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Karen Lloyd, bottom left, was inspired to serve by her father, a career Army officer who landed on Normandy during World War II.



After retiring from the military, Karen Lloyd worked at the Library of Congress on the Veterans History Project.

Col. Karen Lloyd served 28 in the U.S. Army



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Jerry File, second from left, was recently inducted into the ACPS Athletic Hall of Fame as part of the 1956 George Washington High School Basketball team. With him are niece Courtney Golubin, grandson Charlie Adamoli, daughter Jocelyn Adamoli and sister-in-law Cindy Golubin.

Heroes Among Us

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

Cemeteries will be silent and still as family members, friends and service organizations mark Veterans Day in tribute to the veterans who served their nation as part of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Since its founding in 1776, every generation of Americans has witnessed some form of combat.

During that time, tens of millions of soldiers have served in the armed forces including 16 million in World War II alone.

As Veterans Day approaches, three of those who have answered the call of duty share their stories.

Jerry File, U.S. Marine Corps, Vietnam

In October of 1962, Alexandria native Jerry File had barely completed Officer Training School

when he was assigned to a Navy Marine Corps Task Force to travel through the Panama Canal to reinforce the Guantanamo Naval Base during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

He had entered the military in 1961 after graduating from the College of William and Mary. As his military career progressed, he was assigned to the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade where he served as a Supporting Arms Coordinator and later as an Artillery Battery

Navy Amphibious ships headed by the Iwo Jima, a helicopter carrier, a Marine Corps Helicopter Squadron composed of 18 helicopters, and an Infantry Battalion Landing Team reinforced with artillery, tanks, amphibious tractors, trucks, a Naval Gunfire Team, and medical and supply personnel totaling over 2,000 Marines and sailors."

File was part of the only landing conducted by the Marine Corps in the Mekong Delta.

"We fought in the famous Hill Fights at Khe Sanh, where our new M-16 rifles jammed," File recalled. "We fought the North Vietnamese Regular Army units in

"I think because of the Gulf War, people outside the military are now recognizing the sacrifices that veterans have made on their behalf."

— Col. Karen Lloyd, USA (ret)

Commander with the Navy Marine Corps Special Landing Force along the coast of Vietnam.

"I was a Captain in the Marine Corps and served as an Artillery Officer in Vietnam in 1967," File said. "My tour was 13 months and our group was composed of three

the Demilitarized Zone separating North Vietnam from South Vietnam."

Prior to his deployment to Southeast Asia, File met and married Debbie Byrnes. Their daughter Joycelyn was born while File was deployed so he was not able to



Marine Captain Jerry File in 1962 in Vietnam.

Jerry File meets his daughter Jocelyn for the first time upon his return from Vietnam.



meet her until his return home.

"Many of my friends from Alexandria never made it home," said File, who was a good friend of Humbert Roque "Rocky" Versace, a Medal of Honor recipient for his valor as a POW in Vietnam. Alexandria's own Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Del Ray is named for Versace and File knows many of the 68 lost and missing in action whose names are etched in granite at the site.

"I wasn't a war hero, but I served with a lot of Marines and sailors who were," File said.

After Vietnam, File attended the Marine Corps Amphibious Warfare School at Quantico; served as an Officer Recruiter, along with future Governor Chuck Robb, at the colleges in Virginia; and was promoted to Major and assigned as a Personnel Officer at Marine Corps Headquarters where he worked with Colonel Fitz Woodrow and for LtGen. Herb Beckington.

He left active duty in November 1971 to begin a 43-year career in the investment securities industry.

As Veterans Day approaches, SEE HEROES AMONG, ON PAGE 3



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Willie Bailey as a young serviceman in the U.S. Army.



Willie Bailey founded the nonprofit Firefighters and Friends to the Rescue, which provides backpacks, new coats and toys to needy children throughout the region.



Captain Willie Bailey during his service in the U.S. Army.

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Heroes Among Us

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he only says, "I just want people to appreciate what our veterans have done."

Karen Lloyd, U.S. Army, Cold War

Karen Lloyd was inspired to serve by her father, an Army infantryman who landed on Normandy during World War II. He went on to retire as a colonel before passing away suddenly when Lloyd was 26.

"Dad never talked about his experiences in WWII," said Lloyd, who graduated from Wakefield High School in Arlington. "But I learned how to listen, to let other veterans feel like they are being heard."

Lloyd served 28 years in the Army, with 14 years as an Army aviator. Highlights of her career include being the first female Medical Service Corps aviator (Medevac);

first female Commander, Grafenwoehr Army Airfield; first female Executive Officer to Comptroller of the Army; and first female CFO, Army Aviation Center, Ft. Rucker, Alabama.

"I was fortunate," Lloyd said. "I was at this juncture where women were just being invited to do things they never had before. They had been in administrative positions or as nurses. But the gates were just starting to open and it was this fascinating time so I jumped in with both feet and had some amazing experiences because of it."

Lloyd retired as a colonel then immediately began her second career as the Director of the Veterans History Project for the Library of Congress.

"I served over 16 years at the Library of Congress," Lloyd said. "I spent 11 years as Strategic Planning Officer, two years as Special

Assistant to Chief of Staff and four years as Director of the Veterans History Program."

Lloyd recently retired from the Library of Congress. A widow, she shares her Old Town home with Otis, her Boston Terrier. The athletic aviator was also inducted into the Wakefield High School Athletic Hall of Fame, which was accomplished pre-Title IX by playing on the boys tennis team.

"Veterans Day is a day to celebrate all veterans that have selflessly served this country," Lloyd said. "I think because of the Gulf War, people outside the military are now recognizing the sacrifices that veterans have made on their behalf."

Willie Bailey, U.S. Army, War on Terror

Willie Bailey grew up in poverty in Del Ray, graduating from T.C.

Williams in 1983 before attending Virginia Union University. When his daughter was born, he entered the military as a way to support his young family.

"I served a total of 21 years – seven active and the remainder in the reserves while pursuing my career as a firefighter," Bailey said.

Bailey, a Deputy Chief with the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, served one term on City Council and was recently elected to the ACPS School Board. He does not often share details about his time in the military, "but it made me the person I am today," he said.

Bailey founded the nonprofit Firefighters and Friends to the Rescue, which provides backpacks, new winter coats and toys to underserved children and families throughout the region. He is not shy about encouraging young people to consider the military.

"If a student, male or female, tells me they are not interested in college, I tell them to go in the military," he said. "Three hots and a cot and Uncle Sam will pay for you to get an education. I know the difference it made in my life."

Bailey never misses an opportunity to let other veterans know how much their service is appreciated.

"When I see and talk to an active-duty service member or veteran, I always thank them for their service," he said. "Our military are on duty 24/7. It is because of them that we are able to live in this free and democratic country. We get so caught up in politics that we forget there are folks serving all over the world to allow us to go on social media and say the things we say, good or bad. We sometimes forget that these troops all over the world are making sure we are able to live in this free country."

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ALEXANDRIA TO HOLD VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

The City of Alexandria and Friends of Rocky Versace will host the 20th Annual Veterans Day Ceremony on Thursday, Nov. 11, from 1 to 2 p.m. at Mount Vernon Recreation Center (2701 Commonwealth Ave.).

