



Alexandria Police Department officers, at left, move into place on Pennsylvania Avenue during the pre-dawn hours of Jan. 20 as part of the security detail during Inauguration Day activities in Washington, D.C.

Inauguration Day Duty

More than 100 officers from Fairfax County and the City of Alexandria reported for duty during the pre-dawn hours of Jan. 20 to help provide security during Inauguration Day activities in Washington, D.C.

The local officers, including 105 from the Fairfax Police Department and 13 from the Alexandria Sheriff's Office, were among more than 3,000 local law enforcement officials sworn in to assist with security during the inauguration of Donald Trump as 45th president of the United States.

Officers began arriving in D.C. around 2:30 a.m. and worked throughout the day, ending their shift around 10 p.m. that night. Alexandria Sheriff's Office deputies were posted in front of the Trump International Hotel on Pennsylvania Avenue with APD officers nearby.

— JEANNE THEISMANN



Deputy Nora Jones of the Alexandria Sheriff's Office joined other local law enforcement officers in providing security during the inauguration of President Donald Trump.



Alexandria Sheriff's Office deputies Nora Jones, Myrna Juarez, Ernesto Arroyo and Samuel Clark gather before the start of Inauguration Day activities Jan. 20. The deputies were among 13 ASO deputies sworn in to assist with security throughout the day.



Deputy Myrna Juarez of the Alexandria Sheriff's Office joined other local law enforcement officers in providing security during the inauguration of President Donald Trump.

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Code of Silence

Reluctant witnesses at center of murder trial.

BY VERNON MILES
GAZETTE PACKET

The conviction of the man accused of murdering Shakkon Elliot-Tibb may come down to the testimony of five witnesses putting their lives on the line to testify. Though police say between 30 to 50 people were present at the time of his death, few came forward with any information about what happened. Two who did were friends of the accused. Others from the neighborhood nervously took the stand and struggled to avoid answering questions about the case. The Commonwealth Attorney's Office says some who already testified have received threats.

Elliot-Tibbs was murdered in the Andrew Adkins Courtyard on July 2, 2015. In the ongoing trial that began on Jan. 23, the verdict may hinge on the testimony of a few witnesses both the defense and the prosecution were working to discredit.

The murder of Elliot-Tibbs started with an argument. All of the witnesses to the crime told the

same story, with a few differences in details that could determine whether Rashad Lonzell Adkins will be convicted of first degree murder.



Rashad Lonzell Adkins, accused of first degree murder.

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According to testimony, Elliot-Tibbs approached Brandon "Bullet" Hughes and a confrontation between the two men ensued. Hughes left to go get his cousin, Adkins, who returned a few moments later. The confrontation continued, with most witnesses saying that Elliot-Tibbs pushed Adkins back, then Adkins reached into his backpack, drew a pistol, and shot Elliot-Tibbs. Adkins fired several shots at Elliot-Tibbs — the two fatal ones piercing his arm and aorta.

Adkins' defense argued that Elliot-Tibbs' shove constituted a physical assault, meaning the defendant and the victim were both

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Chief Brown Sworn In

Citizens express support for new chief of police at swearing in ceremony.

BY VERNON MILES
GAZETTE PACKET

Chief Michael Brown came into Alexandria with a storm. Specifically, it was a few days before Snowmageddon in 2010 when Brown moved to the city to take a law enforcement

position in D.C. Having previously moved 19 times through his career, Brown says his family considers Alexandria home. At his swearing in on Jan. 24 when he officially became Alexandria's new chief of police, Brown pledged to do everything in his power to help pro-

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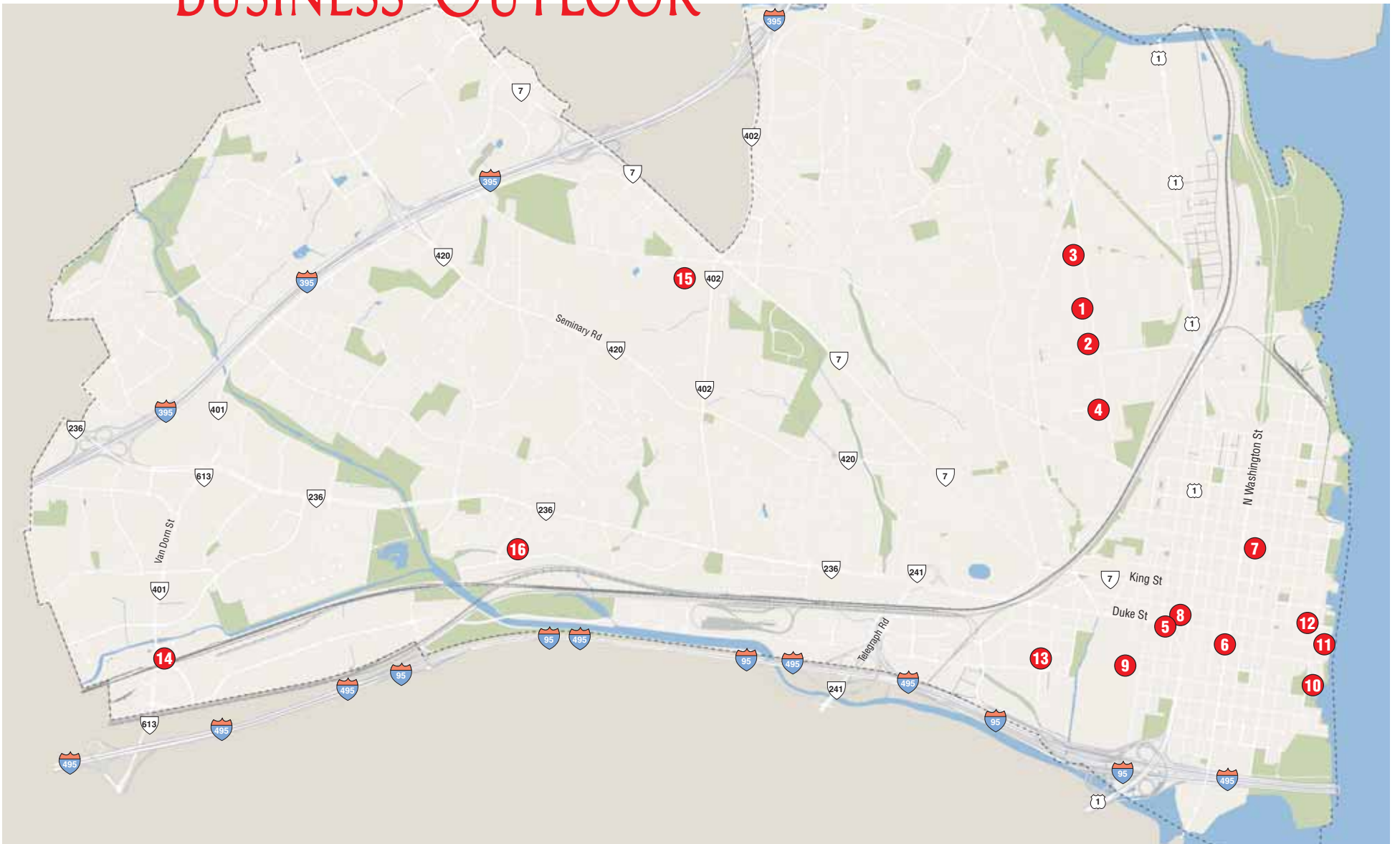
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2017 Brings in New Restaurants and Retail

Variety of businesses sprouting up throughout the city.

As the new year rolls around, new businesses are springing up across Alexandria. Across the city, new bakers, bars, and barbeques are now open or will be coming soon to area neighborhoods.

Del Ray

- 1 Happy Tart - A new bakery open at 2307A Mt. Vernon Ave., featuring a variety of gluten-free breads and pastries.
- 2 Dolce and Bean - A coffee shop at 2003-A Mt. Vernon Ave. set to open in Spring 2017.
- 3 Waxing the City - A facial and body waxing salon at 2727 Mt. Vernon Ave., opening soon and currently taking bookings.

- 4 Al's Steakhouse reopening - A steakhouse at 1504 Mt. Vernon Ave. recently reopened after a fire destroyed the original on opening day in 2016.

Old Town

- 5 Meggrolls - An eggroll restaurant set to open in the former Five Guys location at 107 N. Fayette St. in Spring.
- 6 Nice Cream - Gourmet, hand-crafted, liquid nitrogen frozen ice cream now served at 726 King St.
- 7 Sunday in Saigon - A new Vietnamese restaurant at 682 N Asaph St. from the owner of the popular Caphe Bahn Mi in Old Town.
- 8 Old House - A German restaurant at

1064 Cameron St. set to open in Spring 2017.

- 9 J&S Restaurant - A new 75-seat restaurant in development for 1400 Duke St.
- 10 Hotel Indigo - The first waterfront hotel in Alexandria opening soon at 220 S. Union St.
- 11 EatsPlace - Originally a pop-up food spot in D.C., EatsPlace expanded into Alexandria's Torpedo Factory in early January. The menu is a mix of food types, from salads and sandwiches to Japanese food catering to local vegetarians.
- 12 Myron Mixon's Pitmaster Barbecue: Celebrity chef Myron Mixon opened a barbecue restaurant last week in Old Town at 220 N Lee St.

Carlyle

- 13 Whiskey & Oyster - The newest upscale bar in the Carlyle area at 333 John Carlyle St.

West End

- 14 Portner Brewhouse - The latest iteration of the Portner brewing family in Alexandria, opening a pub at 5770 Dow Ave. in January/February.
- 15 Duck Donuts - The newest location for the popular donut franchise from the outer banks is opening at 3610F King St. in Spring 2017.
- 16 Taco Bell - after a controversial approval regarding local traffic, a new Taco Bell is set to open at 4213 Duke St. sometime in 2017.

— VERNON MILES

School Board Votes To Ease Pain of Redistricting

When school boundaries are changed, the biggest concern of most parents is that their child will be forced away from the friends and teachers they've grown up with. As Alexandria begins its redistricting process, the School Board took action on Jan. 19 to try and mitigate the pain of redistricting.

Students in fourth or fifth grade and their siblings can remain in their pre-redistricting elementary school for up to two years or until the older child transitions into middle school. Any family who wishes for their fourth or fifth grade student to remain at their school must submit a notice of intent to ACPS by Jan. 15, 2018.

Special exceptions can be granted to other students for a variety of reasons. Students in a K-8 program, dual language, or modified calendar will be allowed to continue in their school until those programs are completed. Students with previously approved administrative transfers can either remain at the school they transferred into

or will be allowed to move into whichever school they were redistricted into.

The School Board will vote on the new boundaries at its Jan 26 meeting. The current recommendation will require 474 students to transfer schools.

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JANUARY-FEBRUARY

Arts Program Grant Application Workshops. In early January, the City of Alexandria's Office of the Arts began accepting applications for Arts Program Grants. Funds are available to eligible arts organizations and individual artists for operations, programs and special projects that occur in Alexandria between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018. Workshops to prepare grant applications will be held on Jan. 26 and Feb. 6 www.alexandriava.gov/Arts

THURSDAY/JAN. 26

Vegetable Gardening Part 1: Jumpstart the Garden. 7-8:30 p.m. at the Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Get the scoop on seed selection, hybrid vs. heirloom, what seeds to start indoors, germination tips, and best bets for seed saving. Find out how to make starter pots, and easy-to-create lighting systems to bring the sunlight inside. 703-228-6414 or email mgaralalex@gmail.com.

Braddock Implementation Advisory Group. 7 p.m. at the Charles Houston Recreation Center, 901 Wythe St., Seniors Room. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/braddock or call 703-746-3845 for more information.

SATURDAY/JAN. 28

City Council Public Hearing. 9:30 a.m. at the City Hall, Council Chamber, 301 King St. Items of interest include consideration of: a text amendment to change Sign Regulations in the Historic District; a Development Special Use Permit and site plan for a new restaurant building with outdoor dining and a drive-through facility for Taco Bell at 4213 & 4141 Duke St.; and Special Use Permits for the VINCI school - a private academic school at 1601 Duke St. and for Junction Bakery & Bistro at 1508 Mount Vernon Ave. to allow off-premises alcohol sales. Visit alexandriava.gov or call 703-746-4357 for more information.

MONDAY/JAN. 30

Small Steps to Health and Wealth. 7-8:30 p.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Small Steps to Health and Wealth offers 25 strategies for improving physical health and your financial wealth. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/DCHS for more information.

Correction

A story in the Jan. 19 edition of the Alexandria Gazette Packet on election changes reported that Justin Wilson and Tim Lovain put forth a proposal to move local elections from May to November in the wake of their defeat in the 2009 City Council elections. The discussion of moving elections was noted in a memo from Wilson and then-Mayor Bill Euille to City Council in February of 2008. Wilson docked the proposal for a vote one week after the 2009 elections. Lovain voted for the move but did not put forth the proposal.

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DEADLINE JAN. 31

CIVIC Nominations for 2016 Due. Through Jan. 31, the Park and Recreation Commission is seeking nominations to select and formally recognize outstanding residents who have provided a valuable service in meeting recreation or park needs. www.alexandriava.gov/Recreation

BEGINNING IN FEBRUARY

Domestic Violence Volunteer Training. The City of Alexandria's Domestic Violence Program is recruiting volunteer advocates for training beginning in February. 703-746-4911 or

jennifer.enslen@alexandriava.gov.

WEDNESDAY/FEB. 1

Transition to High School. 6 p.m. at Minnie Howard Middle School, 3801 W. Braddock Rd. Join the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria and other middle school families for "Transition to High School Planning Night." For more information, please contact College Adviser Samantha Karp at samantha.karp@acps.k12.va.us or call 703-824-6730.

WEDNESDAYS BETWEEN FEB. 1-APRIL 15

Credit Counseling. 6:30-8 p.m. at Alexandria Dept. of Community & Human Services, 2525 Mt. Vernon

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THURSDAY/FEB. 2

Application Deadline. The Alexandria City Council is seeking applicants to fill vacancies on boards, commissions and committees. For a complete list of vacancies, go to www.alexandriava.gov/boards.

FRIDAY/FEB. 3

Salute to Women Nominations

Due. The Alexandria Commission for Women seeks nominations of women, men and youth who have made a significant impact on women and girls in Alexandria. To apply online, go to www.alexandriava.gov/dchs. For more information, email marilyn@joyousevents.com.

SATURDAY/FEB. 4

Mayor on Your Corner. 10 a.m.-noon at Union Street Public House, 121 S. Union St. Mayor Allison Silberberg talks to attendees. No charge to attend but \$5 for coffee and danish. Visit www.allisonsilberberg.com for

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PEOPLE

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BY SHIRLEY RUHE
GAZETTE PACKET

Cheryl Fuller climbs into her white three-wheeled Go-4 at Police Headquarters on Wheeler Street and heads off to her assigned zone. Fuller has been a traffic enforcement officer for the City of Alexandria for 20 years. Fuller says, "People think we are just out there to write tickets and generate money, but I really view our jobs as compliance. And we are ambassadors." She says they do a lot of things people don't know about like looking for lost children, acting as funeral escorts when they are short, traffic control and, "I even spotted two fires and called them in."

