

## 'Created Out of Necessity'

### Departmental Progressive Club turns 95.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

In 1920s Virginia, several "racial integrity" laws were passed, including the Public Assemblages Act of 1926, which barred African Americans from all public facilities, including the library.

With no opportunities for African American children to study after school or adults to socialize, the Departmental Progressive Club was conceived by seven young men, opening in September of 1927.

**"Some folks don't know who we are or what we do."**

— Departmental Club President Bill Campbell

"The DPC was created out of necessity," said Merrick Malone, a real estate developer and past DPC president. "Back then, the DPC would provide a safe haven for kids to have a place to study or to have a dance. During those times there was no alternative. It was one place that all African Americans could gather because they couldn't do it anywhere else."

Over the years, the DPC has grown and now focuses on community engagement and advocacy across the city. On Sept. 23, the organization celebrated its 95th anniversary with an Open House and presentation of its annual community service awards.

Held at DPC Headquarters on Gibbon Street, the organization honored the Capital Youth Empowerment Program

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Members of the Capital Youth Empowerment Program are honored by the Departmental Progressive Club with the Community Service Award Sept. 23 at DPC headquarters on Gibbon Street.



Members of the Departmental Progressive Club in 1955, the year the organization purchased its headquarters on Gibbon Street.



ACT president and CEO Heather Peeler, left, receives the Community Service Award for an individual from Departmental Progressive Club president Bill Campbell Sept. 23 at DPC Headquarters on Gibbon Street.



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# NEWS

## Celebrating a Century City celebrates local centenarians.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
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**W**hen wishing Anita Du Mars a happy birthday, do not get her age wrong. At a City Hall event celebrating centenarians, Du Mars was quick to point out that she is not 100 years old. She is 101.

Du Mars was joined by fellow centenarians Phillip Melville, Walter Hammersley and 102-year-old Frances Webb on Sept. 13 in the Vola Lawson Lobby of City Hall as Mayor Justin Wilson and members of City Council gathered to celebrate the century milestone.

Hammersley, another 101-year-old, attributed his long life to his family.

"I had such a wonderful family," Hammersley said. "They were instrumental in keeping me in check."

Born in 1921, Hammersley graduated from George Washington High School then joined the Navy where he served four years on a ship during World War II.

"It was good to return to some normalcy," Hammersley said.

Phillip Melville was born in France and first came to America in 1942.

"My family had to flee to escape the Nazi regime," Melville said. "I am so grateful and thankful to be here, to have my children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren be born in America and around to celebrate with me."

Du Mars arrived in America from Luxembourg as a war bride.

"When I first landed in New York, I came as a war bride," Du Mars said. "I came with 300 war brides aboard the SS Brazil."

Wilson presented each centenarian with a proclamation from the city followed by well wishes from those gathered for the event.

Many agreed with Du Mars when she said the secret to a happy, long life is "a sense of humor."



The city of Alexandria celebrates centenarians at a gathering in the Vola Lawson Lobby of City Hall. Seated are centenarians Anita Du Mars, Phillip Melville, Walter Hammersley and Frances Webb. They are joined by City Council members Alyia Gaskins, vice Mayor Amy Jackson, Canuk Aguirre, Mayor Justin Wilson, Sarah Bagely and John Chapman at the Sept. 13 event.

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Centenarians Anita Du Mars and Phillip Melville hold up the birthday signs made in their honor Sept. 13 at City Hall.



Centenarians Walter Hammersley and Frances Webb chat at a celebration in their honor Sept. 13 at City Hall.



Mayor Justin Wilson chats with Anita Du Mars at a celebration for centenarians Sept. 13 at City Hall.

## Piece of Cake Margaret Johnson celebrates 96th birthday.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
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**A**t 96 years old, Margaret Johnson is just 13 days shy of being a lifelong Alexandrian. That is how old she was when her family moved to what was then a sleepy Northern Virginia community and where, save for her time at college, she has spent her entire life.

"I went to Maury school, then Jefferson, and am a proud graduate of GW High School," said Johnson, who was feted Sept. 28 at the BeeLiner Diner at Bradlee Shopping Center.

Johnson left the city long enough to attend college at Duke University, where she became an unapologetic Blue Devils fan.

"I am absolutely a deep Blue Devils fan, particularly during

basketball season," Johnson said. "Coach K's [Krzyzewski's] wife is also an Alexandrian so we keep it in the family."

During her college summer breaks, Johnson worked at the Alexandria Department of Recreation.

"I spent my summer working under Gene Barnwell," Johnson recalled. "In the fall I became director of a rec center -- I was sort of a jack-of-all-trades there. Then I became a probation officer for the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court."

Johnson married and raised three children and still resides in the home she and her husband built on Gaillard Street more than 60 years ago.

"My husband finished graduate school and came up here to work for the Department of Agriculture," Johnson said. "He then went to the

US Chamber of Commerce before joining with two friends to resurrect the American Enterprise Institute."

Johnson proudly spoke of her children, her oldest son who is an architect and a daughter who is an Episcopal priest. She has seven grandchildren.

"I lost my other son when he drowned trying to save his own son's life," she said of the tragedy.

Asked about her secret for living a long life, Johnson replied, "A college professor told me many years ago that the motive of life is to function so I try to keep myself busy and interested and reasonably aware of what is going on."

Staff at the BeeLiner presented Johnson with one of their signature tower cakes to mark the occasion.

"It's our privilege to celebrate Margaret's birthday here at the BeeLiner Diner," said manager



PHOTO BY JANET BARNETT/GAZETTE PACKET

Manager Nikita Bethea, left, presents Margaret Johnson with the BeeLiner Diner's tower cake in honor of Johnson's 96th birthday. Joining in the Sept. 28 celebration are Councilwoman Amy Jackson, Laurie Drysdale, Candace Bean, Sara Higgins, Maddie Mitchell and Mary Schwidde.