The one-hour, indoor ceremony will honor the 68 Alexandrians who either died during the Vietnam War or remain missing in action, and all veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces. The ceremony will feature the presentation of the Department

of Defense Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin to qualified veterans by retired Lieutenant General of the U.S. Army Joseph E. DeFrancisco, who serves as Chairman of the Board for the Association of Graduates of the United States Military Academy at West Point. The ceremony will also include recognition of Gold Star families in attendance; the reading of the 68 names engraved on the Captain Rocky Versace Plaza and Vietnam Veterans Memorial; a tribute to Alexandrian and Medal of Honor recipient Captain Humbert Roque "Rocky" Versace with a wreath laying in his honor; and the sounding of "Taps" and performance of "God Bless America."

The Captain Rocky Versace Plaza and Vietnam Veterans Memorial is located in front of Mount Vernon Recreation Center and was dedicat-

ed with support from local citizens and the Friends of Rocky Versace. Captain Versace was a Prisoner of War, Ranger Hall of Fame inductee, Distinguished Member of the Special Forces Regiment and Distinguished Member of The Old Guard Regiment in the 3rd U.S. Infantry.

NOV. 5 TO DEC. 10

Jingle Bell Kids Toy Drive Collection. At Quander Road School, 6400 Quander Road, Alexandria. Personal Development Class Service-Learning Project Holiday Toy Drive for Kids in Nearby Shelters; "Gifting Community Kids for the Holidays. Ages: Toddlers -14 years old. Types of Items to Donate: Board/Card Games, Puzzles, Art supplies, Coloring/Activity books, Various Books, Stuffed animals, Dolls and Toy Cars/Trucks.

SATURDAY/NOV. 13

WestPo Tag Day. Starting at 9 a.m. In local neighborhoods around Quander Road, Alexandria. Arts Students Raise Funds Door-To-Door. After a one year COVID hiatus, hundreds of performing arts students from West Potomac High School will be visiting local neighborhoods for their annual Tag Day. Tag Day is when students from band, chorus, guitar, orchestra and theater go door-to-door, distributing door tags, and inviting their community to donate in support of West Potomac's exemplary band, chorus, guitar, orchestra and theatre programs. Visit the website: <https://www.wolverineband.com/>

SATURDAY/NOV. 13

Potomac Shoreline Trash Cleanup. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Check in Belle Ha-

ven Park, GWM Parkway, Belle Haven Park south parking lot, Alexandria. Help clean up trash along the river shoreline and in Dyke Marsh. Check in at the registration table near the Belle Haven Park south parking lot to pick up supplies. The National Park Service and the Friends of Dyke Marsh will provide some gloves, tools, trash bags and hand sanitizer. Wear sturdy shoes, long pants and sleeves, gloves and sun protection. Bring water. They will follow covid-19, social distancing protocols. This will be canceled in case of lightning or severe storms. Register at info@fodm.org and put "Trash Cleanup" in the subject box. Visit the website: www.fodm.org

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Flood waters on Union Street forced the road to be closed from Duke to Quay Streets during the Oct. 29 tidal flooding event.



The Unit block of Prince Street is under water following tidal flooding Oct. 29.



Portions of Founders Park are under water Oct. 29 following extensive tidal flooding.

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Rising Tides

Flooding third worst in city history.

Alexandria experienced some of its worst flooding in years as tides combined with winds and heavy rains Oct. 29 to force tidal waters to near-record highs for the region.

Flood waters rose to the third highest ever recorded for coastal flooding along the Alexandria waterfront. Flood water normally contained to the unit block of King Street stretched from Queen to Prince Streets and submerged parts of the waterfront parks and docks.

Alexandria Police closed several streets in Old Town as businesses tried to stem the damage with sandbags. Union Street was closed from Prince Street to Quay Street

along with the Unit and 100 blocks of King Street and the Unit block of Prince Street. Many businesses, including the Torpedo Factory Art Center, closed down for the day.

Historic flooding affected parts of the Chesapeake Bay, including Annapolis, and along both the Maryland and Virginia shores of the Potomac River. In Alexandria, flood waters reached their peak of 5.99 feet Oct. 29 around 3:30 p.m., the third highest on record for the city.

The highest flood level on record was 8.66 feet on Sept. 19, 2003, during Hurricane Isabel, with the second highest reaching 7.5 feet March 19, 1936.

- JEANNE THEISMANN



The unit blocks of Prince Street experience significant flooding Oct. 29.



12U Alexandria Reds won the Northern Virginia Travel Baseball League (NVTBL) Silver Division tournament on Sunday, Nov. 7.

Alexandria REDS Win Northern Virginia Tournament

The 12U Alexandria Reds won the Northern Virginia Travel Baseball League (NVTBL) Silver Division tournament on Sunday, Nov. 7, defeating the Plummer Stars 5 - 4 in the championship game. The Reds finished their season on a seven game winning streak and won all five games in the NVTBL tournament.

The Reds received three complete game performances in each of their wins this past weekend. Turner Sawyer picked up the victory in the championship game, allowing no earned runs while striking out five. In the tournament's semi-final game, Turner Reid held the Arsenal White team to four hits and one run in the 13-1 victory.

On Saturday, William Jones struck out 10 and allowed 3 hits as the Reds bested the NOVA Elite squad 5 - 3.

Lead off hitter Samuel Dyck was a catalyst for the Reds offense over the weekend with 5 hits and 5 runs scored over the three games. On the defensive side of the ledger, Jack Lynch made a diving catch in left field at a critical moment in the semi-final game and then doubled up an Arsenal White player at second base. Finn Coco was solid behind the plate for the Reds, catching every inning of every game during the Reds championship run.

Additional members of the NVTBL championship team include Eammon Herbold, Coleman Todd, Jake Pisano, Landon McBride, Logan Theoharis, Oliver Zand and Parker Spence.



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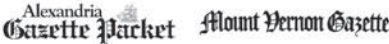


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Redistricting Moves to the Supreme Court of Virginia

BY SEN. SCOTT SUROVELL

While the Nov. 2 election has dominated recent headlines, the process to redraw state and federal legislators' districts has been moving along six months late due to delays in receiving U.S. Census data.

Ever since Elbridge Gerry signed a bill to draw several Federalists out of their seats in 1812, gerrymandering has been a problem in the United States. I have always believed that redistricting is one of the most significant fundamental problems in American democracy, and it has become especially prob-

lematic with the power of computer-aided mapping coupled with Big Data. Voters should pick their elected officials instead of elected officials picking their voters.

Based on this principle, I have always supported nonpartisan redistricting. In the 2019 Virginia General Assembly session, several

members introduced a constitutional amendment requiring nonpartisan redistricting, but after it emerged from rewrites in the legislative process it became bipartisan redistricting, which is very different. In 2020, legislators approved the measure a second time. I was

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Republican Sweep No Surprise

Voters focus on issues close to home.

To the Editor:

The statewide Republican sweep of Governor, Lt. Governor and Attorney General along with recapturing the House of Delegates should not come as a surprise to most Virginians who have followed the campaign issues over the past few months. The vast majority of Virginia voters do not want to deal with extreme politicians or policies from either Democrats or Republicans.

Glenn Youngkin won the governor's race because he focused on Virginia's issues; the economic concerns of inflation, reducing governments growth and mandates, along with addressing the concerns of parents over educational extremism taking place in our public schools. His campaign became a movement, where tens of thousands of Virginia Democrats voted for Youngkin because he did not nationalize the race and focused on local and statewide issues voters cared about.

