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Members and friends of the Special Forces Association Chapter XI gather for a photo at the Captain Rocky Versace Plaza and Vietnam Veterans Memorial.



West Point Class of 1971 graduate Burt David, left, gathers with USMA Honorary Class of 1959 members Mike Faber and Duane



Members of the West Point Class of 1959 salute after presenting a wreath in memory of classmate and Medal of Honor recipient Rocky Versace at the Veterans Day Ceremony Nov. 11 at the Mount Vernon Recreation Center.

# Hometown Heroes

## Veterans Day program honors those who served.

By Jeanne Theismann Gazette Packet

t was the war to end all wars. After four years of fighting, hostilities formally ended between the Allies and Germany at the "11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month" in 1918. On Nov. 11, the Friends of Rocky Versace and the City of Alexandria commemorated the 101st anniversary of the armistice to end World War I with a Veterans Day ceremony at the Mount Vernon Recreation Center in Del Ray.

"This is an opportunity to honor the service and sacrifice of local veterans," said retired Army veteran Kevin Rue, who coordinates the event on behalf of the Friends of Rocky Versace organization.

The ceremony included a reading of the 68 names of Alexandrians who were killed or reported missing in action during the Vietnam War. Those names are inscribed in the Captain Rocky Versace Plaza and Vietnam Veterans Memorial outside the recreation center. Participating in the ceremony were the T.C. Will-

iams High School JROTC and St. Rita American Heritage Girls Troop 1381, who opened the ceremony with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Historical Trumpets and Flutes of the United States Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps performed musical interludes for the more than 200 attendees of the program.

A special addition to this year's ceremony were members of the Alexandria Harmonizers, who performed The Star Spangled Banner, God Bless America and the Armed Forces Medley in a salute to all branches of the military. Stephen Tracy of Bugles Across America offered Taps as the ceremony concluded.

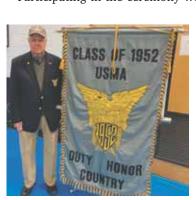
Special tribute was paid to Humbert "Rocky" Versace, a posthumous Medal of Honor recipient, by his 1959 West Point classmates, who placed a wreath honoring all those who have served. Versace grew up in Alexandria with plans to enter the seminary following his military service in Vietnam. Less than two weeks before the end of his tour, on Oct. 29, 1963, Versace was taken captive in the Mekong Delta. He remains missing in action.



Saint Rita's American Heritage Girls Troop 1381 opens the Veterans Day Ceremony with the Pledge of Allegiance.

missing in action.

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U.S. Army Lt. Col. Vincent P. Bailey represents the West Point Class of 1952.



U.S. Army Col. Kevin Rue (ret), and Col. Robert Weekley (ret).



Major General James T. Jackson (USA ret).



The Alexandria Harmonizers perform the Armed Forces Medley at the Veterans Day Ceremony Nov. 11 at the Mount Vernon Recreation Center.

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#### COUNCIL NOTEBOOK

## **Targeting Target**

There's been lots of hype about Amazon and Virginia Tech and even National Landing. But there's one thing on everybody's mind: What about the Target?

"It is always the first question," says Cathy Puskar, land-use attorney representing developer JBG Smith, which is working with Lionstone Investments and the Virginia Tech Foundation on the

The answer is that nobody really knows. For now, the developer is focused on the northeast corner of the property, which is currently part of a parking lot for a movie theater. It's part of what city officials call an "Innovation District," which will include an academic campus as well as office space and residential units plus required retail. Target is on the other side of Potomac Avenue, which won't be redeveloped for years to come. An undetermined number of Black Fridays will come and go before the suburban version of Target at Potomac Yard will shut its doors. What replaces it has yet to be determined.

"We have heard everybody wants Target to be a piece of that," says Puskar. "Target has to want to be there too."

## Double-Edged Gavel

Now that Democrats have seized power in the General Assembly, the Alexandria delegation will include both House Democratic Leader Charniele Herring and Senate Majority Leader Dick **Saslaw.** But don't get too excited about having two leaders quite

Alexandria Legislative Director **Sarah Graham Taylor** warns having all that starpower is a double-edged sword. Sure, it's great Alexandria is the capital of power and influence across Virginia. But every silver lining has a touch of grey.

"The other side of that is that there's a lot of concern from other parts of Virginia that there is going to be a Northern Virginia-centric focus from leadership," says Taylor. "And so while we want to get everything that we can get out of the legislature, I think we also need to understand that they are going to have to govern, and they're going to have to look beyond Northern Virginia, look beyond Alexandria."

#### Tax Cheats

Untold dozens of deadbeat taxpayers were let off the hook this week by the City Council, fleecing Alexandria out of more than \$17,000. City officials determined the hassle and expense of collecting on all those unpaid real-estate taxes and personal property taxes would be too much. And don't expect to see the names of tax cheats published in your local newspaper.

'Given the ability to make information more widely available on the web, the Finance Department no longer publishes the names of delinquent taxpayers in the newspaper," said City Manager Mark Jinks in a memo outlining the tax amnesty. "If the taxes are paid in full before posting online, the property owner's name or the name of the business will not be listed."

## Bright with Cheer

Who cares about Oprah Winfrey? Alexandria has Del Pep-

"I don't know if Oprah Magazine had any idea how really clever we are," declared Pepper upon hearing the news that the supermarket staple named Alexandria as one of 19 places that had perfected the art of holiday cheer.

The magazine noted Scottish Walk and Christmas carolers and the bustling storefronts, all attractions that put the city on the

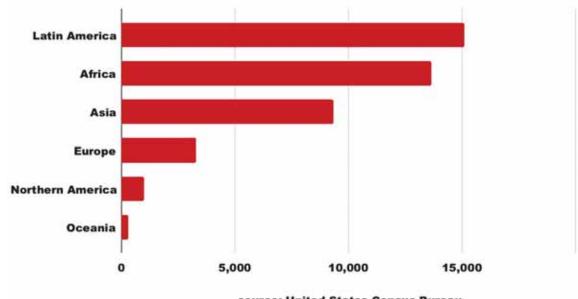
Pepper points out that the magazine missed the new winter garden and ice-skating rink at Cameron Run. And then there are all those holiday lights up and down King Street that Pepper fought for every budget season like holiday clockwork.

"They're thinking of all the activities that we have, the parade and so forth," she said. "They didn't even mention our holiday lights. But never mind. We will overlook that oversight."

- MICHAEL LEE POPE

## News

#### World Region of Birth for Alexandria's Foreign-Born Population



source: United States Census Bureau

# More Educated, Better Paid

## Foreign-born population brings skills to tech and government jobs.

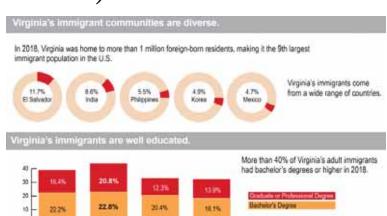
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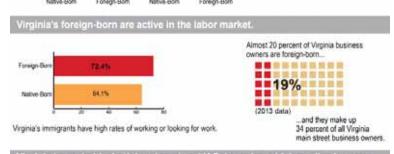
irginia's foreign-born population is more educated and better paid, according to a new report from the Commonwealth Institute for Fiscal Analysis. The Richmond-based think tank points out more than 40 percent of immigrants in Virginia have a bachelor's degree or higher. That's a significantly higher level of education than the United States as a whole, and it's even a bit higher than native-born Virgin-

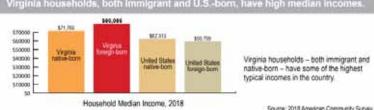
"Many of the immigrants who come to Virginia bring with them a high level of skills," says Laura Goren, research director at the Commonwealth Institute. "They're coming to fill the need for highly educated workers in, for example, government contractors and the tech industry in Northern Vir-

Here in Alexandria, almost one out of every three people is foreign born. Most of those are not U.S. citizens, although the city is home to 17,000 naturalized U.S. citizens

The vast majority are from Latin America or Africa, regions of the world that have thriving communities in Alexandria. They face an administration in Washington that plans to start turning away immigrants who currently have "tem-







porary protected status," people fleeing war, violence, famine, disasters and epidemics across the globe.

"I know a number of people who have small businesses who have temporary protected status," says Jon Liss, executive director of Virginia New Majority. "As it stands today, a number of people with small businesses could be in a precarious situation or out of status is that you take chances," said at some point in January of next

A recent survey of entrepreneurs by the Census Bureau shows the to start a business a lot of times."

number of Hispanic-owned businesses in Virginia on the rise. During a three-year period, the number rose 13 percent. Just like a century ago, when Russian Jews flocked to America to be part of the needle trade, people from El Salvador and Honduras are now arriving here in Alexandria as entrepreneurs.

"Part of being a business owner Michel Zajur, founder and CEO of the Virginia Hispanic Chamber. "And immigrants are more likely The Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition of Alexandria thanks the following retailers for working with us to help prevent underage drinking. During our recent Project Sticker Shock event, teams of youth and adults placed stickers on alcohol cases in their stores that warn about the penalties for adults who purchase alcohol for minors.