Markos Panas. "We built BeeLiner to celebrate good food and happy occasions with the community and

we're so happy we got to be a part of her special day for such a lovely human being."





Department Progressive Club Ladies Auxiliary members Ann Allen, Barbara Wilks and Rosa Byrd at the Sept. 23 DPC open house.



City Manager Jim Parajon, left, with Departmental Progressive Club president Bill Campbell and visitors Mark Sloane and Tom Newell at the Sept. 23 DPC open house.

## Departmental Progressive Club Turns 95

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and ACT for Alexandria president and CEO Heather Peeler.

“For our 95th anniversary we hold a week-long series of events and tonight we kick off feting people in the community,” said DPC president Bill Campbell. “It is a chance for us to open our doors to everyone since some folks don’t know who we are or what we do.”

Peeler was honored during the evening with the individual Community Service Award with the group award going to the Capital Youth Empowerment Program, co-founded by Erick and Isaac King.

The anniversary celebration culminated with a dinner dance held Oct. 1. Honored that evening was William Chesley, who received the annual Lawrence D. Day Distinguished Service Award for his service and dedication to the organization.

Longtime members Joe Smith and Lawrence P. Robinson were each honored for their 55 years of membership.

The founding members of the DPC were Jesse Carter, Lawrence Day, Clarence Greene, Raymond Green, Booker T. Harper, Jesse Pollard and Samuel Reynolds, all of whom worked in federal government departments, hence the name Departmental Progressive Club. In 1955, the DPC purchased the property at the corner of Royal and Gibbon St. to establish its headquarters.

The membership organization is open to all regardless of background or financial status.

“We are not a secret organization,” Campbell. “Our open house is a chance to invite our neighbors to get to know us as well as kick off our anniversary week.”

[www.dpc1927.org](http://www.dpc1927.org)

**Departmental Progressive Club president Bill Campbell, second from right, with past presidents Merrick Malone, Lawrence “Robbie” Robinson and William Chesley at the Sept. 23 DPC open house.**



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### BULLETIN BOARD

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#### DEAN LAW FIRM HOLDS GRAND OPENING

The Dean Law Firm held its Grand Opening on Tuesday, October 4, at their new office located at 1302 Lafayette Drive, Alexandria. There was a ribbon cutting hosted by Mount Vernon Lee Chamber of Commerce. The Dean Law Firm specializes in estate planning, probate and estate administration, small business counsel, guardianship and conservatorship, and non-

profit law. For more information visit [MountVernonLeeChamber.org](http://MountVernonLeeChamber.org) or call 703-360-6925.

#### VOLUNTEERS WANTED

ACPS- Help Provide Meals to Children. Alexandria City Public School (ACPS) will provide two days worth of breakfast and lunch meals with a snack pack free for any enrolled ACPS student on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Friday distribution will include a meal(s) for Saturday. Volunteers will meet at various schools to assist with packing boxes and loading buses with boxed meals. Then, volunteers will ride the bus along to distribute the meals while on site at a few ACPS mobile pop-up locations. Click on each location to sign

up: Francis C. Hammond Middle School, TC Williams High School, or Jefferson Houston School. [www.volunteerallexandria.org](http://www.volunteerallexandria.org) Alexandria Dept. of Community and Human Services- Volunteer Guardian. Looking for individuals who can assure the well-being of an incapacitated Alexandrian living in an Assisted Living Facility or Nursing Facility. Volunteer Guardians are appointed by the Court to make decisions for older Alexandria residents who have lost the capacity to understand the consequences of their decisions. The volunteer will visit the resident monthly and follow the person’s wishes as much as possible. [www.volunteerallexandria.org](http://www.volunteerallexandria.org)

Alexandria Families for Safer Streets - Executive Assistant to AFSS Board of Directors. The agency is seeking an executive assistant to help coordinate a diverse group of tasks necessary to keep us on track and moving forward. Someone with office manager skills would be the ideal candidate. [www.volunteerallexandria.org](http://www.volunteerallexandria.org)

ALIVE! Volunteers are needed to assist with multiple programs relating to their Food Program, ALIVE! House, and Alexandria Eviction Prevention Partnership Program will distribute food at Mobile Pop-ups and Truck to Trunk events, etc. <https://www.volunteerallexandria.org/ALIVE>

Assistance League of Northern Virginia is an all-volunteer non-profit

organization that feeds, clothes and provides reading assistance and books to children in need. Assistance League’s programs touch the lives of hundreds of children in Fairfax and Prince William Counties and the City of Alexandria. There are many volunteer opportunities for community members to contribute to helping those in need. To learn more, email [info@alnv.org](mailto:info@alnv.org), or visit [www.alnv.org](http://www.alnv.org).

Volunteer Drivers Needed. Drivers needed by the American Cancer Society to take cancer patients to treatment in Northern Virginia. To volunteer, call 1-800-227-2345 or go to [cancer.org/drive](http://cancer.org/drive).



# Development Partners for Ladrey High Rise

**A**lexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority (ARHA) named a partner in the redevelopment of the Ladrey High Rise public housing building.

The development team is Winn Companies and local developer IBF Development, a Washington, D.C.-based minority-owned firm that prioritizes local hiring. Both firms have experience developing affordable housing communities regionally and nationally. The proposed development plan will replace all the current Ladrey units and increase the number of apartment homes available to working households. The project is at 300 Wythe St, Alexandria, VA 22314.

"This is the next big step in our plan for improving housing ... in our city," said ARHA CEO Keith Pettigrew. "When completed, the units in the Ladrey High Rise will rival other modern housing developments in Alexandria. We look forward to hitting the ground running so that we can get these long-time residents into their brand-new homes as soon as possible."

The Ladrey, which sits on an approximately 2-acre site in the Old Town North Small Area, is an 11-story, 170-unit high rise building that houses primarily seniors and residents with disabilities. An adjoining property, also owned by ARHA, was combined with Ladrey to create a larger plot to rebuild the new housing. The redevelopment plan calls for demolishing the buildings and constructing a new mid-rise building that will replace all existing units and add a significant number of units that are affordable for families who live and work in Alexandria.