Terry McAuliffe's campaign was based on the obsession of race and Donald Trump. McAuliffe con-

stantly used race to divide Virginia voters with a misconception that there was a political gain by dividing the Commonwealth on racial issues. He constantly tried to compare Youngkin to Trump, attempting to scare voters away from the Republicans. Identity politics did not work and voters did not fall for it.

Instead, voters elected the most diverse statewide ticket in Virginia history. Winsome Sears, a black woman born in Jamaica, and Jason Miyares, the son of a Cuban immigrant, were not elected to office because they were Black and Latino but because they had better policies. Sears ran a positive campaign, highlighting that Virginia and America is a welcoming place that provided her the opportunity to succeed due to desire and a hard work ethic. She never believed that you cannot be a success in life due to your race and she spoke out against the false premise that America is a racist country.

Miyares will serve as our next Attorney General and will prioritize public safety and embrace our



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Virginia attorney general-elect Jason Miyares (R), governor-elect Glenn Youngkin (R), and lieutenant governor-elect Winsome Sears (R).

law enforcement officers. Virginia needs the rapid increase in crime to decline and he will make sure the law is concerned more about victim's rights than criminals' rights.

We are fortunate to have elected statewide leaders who care for the people they lead and put the interest of service before self. On a local level this should be a reminder to the new school board members that the controversial school su-

perintendent works for the school board and the school board works for the parents.

There is a new day in Virginia with the promise that our government will answer to the citizens and the citizens will not be run by the government.

Jan. 15, 2022 cannot come soon enough.

Frank Fannon

Former member
Alexandria City Council

Support Refugee Ministry, Save Lives

Dear friends,

We are so, so grateful for your support of the families in our refugee ministry in this difficult time. In just 3 short weeks you have given over \$32,000 to our ministry, and over \$20,000 has already been used to help 12 of our refugee families so that they can pay their necessary expenses here and have money to send lifesaving funds home to their families. It is working. Your dollars have literally served an unimaginable humanitarian crisis. Person by person we are able to feed, house and keep their family members safe from such a distance.

❖ "I can help my grandma, she is 84, and my uncle's family, they all lost their jobs. They will be so happy for this."

❖ "My parents have a little cash and food in their hands now. I don't know how to say thank you."

❖ "I support two families back home plus my own family here, in addition to that I have been hosting [four other family members, and one more who is coming]. ... Handling and managing about 21 people at a time with one source of income is almost impossible but we have no choice but to help our dears to survive."

Each of you has been a part of providing this stability for families faced with very difficult choices. Thank you. I also want to thank the faith communities that have supported this effort, including Fairfax Community Church, Grace Episcopal Church, Rock Spring UCC, and St. John's Georgetown.

So much is being done, all over the world, to improve the situation of those who remain in Afghani-

stan. While the barrage of emails I receive often includes heartbreak-

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Olympian Miller to Speak Nov. 17

Sportsman's Club to host champion rower.

Linda Miller, an Olympic rower who competed in the 2000 Sydney Games, will be the featured speaker at the Nov. 17 meeting of the Alexandria Sportsman's Club. The meeting will be held in person at the Old Dominion Boat Club.

Miller grew up in Alexandria and attended the former T.C. Williams High School. She began rowing in ninth grade and rowed in the T.C. Williams Varsity Women's 8+ in 1988-1990. Miller rowed on the Junior National Team while at T.C. and went on to attend Boston University and George Washington University on athletic scholarships.

After college, Miller trained and competed full

time as a member of the U.S. National Rowing Team from 1997-2000. During that time, she won medals at two World Championships, three World Cups and four National Championships. She earned a spot on the U.S. Olympic Team in 2000 and competed in the Games in Sydney in the Women's 8+ which finished in sixth place.

Miller, now a Principal with Grant Thornton LLP, will talk about her experiences as a standout high school athlete and her road to the Olympics and there will be time for Q&A.

The meeting will be held Nov. 17 at the Old Dominion Boat Club, 0 Prince Street, with complimentary dinner and drinks beginning at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome and the meeting is free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.alexandriavasports.org.

— JEANNE THEISMANN



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Alexandrian Linda Miller was part of the U.S. Women's Olympic Rowing team and competed in the 2000 Sydney Games.

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Senior Services of Alexandria's Groceries-to-Go Program Celebrates 7 Years

BY MARGARET SHELTER
NUTRITION PROGRAM COORDINATOR, SENIOR SERVICES OF ALEXANDRIA

I feel so grateful to Senior Services of Alexandria and the grocery volunteers who deliver my 96-year-old mother's favorite food to her, come rain or shine. I live 3,000 miles away from her, so you've been a God-send," writes Ann of Seattle, the daughter of a grocery client.

Senior Services of Alexandria (SSA) celebrates the 7-year anniversary of the Groceries-to-Go program, which offers grocery shopping and delivery for mobility impaired seniors. The grocery program has adapted to changing community needs over the years, all while ensuring home-bound older adults have access to nutritious food, are able to maintain their independence and stay connected to the community, and at the same time, providing assurance to adult children like Ann who live far away or are unable to help, that their parents continue receiving their favorite foods.

Groceries to Go began as a pilot program with Giant in October 2014 to address the nutritional needs of seniors unable to shop for themselves but do not yet qualify for Meals on Wheels. Studies show that it is especially important for people 65 and older to get proper nutrition to stay healthy and active. As people age, they need fewer calories, but that does not mean they need fewer nutrients. Making sure that senior nutrition considerations are addressed is a step in the right direction for healthy aging. The grocery program has proved to be an invaluable service for older adults, and it has grown from serving just five seniors in 2014 to over 100 in 2021.

Volunteers are the backbone of Groceries to Go. They are an extra support for seniors who need help putting away groceries and regularly check in on the senior's wellbeing. Volunteers make it possible to provide a grocery shopping and delivery service with no fee or minimum order. The program's more than 80 volunteers deliver groceries to seniors every other week.

Beyond growth in numbers, the grocery delivery program has evolved to serve more seniors in the Alexandria community. In 2016, SSA applied for USDA's one-year Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) pilot program, which provided training and guidance on retailer regulations for accepting SNAP EBT. Groceries to Go was one of only five nonprofit programs in the country to be accepted as a SNAP authorized retailer, increasing access for lower income seniors.

Groceries to Go continued throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, providing safety and security for older adults. Sandy Freedman, Groceries to Go Program Director, worked tirelessly to ensure every senior had a volunteer. At the peak of the pandemic, more than 90 volunteers shopped for and delivered groceries to 125 seniors.

In 2017, Groceries to Go was recognized by the State's Commonwealth Council on Aging, winning the agency's top "Best Practices Award." The award acknowledges organizations whose innovative programs promote aging in the community and can be replicated across the Commonwealth.

"We look forward to continued growth and the ability to evolve with changing needs," says Freedman. To learn more about the program visit www.seniorservicesalex.org/groceries.



Groceries-to-Go celebrates seven years.



Athletes of the month

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ATHLETES OF THE MONTH – The Alexandria Sportsman's Club recognized two local high school students as Athletes of the Month during the organization's Oct. 20 meeting at the Old Dominion Boat Club. Andre Collins, former linebacker for the Washington Football Team, was on hand to present the award to Morgan Lewis from St. Stephen's & St. Agnes for Cross Country, and Joshua Clarke from Alexandria City High School for football. Shown are ASC president Marion Moon, Morgan Lewis, Andre Collins, and Joshua Clarke.

