

'On Behalf of a Grateful Nation'

Alexandria honors its veterans.

BY VERNON MILES
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Captain Humbert Roque "Rocky" Versace didn't break. He didn't even bend. He spoke English, French and Vietnamese, so his captors focused on him during interrogations, but they could never get the better of him. Other captives who lived alongside Versace in a prison camp in Vietnam said he set an example to the other prisoners held captive by the Viet Cong. Nick Rowe, also a prisoner of war, said Versace told his captors that they could make him go to class, and they could make him listen, but that he wouldn't believe a word they said. Versace was taken away by his captors, singing "God Bless America" before he was executed in 1965.

Veterans Day is dedicated to honoring those who fought for the United States throughout its history. But at the Mount Vernon Community Center, the small ceremony held in the gymnasium more specifically honors the 67 Alexandrians

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The Old Guard Fife and Drum performs at the Mount Vernon Community Center's Veterans Day ceremony.

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The West Point classmates of Rocky Versace from the class of 1959.

Mayoral Battle

Vice Mayor Justin Wilson enters race against Mayor Allison Silberberg.

BY VERNON MILES
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Depending on how one looks at it, Vice Mayor Justin Wilson's campaign for mayor has been going on for nearly two days or nearly two years. While Wilson's official mayoral campaign kicked off with an announcement on Nov. 13, the conflict between fellow Democrats Wilson and Mayor Allison Silberberg has been visible since immediately after Silberberg took office. In 2018, that conflict comes to a head as Wilson challenges Silberberg for the mayorship of Alexandria.

In Alexandria, the mayor is the head of the City Council and man-

ages discussion, but in many respects is a largely symbolic position. For Wilson, it's a position that represents what kind of future the city is working towards.

"There is additional leadership required in this city," said Wilson. "The mayor sets the tone. Mayoral leadership is necessary to make the big decisions. The choice next year will be resting on our laurels [or] driving progressive change."

Wilson says one of the biggest challenges facing the city is the lack of sustainable revenue growth. Wilson says the city has to focus on economic growth and investment into city infrastructure.

Frank Shafroth, director of the Center for State and Local Lead

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Lionel Hope Dies

City's first black vice mayor, WWII veteran, dies at 92.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
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Lionel Hope was a quiet man, a World War II veteran and government accountant who never set out to be a trailblazer. He simply wanted to do his part to improve the quality of life for the underserved residents of the community.

"When you're young you think you can save the world," said Hope's wife Emma. "We did what we could to bring change and improvements to the city. And we had the support of [former City Manager] Volva Lawson. She was very devoted to Lionel and stuck with him all the way."

Hope's civic engagement

led him to run for City Council. He was elected in 1982 and served until

1991, becoming Alexandria's first elected black vice mayor. On Nov. 13, Hope died at his home in Edenton, N.C. He was 92.

Lionel Reginald Hope was born Feb. 10, 1925, in Hampton, Va. While attending Phenix High School, he was an avid athlete, running track, playing quarterback

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'Make Some Choices'

School Board engages task force on capital budgeting.

BY DAN BRENDL
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Repeating its earlier recommendations to City Council, a budget advisory task force urged the School Board last Thursday, Nov. 9, to weigh its capital needs in the context of the whole city.

The Ad Hoc Joint City-Schools Facility Investment Task Force recommended how to prioritize 28 Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) and city facilities projects slated through FY27. By removing, delaying and/or reducing funding for 22 projects — 11 each from the schools and city — the Task Force nearly closed an 9-year funding gap of \$46 million. They also gave preliminary recommendations about overall budget process improvement to prevent such gaps from opening again.

"What I want to do is to step back and really have you all understand the larger framework we are trying to deliver," said Task Force member Amy Liu. "We happen to have applied it to this set of projects with this [FY19-27] plan. But there's a larger message we want to say, which is: when you have lots of things that seem important but you have fixed funds, you have to make some choices."

"There is a single source of funding for city and schools," said Task Force member Elliot Branch. "Given a single accountability to taxpayers, we suggest that that means a joint process of capital planning between the city and schools and a single capital improvement budget." The Task Force's written report also emphasizes taking "a strategic city-wide approach (city and ACPS)" and optimizing the capabilities delivered to citizens through one integral capital "portfolio."

The School Board members have expressed varying perspectives about their autonomous mandate vis-a-vis finite city dollars. At an earlier meeting, Task Force member Marshall Cook said of their posture toward budgeting: "Lots of [School Board] members say, 'What do we know the council will give us?' ... And other members say, 'No, our job is to get as much as we can for the kids of Alexandria.'" Clarifying the latter, he added: "I'm not talking about frivolous," but rather genuine needs.

Some statements from the FY18 budget process may illustrate their challenge.

School Board member Veronica Nolan said in March: "At some point we're going to have to think about what we're going to be given ... Do we feel that City Council completely understands the tiered [i.e., prioritized] asks: 'This is DEFCON 10;' 'This is



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At its meeting last Thursday, the School Board heard a budget advisory task force's initial recommendations about streamlining certain capital projects and overhauling the city and schools' capital planning process.

nice to have' ...? It all feels DEFCON 10. ... We have so many competing priorities right now throughout the city, we have to be realistic and thoughtful about that"

School Board member Karen Graf said in March: "The citizens look at us and they don't see two bodies."

At Thursday's meeting, though continuing to differentiate between "their stuff" and "ours," she recognized an opportunity for "synergy." She also said: "I think you're right, that we can't do everything with a finite budget. ... I do appreciate that every one of these things is going to wound someone, that you take off the menu."

School Board member Ronnie Campbell said in March that the schools had already stripped their FY18 request such that no "fat" or "padding" remained for additional trimming. She reiterated in April: "We have needs, and that's what we present. We don't always get fully funded. Sometimes we have to go back to the drawing board and we have to make some cuts, we have to make some decisions. But it's our responsibility to present to them what we honestly feel we need. And I think we've done that with this budget."

Advocates for full school system funding drew a similar line in the sand. When advocates turned out in force at the March 13 city budget public hearing, one said: "We understand what we are asking for and we understand the cost."

For the schools, ramifications of the Task Force's FY19-27 project prioritization in-

clude removal of funds for converting a rec center into interim "swing space," a new pre-K center, a new elementary school and modernization of Matthew Maury Elementary School. They also include delayed funding for new elementary and middle schools, expanding high school capacity, overhauling the transportation facility, and reconstructing Douglas MacArthur, George Mason and Cora Kelly Elementary schools.

"We strongly believe that the needs being addressed by each project are valid and offer value," the Task Force said in a written report. "However, we do not recognize every proposed project as the optimal solution for the specified need."

Outlining in part how the Task Force formulated its recommendations and how the School Board and council might approach future decision-making, Liu said: "We put a lot of emphasis on two things. Urgency: life saving, risk for people or students, that if we don't do the project it will really be harmful. The other was readiness: ... Was the project fully thought out? Have we had sufficient public participation? ... We were not convinced that ... some of these projects ... were 'ready.'"

The Task Force recommended advancing the construction of a new permanent school, which would serve as swing space during the construction of other schools before transitioning to its permanent use. Acknowledging that this approach, though ultimately cheaper, would delay much needed elementary school projects, they also rec-

ommended accelerating new on-site construction at an existing elementary school.

School Board member Bill Campbell defended the proposal to build a new pre-K center. Branch acknowledged the need, but said the city and schools need to have "a more fulsome conversation" before pushing forward.

Task Force member Mignon Anthony suggested "making sure that we've exhausted all the partnership opportunities, all of the philanthropic opportunities, all of the licensing agreement opportunities, with maybe the distribution of schools that are in Alexandria, and seeing if we could couple those up."

Acknowledging the need for additional high school capacity, the Task Force bumped significant funding for that project only one year. But they recommended a fuller public process before execution in order to determine what number and type of high schools would best serve the citizenry.

The Task Force discussed the importance of laying aside ample funds for land acquisition. Task Force member Dwight Dunton said: "You guys,

whether you know it or not, are real estate investors. You've got to be prepared for opportunity when it knocks." As an example, he applauded the school system's acquisition of an office building for conversion into a new school. He and School Board member Christopher Lewis discussed how the potential consolidation of the city and schools' transportation facilities might create a land acquisition opportunity for a new school.

"We strongly recommend that there be a joint facilities planning process with the city. ... Working together on this, we think, will be the solution so you don't have to have a Task Force ever again," said Task Force chair Lynn Hampton.

"We don't sit here to presume to answer political questions because, frankly, no one elected us to anything," said Branch "However, we do believe that when you answer political questions, it ought to be on an informed basis ... So what we are trying to do ... is to produce a process that will leave you well informed so, when held accountable by the taxpayers, you can answer those questions. And that really is it, at the bottom line."

The superintendent will propose the schools' FY19-28 CIP Nov. 30, preceding School Board CIP work sessions in December and final adoption Jan. 11. The Task Force will meet Nov. 16, 30 and Dec. 14, before issuing a final report in December or January. All meetings are open to the public.

Housing Proposal on the Precipice

Development weathers soil erosion concerns.

BY VERNON MILES
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By all accounts, the Karig Estates project should be a beautiful set of four new homes along Seminary Road, with the backs pressed up to the city's natural wetlands ... if the cliff they're situated on doesn't erode.

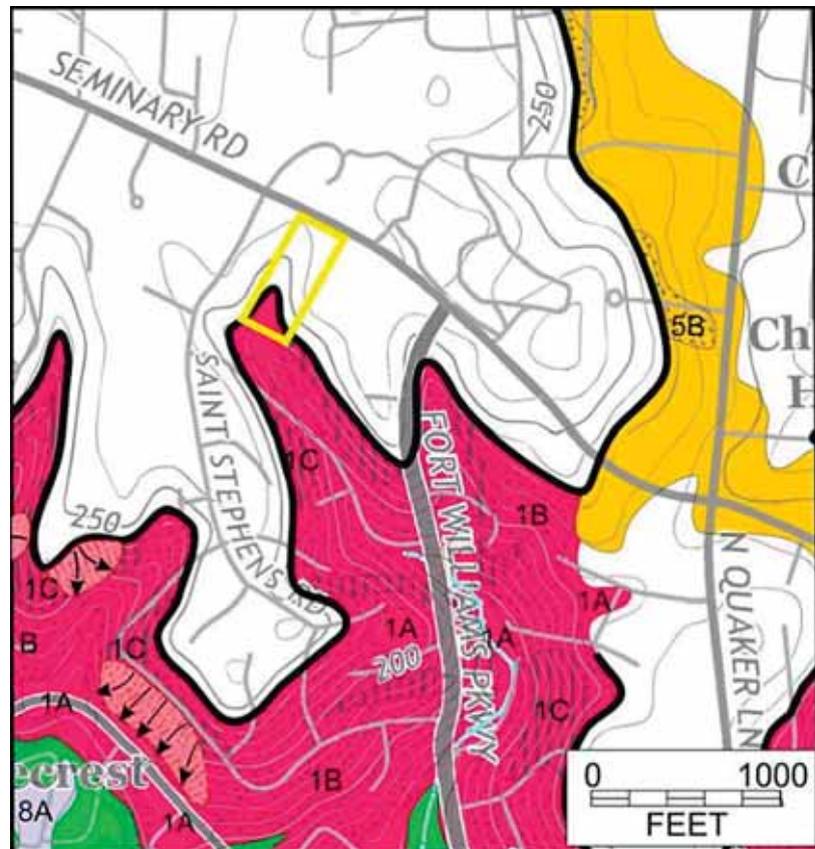
Despite approval by staff and an ongoing review process, local residents say the new homes are built too close to a cliff, building on top of unsteady ground and posing a hazard to the delicate nearby ecosystem. At a Planning Commission meeting on Nov. 9, the new development weathered criticisms from local neighbors and commission members to reach approval for an amended site plan request, subdivision approval, and street naming.

Many of the nearby neighbors came out to the meeting to speak out on the homes, a couple in support but the majority express-

ing concerns about the homes' impact.

The homes are built on the edge of a swale, which itself is not an environmentally protected feature, but contains a protected wetland area which includes a 50-foot buffer around which no buildings can be built. The buildings do not fall inside the buffer, but do include a sewer pipe that exits inside the buffer. Under city code, the sewer pipe is allowed, but residents said the development should still be required to use an alternative sewage system that would carry the waste away from the site and feed into the Seminary Road sewage drain.

One of the most vocal concerns expressed was about the marine clay foundation under the site. The city's geologic atlas notes that the site is built on top of marine clay, a type of soil that has potential to swell when wet and shrink when dry, creating an unstable building environment. Further concerns were raised that the destruction of trees on the site would add to the risk of



Alexandria's slope stability map showing part of the Karig Estates site in a red zone, meaning the site is susceptible to landslides.



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Marine Clay, fractured when dry and discharging groundwater when wet.

erosion. The staff report notes that erosion and sediment related issues are included in a geotechnical report used in final site plan review and building permit review.

Residents were also frustrated that Resource Manager Rod Simmons, a city employee who had expressed concerns about the project's environmental impact, had not been called to testify before the Planning Commission. Planning Commission chair Mary Lyman said Simmons was allowed to testify but that the commission would not compel him to.

While the majority on the Planning Commission expressed support for the project, others said they still had deep concerns about the site. Melissa McMahon said the community's concerns about the project were valid and bore greater consideration as the project moved forward.

Commissioner David Brown said the

project met the legal and technical considerations under review by the commission, but like McMahon, said he had concerns about the environmental impact.

"The real problem is the increased run off and slippage of the soil," said Brown. "The citizens here are not 'sky is falling' types or NIMBYs. They are addressing things that were not fully or adequately addressed in the site plan."

Ultimately, Brown and McMahon abstained from the vote on the development site plan, which was still approved four to two.

"It's a difficult case," said Lyman. "None of us are wild about this project. However, the owner has a right to build on the property and the legal requirements have been met. I believe the city staff know what they are doing. This isn't the end of this discussion; a lot of hard work has to be done with regard to the soil."

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Turner Enchants Audiences from King Street to Paris

BY SHIRLEY RUHE
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Jamey Turner has set up 50 glasses of all sizes on his table at the corner of King Street and Union in Old Town. He has filled them with an exact amount of distilled water, the more water, the lower the pitch. Turner says he uses inexpensive glass because crystal rings too long. Turner patiently tests the pitch on each glass and uses his turkey baster to add a squirt or a few drops as necessary to get the sound he wants.

Turner explains he will use his small finger, forefinger and thumb on his left hand to create the chords or the first two fingers on each hand to get all of the overtones. The friction created by his fingers with distilled water on the rim of the glass creates very close to a pure sound wave.

Three friends hear the sounds and cross the street to gather around his table, and soon a small crowd has appeared. They have many questions. "What are you playing?" Answer: "the glass harp." "How did you ever start doing such an unusual thing?" He grew up in a musical family in Montana and he remembers when he was 6-years-old his dad played a glass at the dining room table. Then the Hunter family came over for dinner and they all tuned their glasses. "I heard beautiful chords."

Turner started to learn a lot of instruments; the piano was basic, then on to the violin, then the flute and the clarinet, which was his favorite, and which he played in the Army band for three years.

Since then Turner has played in a lot of places and a lot of unusual instruments. He has just played at a school in Connecticut and plays at schools all around the country. "I am able to teach acoustics. It creates wonder when the children hear the sound." Turner keeps a complicated schedule and



Jamey Turner tunes up his glasses with his "turkey baster" adjusting the water to get the exact pitch for each glass.



Jamey Turner uses different fingers to get the chords and the overtones on the glass harp that he plays at the corner of King and Union.

will be at Marshall Elementary in Manassas later this month. The furthest away he has ever played is Japan about four years ago.



Jamey Turner opens with his signature music, Beethoven's Ninth Symphony.

"Nippon TV wanted me to play on TV. I played their music but they wanted me to play Western music. But," he says, "one

thing I never do is play on Sunday. That is for the Lord."

