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Mayor Allison Silberberg and local dignitaries join American Legion Post 24 Commander Doug Gurka in unveiling a new plaque bearing the names of the Alexandrians who lost their lives in World War I. The Nov. 11 ceremony at Post 24 marked the 100th anniversary of the Armistice to end WWI.

‘The War to End All Wars’ City commemorates 100th anniversary of WWI Armistice.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

It was the war to end all wars. After four years of fighting, hostilities formally ended between the

Allies and Germany at the “11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month” in 1918. On Nov. 11, the City of Alexandria commemorated the 100th anniversary of the armistice to end World War I with a ceremony at American Legion Post 24

in Old Town. The ceremony marking the centennial of Armistice Day, now celebrated as Veterans Day, was held in the ballroom of Post 24 and culminated in the unveiling of a plaque outside the building that honors all Alexandrians who lost their lives in WWI.

Dr. Lee Anthony, a WWI historian, was the featured speaker at the event that was opened by the T.C. Williams High School JROTC Honor Guard posting of the colors.

As part of the ceremony, more than 8,000 knit and crocheted poppies were displayed and handed to guests in memory of Alexandria’s veterans.

The poppies were created by local residents over the last 18 months specifically for the ceremony. Poppies were officially adopted as a symbol of remembrance for those who died in

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American Legion Post 24 officer Mike Mixon fires a salute during the Armistice commemoration ceremony Nov. 11 at Post 24 in Old Town.

An Amazonian Deal Decision encompasses Crystal City, Pentagon City and Potomac Yard.

Amazon’s selection of Arlington as one of its two new headquarters became official Tuesday, Nov. 13. Along with New York City, Arlington will be part of a \$5 billion investment, expected to create more than 50,000 jobs across the two new headquarters’ locations.

The new Washington, D.C. metro headquarters will be located in National Landing; the newly named National Landing is made up of Crystal City in Arlington as well as portions of Pentagon City in Arlington and Potomac Yard in the City of Alexandria.

— all within walking distance. The community has a variety of hotels, restaurants, high-rise apartment buildings, retail, and commercial offices.

As part of Amazon’s new headquarters, the region will benefit from more than 25,000 full-time high-paying jobs; approximately \$2.5 billion in Amazon investment; 4 million square feet of energy-efficient office space with the opportunity to expand to 8 million square feet; and an estimated incremental tax revenue of \$3.2 billion over the next 20 years as a result of Amazon’s investment and job creation, according to the

The area is served by three Metro stations, commuter rail access, and Reagan National Airport

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‘Lot of Negative Pressure’ City, schools staff paint grim fiscal picture for upcoming budget.

BY DAN BRENDEL
GAZETTE PACKET

Going into the FY 2020 budget season, Alexandria faces structural deficits, slow growth and an economic downturn inevitable in the not-too-distant future, staffers told City Council on Saturday, Nov. 10.

including an \$18 million gap for the school division’s budget, which the city largely funds. The city administration forecasts the total gap will widen to \$91 million in five years.

This continues a persistent trend of expenditures outpacing revenues. Each year for the past several years, the City Council and School Board have wrestled to balance their budgets, as required

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The city faces a preliminary FY 2020 budget gap of \$28 million,

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‘Such a Consequential Decision’

School staff consider programmatic sites to prepare students for workforce, meet high school capacity needs.

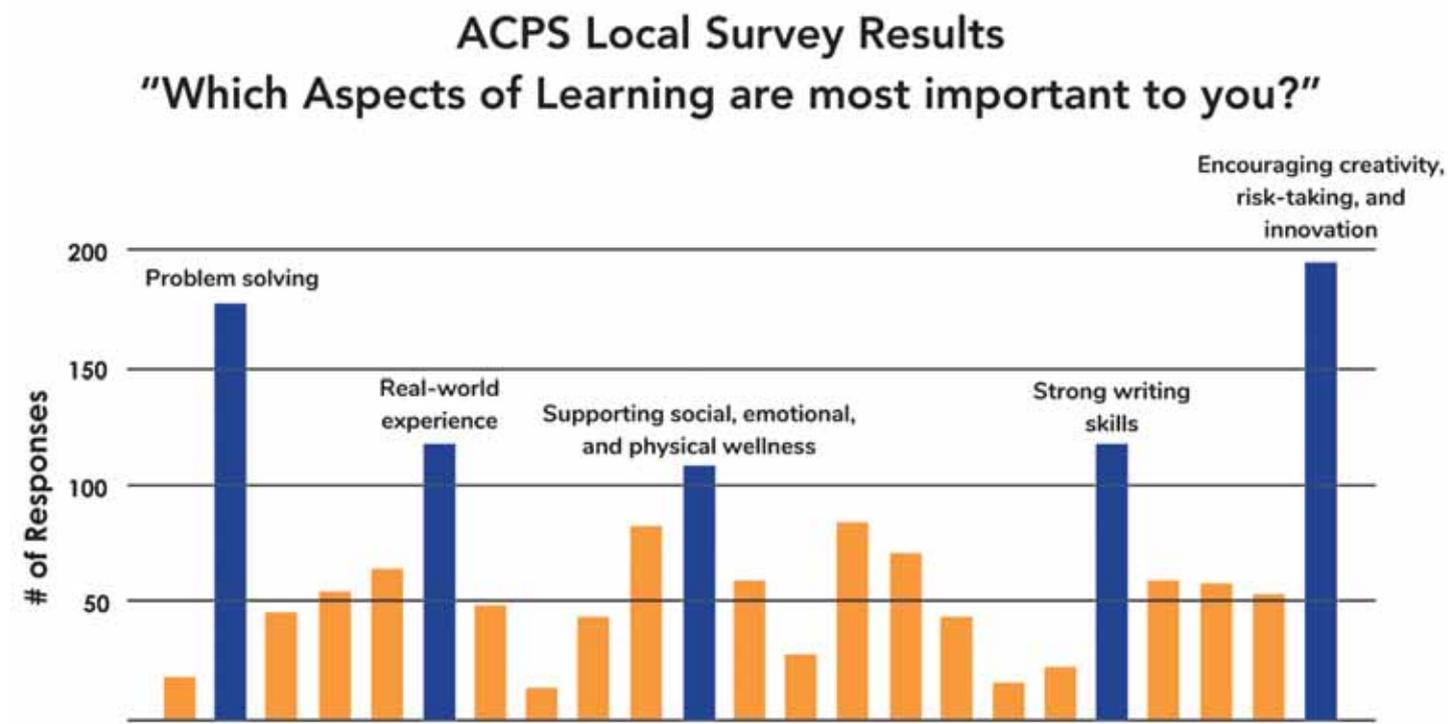
BY DAN BRENDL
GAZETTE PACKET

To modernize high school education and relieve capacity strain, the public schools administration advises distributed programmatic sites, rather than strictly an expanded or second high school campus.

Between its Minnie Howard (grade 9) and King Street (grades 10-12) campuses, T.C. Williams High School will need to accommodate some 4,900 students within the next decade. That’s roughly 1,200 — a third — over the facilities’ combined design capacity.

How the division copes with this ballooning enrollment “is really shaping what the city’s going to look like in the next 50 years,” said School Board member Hal Cardwell.

In last year’s budget, the city government and school system put the problem on the front burner. They agreed on \$5 million for project planning in FY 2019 and a total of \$124 million by FY 2021 for construction.



A high school education should develop these skills according to citizens, parents, students, educators and other public school staff.

That’s one of the largest single public investments on Alexandria’s horizon, behind sanitary sewers and transit.

But what exactly that sum would buy was left an open question. This summer, the schools launched a fast-tracked process to define the High School Project, aiming to narrow down sites and to get it to the design phase by springtime. After three

months of initial community engagement, staff broadly outlined three options on the table, expressing a preference for the third, at the School Board meeting on Thursday, Nov. 8:

- ❖ Expand the existing high school campus(es);
- ❖ Add an additional stand-alone high school(s) somewhere in the city;

❖ Create off-site specialty programs, e.g., a network of “thematic-based learning centers” distributed across smaller sites.

Community engagement so far has sought to glean from students, families, educators and local businesses what they want a high school experience in Alexandria to look like.

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Bits and Bytes BI Hackathon draws 150 students.

Bishop Ireton High School hosted its second annual Hackathon, a student-run event that gives middle and high schoolers the opportunity to attend workshops, learn how to code and create their own projects.

More than 150 students from 43 schools attended the two-day event held Nov. 3-4 on the school’s Alexandria campus.

“This event has allowed me to give back to the community that has fostered my growth and development over my four years of high school,” said Patrick Riley, director of this year’s Hackathon and a member of the Bishop Ireton class of 2019. “Computer Science gave me the opportunity to explore my interests and creativity in ways I could not before and I am grateful to have been able to afford that opportunity to others.”

Students participated in workshops that included Java, Python, Android Studio, Programming, and more. Gautom Das and Alex Kridler took home the grand prize, a paid internship with Decipher Technology Studios, with their creation of a custom app that allowed users to create and solve various problems.



Students work on their coding during a two-day Hackathon at Bishop Ireton High School. The second annual event drew more than 150 middle and high schoolers.



Team members review their coding work during the second annual Hackathon held Nov. 3-4 at Bishop Ireton High School.

“I was most surprised by the number of inexperienced programmers who not only attended the event, but stayed the entire time and submitted projects,” said Terri Kelly, the computer science teacher who orchestrated the event. “The students flourished in the open-ended environment of

choosing their own project and the language they would create it in.”

Other notable projects included a rover that analyzed oil contamination in beach sand (Winner of Best Beginner Hack), a program that utilized Amazon Alexa to reduce and monitor water consumption (Win-

ner of Best Solution to a Real World Problem), and an app that converted brain waves into audible speech (Winner of Best Use of Hardware).

For a full list of student projects, visit <https://hackbi.devpost.com/>.

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Keeping Youngsters Warm Firefighters distribute coats, books to area children.

First responder volunteers helped distribute more than 1,000 coats Oct. 27 as part of the Firefighters and Friends annual coat drive distribution at Samuel Tucker Elementary School and the Leonard Armstrong Recreation Center.

Members of the Alexandria fire, police and sheriff's departments joined community volunteers in helping local children select a new coat. Sponsors of the drive included Operation Warm and the Alexandria-based nonprofit InspireLit, which provided several new books for each child.

Other sponsors include: Apple Federal Credit Union, Greenhill's Pickett Place Community Foundation, Departmental Progressive Club, Alexandria Recreation, Parks, & Cultural Activities, InspireLit, PSI NU Chapter, Omega Psi Phi, Department of Emergency Communications, BFSP of Alexandria, Nationwide Credit Corporation, Mission BBQ, Rotary Club of Alexandria, Grass Roots of Alexandria, Bell Partners, Inc., BW Communications and Gates Hudson.



Malia Dixon, center, poses in her new coat with her mother Jessica Wehrman and Minnie Mouse at the annual Firefighters and Friends coat drive distribution Oct. 27 at the Leonard Armstrong Recreation Center.

"We believe a new winter coat can be more than a coat," said Firefighters and Friends founder and Alexandria City Councilman

Will Bailey. "It builds self-esteem and tells a child 'You are worth it and we care.'"

— JEANNE THEISMANN



Members of the Departmental Progressive Club pose for a photo at the Firefighters and Friends annual coat drive distribution Oct. 27 at the Leonard Armstrong Recreation Center. Pictured are: Nelson Green Jr., Elijah Griffin, William Chesley, Merrick Malone and Willie Bailey Sr.

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PEOPLE

Here Comes Lunch Alexandria Meals on Wheels serves 67 meals per weekday.

By SHIRLEY RUHE
GAZETTE PACKET

Pricilla and Todd Andre-Cotton pick up their Meals on Wheels delivery list at the loading dock before heading out on Route 1 on Oct. 26. “Oh, here is a new address,” Priscilla says. The Andre-Cottons drive the fourth Friday of the month delivery as part of the Old Presbyterian Meeting House team.

Todd says he has been delivering with Priscilla for three years, but Priscilla says, “I have been doing it for years. In Pittsburgh it was a whole different set-up where we worked out of the church where the meals were cooked.” Here in Alexandria the city pays for most of the meals with the Senior Services supplementing several days a month.

The lunches are catered by Jeffrey’s Catering on Wheeler Avenue. Kristy Cleaveland, executive chef, says, “Besides Meals on Wheels, we cater for Head Start, daycare, shelters and the Food Bank.” She adds on any one day between the breakfasts, lunches and snacks for the children they cater 15,000 items.

Today’s Meals on Wheels menu includes a hot meal of minestrone soup, cornbread, mashed potatoes, fruit salad and milk. In addition, each person gets a cold meal of chicken salad with a roll, spinach-strawberry salad, vinegar-oil based coleslaw, a banana and milk. Cleaveland explains they have a separate menu for vegetarians.



Priscilla and Todd Andre-Cotton check their Meals on Wheels list before starting on Route 1 on Oct. 26.



Today each Meals on Wheels client will receive a biannual box of non-perishable items to cover any future emergency when drivers might not be able to deliver.

“For instance, today we would sub out the chicken salad with cucumber hummus and provolone cheese.”

Priscilla and Todd check out the seven addresses for today’s deliv-



Priscilla delivers a hot meal and a cold meal to a new client on today’s delivery list. Nancy Aeberli opens the door and accepts the meals as the caretaker of the client.



Priscilla Andre-Cotton has a special fondness for June Seroskie because she reminds Andre-Cotton of her mother.

PHOTOS BY SHIRLEY RUHE/GAZETTE PACKET

ery and haul the insulated containers which have been prepackaged for the cold and hot lunches to their van. Today there is an extra box for each client that contains non-perishable supplies to keep on the shelf in case there is an emergency and there would be no delivery. This special delivery takes place twice a year. One volunteer says, “I think we’ve only missed one delivery during Snowmageddon.”

Priscilla and Todd take off toward Beauregard Street to find the first address. Todd drives down the block searching for the numbers on a row of apartment buildings, turns the van around and tells Priscilla, “it must be back this way.” In a minute Priscilla decides to get out of the van. “I’m going to walk it; it’s easier. Priscilla disappears while Todd drives into the

apartment complex and follows the numbers.

He finds the address, but the next question is where is Priscilla. She comes jogging around the corner and they locate Unit 10. “Next time we’ll know,” she says. “We won’t get caught more than once. But guess we won’t finish our route in an hour today.” She says Meals on Wheels does provide detailed directions but sometimes a new one can be difficult to locate.

Priscilla heads up the stairs and Nancy Aeberli opens the door. She explains she is the ex-wife and caretaker of the new Meals on Wheels client.

After a quick conversation, the Andre-Cottons backtrack and head around the corner to the next client. Priscilla explains the next person on the list has a nephew, John

Pope, who spends twice a week there and answers the door to collect the meals.

On to the third house where they park and slide open their van door to collect this week’s delivery.

Knock-out roses are still blooming in the yard and a bird chirps in the tree by the front door. After a wait, June Seroskie answers the door.

“June reminds me of my mom. She is very gracious. When she wasn’t doing very well a while back, she had me take the meals to her kitchen, and it was all very prim and proper,” Priscilla says.

The Alexandria Meals on Wheels program is one of the few programs in the country with delivery seven days a week. Volunteers are welcome. Contact mealprograms@seniorservicesalex.org.

Sons of American Revolution Honor Sheriff, Deputies

John Blair of the George Washington Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution presented Deputy Brian Wade, Deputy Gerald Wooden and Deputy Myrna Juarez with awards on Oct. 24 for their outstanding responses in two incidents last year. Then Blair presented an award to Sheriff Dana Lawhorne in recognition of his exceptional public service.

Blair, who serves as the chapter’s Public Safety Awards chair, first awarded Wade and Wooden with law enforcement commendation medals for their quick thinking and rescue of an inmate who had attempted suicide.

Then he presented Juarez with the chapter’s new life-saving award for her response, while off duty, to aid a man who had been critically injured in a crash

on I-95. Blair stated that Juarez is the first person to receive this award.

Members of the deputies’ families and many of their colleagues were present to see them receive their awards. Blair also announced that his chapter was presenting Lawhorne with the law enforcement commendation medal for his outstanding public service. Due to a prior commitment, Lawhorne was unable to be there so Undersheriff Tim Gleeson had the honor of accepting the award on the Sheriff’s behalf.

From left: John Blair, Deputy Brian Wade, Deputy Myrna Juarez, Deputy Gerald Wooden, and Undersheriff Tim Gleeson at the Sons of the American Revolution presentation ceremony at the Alexandria Sheriff’s Office.