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## HISTORY



The Lee-Fendall House is the home of newly rediscovered documents shedding new light on perceptions of loyalty during the Civil War.

## The Lost Lost Cause

Newly discovered account challenges perceptions of Lee family loyalites.

> BY JASON ROCKETT GAZETTE PACKET

azenove Lee, a young relative of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee and a native of Alexandria during the Civil War, once asked his relative an intriguing question about military leadership during the war. Cazenove asked the "Gray Fox," as General Lee was known, "which of the federal generals was the greatest?"

Lee replied, McClellan "by all odds." So much for Grant's leadership of the Union army as a whole.

Now housed at the Lee-Fendall House in Alexandria, Cazenove G Lee Sr.'s recently discovered account of this exchange forms part of a memoir he started around 1907 but failed to finish before his death in the spring of 1912.

For most of the past century, serious scholars of the American Civil War have made assertions that run contrary to Cazenove Lee's claims. Professor William Davis of Virginia Tech argued in his book Crucible of Command, that "For Lee, McClellan was an open book of dull reading."

The two-time Pulitzer Prize winner Dou SEE THE LOST, PAGE 15



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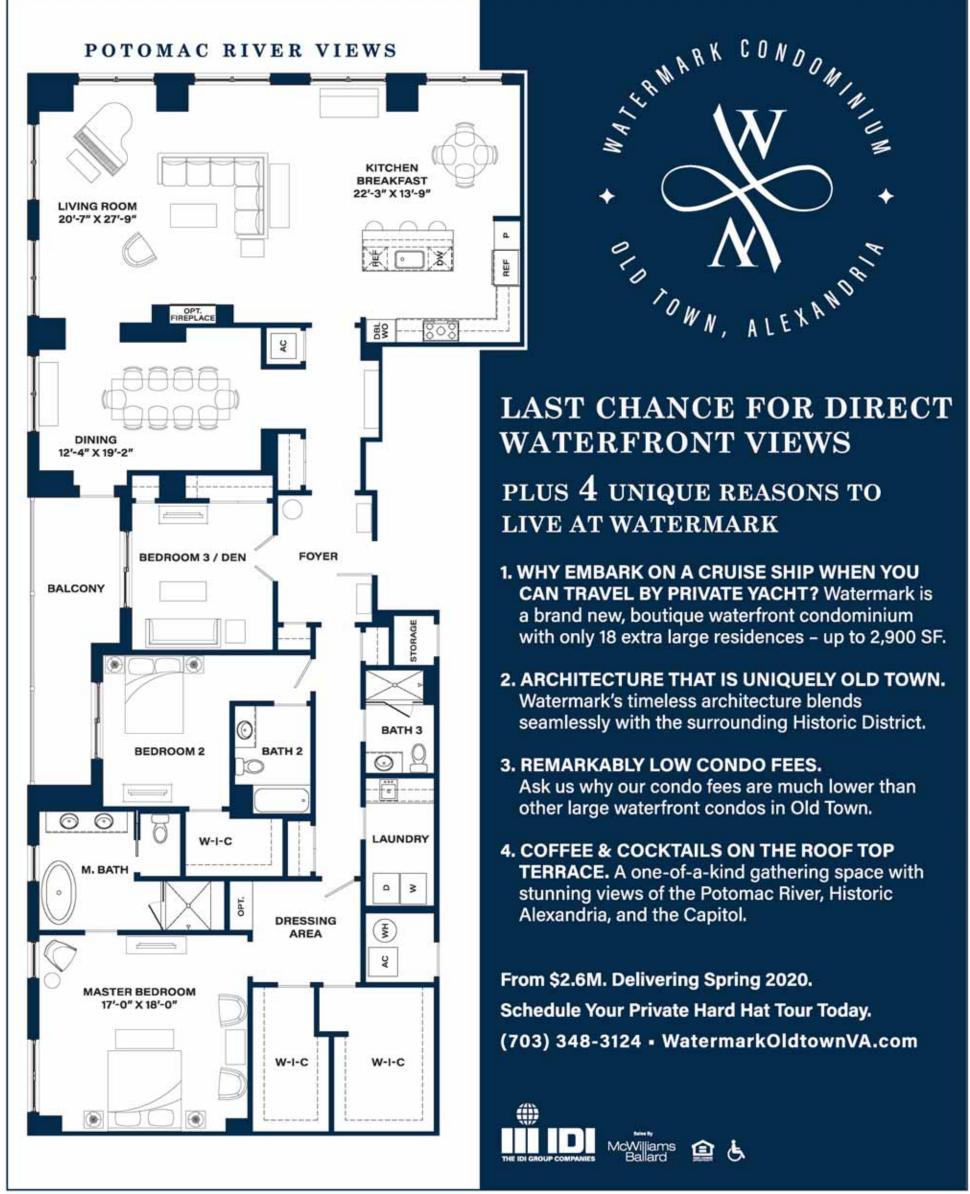
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The grave of Cazenove Lee in Christ Church Cemetery on Wilkes Street.

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## PEOPLE

# Honoring Those Who Serve

## Silverado recognizes veterans.

ilverado Alexandria Memory Care held a Veterans Day Recognition program Nov. 8 to honor and recognize veterans at the facility.

Sponsored by Capital Caring Health, veterans were presented with Certificates of Appreciation and Recognitions pins by Chief Warrant Officer William Fearrington as the service songs of each of the U.S. military branches was played. Those who served during the Vietnam conflict were presented with Department of Defense 50th anniversary Vietnam War

— Jeanne Theismann



**Chief Warrant Officer William Fearrington,** left, presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Army veteran Edward Bridges Nov. 8 at Silverado Alexandria Memory Care.



U.S. Navy veteran Don Rushford, left, shares a laugh with Chief Warrant Officer William Fearrington at the Veterans Day recognition program Nov. 8 at Silverado Alexandria Memory Care.



veteran Louis Besio, right, receives a **Certificate of** Appreciation from Chief **Warrant Of**ficer William **Fearrington** during the **Veterans Day** recognition program Nov. 8 at Silverado Alexandria **Memory Care.** 

U.S. Navy

# 'Dinner With Washington'

## Inaugural interpretive event set for Nov. 16.

By Jeanne Theismann GAZETTE PACKET

he George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee will host its first "Dinner With Washington," a special interpretive evening with Brian Hilton, the City of Alexandria's officially recognized George Washington.

"We are excited about this special presentation," said Committee chair Joe Shumard. "It will be similar to the Thomas Jefferson dinners hosted by Colonial Williamsburg but on a smaller scale."

The dinner will be held Nov. 16 at Landini Brothers Restaurant and will give attendees the opportunity to interact with 'General Washington' in an intimate setting.

"Dinner guests will be able ask questions and discuss issues of the late 18<sup>th</sup> century, such as the fight for independence, slavery, equality and imperialism," Shumard



Brian Hilton, as General George Washington, will be the honored guest at the first "Dinner With Washington" interpretive evening Nov. 16 at Landini Brothers Restaurant.

said. "This will be an informal conversation where the audience is limited to 25 individuals and those in attendance will control the agenda. The forum will be open

to a wide range of topics and interaction with Gen. Washington is encouraged."

A familiar face to area residents from the city's George Washington Birthday parade, Hilton has more than 25 years of experience in education, research and historical interpretation in his role as the Founding Father of the country.

"So many people only see Brian in the parade," Shumard added. "But he is quite an accomplished historical interpreter and this is an opportunity for people to interact with him on a more personal level." The dinner will take place Nov. 16 at Landini Brothers Restaurant, 115 King St., at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$125 and can be purchased online at https:// dinnerwithwashington.eventbrite.com.

"We hope this will be the first of many events to help increase awareness of the legacy of George Washington in an informative and entertaining setting," Shumard



Brooke Sydnor Curran, left, with Lonnie Rich and Ginny Hines, celebrate at the Mile Marker 10 celebration of the RunningBrooke nonprofit's 10th anniversary Oct. 19 at the home of Chris and Brooke

## 'Mile Marker 10'

## RunningBrooke celebrates 10 years.

By Jeanne Theismann Gazette Packet

arely 18 months after life-threatening surgery to remove a brain tumor, Brooke Sydnor Curran opened her home Oct. 19 to host the Mile Marker 10 evening under the stars, celebrating the 10-year anniversary of the RunningBrooke non-

founded RunningBrooke in 2009 as a donor-advised fund of ACT for Alexandria and began raising funds by running a marathon a month. RunningBrooke donated raised funds to organizations providing early childhood education, literacy, running and soccer programs.

In 2015, RunningBrooke expanded, renovating and building playgrounds in underserved schools and neighborhoods. RunningBrooke achieved its own nonprofit status in 2016. SEE MILE MARKER, PAGE 7



Kurt Huffman, Betsy Micklem and John Porter at the RunningBrooke Mile Marker 10 celebration Oct. 19 at the home of Chris and Brooke Curran.

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ACPS School Board member Meagan Alderton, center, with Nancy Williams and former School Board member Marc Williams at the RunningBrooke Mile Marker 10 celebration Oct. 19 at the home of Chris and Brooke Curran.