At one point he taught himself to play the handsaw in Montana, and it was also a pure sound. His friends told him he should contact Johnny Carson. So he sent in three lines and got a letter back asking for something that was an early form of video. "I'd never heard of it. I thought 'a la la I can do this.'" So he told them he could play a Beatles tune and would send five very fine pieces and he filled the letter with sawdust. He got a call the next week. He played on the Johnny Carson show several times including a duet with Johnny on the wrench and Turner on the handsaw. Turner said the conductor of the Boulder Philharmonic Orchestra once wrote three concertos for him as soloist on the handsaw.

Turner plays all kinds of music. There are 400 pieces written for glass. "I play 'Twinkle, twinkle' for the little kids, 'who are spell-bound,' and Star Wars is one of the most popular. But he plays Mozart and Bach and Beethoven. "I play a piece from Lebanon that all the Muslims know. They can't believe I'm playing their music."

He remembers one time in New Orleans when he was just packing up. A man asked if he knew "The Sound of Music." "I told him I did but I was really tired. He told me he wanted to sing along. I told him I was still really tired. But he said he was a member of the Von Trapp family." Turned out he was the youngest son of the Baron. "What a voice. When he started singing people came running from all over."

Another time Turner was playing a march and someone came up and said his grandfather wrote it. He was the grandson of John Philip Sousa.

After about 15 minutes of tuning, Turner is ready to play. He fingers dance over the glasses as he begins with his signature song, Beethoven's Ninth Symphony. As he says, sometimes he is on this corner and sometimes he is in Paris.

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Going for the Gold Collegiate inventors honored.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
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From a bandage to treat chronic wounds to a device that saves the lives of piglets, the innovations of young inventors were honored Nov. 3 at the 2017 Collegiate Inventors Competition, an annual competition for college and university students and their faculty advisors.

"For students interested in STEM disciplines, innovation and entrepreneurship, a strong understanding of the intellectual property system is critical for success," said Joseph Matal, the Under Secre-

tary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office. "We are proud to host this competition, where the research and innovations of our greatest collegiate inventors are presented to the world."

The awards ceremony, held in the USPTO's Madison Building, featured six undergraduate and six graduate finalist teams consisting of 29 students from 12 colleges and universities across the

United States. The teams presented their inventions to a panel of judges composed

"I hope to bring technology across the borders to countries where technology is needed the most."

— Ning Mao, gold medal winner from Boston University



Winners pose for a group photo at the Collegiate Inventors Competition Awards ceremony Nov. 3 at the USPTO.

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of National Inventors Hall of Fame Inductees and USPTO experts.

Gold Medal winners of the competition were: Undergraduate - SwineTech, The University of Iowa. Team members Matthew Rooda and Abraham Espinoza were awarded \$10,000 for their invention SmartGuard, which prevents piglet crushing deaths by their mothers by monitoring the pitch, loudness and duration of squeals. Graduate - Engineered Probiotics, Boston University. Team member Ning Mao was awarded \$10,000 for her invention Engineered Probiotics — an engineered safe bacterium that has the benefit of inhibiting the progression of a cholera infection.

Silver Medal winners were: Undergraduate - AssistENT, Johns Hopkins University; Graduate — dAST, California Institute of Technology.

Bronze Medals winners were: Undergraduate - InMEDBio, University of Virginia; Graduate - NextGen Structural Rehab System, West Virginia University.



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Ning Mao is congratulated after winning the gold medal at the Collegiate Inventors Competition awards ceremony Nov. 3 at the USPTO.

“I am very honored to receive this award,” said Ning Mao. “I hope to bring technology across the borders to countries where technology is needed the most.”

Complete results and information on the competition can be found at www.invent.org/challenge.



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Inside the Scottish Walk

Annual event hosted by Campagna Center returns Dec. 2.

Elizabeth Anne Campagna loved Alexandria. She'd had a vision for a program to help the city's underprivileged children, and the city had responded with funds and volunteers that helped build the Campagna Center. She felt that she'd owed the city something. So 47 years ago, Campagna teamed up with the city's St. Andrew's Society to sponsor the city's first Scottish Christmas Walk Parade.

The Scottish Christmas Walk Parade, or Scottish Walk as it's colloquially known, has turned into an annual tradition hosted by the Campagna Center. The 47th Annual Scottish Walk will be held on Dec. 2. Parade Grand Marshall David McKenzie will lead a march of kilts, bagpipes, scottish terriers and more along St. Asaph Street up to Market Square.

But the tradition has also grown into a series of activities across the city, like the Taste of Scotland fundraiser held on Dec. 1 to showcase the ales of Scotland. The Heather and Greens Sale offers a variety of wreaths, garlands and heather bundles, with proceeds going to support the



The Northern Virginia Firefighters Emerald Society Pipe Band marched up King Street at the 45th annual Scottish Christmas Walk parade in 2015.

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Campagna Center.

"The fact that it provides an opportunity for the city to celebrate its Scottish heritage, that's an important part of the weekend," said Tammy Mann, President and CEO of the Campagna Center. "Alexandria is a historic, proud city. Any opportunity to have that reflected in events in the community tends to bring out a very strong response."

The parade itself is not a fundraiser. Mann said that while the center incurs costs to host the parade, across the entire weekend the Campagna Center raised over \$150,000 in net proceeds. Mann said these proceeds help the Campagna Center work towards closing a \$900,000 funding gap. Mann said the center also receives help for the parade from an army of over 150 volunteers.

"For us, it helps us accomplish our work in serving young children new to our community," said Mann. "Events that surround the weekend provide a vital basis of support, whether that's making English language classes available or helping high school students navigate the complicated graduation landscape."

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OPINION

Give Locally in Alexandria

School holidays can bring uncertainty and hunger for tens of thousands of poor children in our area.

The holidays are about giving, and giving thanks. The holidays are about children and family. The holidays are about sharing, about joy. The holidays are about being thankful and about faith and appreciation. The holidays are about alleviating suffering for others.

Northern Virginia is among the wealthiest areas in the country. Many, if not most, of us go through our daily and seasonal routines without encountering evidence of the needy families among us.

In Alexandria, more than 8,700 students are poor enough to receive free or subsidized

meals. That's almost 60 percent of the slightly more than 15,000 students enrolled.

The city's estimated median family income rose in 2015 to \$109,175.

But among Alexandria's families with children, 10.7 percent have incomes below the poverty line. That's about \$1,700 a month. The median monthly housing cost in Alexandria is over \$1,700, meaning the cost for half the housing is more than that. Median rent is \$1,555.

These are children living in families who may be on the brink of homelessness, families who must choose between medical bills, car repair, heat and food. Some of these are children who

may not be sure that they will have a meal between the meals they get in school.

School holidays can bring uncertainty and hunger, a far cry from the celebrations, gifts and plenty that we associate with Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Hundreds of homeless students attend the public schools, and their needs are greater.

Many nonprofits in the city need your help to provide a holiday meal for Thanksgiving or Christmas, to provide children with gifts.

There are literally hundreds, probably thousands, of ways to give locally this season. Here are a few ideas. We will rerun this list again after Thanksgiving, so please let us know what we have missed.

— MARY KIMM

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Where to Give Locally: Nonprofits in City of Alexandria

- ❖ **ALIVE!** Alexandria; 2723 King St, Alexandria, VA 22302; 703-837-9300, www.alive-inc.org. ALIVE! serves thousands Alexandrians annually with shelter; low-cost early childhood education and childcare; financial help for rent, utilities, medical care and other critical needs; emergency food; and deliveries of donated furniture and houseware.
- ❖ **Senior Services of Alexandria**, 703-836-4414, www.seniorservicesalex.org. Support services for elders enabling them to age with dignity.
- ❖ **Tahirih Justice Center**, 703-575-0070, www.tahirih.org. Legal services, public policy advocacy, and education for immigrant women and girls.
- ❖ **Animal Welfare League of Alexandria**, 703-746-4774, www.alexandrianimals.org. Pet adoptions, low-cost spay and neuter assistance, education and community service and outreach.
- ❖ **Stop Child Abuse Now (SCAN) of Northern Virginia**, 703-820-9001, www.scanva.org. Parent education, public education-re: child abuse and court advocacy for abused and neglected children.
- ❖ **Rebuilding Together Alexandria**, 703-836-1021, www.RebuildingTogetherAlex.org. Home repair and maintenance for vulnerable veterans, elderly, disabled and families with children.
- ❖ **ACT for Alexandria**, 703-739-7778, www.actforalexandria.org. Nonprofit and donor services.
- ❖ **Alexandria Community Services Board**, www.alexandriava.gov/mhmsa. Crisis intervention services, elderly needs, mental health, substance abuse, mental retardation and developmental disabilities.
- ❖ **Arlington-Alexandria Coalition for the Homeless**, 703-525-7177, www.aachhomeless.org.
- ❖ **Carpenter's Shelter**, 703 548-7500, www.carpentershelter.org. Homeless services and programs including education and case management.
- ❖ **The Campaign Center**, 703-549-0111, www.campaigncenter.org.
- ❖ **Center for Alexandria's Children**, 703-838-4381, www.centerforalexandriaschildren.org. Child

abuse and neglect; parent support.

- ❖ **Child and Family Network Centers**, 703-836-0214, www.cfnc-online.org.
- ❖ **Community Lodgings, Inc.**, 703-549-4407. Transitional and affordable housing, youth education, adult education, bilingual staff assistance.
- ❖ **Computer C.O.R.E.** 703-931-7346, www.computercore.org. Adult education, computer training and career development.
- ❖ **Hopkins House**, 703-549-8072, www.hopkinshouse.org. Preschool academy, family budgeting and literacy, family education and youth summer enrichment camp, Early Childhood Learning Institute.
- ❖ **Northern Virginia Family Services**, 703-385-3267, www.nvfs.org. Employment and job training, healthcare, housing, mental health, foster care and Healthy Families.
- ❖ **Volunteer Alexandria**, 123 N Alfred St., Alexandria, VA 22314; 703-836-2176, volunteerallexandria.org. Volunteer recruitment and placement, court-referred community service placement, community awareness events, and volunteer management training. See www.achsava.org.
- ❖ **Friends of Guest House** offers structure, supervision, support and assistance to female offenders who sincerely want to improve their lives and break the cycle of incarceration. Friends of Guest House offers the only program for women of its kind in Northern Virginia, and receives countless inquiries every year. The Guest House is located at 1 East Luray Ave. Clients may call 703-549-8072 for support 24/7, otherwise visit www.friendsofguesthouse.org.
- ❖ **Christian Relief Services** incorporated in 1985, in Virginia. Through partnership with 14 agencies, Christian Relief Services (CRS) offers up to 24 months of transitional housing, case management and supportive services for homeless people. Around the country CRS operates affordable housing units. Contact info@christianrelief.org, visit www.christianrelief.org or call 703-317-9086.

- ❖ **Assistance League of Northern Virginia** is an all-volunteer organization that clothes, feeds, educates and nurtures those in need. Working through six elementary schools and Inova Fairfax Hospital, Assistance League touches the lives of some of the most needy in Northern Virginia. The schools involved include Lynbrook Elementary and Garfield Elementary in Springfield, Cora Kelly Elementary in Alexandria and Pine Spring Elementary in Falls Church. Volunteers and donors are always needed. Contact ALNorthernVA@yahoo.com or visit www.northernvirginiaassistanceleague.org.
- ❖ **Bethany House**, 6121 Lincoln Road #303, Alexandria, VA 22312; 703-658-9500, www.bhmv.org. Bethany House provides emergency shelter and supportive services to victims of domestic violence throughout Northern Virginia and the surrounding D.C. metro communities.
- ❖ **Literacy Council of Northern Virginia**, 703-237-0866, www.lcnv.org. Teaches adults the basic skills of reading, writing, speaking and understanding English.
- ❖ **The Community Foundation of Northern Virginia** announces the launch of its Permanent Fund campaign, a community endowment which is a forever source to provide critical support for those in need in the Northern Virginia region. Consider leaving a legacy through a current or planned gift to the Permanent Fund at the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia. Visit www.cfnova.org/permanentfund.
- ❖ **Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia** transforms the lives of lower-income families in need by providing affordable homeownership opportunities in Alexandria, Arlington, Fairfax and Falls Church. Learn more at www.habitatnova.org.
- ❖ **Wright to Read**, 703-299-9854, www.wrighttoread.org. Provides volunteer-based, one-to-one tutoring and mentoring to City of Alexandria public elementary school children in need. Funds are needed to provide field trips and enrichment activities, books and other resources. For more information about Wright to Read and becoming a "Tutor/Mentor" see website.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Join Great American Smokeout

To the Editor:

The Partnership for a Healthier Alexandria has been actively working over the last several years to give all Alexandrians the opportunity to breathe clean and smoke-free air. In our Community Health

Improvement Plan, we set an important goal to significantly reduce the proportion of residents who now smoke and reduce the proportion of residents exposed to second-hand smoke by 2019.

So far, we have achieved a lot. Many multi-family residences in Alexandria are smoke-free, our parks and playgrounds are smoke-free, and our restaurants are smoke-free. In fact, the percentage of adults that smoke in Alexandria

is lower than the U.S. median, we have the lowest smoking rate among our peer cities and counties, and have already met the federal Healthy People 2020 goal of having 12 percent or fewer adults who are current cigarette smokers. Among our youth, the percentage of students who smoke in Alexandria is lower than national estimates for high-school students.

Despite these accomplishments, there is more work to do, and you

can help. If you smoke, please join the Great American Smokeout by making this Thursday, Nov. 16, your Big Quit. Tell your friends and family the good news and call 800-QUIT-NOW (800-784-8669) to get the support you need to make your big quit successful. If you know someone who smokes, let them know you care about them and that the Great American Smokeout can be the start of a

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OPINION

Reading and More

From the Tutor/Mentor, Marie Steinle

After moving to Alexandria, I knew I wanted to get more involved in the community. I had previously tutored adults in reading and thought it would be fun and a challenge to tutor a child.

Kevin was just beginning third grade when we met. He was a hesitant and reluctant reader. We started very slowly with basic picture books and have moved on to chapter books. He has made good progress, and now in fifth grade, he reads more fluently and self corrects when he makes mistakes.

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Kevin's confidence has increased along with his improved reading. He asks more questions and now he picks about half the books we read.

We work hard during our sessions but we have fun too. In addition to reading, writing and grammar worksheets we play word games. Hangman is a favorite.

We also attend some of the monthly Wright to Read programs like the Holiday dinner at IHOP and the annual picnic. If there is a meal, we are usually there! This past summer we took advantage of some of the programs at the Alexandria Libraries. A highlight for Kevin was petting the albino boa constrictor.

I could not do this alone, but Wright to Read has great resources for tutor/mentors and students so I always feel supported. Thank you Luisa and Jaime. I also would like to send a special thank you to the children's librarians at Beatley Library for all their help.

From the student, Kevin

I have been working with Ms. Marie since I was in third grade and now I'm in fifth grade. We read books together then do worksheets. We play word games on Ms. Marie's table. She helps me with my reading and writing. Before I was reading pic-



Marie Steinle with Kevin

ture books and now I'm reading chapter books. We read what I like. I think we have read over 10 books about soccer. Working with Ms. Marie, I think I have learned over 900 new words.

Ms. Marie and I go do the activities at the library. The summer program with reptiles and boa constrictors was one of my favorites. I also enjoy the Wright to Read activities. They are cool and fun. The picnic in June was fun and there were a lot of games. My favorite was the Cake Walk. The best place we visited is Huntley Meadows. I felt adventurous in the woods. Another favorite Wright to Read experience has been Readers Take the Stage. I was so scared until I told myself, "I got this." I stopped worrying about it and got in front of the group and read my story.

Ms. Marie is the best because she spends time with me and takes me places. She also gives me snacks. One of my favorite snacks was a trail mix as well as clementines. She has helped me learn new stuff and I feel like I am more confident in reading aloud.