However, Fuller adds, "They call us not so nice names. You have to have a thick skin." Some of the traffic enforcement officers wear bulletproof vests, "but Alexandria isn't that kind of city." She remembers one day when a man got really angry when she was putting a boot on his car. He demanded that she remove it, kicked the boot and threatened to call some of his construction workers over. "I called for back-up and the sheriff's office was there right away. It doesn't happen very often. But it's like a family here. We help each other out."

Fuller says there is a class at the Police Academy that parking enforcement officers can take called Verbal Judo. "It is on how to defuse a situation. It isn't all black and white; you can listen, be empathetic." But you still have to do your job and give them the ticket.

Fuller has been assigned Sector 2 this month, which is Potomac Yard. But the parking enforcement officers get a different assignment each month. She says officers all have their own way of marking vehicles. "In residential areas you have to change the way you mark vehicles because people get used to it and know when you came and just move their vehicles around. People are shiftier." F

Fuller explains there are a lot of methods for marking vehicles. "Usually I use chalk (old school) but there are a lot of different ways that I can't talk about."

Fuller parks her Go-4 and clicks on the flashing yellow emergency light. She pulls out her AutoCITE and plugs in meter number 11517. It will pull up the vehicles in the zone that have paid by Pango without putting in a plate number. "I think most people still pay on the street but Pango is catching on."

If no payment is recorded, Fuller looks on the dash of the vehicle. "Hmmm I don't see a ticket." The ticket must be displayed on the passenger side of the dashboard and visible from the outside. "We're not mind readers." Just as Fuller pulls out the AutoCITE to write the ticket for the parking violation, a Pango notification flashes on the screen for the Jeep. "You can pay remotely. Maybe someone was watching out a window or it could have been a coincidence."

Fuller says she likes working outside in all kinds of weather and working as part of the Alexandria Police Department. "They are superior." Although it depends on the zone she is working, Fuller generally writes 25-30 tickets a day. Sometimes she writes more in the summer months because there are a lot of tourists who don't always pay attention. "The average cost of a ticket is \$40, but violation of a handicapped space is \$500 or HOV is \$250."

Fuller has seen a lot of different attempts to get



Cheryl Fuller, parking enforcement officer for the City of Alexandria, climbs into her one-person Go-4 and heads to her monthly assigned zone. She has been a parking enforcement officer for 20 years.



Cheryl Fuller uses a chalk stick to mark vehicles. She says there are a lot of different methods but she can't really reveal what they are.

around the rules. She says, "I'll have people tell me they are just parking in a handicapped space for a minute while they run inside City Hall. And I tell them well, if they can run in faster than I can write the ticket." Sometimes they have people who will give their permit to someone, for District 2 for instance, like they were a temporary visitor. "But they actually work there and use it every day."

Fuller says, "I could probably write a 101 excuses book. The most common is 'I was in a meeting.'" But she says you would be surprised how often someone blames a spouse for the expired inspection sticker, both male and female. "You can't do selective enforcement. I found out later that I gave [former] Chief Baker a ticket once. I didn't recognize his personal vehicle."

PHOTOS BY SHIRLEY RUHE/GAZETTE PACKET

Play Ball

Sportsman's Club to host Nats VP Jan. 26

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

Damon Jones, the senior vice president and general counsel of baseball and business operations for the Washington Nationals, will be the guest speaker at a special Alexandria Sportsman's Club Washington Nationals Night Jan. 26 at the Old Dominion Boat Club.

Jones oversees the Nationals' legal department as part of the baseball operations department.

His work includes player contracts and salary arbitration with regard to strategy, preparation, negotiation and, specifically with arbitration, trial. He is also responsible for the legal affairs of the Washington Nationals Dream Foundation and the Nationals' Youth Baseball Academy.

"We are excited to have Damon Jones as our guest," said ASC president Tom McHugh.

Jones received a J.D. with

honors from Harvard Law School, is a candidate to receive his M.B.A. from the Georgetown University McDonough School of Business and earned a B.A. with

honors from the University of California, Santa Barbara, where he played Division I Baseball. He previously practiced at the law firm of Williams & Connolly LLP and was adjunct professor of Sports and the Law at Georgetown University Law Center.

The ASC meeting will be held Jan. 26 at the Old Dominion Boat Club, located at 1 King St. Opening reception and light dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. with a formal program at 7:15 p.m. Jones will be on hand to present the ASC athletes of the month awards.

The ASC meeting is free and open to the public. For more information visit www.alexandriavasports.org.



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Washington Nationals Senior VP Damon Jones.

Tree Stewards Gather To Celebrate New Year

For a Tree Steward, having fun while protecting local trees is important. It's just that for a Tree Steward, fun means something a little different. At their annual potluck celebration of the new year, on Jan. 17, the Tree Stewards of Arlington and Alexandria planned some entertainment: There was wine, mulled cider, food, and speeches: Master Gardener Scott Ford, demonstrated how to use a whetstone to clean and sharpen bypass pruners, loppers, shovels and other gardening tools. Ford harked back to his grandparents' farm and how tools were sharpened back in the day. He demonstrated on the family shovel which has been in the Ford family for four generations.

The Tree Stewards kicked off



PHOTO BY EDEN BROWN/THE CONNECTION

From left: Tree Stewards Don Walsh, Jan Hull, Debra Wood, Katrina Van Duyn and her husband Rich listen to a briefing on champion and notable trees.

their First Tree Steward Prognosticator Contest. Participants would predict whether or not the groundhog will see its shadow, and what the last frost date will be at National Airport.

Next on the agenda was Mat

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OBITUARY

Nancy Pera

Nancy Pera, longtime resident of Alexandria, died in Greenville, S.C. on Jan. 20, 2017 at the Cascades residence where she lived in retirement. She is survived by George, her husband of 57 years, her son David of Falls Church; her daughter Tracey (Peter) Sanders of Greenville, S.C.; granddaughter, Hope Sanders of London, England; and her brother George Umholtz, of Santa Barbara, Calif.

After graduating from Bucknell University she moved to New York City where she met her husband on a blind date. Together they lived in Manhattan; Greenwich, Conn.; London, England; and Alexandria before moving to Greenville in 2015.

With a knack for societal trends, she was a school counselor after attaining a degree from Bank Street College; an international relocation facilitator; a professional recruiter, an outplacement counselor, and an organizational development consultant.



Nancy Pera with her husband George.

In addition to her devotion to family and friends, she adored little children, her classmates and Kappa Delta sisters of Bucknell University, and her yoga buddies.

A celebration of Nancy's life will be held on Thursday, Feb. 23 at 2 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church of Alexandria. Should friends desire, contributions made in her name may be sent to Kids in Crisis (One Salem Street, Cos Cob, CT 06807) or the Alzheimer's Association (P.O. Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090-6011).



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Prisoner Reentry: The Problem

Employment and housing prove to be major hurdles.

Part I

A three-part series focusing on prisoner reentry in Northern Virginia.

BY SHIRLEY RUHE
GAZETTE PACKET

In Virginia, 38,000 citizens were incarcerated in 2016. Almost 90 percent of those released return home. What happens next? As one former prisoner put it, they give you a \$25 check and take you to a Metro stop and remind you to see your parole officer in the next 24 hours. What do you do next? Where do you go? The barriers toward survival “on the outside” include difficulty finding employment due to reluctance of employers to hire an ex-offender, complex family relationships, cultural shock as they reenter the community and difficulty finding housing.

Harold Clarke, director of Corrections in the Commonwealth of Virginia, says the major obstacle right now is employment, “A number of employers are reluctant to provide employment because they are concerned about the criminal history.” He says that the “ban the box movement” instituted by the governor is a step in the right direction since a former prisoner is not disqualified immediately. “But,” Clarke said, “the criminal history will come up later in the job application process.” Clarke adds that national research shows that people with a criminal history have a 40 percent less chance of securing employment.

Elizabeth Jones Valderrama, executive director of Offender Aid and Restoration (OAR), an organization working with formerly incarcerated prisoners in Arlington, Alexandria and Falls Church, says she thinks the major problem is job retention. “We can usually find them a job, although it may not be at a livable wage. But the formerly incarcerated person isn’t used to waking up on their own, deciding what to have for lunch, keeping a schedule. Everything in prison is decided for you.”

Mary Ulrich, in Virginia state prisons for 8.5 years, had been trained in horticulture in prison, earning a technical certification in seven areas. When she got out of prison she went to every gardening place in Northern Virginia and was rejected when they found out where she had received her training. After a suggestion from a staff person at OAR she decided to start her own busi-

ness. “It had been in the back of my mind,” she said.

So she bought a scooter and with a saddlebag full of gardening tools and plants juggled between her knees, she found a client. Now she owns a Chevy Tahoe which she says will be paid off next month. While she is still struggling, she is making a business designing and landscaping yards and businesses.

Terry Garrett, a former prisoner who was released in March 6, 2006 said, “It is discouraging sometimes. You know the rejection is coming. You have to find that one person who will give you a chance.” In her case, it was the Salvation Army, but it triggered her asthma and she ended up in the hospital, “so I had to quit. I applied for disability and worked at Cosi’s on King Street until my disability came through.” Now she is a public speaker for Guest House and a part-time monitor there. Guest House is a community-based program located in Del Ray for recently incarcerated women. She says next week she has been invited by Gov. Terry McAuliffe to a ceremony celebrating voting rights for former prisoners.

Jennifer Male, parole and probation officer in Alexandria, says the major issue she sees in her caseload is not employment but is lack of housing. “In Alexandria you can have a good job, but if you are a felon, you can’t live here. In Alexandria 99 percent of the time you won’t get accepted.”

Another challenge facing returning prisoners is family relationships which are often complicated and difficult. The prisoner may want to reconcile, but often the family is disillusioned and reluctant or they don’t know how to begin the process after years of estrangement. It is difficult for a prisoner to maintain a relationship with family since most of the prisons are south of Richmond and travel distances can be long and trips to visit are expensive. Phone calls are difficult to make from prison and one call can cost \$6-10. By the time a prisoner is released families have given up.

Jones Valderrama recalls one of the families of a prisoner who couldn’t get there for a visit. But OAR has a van and can sometimes drive a family member over to see the prisoner. “It is powerful to see the reunion,” she said.

Garrett said that she had to wait two days before she could get into Guest House so she stayed with her daughter. “It was hard and emotional. They were bitter. My daughter said if you use again, I’ll never speak to you again. I was broken. I didn’t think they would ever come around.”

Ulrich added, “I see post traumatic stress in my children. I found out later they were



Terry Garrett with Gov. Terry McAuliffe: “I walk by my former drug dealers all the time in Alexandria.”

scared I would show up at their door and they would have to take care of me.”

Kari Galloway, director of Guest House, said, “Children are what keep a lot of these women going. The women don’t want to disappoint them. But when the clients first come here, some of them see children they haven’t seen for a long time. It is very emotional. They want to be a mom but they don’t know how. They have the feeling but not the relationship.”

Jones Valderrama, said, “We often say everyone in the family goes away and the silent sufferers are the kids of the prisoners.” Jones Valderrama recalls that she first thought about this when she was assistant to the principal at Patrick Henry Elementary and parents would let the school know that their child had a parent who was incarcerated. “The number started to grow.”

Another issue is cultural shock when the ex-offender is suddenly out in the community. What it takes to stay alive in prison is almost opposite of what it takes to survive outside. Ulrich said, “When I was leaving and they were packing me out, I couldn’t sleep the night before. This was the day I’d been anticipating for 8.5 years and it was nerve wracking.” She said, “I’d gotten close to people, like my greenhouse in-

The Numbers

38,000 incarcerated in Virginia
1,100 sentenced in Fairfax County
800 sentenced in Arlington County
11 per 10,000 incarcerated in Fairfax County
25-40 per 10,000 incarcerated in Arlington County*
For comparison 112-176 per 10,000 in top group includes Bristol, Martinsville and Danville
*grouped with other similar counties
Numbers are included in the Virginia Department of Corrections
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structor and it was bittersweet to leave. It was scary.”

Ulrich said she was released on Jan. 7, 2013. For the first time she wasn’t handcuffed. “They give you a check for the wages you have earned if you had a one of the scarce jobs in prison. They took me to a bank and told me to go on in. I didn’t know what to do. It was the first freedom I’d experienced.” She continued, “You can’t make any decisions in prison.” She remembers go-

ing in to a 7-11 to get a coffee. “I just stared at the 12 different cream choices. In prison you had the blue packet or the yellow packet.”

Ulrich had to make a choice what to do next and decided to apply for Guest House.

Galloway said, “It’s all about second chances or third or 12th but it is not one size fits all. She said the women who come there have had a lot of trauma from abuse or violence and face so many barriers. “One woman came and during the first required three-day black-out period where they can’t go anywhere, she was totally overwhelmed. She sat on the couch and cried for a solid three days.

Clarke says a lot of things can make a difference in the culture of the community. If the former prisoner goes to a conservative community, it may be hard to integrate. And if they return to where they came from, sometimes the conditions are still alive and well in the community that got them

in prison in the first place. It is difficult.

Galloway added, “They have to practice, not falling back, avoiding the old triggers.”

Garrett said, “I pass my old drug dealers all the time when I walk around Alexandria. But I told them I had stopped using

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Elizabeth Bowers, resident at Guest House: “I didn’t think anyone cared.”

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OPINION

Not Helping the Local Economy

Federal hiring freeze will have rippling effect.

The hiring freeze announced earlier this week, will not help the local economy which has struggled in recent years due to the sequester, automatic cuts and limits to federal spending. The federal government is a critical part of the local economy and had helped recession-proof the Northern Virginia area, but more recently it has been a negative.

Kudos to U.S. Rep. Barbara Comstock (R-10) for speaking out against a foolish freeze on federal hiring. As the lone Republican representing Northern Virginia in Congress, her opposition is important.

"The federal budget cannot be balanced on the backs of our federal workforce. I don't support this type of across-the-board freeze and think it is better to look at priorities and areas where appropriate cuts can be made and where we can consolidate efforts or identify unnecessary costs that can be eliminated," Comstock wrote. "As the General Accounting Office has previously reported, past hiring freezes in both Republican and Democrat administrations have cost the federal government money in the long-run because of staffing problems, or problems in recruiting or disruption of key government operations and required services to the American people. We will be monitoring and highlighting the results of this freeze and how it is impacting the mission of various agencies."

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— U.S. Rep. Barbara Comstock (R-VA10)

workforce policies" in the works.

"An across-the-board federal hiring freeze is a mindless way to manage. ... It fails to take into account the need to actually beef up certain capabilities in the federal government, like cybersecurity," Connolly said. "This Executive Order, coupled with many of other anti-federal workforce policies being proposed in Congress, will have a depressing effect on our ability to recruit and retain the next generation of federal workers."

