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Cut-outs representing Alexandria's victims of domestic violence.

Small Areas, Big Plans

Part One: An overview of Alexandria's small area plans along the Metro.

BY VERNON MILES
GAZETTE PACKET

Alexandria is a city of smaller neighborhoods. Some date back to before the founding of the country, others are developments that are still in planning. For nearly all of them, there's a plan. The city's small area plans provide a guideline for the city in terms of development and infrastructure improvements for various neighborhoods. At the City Council meeting on Sept. 26, an update was released to the council providing an overview of the city's ongoing small area plans.

Four of the current small area plans focus on neighborhoods surrounding Metro stations.

New residences are coming into

the Braddock neighborhood. A four-story, 17 townhouse project called Park Residences is currently under construction and comes with streetscape improvements and contributions to the Braddock Open Space Fund. For most of the housing developments in Braddock the emphasis is on expanding affordable housing availability.

The Alexandria Housing Development Corporation secured tax credit funding in May for the redevelopment of the Carpenter Shelter into a seven-story mixed use development overtop of an expanded shelter. Part of the redevelopment includes 97 new rental units available at 40 to 60 percent of area median income.

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'It Never Goes Away'

Survivors of domestic violence share stories of those lost.

BY VERNON MILES
GAZETTE PACKET

Karen Mitsoff had kind eyes. That's how Bryan Porter remembers her. It was his first day of kindergarten and he'd been terrified, but when he got to school, she greeted him outside the school and helped calm him down. Years later, he can still see her large, calm, caring eyes. It's something that comforts and haunts the Commonwealth Attorney 21 years after her murder at the hands of her ex-boyfriend Fasseha Senbet. He had been stalking her and had even broken into her house and held her at gunpoint. He was arrested, but when he was released on a \$2,500 bond, he returned to her house, shot her, and then himself. On Sept. 28, Mitsoff was one of 17 murdered victims of domestic violence in Alexandria honored at the Silent Witness vigil. The survivors of domestic violence in Alexandria came together to commemorate those who were killed. Some candles were lit by family members or friends, others by the police officers who had investigated their cases.

"To those here who lost a loved one or a friend: you are a survivor, not a victim," said Porter.

The latest figure to the display was added this year. Rolf Marshall, a navy veteran living in Old Town, was shot and killed by his wife Paula Thompson Marshall after Rolf Marshall refused to have their aging dog put down.

"I never get to meet the victims in these cases," said Porter. "I never got to meet Rolf Marshall, but I did meet his two sons, who taught me about his humor and his love of travel."

For Rhonda Griffin, every day gets a little bit easier, but the pain never fully goes away. She was the foster mom to Eden, a 3-year-old girl being taken care of by her mother, Seble Girma Tessema.

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Rhonda Griffin lights a candle at the memorial for Seble Girma Tessema and her daughter Eden.



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Rendering of the redeveloped Carpenter Shelter.

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Team Fiona's Village takes time out from the walk for a group photo. The team is named for Fiona Rosaire Terebesi (in stroller), 1, from Alexandria.



Team Daniela is the last team to complete the walk. The team supports Aranda Daniela (left stroller), 2, from Alexandria.

PHOTOS BY TOM MANNING

Buddy Walk 2017 Event raises funds, awareness for Down syndrome.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN

At 10 months old, Emma Laukhuf isn't old enough to walk. But that didn't stop her from joining hundreds of others in the 13th annual Down Syndrome Association of Northern Virginia's Buddy Walk Oct. 1 on the campus of George Mason University.

Emma, born last December with Down syndrome, was carried along the Mason Pond course by her parents Kent and Dana. Surrounding the family were dozens of supporters as part of Team #EmmaStrong, which helped raise funds for programs to assist individuals with Down syndrome in the Northern Virginia area.

"We have been abundantly blessed by the Down Syndrome Northern Virginia team, who have welcomed us with open arms," said Dana Laukhuf. "DSANV was an important part of our life during prenatal diag-



Bishop Ireton cheerleaders greet 2-year-old Oliver Humes from Alexandria during the walk.

nosis and continues to be a huge support to us today. We are proud to walk with Emma and our new friends in an effort to give something back."

Team #EmmaStrong raised over \$1,900 through the Buddy Walk, which supports the local programs and services that DSANV provides to individuals with Down syn-

drome and their families living in Northern Virginia. A portion of the funds raised are directed towards the national advocacy initiatives of the National Down Syndrome Society. Locally, DSANV services includes: helping families adjust to the birth of a child with Down syndrome; provides individuals with Down syndrome and their families with educational, financial, medical, legal and social support and resources; provides social and educational events for individuals with Down syndrome and their families; works to increase community awareness of the capabilities and contributions of individuals with Down syndrome; provides financial support to families in need with camp scholarships, conference scholarships and donations of durable medical equipment; and supports local organizations that provide services to individuals with Down syndrome. For more information, visit www.dsnav.org.



Dana Laukhuf carries 10-month old Emma, born last December with Down syndrome, during the DSANV Buddy Walk Oct. 1 at George Mason University.



The Mt. Vernon Adult Social Club participated in the Buddy Walk as part of their monthly events. The club is maintained through Fairfax County Therapeutic Recreation Services and is led by coordinator Donna James (back center in green tinted sunglasses).



Bradley Kuss, 3, from Alexandria, leads the way for his team, Bradley's Brigade.

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One of the vessels that participated in the "Anything That Floats" race.

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Seaport Day

Keeping fun and foundation afloat.

BY JAMES MIESSLER
GAZETTE PACKET

Seaport Day, the free annual festival organized by Alexandria's Seaport Foundation, had something of interest for everyone in attendance on Saturday, Sept. 30. Whether they were newcomers

attracted by the sounds of live music or folks who have grown familiar with the fundraiser, those who showed up were treated to informative displays about the foundation's work, activities for children, local Italian food, intricately crafted boats and more.

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Neighbors lead effort to make Beverley Hill green again.

BY VERNON MILES
GAZETTE PACKET

Beverley Hill used to be a shady neighborhood. Located in Northern Alexandria, just south of Four Mile Run, the hilltop used to boast a rich forest of tall canopy trees that made the area notably cooler during the hot summer months than the rapidly urbanizing Old Town. The first non-indigenous inhabitation of the hill was Alexandria residents who rode their horse and buggy in the 1800s to cabins on the hill to escape the city during the summer. But in an ironic twist, over the years those residents who came to the hill gradually led to the slow death of the forest. Among other natural factors, like gypsy moths and warming temperatures and after the Derecho, some of the tall canopy trees fell onto people's homes and cars. Some residents began cutting down the trees out of fear. But now, two local women are spearheading an effort to re-green Beverley Hill.

Jane Seward and Lynn Gas are neighbors on Beverly Drive, sharing a yard and a mutual dismay at the loss of the neighborhood's tree canopy. Over 50 percent of the neighborhood's tree coverage had been lost over the last 20 years. While the local North Ridge Citizen's Association had formerly coordinated successful tree sales, Seward and Gas decided to take the concept a step further. The newly dubbed Canopy Tree Restoration Campaign included delivery, planting, and mulching the largest tree sizes possible. The campaign also offered lessons in tree care.

Planting grown oak trees in a yard can typically cost between \$600 to \$800. The Canopy Tree Restoration Campaign offered planting and maintenance services between \$250 and \$325, just enough to recover maintenance costs and the price of the trees gotten wholesale from Country Springs Nursery.

One hundred thirty-nine trees were sold. Of those, 20 were donations to have trees planted in neighbors' yards.

As they worked through the process, they said they had to be careful to not get the dregs of the tree lots and find good trees. It's a process that took time and extensive



PHOTOS BY BILL SEWARD

One hundred thirty-nine oaks and nyssa sylvatica delivered to driveways of Canopy Tree Campaign leaders and neighbors Jane Seward and Lynn Gas.

education on tree types. Seward and Gas, along with their representative to the North Ridge Citizen's Association, Meghan Rainey, enrolled in Arlington's Tree Stewards' spring course on tree care.

"Buying a tree isn't like buying something off the shelf," said Seward. "You have to plan that far in advance."

Seward and Gas emphasized that several others in Arlington and Alexandria helped, like the tree stewards of Arlington and Bryan Marquis designing their brochure. Now, Seward and Gas are planning on spreading their campaign across the city with the help of Alexandria Mayor Allison Silberberg.

"This is the time to do it; right now," said Silberberg. A longtime advocate for greater tree canopy coverage. "We do this because we inherited so much of the beauty we see now and we want to do this for future generations to come. Now we're going to take this to the next level and take this to other civic associations."



From left: Jane Seward, Meghan Rainey, Mayor Allison Silberberg, and Lynn Gas.

The two are scheduled to visit the Alexandria Federation of Civic Associations to talk about their process and how other civic

groups can replicate it. "We can help make the process easier for others with what we've learned about whole sale," said Gas.

AWLA To Host Annual Howl-O-Ween Event

Alexandria's dogs will show off their frightening finery at the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria's (AWLA) annual Howl-O-Ween event, featuring the AWLA's canine costume contest and the release of the 2018 photo calendar.

This year's Howl-O-Ween event will take place at a new location, on the patio at Lena's Wood-Fired Pizza & Tap at 401 E. Braddock Road. This event also marks the first time that AWLA's Howl-

O-Ween festivities will take place on a weekend, Saturday, Oct. 28, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Costumed canine contestants can enter as a solo act or a themed group of up to three dogs with one handler. Advance registration is \$25 for one costume entry (individual or group) and \$10 to attend. All registrations include 10 tickets with which attendees can vote for their favorite costumed canines. Children under 12 can attend for free.

This event will also launch the AWLA's

2018 photo calendar commemorating Alexandria's 2018 Animal of the Year, Zoey, who died earlier this year. Also in attendance, in honor of Zoey, will be Eowyn, the calendar contest runner-up, AWLA alumna and Animal Ambassador. Calendar entrants who attend Howl-O-Ween may pick up their complimentary copy of the calendar at the event. Pre-ordered calendars will be available at the AWLA on 4101 Eisenhower Ave. beginning Oct. 29. Calendars can also be purchased at the AWLA for \$20 each start-

ing Oct. 29.

Lena's Wood-Fired Pizza & Tap will be donating 15 percent of food and beverage sales at the event to the AWLA, and dog treats and water will be available for all canine contestants. Prizes for the top three costumed entries will be provided by Alexandria Restaurant Partners.

More information and registrations for Howl-O-Ween can be found at alexandrianimals.org/HowlOWeen2017.

BurgerFi Closes Up Shop

Visitors hankering for a juicy burger and fries will now have to look further than North Pitt Street: Old Town's BurgerFi has closed its doors.

The year-old burger joint abruptly shut down over the past week, leaving only a sheet of paper on the door with a note reading in part: "We are sorry to inform you that BurgerFi will no longer be open for business. We would like to thank all our loyal customers for the continued support." Employees were also advised that their final paychecks would be in the mail this week.

A glimpse into the now-shuttered space shows a bare-bones dining area, with the seating and large-screen menu monitors removed.

In response to calls to BurgerFi represen-

tatives, the following statement was issued: "After a year in the Alexandria community, we have made the difficult decision to close the Alexandria BurgerFi location, which was independently owned and operated by a local franchisee. This is strictly a business decision and the closure is a part of BurgerFi's overall strategy to be able to provide our better burgers across the nation and continue to give guests the best experience possible. As we continue to expand, we are hopeful that in the near future we can reopen a BurgerFi within the Alexandria market and guests can still enjoy dining at our three D.C.-area locations in Silver Springs, Md.; and Leesburg and Woodbridge, Va."

— HOPE NELSON

Police Investigate Fatal Traffic Crash

The Alexandria Police Department is investigating a fatal traffic crash that occurred on Saturday, Sept. 23, in the 3900 block of Executive Avenue. At approximately 4:40 p.m., police responded to the area for a child struck by a vehicle. Initial investigation indicates a 32-year-old man was driving southbound on Executive Avenue when he struck a 3-year-old boy who ran into the street. The driver stayed on-scene and was interviewed by police.

The child was transported to a local hospital by neighbors. He succumbed to his injuries at the hospital.

Members of the Criminal Investigations Section and Crash Reconstruction Team are investigating the crash. The investigation is ongoing.

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The Uncertain Land of the DACAs

What happens next?

BY SHIRLEY RUHE

“We live in the land of the DACAs. No one else really understands what this means.”

Katherine Garcia-Ortiz came into the United States illegally with her father when she was 7-and-a-half years old. “My mother left me in Bolivia when I was 4 years old to make a better life for the family in America.” She says her mother worked at a doughnut shop and a lot of other places with 3-4 jobs at the same time to make this possible.

Garcia-Ortiz remembers when she arrived in America she thought, “who is that lady; is that my mother? I had pictures of her but this wasn’t really my mother.” Garcia-Ortiz expected a house like they had in Bolivia, but her mother lived in a small apartment. The family situation is complicated with her mother and father entering the country illegally, her sister born here and thus an American citizen and her own DACA status.

Now due to the Executive Order issued by President Obama in 2012, Garcia-Ortiz has Deferred Action Childhood Arrivals (DACA) status that temporarily protects her from deportation and allows her to get a work permit. In addition, the state of Virginia has issued an opinion advising Virginia colleges and universities that DACA students who meet Virginia’s domicile requirements are eligible for in-state tuition. Also she is allowed to apply for a driver’s license. All of this ends when her current DACA status expires. Then it’s “no license, no in-state tuition, and hiding.”

This will affect over 800,000 DACA recipients nationwide with 12,000 in Virginia. Since DACA is not a path to citizenship for immigrants who entered the country illegally, it will take legislation to allow them to apply for permanent status.

On Sept. 5 U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced President Trump’s decision to rescind the DACA program. Garcia-Ortiz says when she heard this she cried for three days but she decided she had to get over it and do something.

Garcia-Ortiz sits in a room at the Arlington Community High School on Walter Reed with Lizzett Uria, from Fairfax, executive director of the Dream Project. This program was established in 2010 to assist students



Lizzett Uria, executive director of the Dream Project

with immigration barriers to education. Seventy-one percent are eligible for DACA status. The Dream Project provides mentoring, financial assistance for college and moral support to immigrant students to help them be successful. Garcia-Ortiz lives in Arlington and has just graduated from high school and received a \$1,500 scholarship from the Dream Project. She is enrolled in NOVA, majoring in biomedical engineering, and hopes to transfer to George Mason.