Wright to Read is a program of The Campaign Center and is a member of the Alexandria Mentoring Partnership (AMP). AMP was created in 2006 to ensure that quality mentors and mentor programs are available for Alexandria's youth and young adults in need. To learn more about Wright to Read, visit: <http://www.campaigncenter.org/programs/elementary-level> or to learn more about AMP, visit: <http://www.alexandriava.gov/Mentoring>.

when it opened in the fall of 1965. George Washington High and Francis C. Hammond High were also integrated at that time. The controversial consolidation plan of 1971 was an attempt to bring racial balance and to improve the secondary school curriculum. The media continues to have problems grasping the chronology of these events. Too many people are getting their history lessons from that silly and historically inaccurate Disney farce of a movie "Remember the Titans."

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

Protect Karig Forest

To the Editor:
Citizens are asking the city to protect a
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A festive graphic for the 'Shop Small' campaign. It features a storefront with three windows, each with a wreath. The text reads 'MORE HOLLY & JOLLY LESS HUSTLE & BUSTLE'. Below the storefront, two women are walking, one holding a sign that says 'SHOP SMALL'. The background is a red brick wall.

Alexandria is the D.C. region's Shop Small headquarters! The season kicks off with:

BLACK FRIDAY
November 24

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY
November 25

MUSEUM STORE SUNDAY
November 26

Support local businesses as you wander our historic streets under a canopy of twinkle lights, and find that one-of-a-kind gift! Enjoy special festivities and surprises on Small Business Saturday. And don't forget to keep shopping small throughout the season!

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3-acre, old-age, oak-heath forest off Seminary Road across from the Virginia Theological Seminary. The site is currently threatened by a developer who wants to construct four mega-homes there. The project has sailed through the planning process, despite a host of environmental concerns raised by local residents, and it will now be appealed to the City Council.

Local residents do not believe that silt fences and engineering will safeguard their treasured forest. Nor do they believe that the plastic clays and groundwater that underlie this forest and their neighborhood are suddenly no longer hazards.

The forest occupies an ancient geological ravine that city planners call a “swale.” It lies at the headwaters of Strawberry Run, a tributary of Great Hunting Creek. To service their subdivision, the developer wants to run a large sewer line through the ravine, threatening a wetland that seeps from the gravelly terrace.

A good deal of the forest will be bulldozed to make room for a road and the four McMansions. If this project is approved, you can say goodbye to the wetland and forest ecosystem, and the birds, mammals, and other biodiversity there.

This parcel was once on the city’s list of potential open space sites. Given how little of our native forests remain in Alexandria, it should be bought and preserved. Instead, we are relying, as usual, on a developer and weak environmental regulations to safeguard that which is irreplaceable. And we call ourselves an Eco-City?

Alexandria has done a terrible job preserving and protecting Its Chesapeake Bay tributaries, wetlands, and terrace gravel forests. We have turned meandering streams like Cameron Run into storm drains, permitted development to degrade the former Winkler Botanical Preserve, failed to stop erosion in Monticello Park, and allowed sewer lines to despoil stream valleys.

I hope that as many Alexandrians as possible join with the residents of Seminary Hill and the congregation of Temple Beth El to demand — yes, demand — that the city do more to preserve and protect what little natural green canopy and habitat still remain. This appeal will be heard by the council in December or January. Join the voices to protect the Karig Forest.

Andrew Macdonald
Alexandria

Accidents Occur

To the Editor:

I support “Vision Zero” and the general thrust of Alexandrians for Safe Streets, but balk at changing the nomenclature from “accident” to “crash” because not all motor vehicle, bicycle, and pedestrian fatalities and serious injuries involve “crashes” in the common or dictionary sense of the word. “Accident” distinguishes from “intentional” in that intentional crashes are not accidental, whereas “crashes” may be intentional or unintentional (viz. accidental). Because

intent is important in our legal system, “accident” better describes mishaps on our streets involving motor vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians.

Where we should look instead is to saying “preventable,” as most mishaps are. A bicyclist blowing through a stop sign and broadsiding a car in the intersection or a car driver, experiencing a medical emergency after forgetting to fill the prescription to prevent it, striking a pedestrian are preventable whereas the latter accident is not preventable if the driver has a first-time heart attack.

I hope Vision Zero also addresses novel vehicles using the roads, such as skateboards, rollerskates, “power-assisted” bicycles, motorized skateboards and push scooters, etc. as the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan envisions.

Dino Drudi
Alexandria

Reverse Decision

To the Editor:

The following is an open letter to Reverend York-Simmons and Members of the Vestry.

I write as a former vestryman and chairman of the tricentennial trust for Christ Church, Alexandria, as well as a former 12-year chairman of the Alexandria Historical Restoration and Preservation Commission, and as the nephew of Gay Montague Moore, who wrote “Seaport in Virginia, George Washington’s Alexandria” to protest against the decision of the Vestry to remove the wall plaques in memory of George Washington and Robert E. Lee from the interior east wall of the sanctuary at Christ Church where they have been for over 100 years.

I have read the letter you have issued attempting to justify your action, which I understand was issued without involvement of the congregation until after the decision was made, and find your action procedurally and substantively outrageous.

These plaques are an integral part of the structure at this point.

Christ Church derives its significance as a National Register Historic Landmark in large part from its association with these two great Americans, and their names continue to belong on its wall in their present location.

While the Church is private property, there is substantial public interest in it because of its historic connection to George Washington and Robert E. Lee, and its status as a landmark is a reflection of the community interest in the site which you appear to be in the process of attempting to ignore.

By continuing to do so you put in jeopardy your reputation as thoughtful Christians and responsible members of the community in which you are active. If you have other history that you feel needs to be commemorated, find another place for it, and please leave George Washington and Robert E. Lee where they belong. I urge you to reconsider and revoke your decision before it is too late to do irreparable harm.

Robert Latane Montague, III

Start Tax Planning Now

Two ideas that can make life easier now and later.

BY BETSY MICKLEM
DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT
ACT FOR ALEXANDRIA

The bulls have been running on Wall Street this year leaving many investors with the happy problem of strong returns and capital gains. Add to that the uncertainty of upcoming changes in the tax laws and now is a very good time to look over your investments and consider what actions fit best with your own financial plans that can help save you tax dollars and benefit you in the future.

ACT Donating appreciated assets such as stock you own that has increased in value is a time-honored tax strategy for avoiding capital gains tax. But donating stock can be cumbersome when you want to give varying amounts to a number of worthwhile causes. The better plan is to consider establishing a donor advised fund and depositing that appreciated stock there. Then you get the tax deduction this year and can give out donations to nonprofits when you are ready and for any amount you decide. Your professional advisor can continue to manage the funds you de-

posit into the Donor Advised fund and making donations is as easy as making a phone call, sending an email or going online. Best of all, next year when it comes time to gather all your tax records all you need to report on your tax return is the donation to your donor advised fund. Nice and simple.

Maximize donations to you and your children’s IRA/Roth IRA. This is an excellent time of year to fully fund your retirement savings for the year. Your investments have had a good year so think of that increase in value funding these contributions. It is also a great time to encourage your kids to contribute their earnings into an IRA no matter how young they are. I personally have offered to match my kids (all 20-somethings out of college working) and I contribute a \$1 for every dollar they contribute. It is a great lesson in saving. They will be very thankful in coming years for both my encouragement and the money saved in the IRA/Roth IRA. It is the gift that keeps on giving.

I am not a tax advisor but these are two tips that make good financial sense and the best tax planning happens long before the year ends.

Betsy Micklem is a former vice president, Investments with Morgan Stanley. Now retired, she works at ACT for Alexandria, the local community foundation. To learn more about donor advised funds email her at Betsy.Micklem@ACTforAlexandria.org.

Bigger Issue Than Plaques

To the Editor:

Regarding Trinity Church and its two plaques:

And the Episcopal Church wonders why its congregations are declining. I am an Episcopalian but I rarely go to church now. For decades, the Episcopal Church has involved itself too heavily in liberal politics rather than concentrating on the Word of God.

I have worshipped at Trinity Church a few times but never really noticed the two plaques. Rather than worrying about these two memorials, perhaps Trinity Church should confront the true reasons that people no longer attend services.

Carolyn P. Ostrom
Alexandria

Marianne Fowler Smith
Naples, Fla.

Horrifying Decision

To the Editor:

I wish to express great disapproval on the removal of plaques commemorating the family pews of George Washington and Robert E. Lee at Christ Church in Alexandria, our family church.

All Americans, and certainly all Virginians, know of the importance of George Washington to our country. He was an enlightened man of his times who guided the nation through its perilous early years and laid the foundations for the country we are today. He was well ahead of his times in freeing his slaves after his death. His memory, particularly in his own house of worship, should be honored, not dismissed by contemporary notions of “inclusiveness” put forth by the church’s current leadership.

My father, Henry H. Fowler, a former Senior Warden and Vestryman of the Church and my mother, Trudye H. Fowler, both long-time residents of Alexandria, are interred in the Churchyard. They were supporters of civil rights in the 1950s and 1960s — difficult times in Virginia to be sure. They would have been horrified by this action.

Perspective On Decision-Makers

To the Editor:

All politics are local. And this is really important to remember in these times with Charlottesville and Christ Church. The decision in Christ Church, is their decision

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Harvest Festival

Clear skies and warm temperatures created the perfect setting for the Redeemed Church of Christ's Harvest Festival. Hundreds of people from the community and surrounding areas crowded the grounds of the church, located at 4 E. Oak St., Alexandria, for a day of activities, arts and crafts, free food and giveaways. The church's newly installed pastor, Joshua Bullock, has embarked on a mission to engage the community's youth through positive outreach efforts.

Pastor Joshua Bullock, with wife, Chimare and daughters Abigail and Naomi.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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made by the members of "their" church. If you don't worship there as a member and provide your "weekly" giving in the offering plate each and every week, let them make the decisions that are right for their church and keep your opinions to yourself. In Charlottesville, if you don't live there let the people who pay taxes in that city and elect the officials who work for them decide what is acceptable for "their" city, and keep your opinions to yourself.

James Bernau
Alexandria

Appreciates Support

To the Editor:

We were touched to read ["A Quality Candidate," letter, Gazette Packet, Nov. 9] that M.T. Monson, Jr. voted for us in the last election. Folks who feel like him will be pleased to know that they can vote for us every year. But what we really would like is for him or her — and the rest of you — to stop by Seminary & Quaker (Immanuel Church on-the-Hill, to be more precise) next October and buy some of us pumpkins. Part of the proceeds go back to the Navajo Indians who grow us, and the balance is donated to charities like ALIVE, Carpenters Shelter, Community Lodgings, etc. Supporting this worthwhile ministry will make you feel even

more virtuous than voting for us.

PUMPKINS, Seminary & Quaker
Alexandria

Beneficial Tradition

To the Editor:

In the past, Alexandria mayors, because of their progressive orientation, were called upon from time to time to address groups around the U.S. — efforts that have redounded to the benefit of the city. Now that torch has been passed to Mayor Allison Silberberg. She has attracted widespread attention as a young, up-and-coming female mayor.

For example, she recently was invited to speak at the prestigious Milken Institute of Public Health at George Washington University. Because of her interest in issues relating to healthy aging, she was asked to serve on a panel discussing Alexandria's programs for older residents and how they could be replicated in other communities, including her creation of a Senior Advocacy Roundtable soon after she became mayor.

More recently she was invited to Gracie Mansion, the official residence of the mayor of New York City, to participate with about 10 mayors and civil rights activists from across the country to discuss civil rights and inclusion. Clearly her outreach and other efforts in Alexandria have caught the attention of her fellow mayors. Moreover, at the end of the month Mayor Silberberg will be

teaching a class at the New Mayors School at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard.

While these events may seem like incidentals, the experience of the past indicates that they have a definite ripple effect. By gaining a reputation as a forward-thinking mayor committed to building bridges of understanding, Mayor Silberberg is drawing attention to the Alexandria that can only be of advantage of the city. Thus, a beneficial tradition is carried on.

Jack Sullivan
Alexandria

Government Overreach

To the Editor:

What's going on in Montgomery County? It has always been a big spender unable to reduce its police powers to extract evermore revenue from homeowners and businesses alike. But by proudly dictating the beginning wage that employers must pay its employees to twice what the Federal government imposes, the County has now stepped closer to becoming a Socialist enclave in an already tax-happy state.

I suspect not a single member of the Montgomery County Council — just like the Alexandria City Council — has ever started a business from scratch; thinks profit is exploitation and would rather have its new, higher starting wage be effective immediately. This mindset combined with zero ex-

perience creating wealth, the font of all tax revenue, has emboldened County Council members to boast that it is leading the way toward a worker heaven in Maryland. Not.

What its arrogant decision will do is increase the cost of doing business in Montgomery County. To recoup this new government-imposed cost, county businesses will be compelled to raise prices by charging its customers more than they charge now. Some businesses will succeed with this tactic; some won't. Those that won't will leave for more business-friendly environs or, worse, will close forcing its employees to scramble for another job.

Also inexplicable is why the County Council doesn't recognize that its compassion is misplaced. More to the point: the hapless entry level worker in Montgomery County will be better able to attain the American Dream if the council removes impediments hobbling businesses from succeeding. Like Alexandria's City Council, the Montgomery County Council apparently is oblivious that if its employers prosper, then they can pay higher wages; pay more taxes and hire more employees.

As it is now, businesses in Montgomery County are told by law and regulation what to do, how to do it and what to pay its entry level employees. Like in all Socialist societies, government overreach stunts the risk-taking, wealth-creating and job-making enterprises. Montgomery County will be no exception.

Jimm Roberts
Alexandria

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THROUGH DEC. 1

Honoring Alexandria's Veterans.

As part of Alexandria's World War One Commemoration, the Office of Historic Alexandria is collecting knitted or crocheted poppies to honor veterans. These poppies will be used in a community art project and displayed during a special event for

the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day. Poppies can be any shade of red, 2 to 4 inches in diameter. Drop-off poppies along with a card with your name or group's name on it for recognition at any Alexandria City Public Library, City Recreation Center, The Lyceum, Alexandria's History Museum, or Hooray for Books! Visit bit.ly/2uM6M4x for more.

NOV. 16-DEC. 14

Ad Hoc Joint City-Schools Facility Investment Task Force

Meetings. All meetings take place at City Hall in the Council Workroom, 2nd Floor, unless otherwise noted. The agendas and relevant materials will be posted at www.alexandriava.gov/97580 prior to each meeting. Upcoming meetings associated with the mission of the Ad Hoc Joint City-Schools Facility Investment Task Force to provide guidance to City Council to help frame the City and Alexandria City Public Schools Facilities Capital Improvement Program for FY 2019 – FY 2028 are as follows:
❖ Thursday, Nov 16, 7:30 a.m. –

Alternative Project Delivery Methods Subcommittee Meeting
❖ Thursday, Nov 16, 9:00 a.m. – Joint Task Force Meeting
❖ Monday, Nov 20, 7:00 p.m. – Capital Planning & Implementation Subcommittee Meeting
❖ Monday, Nov 27, 5:00 p.m. – Facility Maintenance & Operations Subcommittee Meeting (takes place in City Hall, Room 2000)
❖ Thursday, Nov 30, 7:30 a.m. – Alternative Project Delivery Methods Subcommittee Meeting
❖ Thursday, Nov 30, 9:00 a.m. – Joint Task Force Meeting

❖ Monday, Dec 4, 7:00 p.m. – Capital Planning & Implementation Subcommittee Meeting
❖ Thursday, Dec 14, 9:00 a.m. – Joint Task Force Meeting

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 15

Holiday Grief Workshop. 6 p.m. at Woodbine Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center, 2729 King St. Capital Caring's Alexandria Neighborhood is offering grief workshops during the holiday season. These workshops will include tips on

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Preparing Youths for Today's Emergencies

BY IOANA LUTAI
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MANAGER
VOLUNTEER ALEXANDRIA

Whether unexpected or unthinkable, emergencies are becoming more widespread in schools, playgrounds, and other child-friendly places. To help keep young people safe, they need to be informed, prepared, and know what to do in the event of an emergency. Volunteer Alexandria, in collaboration with Alexandria's Office of Emergency Management, is offering learning opportunities showing children how to be prepared.