## 'Mile Marker 10'

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Curran serves as CEO of the organization, which has again expanded to include funding for movement-related nonprofit programs and building community play-

grounds, to adding Move2Learn programs in ACPS schools. Since its inception, RunningBrooke has invested \$1.5 million back into the community through various city-wide projects. www.runningbrooke.org



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## FILM FESTIVAL



T.C. Williams High School graduate and former Saturday Night Live cast member Casey Wilson, second from left, poses for a photo with her father, Paul Wilson, Allison Silberberg, festival vice chair Dara Sanders and chair Margaret Wohler at the closing night of the Alexandria Film Festival Nov. 10 at the AMC Hoffman Center Theaters. Wilson screened her film "Daddio" at the festival.

## That's a Wrap

## "Wake" takes top Film Festival honors.

By Jeanne Theismann Gazette Packet

asey Wilson, a graduate of T.C. Williams High School and former cast member of Saturday Night Live, returned to her hometown to screen her new film "Daddio" as part of the 13th annual Alexandria Film Festival.

Held Nov. 7-10 with screenings at the Charles E. Beatley Library and AMC Hoffman Center Theaters, the festival showcased 53 films from local, national and international filmmakers. Films ranged from feature length to shorts and documentaries with Q&A sessions with directors, producers and cast members following the screenings. "The Alexandria Film Festival wrapped its 13th year with record attendance of more than 1,000 film lovers, warm homecomings for Alexandrian filmmakers Casey Wilson and Marc Carlini, two Veteran's Showcases, a Mayoral proclamation and a new partnership with NOVA's film degree program," said AFF chair Margaret Wohler.

"Wake," a movie about a widowed morti-

cian and life-size doll named Pedro, won top honors at the Festival. Directed by Cyrus Mirakhor, the film was awarded Best of Fest by attendees.

Other award winners included: "Fruits of Peace" directed by Kevyn Settle — AFF Joe Cantwell Award for Excellence in Documentary Filmmaking; "She's in Portland" directed by Marc Carlini — AFF Audience Award; "Demand Curve" co-directed by Meredith Bragg and Austin Bragg — Best of the Region Award; and "On the Outside" directed by Paul Gray — Best Foreign Film.

The nonprofit festival is supported by a grant from the Alexandria Commission for the Arts and corporate sponsors including Brandywine Living at Alexandria, Burke and Herbert Bank, The Foundry at Carlyle, Hilton Hotels, Connection Newspapers, Alexandria Hyundai, Ted's Montana Grill, San Antonio Grill, Glory Days Grill, Wilson Grand Communications and Booka Looka, West End Business Association, Alexandria Living Magazine, Visit Alexandria, Alexandria Times and Alphagraphics.

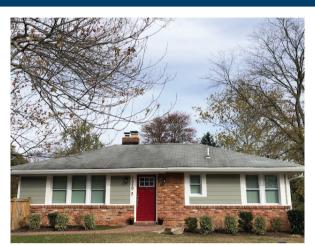
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Filmmakers participating in the Alexandria Film Festival pose for a photo during the closing ceremony Nov. 10 at AMC Hoffman Center Theaters.

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# OPINION



#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Alexandria Icon Tells Stories of African American Alexandrians

To the Editor:

Ms. Bah wrote an article titled, "The Military Made My Life Better:Sergeant Donald L Taylor" that was published in the Alexandria Gazette on November 7, 2019. Ms. Bah did an excellent job of telling my dad's story that captured his military service and his family life. She visited my dad and did a face to face interview with him. She called him to share what she planned to write, and when my dad asked her call my husband and I for additional input and comments there was no hesitation on her part.

Ms. Bah remains an important icon in Alexandria and a respected Virginia historian. I am writing to thank you and Ms. Bah for educating and informing our community about the lives of African American Alexandrians, their stories, and accomplishments.

**Yvette and Herbert Lewis** 

## Biased in Favor of Fido?

To the Editor:

The write-up about the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria's calendar reveals remarkable bias

toward one kind of animal, almost to suggest that if you're looking for or have to place a bunny or hamster or anything but a dog, you should consider going elsewhere. The article mentions five dogs [Abby, Fitch, Zara, Kahn, and Katie] before mentioning, 15 column-inches into the write-up, its only non-dog, a cat [Ranger] on a leash like a dog! We all know Alexandria loves dogs, but if this kind of skewed presentation were transposed into a human context, someone would have to answer for it at the EEOC.

Dina Drudi Alexandria

## Respecting the Integrity of the **Process**

It has now been two months since the Sept. 14, 2019 decision that was made by City Council regarding the design for the Seminary Road Project. Implementation is occurring and, in a few weeks, most features will be in place. I'm quite sure there will be tweaks throughout the coming weeks to ensure safety and smooth movement for all users. I have noticed this is the normal process for similar projects in our city.

I've been diligent from the outset of implementation to travel the 0.9 mile stretch of roadway and surrounding areas at various times of the day, numerous times each day. My husband has supplemented my travels by cruising the stretch two or three additional times each day when he is out and about. We intentionally travel at a.m. and p.m. peak hours. I have documented my travels with video and date and time-stamped photos of traffic movement. We have been on foot and in a vehicle.

I can report that, during our travels, traffic has moved smoothly and at the posted 25 mph speed limit most days since the lane striping was painted. Traffic flow was impaired three or four days because intersection sensors were damaged during the resurfacing and drivers were adjusting to the new lane patterns. T&ES staff were on site immediately to remedy the problem.

Each of our City Council members worked hard to render the final decision. They met numerous times with numerous groups. They listened to and heard what people presented. They visited the area multiple times to evaluate the situation. They should not continue to be badgered, hounded, berated, and suspected of less than ethical behavior. None of us would have elected people lacking integrity or ethical behavior. People with different opinions and viewpoints strengthen our civic environment.

I am a resident living in a singlefamily home and I did not view anything stated by our Mayor, Councilman Aguirre, or Councilwoman Pepper as critical of residents living in single-family homes. I feel they devote serious and sustained effort to fairly represent residents regardless of the type of home in which they choose

When Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker stated she visited homes in the Seminary

Rd. area I have no doubt that she did. When she stated she traveled out of state to research chicken processing facilities and the surrounding neighborhoods I have no doubt that she did.

I would be disappointed and concerned if she divulged the general location of those with whom she spoke during her research. She has shown respect for their privacy. I would not be so presumptuous to think she should share this information with individuals or groups. I would expect any private conversation I have with Council members to remain private. I have no interest in knowing the contents of private correspondence others have with Council Members.

I personally know of a resident who was in favor of the change in design but would not sign a petition for fear of retribution from neighbors. This is an abhorrent way for people to have to live their lives in a city that promotes kindness and understanding for those with different viewpoints.

As they say, "Win some, lose some." Either way, we move on to what comes next. At present I am probably at a 1% win and 99% loss record

with the endeavors I have participated in for our city. I'm sure there will be many more losses ahead for me. Disappointments, yes, but there will always be many more opportunities in the future. I am not bitter or hostile to those who made the decisions. They gave their best effort and that's all that can be asked.

We need to treat our elected officials with respect.

> **Carolyn Griglione** Alexandria

## Megachurch and Megatraffic

On Nov. 7 the Alexandria City Planning Commission approved the request from the Alexandria Presbyterian Church to replace its current 3,400 square feet church at 1300 West Braddock Road by a 23,000 square feet mini-mega church. We wish the APC well but fear the worst for the traffic problems that will be exacerbated.

The adjacent junction Scroggins Road with West Braddock Road is now the scene of severe backups from cars that flee the congestion on King Street. The car fumes have

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## **LETTERS**

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created an environmental nuisance in the neighborhood. Crossing West Braddock Road is unsafe for pedestrians, bicyclists, and cars that have to dodge the rapidly moving cars on West Braddock Road.

Neighborhood speakers at the meeting of the Planning Commission requested that the building permit for the Alexandria Presbyterian Church be matched by the installation of traffic lights at the junction of Scroggins Road and West Braddock Road but to no avail. The permit was approved without any complementary improvements of the dangerous traffic situation at the junction. Will we have to wait for serious traffic accidents like those two that happened further west on West Braddock Road before the City of Alexandria will get serious about resolving the mega traffic problems that we suffer?

Klas Ringskog Alexandria

# Two Years of Justice Delayed

To the Editor:

Nov. 17 will mark the two year anniversary of the shooting of Bijan Ghaisar by two US Park Policemen. He died of his wounds 10 days later. The FBI has refused to provide any information of substance to his parents, the Senators and Congressional representatives who interceded on their behalf or the media, all of whom have kept the pressure on since day one. If those two Park Policemen are not put on trial, and convicted at a minimum of Manslaughter, justice will not have been served. And if that happens, I believe there will be a ground swell of cries of an FBI cover up.

Kevin Bergen

## Historic Election Results in Virginia

The Nov. 5 elections in Virginia produced results of historic proportions. The House of Delegates that has had a Republican majority since 2000 was flipped to a blue Democratic majority of 55 Democrats to 45 Republicans. As recently as the election for 2014-2016, Democrats in the House had dropped to 32 members. The turn-around came decisively in amazing political time; there will be a recount in only one seat the Democrats won. The Senate that had a Republican majority before the election flipped to blue with 21 of the 40 Senate seats now being held by Democrats.

