

Republican Requiem

BY MICHAEL POPE
THE CONNECTION

It wasn't all that long ago that Northern Virginia had its own breed of Republicanism. People like U.S. Rep. Tom Davis (R-11), U.S. Sen. John Warner and Del. Dave Albo (R-42). Now, after a series of stunning defeats since the election of Donald Trump to the White House, Northern Virginia Republicans are a dying breed, with moderates bowing out or being voted out.

"Donald Trump is the gift that keeps on giving," said Del. Mark Keam (D-35) during a raucous victory rally in Richmond. "Virginians want Democrats to be in charge, and Donald Trump was the factor that led us to where we are."

Two years ago, Democrats picked up 15 seats in the House of Delegates and unseated longtime incumbents like Jim LeMunyon (R-67). Last year, Democrats took control of the U.S. House of Representatives and voted out U.S. Rep. Barbara Comstock (R-10). This week, Democrats flipped two seats in the state Senate and six seats in the House of Delegates, including Democratic challenger Dan Helmer unseating longtime incumbent Del. Tim Hugo (R-40). "Dan Helmer won because voters in Fairfax and Prince William want a representative that doesn't stand in the way of progress," said Jessica Post, president of the Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee. "With his long record of standing up for his community, not his party, Dan will make an excellent delegate and will work to keep Virginia moving forward."

After the defeat of Hugo, who served as chairman of the House Republican Caucus, the Fairfax County delegation in the General Assembly will have zero Republicans. Voters in Fairfax also rejected Republican-backed candidates for the School Board.

Alexandria and Arlington haven't had any



PHOTO BY MICHAEL POPE

Republicans haven't won a statewide victory since 2009, and now that Democrats have seized control of the House of Delegates and state Senate, Gov. Ralph Northam declared Virginia "officially blue" at a raucous victory party in Richmond Tuesday night.

elected Republicans for years. The last foothold the GOP has in Northern Virginia is the Springfield District, where longtime incumbent Republican Supervisor Pat Herryty was able to eke out a narrow victory against Democratic challenger Linda Sperling.

"We have a clear message that the residents of the Springfield District want someone who shares their common sense conservative values to have a seat at the table," said Herryty. "The Springfield District wants Fairfax County to be a place where everyone can become successful."

DEMOCRATS HAVEN'T controlled the House of Delegates since the late 1990s, a time when Republicans have been able to use their majority to push back efforts on gun control, the minimum wage and the Equal Rights Amendment.

Now voters have expelled Republicans from power in a high-turnout election with almost 40 percent of registered voters showing up to cast a ballot compared to 29 percent in 2015. House Democratic Leader

Eileen Filler-Corn says that's a mandate for change.

"Without a doubt, the House candidates have offered Virginia a progressive and inclusive future," said House Democratic Leader Eileen Filler-Corn, who is a leading candidate to be the next speaker. "And guess what? You, the voters, said yes."

At the top of that agenda is what Democrats call common-sense gun control. When asked which issues motivated voters this year, Democrats almost universally cited the lack of reaction to mass shootings across Virginia and the country. Democrats are poised to institute universal background checks, ban assault-style weapons and give judges authority to confiscate weapons from people who raise red flags.

"Tomorrow the work begins, and the people want to see results," said Democratic Senate Leader Dick Saslaw, who is expected to lead the caucus next year. "They want to see gun violence curtailed, and Everytown for Gun Safety and Moms Demand Action, you're going to get action."

Democrats take General Assembly, sweep Fairfax School Board; Republican Herryty holds on in Springfield district.



PHOTO @PATHERRYTY VIA TWITTER

Pat Herryty (R-Springfield) with his wife Nancy after voting on Tuesday. Herryty will be the lone remaining Republican in elected office in Fairfax County.

ONE OF THE REASONS why Northern Virginia no longer has its own brand of Republicanism is its changing demographics. Over the last decade, the region has become more urban and more diverse. That's led to a changing sense of what its voters want from elected officials in the General Assembly, and Democrats say that's why Republicans have been expelled from power.

"When you get out of touch with constituents, that's what happens," said Del. Charniele Herring (D-46), who serves as chairwoman of the House Democratic Caucus. "It's guns. It's the years of trying to make it harder to vote. It's restrictions on women's health care and their privacy."

Democrats may have seized power, but that doesn't mean the fighting is over yet. They'll still have to vote on who leads the party when they gavel into session this year, and that could mean a fight to become Speaker of the House when Democrats take control for the first time in 20 years. Filler-Corn might be the obvious choice, but she already has opposing from Del. Lashrecse Aird (D-63).

Election Results, Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2019 Unofficial election results Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2019

For more results see www.elections.virginia.gov/2019-election-results/

The Virginia House of Delegates and Senate both will be controlled by Democrats. In the Senate, Virginia voters elected 21 Democrats and 18 Republicans with one seat still undecided. In the House, 55 Democrats and 45 Republicans. Both House and Senate were controlled by Republicans before with slim margins.

SCHOOL BOND BALLOT QUESTION

This is the text of the public school bond question:

Shall Fairfax County, Virginia, contract a debt, borrow money, and issue capital improvement bonds in the maximum aggregate principal amount of

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YES	204,200	77.38%
NO	59,702	22.62%

CANDIDATES, FAIRFAX COUNTY

Chairman, Board of Supervisors
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175,028 65.99%
Joseph F. Galdo (R) 89,315 33.68%

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166,103 60.86%
Jonathan L. Fahey (I)
106,016 38.84%

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Stacey Ann Kincaid (D)
201,112 78.07%
Christopher F. De Carlo (I)
53,458 20.75%

Board of Supervisors, District Representatives Braddock District

James R. Walkinshaw (D)
18,437 59.63%
S. Jason Remer (R)
10,543 34.10%
Carey Chet Campbell (I)
1,847 5.97%

Dranesville District

John W. Foust (D) incumbent
20,437 64.36%
Ed. R. Martin (R)
11,227 35.36%

Hunter Mill District

Walter L. Acorn (D) unopposed
27,326 94.46%

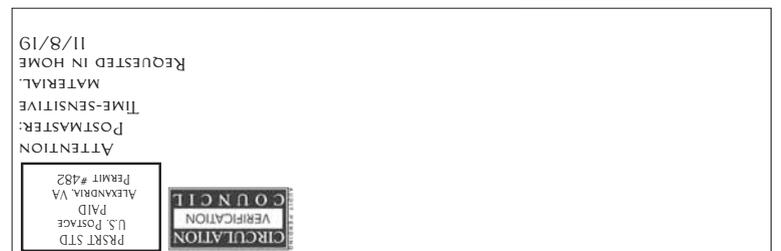
Lee District

Rodney L. Lusk (D) unopposed
20,993 95.58%

Mason District

Penelope A. "Penny" Gross (D) incumbent
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Hope and Hospitality in a Positive Environment

Ribbon-cutting for the new Bailey's Shelter and Supportive Housing.

BY MERCIA HOBSON
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“We’re especially pleased to be here today for the ribbon-cutting for Bailey’s Shelter,” said Michael L. O’Reilly, Chairman of the governing board of the Fairfax-Falls Church Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness. “Many of us were here on April 5, 2018, when we broke ground. It’s amazing we are back here today. ... This shelter is spectacular.” said O’Reilly.

Designed by LeMay Erickson Willcox Architects and built by the Forrester Construction team, the facility located at 5914 Seminary Road in Falls Church was completed on time and on budget.

Outreach Representative for U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D- 11) Alex Robbins recalled when Connolly was on the Governing Board to Prevent and End Homelessness; they reduced homelessness by 47 percent during that time. “Something we can be very proud of. Obviously, we know the work still remains ... (But) the creation of a facility like this one shows we live in a community that really cares,” said Robbins.

Sharon Bulova, Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, described what set the 23,000 square foot structure with its energy-efficient equipment, lighting and appliances, and a green roof apart. “This brand new building is the first in its generation of modern shelter facilities in our county. ... The building is designed with flexibility where multiple needs can be efficiently met in one location.” According to the project information sheet, the facility has 52 emergency shelter beds for single adults, including four medical respite beds, 18 permanent supportive housing units or micro-efficiencies, a laundry room, additional space for Fairfax County’s hypothermia program, an outdoor picnic and activity area, and 24-hour staffing with on-site medical guidance and counseling. “That allows us to provide permanent housing with intensive services for our most vulnerable residents,” said Bulova. Residents who would use the facility included veterans, domestic violence survivors, older adults and many with chronic health challenges and disabilities. “It is critical we provide these individuals with the support and services that they need all in one building,” she said.

BULOVA thanked the Board of Supervisors and specifically Penny Gross, Supervisor (D-Mason District) where the project was located for their help and guidance. “This was not an easy thing to do,” said Bulova. While Bulova said much remained to be done before homelessness ended in Fairfax County, Bailey’s Shelter and Supportive Housing is a giant leap in that direction.

“It demonstrates an ongoing commitment



Eighteen months after the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Bailey’s Shelter and Supportive Housing, on Thursday, Oct. 24, guests participate in its ribbon-cutting. From left, Alex Robbins, Outreach Representative for U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D- 11); Michael L. O’Reilly, Chairman of the Governing Board, Fairfax-Falls Church Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness; Sen. Dick Saslaw (D-35); Sharon Bulova, Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors; Penny Gross, Supervisor (D-Mason District); Alphonso Lopez, Virginia State Delegate (D-49); and Jeff McKay, Supervisor (D-Lee District).



“Residents who will use this facility include veterans, domestic violence survivors, older adults and many with health and disability challenges,” said Sharon Bulova, Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

Dean Klein, Director of Fairfax County’s Office to Prevent and End Homelessness said the four respite beds at Bailey’s Shelter and Supportive Housing are for individuals who are too sick to be able to live on their own but not sick enough to be able to stay in a hospital bed in the community. “These beds provide a lifeline that currently, our shelters have struggled to provide.”

Bryan Hill, Fairfax County Executive: “We are on time and on budget.”



to preventing and ending homelessness. It gets us closer to our goal of making homelessness, rare, brief and nonrecurring. ... There will always be people who are having difficulty and end up being homeless, but that should be brief, that should be ... unusual. There should be safety supports there to help that person get back on his or her feet, to be able to become a productive member of the community, and realize their potential.”

