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It's a Summer of Projects in Mount Vernon

Some projects are getting underway while others scheduled for cutting ribbons or groundbreaking ceremonies.

BY MIKE SALMON
THE GAZETTE

Bicyclists on the Mount Vernon Trail know there are a few steep hills, twists and turns that challenge most riders, especially on the hot summer days. Construction is underway at one of these areas near Bridge 12 to fix this, and it's just one of many construction projects in the Mount Vernon District that is underway this summer.

At Bridge 12, west of the George Washington Memorial Parkway, crews are straightening the curved area so the trail goes over the gulch instead of around it like the original route. This trail work is approximately 400 yards north of Fort Hunt Park where they are also upgrading the bridge railings and replacing more than 350 tons of asphalt on the trail. This is being

done to reduce the severity and frequency of bike crashes on this section of trail, the NPS said.

Currently bicyclists are being detoured around that construction on the roadway but separated from traffic with temporary barriers.

The bike trail construction continues south of this spot where crews are building a new bridge across Dogue Creek and rehabilitating the trail along Mount Ver-

non Memorial Highway all the way from Richmond Highway to the Mount Vernon Estate. Alongside the trail project, the water lines are being replaced as well, so between the two projects, there is much work being done in that area. The trail project is expected to be completed in spring 2023.

Inland from the bike trail, across from the Belle View Shopping center, ground is cleared on the corner of Fort Hunt Road and Belle View Boulevard for a residential project by Evergreene Homes. According to Tim Sopko at The Evergreene Companies, the new community will have seven houses ranging from the "Addison" that will start around \$1.3 million to the large-

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Food and beverages are being added to the mix at the Workhouse Arts Center.



This property in the heart of Mount Vernon will soon be a housing development.



Near the Grist Mill, a new bike bridge will span Dogue Creek.

Belle Haven Flood Wall: Solution for Coastal Flooding?

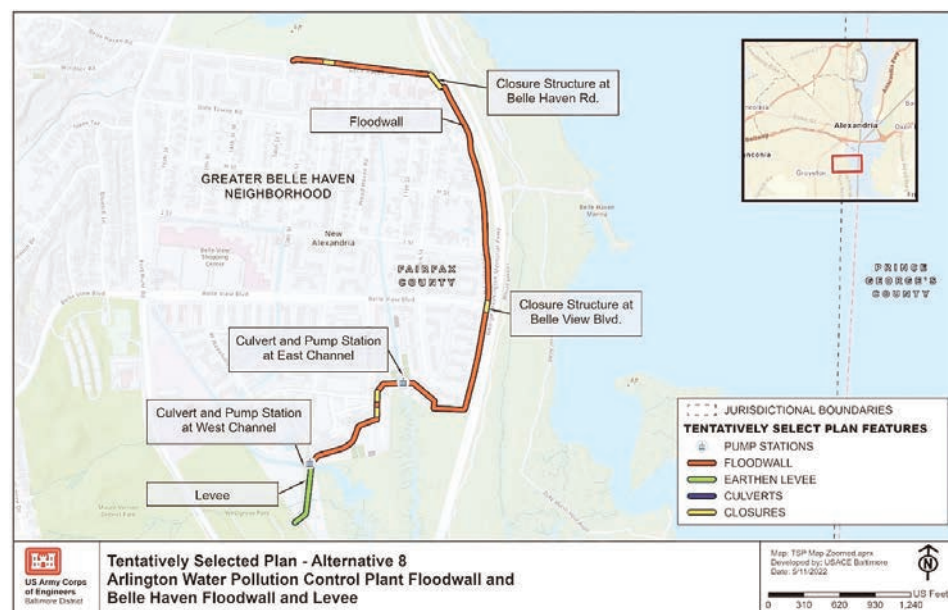
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers study brings out residents, scientists and naysayers.

BY MIKE SALMON
THE GAZETTE

In the Army Corps of Engineers Coastal Storm Risk Management Feasibility Study, Belle Haven is in the cross-hairs for flooding potential, so a solution named "Alternative 8," was the topic at the community meeting on June 14. This plan features a levee and floodwall running from a spot up by Belle Haven Pizzeria, out to the George Washington Memorial Parkway, south to a potential levee by Westgrove Dog Park. The community crowd was not happy with it.

"This is terrible, nothing new," said Ellen Young who was on the original task force when a similar plan was discussed about 10 years ago. What about the river level rising, the storms, the standing water in some backyards after a rainfall? "Who knows, is it rising?" she asked. "Where they do need the wall is on the east side of the [bike] trail." There was lots of agreement on putting

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The wall and alternative 8.

the wall across the parkway from Belle View but that's National Park land. National Park Service superintendent Charles Cuvelier was there, but just as a listener in the back of the

cafeteria.

"We would like to see a berm on the east side of the parkway," reiterated Steve Keating.

Other issues brought up by the 200 people in the school cafeteria were the height of the wall, past storms, the Dyke Marsh, wildlife, the River Tower parking lot, and the benefit-cost ratio.

The numbers stood out though – there would be 400 feet of levy, 5600 feet of flood walls, and five roads closed, although they did not point the roads out by name. When the question of emergency vehicle access and flooded roads or walls, there wasn't much of an answer. "That's typically addressed at a more local level," said Katie Perkins of the Corps of Engineers.

Historical Floods

The Corps of Engineers study goes back to the North Atlantic Coast Comprehensive Study (NACCS) that was completed in January 2015 and was commissioned by Congress as part of Hurricane Sandy recovery. Hurricane Sandy? Does anyone even remember that particular hurricane? There have been many big

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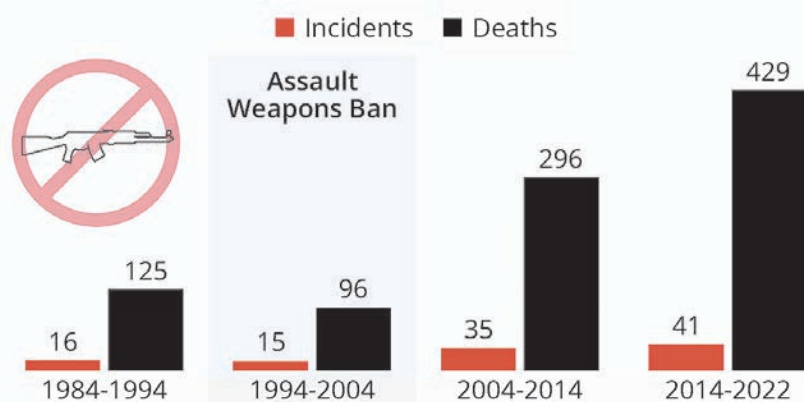
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Is It Time To Bring Back the Assault Weapons Ban?

