

Despite City's Voters, It's President Trump

Democrats re-elect Beyer but lose the country.

BY VERNON MILES
GAZETTE PACKET

If Alexandria had decided the election, Hillary Clinton would be President. It would have been a landslide, with 75 percent of the vote favoring her while only 17 percent voted for Donald Trump. That Democratic support still manifested in an easy reelection for U.S. Rep. Donald Beyer (D-8), but that support did not extend nationwide. On Nov. 8, Donald Trump was elected the next President of the United States.

The decision will be an unpopular one for many Alexandrians, who said their primary reason for voting was to try and keep Trump from being elected.

"This is an important vote for all of us because Trump is a danger to the republic," said Gordon K. Soper, an Alexandria resident. Soper said he was particularly concerned with Trump's casual manner regarding nuclear concerns, and that those concerns had extended down the ballot into a vote for Beyer as well.

For others, Clinton was seen as a stronger and more qualified choice.

"She's the most qualified candidate and has the most experience in government and international affairs," said Barbara Ginman. "No other candidate in this race is as quali-



Newly re-elected U.S. Rep. Donald Beyer (D-8) addresses Democrats at an Election Night party held in the State Theatre in Falls Church.

fied."

Though not as strong, the national support for Trump did have a presence in Alexandria.

"I voted on values more than the person," said Steve Foss, an Alexandria voter at the Nannie J. Lee Recreation Center. "I think abortion is an atrocity and the blood of ... babies is on our hands. I believe family values are being dismantled by the current administration. I don't like the way the campaign was run but I have to endorse the values of the party."

Voters at the poll for Trump said they did not necessarily agree with Donald Trump

but felt they wanted to endorse the values he and the Republican Party represented.

"If you take away the names and vote on morals, it's going to be the right decision," said T.J. Dalisay.

"At a local level, it's even more important to find someone with your values and voice," said Morgan Dalisay.

In the local election, Beyer won with 71 percent of the vote, while his Republican challenger Charles Hernick won 24 percent.

"I was pleased to get through another race with talking about the issues without anybody attacking each other," said Beyer, praising Hernick and independent Julio

Gracia. "We need more races like this."

While the results of the national election had not come in at the time Beyer was announced the winner, Beyer said he was very pleased to see how overwhelmingly Alexandria and Arlington had supported Clinton. Over the next few years, Beyer said he plans to continue working on building relationships and working on legislation with his Republican peers.

"If the Republicans hold on to the house, there's not much we can do on climate change," Beyer said, "but we can continue to work on more infrastructure, tax reform, and maybe some small measures of gun control."

"There were a lot of variables I could not control in this election," said Hernick. "It was a good campaign, proud of the issues we focused on. Overall, happy with the results. This was my first jump into the political arena, not my last."

After the race, Hernick said he plans to visit family and joked he plans on taking a quick vacation to Puerto Rico to down the post-election blues in rum.

"No one here's feeling bad tonight," said Hernick. "Everyone's proud of what we did. I knew what the odds were, but it's worth challenging that."

After the election, Hernick said he hopes to see Beyer continue to work on corporate tax reform and that he hopes Beyer will find a way to work with the states to combat climate change.

According to Frank Shafroth, director of the Center for State and Local Government

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City Council and La Bergerie Win Court Case

Judge upholds city's arguments.

La Bergerie faced opposition from neighbors when it was announced that the inn and restaurant would be moving into a historic location at 329 North Washington St., but after a legal battle, the Court has ruled in favor of La Bergerie and the City Council. Neighbors argued that La Bergerie had used family connections to gain the support of the City Council for the location to be rezoned, but retired Judge William H. Shaw III wrote in his decision on Oct. 31 that "the City Council's actions were reasonable and not

arbitrary and capricious and did not constitute spot zoning."

According to the decision, Virginia law states that a zoning ordinance is only considered spot zoning if the change is beneficial solely to the landowners. However, Shaw said that the city had sufficiently proven that the change would add multiple benefits to the neighborhood by making the historic property publicly accessible, protect the property's historic value and facade, and will encourage tourism to the area.

"Consideration of these factors

would certainly lead to objective and reasonable persons to conclude that the City Council acted reasonably," said Shaw in the decision. "The factors showed that the City Council understood both the mixed commercial/residential character of N. Washington Street and the concerns of some nearby neighbors, and found the benefits to the community outweighed the concern, particularly when such concerns were met with strict conditions placed on the [La Bergerie]."

In a Nov. 2 press release, owners Laurent and Margaret Ticer Janowsky announced the planned closure of La Bergerie Restaurant

in its current location on Lee Street. Following the result of the lawsuit, the Janowskys stated they look forward to moving forward on the project at 329 North Washington St.

The current La Bergerie will continue to be open for dinner

Monday through Saturday, 5:30-9:30 p.m. and Sunday 5-9 p.m. After Thanksgiving, the Janowskys will also open La Bergerie for holiday luncheons for parties of eight or more.

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TC Basketball Coach Removed

One week before tryouts, less than a month before their first game, T.C. Williams High School has suddenly lost its basketball coach. On Nov. 1, the school's athletic director announced that Coach Bryan Hill, who also teaches at the school, was not going to be returning for this year's season. Alexandria City Public Schools has refused to comment on the matter beyond saying there was a breach of policy, but Hill and other parents have publicly spoken out about suspicions underlying the decision.

"The other parents and I hold Coach Hill in very high regard," said Jefferey Harold, parent to a player on the team. "I won't say I agreed with every decision, but the positives outweighed the negative."

Hill has pointed the blame for the issue at School Board member Bill Campbell. According to Hill, Campbell has several times before attempted to have Hill pushed out of the coaching position. After one practice, Hill said Campbell's son had not been picked up and neither of them could reach Campbell after repeated calls. Hill said he drove Campbell's son home in his personal vehicle, which he acknowledged was a breach of policy, but said he'd tried in the past to work around issues like this by having a van assigned to the team and there was no support. Hill also said he'd held practices on Sunday, which is a violation of the Virginia High School League's policies, but said it was frustrating that there were no warnings or reprimands involved.

"I continue to teach at the school, so if it's an issue where I'm able to continue teaching and being around kids, then it's clear that someone didn't want me coaching," said Hill. "There were administrative options that could have been exercised to keep me ... all this has done is sown discord on the team."

While Hill and the parents present only one side of the story, the school's reasons for removing Hill from the coaching position are still unexplained.

"While the privilege to coach is a year-to-year stipend-ed opportunity, the decision to renew or not renew that stipend is a personnel matter," said Campbell in an email. "Therefore and as much as I might want to, it simply would be inappropriate to comment on a personnel matter."

Principal Dingle Leaving TC

Citing a need for time with family, Dr. Jesse Dingle, principal of T.C. Williams High School, has announced that he will leave the school at the end

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Health Fair Serves Hundreds

After screenings, referrals for affordable treatment.

By EDEN BROWN
GAZETTE PACKET

One volunteer dentist at the end of the Health Fair for the Uninsured on Saturday, Nov. 5 examined a young woman and discovered she had a growth on the side of her tongue. The doctor explained the significance, and referred her for a biopsy — right away. He may have saved her life.

The Northern Virginia Dental Clinic (NVDC) provided a total of 157 oral health screenings on Saturday, the vast majority of which were provided to adults.

Oral health has become an increasingly important feature of neighborhood health clinics because of the rise in oral cancer rates and the impact of poor oral care on general health. NVDC provided each individual with a report of findings and treatment recommendations, a list of resources that individuals could access dental care at an affordable cost. Students from the Northern Virginia Community College's Dental Hygiene Clinic provided dental education for young children via their demonstration of proper brushing and flossing on puppets. Due to a donation, the college's Dental Hygiene Clinic was able to register more than 25 adults for free follow-up visits to the clinic for cleaning and examination. Several follow up appointments were offered at the NVDC Merrifield Clinic, and they referred more to Neighborhood Health's new dental clinic on Route 1 South.

Between 300-350 adults and children received services at the fair: that is about 50 participants over last year's total of 275. Families filled one intake form, making it hard to be more precise. While results of the fair are still coming in from the participants, the organizers were pleased with the outcome. Neighborhood Health,



Joyce Asato, health education outreach coordinator and Aicha Nemri, pharmacist, talk to attendees about NOVA ScriptsCentral, Prescription medicine for Northern Virginia's Uninsured, and taking medicines correctly.



Dallice Joyner, deputy director of Friends of Guest House Alexandria, and colleague Abby Picard, an intern from George Mason University, were at the fair to talk about Friends of Guest House.



Wajeeha Asghar, from the Northern Virginia Community College Dental Program, talks to attendees about oral hygiene and its importance.



Heng Nhong, a Georgetown University Medical intern, offered to use his native Cambodian language skills and to help his community.



Noor Mutawi and Beza Abreham are seniors at the George Mason School of Nursing. Mutawi came here from Egypt in 2010 and Abreham was born here to Ethiopian parents.

Alexandria's community health center, registered a number of new patients Saturday. Walgreens administered flu shots, while nurses from the Global Health College and the George Mason School of Nursing recorded close to 150 blood pressure checks, several of them providing high readings that required follow-up.

Vision and Hearing Screenings provided

by the Alexandria Host Lions Club, and glucose and cholesterol screens provided by Kaiser Permanente's Mobile Health Van were among the most popular programs at the fair. Two other screenings that were popular with parents of young children were the developmental screenings for chil-

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Christina Metcalf, a volunteer, and Joyvell Henry, staff of Neighborhood Health, ran the colon and breast health table.



U.S. Rep. Donald Beyer (left) with Health Fair organizers Arlene Hewitt (center) and Dan Hawkins.

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NEWS

Union Street Marks Milestone

**Restaurant to
celebrate 30 years.**

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

With the Hotel Indigo and a new residential development slated to open in the coming year, change is in the air for much of South Union Street. But one constant for the last three decades has been Union Street Public House.

Located in one of the oldest buildings in Alexandria, the Old Town restaurant will celebrate its 30th anniversary with a day-long celebration Nov. 12.

"Many of our managers and employees from over the years will be returning for the celebration," said co-owner Jan Test. "And a special menu of many Union Street classics will be served throughout the day."

The restaurant is comprised of four lots: 117-123 South Union St. The Regatta Room and Oyster Bar, part of 123 S. Union St., are located in the oldest part of the building, which dates back to 1790 and was originally owned by George Washington's aide-de-camp John Fitzgerald. The main entrance to the restaurant — 121 S. Union St. — is shown on original plats as an alleyway with 117-119 as a warehouse.

Over the years, 117-119 was damaged several times by fire. The structure at 123 escaped the same fate but otherwise little has changed on the exterior.

Following a slow decline along the waterfront after World War II, revitalization began in the 1960s focusing on the historic district of Old Town. In 1970, the French restaurant Kings Landing opened at the location, closing in 1985.

Test's family purchased the buildings that same year, and after extensive renovations opened Union



PHOTO BY JOHN BORDNER

Part of the Union Street Public House building date back to 1790.

Street Public House in December of 1986.

"You couldn't find better people to work for," said longtime bartender Bruce Witucki, who has been a fixture at the restaurant for nearly 30 years himself. "This is going to be a great celebration of great music, great food and most of all great friends."

For more information, visit www.unionstreetpublichouse.com.



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Tommy and the Bahamas, shown performing earlier this year at Union Street Public House, will be on hand as the restaurant celebrates its 30th anniversary Nov. 12. They will perform in the Grille Room beginning at 9 p.m.



JEANNE THEISMANN/GAZETTE PACKET

Union Street Public House proprietors Jan and Jay Test will mark the restaurant's 30th anniversary Nov. 12 with a day-long celebration.

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THROUGH DEC. 1

Financial Literacy Video

Scholarship Contest. Burke & Herbert Bank, 100 S. Fairfax St. Northern Virginia teens can win up to \$5,000 by creating a 90-second video promoting the value of saving money. Burke & Herbert Bank is accepting entries for the 2016-17 Lights, Camera, Save! video contest through Dec. 1. Sponsored by the American Bankers Association Foundation. For more information burkeandherbertbank.com.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is seeking volunteers to participate in a

free, non-profit program, offered in conjunction with the IRS, that provides tax filing assistance to people of low- and middle-income, with special attention paid to those aged 60-plus. Training will be available in December and January to help taxpayers Feb. 1-April 18, 2017. Visit www.aarp.org/taxaide.

Mentors Wanted. Two creative programs that help transform the lives of Alexandria's preteens are seeking volunteer mentors. SOHO, which stands for "Space of Her Own," and "Space of His Own," serves vulnerable fifth graders in Alexandria. The programs pair men and women with youth in need of positive adult role models, to help support and guide youth in making

healthy choices and succeeding in school and in life. Visit www.spaceofherown.org and www.spaceofhisown.org. For more information on how to become a SOHO mentor, contact Sarah Maroney at sarah.maroney@alexandriava.gov or phone at 703-746-4687.

THURSDAY/NOV. 10

Veteran's Celebration. 8-9:30 a.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Hwy. Alexandria Chamber of Commerce honors organizations that support veterans causes. Keynote speaker: Barbara Carson, associate administrator, Office of Veterans

Business Development of the U.S. Small Business Admin. \$40 for members-\$50 for non-members, Register at web.alexchamber.com/events.

Bright Smiles, Bright Futures. 3-6 p.m. at Charles Houston Recreation Center. Colgate-Palmolive's mobile dental van, sponsored by "In God's Hands Ministry," offers dental screenings, education and dental referrals for children up to 12 years old.

Waterfront Commission Marina Committee 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, Sister Cities Room 1101, 301 King St. For more information, contact Jack Browand, jack.browand@alexandriava.gov, 703-746-5504.

Motorcoach Task Force Meeting 6-9 p.m., at City Hall on the first floor, Sister Cities Conference Room 1101. During this meeting, the Task Force will draft recommendations on motorcoach loading and parking locations. Motorcoach Task Force meetings are open to the public and opportunities for the public to comment or ask questions are identified in the agenda.

FRIDAY/NOV. 11

Veterans Day. 1 p.m. The Friends of Rocky Versace's 15th annual Veterans Day ceremony at the Mount Vernon Recreation Center, 2701

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(Left to right) Ted Johnson, Erik Dorn, Shannon Catlett, Charlie Collum, Pam De Candio and Kerry Donley

PEOPLE



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Tricia Walker pulls out a drawer of maps — Presbyterian Cemetery, Alexandria to 1760. A number of people are researching the history of their homes.



Tricia Walker inspects a glass plate negative, an early photographic format from the mid 1880s.

Behind the Glass Wall

Alexandria history at one's fingertips.

BY SHIRLEY RUHE
GAZETTE PACKET

“What's Behind the Glass Wall?” The sign sits outside the Local History and Special Branch of the Alexandria Library on Queen Street. It indicates that behind the glass walls are over 40,000 photos and images, 14,500 books and historical journals and 3,140 rare books plus 200 maps.

Tricia Walker, the new director of three weeks, holds a glass plate with three images, which was an early photo format from the mid-1860s. She says there is some damage in the emulsion. Walker explains the library has been given 100 of these including Lantern slides trapped between two pieces of glass, donated by W.F. Smith, so she is doing a one-time project to evaluate and preserve them. Walker will encase the negative side in buffered paper to rectify the acidic content. Walker urges people to label their photos because in one or two generations no one can identify the people anymore.

She added that moving around the country has allowed her to see how humidity is a big variable. It can be good for basketry or bone but not for pictures. When she worked in Arizona, there was no mold problem but it could get too dry, and the negative would wrinkle up. Walker said, “I love stuff like this. It entices people and draws them in.” However, she says that anything post-1923 can have a potential problem with copyright. “Do we have a deed a gift. Who created it? Can they give us intellectual property rights?”

Walker has unlocked the door to the secure room with the rare manuscripts. “Doctrine and Discovery in Methodist and Episcopal Church of 1853” sits inside a locked cabinet with the “Poems of Nineteenth Century Illustrated” which is covered in an elegant maroon with gold inlay. She says this collection of books is what they were reading at the time. “That one's coming apart,” she said. It is from 1860. She explains that the books are encased all an inert polyester because the leather gets rot that comes off on clothes and is hard to get off.”

Walker said she spent a lot of time with her nose in a book while she was growing up. When her ma-

ternal grandmother found out she was going to major in library sciences in graduate school she got very excited. Walker said, “I thought I would be an academic librarian but there was a speaker at UNC when I was in school who was documenting the American Southwest, and I followed her back after the lecture and started quizzing her. I ended up with a job.”