Bills to Watch in General Assembly

In no particular order, more to come next week:

- ❖ SB 1005 Community services boards and behavioral health authorities; services to be provided, in particular, access to same-day access to mental health screening services.
- ❖ SB 923 raises felony larceny threshold to \$500 (\$1,000 would have been better).
- ❖ SB 1379 that discourages universities from stockpiling cash, and instead lowers tuition for Virginia students and families.
- ❖ SB 931 removes the exemption for "working papers and

U.S. Rep. Don Beyer (D-8) calls it scapegoating. "The number of federal workers is at its lowest level since the 1960s, and over 30 percent will be eligible to retire in the next year," Beyer said. "A report by the General Accounting Office (GAO) on previous federal hiring freezes stated such freezes are not an effective strategy for shrinking the size of the workforce, and only serve to disrupt agency operations and in the long-term increase the cost of government operations."

correspondence" for university presidents.

❖ SB 1376, requires a 30-day notice from the Board of Visitors before tuition can be raised.

❖ SB 1102, records of closed investigations of unattended deaths were not exempt from the state Freedom of Information Act.

❖ SB 1442, requires the Department of Criminal Justice Services to identify an evidence-based, standardized instrument for mental health screening for anyone incarcerated in local, regional, and community correctional facilities.

❖ Various proposals for nonpartisan redistricting.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Afraid of Change?

To the Editor:

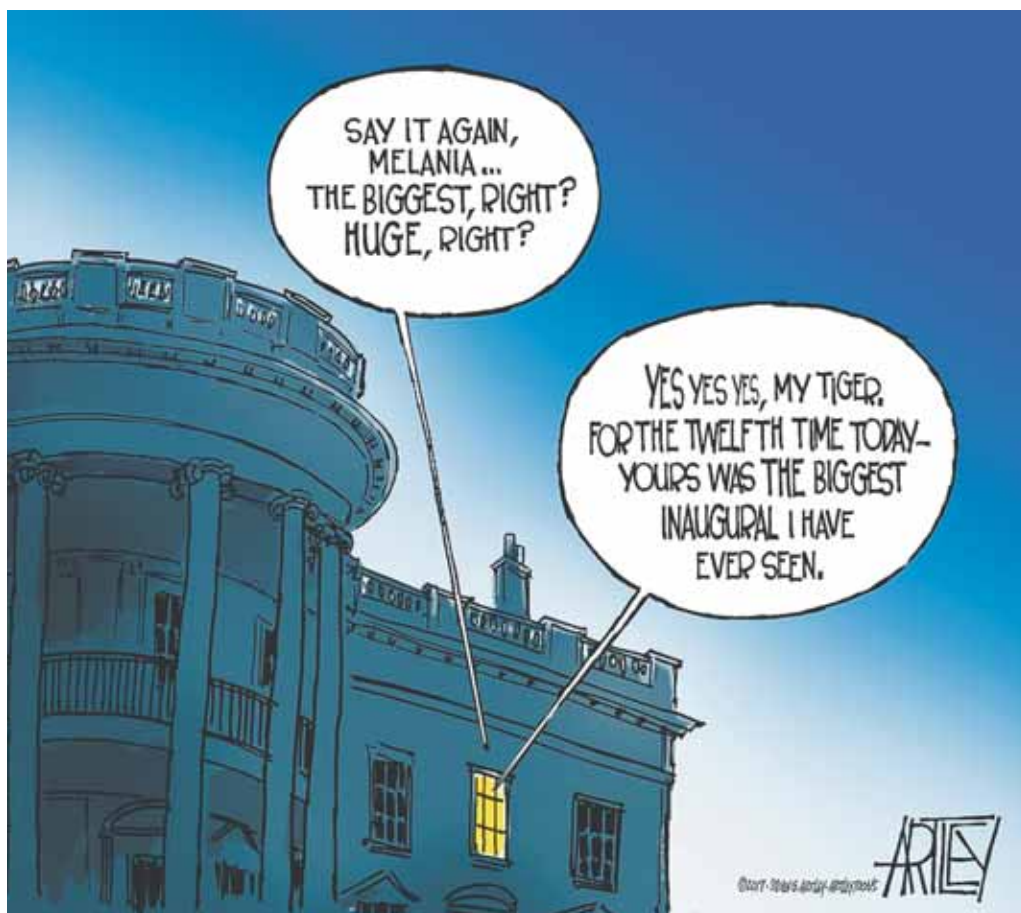
Long ago I was told "with age comes understanding." As an elder, one who remembers Jim Crow, I have yet to understand the peculiarity of Alexandria's politics. That City Council cannot lead is a given. That the School Board favors re-segregation is also assumed.

Those who promoted Jefferson Houston School's \$45 million do over should be lashed. Oversized buildings do not education make. Those who ignored then failed to address Superintendent Sherman's ineffectiveness — I include the current superintendent in the mix — should also be lashed. K-8 is little more than a re-segregation tool.

Superintendent Crawley has yet to prove the K-8 model works. Instead we live in the slip and slide of city chaos. For example, if Lyles Crouch, once a segregated black school, tests in the 90-plus percentile statewide, why is the same curriculum not used at Jefferson Houston? Or Cora Kelly? Black families thread through the hocus pocus knowing Jefferson Houston's arts focus was never funded.

Alexandria's Democrats are afraid of change. They are politicians who prefer the status quo,

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Preparing for Women's March

Women of Alexandria, with friends and family from out of town, gathered at Margaret Wohler's house to make signs for Saturday's Women's March.

Changing Lives

BY DAVID SCHELLHAAS

"I'm really surprised at the impact that Jose and his family have had on me," said Todd Peterson, a Casa Chirilagua mentor. It was a year ago that Peterson attended an Alexandria Mentoring Partnership information session and considered whether or not to become a mentor with Casa Chirilagua. His initial thoughts were simply that, "Volunteering would be a few hours commitment per week." What he found was something much deeper: "I realized that it is so much more than just hours volunteering, it is very emotional where I am thinking about them as I would family."

MENTOR OF THE MONTH

Jose's mother Marta agrees, "He is like another friend."

At the core of any Casa Chirilagua mentoring match is one relationship changing two lives. It stretches and grows both individuals, transforming and equipping both the mentor and student for their lifetime ahead.

"I'm very thankful for Jose's mentor because he's helped Jose solidify good reading habits. Jose's behavior has improved a lot and Todd has taught him good principles and habits," says Marta. "[The mentors] take it upon themselves to go beyond simple conversation going deeper into an issue to find out what is going on when a child is doing well or not in their academics."

Jose is filled with excitement when he talks about Todd, "Something that my mentor taught me was division and multiplication. First he helped me with multiplication, because that's how you start, and then the division." Jose knows that he is very blessed



Mentor Todd Peterson with Jose

to have a mentor, "I like that he takes me to a lot of places. The day I met him, I felt excited because I never had a mentor."

Mentoring starts with a commitment of just one hour per week for a year. However, mentors like Todd find that it extends much deeper into the future as relationships are forged: "I would definitely recommend mentoring if you are considering it," says Todd. "It has such a huge positive affect on your life and those you spend time with."

If interested in learning more about Casa Chirilagua's mentoring program, visit <http://casachirilagua.org/mentoring>. Casa Chirilagua is a member of the Alexandria Mentoring Partnership (AMP). AMP was created in 2006 to ensure that quality mentors and mentor programs are available for Alexandria's youth and young adults in need. January is National Mentoring Month and AMP program members are hosting various activities this month. To learn more about AMP and the activities taking place in January, visit: <http://www.alexandriava.gov/Mentoring>.



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News



White House press secretary Sean Spicer and his wife Rebecca, center, are toasted at a reception in Spicer's honor hosted by the Alexandria Republican City Committee Jan. 13 at Union Street Public House. Spicer, a resident of Old Town, was congratulated by friends on his appointment as official spokesman for President Donald Trump.



White House press secretary Sean Spicer, center, celebrates with leaders of the Alexandria Republican City Committee Jan. 13 at Union Street Public House.

Spicing Up the White House

Local celebrated as Trump's press secretary.

Newly minted White House press secretary Sean Spicer was celebrated at a reception in his honor hosted by the Alexandria Republican City Committee Jan. 13 at Union Street Public House.

Spicer, a resident of Old Town and former Republican National

Committee communications director, attended the event with his wife Rebecca. The couple was toasted by friends and supporters on Spicer's appointment as spokesman for President Donald Trump.

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Alexandria student Jack Del Negro with White House press secretary Sean Spicer.

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Attendees celebrate the inauguration of President Donald Trump at a gala sponsored by the Alexandria Republican City Committee Jan. 20 at the Old Dominion Boat Club.

Thrill of Victory

Locals celebrate Trump inauguration.

The Alexandria Republican City Committee celebrated the inauguration of President Donald Trump with a gala held Jan. 20 at the Old Dominion Boat Club.

Ed Gillespie, a candidate for Lt.

Governor of Virginia, and former Governor Jim Gilmore were among the more than 220 people who gathered to celebrate Trump's inauguration, the first for a Republican president since George W. Bush was sworn in for his second term in January of 2005.

Gillespie and Gilmore, both residents of Alexandria, each addressed the celebratory crowd and entertainment was provided by The Bahama Band.

— JEANNE THEISMANN

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more information.

MONDAY/FEB. 6

Foster Parent Orientation. 6-7:30 p.m. at the Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. A free, no obligation information session for prospective foster parents. An agency representative will be on hand to answer any questions and explain the requirements to foster and/or adopt. RSVP at 703-746-5858 or email Christine.Levine@alexandriava.gov.

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WEDNESDAY/FEB. 8

Accelerating Assets in Alexandria. 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson St. Alexandria Campaign on Adolescent Pregnancy workshop to identify areas of opportunities in the community that will improve the outcomes for Alexandria youth. Visit <https://survey.alexandriava.gov/s3/AssetWorkshop> for more information.

Starting a Nonprofit. 9-11 a.m. at Alexandria Small Business Development Center, 625 N. Washington St, Suite 400. How to start a nonprofit Bootcamp. Visit www.alexandriasbdc.org or call 703-778-1292 for more information.

THURSDAY/FEB. 9

Tax Basics. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Rd. An interactive class to help understand the basic tax forms, what documents you need to prepare your tax return, and tips to reduce your tax bill. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/DCHS for more information.

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217 years ago our citizens celebrated the birth of the Father of Our Country with the first George Washington Birthday Parade through the streets of Alexandria. During the previous two years, in 1797 and 1798, George Washington was the guest of honor at birthnight balls held at Gadsby’s Tavern. Since that time we have celebrated annually with reenactments, ceremonies, and symposia remembering with pride the contributions Washington made to our city and to our nation.

In the beginning, military and civilian

volunteers from many quarters of the community have arranged the celebration of Washington’s Birthday. Today a City Council-appointed committee of Alexandria citizens is charged with organizing it. This article is the first in a series to describe the Celebration Events for 2017. Whether through marching in parades, reenacting historic events, dancing at the birthnight balls, or walking with Washington to the many places he knew in Alexandria, I want to encourage everyone to participate in the annual remembrance of our First President. Find out more about the Alexandria George Washington Birthday Celebration on our website at www.washingtonbirthday.com. We are also on Facebook and Twitter.

THE NINTH CHERRY CHALLENGE

The George Washington Birthday Cel-

ebration Committee in Alexandria proudly announces the ninth annual Cherry Challenge. In the spirit of the cherished cherry tree tale, we are celebrating George Washington’s important presence in his hometown by inviting Alexandria restaurants to participate in this culinary contest. We urge everyone to patronize the participating restaurants during the period of Jan. 29 through Feb. 11, ... and vote for your favorite cherry drinks, starters, entrees and desserts. To participate, all you need to do is to enjoy the menu item that features cherries. Each patron who orders the item will have the opportunity to vote on taste, creativity, and presentation. At the end, the ballots will be collected, and tallied. The winners will be announced on our website and will march in the Parade on February 20, 2017. To see the participating restaurants (or if

you are a restaurant, you can still sign up to participate) go our website and then to the Cherry Challenge under Events.

JOIN THE PARADE
On Monday, Feb. 20, Alexandria hosts the George Washington Birthday Parade, the largest parade celebrating the birth of George Washington in the USA. Earl Cook, the just-retired Chief of Police will be the Grand Marshal. It is also Alexandria’s oldest community parade. If you are part of a performance group, a non-profit, a youth group, a historic organization, a business enterprise, or in some way a part of the Alexandria community, you are invited to march in the parade. It is great fun! For more information about the parade (and to sign up to be a marching unit), go to the Parade section of our website.

The Man and The River: Washington’s Way

The River:

What makes one great, you might ask.
It is more than the person, more than the task.
It is the step by step along the way
That steady drive forward amidst the falls and the fray.

The ancient watchful eyes of water
Noted the birth of our nation’s father
Followed his beginnings at Pope’s Creek
On the family farm, and then did seek
More land on the Rappahannock’s shores
Following the winding rivers course
Where he finally arrived by fate
At the Potomac and his famed estate.

The river flows,
As his life unfolds,
The river watches,
The river knows.

George Washington:

I am from rivers, from fishing and swimming.
I am from forests, with trees over-brimming.
I am from wild turkeys and white tailed deer.
I am from the earth of Virginia that I hold dearly near.

I am from a family of English folk
Who ventured far from their British yoke.
I am from farmers and sailors and entrepreneurs,
Who bettered their lives on paths they did forge.

The River:

He loved to move, to run, to swim
In races and contests there were few who could best him.
Riding horses was truly his joy,
A master equestrian since he was a boy.

Nature taught him to listen, to learn,
To watch, to try, to observe and discern
He watched nature’s cycles, when to plant, how to grow,
Whatever was there he was hungry to know.

George Washington:

My mother taught me to rise with the sun,
To persevere until I was done.
I strove to be dutiful and harness my tongue,
To listen to others, from when I was young.

At sixteen I became a surveyor of land,
A skill greatly needed as America did expand.
It matched my love of outdoors with my talent for mathematics,
In peace and in war it was ever pragmatic.

The River:

That brothers would die by each other’s hand.

The River:

Sure of his values, it was his way to be true,
Fairness his belief and honor his hew,
That one must remain just, centered in trust
More so in the face of what was unjust.

As a keen and sharp observer,
He lacked others’ oratorical fervor,
But listened ever more deeply, with equanimity,
He strove to be a leading force for our unity.

He was gifted with the ability to command and inspire
He kept alive the hope of freedom’s fires.
Those around him sought his attention and praise,
He kept hope alive in both bright and stormy days.

Washington wrapped himself in a calm
That soothed people like a healing balm.
He held himself to standards to act as he commanded,
He maintained a fearless stance to model what he demanded.

George Washington:

I knew when to speak.
I knew when to listen.
Creating networks to benefit my position,
I learned to be an adept politician,
Maneuvering carefully to further my vision.

Although I felt a hesitancy,
I was convinced of the necessity
To accept the first position of presidency,
To establish our country with an auspicious urgency.

The River:

George Washington believed he was guided by Providence,
So proceeded both with and without confidence
To be the leader of this country’s provenance.
As he gained, so did America reach prominence.

George Washington heeded the call,
He used his skills, his values, to give America his all.
To us he brought his inspired simplicity
To create clarity, felicity, our unique authenticity.

George Washington was a wonder,
About his life, we continue to ponder.
Living in the freedom he did fan to flame
And the uniqueness we still proudly do claim.

