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There is a purple bin for recycling glass at the Mount Vernon Government Center at 2511 Parkers Lane, Mt. Vernon, VA, 22306.

FAIRFAX COUNTY



A fawn crosses the road earlier this summer.

GAZETTE
FILE PHOTO



No More Curbside Pickup for Glass

Residents will have to take their glass bottles and jars to a purple bin.

BY MERCIA HOBSON
THE CONNECTION

On Oct. 1, Fairfax County announced it will no longer accept glass bottles and jars in curbside recycling bins.

The county decided to make the announcement after consulting with private recycling sorting centers and Covanta Fairfax, Inc., which operates the waste-to-energy plant. With the elimination of glass jars and containers from its single-stream curbside program, the county provided options for glass containers.

“Residents should reuse glass containers or bring them to purple, glass-only recycling containers located throughout the region. If this is not possible, glass should be placed in the trash,” said Fairfax County in its post.

Glass items not accepted included lamps, light bulbs, ceramics, porcelain, mirrors, windows and sheet glass.

Glass collected from the purple containers will be delivered to the only glass processing plant in the area, the I-95 landfill complex in Lorton.

When residents deliver used glass containers to purple, glass-only recycling containers, that glass is crushed and reused in county projects. Glass processed in Lorton is pulverized. It has been tested and reused in place of quarried gravel as bedding and fill construction projects.

For years, most glass has passed through the recycling process as residue, or waste. Some of the glass is applied as landfill cover, an approved use by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, but most of it is simply landfilled with other unrecyclable waste.

Broken glass should be packaged into a rigid container, labeled and set out with trash for disposal. Intact glass windows, sliding doors, glass sheets and mirrors can be taken to the I-66 Transfer Station and I-95 Landfill Complex for disposal.

The county forewarned Feb. 15, 2019 that it was encountering many problems with glass in its single-stream recycling. When glass comingled with other materials in the County’s single-stream recycling program, it often broke during truck collection and transport to material recovery centers. The broken glass mixed with other more valuable recycled items such as cardboard and metals and contaminated them, lowering their scrap value and making them more challenging to sell in the marketplace.

Compounding the problem, approximately two years ago, China, the largest consumer for recycled materials, imposed stricter import standards on the quality of recycled content it accepted. Also, the additional heavy weight of broken glass when intermixed with other recyclables presented extra costs when transporting the mixed materials. The broken, abrasive glass also damaged machinery.

Ten other states have created container deposit laws or so-called “bottle bills.” Under a bottle bill system, when you purchase a beverage container, you pay an additional deposit amount (usually 5 or 10 cents per container), which is added to the cost of the product. Once the product has been consumed, you take the empty container to a redemption center where you receive your deposit back.

LOCATIONS

Locations of Purple Glass Only Drop-Off Bins
Fairfax County
I-66 Transfer Station
Fairfax County Recycling and Disposal Center
Mount Vernon District Governmental Center
Springfield District Governmental Center
Mason District Governmental Center
Sully District Governmental Center
Providence Community Center
Franconia Governmental Center
Fairfax County Government Center – Lot B
Reston South Park and Ride
Dolley Madison Library

More than Half Deer-Vehicle Crashes Occur October to December

Fall is breeding season for deer and you can expect to see more of them on our roads. Please be aware that deer are unpredictable and crashes with them are a safety concern.

From 2015 through 2018, there have been 244 deer involved car accidents in Fairfax County. Over half of those crashes occurred during the months of October, November and December. Deer are most active before sunrise to mid-morning, as well as dusk to early evening. This is also the time when many of us are headed to and from work or school.

Motorists should pay attention, drive carefully and remember these safety tips:

- ❖ Always wear your seat belt
- ❖ Drive the posted speed limit.
- ❖ Do not text and drive. Avoid distractions!
- ❖ Watch for eyes shine along roadsides. If you see one deer, it is likely that there are others nearby.
- ❖ Use high beams as traffic allows to spot deer further away. Be careful not to disrupt oncoming cars.
- ❖ If a deer is stopped in the roadway, slow down and flash

your headlights. Deer can become mesmerized or blinded by bright steady lights.

❖ Slow down or stop if necessary to avoid hitting a deer but you should never swerve out of the lane to miss one. A crash with another car or anything along the roadside is likely to be more serious.

❖ Take your foot off the brake at the time of a crash. This reduces the chance of a deer crashing through a windshield or windows when hit.

❖ If you get into a crash with a deer, try to move your car off the road and out of traffic.

❖ If your car is immobilized in the roadway, turn on your flashers and immediately call police. Wait at a safe spot off the road.

❖ Rely on your own senses. Never depend on hood whistles, car horns or other devices to scare deer out of your path.

❖ Pay attention to deer crossing signs and be careful in areas where deer are known to travel.

If a deer is injured or killed, immediately report the crash to us on our non-emergency line at 703-691-2131.

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West Potomac Dance Team at the 4th Annual Walk to Bust Cancer on Oct. 6 at Fort Hunt Park.

Walk to Bust Cancer

BY JERRY FILL
THE GAZETTE

More than 700 people turned out for the 4th Annual Walk to Bust Cancer on Oct. 6 at Fort Hunt Park to raise awareness and funds for the National Breast Cancer Foundation.

Money raised by this event goes directly to help needy women and their families in the metropolitan area to get screenings, genetic testing, and breast cancer services. This helps women who have no insurance or are under-insured and don't have the financial means to get the screening or care they require.

According to the Breast Center Foundation women in this region have a high rate of late stage breast cancer.

The National Breast Center Foundation works to:

"Educate Women; increase Access to breast cancer screening, treatment, and supportive services for underprivileged and uninsured/under-insured women in the



Jessica Shaw with her mother Donna Powell, a breast cancer survivor.

PHOTOS BY JERRY FILL/GAZETTE



Tigerlily Foundation President Maimah Kormo

community. Implement technology to provide high quality screening and treatment services in order to detect breast cancer at early stages, which will save more lives and, ultimately, reduce health care costs."

The Breast Center Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) public charity

For information:
www.nationalbreastcenterfoundation.org



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NEWS BRIEFS

Wrong Way Driver from Alexandria Killed

Virginia State Police is investigating a two-vehicle crash in Culpeper County. The crash occurred Oct. 5, 2019 at 2:59 a.m. on Route 29 (James Monroe Highway) at half a mile south of Route 15 (James Madison Highway). A 2009 Mazda 3 was traveling north in the southbound lanes of Rt. 29 when it collided head on with a 1999 Toyota Avalon. The Toyota was southbound in the left travel lane. The driver of the Mazda, Altangerel Jambal, 37, of Alexandria, Va., died at the scene as a result of his injuries. Jambal was wearing a seat-belt. The driver of the Toyota, a 24-year-old male from Standardsville, Va., suffered serious injuries in the crash and was flown to UVA Medical Center in Charlottesville. The male was not wearing a seat-belt.

The crash remains under investigation.

Virginia State Police was assisted by VSP's Division 2 Accident Reconstruction Team, Culpeper Sheriff's Office, Culpeper Fire and Rescue, and VDOT.

Alexandria Police Arrest Suspect in Tire Slashing Incident

The Alexandria Police Department made

an arrest in connection with the 64 vehicles that were damaged on Sept. 24, 2019 in the 1600 block of Kenwood Avenue. This includes 64 vehicles that had one or more tires slashed. A 32-year-old Alexandria man was arrested and charged with Felony Destruction of Property. He was being held without bond. Alexandria Police ask anyone who may have information about this investigation contact Detective Robert Hill at 703.746.6712 or Robert.Hill@alexandriava.gov.

Detectives Ask for Public's Help in Hit-and-Run of Pedestrian

Detectives from Mount Vernon Police District, Fairfax County Police Crash Reconstruction Unit are asking for the public's help with information from a hit-and-run crash involving a pedestrian that occurred around 11 p.m., Oct. 6. The victim, an adult man, was attempting to cross the road near the intersection of Collingwood Road and Lynnfield Drive. He was struck by a car and taken to a nearby hospital with serious injuries. Through their investigation, detectives believe the striking car to be a Nissan SUV, which should have damage to its undercarriage and possible minor front-end damage. Drugs and alcohol were not factors for the pedestrian.

