



## ‘The Time of My Life’ Lawhorne honored for 43-year career.



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Former Sheriff Dana Lawhorne, right, and Sheriff Sean Casey, second from left, are joined by Councilwomen Alyia Gaskins and Amy Jackson at Lawhorne's April 5 retirement luncheon.



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Former Sheriff Dana Lawhorne addresses the crowd at a retirement luncheon in his honor April 5 at First Baptist Church of Alexandria.



PHOTO AMY BERTSCH/ASO

Falls Church Chief of Police Mary Gavin highlights the career of former Sheriff Dana Lawhorne at the April 5 retirement luncheon in Lawhorne's honor.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
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In the 1970s, the corner of Commonwealth and Luray avenues in Del Ray was the hang-out of a young boy trying to escape a troubled home in a neighborhood that was decades away from revitalization. On the surface it seemed there was no hope for him, but fate had other plans for Dana Lawhorne.

Lawhorne recently retired as Sheriff following 43 years in law enforcement and was honored at a luncheon attended by more than 200 people April 5 at First Baptist Church of Alexandria.

“When you look back at every tragic event in Del Ray and Alexandria, ones that were so difficult and involved such unbearable loss, every single one of them, Dana was there for us,” said Del Ray community leader Gayle Reuter. “Dana was the steady hand, the shoulder to cry on, the one who always knew what to do next.”

Reuter was one of many speakers who paid tribute to Lawhorne, including Falls Church Chief of Police Mary Gavin, Federal Circuit Court Judge Michael Nachmanoff, Sheriff Sean Casey, and Lawhorne's daughter Mallory Lawhorne. Undersheriff Tim Gleeson, a friend of Lawhorne's for 41 years, added hu-

mor to the presentation with “Five important things to know about Dana.”

“Now that he is retired, Dana will be spending even more time out in the public so we felt it necessary to provide everyone with some advice,” said Gleeson to humorous applause. “We are not necessarily saying he is cheap, but be prepared if you get a call to join him for lunch or coffee.”

A native Alexandrian and graduate of what is now Alexandria City High School, Lawhorne credits John Porter, his seventh-grade teacher, and Police Officers Bill Pickle and Frank Goodwin for tak-

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PHOTO AMY BERTSCH/ASO

Sergeant Tonya Moss and Master Deputy Nora Jones check in attendees for the April 5 retirement luncheon of former Sheriff Dana Lawhorne.



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Dave Nye with Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority Chief of Police Dave Huchel.



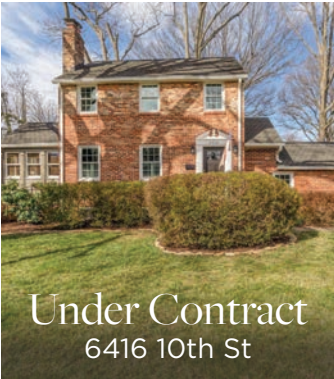
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Sheriff Sean Casey with his mother Dianne Casey.





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# Election Mirage Evaporates

**Governor signs bill to improve election returns at the precinct level.**

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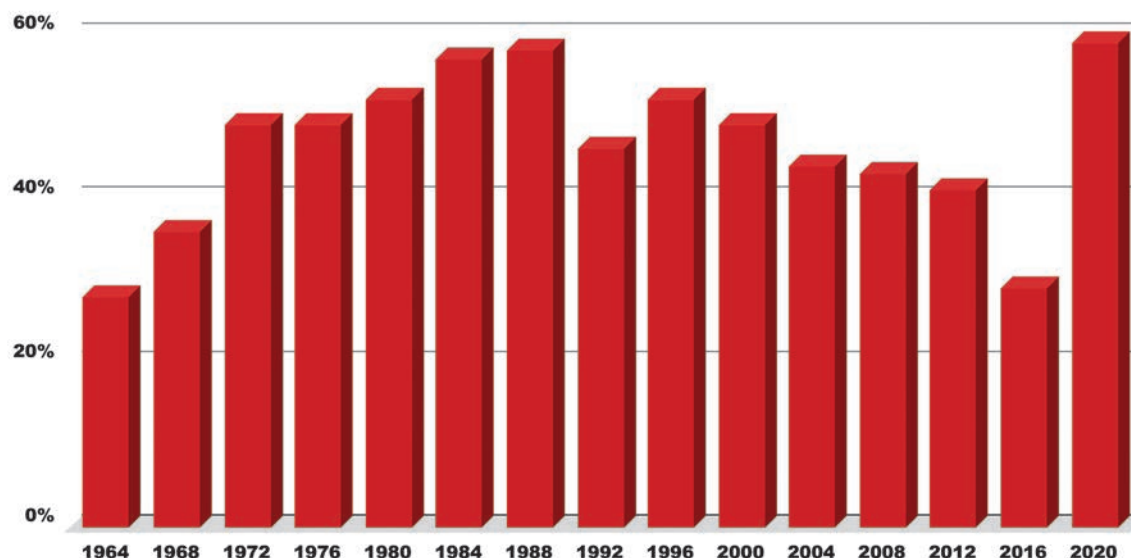
**F**ormer President Donald Trump isn't as popular in Old Town Alexandria as the official election returns might lead you to believe.

According to data from the Virginia Department of Elections of the 2020 election, Trump won the City Hall precinct with 59 percent of the vote. It was a huge victory for the Republican candidate for president, eclipsing the performance of Ronald Reagan in 1984 and George H.W. Bush in 1988. The blowout victory was especially shocking because Trump's 2016 performance at the City Hall precinct was the worst showing since Barry Goldwater in 1968.

But there's a problem with the data. It's a mirage, one that will soon evaporate now that Gov. Glenn Youngkin (R) has signed a bill forcing election officials to count absentee voters in the precinct where they live instead of a citywide at-large precinct.

"Central absentee pools are large and murky and very hard for folks to follow," said Sen. David Suetterlein (R-19). "And so on election night it often looked like counties and where they were going on the presidential level, it

## Republican Vote Share at City Hall Precinct



source: Alexandria Office of Voter Registrations and Elections

looked like they were going one way when in fact there was still more than half the vote left to be counted."

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— Alexandria Mayor Justin Wilson

Absentee ballots have always been counted in a citywide at-large precinct, which created a data problem even before the pandem-

ic. For many years, Democrats have been more likely to vote absentee. That means an examination of precinct level data didn't reflect a fully accurate view of neighborhood political dynamics. Then the pandemic caused an explosion of absentee voting, and the precinct level data became almost useless. Efforts to require absentee ballots be counted at the precinct level were met with opposition from registrars who said it would be too complicated or too expensive.