Penny Gross recalled the long journey to



With Michael L. O’Reilly, Chairman of the Governing Board, Fairfax-Falls Church Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness looking on, Penny Gross, Supervisor (D-Mason District) presents a framed historical photo collage of Bailey’s dating back to 1861 to the new Bailey’s Shelter and Supportive Housing.

this day. “One fraught with challenges, a few scars, but the effort has been worth it. Throughout the entire process, respecting all opinions, we recognized there is dignity in every person regardless of need as our guiding principles,” Gross said. She said the original shelter opened in 1987, spearheaded by faith-based communities. Over time, that shelter experienced much wear and tear. It was not accessible for people with disabilities, didn’t have sufficient space to serve the people who walked in the door and there wasn’t enough space for staff. “That was then. Today we are celebrating a new Bailey’s Shelter and Supporting Housing,” she said.

Gross spoke about two framed art pieces she had in her office, one, a drawing of the Patrick Henry Family Shelter, the other, a photograph of the original Bailey’s Shelter. “They sit on the floor, propped up in front of my desk. Why? I decided long ago until we were able to house every homeless person; those pieces also would not have a permanent home. They provide a reminder every day of the goal we try to reach, ending homelessness in Fairfax County. Today, however, I have another framed art piece, and this one I don’t want to see propped on the floor as a reminder but hung somewhere in the new facility as a reminder of the history of this area...I’d like to present to Bailey’s Shelter and Supportive Housing this historical photo collage.”

Bryan Hill, Fairfax County Executive, thanked the staff and said that the Strate

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Bailey's Shelter Opens 'on Time and on Budget'

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gic Plan Committee looked forward to shaping the future of the county, and this (motioning to the shelter) was how they were developing it. "This is a new Fairfax County. We have to continue moving forward and ensuring that all are taken care of," Hill stated.

Dean Klein, the director of Fairfax County's Office to Prevent and End Homelessness, said what Bailey's Shelter and Supportive Housing ultimately offered was hope. "What a critical model this is, to leverage resources to be able to provide emergency shelter space with staff and be able to use that same staff to ensure that we are developing a community. This new facility allows for this type of community, individuals who in fact have been isolated, living on their own, been living in our wooded areas and cars, or have lacked the level of support that they needed from individuals, their families, or others." Klein said the activity room would provide overflow to their hyperthermia program. In addition, they would be partnering with the Health Care for the Homeless program, which will ensure there would be a full-time nurse practitioner able to support individuals in the emergency shelter part of the facility and those in permanent supportive housing.

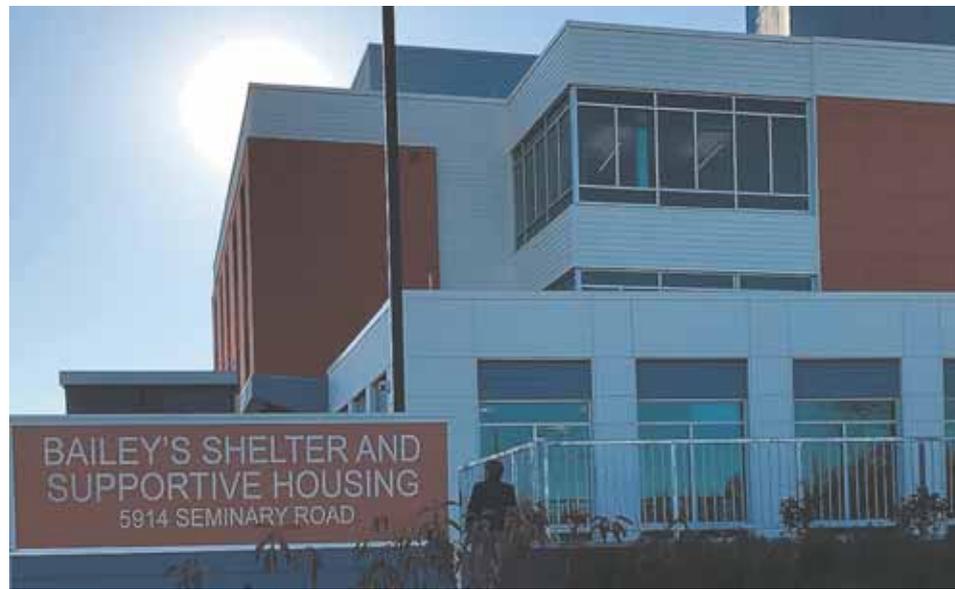


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The new Bailey's Shelter and Supportive Housing located at 5914 Seminary Road in Falls Church, is the first of its kind in Fairfax County designed with the flexibility to ensure multiple needs of guests and residents can efficiently be met in one location.

Klein thanked artist, Dana Schuerer of Reston, who designed the mural in the plaza area. "Very impressive," he said.

PAMELA L. MICHELL, Executive Director of New Hope Housing, addressing Gross and Bulova, said, "It's not always popular doing

homeless services...People have misunderstandings, and it's only because people (like you, who) have the courage this happens, so thank you." Concluding her remarks, Michell described the shelters' residents, guests and how Bailey's Shelter and Supportive Housing 'screamed' hope and hospitality.

"Think about what it must be like to be first time homeless. Do you know where to turn; are you willing to talk about it to anybody and ask for any help? Probably not. You're depressed.

You're traumatized. You have nothing materially but also don't have any self-worth probably. We've read a lot in this world about how the environment is so important to people's success. If you are traumatized and depressed ... it is very important that the environment you have leads you to want to be in some other position. We often talk about art in office space and home and school, but I want you to think about it in terms of homeless shelter ... The thing that I love most about it (the shelter) is it is bright, and it says the world can be different for you. We hope that it will indeed be different, not only with all the supports but just the environment it has created; that it says to people, you are important; your life can be different, and we are here to help make that happen."

Klein said there are three other shelters in Fairfax considered next for renovation or rebuilding — Embury Rucker Community Shelter (Reston), Eleanor U. Kennedy Shelter (Richmond Highway) and Patrick Henry Family Shelter (Falls Church). A 21st-century facility design similar to Bailey's could be used as their model.

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NEWS

High Rate of Evictions on the Rte 1 Corridor Meeting, Nov. 13

The Richmond Highway community in Fairfax County has a disproportionate number of evictions, according to the Eviction Lab in Richmond, which has mapped the rate of evictions by census tracts throughout the state.

Dipti Pidikiti-Smith, Deputy Director of Advocacy, Legal Services of Northern Virginia, who defends evicted tenants in Fairfax Court, and **David Levine**, Director of Good Shepherd Housing, who tries to prevent evictions, will speak at the next meeting of the **South County Task Force**, 1-3 pm, Nov. 13, at the Hyland South County Center, 8350 Richmond Highway, RM 221AB. Whereas the state average eviction rate is about 5 percent, corridor rates are 6-10 percent. The Eviction Lab notes that the most likely predictors of evictions are being a minority and having children.

The speakers will address the impact of evictions, tenants' rights, and alternatives to eviction.

Annual Holiday Shop, A Mount Vernon Tradition

Mount Vernon Unitarian Church's Holiday Shop is back again this year featuring favorite crafts, home-baked goods, vintage jewelry, and gently used household treasures. Additional highlights include door prizes, a handmade quilt raffle, locally grown orchids and plants for sale and live music by The Windmill Jazz Collective.

With this year's Church focus on sustainability, reduce-reuse-recycle has special significance as found with a number of crafters, and in the Jewelry Box and Betty's Boutique. The Jewelry Box has a wide selection of previously-loved costume jewelry, vintage and estate pieces as well as accessories. Betty's Boutique showcases unique, formerly owned decorative household items. When you purchase these objects it keeps them in use and in circulation, saving the energy and the water that goes into making the original items. This also reduces carbon emissions because the items do not go into landfill, and there's not another product being produced. Each year's selection is different which keeps it exciting to discover what is new.

The Crafter's Hall features unusual fiber arts, pottery, photography, wood, paper, metal, and glass crafts made by artisans from around the world.

The Country Kitchen homemade specialties include our chutneys, cakes, pies, cookies, and more. The lines form early to buy these locally famous treats, many made from family recipes handed down through generations.

Saturday, Nov. 23 from 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. on the Church grounds at 1909 Windmill Lane in Alexandria. A delicious homemade lunch of soup, sandwiches and cheese pie will be sold from 11am-2pm. Mount Vernon Unitarian Church
1901 Windmill Lane, Alexandria VA 22307

West Potomac Fundraiser

The Wolverine Athletic Booster Club (WABC) provides half the annual budget for all West Potomac High School athletics. The new Wolverdome gym updates, the state-of-the-art training room and the

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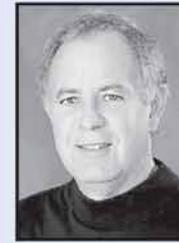
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Smiles All Around at Democrat Victory Party in Fairfax

Gun violence prevention topped the action list for many.

BY MIKE SALMON
THE CONNECTION

Pizza and smiles dominated the Fairfax Elks Lodge on election night, as area Democrats won big in Fairfax, with the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors shifting further into blue.

Jeff McKay won the Chairman race, getting 67 percent of the votes, while Supervisor Pat Herry (R-Springfield) hung on to keep his seat in the Springfield District. Rodney Lusk will take over as Lee District Supervisor, while Supervisor Dan Storck (D-Mount Vernon) was uncontested in Mount Vernon.

The results were slow coming in at the party in the Elks Lodge main hall, but as they came in, the applause grew for each office. U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) and Del. Vivian Watts (D-39) greeted



The local Moms Demand Action group at the victory celebration.

the packed room.

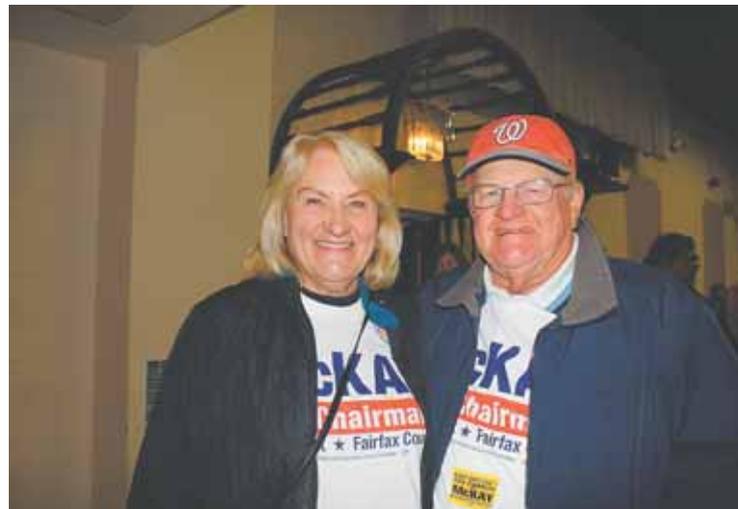
Roberta and Jack McKay, Jeff's parents, were glad they could finally vote for him as he ran for Chairman, an at large office, since they live in Mount Vernon and couldn't vote for him as Lee District supervisor. They've seen his interest in politics grow since Jeff was in high school, and were glad to spend time with their grandchildren while Jeff shook hands at the polls.