The General Assembly when it convenes in January will have a Democratic majority in both houses. In addition, as a result of elections held in 2017 Democrats occupy all statewide offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General. The historic level of Democratic wins is not only about party, it is about representation. There will be more women in the General Assembly than ever before in Virginia's history. In the House of Delegates there will be 30

women in the 100-member legislative body. In the Senate there will be 11 women in the 40-member body bringing the total number of women to 41 in the General Assembly. While the number is small relative to the proportion of women in the total population, the number of women in the legislature is a huge increase when compared to past years when it could be counted on the fingers of one's hands. The number of women running this year in both parties was at a historic level of 85.

There were other historic changes in the oldest continuous legislative body in the western world celebrating its 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. A Muslim woman will join the Senate as the first ever elected to that body. The number of African Americans in the General Assembly will increase to the highest number since Reconstruction. The first ever Indian American man was elected to the House of Delegates.

The new members of the legislature have already indicated their willingness to make history. The Democratic caucus of the House met this past weekend and chose as its Speaker-designee, Delegate Eileen Filler-Corn, the first woman to ever serve as Speaker of the House of Delegates in the 400 years of its history. She will be elected formally by the entire House when the General Assembly convenes in January. Adding to this historic moment, she will assume the leadership position, considered the most powerful in Virginia government next to the governor, with the least seniority of anyone ever taking the position in the modern day. She will be the first Jewish Speaker serving along with the Senate majority leader who is also Jewish. While I had hoped to become Speaker myself, I fully support Eileen who is amazingly smart and talented and I will do everything I can to ensure her success.

The electorate broke through many hurdles in its votes this election year. Some results called historic today will become commonplace in the future as the General Assembly reflects more the demographics of the state as a whole. I have always felt honored to serve, and with the historic results of this election year I feel even more honored. Thank you, voters!

Kenneth R. "Ken" Plum State Delegate (D-36)

#### Write

The Gazette welcomes views on any public issue.

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By email: editors@connectionnewspapers.com





## PEOPLE



Nora Partlow, Anila Angjeliand and Gale Curcio gather at the 12th annual Old Town Alexandria Connections reception Oct. 23 at Chadwick's Res-

# **Old Town Connections**

**OTAC** reception raises funds for memorial scholarship.

usiness representatives from across the city gathered Oct. 23 for the 12th annual Old Town Alexandria Connections reception at Chadwick's Restau-

In addition to networking, proceeds from

the OTAC event provided support for the Peter Williams Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship is given to Alexandria-area college-bound high school seniors who embody the community spirit of Williams, an attorney and past OTAC president who died suddenly in 2014.

"Peter Williams touched the lives of countless Alexandrians through his work and civic involvement," said OTAC member Peter Baldwin. "The Peter Williams Memorial

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More than 200 people have joined us in conversations and trainings that raise awareness of racial inequities and help build a network of allies to address them in their workplaces, communities and neighborhoods.

"There's something at play regarding race that can't be explained by simple poverty or socio-economic status. I appreciate ACT using its position as a trusted community resource to help all of us think about [racial equity in Alexandria]."

-SHANNON STEENE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CARPENTER'S SHELTER

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- Celebrate the 10-year anniversary of Spring2ACTion, Alexandria's Giving Day
- · Provide resources that support critical nonprofits in Alexandria

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## Old Town Connections

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Scholarship was established to honor his memory and further his legacy of responsible business practices and service to others." www.otacnetworking.com

— Jeanne Theismann



Randy Philip, Rhonda Harris and Sam Fatima at the Old Town Alexandria Connections reception Oct. 23 at Chadwick's Restaurant.

#### BULLETIN BOARD

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

#### THURSDAY/NOV. 14

SHA Annual Meeting. 7-9 p.m. At Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill, 3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria. The Seminary Hill Association will hold its Annual Meeting. All residents of the Seminary Hill area are invited to join neighbors to learn about proposed bus route changes and elect board members for 2019-2020. For more information, visit www.seminaryhillassn.org.

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Meeting on North Potomac Yard. 7-9 p.m. At National Industries for the Blind, Second Floor, 3000 Potomac Ave., Alexandria. Virginia Tech, Lionstone Investments, and JBG SMITH will hold a public meeting to share updates on the North Potomac Yard mixed-use development that will include the university's \$1 billion Innovation Campus. Virginia Tech announced plans for the new campus one year ago, as part of the state's successful bid to attract Amazon to the region. Plans to build the campus as a portion of an innovation district being developed by Lionstone near the future Potomac Yard Metrorail Station were announced in June

Mail Screening Meeting. 7 to 9 p.m. At Francis C. Hammond Middle School, 4646 Seminary Road, Alexandria. At the City of Alexandria's request, Pentagon officials will hold a community meeting to provide information and answer questions about the Pentagon's plans to screen incoming mail and other deliveries at the Department of Defense's Mark Center Building in Alexandria. Prior to

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Taylor Barnes, Florence King, Vera Jones and Paul Friedman enjoy the networking at the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Old Town Alexandria Connections reception Oct. 23 at Chadwick's Restaurant.





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## Home Life Style

In this table design, Anne Walker used neutral linens which provided a rich, but subtle backdrop to Royal Copenhagen china.



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# Setting a Thanksgiving Table

## Local designers share ideas for creating a festive tablescape.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL The Connection

hether celebrating with large gathering of family or hosting an intimate dinner with friends, Thanksgiving offers an opportunity to express gratitude, merriment and creativity. Though the day is noted for football games and parades, it's the turkey dinner that takes center stage. Setting an aesthetically appealing table on which to place the perfectly prepped bird adds to a special touch to the quintessentially American meal.

From monogrammed linen napkins to centerpieces crafted with backyard foliage, area designers offer ideas for creating a backdrop for one of the most anticipated meals of the year.

"The key to setting a beautiful Thanksgiving table is to keep it simple, said Amanda Mertins of Patina Polished Living in Alexandria. "The big focus for Thanksgiving is, of course, the food."

Designer Anne M. Walker, Anne Walker Design in Potomac says that she's created tablescapes that range from ultra-formal to super-casual. "By far my favorite is the unassuming, simple style of Scandinavian table décor," she said. "I like to use linen placements, rather a than tablecloth, so you can see the beautiful wood of the table."

"I prefer table linens made by Ekelund, a familyowned Swedish company that has been producing fine linens since the 1600s," said Walker. "Their placemats and napkins have body and heft to them, and the natural flax color complements any style and color of table. "

Patterned, colorful napkins can add just the right amount of interest to a table set with neutral china, suggests Mertins. "Bold napkin rings always add a nice punch," she said. "Place cards make it very easy for guests to find their seat and they add a note of importance to the meal."

Adding fresh greenery to a table setting is one of the easiest and most cost effective ways to elevate your dining table decor, said Pamela Harvey of



#### Designer Pamela Harvey used china, colorful napkins and placemats to add color to this table setting.

Pamela Harvey in Oak Hill, Va. "Adding a simple stem of pine needles to a napkin ring at each setting," she said. "I always survey my own yard for clippings of magnolia or a great branch to add to the table."

"A runner of eucalyptus branches mixed with tangerines or pears and casual ribbon makes for a great fall look," continued Harvey. "Simple flower arrangements using all the same flower or color make an

Forgo a centerpiece created by a florist, says Walker. "Why not cut a few branches from your own garden and create your own floral display?" asks Walker. "Many plants, including Nandina, produce beautiful red berries in the fall, which makes for a lovely, simple table decoration."

The holidays are a perfect time to uncover treasured china and other pieces stored away, said Harvey. "I love the nostalgia of using pieces that were handed down," she said. "Varying the dish patterns is also a fun way to display china, such as using your grandmother's china mixed with more casual or everyday place settings."

"Use your real silver and your best crystal - these things are meant to be enjoyed," added Walker. "Food and drink taste better when delivered from a glass that's been hand-blown and a silver fork."

## HISTORY

## The Lost Lost Cause

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glas Southall Freeman noted that while "Little Mac" was a superb organizer, he was "not far from a panic" in his engagements with Lee.

The claims of Cazenove Lee are reminiscent of the ahistorical works that were produced by the interpretative movement sometimes known as the "Lost Cause" of the Confederacy. The movement took on new life following Lee's passing in 1870, when many southerners attempted to lay the groundwork for his historical canonization. Publications sprang up which even attempted to argue a non-existent genealogical connection between the general and the Scottish King Robert the Bruce, revered by Scots for his victory over the English at Bannockburn in 1314. In the words of Yale University Professor David W. Blight, the Lost Cause insisted the ideas of the Confederacy "were never truly defeated on the battlefield" but "were only overwhelmed."

The discovery of Cazenove Lee's account will necessitate some rethinking by historians. Previously, the only insight into his thoughts were documented in his unpublished "Reminiscences," which are housed in the Local History Special Collections at the Barrett Branch Library. Now a new document has emerged on the other side of Washington Street that sheds new light on the dynamics of the war. Tucked away in the archive at the Lee-Fendall House is a two-volume memoir of the civil war and another two-volume detailed genealogy.

