

'We've Got to Unite This Country'

Warner recalls WWII service, political career.
More on Veterans Day on page 3-4.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

Former U.S. Senator John Warner, a veteran of World War II and the Korean War, was the featured speaker at the Nov. 10 meeting of the Alexandria Rotary Club.

The 93-year-old Warner gave a virtual presentation that included a discussion of his personal history, including his experiences in WWII and Korea

and transition to politics. Warner served as U.S. Secretary of the Navy from 1972-74 and as senator from Virginia from 1979 to 2009. His 30-year tenure stands as the second longest in Virginia, behind only Harry F. Byrd Jr.

A member of the Republican party, Warner is known for his bipartisan work in politics, including endorsements of several Democratic candidates over the years, including his successor in the senate, Mark Warner, and current

President-elect Joe Biden.

"I have supported candidates based on the character of the individual," Warner said.

A resident of Alexandria, Warner continues to lecture on government and expressed concern for the recent political climate.

"We've got to unite this country," Warner said.

"This is unlike anything I have witnessed since the outbreak of World War II. We can and have to do better."

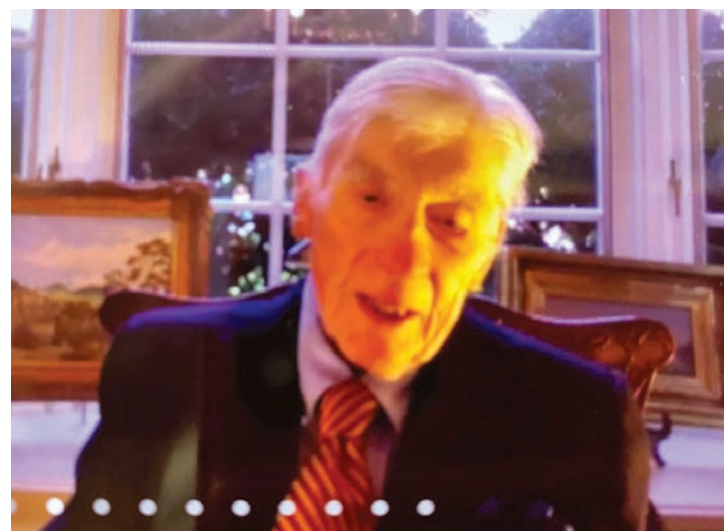


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Former Senator John Warner gives a virtual presentation to the Alexandria Rotary Club on Nov. 10, the birthday of the U.S. Marine Corps. Warner is a Navy veteran of World War II and served in the Marines during the Korean War.

Being There How much virtual participation is too much?

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
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Long before the pandemic moved all public business online, Elizabeth Bennett Parker found herself in a predicament. It was November 2018, and she had just been elected vice mayor. She was getting her arms around the intense schedule of public hearings and work sessions that were in her future. But she was also trying to care for a sick mother in Florida, shuttling back and forth between public civic duty and private family life.

That's when she learned about part of Virginia law designed to ensure access to the public and the press: The vice mayor could participate virtually in only two meetings a year. Anything beyond that was illegal.

If she needed to stay in Florida and tend to family business, she could avoid participating or resign. Fortunately, her mother recovered before the vice mayor was sworn into office. But the experience revealed a part of Virginia law she's



The Alexandria City Council has been meeting virtually since March. When the pandemic is over, they'll return to City Hall, and they'll have restrictions as to how many meetings they are allowed to participate in virtually.

now trying to change.

"I've spoken to a number of different board and commission members who had to resign because they got a new job that requires them to travel for work," said Bennett-Parker. "I was speaking to another elected official who gave birth prematurely, and she had to pick which two meetings

she was going to participate in electronically and watch the others remotely and texted her colleagues when she had questions."

Advocates for open government worry about too much virtual participation. Virginia Press Association executive director Betsy Edwards says the law is designed to make sure the public and the press

have an opportunity to ask members of the Planning Commission why they voted against a zoning change and or why the mayor voted for a bike lane. She worried that unlimited virtual participation would limit availability to the public and the press to ask questions and get answers.

"If a member of the public or

a member of the press wants to follow up with a question of any member of that council or that board or that commission, they will approach them at the end of the meeting and ask those questions," said Edwards. "When someone's not there, you certainly can't do that."

THE EFFORT to change the law started last year, when Del. Mark Levine introduced a bill that would allow for members of a public body to participate in 10 percent of the meetings virtually. Because the Alexandria City Council meets so often, that would dramatically increase the number of meetings that would be allowed under the law. Levine's bill passed the House of Delegates with a vote of 62 to 38. But when it got to the Senate Committee on General Laws and Technology, senators were concerned the legislation hadn't been vetted by the Freedom of Information Advisory Council.

"I'm old school, and I believe showing up matters," said Billy

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A Salute to Veterans

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
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For more than 100 years, America has been honoring its veterans on November 11, marking the date in 1918 when the Armistice with Germany went into effect as the sound of artillery went silent along the Western Front in France. The hostilities of World War I had come to an end.

U.S. President Woodrow Wilson formally proclaimed Armistice Day the following year on Nov. 11, 1919, saying, "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with

gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations."

An act of Congress was approved in 1938 making Nov. 11 a legal holiday known as Armistice Day. Congress later amended the act to replace "Armistice" with "Veterans," and Veterans Day became official on June 1, 1954.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, formal events marking Veterans Day were canceled although private ceremonies were organized to honor Alexandria's veterans.

—JEANNE THEISMANN
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Major John Bordner, U.S. Air Force (ret.) center, with Ander Bordner and SN Vargas at Coast Guard boot camp graduation in Cape May, N.J., in 2015.

"Whereas Memorial Day is a time for solemn remembrance of those who died for our country, Veterans Day should be a celebration of the service of our past, current and future veterans. And with that I couldn't be prouder of my son Ander carrying on the tradition of service to our great nation."



Arden Levy, U.S. Army Major 12-year veteran, and Col. Tony Sanchez, U.S. Army (ret.) 28-year veteran, married 22 years

"My experience with service changed my life," said Levy, a member of the Judge Advocate General Corps. "It was a way for me to serve my country and defend those who have defended this nation. The JAG corps is a very mission-focused organization and there was no better way for me to start my law career."



Staff Sergeant David Martin, U.S. Air Force

"I studied Clinical Laboratory Technology in the Air Force and that's what I do now. I use the same tools and equipment in my work as a jeweler. My three years of service helped shape the career I have now."



SSgt. Harvey Stoler US Army (ret.)

"I served in the U.S. Army reserves from 1971-1993 as a Sergeant First Class at the brigade level. My civilian job was as a civilian personnel management specialist. I think what I value most from my time in the military is what I learned about myself and the friendships and networking I was able to do during my time of service."

