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# News

# Parents Battle to Save German Language Program

### Virtual classes will fill in, but the future is unclear and unpromised.

BY SHIRLEY RUHE The Connection

group of Arlington parents banded together in late summer to save the Arlington Public Schools' German language program.

Suzy Lohmeyer, one of the organizers of the group, says she was blindsided when she got an email a week ago notifying that her son's German class would be moved online because the one APS German teacher was unexpectedly leaving. The email indicated the school system would be cutting German 1 and moving German 2 and 3 online to be taught by an Oklahoma University contractor. It is unclear whether they would be offering

Lohmeyer says the school system is blaming the departing German teacher, who is beloved. The teacher gave a month's notice, Lohmeyer says. The teacher was unavailable for comment.

On Monday evening Frank Bellavaria, director of communications for APS said, "We were able to get the current teacher to stay and teach virtually until we find a permanent replacement. This is good news in that it gives us time to hire a highly qualified German

"It is important for kids to have the opportunity to take four years of a language which is required to get into many colleges today," Lohmeyer says.

Lohmeyer's husband is German and their two children have dual citizenship. The children had German early on. "Then we moved back to the U.S., and one of the reasons we chose Arlington is they offered German in school."

Lohmeyer says when she protest-

ed the changes in German classes to Elizabeth Harrington, APS world language supervisor, Harrington said hiring a new teacher was just too hard. "She said, 'your kid could just take a different language."

Lohmeyer's daughter was set to begin German 1 next year, and her son is enrolled in German 3 this year, but has yet to begin any classes, in person or online. "It's not fun taking language online. You need the interaction and it seems to me that if they cut German 1 that there won't be enough kids next year so they will use it as an excuse to cut the whole program."

Parent Judith Davis, who has been leading the battle, says the effort to save the German language program geared up in late August when parents learned about the decision to cut German 1 and move German 2 and 3 online. A number of parents jumped on Facebook to express their concern. "So many parents were unhappy about this."

Davis says she contacted Superintendent Francisco Duran about the decision. "It was apparent to me that he didn't have the whole

Then she received a call from Brian Stockton, the superintendent's chief of staff, who said that they had been swamped but that didn't mean this was less important. "I realized after a series of emails with the Superintendent ... that he didn't have all of the facts and figures. We won't go away until we have the answers.'

Davis and her two children, Berdy and Aari, spoke on behalf of the German program at the September School Board meeting Sept. 9. "Berdy said he would just speak from the heart about why German is important to him



Arlington's Aachen German exchange program in 2018. From left: Julius Weber, Quinn Leonard, Maren Leonard, Tina Weber. Tina and Julius are members of Leonard's Aachen exchange family.



Berdy and Aari Davis spoke at the September School Board meeting on behalf of the Arlington Public Schools' German language

because he is the product of a multi-cultural family." Davis grew up in Germany and all of her relatives still live there.

Davis says she was told last week her children needed to take Aachen, Germany.

a different language.

PARENTS ARE ALSO concerned about the fate of the exchange program with Arlington's sister city in

Quinn Leonard, who went on the exchange visit in 2018 when he was in fifth grade, says he stayed with a German family for two weeks and had a great experience. "We went to a trampoline park, toured the city and went to school for a day. It was awesome."

One reason he wants to continue his German language is so he can continue to talk to the German exchange student who came to stay with him and is now at a boarding school in Pennsylvania. "I think this is a really cool way to connect with people."

Lohmeyer adds, "It is so important for Arlington to be globally aware. We have a lot of German companies in Arlington so why keep cutting or only focus on Spanish?"

Davis adds, "The value system in Arlington is one of cultural di-

Sebastian Chipman says when he came to class the first day of school he went in expecting an in person German class. But there was nothing, "and I had a free period on my schedule." Chipman says he just had his first German 2 online class on Thursday. He says there was really no teacher. "I just clicked through my lessons. This isn't ideal. It doesn't seem the way to learn a language."

Chipman first became interested in German when he took part in the Aachen exchange program when he was in fifth grade. "I loved it and got to know my family. I thought it would be cool to learn their language."

In the meantime a position was posted on the APS website on Sept. 9 for a high school German language teacher. While the posting of the position is a step forward, parents say there are still unanswered questions.

# Bag It?—Not Any More Arlington to consider a new five-cent tax for each plastic bag.

By Michael Lee Pope AND SHIRLEY RUHE Arlington Connection

rlington is set to join other northern Virginia jurisdictions in considering a five-cent plastic bag tax that would apply to grocery stores, drug stores, convenience stores and large retailers that contain grocery stores.

The tax would not apply to bags used by cleaners or bags for carryout orders from restaurants.

Arlington's curbside pickup does not accept plastic bags or films because they can www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

damage sorting equipment.

