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Public Notice

Updated weight limits on Virginia bridges and culverts

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

Jurisdiction	Fed Struc Id	Route #	Route Name	Crossing	Posted Date
ALBEMARLE	753	687	SHIFFLETTS MILL ROAD	BUCK MOUNTAIN CREEK	7/25/2023
TAZEWELL	18686	806	ROUTE 806	COAL CREEK	7/12/2023

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

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

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

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a.m., Aurora Hills 55+ Center.
Drop-in.

55+ Programs are in person at 55+ Centers, unless otherwise noted. A 55+ Pass is required to participate (starting at a \$20 annual fee). To join or register, go to registration. arlingtonva.us or call 703-228-4747.

Current events discussion in Spanish, Thursday, Aug. 24, 11:30 a.m., virtual. Must have at least intermediate knowledge of Spanish. Led by Lubber Run 55+ Center Director Ashley Gomez. Registration # 914402-14.

Dance Bingo, created by Walter Reed 55+ Center Director Jennifer Weber, combines cardio dancing with luck of the draw of Bingo, Friday, Aug. 25, 11:15 a.m. Registration # 914600-16.

55+ Travel group will visit the Museum of Illusions in D.C.'s City Center, Friday, Aug. 25. More than 50 visual and educational exhibits featuring holograms, stereograms and immersive rooms. Cost \$36, Arlington resident; \$44, non-resident. Registration # 902308-05.

Social ballroom dance, spacious dance floor, Friday, Aug. 25, 1 p.m., Arlington Mill 55+ Center. Music for swing, foxtrot, waltz and tango. Drop-in.

Movie matinee, "The Fabelmans" (2022) (PG-13), Friday, Aug. 25, 12:30 p.m., Aurora Hills 55+ Center. Registration # 914804-04.

Crafternoon social group of experienced yarn crafters, Lubber Run 55+ Center, Friday, Aug. 25, 3 p.m. Sip tea, work on crocheting, knitting and needlepoint projects followed by a walk around the Center's indoor track. Drop-in.

Aurora Hills book club to discuss "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society" by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows, Monday, Aug. 28, 11:30 a.m., Aurora Hills 55+ Center. Newcomers welcome. Drop-in.

55+ ice skating, exclusive hour, Monday, Aug. 28, 8:10 - 9:20 a.m., MedStar Capitals Iceplex, Ballston Common Mall, 8th level parking (\$1), skate rental (\$1). Pre-registration required at www.medstarcapitalsiceplex.com, senior public skate.

Pinochle, well known card game using a special deck of cards, Monday, Aug. 28, 1 - 3 p.m. and Friday, Sept. 1, 1 - 3 p.m., Langston-Brown 55+ Center. Newcomers welcome. Drop-in.

QR codes and how to use them, Tuesday, Aug. 29, 6 p.m., Walter Reed 55+ Center. Taught by tech expert Nick Englund. Registration # 914403-14.

Croquet games, newcomers welcome, equipment provided, Tuesday, Aug. 29 and Friday, Sept. 1, 2 p.m., Walter Reed 55+ Center field. Drop-in.

Tai Chi practice with experienced volunteers, Tuesday, Aug. 29, 1 p.m., Walter Reed 55+ Center; Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2 p.m., Aurora Hills 55+ Center; Friday, Sept. 1, 1 p.m., Walter Reed 55+ Center field. No instruction provided. Drop-in.

Android phone and tablet class, come prepared with device specific questions, Wednesday, Aug. 30, 5:30 p.m., Arlington Mill 55+ Center. Taught by tech expert Nick Englund. Registration # 914403-03.

Registration for 2023 Northern Virginia Senior Olympics, is open, online only at www.nvso.us. Registration fee \$20 for unlimited events. For more information, email, nvso1982@gmail.com.

Matinee movie, "Air" (2015) (PG-13), watch on big screen at Arlington Mill 55+ Center, Thursday, Aug. 17, 1 p.m. Registration # 914804-07.