"We are excited and proud to partner with ARHA in creating new housing in this prime location," said Gilbert J. Winn, Chief Executive Officer of WINN Companies.

The site plan will include amenities such as underground parking, meeting, exercise and services rooms and a community plaza. The plan also calls for rooftop amenity spaces for residents and improved accessibility throughout.

Kenneth Burton, a 20-year resi-

dent of Ladrey who uses a power wheelchair, said the current building is not designed for him to easily get around. He welcomed the news that he and his neighbors would be getting apartments with more accessibility features, and said he appreciated that residents were involved with developing this redevelopment plan. "We have

been told Ladrey would be renovated and upgraded many times before, but it hasn't happened yet. But now this time, I believe it will."

The project is a continuation of Pettigrew's vision for overhauling, improving and maximizing the potential in ARHA's properties since his arrival in 2017. Most recently, ARHA announced in Novem-

ber 2021 that the Samuel Madden public housing site would be transformed into a mixed-use, mixed-income rental community with numerous amenities and improved green spaces for residents and the general community. To further ARHA's goal of modernizing its housing portfolio, in the coming months ARHA will issue a new

request for development partners.

The Ladrey building is fully occupied, and a relocation plan will be designed for temporarily moving all current residents during the construction phase. The anticipated project will take several years to obtain approval and commence the leasing on these new apartment homes.

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# For the Love of a Tree

BY DEL. PAUL KRIZEK

It is hard to imagine living anywhere else as beautiful as here in Virginia. One of the reasons it is so gorgeous is that we have many and varied native trees, especially our big deciduous trees with all the leaves. Indeed, soon the tree leaves will turn bright reds, burnt orange, and mellow yellows, to name a few fun fall colors. Many of us will be drawn to the forests for hikes and nature walks, and possibly a visit to Skyline Drive for the fall foliage. We have 41 pristine state parks filled with birds, turtles, foxes, and all manner of interesting wildlife. Here in our region, we have Huntley Meadows, the biggest and best Fairfax County park, and many smaller parks throughout our community. To top it off we have the picturesque Potomac River and the federal George Washington Memorial Parkway and bike path that runs along it from Mount Vernon to Old Town. Yet, it is our trees that really capture our imagination and do so much to protect our environment. It is these majestic, slow-growing, oldest living organisms on Earth, that bring us untold benefits that we must protect. It

really is up to us as individuals to do our part to save our trees. This is a good week to start as it is the best time to plant young saplings, especially after all the rain we have had recently. Last week was Native Trees Week here in the Commonwealth and there are many ways to celebrate native trees and many online resources available to help us.

It is no coincidence that you may be viewing numerous advertisements for garden sales. This cool weather really makes it an ideal time for planting. The native ones are the best as they are easier to grow, require less water, and are a breeding habitat and food source for all manner of birds and animals. And, if you are looking for particular trees you can contact garden centers to order them and have them delivered to you. I use Campbell & Ferrara Nurseries, located locally on Richmond Highway across the street from the Gerry Hyland Government Center. They have a good selection of native plants and will do as much of the work as you need, from designing your garden to the plantings



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themselves.

There is also a native tree campaign happening here in our region to educate residents about the importance of native trees and how you can support this effort. There is no shortage of ways you can get involved and you

can learn more at their website at [plantnovatrees.org](http://plantnovatrees.org).

Planting trees is just one way in which to promote native trees. There are many of our neighbors who are tree rescuers volunteering in our parks to remove invasive plants – some that literally strangle our trees, like English ivy, which really should be banned. You can join groups like I have, including the Friends of Dyke Marsh, during their weekly efforts to control the invasive weeds threatening our trees.

You can help them on any of these upcoming dates: Oct. 8 and 22, Nov. 5 and 19, and Dec. 3 and 17 at 10 a.m. at the Haul Road Trail entrance bulletin board and bench. Wear long sleeves and sturdy shoes to avoid poison ivy and insects. They will provide the rest. You can sign up by sending an email to

[info@fodm.org](mailto:info@fodm.org) and put “Invasive Plants” in the subject line. You will quickly become an expert at identifying the invasives. Arguably, it is even more important to do this than it is to plant young saplings, as a mature tree is far more beneficial to our health in its carbon sequestration, stormwater capture, and the shade it provides us.

Finally, nothing is more heart-breaking than to see perfectly healthy, mature trees being cut down for new construction or because a homeowner is worried about it falling on the house. It is far better to keep those trees as it adds value to the property and future owners will be glad for the shade they provide and the impact that has on reducing their air conditioning costs in the summer as it keeps the house cooler. An arborist can tell you if your tree is at risk of falling and options for mitigation.

Finally, look out for my upcoming town meeting to discuss saving our tree canopy and what may be happening to our oak trees, sometime in the near future with Sen. Scott Surovell. We hope to see you there and work together to care for our trees as they have been caring for us, the planet, and its inhabitants for millions of years.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Volunteer for One of Alexandria's Boards and Commissions

Ever considered adding your voice and expertise to help set policies for the City of Alexandria? All City residents with the time and inclination should consider the rewards of service on one of the City's Boards and Commissions. You'll be helping influence budget priority and policies on multiple issues important to the community, including assuring affordable housing, providing child welfare and mental health services, maintaining City parks, and helping ensure economic opportunities for all

City residents.

I've served for two years on one of the Boards, the Social Services Advisory Board (SSAB), and have found it to be a rewarding experience.

Our Board gets fascinating looks “behind the scenes” to meet and learn from the individuals running the health department, the housing department (including rental assistance and eviction assistance), and the City's social service programs like foster care and family resources. Our Board is in-

involved in budget development and advocates before the City Council. Right now, some members of the SSAB are working on a bold new “guaranteed income” project that will provide randomly selected residents with monthly cash stipends under a Federally-funded pilot program. The ultimate goal is to use the data generated to determine how monthly cash disbursements, with no strings attached, impact the financial stability and well-being of participants. As a member of the SSAB, I feel honored to be a

part of bold approaches to address economic and racial equity like this one.