VOLUNTEER ALEXANDRIA

In an emergency, children can feel stress more deeply and may have different reactions than adults. A child's unique needs must be taken into account with any disaster planning, response, or recovery efforts.

Key to helping children cope is simply being there for them and helping them to feel safe despite whatever is happening. It is important to take their feelings seriously and let them know that it is OK to be scared, or anxious, or even angry.

As much as you can, explaining what's going on will help reduce their anxiety and fear. Talking about it makes it easier for kids to cope with a given situation. When parents share their feelings, it helps children to know that

their emotions are similar to yours.

Repetition is a good way for children to learn. By discussing different disasters, parents reinforce the key information children have learned in school such as lock down drills, evacuation drills, and fire drills. It's important to take every opportunity to teach children how to prepare and respond to specific disasters. Regular planning and drills helps children learn what to do and how to cope in an emergency. That's why Volunteer Alexandria focuses both on youth and adult teaching.

Recently, Volunteer Alexandria held a workshop at the Alexandria YMCA for 30 elementary and middle school students. Participants played a Jeopardy-like game that helped them

to learn how to prepare for various emergencies. From fire safety to natural and manmade disasters, children learned and practiced their knowledge both individually and in small groups. Children enjoyed demonstrating the safest position in a tornado and every child had the opportunity to answer an emergency preparedness question. Later, parents were invited to participate. It was a great learning experience and fun day at YMCA.

Contact Volunteer Alexandria to schedule training for your group. If you are interested in volunteering or becoming an emergency preparedness volunteer, visit www.VolunteerAlexandria.org, call 703-836-2176, or email Ioana Lutai at emergencyresponse@volunteerallexandria.org.

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how to cope with grief during the holiday season, reflection about how to care for ourselves and a closing ritual of remembrance. The workshops are open to the community, free of charge. Contact Chesley Simpson at 703-333-6954 or csimpson@capitalcaring.org. Visit capitalcaring.org.

THROUGH SATURDAY/NOV. 18

Stuff the Bus with DASH. Alexandria Transit Company (DASH), in partnership with Volunteer Alexandria will be collecting non-perishable food items along with gently used and/or new coats, gloves, hats and scarves for Alexandria citizens of all ages. Collections will take place at the community-painted Celebration DASH Bus on the below dates and times:

◆ Thursday/Nov. 16: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. at St. Elmo's

Coffee Pub, Del Ray, 2300 Mt Vernon Ave.
◆ Saturday/Nov. 18: 9 a.m. - noon at Alexandria's City Hall & Market Square, 301 King St.
Visit www.dashbus.com for more.

MONDAY/NOV. 20

Ad Hoc Combined Sewer System Plan Stakeholder Group Meeting. 7-9 p.m. at Charles Houston Recreation Center, 901 Wythe St., in the seniors room. The meeting is open to the public. The Stakeholder Group will provide input on a final recommended plan to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ), including considerations about the City's costs, meeting environmental goals, and minimizing impact on the community. For more information about the Long Term Control Plan and the City's combined sewer system, visit www.alexandriava.gov/CleanWaterways.

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City's First Black Vice Mayor Dies at 92

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on the 1941 and 1942 State Football Championship teams and serving as captain of the basketball team.

Following graduation, he entered the U.S. Navy, serving from 1943-1946. He went on to earn a degree in business management from Hampton University in 1950.

Hope began his professional career as an insurance agent followed by a job with the Federal Housing Administration, now the Department of Housing and Urban Development. He took advanced courses in auditing at the University of Virginia, worked as an auditor for the District of Columbia; and later joined the University

“When you’re young you think you can save the world. We did what we could to bring change and improvements to the city.”

— Emma Hope

of the District Columbia as a management analyst, retiring as a senior accountant.

In 1963, Hope married Emma Littlejohn. The couple moved to Alexandria in 1965 and Hope quickly became involved in community activities. As president of the Alexandria Neighborhood Citizens Improvement Association (ANCIA), he paved the way for Dip Urban Renewal Development. “The house I live in is because of Lionel,” said Lynnwood Campbell, a former neighbor who worked on Hope’s campaign team. “My neighborhood was part of a renewal project that Lionel and Vola Lawson spearheaded. He was a quiet man but very committed to making things better for the city.”

Hope was a lifetime member of the NAACP and a member of The American Legion. His community involvement included membership on several city boards, commissions and community organizations, including the Alexandria Economic Opportunity Commission; Alexandria Hospital; Alexandria Industrial Authority; Budget Ad Hoc Committee; Community Development Block Grant Commission; Hopkins House; Mica Housing; and the Potomac Yard Small Area Planners.

Hope was honored by numerous organizations, including the AFSCME Local 2087; Annie B. Rose Foundation and the Alexandria Society for the Preservation of Black Heritage; Chamber of Commerce; Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Association; Liberty Bell Lawyers Club; Northern Virginia Chap-



Lionel Hope, seated at right, with children Matheline and Lionel Jr., at left, and four of his grandchildren.



Former vice mayor Lionel Hope and his wife Emma on their wedding day, March 6, 1963.



Summer Shtay Edwards with her grandfather Lionel Hope.

ter of the Hampton University Alumni Association; Potomac West Trade Association; and the T.C. Williams High School Distributive Education Club.

“Lionel was the sweetest and most honest man,” said Nancy Lavalley Perkins, who worked with Hope during his years at City Hall. “He was so soft spoken — he almost whispered when he talked. And he was very self-effacing. There was no braggadocio at all with Lionel.”

Hope’s granddaughter, Summer Shtay Edwards, lived with her grandparents from kindergarten through her high school graduation.

“I was only 10 when he was elected as vice mayor,” Shtay Edwards said. “But I remember thinking ‘wow, my grandfather is the first of something.’”

Hope would often take his granddaughter to City Hall and instilled in her a sense of community service.

“My grandparents have both always been givers,” said Shtay Edwards, who is a teacher in Fairfax County. “They always offered a helping hand to others. Because of their influence, I became a teacher because



Lionel Hope, shown with his wife Emma in an undated photo, was Alexandria’s first black vice mayor.

I wanted to touch lives and make a difference.” Upon his retirement, Hope and his wife relocated to Edenton, N.C., where he was a devout member of Canaan’s Temple A.M.E. Zion church.

Hope lost both parents at a young age: his father, Merritt Hope, died when he was 12 years old; and his mother, Rebecca Griffin Hope, died when he was 3 years old. He was raised by his stepmother, Eva Hope.

Hope was the youngest of five siblings who also preceded him in death: one brother, Earl Hope, and three sisters, Dorothy Brown, Violet Northington and Felicia Jones. He had three step-siblings who also predeceased him; Horace Taylor, Bruce Taylor, and Ernestine Taylor.

Hope is survived by his wife of 54 years, Emma Jane; four children, Lionel R. Hope Jr. (Hattie) of Huntington, W. Va., and Matheline L. Pugh (Lonnie) of Hampton; Debbie Hawkins Shtay and Joseph Hawkins; five grandsons, Daniel W. Dennis III (Hazel), Timothy Dennis (Janet) Melvin Lunsford Jr., Lionel R. Hope IV (Lolita) and

Reginald Hawkins; one granddaughter Summer Shtay Edwards; four great-grandsons, Melvin Lunsford III, Cameron Lunsford, Derrick Dennis and Reginald Hawkins Jr.; eight great-granddaughters, Ashley Dennis, Jaylyn Dennis, Jasmine Dennis, Jane’t Dennis, Alana Lunsford, Amina Camille Hope, LaTravia Hawkins and Laila Rivas; and two great-grandchildren, Ma’Leah and Kadean Hawkins. He also leaves behind several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, Nov. 19, at 3 p.m. at Blair Funeral Services, 141 E Carteret St., Edenton, N.C. 27932. Interment will take place Nov. 20 at the Albert G. Horton Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery, 5310 Milners Road, Suffolk, Va. 23434.

“I will always remember that although my grandfather was very mild mannered with a laid back personality, he always took on the role of a protector,” Shtay Edwards said. “He provided me with a loving example of how a man should treat his wife.”

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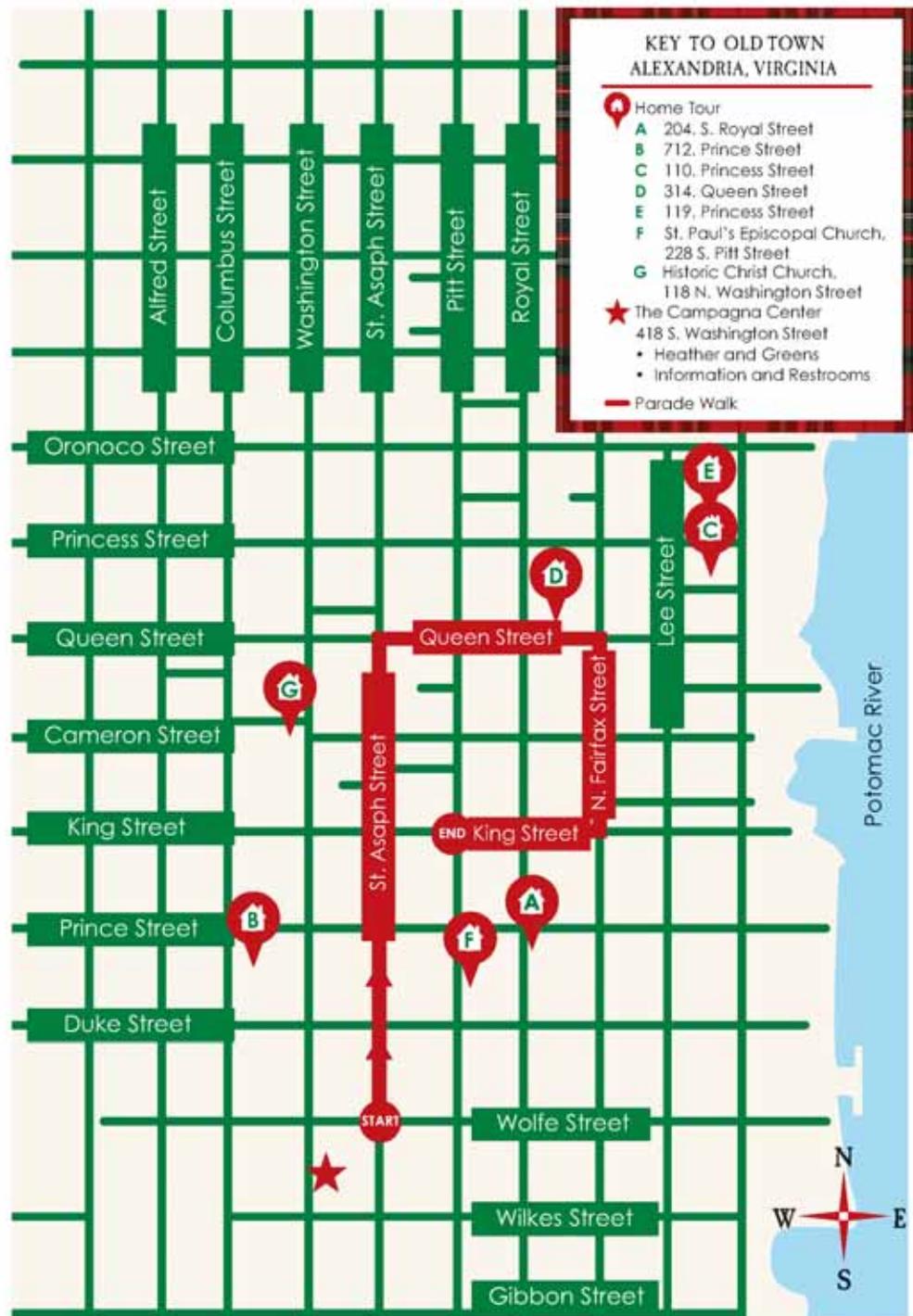
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DECK THE HALLS

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Nonprofit Dental Clinic Fills a Need

Serving more than 2,500 low-income patients a year.

BY ASHLEY CLAIRE SIMPSON

While there are plenty of people who dread routine appointments to the dentist, the people in the scariest of situations are those who simply cannot afford to seek this critical care. And, because too many people today are in this unsettling position, the Northern Virginia Dental Society (NVDS) established the Northern Virginia Dental Clinic (NVDC) to provide low-income residents with affordable treatment.

"The program was one of the first of its kind in the nation and continues to serve the indigent population of our community," said Tom Wilson, NVDC executive director. "NVDC opened in 1994 and provides a comprehensive menu of services from the basic dental exams, fillings and teeth cleanings, to specialized treatment including root canal therapy, oral surgery, and the fabrication of dentures and other prosthetic appliances. The NVDC's goal is to restore each individual to an infection free and functional state of oral health."

Although NVDS is a professional organization of local dentists, its membership supports its nonprofit clinic.

"NVDC has always been the society's primary outreach program and our members volunteer their time, skill, and make monetary contributions regularly," said Cathy Griffanti, NVDS executive director. "Our clinic(s) provide the low-income population in our community with a true dental home where they receive ongoing oral health care and education."

Facilities like NVDC are often a qualified patient's only avenue to life-saving dental treatment.

"While there is an avenue for low-income children to seek oral health care, there is nothing for adults," Wilson said. "Through Medicaid, there are very limited healthcare services for adults. Those services are lim-

ited to one emergency extraction, diagnostics, and then there is limited care for pregnant women."

NVDC, with two locations in Fairfax and Sterling, currently serves thousands of patients a year. By charging just \$50 per appointment, regardless of the nature of treatment, procedures are affordable for people who have no dental insurance or a way to pay out-of-pocket. Under normal circumstances, for instance, even a simple cavity filling would eclipse the NVDC per-visit cost.

There are 23 regular staff members; however, the 120 NVDS volunteers, along with roughly 50 regular volunteer dental hygienists from the Northern Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association, make these affordable services possible.

Amidst the emergence of other similar dental clinics for the low-income population in Northern Virginia, NVDC has experienced much growth since its inception nearly 24 years ago.

"We serve over 2,500 patients a year, and provide more than 10,000 appointments per year," said Wilson, who has overseen NVDC for more than 20 years. "We did about 3,000 appointments total in 1997, the year I came. It's been a steady growth with lots of hard work from volunteers, the board and staff. We're hoping to move that number of annual appointments up to the 12,000 level in the next year and a half."

NVDC relies on a number of grants from government programs and private foundations. The most recent grant the non-profit organization accepted was from the Virginia Healthcare Foundation (VHCA).

"The primary initiative in securing the grant money is to increase the clinic's service capacity," Griffanti said. "The funding recently awarded by the VHCF will enable NVDC to hire two part-time dentists at the Fairfax facility, a part-time registered dental hygienist, and a full-time dental assistant. This additional staff will allow us to provide an additional 2,000 patient appointments."

Wilson said examples of other crucial sources of revenue are Northern Virginia Health Foundation, Inova Health Systems, Kaiser Permanente of the Mid-Atlantic States and United Way of the National Capital Area.

Since it would be impossible for NVDC to treat every single Northern Virginian in dental distress, the clinic works with social services organizations in each jurisdiction for the patient selection process.

"As a program, we don't decide who comes to us," he said. "Each jurisdiction identifies low-income residents throughout their jurisdiction and screens them for elig-

ibility. Everyone we see, though, is at or below 200 percent of poverty. What that means in Northern Virginia, where the median annual household income is about \$110,000, you're talking about the majority of the people we serve having an annual income of around \$37,000."