However, things are not easy for her family. “Our parents give up everything for us and then things in America are not easy for them. People back home in Bolivia think we are walking on petals. They say ‘why don’t you do more for your dad who has a hernia?’ Hospitals here are so expensive we can’t afford it.” Garcia-Ortiz says she is paying for school out of her pocket because her parents can’t help her. “I work so much. The scholarship from the Dream Project makes a big difference.”

“But with things the way they are now my parents are saying, ‘let’s just go back home.’ They are trying to convince me to go with them because of everything that has happened. It’s scary. Police officers are detaining people here and over here and over here. Life is better in Bolivia my parents say.” But if they return to Bolivia because of their illegal status, they won’t be able to return to America.

The culture in America is different, often most of the remaining family is still in the native country and financial struggles are common.

So why do they do it? Why do they decide to risk life in America? Sometimes it is because there is violence in their home country or conditions are bad but often the answer is reflected in a comment by Uria: “It’s about being able to be free.”

This year the Dream Project provided financial assistance to 76 students, and their goal is to increase the number each year. The program includes mentoring of high school students followed by application for a scholarship and visits to different colleges.

Uria says, “It’s important to the students



Katherine Garcia-Ortiz, scholarship recipient

that they know they have support.” As their brochure says, “Behind every student there is a personal story of struggle and commitment.” Uria says, “the students are our voice. They tell their stories and it helps people understand.”

Uria’s own story began when she arrived from Bolivia at the age of 12 on a tourist visa with her one-year-old sister and her parents. She said her parents told her they would just visit their grandparents in America and then stop at Disney World. That seemed great to her. But they didn’t return to Bolivia. “I really didn’t know I was undocumented until I was a senior in high school and asked to get my driver’s license. My parents stalled because they didn’t know what to tell me.”

She said, “My friends were all driving. They didn’t know. They saw me as a cheerleader.”

“It was a family secret. You couldn’t tell anyone. No one else knows the struggle you go through.” Uria continues, “in Bolivia my mother was an architect and my father was in politics.” But here her mother owns a cleaning company, and her father is a cashier. “My mother is not happy about who she has become.”

“But the one I feel most guilty about is my little sister. When she was young she would ask ‘where was mom?’ Mom was always working. ‘Where was dad?’ Dad was always working, too. She would ask could she have this and the answer was no because we couldn’t afford it. A birthday party is important to a 3-year-old. Now that she is 17 she says she can understand.

“I started working at 14 with no documentation but people believed in me.” She says, “that’s what I tell my students. Don’t give up.”

Uria knows people who have gone back to Bolivia to stay but regret it. In fact, she made a trip back recently. She was able to make this trip out of the country legally because she is now married to a U.S. citizen and has a temporary green card. “People think we got married for this reason but we were together for 8 years.” But after taking a trip back to visit, Uria says she couldn’t



Chelssi Jimenez-Flores, scholarship recipient

return to live in Bolivia. “Here you work all week but you get what you need. In Bolivia it is a struggle. But,” she stresses, “it’s not all financial; it’s about being able to be free, the American dream.”

Chelssi Jimenez-Flores, another DACA recipient and Dream Project scholarship recipient also sits at the table. She arrived from Bolivia when she was 6 years old to join her dad who had been here a long time. She is currently a freshman at Marymount University in nursing and plans to add on biology. Her grandfather was in America legally and had brought over the grandmother and other uncles. She says conditions in Bolivia are bad. “There are a lot of drugs. Teenagers drink at 12.”

Now she has finished her first year at Marymount and is a mentor to younger students in the Dream Project. “I feel like in America we can all walk (anywhere we want).” Although she lives in Arlington her parents have bought a house in Maryland in order to get a driver’s license. Maryland allows a driver’s license for undocumented immigrants who live in, and pay taxes, in Maryland. In Virginia a Senate Committee killed a bill in January 2017 that would have allowed illegal immigrants to get a driver’s “privilege card.”

Jimenez-Flores says if nothing permanent gets passed, “we’ll see how it goes.” She pauses and says, “I’m somewhat worried,” then wipes her eyes, “there’s nothing we can do.”

But Uria encourages her. “There is something we can do. I believe this has given us an opportunity to focus on enacting permanent legislation. We’ve been through this before DACA and we know what to do.” Although DACA protects immigrants from deportation, it is not a path to legal citizenship which can only be guaranteed through the enactment of legislation.

In the meantime they live with the uncertain future and the upcoming expiration of their status. Uria says, “That small piece of paper, it’s like magic.”

This is the second article in a series focusing on DACA.

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OPINION

Preparing for Life Transitions

Tom West to keynote Senior Law Day.

BY RACHEL BAER, ESQ.
ALEXANDRIA BAR ASSOCIATION



Life is full of transitions. We transition from dependent to independent, and then we help our children do the same. These transitions continue throughout our life, especially as we age. Preparing for future life transitions allows us to maximize our independence and empowers us to make our own choices. But, preparing for the future can seem like a vague and overwhelming task unless we have practical plan on how to move forward.

On Saturday, Oct. 14, come and gather useful information at the Seventh Annual Senior

Law Day event, "Aging in Alexandria: Planning for Life Transitions," sponsored by Senior Services of Alexandria (SSA) and the Alexandria Bar Association.

The keynote address, "The Spectrum of Planning," will be given by Tom West, a partner at Signature Estate & Investment Advisors, LLC, who has built a successful practice around helping families who are facing uncertainty due to disability, illness, or death. Mr. West will discuss the different ways to approach planning, whether we are planning ahead or planning during a healthcare or housing transition.

The first panel will then focus on planning ahead for transitions starting with what legal documents everyone should all have in place including financial and medical powers of attorney. There will be a discussion of city and other programs that can provide practical assistance to seniors at home, as well as home modifications that will make homes safer. Participants will also hear about a new program

in Alexandria called a "Plan for Pets," which helps pet owners make deliberate plans to ensure their pets are cared for during times of transition.

The second panel will focus on transitions during times of crisis, and practical steps to seek help. There will be a review of the range of care options, from home care to assisted living to long-term care, and how to evaluate the many possibilities. This will be followed by a discussion on the financial and legal changes that occur during transitions. Finally, there will be a discussion about the importance of written agreements with live-in caregivers, and practical steps on how to avoid conflict and misunderstandings.

The event is from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with registration beginning at 8:30. The location of this year's event is T.C. Williams High School Auditorium at 3330 King St. in Alexandria. There is plenty of free parking and a light breakfast will be provided. You can learn more and register online at seniorservicesalex.org or call Senior Services at 703-836-4414, ext. 110.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Collaborative Efforts

To the Editor:

I grew up with mice and roaches. Living in an affordable housing apartment in southeast D.C., my mother, sister and I also battled leaks, sporadic heat and air conditioning, outdated appliances, peeling bathtubs and floors, and an empty playground. I never saw a maintenance man in our apartment. My mother painted our walls every two years and called in my uncles to help with the maintenance problems.

When I was hired as the executive director of Community Lodgings nearly four years ago, I vowed that our Community Lodgings families would never grow up in

that kind of housing. And as of Sept. 18, that vow became real for seven low-income families, thanks to HomeAid Northern Virginia, the City of Alexandria, the Virginia Housing Development Authority, BB&T and the dozens of builders and other partners who worked together to completely renovate seven of our affordable housing properties at 607 Notabene Drive.

This collaboration meant that the interiors of these units were upgraded and styled, offering an attractive and inviting home to our tenants. They look like their much more expensive counterparts in Del Ray and Old

Town, and our families are proud to live there.

I believe that by continuing these collaborations and partnerships, we can serve two goals —

provide affordable housing for our hard-working, tax-paying, low-income citizens, and ensure the homes are attractive, upgraded and properly functioning.

All of us who work to provide affordable housing want our tenants to feel safe and supported in the homes we offer them, and I am profoundly grateful to the City of Alexandria for the role they played to make our Notabene renovation possible. I urge them to continue and promote these collaborations so all 14,000 households in Alexandria who are eligible for affordable housing yet unable to obtain it will soon have a safe place they can call home.

Lynn Thomas
Executive Director
Community Lodgings

Missing Solutions

To the Editor:

I read Dr. Sean Lenehan's letter to the editor, "Time for Action" twice, just to make sure I didn't miss his suggested solution(s) to his well documented and convincingly presented deficiencies of the Alexandria's Public Schools. I didn't see any. He points out that "Fairfax and Arlington have figured out how to generate high quality results" so one suggestion might be to compare the education plans of the three systems to find out how we have missed the mark so badly and begin to take corrective action.

John Kevin Bergen
Alexandria



Raise a Roof

Pastor Henry of Saint James UMC is presented the Partner of the Year award by Joe Collum and Katharine Dixon at Raise a Roof, which raised funds to keep low-income homeowners in safe and healthy homes.



John and Jack Taylor won the cornhole tournament at Rebuilding Together Alexandria's Raise a Roof event on Sept. 20.

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LETTERS



Becoming Historic

To the Editor:

In March of 2013 electric technicians went through south Old Town Alexandria putting up “repair required” signs as in the attached photo. These signs have been aging for over four years. I wonder when they will ever perform these required repairs.

Perhaps if they stay up another couple of years the signs will be protected as historic signs.

Edwin Husted
Alexandria

The Other Side of Spending

To the Editor:

It would be nice if the Gazette Packet could add a measure of fiscal reasonableness to its editorial perspective. Publisher Mary Kimm’s latest expression of disappointment targets the current Administration plan to ravage health care spending for the indigent. But it’s a one-sided complaint.

When the coin is flipped over, you will find the Federal government is — and has been for years — spending beyond its means. This doesn’t mean there’s something wrong with her opinion that the unfortunate should be aided. What’s missing is failing to explain why a government hideously in debt should spend more to do so.

Also one-sided is finding fault with the current Administration initiative to change how much of your income and mine must be remitted to the Federal government. You believe the IRS is not taking near enough from the rich, code for tax ‘em more to spend more.

To spend more, the Federal government must take more. If it can’t get what it needs from taxpayers, then it borrows the rest from an array of lenders. Our largest is Communist China. My point: when governments take money from taxpayers, it reduces capital available to risk-takers with which to produce wealth, the font of all tax revenue.

Risk takers are the wealth makers and job creators. Simply stated, if they don’t produce wealth, then there’s nothing to tax, which means no money for government programs whether for the arts, for defense, for social security or Medicare for that matter.

Since governments don’t produce wealth — they only consume it or, at best, enable it — we’ll all benefit when barriers hobbling risk takers are removed. When they are, fresh tax revenue will drop into local, state and Federal government coffers without so much as changing a single word in today’s tax law.

Jimm Roberts
Alexandria

Historical Perspective on TC

To the Editor:

I wanted to thank you for publishing John Komoroski’s piece on his graduating class at T.C. Williams High School in 1967 (“Remember the First Titans: Starting a School, Ending an Era,” Sept. 28). They were the first graduating class in the school’s history. It’s very important to add some historical context and depth. This area has become very transient and a lot of our institutional knowledge and cultural heritage has fallen by the wayside.

There is a lot of misunderstanding and ignorance concerning the history of the school and the city. That silly and historically inaccurate Disney farce of a movie, “Remember the Titans,” has done a disservice to the actual record of what happened back in that era.

Let me add a few points about the early history of T.C. Williams High. The school’s original colors were red and gold. Their athletic uniforms resembled those of the Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Va. (“the West Point of the South”).

Were these colors chosen because Mr. T.C. Williams himself was a graduate of VMI? Mr. T.C. Williams served as superintendent

of Alexandria schools from the 1930s up through the early 1960s. He graduated from VMI in 1915. I also have heard that TC’s first principal Mr. Harold Secord was a VMI graduate.

In the years from 1965 to 1969, the Titans home varsity football games were played at night under the lights at George Washington High’s massive stadium. In late October 1969, the City of Alexandria decided to ban night high school football games due to crowd control problems and racial tensions.

In 1970, the Titans began playing their varsity home football games at their own stadium. In 1971 the controversial decision was made to consolidate Alexandria’s three high schools. The creation of the “super school” at T.C. Williams marginalized many students. Far too many were lost in the shuttle.

Bigger was not necessarily better. A case can be made that the average person was better served when we had three separate 4-year high schools.

In 1971, busing kids across the city for misguided social engineering purposes became the new order of the day. The concept of the neighborhood school was lost. We’ve never really recovered from those turbulent ties.

Gregory G. Paspatis
T.C. Williams Class of 1978

Importance of George Mason

To the Editor:

Oct. 7 is the 225th anniversary of the 1792 death of Alexandrian George Mason IV of Gunston Hall. He collaborated with, inspired and challenged George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, Edmund Randolph, Patrick Henry and others with his brilliant intellect and practical actions. His example that others followed resulted in building momentum for American independence and improving our Constitution by the addition of our Bill of Rights.

Mason preferred private life to public service, but did not hesitate when duty called. One of his earliest important insights was realizing that the British, who had closed Boston’s harbor in retaliation for the Tea Party, might also close Alexandria’s, one of the most important on the East Coast. Mason immediately penned the Prince William

Resolves, soon recast as the Fairfax Resolves, which were adopted in Arell’s Tavern on our Market Square on July 18, 1774. Deploring the English action, they urged local citizens to send foodstuffs overland to prevent the Bostonians from capitulating due to starvation. Mason sent a wagon of grain with his oxen and men to the beleaguered Northern patriots and challenged others to join him, giving as they were able. Washington and others did so. Mason’s initiative was the first instance of the tangible cooperation essential among the colonies for later winning independence.

On June 12, 1776, the Virginia Convention adopted Mason’s Virginia Declaration of Rights, which declared it was the basis and foundation of government in Virginia. He wrote this document in Williamsburg in nine days and even before independence was declared. His close friend Jefferson used copies of the first and final drafts freely in our Declaration of Independence. Mason’s document was also an essential model for our Constitution’s Bill of Rights.

Mason was the first delegate at the Constitutional Convention to urge including a Bill of Rights with the Constitution; indeed, he thought it should begin with a statement of rights. His proposal was voted down unanimously (Washington vigorously opposed it), but when the states ratified the Constitution, almost all required a Bill of Rights be added. Mason was one of three delegates present for the entire Constitutional Convention not to vote for its adoption. He had 16 objections, including its failing to end slavery and lack of a Bill of Rights. He, Edmund Randolph and Patrick Henry argued vigorously in the Virginia General Assembly against the adoption of the Constitution; if five men had voted the other way, it would have failed. Washington was furious at his old friend for his failure to support his higher priority: creation of a strong national government — with the Bill of Rights to come later if it were necessary, which he doubted.