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Capt. Bill Vosbeck, U.S. Marines

"I joined the Marine Corps during World War II since I knew the Marines were being so successful overseas at that time. I remained in the reserves when the war ended and when the Korean War came along, I had to report to duty immediately. When my time in the service ended, my wife Betty and I decided to make Alexandria our home and I started my architectural firm. I am thankful to the Marine Corps for what they did for me throughout my career. Two of my cousins, who were brothers, were killed during World War II during their service in the Army Air Corps. I was fortunate to be at the right place at the right time."



Capt. Lynnwood Campbell, U.S. Army

"I decided at 12 years old that I wanted to be a captain in the Army. I was in JROTC in high school and ROTC in college. Upon my college graduation in 1970, I received a commission as a finance officer. I was assigned to the Military District of Washington D.C., where part of my duties was to act as a survivor assistance officer. Five times I was tasked with telling parents that their sons were killed in the line of duty. After completing my active duty commitment, I joined the 2290th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital (MASH) unit as finance officer. I had a great experience in the military and along with Nelson Greene Jr. convinced the Alexandria School Board and the Army to create the JROTC program at T.C. Williams High School. My service was a privilege and I would do it all again."

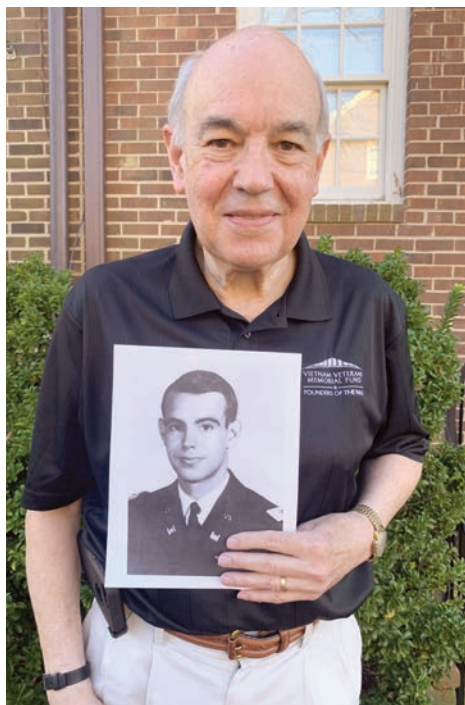
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Comdr. Paul S. Frommer, U.S. Navy (ret.)

"I served 23 years on active duty in both the Atlantic and Pacific, including two tours in Vietnam. I had a ROTC scholarship and most of my duty was in destroyers. My last tour of duty was command of the destroyer USS Barry and our home port was in Athens, Greece. I would do it all again. It was wonderful and a privilege serving this country."



Capt. John O. Woods Jr., U.S. Army

"I was commissioned as a Corps of Engineers officer but opted to go into Army aviation. I flew helicopters in Vietnam and was shot down on the 26th of October in 1967. I spent three years at Walter Reed putting Humpty Dumpty back together again, but I refer to my time in the hospital and convalescent leave as defining my future life, which has been absolutely wonderful."



Charles Nelson, U.S. Air Force

"I went into the Air Force in 1952. My service took me to quite a few places, including being stationed in Alaska before it became a state. I was in communications – we were spying on Russia back then. I met a lot of guys that I stayed in touch with over the years but many of them have passed on. But if the Lord lets me see the 12th of March next year, I will be 90 years old and am thankful for everything He has given me."



Col. Jennifer Krischer U.S. Air Force (ret.)

"My 25 years of service would not have been possible without the support of my family and husband, who restarted his career as an attorney several times just to enable mine to support and serve our country. I was deployed to the Middle East for a year, missing my daughter's kindergarten year and son's third grade year. My family was amazing in supporting me in supporting our troops."

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Honoring Our Veterans

BY HENRY DORTON
COMMANDER, AMERICAN LEGION POST 24

Seven decades ago, in 1950, brave Americans defended a far-off land that was under attack. For three years they fought what many still call, "the Forgotten war." On this Veterans Day, we honor not just those brave Korean War veterans, but ALL who have served in the U.S. military since our country's founding.

Regardless of how one feels about policies that lead to war, let there be no doubt that veterans serve with honor. They serve to make life better for others. They preserve our freedom.

Not all veterans have seen war, but a common bond that they share is an oath in which they expressed their willingness



American Legion Post 24 Commander Henry Dorton

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to die defending this nation. We can be secure at home because we have brave warriors protecting us in the air, at sea, on land and beyond our atmosphere.

In addition to foreign adversaries, many veterans have had to battle invisible threats to their mental health and well-being. More than 20 veterans a day take their own lives. Only those who experienced firsthand the horrors of combat can understand why so many of these young men and women feel compelled to take such drastic and permanent measures.

We must do everything possible to stop these needless deaths. The American Legion has instituted a Buddy Check program, in which we encourage our members to regularly communicate with our fellow veterans to ask if they need help and to offer their hands in friendship.

However, it is up to all of us to ensure that every veteran feels that his or her service to this country is appreciated by their fellow Americans.

Tell veterans directly that you appreciate them and are grateful for their service. Simply say, "Thank you for what you have done for our country."

War is never anything to celebrate, but peace is. The peace in between horrific wars is brought to you mainly by our veterans. The sacrifice brought forth during those wars is also made mostly by our veterans. The American Legion is dedicated to remembering the legacy of all veterans because what these men and women have done for us, matters to America.

God Bless America and God Bless our veterans.

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Coleburn, a member of the FOIA Advisory Council. “I don’t want to sound harsh, but we’re not that daggone important. If you’ve got a personal situation, tend to the personal situation. If it means you have to vacate your seat, then by golly vacate your seat.”

Coleburn was one of the members who voted against endorsing Levine’s bill when the Electronic Meetings Subcommittee considered the bill last month. But he was in the minority. Most of the subcommittee members voted to allow members of public bodies to participate in 10 percent of meetings virtually. The full FOIA Advisory Council will consider Levine’s bill in December.

“It’s a virtue to permit people to have options to serve, and it’s also a virtue to have people serving in person,” said Cullen Seltzer, chairman of the Electronic Meetings subcommittee of the FOIA Advisory Council. “It’s a vice to have people serve in an incomplete way, and it is a vice also to erect a barrier to service for people who, like the vice mayor of Alexandria, might not have been able to serve.”

THE DEBATE over Levine’s bill has opened a conversation about the tension between providing access and allowing diversity. During her time in city government, Bennett-Parker says, she says she has not seen all that many journalists showing up to meetings of boards and commissions or even the Alexandria City Council. As a result, she says, building limitations into the law to provide access to the public results in denying access to individuals who want to serve but can’t because of limitations on virtual participation.