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Mayor Allison Silberberg chats with World War II veteran Philip Lundeberg at the Armistice commemoration ceremony Nov. 11 at American Legion Post 24.



World War I historian Dr. Lee Anthony speaks to attendees at the commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the Armistice to end WWI Nov. 11 at American Legion Post 24 in Old Town.



Gretchen Bulova, director of the Office of Historic Alexandria, welcomes guests to the ceremony marking the 100th anniversary of the Armistice to end WWI Nov. 11 at American Legion Post 24. Looking on is Post 24 Commander Doug Gurka.

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City Commemorates 100th Anniversary of WWI Armistice

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service to their country shortly after WWI. More than 4,000 residents served directly in WWI in uniform, while hundreds more worked in war industries including aircraft construction, shipbuilding and other war-related production.

Although the signing of the Treaty of Versailles on June 28, 1919, officially ended World War I, hostilities between the major powers ended on Nov. 11, 1918, when an armistice went into effect. Armistice Day was celebrated in the United States every year thereafter until President Dwight D.

Eisenhower changed it to Veterans Day in 1954 to encompass the veterans of all American wars.

Gadsby's Tavern was originally purchased by the American Legion Post 24 in 1929 and opened as a memorial to local WWI veterans.

The building was gifted to the city in 1972 and now operates as a museum and restaurant.

The plaque honoring WWI veterans is located on the Cameron Street side of the building outside of the entrance to American Legion Post 24.



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OBITUARY

Patricia Sarah Gibson

Patricia Sarah Gibson — known to her family and friends as Trish — died on Oct. 27, 2018 at age 63 from a rare form of cancer. She died peacefully at the home of her daughter in Boulder, Colo., surrounded by her family, her final wish.

Trish was born on July 28, 1955, in Rockville Centre, N.Y., daughter of the late Francis S. Murphy and Patricia Blazey Murphy. The family moved to Washington, D.C., in 1967, where Trish graduated from Wilson High School and attended American University. She and her husband, Campbell (Cam) Gibson, were married in 1979, and, except for four years in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia (1979-1981 and 1993-1995), made their home in the Alexandria area of Fairfax County.

Trish was active in numerous community and school activities, starting with the Junior Friends of the Campagna Center in Alexandria, where one year she was in charge of the Scottish Christmas Walk Parade. Subsequently, she volunteered for the United Community Ministries (UCM) in the Mt. Vernon area, where she co-chaired the Capitol Steps fundraising event for many years. At West Potomac High School, Trish was president of the parents' association for the Wolverine marching band. She worked for 14 years at the American Horticultural Society in various positions and retired as director of Buildings and Grounds. Her last volunteer activity was at the USO at Fort



Belvoir. Trish's other interests and hobbies included gardening, knitting, bowling, and her 9:30 class at Trident

CrossFit. She had a lifelong fondness for England, especially inn-to-inn walking tours.

Trish was known to her many friends for her warmth and generosity and for helping others in times of need. She was a wonderful wife, mother, and grandmother. In recent years, she doted on her four young granddaughters (the "Grand Girls") and loved knitting for them and did Facetime with them nearly every day.

She is survived by her husband, Cam, of Alexandria; by her daughter Nicole Christensen, son Trevor Gibson, son-in-law Eric Christensen, daughter-in-law Maura Dudley, and granddaughters Harriet Christensen, Campbell Christensen, Simone Gibson, and Lilla Gibson, all residents of Boulder, Colo.; and by her three siblings, Dano Murphy of Bethesda, Md., Barbara Murphy of Washington, D.C., and Charlotte Murphy of Mt. Airy, Md., and their families.

A memorial service for Trish will be held early next year. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, contributions in her name be made to the Semper Fi Fund of the U.S. Marine Corps.



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OPINION

Wetlands, Toxins: Who Should Pay?

To the Editor:

As kids growing up in Alexandria, we knew that the soil around the train tracks in Potomac yard contained toxic wastes. We did not play there. I recall watching workers spray herbicides to clear weeds from the tracks.

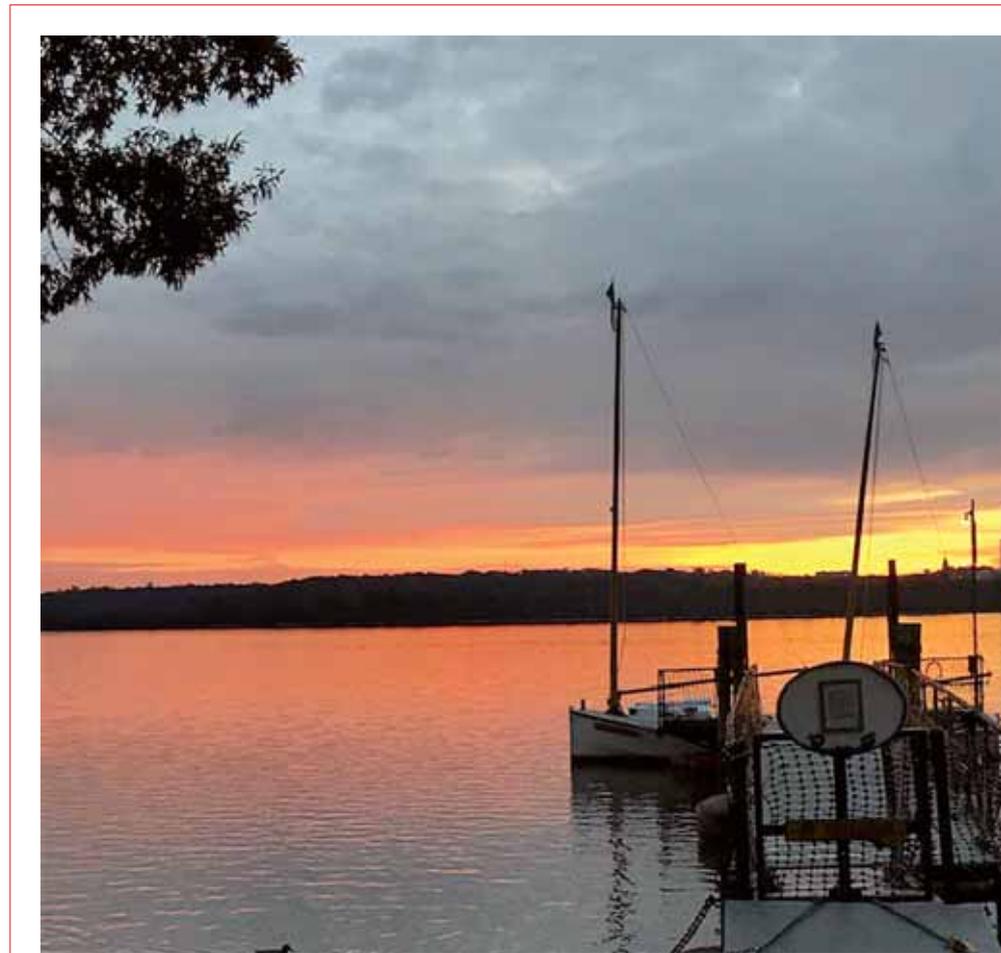
Reading the Citizens for Common Cents advertisement (Nov. 1-7, page 9) opposing the Metro station, and the letter "Fresh Eyes on Fresh Water" by C. Dara and Jimm Roberts the following week, leads me to conclude that construction of the planned Metro station is still too risky, because the process lacks due diligence for health and environmental quality and transparent accountability.

We must insist on an independent Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) as required by Federal law, including an impact study of wetlands, lest these be destroyed. Further Potomac Yard development portends toxic runoff that can kill fish and wildlife up and down the food chain and pose direct health threats to Alexandrians, particularly residents of Potomac Greens. Ultimately this amounts to a negative-sum investment if the health/environmental benefits purchased with our multi-million dollar Combined Sewage System (CSS) project are negated at twice the cost. Such risks should prompt the city to evaluate putative liability costs from legal actions not only by its own citizens but also by residents in downriver communities.

Financial transparency of assets and liabilities are necessary to determine feasibility of Metro station and Potomac Yard plans with complete project budgets and tax revenue projections. Are our taxes meant to subsidize major private developers such as JBG? How can the city let a major housing development such as South Potomac Yard be planned and developed (with North Potomac Yard coming next) without first ensuring capacity for transportation (and school) needs, and then stick taxpayers with the bill for Metro access? If there is to be a Metro station, developers such as JBG or other pertinent developers (such as for Amazon HQ2) should pay for it, but only after due diligence that significant environmental and health impacts have been properly excluded.

The bottom-line: the cost of the Metro station is prohibitive. The city will likely pay closer to \$500 million than the \$320 million estimated, not to mention the incalculable costs of health and environmental risks. Once the shopping center is demolished to develop North Potomac Yard for mixed-use, the city will lose the \$34 million in annual taxes from its retailers, pending new mixed-use revenues. What is the time-lag and effect on the city budget during this time? Will taxes increase to compensate?

The newly-elected council should stop and think. Please get real about risks, costs, liabilities, environmental protection, and regulatory compliance. Align tax funds with priority goals. Without true due diligence and a changed approach, the Metro station will be built at huge citizen expense, diverting funds from other pressing priorities (climate change, school infrastructure, education, etc.). Together with development of North Potomac Yard, the Metro station pits our environment and health against



Sunrise

PHOTO BY DIANA BANAT

Monday, Nov. 12 morning at Waterfront Park.

an expected increased tax base at a later time. Is this a good deal?

Mary E. Palmer M.D.
Alexandria

Will Amazon Save the Wetlands?

To the Editor:

There appears to be nothing that local and state elected officials won't do to please Jeff Bezos and his billions.

Now that Amazon is really coming to town, Alexandria officials are rushing to get their new Potomac Yard Metro station approved by the Planning Commission and City Council, permitted by state and federal agencies, and built. Even the Commonwealth of Virginia has joined the cheerleading by promising to spend a few hundred million dollars on transportation improvements that might include the southern entrance to the Potomac Yard Metro station that was cut because of a lack of funding.

But these facts overlook another important fact: Alexandria has chosen a Metro site that will destroy valuable wetlands along the George Washington Memorial Parkway. Nobody seems care all that much about the environmental damage, not the National Park Service, and certainly not the City of Alexandria.

According to the so-called compensation agreement, the city's "preferred alternative is designed to minimize impacts to wetlands and other waters of the U.S. and to compensate for impacts to wetlands in accordance with the Clean Water Act...." But the facts indicate the opposite conclusion.

The recently formed Environmental Council

of Alexandria (ECA) has voiced its strong disapproval by asking the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to deny Alexandria its request for permits to fill in these wetlands. The ECA believes that the damage will be permanent, and that it also involves tidal wetlands. The solution is to build the Metro station elsewhere in Potomac Yard.

The Potomac Yard wetlands are a valuable ecological and environmental resource. The wetlands which the city has chosen to destroy both filter contaminants and absorb great quantities of water and runoff.

There is nothing smart or innovative about building a Metro station in a wetland when viable less environmentally damaging alternatives exist. Hear ye, hear ye, economic development, without a sound environmental foundation, is not acceptable.

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Value All Viewpoints

To the Editor:

As chairman of the Alexandria Area Young Republicans (AAJR), I would like to congratulate the young candidates of both parties for running for office this year. While the races for City Council and U.S. House District 8 did not

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LETTERS

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turn out precisely the way we wanted, Kevin Dunne and Thomas Oh are two young Republicans who are committed to representing the City of Alexandria. They have shown us that the next generation is ready to seek and hold elected office for the benefit of us all. We hope they return to the ballot very soon.

Even though they are not Republicans, we at AAYR look forward to working with the young members of our newly elected City Council (Elizabeth Bennet-Parker, Mo Seifeldin, Canek Aguirre) on the issues of mutual importance in our city. These include: ending the "Tale of Two Alexandrias" where we have some of the very best schools in the same city as schools that are failing or are unaccredited; instituting better transparency and accountability within the City Council; not waiting until the city is in violation of federal standards to fix our infrastructure (water and sewer specifically); creating a better business climate in our city; looking to manage city expenditures before raising taxes; and helping those most in need of medical care, food, and housing with non-governmental solutions, to name a few.

We at AAYR would also like to explore a more direct form of representation so that all citizens of Alexandria have a member of council that is local to them. As champions of democracy, we should all strive for a city that represents all viewpoints in positions of government rather than having one political party controlling everything.

Congratulations again to all and we at AAYR look forward to working with the young people of Alexandria on these and other issues that matter to the people of our fine city.

Andrew Lund
Alexandria

Improve Process

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to your final report on the elections for City Council. As you reported, all of the elected City Council members were sponsored by the Democratic Party. The overall way the election was conducted, from the primary to the November election, was an absolute sham. There was no way that any minority party could possibly win — unless the Democrats did not come out and vote.

As you know, at-large elections have been determined illegal in many communities across our country since the passage of the

Voting Rights Act of 1965 because they were determined to be discriminatory. At-large elections permitted the majority faction in the community (be it by race, religion, or political party) to win all seats on their City Council. Therefore, the minorities did not get any representation on the council even though their percentage in the community in many cases would have justified one or two.

This is the same thing that is happening in Alexandria where the minority parties are being effectively shut-out for representation on the City Council. In the last election, votes for the Democratic candidates for the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives were about 80 percent of all votes cast. In the City Council election, we saw about the same distribution with the six Democrats receiving between 70 and 80 percent of the votes when corrected for the fact that each voter could vote for up to six candidates and the top Republican got more than 20 percent of the vote.

In a fair election, one would assume that the Republicans should have won about 20 percent of the City Council seats (or about one seat), but because of the way the elections are run in this city, the majority party is able to effectively shut-out any minority party.

This needs to be corrected.

One way to correct this is to divide the city into precincts or wards and have people vote only for the candidates representing their precinct or ward. Then the City Council member representing them will truly be representing their interests.

Another way, which is not as effective, would be to not allow any political party primary prior to the City Council election. All candidates would be on the November ballot with no party affiliation. Unfortunately, this would probably result in the majority party having a caucus to limit the number of candidates the party put on the final ballot.

The purpose of a democracy is to provide representation for all viewpoints, be it religious, political, race, gender, sexual orientation, etc. It is shameful that our city has an electoral process that is not democratic.

James J. Melton
Alexandria

'Cut Your Losses'

To the Editor:

The "No Potomac Yards" ad by

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Special Use Permit #2018-0087	Individual	300 Montgomery St	Additional square footage for a projecting sign	Approved	6 to 0
Special Use Permit #2018-0086	LaPlata Doughnuts, LLC	215 S Union St	To operate a restaurant	Approved	6 to 0
Master Plan Amendment #2018-0009; Rezoning #2018 Zelaya Homes, LLC	Zelaya Homes, LLC	309 N Patrick St	Amend land use designation; rezone a lot	Approved	7 to 0
Development Special Use Permit #2017-0006; Transportation Management Plan Special Use Permit #2018-0048	Wesley Housing Development Corporation, Fair	3846 King St	Construct a multifamily residential building including a special use permit to increase the floor area ratio in exchange for affordable housing units	Approved, as amended	7 to 0
Text Amendment #2018-0010	City P&Z Dept.	N/A	Amend zoning ordinance to create the Alexandria board of architectural review and dissolve the Old and Historic Alexandria District and Parker-Gray District boards of architectural review	Approved, as amended	7 to 0
Eisenhower West-Landmark Van Dom Developer Contribution Policy	City P&Z Dept.	N/A	Establish Developer Contributions Fund and formula for developer contributions to implement the Eisenhower West Small Area Plan and Landmark Van Dom Corridor Plan. Contributions to improve infrastructure and mitigate impact of new development.	Approved, as amended	6 to 0
Rezoning #2018-0008; Development Special Use Permit #2016-0038; Transportation Management Plan Special Use Permit #2018-0085	City of Alexandria (Rezoning only), Dechantal Associates, Inc.	1604-1614 King St & 1604 Dechantal St	Construct a 49-unit multifamily dwelling and convert the existing townhouses to 10 multifamily dwelling units, increase the floor area ratio	Approved	6 to 0
Master Plan Amendment #2018-0008; Text Amendment #2018-0014; Coordinated Development District Concept Plan Amendment #2018-0006; Development Special Use Permit #2018-0002	City of Alexandria (Text Amendment only), Silverstone Alexandria, LP c/o Silverstone Senior Living.	2602 Main Line Blvd	Amend Potomac Yard/Potomac Greens Small area Plan to include home for the elderly/life care facility; amend the allowable office square footage and add maximum square footage/dwelling units; convert portion of office use; construct two home for the elderly/life care facility buildings, with ground floor retail on the south building, including bonus height for the provision of affordable housing; additional mechanical penthouse on each building, penthouses in excess of 15 feet in height, parking increase, loading space reduction	Approved	6 to 0
Subdivision #2018-0004; Rezoning #2018-0003	CPYR Shopping Center, LLC; APTA Centennial Properties, LLC	3050 Potomac Ave & portion of 3601 Jefferson Davis Hwy	Subdivide and rezone to allow for a land exchange between APTA and CPYR, in connection with Potomac Yard redevelopment	Approved	6 to 0
Special Use Permit #2018-0072	Yates Table Restaurant, LLC	1623 Duke St	Change of ownership	Approved	Administrative
Special Use Permit #2018-0088	The Snack Bar, LLC	2419 Mount Vernon Ave	Request for new use for a restaurant	Approved	Administrative
Special Use Permit #2018-0089	Fontaine Cafe, Inc.	115 & 119 S Royal St	Change of ownership	Approved	Administrative

Shaping the City: How Planning Commission Voted

Here's what the Planning Commission decided at its November meeting, held over two days, Thursday, Nov. 1 and Thursday, Nov. 8. Vice Chair Nathan Macek was absent from the Nov. 8 continuation. For more information, visit www.alexandriava.gov/Planning.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Citizens for Common Cents in the Nov. 1 Gazette Packet did an excellent job of laying out the terrible effects this new station would have on our beautiful city if we go ahead with it.