History books laud Washington and the Federalists but unjustly ignore Mason, an antifederalist, although he deserves our profound thanks for the addition of the best known part of our Constitution which continues to safeguard individual rights which were first listed in his Virginia Declaration of Rights.

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Community Praise Church honors Councilman Willie Bailey Sr. and Michael Johnson, community outreach specialist for the City of Alexandria, during its Community Guest Day.

Bailey and Johnson Honored

By Community Praise Church.

Community Praise Church celebrated Community Guest Day on Sept. 30 by honoring members of the community who are doing extraordinary service on behalf of the community of Alexandria. The honorees were Councilman Willie Bailey Sr. and Michael Johnson, community outreach specialist for the City of Alexandria. Jointly both men advocate, mentor and work on behalf of local children, at risk youth and underprivileged citizens in Alexandria.

On Aug. 27, Community Praise Church collaborated with Bailey and Johnson in the back to school bash that saw 700 youths in Alexandria get new backpacks for school.

“Mr. Johnson made the back to school collaboration easy. He immediately answered my email, texts and many phone calls. He was never too busy to talk, answer questions or make numerous suggestions to make it easy for CPC to fulfill its obligation in our collaboration,” said Veronica Chollette, servolution ministry leader for CPC.

The sentiments were similar for Councilman Bailey: “Councilman Bailey impressed me as a man of compassion, unashamed of sharing the story of his humble beginnings. This allows him to see the issues of ‘the forgotten’ inspiring him to dedicate his life to public service. He inspires me to do more to plant seeds of kindness to make our community a better place.”

The men were honored with an award and spoke, recalling the days they were young in the streets of Alexandria and the mistakes they made. “I used to hang on the corner,” said Johnson, “now I want to make a positive impact.”

Both men see the significance of partnering with a local organization like the church.

“When a church understands its job to serve,” said Bailey, “it’s easy for us to work with them.”

“The church is a key to families staying together,” said Johnson, “we can do more with a spiritual community.”

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LIVING LEGENDS

From Mission Statements to Hands-on Volunteering

Carter Dudley Flemming, leading by example.

BY TRUDI C. VAN DYKE

If, as the quote goes, “Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth” then Carter Dudley Flemming has earned a castle. Few have affected the lives of countless people in so many ways.

Carter reflects that her philosophy of giving back and paying it forward is just a part of who she is. She remembers fondly how her parents were instrumental in embedding the sense of belonging that comes from reaching out to others. She has taken that to heart over a lifetime of volunteering in Alexandria without compensation except the reward of personal satisfaction. She is equally proud of her family’s involvement as she watches her sons as they continue the legacy.

This hometown woman has found her way into the hearts and homes of a myriad of Alexandria residents through her unusual approaches to helping. Her lifelong commitment as a community organizer continues to create a stronger sense of community for all its residents. The impact she has made as she literally and figuratively walks the walk ranges from the simplest act of delivering Meals on Wheels to board leadership.

Elizabeth Ann Campagna, founder of Campagna Center, was her earliest mentor and Flemming remembers her fondly and credits her with providing the self confidence that continues to propel her to volunteer in innumerable capacities. She shares that Elizabeth brought her to the forefront by asking her to do small tasks and then moving her into positions of leadership that began as the young mother took

on the monumental task of the Christmas Walk, the Campagna Center’s annual holiday celebration during the first weekend in December. For Flemming it is not enough to volunteer in just a single role, but to branch out and embrace what needs doing at all points.

The leadership she provides to all the organizations she has impacted is mirrored at every level. Starting a friendly visitor program while steering the Alexandria American Red Cross provided many years of one-on-one unsung personal involvement to brighten the lives of seniors and isolated residents. The exuberance of her caring and sharing is amplified stirring in the abundance of supporting letters exhorting her commitment to make a difference for any individual who crosses her path. Among the most moving is one

from a successful T.C. Williams and Georgetown University graduate, Daymond Jackson, who credits the transformation of his life to Flemming and her family providing him with a home and the guidance and support that made it possible.

Working at the grassroots level of so many nonprofits has “helped her get to know people she might never have met ... and provided her with sympathetic and empathetic understanding of what it means to be a full member of your community.”

Paradoxically, she has served at the organizational level of many of the key Alexandria organizations that serve her hometown. It is not unusual to find her crafting mission statements and goals one day and then the next making concrete personal steps to implement them. In actual practice her volunteer commitments at any given time over the years, and today, require the creative



Carter Dudley Flemming

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mary health care needs. Her dedicated work provided a raising awareness of the organization in the community and positively increased funding opportunities.

Her individual hand has reached out to children in need as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) providing a voice for the neglected and abused children facing family court issues. As the longest serving Alexandrian CASA volunteer she also interviews potential volunteers and shares with them the importance of this often difficult and emotional work.

She is a familiar sight and strong voice for Alexandria’s senior housing residents. Her individual availability by personal phone and email is the backbone of her support to the residents of Ladrey senior

housing. She attends all the resident meetings and brings their concerns to ARHA management according to Maudie Hines, president of the Ladrey Advisory Board. Her advocacy and support of the citizens enriches their lives as she helps to problem solve and improve the quality of life for seniors and her untiring dedication to the daily needs of seniors was noted by Legend Lynnwood Campbell, chair of Senior Services of Alexandria.

There is hardly an organization or cause that Flemming hasn’t left a fingerprint on. Showing no signs of slowing down, she continues to hear the hushed whispers of necessity. Smilingly she admits she can’t seem to say no. She continues, “I always seem to be at the right time and place when asked, can you do this?”

She stands out because she does not seek to stand out. As her nominator Lindalyn Hutter wrote, “Many of us are drawn to do more because we see Carter’s approach to service and her impact, and we are inspired.” This Living Legend reflects the cornerstones that makes Alexandria a vital, caring, community.

She doesn’t differentiate between what she finds most joy in doing. She recognizes that her role in hands-on and board work can be equally rewarding and stimulating at many points. One of her long range goals for the city is to inspire a new generation of volunteers who will seek out opportunities to give back to Alexandria.

Fundraising with many organizations taps her creativity and positive attitude to always find a way to make things happen. She believes in leading by example and finding the right people to make things happen. Neighborhood Health, for example, credits her with training volunteers to help meet pri-

ing in middle level teacher education.

honors both semesters. He is a 2016 graduate of Bishop Ireton High School.

Living Legends: The Project

Living Legends of Alexandria is an ongoing 501(c)(3) photo-documentary project to identify, honor and chronicle the people making current history in Alexandria. The project was conceived in 2006 to create an enduring artistic record of the people whose vision and dedication make a positive, tangible difference to the quality of life in Alexandria. For information, to volunteer, become a sponsor or nominate a future Legend, visit www.AlexandriaLegends.org or contact AlexandriaLegends@outlook.com

SCHOOL NOTES

Email announcements to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday at noon. Photos are welcome.

Theresa Ann Smith, of Alexandria, graduated from Emporia State University (Emporia, Kan.) with a Master of Education in teaching.

Alyssa Marzilli, of Alexandria, has graduated from the University of Findlay (Findlay, OH). Marzilli received a Bachelor of Science in equestrian studies and equine business management.

Nora Skiba, of Alexandria, made the president’s list at Bluefield College (Va.) for the spring semester of 2017.

Yolanda Sanchez Malone, of Alexandria, was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. Sanchez Malone was initiated at University of Southern California.

T.C. Williams High School student **Ana Humphrey** was the keynote speaker at George Mason University’s Center for the Arts, Students Showcase Environmental Solutions During Earth Week in April. Humphrey shared her experience co-developing the Water-

shed Warriors Initiative from a class project in seventh grade where she and her classmates have developed curriculum and led elementary school lessons on wetland ecology and restoration in several Alexandria City Public Schools.

Bailey Griffin, daughter of Kim Griffin of Alexandria and Ken Griffin of McLean, graduated with high honors from Saint Mary’s School in Raleigh, N.C. on May 21.

Adriana Alexandra Conde, of Alexandria, made the dean’s list at University of Kentucky for the spring 2017 semester. Conde is a senior major-

ing in middle level teacher education.

Anne Washington, of Alexandria, recently completed an internship in Namibia, participating in wildlife observation and data collection at several national parks and refuges. She is a fisheries, wildlife and conservation biology major at N.C. State where she will be entering her senior year in the fall. She is a 2014 graduate of Bishop Ireton High School.

Thomas Washington, of Alexandria, completed his freshman year as a computer science major at George Mason University, earning dean’s list

honors both semesters. He is a 2016 graduate of Bishop Ireton High School.

The top students in each academic department at Randolph-Macon Academy (Front Royal, Va.) were awarded for their excellence throughout the 2016-17 school year.

❖ **Khalila Karefa-Kargbo**, of Alexandria, a sophomore at R-MA, received the French II Outstanding Performance Certificate. Khalila is the daughter of Karefa Kargbo of Freetown, Sierra Leone, and

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Senior Living

Volunteering Keeps 70-Year-Old Former CEO Young

Finding the right volunteer opportunity.

BY ROB PAINE
RSVP NORTHERN VIRGINIA

RSVP Northern Virginia volunteer Ken Kozloff moves through the pool at Providence Recreation Center encouraging the child with special needs he is teaching to swim, to “stroke, breathe, and kick.”

Kozloff high-fives his students at the end of each lap and asks, “Are you having a good time?” All the while he is keeping an eye on two other volunteers he is mentoring during a Fairfax County Park Authority Adapted Aquatics class.

Kozloff will continue to do this for about 90 minutes on a Sunday morning without much of a break. Sometimes he lifts students half his weight into the air so they can experience the joy of splashing into the pool. One would never guess that the former INOVA Alexandria Hospital CEO turned 70 years old in August. “I don’t feel 70, I feel like 25,” he said.

Kozloff donates more than 40 hours of his time each month as an RSVP Northern Virginia volunteer, helping autistic children learn how to swim, mentoring economically disadvantaged citizens to manage their finances, and directing other volunteers at large events for RSVP, including the North-



Ken Kozloff, center, instructs volunteer timers at the NVSO swim meet.

ern Virginia Senior Olympics in September.

RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program) is the region’s largest volunteer network for people 55 and older and provides individualized support to seniors seeking service opportunities in and around Fairfax County, Arlington County and the City of Alexandria.

When he is not volunteering for other organizations, he is a volunteer engagement leader for RSVP, acting as a nonprofit evangelist of sorts, spreading the word on why

RSVP is such a great program. “What’s unique about RSVP is the approach it takes to new volunteers, helping them to find what they’re looking to do, not where we are looking to place them,” he said.

RSVP asks each prospective volunteer, “How can we help you find that volunteer opportunity that is going to mean something to you?” Kozloff said. He has been with RSVP for over a year and a half.

Five years ago, he began volunteering with the Fairfax County Park Authority’s

Adaptive Aquatics program, teaching children on the autism spectrum to swim. He later added another afternoon of classes at Spring Hill Recreation Center in McLean, teaching special needs adults to swim, including those with neurological issues or physical impairments. The park authority honored Kozloff in 2015 as the Adaptive Aquatics Outstanding Volunteer of the Year.

He then started working with Our Daily Bread (now called BritePaths) where he has volunteered for four years as a financial mentor. He is also a volunteer classroom instructor with Junior Achievement in Fairfax. He teaches business principles to elementary, middle, and high school students. He also teaches students with special needs in this program.

In an eight-day span in September, the RSVP volunteer managed volunteers at several community projects including the NVSO’s indoor track meet in Arlington and its swimming championships in Sterling and a gardening project at River Farm in Alexandria.

“I love to help others,” Kozloff said. “I enjoy volunteering with RSVP, not only for what I do as a volunteer, but also for the social aspect of working with other people.” During the senior Olympics he managed anywhere from 10 to 30 volunteers at the different events.

WHAT SEPARATES RSVP from other
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How to Be Useful, Fit, and Have Fun

Staying busy and remaining productive in the “Golden Years.”

BY EDEN BROWN
GAZETTE PACKET

For active “seniors,” there is nothing worse than when the bank teller and the waitress start calling you “sweetie” or “dear,” and the passengers in priority seating on the bus get up to offer you a seat.

Old? Of course none of them feel old. The hair may be graying, the shoes may be sneakers, and the membership may be AARP, but Northern Virginia is a haven for people who want to stay active and useful after retirement.

Tree Stewards of Arlington and Alexandria

This is a group of volunteers who go through a six-week course reviewing basic botany and pruning techniques, among other skills. One of the leading lights of the Tree Stewards, Nora Palmatier, described her discovery of this group this way: “I’ve always believed

volunteering is important as a way to ‘give back’ to society. When I retired, it didn’t take me long to realize I needed volunteering to keep me socially and cognitively active. So I signed up for a 10-week class on something I knew nothing about — tree physiology and maintenance — which made me use basic science again, and became a Tree Steward. As a group we do tasks like planting new trees, pruning trees, and staffing education tables at community events. Not only do I get to be outside with a group of friends, but we get thanked so much by the public as they pass by our work area and we get to work with county’s great park and school staff.”

For more information, see www.treestewards.org

Wednesday Mid-Week Hikers

“Another way to stay fit and social is the Wednesday Mid-Week Hikers,” Palmatier added. “We have a large listserv and someone organizes a hike each week, then you go or not.”

Kate Hughes provided the details: “Initially organized in the late 1970s, the PATC Mid-Week Hikers are an enthusiastic collection of retirees, semi-retirees and others that love to hike. While the pace varies somewhat within the group, participants need to be very fit as most hikes are a brisk 8-12 miles, with up to 3,200 feet of elevation gain. Including a lunch break, most hikes last 5-6 hours. Hike locations include the Shenandoah National Park, the George Washington National Forest in Virginia, Sugarloaf Mountain and Catoctin National Park in Maryland. Hikes are posted on the PATC website calendar (top of the homepage www.patc.net) a few days before each hike.”

The Potomac Appalachian Trail Club (PATC) also has an easy hikers group. There are dozens of other hiking meet-ups in the Northern Virginia area, and finding them is easy: see www.meetup.com/topics/hiking/us/va/arlington/

Master Gardeners

The Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE) Master Gardener program trains participants in best management practices of gardening and landscaping techniques that preserve and sustain the environment. Offered by the Arlington County Office, in partnership with the City of Alexandria, The Master Gardener Training classes are offered once a week several times a year. The class is 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. with a break for lunch from 12-12:30 p.m. The cost of the 2017 volunteer training is \$235 for Arlington/Alexandria residents and \$285 for non-residents.

Limited scholarship assistance is available; for more information contact Leslie Fillmore, Master Gardener coordinator at 703-228-6426 or leslief7@vt.edu or look up activities on www.mgnv.org.

