free to attend. Visit [www.thedelrayartisans.org](http://www.thedelrayartisans.org).

**Cat Adoption Promotion.** The Animal Welfare League of Alexandria, 4101 Eisenhower Ave. The Animal Welfare League will be

holding a "Class of 2015" Cat Adoption promotion. Select cats (typically, cats who have been at the shelter longer than four months, senior cats, etc.), will have fees waived for the month of June. Email [clindsey@alexandrianimals.org](mailto:clindsey@alexandrianimals.org) or call 703-746-4774.

**"Art Uniting People" Exhibit.** Through July 9, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor hallway at Alexandria City Hall, 301 King St. The exhibit is designed to raise awareness about the stigma faced by those with mental illness, substance use disorders, and intellectual

disabilities. Admission is free. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov](http://www.alexandriava.gov).

**"Saturate."** Through July 19 during gallery hours at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Six artists use different mediums to convey moisture. Free. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org).

**"Boundaries & Borders."** During gallery hours through July at the Target Gallery at the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Artists were inspired the "outsider's perspective" for this exhibit. Free. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org).

**"Magical, Mystical Animals."** Through July 25, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

daily at The Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery at the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Studio 18. Artists will display art inspired by childhood stories and mythical creatures. Admission is free. Visit [www.potomacfiberartsgallery.com](http://www.potomacfiberartsgallery.com).

**Mt. Vernon Recreation Center Art Class Exhibit.** Through July 28, Monday-Friday 6 a.m.-10 p.m.; Saturday 7 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sunday 7 a.m.-6 p.m. at Saint Elmo's Coffee Pub, 2300 Mt. Vernon Ave. View drawings and paintings done by the senior art class. Free. Visit <http://stelmoscoffeepub.com>.



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**Baseball Boat to Nationals Park.** Through Sept. 26 at various time. Leaves from the Alexandria Marina, 1 Cameron St. Baseball fans can avoid heavy traffic and cruise along the Potomac to Nationals Park. Tickets are \$20 one-way and \$25 round-trip. Visit [www.potomacriverboatco.com/baseball-boat.php](http://www.potomacriverboatco.com/baseball-boat.php).

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**Water Taxi to the National Mall.** Through Nov. 1, at various times at Alexandria Marina, 1 Cameron St. Cruise from Old Town to D.C. on the *Miss Sophia*, while stopping view some of the area's most popular attractions. Tickets are \$28 roundtrip and \$14 one-way for adults. For children under 12, tickets are \$16 roundtrip and \$8 one-way. Visit [www.potomacriverboatco.com/](http://www.potomacriverboatco.com/).

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**Fifty Years of Collecting.** Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sundays noon-5 p.m. Fort Ward Museum 4301 West Braddock Road. An anniversary exhibit of objects from the Fort Ward collection. Free. Visit [www.fortward.org](http://www.fortward.org) or call 703-746-4848.

**Dinner for the Washingtons.** Noon at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. A walking tour that goes behind the scenes to find out how food was prepared and served before the era of microwaves and TV dinners. \$5 in addition to estate admission. Visit [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org).

**Second Thursday Music.** Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. 7 pm. Second Thursday of every month.

Visit [nvfaa.org](http://nvfaa.org) to view concert calendar and listen to upcoming Second Thursday Music artists.

**The Monday Morning Birdwalk** takes place weekly, rain or shine (except during electrical storms, strong winds, or icy trails), at 7 a.m. (8 a.m. November through March), is free, requires no reservation and is open to all. Birders meet in the parking lot at the park's entrance at 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Direct questions to Park staff during normal business hours at 703-768-2525.

**Art for Life.** Third Thursday of every month. 4:30-7:30 p.m. at Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Hyatt Regency Crystal City has partnered with the National Kidney Foundation for a program highlighting a different artist each month for a year.

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Washington St., Alexandria. Call 703-739-0900 or visit [www.tinydancers.com](http://www.tinydancers.com) for more.

**Art League Summer Camps.** Registration for Summer Art Camp 2015 is now open. Art Camps run Monday to Friday, June 22-Aug. 21. Camps are available for ages 5 and older, with morning, afternoon, or all day options. Subjects include: drawing, cartooning, painting, photography, ceramics, sculpture, jewelry, fiber arts, clay animation, and Basic Art Camp (a new medium each day). \$155-\$345. Visit [www.theartleague.org](http://www.theartleague.org).