Walker moves to the closed stack. She says that people can come in and look but books cannot leave the room. “This is our biography section.” They have security measures in place. A number of people come in doing genealogy, or the history of their Alexandria houses, or archeology. She moves to a long drawer full of map reproductions. Presbyterian Cemetery; Alexandria 1760.

She says she spends a lot of her day answering questions from the public from who was the President in the 1920s to identifying a family member from the Civil War. Also there is a lot of administrative work like upgrading policies and procedures — and looking for grant funding to care for their collection. In addition, she searches for good projects for digitalization from what is high use to what is in the public domain.

Walker came to the Alexandria Library from the Museum of Northern Arizona in Flagstaff where she was the only archivist and focused on the history of local tribes such as Hopi and Navajo and also the Grand Canyon. She said it allows one to see both sides of an issue. But after being a processing archivist at the University of Missouri, she returned home to Virginia.



Tricia Walker unlocks the rare books section of the library at Barrett Branch on Queen Street. She pulls out several books that are protected in inert polyester covers to protect the leather that gets rot.



PHOTO BY JEANNE THEISMANN/GAZETTE PACKET

The Friends of Rocky Versace 15th Annual Veterans Day ceremony will be held Nov. 11 at 1 p.m. at the Mount Vernon Recreation Center, 2701 Commonwealth Ave. The event is open to the public.

A Time to Remember Ceremony to honor local veterans.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

The Friends of Rocky Versace will host the city's 15th Annual Veterans Day ceremony Nov. 11 at the Mount Vernon Recreation Center.

The indoor ceremony will begin at 1 p.m. and honor posthumous Medal of Honor recipient Captain Rocky Versace, the 66 other Alexandrians who died during the Vietnam War and all veterans in attendance.

Located at 2701 Mount Vernon Ave., the center is the home of the Rocky Versace statue and Alexandria's Viet-

nam Veterans Wall. The event is open to the public.

The Friends of Rocky Versace organization is also spearheading efforts to identify all Alexandrians killed or missing in action during the Vietnam conflict with a photo. Of the 66 Vietnam veterans from Alexandria, only nine remain without an identifying photo: Ross Collins, Jr.; Robert Dean; James Dickey; Bernard Dillenseger; Thomas Gaither; Darrell Gibbons; James King; Jeron Valentine; and David Warczak.

If anyone has information on these men, contact Kevin Rue at FoRV59@gmail.com.

Peluso Leads Linden Resources

Ralph Peluso of Alexandria was elected chair of Linden Resources, Inc.'s board of directors at its annual meeting in September. Peluso has served on the board for the past three years, most recently as secretary/treasurer.

Peluso's career includes more than 40 years of executive leadership of high-growth, troubled and/or distressed companies. Since 2003, he has served as the managing director of Sundial Strategies, a consulting company specializing in helping businesses achieve their valuation objectives. In 2012, he engineered the sale of Telstar Hosted Services, Inc., a company which he co-founded in 2009 that provides cloud-based call center technologies. Prior to 2002, he held ex-



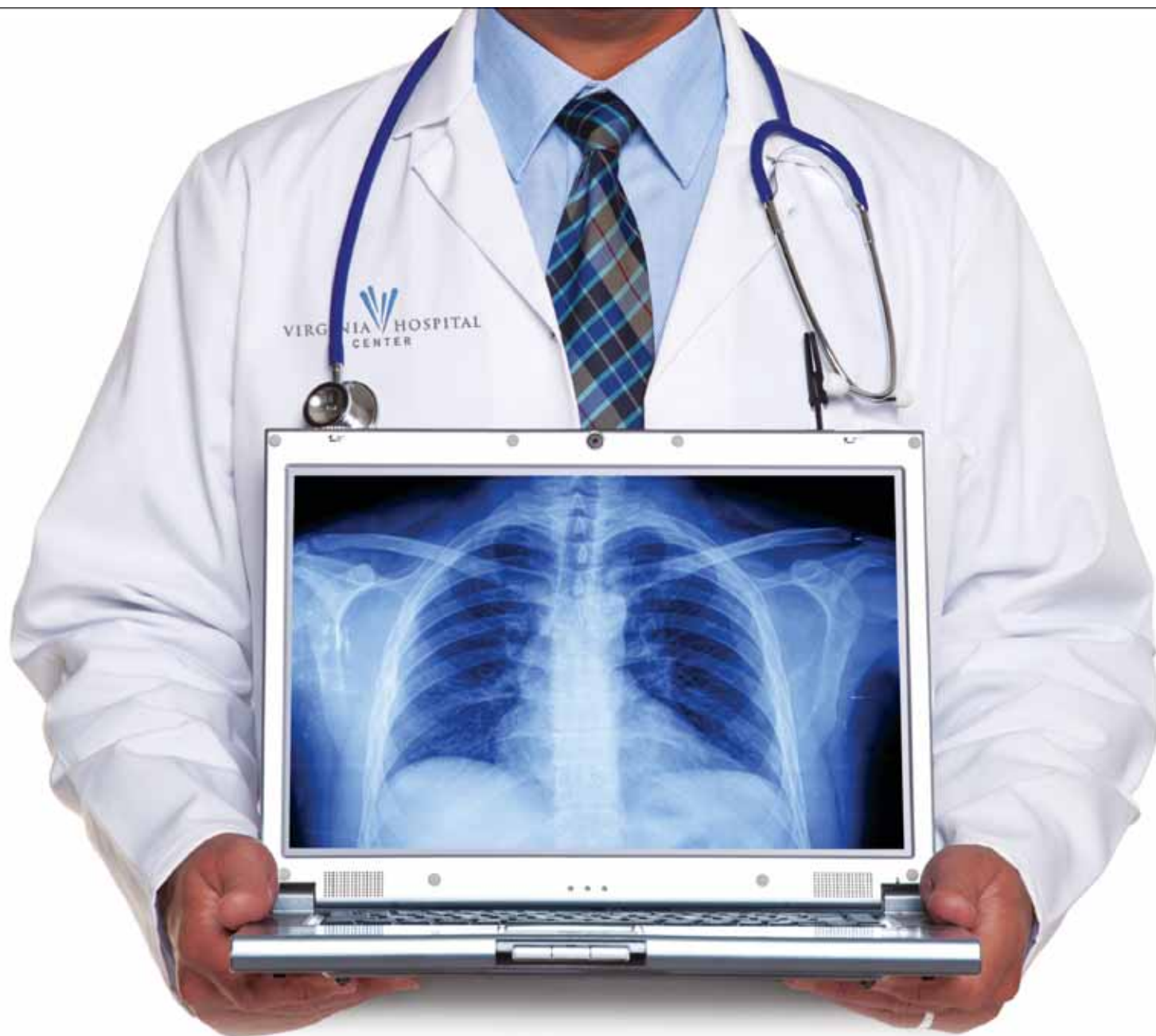
ecutive positions with several major corporations, including MCI, WinStar, and Cisco Systems.

In 2014 he fulfilled a life-long dream when he published his first novel, 512, a his-

torical fictional account of the career of the legendary baseball icon, Babe Ruth.

Peluso earned an MBA in Finance from Bernard Baruch College (Zicklin School of Business) and a BS in Accounting from Hunter College both of the City University of New York.

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Bridging Sacred and Secular

Mayor's clergy council focuses on community issues and service.

BY DAN BRENDEN
GAZETTE PACKET

In contrast to widespread contention about religion in the public square, Alexandria's mayor and faith leaders seek a mutually constructive way forward.

Scott Maurer, pastor of West City Fellowship, an Alexandria church, believes many religious leaders nationwide feel "irrelevant," "devalued" or even "marginalized" in public culture. He says "one of several symptoms" is anxiety about religious liberty.

According to Pew Research Center, 32 percent of Christian churchgoers reported hearing their clergy speak out recently "in defense of religious liberty." Only 2 percent heard their clergy say "they don't believe it is under attack." Clergy spoke about religious liberty more than any other topic polled, including homosexuality and abortion.

But Maurer thinks the local situation is much more positive. He credits Mayor Allison Silberberg, who convened a clergy council, now in its sixth month. Maurer says the council is an affirming and welcoming "gesture." He said, "Just the symbolism of that is good."

Silberberg also reports a good experience with the clergy council. "It's very healing and very comforting," she said.

Silberberg intends the clergy council to foster collaborative relationships around shared community interests. "What we all have in common is that we all want to serve the public good."

"It takes all of us to crack big issues," said the Rev. Oran Warder of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

The clergy council's precise function is unfolding. "My guess is that everyone comes there with a slightly different expectation of what it will become," said

Maurer. He says the group must hone its purpose, though not immediately. Such an effort "takes awhile to get off the ground."

The council meets quarterly or as needed. It consists of those who show up at any given meeting. Up to 30 clergypersons met in May, July, and September. Participants describe the meetings as casual, serving to generate rapport and dialogue about community issues.

Silberberg's priorities include "food insecurity" and crisis mitigation. "It's good to come together during [a tragedy], but it would be better if the relationships are already there."

The clergy's priorities vary. The Rev. Heather VanDeventer of Christ Church suggested "issues affecting the working poor" as a theme. The clergy also focused on race. July's meeting concentrated on race, violence, and community policing.

The Rev. Taft Quincey Heatley of Shiloh Baptist Church says religious congregations can "champion" dialogue between ethnic groups.

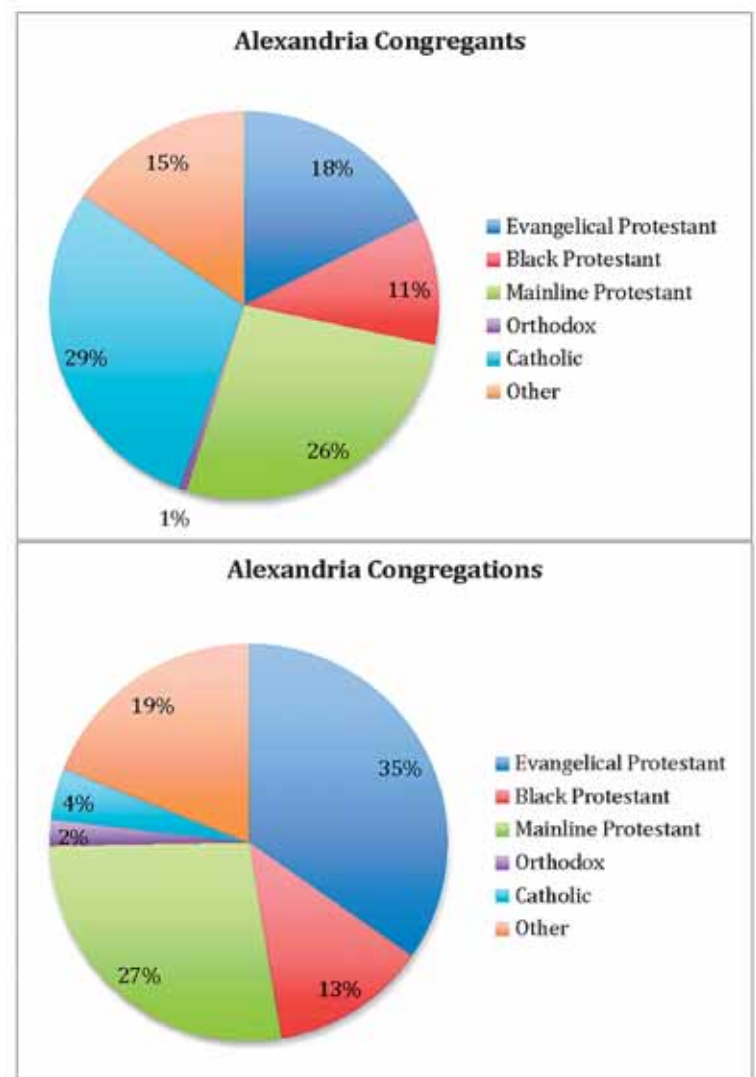
Rabbi Brett Isserow of Beth El Hebrew Congregation agrees that the clergy council can "be a moral voice for the city." However, he says no consensus yet exists about the top issues.

Congregations already participate in community coalitions. ALIVE! serves the poor. But it does not systematically represent the clergy's perspectives to local government, says Diane Charles, its executive director.

VOICE builds relationships between clergy and public officials. But its brand of activism may not appeal to many congregations, says the Rev. David Gortner of Virginia Theological Seminary. "The clergy

"What we all have in common is that we all want to serve the public good."

— Mayor Allison Silberberg



Source: 2010 U.S. Religion Census: Religious Congregations & Membership Study; available through the Association of Religion Data Archives website: http://www.thearda.com/rcms2010/r/c/51/rcms2010_51510_county_name_2010.asp

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Join Race to End to Homelessness at USPTO

Fundraiser supports Carpenter's Shelter.

BY RIKKI GEORGE
GAZETTE PACKET

The Carpenter's Shelter is organizing RunForShelter, its 6th annual 5K and 10K race. It also includes a one mile for dog walkers and moms and dads with strollers. The race takes place Nov. 20 at 8 a.m. along Eisenhower Avenue, beginning at the USPTO building.

Prizes will be given to the top three male and female 5K and 10K runners. Also, this year the shelter adds age group awards, starting at age 19 to those over 60. Each runner receives a swag bag, including sponsor coupons and touchscreen gloves.

All proceeds from RunForShelter benefit the Carpenter's Shelter, a nonprofit that's been around since 1982. Money

raised keeps the shelter's lights on, among other operations, and achieves mission goals: quick sustainable independence for homeless men, women and children.

Alexandria saw a 16 percent drop in homelessness in 2016 compared to 2015. However, the bad news is, according to Rebecca Hightower, the shelter's development and communications associate, "We have a harder population to serve that may need support for a longer time." Mental illness and larger families make the homeless issue more difficult, which is compounded by the lack of affordable housing in the City of Alexandria.

As of Oct. 27, about 220 people have registered for RunForShelter. Last year the shelter had more than 700 people run. The hope is to get about 500 more people to register before the race starts.

Because the race's course is USATF certified, for speed runners, RunForShelter is an opportunity for record setting and comparing past efforts to the present. "The course is also beginner friendly," said Bob Platt, president of RacePacket.

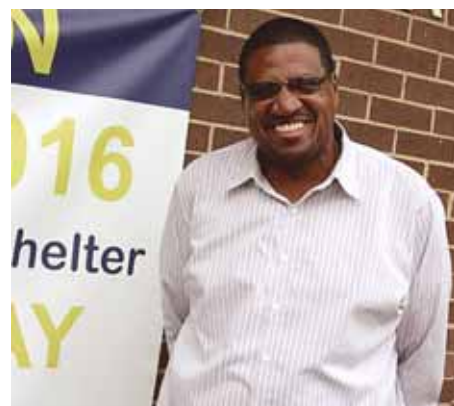


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Michael Shields, Carpenter's Shelter's housing stabilization case manager, has run and walked the RunForShelter race since it started six years ago. "Brisk walking on a Sunday Can't get better than that," he said.

For those who've never run before, President of the Northern Virginia Running Club Erin Masterson advises people to alternate running and walking, and to "go out mod-

Race Details

Online registration: Go to www.CarpentersShelter.org
Onsite registration: Available on day of race at USPTO
Race date: Nov. 20
Start time: 8 a.m.
USPTO Address: 600 Dulany St.
Fee: 5K/10K fee: \$40; Fun Run fee: \$30
Closest Metro: Eisenhower Avenue (Yellow line)
Parking: West Parking Garage, 550 Elizabeth Lane (for participants/volunteers)

Pre-Race Packet Pick-up:
Nov. 18, 4 - 7 p.m., Carpenter's Shelter/David's Place: 930 N. Henry St.
Nov. 19, 12:30 - 4:30 p.m., Whole Foods Market in Old Town: 1700 Duke St.

erately." The race is long – 3.1 miles for the 5K and 6.2 for the 10K. Nate Crutchfield, Snap Fitness Old Town personal trainer agrees. "Take it slow and trust your body ... your body knows best."

"If you can mobilize a hobby that you love and have impact," said Masterson, "what a good way to put in a single day."



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Get creative and send art, poetry and more.

During the last week of each year, The Gazette devotes its entire issue to the creativity of local students and children. The results are always remarkable. It is a keepsake edition for many families. Even readers without children of that age spend time admiring and chuckling over the issue. The annual Children's Gazette is a tradition of well over a decade.

We publish artwork, poetry, essays, creative writing, opinion pieces, short stories, photography, photos of sculpture or gardens or other creative efforts.