Number of mass shootings and their victims in the U.S. from 1984 to 2022



Year ranges start/end in Sept in line with assault weapons ban lifespan. 2022: Ends June 2. Minimum of four shot and killed (excluding perpetrator) by lone shooters in public places over short periods of time
Source: Mother Jones



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Former Del. Mark Levine (D-45), seen here in 2020, introduced a ban on assault weapons that passed the House but was scuttled in the Senate.

Ban Battle Botched

Inside the failed effort to ban assault weapons in Virginia.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Banning assault weapons was a major priority for gun-violence prevention advocates in early 2020, just before the pandemic struck and Democrats were seizing control of the General Assembly for the first time in a generation. Gov. Ralph Northam had campaigned on the issue, and he made banning assault rifles one of his major legislative priorities for the session. Three members of the Alexandria delegation introduced bills to make it happen. Hopes were high when lawmakers arrived for the General Assembly session in January 2020.

"We had momentum," said Brian Moran, who was secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security at the time. "We thought the stars were aligning."

But the star-crossed effort fizzled when Democrats on the Senate Judiciary Committee sent it to the Crime Commission, which never took it up. The next year, the issue vanished as lawmakers moved on to other topics. Now Virginia has a Republican governor and a Republican majority in the House of Delegates, leaving the effort to ban assault weapons out of reach -- at least until after the 2023 election. Meanwhile, gun violence in America is skyrocketing and the number of mass shootings conducted with assault rifles grows year after year as the General Assembly fails to take action.

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"I was disappointed that a lot of people didn't have the courage to do the right thing," said former Del. Mark Levine (D-45), who introduced the assault weapons ban that passed the House and was scuttled in the Senate. "And the promises that had been made to me in February and March of 2020 that we would seriously consider it for continuation all went away when covid came."

ASSAULT WEAPONS are often the weapons of choice for mass shooters in America. It was the type of firearm used to kill 21 people, including 19 children, in Texas last month. A version of the AR-15 rifle has been used in 11 mass shootings in the last decade, including the Texas Walmart shooting in 2019; the Florida high school shooting in 2018; the Las Vegas concert in 2017; and the Sandy Hook Elementary School in 2012. The steady rise in the use of assault weapons on mass shootings is what prompted Northam to call for an assault weapons ban after he was elected governor.

"I know what weapons of war do to human beings," said Northam, who served in the Army Medical Corps. "And it's my thought and opinion that we don't need weapons of war in our society."

When Democrats took control of the House and the Senate after the 2019 election, they finally had a moment to make that agenda a reality. Senate Democratic Leader Dick Saslaw introduced a sweeping bill that would ban all assault rifles, including ones that people already owned. That prompted national attention and helped attract thousands of gun-rights enthusiasts to Richmond for a massive protest that featured many

people walking the streets of the capital city heavily armed and openly carrying.

"I believe that unarmed citizens are peasants," said Tiffany Gonzalez, who drove 12 hours to be in Richmond for the gun rally. "The left is focussed on power, money, control and corruption."

THE GOVERNOR'S version of the assault weapons ban was more measured, and it had a grandfather clause that would allow owners of existing assault weapons to keep them without fear of prosecution. In the House, the governor worked with Levine. In the Senate, they worked with state Sen. Adam Ebbin (D-30). But the Senate Judiciary Committee never heard Ebbin's version of the bill because he withdrew it.

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— Mark Levine,
former member of the House of Delegates

"We felt it had a better chance in the House to pass, and so it was a strategic decision," said Moran, who was leading the governor's efforts to prevent gun violence in the General Assembly. "We had a chairman in the House who was favorable, so the idea was that we would get it out of the House in good shape, which is what we did."

Levine's bill passed the House of Delegates with a vote of 51 to 48. But then it

ran into trouble in the Senate Judiciary Committee, where senators raised concerns that Levine's version of an assault weapons ban was unconstitutional and unenforceable. Advocates for preventing gun violence said that was incorrect, pointing out that the bill under consideration was modeled on a Maryland law that had been upheld by the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. But four Senate Democrats voted to send the bill to the Crime Commission instead of the Senate floor: John Edwards (D-21), Creigh Deeds (D-34), Chap Petersen (D-) and Scott Surovell (D-36).

"We voted to refer it to the Crime Commission to be studied and get the hard work done so we could look at it in 2021," said Surovell in a text message. "The Crime Commission executive committee refused to add it to the work plan."

NOW ADVOCATES for preventing gun violence are in a fix. They missed their window of opportunity in 2020 and 2021. Now they're facing a hostile governor and House of Delegates, who are trying to undo some of the new gun violence prevention measures the Democrats put in place while they were in the House.

"If the public were able to see the damage done by these weapons to human beings, I think far more people would stand up and demand that we have greater restrictions on them," said Paul Friedman, executive director of the gun violence prevention nonprofit Safer Country. "The public needs to have a better idea of what these weapons can do, and what they have done. Without that, it's too antiseptic for a lot of people to grasp."

COMMUNITY

Sole Providers

300 new shoes distributed at Gum Springs.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
THE GAZETTE

Firefighters and volunteers from across the county gathered June 2 to distribute more than 300 pair of new sneakers to underserved children in the Gum Springs Greater Mount Vernon Head Start and the Lee District Community Center program.

Spearheaded by the nonprofit Firefighters and Friends to the Rescue, the event was held at the Gum Springs Community Center and expands on the organization's mission to provide support for families in need throughout the region.

"We have expanded our mission from coats to include shoes that inspire confidence and encourage outdoor play," said Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Deputy Chief Willie Bailey, organizer of the event. "The addition of new shoes gives us the opportunity to help children in need all year round."

The organization also spearheads annual back-to-school drives, coat drives and holiday toy drives.

"Shoes are one of the most expensive items that families will purchase for their children," Bailey said. "We understand with the high cost of fuel, food, and other items

that it's difficult for some families to purchase the needed clothing for their kids. So today, we are doing our part to hopefully make it easier on those families."

Sponsors of the event included: Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department; Operation Warm Inc.; Firefighters and Friends to the Rescue; Nationwide Credit Corporation; Fairfax Fire & Rescue Retiree Association; Mount Vernon Government Center; and Franconia Government Center.

"I owe a huge debt of gratitude to the sponsors that supported us today," Bailey added. "Without the support of our sponsors and the community this would not be possible. We would like to make this a yearly event like our annual new coat distribution so we hope to get more donations to keep this going."

Donations can be made at: www.operationwarm.org/firefighterandfriends.

"The addition of new shoes gives us the opportunity to help children in need all year round."
— Event organizer Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Deputy Chief Willie Bailey



Firefighters and volunteers gather for a photo with children at the Firefighters and Friends shoe distribution June 2 at Gum Springs Community Center.



Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Captain Andrew Snell ties the shoes of a young child at the June 2 shoe distribution at Gum Springs Community Center.



Volunteers help children try on new sneakers at the Firefighters and Friends shoe distributions June 2 at Gum Springs Community Center.

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LUNENBURG	11662	671	REEDY CREEK ROAD	BRANCH OF REEDY CREEK	5/25/2022
WISE	19502	1321	INMAN ST.	POWELL RIVER	5/19/2022
WISE	19499	1308	ROUTE 1308	CALLAHAN CREEK	5/19/2022
WISE	19338	78	MAIN ST.	CALLIHAN BRANCH	5/18/2022
LOUDOUN	11255	673	FEATHERBED LANE	MILLTOWN CREEK	5/12/2022
TAZEWELL	24540	460	ROUTE 460 (EBL)	ROUTE 19	5/4/2022
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Virginia's Lt. Governor Visits Local Businesses

By HOLLY DOUGHERTY
MOUNT VERNON GAZETTE

Virginia's Lt. Governor Winsome Earle-Sears, spent last Thursday in the greater Mount Vernon area speaking to the Mount Vernon Lee Chamber of Commerce, cutting the ribbon on the Belvoir Woods Health Care Center, visiting the WISH center, meeting the Chamber Board of Directors and finally touring the Military Women's Memorial.

The Lt. Governor started her day with the Chamber at its monthly Business Breakfast hosted at The Fairfax Retirement Community by Alison Ross-Tompkins, Chamber chairman and director of sales and marketing at The Fairfax.

This lovely venue offered a delicious breakfast, followed by updates on new chamber members, an invocation by Good Shepherd Catholic Church's Father Tom Ferguson, the National Anthem performed by Village Hardware's Jim Carmalt, and the pledge of allegiance lead by Phylis Sintay, McE-nearney and Associates.

Lt. Gov Earle-Sears addressed the large group of attendees with an update on the Commonwealth's budget and important current issues facing fellow citizens of Virginia. She discussed issues such as immigration, taxes, broadband and inflation after which she answered questions from the attendees.

She then helped cut the ribbon on the newly renovated Belvoir Woods Health Care Center located on the campus of The Fairfax Retirement Community.

Supervisor Rodney Lusk, Lee District, provided Earle-Sears a tour of the new Workforce Innovation and Skills Hub (WISH) Center. This project is a huge win for



Father Tom Ferguson, Good Shepherd Catholic Church; Lt. Governor Winsome Earle-Sears; Alison Ross-Tompkins, Chamber Chairman; GEN RT Robert Jorgensen, Army Retirement Residence Foundation - Potomac; Dorothy Jorgensen.



Grand opening of the Belvoir Woods Health Care Center located on the campus of The Fairfax Retirement Community.

the Route 1 corridor and is a beacon for its future. Sears was able to inquire about the project with key stakeholders and contractors while

touring the building.

During the tour, Lusk emphasized the goals of the WISH Center. SEE VIRGINIA'S LT., PAGE 10

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A Compromise Budget

BY SEN. ADAM EBBIN

When the General Assembly entered the legislative session, the state was experiencing steady financial growth — years of strong fiscal management combined with an infusion of federal aid had built a budget surplus with which we could make significant investments in the people of Virginia. The new economic pressures of the last six months, coupled with the partisan makeup of the House and Executive Branch, extended our budget negotiations far beyond the legislative session. Thoughtful negotiations produced a compromised budget proposal which we voted to send to the Governor for his approval on June 1.

The final budget, negotiated by a small group of budget conferees, reflects some priorities of both Republicans and Democrats. While the final deal falls short of some of the proposals which then-Governor Ralph Northam made in December, it still retains major investments in education, the environment, and public infrastructure. I was also glad to see several of my budget priorities included in the final spending plan. At the

same time, the budget provides some important, though measured, reforms to tax policy which will hopefully alleviate the strain caused by the record price hikes suffered across the world which we have witnessed this year.

These prudent decisions include increasing the standard deduction to \$8,000 for single filers and \$16,000 for couples, the removal of the state portion of the grocery tax, direct \$250 rebates to taxpayers, and a refundable portion of the Earned Income Tax Credit for low income Virginians.

After a challenging two years of pandemic learning, the legislature made the most significant investment in K-12 and higher education in recent memory. This included a 10% pay raise over two years for K-12 teachers plus one time \$1,000 bonus and \$10 million in American Rescue Plan funds for recruitment incentives for hard-to-fill education positions. We allotted \$400 million in school construction and modernization funding paired with an additional \$450 million from the literary fund



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for loans for targeted school construction projects. To improve in-person learning we also chose to increase the number of support positions per 1000 students from 17.5 to 21 over the biennium and funded 1 reading assistant per every 550 students in kindergarten through third grade.

The budget makes strong investments in public safety and mental healthcare including \$195.7 million for targeted compensation initiatives for sworn officers of the Department of State Police, correctional officers and probation and parole officers, and Deputy Sheriffs and Regional Jail Officers. We also allocated \$13 million for community violence-focused grant programs to reduce gun and group violence through intervention services.

Though I believe we could have taken bolder steps to combat the cost of housing, I am glad that the budget also includes a total of \$150 million for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, and includes \$240 million in state tax credits to support the building and preserva-

tion of affordable housing.

It is also important to note that despite the Governor Youngkin's calls to pull Virginia out of the Regional Greenhouse Gas initiative (RGGI), the compromise budget retains our place in RGGI and the resulting hundreds of millions in community flood prevention dollars and energy efficiency programs which we have won through the sale of carbon credits.

I was glad to see several requests I made included in the final budget including complete funding for the construction of the John Warner Maritime Center in Alexandria, funding to preserve and digitize records of patients at Central State Hospital, and \$8 million to provide air conditioning at several currently unairconditioned correctional facilities.

The final budget is the product of diligent work and compromise by the General Assembly hashed out over months of negotiation. It is my hope the Governor will sign it quickly.

Doing so will allow these important and, in some cases, historically large investments in the Commonwealth to move forward at a crucial time of pandemic recovery and economic growth.

Solution to Flooding Should Be with NPS Land

To Mount Vernon Gazette:

From the late 2000s through 2015, seven of us from New Alexandria, Riverview and the Belle View Condominiums were appointed to Gerry Hyland's flood mitigation task force to work with Fairfax County staff and the US Army Corps of Engineers to assess proposals for addressing flooding issues after Hurricane Isabel in 2003. One community, River Towers did not participate. The 2014 USACE report had 4 main design solutions and sub-variants. Our work culminated in multiple community meetings and resident polls. Roughly 3/4ths of the residents in these 3 communities agreed that the solution to flooding should be done in conjunction with the National Park Service land. Our task force met with US Congressional Representatives Jim Moran and Don Beyer. Moran and then Beyer agreed to keep the conversation open.