But it's not just a problem for historians digging through election returns or candidates trying to figure out which neighborhood to target. For people eager to cast doubt on the integrity of elections, it's a way to deny the outcome of an election and undermine democracy. That phenomenon was on full display in 2020, when Trump falsely declared

victory in the early morning hours after the election and then engaged in a campaign of lies to overturn the results of the election.

The former president was able to exploit this flaw in the system because of a phenomenon known as "election mirages," early precincts giving an indication that momentum is heading in one direction when the massive at-large precinct has yet to report. That's exactly what happened on election night in 2020, when many Democrats were freaking out over early returns showing Trump performing well in Alexandria.

"As the precinct totals started coming in, I was just getting these panicked texts from people. And I said, 'People, chill out. Calm down,'" said Alexandria Mayor Justin Wilson. "People are freaking out and there's still two thirds of the vote that we don't know yet."

As the popularity of absentee

voting increased over recent years, the value of precinct-level data suffered. After the pandemic caused voters to consider safety protocols, 80 percent of Alexandria voters cast an absentee vote instead of going to the polls on election day. That means the vast majority of votes were not recorded in the precincts where voters actually live, giving a funhouse mirror view of precinct returns that was distorted by the political persuasion of people who chose to show up at their local precincts on Election Day rather than vote absentee. Now that bad data will be corrected for the November general election.

"Data breeds confidence," said Wilson. "And so as voters see and understand how trends happen, it helps build confidence in the system."

For Democrats, the new law is a way to prevent Republicans from using early returns to foster doubt in election returns. For some Republicans, it's a way to combat the growing mistrust in the system by showing the integrity of election results in real time. Suetterlein, who introduced the bill that's now a law, was one of six Republican senators brave enough to vote against a budget amendment that would have spent \$70 million to audit the 2020 election. Most Republican senators either voted for it or took a walk and failed to be recorded as supporting or opposing a \$70 million audit.

"There's a lot of things we can do to restore confidence in elections," said Suetterlein. "But this, more than anything else, we can do so folks can clearly see the election results reflect the reality of the votes being cast in their community and in other communities across the commonwealth."

## Lawhorne Honored for 43-year Career

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ing him under their wings and providing much-needed guidance and mentorship.

"My mom struggled with her mental and emotional wellbeing which resulted in alcoholism," Lawhorne told the attendees. "We never knew when or how long the drinking binges would last."

Lawhorne admits that by eighth grade, he hated school and "just about everything else."

But that changed in 1972 when his eighth-grade teacher, Jack Esformes, invited the police into the classroom on a weekly basis. When a new ride-along program was announced, Esformes insisted Lawhorne go.

"So one snowy Friday night in March of 1972, I spent eight hours in a police car, and I fell in love with it," Lawhorne said. "I thought to myself, 'I can do that, there's my chance.'"

The trajectory of Lawhorne's career included 27 years with the Alexandria Police Department before being sworn in as Sheriff in 2006. He retired as Sheriff in December of 2021.

"The decision to retire was an emotional one for me and my family because public service was a part of who we are," Lawhorne said. "I squeaked out of high school and had to wait three years to become a cop. It was during this time I met Linda and now you

know the rest of the story. Standing on the corner at the age of 14 led me to meeting the love of my life, a wonderful family, and all of you. There is hope even when you don't know it."

Lawhorne said that being the Sheriff of the city where he grew up was a dream he had since he was a kid. His final remarks were saved for his wife and daughters.

"Family has always been my number one priority," Lawhorne said. "Every day, in big ways and small, I had the benefit of being loved by a wonderful wife and wonderful children. I am lucky and blessed with Linda, Megan, Christine, and Mallory, two son-in-laws, Aiden and Adam, and our grand-

children Ryan and Harper."

A park bench will be dedicated to Lawhorne at the intersection of Commonwealth and Braddock, just a few blocks from where he hung out as a kid. It will include the name of his childhood friend and Del Ray community member Tommy K., who died in 2018. A scholarship is also being established in Lawhorne's name through the Alexandria Scholarship Fund.

Lawhorne closed his remarks with a reference to an episode from his favorite TV program, the Andy Griffith Show.

"I never took my oath lightly," Lawhorne said. "With the oath came a badge and a promise to protect and serve the people and

I often find myself thinking about an episode of Andy Griffith.

"Barney Fife approached two men who were breaking the law and they dared him to do something about it. He would not back down, saying, 'you are both bigger than me and can easily overpower me. But do you see this badge? This badge represents the people, who are a lot bigger than you.'"

To a standing ovation Lawhorne said, "It has been my honor to wear the badge that represents the people. It is your authority, your power, your badge, not mine. You are bigger than me and I never lost sight of that. I have had the time of my life."



## OBITUARY

# Rob Kaufman

Business leader, developer dies at 71.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
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**R**ob Kaufman, a developer known for his detailed restoration of historic properties across the city, died April 8 after a year-long battle with pancreatic cancer. He was 71.

“Dad fought a long and hard battle but unfortunately didn’t end up winning,” said Kaufman’s daughter Jennifer Kaufman Walker. “Pancreatic cancer is a silent killer. The signs are very minimal and if we had known, perhaps he could have survived.”

Kaufman was the founder and president of PMA Properties, which for more than 40 years specialized in the rehabilitation of unique historical buildings, converting them for commercial, residential and corporate use.

“Anyone who knew Rob would have a hard time describing what an impact he had on Alexandria,” said longtime friend Cal Simmons. “He was such an unassuming guy. We have a lot of public people in our community doing great things but Rob was very much under the radar yet had a huge impact.”

Robert John Kaufman was born May 11, 1950, in Kitchener, Ontario, one of four children born to the late Robert Walter and Elizabeth Churchill Kaufman. While still in his teens, Kaufman left school to begin his career in Canada. He built and developed several hundred homes across three Canadian cities before moving his family to Alexandria in the 1980s.

“Dad left school in 10th or 11th grade,” Walker said. “His family



Rob Kaufman, developer and business leader, died April 8 at the age of 71.

owned a lumber company and rubber company so he was born into a family of entrepreneurs. He had this tremendous drive and passion for history and building and educated himself throughout his life. He always told me, ‘You can achieve what your mind can perceive.’”

Kaufman was known for the meticulous detail in his restoration projects, including the restoration of the Old Town Theater on King Street. Now home to outdoor clothing company Patagonia, PMA Properties purchased the 1914 building in 2011 for \$2 million. Under pressure from the community to save the historic theater, Kaufman restored the property with the intent to maintain it as an entertainment venue. The late Jeffrey Yates bought it from Kaufman in 2015 to run as a theater with Asana Partners acquiring the space in 2018 after Yates died.