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and Friday, October 11, 2019

West Potomac High School Reception in Library - 6:00pm Recognition halftime at football game

westpotomacsports.net (Hall of Fame Link)



PHOTOS BY STACY ZARIN GOLDBERG

Alexandria based designer Quintece Hill-Mattauszek designed this “Boys Club” space using vintage finds.

Local Designers Create Dream Home for Charity

Proceeds will help preserve historic sites such as an Underground Railroad stop and one of the first public schools for African Americans.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

A few of the area’s top interior designers were tapped to transform a grand home into a showcase house to raise money for charity. Designers Quintece Hill-Mattauszek of Studio Q Designs, Rhonald Angelo of Rhonald Angelo Interiors and Sheryl McLean of McLean and Tircuit Designs will unleash their collective creative talent to create a library, a teenage girl’s bedroom and a lounge space for a family of six.

“I envision this to be a sophisticated ... entertaining space, but not necessarily a man-cave,” said Alexandria-based Hill-Mattauszek, who used vintage finds to bring-to life “The Boys’ Club,” the space she was tasked with transforming. “I envision poker nights [and] Oscar parties.”

“I designed the library for how a family of six will actually function within it,” said Angelo. “New walnut flooring and paint changed the look. The room felt unbalanced beforehand, which I corrected in the final design.”

Sheryl McLean of Bethesda, Md. added bold artwork and vibrant colors to the home’s sitting room.

Interior design aficionados who are up for a short road trip can see the creations of the three local designers and others during the Historic Ellicott City, Inc.’s 33rd Annual Decorator Show House. Proceeds go toward preserving historic sites including a stop along the Underground Railroad and one of the first public schools for African Americans.

Twenty-one designers decorated 24 rooms and spaces in the stately French Provincial private home that is the future home to a couple with four young children.

The house will be open to visitors through Oct.



Bethesda-based designer Sheryl McLean, of McLean and Tircuit Designs, created this sitting room.

20, 2019 with hours Wednesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sundays from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$35 at the door or online are available online at <http://historicec.com/show-houses/>



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Alex/Engleside \$1,300,000
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Capstone to Four-Years of Police Reform

BY PHIL NIEDZIELSKI-EICHNER AND
ADRIAN L. STEEL JR.

Just in time for the Oct. 8 fourth anniversary of the 2015 release of the Fairfax County Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission Final Report, the Board of Supervisors approved full implementation of body worn cameras (BWC) by the Fairfax County Police Department (FCPD). This is one of the Commission's most significant and consequential recommendations. While a potential aid to criminal prosecution, the body worn camera's equally important contribution is to foster greater transparency and accountability of all parties during the interactions of the police with the public. Full implementation will begin in May 2020 and take three years to phase in countywide.

The Board's decision followed the completion of a 2018 pilot study chartered by Police Chief Edwin C. Roessler Jr. and conducted by the American University, which found that there was "...overwhelming support among community members for the widespread adoption of body worn cameras...." and "...consensus among the officers involved in the pilot that body worn cameras will increase the gathering of evidence and help settle complaints against officers."

The Board's decision is a fitting capstone to a four-year successful effort by the Board to oversee the transformation of the Police Department from one that was excellent to now being on a clear path to becoming "best in class."

The Commission's formation by the Board

of Supervisors followed a few high-profile police use of force incidents, with the ultimate catalyst being the August 2013 shooting death of unarmed Springfield resident John Geer in his doorway.

Board Chair Bulova formed the Ad Hoc Commission and her office closely oversaw the Commission's work over an intensive five-month period in 2015. Charged with "...assessing the (Fairfax County) Police Department's performance against national best practices," the Commission made more than 200 recommendations for strengthening the public's trust and confidence in the Department.

Public Safety Committee Chair Supervisor John Cook combined forces with Board Chair Bulova and Chief Roessler to drive the Board and Police Department to embrace the Ad Hoc Commission's recommendations. As they complete their many years of service to our community, Bulova's and Cook's police-reform efforts will certainly be a key legacy.

The significant reforms for which all can be proud will increase police accountability, divert those who suffer from mental illness into treatment rather than incarceration, reduce use-of-force injuries and deaths, open public access to incident information, and engender public confidence.

Body worn cameras will now complement the dashboard cameras mounted in each FCPD patrol vehicle. The Department's policy enshrines sanctity of human life as an organizing principle, with de-escalation as the strategy of first resort when confronted with a threat rather than the use of force. Constraints and strengthened supervisory oversight are

now in place on police use of vehicle pursuit. "Diversion First" offers alternatives to incarceration for people with mental illness or developmental disabilities.

An Independent Police Auditor (IPA) automatically reviews investigations of death or serious injury cases as well as uses of force when a citizen complaint is filed. A Civilian Review Panel reviews investigations of civilian complaints regarding "abuse of authority" or "serious misconduct" by an FCPD officer and holds public forums to hear from the community. Policies regarding release of information provide for increased public visibility into the Department's daily activities and performance, with a predisposition to disclose information, regardless of incident controversy. Intense efforts are underway to recruit talented personnel that better reflect Fairfax County's population diversity.

Sustained effort and energy are still required to move decades-old engrained practices into a "new normal." Further, those who are "best-in-class" constantly seek to improve.

Tough questions still need to be asked as the County implements body worn cameras. Should an agency other than the Department, for example, control access to the massive amount of data to be collected? Should the IPA or an independent third party audit the program? Heightened expectations alone should give our policymakers pause, particularly when we know that no technology deployment is mistake and error free. Not collecting video data during a controversial use of force incident

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Staying Current with Fairfax Water

BY DEL. PAUL KRIZEK

You might have noticed just how dry it has been for the past few weeks. Well, Virginia is currently experiencing a drought due to lower than normal precipitation in September and so far in October. Approximately half of the Commonwealth is in a moderate drought, including Fairfax County, while some areas west and south of Richmond are now in a severe drought. The good news is that the folks that manage our water here in Fairfax have painstakingly planned ahead for current and future drought episodes, so don't be afraid to continue using your water as needed, especially to drip onto those parched plants and trees.

Last week, I had the opportunity to visit and tour the Griffith Water Treatment Plant in Lorton where I learned just how much hard work and planning goes into collecting, treating, and distributing the water that comes out of our faucets.

Fairfax Water pumps water from numerous different reservoirs in the Potomac and Occoquan watersheds, which stretch across Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, DC, and



Pennsylvania. The raw water is pumped up to the treatment plant where it undergoes multiple levels of above-ground cleansing and filtration. Wires stretched across the filtered water deter birds like geese from landing in the water. Once inside, there are three machines at the Griffith plant that produce ozone gas in a contained environment. Ozone is an unstable, short-lived gas that de-

grades in as quickly as a few seconds to 30 minutes. As a purification method, ozone has greater disinfectant effectiveness against bacteria, viruses, and protozoans and has stronger germicidal properties than chlorination. In addition, the oxidizing properties of ozone can also be used to reduce the concentration of iron, manganese, sulfur and reduce or eliminate any taste and odor problems. The water is constantly monitored for sodium levels (which can be a challenge due to the use of salt during ice and snowstorms in the winter), both for health and taste issues, as well as turbidity (the clarity of the water) levels as it heads to distribution throughout the county. Fairfax Water not only has state of the art equipment, methods, and standards, but their

staff are also well trained to operate the facilities. They can even do so manually, without computers, if the need ever arises, and that is something they practice in case of emergency.

Fairfax Water does extensive research and projected demands forecasting based on the historical data of maximum daily usage trends, with current forecasting stretching as far ahead as the year 2050. Fairfax Water has grandfathered water rights to both the Occoquan and Potomac Rivers and has acquired the rights to the Vulcan Quarry, which sits behind the Griffith plant. After the quarry has been mined out over the next 70 years, Fairfax Water will begin using the quarry to create a new reservoir, capable of holding 17 billion gallons of water. This extra storage will help prevent future water shortages in cases of extreme droughts.