The 2022 USACE/WMCOG study, released last week and pre-

sented at Belle View Elementary on 6/14, presented only one of the four options from the 2014 study. It was the least desirable alignment: a wall down the west side of the GWMP along Boulevard View. It was and still is not well supported as it would remove all mature trees within 40 feet. This would have huge aesthetic, property value and safety implications. Prior to the release of this report, no one contacted our communities.

Our task force and the community strongly voiced last decade that a solution with the NPS/GWMP was the direction to be explored further. We have a monumental opportunity to reset our course. A two-foot sea level rise would have our community under water every 10-13 years compared to the historical average 40-50 year interval. A beautifully designed/environmentally sound levee, reconfiguration of the bike trail, and finally solving the traffic issues at Belle View and Belle Haven is what our community needs. Some have suggested putting off this process another generation when our streets

are already flooded. The review process will take 10-20 years given the nature of our beloved GWMP. Kicking the can for another generation could put implementation out 30 to 50 years.

We need all our community leaders and our elected representatives to step up and support our vibrant community of 3,000 residents, retail and commercial space with a tax base in excess of \$700 million.

We also need their support to engage with the NPS and ultimately Congress to allow for modification of the memorial to our first president. George Washington was a surveyor and explorer. He sought passage to the interior of a new nation building trails, roads, canals, etc. He transformed land and water to set a budding nation on an historical path. Our community

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Second Row L-R: Isabella Brown, Olivia Hooff, Lauren Whitman, Miranda Lacy, Cassidy Tucker, Astrid Ellehuus, Jane Naegele

Front Row L-R: Rachel Greenberg, Claire Egusa, Liana Gomez, Mia Katsos, Rena Cooper, Vivian Kocsis, Logan Milton, Olivia Cushman, Chloe Tate
Not pictured: Inaya Usman

Members of the Class of 2022 have been offered admission to and/or will be attending the following high schools:

Alexandria City High School, Bishop Ireton High School, The Calverton School, Cushing Academy, Edmund Burke School, Emma Willard School, Episcopal High School, The Field School, Flint Hill School, Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School, Gonzaga College High School, International School of Brussels, Kent School, Lakeridge High School (Oregon), The Madeira School, Mercersburg Academy, National Cathedral School, Northfield Mount Hermon School, The Potomac School, St. John's College High School, St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School, Washington-Liberty High School

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Treat Dad to a Day of Food This Father's Day

BY HOPE NELSON
GAZETTE PACKET

Father's Day is upon us this Sunday, June 19, and what better way to treat Dad to a great day than with a tour of some of Alexandria's best dining spots? Whether you choose one celebratory meal or take him through the full gamut, he'll be very pleased with any of the below options.

Bagel Uprising,
2307-A Mount Vernon Ave.
Start the day off with some

freshly made bagels from Bagel Uprising and you'll begin the proceedings on the right foot (and food). Pick up some bagels for adornment at home or select a ready-made breakfast sandwich with no muss and no fuss. From egg and cheese bagels to the eatery's "classic" with salmon, you'll kick the Father's Day festivities off in grand style.

The Italian Place,
621 Wythe St.
Heading out for a picnic, hitting the links or visiting the beach? Pick up some sandwiches from

APPETITE The Italian Place on your way and you won't want for nourishment when the lunch hour strikes. Choose from a plethora of subs – ranging from roast beef to eggplant to turkey and provolone to a "create your own" option – or go all-out and order a pizza to split. And don't forget the cannoli!

Augie's Mussel House,
1106 King St.
After 18 holes of golf or some time lounging by the pool, it's high time for a frosty beverage to cool things off. Augie's to the rescue!

The beer list rotates often, but expect the likes of a tangerine wheat from Lost Coast Brewery, Lost Boy Cider's Comeback Kid, an IPA from Kindred Spirit Brewing in Goochland and more.
Feeling a bit peckish after a busy afternoon? Mussels are Augie's stock-in-trade, and the fries hold up by themselves.

Chadwicks,
203 Strand St.
Now, for dinner you could get all gussied up and treat Dad to a four-course meal. But after a day of fun and excitement, why not kick back

with something a bit more casual? Chadwicks fits the bill (and, if Dad is really into getting dressed up, he can do that too and nobody would bat an eye). Crab cakes, ribs, fried chicken, burgers or even a salad (don't skip the Flaco Taco salad!) – whatever your whims, the Chadwicks menu probably has it and then some.

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

CALENDAR

NOW THRU JUNE 26
The "Afros and Abstract" exhibit. At Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Celebrates imagination and passion that reaches the expanse of humanity and a movement, encapsulating the amorphous state of color. Join them on opening day (Friday, June 3, 12-9 p.m.) for the widest selection of artwork. Open Thursdays 12-6 p.m., Fridays 12-9 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays 12-6 p.m. Visit: DelRayArtisans.org.

NOW THRU JULY 9
Retrospective Art Deco Exhibition. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. At George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive in Alexandria. The first retrospective on the work of Art Deco designer Edgard Sforzina will open April 30th at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial during the Art Deco Society of Washington's 39th annual Washington Modernism Show. Discount tickets are available at www.washingtonmodernismshow.com.

NOW THRU AUG. 31
Creative Summer Programs. At Del Ray Artisans Gallery in Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Learn techniques in drawing, mixed media, mosaic, jewelry, watercolor, and more from local artists. Delve into creative exploration solo or with friends. Sign up for the programs that inspire you and make your own "stay-cation" art experience. Visit the website: <https://DelRayArtisans.org/programs/creative-summer/>

NOW THRU JUNE 26
"Birds of a Feather." 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. At Lee District Park, 6601 Telegraph Road, Alexandria. Arts on the Horizon presents Birds of a Feather. Written by Joshua Rashon Streeter and directed by Ryan Sellers. This nonverbal production is best for children ages 3-6 and their families. Visit the website: www.ArtsOnTheHorizon.org

THURSDAY/JUNE 16
"Tell Me Your Name" Tour. 5:30 p.m. At Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St., Alexandria. Join Carlyle House Historic Park staff for a tour focusing on the experiences of the enslaved community at Carlyle House and John Carlyle's planta-



The 44th Annual Alexandria Jazz Fest will take place June 17-18 at Waterfront Park in Alexandria.

tions. The guided tour will explore the historical context of slavery in 18th-century Alexandria and the importance of ongoing research efforts to connect with descendants.