**2015 Youth Summer Art Camp.** July 20-25 or July 27-31 at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Youth ages 8-14 spend one week creating art and learning creative techniques, followed by a one-day gallery show. All art supplies, lunch, and snacks are provided. \$300 per child. Scholarships are available. See [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/ArtCamp](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/ArtCamp).



## 'Cool Yoga' Returns to Del Ray

Free outdoor yoga has returned to Del Ray for a third year. Maureen Clyne of Prasada Yoga will be teaching all-levels Vinyasa-style yoga at 1900 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria every Wednesday 6:30-7:30 p.m. through Sept. 2. After class, refreshments will be available. Visit [www.prasadyoga.com](http://www.prasadyoga.com).

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**Summer of Smiles.** The Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities' Summer Fun Guide, is now available. Summer camps and activities are available for youth ages 2-17 and include sports, dance, creative arts, computer, chess, enrichment, nature, adventure, Out of School Time (residents only) and classic camps. The guide has an index listing camps by week offered and age group. Register online or in-person at the Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson St. The Summer Fun Guide is available for download at [www.alexandriava.gov/Recreation](http://www.alexandriava.gov/Recreation). Free printed brochures will be available at City Hall, recreation centers, and public libraries. Call the Registration and Reservation Office at 703-746-5414.

**Tavern Toddlers.** Every Monday (except Federal Holidays) 10:30-11:30 a.m. Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal Street, Alexandria. Join other families with toddlers (walkers through 36 months) to have fun in Gadsby's historic ballroom. Playtime features a craft table, book corner, toys and group dancing. \$7 for a group of three. Visit [www.alexandria.gov/gadsbystavern](http://www.alexandria.gov/gadsbystavern) or call 703-746-4242.

**Photography Workshop.** 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at Multiple Exposures Gallery on 105 N. Union St. Photographers and enthusiasts of all skill levels are invited to share work, ideas, and questions at this free workshop held on the last Sunday of each month, except December. No reservations. Call 703-683-2205.

**Community Dance.** 7:30-9:30 p.m.

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**Life Drawing.** Del Ray Artisans offers a range of open life drawing sessions for anyone to develop life-drawing skills further. Drop-in for the session and bring supplies to draw or paint our live models. Fee ranges from \$8-\$12. All skill levels are welcome. Del Ray Artisans is located at 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org) for a schedule.

**Community Yoga.** Wednesdays 9:30-10:30 a.m. and Sundays 7:30-8:45 p.m. at 532YOGA, 532 N. Washington St. Suite 100. No experience required to participate in weekly community class. Suggested \$10 donation. Visit [www.532yoga.com](http://www.532yoga.com).

**Tween Yoga.** Thursdays, May 28-July 16. 4-5 p.m. at 532YOGA, 532 N. Washington St. Suite 100. 532Yoga uses yoga to help tweens develop greater self-confidence. The workshop fee is \$125 or \$20 for drop-in classes. Visit [www.532Yoga.com](http://www.532Yoga.com).

**Drawing and Painting Lab for Teens.** Wednesdays, June 24-July 15, 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Teens ages 13-17 may explore techniques including concepts of shape, line, texture and color blending. The fee is \$77 for four 2-hour lessons. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov).

## THURSDAY/JUNE 18

**Heels & Wheels.** 5-7 p.m. at Land Rover Alexandria, 2712 Duke St. Alexandria Chamber of Commerce hosts an educational event with games, music and more. Tickets are \$20 for member, \$35 for nonmembers. Visit

[www.alexchamber.com](http://www.alexchamber.com).

**Summer Concert.** 6-8 p.m. at Carlyle House, 121 N Fairfax St. Relax in Carlyle's gardens and listen to jazz ensembles and performances to celebrate African American Music Appreciation Month. Free. Visit [www.carlylehouse.org](http://www.carlylehouse.org).

## FRIDAY/JUNE 19

**Annual Golf Classic.** 7 a.m. and tee-times beginning at 9 a.m. at the Fort Belvoir Golf Course, 8450 Beulah St. #2920, Fort Belvoir. All proceeds go to the Military Order of the Purple Heart as we support our fellow wounded veterans and their families. Open to all. Contact 703-283-9698 or [mophgolf@jsheainc.com](mailto:mophgolf@jsheainc.com).