The Arlington County Board is scheduled to take up the five-cent tax on disposable plastic shopping bags on Saturday, Sept. 18 with time for public comments. Retailers who collect the tax can keep 2 cents of the five-cent tax for the first two years and 1 cent per bag in subsequent years.

The Virginia Assembly in March 2020 passed SB11 that gave counties and cities the option to impose a five-cent tax, and it was signed into law on April 10, 2020. The tax is designated to be used for environmental purposes.

EcoAction Arlington submitted a petition

stating, "Plastic bags are a scourge to our environment. They litter our streets and open spaces, threaten water quality and wildlife, and contaminate our soils, landfills, and groundwater with harmful chemicals. The plastic bag tax will encourage residents to shift to more reusable, sustainable bags and provide funds to support efforts such as environmental cleanups, public education

> Many Arlington grocery stores collect plastic bags for recycling; they aren't accepted by Arlington's curbside pickup program.

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# Stop on the Corner for Brats and Tunes

he smell of grilled bratwurst floats down Culpeper Street outside Heidelberg Pastry Shoppe on Saturday, Sept. 11. Wolfgang Bücher and two of his employees are preparing German wursts—with or without sauerkraut, relish or mustard and maybe some potato salad.

David Lovins sits on the corner of Lee Highway playing patriotic tunes on the accordion to entertain the long line of customers.

"I started playing as a child against my will. It wasn't a very popular instrument in Salem where I grew up. I wanted to play the guitar." Lovins says he stopped playing the accordion for 30 years and then his wife got him back into it. "I've been playing for the last 20 years. "I was surprised I could still play. It's like reflexive memory, and it's such a joy."





Heidelberg Pastry Shoppe serves German wursts outside on Saturday while David Lovins entertains the crowd with his accordion tunes.

– Shirley Ruhe

# #CallTextLive is for Everyone

September is suicide prevention month.

By Joseph Getch CEO, PRS

e are not post pandemic. We are not post pandemic. We are not post pandemic-related stress and anxiety either. And if our current state is the "new normal," then my job and those of my colleagues and peers will continue to grow. As the head of a local behavioral health nonprofit, that is not our goal.

COVID-related anxiety, depression, loneliness and decreased stress tolerance has made suicide prevention efforts more important than ever. In fact, 36% of callers to PRS' CrisisLink Program—Virginia's crisis intervention and suicide prevention hotline, text and chat service—identified COVID-19 as the primary stressor in their lives with a third of those experiencing acute suicide thoughts.

Our PRS staff report seeing younger children with increasingly aggressive behaviors and teens with increased hospitalizations, suicide ideation, risky behaviors and drug use.

We all have a role to play. September is suicide prevention month, and throughout the month, we have activities as part of our annual #CallTextLive Campaign



Joe Getch, CEO of PRS

to help everyone be part of the solution. The campaign works to create awareness about preventing suicide and calling or texting a hotline to receive help and support. On our website, we have information designed to support populations at a higher risk for suicide behaviors; facts and data about understanding the problem of suicide; resources about identifying



when someone is in crisis; and invitations to PRS supported events including NAMI NoVa Walk and AFSP Fairfax Walk. Social media is an important part of the campaign, used to engage people in sharing stories and photos on PRS Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Suicide, a serious issue locally and nationally and exacerbated by the pandemic, claims the lives of more than 47,000 people annually and is the second leading cause of death for people aged 10-34. A simple call or text to a crisis hotline—(800) 273-TALK [8255]—and the textline—"CONNECT" to 85511—provides the empathetic, trained voice that someone in cri-

sis often needs to reduce their pain and provide alternatives and connections to care.

We know that prevention works. For every death, 278 people manage to move past thoughts of suicide and survive. That's why we need to continue reducing the stigma around discussing issues that contribute to suicide and encourage people to seek help. By participating in #CallTextLive, our community can find simple ways to effect change. Visit our campaign site at www.prsinc.org/calltextlive to discover how to get and give help so that more people can adapt and live in our new and changing normal.

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# Helping Children Develop Healthy Friendships

# Positive relationships with peers offer happiness and security.

By Marilyn Campbell The Connection

fter a call from the guidance counselor at her son's school, Amy Lucas, a Chantilly, Va. mother of four, learned that her sixth-grade son sat alone in the school cafeteria and was often afraid to eat in front of other students.

"He's overweight and was being teased mercilessly because of it," said Lucas. "We started seeing a therapist because he was so depressed and had very few, if any friends."

From playdates for elementary school students to trips to the mall for middle and high school students, friendships can be a source of happiness, security and comfort. Some children have difficulty acquiring companions and need help developing the social skills necessary to overcome this challenge.