We ask that all submissions be digital so they can be sent through email or delivered on CD or flash drive. Writing should be submitted in rich text format (.rtf). Artwork should be photographed or scanned and provided in jpeg format.

Some suggestions:

- ❖ Drawings or paintings or photographs of your family, friends, pets or some favorite activity. These should be photographed or scanned and submitted in jpeg format. Photos of sculpture or larger art projects are also welcome.

- ❖ Short answers (50 to 100 words) to some of the following questions: If you could give your parents, family or friends any gift that didn't cost money what would that gift be?

What are you most looking forward to in the upcoming year? What is one thing that you would change about school? What do you want to be when you grow up? What is your favorite animal? What is your favorite toy? What makes a good parent? What makes a good friend? Describe one of the best or worst things that ever happened to you? What is the best gift you've ever given? Ever received?

- ❖ Your opinion (50 to 100 words) about traffic, sports, restaurants, video games, toys, trends, politics, etc.

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- ❖ News stories from school newspapers.

- ❖ Photos and text about activities or events.

We welcome contributions from public and private schools, individuals and homeschoolers.

To be published, we must have the full first and last name of the student artist/writer.

Identify each piece of writing or art, including the student's full name, age, grade and town of residence, plus the name of the school, name of teacher and town of school location.

To send CDs or flash drives containing artwork and typed, electronic submissions, mark them clearly by school and hometown and mail the CD or flash drive to: Children's Gazette, 1606 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

Please send all submissions by Friday, Dec. 2. The Children's Gazette will publish the last week of 2016.

You can see last year's editions by visiting www.connectionnewspapers.com/PDFs/ and scroll down to Children's Edition.

Email submissions for the Children's Gazette to Gazette@connectionnewspapers.com.

EDITORIAL

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

City Should Talk To Businesses

To the Editor:

I agree with Jody Manor's thoughtful and accurate Letter to the Editor in last week's paper regarding the sudden impetus to

regulate the use of A-frame signs on Old Town streets.

The city administrators' and legislators' tone-deafness to the needs of small, independent businesses in Alexandria becomes painfully apparent when dealing with topics like this. I have had a business in the city for 11 years, and, with

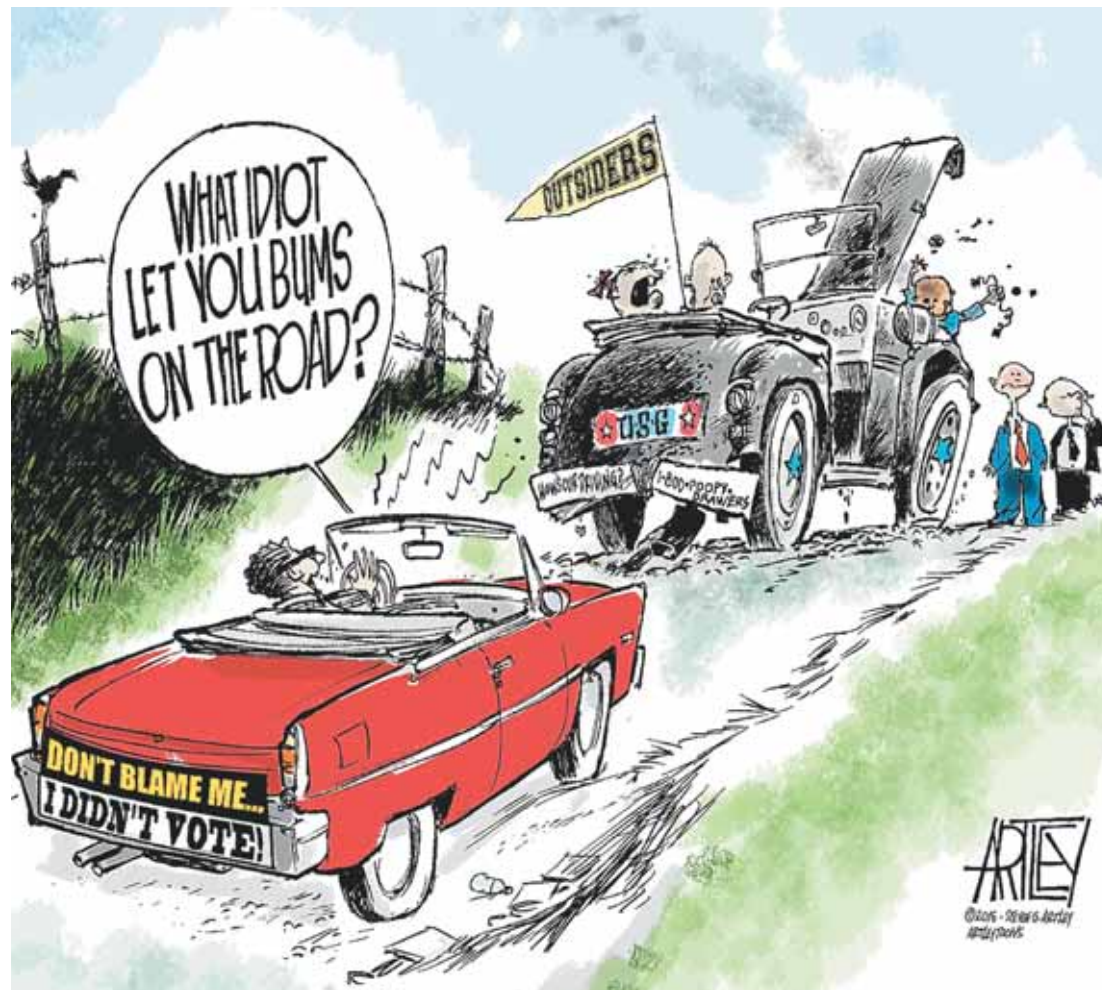
few exceptions, don't feel that that the positive impact the boutiques and restaurants lining our streets have on the ambiance of Alexandria has been adequately acknowledged and appreciated by city officials and organizations. After all, along with the historical pedigree of the city, the variety and unique-

ness of these businesses are a huge part of what drives Alexandria's regular inclusion in the "top 100 cities" or "most livable cities" lists the city seems to covet.

Sadly, on a recent drive up King Street I counted 18 empty storefronts in just the confines of Old Town. That is not the example of a healthy and thriving city business center, but a symptom of a very challenging business atmosphere. I would think that this would be of concern to city councilors as well as the mayor and city administrators — surely they must be aware that the situation needs to be addressed, mustn't they? I know I often wonder what benefits businesses here receive from the taxes and licensing fees we pay yearly. We've never even been able to get a trash can on South Pitt Street (where my store is located). In my view, the city is not maintained to the level it should be, and a BID is not the answer. We already pay a premium.

Talking to business owners individually might be a way for councilors and administrators to get some insights about our challenges. Forget the bureaucratic "task forces" as well as the ridiculously expensive out-of-town consultants frequently brought in. Split up council members, administrators and staff and visit on a one-to-one basis the owners who run the businesses which help to make our city unique. Committees and task force meetings are not always able to be attended by sole proprietors, nor have they ever

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been particularly productive, in my experience. They actually need to look at our stores, get out in the field and listen to our concerns. This would benefit everyone.

One thing they would definitely discover would be that the A-frame signs are a powerful way for our businesses to let customers know where we are, what our offerings are, and what specials we have on any given day. They give the city personality as well as providing a service. People comment on a daily basis how important the sign we have at the corner of King and Pitt was in getting them to my store, which is on a side street. We also like to put out an a-frame by the store with information on sales, etc. I won't even go into the fight which had to be waged with the city to get the signs officially approved. The OK on using these signs finally came in 2008 in a brief window of time when it seemed that the city was actually beginning to listen to our needs. However, the hope was dashed as we soon had to re-mobilize to fight proposed increases in parking fees and more business taxes. Why is it that any proposals coming from council regarding businesses ei-

ther involve more regulation, more taxes or imposing more fees?

The issue of sign safety, as Jody says, is a non-starter. The signs are the least dangerous things on the sidewalks, and as he mentioned, I have had people come into my store after doing a face-plant on one of the uneven and missing bricks, or roots coming up and taking over the walking spaces. In fact, both my husband and I have had the misfortune of falling on the bricks. If the city has somehow avoided being sued for injury I am shocked.

Have all the real problems and challenges of the City of Alexandria been successfully resolved? So much so, that the biggest "problem" for city administrators and council members to "solve" is something that actually promotes business and costs Alexandria nothing?

Cindy McCartney

Owner

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Enforcement Visibly Needed

To the Editor:
The Alexandria city manager's re-

sponse to my letter of Oct. 27 regarding "traffic lawlessness" in Alexandria is with all due respect, beyond the pale. My fellow residents agree that Alexandria appears not to enforce or care about traffic laws. I find it amusing that the city manager or his staff continually cites education as a chief component of traffic safety. How much education does it take for knowing one should stop at a stop sign? This fact is covered in high school drivers ed class. The failure to stop has produced tragic results in some instances.

I recently sent a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Alexandria government concerning the number of citations and warnings issued for stop sign violators in the last year, but these statistics are not readily available, and they would cost me \$500 for a such a search. However, the Alexandria Fire Department study of April 2016 provides the number of pedestrian and bicycle crashes per annum. These statistics were based upon the dispatching of ambulances to an accident location. I regret to say that over the past eight years, there is a yearly average of 70 pedestrians struck

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by vehicles, and 65 bicycle crashes. These are not insignificant statistics. Although Alexandria views itself as a dog-friendly city, a failure to stop at a stop sign recently took the life of a beloved dog of a former elected official. Moreover, bicycles whizzing by stop signs on Union Street are a constant danger to our leashed furry friends. A few years ago, while crossing Union Street at a crosswalk, the wife of a former Alexandria resident was rudely advised by a bicyclist to get out of the way, lest her dog get run over in the crosswalk. (What happened to stopping for pedestrians in the crosswalks?) It appears that we have little regard for life in all of its forms when the basic traffic rules are ignored. All of the engineering solutions in the world pursued by the Police Department and the city staff do not replace cops on the streets who enforce basic traffic laws. I would recommend that the manager and the council members take some time to observe the traffic on our streets with new eyes. I am sure that if they do, that they will also conclude that there is little to no enforcement of the traffic laws.

Townsend A. "Van" Van Fleet
Alexandria

Rightful Heritage

To the Editor:
Our Virginia forebears were the first En-

glish-speaking people who celebrated and established the custom of celebrating Thanksgiving annually on these shores. Our 1619 Thanksgiving celebration at Berkeley Hundred, Va., was observed before the Pilgrims' 1621 celebration, although most textbooks erroneously accord them that honor. Also, Alexandria's George Washington was the first President to set aside a special day for the nation to offer Thanksgiving to God.

On Dec. 4, 1619, when the Margaret, sailing from Bristol, England, reached her destination 20 miles upstream from Jamestown at Berkeley Hundred, now Berkeley Plantation, Captain John Woodliffe opened the sealed orders given him in London. They directed that the first act of those 38 settlers and eight crewmen should be to have a religious service of thanksgiving to God for their safe arrival, and the settlers and crew did so. Indians, curious about the newcomers and familiar with the settlers and religious services at Jamestown, probably watched. Furthermore, Woodliffe's orders provided that the day of the ship's arrival was to be "yearly and perpetually kept holy as a day of Thanksgiving to Almighty God."

In a 1622 surprise attack, Indians massacred almost everyone at the Berkeley settlement. After that tragedy the area was abandoned, and the Jamestown settlers did not feel like celebrating. After many years colonists returned to the site, and the Harrison family built a beautiful home there, Berke-

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ley Plantation. Notable family members included Benjamin Harrison IV, signer of the Declaration of Independence; his grandson President William Henry Harrison; and his grandson President Benjamin Harrison. Both presidents wrote their Inaugural Addresses at Berkeley. Today Berkeley is open to the public, there is a marker on the James River shore where the 1619 Thanksgiv-

ing was held, and there is an annual historical reenactment of the first thanksgiving at the original site.

The Pilgrims arrived in December 1620. They had intended to come to Virginia, but heavy winds blew them off course. They starved for the first year, so were very grateful for their bountiful harvest in 1621. The Pilgrim Hall website notes "In ... 1621, the 53 surviving Pilgrims celebrated their suc-

cessful harvest, as was the English custom.... (It was a social occasion, a festival of food.) The Pilgrims did not call this harvest festival a "Thanksgiving," although they did give thanks to God. To them, a Day of Thanksgiving was purely religious.

Their first recorded religious Day of Thanksgiving was held in 1623 in response to a providential rainfall."

Alexandrians have a notable tie

to our Thanksgiving celebration. George Washington's first Presidential proclamation (issued on Oct. 3, 1789) called for day of public thanksgiving, fasting (not feasting) and prayer on Thursday, Nov. 2, for the many blessings God had bestowed on our country, asking pardon for our national transgressions, and seeking His aid in our future endeavors. It is appropriate for us to celebrate, like our predecessors, by attending a

thanksgiving service to God as well as feasting and fun with family and friends.

We Virginians are proud to tell our story and claim our rightful heritage as the first English-speaking people to celebrate an annual public thanksgiving for our personal blessings as well as those to our community and nation.

Ellen Latane Tabb
Alexandria

Sacred

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council will overlap other networks and may provide a way of bridging them effectively," he said.

Silberberg intends the clergy council to participate in a multi-organization initiative. When public schools close due to snow, she says religious congregations could help ensure food distribution to the 60 percent of students who are eligible for free or reduced price meals.

City officials have not yet defined the clergy council's role in city-led efforts. "The clergy council exists outside of city government," said Craig Fifer, Alexandria's director of communications. But he says it could be a valuable "sounding board or clearinghouse" for ideas.

The clergy council does not represent the faith community completely or proportionately. "I thought it was a good mix," said Maurer, "but certainly not everyone is there." The U.S. Religion Census counted 95 congregations in Alexandria, representing 46 percent of residents. Mainline and Black Protestants have turned out in the greatest numbers.

Though some congregations did not hear of the council, all are welcome. "Any congregation is absolutely invited," said Silberberg.

The clergy council is a hopeful endeavor. "It's always good for people to get to know each other, and to break down barriers, and to share ideas, and to share resources," said Silberberg.

Write

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LETTER

What Does It Mean To Honor Veterans?

To the Editor:

Show respect for all veterans on Veterans Day, Nov. 11. What does it really mean for the hearts of those who wait for those to return as we honor and remember all who stood in line of duty for our country with courage during war? We honor and respect them in every city and state.

As often as I have written of Veterans Day, I think of those who do not know the reason or understand the meaning of our country honoring veterans on this day.

As this day unfolds, the flying of the red, white and blue Old Glory honors of all of our veteran — men and women — who stood and served for a cause.

As we read different stories about our veterans and those we lost through all the years of war, just stop and think. Families and friends were keeping the faith along with letters of hope and love from loved ones were the only contact of having a home to come back to. And as we read of many stories of war, we need to stop and listen. What did it take for one to go to war for our country? I think of those I know on this day and, as I write to share my reason for respecting Veterans Day, it is the courage of those — from generation to generation — who answered the call of duty.

Maybe the reason why I write can be found

in this rock and plaque in my neighborhood. It sits in an area surrounded by a wood frame like a picture far away in the distance.

It sits high and often so persons would stop and read the plaque throughout the year. It has a meaning that can touch the hearts of those who take a little time read.

On the Veterans Memorial Walkway along the bike path of the 500 block of South Columbus and Wilkes Street sits this rock with a plaque that reads as follows: "Dedicated to the City of Alexandria and Alexandria's Veterans' Organizations on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 1979, in honored memory of the deceased Alexandria Veterans of all the United States wars. Their service in war and peace contributed greatly to the welfare of their fellow citizens. Charles E. Beatley, Jr., Mayor; Robert L. Calhoun, Vice Mayor; Donald C. Casey, Councilman; Margaret B. Inman, Councilwoman; Nelson E. Greene, Sr., Councilman; James P. Moran, Jr., Councilman; Carlyle C. Ring, Jr., Councilman.

"In honor of all our veterans and men and women in uniform who have served and fought for our country, let them not be forgotten."

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Shifting Gears

Bumpy road ahead for Capital Bikeshare expansion in Northern Virginia.

BY VERNON MILES
GAZETTE PACKET

It takes a little over two hours to bike from downtown Washington D.C. to the Reston. For the Capital Bikeshare, it's a trip that's taken six years.