**"Under a Summer Sun" Art Exhibit Reception and Artist Talk.** 12-7 p.m. at the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter, 4101 Eisenhower Ave. Enjoy a reception and "Three Minutes with Three Artists" with the artists of the "Under a Summer Sun" exhibit. Also visit the animals at the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria. Visit [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/GWW](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/GWW) for more.

**Third Friday Community Dance.** 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. This community dance will feature the Mount Vernon Swing Band Live, conducted by Owen Hammett. \$4 at the door. Open to the public. Call 703-765-4573 for more.

## SATURDAY/JUNE 20

**Container Gardening and Composting in Small Spaces Program.** 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Free and open to the public. Sign up at [mgnv.org](http://mgnv.org).

**Soroptimist Event.** 11:30 a.m. at Waterford at Springfield, 6715 Commerce St., Springfield.

Soroptimist International of Alexandria is hosting lunch and fashion show event. Art by Suhail Mir will also be on sale. Proceeds will benefit the organization's scholarship funds. Tickets are \$36. Contact Norma Gyovai at [ngyovai@moving.org](mailto:ngyovai@moving.org). **Wine on the Water.** 6 p.m. in front of the seaport center, Thompson's Alley. Join the Alexandria Seaport Foundation for its annual wine tasting event. Tour the Seaport Center. Tickets are \$55 before June 15 and \$65 after that. See [www.brownpapertickets.com/event/1664140](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/1664140).

## 'Tabletop' On Display

The "Tabletop" exhibit at The Art League features ceramic artists from all over North America. Guests will find functional art objects including plates, bowls, and more, through July 6. Admission to the gallery is free. Visit [www.theartleague.org](http://www.theartleague.org).



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# ENTERTAINMENT

## SUNDAY/JUNE 21

**Father's Day Museum Tours.** 1-5 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N Royal St. Fathers gain free access to some of Alexandria's most prominent museums. Free for fathers only. Visit [www.visitalexandriava.com/things-to-do/summer-in-alexandria/](http://www.visitalexandriava.com/things-to-do/summer-in-alexandria/).

## TUESDAY/JUNE 23

**Disability Awareness Awards.** 5:30 p.m. at Vola Lawson Lobby City Hall, 301 King St. The Alexandria Chambers of Commerce honors leaders working to improve the lives of people with disabilities. Contact [mike.hatfield@alexandria.va.gov](mailto:mike.hatfield@alexandria.va.gov) or 703-746-3148.

## WEDNESDAY/JUNE 24

**Cooking Class with Mamma.** 4-6 p.m. at EVOO at Mamma's Market, 7609 Fordson Road. Learn to make meals on the Mamma's Kitchen menu including spinach salad, greek potato salad, grilled watermelon and more. \$55 per person. Call 703-660-6300 to reserve and purchase class.

## SATURDAY/JUNE 27

**Civil War Kids Drill Day.** 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at Fort Ward, 4301 West Braddock Road. Children ages 9-12 can learn more about the daily life of the Civil War soldier. The cost per child is \$25, which includes a Civil War kepi hat and snack. Registration is suggested, space is limited. Call Fort Ward Museum to register at 703-746-4848. The program will be cancelled if it rains.

**"Building Altars" Workshop.** 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Del Ray Artisans gallery

at Nicholas A. Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Create altars from small tins and recycled items. Instructor: Lori K. Gordon. \$80 for members and \$95 for non-members not including a \$20 supply fee. See [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/Altars](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/Altars).

**Food & Wine Festival.** 12-6 p.m. at Oronoco Bay Park, 100 Madison St. Taste food from local restaurants and sample Virginia wines while listening to live music. Free admission. Visit [www.alexandriafoodandwine.com](http://www.alexandriafoodandwine.com).

## THURSDAY-MONDAY/JUNE 25-29,

**Choral Festival International Summer Celebration.** Various times and dates at 319 Cameron St. This event features professional and community choirs. See [www.classicalmovements.com](http://www.classicalmovements.com).

## SATURDAY/JUNE 27

**Ikebana Flower Design Workshop.** 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn the fundamentals of the Japanese art of flower arrangement. The workshop is \$35 plus a \$25 supply fee. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring).