“I can think of one meeting out of 70 that I attended in person where a reporter came up to me afterward to ask a question,” said Bennett-Parker. “Whereas I’ve heard from far too many people who want to serve on boards and commissions about how restrictive this law is for them.”

When asked about this line of argument, the executive director of the Virginia Press Association strongly disagreed.

“If you used that as your criteria, then you’d cut off all public access. That’s not the point,” said Edwards. “That point is that the meeting is open if a member of the press wants to attend or a member of the public wants to attend. They may never attend, but that’s not the criteria you use to decide this.”

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A Teacher Made A Difference – Joseph (Joe) Lovelace

By CHAR McCARGO BAH
ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE PACKET

It was March 27, 1943 at 5 a.m., when Andrew Lovelace died at his son's home at 611 North West Street. From 1938 to 1940, Andrew's four sons, Obie (Ober), John, Clarence and William migrated to Alexandria.

Andrew came to Alexandria to visit his boys but he was really looking for a better life. They found him a job as a laborer. Unfortunately, Andrew was not aware

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that he had a heart problem. At the age of sixty, he began working as a laborer.

The hard work affected his heart. Eventually he passed away and his body was returned to Halifax, Va where his wife, Ludora and his youngest son, Joseph Lovelace lived. After the funeral, his widow and youngest son, Joseph came to Alexandria. The mother and son moved in with her older son, John Henry Lovelace at 611 North West Street.

The move to Alexandria was the beginning of Joseph's lifelong career. He enrolled in Parker-Gray School in September 1942. With his bubbly personality, he made many friends.

He became the clown in his class. His teacher, Mrs. Edith Williams-Casey, a firm educator, did not buy into all that foolishness. She had a serious talk with Joseph that helped him get his act togeth-



Joseph Lovelace 1978 Retirement.



Joseph Lovelace in Germany 1963.

er. Joe graduated from Parker-Gray in 1948 and joined the Army. He always remembered Mrs. Casey's comments. He excelled in everything he did.

Mr. Lovelace had 30 years of combined service in the Army and the Air Force. His military career took him to foreign countries like Germany, Korea, England, France and Japan. He lived in Germany, Virginia, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Utah, and finally settled in Denver, Colorado.

After retiring from the military, Joe worked with the United States Postal Service (USPS) and earned his undergraduate degree in Criminal Justice in three years. He retired from USPS with 15 years of

service. After retiring from the Postal Service, he worked for the police department as a counselor. At the age of 82, he volunteered at the Police Department in Colorado.

Joseph B. Lovelace was born in Halifax, Va. on Dec. 22, 1929 to Andrew Lovelace and Ludora Hawkins.

His parents had twelve children including him. The parents were sharecroppers in Halifax. Their migration to the northern cities improved their lives. Most of Joseph's siblings migrated to Philadelphia, but one of his brothers, William stayed in Alexandria with his wife and children. His sister-in-law, Alberta and her children also stayed in Alexandria. Today, John, William and Alice Lovelace's children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren are living in the Northern Virginia and the Maryland areas. They are all the beneficiaries of the four brothers who migrated to Alexandria over eighty years ago.

Joseph B. Lovelace, soon to be 91-years old on Dec. 22 made a good life for himself because a caring and loving teacher told him the truth about life, and not to spend his time in class as a jester.

Mr. Lovelace is now living in Aurora, Colorado with his family.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

About the Boat Club, Alexandrians Need to Know

Alexandria taxpayers have a lot invested in the Old Dominion Boat Club's plans for building a dock for boat slips in front of their new clubhouse. Those new slips are crucial to the success of the 2012 Waterfront Small Area Plan. This is the development plan Mayor Justin Wilson has been so ably implementing and is making our waterfront a uniquely beautiful place for families and visitors and strong support for local businesses. What the Boat Club does can help make the waterfront plan a success and benefit all Alexandrians or frustrate it and cost Alexandria taxpayers a ton of money.

Last Thursday, the Planning

Commission approved the Boat Club's revised request for a Special Use Permit (SUP) to replace the rotting dock in front of the new clubhouse with a safe, floating wharf for kayaks and small boats. Under the able guidance of Alexandria attorney Duncan Blair, the revised request increases public access to the Potomac River – one of Alexandria's most valuable assets. Special Use Permit requests are for narrowly described actions. If a Special Use Permit complies with laws and regulations and does not obstruct a city's long-term plan, it should be approved. The Commission considered compliance and did the right thing. In this Special Use Permit, however, there are deeper taxpayer issues that the City Council must weigh when it considers the SUP at its next meeting.

Taxpayer concerns arise from the 2014 Agreement that settled a long-standing dispute between the

City and the Boat Club. The City wanted to develop the land and marina area the Boat Club occupied at the bottom of King Street. The Boat Club wanted to keep the boat docks in the City Marina and the location next to them. To settle the matter and get on with making the waterfront what the 2012 plan envisioned, the City paid the Boat Club \$5 million and gave it land at the foot of Prince Street for a new clubhouse and a generous parking lot and riparian rights to build new boat slips in front of the clubhouse. Moreover, until the new slips are built, the City allowed Boat Club members to continue to use docks in the City Marina at least until 2025. The Agreement opened the way for the City to move forward with waterfront development, and gave the Boat Club ten years to build a modern boat dock for its members – which in the Agreement the Club says repeatedly it is eager to do.

Here is the problem for taxpayers. The Agreement contains a small "Trigger Event" section that says if the Boat Club does not build a dock before 2025, the City

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must give to the Club the riparian rights and docks the club members are using in the City Marina. These docks and riparian rights are worth millions of dollars. When this happens, the City will be unable to move forward with waterfront development. Taxpayers will lose two ways. The City will lose a very valuable asset, and to move forward with waterfront development, taxpayers will have to put up the money to buy the rights and docks from the Boat Club – again. The way the agreement is written there is simply no incentive for the Boat Club to build new docks before 2025. The Club can simply wait, obtain the docks in the City Marina, and if it chooses, build new docks after 2025. Result – the Club will own City Marina riparian rights and slips and the rights and slips in front of its clubhouse.

In the Planning Commission hearing, Chair Nathan Macek, commented on witness concerns that the wharf described in the Boat Club's Special Use Permit is where everyone expected the Boat Club would build new docks for its members, and the Special Use Permit makes no mention of boat docks. Macek noted that the City staff report points out, "Currently, ODBC plans to maintain its existing slips to the north near Waterfront Park, and no requests have been submitted for any other piers or docks that include permanent boat slips for ODBC members." He also noted witness suggestions that if the City does not intend to abandon the City Marina portion of the City's Waterfront Small Area Plan and wants to approve the Boat Club's Special Use Permit, it should do so with requirements that the Boat Club commit to (1) build slips for its members by 2025, and (2) vacate City marina slips by 2025 as implied by the Agreement.