Make a Bucket List

Diane Allard of Arlington describes this stage of life as “a time to make a list of
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SENIOR LIVING

Age in Community

BY PETER B. CROUCH
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBER,
AT HOME IN ALEXANDRIA



Most of us have heard of the phrase “Age in Place.” It reflects many mature Americans’ wish to remain in their long-time homes as they grow older. The home is comfortable, plus near friends and family, their doctors and dentists, familiar shopping and services. Often, it means modifying the home itself to make it easier to manage — converting a room/adding a first-floor bedroom, adding extra handrails or ramps, installing extra lighting. Plus, hiring people to handle the yard work such as mowing, leaf raking or snow shoveling. For many, it works well. However, it often means one or two people rattling around in a large house that is expensive to maintain.

There is, however, an important companion to Age in Place that is often an even better match — Age in Community. As the phrase implies, many people are deciding — some very early on after the kids leave — to move to more suitable housing locally for their next phase of life. The key is “locally.” They stay near the friends and family, doctors and dentists, shopping and ser-

vices. They just move to a more manageable home. Sometimes the move is from a single-family home to a townhouse, sometimes it is from a single to a condo or apartment, sometimes from a townhouse to a condo/apartment. Regardless of the scale of the move, the goal is to maintain all the familiarity that they have come to know over the years while making their housing more appropriate — to Age in Community.

The benefits are many. Obviously, maintenance is less, especially in a condo or apartment. Equally as important, people now have closer neighbors — which stimulates engagement. Sometimes it makes it much easier to travel — just lock up and head to the airport! If not to travel, then certainly to enjoy local activities more easily.

Another significant benefit of selling a long-time home can be financial. In our area, it can be relatively easy for folks to have accumulated a good bit of equity over the years. However, it is locked away in their homes — almost unusable. Freeing it up gives all sorts of options to move locally —

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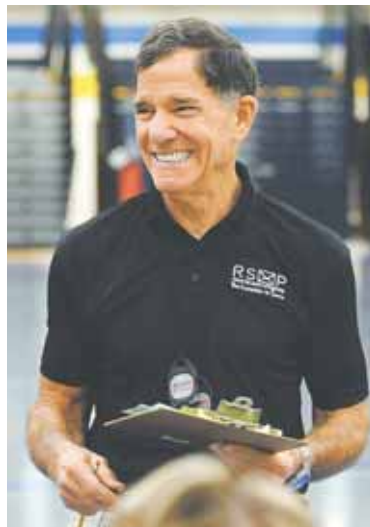
volunteer organizations is its leadership and the approach it takes, treating each volunteer as an individual, according to Kozloff. As an engagement leader, Kozloff tells prospective volunteers: "We are going to show you things and talk to you about specific opportunities that you can relate to."

RSVP offers an array of opportunities for volunteers including providing rides, support and meals to older neighbors, assisting local veterans in need and helping prepare communities for disasters. RSVP also recruits volunteers for various community events.

RSVP volunteers enjoy flexible schedules, free accident and liability insurance while serving, optional mileage and meal reimbursement and are invited to volunteer group projects and social gatherings.

"The big thing that I get out of volunteering is the satisfaction of helping others," he said. "I love to help others, find out what their goals are and help them achieve them, whether it is teaching an autistic child to swim from one side of the pool to the other, or teaching a stroke patient who would like to learn to swim again."

He also enjoys working with other volunteers and letting them know how important it is to make other



Ken Kozloff at NVSO indoor track meet.

people feel good. He tells them that they will feel twice as good because they are helping people.

"Ken is one of our most active volunteers and a great example of what it means to stay active after retirement," said Nadia Hoonan, program manager for RSVP Northern Virginia. "He truly exemplifies the diversity of opportunities that our program offers, from leading a variety of service projects for our volunteers to cleaning up garden grounds at American Horticultural Society. No task is too small for Ken. We want more volunteers like Ken to be willing to be on the front lines of volunteering in Northern Virginia and share their lifetime experience to make a great impact in our community," Hoonan said.

RSVP has several upcoming opportunities during which those interested can learn more about the program including orientations at the Fairfax Regional Library, Oct. 10 and at the Beatley Central Library in Alexandria, Oct. 25. RSVP will hold a special meet and greet event for current and prospective volunteers at Huntley Meadows Park, Oct. 13.

Those interested in learning more about RSVP or in signing up for any of these events should contact RSVP Northern Virginia Volunteer Specialist Carly Hubicki at 703-403-5360, email Hubicki at chubicki@volunteerfairfax.org or visit the RSVP website at rsvpnova.org.

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and use the equity to enrich their quality of life. In addition, the current tax code gives qualifying owners an “exclusion” from capital gains tax of \$250,000 per owner, \$500,000 per couple when they sell a principal residence. If our area continues to be fortunate in its rising real estate values, each extra dollar of appreciation will likely have to be shared with the Tax Man! Alternatively, locking in the “gain” by selling, and re-investing in a different, more appropriate property, starts that exclusion clock all over again. (Consult your tax person for your personal situation.)

So how common is Age in Community becoming versus Age in Place? One of our local Senior Villages, At Home in Alexandria (AHA), which supports older Alexandrians with a variety of services and

social activities, has an almost evenly split membership. Roughly half seem to be Aging in Place. The other half has moved — and are Aging in Community. Mount Vernon at Home (MVAH), our Senior Village below the Beltway, has a mix as well. These Villages support both approaches to living well.

Our area is fortunate to have almost every option available to folks who wish to change their housing. We have apartments, condos, townhouses and even smaller single-family homes — for many budgets.

Is Aging in Community for you? Happy to brainstorm!

Peter B. Crouch is an associate broker, senior real estate specialist at McEneaney Associates. He is a sponsor and volunteer for At Home in Alexandria and Mount Vernon at Home. Call 703-244-4024 or email PCrouch@McEneaney.com.

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things I wanted to do long before I retired. I have a list of local sights I haven't seen, a bucket list of places I want to visit, untapped hobbies, unopened books, travel. I'm able to travel with my husband to some of those places on my bucket list — without having to ask anyone's permission — except maybe the dog."

Eldercare

"I retired two years ago and my parents entered into a phase of tumult," Allard said, and many other seniors echo this. "I have been able to step in and help assist them with a number of major medical issues, financial disaster, and moves. Getting them qualified for Medicaid took months of concerted effort — filing forms, paperwork, updating their legal documents. It's been more than a part-time job. It's challenging, but fulfilling, and simply feels like the right thing to do. Another priority has been taking better care of myself: swimming at the local high school pool, walking the dog, having coffee or breakfast with friends, hosting out of town visitors, music."

Join a Rock n Roll band

Allard sings with two groups — a rock band and a small show choir. It helps keep her connected to friends, another important aspect that changes when one retires. Her

husband helped her dive into something else she has long wanted to do — learn to play guitar. She said, "Learning a musical instrument is fun, challenging, but also rewarding. Music is great for the aging brain."

Take a Course

Allard is also taking Spanish class through the Arlington County community education program. She also volunteers for charities she finds meaningful, like Meals on Wheels. With all this going on, it is sometimes hard for Allard to even get the time to revisit her retirement list, but when she does, it inspires her to keep exploring new parts of the USA and beyond.

Join a Musical Group

Sallie Klunk of Arlington says she plays in a small musical group at a local nursing home.

"I play flute with three other instrumentalists and about 10 singers once a week at Powhatan Nursing Home. Residents are pro-



PHOTO BY EDEN BROWN/THE CONNECTION

Sallie Klunk of Arlington plays flute in a group once a week, entertaining residents of a long-term care facility in Fairfax.

vided with song sheets. My husband Dave and I played at Powhatan Nursing Home for 10 years as a piano and flute duo before I joined my present group."

During her time in the nursing home in Fairfax, she learned about Pets on Wheels, and saw the impact it had on residents. "For the residents, singing and enjoying animals are enriching experiences."

Volunteer for Pets on Wheels

The Fairfax Pets on Wheels program requires six steps: submit an online application; attend an orientation on the first Wednesday of each month, starting at 7:30 p.m. Get a pet behavior assessment. Pet Handler teams are required to pass a behavior assessment to evaluate the pet's controllability, aggression, reaction to strangers, and overall behavior and level of stress in unfamiliar surroundings. Step 4: Get a Fairfax County Government Appointee Background Form. Step 5: Certify your pet's wellness. A FPOW

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Tutor Others Who Need Help

Gary Usrey tutors local students who need help with everything from history to biology to the citizenship test, or dissecting math word problems. He recommends the program at the Arlington Community High School. "It is a rewarding experience," he said, "Sometimes they are young people, and sometimes they are adults who are putting themselves through school while working."

To learn more, contact F. Lourdes Sanchez, bilingual resource assistant and Tutoring Center coordinator, Arlington Community High School, 800 S. Walter Reed Drive, Arlington, VA 22204, 703-228-8227 (direct) or Felisa.Sanchez@apsva.us.

Usrey said he also does some mentoring through the Affordable Housing Corporation (AHC Inc) and is currently helping with college applications. For more about mentoring, contact Cindy Rozon, 703-486-0626, ext.154, or see www.ahcinc.org/get-involved/volunteers/.

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Computer games have been shown to have health benefits for seniors, such as improved eye hand coordination and increased hand mobility.



Transportation services like Uber and the future of self-driving cars will help provide independence to seniors.

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Savvy Seniors Technology advances help seniors age in place.

By JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

“Ageing in place” is the latest buzz phrase for seniors who wish to live independently in their homes rather than move to an assisted living healthcare facility. Ironically, technology advances designed with millennials in mind is making it easier for seniors to do just that.

“Sensor devices are making a big impact when it comes to home health care,” said Mitch Opalski, owner of Synergy Home Care, which serves Northern Virginia. “There are devices that can provide medication reminders and monitoring systems to alert caregivers or emergency personnel to a fall. Even robots are being developed to assist aging seniors.”

Activity-based sensors were first designed for fitness tracking but have moved beyond counting steps and monitoring heart rates. Sensors are now available that can be placed around the home to detect if a senior hasn’t left his or her bedroom at the usual time or if they haven’t opened the refrigerator door or medicine cabinet. Sensors are less intrusive than video cameras and can be placed on doors, cabinets, windows or under beds.

Personal Emergency Response Systems, known as PERS, have advanced beyond an emergency button on a keychain or a cord around the neck or wrist. These medical alert systems used to work only at home with a base station connected to a landline. Now, with the introduction of m-PERS (the “m” stands for mobile), the system works anywhere — on the golf course, in the gar-

den or visiting family in another state.

Artificial Intelligence devices like the Amazon Echo are able to provide several services for seniors or anyone with diminished or limited mobility. Simply by speaking the wake word, most commonly “Alexa,” users are able to control lights, adjust the thermostat and control other “smart home” devices, such as a security system.

Listening to music or an audio book is also possible with a quick voice command as is getting news and weather reports. An Echo device can also call for an Uber taxi service — no smartphone expertise necessary — or create a shopping list.

For those with early onset Alzheimer’s or dementia, reminders can be set to take medication or Alexa can simply answer questions like “what day is it?”

While many seniors may not want to try

their skill at Grand Theft Auto V, computer games have been shown to improve eye-hand coordination, increase hand mobility in those suffering from arthritis and even help stave off depression.

A smartphone or tablet can help keep seniors connected to friends and family via video calls through Skype or FaceTime without having to be tethered to a computer.

But as Opalski pointed out, while technology can provide many benefits to seniors, it does not replace one of their most vital needs — the human connection.

“High tech does not replace high touch,” Opalski said. “Yes, technology can monitor vitals like weight and sugar levels, which helps keep seniors proactive about wellness. But caring for an aging parent or loved one is a very personal thing and no technology can replace a human face.”

Senior Services of Alexandria Serves City’s Seniors

Senior Services of Alexandria, a non-profit providing services and programs that foster independence and self-sufficiency, helps enable seniors within the City of Alexandria to age with dignity. Its programs include:

- ❖ Senior Nutrition Program. Meals on Wheels is a life-sustaining program that allows seniors who are unable to leave their homes to shop, or who have difficulty preparing a meal, to have two healthy meals a day delivered 365 days a year, including holidays.

- ❖ Groceries to Go is a program for seniors who still enjoy preparing their own meals, but find shopping difficult. Groceries are ordered over the phone based on the grocery recipient’s personal shopping list. There is no minimum order required and no delivery fee. Volunteers deliver the groceries to the client’s home, and, if requested, will put the groceries away.

- ❖ Friendly Visitor Program provides companionship for isolated seniors. Carefully screened and trained volunteers are individually matched with seniors with whom

they visit for at least an hour each week. The program enhances the quality of life of seniors by providing social interaction, mental stimulation and emotional support.

- ❖ DOT Paratransit program provides transportation for disabled residents of Alexandria who find it difficult to use public transportation. DOT’s one-way fare for trips up to five miles outside city limits is \$3. Trips over five miles outside the city are \$5.

- ❖ Animeals on Wheels is a program that provides pet food to pets of low-income seniors. SSA works with the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria, which provides the pet food, to deliver pet food once a month to seniors.

- ❖ Information and Education program provides information on topics relevant to seniors. It includes a monthly speaker series, each with a different topic. SSA collaborates with city agencies and other nonprofits on the various topics presented. SSA also stocks 16 Senior Information Corners around town in public libraries, recreation centers, houses of worship and senior communities with literature about pro-

grams and services available to seniors. SSA also produces a monthly cable TV show, Senior Living in Alexandria, which highlights and expands on the information shared at the speaker series. The program airs on Alexandria Comcast Channel 70 every Sunday at 2 p.m. It is also available on YouTube.

- ❖ Senior Academy is a four-week course for seniors residing in the City of Alexandria. It is designed to provide seniors with an opportunity to gain exposure to the city’s various government functions, learn about other organizations for seniors and help seniors get involved.

- ❖ Silver Service Card is a program that SSA, the City of Alexandria and At Home in Alexandria started to connect seniors with local businesses. The Silver Services Card, when presented at participating locations, offers discounts to Alexandria seniors.

To find out more about SSA’s programs and its volunteer opportunities, visit www.seniorservicesalex.org or call 703-836-4414.



Senior Services of Alexandria executive director Mary Lee Anderson, center, delivers Meals on Wheels with City Councilman John Chapman and past SSA board chair Lynnwood Campbell. Meals on Wheels is one of many services available to seniors living in Alexandria.