**Program on Water Wise Gardening.** 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St., Arlington 22206. Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia (Arlington/Alexandria) will present a program on water wise gardening. The program is free and open to the public, but advance registration is requested at [mgmv.org](http://mgmv.org). Call 703-228-6414.

**Family Fun: Make a Patriot Garden.** 1-2 p.m. at Green Spring

Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Children may decorate a red, white and blue container garden in time for the Fourth of July. The program cost is \$12. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring).

**Entrepreneur Fellowship for Women Graduation.** 2-4 p.m. at the Silver Spring Civic Center, 1 Veterans Pl, Silver Spring. Celebrate the accomplishments of this year's graduates of the Entrepreneur Fellowship for Women program with Alexandria-based Empowered Women International. Take part by listening to women's stories and learning about their businesses and projects. Also help welcome Florence Navarro, EPI's new Executive Director and Chief Empowerment Officer. Free. Visit <http://myemail.constantcontact.com/Youre-Invited-to-EWI-s-Entrepreneur-Fellowship-for-Women-Graduation.html?oid=1101407869059&aid=1DPSKG3SVb4> for information and to register.

## SUNDAY/JUNE 28

**Cook For Your Pet.** 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Pet Sage, 2391 S. Dove St. and Southern Kitchens, 2350 Duke St. Take a three-part course on cooking for your cat or dog. Each session is \$25, or \$60 for all three. Visit [www.petsage.com](http://www.petsage.com).

**Sarong Brunch.** 11 a.m. at Ten Thousand Villages, 915 King St. Learn different ways to "rock" a sarong and partake in a light brunch and mimosas. Tickets are \$24 and include a rayon sarong from Bali. Customers can also upgrade to a sarong from Bangladesh or Ghana. Visit [www.rock-your-sarong-brunch.simplerix.com/Event/23185/Rock-Your-Sarong-Brunch](http://www.rock-your-sarong-brunch.simplerix.com/Event/23185/Rock-Your-Sarong-Brunch) to buy tickets.

**Downton Abbey Tea Program.** 1-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Discover whether Downton Abbey's depiction of life in the 18th century provides true historical insight or historical fiction. The program will be followed by a traditional English afternoon tea. Admission is \$32. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov).

**Grand Re-Opening Celebration.** 2-4 p.m. at Old Town Ace Hardware, 809 S. Washington St. Reception with snacks and sweet treats, demonstrations and a meet and greet with the new store owners, managers, and staff at Old Town Ace. The first 100 guests at the reception will receive a free gift. Free. RSVP to Courtney Belew at [Party@acehardwaredc.com](mailto:Party@acehardwaredc.com) or 703-566-7040. Visit [www.acehardwaredc.com](http://www.acehardwaredc.com) for more.

**Jazz at Meade.** 4-6 p.m. at Meade Memorial Episcopal Church, 322 N Alfred St. Listen to jazz singer Anita King and her quartet. Entry with a \$15 donation. Visit [www.meadechurch.org](http://www.meadechurch.org) or call 703-549-1334 or email [jazzatmeade@meadechurch.org](mailto:jazzatmeade@meadechurch.org) for more.

**Brandy Clark Performance.** 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Tickets are \$29.50. Visit [www.birchmere.com/events/brandy-clark/](http://www.birchmere.com/events/brandy-clark/) for tickets.

## TUESDAY/JUNE 30

**Concert in the Garden.** 7-8 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. "Banjo Man" Frank Cassel will perform bluegrass and folk music. Free. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring).

## FRIDAY/JULY 3

**Friday Evening Garden Tour.** 7-8 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Master Gardener docents will highlight the summer sights, fragrances and sounds at the end of the day, when changing light accentuates different plants and landscape features. Refreshments also available. Admission is \$12 person for each tour. Register on-line at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring) using code 290 302 6901.

## SATURDAY/JULY 4

**Pohick Church Tours.** 1-3 p.m. at Pohick Church, 9301 Richmond Highway. During the colonial period, Pohick Church was the congregation of many of the area's most prominent families, including the Washingtons, Masons and Fairfaxes. Free. Visit [www.pohick.org](http://www.pohick.org).

## SUNDAY/JULY 5

**Author Talk: Mikey "J."** 2-3 p.m. at the Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Mikey "J," discusses his work and shares readings from his book, "Color of Word." Free. Visit [www.alexandria.lib.va.us](http://www.alexandria.lib.va.us) for more.