THURSDAY/JUNE 16
Steps Toward Freedom: A Juneteenth Remembrance. 5 and 6:30 p.m. At The Secret Garden at the Rectory, 711 Princess St., Alexandria. Exciting artists and a powerful program of beloved spirituals, incredible songs, narration, storytelling and lyrical dance bring to life this new American holiday. After presenting its first Juneteenth concert just a day after Congress voted to make Juneteenth a national holiday, Classical Movements and the Coalition of African Americans in the Performing Arts partner once again to celebrate this day of joy and liberation. Enjoy a Juneteenth cocktail during this performance. Visit classicalmovements.com/secretgardenconcerts

JUNE 16-19
"The Royal Revue." At Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Center, 4915

E. Campus Drive, Alexandria. Metropolitan School of the Arts is kicking off summer break with spring dance production featuring popular fairytale princesses and princes in its the Royal Revue at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center. More than 450 Metropolitan School of the Arts students will perform the spring production with support from 200 volunteers. Show times: Thurs., June 16, and Fri., June 17 at 6:30 PM; and Sat., June 18 and Sun., June 19 at 12 PM and 5 PM on both days. Go to www.metropolitanarts.org/tickets to purchase tickets.

THURSDAY, JUNE 16
Summer Garden Tour and Tea. 1-3 p.m. At Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Springs Road, Alexandria. (Adults) Take a walking tour of the glorious summer demonstration gardens with a Green Spring Master Gardener docent. Afterwards, relax over afternoon tea in the Historic House. \$38 per person. A traditional English afternoon tea served in the 1784 Historic House follows each program. Full

tea includes finger sandwiches, pastries, and scone with cream and jam. Specially prepared tea boxes to go are also available with advance purchase. Programs are by reservation only. Call Historic Green Spring at (703) 941-7987.

FRIDAY/JUNE 17
The Box Tops. 7:30 p.m. At Grist Mill Park. 4710 Mt. Vernon Memorial Highway, Alexandria. Whether you're a fan of pop, rock, blues or soul, this is a show you'll never forget. There will be wine for tastings and sales by The Woodlawn Press Winery. Call 703-324-SHOW (7469) for concert capacity and inclement weather updates.

JUNE 17-18
Alexandria Jazz Festival. At Waterfront Park, 1A Prince Street, Alexandria. The 44th Annual Alexandria Jazz Fest will be held Friday, June 17, from 6 to 9 p.m. Festival-goers will be treated to jazz from Cubano Groove, VERONNEAU and the Eric Byrd Trio; plus interludes of poetry by Zeina Azzam, the City's newest Poet Laureate; KaNikki Jakarta, the City's Poet Laureate from 2019 to 2022; and an up-and-coming Alexandria youth poet. The free Portside Festival continues Saturday, June 18, from 1 to 9 p.m. with an array of live music, local craft beer from Port City Brewing Company and fun for the whole family with hands-on art, history activities and more. Visit the Portside Festival website.

SATURDAY/JUNE 18
Juneteenth Celebration in the Garden. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. At Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Springs

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Arts and Crafts Fair on Saturday, June 25, Volunteers Needed

Volunteer Alexandria (VolALX) is hosting the annual Arts and Crafts Fair on Saturday, June 25 at Market Square between 3-8 p.m. This is a FREE event. There will be food and beverages, face painting, and vendors selling their arts and crafts. List of vendors: <https://www.volunteeralx.org/arts-and-crafts-festival>

Volunteer for the Arts & Crafts Festival - Volunteers, 14 years and older, are needed to help with various tasks throughout the day, including tent set up (beginning at 1:30 p.m.), welcome guest, enforce rules, bathroom breaks with shifts beginning at 2:45 p.m., and to help break down the event (8 to 9:30 p.m.). Sign up here: <https://www.volunteeralx.org/search?shareId=-c0ad116b409b437db69d441cc1a6c617>



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CALENDAR

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Road, Alexandria. (5-Adult) Join us for a Juneteenth celebration in the garden to honor the emancipation of those who had been enslaved in the United States. Celebrate and gather as a family to reflect on the past and look to the future. Guest speakers Teri Speight and Abra Lee will discuss the past, present and future of Black Garden clubs in Virginia, and environmental educator Maya Alexander will highlight the benefits of natural spaces for the Black community. Enjoy a mini-Farmer's Market and activity tables for children. After lunch, join a garden walk or seed planting session. Pack a picnic or preorder from local restaurant, Granddaddy's Skillet. All attendees (including children) must be registered, and children must be accompanied by an adult. \$10 per person, free for children 5-15 years old. Code IKD.3NXW. Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes or call Green Spring Gardens at 703-642-5173.

SATURDAY/JUNE 18

Storytime with the Black History Museum. 11 to 11:30 a.m. At Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St., Alexandria. Gather in the reading garden to explore the history of Alexandria's local African American community through books, stories and songs. All are welcome, but the event is geared towards children ages 3-6. Cosponsored by the Alexandria Black History Museum and the Office of Historic Alexandria.

SATURDAY/JUNE 18

Juneteenth Jubilee with Culture Queen. 12 to 1 p.m. At Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St., Alexandria. Join Grammy-nominated performer Culture Queen for an interactive musical storytelling show and learn the meaning of the Juneteenth holiday. Open to all ages. Cosponsored by the Alexandria Black History Museum and the Office of Historic Alexandria as part of Celebrate Juneteenth 2022.

SATURDAY/JUNE 18

Under the Same Roof: Enslaved and Free Servants at the Lee-Fendall House. 2 p.m. At Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden, 614 Oronoco St., Alexandria. Explore the Lee-Fendall House from the perspectives of the enslaved and free African Americans who lived and worked in the home as domestic servants, both before and after the Civil War. Hear the stories of how they built and shaped the Lee-Fendall House over the course of its history. For your safety and for those around you, face masks are required. The tour is limited to 8 participants. Tickets must be purchased in advance and are \$10 per person. Members of Lee-Fendall House can attend for free but must call (703) 548-1789 or email contact@leefendallhouse.org to make a reservation.

SATURDAY/JUNE 18

Juneteenth Celebration. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. At Green Spring Garden, 4603 Green Spring Road,

Alexandria. Guest speakers Teri Speight and Abra Lee will discuss the past, present and future of Black garden clubs in Virginia, and environmental educator Maya Alexander will highlight the benefits of natural spaces for the Black community. During the panel discussion, there will be a mini farmer's market and activity tables for children to enjoy. After lunch, join a garden walk or seed planting session. Pack a picnic or pre-order from local restaurant Granddaddy's Skillet. Call 703-642-5173.

SUNDAY/JUNE 19

Juneteenth at the Torpedo Factory Art Center. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N Union St., Alexandria. America's second Independence Day is a time to celebrate, reflect and learn about the end of slavery in the United States. It's a celebration of freedom and also an opportunity to deepen our awareness of the nation's legacy of systemic racism and oppression. Join artists at the Art Center for a shared community space in the Grand Hall to create artistic messages with your loved ones.