Creating a Holiday-Ready Kitchen

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
GAZETTE PACKET

As the holiday season begins in less than two weeks, a home's kitchen is the center stage for holiday parties and even casual gatherings with friends. But many people feel that their kitchen could use an overhaul. Local designers offer suggestions for making the best of your space.

"Though a remodeling project is unrealistic given the time constraints, minor tweaks can spruce up or refresh a kitchen," said Angela Morrison, designer and founder of Morrison Style in Vienna. "You don't have to redo your entire house for the holidays. You can easily do a few easy things to make it look updated for the holidays."

After giving her kitchen a quick makeover in advance of a Hanukkah party that she hosted for her children's friends and their parents three years ago, Linda Goldstein, a Bethesda based mother and interior designer, says that she developed several strategies for making a big impact on a dated kitchen in a minimal amount of time.

"I tried several design tricks, so I know that they work," she said. "I have shared these with my clients who have short lead times, but they want to have a kitchen that looks decent for the holidays. You can make mini adjustments that have a big impact and don't cost a lot of money."

Before tackling any design project, Fairfax based designer Julia Tull of Tull and Foley Designs believes in starting with the basics.

"During the holidays we are cooking a lot more food at one time, it's important to make a note of the things that are currently on your countertops and see what can be packed away to free up much needed space. Crockpots and waffle irons can be stored elsewhere."

Something as simple as a fresh coat of paint can transform a kitchen with a minimal investment in time and money. "Over even just a few years, paint can start to look dingy and dirty, and this can really bring down the look and feel of your kitchen," said Jennifer Moriarty, an interior design student who lives in Alexandria. "Instead of leaving it, take a day or two and add a fresh coat of paint to your cabinets and kitchen walls."

Updating hardware can give an outdated kitchen an updated look. "Replace the kitchen pulls and handles," said Moriarty. "It's not a bad idea to splurge on them and reuse them if you decide to remodel your kitchen in the near future."

Replacing a kitchen's window treatments can transform a room instantly, easily and inexpensively suggests private interior designer Anita Stanley of Woodbridge. "The design options are plentiful," she said. "Very few things transform the style of a room like window treatments."

Replacing outdated or worn flooring might be a long-term project, but Chris Katkish, general manager, InSite Builders & Remodeling in Bethesda suggests a quick fix.

"Consider using Peel and stick tile for flooring," he said. "Not a permanent solution but could be just enough to get through the holidays."

Replacing lighting will brighten a kitchen space and create an updated look. "Add inexpensive under-counter LED lighting," said Katkish. "Toe kick lighting is not very common, but a great way to make a space pop."

Lighting can make even the most dated cabinets look chic, said Linda Berkson of Berkson Interiors in Vienna. "Under cabinet lighting brings attention to the beautiful tile work of your backsplash and adds a festive glow to your kitchen," she said. "Under cabinet lighting kits are easy to install and can be found on Amazon."



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Adding holiday accessories to a kitchen counter-top can create a festive space.

Holiday lights are for more than trimming the tree. "As the days grow shorter, lighting becomes more comforting," said Morrison. "Put mini lights on top of your cabinets. You buy different color lights and swap out the color for the particular holiday. Orange lights work for Thanksgiving, blue for Hanukkah and red and green for Christmas."

Try adding accessories in holiday colors, suggests lead designer Jen Patton of Patton and Patton Interiors. "You can swap out things like potholders, vases, dishware, and candles from everyday patterns to holiday-inspired ones," she said. "Add a few cheerful touches of red, green, and silver. Maybe you could add a garland on the wall or a small vase with pinecones, festive berries, and candles for a centerpiece."

"If you have the space, you can hang a wreath on one of your walls or drape garland on top of a cabinet," said Patton.

"Do you get a lot of cards?" asks Berkson. "Perhaps attach them to cascading grosgrain or another type of ribbon and turn a plain wall into a festive display."

Even those with Formica countertops that are reminiscent of the 1970s, can create the illusion of elegance and festivity. "If you don't like your counters and don't have the time or money to redo them, you can always cover sections with holiday placemats or nice cutting boards," said Patton.

When the counters are satisfactory, they can be versatile. "Take one section of a countertop and make it the drink center," said Tracy Morris, Tracy Morris Design, based in McLean, VA. "That way, you will not have guests making drinks where you are trying to cook. Line up the bottles, fill a decanter and show your guests a great time."

Use the space to create stations that are streamlined and inviting. "It's a quick way to update the kitchen for the holidays and keeps [guests] out of the work space, but still part of the conversation," said Allie Mann, designer and senior interiors specialist with Case Architects & Remodelers in Falls Church, VA.

Those fortunate enough to have a kitchen island can enjoy the luxury of an additional canvas on which to express holiday creativity. "Consider using it to lay out a buffet," said Nadia Subaran of Aidan Design in Bethesda. "It could also serve as a great kids' table."

As with other facets of the impending holiday festivities, practicing expectation management with kitchen design is essential for a peaceful Yuletide season. "You have to be realistic about what can and can't be done," said Berkson. "You can embellish your kitchen table and counters with simple seasonal décor, but you can't redesign it in two weeks. Try to get easy kitchen maintenance done now and make a mental note of any bigger projects you'd like to complete next year."

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15th Annual Alexandria Film Festival Is Now

The 15th annual festival will be held virtually Thursday, Nov. 11-25, through Thanksgiving Day. The AFF <https://alexfilmfest.com> offers new films in advance of their arrivals at commercial theaters, streaming services, or television. The festival will stream more than 40 films of every genre from around the world, inclusive of numerous premieres. The two-week event is open to all area film enthusiasts. The 2021 event will feature the Burke & Herbert Bank Family Showcase, and two Salute to Service Members Showcases celebrating Veteran's Day weekend, with cost-free ticketing for active duty and retired military service members.

Additional festival programs include shorts, features, dramas, comedies, animation, science fiction, and documentaries of every description, as well as numerous filmmaker Q&As.

<https://alexfilmfest.com>

A sampling of 2021 AFF screenings include:

"Searching for Monsters" This riveting story was featured on NPR's October 30 airing of *This American Life* (<https://www.this-americanlife.org/752/an-invitation-to-tea>). Follow a formerly imprisoned and officially exonerated alleged al-Qaeda terrorist on his search for his torturers. He wants to take revenge — by forgiving. This is the true story behind the Hollywood drama "The Mauritanian" starring Jody Foster. Q&A with director John Goetz follows the first screening for this feature-length film in the U.S. Trailer & tickets: <https://watch.eventive.org/festival2021/play/6181f9b60edb30009410155c>

"Open Field" They played by NFL rules in NFL stadiums. They won world championships. They're at the top of their game. What else do they have to do to level the playing field? Meet quarterback Sami Grisafe, San Francisco 49ers coach Katie Sow-

ers and other legends of women's tackle football who played for the love of the game against all odds. Trailer & tickets: <https://watch.eventive.org/festival2021/play/616500da25788f004598c6f5>

"Love in a Bottle" Dramey about two people in two different countries, both in quarantine during lockdown time, begin a relationship through Facetime — but how viable is a relationship that might as well be just a fantasy? ADVISORY: contains nudity, sexual situations. Q&A with Director Paula van der Oest follows the film. Trailer & tickets: <https://watch.eventive.org/festival2021/play/61565afc3488e100b90ccf28/6180a4dadadce800d757a9de>