The rivers still flow
Telling stories we need to know.
If we, like Washington, would continue to listen,
We would hearken to our latest mission:
To promise to keep all people free
And to follow the river, to be all we can be.

— **Wendi R. Kaplan**
(Wendi R. Kaplan is poet laureate of Alexandria.)

Tree Stewards Gather

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thew Barker, Alexandria city arborist, providing a talk on “Champion and Notable Trees.” Barker is on a mission: to find more champion and notable trees in this area. “Did you know there are 200 species of tree which do not have a champion? Or that 75 percent of champion trees are found on private property (like your back yard)?” he asked. That champion or notable tree is out there waiting for a local resident to find it, he said, and suggested a website on the ways a tree qualifies and an interactive website on where the trees are that have been identified.

Those who find a tree which is particularly big, or beautiful, or has significance can contact: Matthew.Barker@AlexandriaVA.gov or at 703-746-4654. Barker created this interactive map of Alexandria’s Champion trees as well: [http://tinyurl.com/ AlexandriaChampionTrees](http://tinyurl.com/AlexandriaChampionTrees).

For Arlington, John Winogard said, there is also a map: . <http://gis.arlingtonva.us/gallery/map.html?webmap=f0cf90bac9c6402cba26f6c556445a09>

Tree Stewards is looking for new members: the annual training begins on Feb. 21. See <https://treestewards.org/>.

— EDEN BROWN

WINTER FUN & ENTERTAINMENT

Celebrating George's 285th Birthday

This year is the 285th anniversary of George Washington's birth in his hometown of Alexandria, where historians are serious when they say "George Washington slept here." The following is a list of activities to learn and celebrate the life of the country's first president.

FEB. 18-19

Presidents Day Breakfast Sampler. 9 a.m.-noon at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Hwy., Join "General Washington" for a sample of hoecakes prepared by Mount Vernon staff. Visit www.mountvernon.org/ or call 703-780-2000 for more information.

Visit with George Washington. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Hwy. Mingle with costumed characters from George Washington's world, followed by an 18th-century dancing demonstration, birthday cake and wreath-laying ceremony. Adults, \$20; children ages 6-11, \$10; and children under 5 free. Visit www.mountvernon.org/ or call 703-780-2000 for more information.



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On Monday, Feb. 20, from 1-3 p.m. the George Washington Birthday Parade occupies the streets of Alexandria, featuring historical groups, Scouting groups, animals, bands and more. Visit www.washingtonbirthday.net or call 703-829-6640 for more information.

MONDAY/FEB. 20

George Washington's Birthday. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Hwy. Celebrate the national observance of George Washington's Birthday by visiting his home and burial site free of charge on this day, and watch a variety of activities. Visit www.mountvernon.org/ or call 703-780-2000 for more information.

costumes and demonstrating authentic 18th-century weaponry. Free. Visit www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com/GWbday for more information.

Wonders of Science. 1-4 p.m. at the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105 S. Fairfax St. Hands-on demonstrations of the scientific interests of George Washington, including period medicine, inventions, and espionage. \$6 per person. Visit www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com/GWbday for more information.

veterans, active military, and their families with music, games, and activities for children with military vehicles, demonstrations, informational booths, and displays. Visit www.washingtonbirthday.net or call 703-829-6640 for more information.

George Washington Birthday Parade. 1-3 p.m. starts at the intersection of Gibbon and S. Fairfax streets. Expect nearly 3,500 participants including historical groups, youth from Scouting groups, animals, bands and more. Visit www.washingtonbirthday.net or call 703-829-6640 for more information.

WEDNESDAY/FEB. 22

Lecture: George Washington the Entrepreneur. 7:30 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Using Washington's financial papers, Edward G. Lengel, chief historian of the White House Historical Association, chronicles the story of how Washington built the Mount Vernon estate into a resource to win the war of independence. Visit www.washingtonbirthday.net or call 703-829-6640 for more information.

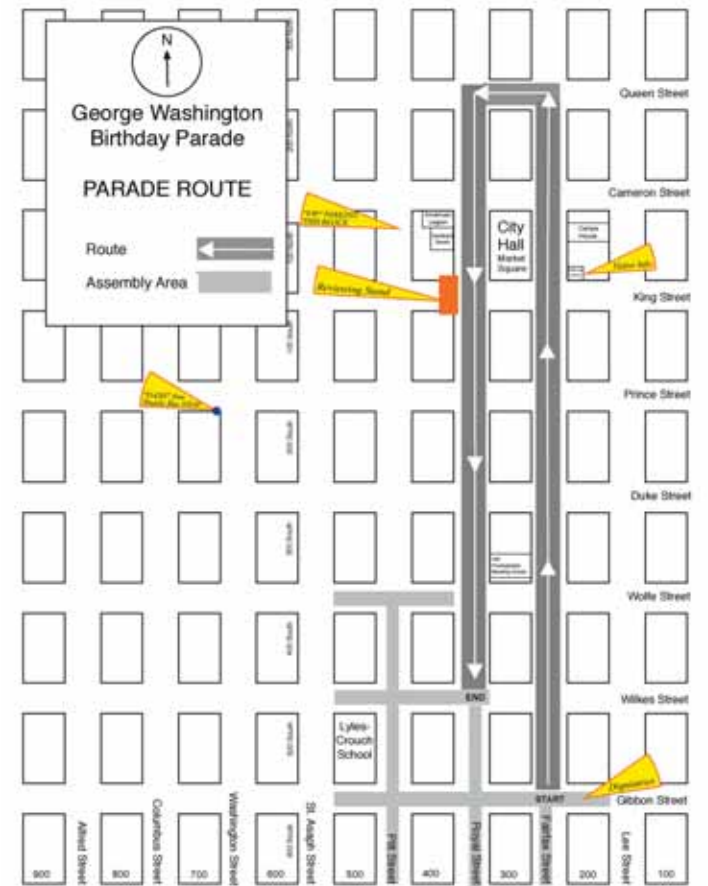


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Parade route map

www.washingtonbirthday.net or call 703-829-6640 for more information.

SATURDAY/FEB. 18

George Washington Birthnight Banquet and Ball. 5:30-11 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Set in 1799, the evening includes an 18th-century banquet, English country dancing, dessert collation, character reenactors plus the General and Mrs. Washington. Period costume optional; "after-five" attire encouraged. Tickets are tiered starting at \$125. Advance reservations required. Call 703-746-4242 for more information.

SUNDAY/FEB. 19

Revolutionary War Reenactment. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Fort Ward, 4301 W. Braddock Road. Historic camp and tactical demonstrations throughout the day, including a Revolutionary War skirmish at 2 p.m. between the Redcoats and the Colonial Army. Participants include renowned reenactment units from around the United States dressed in authentic period

MONDAY/FEB. 20

Historic Alexandria Open Houses. Times vary at the Carlyle House, Christ Church, Friendship Firehouse Museum, Gadsby's Tavern Museum, Old Presbyterian Meeting House, Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum and The Lyceum: Alexandria's History Museum. Free. Visit www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com/GWbday.

Fire Engine Association Breakfast. 9-10:30 a.m. at The Alexandrian, 480 King St. Sponsored by the Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Association, features "George Washington's" first appearance of the day plus an address by retired Four-Star General John H. Tilelli, the awarding of the Ben Lynt Award. \$35. Visit www.friendshipfire.net or call 703-751-6416 for more information.

Armed Forces Community Covenant Ceremony. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Market Square, 301 King St. Honor the nation's

SATURDAY/FEB. 25

George Washington Symposium. 1-3 p.m. at George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Dr. Mark Tabbert, the Memorial's director of collections, discusses contemporary research on the life of George Washington. Free. Visit www.washingtonbirthday.net or call 703-829-6640 for more information.

Annual Birthday Gala. 5:30-9:30 p.m. at George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Dr. Black tie affair, featuring The presentation of the George Washington Memorial Award. \$125. Visit www.washingtonbirthday.net or call 703-829-6640 for more information.

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Email announcements to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Include date, time, location, description and contact for event: phone, email and/or website. Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

ONGOING

Simply Abstract" Art Exhibit.

Through Jan. 29 at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Features local area artists' expressions of abstract art using shape, form, color, and line in 2- and 3-dimensional work. Artists tossed their colors and media in the air to release their inner energy in this display of artwork.

Portrayal of Women in Visual Arts Exhibit. Through Jan. 31, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at St. George Gallery, 105 N.

Alfred St. The artist's perspective of women inspired by in part by their experiences residing in Ethiopia. Alexandria@StGeorgeofEthiopia.com or 703-299-9495

DASHing Words in Motion. Through Feb. 1, The City of Alexandria Office of the Arts and the Alexandria Transit Company have joined forces to host a poetry contest "DASHing Words in Motion." Possible inspirational ideas might stem from the Alexandria Transit Company's DASH buses motto which is "Keep Alexandria Moving," or bus stops, neighborhoods, roads, or other modes of transportation within the City of Alexandria. www.alexandriava.gov/Arts, email at poet@alexandriava.gov, or by phone at 703-746-5565.

Multiple Exposures Gallery.

Through Feb. 12 at Torpedo Factory Art Center, #312, 105 North Union St. Colleen Henderson's A Study in

Contrasts, and Sandy Lebrun-Evan's McDowell County, WVA. www.multipleexposuresgallery.com

"Sanctuary." Through Feb. 18 in the Commons Fireplace Alcove of Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane. Selected black and white photographs from Nina Tisara's "Sanctuary" series, shot in Huntley Meadows Park. A closing reception will be held on Feb. 18, 6:30-7:15 p.m., followed by a concert by Nova Chamber Orchestra beginning at 7:30 p.m. Email Nina Tisara at ninat@ninatisara.com or call 703-765-5950 for more.

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

The Lyceum: 175 Years of Local History. Ongoing, Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday 1-5 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. On view in the museum's Goldsmith Gallery, the historical objects and images featured represent The Lyceum, the community at work, and commemorations and celebrations. Throughout the exhibition, visitors are invited to "be the curator" and think about why the various artifacts are in the museum's collection, and about how tangible representatives of the past help tell the story of Alexandria's history. Free. Visit www.alexandriahistory.org for more

Medical Care for the Civil War

Soldier Exhibit. Ongoing at the Fort Ward museum, 4301 W. Braddock Road. ongoing exhibit which features original medical instruments and equipment from the Civil War period and information on Union Army hospital sites in Alexandria. Free. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/fortward for more

Alexandria's Nurses and Hospitals

During the Civil War. Ongoing at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. An exhibit on the life of Clarissa Jones, a nurse at The Lyceum hospital during the Civil War. The true story of a nurse in Alexandria during the war, drawing parallels with characters portrayed in the PBS drama "Mercy Street," with references to the experiences of other

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WINTER FUN & ENTERTAINMENT

WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS

Pick-Up Hockey. 11:30-1 p.m. at Mount Vernon Ice Skating, 2017 Belle View Blvd. Play hockey with other hockey buffs, hitting slap shots and learning puck handling skills that the pros use. Players must have full equipment. 16 and older. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/rec/mtvernon/ or call 703-768-3224 for more.

WEDNESDAY/JAN. 25

Dyke Marsh Walk. 8:30-11:30 a.m. at the Dyke Marsh, 6401 George Washington Memorial Parkway. Join leader Tom Nardone to scan the river for waterfowl and enjoy a walk through the marsh and woodland areas. Sponsored by the Northern Virginia Bird Club. Visit www.nvabc.org/ for more.

SATURDAY/JAN. 28

Polar Bear Plunge Benefit. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at National Harbor, 165 Waterfront St. Benefit to raise funds to keep the Potomac and Shenandoah Rivers clean. Email info@nationalharbor.com for more.

MONDAY-SUNDAY/JAN. 30-FEB. 5

Restaurant Week. Participating restaurants offer multi-course \$35 dinner, \$22 lunch, and, for the first time, \$22 brunch menus, exclusively available during Restaurant Week. Visit www.rwdmv.com for more.

FRIDAYS IN FEBRUARY

RockNBlades. 8:45-10:30 p.m. at Mount Vernon Ice Skating, 2017 Belle View Blvd. Skating with music.



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Winter Fun

The Mount Vernon RECenter features an ice skating rink where there are skating lessons, pick-up games of ice hockey, and free skate periods with skate rentals. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/rec/mtvernon/ or call 703-768-3224 for more.

\$12 admission includes rental skates.

FEB. 3-MARCH 5

Ceramic Guild show. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. "Customer Appreciation: Welcome to our World" Ceramic Guild show at Scope Gallery. Visit www.scopegallery.org, www.torpedofactory.org/galleries/scope or call 703-548-6288 for more.

SATURDAY/FEB. 4

World Wetlands Day. noon-2 p.m. at Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Come celebrate the importance of wetlands and learn why these unique ecosystems are significant to people, plants and animals. Ages 4 and older. \$8 county residents, \$10 non-county. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows-park for more.
Happy Birthday John Carlyle.

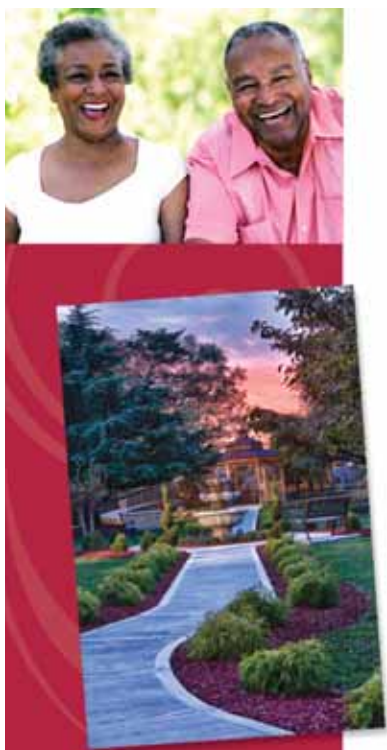
Noon-4 p.m. at Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St. A 1770s Celebration for the town founder. Visit www.novaparks.com for more.

Country-Western Dance. 6-7 p.m. at Lincolnia Senior Center, 4710 N. Chambliss St. The Northern Virginia Country-Western Dance Association will hold a dance. \$10; non-members \$12; children under 18 accompanied by a paying adult \$5. Smoke-free, alcohol-free. BYO refreshments. Visit

www.nvcwda.org or call 703-860-4941 for more.

SUNDAY/FEB. 5

Winter Warmer Tea. 3-4:30 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Choose from a variety of 18th-century desserts while sipping John Gadsby's special blend of tea or take a cup of American Heritage Chocolate. Historic guest Martha Washington will catch you up on the



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latest Alexandria news during the tea. \$35. Reservations required. Call 703-746-4242 for more.

Super Bowl Blitz. 5-11 p.m. at Chadwicks, 203 Strand St. Watch the game on a big projection screen and enjoy unlimited appetizers and drink specials. \$20. Tickets are limited. Call 703-836-4442.

FEB. 17-26

Winter Restaurant Week.

Neighborhood restaurants throughout Alexandria, including Old Town, Del Ray, Carlyle and the West End. \$35 three-course dinner for one or \$35 dinner for two; select locations offering lunch from \$10-20/person. Visit www.AlexandriaRestaurantWeek.com or call 703-746-3301 for more.