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Small Areas and Big Plans

FROM PAGE 1

The nearby Braddock Gateway project will add 270 residential units and 1,500 square feet of retail as part of phase one, which is currently under construction. Phase two will add 258 residential units and 8,000 square feet of retail. The site is expected to contribute four affordable housing units and two-thirds of an acre of community park space.

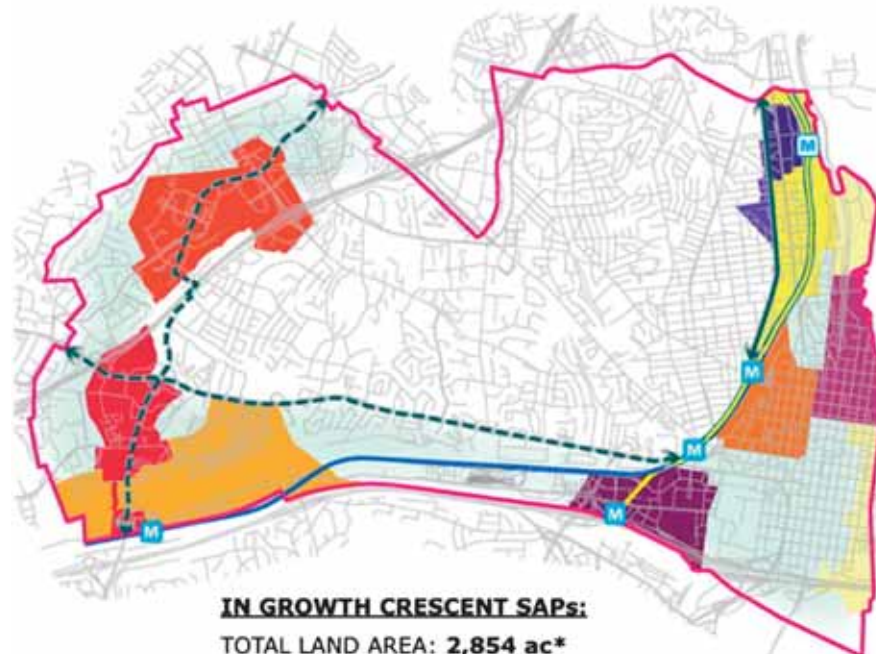
Two Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority properties in the area are in the redevelopment process. The first, Ramsey Homes, was approved in November 2016 to replace four buildings of housing containing 15 total affordable housing units with one multifamily building containing 52 housing units. Of the new units, 15 will be available at below 30 percent of area median income, while 37 will be available at 50 to 60 percent of area median income. The project was approved for a tax credit in May and is currently undergoing an environmental assessment.

The other ARHA project, Andrew Adkins, is still in the middle of a troubled approval process. Specifics of the site, like levels of affordability, ARHA's units, and potentially moving some units off-site, remain topics of debate as the City Council moves into consideration of the project this fall.

In the Eisenhower East Small Area plan, centered around the Eisenhower Metro station, the big themes are improving quality of life for Carlyle residents, employees and visitors to improve the area's competitiveness as a regional office market. Several blocks are scheduled for redevelopment with residential uses on the upper floors and ground floor retail, including a new grocery store.

Further west along Eisenhower

planning for growth



IN GROWTH CRESCENT SAPs:
TOTAL LAND AREA: 2,854 ac*
TOTAL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT: 68.3 M sf*
 * Excludes overlap

- North Potomac Yard (2017)**
Land Area: 73 ac
Planned Dev: 7.5 M
- Oakville Triangle (2015)**
Land Area: 37 ac
Planned Dev: 2.7 M sf
- Eisenhower East (2003)**
Land Area: 245 ac
Planned Dev: 10.3 M sf
- Old Town North (2017)**
Land Area: 222 ac
Planned Dev: 6.5 M sf
- Landmark Van Dorn (2009)**
Land Area: 607 ac
Planned Dev: 13.5 M sf
- Beauregard (2012)**
Land Area: 456 ac
Planned Dev: 9.7 M sf
- Braddock (2008)**
Land Area: 237 ac
Planned Dev: 3.6 M sf
- Eisenhower West (2015)**
Land Area: 621 ac
Planned Dev: 9.3 M sf
- Potomac Yard/Greens (1992)**
Land Area: 382 ac
Planned Dev: 4.5 M sf
- Waterfront (2012)**
Land Area: 357 ac
Planned Dev: 811 k sf

Map of Alexandria's Small Area Plans.

avenue, plans for the area near the Van Dorn Metro station focus on infrastructure improvements to support accessibility to new development. Greenhill Capital Corporation has submitted an early concept design to the city for a coordinated development district for seven parcels in the area. The new district would include commercial, residential, and retail projects connected by a new network of streets. One aspect of the proposed development is a multimodal bridge over Backlick Run and the railroad tracks once a threshold for new development is reached. Potential affordable housing development options are being considered at the site in negotiations between the developer and city staff.

Several pedestrian-focused in-



Rendering of Park Residences, redeveloped from the Ramsey Homes.

rastructure improvements were recently implemented in the area, including ADA compliance to local intersections, lowering the speed limit to 25 mph, and adding a bike lane to Stevenson Avenue.

The final small area plan is centered around a Metro station is for one that has not even opened. In 2021, Potomac Yard will be the

newest Metro station. The surrounding small area plan was approved by City Council in June and includes complete redevelopment of the existing theater and shopping district near the planned metro stop. The planned Potomac Yard redevelopment includes office space close to the Metro and retail/residential development further out.

Survivors of Domestic Violence Share Stories


FROM PAGE 1

Tessema was a 27-year-old immigrant from Ethiopia who was separated from the father, Simon Bhata, after he'd become violent in previous arguments. After finding out that she had made a phone call to a man, Bhata became jealous, and during a planned visit to pick up


his child he barged into Tessema's apartment and murdered both her and Eden.

"It never fails, every year," said Griffin. "It never goes away. You just have to fight through it." These stories aren't isolated. In fiscal year 2017, 2,000 women in Alexandria came forward looking for help from domestic violence


situations. Kate Garvey, director of the Department of Community and Human Services, said there are plenty more in the city who are unable to come forward and get help. An 18th figure stands at the end of the display and represents all those victims of domestic violence whose names are unknown.




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Seaport Day: Keeping Fun and Foundation Afloat

FROM PAGE 5

“This is much more of a everybody’s welcome, no fee to get in, just come and enjoy what we do and celebrate our mission,” said Kathy Seifert, vice-president of development for the Seaport Foundation.

The Seaport Foundation, a non-profit organization that utilizes mentors to teach at-risk youth carpentry, boat building and workplace skills, relies on events like Seaport Day to generate funds that enable the foundation to stay on course with its mission. But equally important as fundraising, events like Seaport Day serve to educate residents about the work that the nonprofit does and the services it provides to youth in the community.

“You’d be surprised how many local people are unfamiliar with the work that we do,” said Seifert. “A lot of them see the floating building on the water and how adorable it is, and they think that that’s just great, but they really don’t know what goes on in that building and that lives are really being changed. So that’s powerful when you tell people.”

Among those in attendance was Ralph Erickson, a volunteer with the Seaport Foundation since 1994, who has seen firsthand the way the program can positively shape the apprentices under its wing.



PHOTO BY JAMES MIESSLER/GAZETTE PACKET

Apprentices with the foundation worked at booths to showcase what they do with the Seaport Foundation.

“There are apprentices who are here, troubled youth maybe, it’s a place where they can maybe get some stability that they don’t have in the rest of their life,” said Erickson. “I’ve known several who have come out of the program and made a real success of themselves. I think it’s a real plus for the community.”

Numerous apprentices like Matthew

Perez manned various booths at the festival, educating attendees on what they do with the Seaport Foundation and the impact that it has on them. Perez decided to check out the foundation after his friend, who is also an apprentice, suggested it to him.

“It just sounded like a good and fun opportunity to learn a skill that I’ve always

been kind of interested in, and to get some good hard job experience in there too,” said Perez. “So far it’s fulfilled both those areas.”

Perez, who has been busy since he enrolled in college, is working towards a future career in biomedical engineering, but still finds time on the weekends to continue his apprenticeship with the Seaport Foundation.

“It’s been great working here, too, because they give you a lot of opportunities. They’ll help you find places, like, say you can’t work here anymore, they’ll find you other places to work. They’ll help you with school and whatnot. It’s really great working here.”

For any youth in the community that are considering becoming apprentices with the Seaport Foundation, Perez can’t recommend it enough.

“I think it’s very good for the community,” said Perez. “It helps all the youth that are kind of at-risk, just anyone who needs the job experience and help that the foundation provides can come here and it helps the younger people. It gives really anyone a chance, even if they’re not young, they can volunteer here and get some experiences and skills that they wouldn’t get otherwise.”

For more information about the Seaport Foundation, visit alexandriaseaport.org/.

School Facilities Naming Committee Members Sought

The School Board is looking for Alexandria residents to serve on a committee that will recommend names for the new West End Elementary School.

For the next two weeks, the School Board will accept applications from those interested in joining the ad hoc School Facilities Naming Committee. Each of the nine School Board members will nominate one person from the applications received.

The final School Facilities Naming Committee will be made up of 10 Alexandria residents — nine members of the public, nominated by the School Board, plus one member nominated by City Council. In ad-

dition, the vice chair of the School Board will serve as the School Facilities Naming Committee chair.

The committee will:

- ❖ Develop tasks and a timetable for recommendations to the School Board
- ❖ Solicit and review name recommendations from the community
- ❖ Submit at least three names to the School Board for consideration by the end of January 2018. This will allow time for the school division to purchase and install signage for the new school, ahead of its Fall 2018 opening.

The final selection of a name for the new school is the responsibility of the

School Board.

The ACPS and Alexandria community will be asked for recommendations regarding the name of the school later this fall.

Naming suggestions may include U.S. presidents, Virginia historical figures, or places or historical events related to the facility or the location. Naming suggestions can also include a person, business or corporation that has made a significant or extraordinary contribution to the City of Alexandria, usually in the context of education, public service or involvement in civic or cultural activities over an extended period of time.

Names that cause confusion with other Virginia public schools or facilities, includ-

ing names that have the same initials as another ACPS school, should be avoided.

Applications will be accepted through Oct. 16. The School Board will appoint the final committee members at the Oct. 26 School Board meeting.

At this time, ACPS is only accepting applications to serve on the naming committee. The ACPS and Alexandria communities will be asked for recommendations regarding the actual name of the school in late fall. Committee members should expect to serve six hours per month from the beginning of November 2017 through February 2018.

Visit www.acpsk12.org/news/?p=7041 to apply on line.

Construction To Close Section of Montgomery Street

On Oct. 9, the City of Alexandria will begin an infrastructure project on Montgomery Street, between North Saint Asaph and North Pitt streets. Due to ongoing work in the area by both the city and a private development contractor, the one-block section of the road will be closed to traffic for approximately 12 months.

The city has timed its project to coincide with adjacent construction at 500 First Street, the former ABC/Giant Food site. Gables Construction Group will have access to the closed segment of Montgomery Street for staging and other related activities.

The city’s work at the site will include:

- ❖ Full-depth reconstruction of a one-block section of Montgomery Street, which will include asphalt resurfacing as well as rebuilding the structure of the roadway,
 - ❖ Complete restoration of collapsed water pipes,
 - ❖ Reconstruction of brick sidewalks along the south side of the street,
 - ❖ Installation of tree wells and trees along the south side of the street,
 - ❖ New curb and gutter work along the north side of Montgomery Street,
 - ❖ Installation of new pavement markings.
- Work will take place during normal hours

(Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.), but Montgomery Street will be closed to vehicle traffic between N. St. Asaph and N. Pitt Street

at all hours. Detours will be in place for pedestrians, bicycles, and vehicles. Wayfinding signage will be posted in the surrounding areas.

BULLETIN BOARD

Submit civic/community announcements at ConnectionNewspapers.com/Calendar. Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

THURSDAY/OCT. 5

Mini Golf Tournament Benefit. 5-8 p.m. at the PGAL offices, 201 North Union St., Suite 500. The PGAL Alexandria office will be transformed

into a nine-hole miniature golf course to benefit the Arlington Food Assistance Center. The international architecture, engineering, and planning firm is hosting with proceeds helping to fund PGAL’s participation in the upcoming Construction charity competition. PGAL is accepting tax-deductible donations to support its Construction® team through October 27 at afac.org/campaign/can17-pgal/.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Submit entertainment announcements at www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/. The deadline is noon on Friday. Photos/artwork encouraged.

ONGOING

Fall 2017 Native Plant Sale.

Through Oct. 15 at the Jerome "Buddie" Ford Nature Center, 5750 Sanger Ave. The Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities is offering a native plant sale to help grow Alexandria's tree canopy and undergrowth. Call 703-746-5559 or visit www.alexandriava.gov.

Artists Exhibit. Various times through Oct. 31 in the Fireplace Alcove, Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane. Dolly Rowe's hooked artworks called "Painting in Wool and Silk" will be on display. Contact dollyrowe73@yahoo.com.

Alexandrians Fight The Great War.

Various times through Nov. 11 at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. This exhibit shares some of the stories of Alexandrians during the war and their more active participation in the American war effort after April 1917. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/Lyceum or call 703-838-4994.

OCTOBER

Ghost and Graveyard Tour.

Throughout October, nightly at 7:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday second tour at 9 p.m. \$13 adults; \$7 ages 7-17. Tour departs from Alexandria Visitor Center, 221 King St. Hear ghost stories, legends and folklore. Call 703-519-1749 or visit www.alexcolonialtours.com.

THURSDAY/OCT. 5

Essential Oil Workshop. noon-1 p.m. at Caring Acupuncture, 2111 Eisenhower Ave., Suite 402. Free class — Essential Skin Care: How to Nourish and Maintain Healthy, Beautiful Skin with doTerra Essential Oils. Email jennamdaniel@gmail.com or call 479-426-2525.

WEBA Happy Hour. 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Port City Brewing Company, 3950 Wheeler Ave. The West End Business Association (WEBA) will host a Networking Happy Hour. Visit www.alexandriaweba.com.

Swan Lake Ballet. 7:30 p.m. at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall, 4915 East Campus Drive. The first time the Russian Grand Ballet has ever performed in Virginia. Visit www.RussianGrandBallet.com.

OCT. 5-NOV. 5

On the Stage. 8:30-12:30 p.m. at MetroStage, 1201 North Royal Street. "Are you Now or Have You Ever Been..." written and conceived by Carlyle Brown. Visit www.metrostage.org or call 703-548-9044.