"I'm Fine, Thanks for Asking" When a recently widowed mother becomes house-

less, she convinces her 8-year-old daughter that they are only camping for fun while

she works to get them off of the streets. Q&A with Director Kelley Kali (alumnae of Howard University) follows the film. Drama filmed mid-pandemic with cast also serving as crew. Trailer & tickets: <https://watch.eventive.org/festival2021/play/618336f28675e90052431e7d>

"Into Flight Once More" Narrated by Gary Sinise, this film brings the history of June 6, 1944 to the present through the lens of one squadron and their epic recreation journey across the North Atlantic to Normandy for the 75th Anniversary of D-Day. Along the trip we meet some of the last remaining D-Day Veterans and younger generations of men and women who honor their sacrifice. Tickets: <https://watch.eventive.org/festival2021/play/6164ff0825788f004598c54e/6158fc8fd5c72f00933aa552>

"Failure to Protect" Failed by a system that disproportionately tears apart low in-

come, minority and marginalized families, four parents — Anna, Trish, Ernst and Rosa — fight to reunite with their children. But what does it take to get your children back after they have been taken by Child Protective Services? Failure to Protect is an in-depth look at the flaws in our child welfare system, seen through the lens of forgotten parents, further contextualized by experts in the field to unpack a pressing socioeconomic issue that affects hundreds of thousands of families every day. Q&A follows the film with Director Jeremy Pion-Berlin. Trailer & tickets: <https://watch.eventive.org/festival2021/play/61650d57b5ed1700692f76f9>

"The Homework Club" Filmed on location in Old Town, Alexandria. Inspired by characters from Anton Chekhov's play "The Seagull" and the films of John Hughes, "The Homework Club" follows four high school students with little in common who are forced to work together on an extra credit project. Over an afternoon they bicker, yawn, dance, and discover that they have much in common. Part of the 5-film Burke & Herbert Bank Family Showcase. Tickets: <https://watch.eventive.org/festival2021/play/61650fa3b9c02e05ba764895/6158ff289dede90069a2c604>

About the Alexandria Film Festival—(AFF) brings state-of-the-art independent films to the Nation's Capital region. The AFF is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization supported by a grant from the Alexandria Commission for the Arts and numerous corporate sponsors including Burke and Herbert Bank, Visit Alexandria, Old Town Hilton Hotel, Connection Newspapers - Alexandria Gazette Packet, Alexandria Hyundai, James Connolly Realtor, Wilson Grand Communications, West End Business Association, Alexandria Living Magazine, Alexandria Times, Zebra Magazine, Safer Country, and the Alexandria Commission for the Arts.

<https://alexfilmfest.com>

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NOW THROUGH-DEC. 12

Fall Salon. At Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union Street, Alexandria. Torpedo Factory Art Center is encouraging people to bring home original work from local artists this fall with two major offerings dedicated to making art buying simple and affordable. Target Gallery's next group exhibition, Fall Salon, features 70 works by artists from the greater metropolitan region, all priced at \$1,000 or less. Art Fest—Sunday, November 14, 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.—brings this collector's spirit out of Target Gallery and throughout all three floors of the Art Center. Tickets start at \$15 with access to the 3rd floor Art Lounge with expansive Potomac views, a live art project, and beverages to enjoy while you relax. Music will be spun all day by DJ One Luv.

NOV. 11-14

Alexandria Film Festival. The Alexandria Film Festival will take place as a hybrid event—virtual, with some in person events. The festival footprint is expanding this year to include a partnership with the

Alexandria Symphony Orchestra, which will feature six original films and will be presented with a "live to picture" performance of the orchestra on November 6 and 7. This performance will be in person but will observe current safety protocols such as social distancing. Admission: \$12 per showcase or \$75 per All-Festival Pass. To get the latest information, visit AlexFilmFest.com.

FRIDAY/NOV. 12

Outdoor Movie Night. 7 p.m. At Original Mount Vernon High School, 8333 Richmond Hwy., Alexandria. The Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation (SFDC) is excited to introduce a new family-friendly event to the Richmond Hwy Corridor in Fairfax County. SFDC is set to host the 'Outdoor Movie Night', featuring the Disney movie "Luca" (2021). Bundle-up for this fall evening and bring your own blanket or chair. Admission to this event is free.

FRIDAY/NOV. 12

Intersections. 6:30-9 p.m. At The Garden at Building Momentum, 5380



Yellow Door Concert Series musicians and LMP Collective dancers rehearse at The Garden for the Friday, Nov. 12 show at The Garden in Alexandria.

Eisenhower Ave Suite C, Alexandria. LMP Collective and Yellow Door Concert Series present an evening of Jazz music and dance at The Garden. Wine and beer available for purchase. Heavy appetiz-

ers and soda included with ticket price. Cost is \$35. Visit the website: <https://localmotionproject.org>

SATURDAY/NOV. 13

Holiday Pottery Sale. 10 a.m. to 4

p.m. At Alexandria Clay Co-op, 2389 S. Dove Street, Alexandria. Come buy some beautiful functional and decorative pottery while you meet the artists and see where they work. Find out about ACC's pottery classes. Plenty of free parking. Visit the website: <https://www.alexandriaclaycoop.com>

SATURDAY/NOV. 13

Civil War Tours. 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. At Fort Ward Museum, 4301 W. Braddock Rd., Alexandria. Fort Ward Museum will offer soldier-led tours of historic Fort Ward in recognition of Veteran's Day on Saturday, November 13. Two 90-minute tours presented by a Union army soldier interpreter will be held at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tours are free. The program is weather dependent. Participants will learn about Civil War veterans' organizations, the history of Fort Ward, army life in the Civil War Defenses of Washington, and the design and construction of Civil War forts. Highlights include the reconstructed Officers' Hut and ceremonial

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entrance gate, and the fort's fully restored Northwest bastion.

SUNDAY/NOV. 14

Art Exhibit. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. At Bridgeyard Old Town Apartments (adjacent to Leasing Office), 1204 S. Washington St., Alexandria. An art exhibit of 40 watercolor portraits of pets by Bridgeyard's members. Proceeds raised will be donated to the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria. The goal is to raise \$500. Organized by artist Michael Vitanovec.

NOV. 14 AND 21

Outlandish Tours at the Apothecary Museum, 105-107 South Fairfax Street, Old Town Alexandria. 11 a.m. to noon. Celebrate the November release of Book 9 of Diana Gabaldon's beloved Outlander series with an Outlandish Tour of the Apothecary Museum. Tour this historic apothecary and learn about a few of the herbal medicines featured in Diana Gabaldon's Outlander series of novels, from cascara to dauco seeds. The tour also touches on the role of apothecaries and women in medicine in the 18th century. Recommended for ages 18 and up. Cost is \$15 per person and advance purchase of tickets is required. Tickets are available through AlexandriaVa.Gov/Shop.

THURSDAY/NOV. 18

Lecture: What Made George Washington Tick? With Prof. Peter Henriques. Doors open at 7 p.m., Lecture starts live and online at 7:30 p.m. At Alexandria History

Museum at the Lyceum and Virtual. While recognizing him as the most important figure in American History, Professor Peter Henriques takes issue with the traditional image of George Washington as a selfless leader. Rather, his portrait of George Washington reveals a more complicated - and interesting - man who was both self-effacing and wildly ambitious, with a desire for public adulation that he never fully acknowledged, perhaps even to himself. Dr. Henriques, Professor Emeritus of History from George Mason University, will be available to sign his newest book. Cost is \$12 per person, \$10 OHA volunteer or \$6 virtual only.