Fairfax Water was formed in September of 1957 when the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors proposed the creation of the Fairfax County Water Authority. Before 1957, there were 24 separate water systems throughout Fairfax County. Today there are only three: Fairfax Water, and Herndon and Vienna, of which the latter two are wholesale customers

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OPINION

Re-imagining the High School Experience in Fairfax County

BY: KAREN CORBETT SANDERS,
CHAIR AND MOUNT VERNON REPRESENTATIVE FAIRFAX
COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

As I walked into Mount Vernon High School's recent PTSA meeting, I had the pleasure of meeting two seniors who were returning to school after their internship at IntelSat. The young man and woman were enthusiastic about the skills they were learning and the opportunity to have a workplace experience while in high school through Genesys Works a program that began in 2016 in Fairfax County with a grant from AT&T. Genesys Works is an innovative organization that changes the life trajectory of underprivileged high school students by providing extensive training and year-long internships at major corporations during their senior year in high school. The conversation with these high school students reflects the changes happening in Fairfax County Public Schools as we strive to create more opportunities for students to explore career options that can lead to high demand high wage professions either directly out of high school or continuing on to a 2 or 4 year college degree. It is essential that we empower today's young people with the skills and work experiences to develop a mindset that they can succeed.

Since my time as the PTSA President of West Potomac High School and during my time on the School Board, I have focused on creating these opportunities for the students in Mount Vernon. It is with focus in mind that I worked with the administration of WPHS to establish the Governor's Health Sciences Academy and the relationship with Inova Health System; expanded our relationship with Fort Belvoir for work experiences on base and am working with the leadership of Northern Virginia Community College and Supervisors Dan Storck and Jeff McKay to bring an early college and workforce development center to the original Mount Vernon High School on Richmond Highway.

In parallel, I have facilitated discussions between the Foundation for Applied Technical Education leadership, the regional housing authority and local and national labor organizations to expand work experiences in the skilled trades for students in FCPS. This past summer the School Board allocated funds to establish a coordinator for "trades for tomorrow" to develop additional opportunities for students in the skilled trades area.

Conversations about CTE opportunities need to begin earlier than high school with our students. Recently, I joined Governor Northam, NOVA Community College Interim President Schiavelli, and Superintendent Brabrand when the Pathways to IT Initiative was launched. This pathways initiative begins engaging students in middle school about career opportunities in the IT and technology sector. I believe and have advocated that these discussions with students and their families need to be expanded to include discussions about opportunities in other fields. It is important to have these discussions so that these elective courses can be planned for in the student's four-year plan.

On Sept. 20, the Governor announced the expansion of the Community College Cloud Computing Degree Programs with Amazon Web Services to include a high school component for high school STEM and early college programs such as the one being developed for the Original Mount Vernon High School.

CTE and dual enrollment courses allow students to obtain skills, industry recognized credentials and hands on experience in fields that are in demand and pay well. These opportunities include career and technical education courses in our academies, pursue professional certifications in a range of fields and obtain real work experiences with companies or in the skilled trades. Students pursue coursework in automotive, business, consumer science, health and medical sciences, nursing, and emergency medicine, technology and the skilled trades. They build houses and restore cars. By enrolling in these courses, students are able to learn from career professionals while preparing for a two or four year college or entry level employment. This year we expanded the teach for tomorrow program to all of our high schools. Graduates committing to pursuing a teaching degree receive a signing letter for future employment with FCPS.

In addition to the classroom experience, students work with community and business partners in their areas of study. These partners provide internships, clinical observations, job shadowing, and mentoring. Additionally, community members are able to use the services offered by our students through these programs. These services include automotive oil changes, auto detailing and repairs, dental cleanings, haircuts,

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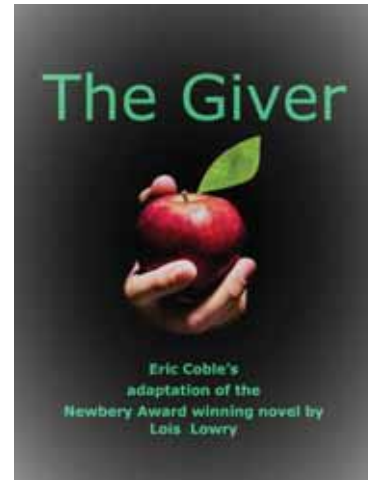
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Register at:
fhhsbcaa@gmail.com. Please include first and last name and contact information (email & phone number). Registration is free. Please visit and like/follow our Facebook page - FHHS Black Cultural Alliance Alumni High School Career Forum.

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ROTARY CLUB OF ALEXANDRIA Contributes to the Community



The Alexandria Rotary (Club) Foundation together with its affiliate, the Alexandria Day Nursery & Children's Home, Inc., continued its decade-long tradition of awarding grants to local Alexandria Nonprofit organizations at their Annual Contributions Day luncheon at Belle Haven Country Club this past June. On that occasion, checks were presented to 50 nonprofit organizations serving the Alexandria community for a total of \$132,000. The Rotary contributions proudly support programs such as the Alexandria Police Foundation which serves local law enforcement, Bridges to Independence which helps families secure affordable permanent Housing and Operation Warm, Inc. that provides winter coats to children in Alexandria.

In addition to honoring the contributions that these nonprofits make to the local community, the annual Rotary luncheon provides a time for the leadership of these organizations meet, talk and find opportunities to collaborate.

ROTARY CLUB OF ALEXANDRIA Alexandria Organizations Receiving Rotary Grants in 2019

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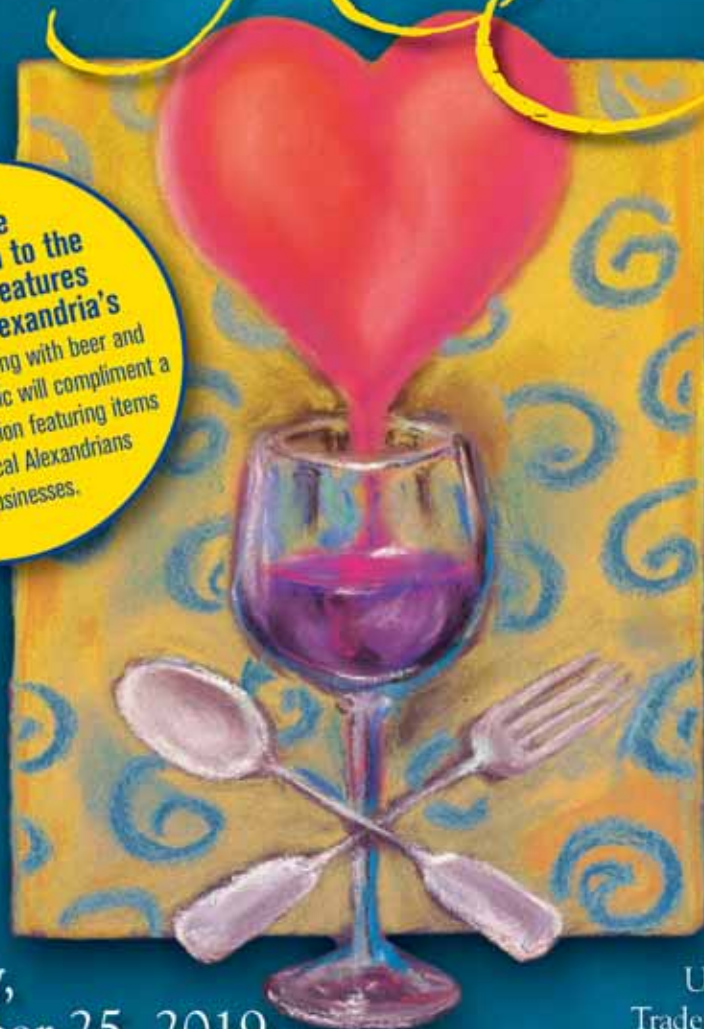


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The Alexandria Rotary Foundation's 12th annual "Taste for Giving" will be held on Friday, October 25, 2019, at the US Patent & Trademark Office in Alexandria. This is a festive evening open to the public that features the best of Alexandria's restaurants. Along with beer and wine tasting, live music will compliment silent and live auctions featuring items donated by local Alexandrians and businesses. The "Taste for Giving" is a highlight of every Rotary year and is a wonderful way for the community to support many outstanding non-profits which help the underserved and disadvantaged citizens in our community. The evening exemplifies the Rotary mission of "Service above Self."