"Somehow he knows a lot of

stuff," said Jack McKay. Everyone in the family had a Jeff McKay for Chairman tee shirt on.

A sea of red tee shirts identified the local "Moms Demand Action" group. The action they refer to is preventing gun violence. They were focused on the Dan Helmer-Tim Hugo race.

"We're the boots on the ground," said Heather Foglio, a Fairfax resident that supported Helmer. "[Hugo] voted against every gun safety bill," she said. Helmer won



Supervisor Jeff McKay's parents Roberta and Jack.

with 54 percent of the vote. Hugo was the last Republican representing Fairfax County in the General Assembly.

Jordana Schmier spent the last few weeks knocking on doors with her sons Avery, 12, and Jeremy, 9, and brought the boys to the victory party to let them experience the other side of campaigning. "It's an opportunity for them to see how many care about what we did, knocking on doors," she said.

Avery Schmier hopes, "it means

that there are no shooters in the schools," he said.

Delegate Kathy Tran (D-42) was there with her children too, and came right from the polls in her district where there was a big turnout. Tran said top issues for her constituents included healthcare, guns and women's rights. "I think we've done everything we can do," she said early in the evening, and that turned out to be right on target. Tran won her seat by 57 percent.

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The Military Made My Life Better: Sergeant Donald L. Taylor

BY CHAR McCARGO BAH

Donald said, "Sometimes we do not know what the outcome will be from the decisions we made in our youth, but for me I made a good choice in going into the Air Force." His decision to go into the Air Force brought him more security in his later years. After graduating from

THE OTHER ALEXANDRIA

Parker-Gray School in 1949, Donald Lee Taylor worked for a short time at

Banner Laundry in the 900 block of Oronoco Street until he obtained a job with the American Red Cross at 615 North St. Asaph Street as a stock clerk and truck driver. In the winter of 1952, Donald received a letter from the draft board instructing him to contact them. Before he contacted the draft board, he immediately volunteered for the United States Air Force. If he was going to serve his country he thought, it would be his choice of service.

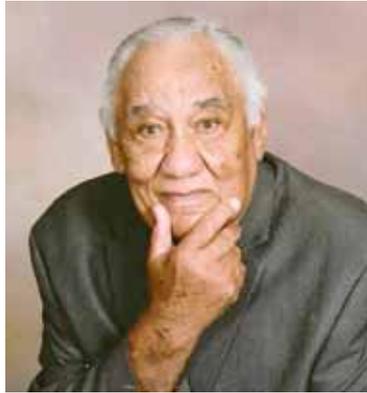
For his basic training, he was sent in on February 1952 to Sampson Air Force Base in Geneva, New York. In his division, there were 50 recruits only, two were African Americans. This was



Sgt. Donald L. Taylor in 1952.

the first time Donald had been away from his close knit family. After his two months of basic training, Donald did not come home. He was sent to the Barksdale Air Force Base in Shreveport, Louisiana for four months. Then after four months, he went home on leave for one month. While he was on leave, he married Jean Frances Jackson on Aug. 11, 1952 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. After his leave, he was sent to a technical school in Cheyenne, Wyoming at Francis E. Warren Air Force Base.

Throughout Donald's remaining years in the Air Force, he was stationed in Puerto Rico, Columbus, Ohio, Morocco and Alaska. He never thought he would travel



Donald L. Taylor, current photo.

beyond Alexandria but the military exposed him to parts of the world he never imagined he would see.

After four years of service, Sergeant Donald L. Taylor was discharged. He returned home to his wife, child, siblings and parents. For a short time, he went back to his old job at the American Red Cross which had moved to Maryland while he was in the military. He also enlisted in the Air Force reserves. Donald used the skills that he obtained in the military to get a Federal government job at Fort Belvoir. Once his career was secured, Donald used his GI Bill to buy his current home on South Payne Street. In that home, he and his wife, Jean raised their two

daughters, Yvette and Charlene. Prior to his retirement with the Air Force reserve, Donald was selected to march in the funeral procession of President John F. Kennedy. He continued to work at Fort Belvoir until he had 30-years of service.

Donald L. Taylor was born on July 31, 1931. He is the oldest child of Charles Taylor and Dorothy Knapper. In Donald's retirement, he and his wife have faced health issues, but he is grateful to his military service for providing him a stable career, and benefits that helped his family ease the financial challenges brought on by health issues. Unfortunately his wife passed away. Today, Donald is devoted to his church, Third Baptist, where he is a life-time member and a twenty-year trustee. He is very close to his children and his siblings whom he talks to everyday and visits them throughout the week. When he was 20-years old, he made a decision to volunteer into the Air Force. That decision afforded him a better life. He now knows that he made the right choice.

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ASO Presents: Dvořák, Elgar and Boulanger

BY MELINDA KERNC

The Alexandria Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Maestro James Ross continues the 2019-2020 Season on Saturday, November 16, 2019 and Sunday, November 17, 2019 presenting music by Dvořák, Elgar and Boulanger. In his second year as ASO's Music Director, Ross is revitalizing the symphonic music canon for an unexpected and unconventional concert experience.

"Although the ASO is dead serious about orchestral music and its much-needed humanizing impact in today's world, we're not afraid

of surprises and presenting concerts that are both fun and moving," says Ross. One way Ross is changing the traditional symphonic narrative is by re-introducing to the concert hall forgotten and underrepresented voices, like Lili Boulanger.

Opening the November performances, singers from the Alexandria Choral Society and Fairfax Choral Society will join the ASO for Boulanger's Old Buddhist Prayer. Lili was sister to the more famous Nadia Boulanger, known for her influential pedagogy instruction. Lili composed prolifically to great acclaim in her short life, and she was the first woman

to win the Prix de Rome for composition in 1913.

Following the choral opening, cellist Wolfgang Schmidt headlines with Elgar's melancholy, soulful Concerto Cello in E minor. Schmidt is internationally sought-after as a touring and recording artist as well as conductor. "Wolfgang exudes joy and musical sensitivity," says Maestro Ross. "He is deeply attracted to nostalgic pieces that require inward reflection. The audience will be drawn in by his intensity.

The program culminates with Dvořák's sunny Symphony No. 8 in G major. Composed before his epic move to the new world, the

Eighth Symphony is fearlessly optimistic. "Dvořák's Eighth is full of sunshine, parables, folk dance, forest and perfectly-orchestrated storytelling, observes Ross.

All patrons attending Saturday's performance are encouraged to arrive early for a pre-concert chat with Maestro Ross and Wolfgang Schmidt at 7 p.m. in the main auditorium. The ASO will also be collecting food donations from attendees at both performances to contribute to the ALIVE! food bank, benefiting those in need for the approaching holidays.

For tickets and more information, visit www.alexsym.org or call (703) 548-0885.

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THURSDAY/NOV. 7

Skilled Workforce Career Fair.

11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. At Edison High School Academy, 5801 Franconia Road, Alexandria. High school students and recent grads interested in construction-related trades, service industries, manufacturing, and information

technology are invited to attend the Apprenticeships and Skilled Workforce Career Fair at Edison Academy. The fair encourages interest in the skilled career fields that are attainable through two-year degree programs, certifications, apprenticeships or on-the-job training. Fairfax County high school students, recent graduates, and their parents are invited to attend this free event to meet business, education, and industry leaders from Northern Virginia who offer skilled workforce employment, education, training, and

apprenticeship programs.

MONDAY/NOV. 11

Veterans Day Ceremony. 1-2 p.m. At

Mount Vernon Recreation Center, 2701 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria. The ceremony will honor the 68 Alexandrians who died during the Vietnam War and all veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces. The ceremony will include the reading of the 68 names engraved in the Captain Rocky Versace Plaza and Vietnam Veterans Memorial, recognition of Gold Star families in attendance, a tribute to

Medal of Honor recipient Captain Humbert Roque "Rocky" Versace, the presentation of Vietnam Veteran lapel pins to Vietnam-period veterans, a wreath-laying in honor of Captain Versace and the sounding of Taps. Musical performances include the U.S. Army's Historical Trumpets and Flutes of The Old Guard's Fife and Drum Corps, and the National Anthem and "God Bless America," performed by the Alexandria Harmonizers. Visit alexandriava.gov/Recreation.

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WELLBEING

Diffusing Holiday Drama

Sanity-saving strategies to get us through the not-so-silent holiday nights.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Later this month, Thanksgiving will usher in the holiday season, family gatherings and expectations of celebrations that are reminiscent of Currier and Ives-type scenes. For those who deal with difficult family members be they cousins, siblings, in-laws or outlaws, the most wonderful time of year can be met with dread. Having a few sanity-saving strategies can help get us through the not-so-silent holiday nights.

“Often, those closest to us can unfortunately spark the most amount of stress” said Nathan Leslie, Professor of Creative Writing at Northern Virginia Community College and author of the book “Hurry Up and Relax.”

Focusing on one’s own behaviors and responses rather than those we find difficult can offer a sense of empowerment “That’s because in the end you cannot control how anyone else acts during this time, or ever,” said Lorente. “The only thing that you really can control is how you react and respond to different people and situations. Being aware of your behavior and changing your mindset might be the best — and only way to survive the holiday drama this season.” Whether it’s a feeling of obligation or hope for holiday cheer, before you head over the river and through the woods, know the reason for your trip. “First know why you are choosing to be around family members who might be difficult,” said Carolyn Lorente, Ph.D., professor of psychology at Northern Virginia Community College. “This helps you to take ownership and control of the situation. I think that a lot of the negative feelings stem from feeling out of control, obligated, and frustrated.”

Setting boundaries and having an exit strategy can be sanity-saving. “[For example,] “when we start talking about topics such as my parenting style, or my politics, or my hair, I will leave the room,” said Lorente. “Not with anger but with a sense that I am control of me not of my family member.”

A family ally can offer support or an exit strategy if family gatherings turn sour. “You can even develop a code word or phrase you can say to prompt your ally to intervene, politely interrupt, or help you get out of the situation promptly,” said Joanne Bagshaw, PhD, Professor of Psychology at Montgomery College. “A family ally is also a good person to have for support.” For those who know that difficult family situations are unavoidable, set time limits. “Plan ahead to organize your time spent in this situation, and avoid staying at family members’ homes if your relationship is challenging,” said Bagshaw. “Also, structure your time, make sure there’s not a lot of downtime that can lead to awkward conversations.”