From their first visit, patients have one year to complete the treatment plan that NVDC practitioners outline for them. According to Griffanti, approximately 78 percent of NVDC patients complete their treatment plan. This translates to thousands of

Referring Agencies

Emergency and initial appointments to the Northern Virginia Dental Clinic must be scheduled through designated referring agencies only.

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- ❖ United Community Ministries: 703-768-7106 (Alexandria, Ft. Belvoir, Lorton)
- ❖ Multicultural Center/NVFS: 571-748-2800 (Annandale, Falls Church)

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"Oral health is linked to poor overall health conditions," Wilson said. "It affects pregnancies, infants of pregnant women, it has links to Crohn's disease and a whole list of conditions. That's why we provide the full gamut of treatment for patients. Our focus is on functional restoration, but of course aesthetics always come into play."

"A lot of women come and talk to us with their hands covering their mouths," Wilson said. "You wouldn't believe the self-esteem that comes back to these individuals after a couple of months of treatment."

Programs like NVDC benefit the community at large, as well. The more patients that visit designated oral health care providers, the less often people will visit emergency facilities with debilitating pain caused by tooth-related infections.

For more information, see www.nvds.org/northern-virginia-dental-clinic.

"While there is an avenue for low-income children to seek oral health care, there is nothing for adults."

— Tom Wilson, Executive Director, Northern Virginia Dental Clinic

At Sea

Fire Controlman 3rd Class Jordan Peacock, from Alexandria, gathers water and air temperatures aboard the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Donald Cook (DDG 75) during exercise Dogu Akdeniz 2017, Nov. 12. Dogu Akdeniz is a Turkish-led, multinational maritime exercise designed to improve combined combat capabilities, increase operational capacity and strengthen relationships among NATO allies.



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Vice Mayor Wilson Runs Against Mayor Silberberg

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ership at George Mason University, said in an email that Wilson had built a support base through constant accessibility.

“He seems to be available — and listening — to Alexandrians at all hours; when he is not, he is reporting to us on his perspective and positions on key issues affecting our city’s future — both providing us his insights, and vision of the future for Alexandria — and seeking perspectives and input,” said Shafroth. “Part of all that listening means he has a sense not just of community, but also where his colleagues on the council are: a critical part of leadership in the nation’s cities is forging coalitions — building partnerships. Because, unlike many cities, Alexandria does not have a strong mayor form of governance, the special talent of molding consensus is one of painstaking patience, understanding, and commitment.”

Silberberg rebuffed criticism that her term as mayor has been one of resting on laurels.

“We’re only a year and 10 months into my term, resting on laurels doesn’t apply to me,” said Silberberg.

Silberberg said those two years have been extremely busy for Alexandria, with the city moving forward on Ramsey Homes redevelopment and the West End and Patrick Henry school projects. One of the biggest crises to face Alexandria over the last year

was the state-mandated long-term control plan for Old Town’s combined sewer system.

The accomplishments Silberberg said was most proud of over the last few years were initiatives that weren’t flashy or highly visible, but made substantial quality of life improvements. Silberberg noted the stepping up of repaving across the city, increased tree canopy, and more speed enforcement being done by the Alexandria police as substantial improvements over the last few years.

Silberberg was elected to the City Council in 2012 as vice mayor, then won the Democratic primary for mayor in 2015 over former Mayor Kerry Donley and incumbent Mayor William Euille. Euille attempted to run a write-in campaign against Silberberg in the general election but lost.

Silberberg pointed to the ethics initiative begun very shortly after her election as one of her successes. While Silberberg admitted that the final result wasn’t all that she’d hoped it would be, she said it laid the groundwork for future progress in city transparency. The council approved an ethics pledge and code



Mayor Allison Silberberg (left) and Vice Mayor Justin Wilson.

commission was redundant. Clashes continued over Ramsey Homes with Wilson’s proposal to limit public comment at the start of the City Council meeting to 12 speakers.

As the mayoral campaign kicks off, Shafroth says much of the discussions about the future of the city will focus around meeting the city’s array of fiscal challenges. Shafroth says the regional discussion on how to pay for the Metro system will likely be at the forefront of that discussion, as well as care accessibility for the city’s aging population and the ever-increasing costs of Alexandria schools.

The city will not only have to reckon with where the money is spent, but how revenue is generated.

“In the Age of Amazon, more and more shopping centers have become endangered species: that means empty storefronts, lost economic development, lost jobs, and reduced commercial property taxes,” said Shafroth. “What can our city do?”

The city’s Democratic primary will be held on June 12, 2018.

PHOTO BY VERNON MILES/GAZETTE PACKET



Veterans in the audience stand up during Mount Vernon Community Center’s Veterans Day ceremony.



Friends of Captain Humbert Roque “Rocky” Versace salute a statue in his honor.



Ian Doerrer dressed in a uniform.

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Alexandria Honors Its Veterans at Mount Vernon Community Center

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who left to fight in Vietnam and never came home.

Friends and family of the 67 lost Alexandrians gathered together to share their stories. Gary Jordan lost his older brother, Cpl. Wayne Jordan. Wayne Jordan was the oldest of seven siblings, and Gary Jordan was only nine when the news came about his brother.

“I remember him in uniform,” said Gary Jordan. “He was a gentle giant. I remember him being young, he was 20, but you don’t realize how young that is until you get older.”

Gary Jordan said the death of his brother changed their family.

“The impact was unbelievable,” said Gary Jordan. “For me, being the next boy in line in the family, it set a standard. It set the expectations in our family.”

Now, on Veterans Day, Gary Jordan said the memories of his brother give him a different outlook from many Americans.

“It gives me a feeling of honor and respect for what these guys have gone through,” said Gary Jordan. “We really take for granted the way of life they fight to preserve. I have the utmost respect.”

Raymond Williams Jr. was five when his father was killed in Vietnam, but his shadow

was impossible to escape. Everywhere he went in Alexandria, where his father had also grown up, people would double-take as he walked by and would come up and ask whether he was Raymond Williams’ boy. Though he lost his dad at a young age, he grew up surrounded by a community where he would always hear new stories about his dad. Now Raymond Williams Jr. says his son, Raymond Williams III, is old enough that he looks like his grandfather and gets the same reactions.

“The country doesn’t honor its vets, it gets politicized,” said Raymond Williams Jr. “Our President dodged the draft but is still willing to start a war. Most Americans support

vets, but [the politicians] don’t.”

Many of those connected with the ceremony were either Vietnam veterans or the friends and family of veterans. Chantley Ward, a member of the Society of Daughters of the United States Army, said her father and brother were West Pointers, and her brother was injured by a landmine.

“We’ve known not only fathers who served, but sons,” said Ward. “Some who didn’t make it back; some who did.”

“This is one of the most hidden parts of our freedom,” said Ann Otto Warfield, also a member of the Society of Daughters of the United States Army, “the protection of it. We need to speak; to be reminded.”

OBITUARY

Olvin R. McBarnette

Olvin R. McBarnette, first African American elected School Superintendent of Harlem District 5, died on Oct. 18, 2017 in Alexandria at 90 years old. Mr. Mac, as he was known to his students, was a teacher, counselor, and administrator in the New York City Department of Education.

Mr. McBarnette was born on June 21, 1927 in New York City to Owen McBarnette of Grenada and Camilla Padmore of Trinidad, immigrants who met and married in New York. He was the youngest of three boys and he and his family lived in a tight-knit, historic black neighborhood on West 99th Street in New York City.

During World War II, Mr. McBarnette joined the army before he turned 18 by misleading recruiters about his age. He served in the Army Medical Corps. After the war, Mr. McBarnette returned to and graduated from Palmer Memorial Institute, an African American boarding school in North Carolina. He began college at Howard University and completed his studies at Long Island University. He earned a master's degree in education from City College of New York.

Mr. McBarnette dedicated his career to community service and worked with children, the sick, and the elderly. Mr. McBarnette began his career with the NYC Youth Board, an organization focused on gang violence. He joined the New York City's Board of Education as a specialist working with disruptive children and ultimately became superintendent of his district.

McBarnette was founding member of the Queens Youth Alliance, executive director of the Sports Foundation, and a trustee of the NYC Basketball Hall of Fame. He helped found the City Wide Rec Basketball League (City Wide Athletic Association, Inc.). He was a board member of the Sickle Cell Foundation and president of the Sickle Cell Center for Research. He was chairman of the Red Cross Harlem chapter and a vestry member of Grace Episcopal Church in Queens, N.Y.

In 2005, Mr. McBarnette and his wife moved to Alexandria to live closer to their children. In Alexandria, Mr. McBarnette continued to do community work. He was an advisor to the Concerned Citizens Network of Alexandria, whose mission is to reduce dropout rates. He participated annually in the local middle school's Eyewitness to History Day, where veterans share their stories. He also developed



Olvin McBarnette, Mr. Mac, or simply Mac to his friends and family, will be remembered for his humor, warmth and never-ending

programs and exhibits for that commemorated the achievements of World War II African American veterans. efforts to improve his community. A loving husband of 60 years to Dr. Yvette Fay Francis-McBarnette, he leaves behind his children: Bruce, Camilla, Yvette, Elayne Sara, Ellen and Andrea; grandchildren Nettie, Bailey and Taylor; and numerous nieces and nephews. His memorial service will be held Dec. 1 in Alexandria.

Everly-Wheatley Funeral and Cremation, 1500 West Braddock Road, Alexandria, is in charge of arrangements.



House Fire

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BISHOP IRETON HIGH SCHOOL

Firefighters from Alexandria and Arlington were called to the 3300 block of Circle Hill Road for an early morning house fire Tuesday, Nov. 12.

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HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

THROUGH DEC. 15

39th Annual Weichert Toy Drive.

Various times at Weichert Realty, 121 N. Pitt St. Members of the community are invited to drop off new, unwrapped toys at the company's sales offices which will be delivered throughout the holidays in conjunction with local charities that assist financially and physically disadvantaged children. Call 703-549-8700.

THURSDAY/NOV. 16

Greendale's Turkey Cup. 9 a.m. at Greendale Golf Course, 6700 Telegraph Road. Dinner is on the line as golfers compete in the 6th Annual Turkey Cup at Greendale Golf Course. The tournament is a two-player scramble, and winners take home Thanksgiving dinner and dessert. Prizes will be awarded for top finishes in each division, as well as closest to the pin. Call 703-971-6170 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/golf/greendale/.

Stuff the Bus with DASH. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at St. Elmo's Coffee Pub, Del Ray, 2300 Mt. Vernon Ave. DASH Representatives will be on-site collecting non-perishable food items along with gently used and/or new coats, gloves, hats and scarves for those of all ages. All donations will be given to Alexandria citizens who have been affected by poverty and natural disasters. Visit www.dashbus.com.

SATURDAY/NOV. 18

Thanksgiving Food Drive. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Gum Spring Community Center, 8100 Fordson Road. The Northern Virginia Project GiveBack will be hosting the 8th annual Thanksgiving Food Distribution Drive. Call 703-217-1675.

Rise to Hunger Packing Party. 9-11 a.m. at St. James' Episcopal Church, 5614 Old Mill Road. Help pack 10,000 dried food meals for those in need. Call 703-780-3081 or visit www.stjamesmv.org.

Stuff the Bus with DASH. 9 a.m.-noon at Alexandria's City Hall and Market Square, 301 King St. DASH Representatives will be on-site collecting non-perishable food items along with gently used and/or new coats, gloves, hats and scarves for those of all ages. All donations will be given to Alexandria citizens who have been affected by poverty and natural disasters. Visit www.dashbus.com.

Floral Workshop. 9:30-11 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Thanksgiving Table Arrangement is the topic of the workshop. Professional floral designer Betty Ann Galway shares tips and tricks of the trade for you to practice on your own designs at home. \$38, and the supply fee is \$25. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring or call 703-642-5173.

Mt. Vernon Unitarian Holiday Shop. 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at Mt. Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane. Holiday Shop is a local tradition with 50 artisans. Quilt will be raffled. Call 703-298-2176.

SUNDAY/NOV. 19

Musical Sunday Brunch. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Union Street Public House, 121 S. Union St. Featuring a selection of jazz standards, with some blues and Latin selections by Adam Fluger on guitar, Jack Irby on saxophone and TJ Turqman on bass. Visit unionstreetpublichouse.com/.

Meet the Author. noon-4 p.m. at Fiberworks, Studio 14 Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Cindy Grisdela, an award winning fiber



First Night

Celebrate the 23rd anniversary of First Night Alexandria on Dec. 31, 2017.

artist, will speak and sign copies of her book, "Artful Improv: Explore Color Recipes, Building Blocks & Free Motion Quilting." Visit torpedofactory.org.

Christmas Cookies: History and Tea Tasting. 1-3:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Chef and culinary historian Nora Burgan tells the story of the holiday table from medieval times to today. \$42 with tea, \$18 program only. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring or call 703-642-5173.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 22

Thanksgiving Eve Service. 5 p.m. at St. James' Episcopal Church, 5614 Old Mill Road. Call 703-780-3081 or visit www.stjamesmv.org.

FRIDAY/NOV. 24

Cookies with Santa. 4-5:30 p.m. at the Union Street Public House, 121 South Union St. Meet with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Visit www.unionstreetpublichouse.com.

City of Alexandria Tree Lighting Ceremony. 6-9 p.m. at Market Square, 301 King St. Free. Call 703-746-4343 or visit alexandriava.gov.

NOV. 24-25

Mount Vernon by Candlelight. 5-8 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. \$24 for adults; \$16 for youth. Call 703-780-2000 or visit www.mountvernon.org/candlelight.

SATURDAY/NOV. 25

Santa at Hooray for Books. noon-3 p.m. at Hooray for Books, 1555 King St. Purchase a Hooray for Books! gift card in any denomination to be used to support Alexandria Domestic Violence Program's Holiday Party. Call 703-548-4092 or visit www.hooray4books.com.

Frosty Follies. 6 p.m. at Market Square, 300 King St. The Metropolitan Arts Dance School presents the annual Frosty Follies. Call 703-339-0444 or visit www.metropolitanarts.org.

NOV. 30-DEC 2

West Potomac Academy's

Nutcracker. Various times at West Potomac High School, 6500 Quander Road. Guest choreographers include professional dancers Paul McGill and Brittany Hall (a West Potomac Academy Dance alumna), and Christie Elise, a Washington Wizards dancer. \$12/\$15. Visit www.fcps.edu/WestPotomacHS/.

DEC 1-3

Del Ray Artisans' Holiday Market. Fridays: 6-9 p.m., Saturdays & Sundays: 11 a.m.-6 p.m. at the Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Free to browse. Call 703-838-4827 or visit www.delrayartisans.org.

DEC. 1-2

Scottish Christmas Walk Weekend. Various times at the The Campagna Center, 418 S. Washington St. The 47th Annual Scottish Christmas Walk Weekend has activities throughout the weekend. Call 703-224-2395 or visit www.campagnacenter.org.

Mount Vernon by Candlelight. 5-8 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. \$24 for adults; \$16 for youth. Call 703-780-2000 or visit www.mountvernon.org/candlelight.

DEC. 1-16

Snow Day on Stage. Various times at The Lab at Convergence, 1819 N. Quaker Lane. This nonverbal production features live music and lots of wintertime fun, just in time for the holiday season. \$9. Visit www.artsonthehorizon.org.

A Christmas Carol. Various times at The Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St. \$17. Call 703-683-0496 or visit www.thelittletheatre.com.

DEC. 1-23

4th Annual Holiday Market Festival. Various times in the Carlyle District, 300 John Carlyle St. Art and craft items, enjoy sweets, mulled wine and live entertainment from local musicians. Visit www.alexandriaholidaymarket.com.

SATURDAY/DEC. 2

Scottish Walk Parade Open House at The Apothecary. 11-4 p.m. at the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105 S. Fairfax St. Free. Call

703-746-3852 or visit alexandriava.gov/apothecary.