When the City Council considers the Boat Club SUP, it needs to decide on whether it wants to allow the Boat Club to dictate City development plans and taxpayer costs. Every Council member needs to read the key portions of the 67-page 2014 Boat Club and the City "Property Acquisition and Exchange Agreement." A vote on the Boat Club's Special Use Permit without a thorough and serious consideration of taxpayer and local business priorities and the City's long-term development plan would be a mistake. If there are council members who have not read the Agreement, a decision on the Boat Club's Special Use Permit should be delayed until they have.

Brian Buzzell,
Alexandria
Robert Dugger,
Alexandria

Trumpism Shows Way Forward for Republicans?

Contrary to former Republican Del. David Ramadan's insistence that Republicans have to "denounce Trumpism" and go back to the "basic conservative principles" which cost them several elections, especially with Mitt Romney as their 2012 candidate, Trump's stronger

than expected showing shows them the way forward is by reaching out to the very constituencies conservatives in the past ignored. Nearly one-third of black Midwestern men backed Trump because they understand that today's Democratic Party is one of free trade, internationalism, and Wall Street, which appealed to former Republican constituencies at the expense of American workers. Black rappers Li'l Wayne and Ice Cube, whose lyrics appeal more to non college-educated black men than to college grad or female blacks backed Trump's re-election.

Ramadan insists Republicans have to stop "winking at white supremacy and nationalism." Now that he's ensconced in the ivory tower at George Mason University, shouldn't he wonder what would become of the Republicans if voters he might shove into these categories didn't vote for them?

Nationalism is in full flower the world over -- in India, Great Britain, Brazil, Hungary -- because the alternatives' answers to public policy challenges have been so inadequate. Ramadan's "basic conservative principles" presumably include the

interventionist notion that, "When the World dials 911, America picks up the phone," which Trump has been loath to do thanks to the many quagmires into which this "basic conservative principle" has mired us. "Trumpism" and "nationalism" offer an opportunity for the former "Party of Wall Street" to reach out to Main Street which the modern economy has grievously failed and which the Democrats, who have cornered all the country's financial centers and their suburbs, have abandoned.

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"We mean it," said chef-owner Michael Choi, chuckling. "We've made grown adults cry."

APPETITE

With that warning taken to heart, walk into North Old Town's Wooboi, the newest outpost of the Herndon-based flagship, and prepare to feast on hot chicken served in several different ways.

"We have such a simple menu, but that's what we love," Choi said. "Because of our simple menu we can really focus on every little detail, from our chicken to the sources that we get our supplies from to the spice levels to the sauces and slaws and pickles."

Wooboi opened its doors in Old Town on Nov. 2, but the planning phases took place nearly a year earlier, pre-pandemic and in a completely different dining landscape. After losing some time to covid-related construction delays, Wooboi has emerged onto the scene in a bit of a different form than



it might have been in the so-called "before times."

"Our menu was actually different pre-covid," Choi said, adding that at least for the moment Wooboi has moved away from the likes of chicken and waffles in favor of more handheld, quick-preparation favorites like sandwiches.

"When people order, we want to give them their order in less than seven minutes.

That's why we only focus on sandwiches and tenders here," he said.

But if you've come in with your sights set on another menu item, take heart: There's a mystery lurking around the room.

"We do have a secret menu," Choi said. "A hint for that is the menu is actually written around the restaurant."

Do with this information what you will. While Wooboi is really a Nashville-in-

IF YOU GO

Wooboi Chicken,
531 Montgomery St.

Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday; closed Sundays.

Hidden gem: The Choi fries. "That's one of our secret menu items," says chef-owner Michael Choi. "It's this really delicious umami bomb of flavor." The secret? French fries are topped with a homemade mambo sauce and honey mustard, along with mozzarella and cheddar cheese. The dish was inspired by Choi's father, who often came into the Herndon store at night hungry and requested fries with all the fixings.

spired hot-chicken restaurant, Choi says a number of customers come in craving Korean-style chicken instead. To accommodate their wishes, Wooboi has come out with a new "Woo sauce," available only in the Old Town location. A little bit spicy and very garlicky, the sauce has the tang from ginger and is finished off with a Korean pepper paste called gochujang.

"Everyone who tries the sauce loves it," he said.

Just don't forget to take the spice levels seriously.

Hope Nelson is the author of "Classic Restaurants of Alexandria" and owns the Kitchen Recessionista blog, located at www.kitchenrecessionista.com. Email her any time at hope@kitchenrecessionista.com.

CALENDAR

NOW THRU THE HOLIDAYS

Art on the Avenue. The 25th Annual Art on the Avenue festival will move to a virtual format for 2020, running through the holidays. Over 150 artists will be featured, offering handmade items in a wide range of mediums, including wheel-thrown vases and bowls, tiles, sculpture, tote bags and purses, drawings and pastels, knitted and crocheted hats and gloves, woven scarves and shawls, gourmet food, fused and blown glass, jewelry, paintings, photography, and much more. Traditionally held each fall on Mount Vernon Avenue, Art on the Avenue is a multicultural arts festival that strives to reflect the vibrant mix of the Del Ray community through the artists and their work, and draws an estimated 75,000 visitors each year. Visit www.artontheavenue.org.

NOW THRU DEC. 9

Forty+ Project II. 3-4 p.m. Via Zoom. Forty+ celebrates the collective creativity of people past the age of 40. Fall Project 2 is directed by choreographer Kelsey Rohr through weekly sessions on Zoom (with outdoor or in-person meetings as conditions allow). The project is open to people of all physical facilities. Cost is \$100. Visit the website: <https://www.janefranklin.com/>

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FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS, NOW THRU DEC. 5

Alexandria Drive-In Movie Encore Series. At the Alexandria Drive-In Theatre, 5001 Eisenhower Ave, Alexandria. The Alexandria Drive-In Theatre, presented by Alexandria based businesses ALX Community and The Garden, will feature a popular collection of movie classics and family favorites. Cost: \$35 per car/per screening. No refunds. 100% of ticket costs go to local Alexandria based charities. Visit the website: www.AlexandriaDriveIn.com. Schedule:
Saturday, November 14 - The Secret Life of Pets & Pitch Perfect (Double Feature)
Friday, November 20 - Sea Biscuit
Saturday, November 21 - How to Train Your Dragon & 42 (Double Feature)
Friday, December 4 - The Bourne Identity
Saturday, December 5 - The Grinch & Love Actually (Double Feature)

NOW THRU NOV. 27

"Gratitude" Art Show. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. At Gallery Underground, 2120 Crystal Drive/Crystal City Shops, Arlington. Gallery Underground in November presents Gratitude: Representing Thankfulness in Artwork, an all-member all-media show. The year 2020 has presented us with multiple physical, moral, spiritual and emotional challenges.