Come join us! You'd be expected to attend Board meetings monthly, usually from September to June, and participate in decision-making and policy setting. Here is the link to apply <https://www.alexandria.gov/boards-and-commissions/boards-and-commissions-vacancies>

**Stephanie Kanwit, Chair, SSAB**  
Alexandria, Va.

## Sunday Afternoon Ritual Ruined

As a native Washingtonian, Sunday afternoons in the fall were reserved for one thing: watching the Redskins. Now I work in the yard or wash the car. Unfortunately, the sad Commanders bear little resemblance to our once beloved [NFL team]. It starts with their record.

In those glorious 20 years before Dan Snyder, the [team] won 58% of their games. Under Snyder, they have a 40% winning percentage. Only 4 teams have worse records

over this timeframe (Browns, Lions, Jaguars and Raiders). And we haven't won a playoff game in 17 years. Our cherished [football team] has become a depressing bottom dweller.

It's not just the record. In 2020, USA Today ranked the management of all 32 NFL teams. Dan Snyder ranked dead last. 32nd out of 32 teams.

Not only is he considered a lousy owner, but he's a demonstrably

lousy person. The organization paid millions to settle sexual harassment complaints against him. The NFL had to step in to investigate a toxic workplace culture. As they investigated, a Congressional committee found evidence Snyder tried to undermine the NFL's findings and pay hush money to accusers. Any player or coach who behaved in this manner would be immediately fired. His cartoonish, entitled arrogance used to be amusing. Not anymore. It's hard to root for a team whose owner is so wretched and unlikable.

But the stadium is nice, right? Um, no. FedEx Field is considered a dump around the league. In August, it was ranked the worst stadium in the NFL. When I was a kid, [Washington NFL] tickets were nearly impossible to get. Last season, FedEx Field ranked 31st out of 32 teams in attendance. By any reasonable standard, Dan Snyder has become the Ryan Leaf of owners. So, until we're free of his incompetence, maybe I'll start following the Ravens.

**John Christmas**  
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## THEATER

# 'Purlie Victorious'

Aldersgate Church Community Theater stages Ossie Davis satire.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

Ossie Davis was a trail-blazer as an African American actor and director. Along with his wife, Ruby Dee, he was also known for his outspoken activism in the Civil Rights movement. But few remember Davis as an author and playwright.

The author of several books, Davis's best-known play, "Purlie Victorious," was initially staged in 1961 and is playing now at Aldersgate Church Community Theater.

Set in the African American community of southern Georgia, the play follows protagonist Purlie Victorious Judson who is still resentful of a beating received 20 years earlier from Ol' Cap'n Cotchipee, the owner of the cotton plantation where the play takes place.

"Purlie Victorious" is playing now through Oct. 16 at Aldersgate Church Community Theater.

Purlie, played by Jason Ellis, has become a pastor



PHOTO BY HOWARD SOROOS

"Purlie Victorious" is playing now through Oct. 16 at Aldersgate Church Community Theatre. Pictured from left to right: Matt Lore (deputy sheriff), Bill Barnes (Charlee Cotchipee), Camille Jackson (Idella Landry), Jason Ellis ((Purlie Victorious Judson), Crystal Arful-Addoh (Missy Jackson), and Ira Coats Jr. (Gitlow Judson). [www.acctonline.org](http://www.acctonline.org)

and returns with a scheme to take over a barn where church services were once held. Davis, who grew up in southern Georgia, uses satire to tackle racism.

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# Documenting Butterflies

Volunteers fanned out across Northern Virginia to survey butterflies, part of the North American Butterfly Association's nationwide count.



One team started in Belle Haven Park along the Potomac River shoreline.



Some surveyors gathered for pizza at The Haven to tally their numbers.

BY GLENDA BOOTH  
MOUNT VERNON GAZETTE

The silvery checkerspot butterfly has a row of black and white spots on the edges of its hind wings. The eastern comma butterfly has a small silvery-white comma-like mark on the underside of its hind wings. Such are the fine distinctions or unique field marks that help citizen scientists identify individual butterfly species.

On Sept. 17, 28 volunteers fanned out across Northern Virginia to survey butterflies, part of the North American Butterfly Association's nationwide count and sponsored by the Audubon Society of Northern Virginia. Teams identified 35 species and 798 individual butterflies. Last year, surveyors saw 34 species. People have confirmed over 100 species in Northern Virginia, according to the survey's leader, Larry Meade. Their presence and numbers vary by season.

There are around 120 species in the U.S. mid-Atlantic.

The teams surveyed at the Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve, Mount Vernon Estate, River Farm, the Jackson M. Abbott Wetland Refuge at Fort Belvoir, Huntley Meadows Park, Green Spring Gardens, the Winkler Preserve, Mason District Park, Glencarlyn Park, Bluemont Park, Four Mile Run and Fort C.F. Smith.

"It was optimal butterfly weather," said Meade. "It was sunny and



Larry Meade organized and led the butterfly survey.

warm with a light breeze, but not really hot," he explained. "The low 80s are perfect. It's warm enough for them to get energy from the sun

and be active. If it gets into the 90s, it's too hot. They like sun." Butterflies spread their wings and absorb the sun's heat, say experts.

September is a good month to observe butterflies, not just because of usually temperate weather and because some butterfly species are migrating through. The best-known migrant is probably the monarch, a four-inch butterfly that has orange wings with black veins and white edges. Through several generations, they make a two-way migration. In the fall, they fly from the central and eastern U.S. to central Mexico to overwinter. In the spring, they mate, leave Mexico for the U.S. and the next generation continues north. Their yellow-, white- and black-striped caterpillar feeds exclusively on milkweed

leaves.