"100 percent of our funds from the Taste for Giving go to local charities and organizations with goals that include literacy, healthcare, housing, childcare and nutrition," says current President, Sharon Meisel. "The Taste for Giving raises significant funds to support local charities and service organizations in the Alexandria Community."

Tickets for "Taste for Giving" must be purchased in advance.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Celebrate Fall, All Things Nautical at Portside in Old Town Festival

BY HOPE NELSON

Nautical notions meet food, drink and music at this weekend's Portside in Old Town Fall Festival. The festival, which is the second installment of Visit Alexandria's Portside series, lands in Waterfront Park this Saturday from 1 to 7 p.m.

The Portside festival is joining forces with the Seaport Foundation to make an uber-festival of sorts, combining the foundation's Seaport Day with the other cultural activities the festival has to offer. From interactive and maritime history programs to musical performances and plenty of food, it's attendees who luck out with the joint effort.

"We think it's a fantastic opportunity to

reinforce Alexandria's brand and positioning as a port city through this daylong festival that shines a light on our maritime history," said Visit Alexandria President and CEO Patricia Washington. "And we're so excited to be partnering with the Seaport Foundation" as well as the Office of Historic Alexandria, the parks and recreation department, and more, she added.

The activities for participants of all ages are plentiful. From knot-tying taught by the tall ship Providence team to old-fashioned lawn games, from helping to paint a Seaport Foundation boat to rope-making, plenty of free activities are there for the asking. Several other activities – model boat-making, splash golf and a 2:30 p.m. "Anything That Floats Race" – support the Seaport Foundation's programs with a

nominal fee.

And the festival's location at the newly opened Waterfront Park at the foot of King Street brings with it its own showcase, too.

"That's been an opportunity to shine a light on the new things that are happening on the waterfront and in Old Town," Washington said.

Washington said the summertime rendition of the Portside in Old Town Festival brought in 12,000 guests over the course of the day. Between the activities and the music, food and drink, she expects similar numbers this weekend.

Guests won't have to spend the day hungry – or thirsty. Riverside Taco, the Italian Place and Dolci Gelati will be offering up food and sweets for purchase, and Port City Brewing will be on hand pouring beer. Wine,

IF YOU GO

PORTSIDE IN OLD TOWN FALL FESTIVAL

When: Saturday, Oct. 12, 1-7 p.m.

Where: Waterfront Park, 1 King St.

Admission: Free. Food, drink and some activities do have a cost.

too, will be on sale to benefit the Seaport Foundation, and 10 percent of Riverside Taco's sales will also benefit the foundation.

Music will provide the soundtrack throughout the day. DJ Kat will lead things off, followed by the DCeivers and Sol Roots, ensuring an eclectic musical array to carry guests through their activities and keep them lingering after the fact.

"I think this is a great family-friendly festival," Washington said.

CALENDAR

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

ONGOING

Art Exhibit: Silo City. Through Oct. 13 at Multiple Exposures Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center, Studio 312, 105 N. Union St. An exhibition of photographs by Eric Johnson made in a complex of historic grain elevators and processing facilities in Buffalo, New York. Visit www.multipleexposuresgallery.com for more.

Art Exhibit: "Emotional Support: Animals." Through Oct. 27, daily, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Thursdays until 9 p.m. at Scope Gallery, ground floor Studio 19 of the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St. Kiln Club artists wax poetic on "Emotional Support: Animals" in the wholehearted exhibition of the exotic and domestic. Visit www.scopegallery.org or call 703-548-6288.

Art Exhibit: Twilight Zone. Through Oct. 27, gallery hours at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. "Art Inspired by The Twilight Zone" is a collection of work inspired by the classic television series. An opening reception is planned for Friday, Oct. 4, 7-9 p.m. Fee admission. Visit www.DelRayArtisans.org/exhibits.

Art Exhibit: Day of the Dead. Through Nov. 3, at Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center, Studio 29, 105 North Union St. The Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery presents its juried show, Day of the Dead. Neighbors in Mexico and Central America celebrate Day of the Dead. It is a joyful time that helps people remember the deceased and celebrate their memory. The colors and vibrancy of this holiday inspire artists of the Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery. Themed work will be eligible for recognition by the jurors. Non-themed work will also be exhibited. Visit www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com for more.

"Board | out of our minds!"

Through Nov. 10, gallery hours at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. "Board | out of our minds!" relates to the games we play. The included works exhibit the creative means in which people developed games



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It's October, and Old Town is getting ready for Halloween.

to reflect their thoughts and reflections on the role of chance in life. While some are actual games, some refer to the role of games in life. Visit www.nfaa.org or call 703-548-0035.

Mount Vernon Farmers Market. Wednesdays (through Dec. 18), 8 a.m.-noon at Sherwood Hall Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. The McCutcheon/Mount Vernon Farmers Market opened May 1 with an array of farm-fresh produce and local foods, plus some new features (fresh brewed coffee!). 17 local farmers and producers will sell fresh, locally grown vegetables and fruits; meats; Chesapeake Bay seafood; breads and pastries; honey, jams and jellies; milk, cheese and eggs; herbs and plants; and more. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets.

Band Members Needed. Join the Mount Vernon Community Band, a group of players who enjoy playing many styles of band music in a

relaxed atmosphere. Rehearsals are Tuesdays 7:30-9:30 p.m. in the Mount Vernon High School Band Room, 8515 Old Mount Vernon Road. No auditions. All instruments needed. Contact Eric Leighty directly 703-768-4172 or visit www.mvbands.com/join-us/.

THURSDAY/OCT. 10

Racism and What To Do About It. 7-9 p.m. At Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe Street, Alexandria. Second discussion: Facing Stereotypes and Microaggression behavior. Free. Email: alexandriavabahais@gmail.com

FRIDAY/OCT. 11

Highland Echoes Show. 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 4915 East Campus Drive. Highland Echoes is a vocal, musical, and dance

journey through Scottish history and culture from the Highlands to America. Featuring "Celtic Album of the Year" recipient Jennifer Licko - the show combines traditional and original music and dance. \$10-\$45. Visit highlandechoesalexandria.eventbrite.com for tickets.

Artist's Reception. 7-10 p.m. At Target Gallery, 105 N. Union Street, Alexandria. The Memento Mori Exhibition explores death and how it shapes life. Memento Mori, Latin for "remember that you will die," confronts this single most inevitable fact of all human existence. Laura Roulet, a D.C.-based independent curator and writer, juried the exhibition. She selected 28 works by artists from across the world, 10 of whom are local to the region. Memento Mori runs through Sunday, Nov. 3, 2019. Target Gallery is open daily from 10-6 p.m. and until 9 p.m. on Thursdays.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 11-13

Mount Vernon Fall Wine Festival & Sunset Tour. 6-9 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Celebrate the history of wine in Virginia at the home of George Washington. Bring a blanket, relax on the east lawn overlooking the scenic Potomac River and enjoy live music while sampling wine from Virginia's wineries. Admission: Friday, \$48; Saturday, \$52; Sunday, \$42. Call 703-780-2000 or visit mountvernon.org.

SATURDAY/OCT. 12

Portside In Old Town Fall Festival.

1-7 p.m. At Waterfront Park, 1 King St. Enjoy a day of live music, maritime history, nautical demonstrations and children's activities on the Old Town Alexandria waterfront. Savor local food, beer and wine while experiencing boat building demonstrations from Alexandria Seaport Foundation Apprentices and knot tying from tall ship Providence. Select activities benefit the Alexandria Seaport Foundation's mission to improve the lives of young people through adult mentoring, project-based learning and the craft of wooden boat building. Free admission; food and drink for purchase; fees for some activities. Visit www.visitalexandriava.com/event/portside-in-old-town-fall-festival/15351/ for more.

Watercolor Workshop-Many Ways to Paint a Tree.

9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. At Green Springs Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. (16-Adult) Artist and instructor Marni Maree will demonstrate various watercolor techniques to paint trees and walks you through the processes. Bring your supplies. Some supplies will be available in class for a small fee. \$93/person. Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes using code 4CD.853B or call 703-642-5173.