"Making friends and maintaining healthy relationships is a critical part of a child's social and emotional development," says Marta Cohen, an Alexandria-based therapist who specializes in teens with anxiety disorders. "Not only do they help build self-esteem, and self-confidence, they also help a child establish their identity. This is especially true for children in middle school and high school. Knowing that a group of your peers has your back a critical part of their growth"

Recognizing unhealthy relationships is just as important as nurturing those that are positive, says Cohen. "For example, if your child's so-called friend teases or belittles your child, especially at school or in other public settings, you can guarantee yourself that the relationship is toxic. The same is true for a friend who encourages your child to break rules at school or be disrespectful to teachers or other adults."

"Help your child identify the way that they feel after spending time with that friend, continued Cohen. "One thing that you don't want to do is forbid your child to see their toxic friend or criticize that friend. Doing so could cause your child to rebel. Try not to nag. Instead have a conversation about the www.ConnectionNewspapers.com



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Children playing with friends on an Arlington playground in June 2020.

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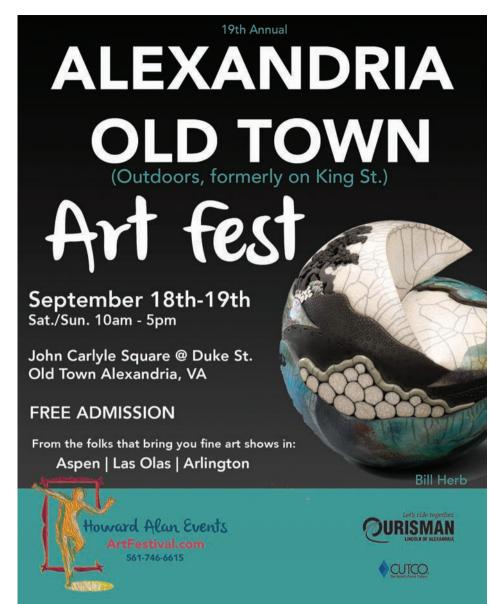
— Marta Cohen

consequences of the undesirable behaviors."

Developing and maintaining healthy friendships requires skills that not all children possess, says Laura Maxwell of Bethesda, a former school guidance counselor.

"Modeling healthy friendships by allowing your child to see you interact with your friends is one of the most effective ways to teach a child how to develop those skills," she said. "You can even discuss the characteristics that make your friendship a positive one. It's also important to make sure your child is treating others well and isn't bullying or teasing other children."

Put your children in environments where they are likely to meet children with whom they are compatible, says Maxwell. "If your daughter loves to dance, for example, try enrolling her in a ballet class and she'll meet other children who share her interests," she said. "Encourage your child to make a wide variety of friends, which will also help strengthen their social skills."





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# Celebrate 42 Years with Memories and Awamat

By Shirley Ruhe Arlington Connection

anios and Marie Abi-Najm escaped a Civil War in Beirut and arrived in Arlington in 1979 with their five children. Grace Abi-Najm Shea, the youngest of the children, says they ended up in Arlington because they knew people here.

"The local neighborhood helped us with our homework and told us how to do things. It was such a welcoming place." The family bought a local eatery in the Westover location of Arlington, and Lebanese Taverna was born.

Now 42 years later they are celebrating with more than a dozen locations including their flagship location in Westover and five additional full service restaurants scattered around Baltimore, Washington D.C., Pentagon Row, and Tysons, as well as seven fast-casual eateries with a deli case and grab and go bento boxes as well as Lebanese groceries.

"I was 4 when we opened up," Abi-Najm Shea says. "The other siblings were in Swanson and Yorktown. None of us have ever worked anywhere else. The siblings work together to run the restaurants today. "We have all applied our talents in different ways."

Her sister is a graphic design artist and has designed the menus and the restaurant spaces. "I studied international relations so I serve on the Board of Directors and deal with the employees and work with the community." She says her brother is the PIO. "He is a visionary."

They made it through COVID by shifting to delivery of food. "The first month we closed most of the stores," Abi-Najm Shea says. "The sales were zero. No one knew what



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would happen." She says, "It was terrifying." Them sales were 50 percent with a few good months.

But then they decided to deliver food to neighbors and from there they worked up and down the East Coast with their refrigerated trucks from Raleigh to Philly to spread the word about their Lebanese food. "We went to the Delaware beaches where people knew our name but they don't have much Lebanese food there. So they were glad to see us and we were glad to reconnect with some of our customers who had moved."

The restaurants are now back in full operation but Grace says

she thinks they will continue the beach delivery. Despite the mezze platters, fatteh and kibbeh, falafel, lamb kabobs or whole branzino, the customer favorite is still hummus in every form with puffy hot pita bread.

Now the family is inviting their customers to enjoy a complimentary basket of hot awamat, a light airy donut accompanied by a creamy yogurt dipping sauce and perfect with an after dinner espresso.