And they contain an interesting twist.

Cousin Cazenove attempts to portray his father Cassius, also a cousin of the general, as a "strong Union man" who "used all his influence to dissuade Col. Lee from taking any part in the war." However, Casenove does not mention that his father relocated to Canada and likely remained there for the duration of the war. Some have even argued that during his time in Canada Cassius performed acts on behalf of the Confederate government, before his eventual return to Alexandria.

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Each morning during my daily constitutional, I stop at the tombstones of Cassius Lee and Cazenove Gardner Lee Sr. in the Christ Church Cemetery on Wilkes Street. During these daily visits I have often wondered what they could have told us about their famous cousin, Robert E. With the discovery of this new document, I have just a little more of an answer.

Contact the author Jason Rockett at jrockett@connectionnewspapers.com



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# Entertainment

# Jeni's Prepares to Dish Up Ice Cream in Old Town

By Hope Nelson

he weather may be turning chilly and you've put your short-sleeved shirts away, but for Jeni Britton Bauer, there's always room for ice cream, no matter what time the sun goes down. The newest outpost of her ice cream shops, Jeni's Splendid Ice Creams, opens this week along Route 1 near King Street in Old Town, and Bauer couldn't be more ready.

"We go where our customers are," Bauer said. Over time, Jeni's has received multiple requests for an Alexandria location,

and after the beloved Misha's coffee shop moved to a new location, the storefront seemed like a natural fit.

"When it clicks, we kind of just know it,"

The Old Town shop will be the 39th installation of Jeni's Ice Creams, joining its District of Columbia sister location as well as shops fanning out nationwide. The company has been in business since 2002, launching first in an Ohio farmer's market before growing into storefronts from state to state. And over time, the focus hasn't changed: Jeni's has stuck to its core competencies, much to customers' delight.

"What we are known for is ice cream. We don't really get into much else," Bauer said.

### IF YOU GO

Jeni's Splendid Ice Creams, 102 S. Patrick St.

Soft opening: Nov. 13

Try this: The dairy-free Texas sheet cake. "It is so delicious; we're really, really good at our nondairy ice creams, even dairy lovers love them," said owner Jeni Britton Bauer.

The finished product benefits from its homemade origins – ice cream made from scratch with no stabilizers, high-fructose corn syrups, or other unnatural additives.

What stems from such beginnings is a sweet treat that teems with richness, an ice cream that is long on rich flavor.

"Together we all make something greater than the sums of its parts," Bauer said.

And "fast food" this is not. Best devoured from a cone, "all of our ice creams are made for licking and for eating slowly," Bauer said. Jeni's waffle cones are so popular that the shop has to keep three waffle-cone irons going to match demand, she said.

One of Jeni's top flavors, Bauer said, is the brown butter almond brittle. A handmade brittle caramelized with almonds in a butter ice cream, it's "so delicious," she said. And a bit of trivia to go along with dessert: The flavor was inspired by author Roald Dahl and his favorite flavor growing



Jeni's Splendid Ice Creams is now open in the redone Misha's location at 102 S. Patrick St. as coffee makes way for ice cream.

up in Norway.

While the Alexandria location officially opens its doors Nov. 13, it will be in a soft opening phase for the better part of a month. Bauer considers it a "practice month" before the grand opening, which will take place in December. "We still are a

very small company, we all know each other; I'll be very close with that team," she said

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

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hope@kitchenrecessionista.com.

#### CALENDAR

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#### ONGOING

#### 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/.

Creature Comforts Art Exhibit. Now thru Jan. 26, 2020. At VCA Alexandria, 2660 Duke Street, Alexandria.

The "Creature Comforts" art exhibit at VCA Alexandria through the Gallery Without Walls program features artwork of the animals in our lives by Del Ray Artisans members.

Showcasing animals that lift and fill our hearts is a popular theme at VCA

Alexandria and coincides with the winter holiday season in which creature comforts of all types are appreciated. Visit DelRayArtisans.org/exhibits/gww

#### THURSDAY/NOV. 14

**The Girl from the East.** 7 p.m. At The Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street, Alexandria. Cost is \$15.

Celebrate Chao Tian's album release for The Girl from the East, a culmination of a musical journey that features seven live pieces from Chao Tian's Artist-in-Residence concerts at the Strathmore Mansion in April 2018. From East to West, Chao has broken through boundaries with her music. She will showcase classic Chinese music and original compositions with the Chinese dulcimer in this concert. Visit the website: nvfaa.org.

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 purchased either online at alexandriava.gov/shop or by calling 703-746-4242. Visit www.gadsbystavern.org

#### 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 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 703941-1061 or visit

www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

AAUW Talk. 10:30 a.m. At Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria. AAUW Mt Vernon Branch invites you to a presentation by Jane Collins: "Everyone Deserves to be Heard. Arts Programs for Silent Stories." Heard, a nonprofit organization, teaches life skills disguised as art to Alexandria and Arlington nonprofit and city program partners serving clients who are marginalized in some way.

One Day University. 10:30-12 p.m.

At Beatley Library, 5005 Duke Street,
Alexandria.Free interactive lecture on
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"They Shall Not Grow Old." 1:30-3:30 p.m. At The Lyceum, 201 South Washington Street, Alexandria. Cost is \$10. A film screening of Peter Jackson's acclaimed World War I documentary. The film includes original World War I footage that Jackson and his team brought to life with modern production technology. Call. 703-746-4994. Tickets available at alexandriava.gov/shop.

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, 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: \$75 beginning Nov. 1. Visit the website www.torpedofactory.org

ASO Presents Autumn Cello and Dvorak. 8 p.m. At Rachel M.

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## ENTERTAINMENT



Help kick off the holidays with the annual Tree-Lighting Ceremony, which will take place on Saturday, Nov. 23 at Market Square in Old Town Alexandria.

### **Tree-Lighting Ceremony**

Saturday/Nov. 23,6 p.m. At Market Square, 301 King Street, Alexandria. The City invites the community to join Mayor Justin Wilson and a host of holiday friends at the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. Bring the family to spark the season's spirit a week earlier than usual. The Town Crier will call everyone to gather around the tree, where the Metropolitan School of the Arts will perform "Santa's Spectacular," and the T.C. Williams High School Advanced Choir will perform holiday music. Help count down to the lighting of the tree, then visit and take pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Admission is free, and the event will occur rain or shine. Call 703-746-5592 or visit alexandriava.gov/Recreation.

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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.

Shooting Stars Program. 8-10 p.m. At Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd., Alexandria. Learn all about the Leonid meteor shower and take in the show under Huntley's dark skies. Hear sky stories, do some star gazing, and take a guided walk in the park after dark to try to catch a glimpse of these fleeting splendors. Cost \$9 per person. Call 703-768-2525 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows.

#### SUNDAY/NOV. 17

U.S. Air Force Band. 1 p.m. At the Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street, Alexandria. Led by Major Jason Plosch, The U.S. Air Force Strings will present unique works for chamber orchestra. The recital will provide a wonderful opportunity to enjoy performances of the finest music ranging from classical chamber music, jazz, to celtic and eclectic music. Visit nvfaa.org.

JGSGW November Meeting. 1-3:30 p.m. At Beth El Hebrew Congregation, 3830 Seminary Road, Alexandria. Doris Hamburg will offer advice on how to take care of documents, books, photos, and artworks that you may want to preserve and potentially to hand down to future generations. She will offer guidelines and resources, as well as discuss what to do at home and when it is time to call a conservation professional for assistance. Non-members may attend open events, but not those that are members-only, for a fee of \$5 which will be applied toward JGSGW

Membership. Visit the website: https://jgsgw.org **Calligraphy Class.** 2-3 p.m. At

Historic Huntley, 6918 Harrison
Lane, Alexandria. Historic Huntley
was home over the years to residents
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introduce different aspects of the art
of book making. Explore the art of
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participants age 12 to adult. Cost is
\$8 per person. Call the park at 703768-2525 or visit
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historic-huntley.

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

Wernon 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.

Opening Reception. 4-6 p.m. at the The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. Featuring Bobbi Pratte in Rescue Me. The show runs from Nov. 14 to Dec. 29, 2019. Visit www.nfaa.org or call 703-548-0035.

**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.mvgenealogy.org

#### THURSDAY/NOV. 21

Thanksgiving Golf Tourney. 9 a.m. Shotgun Start. At Greendale Golf Course, 6700 Telegraph Road, Alexandria. Compete for Thanksgiving turkey and pie at Greendale Golf Course's eighth annual Turkey Cup. Adults 18 and up compete in an 18-hole, two-person, captain's choice format. Prizes are awarded for first and second place per division and Closest to the Pin. Registration closes Nov. 14. The cost is \$100 per team and includes lunch, greens fee, power cart and prizes. Fees are due at the time of registration. Call 703-971-3788 to register. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/golf/

Sortie of the Beaujolais Nouveau.

tournaments.