While the project did not survive as an entertainment space, Kaufman was honored by the Historic Alexandria Foundation in



Rob Kaufman, shown with his wife Karen, was recognized at the 2013 Historic Alexandria Foundation Garden Party for the restoration of the Old Town Theatre.

2013 for his preservation of the building.

“Rob had a portfolio of 26 to 28 commercial properties, and he refurbished all of them,” said friend and business leader Charlotte Hall. “He transformed not only lower King Street but also upper King Street. Talk about a commitment to your community. His commitment to his family was number one but his commitment to Alexandria was second to none.”

Known for his optimistic outlook in life – PMA Properties stands for Positive Mental Attitude – Kaufman obtained his pilot’s license, became a champion tennis player, did radio voiceovers and completed sailing training through the Naval Academy before journeying over 10,000 miles from the Caribbean to northeastern Canada. In addition to his many awards and recognitions, Kaufman was named one of Washington’s Millennium Leaders and

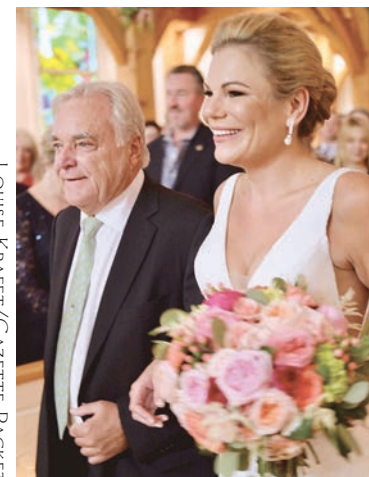
his portrait hangs in the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library.

“Dad always kept his story close to his heart,” Walker said. “He turned down a nomination for Living Legends – he was very modest in that sense. As a father he set a very high bar, allowing me to stumble and make mistakes then support me as I worked through them. As a grandfather he was incredible to watch, saying that he never knew how much joy being a grandparent could bring.”

Simmons echoed Kaufman’s optimism.

“Even when Rob was first diagnosed with cancer, he had one of the most positive outlooks I could imagine,” Simmons said. “That was stunning to me. He was going to fight it in every way he could but he also went about living his life as best he could.”

In addition to his daughter, Kaufman is survived by his wife of



Rob Kaufman walks daughter Jennifer down the aisle at her wedding in 2018.

45 years, Karen, son-in-law, Ryan Walker, and two grandchildren, Josephine Emma (Joie) and Gunnar Robert. He is also survived by his brother-in-law, Robert J. Chapeskie, brothers Peter and David Kaufman and their families, and extended family members and friends. He was preceded in death by his sister, Maryjane Kaufman Riddell, and brother-in-law, Doug Riddell of Canada.

Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network. [www.pancan.org](http://www.pancan.org)

“Rob was an unbelievable asset to Alexandria,” Simmons said. “I wish we had more citizens in our neighborhood like Rob.”

Added Walker, “While there is a deep hearted sadness, knowing that other people are grieving with me helps me not feel so alone. There is such a warmth knowing that he touched as many lives as he did.”



Rob Kaufman and his wife Karen with daughter Jennifer Walker and grandchildren Josephine and Gunnar.



Rob Kaufman, second from left, with wife Karen, daughter Jennifer, son-in-law Ryan Walker, brother-in-law Robert Chapeskie and grandchildren Josephine and Gunnar Walker at the beach in late summer 2021.





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## How About Mike Heisley?

**T**he state historical marker of Alexandria Basketball legend Earl Lloyd is a magnificent addition to our heritage. As a youngster in the 1950's, I fondly recall marveling at Lloyd on our 12" television set guarding the opponents best "big man", gathering rebounds, and setting picks for scorers Dolph Schayes and Paul Seymour.

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Surprisingly with its extraordinarily rich basketball tradition, Alexandria has only produced 2 public high school athletes who succeeded in the National Basketball Association: Earl Lloyd and the late 5'9" Mike Heisley. (Alexandria Boys & Girls Club and DeMatha alumnus Keith Bogans would be a likely 3rd, but his family moved from the City.)

Heisley, whose basketball career peaked as a member of St. Rita's CYO State Championship team of 1951, wasn't much as a player, but he was memorable as still the only Alexandria owner of a rare and costly NBA franchise.

Heisley who grew up in the gritty section of Del Ray near the railroad tracks is unknown to many, but was a 1955 GW High School athlete who attended Georgetown University on scholarship as a bright student from a low income family and worked various part-time jobs continuously to make ends meet. His family of 7 lived in a 2 bedroom row house without an automobile and the closest he came to the Belle Haven Country Club was as a caddy.

Subsequently, he made his teachers at GW and his professors at Georgetown proud, as he applied his educational experiences

to achieve extraordinary success in business and ultimately purchase the Vancouver Grizzlies for \$110 million. This made Heisley the only Alexandrian to ever join this elite owners group. He later moved the team to Memphis, invested \$25 million in the ability of NBA legend Jerry West to turnaround the franchise, and celebrated along with the citizens of Memphis, as his previously dysfunctional team quickly became a consistent play-off contender.

While Mike did not play in the NBA, perhaps his GWHS education and his business acumen manifested by his later selling the team for \$350 million warrants a state historic marker as well.

Heisley's extraordinary accomplishments in business and charitable endeavors are noteworthy and

testimony to the results possible with an Alexandria public school education; for example, he donated his leadership and \$175,000 to spearhead the development of Alexandria's Vietnam War Memorial.

If not a state historical marker, at least being selected to join Earl Lloyd in Alexandria's Public High School Athletic Hall of Fame which has failed to select him during the past 5 years. Perhaps making one's foul shots is deemed to be more significant by the Selection Committee than turning an NBA franchise into a consistent play-off contender which gained \$240 million in market value during his stewardship.

Let's recognize career accomplishments outside of playing ability in athletics.

**Jerry File**  
Alexandria, Va.

## River Farm Hosts Alexandria's Spring Garden Market

### American Horticultural Society event heralds growing season

BY EDEN BROWN  
THE GAZETTE

**D**espite the long lines to get in and the muddy parking lot and fields, the River Farm Spring Garden Fair was as popular as always, drawing visitors from Rockville as well as those who live right across the parkway. Most of those who came said, "I wouldn't miss it. Been coming for many years." And all of them said they were relieved that River Farm would remain the refuge it has been for residents.



Several farms came to the event, like this one near Warrenton.