I would like to add one question: Does this new station have any constituency besides developers who are directly profiting from it and their city doppelgangers?

And one further objection: There isn't the slightest need for a new station. On the contrary, development hasn't even touched the fallow lands around several of the existing stations. And the West End is home to a new tourist attraction, the Ghost Mall, with all the dereliction but none of the charm of Western ghost towns. Is that going to be a generational thing? Is it even going to spread, if millions are sunk into the redundant new station?

The phrase "Cut your losses" is the kindest thing that can be said about the Potomac Yard station.

Elisabeth Vodola
Alexandria

Appreciative

To The Editor:

On Oct. 31, at 3 p.m, the contractor for Washington Gas, InfraSource, was repair-



Supervisor Melvin Smith and Al Woodson of InfraSource, contractor for Washington Gas, along with Activist Geri Baldwin.

ing the sidewalk just in time for all the little trick-or-treaters along the 500 block of Wilkes Street.

On the behalf of the residents along Wilkes Street — and me as well — I'd like to thank Supervisor Thomas Edgewood, Melvin Smith, Al Woodson and all of the guys with InfraSource for their diligence and efforts to keep the area safe for pedestrians, joggers, seniors, and the disabled.

It's much easier to walk on and, with all the leaves falling and change of weather, safer too.

Activist Geri Baldwin
Alexandria

A Non-violent Thanksgiving

To the Editor:

While President Trump is pardoning two turkeys for Thanksgiving, everyone of us can exercise that same presidential power by choosing a non-violent Thanksgiving observance.

And here are some other good reasons:

- ❖ You can brag about pardoning a turkey - like Trump (or not).
- ❖ You will stay awake for your entire favorite football game.
- ❖ Your sensible vegetarian kid won't have to boycott the family dinner.
- ❖ Plant-based holiday roasts don't have to carry government warning labels.
- ❖ You won't have to call Poultry Hotline to keep your family out of the hospital.
- ❖ Your body will appreciate a holiday from the fat, cholesterol, and hormones.
- ❖ You won't sweat the environment and food resources devastation guilt trip.
- ❖ You won't spend a sleepless night wondering how the turkey lived and died.

Seriously, this Thanksgiving, let's give thanks for our good fortune, health, and happiness with a life-affirming, cruelty-free feast of plant-based holiday roast, vegetables, fruits, and grains.

Our own dinner will feature a store-bought plant-based holiday roast, mashed potatoes, stuffed squash, candied yams, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pie. An internet search on "vegetarian Thanksgiving" is getting us more recipes than we could possibly use.

Ali Gatlin
Alexandria

Write

The Gazette Packet welcomes views on any public issue.

The deadline for all material is noon Friday. Letters must be signed. Include home address and home and business numbers. Letters are routinely edited for libel, grammar, good taste and factual errors.

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LIVING LEGENDS

Florence King's Mission: Financial Literacy

BY MIKE LANE

The numbers don't change very much from year to year. As high as 14 percent of Americans are classified as illiterate. Despite multitudes of programs designed to reduce that rate, the needle doesn't seem to move.

The numbers don't change much when measuring the financial literacy of Americans either. Shockingly, surveys show that only about 35 percent of us are financially literate. It is the remaining 65 percent who were never taught or even exposed to financial literacy who are at-risk for substantial financial and burdensome debt problems.

Enter Florence M. King, civic activist, classical music enthusiast, descendent of a slave owned by George Washington, and founder and CEO of the FMK Financial Literacy Center, a non-profit organization.

Imagine over the years you have collected more credit cards than you need. As your needs changed and better offers came along, you opened new accounts but never closed the old ones. As you prepare the application for a new mortgage you are tempted to simplify things by closing a handful or more of your old accounts.

"Don't do it!" warns King. "Every account you close will lower your credit report score and multiple closures may lower it to the point of disqualification."

Before graduating from George Mason University, King worked at Equifax, one of the major credit reporting companies. The things she learned about managing a credit score have powered a career in credit management and now, credit and financial literacy education.

After a first career as a federal employee, King founded FMK Credit Services in 1991 where she helped clients repair bad credit ratings. During that time, she was contracted as a consultant to the American Red

Cross and evaluated and dispensed millions of dollars in emergency aid to families and victims of Sept. 11, 2001.

She sold that business and in 2005 started FMK Credit Education Center. In 2016 she founded yet a third company, the non-profit FMK Financial Literacy Center.

The Financial Literacy Center's mission is to ensure that disadvantaged families and senior citizens are educated in such a way that will promote financial stability and independence and provide ways to improve their financial footing through self-sufficiency and home ownership. It empowers underserved and at-risk families by exposing them to financial education programs to reduce the cycle of unsound monetary practices. Those new to the United States with little or no experience with American financial institutions are another target demographic.

King holds regular seminars teaching the financial illiterate the skills necessary to enter the financial mainstream. She often partners with businesses, schools, churches and other corporations to work directly with those in need. Many of her students have never had a bank account, much less a credit card or bank loan. Others are disqualified from mainstream banking due to their financial history. She also does one-on-one counseling.

Many are trapped in a cycle of high-fee services such as check cashing storefronts, car-title or payday loan companies. Successful graduates of King's seminars receive a certificate honored by local banks which allow them to open their first account. Often a bank representative attends a semi-



Florence King

PHOTO BY STEVEN HALPERSON/TISARA PHOTO

woman in the post-civil war era.

A nonpartisan city Elections Officer for 25 years, King has also served on a plethora of other Alexandria City Citizens Commissions, including the Alexandria Historical Resources Commission where she has contributed to preserving the historical legacy of our city for 15 years.

She is currently chairwoman of the city's Commission on Employment where her commission is responsible for developing a citywide plan for employment services that reflects the goals of linking existing City employment and training programs with employment and training programs

operated by the city school systems and with the economic development program operated by the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with

City Council.

Also, in the city of Alexandria, King is on the Board of Agenda:Alexandria, a non-partisan, non-profit organization that produces monthly programs with an unbiased multifaceted look at controversial topics in Alexandria.

She is an active member of the board of directors of the Alexandria Symphony having recently spearheaded an effort to reduce the symphony's venue costs by thousands of dollars.

King is a vice-president of the Northern Virginia Urban League and partners with the league to present her financial literacy educational seminars.

She has served as a member of the board and chairman of the Development Committee for Alexandria's Parent Leadership Training Institute, an organization that seeks to teach advocacy skills to parents to enable them to become leading advocates for their children.

The Northern Virginia Black Chamber of Commerce says this about her: "Ms. King has quietly helped others to be better individuals and better members of society."

nar and opens special no-fee new accounts for graduates right there on the spot.

Over the years, King estimates she has helped upwards toward 10,000 clients with their credit and financial literacy difficulties. And she has no plans to slow down.

For almost 20 years, King has been more than a "key" member of the Financial Counseling Team ministry at McLean Bible Church. The church describes her as its "most trusted financial counselor" and a "woman of great character, courage, humility and discernment."

Growing up in Fairfax County before integration, King was bused across the county to Luther Jackson High School, the only high school African-Americans could attend. She is a descendant of both Thornton Gray and Thomasine Gray; Thornton was a freed slave at Mt. Vernon while Thomasina was enslaved at Mt. Vernon until emancipated by George Washington in 1801. King served on the City of Alexandria's Freedman's Cemetery Memorial Steering Committee and is also recording secretary of the Laurel Grove School Association, a historic schoolhouse telling the story of many freedmen and

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City, Schools Paint Grim Upcoming Fiscal Picture

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by law — to “solve for the gap,” as Morgan Routt, the city’s budget director, put it. They’ve done so by varying combinations of cuts; raising new revenue and reducing or outsourcing staffing (in the city’s case); and drawing down on fund balance (in the schools’ case).

For both the city government and school division, the principal budget driver is personnel costs.

Salaries and benefits account for more than half of the city’s operating budget, excluding schools and capital funding, said Routt. For the schools, the proportion is almost 90 percent, said Dr. Gregory Hutchings Jr., the schools’ superintendent.

Rising health insurance costs represent a particular challenge, especially for the schools, which have seen a 39 percent increase over five years.

While the city has cut or contracted out 71 full-time equivalent positions since 2009, the schools have added positions in recent years, largely due to ballooning student enrollment.

Students learning English as a second language and students eligible for free and reduced price meals (a federal program and proxy measure of poverty) have increased by 21 percent and 8 percent over five years. These subgroups, which require more specialized instruction and services and thus cost more, accounted for 32 percent and 59 percent of Alexandria’s student body in FY 2018 — about twice the proportions in Arlington and Fairfax’s schools.

Construction and labor costs continue to rise, making the city and schools’ long lists of capital projects that much more expensive.

Once project cost re-estimates are finalized for this budget go-around, “we may end up ... saying, we can’t afford all these, and that’ll send us back to the drawing board. Or we may say, these are important, critical projects we need to move forward with, and therefore we’ll have to up the local funding, either through debt or through cash capital, for those projects,” said City Manager Mark Jinks.

For the schools’ part, “we would like to move away from allocating the maximum use of our fund balance every year to bal-

ance our budget,” said Dominic Turner, the schools’ acting CFO. Following such a trajectory, “we would end up with no fund balance, and if there were an emergency, we wouldn’t have the funds to be able to cover that.”

SLOW REVENUE GROWTH

“We’re in one of the longest growth cycles in U.S. history. ... It’s been almost 10 years since we’ve had what anyone technically calls a recession,” said Kendel Taylor, the city’s finance director.

Yet a decade of national growth hasn’t resulted in Alexandria’s revenues keeping up with spending pressures.

Residential and commercial real property, which together account for about 60 percent of FY 2019 city General Fund revenues, haven’t seen robust growth. The residential tax base “has come back” since the aftermath of the financial crisis, “but it really isn’t a thriving tax category,” said Taylor. Commercial assessments have remained relatively “flat.”

That’s in unadjusted dollars. In inflation-adjusted dollars, comparing 2018 to 2009, residential and commercial assessments haven’t grown at all, remaining almost exactly flat at \$22 billion and \$17 billion.

The tax rate, however, increased from

\$0.903 per \$100 of assessed value in 2009 to \$1.13 in 2018 — a record high since 1988.

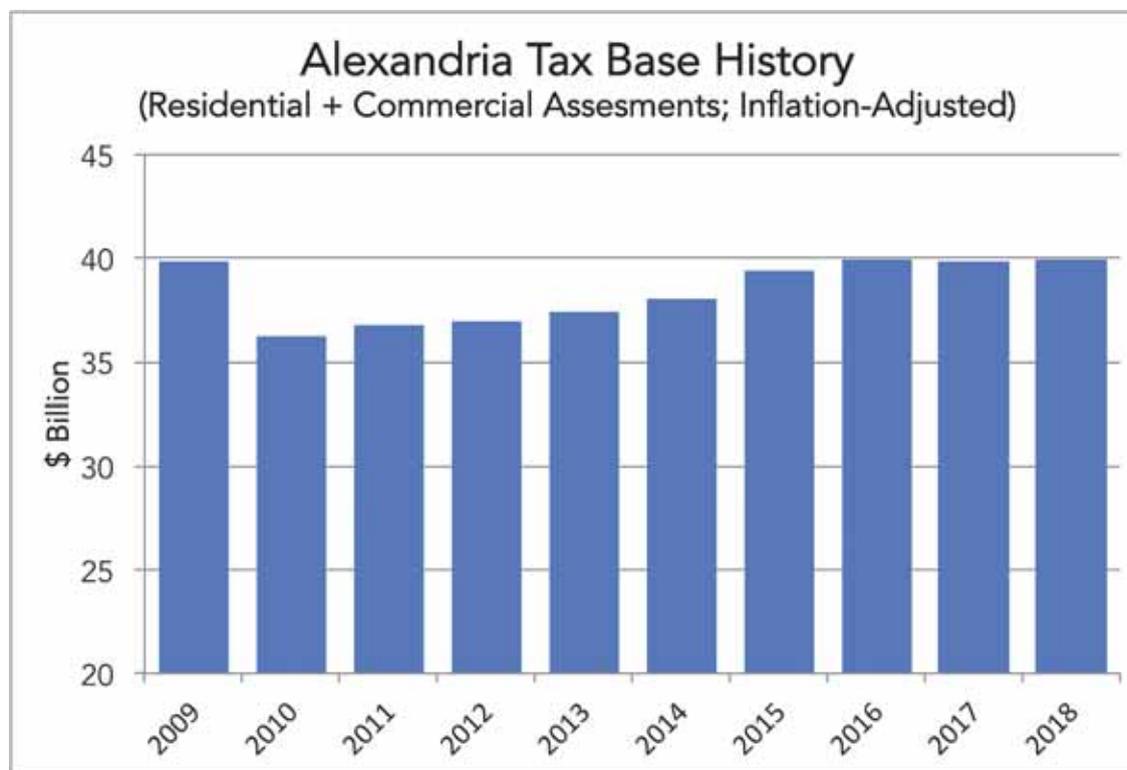
Business property taxes, major consumer taxes (sales, transient lodging, restaurant, communications) and business license/gross receipts taxes tell a similar low-, no-, or negative-growth story.

Only the vehicular personal property tax has seen appreciable growth — though it’s a relatively minor category, accounting for only 5 percent of FY 2019 General Fund revenues.

“[Alexandria’s] aid from other governments [state, federal] is basically stagnant,” said Taylor.

“The changes from the Medicaid expansion will probably result in a loss for us. Other revenue sources are going to go down and it’s going to net to nothing. We’re going to watch very closely what happens with the Internet sales tax reform. But ... it’s not going to be the panacea” that some have hoped for.

Amazon’s second headquarters, announced for Arlington and Alexandria this week, “will hopefully have long-term impact. But we won’t see immediate revenue impact We can’t count on that being the things that saves us in the coming fiscal year,” she said.



On the other hand, population influx resulting from Amazon’s decision could exacerbate the schools’ existing enrollment-related budget challenges, said Hutchings.

In the regional economy overall, “there’s been a shift: we aren’t as reliant on the federal government” as in the past, said Taylor. “We’re more diversified, and that’s good. But ... jobs that we have today are not as high-paying ... as the jobs we had back in 2008-2010. ... The jobs we lost were worth more than the new jobs we’ve added, to the tune of about \$44,000 per job,” compared to 2007, in terms of gross regional product.

As a result, the Washington, D.C. region’s ranking among metropolitans nationwide, in terms of per capita income growth, slipped from 4th during the period 2000-06 to 15th during 2010-16.

“And this, remember, is in the midst of the country’s second longest economic growth cycle in history,” said Taylor.

LOOMING ECONOMIC DOWNTURN

History suggests “it’s very likely we’re going to have some sort of slowdown. Everyone agrees on that,” she said.

The probability of a U.S. recession will rise to 14 percent by next October, according to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, using a model based on Treasury yields. That’s up from about 10 percent presently, 8 percent a year ago, 3 percent two years ago. The last time the model yielded a 14-percent likelihood was July 2006, a year and a half before the Great Recession began.

“In the past, the D.C. area has been able to withstand some of the recessions’ impacts that other parts of the country aren’t able to withstand, because of our reliance on the federal government,” said Taylor. Less economic dependence on the feds at present, while “really good” in other respects, “could also mean that we don’t weather as well when the next recession happens.”