Choosing to give attention to the positive aspects of one’s familial relationships can help diffuse tension, suggests Lorente. “Focus on gratitude, fun, and the good things that this time may bring,” she said. “You and your Mom may not agree on certain adult issues but look at what a great grandmother she is to your children.” Putting pen to paper can help relieve stress. “Journaling is an excellent way to relieve stress and make sense out of chaos,” said Leslie. “Writing...can be useful in giving mental order to the disorientation that the holidays might bring.” Visualize family events going well. Positive thoughts lead to positive feelings, advises Jerome Short, Ph.D., Licensed Clinical Psychologist and Associate Professor of Psychology at George Mason University. “Be curious instead of critical,” he said. “Wonder how others are thinking and feeling, and why,” said Short. “Give others the benefit of the doubt.” “Wait before speaking if you have negative thoughts,” continued Short. “Take a deep breath, visualize a favorite place, or walk away if you might regret what you say in the moment.”



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Nathan Leslie, author of the book, “Hurry Up and Relax,” says journaling can help relieve stress during the holidays.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Super Soup Spots When the Weather Gets Cold

BY HOPE NELSON
THE GAZETTE

Over the past week, furnaces around the region have kicked on (or conked out) with Mother Nature's plunge into colder weather. And while homes may be cozy and warm, stomachs ought to follow suit. Enter: Soup. Lots and lots of soup.

There are a multitude of spots around down to pick up a good bowl of soup, but several eateries stand out as reliable go-tos. Whether brothy or thick, meaty or veggie-centric, these restaurants offer up a plethora of options for every palate.

Caphe Banh Mi, 407 Cameron St.

The throngs of people waiting outside the tiny café on Cameron Street out to tell you something: First, the dining room is full, and second, it's full for good reason. For years now, Caphe Banh Mi has been ladling out bowls of pho in nearly every variety, from the meatiest flank steak to a light – but hearty – vegetarian version.

Now, pho isn't the only menu item Caphe Banh Mi offers – for instance, its banh mi sandwiches are right there in the eatery's name

– but gaze around the restaurant at any given time and it's clear that the pho is a runaway favorite. The broth is plentiful, the vegetables are crisp, the noodles light and airy, and the bowls are popping with protein. It's sure to warm up a cold day.

Hard Times Café, 1404 King St.

OK, so Hard Times' chili isn't really a soup, per se. But as it lives in the same general family, it's worth a resounding recommendation. Any Alexandrian who's been around town for any length of time knows Hard Times. Its four styles of chili – Texas, Cincinnati, Terlingua and vegetarian – are hallmarks of the Old Town restaurant, and as the temperatures dip lower and lower, the desire for a thick bowl of the stuff goes higher and higher.

Looking for more than just a bowl of chili? Dress it up with spaghetti, Fritos, Tater Tots or – gasp – lettuce for a salad. Piled high with all the fixins, it's a bowl (or plate) of comfort right at the table.

Zento, 693 N. Washington St.

More than just a sushi bar, Zento offers a wide array of dishes from the kitchen, and the restaurant's



The ramen and udon offerings at Zento always heat up a cold night.

ramen and udon selection is extensive and delicious. Sure, you could order up a cup of miso soup instead – or perhaps to accompany a main course of sushi – but why would you stop there when so many other great options await?

The ramen selections run the gamut from Japanese fried

chicken to steamed tofu, and the noodles that accompany the dish are pleasantly thin and pliable, with just a touch of bite to them. The udon, meanwhile, offers up thick, chewy noodles that easily hold their own in the broth, as well as pair nicely with the protein options available. Choose either one

and await satisfaction. A hot sake accompanying the soup will warm you further – a bonus on a cold winter night.

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

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"The Haunting of Hill House."

Through Nov. 9 at The Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe Street, Alexandria. Get spooked by "The Haunting of Hill House," based on Shirley Jackson's 1959 gothic horror novel. Considered one of the best ghost stories of our time, this tale is a chilling and mystifying study in mounting terror. Show times: Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m.; Sundays at 3 p.m. Admission: \$21-24. Visit thelittletheatre.com.

"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 board games 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/NOV. 7

Shine Together: Alexandria's

Lantern Night. 5 p.m. At Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria. For the fifth year, The Alexandria Kinderchoir will host "Shine Together: Alexandria's Lantern Night," a family event dedicated to sharing light and hope with our community. Children and adults are invited to come with handmade lanterns, enjoy songs of hope and light by the Kinderchoir, and then convene outside for a



House of Hamill will take place Saturday, Nov. 9 at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church in Alexandria.

House of Hamill

Saturday/Nov. 9, 7 p.m. At St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road, Alexandria. House of Hamill is on the bleeding edge of a new generation of traditional musicians. Rose Baldino and Brian Buchanan are accomplished traditional fiddle players and classical violinists, with over 25 years of writing and performance experience between them. Accomplished local players Chris Lindsay and Andrew Dodds will open the evening. Tickets are \$18 in advance at <https://www.focusmusic.org/event-3485183> and for members, \$20 at the door.

community sing-a-long and circle dancing under the stars. Cookies will be provided. The Alexandria Kinderchoir is Alexandria's only children's community choir, with

choristers spanning Grades K-7. Visit www.alexandriakinderchoir.org.
Rock the Block — A Culinary Tour of Old Town Restaurants. The National Center for Missing &

Exploited Children will host its 2nd Annual Rock the Block event throughout Old Town Alexandria. Several of Old Town's hottest restaurants will close their doors to the public for this event, serving up some delectable dishes and specialty cocktails. Individuals will receive a wristband and a map in which they can choose their own culinary tour by selecting their starting restaurant from the participating restaurants. This year, 12 restaurants will be participating in the event and will include Augie's Mussel House, Urbano116, The Majestic, Vermilion, Whiskey & Oyster, Columbia Firehouse, Joe Theismann's Restaurant and Bar, Mia's Italian Kitchen, Pizzeria Paradiso, Tequila & Taco and a culinary pop-up at the Charles Schwab headquarters with Sweet Fire Donna's Barbecue and Alexandria's own cidery Lost Boy Cider. New this year is special guest appearances by celebrity chefs and restaurant owners Spike Mendelson (Good Stuff Eatery, Vim & Victor, We The Pizza, PLNT Burger, The Morris, Santa Rosa Taqueria) and Victor Albus (Taco Bamba and Poca Madre). To purchase tickets, visit www.RockTheBlocks.org.

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ENTERTAINMENT

FROM PAGE 11
Alexandria Film Festival brings high-quality short and feature length films, documentaries, filmmaker panels, and arts presentations to Alexandria. It highlights the talents of local, national, and international filmmakers. Free film screenings will be held at the Beatley Central Library on Nov. 8 from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Ticketed programming at the AMC Hoffman Theater 22 will feature special guests and Q&A panels. Purchase a \$50 All-Festival pass for admittance to all screenings and the Closing Awards' Reception on Sunday, Nov. 10 at 6 p.m. Tickets to individual showcases are \$12.50 online/\$15 at the door, space permitting. Visit www.filmfreeway.com.

FRIDAY/NOV. 8

Great Del Ray Poetry Reading. 7-9 p.m. At St. Elmo's Coffee Pub, 2300 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. The Great Del Ray Poetry Reading will feature award-winning poet and author William Heath to read poems from his new book, *Night Moves* in Ohio. Among praise: "In this remarkable collection, William Heath mourns and celebrates an almost vanished way of life: sometimes brutal, yet (in his sharply focused minutely particular, unsentimental, often humorous verses) intensely human." Event includes open-mic portion. Free. Visit the website: www.facebook.com/DelRayPlayers/

SATURDAY/NOV. 9

Craft Fair. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. At First Christian Church of Alexandria, 2723 King Street, Alexandria. Leisurely explore the goods of the vendors, speak to them about their crafts, and snap up distinctive gifts that will be treasured by you and your loved ones. Free. Visit the website: <https://www.fccalexandria.com/>

Civil War Tours. 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. At Fort Ward Museum, 4301 West Braddock Road, Alexandria. Free in honor of Veteran's Day. The 90-minute tours will be conducted by an interpreter who will portray a Union army veteran reminiscing about his military service at Fort Ward during the Civil War. Participants will learn about Civil War veterans' organizations, the history of Fort Ward, army life in the Civil War Defenses of Washington, and the design and construction of Civil War forts. Highlights include the reconstructed Officers' Hut and ceremonial entrance gate, and the fort's fully restored Northwest bastion. Call Fort Ward Museum at 703-746-4848.

Succulents for Small Places. 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. At Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen Street, Alexandria. Do you live in a small space? Succulents are a perfect choice if you live in an apartment or condo and want to incorporate plants into your small space. They'll explore what makes a plant a succulent, their geographic origins, and why they are great options for small spaces. You'll learn all about the light, water, and soil requirements for successfully growing succulents. This event is offered by Extension Master Gardeners. Free. Advance registration requested at mgnv.org. Call 703-228-6414 or email mgarlalex@gmail.com.

American Girl Dolls. 11 a.m. At Charles E. Beatley Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke Street, Alexandria. Join Valerie Tripp, author of the *American Girl: Felicity Series*, and welcome American Girl doll, Felicity Merriman. Tickets are available the day of the event beginning at 10:30 a.m. The event will start at 11 a.m. On Nov. 11, both the Felicity and Melody dolls will be available for



Autumn Cello and Dvorak features Wolfgang Schmidt, cellist, on Nov. 16-17.

Autumn Cello and Dvorak

Saturday/Nov. 16, 8 p.m. At Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall, 4915 E. Campus Drive, Alexandria. Featuring James Ross, Music Director; Wolfgang Schmidt, cellist. They will perform Boulanger: *Old Buddhist Prayer*; Elgar: *Cello Concerto*; and Dvorak: *Symphony No. 8*. Cost is \$20-\$85 adults, \$5 youth, \$10 students. Visit www.alexsym.org or call 703-548-0885.

Sunday/Nov. 17, 3 p.m. At George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria. Featuring James Ross, Music Director; Wolfgang Schmidt, cellist. They will perform Boulanger: *Old Buddhist Prayer*; Elgar: *Cello Concerto*; and Dvorak: *Symphony No. 8*. Cost is \$20-\$85 adults, \$5 youth, \$10 students. Visit www.alexsym.org or call 703-548-0885.

checkout at the Barrett Branch Library located at 717 Queen Street. The dolls have been funded by the Friends of Barrett Library in honor of the Library's 225th Anniversary and the 80th Anniversary of the Alexandria Library Sit-In.