On Oct. 21, Fairfax County launched 29 bike-share stations in Reston and Tysons, joining Alexandria and Arlington in the expansion of Capital Bikeshare into Northern Virginia.

While the program doesn't recover all of its costs, experts say it's highly unusual for any public transportation.

"In general, as transport researcher, no transport mode covers its costs," said Ralph Buehler, an associate professor in Urban Affairs at Virginia Tech's Alexandria Campus. "Public transport is highly subsidized in terms of operating and building infrastructure. If you think about automobiles and the gas tax, and what it covers in terms of roadways, it's only about 60 percent nationally. All transport is subsidized."

Buehler says there are a number of different ways each locality can measure success. For Leah Brooks, a professor of public policy and administration at George Washington University, the best measure was how bike-share programs measure up to other transit systems, like bus or metro. Arlington has a 54 percent cost recovery, meaning the bike share recovers a little over half of what is spent on the program. In Washington D.C., Capital Bikeshare has a 75 percent cost recovery ratio for 2016 and is projected to increase to 87 percent by FY2021. According to Carrie Sanders, deputy director of Alexandria's Transportation and Environmental Services, the city's bike-share recovers 62 percent of its operating costs. Measured by cost recovery, Capital Bikeshare in Arlington and Alexandria are not as successful as Metrorail, which recovers 71 percent of its costs, but are more successful than bus programs like Metrobus and ART bus, or DASH bus which each recover roughly 30 percent of their cost.

But as the bike-share expands in Northern Virginia, that success could be compromised as more and more stations are located outside of Metro and tourist centers. In Arlington, ridership is still increasing but at a slower rate each year. Ridership doubled in fiscal year (FY) 2012 and increased by 75 percent in FY 2013, between 2014 and 2015 ridership increased by 18 percent. As the system expands, the average number of trips per bicycle has also decreased from 393 to 381.

Capital Bikeshare by Jurisdiction

	Arlington	Alexandria	Washington D.C.	Fairfax County
Population	224,906	148,892	658,893	1,131,000
Stations	85	32	249	29
Docks	1186	498	4537	255
Registered Users	3,496	827	2,196,000	n/a
Total Ridership (trips starting in locality)	263,111	36,895	2,816,000	n/a
Total Revenue	\$1,078,000	\$256,495	\$5,538,000	n/a
Total Operating Costs	\$2,010,000	\$448,765	\$7,190,000	\$430,000
Total Capital Costs FY2017	\$740,000	\$675,000	\$1,892,000	\$1,600,000

"This decrease was expected as the system expands to outside of Arlington's Metrorail corridors where the highest ridership stations are located," said Arlington County staff in a 2015 progress report on the Capital Bikeshare. "Moving forward, the system will likely see a slowing of ridership growth as the service matures."

EXPERTS SAY that as the bike-share moves further away from Metro stations, the less cost effective the program becomes.

"The system lives and dies by its opportunities to pick up and drop off a bike," said Buehler "If the network of stations is spread too thinly, people won't use it. In Montreal, most bike-shares are concentrated in the most dense urban area. It's around just two blocks. The D.C. system is a little more spread out, but if you spread them too thinly, you lose the utility of the system. They have to be careful as they go out into the suburbs. You have to give riders actual options for 30-minute rides. Spreading out can be a good thing, but too few stations in an area will hurt the system. The ones in Tysons and Reston are locally concentrated, which seems like the right way to do it."

Like Arlington, Capital Bikeshare in Alexandria has been centered around metro stations. The most popular bikeshare station is the dock outside the Braddock Street Metro with a total 7,827 trips departing from that station in 2015. The King Street Metro station was the second most popular, with 6,194 trips.

Like Arlington, as the system expands, the plans for Capital Bikeshare expansion will push the bike-share further from the Metro and the dense population centers. However, Sanders said Alexandria will continue to focus its bike-share expansion around other major public transportation projects.

"As we expand, we're looking to continue to have bike-share stations be close to activity centers like bus rapid transit stations,"

said Sanders.

"As we add to the network opportunities we'll see ridership continue to increase and we'll see it become more convenient for people," said Yon Lambert, director of Transportation for Alexandria. "People will see that it can be more convenient, quicker and safer."

Brooks also emphasized that Capital Bikeshare's current success is largely a result of the program's ability to integrate with other forms of public transit.

"The key thing with the bike-share is where the stations are located," said Brooks. "That means are they near people that want to ride them and near locations that mesh with transit."

In some ways, Brooks says bike-share in Northern Virginia is more comparable to the Citi-Bike system in New York than to the bike-share in Washington D.C. According to Brooks, Capital Bikeshare's success in D.C. benefits from high numbers of tourists, who pay a high upfront fee to ride and don't ride it as much as residents do. In New York, Brooks says most of the riders are residents using the system to get to and from subway stations. While areas like Old Town Alexandria and Rosslyn might see similar benefits from tourist use, as the bikeshare expands further away from tourist centers Brooks says the ridership will largely shift towards the more costly role of supplementing local resident transit.

According to Buehler, localities like Fairfax, Alexandria, and Arlington continue to push for bikeshare stations to create a more modernized image in an effort to attract more development.

"There is a sense among developers and city officials, maybe even among residents, that having a bikeshare system makes you a cutting edge place to be," said Buehler. "It's part of the image. If Arlington County or Alexandria wants to attract residents or busi-

nesses, they point to the Metro, to waterfront, and to the Torpedo Factory. Now, they can point to Capital Bikeshare."

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— Ralph Buehler, associate professor, Urban Affairs, Virginia Tech



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Bikeshare Dock being transported to Fairfax County for Oct. 21 opening.

Health Fair Serves Hundreds

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dren between the ages of 2.5 - 5 years of age provided by the Kathy Wilson Foundation and the Child Obesity Screens offered by the A. Roy Heron Global Foundation for Community Wellness.

Over the course of the seven hours, the Kathy Wilson Foundation screened 13 children; every screening is conducted by a trained facilitator who walks a family member and the child through a series of age-specific questions and tasks. A single screening requires on average 45 minutes to complete. The facilitators discovered deficits in fine motor skills among several of the children. According to Susan Keightley, who works with the foundation, the foundation provides all families with follow up activities.

U.S. Rep. Don Beyer stopped by and chatted with most of the volunteers in their

kiosks. Beyer and the organizers of the fair talked about how they hoped the General Assembly might agree to pass a Medicaid expansion next year. Del. Mark Levine visited, and was also lobbied by fair organizers to move more General Assembly delegates to support the Medicaid expansion. Silberberg stopped by to praise those who helped organize the fair and all who gave time to make it a success. City Council member Tim Lovain also visited. He has been a major supporter of the health initiatives and managed to get the City Council to approve a \$150,000-plus funding package that increased support for Neighborhood Health. Former Mayor Bill Euille was also at the fair; he was the prime mover of the Health Fair effort when he appointed a panel to recommend to him and the council ways of coping with the General Assembly's refusal to expand Medicaid.

Dingle To Leave TC

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of the 2016 school year. Dingle has been principal of the school since the end of the 2014 school year when Principal Suzanne Maxey retired.

"What you learn about TC is that people care about this community," said Dingle. "People in Alexandria love TC."

When the next principal is chosen, Dingle says that principal will need to be able to embrace the community of the school and of the city at large. Alexandria City Public Schools will begin community outreach for a new principal in December with selection of a candidate in the spring.

— VERNON MILES

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401 DUKE ST	5	6	3	...	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$4,685,000	Detached	0.15	22314	OLD TOWN
428 WASHINGTON ST N	4	6	1	...	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$2,675,000	Detached	0.18	22314	OLD TOWN
306 E HOWELL AVE	5	4	1	...	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$1,390,000	Detached	0.13	22301	DEL RAY
1120 KEY DR	7	5	2	...	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$1,350,000	Detached	0.50	22302	CHAPEL HILL
12 W WYATT AVE	5	3	1	...	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$1,345,000	Detached	0.11	22301	DEL RAY
124 QUAY ST	3	2	1	...	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$1,325,000	Townhouse	0.04	22314	OLD TOWN
413 PAYNE STREET S	3	4	1	...	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$1,275,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314	MAJESTY WEST
422 FAIRFAX ST S	4	2	1	...	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$1,060,000	Townhouse	0.05	22314	OLD TOWN
120 PAYETTE ST	4	3	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$1,049,900	Townhouse	0.06	22314	OLD TOWN
104 CAMERON MEWS	3	4	1	...	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$1,019,000	Attach/Row Hse	0.04	22314	CAMERON MEWS
4108 FORT WORTH PL	4	3	1	...	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$1,012,500	Detached	0.24	22304	SEMINARY RIDGE
27 MYRTLE ST W	3	3	1	...	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$980,000	Detached	0.10	22301	ROSEMONT
1846 POTOMAC GREENS DR	4	2	3	...	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$980,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314	POTOMAC GREENS
306 PAYNE ST S	3	3	1	...	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$900,000	Townhouse	0.02	22314	OLD TOWN VILLAGE
400 MADISON ST #2009	2	2	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$900,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	22314	ALEXANDRIA HOUSE
802 GRAND VIEW DR	5	3	1	...	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$885,000	Detached	0.16	22305	BEVERLEY HILLS
3100 WILSON AVE	4	3	1	...	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$875,000	Detached	0.11	22305	DEL RAY
1121 WYTHE ST	3	3	2	...	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$875,000	Townhouse	0.02	22314	BRADDOCK LOFTS
1816 POTOMAC AVE	3	4	1	...	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$872,000	Townhouse	0.00	22301	POTOMAC YARD
1720 CARPENTER RD	3	3	1	...	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$860,000	Townhouse	0.02	22314	POTOMAC GREENS
410 PATRICK ST N	3	2	1	...	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$850,000	Townhouse	0.04	22314	OLD TOWN ALEXANDRIA
5135 BRAWNER PL	5	4	1	...	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$840,000	Townhouse	0.04	22304	CAMERON STATION
207 WILKES ST	2	2	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$840,000	Townhouse	0.01	22314	OLD TOWN
907 MADISON ST	3	3	1	...	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$815,000	Attach/Row Hse	0.02	22314	OLD TOWN COMMONS
1503 RUFFNER RD	4	2	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$803,000	Detached	0.18	22302	BRADDOCK HEIGHTS
1302 QUINCY ST	4	2	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$800,000	Detached	0.16	22302	BRADDOCK HEIGHTS
20 BRADDOCK RD W	3	2	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$790,100	Detached	0.15	22301	ROSEMONT
13 DEL RAY AVE E	4	2	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$770,000	Detached	0.13	22301	DEL RAY
513 HILLTOP TER	4	3	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$770,000	Detached	0.11	22301	GEORGE WASHINGTON PARK
5173 BRAWNER PL	4	3	1	...	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$770,000	Townhouse	0.04	22304	CAMERON STATION
2415 CAMERON MILLS RD	3	2	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$750,000	Detached	0.13	22302	JEFFERSON PARK
260 MEDLOCK LN	4	2	2	...	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$745,000	Townhouse	0.03	22304	CAMERON STATION
5269 POCOSIN LN	4	3	1	...	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$725,000	Townhouse	0.05	22304	CAMERON STATION
318 PRINCE ST #10	1	2	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$700,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	22314	PRINCE STREET CLUB
310 GIBBON ST	2	1	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$690,000	Detached	0.02	22314	THOMAS SHELTON ESTATE
5022 GARDNER DR	4	3	2	...	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$689,900	Townhouse	0.04	22304	CAMERON STATION
5030 GARDNER DR	4	3	2	...	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$685,000	Townhouse	0.04	22304	CAMERON STATION
330 LAVERNE AVE	4	2	1	...	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$679,000	Semi-Detached	0.06	22305	DEL RAY
117 HARVARD ST	2	2	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$663,500	Townhouse	0.04	22314	OLD TOWN
624 PATRICK ST	3	2	1	...	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$659,000	Townhouse	0.04	22314	OLD TOWNE
918 ROLFE PL	3	2	1	...	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$658,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314	POWHATAN PLACE
2701 VALLEY DR	2	2	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$655,000	Detached	0.15	22302	BRADDOCK HEIGHTS
308 ALFRED ST N	2	2	1	...	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$650,000	Townhouse	0.02	22314	OLD TOWN
319 QUEEN ST	2	2	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$650,000	Attach/Row Hse	0.05	22314	OLD TOWN
1110 ABINGDON DR W	2	3	1	...	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$650,000	Townhouse	0.02	22314	VIRGINIA VILLAGE
503 FRANKLIN ST	2	1	2	...	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$645,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314	YATES GARDENS
5150 FILLMORE AVE	4	3	1	...	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$640,000	Multi-Family	0.50	22311	FILLMORE AVE
419 OLD TOWN CT	2	3	1	...	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$640,000	Townhouse	0.02	22314	OLD TOWN STATION
24 LINDEN ST	2	2	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$632,000	Townhouse	0.04	22301	ROSEMONT
4 ALEXANDRIA AVE W	2	2	1	...	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$625,000	Townhouse	0.07	22301	DEL RAY
5160 BRAWNER PL	3	3	1	...	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$625,000	Townhouse	0.02	22304	CAMERON STATION
303 CLIFFORD AVE E	3	2	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$619,900	Detached	0.11	22305	EMMA P HUME
115 SPRING ST	3	1	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$619,438	Detached	0.11	22301	DEL RAY
1130 COLONIAL AVE	2	2	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$610,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314	WESTOVER
1105 POWHATAN ST	3	1	1	...	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$610,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314	OLD TOWN
309 HOLLAND LN #310	2	2	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$607,500	Garden 1-4 Floors	22314	ROYALTON
1115 POWHATAN ST	2	2	2	...	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$605,000	Townhouse	0.05	22314	VIRGINIA VILLAGE
102 CLIFF ST	2	2	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$600,000	Duplex	0.11	22301	DEL RAY
1015 WOODS PL	4	3	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$599,999	Detached	0.20	22302	WOODS
5130 DONOVAN DR	3	2	1	...	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$599,900	Townhouse	0.03	22304	CAMERON STATION
316 PAYNE ST N	3	2	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$599,000	Semi-Detached	0.04	22314	OLD TOWN
2121 JAMIESON AVE #1801	2	2	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$595,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	22314	CARLYLE TOWERS
718 TIMBER BRANCH PKWY	3	1	1	...	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$585,000	Detached	0.28	22302	BRADDOCK HEIGHTS
4658 KIRKPATRICK LN	2	3	1	...	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$585,000	Townhouse	0.04	22311	STONEGATE
5549 GARY AVE	4	2	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$579,000	Detached	0.18	22311	SHIRLEY FOREST
126 CAMERON STATION BLVD	3	2	1	...	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$576,000	Townhouse	0.02	22304	CAMERON STATION
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309 HOLLAND LN #334	2	2	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$515,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	22314	THE ROYALTON @ KING ST METRO
901 COMMONWEALTH AVE	2	1	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$510,000	Duplex	0.08	22301	ROSEMONT PARK
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Home LifeStyle

Guest-Ready Home for the Holidays

From organizing to decorating, a guide for getting a house ready for visitors.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
GAZETTE PACKET

Ready or not, the holidays are coming. For many, this means a flurry of overnight guests. With three weeks before Thanksgiving, many to-do lists are more involved than choosing turkeys and decking the halls.

Some homeowners will be sent into states of cleaning frenzy by spotting crumbled Cheerios lost in the corners of dining chairs or guestrooms piled high with papers and boxes. From the reality of cleaning and tending to repairs to the frivolity of fanciful holiday decorating, local experts offer suggestions for getting organized and ready to welcome company.

"For my out-of-town guests, I love to make them feel special and welcome," said interior designer Gretchen Fuss, of Gretchen Fuss Works of Art and Interior Design. "The whole house will be clean and sparkling."

Consider dispersing flowers, candles and greenery throughout the home in all public areas, including bathrooms and guest bedrooms, suggests Katie McCarthy, senior designer and project manager at Marika Meyer Interiors. "Adding lush throws and cable knit pillows can give the family space that cozy feeling we all look for during the holidays."

Clear the clutter before purchasing holiday decorations and before guests arrive. "Clear out any clutter that's accumulated in your main living areas," said Anne M. Walker, Anne Walker Design LLC in Potomac, Md. "If your dining room is host to a pile of papers, make sure those get filed away or thrown away soon. A clean, organized home makes a perfect palette for any holiday décor."