## MONDAY/JULY 6-AUG. 24

**Yoga for Gardeners.** 9:45-10:45 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. This class is a gentle introduction to the Vinyasa method which helps participants increase the strength, flexibility and endurance necessary for gardening. The class is held indoors. The class is \$86 per person. Register on-line at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/)



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# LETTERS

FROM PAGE 12  
for land owners.

Current City Council members have five months before they too must face the voting public. Let us hope that they have understood the messages city residents have sent through the ballot box and comport themselves accordingly during the time they have remaining until Allison Silberberg, the winner who clearly understands the messages, assumes the post of mayor of Alexandria in 2016.

**Jack Sullivan**  
Alexandria

## Interesting Times Ahead

To the Editor:

During the campaign in the Democratic primary for mayor, candidate Allison Silberberg said: "If I'm lucky enough to be elected mayor, I think the other members of council have to weigh in their minds what the people have expressed through their votes," she said. "We have a democracy, and it's a good process. I would have preferred that they agreed with me, but they caused the community a lot of strife and in the end I think they've caused themselves some pain. Just because it's a 6-1 vote, it doesn't mean that one is wrong."

Now that the Democratic primary is concluded, and Allison won, several factors need to be looked at to speculate on what lies ahead. Having worked at a polling place part of June 6 and talking with many voters, I concluded that basically people voted for who they wanted, as opposed to voting against someone. Whoever you voted for is now past.

Some facts to think about: Allison got 37 percent of the approximately 11 percent of eligible voters who voted. (The continuing abysmal low turnout is another story.) That is not a mandate, but her quote above leads me to think that she will view it as the people have spoken, therefore you need to get in line. In her campaign literature, and entreaties from her supporters, Republican voters were actively encouraged to vote for her in the Democratic primary. I don't know how many did, but speculation is that it is many. There is no Republican candidate in the November election. At her victory party, two Republican candidates (Bob Wood and Townsend Van Fleet) participated and congratulated her.

So, the first interesting development will be that since she won, she will be expected to fully endorse and campaign for the Democratic candidates for council. Given her apparent affinity for listening to certain Republicans, how will this play out?

A second issue is her lack of ability to build consensus. This has been pointed out in several articles in various papers, and by observation of council meetings. Go back to the above quote, 'I would have preferred that they agreed with me (Council), but they caused the community a lot of strife and in the end I think they've caused themselves some pain.' In other words, I expect to get my way because the voters said so. There are some that have expressed hope that she will grow into the job and become a better consensus builder. Although largely

a "ceremonial" position, the mayor can exert significant influence on issues, and has to be the leader in achieving consensus. I don't have much hope here.

A third, and much broader issue simply put is does Alexandria want to be a "bedroom" community, or realize that the future requires acceptance of growth and encourage it. Her voting record on this is basically "no" to growth. She advertises "thoughtful, appropriate development" but although nice words, I cannot determine the meaning looking at her voting record. Fixing the fiscal issues and imbalance in property revenues will require significant effort in growing the commercial base. With limited space available, this will require strong leadership from the mayor to successfully achieve this long-standing goal of balancing the residential/commercial property tax revenue. The alternative is ever-looming tax increases to pay for city services. It appears to me that the voices she listens to the most are the ones who would rather pay higher taxes to keep Alexandria as it was. This is not the majority of citizens.

So, interesting times ahead.

**Dennis Auld**  
Alexandria

## Address Current Needs

To the Editor:

A new city manager, a new director of transportation and environmental service recently took office and yet I wonder what it is these people do. You all must live in Fairfax County, if not, you obviously drive and walk around the city limits with blinders on.

The last time Braddock Road was repaved, the city crews/paving contractor forgot to paint the left hand arrow on westbound Braddock Road at Mt. Vernon Ave. LOL because they did it again having recently completed another repaving. On top of that, when the Rosemont Speedway was put in, the widening of Braddock Road under the train/metro tracks, you all forgot to adjust the north west pedestrian signal at the corner of Braddock and Mt. Vernon Avenue. Back then you changed the angle of the crosswalk on the westbound side of Braddock Road, but failed to adjust the pedestrian signal. With that I will note that one of the pedestrian signals at Russell Road and West Glebe also needs to be adjusted.