Scottish Walk Parade Open House at the Carlyle House. noon-4 p.m. at the Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St. Free. Call 703-549-2997 or visit www.carlylehouse.org.

Alexandria Archaeology Ornament Decorating Workshop. 1-4 p.m. at the Alexandria Archaeology Museum, Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Call 703-746-4399 or visit www.alexandriaarchaeology.org.

Boat Parade of Lights. 5:30 p.m. waterfront at the foot of Cameron Street near the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. 18th Annual Alexandria Holiday Boat Parade of Lights. Festivities at the marina 2 to 9 p.m. Visit visitalexandriava.com/boatparade.

Holiday on the Avenue in Del Ray. 6 p.m. at Pat Miller Neighborhood Square at Mount Vernon Ave. and E. Oxford Ave., Call 703-683-2570 or visit www.visitdelray.com.

SATURDAY/DEC. 9

Kwanzaa Workshop. 11 a.m and 1 p.m. at Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. \$2. Call 703-746-4356 or visit alexandriava.gov/blackhistory.

Civil War Christmas in Camp. noon-4 p.m. at Fort Ward Museum & Historic Site, 4301 W. Braddock Road. \$2 suggested donation per person; \$5 per family. Call 703-746-4356 or visit alexandriava.gov/blackhistory.

Del Ray Candy Cane Bar Crawl. 4 p.m. at Mount Vernon Ave., Del Ray. Free. Call 703-683-2570 or visit www.visitdelray.com.

DEC. 8-10

Del Ray Artisans' Holiday Market. Fridays: 6-9 p.m., Saturdays & Sundays: 11 a.m.-6 p.m. at the Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Free to browse. Call 703-838-4827 or visit www.delrayartisans.org.

SUNDAY/DEC 10

Colonial Handbell Ringers Concert. 2 and 4 p.m. at 201 S. Washington St. Free. Call 703-746-4994 or visit www.colonialringers.com.

Cookies with Santa. 4-5:30 p.m. at the Union Street Public House, 121 South Union St. Meet with Santa and

Mrs. Claus. Visit www.unionstreetpublichouse.com.

Free Holiday Concert and Sing-Along. 4:30 p.m. at St. James' Episcopal Church, 5614 Old Mill Road. A Holiday Concert by the students of Kevin Diana. Selections from Handel's Messiah and other sacred and secular favorites will be performed. Call 703-780-3081 or visit www.stjamesmv.org.

DEC. 15-16

Christmas Illuminations at Mount Vernon. 5:30-9 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. \$34 adult/\$24 youth with mansion tour; \$30 adult/\$20 youth without mansion tour. Visit mountvernon.org/illuminations.

DEC. 15-17

Del Ray Artisans' Holiday Market. Fridays: 6-9 p.m., Saturdays & Sundays: 11 a.m.-6 p.m. at the Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Free to browse. Call 703-838-4827 or visit www.delrayartisans.org.

SUNDAY/DEC. 17

The Mount Vernon Flutes. 2 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. This small ensemble from the Mount Vernon Concert Band will perform holiday songs in the gallery. Free. Visit www.nvfaa.org or call 703-548-0035.

Holiday Handbell Concert. 4-5:30 p.m. at George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive. Hear from Jingle Bells and White Christmas to the Game of Thrones Theme and Wizards in Winter. \$10. Visit www.vabronze.org.

Cookies with Santa. 4-5:30 p.m. at the Union Street Public House, 121 South Union St. Meet with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Visit www.unionstreetpublichouse.com.

SUNDAY/DEC. 31

First Night Alexandria. 2 p.m. to midnight at venues throughout Old Town. Activities include the Ninth Annual Fun Hunt, musical entertainment, food, drink and midnight fireworks over the Potomac River. Visit firsrnightalexandria.org or call 703-746-3299.

ENTERTAINMENT

'Christmas at the Old Bull and Bush'

MetroStage presents British-variety music hall entertainment from the Edwardian era.

BY STEVE HIBBARD

MetroStage in Alexandria is presenting "Christmas at the Old Bull and Bush" from Nov. 17 to Dec. 24. Written and directed by Catherine Flye, the play is returning to the stage after a six-year run at the Old Vat Room at Arena Stage (1997-2003).

The play features British-variety music hall entertainment from the Edwardian era that was a show for the working classes filled with jokes, songs, skits, and dances. Taking place during the Christmas of 1912, The Old Bull and Bush Public House, Hampstead, London, is alive with British music hall songs and Christmas carols. Audiences will enjoy a pint or two, eat mince pies and sausage rolls, laugh at jokes and sketches, toe-tap to tuneful melodies and join in sing-a-longs.

"It is always fun to offer something for the holidays that delights an audience, that brings friends and families together in a festive setting to laugh, sing along and perhaps even enjoy a sausage roll or two," said Producing Artistic Director Carolyn Griffin. "Christmas at the Old Bull and Bush" returns for Washington audiences to enjoy after a 15-year absence. The Old Vat Room where it was performed no longer exists at Arena Stage but the Old Vat's café tables and chairs have lived in the MetroStage lobby for many years. So with the departure of 'A Broadway Christmas Carol' a few years ago, it seemed like a logical step to recreate the Old Bull and Bush pub in our lobby and the traditional variety show on our stage."

Griffin continued, "I am excited for Alexandria audiences to discover or rediscover this classic British entertainment. It is filled with song and dance, Christmas crackers, silliness and singalongs that the entire family can participate and enjoy. A pub will be recreated in the lobby so audiences should come hungry for pub fare and ale, be ready

to have a raucous good time, and leave full of holiday cheer."

Writer and director Catherine Flye said the Old Bull and Bush in Hampstead, London, is probably one of the most celebrated public houses in the world and was a home for the popular British Music Hall, which was entertainment for the working classes. The genre began in the 1890s and was at its height for about 20 years. Florrie Forde was a famous music hall star and her first big hit in 1904 was "Down at the Old Bull and Bush." It put Hampstead Heath and its pub firmly on the map and has been sung the world over. It was Florrie who first made famous "Pack Up Your Troubles" and "It's a Long Way to Tipperary," which became the marching songs for British soldiers in France during World War I.

From 1997-2003, under the banner of the Interact Theatre Company, Flye's "Down At The Old Bull And Bush" followed by "Christmas At The Old Bull And Bush" became favorites with Washington audiences. With the demise of the Old Vat Theatre during Arena's re-building program, the show lost its home.

Flye is also doing a cameo on stage as Joyce Grenfell who was a beloved British comedienne and who had an enormous influence on her formative years in England. "Since her death I have been performing and touring throughout the United Kingdom and here in the states, an entertainment entitled 'George - Don't Do That!' (one of her catch phrases) which celebrates her life. And so it's a particular joy to be able to play her again at the Old Bull and Bush," she said.

Albert Coia plays the main comedic role of Bertie Ramsbottom, the "Little Lump of Fun" as described in the script. "So all of my songs are slightly suggestive/bawdy, as is typical of the Music Hall genre," he said. "It is always up to the audience to hear what they will from the lyrics and my performance."

He said since he's done at least 35 to 40



Tracey Stephens, Catherine Flye, and Albert Coia in MetroStage's production of "Christmas at the Old Bull and Bush" from Nov. 17 to Dec. 24.

PHOTO BY
TERESA CASTRACANE

Music Halls over the years with the British Players (formerly The British Embassy Players) here in Washington and with the Woodside Players in London, that there were no major challenges in playing the role.

"Personally, the main challenge for me is the timing and physical interpretation of a song in order for the audience to get the suggestions and innuendo being made, which is what makes it so fun and entertaining and why Music Halls had such a devoted following," he said. "We are definitely trying to recreate that Music Hall atmosphere here at MetroStage for our holiday audiences."

Tracey Stephens plays the historical character Florrie Forde, a pillar of strength who is free loving to all. "She is the spark of the

Ball," she said.

"When playing an historical character, it is always easier to physically look like the character. The challenge is, I don't physically look like her (at all), but what I found in the process is that really didn't matter. Once I spoke her words and began to live the way she lived, the essence of Florrie began to emerge. When the heart and the mind understand each other, the character comes to life," she said.

Performances for MetroStage's production of "Christmas at the Old Bull and Bush" will be Nov. 17 to Dec. 24; Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sundays at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., (no performance Nov. 23). Tickets are \$55-\$60 with student and active military and group discounts available. For ticket reservations or information about group sales, call the theater at 703-548-9044 or go to www.metrostage.org.

CALENDAR

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

ONGOING

Multiple Exposures Gallery.

Through Nov. 26, various times at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union Street, #312. Photo exhibit. Visit www.multipleexposuresgallery.com.

Training for Turkey.

Through Nov. 30, various times at the Metropolitan School of the Arts, 5775 Barclay Drive, Suite 4. Prepare for feasting with an unlimited fitness pass for their Barre Fitness (MetroBarre) and yoga classes for the month of November. \$60. Visit www.metropolitanarts.org or call

703-339-0444.

Holiday Toy Drive.

Through Dec. 8, various times at Quander Road School, 6400 Quander Road. Donate new/slightly used unwrapped toys for toddlers to 12 years old (puzzles, dolls, board games, action figures and more). Call 703-718-2400, Ext. 2431.

39th Annual Weichert Toy Drive.

Through Dec. 15, various times at Weichert Realty, 121 N. Pitt St. Members of the community are invited to drop off new, unwrapped toys at the company's sales offices which will be delivered throughout the holidays in conjunction with local charities that assist financially and physically disadvantaged children. Call 703-549-8700.

Mount Vernon Farmers Market.

8 a.m.-12 p.m., Wednesdays, through Dec. 14. Fresh local food, artisan

crafts. Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/mtvernonmkt.htm.

Watercolor Exhibit.

Through Dec. 19, 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.

Potomac Fiber Art Show.

Through Jan. 7, various times at the Torpedo Factory, 105 North Union St., Studio 29. The show will be supplemented with juried items on Dec. 5. The Torpedo Factory has new hours, 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily and weekends, and 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

on the second Thursday of each month. Visit torpedofactory.org.

All the President's Pups.

Saturdays 10 a.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Highway, Mount Vernon. All the President's Pups Walking Tour, along the way, learn about George Washington's love for dogs, his dogs' unusual names, and his efforts to improve the quality of his hunting dogs through breeding. \$7. Visit www.mountvernon.org.

THURSDAY/NOV. 16

Greendale's Turkey Cup.

9 a.m. at Greendale Golf Course, 6700 Telegraph Road. Dinner is on the line as golfers compete in the 6th Annual Turkey Cup at Greendale Golf Course. The tournament is a two-player scramble, and winners take

home Thanksgiving dinner and dessert. Prizes will be awarded for top finishes in each division, as well as closest to the pin. Call 703-971-6170 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/golf/greendale/.

Stuff the Bus with DASH.

11 a.m.-4 p.m. at St. Elmo's Coffee Pub, Del Ray, 2300 Mt Vernon Ave. DASH Representatives will be on-site collecting non-perishable food items along with gently used and/or new coats, gloves, hats and scarves for those of all ages. All donations will be given to Alexandria citizens who have been affected by poverty and natural disasters. Visit www.dashbus.com.

Local Author Thursdays.

5-7 p.m. at The Old Town Shop, 105 S. Union St. Michael Lee Pope is the author of four books on Northern Virginia history. Pope is an award-winning

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4 Restaurants for a Thanksgiving Feast

BY HOPE NELSON

Thanksgiving is right around the corner. This year, let somebody else do the cooking (and the dishes) and take a seat at one of these tables. But make a reservation before you go: Seats sell out well ahead of time.

Gadsby's Tavern, 138 N. Royal St.

Go back in time and enjoy a Thanksgiving meal fit for your ancestors with Gadsby's set menu. Sit at a private table or take part in a more communal setting and peruse the menu that best suits you. The

private tasting menu consists of cornbread and Sally Lunn bread; a peanut soup or salad to start; turkey, rockfish, or a vegetarian entrée; and, of course, pie. Looking to mingle with your neighbors? Take a seat in the 19th-century ballroom and feast on turkey and ham, yams, red potatoes, cornbread stuffing, cranberry stuffing, and more. Seating times are at noon, 2:30, 5, and 7:30 p.m.; \$53 per person.

Ramparts, 1700 Fern St.

The neighborhood bar and grill on the cusp of Fairlington has been offering up Turkey Day fare for two decades now, and the tradition continues this year. Start the three-course tasting menu off with a selection of butternut squash soup, seafood bisque or chowder, or a mixed green salad. Then move on to the main event, where you'll have a choice of turkey, prime rib, pork chops, or grilled salmon, paired with a slew of traditional sides such as cornbread stuffing, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, and creamed corn. Tie everything up with pumpkin or

pecan pie, and prepare for naptime once you get home. Seating from 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; \$29 per adult, \$12 for children.

Blackwall Hitch, 5 Cameron St.

The sprawling restaurant on the Potomac is offering a holiday feast of its own next week, complete with a carving station, seafood station, and plenty of dessert. Take a gander at the buffet and you'll spy turkey with cranberry-orange chutney, roast beef, oven-baked ham, Old Bay shrimp, oysters, and plenty of sides. Save some room for dessert: apple and pumpkin pie lead the charge along with plenty of other baked goods. Seating from 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; \$38 per adult, \$19 for children.

Trademark, 2080 Jamieson Ave.

Tucked into the corner of the Westin, Carlyle's Trademark restaurant is offering up a holiday feast to remember next Thursday. The three-course prix-fixe menu touches on some holiday favorites but also deviates into new territory on occasion. Start the feast with an autumn apple cheddar soup or kale and stilton salad, and then get ready for the entrée, which offers a delectable selection for omnivores and vegetarians alike. If you're the former, the rum and pumpkin turkey with all the trimmings will be sure to delight; if you're the latter, the last harvest risotto is teeming with root vegetables and is far from an afterthought. Toffee pudding and sweet potato pie make for a tough choice to end the meal. Seating from 4-8 p.m.; \$36.

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

CALENDAR

journalist who lives in Old Town, Alexandria. Call 703-684-4682.

FRIDAY/NOV. 17

Meet the Artist. 10 a.m.-noon at the Dolley Madison Library, rooms 1 and 2, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave. Rachel Collins, a local watercolor artist and member of the National Watercolor Society, will be the presenter. Collins teaches classes at the Art League School in Alexandria, Va. and the Yellow Barn Studio in Glen Echo, Md. Call 703 653-9519.

NOV. 17-DEC. 24

The Old Bull and Bush. Various times at MetroStage, 1201 North Royal St. An effort to reopen the famous Hampstead England pub on stage to celebrate the holidays with food, song, jokes, dance and a sing-along. Call 703-548-9044 or visit www.metrostage.org.

SATURDAY/NOV. 18

Thanksgiving Food Drive. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Gum Spring Community Center, 8100 Fordson Road. The Northern Virginia Project GiveBack will be hosting the 8th annual Thanksgiving Food Distribution Drive. Call 703-217-1675.

Rise to Hunger Packing Party. 9-11 a.m. at St. James' Episcopal Church, 5614 Old Mill Road. Help pack 10,000 dried food meals for those in need. Call 703-780-3081 or visit www.stjamesmv.org.

Stuff the Bus with DASH. 9 a.m.-noon at Alexandria's City Hall and Market Square, 301 King St. DASH Representatives will be on-site collecting non-perishable food items along with gently used and/or new coats, gloves, hats and scarves for

those of all ages. All donations will be given to Alexandria citizens who have been affected by poverty and natural disasters. Visit www.dashbus.com.

Floral Workshop. 9:30-11 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Thanksgiving Table Arrangement is the topic of the workshop. Professional floral designer Betty Ann Galway shares tips and tricks of the trade for you to practice on your own designs at home. \$38, and the supply fee is \$25. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring or call 703-642-5173.

Mt. Vernon Unitarian Holiday Shop. 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at Mt. Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane. Holiday Shop is a local tradition with 50 artisans. Quilt will be raffled. Call 703-298-2176.