Whiskey Festival. 6-9 p.m. At George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate, Mount Vernon. Take in beautiful views of the Mansion and enjoy distilled spirits. At this event, sample George Washington's Rye Whiskey and spirits from more than 11 Virginia distilleries before voting for your favorite beverage. Curated food will accompany the spirits and complements the pour. Hear from Steve Bashore, Mount Vernon's director of historic trades, and other spirits industry titans as they discuss their distilled products. Enjoy music and entertainment throughout the evening. Tickets are \$125 per person.

Murder Trial of the Century. 7 p.m. At Lee-Fendall House, 614 Oronoco Street, Alexandria. The Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden will host an evening with author D.N. Wilson as he discusses his new book *Cluverius v. The Commonwealth: Virginia's Murder Trial of the Century* and the shocking crime that inspired it. Drawing on true historical events, Wilson brings to life the men and women who found themselves at the center of this murder trial that gripped Virginia in the late nineteenth century. Tickets are \$5, members of the Lee-Fendall House are free. Space is limited. A book signing and refreshments will follow. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org.

House of Hamill. 7 p.m. At St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road, Alexandria. House of Hamill is on the edge of a new generation of traditional musicians. Rose Baldino and Brian Buchanan are accomplished traditional fiddle players and classical violinists, with over 25 years of writing and performance experience between them. Accomplished local players Chris Lindsay and Andrew Dodds will open the evening. Tickets are \$18 in advance at <https://www.focusmusic.org/event-3485183>

and for members, \$20 at the door.
At Home with Bach. 7 p.m. at Virginia Theological Seminary, 3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria. This program, featuring the Brandenburg Concerto No. 6 alongside other works by Bach, Telemann, and Stölzel, imagines one ephemeral evening of friends and family happily playing together. Cost is \$35 (General) / \$10 (18 & Under). Visit the website: www.bachconsort.org

Fall Harvest Ball. 8 to 11 p.m. At Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St., Alexandria. Admission: \$45 per person. As the leaves changed and planting time came to a close, the social season in 18th-century Alexandria commenced with a ball. Experience this 1770s-style ball with live music, English country dancing, cash bar and seasonal dessert collation. 1770s attire or cocktail attire welcome. Tickets are available online at shop.alexandriava.gov. Visit alexandriava.gov/gadsbystavern. Or call 703-746-4242

Gen. Gordon R. Sullivan Fete. At Belle Haven Country Club, Fort Hunt Road, in Alexandria. The George Washington Chapter of the Virginia Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) will host a formal gala event to present the SAR's highest national award for public service to General Gordon R. Sullivan. The SAR Gold Good Citizenship Medal is awarded for outstanding and unusual patriotic achievement and service of national importance. Included among past recipients of the medal are former Presidents Truman, Ford, Carter, Reagan, and Bush.

SUNDAY/NOV. 10

Free Museum Tours. 1-4 p.m. At Gadsby's Tavern, 134 North Royal Street, Alexandria. In honor of Veteran's Day, the museum will offer free tours. In 1929, American Legion Post #24 purchased the buildings that now make up Gadsby's Tavern Museum and restored them with help from other community organizations as a memorial to honor the soldiers who lost their lives in World War I.

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After decades of meticulous restoration and upkeep, they donated the buildings to the City of Alexandria in 1972 and continue to use the 1870s wing as a meeting space for their Post. Call 703-746-4242 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

Powhatan Native Americans. 2-4 p.m. At Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd., Alexandria. Discover how the Powhatan Native Americans used the plants and animals you see every day for their medicine, grocery store, clothing and fun. Grind corn, make a clay pot, master corn darts and go on a guided tour to see Huntley Meadows from the perspective of a Virginia Indian. Immerse yourself in a way of life from 400 years ago. Cost is \$12 per person. Call 703-768-2525 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows.

Virginia Whiskey Tasting. 3-7 p.m. At Union Street Public House, 121 S. Union Street, Old Town Alexandria. Distillery participants include: A Smith Bowman, Belmont Farms, Boar Creek Distillery, Catocin Creek, Copper Fox Distillery, Iron Clad Distillery, KO Distilling, Murlarkey Distilling, Reservoir Distillery, Reverend Spirits, River Hill, Tarnished Truth. Appetizers and hors d'oeuvres will be served throughout to complement the tasting. Cost is \$59 per person. Ticket price includes whiskey tastings, appetizers, tax and gratuity. Call 703-548-1785 / <https://www.unionstreetpublichouse.com/>

An Evening with Ray Bradbury. 4-6:30 p.m. At Woodlawn & Frank Lloyd Wright's Pope-Leighey House, 9000 Richmond Hwy., Alexandria. Presented by the Picnic Theatre Company, which performs the short stories of science fiction master, Ray Bradbury. Wine and light snacks will be available for sale in advance of the performance, starting at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$15. Theater performance begins promptly at 5 p.m. Visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/picnic-theatre-company-presents-an-evening-with-ray-bradbury-tickets-78176186077>

TUESDAY/NOV. 12

Microgreens. 7-8:30 p.m. At Barrett Branch

Library, 717 Queen Street, Alexandria. Learn the benefits of microgreens and some simple ways to grow these delicious, nutritious and inexpensive baby plants and sprouts in your own home. Plus, they provide supplies for you to plant your own container. So come prepared to get a bit dirty while you make your own microgreen garden in class. This event is offered by Extension Master Gardeners. Free. Advance registration requested at mgnv.org. Call 703-228-6414 or email mgarlalex@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 13

Wildlife Conservation in a Changing World.

7:30 p.m. At Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd., Alexandria. Dr. Sally Valdes will explore how climate change is affecting wildlife and offer some steps for addressing this threat. Climate change can adversely affect wildlife, for example, when the life cycles of interdependent species get out of sync and when rising coastal waters flood nesting sites. Too little or too much precipitation can stress whole ecosystems. The program is sponsored by the Friends of Dyke Marsh and cosponsored by the Friends of Little Hunting Creek, the Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions and the Friends of Huntley Meadows Park. Visit Friends of Dyke Marsh website: www.fodm.org

THURSDAY/NOV. 14

George Washington's Tomb. 7:30 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal Street, Alexandria. Cost is \$12. Join Matthew Costello, Senior Historian of the White House Historical Association, as he shares from his new book *The Property of the Nation: George Washington's Tomb, Mount Vernon, and the Memory of the First President*. He will trace the shift of America's attention from the official days of commemoration around Washington's death to spontaneous visits by citizens through the story of his tomb. This history reflects the building of a memory of America's first president—of, by, and for the American people. Tickets can be

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THURSDAY-SATURDAY/NOV. 14-16

Evita with SONOVA. 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. At George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria. In today's modern musical theater world it is rare to find a pit orchestra of more than 10 to 15 musicians. In SONOVA's fully staged performances of Evita, you will have the opportunity to hear one of the best musical theater scores of all time performed by a full symphony orchestra. The Symphony Orchestra of Northern Virginia, along with a talented cast and crew, will bring Andrew Lloyd Webber's beloved historical musical to life. Cost: \$20 general admission, \$15 for students and seniors. Visit the website: sonovamusic.org.

FRIDAY/NOV. 15

Mount Vernon Swing Band. 7:30-9:30 p.m. At Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Live music and dancing. Cost is \$4 at the door. Open to the community. Call 703-765-4573.

SATURDAY/NOV. 16

Christmas Marketplace. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. At Aldersgate Church, 1301 Collingwood Road, Alexandria. Luncheon featuring soup, BBQ sandwiches, delicious pies, silent auction, casseroles, jewelry & accessories, white elephant, bake sale, fresh pecans, collectibles, and popular craft vendors. All net profits benefit missions.

Puppet Show. 10 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. At Oswald Durant Center, 1605 Cameron Street, Alexandria. Tickets are \$6. Silly Goose and Val perform All Things Fall. Val's award-winning and participatory performance features 40 minutes of music, puppets, ventriloquism, dancing, singing to delight audiences of all ages. With bold voice talents and contagious dances, little ones get up, move, and laugh together. Visit alexandriava.gov/WebTrac.

Birds & Birdies 6K. 10:30 a.m. At Pinecrest Golf Course, 6600 Little River Turnpike, Alexandria. Enjoy a crisp 6k run along the scenic path of Pinecrest Golf Course at the inaugural Birds & Birdies 6K walk/run. Pinecrest is home to a variety of native bird species as well as native plants and flowers, making this a one-of-a-kind, must do event. The race is professionally timed and includes a race T-shirt, goody bag and medals for all finishers. Call 703-941-1061 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

One Day University. 10:30-12 p.m. At Beatley Library, 5005 Duke Street, Alexandria. Free interactive lecture on The Changing Face of Politics: Approaching 2020. Addressing questions facing us in the next year's presidential primaries and elections. Visit the website: <https://www.onedayu.com/events/brandywine-changing-face-of-politics/>

Splatter - Jane Franklin Dance. 4-5 p.m. At Theatre on the Run, 3700 S. Four Mile Run Drive, Arlington. Is a splatter an unlikely accident or a careless gesture that ruins the day? An upset spills everywhere and becomes the reason to examine feelings. Whose fault is it anyway? Angry, happy, sad, calm and mixed up emotions are sorted in this colorful story about an incidental accident. Splatter is certain to take you on a vibrant journey with spoken word, movement,



The Alexandria Kinderchoir Will Once Again Host "Shine Together: Alexandria's Lantern Night" on Thursday, Nov. 7, 2019.

Shine Together: Alexandria's Lantern Night

Thursday/Nov. 7, 5 p.m. At Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria. For the fifth year, The Alexandria Kinderchoir will host "Shine Together: Alexandria's Lantern Night," a family event dedicated to sharing light and hope with our community. Children and adults are invited to come with handmade lanterns, enjoy songs of hope and light by the Kinderchoir, and then convene outside for a community sing-a-long and circle dancing under the stars. Cookies will be provided. The Alexandria Kinderchoir is Alexandria's only children's community choir, with choristers spanning Grades K-7. Visit www.alexandriakinderchoir.org.



At Home with Bach will be held Saturday, Nov. 9 at the Virginia Theological Seminary.