SUNDAY/JUNE 19

Juneteenth Celebration with Vocalist Tomika Arnold. 1:30 to 2:15 p.m. At Duncan Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria. Join in a Juneteenth celebration of Black music featuring a performance of gospel, R&B, and blues standards by DC native vocalist,

songwriter and author Tomika Arnold. The performance will take place in the garden at Duncan Library.

SUNDAY/JUNE 19

Juneteenth Celebration at Carlyle House. 12 to 4 p.m. At the Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St., Alexandria. Presented in collaboration with C. Alexandria-Bernard Thomas and The Athenaeum, the event will be held outside in the gardens, on the lawn and the tented terrace of the Carlyle House, located in the heart of Old Town. Discover the history of Juneteenth through live music, hands-on activities, art, history and poetry readings. Activities are part of the planned offerings for the day that marks the liberation of Black Americans on June 19, 1865.

SUNDAY/JUNE 19

Tea Program: Juneteenth: Jane Austen and Slavery. 1-3 p.m. At Green Springs Garden, 4603 Green Springs Road, Alexandria. (Adults) What were Jane Austen's views on slavery? Recent "historical interrogation" research has provided new details about Austen family ties to colonialism and the slave trade. Hear about exhibit updates at the Jane Austen House Museum in England that will reflect historical context, and consider what Jane's writings, tastes, and connections may reveal about her sentiments on the issue. \$38 (lecture + tea); \$15 (lecture only). A traditional English afternoon tea served in the 1784 Historic House follows

each program. Full tea includes finger sandwiches, pastries, and scone with cream and jam. Specially prepared tea boxes to go are also available with advance purchase. Programs are by reservation only. Call Historic Green Spring at (703) 941-7987.

MONDAY/JUNE 20

Read, See, Do. 2-3 p.m. At Carlyle House Historic Park, Alexandria. Read, See, Do! is great for kids ages 4-8 and their families to learn about a variety of topics, all connected to Carlyle House, and to participate in a fun activity. No sign up required! Just come by the magnolia terrace at Carlyle House (121 N. Fairfax St) at 2 p.m.

JUNE 22-25

MVBA Summer Basketball Camp at Walt Whitman MS. Co-Ed. Ages 5-14 Years Old. June 22-25, June 27-July 1, July 5-8. Camp Hours from 9 AM-3 PM. For information, email us at markvincentbasketballacademy@gmail.com or visit our website markvincentbasketballcamps.com.

THURSDAY/JUNE 23

Cuban: A Night in Havana. 5 p.m., 6:30 p.m. At The Rectory on Princess Street, 711 Princess Street, Alexandria. Enjoy a mojito during this exuberant celebration of the golden age of Cuban music in the secret garden to include favorite songs of the Buena Vista Social Club and more. Visit: <https://www.classicalmovements.com/secretgardenconcerts/>

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Virginia's Lt. Governor Visits Local Businesses

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ter which are to provide an entry salary of at least \$21 per hour for program graduates, expose students to emerging technology, and attract technology companies to invest in Southeast Fairfax County.

"Lieutenant Governor Earle-Sears and I also discussed future opportunities for collaboration and possible funding for workforce development efforts at the WISH and throughout Fairfax County," said Lusk.

Then the Lt. Governor met with Chamber leadership for lunch at Cedar Knoll Restaurant with owner Andrew Holden. These business owners were able to share on a personal level the issues impacting their businesses and employees. Mental health, inflation and employee recruitment and retention were top concerns of many businesses.

The Women's Military Memorial at Arlington was the last stop on the Lt. Governor's visit.



Supervisor Rodney Lusk provides a tour of the new WISH Center on Richmond Highway for the Lt. Governor.

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Hit and Run Pedestrian Death

Detectives from FCPD Crash Reconstruction Unit continue to investigate the fatal hit and run crash from May 22. According to police reports, Officers responded at 10:23 p.m. for a pedestrian struck by a small SUV. The pedestrian, Daniela Bonilla Betancourt, 18, of Alexandria, was taken to the nearby hospital with injuries considered life threatening. This weekend, Ms. Betancourt succumbed to her injuries.

Detectives from FCPD Crash Reconstruction Unit determined the driver of a 2007 Honda CRV was traveling westbound on Little River Turnpike. Ms. Betancourt was crossing Little River Turnpike from south to north inside the crosswalk near Oasis Drive. The driver struck Ms. Betancourt in the roadway and did not stop to assist or render aid.

As detectives were investigating the crash, Abraham Lincoln Samuel, 21, of Springfield, notified the Fairfax County Department of Public Safety Communications of his involvement in the crash. Detectives from our Crash Reconstruction Unit charged Samuel with felony hit and run the night of the crash. Details of the investigation will be presented to the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney for additional charges. Preliminarily, alcohol does not appear to be factor in the crash.

Victim advocates from our Major Crimes Bureau's Victim Services Division have been assigned to this case to ensure Ms. Betancourt's family receives the appropriate resources and assistance.

This is the 8th pedestrian related fatality in the County to date in 2022.

Solution to Flooding Should Be with NPS Land

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of New Alexandria predates his GWMP memorial. If it were not for the 4 Pennsylvania businessmen who founded New Alexandria in 1892 and the New Alexandria and Mount Vernon Railway, the memorial could very well have been the original Washington-Rochambeau route further inland that George traveled from his Mount Vernon home to Alexandria and on to Philadelphia. I think George would whole-heartedly approve a taste-