Meade was heartened to see the ocola skipper at River Farm, a butterfly with dull yellowish-brown wings, a 1 1/4-to-1 3/4-inch wingspan and a forewing much longer than its hindwing. Ocolas migrate to and through Northern Virginia from the south in the fall.

At Mount Vernon Estate, Meade's team spotted an American lady and a painted lady.

Swallowtails, striking two- to four-inch butterflies with forked hindwings, are always show-stoppers. The zebra swallowtail has black and white striped wings, hence the name. The eastern tiger swallowtail has bold yellow wings with black stripes. Males are yellow,

low, but females can be yellow or black.

Meade sees surveying not just as data collection, but a gateway to becoming engaged in nature.

Jessie Strother, retired Fairfax County urban forester, spent her Saturday counting butterflies because she said, "Identifying butterfly species and their numbers is one measure of the diversity and health of our increasingly compromised environment in Northern Virginia. Environmental protection and con-

servation need to be front and center of much of what we do today."

Master naturalist Judy Gallagher from Woodbridge also sees butterflies as indicators of the health of the environment. She co-authored "Butterflies of the Mid-Atlantic" with Bob Blakney.

Butterflies and moths are in the order Lepidoptera, a Greek word that means "scaly wings." Butterflies are active during the day

and have a knob or club on their antennae. Most moths fly at night and have thicker antennae that are sometimes feathery. Butterflies tend to be colorful and moths more drab brown or beige.

Meade is a dedicated conservationist and naturalist who lives in Merrifield and is president of the Northern Virginia Bird Club.

## Helping Butterflies

Butterflies usually like natu-

ral vegetation and most adult butterflies feed by nectaring at flowers. "Butterfly diversity is usually correlated with the complexity of the landscape," observes Jeffrey Glassberg in Butterflies through Binoculars. He calls manicured lawns, "biological deserts." Some butterfly species spend the winter in fallen leaves as eggs, caterpillars, pupae or adults so many butterfly enthusiasts recommend leaving the leaves.

Some gardeners are creating butterfly gardens, which can be from a window box to a multi-acre field.

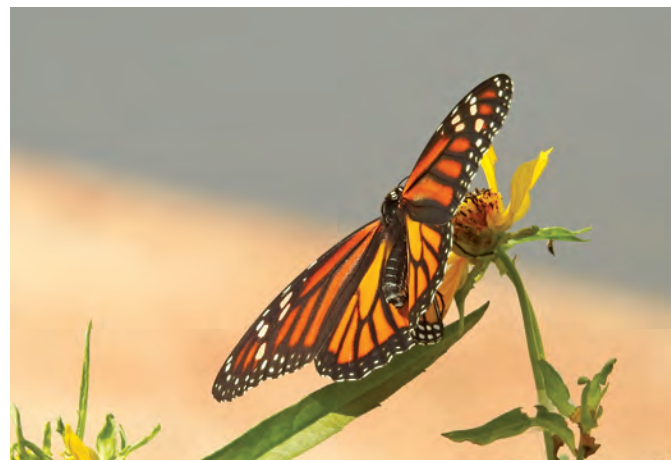
The key is planting plants appropriate for butterflies, host plants for laying eggs and plants for caterpillars to feed on.



Eastern Tiger Swallowtail



Ocola Skipper



Monarch Butterfly



American Lady Butterfly



Silvery Checkerspot



Peck's Skipper



Zebra Swallowtail

BUTTERFLIES PHOTOS BY LARRY MEADE





Arlington County Fire Department vehicle used for code inspections. The City of Alexandria also brought a Nissan Leaf which is the same make and model as this one.



Think BIG Arlington-Alexandria electric vehicle event Oct. 2, Large poster features current EVs available on the market, their prices and their travel range.

# It's a Bird, It's A Plane, It's an Electric Vehicle

BY SHIRLEY RUHE  
GAZETTE PACKET

**T**hink BIG. Think electric. Arlington County and the City of Alexandria partnered to sponsor the first Think BIG About the Future of Movement event at Northern Virginia Community College Alexandria (NVCC) on Sunday, Oct. 2.

Rebecca Moser, the event organizer for Arlington County, says, "We've never held this event in the past and started our heavy planning in May. But it wasn't soon enough given the scope and the scale of the event." In addition to the opportunity to drive an electric vehicle and to explore the different options in a technical showcase with buses, electric school buses and transit buses, there was an afternoon of speakers, children's activities with boothing and tabling exhibitions.

Moser, who is Environmental Management Associate, Energy Market Specialist on the AIRE Team in the Arlington County Department of Environmental Services and Bill Eger, the Energy Manager for the City of Alexandria, have been working regionally on the event. Eger says it was an opportunity to educate the community on how electric vehicles work, the availability and types and to build comfort. He says the event fit with the Alexandria and Arlington mutual goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 50 percent by 2030.

Moser says the e-mobility rodeo allowed a person to test drive a number of vehicles including cars, scooters and bikes. She says since people are test driving vehicles, the organizers are partnering with Columbus American who have hosted riding driving

events in the past. She says they are doing most of the logistics, working with dealerships to get cars, getting insurance. "So far we have Mercedes and Hyundai, are working with Ford, Audi and Mini Cooper."

In addition to the planning and organization for the event itself, the team had to make a contingency plan in view of the weekend weather projections. "We've been checking in every two hours. As of right now it's still on. The bottom garage is completely covered." Eger said after the event that weather was a challenge but fortunately NVCC had a parking structure that worked for most of the activities. But he says they had one of the 14 electric Dash buses on display but it didn't fit and had to be parked up on the street so it was a little less of a feature than they had hoped.

The children were able to join in the fun with a coloring table stacked with black and white logos of trains, buses and cars printed on butcher paper. They could get a temporary tattoo of a plane, train or bike and take home a squish ball in the shape of the van imprinted with the event logo. And if your poker chip travels down the Plinko board to the energy-related question number at the bottom, you can win a prize for a correct answer.