Also, why did you folks take down the sign on Braddock Road that showed both lanes on westbound Braddock are: left lane — a thru and left turn lane, while the right lane is also a thru traffic lane and right turn lane. Ever since you restriped/redirected the lane traffic westbound Braddock at Commonwealth, one too many people think it's the same configuration at Russel Road. But, then why should that be surprising for a city that complains it has no money and then after completing a repaving of King Street, turns around and redoes it because the bike lobby pushed for bike lanes. The city should have said fine, but since we just finished repaving and restriping the road, we will incorporate that next time.

Also, perhaps the outgoing mayor should drive centered in the right lane at speed/speed limit on southbound Van Dorn Street



## Graduation

**St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School celebrated the Commencement of the 105 members of the Class of 2015 on Saturday, June 6 on the grounds of Virginia Theological Seminary. The SSSAS Class of 2015 was collectively accepted to more than 170 colleges and universities. Academic honors include two National Merit Finalists and nine Semi-Finalists, a National Achievement Scholar, a Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholar, and 21 seniors were inducted into the Cum Laude Society.**



**From left: Class of 2015 graduates Iona McLean, Khalil Hoque, Ellen Stevens, Josh Movius, and Mey McLean.**



**Valedictorian Isabelle Franklin addresses her classmates.**

between Edsall and S. Pickett Street and hope your vehicle does not unexpectedly swerve in to the left lane. Only then will you begin to understand why you should have taken on a capital improvement project to repave this and many other needed sections of roadway instead of spending millions on those metrobusways when it would have been cheaper to dedicate the curb lane to buses only/right turn only traffic and likely still add a third lane of traffic in each direction from the bridge to Potomac Yards.

So with that, I hope our soon-to-be new mayor focus on actual infrastructure needs and properly support our police, fire, and sheriffs departments so that they are competitively paid and our fire engines and trucks are more properly staffed. We who live on the west end should not have to rely on Fairfax County Fire and Rescue to provide over 50 percent of the responding units when we have a fire or they are responding to one of the many false alarms that occur in the apartment complexes where I live.

**Ruben "Bill" Duran**  
Alexandria

## A New Beginning

To the Editor:

Alexandria citizens have made a most emphatic statement by electing Allison Silberberg as the Democratic mayoral primary last Tuesday. Except for Ms. Silberberg, the current City Council has failed to adequately address the many needs, concerns, and desires of the citizens

in almost every neighborhood in the city. In addition, the council has heavily mortgaged our future (and that of our kids) by accumulating a \$530 million debt. This debt has a yearly debt service of \$66 million, which just spiked to \$80 million due to council choosing the most expensive option of the Potomac Yard Metro Station development. This escalation of our debt essentially equates to a 300 percent increase over the past 10 years.

During that same time frame, real estate taxes have increased 23 cents for every \$100 of assessed value, which is a large tax increase, especially when the mantra of the incumbent council is that the massive development that we have endured will keep our taxes low.

The three fundamental services that citizens should expect from their government are a strong safety net (a sufficient number of police and firefighters), a well maintained infrastructure, and good schools. Regrettably, this council has failed to deliver adequately on all three by emphasizing density making over prudent decision-making. Now is the time for additional change, since the current "status quo" council has created this management void, and has voted Ms. Silberberg down on many important issues. It is therefore imperative that new "voices of reason" from both parties be elected to join Allison Silberberg in governing this great city in a responsive and responsible manner, keeping in mind that there are no partisan issues in this city, only citizen issues.

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## SPORTS

# Lyles Brothers Compete in Cuba

## TC athletes represent U.S. in historic Cuba meet.

T.C. Williams High School students Josephus and Noah Lyles have made history by becoming the first American high school athletes to compete in Cuba since 1997.

The Lyles brothers were among 28 junior U.S. athletes to make up the United States team which competed in the Caribbean Scholastic Invitational held in Havana on Saturday, June 13.

Jospehus Lyles, 16, placed first in the 400 meter with a time of 46.6. He finished ahead of fellow U.S. teammate Rasheed Tatham from Florida.

Noah, 17, placed second in the 200 meters, losing out to a Cuban athlete who recorded a time that was 0.03 seconds faster. However, Noah's time of 20.48 seconds in Cuba was even faster than he ran in the U.S. National Championships in March, where he set a national junior record and became the all-time U.S. No. 2 over that distance.