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## Entertainment

FROM PAGE 7 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/ 58th Annual 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 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. Visit the website:

## www.mvuc.org Kids Krafts 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.

## **Thanksgiving History Lesson.** 11 a.m. to noon. At Historic Huntley,

6918 Harrison Lane, Alexandria. Gather around the campfire for a "Dutch Oven Brunch." Enjoy corn pancakes and freshly made butter as you learn about the history of Thanksgiving foodways. Discover why Thanksgiving might not have been celebrated by the Mason family that once called Huntley home. This program is designed for participants ages 6 to adult. Cost is \$8 per person. Call the park at 703-768-2525 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ historic-huntley.

Old Town Cookie Crawl. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. At various locations through Old Town Alexandria. Admission: \$20 registration fee. Kick-off the

holidays early during Old Town Business's first annual Old Town Cookie Crawl. Receive a commemorative tin and stop by all 15 stores on the crawl to receive a cookie at each location. Participating stores range from Bellacara and AR Workshop, to The Old Town Shop and The Shoe Hive. It's fun for the whole family and a great way to explore Old Town's walkable shopping district. A full listing of participating stores is at OldTownBusiness.org or OldTownBoutiqueDistrict.com.

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.

Tree Lighting Ceremony. 6 p.m. At Market Square, 301 King Street, Alexandria. The City invites the community to join Mayor Justin Wilson and a host of holiday friends at the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. Bring the family to spark the season's spirit a week earlier than usual. The Town Crier will call everyone to gather around the tree where the Metropolitan School of the Arts will perform "Santa's Spectacular," and the T.C. Williams High School Advanced Choir will perform holiday music. Help count down to the lighting of the tree, then visit and take pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Admission is free, and the event will occur rain or shine. Call 703-746-5592 or visit alexandriava.gov/Recreation.

#### 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 familyfriendly event will showcase the creative community of Alexandriabased 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

#### SATURDAY/NOV. 30

Small Business Saturday. Celebrate Small Business Saturday in Old Town Alexandria with free parking at meters and several independently owned boutiques offering special instore activities and promotions. Over 80 percent of businesses on King Street and throughout Old Town are independently owned. For every \$100 consumers spend at locally owned businesses, \$68 will stay in the community. Get to know local shop owners that offer personalized customer service with curated gift suggestions ranging from home

#### d cor, chic fashions, and gourmet food to classic toys and gifts for dogs. Small Business Scavenger Hunt. 11

a.m. At select participating businesses in Old Town Alexandria. Shop and dine in Old Town starting at 11 a.m. until close and get your map stamped to win the grand prize. Visit 10 of your favorite businesses to be entered to win. No purchase is necessary. Every stamp after your first 10 is another entry into the raffle. Shoppers can download their map on the Old Town Business

website at OldTownBoutiqueDistrict.com or Old Town Business.com.

#### SATURDAY/DEC. 7

Used Book Sale. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Selection of over 20,000 gently used books, including children's books, fiction, history, biography, home and garden, cooking, crafts, sports, religion, travel, CDs, DVDs, and more. Unless specially priced, \$1 for hard backs, 50 cents for large paperbacks, and 25 cents for mass market paperbacks. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/ branches/friends-of-sherwoodregional.

#### **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-

**Life Drawing.** Del Ray Artisans offers a range of open life drawing sessions for anyone to develop life-drawing skills further. Drop-in for the session 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays, monthly, at Sherwood Hall Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Newcomers

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## Entertainment

## Creature Comforts by Monica Hokeilen

Thru Jan. 26, 2020, at VCA Alexandria, 2660 Duke Street, Alexandria. The "Creature Comforts" art exhibit at VCA Alexandria through the Gallery Without Walls program features artwork of the animals in our lives by Del Ray Artisans members. Showcasing animals that lift and fill our hearts is a popular theme at VCA Alexandria and coincides with the winter holiday season in which creature comforts of all types are appreciated. Visit DelRayArtisans.org/exhibits/gww



Boxer Blues by Monica Hokeilen.

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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 Japec, 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 modernday 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 for more

The Lyceum: 175 Years of Local

History. Ongoing, Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday 1-5 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. On view in the museum's Coldsmith Gallery, the historical objects and images featured represent The Lyceum, the community at work, and commemorations and celebrations. Throughout the exhibition, visitors are invited to "be the curator" and think about why the various artifacts are in the museum's collection, and about how tangible representatives of the past help tell the story of Alexandria's history. Free. visit

www.alexandriahistory.org for more. **Pick-Up Hockey**. Ongoing,

Wednesdays and Fridays 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Mount Vernon Ice Skating, 2017 Belle View Blvd. Play hockey with other hockey buffs, hitting slap shots and learning puck handling skills that the pros use. Players must have full equipment. 16 and older. visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/rec/mtvernon/ or call 703-768-3224

for more.

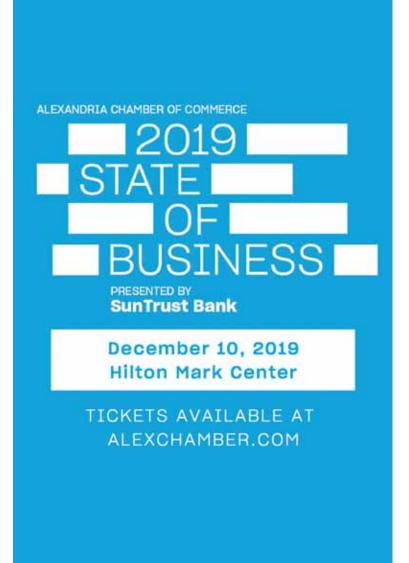
Medical Care for the Civil War

Soldier Exhibit. Ongoing at the Fort Ward museum, 4301 W. Braddock Road. ongoing exhibit which features original medical instruments and equipment from the Civil War period and information on Union Army hospital sites in Alexandria. Free. visit www.alexandriava.gov/fortward for more

Alexandria's Nurses and Hospitals During the Civil War. Ongoing at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. An exhibit on the life of Clarissa Jones, a nurse at The Lyceum hospital during the Civil War. The true story of a nurse in Alexandria during the war, drawing parallels with characters portrayed in the PBS drama "Mercy Street," with references to the experiences of other nurses, such as Anne Reading, who worked in the Mansion House hospital, and Jane Woolsey, who served at the Fairfax Seminary hospital. Admission is \$2. visit www.alexandriava.gov/lyceum for

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#### **ALEXANDRIA RENEW ENTERPRISES**

#### TUNNEL SYSTEM RESIDENT **ENGINEERING AND INSPECTION REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO 20-013**

Alexandria Renew Enterprises (AlexRenew) is seeking proposals from qualified en-tities to provide resident engineering and inspection services for its Tunnel System

Project. This solicitation is being conducted as a competitive negotiation for professional services, in accordance with Virginia Code § 2.2-4302.2.

Proposals will be received by AlexRenew at 1800 Limerick Street, Alexandria, VA 22314, Attn: Caitlin Feehan, RiverRenew Program Manager, on or before 4:00 PM Local Time, December 17, 2019. RFP 20-013 may be obtained from the AlexRenew website https://alexrenew.com/business-opportunities and the Commonwealth of

Virginia website http://www.eva.virginia.gov/pages/eva-i-buy-for-virginia.html.
AlexRenew will conduct a Pre-Proposal Meeting and Site Tour for this solicitation
on November 20, 2019 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM at AlexRenew's Environmental
Center, Conference Room 600 (Ed Semonian Board Room). Entitities are limited to three (3) participants at the Pre-Proposal Meeting and Site Tour and are required to pre-register at https://riverrenew.com/RFP-Pre-proposal-Meeting no later than November 18, 2019.

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Public Hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, City of Alexandria, Virginia, on Saturday, November 16, 2019, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon as may be heard on the hereinafter described items

Public Hearing and Consideration of a five-year license agreement with Teleport Communications America, Inc. ("Teleport"), to authorize existing telecommunications facilities and to authorize the installation of conduits and fiber optic cables in the City of Alexandria's public rights-of-ways but not for cable

Public Hearing and Consideration of a five-year license agreement with Crown Castle Fiber LLC., to authorize existing telecommunications facilities and to authorize the installation of conduits and fiber optics cables in the City of Alexandria's public rights-of-way but not for cable television.

Public Hearing and Consideration of a recommendation to extend the waiver from the Special Events Policy to allow for programs and events on consecutive weekends at Waterfront Park in support of the City's King Street Corridor Initiative.

AN ORDINANCE to make Supplemental Appropriations for the support of the City Government for Fiscal Year 2020.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the adoption of supplemental appropriations for the operation of the city government in fiscal year 2020.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 2-113.1 (ARBOR), Section 2-113.2 (ARCHITECTURAL FEATURE), Section 2-113.3 (ATTIC), Section 2-183 (PERGOLA), Section 2-183.1 (PERSONAL SERVICE ESTABLISHMENT), Section 2-183.2 (PLAT), Section 2.193.3 (PORCH), and Section 2-183.4 (PORTI-CO) of Article II (DEFINITIONS); Section 7-202 (PERMITTED OBSTRUCTIONS). Section 7-801 (VISION CLEARANCE REQUIRED), Section 7-902 (SETBACK REQUIREMENTS), and Section 7-1702 (FENCES IN SECONDARY FRONT YARDS) of Article VII (SUPPLEMENTAL ZONE REGULATIONS) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by city council, as Text Amendment No. 2019-0006 (Implementation Ordinance for Text Amendment No. 2019-006 associated with Fences on Corner lots, Fences with Zone Transition, Height of Accessory Structures in Required Yards, and Sheds and Other Small Accessory Buildings in the Historic District approved by City Council on October 19, 2019).