The kitchen is often the central hub of a household, especially during the holidays. Make sure the pantry and refrigerator are well stocked and consider leaving out a bowl of fresh fruit guests can help themselves to, advises Fuss. "Breakfast is always a meal that seems to make everyone happy," she said. "My husband starts the bacon and everyone finds his or her way to the kitchen



PHOTO BY ANNE WALKER

Guest preparation should include organizing and making extra space in closets, such as this one by interior designer Anne Walker.

table. I feel it is important to have both comfort food and healthy choices for everyone."

Cleaning out the pantry and cabinets will help ensure there is plenty of room for the additional supplies and food necessary for Thanksgiving and other holiday meals.

When preparing that holiday dinner, the last thing that a person with a house full of guests wants is to realize that their oven is broken. "Inspect your appliances to be sure they are all in working order," said Chuck Khriel, vice president, FRED Home Improvement. "If the refrigerator or oven has been acting up, get them repaired or replaced before guests arrive. ... Check the garbage disposal, too, to be sure it's working efficiently so it doesn't back up during dinner prep."

Another high priority — the highest, according to Fuss — is the guest bedroom. This means "fresh bed linens adorning a 'photo shoot-ready,' beautifully made bed" and bath towels wrapped with ribbon and sage," she said. "Put a luggage rack out and

make space in the closet for hanging clothes."

Place fresh flowers on the dresser and, "if time allows, frame a picture of your guests and hang it on the wall in the guest room," said Fuss. "Everyone really gets a kick out of this one."

From soft lights for reading to a small mirror for applying make-up, practical touches can go a long way toward comfort. "These touches, although they may seem small, can make all the difference," said McCarthy. "Small bud vases on bedside tables, plush bathrobes and towels, and fresh, white bedding can give guest spaces a very inviting feeling."

Guest bathrooms should be stocked with extra towels, toothbrushes and toothpaste. "If your guest bathroom has a vent fan with a nightlight, make sure it is working," said Khriel. "If not, repair or replace it. If the fan does not have this feature, install a plugin nightlight. There's nothing worse than guests stumbling in the dark trying to find the bathroom light."

"Make the powder room fun and festive by updating the towel rack and toilet paper holder, mirror and light fixture," said Khriel. "Think about replacing the kitchen or bathroom faucet to a new, more efficient model or one with a water filter. And get any leaky faucets fixed."

A slow-burning fire is another way to create a sense of comfort and warmth. "Inspect your fireplace to be sure it's in working order and no debris is blocking the flue," said Khriel. "Consider building or adding a storage box for wood next to fireplace for easy access or add a permanent and decorative accent box nearby for the remote if a gas fireplace."

"Check that the dryer vent is clear, adding guests may mean more laundry," he added. "Make sure the heat vents are not obstructed. Since guests often stay in rooms that are not frequently used, make sure stored items are not in the way of airflow."

Electrical outlets that are infrequently used are often forgotten until guests arrive. "Fix nonworking electrical outlets that you



PHOTO BY ANGIE SECKINGER/MARIKA MEYER

Small bud vases on bedside tables and fresh bedding can give guest spaces a very inviting feeling, advises designer Katie McCarthy of Marika Meyer Interiors.

might need with more people in the house. Everyone will be have electronics to plug in," said Khriel. He said this is also a good time to take care of other simple projects like painting or putting in a new backsplash.

"Oil those squeaky interior and exterior doors so they don't wake up guests during the night," said Khriel. "Think about replacing broken or worn door knobs and locks."

The outside of a home should not be overlooked when preparing for guests, either. "Fall is a great time to tackle outdoor projects," said Walker. "If your shutters needs a fresh coat of paint, now's the time to do it. Have your windows professionally cleaned so that your holiday decorations will be seen on a pristine backdrop."

Power-washing your porches, walkways and patios offers guests a pristine first impression of your home. Inspect all walkways, especially flagstone and brick walkways and repair loose stones, advises Khriel. "Check exterior light fixtures to be sure they are in working order and that the bulbs are good. If exterior lights operate off a motion sensor, make sure it is adjusted properly."

"The bottom line," said Walker, "is that an organized, clean home, a stocked bar and kitchen, and happy, relaxed hosts will undoubtedly result in happy holiday guests."

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LIVING LEGENDS

Ulysses James: In Service to Music

BY LARRY RIES

In his 31 years of leadership of the Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association (WMPA), Ulysses James has emphasized the performance of new and exciting musical compositions, supported local and emerging artists, and worked to make musical performances accessible the Alexandria community.

James graduated with honors from Brown University in 1958 with a bachelor's degree in music and was accepted for graduate study at both New England Conservatory and Indiana University. However, Uncle Sam notified him of his draft board's plans; James joined the Navy. He served as a Regular Naval Officer for 20 years, retiring as a Commander in 1979 after 13 Vietnam campaigns and with five Commendation Medals.

James resumed his music studies in cello and conducting, and soon took the podium at two small community-based ensembles practicing and performing near Alexandria. The new conductor grew the ensembles into metropolitan-wide symphonic orchestras while keeping their community service and participation roots.

In May 2011 James passed the baton for the Youth Orchestra to Dr. Henry Sgrecci, remaining music director of Washington

Metropolitan Philharmonic Association and conductor of Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic (WMPA).

Ulysses James' vision and leadership has guided WMPA's five year-round programs, which include the WMP "Philharmonic" of auditioned professional, semi-professional and amateur adult musicians performing five concerts in Alexandria and five concerts in Washington, D.C. annually; the 45-50 member Washington Metropolitan Youth Orchestra for talented high school youth, giving five concerts per year; the 40-45 member Washington Metropolitan Concert Orchestra for young musicians in grades six to nine, which performs three to four concerts per year; the WMPA Summer Chamber Concerts Series which annually offers 14-16 free concerts at Alexandria's Lyceum; and the yearly WMPA Composition Competition for new and emerging East Coast composers.

Hundreds of musicians of all ages have had opportunities to display and improve their musical talents with James' leadership. His musical brilliance, wise guidance, and



Ulysses S. James

deep passion for music education have inspired youth and adults as orchestral musicians and sensitive audience members. In 31 years, except for one many years ago, James has never accepted a salary.

James's passion for the arts is mirrored in civic service. A member of the Alexandria Arts Forum since its founding in 1991, he served as president from 2010 to 2013, strengthening partnerships with Visit Alex-

andria, (formerly the Alexandria Convention and Visitors Association), and the Alexandria Commission for the Arts. In 2012 he received the prestigious Alex Arts Award from the Alexandria's City Council for exceptional contributions to the arts in Alexandria.

Known for his compassionate leadership skills, James is quick to deflect the spotlight from himself, preferring to praise, encourage and mentor those around him.

In James' own words: "I want to build an audience that looks forward to exploring new music along with the gems of the past. I want to support the musical art of the recent past and the present through performance, and to

encourage the creation of music for the future. I also want to build an orchestra that is the finest 'community orchestra' in the region, and do it in a way that nurtures and respects every musician and patron who participates in our efforts."

Alexandria and its arts community will be, for years to come, the beneficiaries of Ulysses' many years of exemplary leadership and service.

PHOTO BY STEVEN HALPERSON/TISARA

Wanda Dowell: Interpreting History with Integrity

BY JEANNE THEISMANN

For nearly four decades, Wanda Dowell was a fixture at Fort Ward Museum. In 1965, she filled out an application to work for the City of Alexandria.

"I wrote on the application that I was interested in Civil War history," Dowell recalled. "That got the attention of Col. Joseph Mitchell, who was director of the newly formed Fort Ward Museum. Not only did Col. Mitchell hire me, he encouraged me to succeed in a field that at the time was dominated by men."

Fort Ward, a former Union Army installation located in the West End of Alexandria, was the fifth largest fort built to defend Washington, D.C. during the Civil War. It is now called the Flagship of the Defenses of Washington and one of the best preserved and interpreted.

"When I first started, nothing was catalogued," Dowell said. "I began doing an inventory and through classes at the Smithsonian, I learned all I could about how to do exhibits and manage collections for small museums."

Dowell's efforts were rewarded in 1981 with appointments as director of Fort Ward Museum and Historic Site and as a



Wanda Dowell

board representative for the Northern Virginia Region for Virginia Civil War Trails. It was under Dowell's tutelage that the museum received accreditation from the American Association of Museums.

"We were one of the first museums in Alexandria to become accredited," Dowell said. "We are also on the National Register of Historic Places and have won state and national awards for our history education programs. Fort Ward is also one of the rea-

sons Alexandria received its first All-American City Award."

Dowell was instrumental in obtaining signage identifying Civil War fort sites that once surrounded Alexandria. Later she collaborated with other city sites in creating an Emergency Disaster Plan for Historic Properties. On 9/11, Dowell kept the museum open to aid anyone in need of help. She developed a conservation plan for the earthwork fort, one of the first such initiatives developed for earthwork fortifications, and was invited to lecture on the topic at an American Association of Museums national conference. She has lectured on small museum management topics for the Virginia Association of Museums and The Smithsonian.

She has been recognized nationally for her preservation and restoration efforts, and her numerous awards include the James R. Short Award from the Southeastern Museums Conference for "distinguished lifetime service to

the museum profession." She used her expertise in education and fundraising to develop symposia, historical camp events, programs for children, educational programs and special events. Although she retired in 2002, Dowell remains a member of the Friends of Fort Ward and after retirement served as an officer for the Civil War Roundtable of Alexandria. "Fort Ward is a unique museum," Dowell said. "It is one of the best teaching tools that we have and gives the public a whole new perspective on what happened here. We have a responsibility to see that it is preserved and I am proud that Alexandria interprets our history — the good, the bad and the ugly — with integrity. Just because you are a small museum, there is no reason you can't be a quality museum." The 85-year-old Dowell continues to serve the community through the First Baptist Church of Alexandria. She delivers Meals on Wheels, volunteers at The Clothing Closet (providing serviceable clothing to people in need), and sings with the Jubilee Singers. She has participated in mission trips to Cayman Brac and is a volunteer exercise instructor for seniors.

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Living Legends: The Project

Living Legends of Alexandria is an ongoing 501(c)(3) photo-documentary project to identify, honor and chronicle the people making current history in Alexandria.

The project was conceived in 2006 to create an enduring artistic record of the people whose vision

and dedication make a positive, tangible difference to the quality of life in Alexandria.

For information, to volunteer, become a sponsor or nominate a future Legend, visit www.AlexandriaLegends.org or contact AlexandriaLegends@outlook.com

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PHOTO BY BRADLEY HOWARD

“Whitehouse Hockey”

A Banquet of 40 Films

Alexandria Film Festival celebrates 10 years.

BY NATALIA MEGAS
GAZETTE PACKET

There are more independent film festivals in the Washington, D.C. metro area now than any other time in the area's history, and that's great for cinephiles.

One of the last metro area film festivals of the year is the Alexandria Film Festival, Nov. 10-13, celebrating 10 years of eclectic choices ranging from American to foreign films to local stories.

Patti North, who has been involved with the festival since its inception, first as a member of the city's arts council and now as executive director, says film festivals are special because they offer variety and diversity.

“The film camera can be a window of empathy Film gives you an opportunity to see that point of view and consider it on really intimate terms. It's a window not only on the world but on people,” she said. North says what makes the Alexandria Film Festival so special is their location and ability to call on area experts for panel discussions. “There will always be someone we can call upon about their expertise” on a film subject.

The four-day fest returns to the city with 40 films,

including a number of free events, post-film discussions, special events, live musical performances and special events. The festival kicks off on Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. with a free event on Market Square in historic Old Town Alexandria, a screening of the documentary “Nighthawks on the Blue Highway” <http://www.nighthawksbluehighway.com/> about a local blues band, followed by the band's concert.

The festival continues with Free Friday Screenings, a Foodie Showcase, and a Sports Showcase. Perhaps the most relevant is the Local Showcase, which will screen films like, “When Mickey Came to Town,” a short documentary about when Disney company executives tried to impose an unwanted theme park in a nearby town and “White House Hockey,” an eight-minute documentary about the longest running street hockey pickup game in America on Pennsylvania Avenue. The festival is also premiering season two of the PBS series, “Mercy Street.” Films will be screened at AMC Hoffman Center 22, Market Square and Beatley Central Library while the special events to celebrate independent films will take place throughout Alexandria.

Since its inception, the festival has had a good eye for worthy films. The festival's first year in 2007 screened “War/Dance,” a documentary by two Chevy Chase filmmakers, Sean Fines and Andrea Nix Fines, who won best film that night and later went on to be nominated

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ONGOING

Little Theatre of Alexandria: “A Party to Murder.” Through Nov. 12, various times at 600 Wolfe St. It's Halloween and six people have come to play a murder-mystery game hosted by writer Charles Prince at a rustic island cottage in Michigan. This play is a fast-paced farce, so what could go wrong? As the characters embark on a weekend of fun, ghosts from the past begin to haunt the proceedings, and it becomes clear that they are both playing for laughs and their lives. The Little Theatre of Alexandria audiences are treated to rising tensions, secret passageways, incriminating letters, unexpected corpses, and a 25-year-old unsolved mystery that will propel the audience to...well, we don't want to give away the unexpected and terrifying conclusion. Tickets are \$19-22. Visit www.thelittletheatre.com.

John M. Adams: “Current Interrupted.” Through Nov. 13, gallery hours at The Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center at Northern Virginia Community College, 4915 E. Campus Drive. Free. Visit www.thefullempty.com for more.

Matthew Grimes: “(In)Material” and “Pliant.” Through Nov. 14, gallery hours at The Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center at Northern Virginia Community College, 4915 E. Campus Drive. Free. Visit www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter for more.

Young at Art Exhibition. Through Nov. 17, gallery hours at Durant arts Center, 1605 Cameron St. Calling all senior artists. This annual event is cosponsored by Senior Services of Alexandria and Goodwin House Foundation. The Call for Art is Oct. 4, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. \$20 fee to submit up to three works of art. Visit www.seniorservicesalex.org or call Mary Lee Anderson at 703-836-4414, ext. 111 or Jeanne Jacobs at 703-824-1345.

Art Exhibit: “Serenity in Chaos.” Through Nov. 20, gallery hours at The Associates Gallery at the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. The theme of this show reflects the artist's unique view of the photographic medium. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

Post-Graduate Residency Program. Through Nov. 27, gallery hours at Target Gallery, 105 N. Union St. The Torpedo Factory Post-Graduate Master's of Fine Arts Residency is a competitive program, housed in Studio 12, where four emerging artists create and sell work, interact with the public, and network with other working artists. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

November Artist Showcase. Through Nov. 30 at Broadway Gallery Fine Art and Custom Framing, 5641-B General Washington Drive, featuring the abstract and wildlife art of local artist, Buck Nelligan. Email bev@broadwaygalleries.net.

Thursday Mornings with Kathryn Coneway. Dec. 8, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. The themes in the book, “The Artist's Rule,” will be a foundation to share experiences with creative practice. Each session will begin with a quiet time and exploration of materials before transitioning to a discussion of the

themes and practices outlined in the chapter. Participants should purchase a copy of “The Artist's Rule” and read the introduction and first chapter prior to the first meeting. Registration is \$50. Visit www.staidanepiscopal.com/Center-for-Spiritual-Deepening for more.

Art Exhibit: Color Disorder.

Through Jan. 8 at Athenaeum Gallery, 201 Prince St. Katie Baines and Amy Chan's acrylic, gouache, airbrush and screen print work on display. Sat., Nov. 13, 4-6 p.m. is opening reception. 703-548-0035, nvfaa.org.

Art Making as Meditation with Kathryn Coneway.

Second Wednesday of each month, 7-8:30 p.m. at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. Each session begins with a short reading and a brief introduction to materials. Silence for making and meditation lasts an hour followed by sharing images or insights gained through the process, if desired. Children able to participate in silence are welcome to come with a parent's quiet supervision. RSVP not necessary for attendance, but helpful for planning purposes. Email info@centerforspiritualdeepening.org.

Mercy in Alexandria Walking Tour.

Sundays at 1:30 p.m. at Alexandria Visitors Center, 221 King St. Experience an inside access tour of 19th century Alexandria. Inspired by the PBS mini-series “Mercy Street,” accompany a trained military historian through Civil War-era Alexandria and learn the actual history behind the TV show. Short tours are \$15, private tours for five are \$149. Visit www.dcmilitarytour.com for more.

“Ancient Art of Movement.”

1 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Carmen Shippy, retired professional dancer, teaches a series designed for ages 50 and above. Movements are designed to strengthen core muscles and increase flexibility. Adjustments will be made for those with physical limitations. First lesson in the series is free for non-center members. To continue lessons, a yearly membership to all Senior Center programs is \$48. Call 703-765-4573 to sign up.