Summing up, she said: “The reality is that, economically speaking, nobody does know what’s going to happen in the next 6-12 months. But the indicators that we have show a lot of negative pressure for our citizens and for our city revenues.”

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company’s press release.

Amazon will receive performance-based direct incentives of \$573 million based on the company creating 25,000 jobs with an average wage of over \$150,000 in Arlington. This includes a

workforce cash grant from the Commonwealth of Virginia of up to \$550 million based on \$22,000 for each job created over the next 12 years. Amazon will only receive this incentive if it creates the forecasted high-paying jobs. The company will also receive a cash grant from Arlington of \$23 million over 15 years based on the incre-

mental growth of the existing local Transient Occupancy Tax, a tax on hotel rooms.

The region and Amazon employees will benefit from the Commonwealth investing \$195 million in infrastructure in the neighborhood, including improvements to the Crystal City and the Potomac Yards Metro stations; a pedestrian bridge connecting

National Landing and Reagan National Airport; and work to improve safety, accessibility, and the pedestrian experience crossing Route 1 over the next 10 years. Arlington will also dedicate an estimated \$28 million based on 12 per

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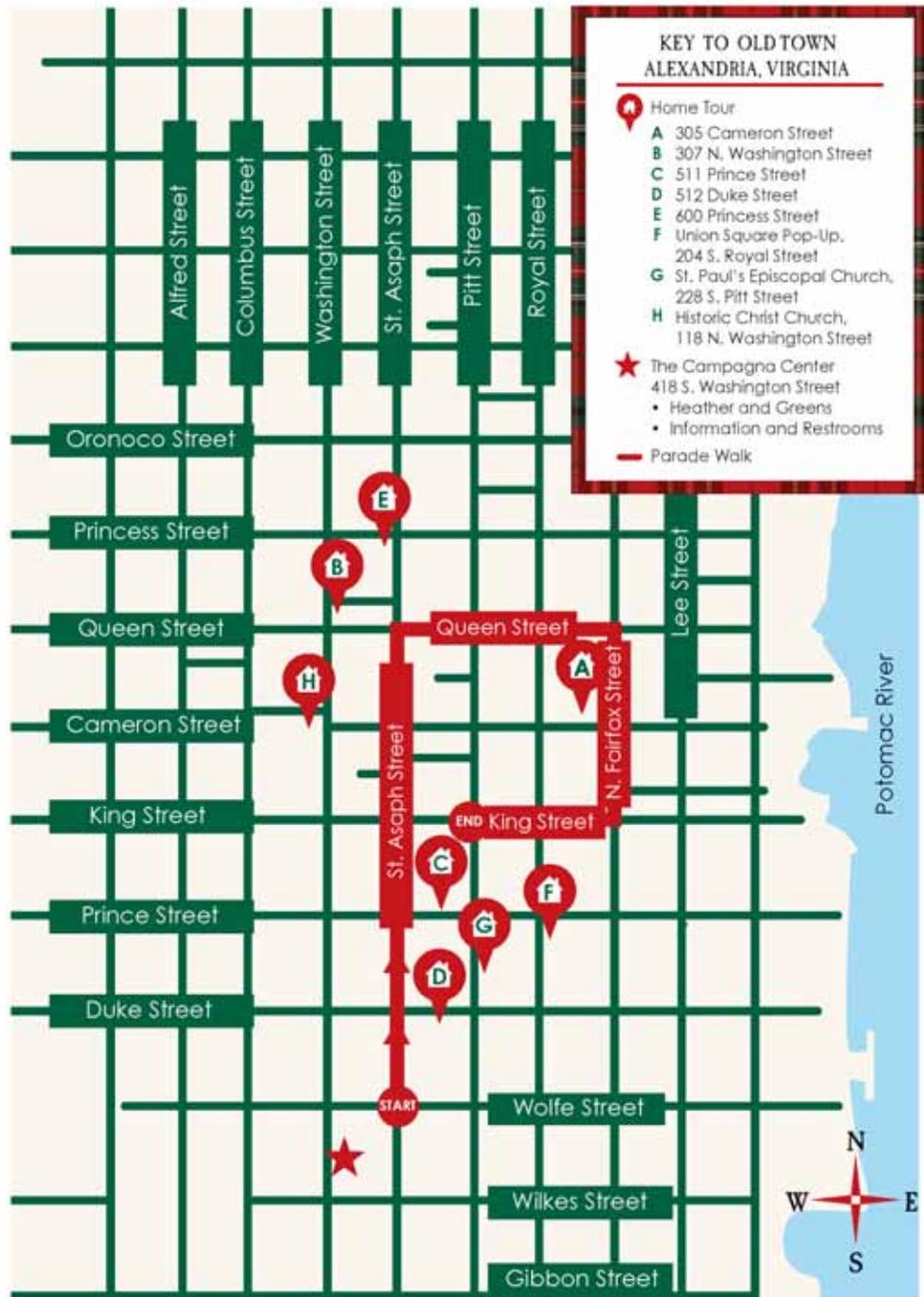
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EARLY CHILDHOOD

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- We recognize school readiness goes beyond the classroom; wellness plays a big role in school success. So our Family Services Providers work with families to ensure children in our program have health insurance and a primary medical and dental provider. By the end of the 2017/2018 program year, 93% of children had a health insurance provider, primary medical provider, and dental provider.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Our Campagna Kids and Wright to Read programs offer affordable, enriching activities and learning opportunities like literacy tutoring, homework help, spring and summer break camps, and before and after school care.
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- **88%** of children in the Wright to Read program report that "reading is easier" and they enjoy reading more since joining Wright to Read.

HIGH SCHOOL

- TCC's Building Better Futures program helps teens develop leadership skills through mentoring, academic tutoring, community service, college planning, and externships with local businesses.
- **93%** of Building Better Futures students were promoted to the next grade level; **94%** of seniors will be starting college in the fall of 2018, attending Bridgewater College, George Mason University, Virginia Tech, Old Dominion University, Marymount University, Liberty University, Virginia State University, and Northern Virginia Community College.

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- TCC's New Neighbors program helps immigrants become self-sufficient members of the community. With ten levels of English instruction, access to city services, and on-site child care, New Neighbors provides a safe place where people from many cultures build skills and friendships while learning English.
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Going Pink Recreation Department spotlights Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

In recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness month, the City of Alexandria's Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities (RPCA) raised awareness by providing activities and programs that support the fight, identified survivors and honored the loved ones taken too soon. Pink symbolizes strength and hope. RPCA will continue to bring awareness about this deadly disease that takes the lives of so many loved ones; early detection and mammogram testing save lives.



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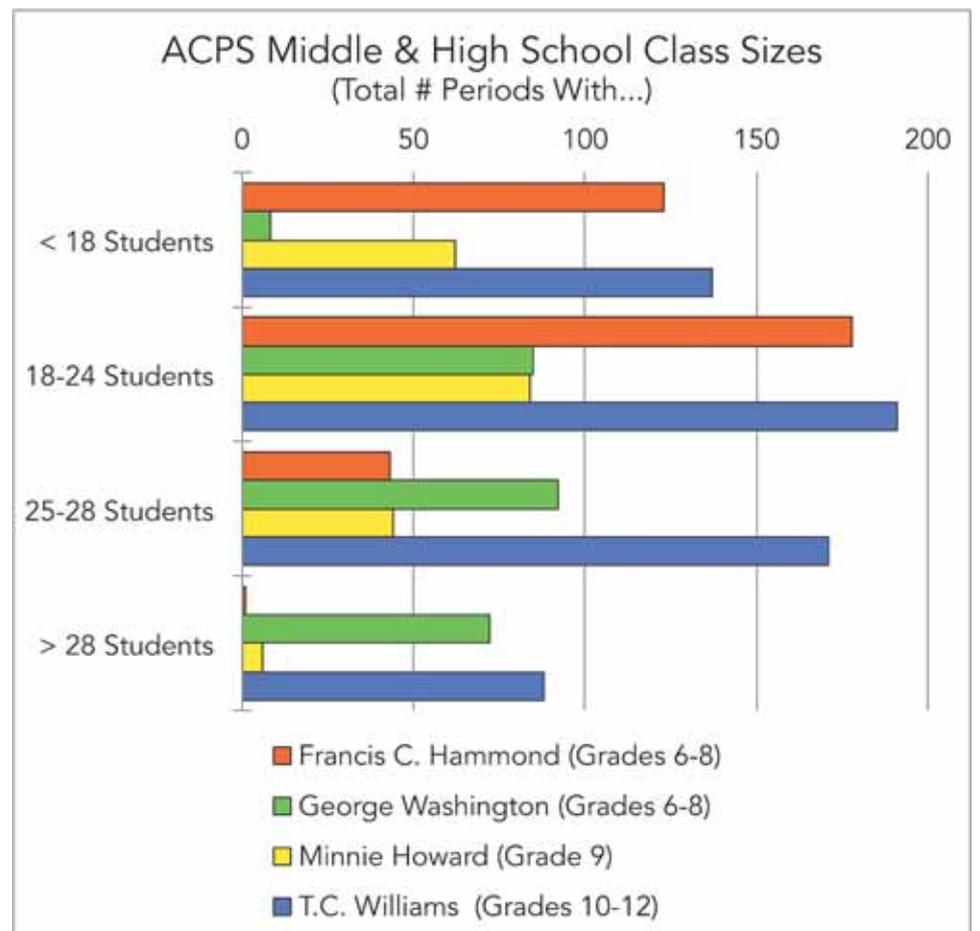
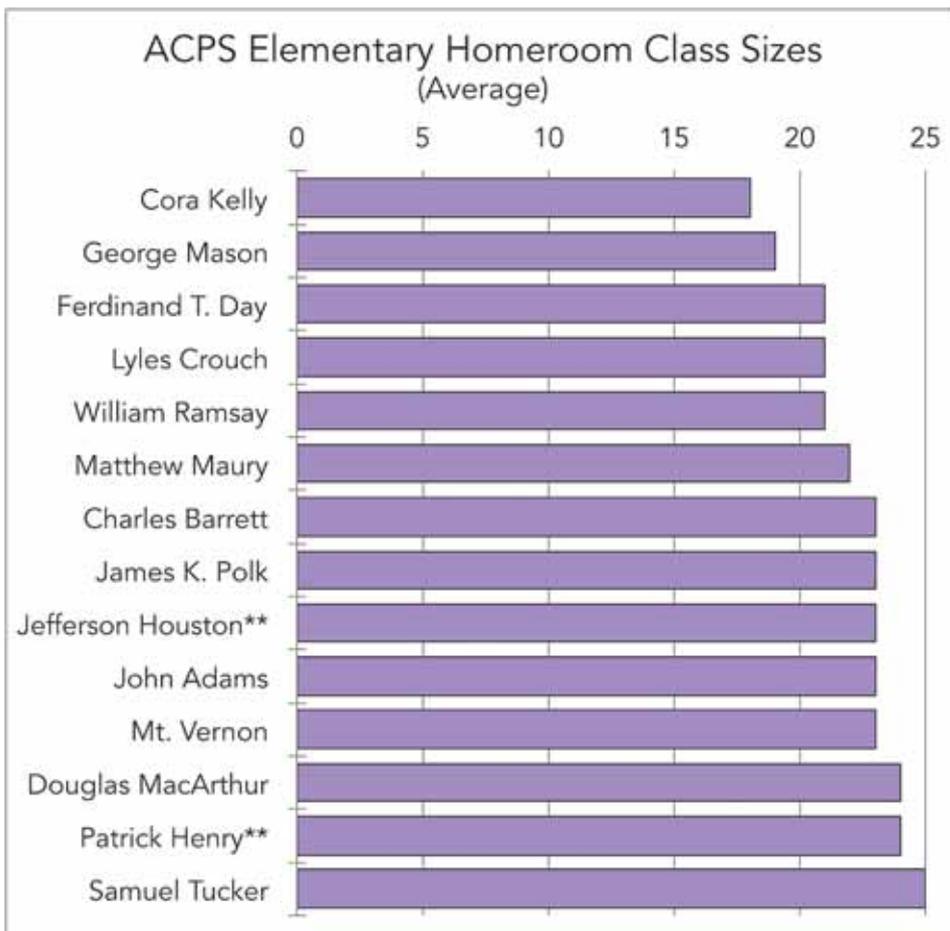
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Class Size Disparities

** = K-8 school, but only K-5 data included here, for comparability. These figures represent full compliance with state requirements for class sizes, as well as the School Board's own standards, according to Helen Lloyd, school division spokesperson. The administration is looking into the class size disparity between Francis C. Hammond and George Washington middle schools, said ACPS Superintendent Dr. Gregory Hutchings Jr.

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cent of future property tax revenues earned from an existing Tax Increment Financing district for on-site infrastructure and open space in National Landing.

Arlington and Alexandria partnered with property owner and developer JBG Smith to present Amazon with a 150-acre site — a mixture of existing vacant buildings and developable land. Amazon's initial development plans focus on JBG Smith-owned properties in Crystal City and Pentagon City in Arlington County, while the new Virginia Tech Innovation Campus will be developed in the Alexandria portion of the National Landing site.

In Alexandria's portion of Potomac Yard, Virginia Tech and the Commonwealth intend to provide funding for an Innovation Campus near Amazon's new headquarters to build a graduate campus in the southern portion of National Landing. Degree programs and research opportunities will focus on computer sciences and software engineering, while offering specializations in high-demand areas, including data sciences; analytics and collective decisions; security and the Internet of Things; and technology and policy.

As part of the Commonwealth's in-

creased investment in the tech-talent pipeline, Arlington and Alexandria public schools will have access to new resources related to computer science education, to be made available statewide. They include: ongoing professional development for current and future teachers; high-quality curriculum and related resources; summer and after-school programming for students; and meaningful career exposure and work-based learning opportunities in high-demand fields.

Arlington County and the City of Alexandria are investing \$570 million in transportation projects, including rail connections, transit facilities, multimodal streets and transportation technology serving the site, all of which were planned as part of County Board- and City Council-approved long-term Capital Improvement Plans. Arlington and Alexandria are also pursuing additional funding opportunities to advance investments in this corridor.

To augment these local investments, the Commonwealth will invest up to \$195 million of non-general fund money in new or expanded transportation projects to improve mobility in the region, including an additional entrance to the Crystal City Metro station and a south entrance off of Potomac Avenue to the new Potomac Yard Metro station. Other projects include improvements to U.S. Route 1 in Arlington

County, a pedestrian bridge from Crystal City to Reagan National Airport and a transitway expansion supporting Pentagon City, Crystal City and Potomac Yard in both Alexandria and Arlington.

As part of this project announcement, both communities will fund affordable housing, workforce housing and public infrastructure, bolstered by revenues generated from Amazon's new presence in their communities. Combined, the communities project investment of at least \$150 million over the next decade, resulting in the creation and preservation of 2,000 to 2,400 affordable and workforce units in and around the Crystal City, Pentagon City and Columbia Pike areas and throughout Alexandria.

Arlington's proposed direct financial incentive to Amazon is an annual pay-for-performance grant tied to the company meeting 6 million square feet in office occupancy targets over the initial 15 years with a value of approximately \$23 million. The incentive comes from a percentage of the new incremental revenue generated by the county's Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT), which is a tax paid by tourists and business travelers on hotel rooms or other paid lodging.

In addition to direct financial incentives, Arlington County also proposed using a portion of new incremental revenue gener-

ated by Amazon's arrival within the existing Tax Increment Financing (TIF) area to make strategic infrastructure investments in and around National Landing.

The Arlington County Board will vote on a final incentive agreement no earlier than February 2019 and will follow its regular public engagement and hearing process for development decisions.

To facilitate the development of Virginia Tech's Innovation Campus in National Landing, Alexandria has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the university in which the city agreed to work with Virginia Tech to structure a financial plan for development, potentially including local financial support, as well as providing expedited processing for planning and development approvals and permits. The Innovation Campus will be located in the Alexandria portion of National Landing on land owned by investment firm Blackstone Group L.P. real estate fund. The land is commonly referred to as Oakville Triangle and will be developed by Stonebridge Associates. The city will follow its public engagement and hearing processes for any required planning and development decisions, and any other city commitments will be decided on by City Council.

New Independent Pop-Up Bookstore Arises

Old Town Books, a new independent bookstore, is the latest pop-up to debut in Alexandria through Alexandria Economic Development Partnership's (AEDP) Pop-Up ALX program.

The general interest based bookstore located in the historic 104 South Union building, will feature literary fiction and non-fiction, with a focus on new releases, up-and-coming authors, and book club picks.