At Home with Bach

Saturday/Nov. 9, 7 p.m. at Virginia Theological Seminary, 3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria. This program, featuring the Brandenburg Concerto No. 6 alongside other works by Bach, Telemann, and Stölzel, imagines one ephemeral evening of friends and family happily playing together. Cost is \$35 (General) / \$10 (18 & Under). Visit the website: www.bachconsort.org

and music; inspired by the book "The Color Monster" by Anna Llenas. Cost: \$10-15. Visit the website: <https://www.janefranklin.com/splatter>

Torpedo Factory Art Center Anniversary Ball. 7 to 10 p.m. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Enjoy light fare and drinks, a retrospective showcase, guest presenters and live music. The night will feature the opening of 45: An Anniversary

Exhibition in Target Gallery, honoring the legacy of the founding artists of the Torpedo Factory Art Center. The event will also premiere a new documentary on the history of the Torpedo Factory Art Center. Admission: \$60 through October 31; \$75 beginning November 1. Visit the website www.torpedofactory.org.
ASO Presents Autumn Cello and Dvorak. 8 p.m. At Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall, 4915 E. Campus Drive, Alexandria. Featuring James Ross, Music Director; Wolfgang Schmidt, cellist. They will perform Boulanger: Old Buddhist Prayer; Elgar: Cello Concerto; and Dvorak: Symphony No. 8. Cost is \$20-\$85 adults, \$5 youth, \$10 students. Visit www.alexsym.org or call 703-548-0885.

SUNDAY/NOV. 17

ASO Presents: Autumn Cello and Dvorak. 3 p.m. At George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria. Featuring James Ross, Music Director; Wolfgang Schmidt, cellist. They will perform Boulanger: Old Buddhist Prayer; Elgar: Cello Concerto; and Dvorak: Symphony No. 8. Cost is \$20-\$85 adults, \$5 youth, \$10 students. Visit www.alexsym.org or call 703-548-0885.

Reception for "Mosaic Meditations." 3-5 p.m. At Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane, Alexandria. Since retiring from Tisara Photography and Living Legends of Alexandria, Nina Tisara has focused her attention on creating mosaic art. Her solo exhibition, "Mosaic Meditations," will be at Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, now through Dec. 29. The work may be seen Mondays through Fridays, 10 a.m. - 12 noon.
Focus Alexandria. 7 p.m. At George

Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria. Featuring the Rev. Robert Jones plus Michael Kelly. Jones plays guitar, harmonica, mandolin, banjo and fiddle using folk, blues, spirituals and other American Roots music to champion the history, beauty and power of our shared culture. Kelly is a musician who draws on influences ranging from Lyle Lovett to Taj Mahal, Louis Armstrong to Doc Watson and a writer whose finely crafted stories are woven over foot tapping melodies. Tickets are \$18 in advance at www.FocusMusic.org and \$20 at the door.

TUESDAY/NOV. 19

DNA Testing Update. 1-3 p.m. At Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Sponsored by the Mount Vernon Genealogical Society. Award-winning author and DNA expert Shannon Combs-Bennett will speak about her latest book "DNA for Adoptees," as well as real-life examples of how to merge DNA and genealogical research. Free. Visit the website: www.mvgenalogy.org

THURSDAY/NOV. 21

Sortie of the Beaujolais Nouveau. 7:30-10 p.m. At The Lloyd House, 220 N. Washington Street, Alexandria. Join the Alexandria-Caen Sister Cities Committee and the Office of Historic Alexandria, and participate in the world's largest wine party. On this year's Beaujolais Nouveau Day, celebrate the first taste of the 2019 harvest in the company of fellow French enthusiasts and Sister City supporters. The fresh and fruity Beaujolais Nouveau wine is made using a quick fermentation

process that it is ready in time to celebrate the end of each harvest season. Tickets are \$40 per person and may be purchased by calling 703-746-4994 or through alexandriava.gov/Shop.

SATURDAY/NOV. 23

Stories with Santa. At Union Street Public House, 121 S. Union Street, Old Town Alexandria. There will be Christmas cookies, stories read by Santa, hot chocolate, juice, and milk. \$12 per ticket. Call 703-548-1785 or visit <https://www.unionstreetpublichouse.com/HolidayShop>.
Holiday Shop. 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. At Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane, Alexandria. The Holiday Shop is back again this year featuring all your favorite crafts, home-baked goods, vintage jewelry, and gently used household treasures. Additional highlights include door prizes, a handmade quilt raffle, locally grown orchids and plants for sale and live music by The Windmill Jazz Collective. The Crafter's Hall features unusual fiber arts, pottery, photography, wood, paper, metal, and glass crafts made by artisans from around the world. The Country Kitchen homemade specialties include our chutneys, cakes, pies, cookies, and more. The lines form early to buy these locally famous treats, many made from family recipes handed down through generations.

Kids Crafts at Firehouse Museum.

10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. At Friendship Firehouse Museum, 107 S. Alfred Street, Alexandria. Come to the Friendship Firehouse Museum and you can 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. Tickets: \$5 per child includes a craft kit and museum admission. \$2 for adults. Purchase tickets at alexandriava.gov/Shop, or telephone 703-746-4994. Tickets must be purchased for both adults and children.

Alexandria Cider Festival. 1-5 p.m. At Lloyd House, 220 N. Washington Street, Alexandria. Enjoy a selection of ciders from more than 10 Virginia cideries. Ticket includes tastings, a souvenir glass, live music, and fun fall activities. Food truck available. Dress for the weather - this event is outdoors. Cost is \$45 presale, \$55 at the door. Tickets available at alexandriava.gov/shop.

SUNDAY/NOV. 24

Alexandria Makers Market. 12-6 p.m. At Port City Brewing Company, 3950 Wheeler Ave., Alexandria. The inaugural Alexandria Makers Market will make its debut. This family-friendly event will showcase the creative community of Alexandria-based creators, makers, designers, & crafters, with vendors curated from highly talented artisans located in Alexandria. Visit the website: <https://www.alexandriamakersmarket.com/port-city-holiday-pop-up>

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Community Dance. 7:30-9:30 p.m. every third Friday at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Live music. \$4. Call 703-765-4573.
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Alexandria's Rock the Block event — A Culinary Tour of Old Town Restaurants will take place on Thursday, Nov. 7.

Rock the Block

Thursday/NOV. 7, A Culinary Tour of Old Town Restaurants. The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children will host its 2nd Annual Rock the Block event throughout Old Town Alexandria. Several of Old Town's hottest restaurants will again close their doors to the public for this signature event, serving up some delectable dishes and specialty cocktails. Individuals will receive a wristband and a map in which they can choose their own culinary tour by selecting their starting restaurant from the participating restaurants. This year, 12 restaurants will be participating in the event and will include Augie's Mussel House, Urbano116, The Majestic, Vermilion, Whiskey & Oyster, Columbia Firehouse, Joe Theismann's Restaurant and Bar, Mia's Italian Kitchen, Pizzeria Paradiso, Tequila & Taco and a culinary pop-up at the Charles Schwab headquarters with Sweet Fire Donna's Barbecue and Alexandria's own cidery Lost Boy Cider. New this year is special guest appearances by local celebrity chefs and restaurant owners Spike Mendelson (Good Stuff Eatery, Vim & Victor, We The Pizza, PLNT Burger, The Morris, Santa Rosa Taqueria) and Victor Albisu (Taco Bamba and Poca Madre). To purchase tickets, visit www.RockTheBlocks.org.

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and bring supplies to draw or paint live models. Fee ranges from \$8-\$12. All skill levels are welcome. Del Ray Artisans is located at 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org for a schedule.

The Harmony Heritage Singers (Mount Vernon Chapter of Barbershop Harmony Society), a daytime, a cappella, Chorus, rehearses on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, monthly, at Sherwood Hall Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Newcomers welcome for fun or to book for a performance. visit www.HHSingers.org, or call Bruce at 703-352-5271.

MORE ONGOING

Post-Grad Residency Program. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, Alexandria. For the fifth year, the Torpedo Factory Art Center welcomes four emerging artists to participate in the Post-Grad Residency Program: J Houston, Michaela Japac, Nava Levenson, and Kim Sandara. The jurors were Nicole Dowd, program director at Halcyon Arts Lab, and Leslie Holt, artist and co-director of Red Dirt Studio. This competitive juried program provides three months of exclusive access to a studio in the Art Center. Therein, artists can create and sell work, interact with the public, and connect with other arts professionals. The residency is unique for addressing the critical post-graduation juncture in an emerging artist's career, offering an opportunity for professional development, networking, and a chance to define their practice outside of the academic context. The program culminates in a group exhibition in Target Gallery, the Torpedo Factory's contemporary exhibition space, Nov. 8-Dec. 8.

Revolutionary War Medals. Through March 2020 at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Highway, Mt. Vernon. Now on view in Mount Vernon's Donald W. Reynolds Education Center is an exhibition featuring 30 rare medals from the American Revolution and the early republic. War and Peace in Miniature: Medals from the American Numismatic Society is an unparalleled collection that highlights the remarkable heroes and events from the

Revolutionary War and the new nation's diplomatic endeavors. Visit mountvernon.org/warandpeace.

Tours of the Freedom House Museum. Saturdays and Sundays, 1-5 p.m. at Freedom House Museum, 1315 Duke St. The Freedom House Museum was once the headquarters and holding pen for the largest domestic slave trading firm in the United States, Franklin and Armfield. The building is currently owned by the Northern Virginia Urban League and together with the Office of Historic Alexandria. Visit the museum in this historic reminder of slavery. Admission is \$5 per person. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/Museums for more.

"Alexandrians Fight the Great War." Various times at The Lyceum, Alexandria's History Museum, 201 South Washington St. This new exhibition traces the experiences of local people during the first World War. The homes, hospitals, factories and shipyards of wartime Alexandria come back to life through the use of rare images, archival and modern-day video clips, quotes from participants, original objects including weapons, period music, and scale models. Call 703-746-4994 or visit www.alexandriahistory.org.

"Before the Spirits are Swept Away." Various times at the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. This exhibition, featuring 20 of Sherry Sanabria's African American historic site paintings, is made possible by the Sanabria family, who generously donated 23 of her paintings to the Alexandria Black History Museum. These paintings are part of Sanabria's "Sites of Conscience" series, which has as its focus African American heritage, prisons, concentration camps, and mental hospitals. Free, but donations are appreciated. Call 703-746-4356.

Mercy in Alexandria Walking Tour. Sundays at 1:30 p.m. at Alexandria visitors Center, 221 King St. Experience an inside access tour of 19th century Alexandria. Inspired by the PBS mini-series "Mercy Street," accompany a trained military historian through Civil War-era Alexandria and learn the actual history behind the TV show. Short tours are \$15, private tours for five are \$149. visit www.dcmilitarytour.com

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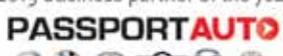
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The cast of “Little Women” (kneeling in front L to R): Sofia Cruz (Annie), Melanie Becker (Amy), Sophie de Waal (Meg), and Allison Dunnegan (Sallie); (standing in back L to R): Maya Andersen (Aunt March), Owen Peters (Theodore Lawrence), Caroline Coffin (Hannah), Samantha Fisher (Beth), Kathleen McNerney (Marmee), Andrew Comlish (Mr. March), Dagny Scannell (Jo), Patrick Byrns (John Brooke), Janet Le (Mrs. Gardener), and Quinn Doyle (Belle).