The goal of the Caribbean Scholastic Invitational is to expose rising track and field stars to international competition at an early stage of their career. It also aims to promote goodwill between American athletes and those

from Caribbean nations. Usually the event is held in Puerto Rico. Many of the athletes who have taken part in the Invitionals in the past have gone on to represent the United States at the World Juniors, World Championships and Olympics.

The event follows the opening up of Cuba initiated in December 2014 when President Barack Obama and Cuban President Raul Castro announced a reestablishment of diplomatic relations and an intention to loosen travel and economic policies. However, the athletes were barred from mentioning the political situation during their visit.

"We weren't allowed to talk about the politics," said Noah. "Our coaches told us not to. But it was fascinating to see old Havana before it changes. We were taken to the old American embassy and learned how they shop using a barter system rather than just a fixed price. It was a really interesting place to visit."

Cuba was chosen as a venue because members of Caribbean nations do not require visas to get there. Visas to Puerto Rico, however, have proved prohibitively expensive for participants in the past.

The Lyles brothers will compete in U.S. trials at the end of June to try to earn places to compete in meets in Columbia and Canada with the U.S. team.



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**T.C. Williams' Josephus Lyles competed in the Caribbean Scholastic Invitational in Cuba June 13.**



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## Student-Athletes

Twenty-one student-athletes from the St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School Class of 2015 will compete in collegiate athletics at the NCAA Division I and III levels, representing eight sports. Jessica Alexis (lacrosse, Bates College); Miguel Arrate (soccer, Virginia Military Institute); Abigail Bailey (lacrosse, Brown University); Stephon Burton (lacrosse, Washington & Jefferson College, not pictured); Nina Cotto (swimming, Lafayette College); Isaiah Davis (football, University of Maryland-College Park); Charlotte Fix (lacrosse, Virginia Tech); Colin Goss (basketball and baseball, George Washington University); Haley Henriksen (lacrosse, Amherst College); Ashley Jones (lacrosse, University of California at Berkeley); James MacNair (lacrosse, Albright College); Elizabeth Majure (lacrosse, Duke University); Morgan Maves (track and field, Lafayette College); Luke Peterson (lacrosse, Middlebury College); Ish Seisay (football, Iowa Western Community College); Michon Sobers (football, United States Military Academy); Kendall Swenson (lacrosse, University of California at Berkeley); Derek Thomas (soccer, Ferrum College); Carter Tyree (baseball, Randolph-Macon College); Hedy Veith (lacrosse, Tufts University); and Andrew Wiseman (lacrosse, Colorado College) will play at the college level.



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**OBITUARY**  
**Robert O. Francke, 89**, died June 6, 2015 from advanced Parkinson's disease in the Paul Spring Retirement Community, Alexandria, VA. Bob, born in Brooklyn, NY, had 5 brothers and sisters. He spent the majority of his life living in the New York area and had a varied career. He spent a few years as an investment analyst on Wall Street, owned several businesses including a candy store and retired from teaching at BOCES on Long Island, NY. His interests were varied from fishing and boating to building his own home with his brother but most of all he enjoyed interacting with people. He was also very active in the Catholic parishes in the towns in which he lived his entire life.

He married his childhood sweetheart Catherine in 1993 and lived in Riverhead, NY for several years before moving to Alexandria, VA nine years ago. He is survived by his step-sons Francis, Peter, Eddie, and Tommy, his sister Elizabeth, numerous nieces and nephews, and devoted friends. Predeceased by his cherished siblings Arlene, Joan, Henry, and Adrienne.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Charles J. O'Shea Funeral Home, Wantagh, NY. www.osheafuneral.com  
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Title: Request for Proposals No. 00000528, Home Based Personal Care and Home Maker Services for Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities

Closing Date and Time: August 10, 2015, 4:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

The City will hold a Non-Mandatory pre-proposal conference. Date, time and location: July 7, 2015, 10:00 AM prevailing local time at 100 N. Pitt Street, Suite 301, Purchasing Conference Room, Alexandria, VA 22314. For general inquiries contact Cynthia Davis, Contract Specialist at 703.746.3921.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE SOLICITING INTEREST IN FORMING RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD AT US ARMY GARRISON FORT BELVOIR