Family Fall Festival. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. At Armistead L. Boothe Park, 520 Cameron Station Blvd., Alexandria. The festival is free, with activities that include scarecrow building, inflatables, pumpkin painting and entertainment. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. As parking is limited at the

Across Alexandria, New Restaurants, Cafes Appearing On Scene

BY HOPE NELSON

Take a tour of Alexandria's storefronts lately and it's clear that the restaurant scene is in a bit of flux. From openings to closures to re-openings to plans, there's a lot going on at street level these days. Here are some eateries to anticipate – and one to bid farewell to, at least for a while.

APPETITE Hank's Pasta Bar Closes for Renovation, Rebranding

The pasta purveyor in North Old Town announced in early September that it would be closing its doors at the end of the month, and it followed through on Sept. 25.

"After 3 great years we have closed our

doors, but we look forward to our future in the same great location with our new unnamed concept. Continue to follow us on Instagram for updates," the restaurant posted Oct. 2 on Facebook.

Earlier statements from the restaurant have put the eatery's reopening at the end of 2019.

Augie's Mussel House Prepares for Reopening

Augie's, which opened its patio last year at 1106 King Street for some warm-weather service while its indoor dining room was being renovated, reopens to the public this week after a few final days of recipe testing and soft launches. While the patio closed last December and was slated to be out of service for only "a couple of months," anyone who's ever undergone a home renovation

knows how time can expand. Finally, though, the time is nigh for Augie's fans.

Sisters Thai Continues Buildout in North Old Town

The popular Sisters Thai, which is a gem in its two locations in Fairfax – including the popular Mosaic District – is preparing to set up shop in North Old Town in the new location at 530 First Street. The buildout of the restaurant space is moving along, and Sisters estimates a four-month process with the aim of being open by the end of January 2020.

Mount Purrnon Cat Café Signs Lease

It's taken longer than co-founders Kristin Cowan and Adam Patterson might have wanted, but good things come to those who

wait.

"OK cat ladies and gents and winos, we FINALLY HAVE A SPACE! Mount Purrnon will be in Old Town! Purrfect for our history theme, we think," the café announced on Facebook on Sept. 10. "We are hoping for spring opening as we have to go through permits processes etc.!"

By springtime, Mount Purrnon – and its adoptable cats – will be moving into 109 S. Alfred Street, Patterson confirmed to the Gazette this week. Beer, wine and café snacks will be on the menu once the shop opens its doors.

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

CALENDAR

event, the public is encouraged to bike, walk or take public transit. Visit alexandriava.gov/Recreation or call the Special Events Hotline at 703-746-5592 or Events and Public Space Activation at 703-746-5420.

George Washington's Alexandria Tour. 2-3:30 p.m. At 101 N. Union Street, Alexandria. Explore historic Old Town Alexandria as George Washington knew it. This 90-minute guided walking tour will explore sites associated with Washington and his closest colleagues, including John Fitzgerald's warehouse, Captain's Row, Gentry Row, the Apothecary shop, Ramsay House, Market Square, the Carlyle House, Wise's Tavern, Duvall Tavern, Gadsby's Tavern, and Washington's townhouse. The tour begins behind the Torpedo Factory's south entrance, in front of Vola's Dockside Grill. Free. No reservations required. Offered by the Office of Historic Alexandria. Contact 703-379-7460.

Celebration of Service. 6-9 p.m. at Ft. Belvoir Officers Club. Pastor Floyd C. Hawkins Sr. of Shiloh Church of God in Christ is preparing to celebrate 31 years of leadership and service to his church and community by highlighting those giving back to Fairfax County. The inaugural Floyd C. Hawkins, Sr. Outstanding Leaders in Community Service Award will be presented to: Dr. Nardos King, Bob Diegelman, Velvet Abram, and Victoria Williams. Open to the public. To attend, visit hawkins31yearsofservice.eventbrite.com.

Celebrating Lady Liberty's Birthday. 6-8 p.m. at The Garden by Building Momentum, 5380 Eisenhower Avenue, #Suite C, Alexandria. A night of music, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, silent auctions and more. Party hosted by local non-profit Just Neighbors to support legal services for low-income immigrants and refugees. Childcare will be available at Scramble next door to the venue. More information at Just Neighbors (www.justneighbors.org)

SUNDAY/OCT. 13

Mary Pickford: America's Sweetheart. 1-3:30 p.m. At Green Springs Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. (Adults) First person interpreter Elaine Flynn performs as Mary Pickford, icon of the silent screen era. Discover why this early cinematic celebrity became

"America's Sweetheart" as Pickford provides an entertaining look at an enthralling life and career that included three husbands, 200 films and an Academy Award. \$45 (program + tea); \$18 (program only). Reservations required. Call (703) 941-7987, TTY 703-324-3988.

Downton Abbey Tours. 2-3 p.m. at Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden, 614 Oronoco St. Explore the surprising connections between people and places of the world of Downton Abbey and those of the Lee-Fendall House through special "Downton Abbey" themed tours of the museum this fall. \$10. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org or call 703-548-1789.

Showcase of American Music Concert. 3 p.m. At Carl Sandburg Middle School, 8428 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. The National Concert Band of America (NCBA) will kick-off its 45th anniversary season with a free concert entitled "American Icons: A Showcase of American Music." To be directed by newly appointed Principal Conductor Adrian Holton, the concert will feature such classic composers as George Gershwin, John Philip Sousa and Aaron Copland as well as those lesser known as Morten Lauridsen and David Maslanka. Visit the website: www.nationalconcertband.org

MONDAY/OCT. 14

Female Stranger Beer Dinner. At Gadsby's Tavern Museum, Alexandria. Join Port City Brewery and Gadsby's Tavern Museum as they honor the anniversary of the Female Stranger's death with her specialty beer and a Beer Dinner. Enjoy a four-course meal alongside four great Port City beers including the Long Black Veil. This special craft beer was inspired by the famous tale of the Female Stranger, who died at the tavern on October 14, 1816. Tickets are \$85 inclusive per person and reservations are required. A vegetarian entrée option is available with advance notice. Call 703-746-4242 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

TUESDAY/OCT. 15

Digital Genealogy Photography. 1-3 p.m. At Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Photographer and genealogical

researcher Gary Petranek, Co-Director of the Washington D.C. Family History Center, will speak about the digital photography aspects of genealogy and about the RootsMagic software. Cost for event: Free, open to public. Visit www.mvgenealogy.org.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 16

Alexandria Beautification Awards. 7:30 p.m. At the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington Street, Alexandria. The 2019 Beautification Awards Ceremony will recognize and celebrate residents, businesses, organizations and communities for their outstanding efforts in contributing to the beautification of the City of Alexandria. Awards will be given in the following six categories: Excellence in Architecture, Excellence in Sustainable Design, Residential Beautification, Commercial Beautification, Community Beautification and Green Practices in Beautification. Mayor Justin Wilson and members of City Council will present the awards. Visit the website www.alexandriava.gov/Beautification

THURSDAY/OCT. 17

Make and Take Lunch Break Social. 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at 2425 Eisenhower Ave (on the grassy knoll). Take a real lunch break outside to refuel and recharge with co-workers. Each month a DIY local business will pop-up and offer a themed craft (while supplies last). Email maurisapotts@gmail.com or visit www.FB.com/AlexandriaEcon.

Fall Garden Tour and Tea. 1-3 p.m. At Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. (Adults) Tour the glorious fall demonstration gardens with a master gardener docent who will highlight standout plants, and tell stories of Green Spring past and present. Afterwards, enjoy a traditional English afternoon tea. \$36/person. Reservations required. Call (703) 941-7987, TTY 703-324-3988.

Lost Dog Cafe Release Party. 5:30-7:30 p.m. At 808 N. Henry Street, Alexandria. Lost Dog Rescue Ale will make its debut in both Draft and Four Pack 16 oz Can Formats. Lost Dog & Cat Rescue Foundation will bring cats and dogs looking for a



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Black cat in Old Town, getting ready for Halloween.

good home to Lost Dog locations. In addition to meeting potential pets, guests will have the chance to enjoy Rescue Ale.