The pop-up will also have a merchandise section of greeting cards and gifts for book lovers. The store will also be a place for community engagement through book clubs, author events, writers groups, and workshops and will have a cozy kids nook with picture books, young adult books, board books, toys, puzzles, and games.

Owner Ally Kirkpatrick, a native Alexandrian, left New York City where she worked at New York University as an academic advisor to undergraduates studying Media, Culture, and Communication to launch her business concept. She grew up in the Fort Hunt area of Alexandria and is a graduate of West Potomac High School. She was an English major as an undergraduate, and earned her masters

of art in creative non-fiction at NYU Gallatin School of Individualized Study. Her passion for books and supporting emerging writers runs deep as she is a writer herself. She is developing her first book project — a memoir titled "The Green Cabin Year" — and is represented by literary agent Kate Garrick at the Karpfinger Agency in New York.

AEDP's Pop-up ALX program arranges pop-ups around Old Town Alexandria, allowing vendors to test the Alexandria market without making long-term commitments.

The agency collaborates with local property owners, brokers, and business community members to help run the program.

Old Town Books will host an invite only open house on Thursday, Nov. 15 and will open to the public on Small Business Saturday, Nov. 24 from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. The pop-up will operate from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. daily in its current location through April 2019, and will look for a larger and permanent space in Old Town.

Upcoming Old Town Books free events include: Authors Hannah Bae and Lisa Jakub, in conversation with journalist Tayla Burney on the essay collection "(Don't) Call Me Crazy: 33 Voices Start the

Conversation about Mental Health" on Nov. 27 at 6:30 p.m.; weekly storytime for children every Thursday and Saturday at 11 a.m., beginning on Nov. 24.

Upcoming Old Town Books ticketed events include: Cookbook authors Cathy Barrow ("Pie Squared") and Brian Noyes ("Red Truck Bakery Cookbook") in conversation with Washington Post

Deputy Food Editor Bonnie Benwick on Dec. 8 at 11 a.m.; author Nicole Chung ("All You Can Ever Know") will deliver a craft talk on memoir writing on Dec. 15 at 5 p.m.

Ticketed events are priced at the cost of the featured book, and are available for purchase through the Old Town Books website, www.oldtownbooks.com.

CRIME

The following incidents were reported by the Alexandria Police Department.

SUNDAY, NOV. 4

The Alexandria Police Department is investigating a commercial robbery in the 500 block of King Street. A woman implied she had a weapon while stealing items. There were no injuries.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 31

The Alexandria Police Department is investigating a robbery in the 3100 block of Mt Vernon Avenue. A unknown subject stole a belt from a teenager. There were no injuries.

National Recognition

David S. Mercer and Lucia Anna "Pia" Trigiani, principals of MercerTrigiani, received national recognition for their legal accomplishments as a boutique real estate law firm offering community association legal services. Mercer and Trigiani, both graduates of the University of Richmond School of Law, have been listed as "Best Lawyers in Real Estate Law" in the 2019 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*, marking the 15th consecutive year that both attorneys received this professional designation. MercerTrigiani also received a Tier I law firm ranking in Washington, D.C. for real estate law by U.S. News - Best Lawyers "Best Law Firms" for 2019. Additionally, the firm has received a National Tier 2 ranking for real estate law. "Best Law Firms" rankings were awarded to 14,000 firms in 122 practice areas in 170 metropolitan areas and eight states. See www.MercerTrigiani.com.






Public Meetings

Fall Transportation Meetings: Updated Schedule

You are invited to participate in public meetings held by the Commonwealth Transportation Board. The meetings will begin with an open house followed by a public comment period. At the open house you can learn about various transportation initiatives, as well as Virginia's project prioritization process (SMART SCALE), Virginia's Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, and the VTrans Multimodal Transportation Plan. Representatives from the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment and Departments of Transportation and Rail and Public Transportation will be in attendance to highlight their transportation programs and discuss your ideas and concerns about Virginia's transportation network. The open house will be followed by a public comment period, where you can provide comments about the various initiatives. Comments will be accepted at the meeting and may also be submitted via email or online at www.CTB.Virginia.gov.

Updated Schedule: Area Public Meetings will be held at the dates, locations and times listed below:

<p>Wednesday, November 28, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.* NOVA District Office Potomac Conference Room 4975 Alliance Drive Fairfax, VA 22030</p>	<p>Thursday, November 29, 2018 at 4 p.m.* Fredericksburg District Office Auditorium 86 Deacon Road Fredericksburg, VA 22405</p>
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Fall meeting materials will be available at: <http://www.ctb.virginia.gov/planning/fallmeetings/> beginning October 15, 2018.

*Please note that these dates have been changed from previous listings.

<p>If you cannot attend a meeting, you may send your comments on highway projects to Infrastructure Investment Director, VDOT, 1401 E. Broad St., Richmond, Virginia 23219, or Six-YearProgram@VDOT.Virginia.gov.</p>	<p>You may send comments on rail, public transportation, and transportation demand management to Public Information Officer, DRPT, 600 E. Main St., Suite 2102, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or DRPTPR@drpt.Virginia.gov.</p>
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Comments will be accepted until December 13, 2018.

The Commonwealth is committed to ensuring that no person is excluded from participation in, or denied the benefits of, its services on the basis of race, color, or national origin, as protected by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If you need further information on these policies or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, please contact the Virginia Department of Transportation's Title VI Compliance Officer at 804-786-2730 or the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation's Title VI Compliance Officer at 804-786-4440 (TTY users call 711).

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Lighting Up the Season

Event teams young patients with designers and artists.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

Some of the area's most talented tastemakers are donating their time and creativity to benefit a local hospital. From feathers and yarn to seashells and tree branches, local interior designers and artists are creating holiday trees, mantel and table displays, wreaths, menorahs and artwork for the second annual Light Up the Season fundraising event for Children's National Medical Center on Dec. 16.

Designers were paired with children who are patients at Children's. Throughout the creative process, the artistic creations unfolded as the patient-designer relationships grew. "Our design was inspired by the warmth of the holiday season, the onset of winter, and the magical imagination of 7-year-old Johnny our patient ...," said Jeff Akseizer of Akseizer Design Group in Alexandria. "In our interview with him, his mind exploded with all the colors, textures, and characters he loves to see at the holiday season, his favorite being the Grinch."

Akseizer is creating a holiday tree with designer Jamie Brown, also with Akseizer Design Group. "Johnny is a true inspiration," said Brown. "He plays wheelchair basketball and sled hockey. We took much of the spirit from our interview with him and plugged it into our creative minds to come up with something that would surely wow."

The holiday decor will be created to reflect the personality and spirit of each child. "My patient artist, Savannah, inspired my wreath design for this year's event," said designer Mary Biletnikoff. "She is a sweet, 6-year-old girl who loves to draw, make snow angels and snowmen ... she celebrates Christmas and loves Christmas lights," she said. "My wreath is named 'Savannah the Snow Girl' and is a modern day take on the traditional snowman. I chose this theme because girls need to grow up knowing that they are strong, kind, smart and creative just like my patient artist."

"My patient partner loves fun, color and sparkle, so we created a vibrant wreath that reflects her personality," said Wendy Danziger of Danziger Design in Bethesda.

From traditional colors to hues that stretch the imagination, ideas for creating festive designs will abound at year's event, says Biletnikoff. "I hope that visitors will be inspired to incorporate some fun and lightheartedness in their own home," she said. "If you are decorating for the holidays, I want people to consider elements that make them smile and maybe even chuckle. Design is about incorporating what you like, not what you think you should have."

"When decorating for the holidays, let your imagination take over and don't be afraid to combine elements that may at first seem unlikely companions," said Sarah Hayes of Sarah Hayes Design, who created a console table display with her 17-year-old patient. "And, as Caoilinn and I would both agree, the more twinkle lights, the merrier."

"Also, make decorations together with and for your children so they can be a part of the fun," added Biletnikoff.

Offering hints at what awaits those who visit the



PHOTO COURTESY OF MARY BILETNIKOFF

A mixture of dark red and white flowers along with holiday greenery and black and white ribbon are elements that designer Mary Biletnikoff will use to create a wreath for Light Up the Season.



PHOTO COURTESY OF MARIKA MEYERS
Marika Meyer Textiles will be used to create the garland and tree skirt for a holiday tree that Meyer is designing for Light Up the Season.

displays, Ashley Greer of Atelier Ashley Flowers in Alexandria said, "I have teamed up with a sweet ... patient to create a classic, woodlands-inspired holiday tree ... Along with my crew of talented volunteers, we've designed dozens of handmade wreaths that will adorn the tree along with beautiful glass and felt ornaments ... This tree will bring our theme — Over the River and Through the Woods — to life."

"We're inspired by our É patient partner who loves horses, unicorns, magic, pink, and purple," added Rachel and Charles Gang of Helen Olivia Flowers, also in Alexandria. "She lives in the country with her family so being outdoors is a part of her life. We're incorporating nature, plants, and pastel colors into our enchanted design."

Metallic animals, feathers and other natural elements are what designer Marika Meyer of Marika Meyer Interiors and Marika Meyer Textiles in Bethesda is using to create a safari-themed tree. "We'll incorporate some my Marika Meyer Textiles to create the garland and tree skirt using a custom colorway," she said. "It will be a festive and fun way to celebrate the holidays."

Other designers participating in Light Up the Season who are in the area include Lauren and David Liess of Lauren Liess in Great Falls, Wendy Danziger of Danziger De-

sign in Potomac, and Sascha Roth of Urban Country in Bethesda.

All of the holiday trees, mantelpieces, wreaths, menorahs and artwork on display will be available for purchase. Proceeds benefit Children's National. Light Up The Season will be on Sunday, Dec. 16, from 12-4 p.m. at Four Seasons Hotel Washington, D.C. Family activities include holiday cookie decorating, ornament making, musical performances and visits from Santa. Tickets for the event are \$50 per child 16 and under, \$85 per adult for the family and \$250 per family of four (two adults and two children 16 and under).

For more information, including how to purchase tickets and how to be a sponsor, go to childrensnational.org/lightuptheseason or email lightuptheseasondc@gmail.com.

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ONGOING

Art Exhibit: "Connecting Threads." Through Nov. 25 at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. The exhibit features the work of regional artists showcasing traditional and non-traditional ways to manipulate fiber and highlights narratives where textiles and fiber trigger nostalgia. See the exhibit and donate new towels for Carpenter's Shelter from Nov. 2-25. Visit www.DelRayArtisans.org/event/connecting-threads.

Art Exhibit: "Pattern+Texture." Through Dec. 2, gallery hours at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St., Studio 21, Alexandria. Photographer Pete McCutchen captures mesmerizing patterns found in rock, ice, and sand, transforming natural scenery into abstract, alternate realities. Presented in monochrome and printed on metallic paper, McCutchen's photographs bewitch the eye with their ability to evoke two-dimensional patterns; jagged rocks become houndstooth; sand dunes pose as pinstripes. Visit www.theartleague.org or call 703-683-1780.

Mount Vernon Farmers Market. Wednesdays, 8 a.m.-noon at Sherwood Hall Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria. Every Wednesday (through Dec. 19), 15 local farmers and producers will sell fresh produce and fruits; meats; breads and pastries; honey, jams and jellies; dairy products and eggs; herbs; and more. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets.

Dollhouse Exhibit. Through December, Tuesdays-Saturdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. Alexandria. Exhibit "Our Alexandria" Dollhouse Collection. The exhibit captures some of the forgotten businesses, people, and institutions that made African American families strong - church, school, and family. Other exhibits are also on site. Suggested admission \$3 per person. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/museums or call 703-746-4356.

Open for Tours. Through December. At 9000 Richmond Hwy., Alexandria. Woodlawn and Frank Lloyd Wright's Pope-Leighey House is open for tours Friday through Monday, from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. (last tour at 3 p.m.) Not open to the public Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. To learn more about National Trust Sites, visit savingplaces.org/historic-sites.

Sparkle and Glow: Holiday Show. Through Jan. 6 at Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery, located in Torpedo Factory Art Center, Studio 29, 105 North Union St., Alexandria. Free admission. The Gallery shines with holiday spirit - unique gifts to give, lovely pieces to wear, and enchanting and decorative works for the home. Themed work will be eligible for recognition by the jurors. Non-themed work may also be exhibited. Visit www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com.

Still Life Alive. Through April 2, 2019, 9-5 p.m. at River Farm, 7931 East Boulevard Drive, Alexandria. Patricia Uchello One Woman Art Show, featuring 100 original oil paintings of flowers, fruit, landscapes and seascapes. Uchello's work has been collected by IBM, the International Monetary Fund and more. Email pmuchello@aol.com or visit www.patriciauchello.com.

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The quilt "Sum Times" made by the Mt. Vernon Unitarian Church Quilters, will be raffled at the 56th annual Holiday Shop, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 17 at 1909 Windmill Lane, Alexandria. Tickets are \$1 each.

Holiday Shop

Featuring 50 artisans in fiber arts, photography, wood, paper, metal, glass and clay; orchids; crafts from around the world. Country Kitchen with famous chutneys, cakes, pies, cookies. Hot lunch. Quilt raffle. Saturday, Nov. 17, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at Mt. Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane, Alexandria. Visit www.mvuc.org.

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

THURSDAY/NOV. 15

Historic Pohick Church Christmas Mart. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Pohick Episcopal Church, 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton. The Parish House and the Vestry House will be transformed into a festive Christmas atmosphere with rooms filled with Attic Treasures, a Consignment Shop, fresh baked goods, homemade candy and apple butter, and frozen casseroles made by the women of Pohick Church. Booths will feature the work of artisans showcasing handmade jewelry, stained glass, Christmas decorations and many other crafts. Colonial-attired ladies will serve luncheon at three sittings (11 a.m., noon and 1 p.m.) for \$13. The Docent Guild will be leading tours of the historic colonial church and the Golden Dove Gift Shop will be open. Admission to the Christmas Mart is free. Visit www.pohick.org or call 703-339-6572.

The Georgetown Saxatones A Cappella Concert. 7 p.m. At The

Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. Get ready to rock the house with everything from alternative to pop to soul with the Georgetown Saxatones. As Georgetown's only community service a cappella group, they are passionate about sharing their music in support of worthy causes. Proceeds to benefit the Saxatones' preferred charity: the D.C. Autism Society. Tickets \$15. Visit www.nfaa.org or call 703-548-0035.

Sortie of the Beaujolais Nouveau. 7:30-10 p.m. at The Lloyd House, 220 N. Washington St., Alexandria. Join the Alexandria-Caen Sister Cities Committee and the Office of Alexandria, and participate in the world's largest wine party. On Beaujolais Nouveau Day, parties are held throughout France to celebrate the first wine of the season. Celebrate the first taste of the 2018 harvest in the company of fellow French enthusiasts and Sister City supporters. While guests enjoy the new flavor of the 2018 Beaujolais Nouveau and tasty treats, guest speaker Jessica Outer of Uncork'd Events will explain the significance of Beaujolais and the current release. Cost of \$40 per person supports ACSCC programs. Call 703-746-4994 or visit alexandriava.gov/Shop.

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Art Exhibit - Re:Vision. Gallery hours at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. In Re:Vision, Elizabeth Casqueiro reflects on the emotional content of immigration and what it means to push forward with a new life while remaining pulled by the old. Using as springboard two sets of images that represent these conflicting dynamics, namely retro comic books and lifestyle ads, she investigates the power of visionary myth to propel and restrain, the relinquishing of the precious as a condition to move forward, and the struggle to reconcile who we are, how we are perceived, and who we want to become. Visit www.nfaa.org or call 703-548-0035.

FRIDAY/NOV. 16

Cape Science. 4 p.m. At James M. Duncan Jr. Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria. Free. Mixed Reactions explores the signs and signatures of chemical changes, featuring one of the most exciting areas of chemistry: combustion. Contact Anton Murray at amurray@alexlibraryva.org.

Eco-Justice Reading. 7 p.m. At St. Elmo's Coffee Pub, 2300 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Great Del Ray Poetry Reading's featured poets will

include contributors to "Ghost Fishing: An Eco-Justice Poetry Anthology," published by the University of Georgia Press. The anthology is described as a "gathering of poetry at the intersection of culture, social justice, and the environment." Featured Ghost Fishing poets include: Jennifer Atkinson, Alan King, Katy Richey, and Amy Young. Visit www.facebook.com/DelRayPlayers.