Abi-Najm Shea says, "I can't put into words what it has been like for our family in Arlington. It was lucky for us I think."



Complimentary awamat served at the Lebanese Taverna from Sept. 12-16 to celebrate 42 years from the first restaurant in Westover to the current more than a dozen locations.

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BY SHIRLEY RUHE
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### VIRGINIA HOUSE CANDIDATE FORUMS

The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area invites the public to join Virginia House of Delegates District Candidate Forums, to be held online in September and October. These events are free and open to the public. Register and address questions to candidates at: http://www.lwv-fairfax. org/2021-candidate-forum. The Candidate Forums are nonpartisan. The League never supports or opposes any party or candidate. They invite all certified candidates competing for office in their respective districts. Direct any questions about the event to: pr@ lwv-fairfax.org

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Candidates:
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### THURSDAY/SEPT. 23

Getting to Carbon Neutrality. 7-8 p.m. Online. A discussion on carbon neutrality and how we get there. The webinar will cover how Arlington can address the climate

crisis and become a resilient, equitable, and prosperous community. Free. Visit the website: https://www.ecoactionarlington.org/get-involved/events/

### FRIDAY/SEPT. 24

Putting Your Garden to Bed. 10-11:30 a.m. Online. Did you know that Fall is the ideal time to plant trees, shrubs, and perennials? This class offers easy tips for planting, onsite composting, providing winter habitat and food for wildlife, and end-of-season care of tools and equipment. We'll help you identify opportunities to learn from this year's successes and failures (we all have them) to lay the groundwork for next year. Speakers are Extension Master Gardeners Joan McIntyre, who leads the VCE-MGNV Neighborhood Champions program that supports Master Gardeners as they offer gardening expertise to their neighborhoods, and Molly Newling, who excels at teaching the fine points of pruning, among her many other gardening talents.

Free. RSVP at https://mgnv.org/ events/ to receive a link to participate.

### COMMUNITY COVID HERO AWARDS

Arlington County has launched a

"Community COVID-19 Hero Awards" nomination portal to publicly honor the many grassroots efforts to support others throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. The awards will honor Arlington residents, community groups and businesses which have made significant impact in the fight against the effects of the pandemic. Winners will be recognized at the October 2021 Board meeting to publicly thank and celebrate them, and to showcase their work to the community. The County encourages anyone who lives, works or spends significant time in Arlington to submit award nominations by September 30. Submit nominations online at www.ArlingtonCOVIDHeroes. com or complete paper forms at County library branches.

### CHERRYDALE AND GLENCARLYN LIBRARIES TO REOPEN

Starting Sept. 7, 2021, Arlington
Public Library will reopen two
locations — Cherrydale and
Glencarlyn Libraries. Arlington
residents and Library patrons
will have access to seven open
library locations — Aurora
Hills, Cherrydale, Central,
Columbia Pike, Glencarlyn,
Shirlington and Westover
Libraries. The Plaza branch will
remain closed in preparation
for a long-planned expansion
and renovation.

All open Library locations will follow the same schedule.

Monday to Saturday:

Monday/Tuesday: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Wednesday/Thursday: 12 – 7 p.m.

Friday/Saturday: 12 – 5 p.m.

The Center for Local History at Central Library is open to the public by appointment.

Indoor and outdoor storytime programs are offered at multiple locations. Starting September 13, Library patrons can enjoy indoor storytime programs at Cherrydale and Glencarlyn branches.

Arlington Public Library will continue to evaluate service levels and hopes to expand hours and offerings over the next few months.

Branch information on hours and locations is available at https://library.arlingtonva.us/locations.

# ARLINGTON HELPS PIONEER FOOD SCRAPS COLLECTION PROGRAM

Starting Sept. 6, Arlington County will begin taking food waste for composting as a part of its regular weekly trash/recycling/yard waste collection routes. The new program makes Arlington one of the first localities in the nation to gather residential food waste as a part of standard curbside services. Food scraps will be collected from the same green carts that have been used until now only for yard waste, with the organics co-mingled for delivery to a professional composting facility in Prince William County. Countertop food caddies, along with a starter set of compostable bags

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### News



Ellen M. Bozman Government Center.

# Government Center To Remain Open During Lengthy Renovation

ost public areas of Arlington County's Ellen M. Bozman Government Center in Courthouse will remain accessible while the building undergoes renovation work on the lower levels, beginning Sept. 20 and lasting through January 2023.

Lower-floor public service counters like Voter Registration, the Treasurer's Office, and the Commissioner of Revenue's Office will continue operating throughout construction with directional signs in common areas to guide visitors to their destinations. Starting Sept. 20, the Treasurer's Office also will be located on the first floor to allow people to make in-person payments for their real estate and vehicle taxes through the Oct. 5 due date.