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THE GAZETTE



Marie Carlson, age 4, who lives near the farm, helped her mother pick out plants for the garden and enjoyed meeting a poodle named Strawberry while she was enjoying the sunshine and festive atmosphere.

River Farm and its wide open spaces were almost lost to residents when developers threatened to turn the historic property into luxury houses. Many came to the event just to support the River Farm as a piece of history worth preserving.



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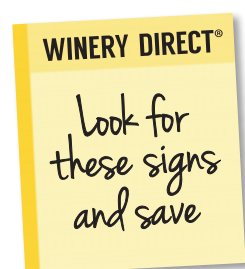
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# MetroStage at the Lyceum

## Roz White, Yvette Spears return in cabaret series.

**M**etroStage artists will return to the stage in a Spring Cabaret series to be held at the Lyceum on South Washington Street.

"While the new theatre is under construction, this cabaret series allows us to showcase great artists who appear on our stage in this cabaret setting" said MetroStage Producing Artistic Director Carolyn Griffin.

### April 19 at 7:30 pm

Roz White will perform with Steve Washington in *Songbirds & Troubadours: A Toast to the Legends*, featuring the music of Billy Eckstine, Shirley Horn, Nat King Cole, Nancy Wilson and many more. All tickets \$25. [www.eventbrite.com/e/a-cabaret-with-roz-white-and-steve-washington-tickets-310800963047](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-cabaret-with-roz-white-and-steve-washington-tickets-310800963047)

### May 17 at 7:30 pm

Yvette Spears will bring New Orleans to Alexandria with her cabaret entitled *My Creole Love Call*, a spirited musical featuring the music of Louis Armstrong, Mahalia Jackson, Billie Holiday and Duke Ellington. All tickets \$25. [www.eventbrite.com/e/a-metrostage-cabaret-with-yvette-spears-tickets-312069086037](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-metrostage-cabaret-with-yvette-spears-tickets-312069086037)

William Knowles is the music director/pianist for both cabarets and will be accompanied by Mark Saltman, bass; Greg Holloway, drum; and David Cole, guitar.

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MetroStage favorites Roz White and Yvette Spears will headline a cabaret series at the Lyceum April 19 and May 17.

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## CALENDAR

### NOW THRU MAY 5

Solo Art Exhibition. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. At Art & Framing, 694 N. St. Asaph St., Alexandria. Art & Framing will be home to the exhibition "Works from Nature's Jewel Tones: Paintings by Kathleen Callery. The show features 20 of Callery's works. The jewel tones found in nature have been the main inspiration for these paintings--Kathleen Callery.

### NOW THRU APRIL 17

Forces Fleeting. At The Athenaeum Gallery, Alexandria. Opening Reception, Sunday, March 13, 4 — 6 p.m. Artist Talk, Saturday, April 9 at 2 p.m. Forces Fleeting is a mixed-media exhibition of new works by artists Nikki Brugnoli and Anne C. Smith, in the first joint installation by the two longtime friends and collaborators. In very different ways, both women explore the transformative power of landscape, with Brugnoli's gestural screenprint drawings on mylar and wood panels and Smith's dark pencil drawings on stained linen.



Old Town Alexandria's annual Historic Garden Week tour takes place Saturday, April 23 in Alexandria.

### NOW THRU APRIL 30

Second Life Exhibit. 6 p.m. Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday; 9 p.m. Friday. At Del Ray Artisans gallery in the Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria. The "Second Life" exhibit features art made with recycled materials. Workshops and events are also scheduled throughout the month. Details: [delrayartisans.org/calendar/#event=second-life](http://delrayartisans.org/calendar/#event=second-life)

### NOW THRU JUNE 5

"SeeWorthy" Exhibit. At Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union Street, Studio #9, Alexandria. View ship construction through the eyes of maritime archaeologists in SeeWorthy, a new exhibit from Alexandria Archaeology highlighting the technology used to digitally reconstruct historic vessels. Recent development along the waterfront has led to significant discoveries by archaeologists, including the remains of four historic ships. These remnants have been laser scanned to create models showing what they would have looked like in the late 18th and early 19th centuries.

### NOW THRU MAY 1

Cherry Blossom Exhibition. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union Street, Alexandria. Art lovers are encouraged to stop by the Torpedo Factory Art Center throughout April to view floral art displayed on all three floors. Participating artists will display their most colorful spring and cherry-blossom-inspired works in their studios from Saturday, April 2 until Sunday, May 1. Torpedo Factory Art Center is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Masks are required for all visitors regardless of vaccination status. Visit [torpedofactory.org](http://torpedofactory.org).

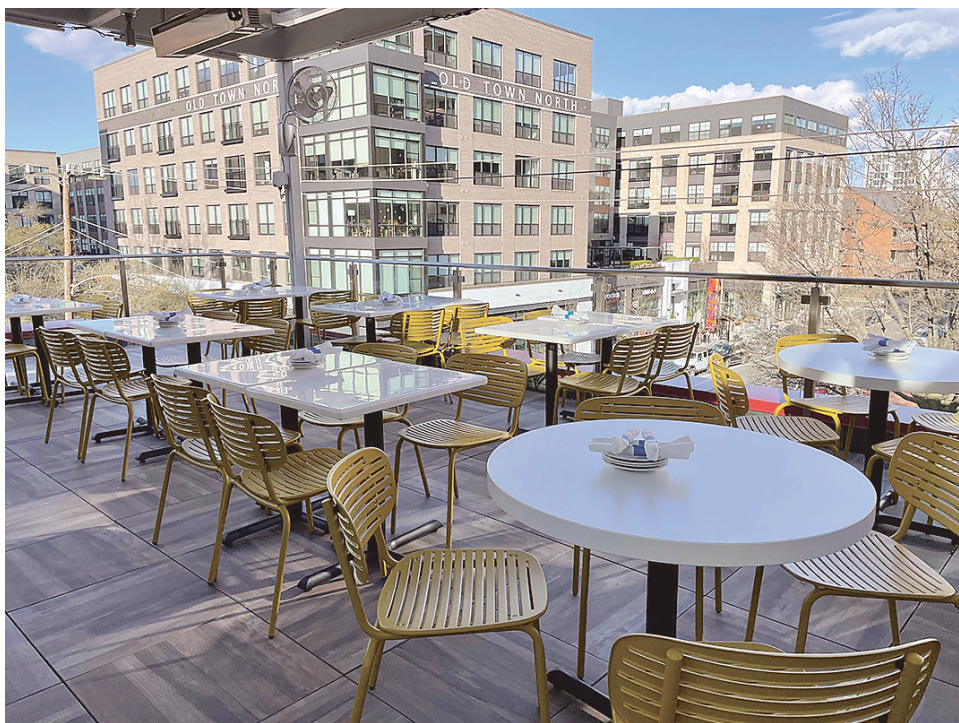
### NOW THRU JUNE 12

MVUC Greenhouse Plant Sale. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Weekends only. At Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane, Alexandria. The Annual Spring Plant Sale at the MVUC Greenhouse opens April 2 and 3, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., weekends only. They have a variety of ve-

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## ENTERTAINMENT



Rooftop dining area for Hank's Oyster Bar.