AARP Financial Basics. 7:30-9 p.m. At Sherwood Hall Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria. Free. Take charge of your financial future! Learn how to build upon your smart money habits and make the most of your financial resources. Save more for a comfortable retirement.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

Garden Talk-Putting the Garden to Bed. 1:30-2:30 p.m. At Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. (16-Adult) Enjoy the break from the summer heat as you

head back into the garden for some end-of-season maintenance. Learn from Extension master gardeners what you need to do to ensure that your plants are well prepared for the cold weather, what needs pruning, what needs transplanting and what needs mulch. \$10/person. Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes using code 493.0654 or call 703-642-5173.

SATURDAY/OCT. 19

Woodlands and Wetlands Tour. 10-11:30 a.m. At Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. (Adults) Experience Green Spring's wilder side. Take a docent-led tour through the Virginia Native Plant Garden, woodland

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stream valley and ponds, and learn how we protect these special places. Hear about plants and wildlife, and view remnants of a globally-rare magnolia bog. Admire the fall display with refreshments at the pond gazebo. \$15/person. Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes using code 900.4C7F or call 703-642-5173.

Puppet Show. 10 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. At Oswald Durant Center, 1605 Cameron Street, Alexandria. Tickets are \$6. Beech Tree Puppets perform The Giant Turnip. An old man and his wife lovingly tend their garden and grow a vegetable so large they can't pull it up by themselves. This whimsical folktale is sung and told with hand-crafted rod and shadow puppets. The story celebrates caring for the earth and working together. Visit alexandriava.gov/WebTrac.

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24th Annual Art Safari. 12-5 p.m. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. An Alexandria tradition for almost a quarter-century, Art Safari returns for a day of hands-on activities for kids and families. Dozens of artists lead budding art enthusiasts in exciting and creative projects throughout the building. Dress to get a little messy. This event is perfect for children ages 5+. Younger children may need some extra help but will still have a lot of fun. Call 703-746-4570 or visit www.torpedofactory.org.

Floral Design Workshop-Fall Flowers & Foliage. 1-2:30 p.m. At Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. (16-Adult) Enjoy autumn's rich colors and textures by bringing them into your home. Learn how to create a unique, take-home floral design that celebrates the season with the help of professional floral designer Betty Ann Galway. Learn tips and tricks of the trade to practice on your own designs at home. \$39/person. Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes using code 30F.C61A or call 703-642-5173.

Fix-It Clinic. 2-4 p.m. At Martha Washington Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. Bring in your broken items and receive free guided assistance from volunteers. First-come, first-served. Services include fabric mending, jewelry repair, lamp/small electrical appliance repairs, silver polishing, and more. Contact Sharon Wasserman at 703-768-6700.

Sopranessence Fall Concert. 3-4:30 p.m. At Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria. Sopranessence kicks off its fifth season with "Let's Start at the Very Beginning...." (Root to Blossom) by revisiting our roots and sharing some of our favorite songs from past shows. From dueling Divas to the harmonies of Puccini, your favorites are sure to be here. Cost is pre-sale thru Oct. 18: \$20 General Admission; \$18 for Seniors/Military; \$10 for Youth. At-the-Door: \$25 all tickets.

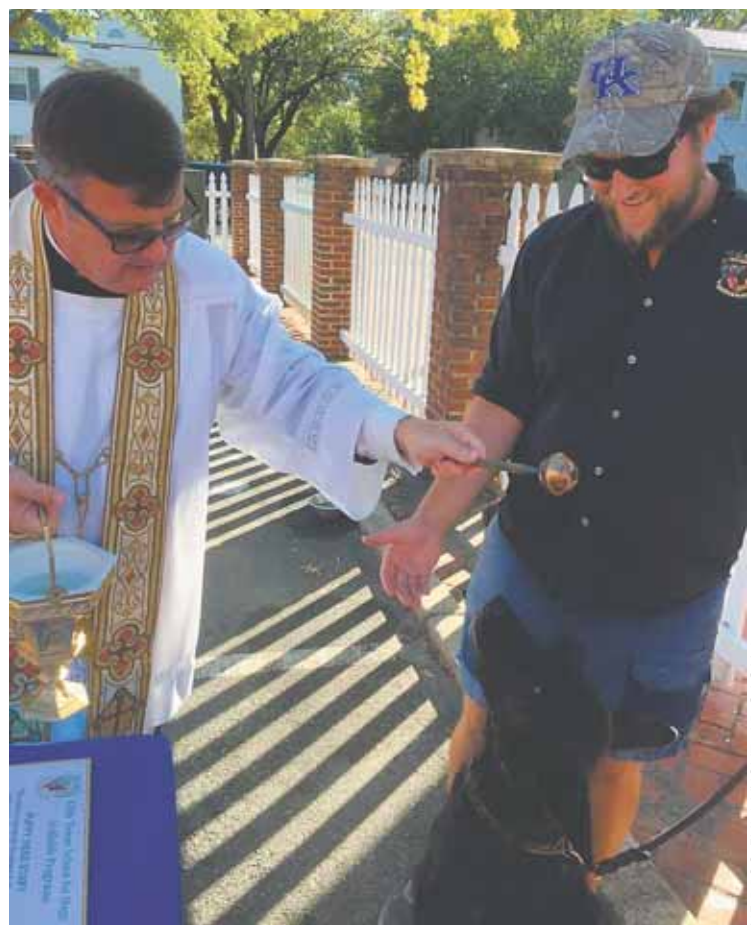


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BLESSING THE PETS: Father Hathaway stops by to bless "Mike" at the treats table provided by The Olde Towne School for Dogs while Brad Huber, training manager, looks on.

Visit the website:
www.sopranessence.org

Country-Western Dance. At Lincolnia Senior Center, 4710 North Chambliss Street, Alexandria. The Northern Virginia Country-Western Dance Association will hold a dance. Lessons, 6-7 p.m. Open dancing, 7-9:30 p.m. A DJ provides music. Couples and singles of all ages welcome. Admission for NVCWDA members \$10; non-members \$12; children under 18 accompanied by a paying adult \$5. Trial memberships available at door for member level entry fee. Smoke-free, alcohol-free. BYO refreshments. For more information see www.nvcwda.org.

Specialty Tour: Death at the City Hotel. 7-9 p.m. At Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St., Alexandria. Admission: \$20. The City Tavern has been the site of many historic events, but also of macabre ones. This special tour explores the stories of the people who breathed their last breath at the hotel and the scenes surrounding them. Bring your friends and raise a glass (drink provided) to those who have come before, from a famous actress to Civil War soldiers. You won't look at this historic corner of Alexandria the same again. Call 703-746-4242. Visit www.shop.alexandriava.gov/events.aspx

Concert: The Spheres. 7:30 p.m. At Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall, NVCC Campus, 4915 E. Campus Drive, Alexandria. The Alexandria Choral Society Celebrates its 50-year anniversary. Featuring composers Gabriel Fauré (*Requiem*), Ola Gjeilo (*Sunrise Mass*), and Alexandria's Jonathan Kolm (*Pieces of Night*), all set for choir and strings. Brian J. Isaac is the Artistic Director of the Alexandria Choral Society (Alexandria), the Williamsburg Choral Guild (Williamsburg, VA), and the Founder / Artistic Director of Church Circle Singers (Annapolis, MD). www.alexandriachoralsociety.org.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 19-20

Mount Vernon Fall Harvest Family Days. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. At George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Hwy., Mount Vernon. Celebrate the autumn season with 18th-century activities for the whole family at Mount Vernon. Take a horse-drawn wagon ride and play colonial games on the bowling green before heading to the Pioneer Farm to observe 18th-century demonstrations and greet General Washington. Find your way through a straw bale maze and listen to the Itinerant Band play colonial tunes. Sightseeing cruises are offered at half the regular price. Admission: Included in general admission (\$20 adults; \$12 youth). Visit the website: www.mountvernon.org.

SUNDAY/OCT. 20

Hurricane Dorian Relief Concert. 4 p.m. At Immanuel Chapel at Virginia Theological Seminary, 3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria. Benefit concert to raise money for Hurricane Dorian relief efforts in the Bahamas. There are no tickets for this concert. A free-will offering will be received and people give whatever they can. There will be a post-concert reception in the seminary's Welcome Center.