FRIDAY/OCT. 6

Grand Opening. 10 a.m.-noon at NOVA Alexandria Campus, 3301 Netherton Drive. Celebrate the opening of the NOVA Alexandria Campus Center for Design, Media and the Arts. Visit www.nvcc.edu/alexandria.

Pilates. noon-1 p.m. at John Carlyle Square Park, 300 John Carlyle St. Part of the outdoor fitness series in Carlyle. Visit www.AlexandriaVA.gov/CarlyleFun

OCT. 6-8

21st Annual Fall Wine Festival and Sunset Tour. 6-9 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Hwy. Meet "George and Martha Washington" on



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The cast of MetroStage's production of "Are You Now or Have You Ever Been ..."

Timely Lesson from History

BY CAROLYN GRIFFIN
PRODUCING ARTISTIC DIRECTOR
METROSTAGE

"Politics can be the graveyard of the poet. And only Poetry can be his resurrection." — Langston Hughes (1964).

Art and Politics. Two vital aspects of our lives, our society, our culture. And sometimes they clash and collide. In 1953 during the red scare, the government's witch hunt for Communist sympathizers in the entertainment industry and the arts was in full force with U.S. Sen. Joe McCarthy leading the troops. Many artists lost jobs, their livelihood and were ruined. This is the setting for "Are You Now or Have You Ever Been ..." when the Harlem Renaissance poet Langston Hughes was called before Senator McCarthy's subcommittee.

MetroStage is very pleased to be presenting the second production of Carlyle Brown's timely, almost prescient play. In 2012 it was historic. In

2017 it is historic, timely and an important reminder of what can occur when a government is out of control and threatens the free speech and thoughts of its constituency.

Playwright Brown has fictionalized the account of Hughes being called before the Senate Subcommittee but as an audience you will be exposed to the evocative poetry and music that so reflects the Harlem Renaissance and the times, and you will also experience what was happening in the Senate Chambers to so many.

In addition to Langston Hughes there are actors playing the roles of Senators McCarthy and Everett Dirksen, counsel Roy Cohn and David Schine, and Langston's lawyer Frank Reeves. It is a fascinating window into the mind of a poet, an African American poet reflecting on the Harlem Renaissance and the times, and the inner workings of this Senate Committee that terrorized so many artists.

So enjoy the play, the original music supporting the poetry, and also reflect on what we are witnessing as history continues to unfold before us daily. Poetry, Music and Politics are on stage at MetroStage this month.

the Mansion's piazza. Guests experience an evening tour of the Washingtons' home and are invited to visit the basement where he stored his wine. Call 703-780-2000 or visit www.MountVernon.org.

OCT. 6-14

Alexandria Live Music Week.

Various times at venues throughout the City of Alexandria. Over 50 venues and more than 175 artists are set to perform over the course of the nine days. Visit www.alexandrialive.com.

OCT. 6-21

Drumming with Dishes on Stage.

Various times at Arts on the Horizon, The Lab at Convergence, 1819 N. Quaker Lane. A children's story about a girl and her imaginary friend, who discover they can use ordinary kitchen objects to make extraordinary music together. Visit www.ArtsOnTheHorizon.org.

SATURDAY/OCT. 7

Art on the Avenue. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Mount Vernon Avenue in Del Ray. More than 300 artists such as jewelers to silversmith and bead-

woodworkers, pottery makers, soap crafters, glass makers, unique painters, sculptures, and fabric artists, and musicians. Visit www.artontheavenue.org.

Garden Experts Lecture. 8:30-12:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Presenter Marianne Wilburn shares "Big Dreams, Small Garden" and Pam Beck imparts "Movement Through the Landscape." Call 703-642-5173 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring/.

Port City Oktoberfest Party. noon-9 p.m. at Port City, 3950 Wheeler Ave. Call 703-778-0874 or visit www.PortCityBrewing.com/the-brewery/events.

Adopt the Block. 1-4 p.m. at Lost Dog Cafe Alexandria, 808 N. Henry St. To continue the celebration around the release of Lost Dog's Limited Collaboration Beer with Port City Brewing Company, Lost Dog Cafe will be hosting the Lost Dog & Cat Rescue Foundation for an adoption event. Have a pint, have a sandwich, and maybe even take home a new member of the family. Visit www.lostdogrescue.org or www.lostdogcafe.com.

Public Square Dedication. 2 p.m. at the Del Ray Farmers' Market site, 2311 Mt Vernon Ave. The Alexandria City Council will officially dedicate the Del Ray Farmers' Market site "The Pat Miller Neighborhood Square." Visit www.alexandriava.gov.

'Rip the Runway' Benefit Fashion Show. 4:30-7 p.m. at the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office, 600 Dulany St. Every dollar raised will directly support the Vola Lawson Breast Cancer Memorial Fund, a memorial fund established to raise money that contributes to the cost of annual mammograms for the women in Northern Virginia. Call 909-245-9661.

Oktoberfest. 3-7 p.m. St. Aidan's Episcopal Church and Day School, 8531 Riverside Road. German food such as knockwurst, bratwurst, potato salad; sides, beer and cold drinks, live Oompa band, bake sale, children's games, petting zoo, moon bounce. Visit www.staidans.episcopal.com or call 703-360-4220.

Saturday Cinema at Carlyle. 6:41 p.m. at John Carlyle Square in the Carlyle District of Alexandria. 300 John Carlyle St. Showtime is sundown. Popped Republic Food Truck will be on site. Visit www.AlexandriaVA.gov/CarlyleFun.

Mount Vernon's Blue Room

Reopens. 7-9 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Highway, Mount Vernon. The Blue Room in the Mount Vernon Mansion will reopen marking the completion of a major seven-month restoration. Visit www.mountvernon.org.

SUNDAY/OCT. 8

Yoga. 9:30-10:30 a.m.-noon at John Carlyle Square Park, 300 John Carlyle St. Part of the outdoor fitness series in Carlyle. Visit www.AlexandriaVA.gov/CarlyleFun

Kidney Donation Story. 10 a.m. at Beth El Hebrew congregation at 3830 Seminary Road. Documentary showing "Harold Mintz: The Life changing Experience of saving a Life." Visit www.bethelhebrew.org/ or call 703) 370-9400.

Museum Geek Tour. noon-1 p.m. at the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105 S. Fairfax St. Basement tour. Call 703-746-3852 or visit alexandriava.gov/apothecary.

TUESDAY/OCT. 10

Lord Fairfax Descendant. 6:30 p.m. at the The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. The British author, Hugh Fairfax, a descendant of Thomas 6th Lord Fairfax, the Proprietor of the Northern Neck of Virginia and brother of Nicholas, 14th Lord Fairfax, will give a brief introduction to his new book "Fairfax of Virginia: The Forgotten Story of America's only Peerage." Visit www.alexandriava.gov/Lyceum or call 703-838-4994.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 11

Improve Arlandria Parks. 6:30 p.m. at the Leonard "Chick" Armstrong Recreation Center, 25 West Reed Ave. (formerly the Cora Kelly Recreation Center) with Rebuilding Together Alexandria to discuss

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ENTERTAINMENT



Burgundy Fall Fair

Family fun for all ages at Burgundy's Fall Fair with Zombie run, pumpkin painting, moon bounce, live music, used book and kids' closet sale, food tent. Free admission. Proceeds from activity tickets and food and merchandise sale benefit student financial aid. Rain or shine. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14 at Burgundy Farm Country Day School, 3700 Burgundy Road, Alexandria. Visit www.burgundyfarm.org or call 703-960-3431.

CALENDAR

improving 3550 Commonwealth Ave. and Four Mile Run Park at Dale St. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/Recreation.

Beautify Alexandria Lecture. 7-8:30 p.m. at the Mount Vernon Recreation Center in Del Ray, 2701 Commonwealth Ave. The Alexandria Beautification Commission is partnering with the Virginia Cooperative Extension to bring a series of educational program to Alexandria. These programs focus on ways residents can beautify their homes and neighborhoods using sustainable landscaping practices. Email AlexandriaBeautification@gmail.com.

THURSDAY/OCT. 12

Fashion Show and Luncheon. 10 a.m. at the Mount Vernon Country Club, 5111 Old Mill Road. The Yacht Haven Garden Club is presenting their 34th annual Fashion Show and Luncheon, "Floral Fantasy." Proceeds will go to several agricultural projects. For further information and tickets contact: Kathy Ichter, Ichter@verizon.net or call 703- 780-8700.

Chambers Breakfast. 7:30-9 a.m. at the Holiday Inn Rosslyn , 1900 North Fort Myer Drive, Arlington. Alexandria Chamber of Commerce teaming up with the Arlington Chamber of Commerce for this installation of this monthly event. Visit www.alexchamber.com/.

Artists Reception. 6:30-8 p.m. at Studio 21 in the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St. M. Jane Johnson's "Splendid Fortitude" Celebrates the Geisha. Exhibit on display through Nov. 5. Visit www.theartleague.org or 703-683-1780.

FRIDAY/OCT. 13

10,000 Maniacs in Concert. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. A 1980's favorite, Julian Velard will open the show. \$35 Visit www.birchmere.com.

OCT. 13-15

2017 National Kids Yoga Conference. 7 p.m. at the Nannie J. Lee Community Center, 1108 Jefferson St. Learn the art of successfully bringing yoga, mindfulness, and social emotional learning to the youth in your community. Visit conference.yokid.org/.

SATURDAY/OCT. 14

Drawing Workshop. 9:30-11 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Artist and instructor Caroline Hottenstein shows how to use pen and ink, watercolor, graphite and colored pencils to capture and highlight details in insect illustration. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring or call 703-642-5173.

Watershed Cleanup Day. 9-11:30 a.m. at Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Opportunity for individuals, students, families, scouts and other community groups to be part of this year's International Coastal Cleanup. Help clear the earth's arteries by collecting tires, bed springs, bottles, cans and other debris from your local waterways. Visit bit.ly/FCPAwatershedClean.

Fall Family Carnival. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Gum Springs Community Center, 8100 Fordson Road. The Northern Virginia Urban League (NVUL), in partnership with Smart Learning Solutions, will host an

ASTEAM Fall Family Carnival, with hands on learning activities for children and families, will feature a fun-filled day of Aviation, Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics. To register and for additional information about the ASTEAM Fall Family Carnival and Northern Virginia Urban League, visit www.nvul.org or call 703-836-2858.

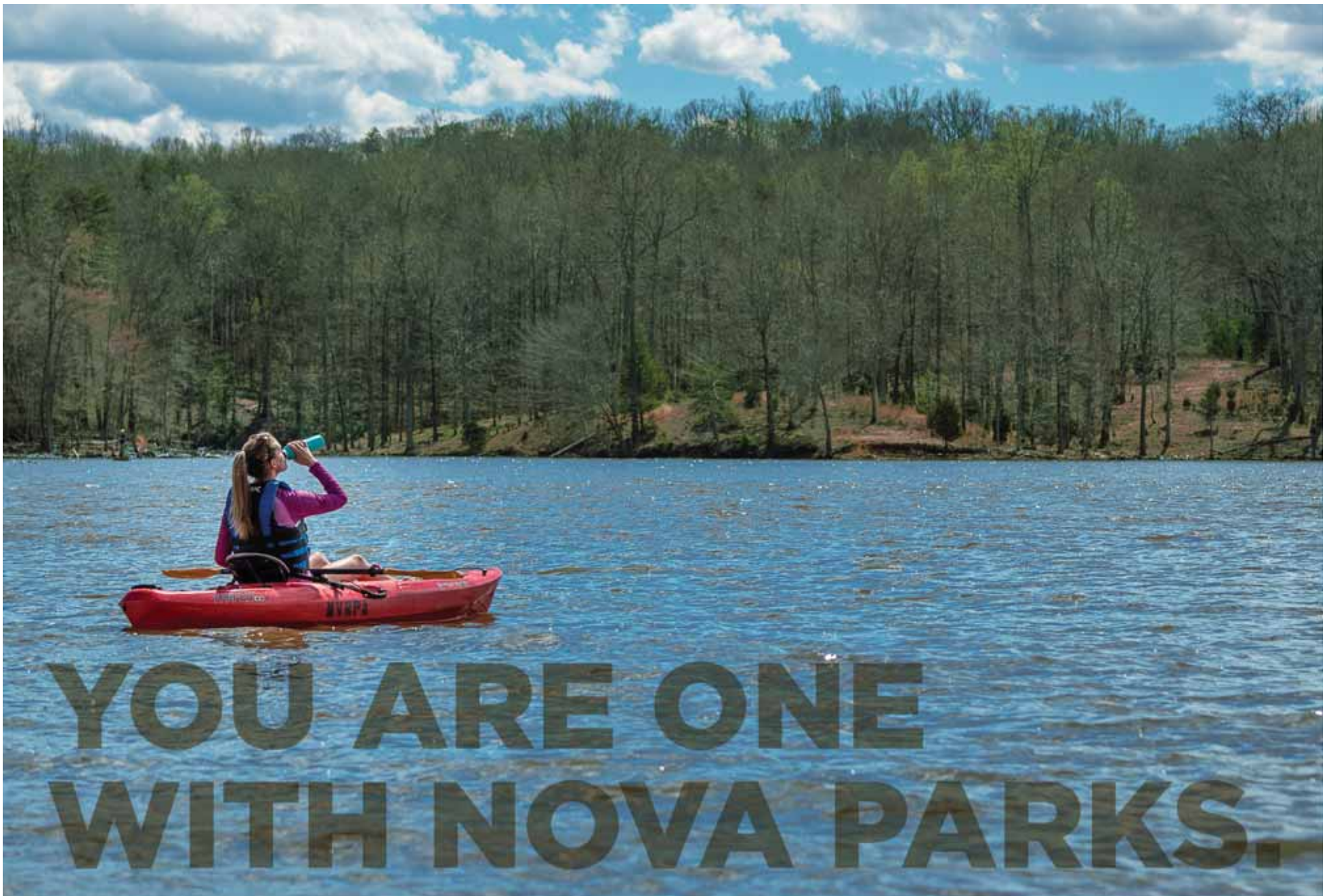
Burgundy Fall Fair. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Burgundy Farm Country Day School, 3700 Burgundy Road, Alexandria. Family fun for all ages: Zombie run, pumpkin painting, moon bounce, live music, used book and kids' closet sale, food tent. Free admission. Proceeds from activity tickets and food and merchandise sale benefit student financial aid. Rain or shine. Visit www.burgundyfarm.org or call 703-960-3431.