Community Dance. 7:30-9:30 p.m. At Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Third Friday Community Dance with the Mount Vernon Swing Band; live music conducted by Owen Hammett. Cost is \$4 at door. Open to the community. Call 703-765-4573; TTY:711.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/NOV. 16-18

"Shrek - The Musical." Hours are Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m.; Sunday, 3 p.m. at Bryant Alternative High School, 2709 Popkins Lane, Alexandria. Join Mount Vernon Community Children's Theater for "Shrek - The Musical." Featuring 46 area youth ages 8-18. Hilarious and charming - fun for the whole family. \$14. Visit www.mvccct.org.

SATURDAY/NOV. 17

Tour de Mount Vernon. 8:30 a.m. Starting and ending at Fort Hunt Park in Mount Vernon with Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck. This has been rescheduled. Register today to ride or volunteer. More information at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mountvernon.

Holiday Shop. 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. At Mt. Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane, Alexandria. Featuring 50 artisans in fiber arts, photography, wood, paper, metal, glass and clay; orchids; crafts from around the world. Country Kitchen with famous chutneys, cakes, pies, cookies. Hot lunch. Quilt raffle. Visit www.mvuc.org.

Walking with Washington Tour. 10 a.m.-noon at the Alexandria Visitor Center (Ramsay House), 221 King St., Alexandria. Free. Explore important sites associated with George Washington in his hometown of Alexandria. This guided walking tour of historic Old Towne covers significant people and events in Washington's life and in American history. No reservations required. Call 703-379-7460 or visit www.washingtonbirthday.com.

Dinorock Production Puppet Show. 10 and 11:15 a.m. At Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St., Alexandria. Dinorock Production puppeteers will explore characteristics that human babies and dinosaur babies share, using award winning music and dynamic puppetry. Reservations per show are \$5 for all ages (adults and children). Children must be accompanied by at least one adult. To purchase tickets online, visit www.alexandriava.gov/webtrac. Contact Cheryl Anne Colton, Regional Program Director, at 703-746-5565, email cheryllanne.colton@alexandriava.gov.

Kids Krafts. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. At Friendship Firehouse Museum, 107 S. Alfred St., Alexandria. Create and take home craft projects inspired by early firefighting history. This program is for ages 5-8 and their caregivers. Children and caregivers work on crafts and visit the historic firehouse together. It is not a drop-off event. As space is limited, pre-purchased timed tickets are required. Thirty-minute sessions start at 10 a.m. and are offered every half-hour with the last session starting at 1:30 p.m. Tickets: \$5 per child includes a

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craft kit and museum admission. \$2 for adults. Purchase tickets at alexandriava.gov/Shop or call 703-746-4994.

Portside History. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Old Town Alexandria waterfront, 1 King St., Alexandria. Free. Explore Alexandria's waterfront history through free hands-on activities and pop-up displays presented by the Office of Historic Alexandria. On Nov. 17: Preserving Ice – Enjoy cold beverages? Love ice cream? Discover how Alexandrians preserved ice before the invention of home refrigerators. Visit www.PortsideInOldTown.com.

Make Old-Fashioned Toys. 1-2 p.m. At Historic Huntley, 6918 Harrison Lane, Alexandria. Make simple toys to take home and play games like those the children who once lived at Historic Huntley enjoyed. A special children's house tour and scavenger hunt are part of the fun. The program is designed for participants age 4 to adult. Cost is \$7 per person. Call 703-768-2525 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/historic-huntley.

American Girl Talk. 1:30-3:30 p.m. or 2:30-4:30 p.m. At Mount Vernon Estate, Alexandria. American Girl author Valerie Tripp brings Felicity to Mount Vernon. Listen to "Martha Washington" and Valerie Tripp, author of the first American Girl book Felicity, as they share the story of their collaboration for the book. The menu includes tea and 18th-century desserts. Tickets: \$36/adult, \$20/youth. Visit www.mountvernon.org.

Alexandria Cider Festival. 2-6 p.m. At Lloyd House, 220 N. Washington St., Alexandria. Enjoy a selection of ciders from more than 12 Virginia cideries. Ticket includes tastings, a souvenir glass, live music and fun fall activities. Food trucks will also be on-site. Additional tasting tickets and tasting lectures available for purchase. Dress for the weather—this event is outdoors. \$45. Visit www.visitalexandriava.com/fall.

SUNDAY/NOV. 18

MIN-Contemporary Flute and Guitar Duo. 1 p.m. At The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. Free. Returning to the Northern Virginia Fine Arts Association at the Athenaeum for a fall concert is one of this region's finest chamber music ensembles, "MIN – Contemporary Flute and Guitar Duo" featuring flutist Sais Kamalidiin and guitarist, Rick Peralta. "MIN" will engage the audience with music from many diverse styles and genres including baroque, be-bop, blues, bossas, ballads, Broadway and beyond. Visit www.nfaa.org or call 703-548-0035.

Speaker David O. Smith. 3-4:30 p.m. at Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane, Alexandria. Mount Vernon at home hosts David O. Smith, who will speak on Pakistan, India and the Future of Afghanistan. Free. During 31 years of active duty service in the U.S. Army, David spent 22 years dealing with politico-military issues in the Near East and South Asia, retiring as a colonel. Visit <http://www.mountvernonathome.org/>.

Opening Reception – Re:Vision. 4-6 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. In Re:Vision, Elizabeth Casqueiro reflects on the emotional content of immigration and what it means to push forward with a new life while remaining pulled by the old. Using as springboard two sets of images that represent these conflicting dynamics, namely retro comic books and lifestyle ads, she investigates the power of visionary myth to propel and restrain, the relinquishing of the precious as a condition to move forward, and the struggle to reconcile



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MONDAY/NOV. 19

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Gifts. Residents will collect shoebox gifts at drop-off locations serving Alexandria participants. The Samaritan's Purse project, partnering with churches worldwide, will deliver these gifts to children affected by war, disease, disaster, poverty and famine. Participants can donate \$9 per shoebox gift online through "Follow Your Box" and receive a tracking label to discover its destination. Those who prefer the convenience of online shopping can browse samaritanpurse.org/buildonline to select gifts matched to a child's specific age and gender, then finish packing the virtual shoebox by adding a photo and personal note of encouragement. Call 410-772-7360, or visit samaritanpurse.org/occ.

TUESDAY/NOV. 20

Germanic French Ancestors. 1-3 p.m. At Mount Vernon Genealogical Society, at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Ph.D. genealogist John Philip Colletta will speak about the special challenges of researching ancestors of

Alsace, Lorraine, and Elsass-Lothringen. Free, open to public. Email publicity@mvgenealogy.org or visit www.mvgenealogy.org.

Lions Club Dinner. 7 p.m. At Pema's Restaurant, 8430 Richmond Highway, Alexandria. The Mt. Vernon Evening Lions will be hosting their dinner meeting. Come and learn how the Lions support our community. Social at 6:30 p.m.; dinner at 7 p.m. Contact Andrea Corsillo at 703-960-4973.

NOV. 20-DEC. 23

"Christmas at the Old Bull & Bush." At MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal St., Alexandria. Admission is \$55. The Old Bull and Bush Public House is alive with British music hall songs and carols, corny jokes and funny sketches, tuneful melodies, sing-a-longs and sausage rolls. Celebrate the holidays with Florrie Forde, the most famous music hall star of the era, and her troupe of British performers. Call 703-548-9044 or visit www.MetroStage.org.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 21

Book Discussion. 7 p.m. At James M. Duncan Jr. Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria. Free. "Behind the Beautiful Forevers." The Duncan Book Discussion Group meets on the third Wednesday of each month. Contact Anton Murray at amurray@alexlibraryva.org. Visit alexlibraryva.org

FRIDAY/NOV. 23

Tree Lighting Ceremony. 6 p.m. At Market Square, 301 King St., Alexandria. Kick off the holiday season at the 2018 City of Alexandria Tree Lighting Ceremony. The event will begin with a welcome by the Town Crier and remarks from Mayor Allison Silberberg, followed by a performance by Santa's Frosty Follies from the Metropolitan Fine Arts Center, the lighting of the tree, and a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Visit

www.alexandriava.gov.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/NOV. 23-24

Mount Vernon by Candlelight. 5-8 p.m. At George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate. Join Mount Vernon's residents and visitors for a festive evening tour. The experience begins in the Ford Orientation Center, where visitors enjoy the sounds of the holiday season and view spectacular Christmas trees highlighting the lives of the Washingtons and their home. Visitors will be guided into the 18th century for a lantern-lit tour of the historic area, where they will see the Slave Quarters and the Blacksmith Shop. Inside the Mansion, Martha Washington and other Mount Vernon residents will welcome visitors into their home and share stories of past Christmases. Tickets: \$25 adult, \$17 youth (ages 6-11). Visit mountvernon.org/candlelight.

Holiday Shopping. Through Old Town Alexandria. Returning this year is Alexandria's alternative Black Friday experience on Nov. 23, with one-of-a-kind deals at more than 50 locally owned boutiques in Old Town and Del Ray, plus the Old Town Boutique District's first-ever Plaid Friday. On Alexandria's Small Business Saturday, Nov. 24, shoppers will be treated to free parking at parking meters, the Elf Prize Patrol and special in-store activities at more than 50 boutiques in Old Town and Del Ray. Alexandria Restaurant Partners' offering 10 percent off at all ARP restaurants (Vola's Dockside Grill, Mia's Italian Kitchen, The Majestic, Joe Theismann's Restaurant & Bar and Lena's Wood-Fired Pizza & Tap) when you present a receipt from a local small business. Visit VisitAlexandriaVA.com/ShopSmall.

SATURDAY/NOV. 24

Small Business Saturday. More than 50 independently owned boutiques in Old Town Alexandria and Del Ray will offer special in-store activities. The Elf Prize Patrol returns from 11

a.m.-1 p.m. treating shoppers in Old Town and Del Ray with surprise giveaways. Other highlights include free parking at parking meters, pop-up musical performances by The Alexandria Singers and the Alexandria Citizens Band from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., a postcard pop-up from Penny Post, special activities at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, hands-on arts activities by the Mobile Art Lab and holiday tunes and cheer by DJ Josh Goldman. Visit alexandriava.com/SmallBusinessSaturday.

Christmas Tree Sale. 10 a.m.-8 p.m. At 110 Callahan Drive, in the Amtrak Parking Lot, Alexandria. The Alexandria Police Youth Camp Christmas tree sale begins. The lot will be open daily until they run out of trees, which will likely take three weeks. They have purchased more trees than ever before because they may be faced with an additional \$10,000 bill to transport the kids to camp next summer; the goal is to cover that cost in additional tree sales. The youth camp has been operating for more than 70 years and this fundraiser is the largest, helping to cover approximately 50 percent of the summer camp operation. The tree sale runs from Mon.-Fri., 4-8 p.m.; and Sat. and Sun., 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Photos with Santa. 12 p.m.-3 p.m. At Hooray for Books, 1555 King St., Alexandria. Hooray for Books! and Visit Alexandria will present photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Advance reservation is required. To reserve a 10-minute slot for a child to meet with Santa, make any size donation to the bookstore's special Santa account, which will be used to provide books, toys and games for the Alexandria Domestic Violence Program's Holiday Party. Visit www.Hooray4Books.com.

Wetlands Nighttime Hike. 4:15-5:45 p.m. At Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd., Alexandria. On the "Hot Cocoa Wetland Night Hike" look for signs and listen for sounds of beavers, owls, deer and other nocturnal winter animals. \$9 per person. Designed for participants age 6-adult, and children must be accompanied by a registered adult. The program will be canceled in the event of inclement weather. Call 703-768-2525 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows.

SUNDAY/NOV. 25

Museum Store Sunday. Free to browse. Visit favorite historic Alexandria museums on Museum Store Sunday for unique and historically inspired gifts with special offers, seasonal refreshments and more. Participating museum stores include the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, the Alexandria History Museum at The Lyceum, Friendship Firehouse Museum, Gadsby's Tavern Museum, Alexandria Black History Museum, Fort Ward Museum, Freedom House Museum, and the Carlyle House. Visit www.VisitAlexandria.com/MuseumStoreSunday.

MONDAY/NOV. 26

Loan Sharks or Lenders of Last Resort? 7:15 p.m. At The Hermitage Auditorium, 5000 Fairbanks Ave., Alexandria. Part of the Agenda:Alexandria program, which falls on the fourth Monday of the month. Programs are \$5 each or free with your \$35 membership, payable on-line at www.AgendaAlexandria.org/sign-up page or at the door by check or credit. All are invited to a pre-program dinner if desired. Dinner is 6:45-7:15 p.m., prices starting at \$32 with reservations by the Friday prior



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4 Restaurants Serving A Thanksgiving Feast

BY HOPE NELSON

Don't feel like cooking this Thanksgiving Day? Have unexpected guests — or unexpected last-minute cancellations? Alexandria's restaurants have you covered. Pick up the phone or hop online to make a reservation at one of dozens of eateries just waiting to roll out the holiday feast.

Joe Theismann's

The venerable sports pub near the King Street Metro transforms into a holiday haven for Thanksgiving. Seatings are available all afternoon and into the evening for a three-course prix fixe menu that offers both standards, such as turkey breast and prime rib, as well as alternative offerings, such as crab cakes, salmon and eggplant Parmesan. Start things off with a salad or appetizer; end on a sweet note with pumpkin, pecan or apple pie. 1800 Diagonal Road. Noon-9 p.m. \$29; \$15 for children 12 and under. Reservations recommended.

Brabo Brasserie

The restaurant adjacent to the Lorien hotel is pulling out all the stops for a festive, upscale Thanksgiving dinner. Each course is served family-style, just like at

home — only probably unlike home, diners will get to taste the likes of pressed beet terrine, baked salmon Riviera, duck à l'orange and nearly a half-dozen desserts. 1600 King St. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. \$75. Reservations recommended.

Carlyle Club

Enjoy your turkey with a side of jazz during the Carlyle Club's feast. Start off with lobster bisque or salad, move on to turkey with all the fixings (or sea bass with mango salsa) and then top it off with pumpkin or apple pie à la mode. The dulcet sounds of the Satin Doll Trio will provide a soundtrack for the occasion. 2050 Ballenger Ave. Noon-4 p.m. \$55. Reservations recommended.

Virtue Feed & Grain

The options are abundant at Virtue's holiday dinner. Start off with a spiced butter-nut squash and apple soup, a quinoa salad, spinach artichoke dip and more; then feast on turkey breast, prime rib, salmon, or pasta puttanesca. Pumpkin and bourbon-pecan pie await your dessert decision. 106 S. Union St. Noon-8 p.m. \$29 (\$18 for kids 12 and under). Reservations recommended.

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to the program. Visit www.Agenda:Alexandria.com.

TUESDAY/NOV. 27

Snacks & Self-Expression. 3:15 p.m. At Ellen Coolidge Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road, Alexandria. Free. Teens find their inner artist using the mediums of painting, sketching, collage and more. Plus snacks. They'll bring the supplies, teens bring the inspiration. For teens (grades 6-12). Contact Anton Murray at amurray@alexlibraryva.org. Or visit the website: alexlibraryva.org.

Preserving Heritage. 7 p.m. At Kate Waller Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St., Alexandria. Free. Victoria Vasques and Marty Abbott will discuss the work being done to preserve and support learning of indigenous languages of North America. Contact Anton Murray at amurray@alexlibraryva.org.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 28

Building Relationships. 6 p.m. At Charles E. Beatley Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St., Alexandria. Free. This workshop will help attendees to experience MLK's call to develop "understanding with the enemy and release those vast reservoirs of goodwill that have been blocked by impenetrable walls of hate." Contact Anton Murray at amurray@alexlibraryva.org. Visit alexlibraryva.org.

THURSDAY/NOV. 29-SATURDAY/DEC. 1

Alexandria Community Nutcracker. At West Potomac High School, 6500 Quander Road, Alexandria. Celebrating its 10th year, the Alexandria Community Nutcracker — in collaboration with The West Potomac Academy Program — will once again delight guests of all ages with the holiday classic, "The Nutcracker." This season's four performances will take place at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 29; 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 30; and 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. on

Saturday, Dec. 1. Cost is \$10-\$25. Visit www.alexandrianutcracker.com.

FRIDAY/NOV. 30-SUNDAY/DEC. 2

Del Ray Artisans Holiday Market. Friday, 6-9 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. at 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Offers handmade fine arts and crafts from local artists. Different artists each weekend. Choose from wall art, pottery, photography, jewelry, glass, and more. Plus FUNdraising 2019 wall calendars, cookbooks, and upcycled tote bags to support Del Ray Artisans. Free admission. Visit DelRayArtisans.org/event/holiday-market-2018.