TUESDAY/OCT. 22

Twilight & Tipple Tours. 6-9 p.m. at Pope-Leighey House, 9000 Richmond Highway. Experience Frank Lloyd Wright's Pope-Leighey House by twilight. This tour series is a rare chance to see one of Wright's houses illuminated against a night sky. Grab a drink, included in the price of the tour ticket, and walk through the house on a leisurely, open house style tour with plenty of time to take stunning photos. \$35. Visit www.woodlawnpopeleighey.org/ for more.

Capstone to Four-Years of Police Reform

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dent is bad, missing video data under the Department's control is worse.

As to the revised vehicular pursuit and stopping policies, it will be important for the FCPD to provide a detailed report to the Board and the public in early 2020 as to the effects of the revised policies, details of 2019 pursuits and vehicle stops, and whether any further changes are needed. It will also be important for the Board to monitor and take any appropriate action with respect to the racial disparity study underway by the Independent Police Auditor.

On this fourth anniversary of the Ad Hoc Commission Report, Fairfax County and its Police Department have achieved many reforms of which to be

proud. The temptation will be to declare the mission accomplished. This would be a mistake. The new Board of Supervisors come January must provide vigilant monitoring through performance expectations and progress reports. Not because enough has not been accomplished, though more improvements are needed, but because that's the norm for best-in-class police departments.

Niedzielski-Eichner and Steel were chair and vice-chair of the Ad Hoc Commission's Use of Force Subcommittee and spent many hours with a small, loosely configured group of former Commission members dedicated to implementing Commission recommendations, working with FCPD leadership. Steel oversaw as chair the formation of the Civilian Review Panel.

Staying Current with Fairfax Water

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of the former. Fairfax Water issues revenue bonds to pay for the water system and maintains a AAA bond rating from all three rating agencies.

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We should recognize that Fairfax Water is a respected industry leader that upholds their customers' trust by providing water of exceptional quality and reliability, at a reasonable price, while supporting the high quality of life and economic vitality of our region.

Re-imagining the High School Experience in Fairfax County

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color and other services, catering, dog grooming, and recharging of refrigerator/freezer compressors. The health science academies hold health fairs for families annually. I encourage community members to support these programs and services.

I encourage families to begin conversations about the opportunities available to FCPS students in the

academies, career certification programs and workplace learning experiences. As your representatives, Supervisor Storck and I are committed to bringing more of these opportunities to the students of Mount Vernon. We encourage businesses to partner with FCPS in providing these experiences to our students so that they can gain the skills necessary to ensure continued economic growth and prosperity for the County and region.



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Obituary

On Saturday, September 28, 2019, **Priscilla B. Glynn**, sweet natured sister of Nancy B. Glynn, passed away in her home oasis. Priscilla spent her working life as a writer/editor extraordinaire for the federal government. At Priscilla's request, no service is planned. Interment will be at Pohick Church, Lorton VA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to either Claddagh Farm, 5170 Jefferson Road, Jefferson, VA 22724 or the National Humane Education Society, P.O. Box 97138, Washington, DC 20090.

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

Obituary

Martha McCutcheon Merkli, loving wife and mother of 5, passed away unexpectedly Monday September 30, 2019.

Martha was born in Webster Springs, WV, March 13, 1937 to Mr. William R. and Mrs. Helen J. McCutcheon, and was a fun loving sister to her 4 siblings. Growing up Martha loved to sing with her sisters, play at the river, attend 4H camp, play basketball and most notably, was elated to twirl baton as a majorette.

At the age of 20 she met and married Edward A. Merkli, her biggest supporter. In their 61 years of marriage they raised five children while also mastering careers as real estate brokers. They supported their children in all their sports and activities, including motocross and family paper routes. They were singlehandedly the loudest cheering section at any sports event in which their family competed. "Hail to the Redskins!"

Martha was in management at Hechinger for over 25 years, providing a brand of tough love and mothering both at home and at work. Starting out as the PBX operator, then rising to management, her mentorship and impact on countless lives is still treasured today.

She and Eddie were ruthless bridge players, with sharp minds and a brand of cooperation unmatched. The Mexican Train games were epic, Phase 10 marathons a joy, puzzles and crosswords ever present. Her pastime of a long hot drawn bath with a good book was classic Mom.

Martha stayed home with their five children, teaching them to read and appreciate a good book, to swim, and to get along well with each other as well as others. These lessons continue to remain in our hearts as a perfect example.

Martha is survived by her husband Edward A. Merkli, her children Robert E. Merkli (Blair), John A. Merkli, Mary L. Merkli-Velasco (David), Nancy M. Tracy (Mark), Susan M. Merkli, 13 Grandchildren, 11 Great Grandchildren and one Great Great Grandchild, sisters, Susan Brown, Elizabeth Perry and Sara Snyder. She was preceded in death by her parents William R. and Helen J. McCutcheon, brother William McCutcheon, her twin sister Mary Louise McCutcheon and one Grandchild.

Please join us in celebrating Martha's life at 1:00pm on Saturday October 12, 2019 at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Road, Alexandria, VA 22306

Reception to follow immediately in Wesley Hall.

Obituary

Christopher J. Connelly

ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA— Christopher James Connelly, loving husband, father, son, grandson, brother, and uncle, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family, on September 26, 2019 after a long and heroic battle with brain cancer. Christopher was 39 years old.

Christopher was born on December 5, 1979 in Frederick, Maryland, one minute after his twin brother, Shawn. He attended Valley Elementary, Brunswick Middle, and Brunswick High School where he developed a fondness for math and history, played football and ran track, and formed lifelong friendships. He studied economics at Towson University (2003) where he was an active member of Phi Sigma Kappa Fraternity, and went on to pursue his MBA at the University of Maryland Robert H. Smith School of Business (2012). Christopher worked for the Audit practice at Deloitte, and had an exciting career in business in a variety of industries, from healthcare to professional services. More importantly, he was the kindest, funniest, and most genuine man; an eternal optimist, a child at heart, and a formidable fantasy football team manager. Christopher met his wife Kristen in 2011, and moved to Northern Virginia shortly thereafter. Christopher was so confident when he proposed, he planned a surprise party of all their family and friends to celebrate, just moments after he asked Kristen to marry him. Kristen and Christopher were married five years ago on September 13, 2014. Together they built a beautiful life and partnership full of love and laughter, focused on family and friends, the beach, and good food - especially tacos, crab cakes, and ice cream. They traveled the world together, with memorable adventures in Italy, Paris, South America, Hawaii, Las Vegas, and Miami - but his favorite vacations were family traditions, especially beach weeks in Ocean City, MD and Long Beach Island, NJ. Christopher was famously always the last person on the beach at the end of the day.

In November 2016, Christopher and his wife welcomed Jack Christopher, who has inherited his father's beautiful blue eyes and love of cooking. Christopher said that raising Jack was more rewarding than he could have ever imagined, and he loved introducing Jack to the Redskins, UMD Terps, Guns N' Roses, and the Harvard Business Review. Christopher's greatest source of joy came from his family, and he was a thoughtful and attentive husband, father, son, grandson, brother, and uncle. He always put others ahead of himself. He was an inspiration to all that knew him and he will be dearly missed.

Survivors include wife Kristen and son Jack of Alexandria, VA; father James Connelly, Jr. and mother Linda Connelly of Jefferson, MD; mother-in-law Angela Stephan and father-in-law Michael O'Neill of Alexandria, VA; grandparents Ruth Connelly of Portage, PA and James and Joanne Cunningham of Greensburg, PA; brother Shawn (and Whitney) Connelly of Ashburn, VA; sister Elizabeth (and Ryan) Defibaugh of Frederick, MD; and four nephews.

A funeral service was held at Aldersgate United Methodist Church (1301 Collingwood Road, Alexandria), on Thursday, October 3.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to support the college fund of Jack Christopher Connelly, to help Jack realize his parent's dreams of their son becoming an attorney or a doctor at www.gofundme.com/f/connelly-family-fund.