The renovations are designed for better, more concentrated use of space by the public and staff. They also include a new reception area on the lobby level, more conference rooms, and security enhancements.

In addition, Arlington Public Library's Plaza Branch, in the lobby, will add a children's area. The branch will remain closed to the public during construction, as it has been since March 2020 due to the pandemic.

The Bozman Center's garage-level elevator bays and staff-only breakroom on the ninth floor will also see renovation work.

The County Board approved the \$4.8 million renovations contract for Bozman this past July. The funding comes from a tenant improvement allowance that the Bozman Center landlord, JBG Smith (JBGS), provided to the County following a lease renewal in 2018.

The County owns the land under the Bozman Center while JBGS owns the building. A letter of intent to restructure the lease agreement, announced this past March, could extend the current expiration date from 2062 to 2119.





### **Public Notice**

### Updated weight limits on Virginia bridges and culverts

In accord with state and federal law, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has imposed new or changed existing weight restrictions and installed new signage indicating the updated weight restrictions on the following bridges and culverts (structures) in Virginia within the last 30 days.

Jurisdiction	Fed Structure ID	Route #	Route Name	Crossing	Posted Date
AMELIA	1247	615	NAMOZINE RD	DEEP CREEK	8/27/2021
PATRICK	13246	103	DRY POND RD/ROUTE 103	BACK CREEK	8/26/2021
PATRICK	13245	103	DRY POND HY/ROUTE 103	SANDY CREEK	8/24/2021
MONTGOMERY	12292	663	WALTON ROAD/ROUTE 663	CRAB CREEK	8/19/2021
LYNCHBURG	20519	9	NINTH ST	KANAWHA	8/19/2021
PITTSYLVANIA	13623	686	MARKHAM RD	GEOGES CREEK	8/18/2021
WYTHE	19710	649	ATKINS MILL RD	SPILLER BRANCH	8/17/2021
GRAYSON	8910	732	LAUREL CREEK RD	LAUREL CREEK	8/16/2021
SCOTT	16635	611	LOWER GRASSY CREEK	GRASSY CREEK	8/15/2021
AMHERST	1451	631	STONEWALL CREEK RD	STONEHOUSE CREEK	8/10/2021
BLAND	3048	604	WALKERS CREEK RD	BIG WALKER CREEK #3	8/9/2021
WYTHE	19714	653	GREASY CREEK RD	STUFFLE RUN	8/5/2021
LEE	10768	421	ROUTE 421	STONE CREEK	8/3/2021

The list above is not a comprehensive list of all structures with weight restrictions in the Commonwealth, but shows only structures that have new or changed weight restrictions within the last 30 days. The list contains only basic structure identification and location information and the date the new or changed weight restriction and signage became effective.

For a full listing of all bridge and culvert weight restrictions with detailed information about specific structures, including location data and actual weight limits, visit <a href="www.virginiadot.org">www.virginiadot.org</a> and navigate to Info Center/Trucking Resources. This page references a posted structures report and a GIS map tool that contain detailed information about restricted structures in Virginia. To receive email notifications regarding new or updated weight restrictions for structures statewide, complete the sign-up form on the web page.

Notices regarding bridges and culverts with new or updated weight restrictions are published monthly by VDOT. For additional information or questions, please contact, haulingpermits@vdot.virginia.gov.

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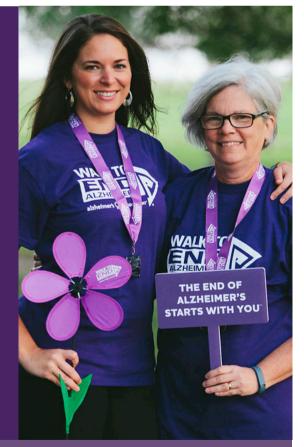
# THESE FLOWERS HAVE A LOT OF FIGHT IN THEM.

The Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's is full of flowers, each carried by someone committed to ending this disease. Because like flowers, our participants don't stop when something's in their way. They keep raising funds and awareness for a breakthrough in the fight against Alzheimer's and all other dementia.

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# **ARPETS**

# AWLA Welcomes Louisiana Animals

Many animals displaced by Hurricane Ida arrive in Northern Virginia for a chance at a forever home.

By Ashley Simpson Arlington Connection

ith just days to spare before Hurricane Ida wreaked deadly havoc on Louisiana, the Animal Welfare League of Arlington (AWLA) team received an urgent request: would they be able to take in some homeless, displaced dogs – immediately?

The Bissell Pet Foundation, whose national mission is to get as many homeless animals as possible into loving homes, put out the call and the AWLA sprang into action.