The three afternoon discussion sessions focused on "EV Ownership & Home Charger Installation," with both an Alexandria and Arlington resident and dealership owner, followed by "Local EV Development and Initiatives" and the final session "Research, Advancements and Innovation in the EV Space" with Dr. Jennifer Gerbi, Department of Energy Acting Director of Advanced Research Projects Agency.

Moser said this project has been

an organizational challenge and a learning curve. Since it is being held at NVCC which is state-owned and not in Arlington or Alexandria they had to sign a facility rental agreement and get insurance that would normally have been covered by the local governments. There were a lot of legal obstacles. "But we have the groundwork done to replicate it in the future."

Eger says the only thing he'd change next time is the weather (if he could). "It was a little bit of a challenge with the weather but overall it was really great. People were really enthusiastic to see and to share their experiences with EVs. It was a really exciting peer to peer sharing. An electric vehicle is a car but it has new features or ways of operating that people need to learn."

Eger says the most recent DMV records indicate Alexandria households have about 1,200 electric cars which is 3-5% "but it is growing." Eger speculates that part of the reluctance to purchase an EV has to do with the limited availability and long waiting lists. And he adds part of the reluctance has to do with education and not knowing enough about owning and operation. He explains that was the purpose of this event, one of many different events held around the country during National Drive Electric Week.

Moser adds Arlington and Alexandria have both been urging citizens to move toward sustaining practices "and we want to educate citizens on how easy it is to make the switch to an electric vehicle and get your home set up for electric charging." The transportation goals are part of the Community Energy Plan which is a long-term vision for rethinking Arlington.



Alexandria 60-foot accordion DASH transit bus.



Motorcycle brought from VEO a eMobility company in Arlington. Patrons were allowed to test ride these motorcycles.



## THEATER

# Aldersgate Church Community Theater Stages Satire

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"I love this satirical play that does not hold back from laughing at the stereotypes it so dramatically depicts," said director Eleanore Tapscott. "This play is about integrity through deception, and it is supercharged with ideas that unfortunately are as relevant in 2022 as they were 61 years ago."

Charles Dragonette and Marg Soroos are co-producers, with Soroos saying, "As a theater we are trying to expand our audience and give our patrons good theater with a message."

The Aldersgate Church Community Theater cast includes Steve Rosenthal as Ol' Cap'n Cotichpee, Bill Barnes as Charlie Cotichpee, and Camille Jackson as Idella Landy, the longtime cook and housekeeper for the Cotichpee home.

"Idella has been a devoted and loving caretaker to Charlie, son of the plantation owner, since the death of Charlie's mother," Jackson said. "She is Charlie's protector and confidant and supports his integrationist ideas but practices discretion in voicing them. She recognizes her value but knows her place."

**"My hope is that audiences will leave well entertained, that they will have been amused by the absurdity of segregation and racism."**

— ACCT cast member Camille Jackson

Ira F. Coats Jr. is Gitlow Judson, Purlie's younger brother, and Matthew Lore is the Barney Fife-like bumbling deputy of Cotichpee County.

Aja Goode plays Luttie Belle, who has caught the eye of Purlie.

"While this is a satirical and funny show, there is a lot within this show that talks about the historical challenges that Black folks faced that are still relevant today," Goode said. "This play is offering a funny alternative to having serious dialogues around race, history and identity but I hope that people who come to see this show will continue these conversations in their respective spaces."

Added Jackson, "My hope is that audiences will leave well entertained, that they will have been amused by the absurdity of segregation and racism. I hope that they will also be provoked to consider its damaging effects, on individuals and on society."

"Purlie Victorious" is playing now through Oct. 16 at Aldersgate Church Community Theater, 1301 Collingwood Road. Tickets are available at [www.acctonline.org](http://www.acctonline.org).

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## NOW THRU OCT. 17

Hummingbird Photo Exhibition. At the Historic House at Green Spring Gardens, Alexandria. For those who can't get enough of the beauty of hummingbirds, a group of local photographers are mounting an exhibition this summer. The title of the show is "A Bouquet of Hummingbirds," and it will feature works from more than 20 area artists and include hummingbirds from all over the Western Hemisphere. All profits from the sale of photos will be donated to the Friends of Green Spring, a non-profit organization devoted to maintaining the gardens and furthering public education and outreach.

## OCT. 2-31

Bold and Fierce. At Van Landingham Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union Street, Alexandria. Bold and Fierce, a new juried membership show featuring artworks by Diana Papazian, Joyce Zipperer, Samantha Shelton, Guido Zanni, Jennifer Brewer Stone, Rebecca McNeely, Mary Beth Griffin, Melanie Kehoss and Helen Power. Artists showcase works that are Bold—brave, flashy, brightly-colored and high-contrast—and/or Fierce—wild, savage, eager, severe or intense.

## THURSDAY/OCT. 6

Minglin' Mutt. 5:30-8 p.m. At Barkhaus, 529 E. Howell Ave., Alexandria. Bring your wingup and meet your potential match at our first ever singles night! Breaking the ice can be difficult so let your dog do the work for you. Join them for some fun mingling at our exclusive singles event.

## THURSDAY/OCT. 6

CPS Safety Check. 2-6 p.m. 8100 Fordson Road, Alexandria. Transurban, the operator of the 495, 95 and 395 Express Lanes, Safe Kids Fairfax County and State Farm Agent Kenya Z. Knight are hosting a free Child Passenger Seat (CPS) safety check at the Gum Springs Community Center in the 95 Express Lanes corridor.

## OCT. 6-NOV. 13

Woodcuts Exhibit. At The Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street, Alexandria. Featuring works by Joan Mayfield and Ruth Trevarrow. Woodcuts is a mixed-media exhibition that focuses on different types of wood, how we view it, and its transformative properties as part of nature. Mayfield and Trevarrow came up with the concept for the show because

they saw a lot of affinity for their individual work as a commonality in their practices. Artist Reception, Sunday, October 16, 4-6 p.m.; Artist Talk, Sunday, November 13, 2 p.m.