NOV. 19-DEC. 17

MVUC Holiday Shop. Virtual. At 1909 Windmill Lane, Alexandria. Mount Vernon Unitarian Church's 56th Holiday Shop is virtual due to Covid. Vendors include Papazian Design, Late Bloomers, Bead Therapy, Deerhawk Art, The Bathing Raven Candle Company, Recycled bag Lady, Jane's Crafts, Nina Tisara Mosaics. Information: mvuc.org. Visit us at bit.ly/MVUCHoliday.

SATURDAY/NOV. 20

Mount Vernon Flea Market. 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. At Mount Vernon Masonic Lodge #219, 8717 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. Offering a variety of antiques and vintage items, practical, as well as creative and handcrafted items such as lavender sachets, pottery, holiday decor, handcrafted soaps, and much more! 25+ vendors. Featuring delicious home-style baked goods

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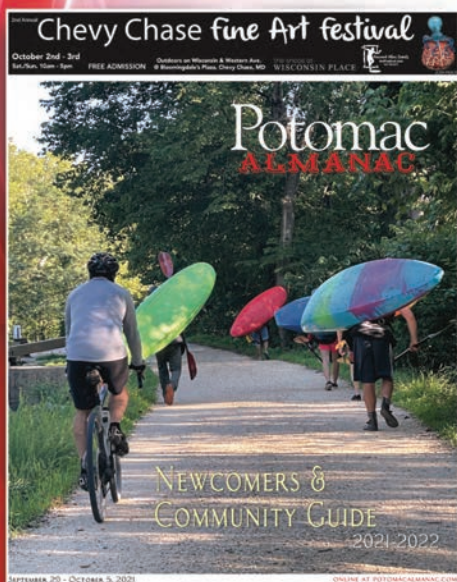
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Public Hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, held at City Hall, 301 King Street, Council Chamber and on Zoom webinar on Saturday, November 13, 2021 at 9:30 a.m., or as soon as may be heard on the hereinafter described items.

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the owners of the property located at 421 Gibbon Street to maintain an encroachment for a brick wall with a gate at that location (Implementation Ordinance for Encroachment No. 2021-00004 associated with 421 Gibbon Street approved by City Council on September 18, 2021).

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the owner of the property located at 1321 Cameron Street to construct and maintain an encroachment for an entry ramp at that location (Implementation Ordinance for Encroachment No. 2021-00003 associated with 1321 Cameron Street approved by City Council on October 16, 2021).

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 Transportation Master Plan chapter replacing the chapter in its entirety with the Alexandria Mobility Plan chapter of such master plan as Master Plan Amendment No. 2021-00011 and no other amendments, and to repeal all provisions of the said master plan as may be inconsistent with such amendment (Implementation Ordinance for Master Plan Amendment No. 2021-00011 associated with Alexandria Mobility Plan approved by City Council on October 16, 2021).

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Sheet No. 054.04 of the "Official Zoning Map, Alexandria, Virginia," adopted by Section 1-300 (OFFICIAL ZONING MAP AND DISTRICT BOUNDARIES), of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning the properties at 805, 809, 811, 815, and 823 North Columbus Street from RB/Townhouse to CRMU-H/Commercial Residential Mixed Use High in accordance with the said zoning map amendment heretofore approved by city council as Rezoning No. 2021-00005 (Implementation Ordinance for Rezoning No. 2021-00005 associated with Columbus Flats approved by City Council on October 16, 2021).

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 Beauregard Small Area Plan chapter of such master plan as Master Plan Amendment No. 2021-00006 and no other amendments, and to repeal all provisions of the said master plan as may be inconsistent with such amendment (Implementation Ordinance for Master Plan Amendment No. 2021-00006 associated with Hilton & IDA Sites approved by City Council on October 16, 2021). [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 5-602 (COORDINATED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS CREATED, CONSISTENCY WITH MASTER PLAN, REQUIRED APPROVALS) of Article V (MIXED USE ZONES) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by city council as Text Amendment No. 2021-00005 (Implementation Ordinance for Text Amendment No. 2021-00005 associated with Hilton & IDA Sites approved by City Council on October 16, 2021).

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 3-1409 (USE LIMITATIONS) of Article III (RESIDENTIAL ZONE REGULATIONS); Section 4-107 (USE LIMITATIONS), Section 4-207 (USE LIMITATIONS), Section 4-307 (USE LIMITATIONS), Section 4-407 (USE LIMITATIONS), Section 4-507 (USE LIMITATIONS), Section 4-607 (USE LIMITATIONS), Section 4-707 (USE LIMITATIONS), Section 4-807 (USE LIMITATIONS), Section 4-906 (USE LIMITATIONS), Section 4-1006 (USE LIMITATIONS), Section 4-1106 (USE LIMITATIONS), Section 4-1206 (USE LIMITATIONS), Section 4-1403.1 (ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIAL USES), and Section 4-1413 (USE LIMITATIONS) of Article IV (COMMERCIAL, OFFICE AND INDUSTRIAL ZONES); Section 5-110 (USE LIMITATIONS), Section 5-210 (USE LIMITATIONS), Section 5-310 (USE LIMITATIONS), Section 5-410 (USE LIMITATIONS), Section 5-511 (USE LIMITATIONS), and Section 5-602 (COORDINATED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS CREATED, CONSISTENCY WITH MASTER PLAN, REQUIRED APPROVALS) of Article V (MIXED USE ZONES); Section 6-603 (USES), and Section 6-707 (USE LIMITATIONS) of Article VI (SPECIAL AND OVERLAY ZONES); Section 7-1500 (OUTDOOR DISPLAY, SALES OR STORAGE OF GOODS OR MERCHANDISE) of Article VII (SUPPLEMENTAL ZONE REGULATIONS); Section 11-513 (ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIAL USE PERMIT) of Article XI (DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS AND PROCEDURES); and to add and ordain Section 2-182.06 (PARKLET) of Article II (DEFINITIONS) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by city council as Text Amendment No. 2021-00006 (Implementation Ordinance for Text Amendment No. 2021-00006 associated with Outdoor Dining in On-Street Parking Spaces and Retail Sales on Sidewalks and On-Street Parking Spaces in Commercial Zones approved by City Council on October 16, 2021).

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the owner of the property located at 2401 Oakville Street to construct and maintain an encroachment for two signs located in the public right-of-way at Richmond Highway and Fannon Street (Implementation Ordinance for Encroachment No. 2021-00005 associated with 2412 and 2514 Richmond Highway, and 2500 Oakville Street approved by City Council on September 18, 2021).

PUBLIC HEARING on the Proposed Alexandria Legislative Package for the 2022 General Assembly.

AN ORDINANCE to amend Title 9 (LICENSING AND REGULATION) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended by adding new Chapter 16 (SHARED MICROMOBILITY DEVICES FOR HIRE, PERMIT PROGRAM).

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Obituary



On Saturday, October 30, 2021

Lynn J. Nelson of Alexandria quietly entered eternal rest. Survived by siblings, William Noel Nelson Jr; Carrie A Johnson (George); Michael Anthony Nelson (Cheryl A Nelson) Cheryl Wynette Nelson; Steven Linwood Nelson (Darnella) and a host of other relatives and friends. Her services were held on November 10th at the Harvest Assembly Baptist Church, Alexandria and Interment, Bethel Cemetery. Online Guest book thorntonfuneralhomepa.com

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James J. Keightley, 79, passed away peacefully on Sunday, October 31, 2021 at Alexandria Hospital from complications of lung cancer. Born in Philadelphia, PA, Jim was as 70 year resident of Alexandria, Virginia.