Apparently, Not a Stable Genius



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Let me get this out of my system because until I do, I won't be able to write about anything else. Not to worry. This is not a cancer column. I am fine until they tell me otherwise which occurs every eight weeks after my bi-monthly CT scan tells the tale of the tape.

No, this column is about my lack of understanding and business acumen which twice has led me down the garden path only to be asked to leave before I got to smell any of the pretty flowers. Once (twice, actually) had to do with attempts at refinancing this old house (carbon dated to approximately 1750, according to a plaque the previous owner hung to the right of the front door), and most recently (also twice) to do with reverse-mortgage financing this same now older house.

With respect to the attempts at refinancing, I will make this short and not particularly sweet. Without getting into the lead paint, bathrooms, roof, door and window issues, it always perplexed me that if I could afford to pay \$1800 per month at 6.75% interest, I could probably afford to pay \$1400 per month at 3.75% interest. However, and this is where my lack of common banking sense manifests itself; my presumptive inability to pay \$400 less per month was problematic for the lenders to be. And an over 800 credit rating did nothing to dissuade the lender's notion that whatever financial wherewithal I had exhibited over the previous 30-plus years was irrelevant borrowing forward.

As concerns the current issue: the reverse mortgage. To say my financial life depends on its approval might be a bit of an exaggeration, but not if you're in my shoes, even occasionally. I can understand the need for the installation of safety rails on the left and right side of the staircase going down to the basement. And grudgingly, I can understand the need for the structural integrity fix relating to the five wooden pillars sitting atop the cracked concrete slab which floors our front porch and apparently prevents the house from falling forward. But I can't understand why the old stable matters so much to the appraiser/underwriter.

It is not used or functional in any way other than as a repository for junk and as a landing spot/vantage point for the Turkey Vultures who nest there. This building is approximately 50 yards from our house and 10 to 15 yards from our neighbor's house. If it fell, like our barn did years ago, it would land on part of our two acres. Given its age, likely over 100 years, it was not, nor has it ever been covered by our home owner's insurance. "Too old," they said. The structural engineer who submitted the report about our house did a walk-around the stable with me and made note of its peculiar structural fixes which included cinder blocks and some rocks. However, in response to my "What do I do?" question; his answer: "We don't certify the structural integrity of 100 year-old buildings." Now I'm being told by my reverse-mortgage banker that I have to fix/secure the foundation of the stable or else the deal is likely dead. Dead over an out-building that nobody uses and was likely built before two century's turned?

The whole point of this application was to spend nothing and get something. It was not to spend something and get nothing. This stable, either structurally sound or not provides me nothing as a living benefit. We're not moving into it. Nor are we selling the property. We're here for the duration. The stable, if it matters at all, will matter to whomever sifts through our financial remains, and since we have no children, those 'remains' are not really our concern. Yet according to the most recent email I received, either I make it my concern or stew in my own juices and slowly wither away.

When I began this process, I had hoped there would be an end in sight. I didn't realize it would be my own.

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Fort Ward is the best preserved of the Union forts that comprised the Civil War Defenses of Washington. The Museum features exhibits, programs and special events throughout the year. Fort Ward is located at 4301 West Braddock Road in the west end of the City of Alexandria. For more information, please contact Fort Ward Museum at 703.746.4848.

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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United Community (formerly UCM), with main office located at 7511 Fordson Road, Alexandria, seeks volunteers for Food Pantry assistance, Early Learning Center teacher aides, basic needs counselors, youth tutors and mentors, office administration/data entry, and community outreach. Flexible hours and schedules. Opportunities for all ages to serve, including community service hours. More info at ucmagency.org/volunteer-opportunities or email volunteer@ucmagency.org.

Operation Paws for Homes, a Virginia based 501(c)(3) organization seeks volunteers, especially to foster dogs. See www.ophrescue.org for information and all volunteer opportunities.

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Truly stunning property! Almost 5,000 luxuriously finished square feet built in 2011 by Brookfield Homes. This "Waverly Model" contains virtually every modern amenity and is loaded with custom upgrades. Special features include: 4 finished levels, spectacular open floor plan, high ceilings, custom Chef's kitchen, upgraded trim details, hardwood floors, 6 Bedrooms with huge master suite, finished lower level with bedroom, full bath, fireplace, bar and walk out stairs. No expense was spared on exterior hardscaping with custom deck & stone patio with fireplace as well as children's playground. Combination of size, custom features and prime location impossible to duplicate for under \$1 Million. One of a kind opportunity!



**4296 Neitzey Pl
\$1,850,000**

Truly spectacular estate in premier setting near the river in prestigious Oxford on the Potomac. Custom home capitalizes on its location with soaring high ceilings, glass walls and multi-level decks designed to capture sweeping views of the river & adjoining wooded areas. Special features include: multi-story entry foyer, grand room sizes, elegant interior finishes, elevator, truly breathtaking master suite with dramatic river views, and his & hers private baths. Nothing was spared in creating this unique, one of a kind masterpiece!

POTOMAC RIVER VIEWS!



OPEN SUNDAY

**4401 Ferry Landing Rd
\$568,950**

Most house for the \$ in fabulous Yacht Haven Estates! Classic Mid-Century charm. Features: open floor plan, large room sizes and expansive walls of glass to bring the natural beauty of the grounds to every corner of the home. Exceptionally spacious with two full finished levels, 4 BR's, 3 Full BA's, 2 FP's, all glass thermal replacement windows, gorgeous .5 acre lot, walk to river and MV Yacht Club

ONE LEVEL LIVING!



**3249 Woodland Ln
\$1,060,000**

Stunning opportunity! Custom home by Wakefield Homes, the area's leading luxury home builder. No expense was spared in this estate caliber property which was built with numerous upgrades and expanded floor plan. Special features include: stunning bright and open floor plan, 2 story entry foyer and family room, Chef's kitchen open to family room, huge master suite, gorgeous hardwood floors, finished lower level w/ full walk out, side load 2 car garage. Gorgeous setting on half acre lot in neighborhood with community access to Little Hunting Creek. Same home build today would cost thousands more!

STUNNING SETTING!



CONTRACT!

**3717 Carriage House Ct
\$889,000**

Uniquely spectacular property in prestigious Riverwood community. One of the area's premier communities, bordering Mt. Vernon Estate on one side and the Potomac river on the other! No expense spared in updating & expanding the residence resulting in an incredibly dramatic property! Major additions include a truly spectacular great room featuring soaring cathedral ceiling, 6 sky lights, floor to ceiling "Andersen" windows, gas fireplace, and custom 8 ft "Andersen" glass doors. Other special features include: sun room, family room off kitchen, four large bedrooms on upper level, finished lower level, and true oversize 2 car garage. Stunning 37 x 25 ft custom deck overlooks beautifully manicured grounds. A truly special property!

RIVERWOOD GEM!



SOLD!

**4749 Neptune Dr
\$995,000**

Significant price adjustment! A true estate caliber property! Spacious custom home nestled on beautifully manicured 3/4 acre grounds near river in prestigious Yacht Haven Estates! Home was carefully crafted with extensive covered verandas and elevated decks to capitalize on the privacy and serenity provided by gorgeous large wooded and lush environment. The home's special features include: 3 beautifully finished levels, 5 Bedrooms, stately living and dining rooms, large family room with fireplace, and stunning custom chef's kitchen. Numerous glass doors lead from major rooms to outside verandas, ideal for entertaining! Lot is large enough to accommodate spacious custom pool + extensive grassy area. Unique property providing character & graciousness that would be very difficult to

INCREDIBLE GROUNDS!



SOLD!

**9316 Old Mansion Rd
\$950,000**

Totally unique location. One of the few area properties that provides direct Potomac river views. Enjoy the same sweeping river views that George Washington did from Mt. Vernon Estate which is just upriver from this special property! Other special features include: beautifully manicured grounds backing to private parkland with community path leading to river. The home is an attractive three level colonial featuring 3 levels, 4 bedrooms on upper level, bright white kitchen, two car garage, walk out lower level and large deck providing elevated private views of woods and river. A true natural wonderland!

POTOMAC RIVER VIEWS!



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