MONDAY/FEB. 20

Wreath Laying Ceremony. 11 a.m.-noon at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the Revolution, at the Old Presbyterian Meeting House, 323 S. Fairfax St. Join the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Sons of the American Revolution as they host colonial military and civilians to honor the soldiers of the Revolution. Free. Visit www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com/GWbday for more.

TUESDAY/FEB. 21

Winter Gardening Lecture. 7-8:30 p.m. at the Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Learn early season practices that will save you time, money and labor. Free. Email

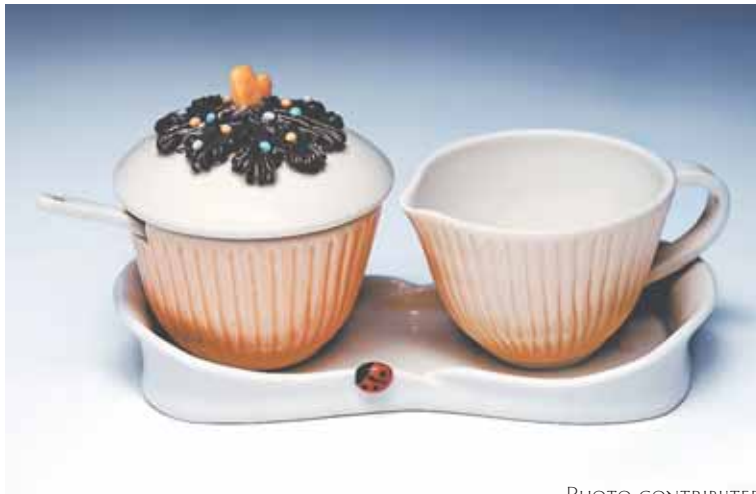


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This embellished ceramic cupcake cream and sugar set by Hiromi Minemura, of Rockville, Md., is one of the pieces of art at the Ceramic Guild show, Feb. 3-March 5, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Visit www.scopegallery.org, www.torpedofactory.org/galleries/scope or call 703-548-6288 for more.

mgarlalex@gmail.com or call 703-228-6414 for more.

SATURDAY/FEB. 25

Winter Birds and Feeder

Workshop noon-2 p.m. at Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Learn about the birds that call Huntley Meadows Park and your backyard home during winter. Learn how to identify winter birds through calls, games and activities. Children

must be accompanied by an adult registered in the program. \$8 county residents, \$10 non-county. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows-park for more.

Civil War Winter Drill Day. 1-4 p.m. at Fort Ward Museum, 4301 W. Braddock Road. Members of the 3rd U.S. Regular Infantry, Company K, will interpret the life of the Union soldier on Civil War in the winter. Visit www.fortward.org, or call 703-746-4848 for more.

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nurses, such as Anne Reading, who worked in the Mansion House hospital, and Jane Woolsey, who served at the Fairfax Seminary hospital. Admission is \$2. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/lyceum for more.

Shield of Earth: Defending the Heart of the Union exhibit. Ongoing, museum hours Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sundays, noon-5 p.m. at Fort Ward Museum, 4301 West Braddock Road. Highlights of the exhibition include military passes issued by Provost Marshal's Office, construction tools, and original photographs of some of Washington's defenders. 703-746-4848 or www.fortward.org.

Who These Wounded Are: The Extraordinary Stories of the Mansion House Hospital exhibit. Ongoing, Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sundays, noon-4 p.m. at the Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St. Come see the site that inspired "Mercy Street," the new PBS' series inspired by real events that took place at Carlyle House. www.carlylehouse.org or call 703-549-2997

"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.

Color Disorder Exhibit. Ongoing, Thursday through Sunday, noon-4 p.m., Sundays, noon-4 p.m. at the

The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. A joint exhibition of artists Katie Baines and Amy Chan who use diverse painting materials such as acrylic, gouache, airbrush and screen print to build energized abstract paintings. www.nfaa.org or 703-548-0035.

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 Caffe and Creperie, 119 S. Royal St. View a French film. Free, no reservation necessary. Call 703-535-8151 or visit www.fontainecaffe.com/reviews.html.

Their Fates Intertwined: The Lees of Alexandria in the War of 1812. Wednesday- Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Lee-Fendall House and Gardens, 614 Oronoco St. A new exhibit on the experiences of the Lee family in Alexandria during the War of 1812 examines the contributions of Alexandria's citizens during the conflict that led to the writing of our national anthem through the lives of this iconic Virginia family. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org or call 703-548-1789.

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.

Fifty Years of Collecting. Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sundays 12-5 p.m. Fort Ward Museum, 4301 W. Braddock Road. An anniversary exhibit of objects from the Fort Ward collection. Free. Visit

www.fortward.org or call 703-746-4848.

Dinner for the Washingtons. 12 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. A walking tour that goes behind the scenes to find out how food was prepared and served before the era of microwaves and TV dinners. \$5 in addition to estate admission. Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.

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.

Civil War Sundays. 1-5 p.m. at Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 North Union St., #327. Learn more about the Civil War as it occurred in Alexandria. Find dioramas, newspaper articles and more Free. Visit www.alexandriarchaeology.org.

Doggy Happy Hour. Starting April 5, Tuesdays through October 5-8 p.m. at Jackson 20 and Hotel Monaco Alexandria, 480 King St. Doggy Happy Hour at Jackson 20 and the Hotel Monaco Alexandria offers specials on cocktails and beers plus treats and water for canine companions. Free, but drinks sold separately. Visit www.monaco-alexandria.com for more

Wake Up Wednesdays featuring The Pop Up Cafe. 7-9:30 a.m. on Wednesday's near the King Street Tunnel - Carlyle Entrance located

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THURSDAY/JAN. 26

Vegetable Gardening Part 1:

Jumpstart With Seeds. 7-8:30 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Get the scoop on seed selection, hybrid vs. heirloom, what seeds to start indoors, germination tips, and best bets for seed saving. Find out how to make your own starter pots, and easy-to-create lighting systems to bring the sunlight inside. Call 703-228-6414 or email mgarlalex@gmail.com.

Dinner with the Gray Ghost

Winery. 7 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Start the first course and conversation with Gray Ghost Vineyards, with links to the "Gray Ghost" Confederate John S. Mosby. \$125. Call 703-746-4242 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org for more.

Songwriter Scott Miller and Mac McAnnally in Concert. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Call 703-549-7500 or visit www.birchmere.com for more.

SATURDAY/JAN. 28

Watercolors in Workshops. 9:30

a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Artist and instructor Marni Maree demonstrates techniques and guides you in creating your own watercolor painting. \$88. Call 703-642-5173 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring/ for more.

"Hands on: Collaborate

Abstractly" 2-3:30 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Workshop students partner up to create abstract art. Visit DelRayArtisans.org/event/hands-on for more.

Chairman's Voyage: To Boldly Go..

7 p.m. at Alexandria Chamber of Commerce, 2834 Duke St. Hear the future of the City of Alexandria and welcome our new Board Chair Dak Hardwick and celebrate the possibilities to come. Call 703-549-1000 or visit www.alexchamber.com for more.

SUNDAY/JAN. 29

Marine Chamber Orchestra Plays

Water Music. 2 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 4915 East Campus Drive. Music by George Frideric Handel, Ned Rorem and John Knowles Paine. Call 703-845-6156 or visit www.schlesingercenter.com for more.

JAN. 29-MAY 21

A New Beginning Exhibit. Various times at Alexandria Animal Hospital, 2660 Duke St. Part of Del Ray Artisans Gallery Without Walls program. Visit www.DelRayArtisans.org/GWW for more.

TUESDAY/JAN. 31

Mathew Brady Civil War

Photographs of Alexandria. 7 p.m. at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Alexandria historian Tom Schultz of DC Military Tours will lead a discussion on seven subject photographs and the new discoveries found in them. Wine and cheese will be served. Free. RSVP at admin@nvfaa.org or 703-548-0035.

Tom Clancy Auction. 10 a.m. at The Potomack Company 1120 N. Fairfax St. Auctioning items from the estate of novelist Tom Clancy, author of "The Hunt for Red October" and "Patriot Games," including an



Del Ray Artisans

Eileen O'Brien's leaves are one work in the "A New Beginning" exhibit featured at the Del Ray Artisans Gallery Without Walls program, Jan. 29-May 21, at the Alexandria Animal Hospital, 2660 Duke St. Visit www.DelRayArtisans.org/GWW for more.

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overcoat, designer furniture and the author's golf cart. Email Lucie@potomackco.com or call 703-684-4550.

MONDAY-SUNDAY/JAN. 30-FEB. 5

Restaurant Week. Participating restaurants offer multi-course \$35 dinner, \$22 lunch, and – for the first time – \$22 brunch menus, exclusively available during Restaurant Week. Visit www.rwdmv.com for more.

THURSDAY/FEB. 2

Coffee and Connections. 8-9 a.m. at Alexandria Renew Enterprises, 1800 Limerick St. Join Alexandria Chamber's Professional Women's Network for its first Coffee and Connections event of 2017. \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members. Visit alexandriavacoc.wliinc33.com for more.

FRIDAY/FEB. 3

Garden Talks: Plants that Bully.

1:30-2:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Master Gardeners highlight the invasive plants and show native alternatives to grow instead. \$10. Call 703-642-5173 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring/ for more.

Heflebower's Cobblers and

Cocktails. 7-9 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Come taste tavern keeper Samuel Heflebower's 19th-century cocktails, learn a bit of tavern history. Call 703-746-4242 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org for more.

The Bottle Rockets Concert. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. In concert with Marshall Crenshaw. \$29.50. Call 703-549-7500 or visit www.birchmere.com.

FEB. 3-MARCH 5

Ceramic Guild Show. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. "Customer Appreciation: Welcome to our World" Ceramic Guild show at Scope Gallery. Visit www.scopegallery.org, www.torpedofactory.org/galleries/ or call 703-548-6288 for more.

SATURDAY/FEB. 4

12th Annual Alexandria Warehouse Sale. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at The Westin Alexandria, 400 Courthouse Square.

Discounts from some of Alexandria's boutiques. Visit www.oldtownboutiquedistrict.com or www.AlexandriaWarehouseSale.com.

The Lee-Fendall House as Civil

War Hospital. 10 a.m. at the Lee-Fendall House, 614 Oronoco St "This Tide of Wounded" tour of the museum and grounds highlights the Lee-Fendall House's role as a hospital during the Civil War. \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org or call 703-548-1789 for more.

Experiences of Slavery. 2 p.m. at the Lee-Fendall House, 614 Oronoco St. "From Slavery to Freedom," this tour interprets the Lee-Fendall House from the perspective of its enslaved inhabitants, exploring the experiences of slavery in the city. \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org or call 703-548-1789 for more.

Pipeline Playwrights Launch

Party. 3-6 p.m. at the National Arts Education Association, 901 Prince St. The launch party will feature scenes from the four new plays in the spring reading series. Visit www.arteducators.org or call 703-860-8000 for more.

Country-Western Dance. 6-9:30 p.m. at the Lincolnia Senior Center, 4710 N. Chambliss St. The Northern Virginia Country-Western Dance Association dance. \$10; non-members \$12; children under 18 accompanied by a paying adult \$5. Smoke-free, alcohol-free. BYO refreshments. Visit www.nvcwda.org or call 703-860-4941 for more.

MONDAY/FEB. 6

Garden Sprouts: Nature

Playgroup. 10-11:30 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Preschoolers participate in nature-themed activities while parents meet other playgroup parents one Monday a month. \$6. Call 703-642-5173 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring/ for more.

TUESDAY/FEB. 7

Iconography: Prayer in Images.

7:30-9 p.m. at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. Learn how to read the symbolism in this art form and how icons are used in Orthodox Christian churches and homes with Laura Clerici. Call 703-360-4220 or visit www.staidansepiscopal.com.

WEDNESDAY/FEB. 8

Justin Hayward Concert. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. Hayward is the vocalist-songwriter-guitarist of The Moody Blues. Visit www.birchmere.com.

THURSDAY/FEB. 9

Fort Belvoir Update Breakfast. 8-9:30 a.m. at the Belle Haven Country Club, 6023 Fort Hunt Road. Col. Holbrooke will provide an update on planned improvements. \$25 for Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber Members and Guests, \$35 Non-Chamber. Email info@mtvernon-leechamber.org.

FEB. 9-MARCH 19

Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery.

Torpedo Factory, Studio 29, 105 N. Union St. Cosmic Sights and Sounds, comes as the winter night sky's grand collection of brilliant stars begins to give way to the vernal equinox. This show will also highlight the work of featured artists Carol Bodin, Mickey Kunkle, and Lynda Prioleau. Visit www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com.

SATURDAY/FEB. 11

Artists' Reception. 2-4 p.m. at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 4915 East Campus Drive. Artists' reception for three exhibiting shows for artists Winston W. Harris, John M. Adams and Lonnie Pauls. Free. Visit www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/ for more.

Nocturnal Animals. 5:15-7:15 p.m. at Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Look and listen for owls, beavers and other animals that are active at night. \$8. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows-park/ or call 703-768-2525 for more.

FEB. 11-12

All-Mozart Concert. 8 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 4915 E Campus Drive. The concert has a focus on musical masterpieces, led by five conductors, anchored by a classical "popular" favorite from the symphonic canon. \$20-\$80, \$5 youth and \$10 student with military, senior and group discounts available. Visit www.alexsym.org or call 703-548-0885 for more.

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Fort Ward Winter Drills

On Saturday, Feb. 25, members of the 3rd U.S. Regular Infantry, Company K, will interpret the life of the Union soldier on Civil War in the winter from 1-4 p.m. at Fort Ward Museum, 4301 W. Braddock Road. Visit www.fortward.org, or call 703-746-4848 for more.

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new structures instead of change. Those whose families came with the Great Migration know the segregated public housing of 1942 and shortly after was better because it offered indoor plumbing. What is better about public housing today? In the early public housing years families transitioned out, some able to buy homes in black-only neighborhoods.

According to the 2008 Braddock East Plan public housing was first created during the 1930s to provide decent, safe, and sanitary low-cost housing to predominantly working-class and middle-class households. Today over 83 percent of public housing households are extremely low income. Many are multi-generational.

The party does not want progress. Officeholders want indebted voter classes — low income families satisfied with a world no bigger than ARHA, Jefferson Houston School, and the Charles Houston Center and Central district parents for whom re-segregation is a rallying cry.

The city wants to tax homeowners to pay for public and affordable housing, school expansion and maintenance, and infrastructure. I say no! Why does the new K-8 Jefferson Houston School, accredited in 2008 in an older building, now require a no transfer policy? Why has City Council repeatedly postponed mandatory storm sewer compliance to pay for poorly considered school and housing needs?

If Superintendent Rebecca Perry got Jefferson Houston accredited — less than a decade ago — then why can't Crawley? If bricks and mortar public housing is demolished, why is ARHA's replacement housing expected to have a shorter useful life? The list of questions is long.

The manager, mayor and City Council, School Board and superintendent have earned grade F. Last year's potholes go unfixed. Metro is collapsing. The schools are a continuing saga, there is no end to the immigrant flow. Council must solve the budget problem internally. We will not support another year of tax increases.