Member artists have created work in the season's spirit of giving thanks, representing images of those things for which they are still grateful, despite the current world we face. In our Main Gallery are new works by our members on all themes, in media including oil, acrylic, pastel, watermedia, sculpture, glass, ceramics, wood and metalwork. Visit the website: <https://galleryunderground.org/>

NOV. 6-28

"Women's Right to Vote: 100 Years Since the 19th Amendment" exhibit (November 6-28) features artwork by Del Ray Artisans, local high school students and 2020 graduates; and celebrates the achievements of women over the past 100 years. The movement towards equality in America continues today. Lift your voice and vote. Opening Day Appointments: Friday, November 6, 12-8 p.m. View exhibit at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria. Details: www.DelRayArtisans.org/exhibits

STARTING NOV. 9

Everyday Magic at Arts on the Horizon. The first is a new show, Everyday Magic, created and composed by local performer, Christopher Michael Richardson. This digital, interactive, six-episode series will premiere the week of Nov. 9, with a new episode airing each week. For more information and tickets for

Everyday Magic, visit the website <https://www.artsonthehorizon.org/everyday-magic.html>

NOV. 10 TO JAN. 21

Holiday Spirit. At Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center, Studio 29, 105 North Union Street, Alexandria. Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery announces the opening of its juried show "Holiday Spirit." This is the annual holiday show, and the artists go all out to create gifts that will get you into the holiday mood. Hours: 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 11

Why Do Cicadas Scream. 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Virtual on Zoom. Excitement is as easy as the wave of a wand. Explore the cicada life cycle and themes of transformation and change through movement and art. Tuition: \$45. For Scholarship information or to enroll at www.janefranklin.com or call 703-933-1111.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 11

Saluting Independence. 10-11:30 a.m. Virtual. Join in Saluting Independence on Nov. 11, a virtual event that honors our veterans and raises support and awareness for Canine Companions for Independence. Free. Visit the website: www.cci.org/salutingindependence. Registration is required to receive access to the event. Register at www.cci.org/

salutingindependence

SATURDAY/NOV. 14

Savory Soiree in the Secret Garden – "Autumn Variations." 5 and 8 p.m. At The Rectory, 711 Princess Street, Alexandria. Join in a "Savory Soiree" in the Secret Garden for an elegant evening of gourmet four-course dinner paired with wine and live music by composers sharing a birthday on November 14th: Johann Nepomuk Hummel, Fanny Mendelssohn, Aaron Copland and Buckwheat Zydeco, played by internationally acclaimed pianist Marianna Prjevalskaya. Cost is \$149. More details and tickets on website: <https://www.classicalmovements.com/2020/10/19/savory-soiree/>

SATURDAY/NOV. 21

The Ken & Brad Kolodner Trio. 2 p.m. Featuring Ken Kolodner, hammered dulcimer | Brad Kolodner, banjo | Alex Lacquement, upright bass. Welcome Thanksgiving with a uniquely American program that celebrates the traditions of American music and crosses the boundaries of Old-Time, Bluegrass and American Roots music. At The Rectory on Princess St, 711 Princess St, Alexandria. Visit <https://www.classicalmovements.com/secret-gardenconcerts-2/>

NEWS

Army Museum Opens at Fort Belvoir

Virtual opening paves the way
for socially-distanced visits,
but tickets are required.

By MIKE SALMON
GAZETTE PACKET

The rain and clouds on Veteran's Day, and the overcast of the pandemic, provided a solemn backdrop for the opening of the National Museum of the United States Army in Fort Belvoir. This museum is the first to tell the entire history of the nation's oldest military service, immersing visitors in the story of the U.S. Army through galleries, moving exhibits, a multisensory 300-degree theater, rooftop garden, and hundreds of historic treasures rarely or never-before-seen by the public eye.

"It showcases the history and traditions of the Army through the eyes of the American soldier," the museum narrator said. The purpose is to commemorate and educate.

Although the opening ceremony was limited due to an increase in COVID-19 cases across the country, the ceremony was virtual with participation from The Honorable Ryan D. McCarthy, Secretary of the Army; Gen. Mark A. Milley, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Gen. James C. McConville, Chief of Staff of the Army.

The museum features a grand lobby that will be the site of many ceremonies in the future. Once inside the museum space, there are three parts – Soldiers Stories; Fighting for the Nation; and the Army and Society. There's a section called the "Medal of Honor Experience," that has recordings of soldier's accounts and descriptions of actions that earned the nation's high award. In addition, the museum has a learning center full of modern, high tech devices that acts as an "immersive learning space," the Army said. Then there's a theater with a 360-degree screen, showing the Army film called "Noble Deeds," most of the time, but it can show other films as well.

The U.S. Army has been collecting artifacts since 1814 when Congress passed a legislation directed at the Secretary of War, ordering that artifacts from the Army's actions be collected for learning and display purposes. Items on display include uniforms, a combat helmet from World War I, guns, tanks and helicopters, each with a description of how it was used to defend



Museum director Tammy E. Call the nation.

The original plans had the museum opening on June 4, 2020, but the decision to postpone the opening was made in mid-April due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Throughout the summer, a skeleton crew was on-site part of the time doing finishing work, and raising the flag in the morning. The Museum is now scheduled to be open every day except Dec. 25.

Free, timed-entry tickets are required and are available by request through the Museum's website at theNMUSA.org. Due to high demand, the Foundation encourages individuals to wait for their ticket confirmation before making travel plans.

The location of the museum is outside the main base, on a section of the Backlick Road that intersects with Richmond Highway. It is right across from Davison Airfield, an Army facility for helicopters and small airplanes.

To ensure visitors' safety from Covid, the Museum is preparing to follow Commonwealth, federal, and U.S. Army health guidelines. The Museum will promote social distancing by limiting the number of visitors in the building, offer 'grab and go' refreshments in the café, modify some of the interactive exhibits, and enhance cleaning procedures.

The Museum's construction was supported, in part, by the Army Historical Foundation's Campaign for the National Museum of the United States Army. Nearly 200,000 veterans, Army families, and grateful Americans have raised more than \$183 million towards the \$200 million campaign goal. The Foundation will continue the campaign as the Museum opens to the public. Those interested in supporting the campaign can visit ArmyHistory.org.



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Operation Warm

Winter coats donated to families in need.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

More than 700 new coats and thousands of books were given to Alexandria children and families in need as part of the Firefighters and Friends to the Rescue annual coat drive.

"We gave away 500 coats and nearly 1,000 books donated by InSpireLit at Charles Houston Recreation Center on Oct. 31," said former City councilman Willie Bailey, founder of the organization and coordinator of the coat drive. "On Nov. 7, we distributed 200 coats and approximately 600 books at Oakland Baptist Church. Because of the pandemic the need was even greater this year than in previous years."