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Text Amendment No. 2019-0006 to adopt new definitions and practical updates to the supplemental zone regulations including permitted obstructions in yards, vision clearance, setback requirements, and fences in secondary front yards.

AN ORDINANCE to amend the City Code to amend the composition of the Commission for Women.

The Commission for Women voted to request an ordinance change in order to increase its composition to include a youth representative between the ages of 16 and 24.

THE PUBLIC IS ADVISED THAT AMENDMENTS OR ADDITIONS MAY BE MADE TO PROPOSED ORDINANCES WITHOUT FURTHER PUBLICATION. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT PERSONS INTERESTED IN ANY OF THESE ORDI-NANCES OBTAIN FREE FULL-TEXT COPIES FROM THE CITY CLERK AT CITY HALL. If the mayor finds and declares that weather or other conditions are such that it is hazardous for members to attend the meeting, this meeting will be continued to the following Saturday November 23, 2019. GLORIA SITTON, CMC, CITY CLERK

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#### Shield of Earth: Defending the Heart of the Union exhibit.

Ongoing, museum hours Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. -5 p.m., Sundays, noon-5 p.m. at Fort Ward Museum, 4301 West Braddock Road. Highlights of the exhibition include military passes issued by Provost Marshal's Office, construction tools, and original photographs of some of Washington's defenders. 703-746-4848 or www.fortward.org.

Who These Wounded Are: The Extraordinary Stories of the Mansion House Hospital exhibit. Ongoing, Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sundays, noon-4 p.m. at the Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St. Come see the site that inspired

"Mercy Street," the new PBS' series inspired by real events that took place at Carlyle House. www.carlylehouse.org or call 703-549-2997

Color Disorder Exhibit. Ongoing, Thursday through Sunday, noon-4 p.m., Sundays, noon-4 p.m. at the The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. A joint exhibition of artists Katie Baines and Amy Chan who use diverse painting materials such as acrylic, gouache, airbrush and screen print to build energized abstract paintings. Visit www.nfaa.org or call 703-548-

**Flamenco Show.** Wednesdays and Thursdays, 7:30-8:30 p.m. at La Tasca, 607 King St. Watch dancers and guitarists perform traditional flamenco. Free to attend. Call 703-299-9810 or visit

www.latascausa.com.

**French Movie Night.** Every Thursday, 7 p.m. in the back room of Fontaine Caffe and Creperie, 119 S. Royal St. View a French film. Free, no reservation necessary. Call 703-535-8151 or visit www.fontainecaffe.com/ reviews.html.

Their Fates Intertwined: The Lees of Alexandria in the War of **1812.** Wednesday- Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Lee-Fendall House and Gardens, 614 Oronoco St. A new exhibit on the experiences of the Lee family in Alexandria during the War of 1812 examines the contributions of Alexandria's citizens during the conflict that led to the writing of our national anthem through the lives of this iconic Virginia family. visit www.leefendallhouse.org or call 703-548-1789.

Alexandria Cars and Coffee invites car enthusiasts to meet for coffee at Hollin Hall Shopping Center in front of Roseina's, 1307 Shenandoah Road. Owners of classic cars, hot rods, exotic cars, motorcycles and more meet to share car stories and drink coffee. Group meets the first Sunday of every month. 8:30-11 a.m.

Fifty Years of Collecting. Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sundays 12-5 p.m. Fort Ward Museum, 4301 W. Braddock Road. An anniversary exhibit of objects from the Fort Ward collection. Free. visit www.fortward.org or call 703-746-

**Dinner for the Washingtons**. 11 a.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. A walking tour

that goes behind the scenes to find out how food was prepared and served before the era of microwaves and TV dinners. \$7 in addition to estate admission. visit

www.mountvernon.org for more. **Evenings at the Athenaeum.** At the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. 7 p.m. Second Thursday of every month. visit nvfaa.org to view concert calendar and listen to upcoming Second Thursday Music artists. Visit www.nfaa.org or call 703-548-0035.

The Monday Morning Birdwalk takes place weekly, rain or shine (except during electrical storms, strong winds, or icy trails), at 7 a.m. (8 a.m. November through March), is free, requires no reservation and is open to all. Birders meet in the parking lot at the park's entrance at 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Direct questions to park staff during normal business hours at 703-768-2525.

Civil War Sundays. 1-5 p.m. at Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 North Union St., #327. Learn more about the Civil War as it occurred in Alexandria. Find dioramas, newspaper articles and more Free, visit www.alexandriaarchaeology.org.

Wake Up Wednesdays featuring The Pop Up Cafe. 7-9:30 a.m. on Wednesday's near the King Street Tunnel - Carlyle Entrance located near 2000 Duke St. near Motley Fool. The cafe will feature coffee, live music to help commuters start the day off right and donuts from Sugar Shack. Email maurisapotts@gmail.com.



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Notice is hereby given to members of the NY, nonprofit, American Society of Clinical Oncology, Inc., that eligible ASCO members may vote by proxy ballot until December 2, 2019 to elect the President-Elect, four seats on the Board of Directors, and two seats on the Nominating Committee for service beginning on June 2020. Information about proxy ballots is available at www.asco.org/election. Completed proxy ballots received will be delivered to the Chair of the ASCO Board or her designee for casting at a meeting held on Thursday, December 5, 2019, 9:30-10:00 AM Eastern Standard Time, USA, at ASCO Headquarters, 2318 Mill Road, Suite 800, Alexandria, VA 22318. Members with questions can email AS-COelection@asco.org or call 571-483-1317. This notice is issued at the direction of the Board of Directors of the American Society of Clinical Oncology.

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#### **PUBLIC NOTICE** PROPOSAL TO CLEANUP AT UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK (UST) SITE

There has been a release from a 703 N WASHINGTON STREET se from an underground storage tank system at:

ALEXANDRIA, VA 22304

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is requiring Mount Vernon Petroleum Realty, LLC to develop a Corrective Action Plan to address cleanup of petrols um related hydrocarbons at the Site. If you have any questions regarding the cleanup, please contact:

1745 Dorsey Road, Suite J Hanover, MD 21076 (410) 850-0404

The Corrective Action Plan will be submitted to the Northern Regional Office of the DEQ on November 15, 2019. If you would like to review or discuss the proposed Corrective Action Plan with the staff of the DEQ, please feel free to contact Alex Wardle at (703) 583-3822 after the date of the Corrective Action Plan submittal. The DEQ Northern Regional Office will consider written comments regarding the proposed Corrective Action Plan until December 16. Written comments should be sent to the DEQ at the address listed below. The DEO requests that all written comments reference the tracking number for this case

Department of Environmental Quality Storage Tank Program

13901 Crown Court Woodbridge, Virginia 22193

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#### **PUBLIC NOTICE** NOTICE OF VOLUNTARY REMEDIATION

Pursuant to the Virginia Voluntary Remediation Regulations, Virginia Administrative Code section 9VAC20-160-120, Silverstone Alexandria, LP (Participant) with an address of 1750 Tysons Boulevard, Suite 1500, McLean, VA 22101, hereby provides notice of voluntary remediation at the following site (Site):

> Potomac Yard Parcel 505 2620 Main Line Boulevard Alexandria, VA 22301 VRP Number VRP00757

The Site is a portion of the former Potomac Yard historically used for railroad operations. Sampling on the Site detected the presence of metals, semi-volatile organic compounds and petroleum hydrocarbons in soil and metals in groundwater. The Participant applied to and was deemed eligible to participate in the Voluntary Remediation Program (VRP) in order to assess and address any environmental risks associated with the detected constituents. A Site Characterization Report and a Risk Assessment have been reviewed and accepted as complete by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). The Risk Assessment includes an assessment of the risks to human health and the environment that were evaluated in accordance with DEQ guidelines. The risk evaluation found that the following restrictions placed on the future use of the Site pursuant to the VRP will be protective of human health and the environment: (1) groundwater beneath the Site will not be used for any purpose other than environmental monitoring and testing or dewatering in compliance with law; (2) any subsurface work or excavation on the Site within contaminated media shall be completed in accordance with a site-specific health and safety plan, which shall be developed by a qualified health and safety professional and in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local regulations; and (3) after development, the Site will be maintained with two feet of clean fill or hardscape cover, and any subsurface work on the Site will be completed in accordance with condition 2 set forth above and any disturbed area restored with cover.