NOV. 30-DEC. 15

"Adventures with Mr. Bear." At The Lab at Convergence, 1819 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria. Presented by Arts on the Horizon. One winter afternoon, a young girl and her favorite stuffed animal, Mr. Bear, play a game of hide and seek which evolves into a series of exciting adventures. \$10. Performance Schedule: (Friday, Nov. 30 - 10:30 a.m.; Saturday, Dec. 1 - 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.; Thursday, Dec. 6 at 10:30 a.m.; Friday, Dec. 7 at 10:30 a.m.; Saturday, Dec. 8 at 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.; Thursday, Dec. 13 at 10:30 a.m.; Friday, Dec. 14 at 10:30 a.m.; Saturday, Dec. 15 at 10 and 11:30 a.m. Purchase tickets at www.artsonthehorizon.org/mr-bear-2018.html.

NOV. 30-DEC. 16

LTA's "A Christmas Carol." At 600 Wolfe St., Alexandria. The Little Theatre of Alexandria rings in the holiday season with a return of the classic by Charles Dickens. Ebenezer Scrooge, a miserable, bitter old miser travels with ghostly guides through Christmas past, present and future to find the true meaning of the holidays. Tickets \$20. Call 703-683-0496 or visit

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www.TheLittleTheatre.com.

SATURDAY/DEC. 1

Holiday Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Mount Vernon High School, 8515 Old Mount Vernon Road, Alexandria. The Mount Vernon High School PTSA presents their 2018 Holiday Market. Accepting vendors. Learn more at Facebook.com/MVHSHM or email ptsaholidayfest@gmail.com.

Christmastide at Gunston Hall. 10 a.m.-7 p.m. at George Mason's Gunston Hall, 10709 Gunston Road, Mason Neck. A full day of holiday activities starts with a visit from Santa to games and crafts for all ages. The evening hours provide a romantic holiday experience by candlelight as visitors sample period food in the kitchen and explore the grounds by candlelight. \$15 for adults; \$10 for children. Visit www.gunstonhall.org/ or call 703-550-9220.

Brunch With Santa. 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. At Pinecrest Golf Course, 6600 Little River Turnpike, Alexandria. Skip the lines at the mall and bring the family to Pinecrest's new indoor golf studio. Meet and take pictures with Santa while enjoying a family friendly brunch. Santa will be making his way around to mingle with families, take requests for holiday wish lists and give out goody bags before he heads back to the North Pole. \$12 for ages 3 to 12; \$14 for ages 13 and up. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Email fcpapinecrestgc@fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-941-1061.

Story Time for Little Historians. 11 a.m. at the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. "Why the Sun & Moon Live in the Sky," retold and illustrated by Niki Daly. Enjoy cultural stories and creative craft activities that introduce world history and folklore. Afterwards, explore the museum exhibits to learn about local Black history. All ages welcome, but most suitable for children 4 and older. Admission is \$3 per person. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Call 703-746-4356.

48th Annual Campagna Center Scottish Christmas Walk Parade. 11 a.m. Dozens of Scottish clans dressed in colorful tartans parade through the streets of Old Town, joined by pipe and drum bands from around the region, as well as terriers and hounds. The parade, which takes place rain or shine, begins at St. Asaph and Wolfe Streets and concludes at Market Square with a massed band concert. Parade admission is free. Call 703-549-0111 or visit www.CampagnaCenter.org/ScottishWalkWeekend.

Ship Biscuit Ornament Making. 1-4 p.m. At Alexandria Archaeology Museum, Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., #327, Alexandria. An almost completely intact ship's biscuit from the 18th century was found in Alexandria last year. To commemorate the discovery, visitors are invited to make their own ship's biscuit. Each biscuit will be stamped with the year and then baked at home to track its preservation. No registration required. Call 703-746-4399 or visit www.AlexandriaArchaeology.org.

19th Annual Holiday Boat Parade of Lights. 5:30 p.m. At Alexandria City Marina, Cameron Street. Alexandria's waterfront shines as dozens of brightly lit boats cruise the Potomac River for the Alexandria Holiday Boat Parade of Lights. Parade viewing areas include: Founders Park (351 North Union St.), Alexandria City Marina (0 Cameron St.), Waterfront Park (1A Prince St.), Shipyard/Harborside Park (1 Wilkes St.), and Ford's Landing Park (99 Franklin St.). Call

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Featured Poet William Heath reads his works at recent Great Del Ray Poetry Reading.

Eco-Justice Reading

Great Del Ray Poetry Reading's featured poets will include contributors to "Ghost Fishing: An Eco-Justice Poetry Anthology," published by the University of Georgia Press. The anthology is described as a "gathering of poetry at the intersection of culture, social justice, and the environment." Featured Ghost Fishing poets include: Jennifer Atkinson, Alan King, Katy Richey, and Amy Young. Friday, Nov. 16, 7 p.m. At St. Elmo's Coffee Pub, 2300 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit www.facebook.com/DelRayPlayers.

703-746-3301. Visit www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com/BoatParade.

Holidays on the Avenue in Del Ray. 6 p.m. At Pat Miller Neighborhood Square at Mount Vernon Avenue and E. Oxford Avenue, Alexandria. Kick off the holidays with a visit to Del Ray for the annual holiday tree lighting, featuring a special appearance by Santa Claus who will lead carols and sit for photos with children. Continue the celebration and start your holiday shopping with a stroll down Mount Vernon Avenue, which will be illuminated by thousands of luminarias. Pick your favorite in the neighborhood business association's annual Christmas tree decorating contest. Call 703-683-2570 or visit www.VisitDelRay.com

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/DEC. 1-2 Watercolor Exhibition and Sale. Saturday, 4-7 p.m.; Sunday, noon-4 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Sixty local artists will exhibit and offer for sale their original watercolor paintings at the 26th annual exhibition of Famous Artists of the 21st Century.

SUNDAY/DEC. 2 Holiday Sweater Run. 8 a.m. Meet at Waterfront Park, 1A Prince St., Alexandria. Followed by brunch at 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. at Chadwicks, 203 Strand St., Alexandria. Join Pacers Running, the City of Alexandria and Chadwicks at Waterfront Park for a run. All paces are welcome, and no ticket is required to join the run. Come out in your holiday finest (running shoes strongly encouraged). The run route will take you south through Old Town on Union Street and then connect to the George Washington Memorial Parkway Trail. There will be different turnarounds options from 4 miles up 20 miles. Call 703-836-1463 or visit www.RunPacers.com.

Del Ray Holiday Pop-Up Market. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. At the Pat Miller Neighborhood Square at Mount Vernon Avenue and E. Oxford Ave., Alexandria. Find the perfect gift at this pop-up market featuring local artisans and at-home entrepreneurs.

Call 703-683-2570 or visit www.VisitDelRay.com.
Messiah Sing-Along. 4-6 p.m. at Fairlington United Methodist Church, 3900 King St. This year, sing all choruses (parts 1, 2 and 3) accompanied by the Amadeus Orchestra. The audience is the chorus, led by the Fairlington United Methodist Church Choir with Dr. Louise Wilson, conductor. Free. Visit bit.ly/messiahsing-along.

MONDAY/DEC. 3 Poetry Workshop. 6:30-8 p.m. at Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St., Alexandria. "Building Cultural Bridges" with Wendi R Kaplan, Poet Laureate. At these workshops, poetry can be read and written. The Poet Laureate and literary programs are part of the Office of the Arts, a division of the Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities. The workshops are free; to register, RSVP at poet@alexandriava.gov or contact Cheryl Anne Colton at 703-746-5565 or cheryllanne.colton@alexandriava.gov, or visit www.alexandriava.gov/Arts.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/DEC. 7-9 Del Ray Artisans Holiday Market. Friday, 6-9 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. at 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Offers handmade fine arts and crafts from local artists. Different artists each weekend. Choose from wall art, pottery, photography, jewelry, glass, and more. Plus FUNdraising 2019 wall calendars, cookbooks, and upcycled tote bags to support Del Ray Artisans. Free admission. Visit DelRayArtisans.org/event/holiday-market-2018.

WEDNESDAY/DEC. 5 Children's Holiday Magic Show. 6:45-8 p.m. at Holiday Inn-Carlyle, 2460 Eisenhower Ave. Four amazing magicians magicians. Free with non-perishable food item or new toy. Donations made to Salvation Army Alexandria Citadel. Put on by local magicians club, IBM Ring 50. Call 703-347-5540 or visit ibmring50.org/holidaymagic.

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Shrek – Aidan White, Donkey – Avery Johnson, Fiona – Kendall Huheey, Gingy – Eli Swanson, The White Rabbit – Lydia Lopez, and Pinocchio – Charlie Russell.

Shrek The Musical

Mount Vernon Community Children's Theatre presents "Shrek The Musical" starring 46 local youth from more than 22 area schools. An unlikely hero, Shrek finds himself on a life-changing journey alongside the wisecracking Donkey and a feisty princess who resists her rescue. "Shrek the Musical" is irreverent fun for the whole family and proves that beauty is truly in the eye of the ogre. The show will be performed Nov. 9-18 at Bryant Alternative High School Auditorium, 2709 Popkins Lane, Alexandria. Show times are Nov. 9, 10, 16 and 17 at 7 p.m.; and Nov. 11 and 18 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$14/per person online at www.mvccct.org.

THURSDAY/DEC. 6

Community Shopping Event. 7-9 p.m. at Ten Thousand Villages, 519 King St. Every gift purchased will provide special needs assistance to an Alexandrian – a child, teen, adult, or older adult – of limited means who is striving for recovery and wellbeing with help from the City's mental health services. Enjoy light refreshments, music, free gift-wrapping, and a great selection of handcrafted items made by artisans from over 38 countries. The more items purchased, the greater the help to those in need. Email FriendsoftheAMHC@gmail.com.

SATURDAY/DEC. 8

Photos with Santa. 12 p.m.-3 p.m. At Hooray for Books, 1555 King St., Alexandria. Hooray for Books! and Visit Alexandria will present photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Advance reservation is required. To reserve a 10-minute slot for a child to meet with Santa, make any size donation to the bookstore's special Santa account, which will be used to provide books, toys and games for the Alexandria Domestic Violence Program's Holiday Party. Visit www.Hooray4Books.com.

"Chips for Charity" Fundraiser. 7 p.m. at The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, in the Madison Auditorium, 600 Dulany St. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Military Association is hosting a "Chips for Charity" to raise funds for Serve Our Willing Warriors (SOWW). SOWW is a local non-profit charity in Haymarket that provides no-cost retreats and other programs that positively impact the lives of wounded, ill, or injured military service members and disabled

veterans. Open to the public. \$30 for players, \$20 for non-players. Tickets can be purchased at ptomilitaryassociation.org/chips-for-charity.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/DEC. 8-9

Metropolitan School of the Arts Nutcracker Ballet. 1 and 5 p.m. at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Center, NOVA Alexandria campus. The Metropolitan School of the Arts Nutcracker Ballet showcases a world-class, international principle guest dancer, Brooklyn Mack, who performs the role of Cavalier. Tickets are \$26-\$28 at www.metropolitanarts.org.

TUESDAY/DEC. 11

Del Ray Artisans Benefit. Reception, 6:30 p.m.; performance, 8 p.m. at Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St. Little Theatre of Alexandria performance of "A Christmas Carol" to benefit Del Ray Artisans. \$45. Visit DelRayArtisans.org/event/christmas-carol.

FRIDAY/DEC. 14

Alexandria After Work Concert Series. 6-8 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 South Washington St. The Folklore Society of Greater Washington and The Office of Historic Alexandria sponsor a concert on the second Friday of the month with locations rotating between the Murray-Dick-Fawcett House, Lloyd House, and The Lyceum, Alexandria's History Museum. \$15 suggested donation for the musicians, light refreshments available, and a cash bar. Visit www.fsgw.org.

SATURDAY/DEC. 15

Photos with Santa. 12 p.m.-3 p.m. At Hooray for Books, 1555 King St., Alexandria. Hooray for Books! and Visit Alexandria will present photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Advance reservation is required. To reserve a 10-minute slot for a child to meet with Santa, make any size donation to the bookstore's special Santa account, which will be used to provide books, toys and games for the Alexandria Domestic Violence Program's Holiday Party. Visit www.Hooray4Books.com.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/DEC. 14-16

Del Ray Artisans Holiday Market. Friday, 6-9 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. at 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Offers handmade fine arts and crafts from local artists. Different artists each weekend. Choose from wall art, pottery, photography, jewelry, glass, and more. Plus FUNdraising 2019 wall calendars, cookbooks, and upcycled tote bags to support Del Ray Artisans. Free admission. Visit DelRayArtisans.org/event/holiday-market-2018.

SATURDAY/DEC. 22

Photos with Santa. 12 p.m.-3 p.m. At Hooray for Books, 1555 King St., Alexandria. Hooray for Books! and Visit Alexandria will present photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Advance reservation is required. To reserve a 10-minute slot for a child to meet with Santa, make any size donation to the bookstore's special Santa account, which will be used to provide books, toys and games for the Alexandria Domestic Violence Program's Holiday Party. Visit www.Hooray4Books.com.

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‘Consequential Decision’

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That vision would in turn drive what sort of facilities-based solution the schools decide to pursue, and not the other way around.

High school should produce workers capable of “reconditioning” themselves in a fluid labor market, according to a presentation by staff and consultants to the School Board on Thursday, Nov. 8. Students must develop skills like “creativity,” “cognitive flexibility” and “learning agility” via more pupil-led “experiential learning” contexts, such as internships and apprenticeships. For this, the school system would expand partnerships with local organizations, not least businesses, tapping into the whole “Alexandria community as a classroom.”

“Right now, based on all of the data that we have, strategy three is going to be the most accommodating to fulfill everything that’s in the educational vision,” said Dr. Gregory Hutchings, Jr., the schools’ superintendent.

Staff and consultants offered several cases in point from around the country. For instance, Cross-town High School, a public charter school which partners with other organizations, sits in a re-developed 1.1 million square foot “vertical urban village” in Memphis, Tenn.

In a similar vein, Alexandria’s school division recently announced a partnership with Virginia Tech, which plans to build a doctoral-level campus near Amazon’s new Arlington-and-Alexandria-based headquarters. According to a press statement, the partnership “will increase investment in the tech-talent pipeline and give Alexandria City Public Schools access to new resources related to computer science education. These resources include ... high-quality curriculum and related resources, summer and after-school programming for students, and meaningful career exposure and work-based learning opportunities in high-demand fields.”

Mitigating concerns about Alexandria’s racial history also factors into the administration’s recommendation. T.C. Williams has been Alexandria’s single, racially integrated high school for almost half a century. But Alexandria remains demographically lopsided, leading some to worry that adding a new stand-alone campus might lead to de facto re-segregation and increased racial inequity.

The recommended model would maintain multiple programmatic sites under the auspices of one T.C. Williams. Rather than home ad-

resses determining districting around potential new facilities, what workforce-oriented path families want their students to take would serve as the deciding factor. The school division would provide students “the support to get there, wherever it is — whether it’s at [the] T.C. main campus or a specialty location or at a partner’s internship or site. That is what we think ... will help transcend the problem [of equity],” said Mignon Anthony, the school system’s COO.

School Board members generally expressed approval of the workforce-oriented educational vision. But several also expressed wariness that the multi-site implementation plan might be moving ahead too quickly — especially since the administration wants the School Board to vote on the plan in its current phase in just three weeks, on Thursday, Dec. 6.

“[That’s] not a lot of time for [public feedback]. I know we get paid the big bucks to make those calls, but that time period seems really short for such a consequential decision,” said School Board member Chris Lewis.

“I don’t know how far we can get down that [decision-making] road with the limited amount of analysis for these alternatives that we’ve got in front of us right now,” said Cardwell.

“I don’t see three options, I see a myriad of options,” he said. For example, “I’m not even sure what we mean by ‘expanding the existing high school campus.’ Is that tearing down Minnie Howard? Is that taking over Chinquapin [an adjacent public recreation and pool facility]? ... If we decide [to add an additional comprehensive high school], do we even have the space? ... Where the heck would we put people?”

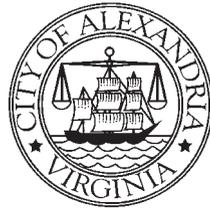
“There has been, I think, an over-emphasis on the programmatic [considerations],” said School Board member Karen Graf. “I want to make sure that we’re talking about land, talking about buildings, and talking about programming in a way that gives a balance to each one of those.”

School Board member Veronica Nolan expressed doubt about local businesses and organizations’ capacity to offer internships, beyond what many already provide.

“I’m hoping that a lot of these recommendations are rooted in reality,” she said.