"When we got the request from the Bissell Pet Foundation, they were coordinating a massive rescue effort to move dogs and cats out of Louisiana ahead of the hurricane," Chelsea Jones, AWLA's Senior Communications Specialist, said. "They were clearing shelters to make room for pets who would undeniably need help down there, and some of the shelters they took animals from were actually in the path of the hurricane."

So on Wednesday, Sept. 1, representatives from AWLA and a slew of other local rescue organizations arrived at the Manassas Regional Airport to collectively greet and grab 110 dogs and eight cats that the Bissell Pet Foundation flew out of harm's way.

And with less than a week's notice, this local non-profit animal advocacy organization happily assumed the responsibility of eight dogs.

"We were there from 12 to 15 different nonprofit organizations, each of us navigating this mass transport," Jones said. "It was pouring down rain, but we were all waiting and so excited. It's always exciting being part of something like this, which is a lot of controlled chaos. It's very organized and well-run, but it's still crazy because it involves so many animals going to so many places."

Amid the downpour, representatives from AWLA quickly got to work once the chartered plane landed with all the dogs and cats.

"As soon as they arrived, all the animals were labeled with the name of the organization that was taking them, so we all started taking them right away," Jones said. "We at AWLA picked up the full spectrum of dogs – everything from Gizmo, an eight-pound scruffy mix, to Milo, a big one-year-old lab mix, and everything in between."

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tions like this one, the AWLA gets very little information about the animals they bring into their care. And since picking up Gizmo, Milo, and all the others, the AWLA team has wasted no time getting to know them.

"Most have gone into foster homes, and a couple are staying at the shelter for medical treatment," Jones said. "The ones in foster will stay a week in their foster homes to decompress, and this has already been great because the foster parents are giving us key information about the animals that they just didn't come with."

The eight Ida-displaced dogs have already shown their big, lov-



AWLA helped clear the shelters in the path of the hurricane to make room for pets who would need help after the storm.



Already, many are ready for adoption. To learn more about them, visit www.awla.org.

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AWLA assigned dogs included everything from Gizmo, an eightpound scruffy mix, to Milo, a big one-year-old lab mix, and everything in between.

able personalities.

"They are mostly all really happy and really excited to be here," Jones said. "We found out that Milo had been in the shelter since December 2020, and he's still mostly a big floppy goofball who wants to play. Whenever you enter the room, he will run right up and stick his head in your chest."

The younger members of AWLA's new Louisiana crew are also a delight.

"Lucy is a thick, chunky little puppy," Jones said. "She's the only dog who came off the plane totally happy to go right back into another crate for a car ride. She has a zest for life, and she's happy to be doing whatever you're doing. She just wants to be near people."

A couple of the other dogs were more timid at first, and understandably so, but Jones said they are now coming into their own as they grow more comfortable in their foster homes.

This isn't the first time AWLA has been involved with a large-

scale emergency transport – the organization is always ready to lend a hand in a pinch.

"It's usually one big disaster that happens a year, and we are typically called out to assist during hurricanes because of our geographical location," Jones explained. "To meet these demands, we always maintain a certain level of 'capacity for care,' which involves reviewing the space we have in our shelter and with fosters and making determinations about how many animals we can take. We at AWLA have a very robust foster program ... In this scenario, when the Bissell Foundation approached us, we put out a call asking for more fosters. We got a great response and were immediately able to line up fosters for all the dogs before they

These dogs and cats in AWLA's care have been enjoying the good life over the last couple weeks. And, already, many of them are ready for adoption. To learn more about them, visit www.awla.org.

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### News

# Arlington to Consider a New Five-Cent Tax for Each Plastic Bag

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on reducing waste and pollution, and distribution of reusable bags to those who cannot afford them."

This effort is in keeping with Arlington's goals to be a national leader in environmental efforts. Arlington's new residential curbside food scraps collection program began Sept. 6. The county has set a goal to be carbon neutral

State Sen. Adam Ebbin (D-30) has been able to pass a bill giving localities authority to impose a five-cent tax on each and every plastic bag that's used in grocery stores and convenience stores.

"This isn't just about money from consumers," said Ebbin, who first introduced the bill more than a decade ago when he was a member of the House of Delegates. "It's more importantly about changing

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According to the Earth Policy Institute, Americans use on average nearly one plastic bag each day. Although they're theoretically recyclable, most end up in landfills or littering rivers and beaches.

But grocery stores across Virginia are urging Arlington and other local governments to hit the pause

button. "We would encourage any locality that is considering this tax to at least consider an implementation date of after the end of the COVID-19 pandemic," said Parker Slaybaugh, executive director of the Virginia Food Industry Association. "Our employees and our stores are doing everything possible right now to keep employees safe, to keep customers safe and to keep shelves stocked, and adding a

new administrative burden such as a new tax could certainly hamper those efforts."