Flamenco Show. Wednesdays and Thursdays, 7:30-8:30 p.m. at La Tasca, 607 King St. Watch dancers and guitarists perform traditional flamenco. Free to attend. Call 703-299-9810 or visit www.latascausa.com.

French Movie Night. Every Thursday, 7 p.m. in the back room of Fontaine Caffé & Creperie, 119 S. Royal St. View a French film. Free, no reservation necessary. Call 703-535-8151 or visit www.fontainecaffe.com/reviews.html.

Alexandria Cars and Coffee invites car enthusiasts to meet for coffee at Hollin Hall Shopping Center in front of Roseina's, 1307 Shenandoah Road. Owners of classic cars, hot rods, exotic cars, motorcycles and more meet to share car stories and drink coffee. Group meets the first Sunday of every month. 8:30-11 a.m.

Dishing up Wares for a Holiday Harvest Spread through Nov. 30 at 105 N. Union St., ground floor Studio 19. Artists riff on an abundance of raw material, creatively cooking up a table fully dressed for the holidays from the centerpiece down to the dishes. For more information, call Scope Gallery at 703-548-6288, visit scopegallery.org, or torpedofactory.org/galleries/scope

National Inventors Hall of Fame Exhibit. Through November at The National Inventors Hall of Fame-USPTO campus, 600 Dulany St. The exhibit features the stories of Inductees of the National Inventors

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Hall of Fame who served their country during World War II and returned home to help build the nation with their innovations. Free. Visit www.inventnow.org.

Second Thursday Music.

Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. 7 p.m. Second Thursday of every month. Visit 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.

THROUGH NOV. 19

School of Rock. West Potomac Theater, 6500 Quander Rd., presented by the Beyond the Page Theatre Company (BTPTC) at West Potomac High School. Show times vary: Nov. 4, 7 p.m.; Nov. 5, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Nov. 11 - 5 p.m.; Nov. 12 - 7 p.m.; Nov. 18 - 7 p.m.; Nov. 19 - 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. For more information, contact Peelee Clark at WestPoTheatre@gmail.com or 703-718-2585.

THROUGH JAN. 8

Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery:

"Geometry Glitz." Gallery hours at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. 2016. In this show, our artists have the sparkle and shine of the holidays for inspiration, with an additional focus on geometry. Explorations may focus on points,

lines, and other flat shapes, such as circles and triangles, or 3-dimensional shapes, such as spheres and cubes. Free. Visit www.potomacfiberartsgallery.com.

Bagels and Bach Concert Series

Returns. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St. Enjoy classical music from Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association's Youth Orchestras while eating a light brunch. Advance registration: resident \$10/Nonresident \$15. Children under 5 years old are free. For more information, contact Cheryl Ann Colton at 703-746-5565 or e-mail cheryllanne.colton@alexandriava.gov

WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY/NOV. 9-13

Fall Book Sale.

7-8:45 p.m. Wednesday (for members only), 10 a.m.-6:45 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m.-5:45 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Saturday, 1-3 p.m. Sunday at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Friends of Duncan Library is hosting is bi-annual book sale, the proceeds of which go to support Library programming and materials. Free. Visit friendsofduncanlibrary.org.

WEDNESDAY-MONDAY/NOV. 9-14

Alexandria Marina Welcomes Tall Ship "El Galeón." 10 a.m.-7 p.m. at City Marina, 0 Cameron St. Tours are available and tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 5-12, and free for children under age 5. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com/el-galeon.



Brandy Clark

Four-time Grammy-nominee and Country Music Association Award winning singer/songwriter Brandy Clark will be at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., on Thursday, Nov. 10 at 7:30 p.m., Tickets are \$29.50. Visit www.birchmere.com.

NOV. 9-DEC. 4

"Sound of Butterfly" Art Exhibit. 3-4:30 p.m. at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, Studio 21, 105 N. Union St. Photographer and multimedia

artist Soomin Ham explores grief through the "Sound of Butterfly." See www.theartleague.org or call 703-683-1780.

THURSDAY-SATURDAY/NOV. 10-13

Alexandria Film Festival. AMC Hoffman Center 22, 206 Swamp Fox Road and Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. The 10th annual Alexandria Film Festival brings together short and feature length films of all genres from emerging and established, local and international filmmakers. All ticketed events will be held at the AMC Hoffman Theater 22, with Beatley Central Library offering free programs to the public. Visit www.alexandriafilm.org for more.

THURSDAY/NOV. 10

Alexandria Film Festival's 10th Anniversary. 7-9 p.m. at Market Square on King St. Free outdoor movie "Nighthawks on the Blue Highway," free Nighthawks concert and free popcorn. www.AlexFilmFest.com.

Veterans Ball Dance Class. 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal St. In preparation for the Veterans Ball on Nov. 12, learn 18th-century English country dancing from expert dance instructors. Tickets are priced per person at \$12 per class or \$30 for the series. For more information, call 703-746-4242.

Brandy Clark at the Birchmere. 7:30 p.m. at the The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. She's a four-time Grammy-nominee and Country Music Association Award winning singer/

songwriter. \$29.50. Visit www.birchmere.com.

NOV. 10-JAN. 8

Katie Baines and Amy Chan: "Color Disorder." Gallery hours at Athenaeum Gallery, 201 Prince St. Both artists use diverse painting materials such as acrylic, gouache, airbrush and screen print to build energized abstract paintings. The richly layered surfaces conjure the formal elements of color, shape, and line, while also taking cues from bizarre real life objects such as coral, bolts of lightning or diatoms. Baines and Chan share an interest in color palettes that evoke meaning and the use of meticulous brushstrokes to convey control in an otherwise uncertain process. Free. Visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

FRIDAY/NOV. 11

Browne Academy Open House. 9 a.m., at Browne Academy, 5917 Telegraph Road, Call 703-960-3000, ext. 1001 to register or to schedule a private tour.

A Dawn Like Thunder: Africa, Black America, and World War II. 11 a.m. at Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. Historian CR Gibbs discusses the often neglected role African people played in WWII and the impact it had. For more information, call 703-746-4356.

Gadsby's Tavern Museum tours in Honor of Veterans. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal St. Gadsby's Tavern was the center of social and political life in Alexandria and Washington. For more tour information, call 703.746.4242 or visit



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3 Restaurants to Warm Up When Weather Turns Cold

BY HOPE NELSON
GAZETTE PACKET

The dawn of November doesn't necessarily jibe with 80-degree days, but by all accounts, the unseasonably warm weather may finally be coming to an end in favor of a cool autumnal chill. Here are three restaurants that are sure to get the chill out.

Hard Times Café, 1404 King St.

When it comes to cold-weather meals, there are few more quintessential — or substantive — than chili. Which just so happens to be Hard Times Café's stock-in-trade. From spicy Terlingua Red to sweet Cincinnati to a vegetarian version that doesn't miss a beat, diners of all stripes are welcome at the table.

APPETITE

A bowl of the chili of your choice is great by itself; paired with spaghetti in a Chili Mac, or corn chips in a Frito Chili Pie, the piping-hot stew shines. Don't care for chili in the first place? The café's got you covered anyway. Try a burger, the barbecue chicken sandwich, or even a salad — and wash the whole thing down with a Hard Times Lager to complete the meal.

Caphe Banh Mi, 407 Cameron St.

Akin to chili, a bowl of piping-hot pho is sure to warm the body and spirit on a cold day. Whether beefy or meatless, the brothy, noodle-laden Vietnamese staple offers diners a bowl of comfort in an in-

stant — and in terms of pho purveyors, you could do much worse than Caphe Banh Mi.

The small restaurant has earned quite a following since it opened several years back; as evidence, one simply needs to walk along the 400 block of Cameron Street on nearly any evening to see the gaggle of patrons waiting outside for their chance at a table. But the meal is worth the wait. The pho is hearty and teeming with flavor, and the other menu items, such as the various renditions of vermicelli, are equally satiating.

Dishes of India, 1510 Belle View Blvd.

Spicy and full of flavor, the dishes at Dishes of India provide a different kind of warmth for the wintertime, but it's a comforting experience just the same. Tucked away in an unassuming downstairs spot within the Belle View Shopping Center, the restaurant opens up an unexpected world.

From rich, hearty channa masala — chickpeas in a sauce teeming with Indian spices — to vindaloo biryani, a rice-based dish incorporated tandoori-roasted chicken and a spicy sauce, Dishes of India's menu is sure to warm you up in a multitude of ways, from the temperature of the dishes to the spiciness inherent in each. Order some naan bread to take the edge off, and maybe a saucer of rice pudding to cool your taste buds back down for dessert, and you'll be ready to face the winter months head-on.

Hope Nelson owns and operates the Kitchen Recessionista blog, located at www.kitchenrecessionista.com. Email her any time at hope@kitchenrecessionista.com.

CALENDAR

www.gadsbystavern.org.

"Friends of Rocky Versace"

Veterans' Day Ceremony. 1 p.m. at the Captain Rocky Versace Plaza and Vietnam Veterans' Memorial, Mount Vernon Recreation Center, 2701 Commonwealth Ave. The one-hour, indoor ceremony will honor posthumous Medal of Honor recipient, Ranger Hall of Fame inductee, Distinguished Member of the Special Forces Regiment and Distinguished Member of The Old Guard Regiment, Captain Rocky Versace, the 66 other Alexandrians who died during the Vietnam War and all veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces in attendance.

"Highest Honor" Banner Reveal.

6:30-8 p.m. at Torpedo Factory, 105 N Union St. In collaboration with military veterans from The Art League's IMPart program, artist and League instructor Andy Yoder constructed a site-specific, suspended, 25-ft triangular banner for the Torpedo Factory Art Center's atrium. Visit www.torpedofactory.org.

Mount Vernon Inn Fall Farm.

7-10 p.m. at Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Highway, Mount Vernon. Join the Mount Vernon Inn for a special dinner featuring products cultivated and produced on the estate. Mount Vernon Inn invites guests to taste the season's freshest ingredients with a dash of history during its popular culinary event, Farm to Table. Guests will enjoy a flavorful five-course dinner, with wine pairings at the Mount Vernon Inn Restaurant. The dinner features produce and herbs cultivated on the estate, as well as estate-raised heritage breed livestock. Tickets are

\$175 per person. Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.

St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School presents The Good Woman of Setzuan. 7:30 p.m. at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School, Chapel/Performing Arts Center, 1000 St. Stephen's Road, Alexandria. The play is set in a far, distant land focusing on Shen Te, is a poor but warmhearted prostitute who is accused of murder. Due to subject matter, this show is recommended for an eighth grade audience and older. Tickets are \$5, for more information, go to www.sssas.org/arts or 703-212-2950

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/NOV. 11-13

Comedian Paula Poundstone. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Paula Poundstone's quick-thinking, unscripted approach to comedy makes for a perfect fit as a regular panelist on NPR's #1 show, the weekly news quiz show "Wait Wait ... Don't Tell Me" where she holds the record for game losses. Tickets are \$49.50. Visit www.birchmere.com for more.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/NOV. 11-12

The Little Mermaid. 7:30 p.m., at Bryant Alternative High School, 2709 Popkins Lane. Mount Vernon Community Children's Theatre presents Disney's The Little Mermaid. \$12 admission, for more information contact Pam Peckar at 703-360-0686 or email admin@mvcct.org.

SATURDAY/NOV. 12
Beyond the Battlefield Walking

Tour. 10 a.m. starting at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Discover the real-life stories and locations of soldiers, citizens, and former slaves that inspired the PBS drama "Mercy Street" in this walking tour of Old Town. Tickets are \$15. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org for more.

Civil War Tours at Fort Ward in honor of Veteran's Day.

10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at Fort Ward Museum, 4301 West Braddock Road. Soldier-led tours of historic Fort Ward in commemoration of Veteran's Day. Event is weather-dependent. For more information, call Fort Ward Museum at 703-746-4848 or visit fortward.org.

Veteran's Ball at Gadsby's Tavern Museum.

8-11 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. English Country dances, live music, cash bar, and period-inspired desserts will be featured and a special recognition of all veterans. Although 1780s period costume (military or civilian) is optional, "after five" attire is encouraged. For more information, visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

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Making Herbal Holiday and Hostess Gifts. 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701

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Seminary Road. Learn to use dried herbs to make gifts. Learn how to make herbal soaps in a crockpot too. Free. Advance registration requested at mgnv.org. Questions, telephone 703-228-6414 or email mgarlalex@gmail.com.

Oral History Project. 11 a.m.-12 p.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Bring your family heirloom and stories for a history “show-and-tell” co-sponsored by the Alexandria Library and Office of Historic Alexandria. Oral historians will be on hand to document the objects and stories as part of the City’s oral history archive. Participants should arrive a few minutes early to complete consent forms. All are welcome to come and enjoy local history through the perspective of fellow residents. Free. Visit www.historicalexandria.org.

Empty Bowls Alexandria. 6 p.m. at Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St. Northern Virginia Community College’s Fine Arts Department at the Alexandria Campus has partnered with the local organization ALIVE! (Alexandrians InVolved Ecumenically) and will donate handcrafted, one-of-a-kind bowls for the Second Annual Empty Bowls Alexandria. Attendees and donors will enjoy a simple meal and receive handmade bowls made by NOVA students as gifts. Tickets for this event start at \$30 per person. Visit www.alive-inc.org for more.

Stroll the Boardwalk and Study the Night Sky at Huntley Meadows. 6-8 p.m. at 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Take a peek at what’s new in the dark skies over the wetlands at Huntley Meadows. \$8. Call 703-768-2525 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows-park/calendar.htm.

SUNDAY/NOV. 13

Women of Civil War Alexandria Walking Tour. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Learn more about women’s roles during the Civil War in Alexandria. Alexandria was in a unique position during the Civil War. It was a city with Southern sympathies continuously occupied by the Union Army and virtually operating as a Northern supply depot due to its proximity to Washington, D.C., and its transportation infrastructure. The women who remained in Alexandria and those who came during occupation experienced the War not as a battle but a day-to-day way of life. This tour will explore the stories of a diverse group of women and their experiences living in Civil War Alexandria. Tickets are \$15. Visit www.nwhm.org/get-involved/events/walking-tours.

The Little Mermaid. 3 p.m., at Bryant Alternative High School, 2709 Popkins Lane. Mount Vernon Community Children’s Theatre presents Disney’s The Little Mermaid. \$12 admission, for more information contact Pam Peckar at 703-360-0686 or email admin@mvcct.org.

Jazz Piano Concert. 3-5 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Improviser, composer and educator John Stetch plays re-arrangements of Mozart, Bach and Chopin. A reception to meet the artist will follow the performance. \$30 by cash or check; students free. twgculturalfund@gmail.com

Capitol Steps Benefit. 5 p.m. at U.S. Patent & Trademark Office, 600 Dulany St. United Community Ministries hosts a 25th annual Capitol Steps Benefit. Tickets are \$80 and include food, wine, beer, and soda. Visit www.ucmagency.org for more.

MONDAY/NOV. 14

Holiday Container Gardening. 7-8:30 p.m. at Mount Vernon Recreation Center, 2701 Commonwealth Ave. Learn some tips and tricks for keeping greenery fresh and for selecting plants for winter long interest in containers. Free. Advance registration requested at mgnv.org, 703-228-6414 or email mgarlalex@gmail.com, or to ABC at 703-746-4550 or AlexandriaBeautification@gmail.com.

Light It Up! Citizens Committee. 7:30 p.m. Los Tios Restaurant, 2615 Mount Vernon Ave. Promotion to get lights installed at the outdoor basketball courts at Potomac Yard. Upcoming events to support this cause include a three-point shooting contest at four City Recreation Centers on Dec. 3, and the finals of the three point shooting contest at T.C. Williams High School on Dec.13.

TUESDAY/NOV. 15

Homeschool Program: The Apothecary and the Civil War. 1-2:30 p.m. at Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105-107 S. Fairfax St. What was the Apothecary’s role during the Civil War? What did it sell? How did it stay in business? Learn this and more as visitors delve into the Civil War and medicine through the lens of the Apothecary. Tickets are \$8 per child, adults free. Pre-registration is required. Visit shop.alexandriava.gov.