Persons wishing to comment on the voluntary remedial action or request additional information should contact the following person who is familiar with the Site:

> David Bookbinde ECS Mid-Atlantic, LLC 14026 Thunderbolt Place, Suite 100 Chantilly, VA 20151-3232 703-471-8400 dbookbinder@ecslimited.com

Written comments will be accepted until 30 days from the date of publication of this notice.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

#### ALEXANDRIA RENEW ENTERPRISES CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-1903 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, that the Board of Directors of the City of Alexandria, Virginia Sanitation Authority, d/b/a Alexandria Renew Enterprises ("AlexRenew") will hold a Public Hearing on November 19, 2019, to consider adoption of resolutions concerning the following public project:

The RiverRenew Tunnel System Combined Sewer Remediation Project ("RiverRenew"), which is for the purpose of construction and installation of new sewer infrastructure intended to reduce discharges of combined sewage to the Potomac River, Hooffs Run, and Hunting Creek. Completion of RiverRenew is critical to ensure the City of Alexandria meets discharge reductions as mandated by the General Assembly by July 1, 2025. As part of the RiverRenew project, AlexRenew shall construct a tunnel beginning at the AlexRenew Water Resource Recovery Facility and terminating in Outfall 001 at Oronoco Bay (the "Waterfront Tunnel").

The resolution shall affirm the critical nature of the RiverRenew project, and authorize and direct the acquisition, whether by purchase or via condemnation pursuant to Sections 15.2-5114(6), 25.1-200 et. seq., and 25.1-300 et. seq., of the Code of Virginia, as amended, of rights in lands of those sements determined to be required for the construction of the Waterfront Tunnel.

The real property affected by the proposed easements is identified as:

- Tax Map No. 080.04-0B-00, owned by the Unit Owners of Bearings South Condominium located at 906 S. Washington Street, Alexandria, VA;
  - Tax Map No. 080.04-07-04, owned by Diane P. Fiske located at 931 S. St. Asaph Street, Al-
- Tax Map Nos. 083.02-01-01, 080.04-07-36, and 080.04-07-37, owned by the Most Reverend Thomas J. Welsh, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Arlington, Virginia and His Successors in Office located at 1001 S. Royal Street, Alexandria VA, 400A Green Street, Alexandria, VA, and 400 Green Street, Alexandria, VA, and;
- Tax Map No. 080,04-07-35, owned by Christine B. Schlacter and Michael N. Schlacter located at 930 S. St. Asaph Street, Alexandria, VA.

A copy of the resolution and related materials is available at the AlexRenew offices, 1800 Limerick Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, for public examination.

All interested parties are invited to attend to express their views with respect to the aforesaid resolution, and may appear before and be heard by said Board during the Public Hearing to be held in the Edward Semonian Board Room of the Alexandria Renew Enterprises building located at 1800 Limerick Street in Alexandria Virginia on November 19, 2019 beginning at 6:00PM. AlexRenew is in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you require an accommodation or sign language interpreter to participate in the meeting, reasonable accommodations can be made upon request. Please make requests to AlexRenew at least five (5) days in advance of the meeting at (703) 549-3381.

All questions related to this hearing should be addressed to: Caitlin Feehan

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The real property affected by the proposed easements is identified as:

- Tax Map Nos. 073.04-02-04, 073.04-02-06, and 079.02-02-08, owned by The Trustees of the Presbyterian Cemetery located at 580 Holland Lane, Alexandria, VA, 700 Holland Lane,
- Alexandria, VA, and 600 Hamilton Lane, Alexandria, VA, and; Tax Map No. 073.02-08-06, owned by the Duke Street Square Association located at 310 Holland Lane, Alexandria, VA

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## Chino Lourie, Rest in Peace



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

As much as I try not to self-indulge in my weekly column. I am aware that I don't always succeed. It seems I can only write about what I feel, what I see and what I hear, be it personal, professional or public. To that end — which justifies my means, I have often involved you regular readers in my cancer life, as well as a few other "privacies" I've been comfortable sharing: family (including pets), friends, finances and the occasional faux pas (if I am anything, I am open, perhaps too open, if certain other familial opinions are to be considered).

This meandering start is meant to explain indirectly, how when something is preoccupying my mind, it is difficult/near impossible for me to write about something that's not. At present my preoccupation is with one of my cats: Chino. He is not doing well, at all. After multiple emergency room visits and follow-up appointments with veterinarians over the past few weeks, it appears his diabetes has finally gotten the best of him leading to the worst possible outcome: death, with some dignity, hopefully.

In two of our most recent visits to the veterinarian, we have had preliminary discussions about euthanizing Chino. We have resisted so far and have continued, especially my wife, Dina, to give him as much t.l.c. as we can. However, his quality of life, as described by our primary veterinarian on Friday, is "not good." To invoke/ rework a phrase commonly associated with some human beings in early childhood: Chino is failing to thrive, though he turned 13 in late September. Other than engaging with us when we call his name or pet him, Chino is not able to do nearly enough (eating, drinking, grooming, using the litter box) to give us much hope. Nevertheless, he is home and curled up in his favorite spot in the kitchen, though barely able to get around.

I wouldn't characterize our activity as a vigil. but neither Dina nor myself are planning to leave the house (or one of us will be at home if the other needs to go out) anytime soon. With this weekend of inactivity, our focus is exclusively on Chino. Yet here I sit, a literary task at hand, attempting to navigate emotionally the prospect of his passing and the significance of such a loss.

It's been 10 years or so since we've had to consider euthanizing a pet. It was either Bailey, our second golden retriever or Chester, our second dwarf rabbit. I can't remember exactly as it was around this time that I was diagnosed with lung cancer and began heavy-duty chemotherapy. But we've all survived since then and even added a few critters: Chino's brother, Biscuit, Twinkle, our white cat with an attitude and two more rescues "The Blackies," as we call them: Andrew and Sloane, black, domestic short hair siblings. As longtime animal owners, we knew this day would come, but given my cancer diagnosis: "13 months to two years," I think we figured I'd be the first to go. So it's both upsetting and distracting in a way, our normal pursuits, because what's happening — both good (me still being alive) and bad (Chino succumbing to his illness) is not what we anticipated happening. As a result, I am self-indulging you in my preoccupation because I'm unable to think/write outside the box. A figurative box on which Chino sits front and center, mostly down but not quite out.

Still, we're not exactly sitting and staring blankly into space, but neither are we entertaining too many other thoughts. We are here for Chino so with a column to write, it is being written with Chino as the subject, and excuse for what is written in this space. For 13-plus years Chino has been my companion. We have rubbed noses too many times to remember. He has my scent and as such. I have belonged to him. Soor I fear he'll belong to no one and I'll have lost his loving feeling. He was a sweet and affectionate cat. We will miss him terribly.

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Potomac Almanac & The Connection Newspapers



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#### FRIDAY/NOV. 15

Alexandria Bills Due. The City of Alexandria has mailed bills for the 2019 second half real estate tax, refuse fee and stormwater utility fee, which are due by Friday, Nov. 15. Payments can be made online by visiting alexandriava.gov/ Payments. To be considered on time, payment must be received by the City or postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service no later than Nov. 15. 2019. Late payment penalty and interest will be assessed on all real estate taxes and fees that are not paid or postmarked by the due date. For information on payments, late payment penalty, and interest, visit alexandriava.gov/TaxGuide, or call the Treasury Division at 703-746-3902.

#### MONDAY/NOV. 18

Opioid Meeting. 5:30-7:30 p.m. At T.C. Williams High School, 3330 King Street, Alexandria. The City will host "A Community Conversation: Strategic Plan to Eliminate Opioid Misuse and Its Harmful Effects in Alexandria." Residents are invited to learn more about the local effects of the national opioid crisis and the City's strategy to address it. Residents are also invited to give feedback on the strategic plan at engagement.alexandriava.gov.

Homicide Survivor Support. 5:30-7:30 p.m. At Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria. Art-making event and discussion to honor those lost to homicide. Offered by the Alexandria Victim/Witness Program and Virginia Victim Assistance Network. Drop-in, between 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Email: Kathy Prudden, LCSW at kprudden@juno.com or call 703-314-5762.

#### TUESDAY/NOV. 19

#### **Workshop on Special Event Application** Process. 7-9 p.m. At Chinquapin Park

Recreation Center, 3210 King Street, Alexandria. The City of Alexandria invites the public to learn about the special event application, permit and review process at a series of free workshops beginning in October. A special event is a shortterm activity that requires City services to ensure compliance with regulations, such as closing streets, using amplified sound, or providing exclusive access. Common examples include parades, festivals and races. Staff from the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities; the Department of Code Administration; and the Alexandria Health Department will explain how to apply for a special event permit, other types of permits required for an event, when to apply for permits, and event fees. Visit alexandriava.gov/ Recreation.

#### THURSDAY/NOV. 21

**Clermont Park Meeting**. 7 p.m. At Clermont Elementary School, 5720 Clermont Drive, Alexandria. A public meeting on the Clermont Park Master Plan Revision. In response to continued interest and the large volume of comments received on the proposed draft Clermont Park Master Plan Amendment to install athletic field lighting at two of the existing diamond fields that was shared with the community at the public meeting held on July 25, 2019. Call 703-324-8662 or via Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov.

#### THURSDAY/DEC. 19

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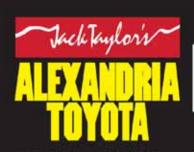
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