Bishop Ireton Stages “Little Women”

Story chronicles the March sisters in Louisa May Alcott’s classic novel from the 1860s.

BY STEVE HIBBARD
THE GAZETTE

With a cast of 14 student actors, Bishop Ireton High School is staging “Little Women” from Nov. 15-23, 2019. The show is adapted from Louisa May Alcott’s classic novel from the 1860s and written by Scott Davidson. The story follows the lives of the four March sisters — Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy — and their passage from childhood to womanhood. Sony Pictures is releasing the movie of the same name, the eighth film adaptation, directed by Greta Gerwig and starring Meryl Streep, Saoirse Ronan and Emma Watson this Christmas.

“I really liked the message of ‘Little Women’ with strong family values, and I just thought it would be a good play for Bishop Ireton to do,” said Director Joanna Henry. “It’s centered around Jo March; it’s her story. Beth dies and Jo and Beth had a very close relationship it affects Jo and the whole family, and it’s about the strength of family ties.”

She added that last Spring, she asked her advanced theater classes which play they would like to see, and “Little Women” was the one they wanted to do. She said Carly Walbert, the Assistant Director of theater arts, thought it would be a good play for Bishop Ireton as well.

One of the biggest challenges in staging this production was the renovation the school is experiencing, she said. “The school is undergoing massive construction so all of our set pieces and props were put in an off-storage site, and we’re not able to get access to them. So, we’re not having walls. We’re going to have silhouettes, archways and windows,” she said.

Dagny Scannell, 16, of Alexandria is playing the role of Jo March, a tomboy growing up in the Civil War era who wants to be a writer. “She’s a very determined person. I thought it was cool to go into her shoes to be comfortable in her own skin. She is someone who will work for what she wants,” Dagny said.

“It’s very rewarding to be able to experience her focused outlook from an acting perspective and as a person. She’s someone who is so focused and vulnerable at times. Portraying that balance on stage has been a challenge but something that I’ve enjoyed.”

She added that as far as challenges go, “It progresses over a long period but the scenes are relatively short and we have to show a lot of development from a character’s standpoint. We have to show how the characters are changing and remember that’s how the show goes on.”

Owen Peters, 17, of the District plays the role of Laurie, the neighbor who ends up marrying Amy at the end of the show. “I’d say the most challenging thing is that when I proposed to Jo March and she turned me down. So, when I was acting, I was trying to find balance in that situation. Throughout the entire show it’s him trying to woo her and when he tries to put himself out there fully, she turns him down. And then he leaves and goes to Europe for a while and he grows closer to Amy and eventually marries her. The main challenge was trying to portray the inner feelings of Laurie in that situation.”

Melanie Becker, 15, of Springfield, plays the role of Amy March. “Amy is the self-centered youngest sister who wants the best for herself, and she wants to improve her painting; she’s an artist. She’s jealous of Jo because everyone loves Jo’s writing. But she’s very close to her sisters and dreams of having the finer things in life that she doesn’t have. She gets to travel to Europe for her art,” she said.

Samantha Fisher, 18, of Alexandria, plays the role of Beth. “She’s the third March daughter; she’s a shy and caring young girl who deals with poor health in the show. She dies at the end of the play,” she said.

She added: “We worked a lot on the physicality of walking and sitting and moving like a sick person. She has Scarlet fever and she’s weak and dying as the play goes on. We worked on how I would move and talk to show that I’m not a healthy person and to show that I’m struggling.”

Bishop Ireton High School is staging “Little Women” from Nov. 15-23, 2019. Show times are Nov. 15 and 16, at 7 p.m.; Nov. 17 at 2 p.m.; and Nov. 22 and Nov. 23 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10/adults; \$8/students and seniors. The venue is located at Bishop Ireton High School, 201 Cambridge Road, Alexandria. The link to purchase tickets is www.bishopireton.org/tickets.



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Providence District

Dalia A. Palchik (D) 18,885 69.34%
Eric Anthony Jones (R) 8,184 30.05%

Springfield District

Patrick S. "Pat" Herrity (R) incumbent 18,360 50.72%
Linda D. Sperling (D) 17,765 49.07%

Sully District

Kathy L. Smith (D) incumbent 20,280 62.70%
Srilekha R. Palle (R) 11,979 37.04%

SCHOOL BOARD

School Board At-Large (three)

Karen A. Keys-Gamarra, incumbent (endorsed by Democrats) 160,138 21.99%
Abrar E. Omeish (endorsed by Democrats) 145,143 19.93%
Rachna Sizemore Heizer (endorsed by Democrats) 139,278 19.12%
Cheryl A. Buford (endorsed by Republicans) 101,831 13.98%
Priscilla M. DeStefano (endorsed by Republicans) 100,166 13.75%
Vinson Palathingal (endorsed by Republicans) 79,579 10.93%

Braddock District, School Board

Megan O. McLaughlin, incumbent (endorsed by Democrats) 20,775 67.40%
Zia Tompkins (endorsed by Republicans) 9,938 32.24%

Dranesville District, School Board

Elaine V. Tholen (endorsed by Democrats) 17,988 57.50%
Anastasia S. Karloutsos (endorsed by Republicans) 11,523 36.84%
Ardavan Mobasheri 1,715 5.48%

Hunter Mill District, School Board

Melanie K. Meren (endorsed by Democrats) 22,893 69.25%
Laura Ramirez Drain (endorsed by Republicans) 10,054 30.41%

Lee District, School Board

Tamara J. Derenak Kaufax, incumbent (endorsed by Democrats) 20,736 95.70%

Mason District, School Board

Ricardy J. Anderson (endorsed by Democrats) 16,077 76.89%
Tom L. Pafford 4,431 21.19%

Mount Vernon District, School Board

Karen L. Corbett Sanders, incumbent (endorsed by Democrats) 17,611 62.31%
Steven D. Mosley (endorsed by Republicans) 8,844 31.29%
Pamela C. Ononiwu 1,716 6.07%

Providence District, School Board

Karl V. Frisch (endorsed by Democrats) 16,644 61.72%
Andrea L. "Andi" Bayer (endorsed by Republicans) 10,167 37.70%

Springfield District, School Board

Laura Jane H. Cohen (endorsed by Democrats) 17,745 50.46%
Elizabeth L. Schultz, incumbent (endorsed by Republicans) 14,809 42.12%
R. Kyle McDaniel 2,529 7.19%

Sully District, School Board

Stella G. Pekarsky (endorsed by Democrats) 18,585 58.43%
Tom A. Wilson, incumbent (endorsed by Republicans) 13,144 41.33%

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Monica A. Billger (endorsed by Democrats) 153,051 21.87%
Gerald Owen "Jerry" Peters Jr., incumbent, (endorsed by Democrats) 148,091 21.16%

Chris E. Koerner (endorsed by Democrats) 139,641 19.95%
C. Jane Dudik (endorsed by Republicans) 80,604 11.52%
Edward F. McGovern (endorsed by Republicans) 80,281 11.47%
Christopher A. Bowen (endorsed by Republicans) 78,558 11.23%
Jonah E. "Jet" Thomas 17,888 2.56%

CANDIDATES, GENERAL ASSEMBLY

House of Delegates

District 34
Kathleen J. Murphy (D), incumbent 15,166 57.69%
Gary G. Pan (R) 11,100 42.22%

District 35
Mark L. Keam (D), incumbent, unopposed 15,330 92.63%

District 36
Kenneth R. "Ken" Plum, incumbent, unopposed 17,659 92.78%

District 37
David L. Bulova (D), incumbent, unopposed 13,470 91.98%

District 38
L. Kaye Kory (D), incumbent, unopposed 12,619 93.22%

District 39
Vivian E. Watts (D), incumbent 14,361 67.91%
Nick O. Bell (R) 6,740 31.87%

District 40
Dan I. Helmer (D) 14,015 53.46%
Timothy D. "Tim" Hugo (R), incumbent 12,172 46.43%

District 41
Eileen Filler-Corn (D), incumbent 15,526 71.14%
John M. Wolfe (I) 4,213 19.30%
Rachel D. Mace (L) 1,713 7.85%

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Karrie K. Delaney (D), incumbent, unopposed 15,415 89.48%

District 86

Ibraheem S. Samirah (D), incumbent, unopposed 13,588 89.45%

VIRGINIA STATE SENATE

District 30
Adam P. Ebbin (D), incumbent, unopposed 40,942 91.67%

District 31
Barbara A. Favola (D), incumbent, unopposed 44,347 91.82%

District 32
Janet D. Howell (D), incumbent 44,424 73.17%
Arthur G. Purves (R) 16,171 26.64%

District 33
Jennifer B. Boysko (D), incumbent 32,258 64.83%
Suzanne D. Fox (R) 17,446 35.06%

District 34
J. C. "Chap" Petersen (D), incumbent, unopposed 39,971 91.15%

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Richard L. "Dick" Saslaw (D), incumbent, unopposed 33,563 92.75%

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Scott A. Surovell (D), incumbent, unopposed 35,131 95.82%

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Dave W. Marsden (D), incumbent, unopposed 37,720 90.49%

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CLERK OF COURT (ALEXANDRIA CITY)
J. Greg Parks (D), unopposed 26,466 93.98%

Commonwealth's Attorney (ARLINGTON COUNTY-FALLS CHURCH CITY)
Parisa Dehghani-Tafti (D) unopposed 45,334 90.01%

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Elizabeth F. "Beth" Arthur 49,929 97.29%

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Christian E. Dorsey 38,087 37.55%
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Arron O'Dell 7,189 7.09%

Member School Board (ARLINGTON COUNTY)
Reid S. Goldstein 47,880 95.85%

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NOTICE OF OLD DOMINION ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE AND ITS MEMBER DISTRIBUTION COOPERATIVES TO SEEK WAIVER OF CERTAIN PURPA OBLIGATIONS FROM THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Take notice that on or after December 2, 2019, Old Dominion Electric Cooperative (ODEC) intends to file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) a Petition requesting waiver of certain obligations in FERC's rules implementing Section 210 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA), on behalf of itself and the following ODEC member distribution cooperatives which are regulated by the Virginia State Corporation Commission (VSCC): A&N Electric Cooperative, BARC Electric Cooperative, Community Electric Cooperative, Mecklenburg Electric Cooperative, Northern Neck Electric Cooperative, Prince George Electric Cooperative, Rappahannock Electric Cooperative, Shenandoah Valley Electric Cooperative, and Southside Electric Cooperative (collectively, the "Members").