Mt. Vernon Evening Lions Club Dinner Meeting. 6:30 p.m. at 8430 Richmond Highway. Learn about the Lions, a service organization which is celebrating its 100th year. 703-619-5005

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 16

How to Bring Nature Home. 7:30 p.m. at Huntley Meadows Park Visitor Center, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. “Hometown Habitat, Stories of Bringing Nature Home,” is an 8-part, 90-minute documentary by Catherine Zimmerman that explores how we can restore and incorporate nature into every landscape and redefine our relationship with nature, a practice some call conservation landscaping. Free. Visit themeadowproject.com.

THURSDAY/NOV. 17

Historic Pohick Church Christmas Mart. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Pohick Episcopal Church is located at 9301 Richmond Hwy. For more information see www.pohick.org or call 703-339-6572.

Preschool Scholarship Gala. 7-10 p.m. at Westin Alexandria, 400 Courthouse Square. The inaugural Chairman’s Hopkins House Preschool Scholarship Gala is an event to raise critical funds to provide preschool scholarships to deserving low-resourced, working and military families. Tickets are \$250. Visit www.hopkinshouse.org for more.

Living Legends of Alexandria Host Beaujolais Nouveau Party. 7 p.m. at 901 Pitt St. The event features a wine tasting, holiday shopping, music, food and an opportunity to view the 2016 Living legends Exhibit and meet Living Legends. Tickets are available for purchase at <https://llawine.eventbrite.com>. Proceeds from the event will support Living Legends of Alexandria and the Family Legends Project. For information, to volunteer, become a sponsor or nominate a future Legend, visit www.AlexandriaLegends.org or contact AlexandriaLegends@outlook.com

Simply Three. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Tickets are \$25. Call 703



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“Night-
hawks on
the Blue
Highway.”

40 Films Form Festival

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for an Academy Award.

Of 200 films this year, as well as countless others curated outside of submissions, the festival screeners dwindled their choices down to 40, making for a rich and assorted slate of films, including foreign films from Brazil, China, Spain, Sweden, Egypt, and France, the latter offering a dramatic feature short called “Far-West’ about a young man returning home to the countryside and “Pearl of Africa” about transgender women in Uganda.

Anne Merrill from Arlington, who has been attending the festival for the past seven years said, “Attendees should expect to be surprised by films that work their way into your heart and mind and stay with you for months after you first see them.”

The festival, which is run by volunteers and sup-

ported by a grant from the Alexandria Commission for the Arts along with corporate and individual sponsors, keeps going because everyone involved shares the love of cinema, says North. “I’ve always loved film since a little kid.”

Dennis McDonald of Alexandria, who has been attending for the past two years, says the opportunity to see smaller independent but well-produced films on the big screen at the festival, “is a special treat.”

“If the next festival is like last year’s, expect a lot of variety in theme, subject, tone and creativity,” he said. “The more you see, the more likely you are to find a real gem.”

The festival offers an all-festival pass for an early rate of \$50 per ticket that gains admission to all ticketed events at AMC Hoffman Theatre, the Meet the Filmmakers Happy Hour, and the Closing Awards Ceremony and Reception. Visit alexfilmfest.com.

549-7500 or visit www.birchmere.com for more.

Community Dance with the Mount Vernon Swing Band. 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. \$4. Call 703-765-4573 or email Mary.bilowus@fairfaxcounty.gov.

FRIDAY/NOV. 18

Various Small Fires artist reception. 7-9 p.m. Torpedo Factory, at 105 N. Union St. Isabel Cureux’s “Various Small Fires,” an artwork exhibit, explores how each small event in our life creates who we are.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/NOV. 18-19

The Little Mermaid. 7:30 p.m., at Bryant Alternative High School, 2709 Popkins Lane. Mount Vernon Community Children’s Theatre presents Disney’s The Little Mermaid. \$12 admission, for more information contact Pam Peckar at 703.360.0686 or email admin@mvcct.org.

SATURDAY/NOV. 19

Benefit 5K Race. 8:30 a.m. at Mount Vernon High School, 8515 Old Mount Vernon Road. Community benefit for the neediest children. \$25 pre-race, \$30 day of the race.Pre-race Packet Pick Up Friday, Nov. 18 3-7 p.m. Contact Lee M. Britton, NCSSW 703-660-2000.

Family Volunteer Day 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Address and directions will be sent by e-mail after you signing up. To sign up your family, please choose the ‘Sign up as a team’ option and list all of your family members with their ages. For more information, go to Volunteer Alexandria <http://www.VolunteerAlexandria.org>.

Community Holiday Shop. 9:30

a.m.-4 p.m. at Mt Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane in Mt. Vernon. A local tradition that includes 50 artisans, orchids, chutneys, cakes, and pies, upscale resale, handmade quilt raffle, and a homemade lunch shop. For more information, go to mvuc.org.

Quilt Raffle. 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m., at Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane. The quilt “It’s a beautiful day in the neighborhood” will be raffled (\$1/ticket) at the Holiday Shop in Mount Vernon. The Holiday Shop includes 50 artisans, a room of orchids, chutneys, cakes, and pies, upscale resale, and a homemade lunch shop spread out over two building and manicured grounds. Mvuc.org.

Beyond the Battlefield Walking Tour. 10 a.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. A guided walking tour of Civil War sites in Historic Old Town. The tour will last approximately 2.5 hours and cover a route of 1.75 miles. Advance tickets are \$15 through the museum’s website, or \$20 the day of the program. www.leefendallhouse.org,

703-548-1789.

Cider Tasting Festival. 7-9:30 p.m. at The Lyceum, Alexandria’s History Museum, 201 S. Washington St. The cider tasting highlights Celebrate Virginia Cider Week, Nov. 11-20. All week participating restaurants and retail stores to taste and purchase Virginia Cider. A passport can be picked up at the Alexandria Visitor Center, The Lyceum, and participating businesses. For list of participating sites and details about the passport and contest, visit alexandriava.gov/Historic.

Country-Western Dance. 7-9:30 p.m. at the Lincolnia Senior Center, 4710 N. Chambliss St. The dance is sponsored by the The Northern Virginia Country-Western Dance Association. Admission for NVCWDA members \$10; non-members \$12; children under 18 accompanied by a paying adult \$5. Smoke-free, alcohol-free. BYO refreshments. For more information go to www.nvcwda.org or call 703-860-4941.

SUNDAY/NOV. 20

Carpenter’s Run for Shelter. 8 a.m. at USPTO Building, 600 Dulany St. Run for Shelter, featuring a 5K, 10K and Fun Run is a great way to get your entire family involved and giving back to the community this fall. Race to end homelessness.

Spirituality in Nature. 1:30-4:30 p.m. at United Methodist Church, 109 S. Washington St. Meet along

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the Potomac watershed to walk and do guided spiritual exercises together. Meet at the Dyke Marsh trailhead which is close to the Belle Haven Marina. office@fairlingtonumc.org or 804-837-9850.

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James Madison at Gadsby's Tavern Restaurant. 3-4:30 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Restaurant, 134 N. Royal St. John Douglas Hall takes on the persona of James Madison in appearance, in content, and syntax. Check-in is at Gadsby's Tavern Museum. For more information, visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

THURSDAY/NOV. 24

Turkey Trot. 9 a.m. at George Washington Middle School, 1005 Mount Vernon Ave. A Thanksgiving morning tradition, this fast, flat, USATF-certified 5-mile course through the heart of Del Ray. Registration is \$5-25. Visit www.alexandriaturkeytrot.com for more.

SATURDAY/NOV. 26

Collective Delusion. 8 p.m. at Alley Cat, 2 S. Whiting St. Local band plays rock songs from '70s to present. Free. Visit www.CollectiveDelusion.net.

Small Business Saturday. The Chamber purchased special bags to be filled with take-aways, maps of participating businesses, coupons, and other items from Chamber members. Provide gift cards to be

placed in random bags or take away items for all bags. Bags will be given away at the Market Square in Old Town and the Holy Cow! In Del Ray. sbolouri@alexchamber.com

MONDAY/NOV. 28

Veterans in Alexandria: Talent Ready to Serve, Ready to Work, and Ready to Grow. 6:30 p.m. at The Hermitage, 5000 Fairbanks Ave. Members \$32 (nonmembers \$37); after November 25 members \$37 (nonmembers \$42)]. Program only at 7:15 free to members; \$5 for nonmembers. Reservations required. Call Sherry Brown at 703-548-7089 or email agendaalexandria@aol.com.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 30

Body Prayer with Cheryl Sabo. 7:30-9 a.m. at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. Coming out of the Eastern tradition of yoga, through healing music and simple exercises, this workshop will explore opening and nourishing the sacred energy centers of the body. 703-360-3415

THURSDAY/DEC. 1

Steep Canyon Rangers Concert. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere 3701 Mt Vernon Ave. The Bluegrass sounds of The Rangers can be heard as the play songs off their new album "RADIO," produced by the legendary Dobro virtuoso Jerry Douglas of Alison Krauss and Union Station. Visit www.birchmere.com.

2016 Mary Thonen Richmond Highway Beautification Awards. 4:30-7 p.m. at the TownePlace Suites, 8632 Woodlawn Court. Awards held in conjunction



with the grand opening of the TownePlace Suites in Woodlawn. Visit www.sfdc.org.

FRIDAY/DEC. 2

Metropolitan School of the Arts features the Nutcracker. 7 p.m. at the Northern Virginia Community College, Ernst Cultural Center at the Annandale Campus at 8333 Little River Turnpike. Ticket prices range from \$26.50 to \$30 and can be purchased online at www.metropolitanarts.org.

DEC. 1-17

"Adventures With Mr. Bear."

Various times at The Lab at Convergence, 1819 N. Quaker Lane. One cozy winter afternoon, a young girl and her favorite stuffed animal, Mr. Bear, play a game of hide and seek which evolves into a series of exciting adventures. Together, they embark on a journey of endless possibilities - all from the comfort of her playroom. Tickets are \$9. Visit www.ArtsOnTheHorizon.org.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/DEC. 2-3

46th Annual Scottish Christmas Walk Weekend. a full lineup of festivities that celebrate the Scottish

Quilt Raffle

The quilt "It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood," will be raffled at the largest and oldest Holiday Shop in Mt. Vernon District Saturday, Nov. 19, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m., at Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane. \$1 per ticket.

heritage of Old Town Alexandria including Scottish Christmas Walk Parade, Heather and Greens Sales, Taste of Scotland, Holiday Home Tours and Deck the Halls with Santa. For parade application and ticket sale information, go here: www.campaigncenter.org/scottishwalkweekend

Premiere of New Ballet to

"Daphnis and Chloe" 3-5 p.m. at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center 4915 E Campus Dr. BalletNova Associate Artistic Director Constance Walsh presents a premiere of her new work choreographed to Daphnis and Chloe. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased online or at the door.

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Democrats Re-elect Beyer But Lose the Country

FROM PAGE 1

Leadership, the big win for Republicans could mean substantial changes for the country.

“The win, because it means that the GOP will control the executive and both houses of Congress, almost surely means the next Congress will act on major tax legislation focused on cutting rates,” said Shafroth in an email. “Moreover, major tax reform has been a key priority for Speaker Ryan. So we should expect to see proposals to significantly reduce rates on individuals and businesses — likely the most profound tax reform package since the 1986 tax reform legislation. I would guess it will be the most significant, early bill signed into law by the new President.”

According to Shafroth, changes to tax laws could have a major impact, and add a major burden, to localities.

“The issue, as it was from 1984-1986, for state and local leaders will hinge on how such sharp reductions in ordinary and capital gains tax rates are offset or paid for,” said Shafroth. “With federal tax expenditures the largest and fastest growing part of the federal budget — and with little chance of gaining revenues from any reductions in Medicare or Medicaid, it would seem likely, as with former President Reagan, that the deductibility of state and local taxes and municipal bonds will be items on the “pay-for” options menu. The federal deficit, after all, in the last fiscal year, grew by more than 25 percent over last year to \$587 billion. With Americans living longer than any previous generation, and, thus, Medicare and Social Security going up — there will be a big squeeze Because the House spending plan... would reduce individual and corporate tax rates, however, one should anticipate that cities, counties, states, and schools, even if bonds were not legislatively changed, would be forced to offer higher interest rates. Yet,

U.S. Rep. Donald Beyer (center) with his wife Megan Beyer (left) and U.S. Rep. Bobby Scott at an Election Night party held in the State Theatre in Falls Church.



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Republican Congressional 8th District Candidate Charles Hernick (R-8) and Chesley Wiseman at an Election Night party at Texas Jack's Barbecue.

Unofficial Election Results

Source: <http://results.elections.virginia.gov/>

PRESIDENT

Virginia Results

Hillary Clinton (D)	1,904,700	49.46%
Donald J. Trump (R)	1,722,045	44.72%
Gary Johnson (L)	115,330	2.99%
Evan McMullin (I)	52,538	1.36%
Jill Stein (G)	27,138	0.70%

City of Alexandria Results

Hillary Clinton (D)	57,147	75.89%
Donald J. Trump (R)	13,241	17.58%
Gary Johnson (L)	2,016	2.68%
Evan McMullin (I)	1,391	1.85%
Jill Stein (G)	589	0.78%

U.S. Congress

Member House of Representatives (08)

Donald S. Beyer Jr. (D)	245,775	68.36%
Charles A. Hernick (R)	98,123	27.29%
Julio Gracia (I)	14,617	4.07%

because of the President-elect's vow to rebuild America, and the federal government's increasing inability to afford rebuilding America, it would seem there is already implicit recognition that the actual rebuilding will have to be accomplished by state and local governments.”

William McCarthy goes to the polls with his parents, though as a minor he is unable to cast a ballot in the election.



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Jerry Lipson heads into Alexandria's Nannie J. Lee Recreation Center to cast his vote.

BULLETIN BOARD

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Commonwealth Ave. Open to the public.
Dementia Caregivers Conference.

8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Alexandria, 2932 King St. 30th Annual Northern Virginia Dementia Care Consortium Caregivers Conference, “Gems: A Treasure Chest of Ideas,” will have speakers and resources on topics important to caregivers. The \$30 fee includes continental breakfast, lunch, materials, and certificate of attendance. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Caregivers Conference.

School Open House. 9-11 a.m. at Burgundy Farm Country Day School, 3700 Burgundy Road, Alexandria. School serves pre-kindergarten to 8th grade. Childcare available. Call 703-329-6968 to RSVP or schedule a personal tour. Visit www.burgundyfarm.org for more.

Blood Drive. 12:30-6 p.m. at Alexandria Chapter House, 123 N. Alfred St. To make an appointment to give blood, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Donors are encouraged to make

appointments and complete the RapidPass online health history questionnaire at redcrossblood.org/rapidpass to save time when donating.

SATURDAY/NOV. 12

City Council Public Hearing. 9:30 a.m. at City Hall, Council Chamber, 301 King St. For more information, contact City Clerk, CityClerkStaff@alexandriava.gov, 703.746.4500.

MONDAY/NOV. 14

Legislative Forum on Aging Issues. 9:45-11:30 a.m. at the Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St. Arlington and Alexandria Commissions on Aging present an interactive forum to discuss issues that impact older adults, persons with disabilities and their caregivers. For more information and to RSVP contact the Arlington Agency on Aging at arlaaa@arlingtonva.us or by phone 703-228-1747.

The North Potomac Yard Small Area Plan Update Advisory Group meeting. 7 p.m. in the

community room at the Station at Potomac Yard, 650 Maskell St. The meeting topics include affordable housing, an introduction to transportation-related issues, and follow-up to the September meeting's land use discussion. For more information, contact Richard Lawrence, Project Manager, 703.746.3849.

North Potomac Yard SAP Advisory Group Meeting #9. 7 p.m. at the Station at Potomac Yard, 650 Maskell St. For more information, contact Richard Lawrence, richard.lawrence@alexandriava.gov, 703-746-3849.

TUESDAY/NOV. 15

Blood Drive. 12:30-6 p.m. at Alexandria Chapter House, 123 N. Alfred St. To make an appointment to give blood, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Donors are encouraged to make appointments and complete the RapidPass online health history questionnaire at redcrossblood.org/rapidpass to save time when donating.

Old Town North SAP Advisory Group Meeting 7 p.m. Location to be determined. For more information, contact Nancy Williams, nancy.williams@alexandriava.gov, 703-746-3858.

THURSDAY/NOV. 17

Alexandria City Public Schools Curriculum Seminar. 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Samuel Tucker Elementary School Library, 435 Ferdinand Day Drive. An overview of how the Alexandria City Public Schools develops, evaluates and modifies its curriculum. Sponsored by the Samuel Tucker Elementary School PTA. 703-933-6300.