Nolan Alexander
Alexandria

New School Meets Critical Need

To the editor:

Last week, ACPS began a conversation with the community around the new West End School. When I was running for a seat on the School Board, the sitting School Board had begun the redistricting process as a way to alleviate the capacity issues in ACPS. However, it was soon apparent redistricting alone would not provide the requisite capacity relief because the system as a whole was over capacity; simply moving students from one school to another would not solve the problem.

Although a couple of the schools in the ACPS system have been rebuilt in the past 10 years, no new school has been added to the system since Samuel Tucker Elementary opened in 1999. Since that time our elementary student population has grown significantly and we currently have an elemen-

What Are You Doing for Others?

BY BREANNE
DRISCOLL
REBUILDING TO-
GETHER ALEXANDRIA



2017 is bringing a lot of change to the world. On the heels of Martin Luther King Day and with planning in motion for Rebuilding Together Alexandria's National Rebuilding Day (April 29), I want to take pause, be mindful, and revel at the everyday volunteers that make our organization a year-round support system for low-income homeowners.

Our "Mod"ification Squad has 20 active volunteers that have taken on almost 50 projects for homeowners. They take on projects independently, set their own schedule, and work on tasks that are of interest to their skill set. From installing grab bars to provide stability for our older homeowners, to fixing small plumbing leaks or electrical issues, they handle it all. Many have been volunteering their time and expertise with us for years, supervising teams of volunteers on National Rebuilding Day or assisting us with special projects year-round.

One Mod Squad member, David,

started working with us last summer. His first introduction to our organization was a group project where he and a few other brave volunteers tirelessly pulled up extremely soiled carpet of an elderly homeowner. Not deterred by the work, he has since taken on seven other Mod Squad projects and attended two group projects.

In David's own words: "After I retired, I spent a month or two sleeping in, going out to breakfast and lunch with friends, and doing honeydoo around my house. Eventually, I decided that I would gradually take on volunteer 'jobs' until my plate was full. I looked for two types; those where I would use mainly my mind and those where I was using my hands. I thought Rebuilding Together was a good fit for the 'hands on' work. I like that I'm helping people, even in some small way, to keep living independently. Most of my clients are to the stage of their lives that getting on a ladder is just a really bad idea. Many of my tasks they likely did when they were younger but have now lost too much stability and dexterity to complete. It's interesting hearing about their lives and where they worked; most at the same organization their entire career. One woman wanted to make sure I noticed the license plate on her car that looked a little like a '30s-gangster car. It was personalized plate short for Bonnie and Clyde. While it usually takes me twice as long as estimated to complete every assignment, I

don't think my clients mind and it's kind of fun for both of us to visit while I work. The biggest surprise has been how much I've used my brain. Because these homes are old and built to an older code, it usually takes some time to figure out how to complete the task with modern parts, even if it is as simple as replacing an electrical outlet. I enjoy the tasks and people so much that I've been trying to recruit other friends to participate with me. Meet interesting people; no bureaucracy; pick my tasks; set my own schedule; know when the job is done; and use my hands and brain — it's kind of an ideal job.

I volunteer because it's what we are supposed to do; help each other out."

So as Martin Luther King Jr. remarked, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is: What are you doing for others?" Whether you become part of our volunteer task force or create a group and volunteer on National Rebuilding Day, we will be thrilled you want to join our team and be the reason why a low-income neighbor can focus on paying for food, medicine, and other necessities. We encourage you to sponsor a team, get your hands dirty, and get involved. For more information call 703-836-1021, email info@RebuildingTogetherAlex.org, or visit www.RebuildingTogetherAlex.org.

tary seating deficit of 1,122 seats. Enrollment projections, which have been more than 99 percent accurate in recent years, tell us that growth will continue at all grades levels. A new West End elementary school has become a critical need.

The lack of available open space in our dense urban environment meant the superintendent and the School Board needed to be open to creative solutions. This ultimately led to pursuing the option of buying and retrofitting an existing commercial building. While the original plan was to lease the building the savings associated with purchasing instead are compelling, \$28 million over 10 years or \$64 million over 20 years.

Some may question using a commercial building for a school, as I did initially. However this is an emerging trend in urban/suburban environments. Several school systems around the country already have such a school or are considering it. When touring Fairfax County's Bailey's Upper Elementary School last year I often forgot I was in what was formally a commercial building. The only reminder was the natural light. It was far more abundant than any other school I've seen.

The new building has similar lighting and I'm sure will be just as impressive when the conversion is complete. In the meantime, we ask the public to work with us to make this project one that our West End students and families can be proud of.

Cindy Anderson
School Board Vice Chair

How Many People?

To the Editor:

I attended the ACA rally on Jan. 15 at the Charles Houston Center, which you profiled on the front page of the Jan. 19 Gazette.

There were easily 1,000 people in attendance — 10 times the number reported. And while there was indeed disagreement about Sen. Warner's vote on importing drugs from Canada (I also disagree with his vote, by the way), perhaps 10 people held up signs or protested. The only photos your printed were of four protesters, not the SRO crowd in the bleachers and spilling onto the gym floor.

The real point is that we need affordable health care for all Americans, which was the point of the rally. Your article misrepresented the event in words and pictures.

Paula Whitacre
Alexandria

Poorly Serving Constituents

To the Editor:

An open letter to U.S. Rep. Don Beyer.

Dear Congressman Beyer:

I read that you would not attend the swearing in of our 45th president because you did not want to be part of "legitimizing Trump." I would like to point out to you that you have no role in "legitimizing" a presidency. Under the Constitution the vot-

ers and the Electoral College fulfill that role.

I also would remind you that although I did not vote for you, I am one of your constituents. By indulging yourself in this protest you have diminished your ability to serve the interests of your constituents should you have occasion to deal with members of this President's administration.

David A. Norcross
Alexandria

Outstanding Leadership

To the Editor:

I was thrilled to learn that U.S. Rep. Don Beyer will be the next to join the growing ranks of climate advocates in the Climate Solutions Caucus. That group has been working to prove that mitigating the effects of climate change is a bipartisan issue — there are now 10 Democrats and 10 Republicans total.

Rep. Beyer has been an outspoken advocate for smart rules that can reduce our dependence on foreign oil and prevent the worst effects of the coastal flooding the has been challenging the Tidewater region. This latest announcement is just another reflection of that leadership. Most of all, I appreciate his responsiveness to the concerns that many people in Virginia — and the nation — have about climate change.

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What's a Couple Thousand Bills, Anyway?

BY ADAM P. EBBIN
STATE SENATOR (D-30)



Jan. 11 marked the beginning of the 2017 General Assembly 46-day “short” session. My colleagues and I have begun considering the more than 2,394 bills introduced to date, including 35 of mine. And this week, when a Senate page collapsed in the chamber, we learned just how lucky we are to have a world-class pediatric neurologist presiding over the Senate.

The Senate welcomed four new members this year including Sen. Monty Mason (D-Williamsburg), who succeeded late John Miller, a friend and highly regarded education advocate, and Sen. Lionell Spruill (D-Chesapeake), who succeeds the now-Mayor of Norfolk, Kenny Alexander. I’ve enjoyed meeting Sen. Mark Peake (R-Lynchburg) and serving again with Jennifer McClellan (D-Richmond) who were both elected in special elections on Jan. 10. It’s a real pleasure to have my former colleagues in the House of Delegates, now-Senators Spruill and McClellan join me in the “higher body.”

While the sheer volume of legislation and

short timeline pose a unique test for Virginia’s legislature, it’s not difficult to envision some of the other pressing challenges we have ahead — from codifying non-discrimination protections and defending the rights of all Virginians (SB783), to pushing forward towards common-sense criminal justice reform by updating our marijuana laws (SB1091, SB1269) and ending the practice of using driver’s license revocation as a punishment for those who cannot afford to pay court costs (SB1280). I’ll also be promoting several adjustments to our Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) including ensuring local input is considered when siting ABC stores and removing red tape for restaurateurs (SB1382).

I’m proud to work in concert with Governor McAuliffe’s priorities he laid out in his State of the Commonwealth Address last week to continue to build a new Virginia economy that is open for business (SB783), that invests in emerging technologies (SB1258), and that stands against policies that would set us backwards, morally and fiscally (HB1612); and, to promote a Virginian democracy that is accessible to its citizens and makes it a priority to break down barriers to the ballot box through no-excuse in-person absentee voting (SB1002, SB792) and automatic voter registration (SB1051).

I’m continuing my work to prevent gun

violence, seeking to make it illegal to open carry while intoxicated (SB1267), or to allow toddlers to handle firearms (SB1266). I’m a proud founding member of the American State Legislators for Gun Violence Prevention, and it’s my pleasure to work organizations like Everytown and MOMS to end gun violence in the Commonwealth.

These bills reflect the progress that many Virginians desire. Nobody, from Alexandria to Wytheville, should face criminal penalties for marijuana possession (SB1269). It’s also paramount for government officials to operate with transparency and accountability (SJ289).

While I continue to strongly support progressive principles, I also renew my commitment to work with senators on both sides of the aisle on the General Laws and Technology Committee; the Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources Committee; and the Privileges and Elections Committee as well as on the Senate floor. I am grateful for the chance to make progress towards the conservation both of nature, and of our democracy.

Amid a flurry of committee meetings, briefings, and session, it is wonderful to get to connect with folks from home. Thanks to those who joined me on their lobby days on Martin Luther King Day and throughout the first week of session. I thoroughly enjoyed learning from passionate Hayfield

High School students Mahad, Aaron and Mosha about the Virginia Student Training And Refurbishment (STAR) program, and representatives from from the Center for Alexandria’s Children and the American Cancer Society. It was my pleasure to be joined by gun safety advocates from Moms Demand Action, the Mount Vernon Unitarian Universalist Church and Everytown Against Gun Violence and gun rights proponents from the Virginia Citizens Defense League as well.

Please join me and other local General Assembly legislators at my Alexandria, Mount Vernon, and Lee District town meetings where we will answer your questions and provide an update on the 2017 legislative session.

♦ Alexandria: Saturday, Jan. 28, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., Mt. Vernon Community School – 2601 Commonwealth Avenue, Alexandria, 22301, with Del. Mark Levine.

♦ Lee District: Saturday, Jan. 28, 1:30-3 p.m., Hayfield Elementary School – 7633 Telegraph Rd, Alexandria, VA 22315, with Del. Mark Sickles and District Supervisor Jeff McKay.

♦ Mt. Vernon: Saturday, Feb. 11, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m., Whitman Middle School – 2500 Parkers Lane, Alexandria, 22306, with state Sen. Scott Surovell and Del. Paul Krizek.

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Reaching across the aisle is rare these days, so it’s great to see it from one of my own elected officials.

Michael Chapman
Alexandria

Organize and Begin the Fight

To the Editor:

Last week, many of us attended U.S. Rep. Don Beyer’s Town Hall where we were heartened and encouraged to see so many of our neighbors from all walks of life engaged, informed and ready to fight

for a progressive future for our community, our state, and our country. We thank Congressman Beyer for his leadership and look forward to working with him and others in our community to uphold our country’s

core beliefs, values and ideals.

With many deep concerns about the direction of the new administration, we recently formed a casual, but committed group to begin thinking about how to have our voices heard through the clutter of the current political debate. We are looking at political races throughout Virginia where we can make a difference. Additionally, we are focused on a message of unity and finding commonalities in issues that affect all of us. What we do know is that we will organize and fight against any local or national policy

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Supporting Community-Engaged Policing

BY CHARNIELE
HERRING
DELEGATE (D-46)



A safer Commonwealth, with laws that protect us and protect our basic dignity, is something for which lawmakers across the political spectrum strive. While we differ in ideology and how we implement our beliefs into the laws of which we are stewards, we all take real action.

I have found this to be true since I began to serve on the Courts of Justice Committee and the Virginia State Crime Commission. This is why when HR 268 came up for

a vote, I was shocked and outraged. This piece of legislation is a House Resolution,

which means it is not voted on by the whole legislature and never goes before the Governor, but it is an acknowledgement of opinion by the Virginia House of Delegates. Its purpose is to officially recognize a “Day of Tears” in which aborted fetuses are mourned and people are requested to lower their flags to half-staff without any thought to the women who went through the medical procedure.

I find this offensive to women and an insidious attack on the privacy and dignity with which women are entitled to make their health decisions. In no way would I

want to stop someone from mourning or expressing their opinions and feelings, but to spend government time and resources to create a day that exists as a subtle (or not so subtle) way to publicly shame women who have had an abortion is just plain wrong.

While I stood up on the House Floor to combat this legislation, it was ultimately passed. While some of my colleagues across the aisle are spending their time attacking women and their constitutionally protected rights, I am happy to report that I am working with the Governor and other colleagues across the aisle to ensure that we have adequate funding for expanded community engaged policing training.

HB 1894 would accomplish this. Community-engaged policing is a way forward in the relationship between the community and the police force that strives to protect and serve. In recent years one of the topics that has come forward time and again in respect to the community and police relationship is that of trust.

Placing officers in the community and providing them adequate training to develop relationships and understanding is one of the most effective ways to keep our communities safe and further the feeling of safety for those that live in diverse communities. Specifically this legislation will require compulsory training standards for basic training and recertification of law-enforcement officers including fair and impartial policing, verbal de-escalation, and

the needs of special populations.

In addition to ensuring our police have the tools they need to properly protect us, it is also important to look at the other end of our justice system. While we have many protections in place to ensure an innocent person is not punished, it does to our collective horror occur from time to time. That is why I’ve introduced legislation clarifying and strengthening a process called a writ of actual innocence, in which with new proof or new science applied to existing proof, an innocent person has an avenue to end their time in prison. This also means that an innocent person released means an investigation is opened to catch the real perpetrator of a crime. Science evolves every day and with it new ways to prove guilt and innocence, which means a safer commonwealth where we can rest assured the right person has been convicted.

Making our community and our Commonwealth a safer place is important. While value statements and opinions are an important part of getting to how we propose and pass laws, I believe it is more important we take real action to resolve real, existing problems in place of undermine the dignity of women by spending government money to release a partisan position statement.

Charniele Herring represents Alexandria City’s 46th District in the Virginia General Assembly where she serves as House Minority Caucus chair and on the Courts of Justice and Counties, Cities, and Towns committees. Follow Herring online at www.charnieleherring.com.

Honoring Those Who Give Back to the Community

Senior Services hosts annual Generation-to-Generation Gala.

BY MARY LEE ANDERSON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SENIOR SERVICES OF ALEXANDRIA

Senior Services of Alexandria will recognize two Alexandria families at its annual Generation-to-Generation Gala for their long-term commitment to giving back in the local community. The families to be honored are: Jack Taylor and his son John, and the Charity family. SSA will also present its special Community Service award to Gant and Fran Redmon in recognition of their commitment to service and leadership in Alexandria.

SENIOR SERVICES OF ALEXANDRIA

"This year's honorees exemplify the dedication of giving back to the Alexandria community through multiple generations," said Lynnwood Campbell, SSA's board chair. "They serve as pillars in the community by making a difference in the lives of many."