The Petition will request waiver of FERC's regulations to allow ODEC and the Members to jointly implement their respective obligations under Section 210 of PURPA and under Part 292 of the FERC's regulations, 18 C.F.R. Part 292, as set forth in the PURPA Implementation Plan between ODEC and its member distribution cooperatives. PURPA Section 210 was enacted to encourage production of electric energy by qualifying cogeneration and small power production facilities (QFs). Part 292 of FERC's Regulations sets forth the requirements regarding arrangements between electric utilities and QFs. Part 292 requires electric utilities to purchase and sell energy and capacity from and to QFs. The PURPA Implementation Plan provides that (1) any QF may interconnect with the electric distribution systems of ODEC's Members or to ODEC's transmission system to the extent such QF is entitled to interconnection under Part 292 of the Commission's Regulations; (2) ODEC will purchase capacity and energy from QFs with a net capacity in excess of 100 kW and up to 20 MW as made available by such QFs, at ODEC's avoided cost; (3) each of the Members will sell supplementary, back-up and maintenance power to QFs on a firm or interruptible basis, upon request, at rates that are non-discriminatory, just and reasonable, and in the public interest; and (4) no QF will be subject to duplicative charges for interconnection or wheeling as a result of selling to ODEC and buying from a Member. By Order issued on August 9, 2019, in its Case No. PUR-2019-0047, the VSCC granted ODEC's motion for authorization to state that the VSCC endorses the Petition with respect to the Members.

Copies of the PURPA Implementation Plan will be sent to interested parties upon request. FERC will publish notice of the Petition in the Federal Register following receipt of the filing. That notice will specify that any person desiring to be heard in this matter can make the appropriate filing with the FERC.

Inquiries or comments concerning this matter should be addressed to:
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Please Relief Me



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Or let me go. So sang Engelbert Humperdink way back in 1967 about having lost that loving feeling. His lost loving feeling was not about his mortgage. The lyrics: "I have found a new love dear" imply if not clearly state that there's a woman involved. My lost loving feeling is about my mortgage. And contrary to Engelbert, I can't leave it, and believe me, I've tried, though I've never sung about it, only droned on about it in print. To invoke the legendary Ricky Ricardo, aka Desi Arnaz, from "I Love Lucy," originally broadcast in the mid- to late-50s: Let me 'splain.

It's been over 15 years since my last successful refinance. Twice in the intervening years I've tried to refinance. In each case, I've been denied even though I've had upwards of 50 percent equity and an 800 or so credit rating.

Between multiple problems with the house (lead paint on the exterior, broken windows, etc.) and less than ideal income documentation, debt to income ratio, yada, yada, yada, we've regularly been kicked to the curb, which we also don't have, so I gave up; and have proceeded over the years to fix some of the problems mentioned which unfortunately has not led to an acceptable resolution.

Time has passed, and after years of television advertisements by Henry Winkler, Fred Thompson and most recently, Thomas Magnum himself: Tom Selleck, promoting reverse mortgages for those nearing retirement, I buckled under the pressure of these years of paid celebrity endorsements and made a few inquiries. It turns out that given my age — and circumstances semi-unique to us (no kids, lots of equity, need the money), we're perfect candidates. So we applied to company number one (denied) which led to company number two: denied. The second time the denial was not about income documentation and so forth as it was with the first "reverse-mortgager." No. It wasn't even about the house. This time it was about an out-building on our property, specifically the foundation of a "shed"/stable standing derelict in its duties and of no use to anyone. Not however of 'no use' to the appraiser, apparently, who mentioned its condition in his report to the mortgage underwriter who now has because of those findings, slam-dunked us (put our application on hold) pending the shed's disposition.

To summarize and recall another legendary figure from the 50s: author Joseph Heller, I'm in a bit of a "Catch-22." I can't refinance the house and get access to its equity because I can't meet the financial qualifications. And I can't reverse-mortgage the house — to gain access to the equity I need to live on, because the out-building on my property ("Belly Acres" as I call it) is a shell of its former self, so to speak, and needs upwards of \$100,000 of repairs (I've gotten an estimate), money that if I had/could even get to, I'd need to live on, not spend on a building I'll never use/don't need. And neither can I sell the house (nor do we want to quite frankly) because the "shed" would be part of any deal, which means its repair would still be required. And one more thing, because the house is registered with the Federal Government as "Historic," we can't demolish this out-building either. In effect, we are stuck between a rock — as in those missing and cracked in the 100 year-old shed's foundation — and a hard place: the underwriter's intransigence and the Historic Preservation's rules. Let's call it a Catch-22 "A."

At this point, I don't really know which way to turn. I'm not exactly damned if I do, I'm more damned because I can't. I don't think I'm asking for any kind of special dispensation. I'm not involving the Pope. I just want, to quote singer/songwriter Nick Lowe from his 1974 song, ("What's So Funny 'Bout) Peace, Love and Understanding," some 'peace, love and understanding.' I'm not looking to make any trouble. In fact, I'm looking for the opposite: serenity, now and forever, with or without Seinfeld reruns. And I can afford it if the powers that be, won't be less omnipotent and help a fella out. I swear I won't bother them if they won't bother me. Make the approval a Festivus-type occasion except it won't be for the rest of us, it will be just for me and my wife. I promise I won't tell a soul.

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indoor baseball/softball batting cages are just a few recent West Potomac improvements all funded by the WABC! The next exciting event supporting all West Potomac sports is the Top Golf/WABC fundraiser on Thursday, Nov. 14. Three hours of games, food, music, auction items...and you don't have to be a golfer to participate, its easy and fun. So join your friends, register today, and your tax deductible donation will support West Potomac players and coaches. Here is a link with all the details <https://www.supportwestpotomac.com/golf.html>

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Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Meetings in 2019

12000 Government Center Parkway
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Nov. 19, 2019 9:30 a.m. - Full Board of Supervisors Meeting
Nov. 26 Committee Meetings
♦ 9:30 a.m. - Economic Advisory Commission
♦ 11 a.m. - Personnel Committee
♦ 1:30 p.m. - Legislative Committee
♦ 3 p.m. - Budget Committee
♦ 5 p.m. - Audit Committee
Dec. 3, 2019 9:30 a.m. - Full Board of Supervisors Meeting
Dec. 10 Committee Meetings
♦ 9:30 a.m. - Health, Housing and Human Services Committee
♦ 11 a.m. - Development Process Committee
♦ 1:30 p.m. - Transportation Committee
♦ 3 p.m. - General Assembly Annual Reception and Work Session

THURSDAY/NOV. 7

Skilled Workforce Career Fair. 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. At Edison High School Academy, 5801 Franconia Road, Alexandria. High school students and recent grads interested in construction-related trades, service industries, manufacturing, and information technology are invited to attend the Apprenticeships and Skilled Workforce Career Fair at Edison Academy. The fair encourages interest in the skilled career fields that are attainable through two-year degree programs, certifications, apprenticeships or on-the-job training. Fairfax County high school students, recent graduates, and their parents are invited to attend this free event to meet business, education, and industry leaders from Northern Virginia who offer skilled workforce employment, education, training, and apprenticeship programs.

MONDAY/NOV. 11

Veterans Day Ceremony. 1-2 p.m. At Mount Vernon Recreation Center, 2701 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria. The ceremony will honor the 68 Alexandrians who died during the Vietnam War and all veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces. The ceremony will include the reading of the 68 names engraved in the Captain Rocky Versace Plaza and Vietnam Veterans Memorial, recognition of Gold Star families in attendance, a tribute to Medal of Honor recipient Captain Humbert Roque "Rocky" Versace, the presentation of Vietnam Veteran lapel pins to Vietnam-period veterans, a wreath-laying in honor of Captain Versace and the sounding of Taps. Musical performances include the U.S. Army's Historical Trumpets and Flutes of The Old Guard's Fife and Drum Corps, and the National Anthem and "God Bless America," performed by the Alexandria Harmonizers. Visit alexandriava.gov/Recreation.

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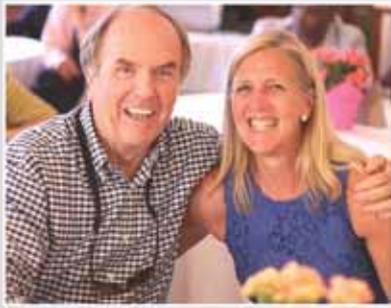
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**4313 Neptune Dr
\$635,000**

Character abounds in this fabulous new Yacht Haven listing. Premier setting on beautifully landscaped half acre grounds in the heart of one of Mt. Vernon's leading water front

communities. The home has been lovingly maintained by long term owner and has many significant updates including replacement thermal windows. Other special features include: gorgeous refinished hardwood floors on two main levels, large sun room and screen porch, master bedroom with private balcony, finished basement, attractive front porch, and garage parking. Amazing outdoor scene with large screen porch and oversize deck overlooking beautiful private grounds. Walk to nearby Mt. Vernon Yacht Club.

JUST LISTED! OPEN SUNDAY 1-4PM



**4112 Ferry Landing Rd
\$833,900**

Absolutely the most house for the money in prime Mt. Vernon location! Exceptionally spacious approx 5,000 sq ft colonial at end of quiet lane in the heart of Mt. Vernon. This home

was custom built in 2003 for its only owner and is loaded with upgraded items and amenities. Special features include: dramatic 2 story entry foyer, open floor plan with spacious kitchen/family room combination, spectacular bright main level sun room, 4 BR's and 3 full baths on upper level, huge finished lower level with rec room, guest room, and full bath, Amazing outdoor scene includes, private back yard with oversize custom stone patio & hot tub. Unique combination of size, custom features, & location compare favorably to properties selling for substantially more!

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**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!



**4116 Ferry Landing Rd
\$910,000**

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 landscaping 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!

VIRTUALLY NEW!



**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!



**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!



**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 featured 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!

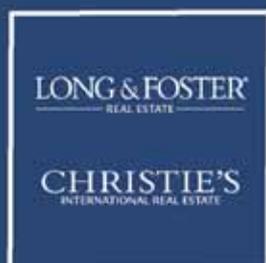


**9316 Old Mansion Rd
\$950,000**

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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