Jim served as General Counsel of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation. In 2005, he left PBGC, to form Keightley & Ashner LLP.

Previously, Jim worked for the Internal Revenue Service, most recently as Special Counsel for Large Cases and Associate Chief Counsel for Litigation. Jim was on the ALI-ABA, and was a visiting lecturer at the University of Virginia Law School. Jim was also a founding member and Master of the J. Edgar Murdock Inn of Court (Tax Court) and has served as a member of the United States Court of Federal Claims Advisory Council. Jim left the IRS Office of Chief Counsel and became PBGC's General Counsel. He was a member of the Finance Committee of United Way Worldwide and served as Chairman of its Pension and Investment Subcommittee. Jim was selected by his peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America® list for 2019, 2020, and 2021. Jim holds a J.D. from Cornell Law School, an LL.M from the George Washington University Law School, a BA from Villanova University, an LLM from George Washington University, a JD from Cornell University and was a member of the bars of the District of Columbia and of Virginia.

Jim was predeceased by his parents, Gerald E. and Helen (Frawley) Keightley and his brother Gerald Keightley. He is survived by his loving wife Bonnie, daughters Tricia Keightley (Daniel Davidson) and Susan Keightley (John Daley) and grandsons James and Thomas Daley.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, November 12, 2021 at 11am at Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church, Arlington, VA. Inurnment at Ivy Hill Cemetery at a later date. Please visit everlywheatley.com for more details and to sign the virtual register book.

Legals



Public Hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, at City Hall (301 King Street) and virtually on Zoom webinar on Saturday, November 13, 2021 at 9:30 a.m., or as soon as may be heard on the hereinafter described items.

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the owner of 2401 Oakville Street to establish and maintain an encroachment for building canopies at that address, in the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

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 Station Small Area Plan chapter of such master plan as Master Plan Amendment No. 2021-00003 and no other amendments, and to repeal all provisions of the said master plan as may be inconsistent with such amendment.

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from the Sugarcoated Bakery. Visit the website: <https://mountvernonfleamarket.wordpress.com/>

SATURDAY/NOV. 20

Bach Consort Performance. 7-8:30 p.m. At St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 228 S. Pitt Street, Alexandria. Josquin des Prez (c.1450/55–1521) was among the most important composers of his era and, like Bach, a master of counterpoint. He was held in especially high esteem by his contemporaries—a reputation that continues to the present day. This program celebrates the 500th anniversary of the composer's death. Cost is \$40. Visit the website: bachconsort.org

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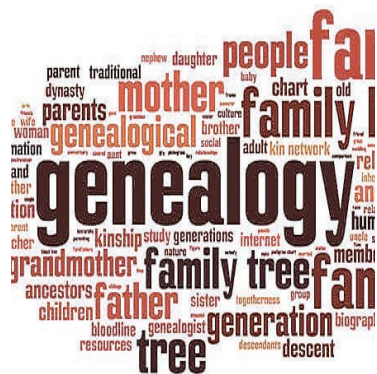
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Thursday, Nov. 18 at 10 a.m.
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Tracing Your Roots Through Genealogy

BY MARYANNE BEATTY
DIRECTOR OUTREACH
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Senior Services of Alexandria is hosting a free virtual “Senior Living in Alexandria” speaker series workshop on “Tracing Your Roots Through Genealogy” on Thursday, November 18 at 10 am via Zoom. To register go to SSA’s website at www.senior-servicesalex.org or call 703-835-4414, ext. 110. You will receive the zoom link the week of the workshop.

Genealogy is a popular topic for older adults, many of whom have retired, and have the time to learn about their family history. Recently, researching family history is a favorite hobby as people are staying closer to home and using the internet in a new variety of ways. The internet has made researching and creating a family tree more accessible than ever before.

SSA is looking forward to having genealogist Stephen Hammond, a family historian in the Northern Virginia area, lead this session. Mr. Hammond is a retired federal employee, as well as a 7th generation member of the important Syphax family of Washington, DC. He has participated in the National Park Service programs at the Arlington House – the Robert E. Lee Memorial to highlight the lives of the Syphax ancestors and other enslaved Americans on the estate. His goals are to educate and inspire others to research and document their own family history.

This promises to be an enlightening and interesting session to learn about not only the Syphax family and their roots in our area, but how you can start or enrich your family history research. The session is open to the public.

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Yvonne Hargis Fox was born on November 25, 1936, in Fort Lauderdale, FL, to Floy Hargis Fox and Edgar Fox. Her mother, brother Bruce, and she moved back to her mother’s native Tennessee, where she lived on the farm of her grandparents while her mother completed college. Her grandfather Frank Cooper Hargis was a country doctor and played a particularly important role in her young life, instilling in her a love of nature and a belief in never giving up.

Yvonne spent her youth in Nashville. She was always active and engaged with nature, loving animals and especially horses. Summer camp and her high school sorority, PLS, were of great importance for her.

After graduating from West End High School, she left for Cleveland, Ohio, where she got her start in hospitality at the Hollenden Hotel. At age 19, she became a stewardess for National Airlines based in Miami. She flew for 7 years then became a lead trainer for another 5, having an impact on the lives of many young women. During that time, she also served on the executive team of the airline and participated in their PR campaigns. This is where she met her husband, Edward Joseph “Joe” Hillings, who was a lobbyist for the airline. They married on January 4, 1969, and moved to Washington, DC.

After the birth of their daughter and only child, Valerie Lynn Hillings, she dedicated herself to raising Valerie and managing the home life of the family in Alexandria, Virginia. She pursued her love of art by taking painting classes at the Torpedo Factory and making abstract pictures inspired by the style of the Abstract Expressionists and Hard-Edge painters. The family, including her stepdaughters Ann-Marie Hillings and Teresa Clare Hillings McCloy, traveled together, with Jackson Hole, Wyoming, and Europe among her favorite destinations. She continued to travel the world through the years as she followed her daughter’s career, enjoying frequent trips to New York and travels to Australia and Spain to see exhibitions curated by Valerie. She always loved the water, and her home in Broadkill Beach, Delaware brought her years of joy.

Yvonne was full of personality, known for her quick wit and interest in people. Most of all, she was known for fiercely loving her daughter and being her cheerleader as she decided to pursue a career in the arts. In 2019, she and her husband moved to Raleigh, North Carolina, to join Valerie and her husband B.J. Scheessele, who moved there when Valerie was appointed director of the North Carolina Museum of Art in 2018.

Yvonne is survived by her husband, Edward Joseph Hillings; daughter Valerie Hillings, son-in-law B.J. Scheessele, all of Raleigh; stepdaughter Ann-Marie Hillings of Taos, New Mexico; and stepdaughter Teresa Clare Hillings McCloy of Columbia, Tennessee.

A funeral service for Yvonne will be held Friday, November 5, 2021 at 1:00 PM at Brown-Wynne Funeral Home, 300 Saint Mary’s Street, Raleigh, NC 27605.

Remembrances in her honor may be sent to the North Carolina Museum of Art, 2110 Blue Ridge Rd, Raleigh, NC 27607.