Touch-A-Truck. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Walt Whitman Middle School, 2500 Parkers Lane. An interactive event that allows children to see, touch, and explore their favorite big trucks and heavy machinery, as well as to meet the personnel who protect, serve, & build the Alexandria community. \$5, children under 2 are free. Visit www.FortHuntPreschool.com.

Scottish Heritage Day. noon-4 p.m. at the Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St. Scottish music, dancing, and fashion as well as tours of the Carlyle House. Call 703-549-2997 or visit www.CarlyleHouse.org.

Painting in the Park. noon-4 p.m. at John Carlyle Square in the Carlyle District of Alexandria. 300 John Carlyle St. Free. Visit www.AlexandriaVA.gov/CarlyleFun

Outlandish Event. 1-4 p.m. at the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105 S. Fairfax St. Tour the historic apothecary and learn about a



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Art Exhibit

M. Jane Johnson will be at the gallery with her "Splendid Fortitude" exhibit on Oct. 12, 6:30-8 p.m. at Studio 21 in the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St. Exhibit on display Oct. 5-Nov. 5. Visit www.theartleague.org or 703-683-1780.

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Beer Tapping and Pet Adoption. 2-5 p.m. at Port City Brewing Company, 3950 Wheeler Ave. Port City Brewing Company and Lost Dog Café have partnered to support Lost Dog and Cat Rescue Foundation by brewing a limited-edition IPA for National Adopt-a-Dog Month in October. Lost Dog Rescue Ale will be available for the first time in the Tasting Room that day. Visit www.portcitybrewing.com/ or www.lostdogrescue.org.

Long Black Veil Happy Hour. 6-9 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Enjoy Port City beverages. \$25. Visit shop.alexandriava.gov/events.aspx.

Members Support Party. 7-9 p.m., at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. The Northern Virginia Fine Arts Association invites members and friends to join us for La Vie en Rose, a French evening in the Athenaeum Gallery. Visit www.nvfaa.org or call 703-548-0035.

OCT. 14-15

42nd Annual Virginia Wine Festival. noon-6 p.m. at Oronoco Bay Park, 100 Madison St. Wine tasting from many Virginia wineries, festival access to the Virginia Oyster Pavilion, and all concessions and musical entertainment. \$35-65. Call 202-244-3700 or visit www.virginiawinefest.com.

DEADLINE OCT. 15

Photo Contest. Submit photos taken in the city with the theme "Support the well-being of Alexandria's residents by ensuring access to a variety of quality recreation, park and cultural experiences." Visit www.alexandriava.gov/Recreation for more information.

SUNDAY/OCT. 15

Walk to Bust Cancer. 8 a.m. at Fort Hunt Park, 8999 Fort Hunt Road. National Breast Center Foundation's Walk to Bust Cancer to increase awareness and celebrate survivorship. Email

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4 Foodie Dates to Circle in October

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When it comes to reasons to celebrate, October packs a wallop. From the tail end of Oktoberfest (which began in September) all the way through to Halloween and its ensuing festivities, the month brings with it all sorts of activities for the taste buds (and their owners). Here are four events worth your time this month.

Jackson 20 Oktoberfest Celebration, Oct. 8

The local Oktoberfest celebrations continue apace, and Jackson 20 is taking its seat at the table. Nestled inside the Alexandrian hotel on King Street (formerly the Hotel Monaco), the well-appointed bar and dining room is getting its German festivities going in style. With a menu offering everything from bratwurst and pork loin to German potato salad and German chocolate cake, Jackson 20 is aiming to leave guests full and happy. An offering of five different Oktoberfest beers doesn't hurt, either.

APPETITE 4-8 p.m., 480 King St. \$25 for adults; free for children under 10.

Hank's OysterFest, Oct. 14

Hank's Oyster Bar is doubling down on its stock-in-trade with its 10th annual OysterFest, an all-you-can-eat affair featuring all manner of oysters. Fried oysters, grilled oysters and oysters on the half shell pair with Old Bay fries, onion rings, and calamari in this seafood feast. Craft beers, wine, and punch are on tap at the open bar, making this a festival of both food and drink. 11 a.m.-3 p.m., 1026 King St. \$90;

Gadsby's Long Black Veil Happy Hour, Oct. 14

October is the perfect month for a good ghost story. Combine a spooky tour with a great beer and you've got a happy hour in the making. Port City Brewing releases its annual Long Black Veil black IPA on Oct. 6, but visit Gadsby's Tavern a week or so later and taste both the beer and the mystery behind one of Alexandria's best legends. The "Female Stranger" died in Room 8 at Gadsby's Tavern on Oct. 14, 1816, leaving behind a flurry of speculation that hasn't abated in the 201 years since. Join the teams from Port City and Gadsby's for a beer, appetizers, and a tour of the tavern (including the legendary Room 8). 6-9 p.m., 134 N. Royal St. \$25.

Rustico "Near and Far" Beer Dinner Series, Oct. 16

The fifth installment of Rustico's beer dinner series homes in on brews from The Answer Brewpub down in Richmond. The menu is still under a bit of construction, but Rustico's got the beers all lined up. This fifth dinner also brings with it five beers from The Answer, ranging from a session IPA to an imperial IPA to an imperial stout to round out the meal. The Answer also wins out on the best beer titles around; the "Well, You Can't Jump, But At Least You're Slow" imperial IPA sets the tone for the evening. 7-9 p.m., 827 Slaters Lane. \$60.

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

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Martha Carucci at Martha.carucci@nationalbreastcenter.org or visit www.walktobustcancer.org.

First Annual Dogs for Literacy Dog Walk, 2-4 p.m. at Cameron Run Park, 4001 Eisenhower Ave. Proceeds will benefit the Alexandria Tutoring Consortium's "Book Buddies" program for struggling readers. \$40 per dog. Call 703-228-2144.

George V. Johnson Quintet. 4 p.m. at Meade Memorial Episcopal Church, 322 N. Alfred St. Jazz at Meade, \$20 donation, free street parking, free intermission buffet. Call 267-463-7936.

Free Speech Forum. 7 p.m. at 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. Visit www.wmal.com/freespeechforum/ or www.birchmere.com.

TUESDAY/OCT. 17

Genealogy Lecture. 1-3 p.m. at the Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. "Behind the Iviad Walls," Sharon Hodges talks about records of genealogical interest found at colleges and universities. Call 703-768-4101 or visit www.mvgenealogy.org.

OCT. 17-NOV. 26

Multiple Exposures Gallery. Various times at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union Street, #312. Photo exhibit. Visit www.multipleexposuresgallery.com.

THURSDAY/OCT. 19

Film Screening, Discussion, and Book Signing. 7 p.m. at the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe Street. An Evening with Alexandria boxer Anthony Suggs, Sr.

and moderator Michael Joyner. Free. Call 703-746-4356.

FRIDAY/OCT. 20

Ghosts and Grief Halloween Tours at Lee-Fendall House. starting at 7 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the Lee-Fendall House, 614 Oronoco St. Learn more about the rituals and customs behind our modern-day funeral practices. \$8 in advance; \$10 at the door; free to members. Call 703-548-1789 or visit www.leefendallhouse.org.

Lloyd Cole Concert. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Playing selections from his album "Rattlesnakes." \$25 Visit www.birchmere.com.

SATURDAY/OCT. 21

Mega Bazaar/Craft Fair. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Over 30 crafters, silent auction, bake sale, and door prizes. Call 703-765-4573.

Master Class Program: Planning Spring. 9:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. In this extended Master Class, famed plantsman and author David Culp will share plant knowledge that will benefit the garden. \$28. Call 703-642-5173.

History of Candy Lecture. 11 a.m. at the Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. Susan Benjamin, candy historian, returns to the Alexandria Black History Museum to talk about the historic origins of candy based on her book "Sweet as Sin: The Unwrapped Story of How Candy Became America's Favorite Pleasure." This program focuses on African-American contributions to sugar production and candy making. \$15.

Call 703-746-4356 or visit www.alexandriava.gov/BlackHistory.

Bicentenary of the Birth of Baha'u'llah. 3-6 p.m. in the Madison Auditorium of the Patent and Trademark Office, 600 Dulany St. 200th anniversary of the birth of Baha'u'llah, the Founder of the Baha'i Faith. Visit alexandriavabahais.org/bicentennial/.

Tales from the Vault. 7-8 p.m. at Ivy Hill Cemetery, 2823 King St. Presented in Ivy Hill Cemetery's receiving vault, the closest thing Alexandria has to catacombs, come hear tales of Virginia's history. \$10. Call 703-549-7413 x112 or visit ivyhillcemetery.net.

Raven's Night Concert. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Belladonna and Ken Vegas take you back in time with an all new show inspired by the "Beautiful Age" in France, from 1871-1914. \$25. Call 703-549-7500 or visit www.ravensnight.com.

Brahms, Britten and Butterworth Concert. 8 p.m. at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Fisher Art Gallery NOVA, Alexandria Campus, 4915 East Campus Drive. Images of coastal shores and pastoral greens dominate their October concerts. Visit www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/.

SUNDAY/OCT. 22

Brahms, Britten and Butterworth Concert. 8 p.m. at George Washington's Masonic Temple, 101 Callahan Drive. Images of coastal shores and pastoral greens dominate their October concerts with James Ross, guest conductor. Visit www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/.

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Art on the Avenue

On Saturday, Oct. 7, Mount Vernon Avenue will be the venue for the 22nd annual Art on the Avenue festival in Del Ray.

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MONDAY/OCT. 23

Teamesteem. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Mt Vernon Country Club, 5111 Old Mill Road. www.dormie.io/teamesteem. Fundraising event for a nonprofit mentorship organization that pairs young professionals with local college and high school students to help them learn leadership, entrepreneurship, technology skills, and personal finance as well as empower them to be fulfilled both personally and professionally. Visit www.dormie.io/teamesteem.

"Singing with Martin Luther." 7 p.m. at the Immanuel Chapel, Virginia Theological Seminary, 3737 Seminary Road. A hymn fest celebrating 500 Years of Reformation Hymns led by renowned liturgical scholar Gail Ramshaw. Visit singwithluther.eventbrite.com or call 703-461-1792.

OCT. 24-DEC. 19

Watercolor Exhibit. Various times at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. See "Nature from Three Points of View", the work of Jan Burns, Madeleine Chen, and Shari MacFarlane, at the Horticulture Center. Sunday, Oct. 29 is the Artists Reception. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring or call 703-642-5173.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 25

WPBS Orchestra Spooktacular. 5:30-7 p.m. at West Potomac High School, 6500 Quander Road. West Potomac Orchestra's annual Spooktacular Carnival and Concert. Free. Call 703-718-2587.

THURSDAY/OCT. 26

Meet the Author. 8:15-11 a.m. at the George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive. Author Beth Kanter discusses "The Happy Healthy Nonprofit: Strategies for Impact without Burnout," that will help steer your organization away from burnout while boosting all-around performance. Call 703-683-2007.

Yappy Hour. 5-7:30 p.m. at Holiday Inn Alexandria Carlyle, 2460 Eisenhower Ave. To benefit the Dog and Cat Foundation part of Dogtoberfest. Friendly dogs welcome on the patio. Visit www.visitalexandriava.com.

Film and Discussion. 7-9 p.m. at the Alexandria Black History Museum,

902 Wythe St., Alexandria. "Breathe in the Roots," film tells the story of Ty Christen Joseph, a young African-American English teacher, who takes a spiritual journey of discovery from Addis Ababa to Lalibela in Ethiopia. Following the film, Indrias G. Kassaye, the film's writer, photographer, and producer leads a discussion. \$10. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/BlackHistory.

FRIDAY/OCT. 27

Bark or Treat Canine Cruise. 6 and 7:30 p.m. at Alexandria City Marina, 1 Cameron St. Come out with your costumed canine and cruise to some Halloween tunes along the Potomac. \$18 adults; \$12 ages 2-11; dogs free. Call 703-684-0580 or visit www.potomacriverboatco.com.

Ghosts and Grief Halloween Tours at Lee-Fendall House. starting at 7 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the Lee-Fendall House, 614 Oronoco St. Learn more about the rituals and customs behind our modern-day funeral practices. \$8 in advance; \$10 at the door; free to members. Call 703-548-1789 or visit www.leefendallhouse.org.

The Gadsby's Tavern Ghost Tour. 7-9 p.m. tours every 30 minutes at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Follow a colonial-costumed guide through the Alexandria streets, visit a cemetery and enter one of the most haunted buildings in Old Town. Call 703-519-1749 or visit www.alexcolonialtours.com.

OCT. 27-28

Trick-or-Treating at Mount Vernon. 3:30-6:30 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Wagon rides, chocolate making, costume parade. \$12 adults; \$6 ages 11 and under. Visit www.mountvernon.org.

OCT. 27-29

Worship Ceremonial Workshops. Various times at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. Author John Philip Newell leads discussions and workshops from his book "Rebirthing of God." Visit www.centerforspiritualdeepening.org.

SATURDAY/OCT. 28

4th Annual Halloween Pumpkin Hunt. 10:30 a.m., 12:30 and 2:30 p.m. Alexandria's ghosts and goblins

will fill the garden with hundreds of colorful toy-filled pumpkins for local children to discover. Other activities include crafts to take home, a sticker station, temporary tattoos, spooky stories, a costume parade with prizes as well as drinks and refreshments. Call 703-548-1789 or visit www.leefendallhouse.org. Call 703-548-1789 or visit www.leefendallhouse.org.

Zombie Escape. 6:30-10 p.m. at the Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St. \$30 ages 13 and up. The group will have 20 minutes to crack a series of puzzles and physical feats to obtain all the supplies needed for your survival group back at the hotel. Call 703-549-2997 or visit www.CarlyleHouse.org.

Edgar Allan Poe Readings in the Vault. 7-8 p.m. in Ivy Hill Cemetery, 2823 King St. Presented in Ivy Hill Cemetery's receiving vault, the closest thing Alexandria has to catacombs, the Guillotine Theater Company will perform some of Edgar Allan Poe's readings. \$10. Call 703-549-7413 x112 or visit ivyhillcemetery.net

Nightmare on King Street. Judging at 11 p.m. at Daniel O'Connell's, 112 King St. Free. Halloween Party. Live music by Driven to Clarity. Prizes for Best Female Costume, Best Male Costume, and Best Group Costume. Call 703-739-1124 or visit www.danieloconnells.com.

SUNDAY/OCT. 29

Artists Reception. 1-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, Horticultural Center, 4603 Green Spring Road. Artists, Jan Burns, Madeleine Chen, and Shari MacFarlane will talk about their exhibit, "Nature from Three Points of View," which will be on exhibit through Dec. 17. Call 703-642-5173.