IF APPROVED, the Virginia Tax Commissioner will collect the tax, enforce the rules and distribute the money to local governments across Virginia.

"It's not a huge burden," said Ebbin. "And it's a small price to pay for not being complicit in pollution."

The Roanoke City Council was the first local government to take action under Ebbin's new law, approving a tax back in May. That prompted the Virginia Department of Taxation to publish guidelines because "grocery store" wasn't defined in state law. Those guidelines were published earlier this month, and now Fairfax County and City of Alexandria are considering similar measures.

**MOMENTUM FOR TAXING** plastic bags has been building for decades. Denmark created the first plastic bag tax back in 1993. Since that time, countries across the world and cities across America have followed suit. More than 150 cities across the country currently have some kind of tax on plastic bags.

When Democrats seized control of the General Assembly after the 2019 election, the effort to give local governments authority to tax plastic bags was at the top of the list. According to the law, money raised by the tax can be used for specific purposes: environmental cleanup, mitigating pollution, education programs and providing reusable bags to recipients of food stamps. The tax would go into effect Jan. 1, 2022.

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and educational materials, were distributed to residential customers last month for the purpose of storing and transporting discards to the green

cart. A wide range of materials qualify as food scraps, from apple and banana peels to meats, bones, coffee grounds and even greasy pizza boxes and used paper napkins. The user's guide distributed

with the countertop caddy is also posted on the County website.

ARLINGTON DMV SELECT OFFICE TO REOPEN BY APPOINTMENT The County of Arlington is reopening

its DMV Select office on September 7 after an extended closure due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) first partnered with Arlington to open a DMV Select

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- You have been named as the birthfather or a possible father of the above-named child. A Petition for Termination of Parent-Child Relationship has been filed in the above-entitled court by Petitioner, Joseph David Osborne. The Petitioner is asking the court for an order permanently terminating the parent-child relationship between you and the child, permanently terminating all of your rights to the child, and for a decree of adoption declaring the prospective adoptive parent to be the legal parent of the child.
- The child is Emma Charlotte Haskell, born April 5, 2017 in Phoenix, Arizona to Kristin
- The court hearing on this matter shall be held on October 7, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. in the Spokane County Superior Court; Room 304, 1116 W. Broadway, Spokane, Washington. Your failure to appear at this hearing may result in a Default Order permanently terminating all of
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### Calendar



The AVAST Artist's Tour will take place Sept. 25-26 in Arlington.

#### SEPT. 16-18

Jazz Pop-Up Performances. Don't miss pop-up performances from bands and soloists at Central Place Plaza, Continental Beer Garden, and more. Jazz fans can also look forward to the return of last year's popular Jazz Supper Club experience at Amuse at Le Méridien Arlington. https://www.stayarlington.com/things-to-do/annual-events/rosslyn-jazz-fest/

### ALEXANDRIA OLD TOWN ART FESTIVAL

19th Annual Alexandria Old Town Art Festival Saturday, Sept. 18, 2021, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, 2021, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Where: 300 John Carlyle St. in Alexandria, VA Free Admission

http://www.artfestival.com/festivals/19th-annual-alexandria-old-town-art-festival

### SATURDAY/SEPT. 18

Festival Argentino USA. 4 to 10:30 p.m. At Thomas Jefferson Theatre, 125 S. Glebe Road, Arlington. The 34th Festival Argentino combines live concert performances, a variety of food vendors, exhibitor booths for small businesses...and more. It is an opportunity for everyone to explore a little bit of South American culture.

### SEPT. 24-OCT. 3

"The Hobbit." At Thomas Jefferson Community
Theatre, 125 S. Old Glebe Road, Arlington.
Encore Stage & Studio presents "The Hobbit"
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will be held at Thomas Jefferson Community
Theatre.

### SATURDAY/SEPT. 25

Clarendon Day. 12 to 6 p.m. At 3100 Clarendon Blvd., Arlington. Clarendon Day is one of Arlington's best loved and most diverse street festival, with several music stages, a large

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DMV Selects. Transactions that can be conducted at DMV Selects include vehicle titles and registrations, license plates and decals, disabled parking placards, transcripts, voter registration applications and more.

The Arlington DMV Select office will operate by appointment only Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., supporting nearby customer service centers. Appointments can be made through Arlington County's website. This location will also sell E-ZPass transponders.

### **DONATIONS**

Rock Springs UCC Church, 5010 Little Falls Road, Sundays 9 a.m.-noon only. (Look for the donation bin on the Rock Spring Drive side of the church).

Pet Food Bank. AWLA is establishing a Pet Food Bank to serve qualifying residents of Arlington County and the City of Falls Church. In consideration of the effect financial obstacles have on a pet owner's ability to afford pet care, the AWLA Pet Food Bank program's goal is to keep family pets out of shelters. If you are an Arlington County or City of Falls Church resident and are in need of assistance in feeding your pet, follow this link and fill out a pre-registration form. Visit goo.gl/forms/s2FuFdaYWdZm4tPw2.