# Off the Menu: Restaurant News and Notes

BY HOPE NELSON  
GAZETTE PACKET

**N**ew locations, soft launches of old favorites, and an event to find your new best friend? It's a busy month in Alexandria's food and drink scene. Here's the rundown.

### Hank's Oyster Bar Opens in New Location

The beloved Hank's Oyster Bar has opened at 818 N. St. Asaph St., the digs most recently occupied by its sister restaurant, Hank & Mitzi's. The décor is quintessentially Hank's, taking cues from its former location on King Street and melding with new styles. And don't miss the rooftop patio – a perfect place for a nosh and a drink as spring (finally) warms up.

### Lavender Moon Cupcakery Launches Soft Opening

Sweet days are here again: After a lengthy

closure, Lavender Moon Cupcakery has quietly opened its doors again at 116 S. Royal St. The cupcake shop will operate in a soft-opening phase throughout April (and is also currently hiring staff). Looking to get your carb fix? Be sure to call the shop (703-683-0588) or check social media before heading over to ensure they haven't sold out.

### Pet Adoption Event at Port City Brewing, April 23

Port City is joining forces with The Little Black Dog animal rescue organization to host an adoption event on site beginning at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 23. Come have a pint, pet a dog and maybe even find your new best friend. Look for the adoption event at the brewery's outdoor space (the inside will be open per usual). 3950 Wheeler Ave.

*Hope Nelson is the author of "Classic Restaurants of Alexandria" and owns the Kitchen Recessionista blog, located at [www.kitchenrecessionista.com](http://www.kitchenrecessionista.com). Email her any time at [hope@kitchenrecessionista.com](mailto:hope@kitchenrecessionista.com).*

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tables and flowers for sale again this year. Lots of regular and heirloom tomatoes and not-too-hot peppers (more than 20 different varieties) as well as some of your favorite perennials, annuals, and herbs. Visit the lovely, old greenhouse and buy some new plants for your spring garden.

### THURSDAY/APRIL 14

From A to Z: Arias to Zarzuela. 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. At The Rectory on Princess Street, 711 Princess Street, Alexandria. Judy Yannini, soprano, Emily Baltzer, piano co-presented with IN Series an artist fast on the rise, Mexican soprano Judy Yannini makes her Secret Garden debut in an incandescent program of selections from vibrant zarzuelas and beloved operas, presented in partnership with IN Series. Visit [www.classicalmovements.com](http://www.classicalmovements.com).

### SATURDAY/APRIL 16

MVT50 Anniversary Celebration. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. At Daingerfield Island, 1 Marina Drive, Alexandria. Mount Vernon Trail 50th Anniversary Celebration. Please join the Friends of the Mount Vernon Trail in celebrating five decades of natural beauty, community partnership, and stewardship of one of the Washington area's great public resources. Visit the website: <https://mountvernontrail.org/mvt50/>

### SATURDAY/APRIL 16

Friendship Firehouse Open. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. At the Friendship Firehouse Museum, Alexandria. Admission is \$2, free for Alexandria residents. While supplies last, younger visitors will receive a free fire hat and a take-away bag of fun activities.

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### SAFELY DISPOSE OF MEDICATIONS

The U.S. is experiencing an opioid epidemic and Alexandria is far from immune. The best way to fight this epidemic is to dispose of unused or expired prescription and over-the-counter medication. Individuals can drop off medication at these designated locations on April 30 or year-round at a permanent drop box location. Never flush medication down the toilet or place down the sink! Unsafe disposal of drugs can harm the environment.

Everyone should stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines and get tested if they have symptoms. Individuals may choose to wear a mask at any time. Specific settings, such as health care and congregate facilities, may require masks.

To learn more about the importance of safe medication disposal, visit [alexandriava.gov/opioids](http://alexandriava.gov/opioids).

### Alexandria Take Back Day Drop-Off Locations\*

**Alexandria Police Headquarters**  
3600 Wheeler Ave.  
**First Baptist Church**  
2932 King St.

**Alexandria Fire Station 210**  
5255 Eisenhower Ave.  
**The Neighborhood Pharmacy of Del Ray**  
2204 Mount Vernon Ave.

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**I-495 Southside Express Lanes Study  
City of Alexandria, Fairfax County and  
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**Virtual Public Information Meeting**  
**Wednesday, May 18, 2022, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. (presentation at 7 p.m.)**  
<https://www.virginiadot.org/495Southside>

**In-person Public Information Meetings**  
All meeting times are 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.  
Presentation starts at 7 p.m.

**Thursday, May 19, 2022**  
Oxon Hill High School  
6701 Leyte Drive, Oxon Hill, MD 20745

**Monday, May 23, 2022**  
John R. Lewis High School  
6540 Franconia Road, Springfield, VA 22150

**Wednesday, May 25, 2022**  
Nannie J. Lee Memorial Recreation Center  
1108 Jefferson Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

Learn about and provide input on the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) proposed 11-mile extension of the I-495 Express Lanes from the Springfield interchange (I-95/I-395/I-495) in Fairfax County, Virginia, across the Woodrow Wilson Bridge, to the MD 210 interchange in Prince George's County, Maryland. The goals and objectives of this I-495 Southside Express Lanes Study (495 Southside Study) are to evaluate transportation improvements that extend and provide continuity of the Express Lanes system on I-495 (Capital Beltway), provide additional travel choices, reduce congestion, improve travel reliability, improve safety, and provide consistency with local and regional plans.

VDOT will hold a virtual meeting option, as well as three in-person meeting options. All meetings will include the same information.

The virtual public meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 18, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., with a presentation at 7 p.m., followed by a question-and-answer session. Visit <https://www.virginiadot.org/495Southside> or call 703-259-3752 for information about how to access and participate in the virtual public information meeting.

The in-person public information meetings will be held on Thursday, May 19, at Oxon Hill High School, Monday, May 23 at John R. Lewis High School, and Wednesday, May 25, at Nannie J. Lee Memorial Recreation Center. Each in-person meeting will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m., with a formal presentation beginning at 7 p.m., followed by a question-and-answer session. Meeting display boards will be available to review, and project staff will be present to answer questions. In-person meetings will follow current CDC-recommended health measures and guidelines.