American Association of University Women's “Citizen Response to Active Incidents”. 7-8:45 p.m. at Cameron Station Clubhouse, 200 Cameron Station Blvd., Speaker: Officer Charles Lloyd, Alexandria Police Department Crime Prevention Office. danielleAAUW@gmail.com, 202-494-9796.

THURSDAY-FRIDAY/NOV. 24-25
City offices closed for Thanksgiving.

MONDAY/NOV. 28

Old Town North SAP Community Meeting. 7 p.m. at City Hall, Sister Cities Room 1101, 301 King St. For more information, contact Nancy Williams, nancy.williams@alexandriava.gov, 703-746-3858.

TUESDAY/NOV. 29

City Council Legislative Meeting. 6 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chamber, 301 King St. For more information, contact City Clerk, CityClerkStaff@alexandriava.gov, 703-746-4500.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 30

Police-Clergy Breakfast 7:50-9:20 a.m., at the Alexandria Police Department, 3600 Wheeler Ave. The breakfast is an opportunity for police, clergy, lay religious leaders, and civic leaders to strengthen networks and to learn how each group works to strengthen community life. \$9 per person. To R.S.V.P., call 703-461-1758.

PEOPLE

Trinity United Methodist Church Receives Historic Marker

The Jamestown Chapter of the National Society of Colonial Dames 17th Century presented Trinity United Methodist Church in Alexandria with a historical plaque commemorating its continuous service to the Alexandria community since 1774 on Sept. 11, 2016.

Honored guests were President General, Elizabeth Snuggs McAteer, National Society Colonial Dames XVIIC, Nan Ackerman, Librarian General, National Society Colonial Dames XVIIC and Honorary Past Virginia President, National Society Colonial Dames XVIIC, Kathleen Deegen, Honorary Past Virginia President, National Society Colonial Dames, Virginia Huertes Rouse, Headquarters Supervisor, National Society Colonial Dames XVIIC and Virginia State Society Registrar, Emily Richardson, President, Virginia Society, National Society Colonial Dames XVIIC, Jacque-Lynne Amann Schulman, President National, National Society United States Daughters of 1812 and National Registrar, Jamestown Society and Governor of the Washington – Northern Virginia Company of the Jamestown Society. Jeff Mickle, District Superintendent of the Alexandria District of the United

Methodist Church and other district employees also attended this historical ceremony.

Jamestown Chapter Officers participating in the ceremony were Nancy Hill, President; Sarah Hardy, 1st Vice President; Brenda Wesner, Treasurer and Past President, Virginia Huertes Rouse, Registrar and Honorary Past President; and Kitty Hoeck, Historian. A number of Jamestown Chapter and Trinity United Methodist members also attended the ceremony. It was an afternoon of celebration and fellowship.

The Rev. William A. Davis, pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church, welcomed all of those who attended the ceremony. Tom Tyler, member of the Trinity United Methodist Church, provided the history of the church. Emily Richardson, Virginia State Society, presented the plaque to Jill Robinson and Elizabeth Tyler.

The Jamestown Chapter of the National Society Colonial Dames XVIIC was chartered on Dec. 15, 1956. The National Society Colonial Dames XVIIC was founded on July 15, 1915 and is headquartered in Washington, D.C. The mission of the National Society Colonial Dames XVIIC is to aid in the preservation of the records and the historic sites of the country.



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Front row: Eliza Tyler, Trinity United Methodist Church; Nancy Hill, President, Jamestown Chapter, National Society Colonial Dames XVIIC; Elizabeth Snuggs McAteer, President General, National Society Colonial Dames XVIIC; Emily Richardson, President, Virginia State Society, National Society Colonial Dames XVIIC. Back row: Jill Robinson, Trinity United Methodist Church; Tom Tyler, Trinity United Methodist Church; Reverend William A. Davis, Pastor, Trinity United Methodist Church

Sheriff's Office Salutes Volunteers at Luncheon

More than 200 volunteers help the Sheriff's Office deliver services to inmates and to the public, and the Sheriff's Office recently honored those volunteers with an appreciation luncheon.

About 50 volunteers attended the annual appreciation luncheon on Thursday, Oct. 27 at the Faith Activities Center at First Baptist Church. Inmate Services staff shared a video of inmates and Sheriff's Office staff thanking the volunteers for their commitment and for the variety of services they provide. Volunteers deliver programming like religious services and studies, life skills training, sobriety support groups, tutoring for educational work and GED preparation, and other areas that can

help prepare inmates for successful reentry.

Community leader and former president and CEO of the Northern Virginia Urban League Lavern Chatman served as guest speaker. After lunch was served, Chatman joined Sheriff Dana Lawhorne in presenting certificates of appreciation and a gift to each volunteer.

In his closing remarks, Lawhorne told the volunteers that they fill in important gaps for inmate programs that the Sheriff's Office staff could not meet without them. He added that volunteers should never underestimate the value of what they do because they do make a true difference in the lives of inmates.



Kristopher Futrell (center) receives a certificate of appreciation from Sheriff Dana Lawhorne (left) and Lavern Chatman.

Learning about Government

Webelos of Pack 602, all residents of Alexandria and in the Scouts' Colonial District, National Capital Area Council, met Thursday, Nov. 3 with Alexandria Mayor Allison Silberberg in City Hall. The mayor highlighted the importance of education, following dreams, participating in government and taking on challenges in the community. From left are (top row): Webelo Den Leader Andrew Moore, Silberberg; (bottom row) Jack Snowden, Nicolas Fortune, Benjamin Moore, Fynn Stohs, Eli Glanz, Kyle Burner, and Patrick Thomas.



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PEGGY WARD BARBER

Departed her Earthly life 20 years ago on November 9, 1996.

The years may wipe out many things, But this they wipe out never, The memory of those happy days, When we were all together. With Love, Marvin, Tracy and Family



PEOPLE



Many of the people attending the EOD Wounded Warrior fundraiser on Nov. 6 enjoyed a balmy afternoon on the dock of the Old Dominion Boat Club.



EOD technicians demonstrated bomb-handling robots for the public outside the Old Dominion Boat Club during the fundraiser.

Supporting Wounded Warriors

American Legion and Old Dominion Boat Club lead fundraiser.

The Sons of the American Legion of Alexandria and Leesburg sponsored a fundraiser at the Old Dominion Boat Club on Nov. 6. The

money raised from donations, a silent auction and raffle sales will support Explosive Ordnance Disposal technicians in the U.S. military who have been wounded or injured in combat or combat support operations. The specialty is one of the most dangerous occupations in the military.

The Boat Club annually opens its doors to the public and joins with the American Legion and the EOD Warrior Foundation to raise money for this worthy cause. Last year's event raised \$100,000.



Mayor Allison Silberberg welcomed attendees at the fundraiser and praised the donors.

PHOTOS BY MICHAEL K. BOHN



Spanish Galleon Visits

The center span of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge opens to allow the tall ship El Galeon to pass en route to the Alexandria City Marina during the evening hours of Nov. 8. The full-size reconstructed Spanish galleon will be docked in Alexandria Nov. 9-14 with daily tours available from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tickets are available in advance at the Visitor Center, 221 King St., or online. Tickets may also be purchased at the entrance to the vessel at the marina. Ticket prices are \$10 adult, \$5 children under 12 and free for children under 5. For more information, visit www.visitaalexandriava.com.



The tall ship El Galeon prepares to dock at the Alexandria City Marina during the evening hours of Nov. 8.

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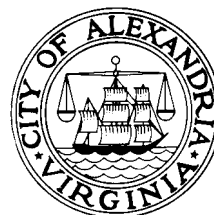
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Public Hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, City of Alexandria, Virginia, on Saturday, November 12, 2016, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon as may be heard on the hereinafter described items.

AN ORDINANCE making supplemental appropriations for the support of the government of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, for fiscal year 2017.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the adoption of supplemental appropriations for the operation of the city government in fiscal year 2017.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Article F (PERMIT PARKING DISTRICTS) of Chapter 8 (PARKING AND TRAFFIC REGULATIONS) of Title 5 (TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, by adding Section 5-8-84 (PAY BY PHONE PARKING FEE WITHIN A RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING DISTRICT).

The proposed ordinance updates the City Code to enact a pilot program to add a Pay by Phone parking fee to certain residential blocks.

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the owner of the property located at 3000 Potomac Avenue to construct and maintain an encroachment for a vault for electric transformers under the sidewalk right-of-way at that location.

The proposed ordinance permits an encroachment for an electric transformer to be located underneath the sidewalk right-of-way at 3000 Potomac Avenue as part of a new development.

PUBLIC HEARING on the Proposed City Legislative Package for the 2017 General Assembly Session.

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.

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Lightweight Women's 8 and their coach at the head of the Hooch in Chattanooga.

Finishing Fall Season

ODBC rowers took 17 boats to the water in two separate regattas to finish the fall rowing season on Nov. 5-6, capturing 6 medals and strong performances by a number of boats. The ODBC Men's and Women's Second 8s and Lightweight boats competed at the Head of the Hooch Regatta in Chattanooga, Tenn., while the First 8s, a number of 4-seats, lower boats, and singles competed locally at the Head of the Occoquan (HOTO) Regatta.

Billing itself as the "Last of the Great Fall Regattas," the Hooch included more than 200 boats in the two-day event. With warm weather at both venues, racing on Saturday, Nov. 5, began with ODBC Second 8 Men and Women competing against dozens on First 8 boats from top schools and clubs from around the country and overseas. First up for ODBC, the Women's 2V rowed the 5000 meter course with a time of 18:20.2, finishing 24th out of 73 boats. The Men's 2V also rowed a strong race against a competitive 62-boat field, finishing 32nd with a time of 16:52.3.

On the same day but 600 miles from the Hooch, three women from the ODBC First 8 spent part of their Saturday racing in single boats on the 5000 meter course at the HOTO Regatta to "warm up" for their 1V race the following day. T.C. Williams seniors Reed Kenny and Katy Murphy earned the silver and bronze medals, respectively, with times of 23:22.95 and 23:45:06. T.C. sophomore Blythe Markel placed 7th with a time of 24:16.53.

Early the next morning in Chattanooga, the ODBC Men's and Women's Lightweight 8s hit the water. The Men's Lights raced first, placing 12th out of 22 boats with a time of 16:41.8. Next, the Women's Light 8s blazed down the course and scored the silver medal in their 20-boat race with a time of 17:31.6,

a little more than 3 seconds after first place Cincinnati Jr. Rowing club and 8 seconds ahead of 3rd place Detroit Boat Club. The ODBC Women's Lightweight 8s include rowers Charlotte Carey, Lauren Kelly, Alyish Motsinger, Emily DeBodene, Astrid Henkle, Cecilia Fernandez, Chloe Marsh, and Anissa Ashraf, and coxswain Paula Filios.

Later on Sunday morning at the HOTO, the ODBC Men's First and Third 8s started the day racing in the Men's Youth 8 Upper Boat category with 27 other boats. The First 8 placed 4th with a time of 16:41.51.

Next up, the ODBC Women's First and Third 8s competed in the 30-boat Women's Youth 8 Upper Boat category, where the First 8s took the bronze medal with a time of 18:09.12. Members of the ODBC Women's First 8 include coxswain Camila Cardwell and rowers Grace Hogan, Caroline Hill, Katy Murphy, Grace Asch, Grace Vannatta, Reed Kenny, Blythe Markel, and Grace Fluharty.

The ODBC Men's Fourth 8 competed in the Men's Youth 8 Lower Boat category with 11 other boats and captured the bronze medal with a time of 18:53.48. The 4V rowers include Townson Cocke, Emmett Cocke, Jack Lutzker, CJ Chidlow, Dylan Wright, Joey Subyak, Connor Rex, and Raja Janjua, and coxswain Jackson Quinn. The ODBC Women's Fourth 8 competed in the Women's Youth 8 Lower Boat category with 12 other boats and placed 5th with a time of 21:40.44.

ODBC entered two boats in the 31-boat Men's Youth 4 (with cox) Upper Boat Category, and finished the day with two boats in the 9-boat Women's 4X (no cox) category. In the latter race, the ODBC Women's First 4 won the silver medal with a time of 21:27.25, 5 seconds behind first place Prince William and over 19 seconds ahead of Steel City Rowing Club. Members of the ODBC Women's First 4 include Sarah Vest, Tess Moran, Anna Jane Guynn, and Ella Benbow.

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ABC LICENSE
Olio LLC trading as Olio Tasting Room, 1223 King St, Alexandria, VA 22314. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) for a Wine and Beer Off Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Penny Willimann, owner
NOTE: Objection to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at
www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200

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ABC LICENSE
Danvic, LLC trading as Calabash African Cuisine, 514C South Van Dorn St., Alexandria, VA 22304. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) for a Wine & Beer On Premises; Mixed Beverage license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Obed Attakpah, Member
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ALEXANDRIA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NUMBER 16-10-16

The Alexandria City School Board dba Alexandria City Public Schools is seeking competitive proposals from qualified Offerors to provide Research Databases and Online Reference Materials.

Sealed Proposals with the notation RFP# 16-10-16 Research Databases and Online Reference Materials will be received in the Central Procurement Office, 1340 Braddock Place, Suite 620, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, on or before 3:00 pm, December 2, 2016. The time of receipt shall be determined by the time clock stamp in the Procurement office. Proposals appropriately received will be opened and the names of the firms responding will be read aloud. RFP documents may be obtained at the above Procurement Office or by calling 703-619-8181, or by downloading the RFP from the ACPS website at
http://www.acps.k12.va.us/financial-services/purchasing/bids.php

ACPS reserves the right to cancel this RFP and/or reject any or all proposals and to waive any informalities in any proposal.

Chris Guy
Procurement Manager

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LEGAL NOTICE
Pursuant to the provision of section 4-1-16 of the code of the City of Alexandria, the Alexandria Police Department located at 3600 Wheeler Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22304 is now in possession of unclaimed bicycles, mopeds, lawn equipment, money, scooters, and other items. All persons having valid claim to the property should file a claim to the property with reasonable proof of ownership or the items will be sold, destroyed, converted or donated. For a complete listing go to
http://alexandriava.gov/police/ and contact the Police Property Section at (703) 746-6709.

An expert is someone who knows some of the worst mistakes that can be made in his subject and how to avoid them.
-Werner Heisenberg

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ALEXANDRIA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NUMBER 16-09-03

The Alexandria City School Board dba Alexandria City Public Schools is seeking competitive proposals from qualified Offerors to provide Dental Insurance.

Sealed Proposals with the notation RFP# 16-09-03 Dental Insurance will be received in the Central Procurement Office, 1340 Braddock Place, Suite 620, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, on or before 3:00 pm, December 5, 2016. The time of receipt shall be determined by the time clock stamp in the Procurement office. Proposals appropriately received will be opened and the names of the firms responding will be read aloud. RFP documents may be obtained at the above Procurement Office or by calling 703-619-8181, or by downloading the RFP from the ACPS website at
http://www.acps.k12.va.us/financial-services/purchasing/bids.php

ACPS reserves the right to cancel this RFP and/or reject any or all proposals and to waive any informalities in any proposal.

Chris Guy
Procurement Manager

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ALEXANDRIA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NUMBER 16-11-01

The Alexandria City School Board dba Alexandria City Public Schools is seeking proposals for Learning Management System.

Sealed Proposals with the notation "LMS", RFP# 16-11-01, will be received in the Central Procurement Office, 1340 Braddock Place, Suite 620, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, on or before 3:00 pm, December 1, 2016. The time of receipt shall be determined by the time clock stamp in the Procurement office. Proposals appropriately received will be opened and the names of the firms responding will be read aloud. RFP documents may be obtained at the above Procurement Office or by calling 703-619-8343, or by downloading the RFP from the ACPS website at www.acps.k12.va.us, Administration, Financial Services, Procurement and General Services – Current Bids and Request for Proposals.

All questions should be submitted before 4:30 p.m., November 23, 2016. If necessary, an addendum will be issued and posted to the ACPS web site.

No RFP may be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days after the opening of proposals except as may be set forth in the RFP.

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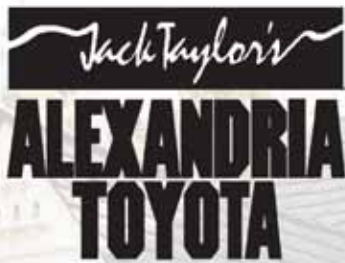
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