For more, visit www.acps.k12.va.us/hsproject. The School Board will consider the matter further at a work session on Monday, Nov. 26.

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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 17, 2018, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon as may be heard on the hereinafter described items.

 AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 2-4-114 (CREATION, COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION) of Article O (GEORGE WASHINGTON BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION COMMITTEE) of Chapter 4 (COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS) of Title 2 (GENERAL GOVERNMENT) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.
 The George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee provided the attached letter to City Council requesting amendment of the composition of the Committee in light of long-term vacancies and interest from other groups and individuals to participate in the Committee.

 AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 2-4-150 (CREATION, COMPOSITION, ORGANIZATION AND TERM) of Article T (CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL) of Chapter 4 (COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS) of Title 2 (GENERAL GOVERNMENT) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.
 City Code Section 2-4-150 provides for the composition of the Citizen Corps Council, including designation of one position for a representative from the Crime Prevention Council or an individual with law enforcement or crime prevention experience. This Code amendment will remove the reference to the Crime Prevention Council, which is no longer an active council, and provide that the position should be filled by an individual with law enforcement or crime prevention experience.

 AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 3-2-353 (CONTESTED PARKING CITATIONS) of Article S (PAYMENT, CONTEST AND ENFORCEMENT OF PARKING CITATIONS) of Chapter 2 (TAXATION) of Title 3 (FINANCE, TAXATION AND PROCUREMENT) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.
 The City Code provides the methods by which the registered owner of a motor vehicle, or another authorized person, may contest a parking citation at Section 3-2-353. As currently written, the owners of vehicles are being required to notarize their forms contesting the citation. This ordinance will remove reference to an affidavit to remove the requirement that the form be notarized.

 AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Article A (GENERAL PROVISIONS) of Chapter 4 (COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS) of Title 2 (GENERAL GOVERNMENT) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.
 This ordinance amends the general provisions pertaining to Committees, Boards, and Commissions to be consistent with current practices. This ordinance will amend Section 2-4-4(c)(2) to provide that committees are not required to file their minutes with the City Clerk. This ordinance will also amend Section 2-4-7(h) to provide that members appointed to committees shall make their oath in writing or verbally before the City Clerk, rather than the Clerk of the Circuit Court. This ordinance will also update the Article to remove reference to repealed sections of the City Code.

 AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Chapter 14 (DELIVERY OF UNSOLICITED PUBLICATIONS) of Title 9 (LICENSING AND REGULATION) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.
 The City Code contains provisions for the City to address delivery of unsolicited publications. The provisions are designed to address delivery of publications when they have not been requested or subscribed to by any owner or occupant of the residence. The procedure in this Chapter tasks the Office of Citizen Assistance with enforcement of the provisions.

This technical amendment removes reference to approval from the Office of Citizen Assis-

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tance, which is no longer a City department, and replaces the enforcement responsibility with the City Manager or designee. This ordinance is part of the comprehensive effort to update the City Code.

 AN ORDINANCE to add Section 2-129.1 (Congregate recreational facilities) of Article II (DEFINITIONS) and to amend and reordain Section 6-105 (Special uses) and 6-403 (General regulations and exceptions) of Article VI (SPECIAL AND OVERLAY ZONES) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by city council as Text Amendment No. 2018-0007.
 The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Text Amendment No. 2018-0007 to add provisions to allow by special use permit lighting at congregate recreational facilities.

 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 the Beaugard Small Area Plan chapter of such master plan as Master Plan Amendment No. 2018-00005 and no other amendments, and to repeal all provisions of the said master plan as may be inconsistent with such amendment.
 The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Master Plan Amendment No. 2018-00005 to amend the Beaugard Small Area Plan Chapter of the Master Plan of the City of Alexandria to amend the use to include residential uses at the site and to increase the height and to amend the framework streets to remove the parallel road in the Adams Neighborhood, approved by the City Council on October 13, 2018.

 AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 5-602(A) (Coordinated development districts created, consistency with master plan, required approvals) 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. 2018-00006.
 The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Text Amendment No. 2018-00006 to amend CDD No. 21 to change the height reference to the Beaugard Small Area Plan.

 AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Sheet No. 055.01 of the “Official Zoning Map, Alexandria, Virginia,” adopted by Section 1-300 (OFFICIAL ZONING MAP AND DISTRICT BOUNDARIES), of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning the properties at 1, 11, 44, 66, and 99 Canal Center Plaza from W-1 to CRMU-H with proffers in accordance with the said zoning map amendment heretofore approved by city council as Rezoning No. 2017-0003.
 The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Rezoning No. 2017-0003, to rezone the properties at 1, 11, 44, 66, and 99 Canal Center Plaza from W-1 to CRMU-H with proffers.

 AN ORDINANCE authorizing the owner of 699 Prince Street to establish and maintain an encroachment for a marquee awning, in the City of Alexandria, Virginia.
 The proposed ordinance permits the owner of the property located at 699 Prince Street to install a marquee awning.

 AN ORDINANCE authorizing the owner of the property located at 815 Green Street to construct and maintain an encroachment into the public right-of-way at that location for a fence and existing steps.
 The proposed ordinance permits an encroachment of 161 square feet for the existing stairs and the construction of a fence along the property perpendicular to the sidewalk at 815 Green Street.

 AN ORDINANCE authorizing the owners of the property located at 2701 Dewitt Avenue to establish and maintain an encroachment into the public right-of-way at that location along the frontage of Dewitt Avenue and East Randolph Avenue for an existing fence.
 The proposed ordinance implements the encroachment approved by City Council on September 15, 2018, consisting of 90 square feet for the existing fence at 2701 Dewitt Avenue, located along the frontage of Dewitt Avenue and East Randolph Avenue.

 AN ORDINANCE authorizing the owner of the property located at 1620 Prince Street to construct and maintain an encroachment into

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the sidewalk right-of-way at that location for the installation of two bollards.
 The proposed ordinance permits an encroachment of 2 square feet for the installation of two six-inch diameter bollards on either side of the loading bay entrance facing Daingerfield Road

 AN ORDINANCE authorizing the owners of the property located at 100 East Luray Avenue to construct and maintain an encroachment into the public right-of-way at that location for a fence and side yard access.
 The proposed ordinance permits an encroachment of approximately 879 square feet located in the right-of-way at 100 East Luray Avenue, along the portion of the property that borders Newton Street, to be used to construct a fence and provide access to a side yard for a period of one year from the date of this Ordinance

 Public Hearing for a renewed Five Year License Agreement with Cox Virginia Telecom to permit Cox Virginia Telecom’s existing conduits and fiber optic cables to remain in the City of Alexandria public rights-of-ways and to allow placement of additional conduits and fiber optic cables for telecommunications services, not cable television services in the City of Alexandria.

 Public Hearing on the Proposed City Legislative Package for the 2019 General Assembly Session

 Public Hearing for a Governance Recommendation for the Torpedo Factory Art Center

 Public Hearing to place a memorial plaque at the Windmill Hill Park shoreline commemorating Captain Ryan Wojtanowski’s service to the community as an advocate for environmental stewardship.

 Public Hearing and Consideration of a renewed Five Year License Agreement with Zayo Group LLC. to permit Zayo Group LLC.’s existing conduits and fiber optic cables to remain in the City of Alexandria’s public rights-of-ways for telecommunications services and to allow the placement of additional conduits and fiber optic cable for telecommunications services in the City of Alexandria.

 AN ORDINANCE making supplemental appropriations for the support of the government of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, for fiscal year 2019.
 The proposed ordinance accomplishes the adoption of supplemental appropriations for the operation of the city government in fiscal year 2019.

 AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 2-4-150 (CREATION, COMPOSITION, ORGANIZATION AND TERM) of Article T (CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL) of Chapter 4 (COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS) of Title 2 (GENERAL GOVERNMENT) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.
 City Code Section 2-4-150 provides for the composition of the Citizen Corps Council, including designation of one position for a representative from the Crime Prevention Council or an individual with law enforcement or crime prevention experience. This Code amendment will remove the reference to the Crime Prevention Council, which is no longer an active council, and provide that the position should be filled by an individual with law enforcement or crime prevention experience.

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 THE PUBLIC IS ADVISED THAT AMENDMENTS OR ADDITIONS MAY BE MADE TO PROPOSED ORDINANCES WITHOUT FURTHER PUBLICATION. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT PERSONS INTERESTED IN ANY OF THESE ORDINANCES OBTAIN FREE FULL-TEXT COPIES FROM THE CITY CLERK AT CITY HALL. 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 23, 2018. GLORIA SITTON, CMC, CITY CLERK

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Obituary

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Lt. Cdr. Robert "Bob" Bruce Bussler, U.S. Navy Retired, went peacefully to be with the Lord on November 9, 2018. He was 93 years old and was surrounded by his loving, devoted family and will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him.

Mr. Bussler was born on April 7, 1925 in Ramey, Pennsylvania of Arthur and Mary Eleanor (McCrossin) Bussler. He was a proud World War II Veteran, who also served in the Korean Conflict. He was an integral member of many branches of the Masonic Order for more than 50 years, the Free and Accepted Masons (Worshipful Master 1975), Royal Arch Masons (Grand High Priest 1980).

Bob retired from the D.O.D. (Naval Air Systems Command) and vice president of National Systems Management Corporation. He worked tirelessly for his community, volunteering for his Church, Meals on Wheels, Goodwill, Salvation Army and multiple other organizations.

He loved God, his family, his country, and his Church, and served each with enthusiasm, integrity and strength.

He was preceded in death by his wife Evelyn Louise (Murrell) Bussler. He is survived by his two daughters Mary Louise Bussler, D.P.M., Jan Bussler, R.N., and two granddaughters Andrea and Codie Gesumaria, as well as his son-in-law Brandon Greenfield, M.D.

A visitation will be held at Everly Wheatly Funeral Home, 1500 W.Braddock Road, Alexandria, VA on Sunday, Nov. 18 from 2:00-4:00 PM and 6:00-8:00 PM. A memorial will take place on Monday, Nov. 19 at 11:00 AM at Everly Wheatly Funeral Home. A reception will follow at the Goodwin House Bailey's Crossroads, 3440 S. Jefferson Street, Falls Church, VA 22041. Interment will be at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

All are welcome to attend and celebrate Mr. Bussler's life. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Goodwin House Foundation, Wounded Warrior Project or the Goodwill.

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- Nov. 15: 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at St. Elmo's Coffee Pub, Del Ray, 2300 Mt Vernon Ave.
- Nov. 16: 9 a.m.-noon at Alexandria's City Hall & Market Square, King Street Side, 301 King St.

If you are unable to attend any of the listed dates but would like to make a donation, email mark.curry@alexandriava.gov. Visit www.dashbus.com for more.

Toys for Tots Drive. Nov. 19-Dec. 10. Area Sheehy Auto Stores will collect new and unwrapped toys to benefit the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program, which will distribute those toys as gifts to less fortunate children in the community in which the campaign is conducted. Sheehy's Toys for Tots drop-off locations include:

- Sheehy Honda of Alexandria, 2434 Richmond Highway, Alexandria
- Children's Holiday Party.** The Alexandria Domestic Violence Program (DVP) organizes a Holiday Party for children and mothers who have been recently served by the program on Dec. 13. At the party, the families reunite with past shelter friends and staff, eat and take pictures with Santa Claus, among other activities. Each mother and child receives a bag of gifts to wrap

and place under their own tree on Christmas Day. If you wish to donate children's toys or other gifts, provide newly purchased, unwrapped items. DVP will provide each mother with wrapping paper to personalize each child's gift. DVP is requesting gift certificates to local stores in denominations of \$25. For help deciding what to purchase, or questions about donating, call Magdalia or Hewan at 703-746-4911 for assistance. For more information about Domestic Violence visit alexandriava.gov/DomesticViolence.

THROUGH DEC. 31

Backflow Preventer (BFP) Assistance Program.

The City of Alexandria has reinstated its sewer Backflow Preventer (BFP) Assistance Program for homeowners in designated areas that historically experience basement back-ups or flooding. The City Manager approved the additional backflow preventer effort in the wake of torrential rainfall July 17-22. The program reimburses homeowners for up to 50 percent of the cost of installing a BFP device by a licensed plumbing contractor, up to a maximum of \$2,000. The current program period is from July 1-Dec. 31. Alexandria homeowners should call the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services at 703-746-4014 or visit www.alexandriava.gov/tes.

NAME THE NEW PARK

The City of Alexandria is soliciting suggestions for the name of the new park at the foot of King Street. The public is invited to participate in an online survey now through Nov. 16,

and a public hearing on Nov. 15, from 7 to 9 p.m., at the Charles Houston Recreation Center (901 Wythe St.). Visit alexandriava.gov/Waterfront.

THURSDAY/NOV. 15

Job Fair. 4-6 p.m. at 401 Wythe St. The Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority (ARHA) is hosting a job fair for Alexandria residents, preferably low and very-low income persons or businesses which provide jobs for low income persons, interested in working on the construction of the new Ramsey Homes building. Trades may include landscaping, carpentry, electrical, plumbing and painting, among others. Bring a resume. Contact Sarah Scott at 703-549-7115 for more.

Foster Parent Orientation. 6-7:30 p.m. at Alexandria DCHS 2525 Mt. Vernon Ave. Alexandria will hold a free, no obligation information session for prospective foster parents. An agency representative will be on hand to answer any questions and explain the requirements to foster and/or adopt. Note: Go to the Mt. Ida Street side entrance of the DCHS building. For questions or to RSVP, call 703-746-5858 or email Christine.Levine@alexandriava.gov.

Public Hearing. 7 p.m. at the Jerome "Buddie" Ford Nature Center, 5750 Sanger Ave. The Park and Recreation Commission will hold a public hearing to receive comment on the 2018 Landscape Guidelines Update. Following the public hearing, the Commission will continue with its

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Legals

Sealed proposals for the City of Alexandria per specifications will be received in the office of the Purchasing Division until the date and time designated as follows:

Title: Request for Qualifications No. 769, Backlick Run Trail Extension Phase One.

Closing Date and Time: December 7, 2018, 4:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

For general inquiries contact Randy Burns, CPPB, Purchasing Agent at randy.burns@alexandriava.gov.

The City of Alexandria reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, cancel this solicitation, and to waive any informalities or irregularities in procedure. **THE CITY REQUIRES ITS CONTRACTORS TO BE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYERS.**

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Sealed proposals for the City of Alexandria per specifications will be received in the office of the Purchasing Division until the date and time designated as follows:

Title: Request for Qualifications No. 787, Architectural Design, Engineering, and Associated Services at the DASH Facility. There will be a pre-Proposal conference for this solicitation on November 27, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the Purchasing Conference Room located at 100 N. Pitt St., Suite 301, Alexandria, VA 22314.

Closing Date and Time: December 19, 2018, 4:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

For general inquiries contact Peter Tomaselli at peter.tomaselli@alexandriava.gov.

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Legals

NOTICE OF PRACTICE CLOSURE

The medical practice of H. Evangelina Tomlinson, MD, PC in Alexandria, Virginia is announcing its closure as of December 1, 2018. All current/active patients are being notified by letter of this announcement along with information regarding physician referrals and medical records management. Other patients may call 703-567-6249 or 703-587-2851 or text 703-731-0823 to receive this information.

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ISABELLE PEARSON WEBER

Died peacefully on October 30, 2018. Born January 31, 1925, in Fall River, Massachusetts, to Edward and Ella Riley Pearson, owners of Highland View Farm. A 1946 graduate of Mount Holyoke College, she majored in Latin American Studies, and then joined the Experiment in International Living (Putney, VT), leading trips to Scandinavia and to Mexico, and assisting its founder, Donald Watt. She moved to Washington and worked for US AID 1950-58. She was active with the League of Women Voters (LWV) of Alexandria, and was its president 1968-70. She served the US LWV 1975-88 as Director of its Natural Resources Department, and then as Director of Membership and Development. Her husband of 57 years, George H. Weber, died in 2011. She is pre-deceased by her brothers Richard and Edward, and survived by her son Donald C. Weber of Arlington, his wife Christine Reid, and their daughters Sarah and Rebecca. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Let America Vote, Friends of Greenspring Gardens, or the Burgundy Center for Wildlife Studies. A memorial service is planned for late January 2019, at Goodwin House, Baileys Crossroads.

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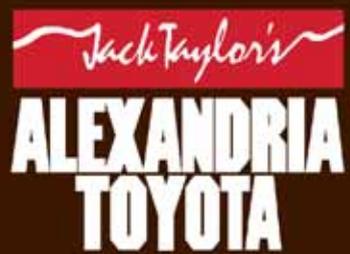


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