Kids Krafts at Friendship Firehouse Museum. 10 a.m. at the Friendship Firehouse Museum, 107 South Alfred St. Children and caregivers work on crafts and visit the historic firehouse together. Ages 5-8. \$5. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/FriendshipFirehouse.

Alexandria Bus Tour. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. African American History of Alexandria Bus Tour, "From Slavery to Freedom," a collaboration between the Office of Historic Alexandria, George Washington's Mount Vernon, and the Gum Springs Museum. Lunch included. \$50. Visit shop.alexandriava.gov.

Alexandria Cider Festival. 2-6 p.m. at the Lloyd House, 220 N. Washington St. Celebrate Virginia Cider Week Nov. 10-19, in Alexandria with a special tasting festival. Call 703-746-4554.

Concerts at St. Luke's. 7:30 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 8009

Fort Hunt Road. A wind quintet plays the works of Brahms' Waltzes, Beethoven, Liszt and Chopin. \$20 adult; \$15 senior; free to students 18 and under. Visit www.saintlukeschurch.net.

SUNDAY/NOV. 19

Musical Sunday Brunch. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Union Street Public House, 121 S. Union St. Featuring a selection of jazz standards, with some blues and Latin selections by Adam Fluger on guitar, Jack Irby on saxophone and TJ Turqman on bass. Visit unionstreetpublichouse.com/.

Meet the Author. noon-4 p.m. at Fiberworks, Studio 14 Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Cindy Grisdela, an award winning fiber artist, will speak and sign copies of her book, "Artful Improv: Explore Color Recipes, Building Blocks & Free Motion Quilting." Visit torpedofactory.org.

Christmas Cookies: History and Tea Tasting. 1-3:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Chef and culinary historian Nora Burgan tells the story of the Christmas cookie, a mainstay of the holiday table from medieval times to today. \$42 with tea, \$18 program only. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring or call 703-642-5173.

Emerging Artist Concert. 4 p.m. at Saint Francis Episcopal Church, 9220 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Julia Angelov, from Alexandria, and Oscar Paz-Suaznabar, age 12, on the piano, play orchestra favorites. Visit www.amadeusconcerts.com.

MONDAY/NOV. 20

Children's Discovery Garden. 10-11 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603

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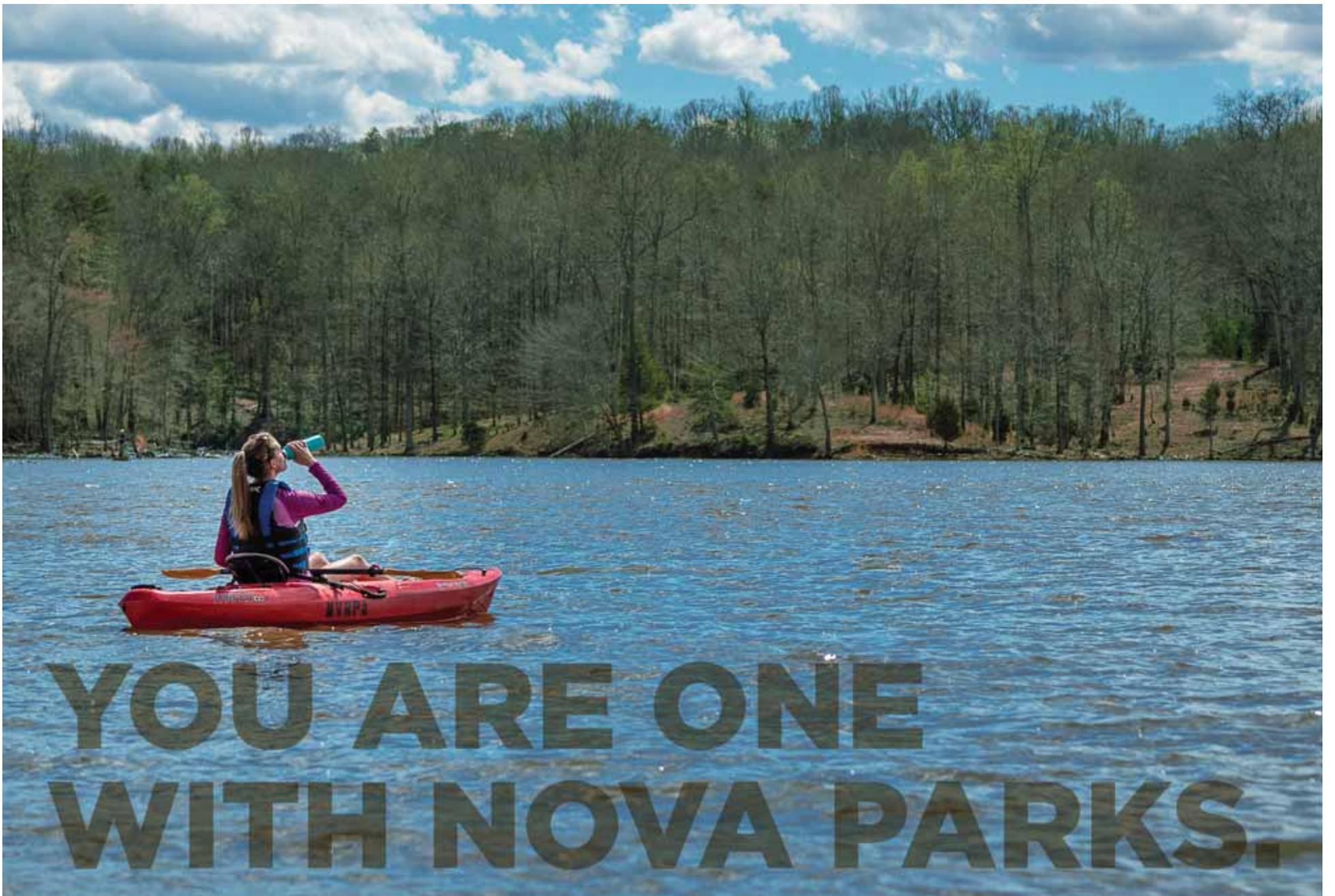
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NOV. 20-DEC. 10

Toy Collection. Sheehy Honda of Alexandria, 2434 Richmond Highway, Alexandria will collect new and unwrapped toys as part of the company's annual Sheehy Cares Toy Collection to benefit the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program, which will distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to less fortunate children in the community in which the campaign is conducted.

TUESDAY/NOV. 21

Music in History. 1-3 p.m. at the Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Performance of "Hamilton & Washington: The Musical vs. Reality." Peter Henriques talks about the collaboration between Alexander Hamilton and George Washington, its importance in the nation's founding, and their portrayal in the musical, "Hamilton." Visit www.mvgenalogy.org.

WEDNESDAY/NOV 22

Thanksgiving Eve Service. 5 p.m. at St. James' Episcopal Church, 5614 Old Mill Road. Call 703-780-3081 or visit www.stjamesmv.org.

FRIDAY/NOV. 24

Cookies with Santa. 4-5:30 p.m. at the Union Street Public House, 121 South Union St. Meet with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Visit

www.unionstreetpublichouse.com.
City of Alexandria Tree Lighting Ceremony. 6-9 p.m. at Market Square, 301 King St. Free. Call 703-746-4343 or visit www.alexandriava.gov.

SATURDAY/NOV. 25

Small Business Saturday. Noon-3 p.m. at various businesses on King Street and Mt. Vernon Avenue in Del Ray. Visit VisitAlexandriaVA.com/SmallBusinessSaturday.
Frosty Follies. 6 p.m. at Market Square, 300 King St. The Metropolitan Arts Dance School presents the annual Frosty Follies. Call 703-339-0444 or visit www.metropolitanarts.org.

NOV. 24-25

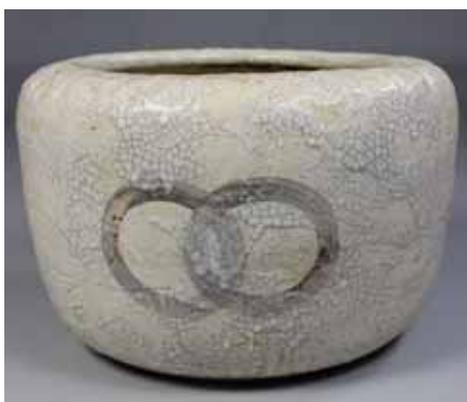
Mount Vernon by Candlelight. 5-8 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. \$24 for adults; \$16 for youth. Call 703-780-2000 or visit www.mountvernon.org/candlelight.

SUNDAY/NOV. 26

Musical Sunday Brunch. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Union Street Public House, 121 S. Union St. Featuring international Latin and Brazilian jazz and classical guitarist Cristian Perez, with John-Marc Diner on bass and Nick Natalie on saxophone. Visit www.unionstreetpublichouse.com/.

MONDAY/NOV. 27

Yoga for Gardeners. 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. This class features a gentle introduction to the vinyasa



method which helps participants increase the strength, flexibility and endurance necessary for gardening. Class held indoors. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks or call 703-642-5173.

NOV. 30-DEC 2

West Potomac Academy's Nutcracker. Various times at West Potomac High School, 6500 Quander Road. Guest choreographers include professional dancers Paul McGill and Brittany Hall (a West Potomac Academy Dance alumna), and Christie Elise (a Washington Wizards dancer). \$12/\$15. Visit www.fcps.edu/WestPotomacHS/.

Mt. Vernon Oral History. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Mount Vernon Government Center, 2511 Parkers Lane. Recording residents experiences living in the community. Free. Call 703-799-7601.

DEC. 1-2

Scottish Christmas Walk Weekend.

Art Auction

Japanese Art Auction on Wednesday, Dec. 6 at 10 a.m. at the Potomack Company, 1120 N Fairfax St. Featuring the Hauge Collection. call 703-684-4550 or visit potomackcompany.com.

Various times at the The Campagna Center, 418 S. Washington St. The 47th Annual Scottish Christmas Walk Weekend has activities throughout the weekend. Call 703-224-2395 or visit www.campagnacenter.org.

DEC 1-17

Del Ray Artisans' Holiday Market. Weekend hours only, Fridays: 6-9 p.m., Saturdays & Sundays: 11 a.m.-6 p.m. at the Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Free to browse. Call 703-838-4827 or visit www.delrayartisans.org.

DEC. 1-16

Snow Day on Stage. Various times at The Lab at Convergence, 1819 N. Quaker Lane. This nonverbal production features live music and lots of wintertime fun, just in time for the holiday season. \$9. Visit www.artsonthehorizon.org.

A Christmas Carol. Various times at The Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St. \$17. Call 703-683-0496 or

visit www.thelittletheatre.com.

DEC. 1-23

4th Annual Holiday Market Festival. Various times in the Carlyle District, 300 John Carlyle St. Art and craft items, enjoy sweets, mulled wine and live entertainment from local musicians. Visit www.alexandriaholidaymarket.com.

SATURDAY/DEC. 2

Alexandria Archaeology Ornament Decorating Workshop. 1-4 p.m. at the Alexandria Archaeology Museum, Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Call 703-746-4399 or visit www.alexandriaarchaeology.org.

Boat Parade of Lights. 5:30 p.m. waterfront at the foot of Cameron Street near the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. 18th Annual Alexandria Holiday Boat Parade of Lights. Festivities at the marina 2-9 p.m. Visit www.visitalexandriava.com/boatparade.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/DEC. 2-3

Original Artwork Sale. 4-7 p.m. Saturday, noon-4 pm. Sunday at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Eighty local artists, most members of the Torpedo Factory Art League, will display and sell their original artwork. Visit www.hollinhallseniorcenter.org/.

SUNDAY/DEC. 3

Royal Scottish Country Dance Society. 2 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. The dancers will show the audience how it's done and then

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invite spectators to give it a try. Music will be provided by local and well-known Scottish Country Dance fiddler, Becky Ross. Visit www.nvfaa.org or call 703-548-0035.

MONDAY/DEC. 4

Ballroom Dance Classes. 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Led by Gary Stephans on Fox Trot, Waltz, Tango, Swing, Salsa, Merengue, Rumba, Cha-Cha and Samba. Visit www.nvfaa.org or call 703-505-5998.

WEDNESDAY/DEC. 6

Japanese Art Auction. 10 a.m. at the Potomack Company, 1120 N. Fairfax St. Featuring the Hauge Collection. Call 703-684-4550 or visit www.potomackcompany.com.

THURSDAY/DEC. 7

Worldly Collection for Auction. 10 a.m. at the Potomack Company, 1120 N. Fairfax St. Featuring the Ron Krannich Collection from Burma, Thailand, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea and Democratic Republic of Congo. Call 703-684-4550 or visit www.potomackcompany.com.

Shops of Del Ray's Ladies' Night Out. 5:30-8:30 p.m. on Mount Vernon Ave., Del Ray. Shop local and enjoy special promotions while sipping Virginia wine. Call 703-683-2570 or visit www.visitdelray.com.

Neighborhood Health 20th Anniversary Gala. 6-9:30 p.m. at the Hilton Mark Center, 5000 Seminary Road. Join the gala "Celebrating Our Partnerships" to support Neighborhood Health's mission of serving thousands of uninsured patients in the community. Email anniversary@neighborhoodhealthva.org or phone 571-438-7715.

An Introduction to French Comics. 7-9 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Arlington resident RM Rhodes leads this lecture about comics. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/Lyceum or call 703-838-4994.

Meet the Author. 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. "A Civil Life in an Uncivil Time: Julia Wilbur's Struggle for Purpose" by Paula Tarnapol Whitacre. \$15. Visit www.nvfaa.org or call 703-548-0035.

SATURDAY/DEC. 9

Civil War Christmas in Camp. noon-4 p.m. at Fort Ward Museum & Historic Site, 4301 W. Braddock Road. \$2 suggested donation per person; \$5 per family. Call 703-746-4356 or visit alexandriava.gov/blackhistory.

Historic Alexandria Candlelight Tours. 4-9 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Tour stops at several locations around Old



Art Exhibit

Potomac Fiber Art show through Jan. 7 Various times at the Torpedo Factory, 105 North Union St., Studio 29. The show will be supplemented with juried items on Dec. 5. Visit torpedofactory.org.

Town. \$25 adults; \$20 seniors (65 years and older) and active military; \$5 children (ages 6-17). Call 703-746-4242.

Del Ray Candy Cane Bar Crawl. 4 p.m. at Mount Vernon Ave., Del Ray. Free. Call 703-683-2570 or visit www.visitdelray.com.

SUNDAY/DEC. 10

Apothecary Museum Geek Tour Series. noon-1 p.m. at Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105 S. Fairfax St. \$15. Call 703-746-3852.

Colonial Handbell Ringers

Concert. 2 and 4 p.m. at 201 S. Washington St. Free. Call 703-746-4994 or visit colonialringers.com.

Cookies with Santa. 4-5:30 p.m. at the Union Street Public House, 121 South Union St. Meet with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Visit www.unionstreetpublichouse.com.

WEDNESDAY/DEC. 13

AARP Virginia Dinner Group. 4-8 p.m. at FireFlies, 1501 Mount Vernon Ave. Enjoy dinner with other AARP members and their guests and receive a 20 percent discount on a dinner entree. Call 703-548-7200.

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SPORTS

ODBC Rowers Wrap Up Fall Season

Womens First 8 caps great run, Mens Light 8 enjoys late surge.

High school rowers on the Old Dominion Boat Club Select Crew team finished a successful fall season in a flurry of four regattas from Boston to Chattanooga.

On Oct. 22, the ODBC Womens First 8 competed in the invitation-only Head of the Charles Regatta in Boston, the premier fall U.S. regatta that draws entries from around the U.S. and overseas. On a day with almost ideal weather and river conditions that produced over a dozen new event records, shattering times that had stood for 20 years or more, the ODBC elite Womens 8 placed 23rd out of 85 boats in their event with a time of 17:20.58, a minute and a half better than their time from the wind-whipped, whitecapped HOOCR race in 2016. Their finish ensures an invitation back to Boston for the ODBC Women's First 8 in the fall of 2018.