Tables at both locations were piled high with coats, all Made in the U.S.A., that had been sorted according to age and sex. Volunteers helped children select their new winter coats, which were provided through Operation Warm.

Bailey founded Firefighters and Friends to the Rescue 18 years ago as a holiday toy drive. In 2011,

Firefighters and Friends joined forces with Operation Warm, a national nonprofit that has provided coats to more than 1.4 million children in need. Since that time firefighters across the country have helped expand coat distribution while supporting American manufacturing jobs. "The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted everyone, some more drastically than others," Bailey said. "For many families the pandemic has led to a loss of income, childcare and social support. With so many families struggling to make ends meet, fire department events like this are more important than ever."

Sponsors for the coat drive include the Alexandria Redevelopment Housing Authority, the Departmental Progressive Club, InSpireLit, Alexandria Department of Recreation, Jack Taylor Toyota, Firefighters and Friends to the Rescue, and other donors.

"We could not have done this without the support of ARHA and CEO Keith Pettigrew for reaching out and wanting to partner together to make this happen for the residents," Bailey said. "We are working hard and staying safe to make



Volunteer Natalie Kimble unwraps a new coat as part of the Firefighters and Friends coat drive distribution at Oakland Baptist Church Nov. 7.



A young girl gets help adjusting her new coat at the Firefighters and Friends coat drive distribution Nov. 7 at Oakland Baptist Church.

PHOTOS BY JANET BARNETT/GAZETTE PACKET

sure children in need have school supplies, warm winter coats and holiday gifts."

For more information or to make

a donation to Firefighters and Friends to the Rescue, visit www.ffandfriends2therescue.org or call Willie Bailey at 571-641-0036.

"Because the need is so great this year, any help in assisting those less fortunate families is appreciated," Bailey added.

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NEWS

Alexandria Business Punched By Pandemic, Pivots to Survive

Sweet Root Village running pop up markets, helping the hungry.

BY EDEN BROWN
THE ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE

It was the end of the summer and many in Alexandria had been homebound far too long. The pop-up markets Sweet Root Village ran in September and October somehow made life more bearable. Creative, friendly young people, beautiful flowers, and a philosophy that was so unlike what the country was living through, made the pop-up magical. The spirit of happy-to-be-out collaboration among the vendors made it resemble a country fair or a village square. As an added bonus, shopping was helping others: Sweet Root Village donated food and money to Fairfax-based “Food for Others,” to help people who had lost jobs and savings during the pandemic: they raised 483 pounds of canned goods which was donated along with over \$800 cash which, Village co-founder Rachel Bridgwood said, “provides a gallon of milk and a dozen eggs to 320 families, or weekend food packs to 200 children.”

Bridgwood’s energy and laughter are contagious, and despite losses during the pandemic, it would be hard to keep her down. She started Sweet Root Village on a shoestring, with her business partner Lauren Anderson, in 2010. It was a tiny boutique wedding photography and flower studio on South Patrick Street in Old Town. It grew into a luxury event floral design studio, with a team of six who produce flowers for 80-100 full scale events each year in the DMV and sometimes far outside the area. The business has been featured by Martha Stewart, The Knot, and built a solid reputation as a creative, dependable, and fun design studio.

Then COVID-19 arrived. The two women watched their events begin to reschedule or cancel in droves. They lost about 80 percent of their projected revenue for the year, and as the virus continued to surge, they lost hope of recouping losses in 2020.

The Village had already moved



The sign outside Sweet Root Village’s pop up features the charity for which it was raising money during its September event.



Sweet Root Village moved from Old Town Alexandria on South Patrick Street to this warehouse on Eisenhower Avenue four years ago when it took off and needed more space for flower refrigeration.

in 2016 from Old Town to a commercial warehouse on Eisenhower Avenue because they had grown so fast. Rent was more expensive but pre-Covid business had been brisk. Bridgwood said, “This year, we made cuts and changes to help float us into next year, but most aspects of our small business including space, staff and inventory had to stay in place to be prepared for the onslaught of rescheduled events anticipated in 2021.” Recovery started to look a lot like the rest of the economy: slow, questionable, and distant.

But Bridgwood and Anderson aren’t hand-wringers. They figured out ways to “pivot” to produce new streams of revenue to support themselves as business owners as well as their full-time staff and space. One way was throwing a careful, socially distant pop-up market with some other local businesses. They could gather responsibly, support other small businesses by showcasing their work, and

support their community by raising funds and awareness for a local food bank in honor of September’s Hunger Action Month.

The Village hosted local flower farm Grateful Gardeners, stationery and illustration artist Emily Baird, ceramicist Tried and Truhn, Photographer and Stylist The Pen and Piper, Calligrapher and Educator Laura Hooper Calligraphy, and DC fair-trade coffee shop La Coop Coffee.

A portion of all sales from each vendor went to support Food For Others, a local food bank.

The pop up was successful enough to do again. In October, sales benefitted Safe Shores, a child advocacy group in Washington, D.C. The upcoming pop up on Dec. 6 at 4570 Eisenhower Ave. in Alexandria will benefit Bethany House and AAnimal Welfare League of Alexandria. The pop up will be open from 10 am to 2 pm. For more information, see: www.sweetrootvillage.com

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Obituary

Michael Barry
Attorney



Michael Barry, a longtime resident of Alexandria, Virginia, died on November 4, 2020 at Fairfax Inova Hospital in Falls Church, VA. He was 81 and had Parkinson's disease. Mr. Barry was born in Washington, DC and grew up in the New York metropolitan area. He was a 1957 graduate of Mt. St. Michael's Academy in the Bronx and a 1961 graduate of the College of the Holy Cross. He later earned a masters of arts degree from Maryknoll University, a masters degree in history from Columbia University and a law degree from the George Washington University Law School. When he was not engaged in his favorite hobby of traveling about the world, Mr. Barry pursued a peripatetic professional career which included positions with the National Association of Broadcasters, and the legal department of the MCI Corporation. For the past 30 years, until his retirement in 2019, he represented clients in cases involving domestic relations matters in the D. C. Superior Court's Child Abuse & Neglect Program. He is survived by his wife, XiXi Barry, and by four siblings, Patricia B. Thorpe of Annapolis, Md., Robert T. Barry of Clifton Park, NY, R. Joseph Barry of Laurel, MD and John C. Barry of Arnold, MD. He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas F. Barry and Dolores S. Barry.

Obituary

William Michael Murray



William Michael Murray, 92, of Stafford County passed away on Saturday, November 7, 2020 at his home.

William served in the U.S. Navy from 1947 to 1977. After retiring as a Lieutenant Commander he worked at General Dynamics and Little People's Place. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus. He enjoyed researching genealogy, and he was a season ticket holder of the Washington Redskins for 27 years.