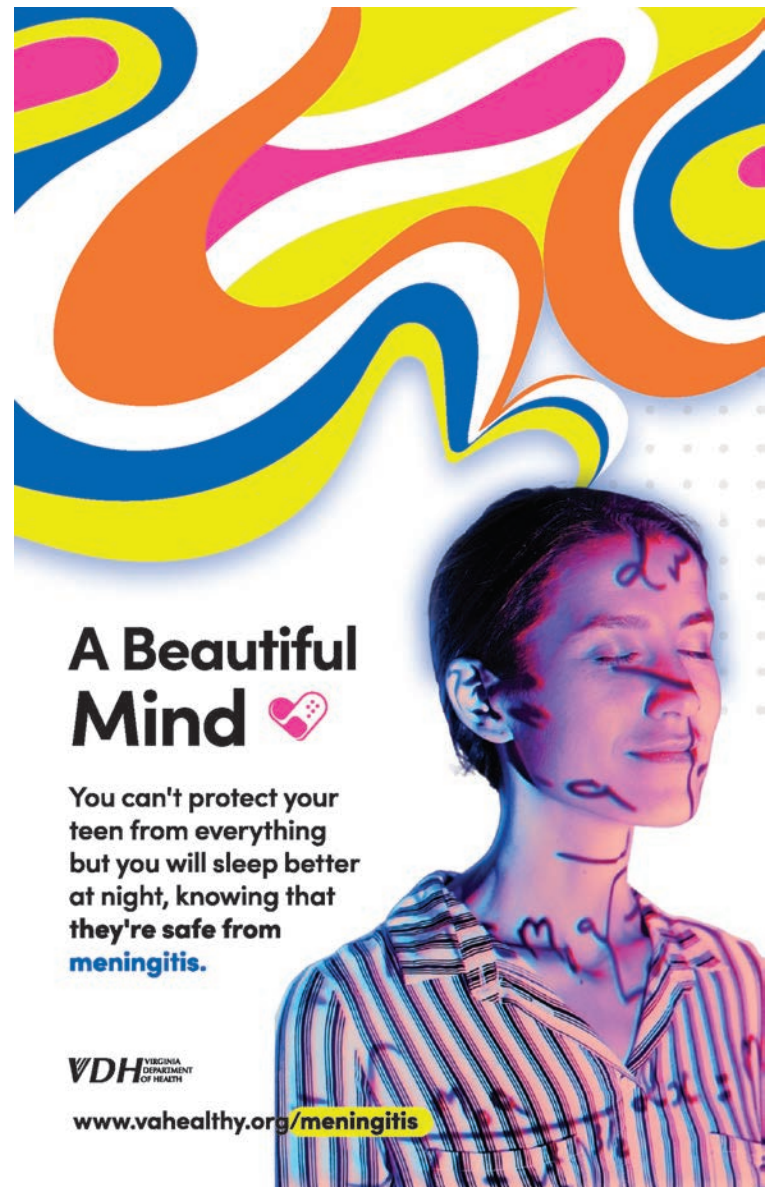
ful, environmentally sound modification of his memorial and solution for our wonderful community.


Contact your reps. Mount Vernon Supervisor Dan Stork, Chairman Jeff McKay; Virginia Delegates Paul Krizak, Virginia Senator Scott Surovell; US Congressman Don Beyer; US Senators Tim Kaine & Mark Warner.

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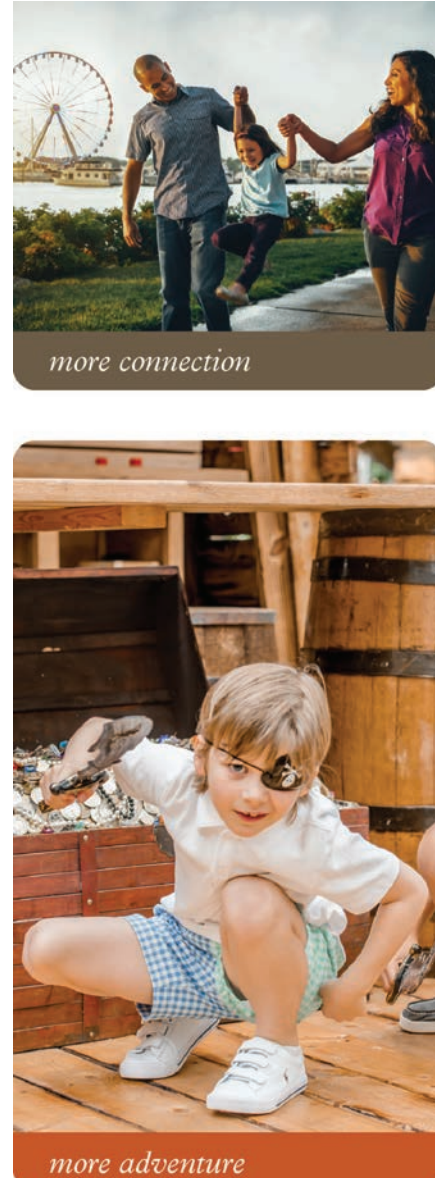



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Rosamond Lindsey Deiderich

Rosamond Lindsey Deiderich, "Rosie", 93, of Virginia Beach passed away on Wednesday, June 1st after a lengthy illness. Rosie was born March 9, 1929 in Alexandria, Virginia. She grew up in Belle Haven and Alexandria. After graduating from George Washington High School in Alexandria, Virginia she attended Hollins University in Roanoke, Virginia. She transferred to George Washington University in Washington, D.C., where she was swept off her feet by a handsome football player, Howard Carl Deiderich, "Deitz".



On August 26, 1950 Rosie and Deitz were married and resided in Alexandria, Virginia for more than sixty years raising their family. Rosie was a dedicated wife and mother to four children. On summer holidays, Rosie would stay with her family at the Westmoreland State Park campground for weeks while Deitz made his Lindsey-Nicholson rounds and returned at week's end. She was a trooper.

Rosie enjoyed playing bridge with long-time friends. She worked at H&R Block for years as tax preparer. She was the President of Lindsey Deiderich Corporation for fifteen years, managing (along with Deitz) their two properties in Old Town Alexandria.

Rosie is survived by her daughter, Lisa D. Moran and husband, James of Virginia Beach, three sons, Howard L. and wife Sandra of Virginia Beach, Donald of Virginia Beach, and Carl of Occoquan; two grandsons, Eric and Kevin; Sister-In-Law Jean Burgess Lindsey; cousin Douglas Griffith Lindsey; nieces and nephews; Wallace Robins Lindsey Jr and spouse Gerlinde, Charles Burgess Lindsey and spouse Lynn, Susan Leslie Goldman and spouse Edward, Carol Ann Lindsey, Jean Noble Chipman and spouse Terrance, Douglas McMullen Lindsey, Bruce McRee Lindsey, Robert Warfield Lindsey, Harold John (Butch) Von Weller and spouse Karen.

Rosie was predeceased by her husband, Howard; her parents Wallace Noble Lindsey and Dorothy Rosamond (Robins) Lindsey; her brother, Wallace Robins Lindsey; her sisters Elizabeth Deane Lindsey Von Weller and spouse Phillip, and Lisa Anderson Lindsey.

Rosie always spoke fondly of her many aunts and uncles that also were an important influence in her life.

Rosie was a force to reckon with and will be missed.

COMMUNITY



Sara Kellmel, Maria Delpizzo, Stephanie Frederick and Cele Garrett celebrate at the Mount Vernon At Home annual gala May 25 at River Farm.

Together Again

Mount Vernon At Home celebrates at River Farm gala.

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Mount Vernon At Home executive director Sarah Drexler, center, discusses the benefits of membership in the village with Paula Lettice, president of the Village, and gala sponsor Jim Zalewski, managing partner of Everly-Wheatley Funeral Home at the May 25 gala at River Farm.

Following two years of limited personal contact, Mount Vernon At Home marked a return to in-person gatherings with its annual gala May 25 at River Farm.

With a theme of "Celebrate! Together Again!" the organization shared its successes during the pandemic as the Senior Village concept continues to provide crucial services to individuals and families throughout the area.