VDOT, in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and other federal, state and local agencies in Virginia and Maryland, has initiated an Environmental Assessment in compliance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and 23 CFR Part 771.

Review study information on the project webpage (<https://www.virginiadot.org/495Southside>), during the virtual and in-person public information meetings, or during business hours at VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office, 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030. Please call ahead at 703-259-3752 or TTY/TDD 711 to ensure appropriate personnel are available to answer your questions.

Provide your input by completing a public opinion survey at <https://www.virginiadot.org/495Southside>, and by providing your written comments at one of the meetings or submitting them by June 6, 2022 to Nick Nies, AICP, VDOT 495 Southside Express Lanes Study Project Manager, 9030 Stony Point Parkway, Suite 220, Richmond, VA 23235, or email [495southsideexpresslanes@vdot.virginia.gov](mailto:495southsideexpresslanes@vdot.virginia.gov).

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## ENTERTAINMENT

# Hooray for Books! Mystery Book Weekend

**H**ooray for Books! in Old Town will sponsor Mystery Book Weekend on Saturday and Sunday, April 23 and 24, with local authors discussing their mystery, thrillers, and suspense novels on both days at the beloved bookstore located at 1555 King Street.

"It's time to visit a bookstore and stock up on summer reading," said Ellen Klein, owner and operator of Hooray for Books! since its opening in 2008.

"Mysteries are one of the most popular genres for readers of all ages and I'm thrilled to have these wonderful authors at the store," said Klein.

On Saturday, from 1 to 3 p.m., Mount Vernon author John Adam Wasowicz will sign copies of his popular four-book Old Town mystery series featuring 'Daingerfield Island' and 'Slaters Lane.' He will also discuss the forthcoming 'Gadsby's Corner,' due out this summer.



John A. Wasowicz is one of five local authors who will participate in Mystery Weekend! at Hooray for Books! in Old Town on the weekend of April 23-24.



Alexandria's beloved bookstore Hooray for Books! with its classic logo at 1555 King Street in the heart of Old Town.

On Sunday, from 3 to 4 p.m., authors Lane Stone, M.A. Monnin, Connie Berry, and Tina deBellegarde will discuss their mysteries.

The theme of their panel is 'Amateur Sleuths and the World of Art and Artifacts.'

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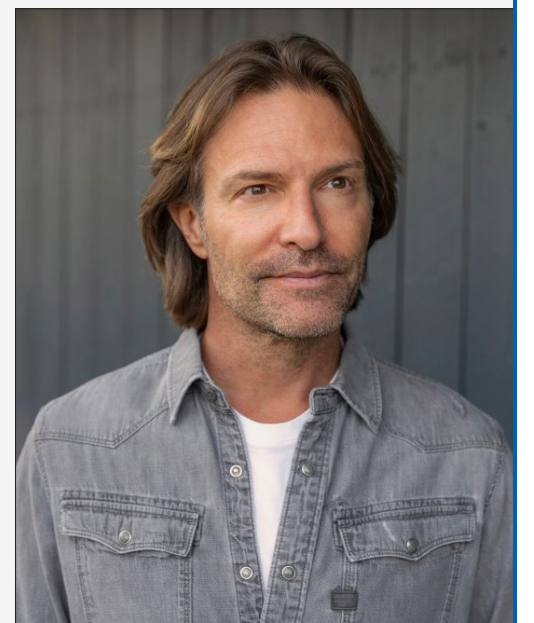
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## News

# Specialized Care All in Day's Work at Animal Shelter

## Some animals share offices with staff, undergo needed surgeries on site.

BY BARBARA S. MOFFET  
ANIMAL WELFARE LEAGUE  
OF ALEXANDRIA

A 10-month-old cream-colored Himalayan cat transferred to the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria (AWLA) was friendly and beautiful – but not quite ready for adoption. The AWLA's veterinary team discovered that, besides needing to be spayed, Lyla was experiencing an umbilical hernia that would require surgery.

Lyla didn't have to go far to get the help she needed. She was moved to a specially outfitted van known as Waggin' Wheels now located on the AWLA grounds, where both surgeries were carried out by the AWLA's staff veterinarian with the assistance of staff technicians. The surgeries took place in early March, just a month shy of the van's first anniversary.

"We're now doing a large percentage of our surgeries in house

– routine procedures such as spay/neuter and dental cleanings whenever they're needed – and also some of the more complex procedures such as mass removals and hernia repairs," said AWLA Director of Veterinary and Foster Care Arianne Killen, who oversees the surgery schedule. Other surgery cases continue to be sent to the AWLA's outside veterinary partners.

Besides serving as an operating theater, Waggin' Wheels travels — to events such as the AWLA's Pets & People Community Wellness Events, providing a safe and well-equipped space for animals to receive vaccinations and other care. And when the van really gets rolling, it will also serve as a portable adoption center, ferrying animals around town to meet potential adopters.

It's just one way the AWLA goes the extra mile to provide outstanding specialized care. PAGE 14



## 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 Struc Id	Route #	Route Name	Crossing	Posted Date
SCOTT	16685	619	BIG STONY CREEK ROAD	BRANCH	3/30/2022
BLAND	3048	604	WALKERS CREEK ROAD	BIG WALKER CREEK #3	3/28/2022
WASHINGTON	19036	616	WALNUT GROVE ROAD	NORDYKE CREEK	3/28/2022
SMYTH	17394	16	B.F. BUCHANAN HIGHWAY	WHITE OAK BRANCH	3/23/2022
WASHINGTON	18891	58	GATE CITY HIGHWAY	BRANCH	3/23/2022
CRAIG	5503	615	CRAIGS CREEK ROAD	MILL CREEK	3/11/2022

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 <https://www.virginiadot.org> 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](mailto:haulingpermits@vdot.virginia.gov).