In accordance with 10 USC §2705 and Department of Defense (DoD) / Army policy, US Army Garrison Fort Belvoir is inviting public involvement by community members in the decision-making process, including project prioritization, for Fort Belvoir's environmental restoration program. Environmental restoration is a planned and focused cleanup of contamination associated with past DoD activities to ensure threats to public health and the environment are mitigated or eliminated. The Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) is a stakeholder group that regularly meets to discuss environmental restoration at a specific property that is either currently or was formerly owned by DoD, and where DoD oversees the restoration process. RABs enable people interested in the cleanup to exchange information with regulators, the installation, and the community. Environmental restoration program efforts at Fort Belvoir include investigation and remediation of Military Munitions Response Sites, Solid Waste Management Units, petroleum remediation, and various other past releases of contamination to the environment. Community members interested in establishing and serving on a RAB are asked to contact Mr. Patrick McLaughlin, Directorate of Public Works, Chief, Environmental and Natural Resources Division, at [imcom.fortbelvoir.dpw.environmental@us.army.mil](mailto:imcom.fortbelvoir.dpw.environmental@us.army.mil), 703-806-3193, or 9430 Jackson Loop, Building 1442, Suite 200, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-5116. If enough interest is generated Fort Belvoir will form a RAB and provide information on membership and responsibilities.

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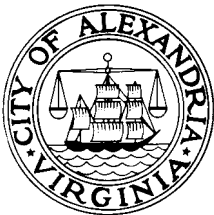
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Public Hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, City of Alexandria, Virginia, on Tuesday, June 23, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon as may be heard on the hereinafter described items.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 5-602 (Coordinated Development Districts created, consistent with master plan, required approvals) of Section 5-600 (CDD/Coordinated Development Districts) of Article V (Mixed Use Zones) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by City Council as Text Amendment No. 2015-0003 to add a use to CDD #17a Cameron Park. The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Text Amendment No. 2015-0003 to add home for the elderly to CDD#17a — Cameron Park.

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THE PUBLIC IS ADVISED THAT AMENDMENTS OR ADDITIONS MAY BE MADE TO PROPOSED ORDINANCES WITHOUT FURTHER PUBLICATION. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT PERSONS INTERESTED IN ANY OF THESE ORDINANCES OBTAIN FREE FULL-TEXT COPIES FROM THE CITY CLERK AT CITY HALL. JACKIE M. HENDERSON, MMC, CITY CLERK

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## DORIS S. GLOVER

Doris "Dee" Glover will be buried beside her late husband Jerry at Arlington National Cemetery on Wed/June 24th. For info about the memorial service, burial, and reception after, contact DeVol Funeral Home at [devoldc@comcanst.net](mailto:devoldc@comcanst.net).

Dee died at Sibley Hospital on October 13, 2014. Born Doris Speer in 1920 in London, England, she worked for the East India Company, and during WWII for the Aeronautical Inspection Division inspecting rivets on the RAF's "Spitfire" aircraft. She lost her parents and her home in the "Blitz" to the first V-2 bomb that hit London.

Shortly after, she met her life mate, then Lt. Jerry Glover (US Army Air Corps) in Maidstone and came to the US as a "war bride" in 1946. They lived many places, but settled on Quay Street in Old Town Alexandria, VA in 1970.

Dee loved gardening, long walks along the river and painting. She lived at the Grand Oaks in Washington, DC since 2010, where she was an absolute model of aging gracefully.

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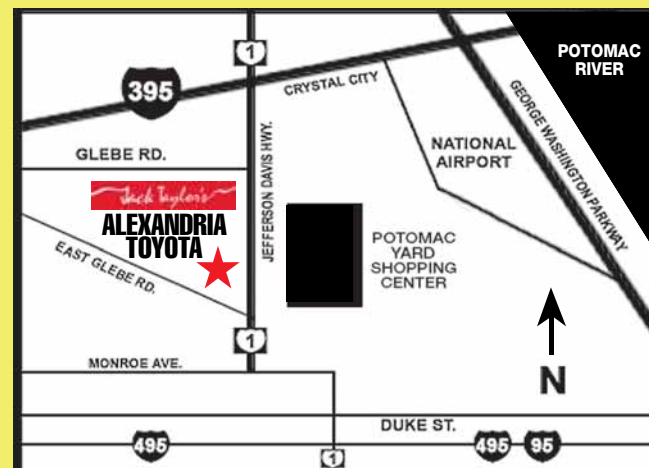


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