Survivors include his children, William and Margaret; grandchildren Meghan, Elizabeth, Erin, and Jessica; great-grandson Colby; and his brother, John Murray.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at Covenant Funeral Service, Stafford. A service will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at St. William of York, 3130 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Stafford VA 22554. Interment will follow in Quantico National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Online guest book is available at covenantfuneralservice.com.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF VOLUNTARY REMEDIATION

Pursuant to the Virginia Voluntary Remediation Regulations, Virginia Administrative Code section 9VAC20-160-120, Virginia Tech Foundation, Inc. (Participant) with an address of 902 Prices Fork Road, Suite 130, Blacksburg, VA 24061, hereby provides notice of voluntary remediation at the following site (Site):

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VRP Number VRP01021

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HOME LIFE STYLE

Thanksgiving Decor In the Era of Covid-19

Creating dining elegance at a distance.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
GAZETTE PACKET

Naomi Patterson's Thanksgiving table is usually set with linen dinner napkins, cleaned and starched, and her wedding china, ecru with a platinum border. The guests include her 88-year old mother and a host of cousins. This year, she's debating a change.

"My mother is healthy, but because of her age, I'm nervous about having her around other people, especially my cousins who are in college," said Patterson who lives in Bethesda. "I still want it to be nice and I want to maintain our traditions."

Like many families, Covid-19 and the resulting safety precautions have changed the way they will celebrate Thanksgiving. Elaborate feasts might be scaled down, moved outdoors or held virtually. Though the structure is different, style needn't be sacrificed.

"Shouldn't your dinner al fresco be just as lovely as the one you host in your formal dining room?"

— Anne Walker,
interior designer and owner of Farm and Feast

"Outdoor entertaining has been on the rise for a decade, but now more than ever outside is the place to be," said Potomac based designer Anne Walker of outdoor home accessories and design company Farm & Feast. "Whether you have a formal outdoor living room complete with stone fireplace and patio, or a balcony outside your apartment, or something in between, your Thanksgiving holiday will be most successful this year if you gather outside."

If the temperature is mild this year, a turkey dinner outdoors can allow one to achieve both elegance and safety.

"Shouldn't your dinner al fresco be just as lovely as the one you host in your formal dining room?" asks Walker. "What could be better than enjoying a cocktail and some wine and cheese en plein air?"

Durable and shatterproof serve wear is a must when dining outdoors, suggests Walker. "Enjoying hors d'oeuvres from a marble and wood rustic cheese board and wine from a silicone-wrapped outdoor wine glass will lift your spirits, as will wrapping yourself in an organic cotton throw to stave off the chill in the fall air," she said.

When setting an outdoor table, consider rustic accessories so that the design flows with the natural surroundings.



PHOTO COURTESY OF ANNE WALKER

An al fresco Thanksgiving dinner can maintain safety without sacrificing elegance.



PHOTO COURTESY OF LISA QUEEN DESIGN

A traditional table setting can add warmth to virtual Thanksgiving celebration.

"Spray paint a fallen tree branch or tumbleweed in gold or a similar warm autumn tone and use it as a centerpiece, suggested Lisa Queen of Lisa Queen Design. "Nest it with candles, small pumpkins, and other soft decor to bring it to life."

Add warmth to a virtual celebration by using traditional table accessories. "We brought some additional character to our table by mixing antique brass napkin rings," said Queen. "Not everything needs to match, and this is one way to make a tablescape feel unique and curated."

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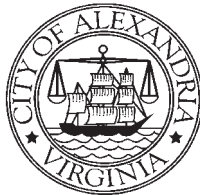
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Public Hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, by virtual meeting on Zoom webinar, on November 14, 2020, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon as may be heard on the hereinafter described items.

AN ORDINANCE to enact Chapter 7 (COMMERCIAL PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY (C-PACE)) of Title 7 (PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

Virginia Code § 15.2-958.3 was enacted in 2009, and amended in 2020, to provide localities with authority to facilitate loans between property owners and lending institutions for the initial acquisition and installation of certain clean energy, resiliency, or stormwater management improvements. This Ordinance outlines the program parameters and defines the roles and responsibilities of all parties

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Old Cameron Run Trail Project VDOT UPC #109469 DPI PROJECT #1603019 Willingness to Host a Public Hearing

The City of Alexandria seeks collaborative input from community stakeholders regarding the proposed project – Old Cameron Run Trail – a shared-use pathway between Hooffs Run Drive and South Payne Street.

The proposed 0.53 mile shared-use pathway (separated from vehicles) creates a safe connection for pedestrians and bicyclists between the Eisenhower East (Hooffs Run Drive/Limerick Street) and Southwest Quadrant (South Payne Street) neighborhoods. The pathway begins near the intersection of Hooffs Run Drive and Limerick Street, runs parallel with Truesdale Drive, turns behind AlexRenew's Facility, then spans over Hooffs Run and Old Cameron Run with a prefabricated bridge before continuing along the existing path between AlexRenew and I-495, and ultimately terminating at South Payne Street.

The design plans are available for review on the project website: alexandriava.gov/116739. This information is also available for review in-person at City Hall, 301 King Street, Suite 3600, Alexandria, VA. In response to COVID-19, all visitors must have an appointment scheduled with a City staff member to access to City Hall offices. To arrange for a time to review the project documents and plans, please call Alexandria Carroll on 703.746.4408.

Comments and questions may be submitted by email to alexandria.carroll@alexandriava.gov or over the phone by calling 703.746.4408

The City of Alexandria is willing to hold a public hearing if you continue to have questions and concerns following this process. To request a public hearing, send a written request post-marked by November 20, 2020, to:

Alexandria Carroll
City of Alexandria
Transportation and Environment Services
301 King Street, Suite 3600
Alexandria, VA 22314

If a request for a public hearing is received, the City will post an announcement (including the date, time and place of the hearing) at a later date.

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-Werner Heisenberg

As Second Opinions Go ...



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

... it was first rate. A confirmation - of sorts that I have (and have had in all likelihood) thyroid cancer and not non small cell lung cancer. And I say 'sorts' because the medical records transferred did not include the original pathologist's report on the tissue sample taken in 2009 and not all the scans from the nearly 12 years of treatment either. Nevertheless, this second oncologist summarized my cancer as being thyroid; partially because I'm still alive. Generally speaking, lung cancer patients don't survive years beyond their prognosis. Addition by subtraction you might say. Unfortunately, lung cancer does what it does: grows, and when it doesn't, it's reason to consider another diagnosis. My primary oncologist had often said that the tumors in my lungs never acted as he had anticipated.