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Obituary	Obituary
<p><b>Robert Kaufman, 71</b>, of Alexandria, Virginia, passed away on April 8th, 2022.</p> <p>Many people appreciated Rob for his entrepreneurial acumen and many talents, as he was well known and respected throughout the city. However, business was only a tiny part of who he was.</p> <p>Rob was a man with various talents and a personality that would always leave a lasting impression. Many would remember him for his love of cigars, man bags, fountain pens, boating, photography, travel, conversation, fine scotch, and of course, his rather loud collection of cars. Rob's humor (those closest to him recognized humor was to cover for his shyness), contagious smile and legendary shoulder squeeze when he greeted you, as well as his willingness to mentor friends and strangers, brightened the days of many people. He was known for his unrelenting optimism and positive attitude, his undeniable loyalty, his approachable, open-minded, and judgment-free character, authenticity, and business sense. Rob had an eye for detail and often saw what could be when most only saw what was; never to be discouraged when confronted with an obstacle.</p> <p>Rob, the son of the late Robert Walter and Elizabeth Churchill Kaufman (Clark), of Kitchener, Ontario. He is survived by his loving wife, Karen, his daughter, Jennifer Elizabeth Kaufman Walker, son-in-law, Ryan Walker, and two grandchildren, Josephine Emma (Joie) and Gunnar Robert, who were the light of his life. He is also survived by his brother-in-law, of Alexandria, Virginia, Robert J. Chapeskie, his brothers, Peter and David Kaufman and their families, along with countless extended family members and lifelong friends. He was preceded in death by his sister, Maryjane Kaufman Riddell, and brother-in-law, Doug Riddell of Canada.</p> <p>Rob was born on May 11 in Kitchener, Ontario. He left school early to travel the world and make his own way in business. While still in his teens, he began his career in Canada, developing land and building several hundred homes across three Canadian cities. In the 1980s, Rob moved his wife and daughter to the United States, making their forever home in Alexandria, Virginia. As Mister Renovator continued to grow across Canada and Virginia, Rob created PMA Builders (standing for Positive Mental Attitude), where he continued as a builder/developer. Years later, PMA Properties was established, and Rob began to refurbish and oversee numerous buildings in Alexandria's Old Town and Del Ray areas. Rob's love for the restoration process, his keen eye, and his respect for history enabled him to make a lasting impression on the Alexandria area.</p> <p>In his 71 years, Rob achieved remarkable things, from obtaining his pilot's license, being a champion tennis player, doing voiceovers on radio, and even completing training through the Naval Academy for sailing - journeying over 10,000 miles, from deep in the Caribbean to the northeastern reaches of Canada. Over the years, Rob has received several awards and recognitions, even being named one of Washington's Millennium Leaders, and has his portrait in Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library.</p>	

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### Support Ukraine with Alexandria Offerings

Many are looking for ways to help the Ukrainian people as they face a devastating humanitarian crisis, with some 5 million people expected to flee the country due to war.

Many Alexandria businesses have created special offerings and invite you to join our community in showing your support. Alexandria City Hall and the George Washington Masonic National Memorial are both featuring blue and yellow lighting in a show of support for Ukraine.

### Events

Creatives for a Cause: An Art Exhibition for Ukraine

Thursday, April 28, 2022, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Presented by Lorien Hotel and Spa, 1600 King Street

Tickets: \$20 via EventBrite

Join Lorien Hotel and Spa for an art exhibition featuring local Made in ALX artists and a one-hour performance by Tik Tok Star & Cellist Andrew Savoia. A \$20 entry fee and a portion of all art purchases will be donated to the Ukrainian Crisis Fund via Care.org. The \$20 entry fee includes: The art exhibition (with option to purchase art), complimentary wine, classical music entertainment and the opportunity to win a \$300 gift card to Lorien's award-winning spa. For those that wish to dine at Brabo on April 28th, a portion of all meals will also be donated to the Ukrainian Crisis Fund.

### Special Offerings

Please check with each business to confirm the details and dates of these offerings:

HomeGrown Restaurant Group (Pork Barrel BBQ, Sweet Fire Donna's, Tequila & Taco, Holy Cow, Whiskey & Oyster): To support José Andrés and his efforts with World Central Kitchen, HomeGrown Restaurant Group donated \$10,000. In addition, HGR teamed up with Port City Brewing Company to encourage customers to match its \$10K donation. Customers can buy a Beach Drive beer from Port City at Pork Barrel BBQ, Whiskey & Oyster, Sweet Fire Donna's & Tequila and Taco. The full \$10 sale of this pint glass of beer will be donated to the World Central Kitchen.

Hooray for Books!: Hooray for Books! is donating 20% of all proceeds from the sale of Summer Kitchens: Recipes and Reminiscences from Every Corner of Ukraine, by Olia Hercules, to the UN World Food Programme in support of Ukraine refugees. So far, Hooray for Books! has donated more than \$158 in honor of its customers. This is a lovely cookbook, so come get your copy today!

Kyo Gallery: Kyo Gallery supports peace in Ukraine and all gallery profits for any artwork sold at our gallery and online at [kyogallery.com](http://kyogallery.com) will be donated evenly to both UNICEF Ukraine and Centrum Adopcijne "Ada" (Ada Foundation). Both these non-profit organizations are bringing much needed support and relief to the most vulnerable victims of this illegal war of aggression, and we thank them.

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## Obituary



**Sue Baur, 78**, of Lawrence, KS, died Wednesday, March 23, 2022, at home. She was predeceased by her husband, Doug Baur, and is survived by daughter Cynthia Gibson of Greenville, SC; and daughter Christie Peterson, son-in-law Charles Peterson, and granddaughters Zoe Peterson and Kya Peterson, all of Oskaloosa, KS. While in Alexandria in the 1970s-2000, Sue worked as a tax preparer for H&R Block and later as a CPA for Schreiner, Legge and Co. Sue and Doug were active in the local Democratic Party as well as other community-minded organizations; their daughters both attended Alexandria public schools, including T.C. Williams High School. Sue's full obituary can be found at [rumsey-yost.com](http://rumsey-yost.com)

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## Going, Going, I Wish They Were Gone

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



All those Charmin and Cottonelle television commercials for “the go”/“down there care.” As my late mother used to say about so many nauseating subjects: “It’s enough already.” I realize toilet paper is a staple, especially during a pandemic, but is it necessary that there are so many television advertisements? They’re appearing so often that I’ve even seen these competing companies/products advertise during the same commercial break. Not exactly back-to-back, but very nearly so. Talk about overkill. If these brands aren’t careful, they’re going to kill the goose that laid ply at their doorstep.

I mean, how much prodding/encouragement do I need every day to assist me with my toilet paper decisions? Not nearly as much as I’m getting, that’s for sure. How many more times must I see that adolescent bear wiggle his butt? And how many more times must I hear about treating “the skin that I don’t see as well as I treat the skin that I do see?” No more, please? I have enough visuals of forearms being wiped to last me a lifetime. I know that toilet paper sales are a huge business with endless repeat customer buys, but I’ve reached my point of no return. As in there’s no more return on their advertising investment in my household. We have been saturated with toilet paper problems/solutions so much so that if I never see another television commercial, funny or not, it will be soon enough for me.