The ODBC Womens 1V8s are guided by veteran coach Jaime Rubini and include coxswain Paige St. John and rowers Celia Lane, Grace Vannatta, Shelby Pierson, Grace Asch, Astrid Henkle, Grace Fluharty, Rachel Saez Knapp, and Blythe Markel.

On Oct. 29, the ODBC squad travelled to Philadelphia for the rain-soaked Head of the Schuylkill Regatta, another major fall East



ODBC Womens First 8 Boat and Coach Jaime Rubini.

Coast event that draws a wide field of first tier boats. Once again, the ODBC Womens First 8 rose to the challenge, notching a third-place finish in a 43-boat field with a time of 14:37.13.

Stroking to the finish in a downpour and their best race of the season, the surging ODBC Mens Frosh 8 also captured third place in their HOSR event with a time of 15:02.06 in a 49-boat field. The ODBC

Frosh 8, many of whom will be competing for a seat on the always competitive TC Williams Spring Frosh 8 boat, include coxswain Jacob Solomon and rowers Clifton Longobardi, Noah Schuerhoff, Luke Depeyrot, Barry Najarro-Blancas, Richard Bavin, Tim Chen, Matthew Posson, and Patrick Kenny.

In a season in which they raced against the "heavy" 8 boats in most regattas, the

ODBC Mens Light 8 boat began an end-of-season rally at the HOSR with a 4th place finish among the 65 boats in their event with a time of 14:07.47. The following weekend, on Nov. 5 at the Head of the Hooch in Chattanooga, the Light 8s competed for the first time this fall against only other light mens boats in their event and scored a 4th place finish among 22 boats with a time of 16:26.05.

Also at the Hooch, the ODBC Womens First 8 put the finishing touch on a great run this fall with a race time of 17:16.09 and a 10th place finish among 78 boats. On the same day, the ODBC Mens First and Second 8

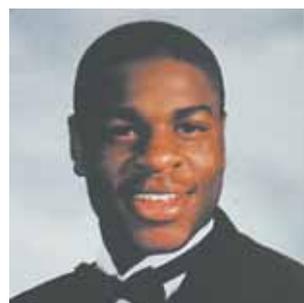
boats raced against 74 other boats and scored 21st and 22nd place finishes with times of 16:03.21 and 16:04.49, respectively.

Finally, in one of the last races of the ODBC fall season closer to home at the Head of the Occoquan on Nov. 5, sophomores Maddie Toaso and Maddie Allen captured a 3rd place finish in the 13-boat Womens Doubles event with a time of 22:33.88.

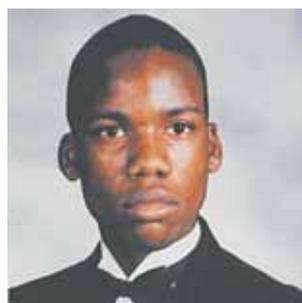
Six Athletes To Be Inducted into ACPS Hall of Fame

Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) will induct six athletes, including three who went on to have long careers with ACPS, into the Athletic Hall of Fame at the fourth annual Hall of Fame event in January. Two coaches will also be honored.

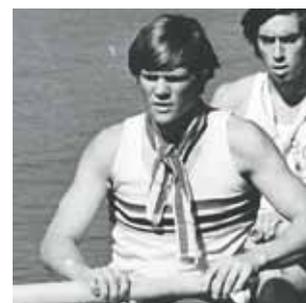
This year's inductees are: Michael Horton, TC's all-time leading basketball scorer; Ardelia Hunter, an outstanding basketball player who became a teacher for ACPS and retired as an ACPS principal; Daymon Jackson, who went on to play for John Thompson at Georgetown University; Ron Lambert, an all-around athlete, lettering in four different sports in his senior year; Dwight Stephens, a renowned cross country athlete; and Bob Stumpf, an outstanding crew athlete who became a member of the Blue Angels. Coaches Albert E. (Rasty) Rorand, who was inducted into the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame in 1988; and Jimmy Worden, who coached basketball, softball and cross country at TC, will also be honored at the event. Since its inception in 2014, ACPS has inducted 34 athletes into the Hall of Fame and honored many coaches, including Herman Boone and Bill Yoast from the 1971



Horton



Jackson



Stumpf

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THE ATHLETES

Michael Horton is the all-time leading basketball scorer at TC with more than 1,600 points. A three-year starter, he averaged 27.2 points per game and was on the 1995 All-State team, all-region team twice and all-district team three times. In 1994, Horton was named the Alexandria Sportsman's Club Basketball Player of the year. Horton went on to play at Alleghany Community College, where he became the number one rated junior college point guard in the country. He was then recruited to play

for the University of Cincinnati, which was ranked number one in the country at that time. Michael currently works for ACPS in the educational facilities department.

Ardelia Hunter was an outstanding basketball player at Parker-Gray High School in the mid-1940s. After she graduated in 1946, she joined ACPS as an elementary school teacher at Charles-Houston Elementary School in 1955 and then William Ramsay Elementary School in 1966. She became assistant principal at Stonewall Jackson Elementary School in 1970 and was appointed principal of Lyles-Crouch Elementary School in 1975. She became principal of Patrick Henry Elementary School

in 1980 and retired in 1989.

Daymond Jackson was a member of the 1995 Varsity basketball team that made the regional finals and an all-metropolitan first team member. Jackson went on to play for John Thompson at Georgetown University for four years. He is the second all-time leading scorer for TC. As a senior, he averaged 28.5 points per game playing on a team that made the regional finals. He was named first team all metropolitan, and first team all-state and Alexandria Sportsman's Club Basketball Player of the Year. Jackson also excelled in track and field, placing third in the region in the high jump.

Ron Lambert was an all-around athlete, lettering in four sports in his senior year in 1968. He was a captain and all-district wide receiver and defensive end in football and first team all-state in basketball. He played for three years for the baseball team and was part of then George Washington High School's track team in his senior year. He was awarded a full football scholarship to the University of Memphis, where he also

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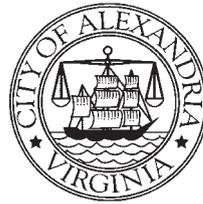
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Public Hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, City of Alexandria, Virginia, on Saturday, November 18, 2017, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon as may be heard on the hereinafter described items.

plishes the final adoption of Master Plan Amendment No. 2017-0004, approved by the City Council on October 14, 2017, to amend the Potomac Yard/Potomac Greens Small Area Plan.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 3-2-141 (DEFINITIONS), and adopt 3-2-152 (SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL RENTAL REGISTRY) of Article K (TRANSIENT LODGING TAX) of Chapter 2 (TAXATION) of Title 3 (FINANCE, TAXATION AND PROCUREMENT) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 5-602 (Coordinated Development Districts Created, Consistency with Master Plan, Required Approvals) of Section 5-600 (CDD/Coordinated Development Districts) of Article V (Mixed Use Zones) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in Accordance with the Text Amendment heretofore Approved by City Council as Text Amendment No. 2017-0006 to Increase the Maximum Number of Residential Units within CDD 10.

The proposed ordinance to amend and reordain City Code section 3-2-141, and adopt section 3-2-152 to establish an annual registry for the identification of short-term residential rentals, and to clarify the applicability of the Transient Lodging tax in such cases.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Text Amendment No. 2017-0006, approved by the City Council on October 14, 2017, to increase the maximum number of residential units within CDD 10 from 2,137 to 2,239 units.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 6-403 of Article VI (Special and Overlay Zone) and Section 7-1200 (Utilities) of Article VII (Supplemental Zoning Regulations) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by city council on October 14, 2017 as Text Amendment No. 2017-008.

AN ORDINANCE to Make Supplemental Appropriations for the Support of the City Government for Fiscal Year 2018.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the adoption of supplemental appropriations for the Operation of the city government in fiscal year 2018.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Text Amendment No. 2017-0008 to adopt zoning regulation pertaining to small cell facilities approved by City Council on October 14, 2017.

City Council Public Hearing and Consideration for the Proposed City Legislative Package for the 2018 General Assembly Session.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain the Master Plan of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, by Adopting and Incorporating therein the Amendment heretofore Approved by City Council to Amend the Potomac Yard/Potomac Greens Small Area Plan Chapter of Such Master Plan as Master Plan Amendment No. 2017-0004 and No Other Amendments, and to Repeal All Provisions of the Said Master Plan as May be Inconsistent with Such Amendment.

THE PUBLIC IS ADVISED THAT AMENDMENTS OR ADDITIONS MAY BE MADE TO PROPOSED ORDINANCES WITHOUT FURTHER PUBLICATION. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT PERSONS INTERESTED IN ANY OF THESE ORDINANCES OBTAIN FREE FULL-TEXT COPIES FROM THE CITY CLERK AT CITY HALL. If the mayor finds and declares that weather or other conditions are such that it is hazardous for members to attend the meeting, this meeting will be continued to the following Saturday November 18, 2017. GLORIA SITTON, CMC, CITY CLERK

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Obituary

Donald W. Reilly, of Alexandria, VA, passed peacefully at his home on November 13, 2017 with his loving family by his side. He was born to the late Earnest and Margaret Reilly of Washington, DC. Donald was a Navy Veteran who served in World War II. He worked his way up to President of Graham and Ogden Insurance Company in Alexandria VA, retiring at the age of 70. Donald was preceded in death by his wife Kathleen "Billie" Reilly, and sister, Marie Booty. He is survived by three children, David Reilly (Jenny), Kathleen Reilly, and Michael Reilly (Cindy), sister Catherine Sickinger, granddaughter Erika Villasista (John) and two great grandchildren. Funeral Mass will be held at 10:00am on November 17, 2017 at Saint Mary's Catholic Church, 310 Royal St. Alexandria, VA 22314 with Interment immediately following at Saint Mary's Catholic Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, <https://donatenow.heart.org/>.

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SPORTS

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joined the Memphis State basketball team. He later transferred to Rio Grande University in Ohio where he received a full basketball scholarship. In Ohio, he was all-conference for three years, honorable mention all-American in 1973-1974 and was inducted into the Rio Grande University Hall of Fame in 1992.

Dwight Stephens graduated in 1980 from TC, where he was renowned for his cross-country abilities. He was the 1979 State Cross Country Champion and Northern Region Cross Country Champion, posting the fourth fastest time ever on the Burke Lake course. In 1980, he became the state indoor track champion at 3,200 meters and the state outdoor track champion over 3,200 meters. Thirty-seven years later, he still holds the state record in this event. Stephens went on to star at Penn State University in the mile, and the 5,000- and 10,000-meter races.

Bob Stumpf was captain of the Crew team at TC shortly after the school opened. He won numerous local titles: the Stotesbury Cup twice, a national championship in 1970 and a youth world championship in 1969. He went on to row for the Naval Academy where he won the Eastern Sprint Championships and placed third in the national championship in 1971. Stumpf had a 23-year distinguished career in the U.S. Navy. He flew 22 combat missions in Desert Storm and was a member of the Blue Angels.

THE COACHES

Albert E. (Rasty) Doran began his career in 1938 as the head coach of the football, baseball, track and basketball teams at then George Washington High School. He also coached basketball and served as the school's first athletic director. The teams he coached at George Washington won two state championships and an unprecedented 12 consecutive Northern District basketball championships. As a basketball coach, he led teams to 534 victories and 142 losses. In 1953, Doran became the supervisor of athletics for ACPS. He retired in 1970 and was inducted into Virginia Sports Hall of Fame in 1988.

Jimmy Worden was born and raised in Alexandria and coached basketball, softball and cross country at TC. As a varsity basketball coach, he led the boys basketball teams to five district titles and the girls team to a district tournament title. He coached the junior varsity boy's basketball team to a streak of 44, followed by 38 consecutive wins with only one defeat in between. He was honored as the Alexandria Sportsman's Club Coach of the Year three times and was recognized five times by the Washington Post as the District Coach of the Year. He was also recognized as the Alexandria Sportsman's Club Basketball Player of the Year in 1964 for his athletic prowess.

The athletes and coaches will be celebrated during an induction ceremony at T.C. Williams High School in January.

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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Recently, as in a few weeks ago, Mindy, who none of you regular readers know, died of lung cancer. She was my decade's long best friend's wife. And she was my friend too, going back almost 40 years. Married to my oldest friend (starting in 10th grade), Cary, for over 35 years, Mindy was originally classified as stage I five years ago. Cary didn't tell me for a year or so after because he didn't want to burden me with another piece of bad news, and Mindy being diagnosed with lung cancer would most definitely have been bad news. She had a lobectomy (part of the lung is surgically removed), back then and that's pretty much all I know about the beginning stages. After the surgery however, she was told she was cancer free.

Unfortunately, I wasn't able to attend Mindy's funeral. I had my own post-scan appointment on the Monday morning following the Sunday funeral and night-time shiva and the logistics of traveling back and forth from Washington, D.C., to Boston and back were unworkable. Two weekends later, last weekend in fact, I flew up to Boston and spent four days with Cary, just him and me in the house - without Mindy, of course. We shared an awful lot about Mindy and life, reminiscing backward and contemplating forward. One afternoon, along with Mindy's first cousin, Julie, Cary and I visited Mindy's grave, about 20 minutes from the house, where I was able to pay my respects and say a few words in private. After standing alongside the grave site for a few minutes, Cary took out his smart phone, bent over toward the ground and played "their" song, sniffling and wiping away tears in the process. A very touching moment. Another afternoon, I sat with Cary at their kitchen table and read through all the condolence cards with Cary explaining all the relationships to Mindy. One night, Cary and I went to dinner with his two sons, Jonathan and Jordon (along with Jon's girlfriend, Coleen and Jordy's wife, Lauren). At dinner, I shared two jokes with the boys that Mindy had told years ago, that to this day, I keep in my repertoire; they had not heard them before. One involved an elephant, another had to do with Jesus Christ becoming a bell ringer. Cary's third - and oldest son, Jeffrey, was not present as he had flown back to California on Tuesday where, after spending three weeks at home with his father and brothers watching his mother struggle to survive, he returned a few days after the funeral.

As for me, I teared up throughout the weekend. Over the years, especially after my parents moved to Florida, I didn't see Cary and Mindy as regularly as I had while my parents were still living in Massachusetts (four times a year, generally). From 1989 on, maybe we visited one another a dozen times in person: high school reunions, bar mitzvahs, a couple of Celtic's games and the odd occasion where the timing/opportunity presented itself. All the while, going on 45 years now, we spoke/speak every couple of weeks, picking up in conversation without ever missing a beat.

What was particularly/uniquely difficult for me - and I don't think it is as difficult as losing one's "soul mate," as Cary described Mindy, just as they were beginning to embark on their final journey together: retirement - was that I too have lung cancer. As such, it was a peculiar position in which I found myself. Not only was I grieving the loss of a close friend: Mindy, way too young; she was younger than me by a couple of years, and the effect it had on my best friend, Cary, I was also witnessing first hand, up close and extremely personally, the ravages and devastating impact of a lung cancer diagnosis, a diagnosis with which I am all too familiar. Of course, I felt bad for Cary losing his beautiful wife. Of course, I felt bad for the boys losing a fabulous, devoted mother. But there was a part of me that felt bad for me. As a cancer survivor, it's easy to pretend that this disease isn't killing you until you attend a funeral/spend time with the family of someone who has succumbed to this terrible disease. Then it hits home, with a vengeance. "Cancer sucks," as so many of us know, but life must go on, as difficult as it sometimes is.

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Gorgeous new build with 5,200 SF features 5 bedrooms, 4.5 baths, a culinary inspired kitchen, designer finishes, grand staircase, versatile floorplan, spacious lower level, master with spa bath & 1-car garage. thegoodhartgroup.com/listings/718-w-timber-branch/
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Del Ray
\$1,399,900
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Old Town
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