Jack Taylor came to Alexandria in 1973 when he and Frank Page acquired Alexandria Toyota. Jack became the sole owner of the dealership in 1984 and continues to serve as president today. He has been a tireless supporter of many local charities, as well as the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's research. Alexandria's children have also been a high priority for Jack, as evidenced by his involvement with the

Scholarship Fund of Alexandria for more than 24 years, contributing more than \$1.5 million through car donations, matching funds and direct contributions. He has also been an outstanding support of Capital Caring, raising over a million dollars for the hospice organization.



John Taylor was raised in Alexandria, and after attending Christopher Newport University, he joined his father at Alexandria Toyota, becoming general manager in 2016. John has continued his father's tradition of giving back to the community through his support of the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria, and also through his commitment to veteran's causes. This interest began in 2013 when he worked with a childhood friend, Brendan O'Toole, as he completed a 3,600 mile run across the nation in support of veterans with an Alexandria Toyota RV as a rolling base camp.

William Charity, the 100-year-old patriarch of a four-generation family with deep roots in Alexandria, is an example of strength, perseverance and unconditional love for his family, the Alexandria community, and the Ebenezer Baptist Church. Will served the public for 52 years as a taxi driver and continues to receive correspondence from former clients whose lives he impacted through a giving heart. His daughter, Diane (DeeDee) Marshall inherited the tradition of service to others from watching her mother and father's work in the community. She sings in the Women's Ecumenical Choir of the DMV and participates in local

cancer walks. She is a member of the Sisters with a Purpose and Jesus Cares ministries at Ebenezer Baptist Church and volunteers with Alexandria's Voter Registration Office.

Will Charity's sister Marjorie Burts and her husband Albert grew up in Alexandria, attending historic Parker-Gray High School. Marjorie is the oldest member of the Women's Ecumenical Choir of the DMV, and received a Certificate of Recognition for her support of the choir. Albert is a military veteran, and served in the Korean War with the Third Infantry Division. He and Marjorie are known for creating a space for family and friends to grow and support one another.

Their daughter, Kendra Gleaton, joins her mother and cousin DeeDee in the choir, and she serves as the administrator of the Ebenezer Baptist Church's Children and Youth Ministry. Kendra volunteers with the March of Dimes, Alexandria Cancer walk, the Salvation Army and the church's distribution of backpacks and school supplies. She and DeeDee are both certified Red Cross disaster workers.

Gant and Fran Redmon, recipients of the special Community Service award, have been residents of Alexandria for over 55 years. They met in the fourth grade and were married in 1958 after 11 years of courtship. Gant is the managing partner in the law firm of Redmon, Peyton & Braswell LLP, and Fran worked as a couture fashion model and at the legendary Woodward & Lothrop department store before retiring and devoting her time to her work in the arts community. They are active supporters of an incredible number of local non-profit

and civic organizations, setting the gold standard for leadership and service.

Over the years, Gant and Fran have worked together in support of the Alexandria Bar Association and the Alexandria Rotary Club, and were named Living Legends of Alexandria in 2011. Gant is a past president of Alexandria Rotary and past chair of the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce, and has served on numerous boards including the American Cancer Society. He is currently chairman of the Goodwin House Foundation. Gant served as chair of the Alexandria 2000 and Beyond Task Force and as general counsel for the Desert Storm Homecoming Foundation. He is the recipient of the 2016 Annie B. Rose Lifetime Achievement Award from the Alexandria Commission on Aging.

Fran has also served on numerous boards, and is well known for her support of the arts community. She has worked with the boards of the Alexandria Symphony, Cultural Alliance of Greater Washington, the Performing Arts Association of Alexandria, Wolf Trap Associates and the Torpedo Factory Arts Center.

She was a patron for the American Showcase Theater (now Metro Stage) and Alexandria Harmonizers and participated in the selection by the Art-in-Architecture Commission of "Lady Justice" for the Alexandria Federal Courthouse.

SSA's Generation-to-Generation Gala will take place on Saturday, March 4 at the Alexandria Mark Center Hilton. Call 703-836-4414 ext 110 or go to www.seniorservicesalex.org for more information about sponsorship opportunities and to buy tickets.

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that threatens women's rights, environmental protections, immigration fairness, civil rights, access to healthcare, or threats to education. There is a lot that is still unclear about the new administration, but we cannot afford to wait. Now is the time to come together, organize, and begin the fight.

Erin Andrew, Sabrina Corlette, Heather Jelks, Jane Marcus, Abhisek Mitra, M Williams Sermons, June Shih, Patrick Smith, Frank Woodruff

Doomed from The Start

To the Editor:

Laws are like sausages: if you like them, it's best not to watch them being made. So let me attempt to explain to the handful of protesters railing against Sen. Mark Warner's and 12 other Democrats' vote against allowing Americans to purchase cheaper, Canadian-government-subsidized drugs what Senator Warner could not.

The so-called "Affordable Care Act" has proven not so affordable because Obama's strategy for passing it involved letting the

insurance and pharmaceutical companies and hospitals write the bills. So they wrote it so, for every dollop of welfare lower income folk got so they wouldn't be "fined" for not having health insurance, insurers, pharmaceutical companies, and hospitals would get three or four dollops of corporate welfare.

Another part of the deal was continuing the ban on drug importation.

Senator Warner's vote was faithful to the deal which gave rise to the "Affordable Care Act," as we ought to expect of a senator whose 6-year term places him above the fray of day-to-day politics House members' two-year terms force upon them.

Folks who want an "Affordable Care Act" which really is affordable need to make sure this one finds its way into history's dustbin and await a more opportune political moment for real healthcare reform.

Dino Drudi
Alexandria

Foregone Conclusion?

To the Editor:

The mayor of Alexandria was right on target when she charged the City Council of acting in an undemocratic and draconian

fashion after they recently voted to alter the city's long standing "open mike" policy. Up until now, the first 30 minutes of the monthly public hearing has always been reserved for citizens to discuss issues not on the docket, but Vice Mayor Justin Wilson proposed a change that would allow only 15 citizens to speak at the front end of the public hearing. Since additional speakers must wait until the end of the hearing (which could be five to eight hours later), this is an inconvenience to taxpaying citizens.

It is regrettable that Mr. Wilson's undocked proposal did not have the benefit of public comment. It is obvious that the six City Council members who voted to adopt this change have forgotten their original purpose, which is to support their constituents, the citizens of Alexandria. The vice mayor and his colleagues continue to treat the good citizens of Alexandria with the disdain that is normally reserved for dictators.

My position has always been to have a system of checks and balances, which this situation clearly did not have. If the City Council continues to rubber stamp all proposals, they will be working themselves out of a job. Why have City Council meetings at all when the results are a foregone con-

clusion?

Townsend A. "Van" Van Fleet
Alexandria

Rearrange Priorities

To the Editor:

The Virginia State Senate does not have a reputation for progressive legislation. However, when it comes to our custom of sending untreated sewage directly into the Potomac River every time we have more than very light rain fall, it was right to enact a time limit on changing this deplorable situation.

I understand correcting the problem will be expensive. In actual fact the Potomac Yard Metro costs much more and the city has that in its near term plans. There's also the complete streets program which produces very fancy paving projects such as the one on King Street near T.C. Williams High School, and an expansion of the recreation facilities at the Patrick Henry recreation center. We can do the necessary upgrades to our sewers including the one for the Oronoco outfall. We just have to rearrange our capital improvements priorities and use our borrowing capacity wisely.

Inadequate sewer capacity is a problem

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Mental Illness Takes Center Stage in Richmond

Death of Fairfax County inmate among recent controversies prompting action.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

The death of a woman who struggled with mental illness at the Fairfax County jail is among the many recent controversies in Virginia correctional facilities, a reform effort that spans from changing how deaths behind bars are investigated to how law-enforcement officers interact with suspects who suffer from mental illness.

“When you talk to pilots about planes crashing, they don’t say it’s any one thing that happens. It’s a multitude of things,” said Del. Patrick Hope (D-47). “And each piece of legislation that we have will have some sort of stop gap to make sure that it doesn’t happen again.”

Back in 2015, an African-American woman diagnosed with schizophrenia named Natasha McKenna died after being hit four times at the Fairfax jail with a Taser stun gun while she was restrained. The medical examiner eventually ruled that she died from “excited delirium,” although critics say that’s a designation created to protect law-enforcement officials.

More recently, an inmate at the Hampton Roads Regional Jail named Jamycheal Mitchell, who also had mental illness, died of starvation. His family was in Richmond last week lobbying lawmakers to take action now.

“We plead with legislators to ensure that changes are made in the law to better protect young men like Jamycheal who suffer from mental illness,” said Roxanne Adams, his aunt, during a press conference in Richmond last week. “We ask that real changes be implemented at Virginia jails to prevent another mentally ill young man like Jamycheal Mitchell from dying.”

MENTAL-HEALTH REFORM is at the top of the agenda of lawmakers on both sides of the aisle yet again, prompted by the most recent cycle of tragedy and reform. But it’s

an old story, one that dates back to the deinstitutionalization of psychiatric hospitals decades ago. The last major round of reforms came after state Sen. Creigh Deeds (D-25) was attacked by his son, who struggled with mental illness and died from suicide immediately after the attack on his father. Deeds sought help for his son on the day of the attack but was turned away.

Since that time, Deeds has been engaged in an ongoing effort to reform mental health services, including reshaping the community service boards that provide those services in the Commonwealth.

“Because the changes are significant and costly, we have adopted a staged approach to implementation,” said Deeds in a written statement. “The first step is to require same day access to service.”

Democratic Gov. Terry McAuliffe put mental-health reform at the top of his agenda this year, mentioning it first in his list of priorities for the year. The governor’s budget includes new funding to allow community services boards across the commonwealth to offer same-day service for people in the midst of a behavioral-health crisis. McAuliffe says that will allow them to serve Virginians rather than turning them away, as happened in the Deeds case.

“One result of our challenged mental health system is that too many individuals who suffer from behavioral health disorders wind up in jail, where there are not enough resources to properly care for them,” said McAuliffe. “To solve that problem, I have proposed legislation and funding to expand mental health screenings in local and regional jails.”

THE INTERSECTION of law-enforcement officials and people who suffer from men-



FAIRFAX COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE

Deputies restrain Natasha McKenna at the Fairfax County Jail, where she was hit with a Taser stun gun four times while restrained. Her death led to questions about how deaths behind bars are investigated and how law-enforcement officers interact with people who suffer from mental illness.

tal illness is a major theme of legislation this year. One of the changes that’s already receiving agreement from both sides of the aisle examines how these deaths are investigated. A Republican senator from Chesapeake is pushing for the state Department of Corrections to investigate all deaths behind bars, which he says will provide some consistency to a haphazard system that varies greatly from urban areas to rural parts of the commonwealth.

“It’s not trying to point fingers,” said Sen. John Cosgrove (R-14). “It’s just trying to find out what may have gone wrong. Was there negligence on anybody’s part?”

Cosgrove’s bill, which has bipartisan support, would require the Virginia Department of Corrections to investigate all deaths, write a written report and submit it to the General Assembly and the governor. That would apply for all deaths behind bars, which could clear up some of the confusion and ambiguity caused by investigations that happen behind closed doors and without accountability. The bill has received no opposition from sheriffs or police chiefs so far.

“There appeared to be an absence of responsibility and accountability for those reviews and investigations” said Brian Moran, secretary of Homeland Security and Public Safety. “So the governor has led with the Board of Corrections. They have expertise currently. They have some relationship with jails.”

ONE OF THE BILLS would replicate the concept of Fairfax County’s Diversion First program at the state level, giving law-enforcement officials more discretion to help a suspect find help rather than locking them up behind bars. The bill, introduced by Hope, would give officers the ability

to transport suspects to a crisis-stabilization unit in misdemeanor cases if the officer believes the suspect suffers from mental illness. That would include misdemeanor cases when victims want to press charges.

“This is a bipartisan effort, and I can’t stress that point enough,” said Hope. “We’ve had a number of deaths over the last year and a half that we know about, and who knows if there are others in the past. This is too much, and many of it is preventable.”

Sen. Barbara Favola (D-31) has introduced a bill that would require mental health training for all correctional officers at Virginia jails. The idea is that they would be able to recognize the signs of mental illness — signs like Natasha McKenna biting Alexandria officers who responded to a call for service or Jamycheal Mitchell slowly starving behind bars after being incarcerated for stealing \$5 worth of snacks.

“Now is the opportunity for us to make our voices heard,” said Favola. “It’s sometimes so unfortunate we have to suffer a horrific tragedy to move the policy agenda forward.”

IN SESSION

Nuclear Deterrence

Sen. **Chap Petersen** (D-34) called it the “nuclear option,” an idea floated by Sen. **Richard Stuart** (R-38) that the city of Alexandria should lose all state funding unless it cleans up its sewage problem by 2020. Stuart and other lawmakers expressed frustrations that Alexandria continues to dump 13 million gallons of raw sewage into the Potomac River each year without a clear plan to fix the problem.

As it turns out, the nuclear option was a good negotiating point.

Behind the scenes, Sen. **Adam Ebbin** (D-30) worked with Stuart to craft a compromise — Alexandria agrees to clean up the mess by 2025 in exchange for state funding. Ebbin first announced the compromise to Connection Newspapers during a Facebook Live video.

“We will have an accelerated timetable,” said Ebbin on Facebook Live. “But I expect no loss of state funds, which is super important to me, and I’m happy I was able to work that away.”

Internet Loans

The Wild West of internet loans may be getting a bit tamer, although lawmakers on both sides of the aisle say there’s more they need to know about the growing trend. Over the course of the last week, members of the House and Senate both moved toward having state regulators take a look at internet companies that offer consumer finance loans over the internet. The move comes after charges that companies from across the globe and some companies affiliated with Indian tribes were evading Virginia law designed to protect consumers.

“There have been some questions raised by not the companies that this intended to regulate but the companies who are already regulated,” said Sen. **Scott Surovell** (D-30), who introduced the legislation on the Senate side. “The Bureau of Financial Institutions has indicated they’d like to take a deep dive into this and make some recommendations to us for next year.”

Pro Publius

Letters to the editor are one of the most-read parts of every newspaper. That’s just as true today as it was back in the summer of 1787, when newspapers were flooded with letters for and against ratification of the Constitution. Some of the letters in support were written under the pseudonym **Publius** became famous and are now known collectively as the Federalist Papers

— a group of op-ed columns written by **Alexander Hamilton**, **James Madison** and **John Jay**. This week, lawmakers in Richmond moved toward requiring that the Federalist Papers be taught in public schools. Del. **Tag Greason** (R-32) says he took a look at the Federalist Papers before he introduced the bill, and he says he sees some modern parallels. “Today I would say it’s more like maybe a document you might get from a lobbyist,” said Greason. “I have this vision of Hamilton running around saying, ‘Hey have you heard about this thing, the Constitution? Here let me explain it to you. Let me explain why I support it. Let me tell you why I support it.’”

Critics say public schools should also consider teaching articles written that were critical of the Constitution, which led to the creation of the first ten amendments, better known as the Bill of Rights.