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"I Hope Nothing Bad Has Happened"

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



As heart-warming and sincere as this sentiment is, it's a bit of a window into my presumptive future. Similar in effect to the obituary I happened upon once in The Washington Post years ago. Randomly perusing the Obituary section, my eyes wandered up and to the right, and there it/he was: Samuel Tyson. You don't know him? Neither do I. But there it was beneath his photo, my exact date of birth including year: 9/30/54. It shook me up, I can tell you that. Seeing one's date of birth in the agate type of an Obituary section does give one pause: so that's what my date of birth is going to look like in the Obituary section. Yikes. It wasn't exactly a look into my future, but it was my birthdate.

This title was part of an email sent to our publisher inquiring about my whereabouts since the sender/reader hadn't seen my column for a few months. Again, so this is how some people might react when my column is no longer being printed, as in I'm no longer writing it, or anything else for that matter because I'll be "gishtorben," (Yiddish for dead). Again, a slice of death. It reminded me of a voice message my oncologist left me June of '20 - during the height of the pandemic. Because of an internal mechanism at my HMO, files on the computer are shrouded/darkened to indicate a patient's death. My oncologist came upon my computer file and it exhibited these patient-died clues. Shocked. My oncologist called my cell phone - hoping to talk to my wife, Dina, and when no one answered, proceeded to leave a nearly minute-long condolence message concerning my surprise death. Hearing that message was uncomfortable, sort of. Again, another slice of death moment. And not that we all don't occasionally have these near-misses in life, but when you're a cancer patient who originally received a "13 month to two year" prognosis, a "terminal" diagnosis if there ever was one; death/people dying/your proximity to any of it takes on an entirely new life - so to speak. You try not to get consumed by it, but when you've been told - quite unexpectedly, at age 54 and half that your life expectancy has just taken a 30-year hit, given your parent's age when they both died, the news tends to attach itself to you. As much as you try to be normal/you're pre-diagnosed self, after the medical facts are presented, jokes just aren't as funny, music isn't as uplifting and dancing - for me anyway, seemed particularly pointless. But since that's no way to live, I made a conscious effort to try to find humor in all of it and be as positive and upbeat as I could. Easier written than done.

That's because cancer/a serious medical condition is no laughing matter; "serious as a heart attack" to invoke an all-too-familiar refrain. But unless you find a way to navigate the "slings and arrows of outrageous fortune" (make that misfortune) to quote Cerphe from his old "WHFS" days, life becomes dreary and not worth living. Somehow, one must find light in the all-encompassing darkness and push back against the forces of negativity/death. There's a spiral out there and the more you're able to fight back - emotionally, and not become a victim of your own circumstances, the greater your chances of finding some kind of happiness/accommodation/assimilation in your life. Still, having a less-than-ideal medical prognosis/diagnosis is all it's cracked up to be. Nevertheless, making the best of a bad situation seemed the only logical option for me. My diagnosis was bad enough on its own, I didn't need to make it any worse by droning on about it. I had to accept it and move on, which is exactly what I did. And now I find humor in the blackest of contexts.

Unlike the popular country-music song from a few years ago that sang "Live like you were dying," I want to live like I was living. I don't want to be affected by my disease. I've found a way to live with it, not simply to die from it. Life's too short. Don't I know it.

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OPINION

Redistricting Moves to Court

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one of two Senators who voted "no" because I do not support the involvement of elected officials or partisans in redistricting and I believe the proposal was inadequately thought out. The amendment was placed on the ballot and approved by voters 65.6% to 34.31% in November 2020.

This summer, the Virginia Redistricting Commission was created and began work redrawing state Senate, House of Delegates and Virginia's Congressional districts after census data became available in late August. Four senators, four delegates and eight citizens were appointed, equally balanced between Democrats and Republicans. The Commission gridlocked on every important vote from the first day. It had two chairs, two lawyers and two map drawers. They could not agree on a committee process, on Virginia law or the requirements of the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965. They produced multiple separate maps for every district and were unable to reconcile any of them because they ostensibly disagreed on the law and would not negotiate.

Once the commission process fails, the Constitution requires the Supreme Court of Virginia to draw districts. Democrats and Republicans are required to submit three or more proposed special masters, legal representatives of the court who have no "conflicts of interest." The Supreme Court is required to pick one person to serve as a special master from each list, people who will be charged with putting together the maps within 30 days of their appointment. No one knows how that will work given that courts typically only pick one special master in court-administered proceedings.

Last week, the House and Senate Democratic Caucuses submitted three names. Each were experienced academics who had been previously selected by judges to redraw districts that suffered from legal or constitutional violations. The Republican Caucuses

took a different tack. They proposed three partisans who have never been appointed by any court in America to serve: (1) the Executive Director of the National Republican Redistricting Trust; (2) a Republican consultant who drew the hotly litigated 2010 Wisconsin Senate map for the Wisconsin Republicans and is now drawing maps for Texas Republicans; and (3) a data researcher who was paid \$20,000 by the Virginia Senate Republican Caucus two months ago for "consulting services."

The Senate and House Democratic Caucuses asked the Court to set deadlines for all caucuses to submit maps and for public hearings before and after the maps are proposed to give the public an opportunity to comment on the proposals. We also asked the Court to set up an online commenting system so that all comments can be filed and accessed electronically instead of submitted on paper and only reviewable in the Supreme Court Clerk's office in Richmond. The Republican Caucuses refused to join our request.

No one is really sure what the process will be at this point. However, the Supreme Court is accepting comments in writing at its clerk's office. Please stay tuned to my Facebook, Twitter and Blog for information about how to participate. Redistricting now will happen very fast and these districts will be in place until after the 2030 census.

Many predict that there will be major changes to state Senate and U.S. Congressional districts in Northern Virginia given their current boundaries and population changes since the last census.

Major changes are possible for some House of Delegates districts. The proposals and comment process, as allowed by the Supreme Court, will take place between Thanksgiving and Christmas or maybe beyond.

Please stay tuned and contact me if you have any questions at scott@scottsuovell.org. It is an honor to serve in the Virginia Senate.

Support Refugee Ministry, Save Lives

FROM PAGE 6

ing stories, the broader efforts to reach people in Afghanistan are the largest humanitarian effort I have been a part of, and seeing the tremendous commitment of all sorts of NGOs globally gives me hope.

Our efforts at Christ Church continue to be focused on supporting the families here in Alexandria with whom we have developed deep relationships. We know that their

difficulties are not close to being over, but your generosity has demonstrated that they are not alone. The remaining funds will be distributed in the coming weeks.

On behalf of all the families whose lives you have touched, thank you.

Melanie Gray, MSW

Direct
 or of Outreach & Mission
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THURSDAY/NOV. 18

Public Hearing on the Eugene Simpson Stadium Park Citywide Park Plan Amendment. The Park & Recreation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, Nov. 18, 2021 to discuss the option to convert the two Eugene Simpson Stadium Park baseball fields to synthetic turf, in place of natural turf as proposed in the 2014 Plan. The public hearing will be held virtually. To attend the public hearing, visit the Park & Recreation Commission website. If you are unable to attend the public hearing, comments will be accepted by mail or email until 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 17, 2021. Please mail written comments to

1108 Jefferson Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. The Park & Recreation Commission will provide a recommendation to staff regarding the proposed to amend the Eugene Simpson Stadium Park Plan amendment to permit include the conversion of one or both diamond fields to synthetic turf. The plan will maintain athletic uses, address stormwater and site drainage issues, and improve site circulation, ADA access and storage. To review the 2014 Citywide Park Plan design concept, visit the Eugene Simpson Park Renovation Projects' website.

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