Doggie Trick-or-Treat. 1-3 p.m. at The Dog Park, 705 King St. Call 703-888-2818 or visit www.thedogparkva.biz

Del Ray Halloween Parade. 2-4 p.m. at Mount Vernon and Commonwealth avenues through Del Ray. Children, pets and strollers in costumes are invited to march and show off their finest and scariest Halloween garb with prizes in different categories. Free. Visit www.visitdelray.com.

Meet the Authors. 2-5 p.m. at Beth El Hebrew Congregation, 3830 Seminary Road. Three authors, and Robert Siegel, Host of NPR's "All Things Considered." \$25. Visit www.bethelhebrew.org.

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SATURDAY/OCT. 7

Metro - Fund It/Fix It. 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, 4301 Wilson Blvd. The League of Women Voters of the National Capital Area (LWVNCA) and the Coalition for Smarter Growth (CSG) will hold a free forum for the public to learn about funding and fixing our Washington D.C. area Metro system. Event is free. Lunch will be available for purchase (\$10), but a request for lunch must be made at the time of registration. Register at www.eventbrite.com and search "Metro fund it."

MONDAY/OCT. 9

Columbus Day. All Alexandria City government offices will be closed in observance of Columbus Day. The following list includes schedule information for other City facilities and partner agencies.

- ❖ Residential refuse and recycling collection services will be delayed by one day.
- ❖ The Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Recycling Center will be closed.
- ❖ The Vola Lawson Animal Shelter will be open during its regular hours, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Animal visiting hours will begin at noon.
- ❖ The Alexandria Health Department (4480 King St.), the Flora Krause Casey Health Center (1200 N. Howard St.), and the Teen Wellness Center at T.C. Williams High School (3329 King St.) will be closed.
- ❖ Four Historic Alexandria sites will be open: The Lyceum (open from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.), Gadsby's Tavern Museum and the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum (both open from 1 p.m.-5 p.m.) and the Historic Alexandria Store (open from 11 a.m.-7 p.m.). The Alexandria Black History Museum, Alexandria Archaeology Museum, Fort Ward Museum and the Friendship Firehouse Museum are closed on Mondays. For more information, visit www.alexandriava.gov/Historic or call 703-746-4554.
- ❖ All emergency hotlines operate 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, including the child protective services hotline at 703-746-5800; the domestic violence hotline at 703-746-4911; the emergency services for mental health or

substance abuse crisis hotline at 703-746-3401; the adult protective services hotline at 703-746-5778; and the sexual assault hotline at 703-683-7273.

- ❖ All Alexandria Library branches will be closed. The Alexandria Law Library (520 King St.) will also be closed.
- ❖ The Alexandria Police Department will suspend enforcement of parking restrictions at metered spaces, residential permit parking districts and other areas with posted parking time limits. Temporary no-parking signs will be enforced.
- ❖ The Chinquapin Park Recreation Center & Aquatics Facility will be open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.; the Charles Houston Recreation Center will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and the Torpedo Factory Art Center will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. All other City recreation and arts centers will be closed on October 9.
- ❖ All Alexandria City Public Schools and administrative offices will be closed.
- ❖ Alexandria Transit Company's DASH bus service will operate on a Saturday schedule. The free King Street Trolley will operate on its normal schedule, every 10 to 15 minutes, between the King Street Metro Station and the Potomac River waterfront, from 10:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.dashbus.com.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 11

Community Workshop. 6:30 p.m. at the Leonard "Chick" Armstrong Recreation Center, 25 West Reed Ave. (formerly the Cora Kelly Recreation Center). The Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities will hold a community workshop with Rebuilding Together Alexandria to discuss improving: 3550 Commonwealth Ave. and Four Mile Run Park at Dale St. These park improvements are made possible through Project Reinvest grants received by Rebuilding Together Alexandria. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/92701 or call 703-746-5491.

THURSDAY/OCT. 12

Freedom Day Dental Visits. Various day time appointments at Dr. Kathleen Mullaney office, 700 North Fairfax St. #230. Dr. Mullaney will be providing Veterans free dental care. Visit WWW.Kathleenmullaneydds.com for more.

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Landscape Architect Michael Vergason of Michael Vergason Landscape Architects of Old Town discusses his project at District Wharf at D.C.'s Southwest Harbor while addressing the crowd at the 2017 Alexandria Beautification Awards at the Lyceum.



Alexandria Beautification Commission member Anna Smith Lacey announces award winners during the 2017 Alexandria Beautification Awards on Sept. 27 at the Lyceum.

Commission Presents Annual Beautification Awards

The Alexandria Beautification Commission (ABC) held its annual Awards Ceremony on Wednesday Sept. 27 to recognize city residents, organizations, and businesses and community groups for their efforts in contributing to the beautification of the City of Alexandria.



Mayor Allison Silberberg and members of City Council present an award for Green Practices in Beautification for The Four Mile Run Tidal Restoration Project to City Director Parks and Recreation James Spengler and Matthew Landes, principal planner for the city.



Mayor Allison Silberberg and members of City Council present an award for Commercial Beautification to Alexandria Country Day School Head of School Scott Baytosh and business manager Robert Powers, along with landscape architects Elliot Rhodeside and Melissa Rainer of Alexandria-based Rhodeside and Hardwell.

Wright to Read Returns to Campagna Center

Wright to Read, formerly housed at The Campagna Center before spinning off as an independent 501c3 in 2012, resumed services last month as a program of The Campagna Center.

“Our decision was made after two years of thorough research, analysis and deliberation of our program, our budget, and our effectiveness operating for the last five years as an independent organization,” said Jim Epstein, chair of Wright to Read’s board of directors. “After considering options to merge with a number of organizations in the same field of service, returning to The Campagna Cen-

ter stood out as the natural choice because of its excellent reputation in the community, similarities with The Campagna Center’s existing services, and potential opportunities to foster program expansion. The board voted unanimously and enthusiastically to move forward with a transition back to The Campagna Center, which has also been endorsed by The Campagna Center’s board of directors.”

Dr. Tammy Mann, president & CEO of The Campagna Center shares her colleague’s enthusiasm for the merger. “I can’t think of a better time to welcome this program back into our fold,” said Mann. “Wright to Read’s mission and focus is highly synergistic with

The Campagna Center’s commitment to foster academic success for the students we are privileged to serve. We welcome, with open arms, the Wright to Read program, volunteers and students, and the continued partnership with the Frank and Betty Wright Foundation as we embark on this next phase of our shared journey.”

Reaching out to the volunteers, donors, and supporters of Wright to Read, Epstein reminds them of the need to remain involved: “Wright to Read has provided tutoring and mentoring services to elementary school children in Alexandria for the last 38 years. As we look forward to continuing our work through a renewed rela-

tionship with The Campagna Center, we also look forward to your continued engagement with this vital work. Your help has been and will be essential to our ongoing success.”

Wright to Read recruits, trains, and supports volunteer tutors and mentors to coach and tutor elementary school students on reading fundamentals. Volunteer tutors are matched with Alexandria City Public School children who are identified by their teachers as needing help to read. Wright to Read’s Jamie Barter and Luisa Reyes will transition to The Campagna Center along with the program.

PEOPLE



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Training for Success

In mid-September, a new class graduated from the Entrepreneur Training for Success and Grow My Business courses at Alexandria-based Empowered Women International.

Ethiopian New Year Celebration

Melkam Addis Amet! Mayor Allison Silberberg kicked off the 2nd Annual Ethiopian New Year Celebration on Saturday, Sept. 9. Other Ethiopian Coffee Ceremony participants included NuNu Wako, mistress of ceremonies, broadcast journalist/filmmaker; William D.



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Euille, former mayor of Alexandria; Gathoni Kamau, community outreach specialist, National Museum of African Art, Smithsonian Institution; Matthew Stensrud, chairman of the Alexandria Commission for the Arts; and, Marta Ali, Marta Ali Studios. The event was hosted by Alexandria City's Office of the Arts in collaboration with the Ethiopian community, Smithsonian National Museum of African Arts, business and nonprofit organizations in D.C. Metropolitan area.



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Swearing-In Tradition

Mayor Allison Silberberg upheld a 30-year tradition of swearing-in the student council at Alexandria Country Day School (ACDS) on Sept. 14. The mayor also took the time to discuss the importance of service and education with students. ACDS traditions, like this one, support leadership development, service-learning, and communication skills — all components of the school's curriculum.

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A Question Which Begs What Answer

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



Twice recently, in print, I have been asked the same question. Once on an evaluation of a previous doctor appointment, and within the last week, on a pre-registration form for an oral surgeon.

The question: "How is your health?" "Excellent." "Good." "Fair." "Poor." The two times I saw this question, I snickered. I mean, I have cancer: Stage IV, non-small cell lung cancer in fact, the terminal kind.

And even though I've lived way beyond my original "13 month to two-year" prognosis, (eight and a half years and counting, always counting), I'm still undergoing treatment. I see my oncologist every three months. I'm not in remission. My tumors, so far as I've been told, are not necrotic (dead). I'm still scheduling CT Scans, brain MRIs and PET Scans quarterly, semi-annually and yearly, respectively. And while amazingly thrilled to be still alive, my fate turns on the results of any one of these diagnostic scans so I wonder aloud: how is my health?

In the two most recent opportunities (I've had others) to answer this question, I have erred on the side of reality (my reality) and answered "Poor." Whether I'm up and about or down and out, cancer is sort of the definition of 'poor,' isn't it? Let's be honest: who wants to receive a diagnosis of cancer, regardless of type and/or stage. Moreover, it's hardly the gift that keeps on giving. Quite the opposite. It's like the houseguest who never leaves. It's always there and the more it's around, the worse it's likely to get.

As much as one tries, a cancer diagnosis is hard to forget. Whether you're still undergoing treatment as I am, or have been told you're cancer-free/in remission/N.E.D. (no evidence of disease), the prospect of a life unaltered by the experience is unrealistic, especially so when questions are asked pertaining to your health. It's not as if you become stigmatized by your cancer diagnosis and/or medical history, but you do become a lifetime member of a club you'd rather not have joined (the more serious and exact opposite of a feeling expressed by Groucho Marx when he so famously joked that he wouldn't want to belong to a club that would have him as a member). If only it were that simple – and funny.

A straight forward question about one's health which requires a thoughtful and honest answer. Yet, an answer which somehow must, in my opinion, educate the asker. I'm not a normal respondent (no comments from the peanut gallery). I'm a cancer patient/survivor. Presumably, my immune system is somewhat compromised. What's good for the goose is probably not good for this gander. My life expectancy is all fouled up. Cancer is likely in control.

As much as I want to delude myself otherwise, the writing, if not necessarily on the walls, is certainly in multiple books and journals. And not that there aren't exceptions to every rule (my survival is proof of that), generally speaking, a cancer diagnosis "spells trouble with a capital 'T,'" if I may invoke the late actor, Robert Preston, from his career-defining role as Harold Hill in the 1962 movie, "The Music Man." Still, life is going on, and not too badly, I may add. But on any given day ...

I suppose the solution then is an asterisk. But how does one add an asterisk to a standardized form. And given the evolving nature of our almost-entirely inhumane (non-human) electronic contact, where does one go/what does one say, to separate and be heard. I want to be treated equally, but as a cancer patient, I'm not. I'm different. If there's a box for that, I'll gladly check it. I want the best outcome, naturally. But not giving me the opportunity to properly define myself/my circumstances doesn't help either one of us. And does even less for the next respondent.

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Emerica Karefa-Kargbo of McLean. Khalila also received the Fiction Award for her submission to the 2017 edition of the Academy's literary magazine, "Letters."

❖ **Victoria Catalina Voellm**, of Alexandria, a junior at R-MA, received the AP U.S. History and Honors Spanish III Outstanding Performance Certificates. Victoria is the daughter of Michael and Rowena E. Voellm of Alexandria.

Patrick Benson, of Alexandria, graduated from Marquette University (Milwaukee, Wis.) with a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering.

Emily Gaietto, of Alexandria, graduated from Marquette University (Milwaukee, Wis.) with a Bachelor of Science in biological sciences.

Robert O'Connell, of Alexandria, who is studying networking and systems administration, made the dean's list for the 2017 spring semester at Rochester Institute of Technology (Rochester, N.Y.).

Osmel Morales Aguilera, of Alexandria, graduated from The University of Akron (Ohio) earning a Bachelor of Arts in political science.

Raven Moses, of Alexandria, earned dean's list honors for the spring 2017 semester at Saint Joseph's University (Philadelphia, Pa.).

The following Alexandria students were named to Dean's List at Clemson University (Clemson, S.C.) for the spring 2017 semester:

- ❖ **Tyler R. Ard**, majoring in mechanical engineering
- ❖ **Claude Cage Atkins**, majoring in financial management
- ❖ **Ann Elizabeth Barletta**, majoring in political science
- ❖ **Colin Francis Gregory**, majoring in management
- ❖ **Samantha Margaret Kathy Murphy**, majoring in history
- ❖ **Alexa M. White**, majoring in elementary education

Edward Dorneles, of Alexandria, graduated from Roger Williams University (Bristol, R.I.) with an A.S. in paralegal studies.

Brooke Jordan, of Alexandria, received a Master of Business Administration in management from Frostburg State University (Frostburg, Md.).

Hannah Rose, of Alexandria, graduated in May from the University of Rhode Island, receiving a Master of Science in dietetics.

Hannah Rowell, of Alexandria, graduated from High Point University (High Point, N.C.).

Blake Pohanka, of Alexandria, graduated from High Point University (High Point, N.C.).

Patrick Sansone, of Alexandria, who will be attending University of Notre Dame, received a Andrews Federal Credit Union 2017 scholarship at its 69th annual meeting.

Brendan Loveng, of Alexandria, graduated from Mercersburg Academy (Mercersburg, Pa.). He plans to attend Bucknell University.

Donovan Whipple, a resident of Alexandria majoring in business administration, was named to the dean's list in Ithaca (N.Y.) College's School of Business for the spring 2017 semester.

Caroline Hickey, of Alexandria, has been named to the Midwest Conference's Academic All-Conference list for the 2016-17 academic year and athletic season.

Hickey, whose major at Knox College (Galesburg, Ill.) is self-designed, was recognized for academic performance while a Prairie Fire athlete in Women's Indoor Track and Field; Women's Outdoor Track and Field.

Robert W. Archie, of Alexandria, has made dean's list at St. Lawrence University's (Canton, N.Y.). Archie is a member of the class of 2018 and is majoring in economics and business in the liberal arts. Archie attended Episcopal High School.

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