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#### SEPT. 25-26

AVAST Artist's Tour. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. At artists' studios throughout Arlington. (AVAST address: 932 South Walter Reed Drive, Arlington). Some 49 Arlington artists to open their workspaces to the public. The Arlington Visual Art Studio Tour (AVAST) will return to its in-person format with masking, social distancing, and limits on numbers of visitors. Participating artists will invite visitors to see their work, processes and studio spaces, many of which are rarely open to the public. Art lovers of all ages can meet and chat with the artists while enjoying paintings, ceramics, metals, photography, and more.

### SUNDAY/SEPT. 26

InViolata Concert. 3 p.m. At St. George's Episco-pal Church, 915 N. Oakland, Arlington. NOTA BENE viol consort featuring Joanna Blendulf, Wendy Gillespie, Sarah Mead, and Emily Walhout. The musical moods and modes of Josquin's era, sung instrumentally on Renaissance strings. Nota Bene plays a matched set of Renaissance viols; Mark Rimple joins them playing Renaissance lute. Visit capitolearly-music.org.

### OCT. 1

Water Art Display. At Gallery Underground, 2100 Crystal Drive, Arlington. Will display "Water," a painting exhibition by gallery member and Alexandria City School, University of Delaware graduate Barry Barnett Keith. The opening reception is on October 1st, from 5 to 7 p.m. Any information about the show or the artist can be obtained at 301-518-9093.

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### On My Late Father's Birthday No Less



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

To say I'm looking forward to my next round of scans (CT and bone) on Sept. 23 would be "Geminilogical:" I am, and I'm not. I am not looking forward to the scans because the results, likely emailed to me within day or two - or three if late, will indicate whether my life hangs in the balance or, whether what happened to me in the Houston airport on July 20th was in fact a healing miracle - for which I'm quite eager to find out, or merely the act of a kind-hearted, well-intended soul spreading the gospel that

As I mentioned in one of the "arc" columns recounting the second degree burns I accidentally inflicted on the soles of both my feet on Crystal Beach (actually it was the pavement I walked across from Crystal Beach to our accommodations) near Galveston, Tx. There, on the way home, I met a woman in the airport named Solange who offered to change my life through the power of healing prayer as practiced/performed at the Dwelling Place Church located in Houston where she is a congregant and devotee. Even though the gate in the airport where I was sitting was extremely crowded, she navigated her way through all the commotion and managed to end up near where I was sitting. It's almost as if she sought us out, somehow. Anyway,

She made her way over to the row of chairs at the departure gate where I was sitting, stretched across two chairs in a meager attempt to lessen the pain in my feet. My wife, Dina, looked at Solange as she sort of looked around for somewhere to sit and apologized for my taking up multiple seats, explaining briefly that I was in pain due to the burns on my feet. Without hesitation, Solange immediately offered up some healing prayers if I were amenable. Looking over at Dina, while sort of snickering, we said "Sure, thank you." And after motioning for a nearby male friend/fellow church member to join her, the two of them soon began praying on my behalf, not in unison, but similar.

I can't remember if she - or they touched my feet but soon enough they were invoking God, Jesus Christ, God's children, relieve my suffering and one or two other healing-type prayers. When they finished, after 10 seconds or so, we thanked them again. Then thinking to myself, I got greedy. I said aloud to Solange something like "Actually, the burns on my feet aren't my most serious problem: I have cancer." To which she instinctively offered up another round of prayers, with our blessing of course, for good health and future well-being. When she finished she walked away and re-joined her friends. In taking it all in, I felt quite fortunate for the experience and extremely grateful she reached out to someone she didn't even know.

It's been nearly eight weeks since our meeting at the airport. Given the excruciating pain I experienced for weeks upon my return home to Maryland, I can't say with too much conviction that my feet healed any quicker than the "weeks, not months" advisory we got from the Urgent Care doctor I visited back home later that evening. But that was then. This is now.

I have quarterly scans ahead which given the "terminal" nature of my papillary thyroid cancer, I could really use a miracle. So as naive as it may sound, I'm kind of looking forward to these upcoming scans. Certainly it would be a great story/unbelievable turn of events if my oncologist emailed me a "What happened? The tumors are gone." Although, for this kind of totally unexpected result, I imagine he'd probably call. I'm not holding my breath though, but with the combined efforts of Solange, modern medicine, and perhaps my late father pulling a few strings for me on his birthday, maybe, just maybe, I'll have a Paul Harvey-type "rest of the story" to share with you. If not, I'll continue to manage as I always have since I first was diagnosed in late Feb., 2009; I'll remain positive about the

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