## THURSDAY/OCT. 6

Authors and Appetizers. 6:30 p.m. KaNikki Jakarta, Inaugural Athenaeum Poet In Residence, presents Authors and Appetizers, an event that welcomes readers, writers, authors, and those who love the arts. This event will feature authors Miko Reed Collins and Maureen Mayes. It will be followed by a mini panel discussion, and an audience Q&A.

## OCT. 7-29

"Return to Eating, Drinking, and Merriment" exhibit. At Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. The exhibit celebrates the return of food, drink, and the rituals and places associated with dining in a hybrid show combining a National Ceramic Show (juried by nationally recognized potter Jeremy Wallace) and a Regional Art Exhibit. Opening Reception: Friday, October 7, 7-9 p.m. Details: [DelRayArtisans.org/exhibits](http://DelRayArtisans.org/exhibits)

## OCT. 7-9

Fall Wine Festival & Sunset Tour. 6 - 9 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. Admission: Friday: \$49 for members, \$59 for general public; Saturday: \$53 for members, \$63 for general public; Sunday: \$43 for members; \$53 for general public. Call 703-780-2000. Visit [mountvernon.org](http://mountvernon.org)

## OCT. 7, 14, 21, 28

Death Comes to Carlyle House. 6 to 8 p.m. At Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N Fairfax St., Alexandria. Carlyle House presents an exhibit on mourning practices in the 18th-century through the experiences of the Carlyle household, mourning the death of town founder, John Carlyle, in September 1780. Reservations are required as space is limited.

## SATURDAY/OCT. 8

Hidden History in Quilts. 1-2:30 p.m. At Green Springs Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Explore the hidden history revealed in quilts inspired by Native American and Indigenous culture and lifeways in the "Special Program: Hidden History in Quilts." History Outside the Box historian and storyteller T. Carter will display a selection of beautiful star quilts that tell stories passed down through oral tradition. The cost is \$25 per person. Call 703-642-5173.

## SATURDAY/OCT. 8

Second Saturday Art Walk October 2022. 6 - 9 p.m. At Workhouse Arts Center, Lorton. Visit the Workhouse Monthly Featured Artists. All campus studio buildings will be open from and the artists there will be thrilled to chat about their works and processes. <https://www.workhousearts.org/>

## FRIDAY/OCT. 14

Late Shift: Masquerade at Torpedo Factory Art Center. 7 to 10 p.m. At Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Put on your favorite fall colors, sip your



## The Great Pumpkin Patch

The 29th annual Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill Pumpkin Patch opened Oct. 2 after receiving two 18-wheeler truckloads of pumpkins sustainably grown on a Navajo Reservation near Farmington, NM. Volunteers, including students from Episcopal and Bishop Ireton high schools and scouts from Scout Troop 131, helped unload the pumpkins, which are sold to support local charities. Located at 3606 Seminary Road, the Pumpkin Patch is open seven days a week through Oct. 31. Admission is free. [www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org](http://www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org)



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pumpkin-spice latte and enjoy the cooler weather during this fall masquerade. Costumes are optional but highly encouraged. Best dressed attendees will win a special prize. Featuring DJ sets with all your favorite October and Halloween-themed music.

## SATURDAY/OCT. 15

Discovering Alexandria Architecture Walking Tour. 10 a.m. At Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N Fairfax St., Alexandria. Alexandria has grown from a small town in the 18th century to a bustling small city in the 21st century. Discover

Alexandria by looking at Architecture styles that adorn the city streets and make it one of the best places to live and work. Reservations are required as space is limited. Visitors are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes for this 1.5

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hour guided tour. The tour is held rain or shine unless there is severe weather.

## THURSDAY/OCT. 20

Old Town Art Walk. 5-8 p.m. At various locations in Old Town Alexandria. Enjoy a self-guided tour of Old Town Alexandria and explore the fine art and studio crafts found in art galleries and boutique shops on the third Thursday of each month, May to October. The stroll is a great activity after an early dinner, or before enjoying a meal at one of Old Town Alexandria's restaurants. The Old Town Art Walk is presented by the Old Town Business Association.

## SATURDAY/OCT. 22

Tour de Mount Vernon 2022 Meet Up at the Workhouse Arts Center for a Community Bike Ride. The 7th Annual Community Bike Ride will be on Saturday, Oct. 22, 2022, at 8:30 a.m., starting and ending at the Workhouse Arts Center. The Tour de Mount Vernon brings cyclists on a fun ride through the southern and central portions of the Mount Vernon District including a scenic route through Fort Belvoir. The route consists of paved roads, paved trails and has several challenging sections. Ride monitors and Fairfax County Police help with directions and keep everyone safe. Details and registration: [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mountvernon/tour-de-mount-vernon-2022](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mountvernon/tour-de-mount-vernon-2022)

## THE BIRCHMERE

At 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. All shows are at 7:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted. Tickets available at Ticketmaster.com. Contact The Birchmere at 703-549-7500 or [www.Birchmere.com](http://www.Birchmere.com).

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## Cancer, Then and Now

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



When my brother was emergency-admitted to the hospital on July 16th, it was just a few days removed from my most recent every-three-months cancer scans. For the following two months or so, until his status was no longer day to day but rather marginally less urgent, I hadn't really focused/ thought too much about my own cancer-affected mortality. It was sort of on the back burner, for a change. And given my brother's tenuous grip on life for a while, it seemed bad form/ totally inappropriate to expend any mental energy on myself considering that he was in such distress (not breathing on his own, connected to a ventilator, 24-7 dialysis, just to name a few of the many life-sustaining medical marvels he was dependent on while in SICU). It was a sort of "all hands to the pump" kind of effort, to quote the Brits. And as the doctors and staff provided my brother round-the-clock care, the least I could do was harness whatever positive vibe I could muster in his direction.