Good news then. Great news. I don't have the "terminal" cancer with which I was originally diagnosed. I guess that explains why I have lived so many years past the "13 month to two year" prognosis that I was initially given in late Feb., 2009. Rather than having an incurable disease: non small cell lung cancer stage IV, I now have papillary thyroid cancer stage IV. Hopefully, I will be able to live with it much as I had lived with the apparent lung cancer" day by day, scan to scan. However, the day to day stress may be less because the worst case is not necessarily a scenario that I have to anticipate. Granted, it's still cancer, and from what I was told, still incurable, but for the moment, very treatable. Surgery is likewise not an option and there is still medication - with side effects, that will remain part of my life, but there is life that remains. Moreover, there also remains regularly scheduled CT scans and lab work that will monitor my condition. And it is not until I receive the results from these diagnostic procedures that I can truly appreciate the change in my diagnosis.

It's not that I don't trust this second opinion, it's more that I've spent the last nearly 12 years thinking one way and changing how I think now after one 45-minute appointment is not quite how I can roll.

Besides, my thyroid cancer has metastasized to the lung. And though it has been slow moving, it has moved. And it is rare. At present, it is responding to the medication but there are no guarantees in the cancer business, and I will continue to live from one scan to the next. I am grateful to be out from underneath, apparently, this terrible weight of fear and inevitability. However, as a long-time cancer patient, I can't simply presume that life resumes as per usual, with per-usual being a pre-cancer-type life. Regardless of now being a thyroid cancer patient and not a non small cell lung cancer patient, I still am a cancer patient. As such, I still retain all the feelings and anxieties. I will still attend all the meetings, if you know what I mean? I can't simply disconnect or forget all that I've endured these past 11-plus years

And lo and behold, I have a CT scan this Wednesday. By the end of the week, I will likely learn if my newly diagnosed thyroid cancer is still responding to treatment or whether there is something rotten in Denmark (me being Denmark). Even though I have a new working diagnosis - thyroid cancer, which on the face of it, is much less serious, I can't approach my life any differently than I did before. Cancer is in charge, and until it tells me, so to speak, via scans and lab work, that it's OKAY to breath normally, I won't be able to. Now more than ever, almost, even with this new information, I can't forget where I've been and what I've been told. It was lung cancer once. Perhaps, it can be again. For the moment, I'm going to try and enjoy my new-found status. But with the incomplete medical records painting a less-than-definitive picture, I will go along with the second oncologist's assessment, but only from a distance. Unfortunately, having been told one thing before, and now being told another very different thing, doesn't change the facts on my ground. I still have cancer.

And it's still incurable. That problem remains.

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that America's founding documents embody "white supremacy," but far from "winking" at white supremacy, Trump showed the "alt-right" and "alt-light" elements of his coalition such as Steve Bannon the door, while, almost as soon as he dumped his hard-line tough-on-crime Attorney General Jeff Sessions, he helped revive the First Step Act giving felons, disproportionately minority, early release from their federal prison sentences. His actions supporting blacks were so far-reaching that former Alexandria resident and white nationalist leader Richard Spencer announced he's so fed up with Trump that he's voting for Biden. In Florida and Texas, Trump's Latino support

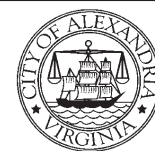
reached mid-40%, dashing Democrat hopes of flipping either state. The more generations Latinos have been here, the more the high levels of immigration Wall Street wants, with the job competition, wage depression, and social costs they entail, disadvantage Latino citizens.

Trumpism shows the way forward for Republicans -- it nearly proved enough to save Trump from the personality defects which cost him re-election -- because it appeals to large constituencies which the alternatives -- both the Democrats and those Republicans espousing "basic conservative principles" who defected to Biden -- have abandoned.

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Public Hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, virtually on Zoom webinar on Saturday, November 14, 2020 at 9:30 a.m., or as soon as may be heard on the hereinafter described items.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and enact Chapter 7 (COMMERCIAL PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY (C-PACE) FINANCING PROGRAM) of Title 7 (PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

Virginia Code § 15.2-958.3 was enacted in 2009, and amended in 2020, to provide localities with authority to facilitate loans between property owners and lending institutions for the initial acquisition and installation of certain clean energy, resiliency, or stormwater management improvements. This ordinance outlines the program parameters and defines the roles and responsibilities of all parties.

AN ORDINANCE to vacate a portion of the public right-of-way on Commonwealth Avenue, adjacent to the property at 2 East Mason Avenue (VAC No. 2019-00002).

This proposed ordinance vacates a 177 square foot portion of public right-of-way along Commonwealth Avenue and adjacent to 2 East Mason Avenue.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 2-4-100 (CREATION, COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION) of Article L (ALEXANDRIA COMMUNITY CRIMINAL JUSTICE BOARD) of Chapter 4 (COMMITTEES, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS) of Title 2 (GENERAL GOVERNMENT) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

City Code Section 2-4-100 provides for the composition of the Alexandria Community Criminal Justice Board, including designation of one representative of non-profit organizations who shall be recommended by the Alexandria United Way. This Code amendment will remove the requirement that the representative of non-profit organizations be recommended by the Alexandria United Way prior to appointment by city council.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 2-4-180 (CREATION, COMPOSITION, AND ORGANIZATION) of Article W (ALEXANDRIA GANG PREVENTION COMMUNITY TASK FORCE) of Chapter 4 (COMMITTEES, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS) of Title 2 (GENERAL GOVERNMENT) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

City Code Section 2-4-180 provides for the composition of the Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force, including designation of one (1) member from and representing a community organization with specific outreach to the Latino community and one (1) member representing a community organization with specific outreach to the African-American community. This Code amendment will standardize language and remove the reference to "a community organization with specific outreach to" from each provision.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain the Master Plan of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, by adopting and incorporating therein the amendment heretofore approved by city council to the North Potomac Yard Small Area Plan chapter of such master plan as Master Plan Amendment No. 2020-00005 and no other amendments, and to repeal all provisions of the said master plan as may be inconsistent with such amendment.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Master Plan Amendment No. 2020-00005 to amend Figure 4.5B: Maximum Building Heights to increase building height from 85 feet to 95 feet on Block 15 and increase building height from 90 feet to 115 feet on Block 18 approved by City Council on October 17, 2020.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain the Master Plan of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, by adopting and incorporating therein the amendment heretofore approved by city council to the Braddock Road Metro Small Area Plan chapter of such master plan as Master Plan Amendment No. 2020-00002 and no other amendments, and to repeal all provisions of the said master plan as may be inconsistent with such amendment.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Master Plan Amendment No. 2020-00002 to amend the Development and Land Use Tables approved by the City Council on July 7, 2020.

PUBLIC HEARING for Consideration of Alexandria Legislative Package for the 2021 General Assembly.

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