The Senior Village provides aging in place options to allow seniors to live safely in their own homes. Mount Vernon at Home, established in 2007, is a grassroots organization committed to helping retirement age neighbors live engaged lifestyles and provide support as needed.

"We do this by connecting our members to exciting programs and events and to critical resources needed to maintain and support vibrant lives as they age," said executive director Sarah Drexler.

Sponsors included Crouch Realty Group, Everly-Wheatley Funerals and Cremation, Goodwin House and Paul Spring Independent Living, Assisted Living and Memory Care.

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It's a Summer Of Projects in Mount Vernon

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er "Camdyn/Chapman" model around \$1.55 million.

East of Kingstowne

Over towards Kingstowne, ground is being cleared near the intersection of Jeff Todd Way and Telegraph Road. This is technically Fort Belvoir land so the Army has not released the details of this project to the public. Trees are coming down though, and more of the Mount Vernon District wooded land is suffering here.

At the Workhouse Arts Center, a groundbreaking is scheduled this month to launch another phase for that facility in Lorton. On Friday, June 24, officials are breaking ground at Buildings W13 and W15 restoring two historic structures for future food and beverage tenant use.

The very next day, the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Service is cutting the ribbon on Fire Station 19 in Lorton. This fire station in Lorton is located just off Richmond Highway and Lorton Road. The new \$14 million station includes a brick/stone veneer, high efficiency windows and four bays for the trucks.

Around the corner from the fire station, a new 30,000-square foot Lorton Community Center is near completion. It is co-located with the Lorton Library, and will have a new playground, fitness areas, walking trails and outdoor recreation.

Due west on Lorton Road, the new South County Police Station and Animal Shelter are being built in the same structure, just east of the Workhouse Arts Center. The new facility includes an approximately 34,000 square-foot police station and an approximately 23,000 square-foot animal shelter. It is scheduled to be completed in spring or summer of 2023.

Supervisor Dan Storck (D-Mount Vernon) sees all this growth as the transformation of a farming community that was better known for the Lorton prison to a thriving suburban area.

"Through the combination of planned communities, like Liberty and Laurel Hill, exciting commercial growth, hundreds of millions in County investments and the Lorton Visioning 2040 process, we are making great strides to build Lorton into a 21st century community for all South County residents," Storck said.

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One Small Step for Humankind ...

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



... One Giant Step for Yours Truly. I hope so, anyway. And what am I giant-stepping about? The Entenmann's selection at my local supermarket. After years of disappointment and of suffering in silence concerning the same old-same old choices, I am planning this week to introduce myself to the store's manager to inquire about the possibility of changing the Entenmann's selection to some varieties more to my liking. Specifically adding: the "Marshmallow Iced Devil's Food Cake" and the "Chocolate Chip Iced Cake," and any glazed "Holiday Sprinkled Pop'ems" as well.

To say I speak from experience goes without saying to anybody who knows me. For those of you who don't know me, know this: when it comes to chocolate desserts, I am a maven (Yiddish for expert). I wouldn't say exactly that I've written the book, but I can say I've contributed a few chapters. Thanks to my mother's feeling that her two boys needed to drink eight glasses of milk daily for healthy bones, she (don't call your mother 'she'; I can still hear my father admonishing) deduced that washing down dessert/chocolate with milk would be an excellent/recurring way to reach this goal. And boy was she right. We had dessert multiple times per day: after breakfast, packed with our school lunches, an after-school snack at home, after dinner and finally before bedtime, and always with a glass of milk. Five separate occasions. The product line: Hostess, Drakes, Nabisco; repeat.

And not that I'm the least bit undernourished or deprived by my local supermarket's poor Entenmann's selection. Hardly. If nothing, I'm flexible when it comes to chocolate desserts. However, I have my preferences, and the older I get – and possible even the less healthy I become, I'm going to want/need to treat myself/lift my spirits by eating delectable/desired desserts. Because, at the end of the day (at the beginning too), as I was told many years ago by my publisher after she learned I had been diagnosed with lung cancer: "Kenny, it's all about you." And believe me, upon receiving a "terminal" diagnosis from my oncologist it wasn't much of a stretch to focus on me, myself, and I.

But as time has passed and I have not, I got away from my individual requirements and tried to blend in with whatever choices were available to me. In that time frame, I've purchased a wider variety of desserts, now to include Tasty Cake and Little Debbie to go along with the original big three. But over time, and not able to get over the disappointment in taste and preference of the usual suspects, I expanded my horizons to include Entenmann's products. And with the lack of diversity in my supermarket's Entenmann's' selections (except for the few and far between times when either of my preferences were available), I had become increasingly tolerant – until recently, since my store never has the varieties I crave, so finally, after months of complaining – to my wife, I'm going to get off my couch and try to do something about it.

As I contemplate more than my navel, I am salivating at the prospect of being able to pre-order and in effect, guarantee me that my favorites will be in-store, possibly even with my name on the package and a visible "Not for Resale" warning printed across the cardboard box. What joy this kind of control would bring a cancer patient who only wants to have a "Marshmallow Iced Devil's Food Cake" when I want it, not when it's available – which is never, at least at my local supermarket. This is not exactly a dying man's wish, but it is a wish nonetheless that if I'm going to succumb to my disease, before I die, I would like to have my cake and eat it too.

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NEWS

Belle Haven Flood Wall: Solution for Coastal Flooding?

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storms, floods and blizzards since then. But the Washington, D.C. region and Northern Virginia are one of nine high risk areas in the United States, the study said.

According to the findings, the study area encompasses approximately 76 square miles which includes Northern Virginia, the Middle Potomac watershed boundary, Arlington County and a portion of Prince William County.

The Army Corp of Engineers study cited problem areas in Northern Virginia that include the Potomac River waterfront in Arlington and Alexandria and along Cameron Run and Four Mile Run in Fairfax County, which drain into the Potomac River. Coastal flooding can endanger lives; prevent access to evacuation routes and critical infrastructure; and cause property and economic damages, it said. There are a number of places they call "critical infrastructure," in these potentially threatened areas that include transportation facilities, water, freight and national security locations.

Belle Haven is not the only area where a floodwall would be needed. In Arlington, they are looking at a floodwall along Four Mile Run in an area that was underwater during Hurricane Agnes in 1972. For anyone that remembers Hurricane Agnes, there were high water marks painted on the surrounding buildings that remained there for years following the flood as a reminder.

As far as a timeframe for these walls, the Corps of Engineers are expected to start designing the structures in fall 2024, but an actual build date is sometime in the late 2020s. There is no funding source at this time. Comments will be collected between July and September this year. For more information, go to www.nab.usace.army.mil/



Katie Perkins of the Corps of Engineers, gave the presentation.



Jean Nould asks one of about 25 questions from the audience.



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