Besides, I’m a grown man. I know what works for me – and what doesn’t. And that awareness most definitely includes toilet paper and all its features and benefits – and innuendos. I may be stubborn or a creature of consumer habit – or merely protective of my privacy, but all this recurring toilet paper market penetration/saturation is becoming too much to bear. I’m not a prude in the least, but I do feel as if there are certain subjects/descriptions which are off limits – or rather should be. However, the recent spate of toilet paper verbal and visual manipulation has crossed the line I never thought needed to be drawn because it was clear to everybody that it already existed. Apparently, the rules of advertising aren’t aware of these lines.

I understand that market share and profit are crucial to a commercial ventures/success/viability. But to invoke a famous question from the 1954 McCarthy hearings: “Where’s your decency?” Gone. That’s where if the frequency and substance of these toilet paper advertisements are allowed to continue. Enough is enough, which for Scott brands is 1000 sheets. For me however, it’s really none of anybody’s business what I do in the privacy of my own bathroom. Whether I use an off-brand, single, double, or triple ply or paper infused with aloe. I’m happy to be left to my own devices. I’ll figure it out and the less the advertisers have to do with it, the better.

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## News

# Specialized Care All in Day’s Work at Animal Shelter

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ing care for animals. For example, some shelter pets who don’t thrive in kennels or need some extra attention become “office animals,” staying for a time with staff members in their workspaces. Some doze in comfy beds in the corner, while others get a bit more involved. One little dog hopped on a computer keyboard and somehow triggered the audio player to blast “Who Let the Dogs Out” at top volume.

“I can’t imagine a day without an office animal,” said Gina Hardter, AWLA Director of Marketing and Communications, who has been known to occupy her shared office space with as many as six dogs. “Sometimes it’s me who needs a little extra attention, and I just take five minutes and snuggle a puppy. I go right back to work feeling better.”

A nervous brown-and-white terrier mix called Cocoa had a revelation while chilling with Hardter. Cocoa observed with interest Hardter munching on a carrot for lunch. Hardter shared some of it with Cocoa, and in doing so, helped find another way to make Cocoa feel more engaged and comfortable.

Animals are happiest when they are healthy, and a healthy weight and diet are especially important in the shelter environment, Hardter said. Animals at the AWLA typically receive a balanced mix of wet and dry food twice a day, but those with liver or kidney ailments — or those needing to gain or drop a little weight — receive specially designed meals. Staff pays careful attention to each animal’s food intake, keeping detailed logs, and if an animal refuses food, they will be checked for stomach troubles or painful teeth.

If no explanation for boycotting food is found, the staff looks for other options to stimulate the appetite. When a 10-year-old schnauzer named Maya refused to eat, a staff member brought in chicken-and-gravy dog food from home. Maya scarfed it down. The staff tried a different type of food the next day, and she gobbled it too. “She just had to find out that she liked food,” Hardter said.

Special services provided for AWLA animals extend to support for the animals’ mental health and well-being. Every day,

## VISIT ALEXANDRIA

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Old Town Books: Old Town Books’ little community is still going strong working with the nonprofit Lutheran Social Services, which is a primary resettlement NGO here in the U.S., helping to resettle Afghan SIV status families and some of the 100,000+ refugees from Ukraine who are now in the US. Old Town Books has handled the apartment move-ins for 7 Afghan families who were granted special visits (SIV status) by coordinating a group of volunteers through the store and set up furniture, help enroll the kids in school, drive folks to appointments, etc. Help by donating furniture or Ikea or Target gift cards, moving furniture, going on shopping trips, and more. Each family Old Town Books helps resettle costs \$5,000, so every donation helps. The best



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**Fluffy takes over the computer chair in an AWLA office. Animals who need special attention may spend some time with staffers in their offices.**

dogs, cats and other animals take part in two rounds of activities that stimulate them both physically and mentally, along with socialization from volunteers. Even smaller animals such as rabbits receive this enrichment, sometimes with clotheslines holding juicy bites of vegetables and fruits hung over their pens. “The first time we hung a veggie line over Phoebe the rabbit’s enclosure she was so delighted,” recalled AWLA Senior Manager of Volunteers and Community Events Echo Keif. “You could see all of her stress melt away.”

The Animal Welfare League of Alexandria is a local 501(c)(3) organization that operates the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter, Alexandria’s only open-access animal shelter. The AWLA impacts the lives of thousands of animals each year through adoptions and other programs, including a Pet Pantry that last year provided more than 50,000 pounds of pet food and supplies to community members in need. The AWLA also helps Alexandrians with questions about wildlife and other animals in the community. More than half of the AWLA’s budget is composed of donations. More information can be found at [AlexandriaAnimals.org](http://AlexandriaAnimals.org).

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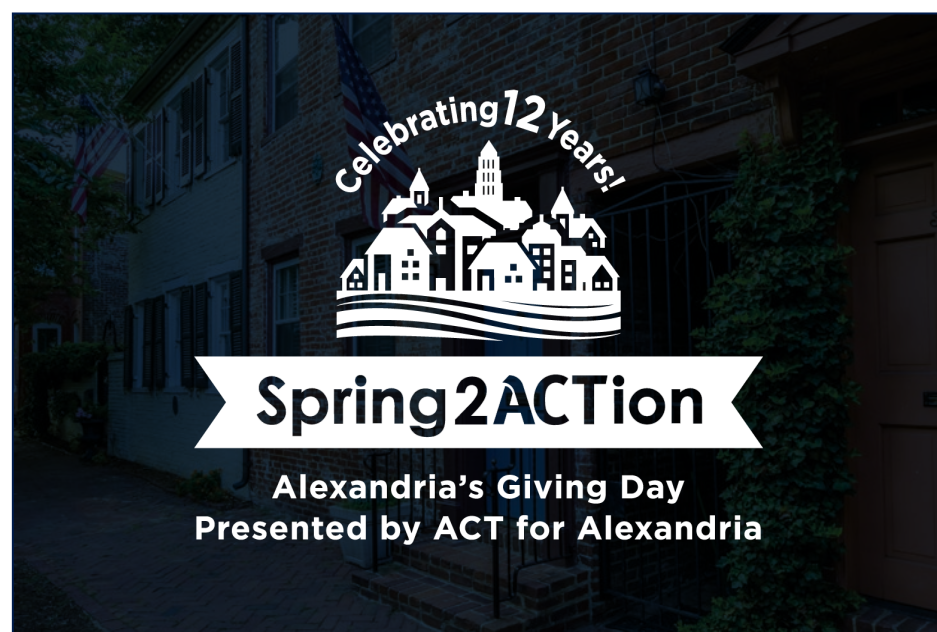
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