New Police Chief Sworn In

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tect the city.

"I was humbled and awed at the possibility of becoming chief of police," said Brown. "Law enforcement is in a challenging arena. Its strength comes from the community it serves. I am blessed to be a part of this organization. I hope I live up to the hype and expectations."

Brown's career in law enforcement includes a long career in the California Highway Patrol (CHP) where he was appointed state commissioner in 2004 and Deputy Secretary of Public Safety for the State of California in 2008. Brown resigned from his position as head of the CHP in 2008 amid questions regarding his leadership. Brown moved to Alexandria in 2010 to serve as director of the Office of Impaired Driving and Occupant Protection at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

John Marshall at NHTSA said Brown's work included extensive cooperation with regional and local law enforcement communities.

"He's a great leader and a great person," said Marshall. "I've gotten to know him like a brother."

Marshall said Brown's work at NHTSA centered around managing programs related to impaired driving and occupant protection, like the Click-it or Ticket campaign. Brown's work with impaired driving endeared him to many of the Alexandrians who came out to meet the new chief.

"To get somebody at the chief's caliber will help save lives," said Kurt Gregory Erikson, president and CEO of the Washington Regional Alcohol Program.

"Alexandria is fortunate at this stage to have a man of his experience ... particularly with community policing," said local resident Macarthur Meyers.

Brown's wife, Kirsten Knapp, currently works in the Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Dana Lawhorne said as soon as Brown was hired, he reached out to other law enforcement agencies to build communications.

"He was an excellent choice," said Lawhorne. "I'm impressed with his willingness to listen and collaborate and approach the job with empathy and compassion."



Michael Brown is sworn in as Alexandria Chief of Police Jan. 24 in the Vola Lawson Lobby of City Hall. Administering the oath to Chief Brown is Clerk of the Court Ed Semonian.



Local citizen Ken Notis (left) with Chief Michael Brown

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Hunger Free Alexandria Receives Bishop's Award

Hunger Free Alexandria has been awarded the 2017 Bishop's Award for the establishment of the West End Pantry on Oct. 24, 2016 at Church of the Resurrection. Since the food pantry was opened it has served 555 people in 161 fami-

lies. The pantry offers a variety of fresh and canned foods and is open 5-6:30 p.m. so that people can stop by after work. The award ceremony will be held at the 222nd Annual Convention of the Diocese of Virginia on Saturday, Jan. 28.

— SHIRLEY RUHE

Prisoner Reentry

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and they respect that and don't bother me. At first it was hard but I acknowledge them and keep going."

Elizabeth Bowers, a resident of Guest House since November 2016, says she experienced shock from nine months in jail coming to a city like Alexandria. "I'm from Briery Branch in Pennsylvania that no one has ever heard of and I've never seen this many houses." It took two weeks to figure out the right buses to get to her appointments. When she tried to take the Metro to a job interview at Tysons Corner, "I got on the wrong Metro and I was supposed to transfer from the blue line to the yellow line and I couldn't even get to my interview." She says even on bad days she doesn't want to give up: "I want to deal with it."

Galloway said, "We have to build trust. In prison everybody wants something and no one trusts anyone else. We have to get down in the dirt with them. It took a long time with Terry — she really gave me a hard time."

Bowers said, "After coming to Guest House now I open up more about my issues. I didn't think anyone cared." Garrett says the women are like a bouquet of closed rose buds. "But every time I come back I see a rose opening up. Elizabeth has made a lot of progress since she came here. Every few days when I come I see a difference."

Galloway said, "We have an incredibly robust volunteer program. People care about the women here who don't even know them and it is amazing to the clients. But they think, why do you want to help me; what do you want from me. This program is three months residential within a group home environment filled with structured services and support. The aftercare can last 6-9 months and is considered mandatory to successfully complete the program. Galloway says, what these women do is hard work: "I greatly admire they have made it this far."

The next part of the series will focus on solutions.

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that has festered for decades. Even when money was appropriated for sewers, it mostly went to adding capacity for new developments.

Meanwhile real problems got ignored just because they could be. Many years ago my mentor in civic activism, the dedicated environmentalist, Ellen Pickering, was lamenting the lack of attention to the adequacy of our sewers at a small gathering ... Someone at the meeting, said to her, "I love you, Ellen, but you are just not going to get anyone interested in the sewers. That was a tragically true prediction. It took action from the Federal Environmental Administration just to get us started.

Who would have thought that a governmental body with no reputation for fighting for a cleaner environment, would finally call us to account. What we are doing now is akin to dumping icky garbage over the back fence for the neighbors to deal with. In our case

what we are sending into the Potomac is 140 million gallons of raw sewage annually, according to an estimate by Clean Water Action.

Of course, it does affect us as well. Some supporters of the waterfront plan supported it because they thought it would improve the opportunities for water sports on the river. There was a new kayak launch in the plan. I don't know whether it ever got built. We are sending our T.C. Williams crew team to row in the very area that is most affected. They aren't given a choice because that's where the crew facility is. When the new Oronoco condos were occupied, residents may not have understood they would be living near a liquid dumping ground.

It's not unreasonable for citizens to expect a cleaner environment and for our local mayor and council to treat it as the time-sensitive priority that it is and get to work on it immediately.

Katy Cannady
Alexandria

Reluctant Witnesses at Trial

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fighting each other at the time of the murder.

"There was ample evidence [that the crime was committed in] the heat of passion and mutual combat," said Joe King, from Adkins' defense team.

"The defendant fired at least four times, that shows clear intent to kill," said Molly Sullivan, Chief Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney. "There is evidence of malice, inferred from the deliberate use of a weapon."

Every witness from the neighborhood who had been called up to testify showed reluctance, each having to be reminded by Judge James Clark that they were under oath and had to answer questions. One witness detailed the argument between Elliot-Tibbs and Adkins' cousin Hughes, then said he saw Elliot-Tibbs push Adkins later, but suddenly refused to answer any questions related to the murder even under threat of contempt of court by Judge Clark, saying he didn't remember.

"Can I be done with this?" asked another witness, who was 14 at the time of the murder and said he'd seen other shootings before this one. "I don't have [anything] to say. I'm done talking."

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Jessica Smith said witnesses in the case were threatened after testifying.

"We tried to gather as much information as possible," said Officer Anthony Russo. "We would knock on doors and ask questions. Most people didn't answer their door. People outside ignored us, pretended I wasn't there... There was one guy I walked up to and I tried to introduce myself, but [he] stared into his phone and literally ignored me."

Detective Warren King said at one point, officers went door to door with the victim's mother and Chief Earl Cook to get people to come forward, but it was still unsuccessful.

One witness, Brian Morris, was a longtime friend of Adkins whose testimony differed from the others. Morris said Elliot-Tibbs pushed Adkins, at which point Adkins raised his hands in a peaceful gesture. Morris said Elliot-Tibbs then punched Adkins in the head and continued to approach him after Adkins was slumped over against the wall, at which point Adkins shot Elliot-Tibbs. Morris' credibility as a witness was questioned, particularly on why he hadn't come forward as a witness until after serving time in jail with Adkins.

"Growing up, I was always taught never to speak to the police," said Morris. "It was not my business."

The trial is expected to conclude by the end of the week.

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Lead Agency: Department of Army

Title of Proposed Action: Supplemental Environmental Assessment of Communications Line Extension, Davison Army Airfield, Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

Affected Jurisdiction: Fort Belvoir, Virginia

Prepared By: Directorate of Public Works, Fort Belvoir, Virginia

Approved By: Colonel Angie K. Holbrook, Commander, Fort Belvoir, Virginia

Abstract: This Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA) documents potential impacts to the physical, biological and human environments associated with the extension of a new underground communications line from the main garrison area of Fort Belvoir to Davison Army Airfield (DAAF). The proposed ductbank is required to provide enhanced voice and data telecommunications connectivity to DAAF from the existing communications network within Fort Belvoir. After evaluating communications network needs at DAAF, Fort Belvoir network personnel identified a single viable alternative, extending the ductbank along the Poe Road corridor (Proposed Action). This Poe Road Alternative was selected based upon the location and availability of existing network infrastructure connection hubs at either end of the alignment and required communication system diversity needs. The No Action Alternative was evaluated to provide a baseline for evaluating impacts of the Proposed Action. None of the impacts associated with the Proposed Action are considered significant. As a result, it is anticipated that preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not required and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) will be published in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

Review Period: Interested parties are invited to review and comment on the EA and draft FNSI during a 30 day period. Please submit any comments to Commander, U.S. Army Garrison Fort Belvoir, Attention: Directorate of Public Works, Building 1442, 9430 Jackson Loop, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-5116 or email your comments to: usarmy.belvoir.imcom-atlantic.mbx.enrd@mail.mil.

The EA and draft FNSI were available for review on the internet at: <http://www.belvoir.army.mil/envirodocssection2.asp>. Documents were also provided for public review at the following libraries for a period of 30 days:

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ALEXANDRIA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NUMBER 16-07-04

The Alexandria City School Board dba Alexandria City Public Schools is seeking proposals for Early Childhood Curriculum.

Minimum experience required for any firm submitting a response to this RFP, and for providing the services therein, is three (3) years.

Sealed Proposals with the notation **RFP# 16-07-04 Early Childhood Curriculum** will be received in the Central Procurement Office, 1340 Braddock Place, Suite 620, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, on or before 3:00 pm, February 28, 2017. 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 703-619-8043, 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.

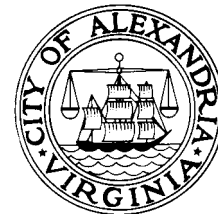
All questions must be submitted before 4:30 p.m., February 14, 2017. If necessary, an addendum will be issued and posted to the ACPS website.

A non-mandatory pre-proposal conference will be held on February 7, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the address listed above.

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.

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

Melanie J. Johnson
Contract Specialist



TAKE NOTICE

The City Council of the City of Alexandria will be attending VML Day at the Capitol, Wednesday, January 25, 2017, at the Library of Virginia, 800 East Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia. There will be three or more Council members in attendance.

For more information, please call 703-746-4550.

Jacqueline M. Henderson
City Clerk and Clerk of Council

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Obituary

Virginia Clarke Gray Backus, 95, of Alexandria, died peacefully on January 18, 2017 at Goodwin House, her residence of many years.

She was born on March 16, 1921 to the late Reverend Dr. Hawes P. Clarke and Jessie Ham Clarke in Suffolk, VA. Daughter of a United Methodist minister, she lived in several locations in Virginia. She graduated from Greensboro College in 1942. Upon her marriage to the late Dr. S. Nelson Gray, an Alexandria dentist, in 1944, she remained in Alexandria the rest of her life. In 1989, she remarried the late Judge Franklin P. Backus, an Alexandria Circuit Court judge.

Virginia was a life-long United Methodist; she was passionate about her church, Washington Street United Methodist, where she was a member for close to 75 years. There, she served in many voluntary leadership capacities, including chairmanship of the Administrative Board, membership and teaching in a Sunday School class for decades, president of the United Methodist Women, member of the church trustees. She was also a delegate to the Virginia Annual Conference for many years.

Virginia was on the Board of Trustees of Greensboro College, served as president of the Red Hill Garden Club, and was a member of Belle Haven Country Club.

Virginia was loved for her generosity, her hospitality and gregarious nature, her sense of humor, and her fierce and loving loyalty to family and friends. If one was related to her in any way, one felt enveloped by her love, support, and strong opinions, which she always freely shared.

Virginia is also preceded in death by her daughter, Virginia Lee Gray, her brother, Lambuth M. Clarke, and two brothers who died as children, James and Palmore Clarke.

She is survived by her son, S. Nelson Gray, Jr., her daughter-in-law, Margaret (Peggy) I. Gray, her granddaughter, Margaret Lee Gray, all of CA; her grandson, N. Taylor Gray, of FL; her sister-in-law, Alice A. Clarke; nephew Palmore Clarke; nieces Virginia Clarke Hitch, Jessica Clarke, and Leighton Clarke Krips; six great-nieces and nephews; five great-great-nieces and nephews, and cousins Mary Lou Carter, John Clarke, and Frances Clarke.

A memorial service will be held at Goodwin House, 4800 Fillmore Avenue, Alexandria, VA 23111, on Monday January 30th at 11:00AM. The Reverend Bruce Stewart will officiate. The family will host family, friends, and the Goodwin House community from 12:00-2:00 after the service, main floor reception area.

Memorial donations may be made to Washington Street United Methodist Church, 109 S. Washington Street, Alexandria, VA 22314 or to The Goodwin House Foundation, 4800 Fillmore Avenue, Alexandria, VA 23111.

The family wishes to extend their gratitude to the Goodwin House second floor nurses and staff, the Hospice professional staff, Dr. Temme, and the family and friends who loyally supported and cared for Virginia Clarke Gray Backus.

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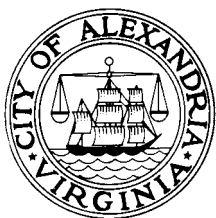
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Public Hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, City of Alexandria, Virginia, on Saturday, January 28, 2017, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon as may be heard on the hereinafter described items.

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the owner of the property located at 310 S. Saint Asaph Street to construct and maintain an encroachment into the public sidewalk right-of-way at that location for a stoop consisting of stairs and a landing.

The proposed ordinance permits an encroachment of 51 square feet for a stoop consisting of stairs, a metal handrail, and a landing to be located in the public sidewalk right-of-way at 310 S. Saint Asaph Street as a replacement of the building's existing front stoop.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 7-202 (PERMITTED OBSTRUCTIONS) under Section 7-200 (PERMITTED STRUCTURES IN REQUIRED YARDS), and Section 7-2505 (FREE STANDING GARAGES TO THE REAR OF THE MAIN BUILDING) under Section 7-2500 (INFILL REGULATIONS FOR SINGLE AND TWO-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONES); both of Article VII (SUPPLEMENTAL ZONE REGULATIONS) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by City Council as Text Amendment No. 2016-0007.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Text Amendment No. 2016-007 to amend and reordain Sections 7-202 and 7-2505 of City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance to increase the required setbacks for free-standing garages and other accessory buildings in residential zones in those instances which the accessory buildings are constructed in close proximity to windows of a residence on an adjacent parcel.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Title 9 (LICENSING AND REGULATION), Chapter 12 (TAXICABS AND OTHER VEHICLES FOR HIRE) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

The proposed ordinances make changes to: (1) the time a taxicab authorization can be vacant before termination; and (2) the age limit of taxicab vehicles.

PUBLIC HEARING and Adoption of the proposed FY 2017 to FY 2022 City Strategic Plan.

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. If the mayor finds and declares that weather or other conditions are such that it is hazardous for members to attend the meeting, this meeting will be continued to the following Saturday.

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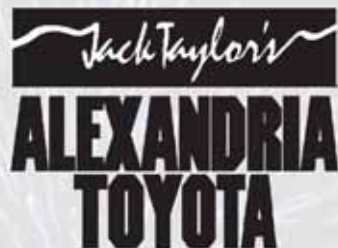
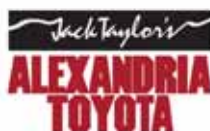
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