Slowly, but surely, my brother began to rally. Over the course of the last month, he was disconnected from all life-sustaining machinery, taken off all medication and eventually transferred out of SICU into a regular hospital room. There his care was much less intense and where he began to really recuperate, enough so that a few weeks after his initial transfer there he received the penultimate transfer: to the adjacent rehab hospital with an eye toward the ultimate goal: release and back home. He was getting better every day and as he improved, we improved; in our mood and in our expectations for him. His semi-return to normal enabled me, subconsciously almost, to reconsider my own mortality once again. Not that that's anything new. It's quite old in fact, over 13 and half years old, ever since I was originally diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer in Feb. 2009. But for the last two months, it's been hardly a blip on my internal radar. My attention had been elsewhere.

And I must admit, in a weird kind of way, it was almost a relief to have something else to worry about for a change other than my own mortality. To clarify, it's not as if I forgot that I had cancer, but I was able to not think about all the time, if you know what I mean? I was thinking of my brother, not me. It felt unselfish which for a cancer patient is sometimes a challenging emotion to control. I remember the first bit of unsolicited advice I received from a friend (and fellow cancer patient) after she learned about my diagnosis: "Kenny" she said, "it's all about you now." Words to live by, for sure. Because a cancer diagnosis changes you in every way imaginable and in that aren't so imaginable. It's your life now – full time. As such, it's easy to lose oneself in all the demands and anxiety that characterize a cancer diagnosis and subsequent treatment/aftercare. Sometimes, it's helpful to have a diversion of sorts; to get your mind off your own troubles and try to help another cope. In that way, my brother's hospitalization and subsequent months' long recovery has been instructive. It turns out that even though I have cancer, it doesn't prevent me from doing the right thing on someone else's behalf. For almost six weeks, along with my sister-in-law, Vanessa, we visited my brother in the hospital every day, splitting shifts, so to speak. It wasn't about me. It was about my brother. It felt good to be there.

This week, if all goes according to plan, my brother will finally be home, after almost 10 weeks in the hospital. And with his return home (which itself will present any number of challenges for both Richard and his wife, Vanessa), my own health once again becomes top of mind. He has been in the hospital so long that low and behold, it's time for my quarterly scans already. The party, such as it was, is officially over. With my scans return all the usual mortality fears and questions. One of these days, I'm going to receive the wrong result. After all, when my diagnosis was changed to thyroid cancer three years ago, the medication I was prescribed (the best available at the time) had an effective time of three years or so. We're past that. Now that my brother is out of the hospital – or about to be, I'm back to thinking about me and my cancer and wondering if trouble is lurking.

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### PARADE DEL RAY HALLOWEEN PARADE

OCTOBER 30, 2022, AT 2 P.M.

Admission: Free

Begins at Mount Vernon Ave., south of E. Bellefonte Ave., Alexandria, VA 22301

[visitdelray.com/halloween](http://visitdelray.com/halloween)

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Admission: \$15 for adults; \$10 for children; free for children under 6 years old

Tours meet at the Alexandria Visitor Center, 221 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

[Alexcolonialtours.com](http://Alexcolonialtours.com)

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[nightlyspirits.com/old-town-tours/](http://nightlyspirits.com/old-town-tours/)

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#### AT MOUNT VERNON

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George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway Mount Vernon, Virginia 22121

703-780-2000

[mountvernon.org](http://mountvernon.org)

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Various locations in Old Town Alexandria, VA 22314

[oldtownbusiness.org](http://oldtownbusiness.org)

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OCTOBER 15, 2022,

FROM 11 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

Admission: \$45 per person

Made in ALX, 533 Montgomery St., Alexandria, VA 22314

[madeinalx.com](http://madeinalx.com)

Come out and make your own spooky tree that lights up with ghosts, bats or any spooky creature that calls to you. Beginners and those that are super crafty are welcome. Recommended for individuals ages 12 and up. Participants will sculpt with polymer clay, bake, paint and bend wire to create their own spooky tree. All materials will be provided during the workshop.

### FALL FROLIC AT LEE-FENDALL HOUSE MUSEUM

OCTOBER 22, 2022,

FROM 10 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

Admission: \$15 per children ages 2-12, Accompanying adults \$5 each, Infants under 2 are free

Lee-Fendall House Museum, 614 Oronoco St., Alexandria, VA 22314

[leefendallhouse.org](http://leefendallhouse.org)

Enjoy some fall-themed family fun in the garden during Lee-Fendall House's Fall Frolic event. Activities catered to children ages 3-12 include a "ghost" hunt, crafts, a costume parade and more. Timed tickets must be purchased in advance. Sessions start on the hour between 10 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. and are limited to 20 children each. Tickets are \$15 per participating child ages 2-12. Accompanying adults are \$5 each and infants under the age of 2 are free.

### 2ND ANNUAL CARLYLE HALLOWEEN STAMPEDE

OCTOBER 29, 2022, 2 TO 6 P.M.

Admission: \$10 per person

Whiskey & Oyster, 301 John Carlyle St., Alexandria, VA 22314

[eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com)

The 2nd Annual Carlyle Halloween Stampede features all-day festive cocktails, signature party favors, costume contests, photos ops, giveaways and more. Guests can start the crawl at any of the participating restaurants: Whiskey & Oyster, Sweet Fire Donna's, Tequila and Taco or Lost Boy Cider. Costumes are recommended. There will be costume prizes and a Dog Costume Contest. 100% of the registration fee will be donated to the nonprofit ALIVE! in Alexandria.

### DOG-FRIENDLY FESTIVITIES SLEEPY HOWLLOW AT BARKHAUS

OCTOBER 27, 2022,

FROM 7:30 TO 10 P.M.

Admission: \$40 for members, \$55 for the public  
Barkhaus, 529 E. Howell Ave., Alexandria, VA 22301

[brewskisbarkhaus.com](http://brewskisbarkhaus.com)

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### NIGHTMARE AT BARKHAUS OCTOBER 29, 2022, FROM 5 TO 8 P.M.

Admission: Free

Barkhaus, 529 E. Howell Ave., Alexandria, VA 22301

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