Cardmaking workshop using techniques such as die cuts, embossing folders, distress inks and stamps, Thursday, Aug. 17, 1-4 p.m., Langston-Brown 55+ Center. Drop-in.

Arlington Mill Art Show, open to the public, arts and crafts from the 55+ community, Friday, Aug. 18, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Deadline for community artists age 55+ and older to submit artwork is Monday, Aug. 14 by emailing, agomez1@arlingtonva.us.

Annual ice cream social and live music at Aurora Hills 55+ Center, Friday, Aug. 18, 1 p.m. Cost \$3 (cash only). Registration # 914899-06.

Introduction to beginner's line dance class, Friday, Aug. 18, 10:15 a.m., Aurora Hills 55+ Center. Drop-in.

Social art swap at Arlington Mill 55+ Center, Sunday, Aug. 20, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Bring a piece of art to swap or create one onsite. Registration # 914300-09.

A variety of card games and rummikub at Langston-Brown 55+ Center, Monday, Aug. 21, 1-3 p.m. Drop-in.

Mims Placke leads an informal program on memoir writing, Monday, Aug. 21 10:15 a.m., Langston-Brown 55+ Center. Registration # 914400-33.

Samba card games, fun variation of Canasta using six decks of cards, Tuesday, Aug. 22, 1 - 4 p.m., Walter Reed 55+ Center. Drop-in.

Men's pick-up basketball games, full court press, all skill levels welcome, Wednesday, Aug. 23, 12 - 2 p.m., Walter Reed 55+ Center. Drop-in.

Current articles in popular magazines discussed, Wednesday, Aug. 23, 11 a.m., Aurora Hills 55+ Center. Facilitated by Librarian Vicky McCaffrey. Registration # 914402-17.

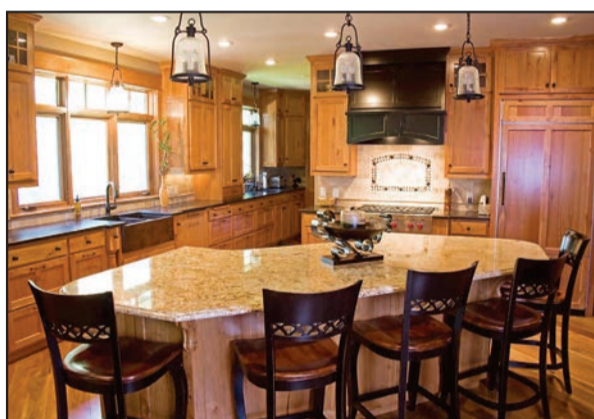
Movie night at Lubber Run 55+ Center, Thursday, Aug. 24, 6 p.m., "The Intern" (2015) (PG-13). Registration # 914804-14.

Line dance practice, must have knowledge of basic steps, Thursday, Aug. 24, 1 - 2 p.m., Arlington Mill 55+ Center; Friday, Aug. 25, 11:05

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A free back-to-school shopping experience on Tuesday, Aug. 15 helped APAH's Virginia-based students, and their families, get clothes, school supplies, and other essential items.



Amazon and APAH wanted to offer selections that reflect the students' personal style as they prepare to return to school this year.

Amazon Helps with Back-to-School Expenses

Amazon employees teamed up with the Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing to host an in-person, Back-to-School Shop to support students (PK-12) from underserved and historically underrepresented communities. The free back-to-school shopping experience on Tuesday, Aug. 15 helped APAH's Virginia-based students, and their families, obtain clothes, school supplies, and other essential items that reflect the students' personal style as they prepare to return to school this year.

Robin Booker, and APAH resident, was able to get what her children need to go back to school at the event. "It helps so much," she said.

Her children are four, in pre-K; 6 in first grade; and 16, a sophomore in high school. Without this partnership, buying school supplies plus clothes, shoes and other back-to-school necessities would have come out of money for rent and other bills, Booker said. "It's just a lifesaver because I would have had to pull money from where I really didn't have it to shop," Booker said.

For Amazon, helping families where their headquarters are located is part of their mission.

"We're committed to helping more students meet their back-to-school needs in order to learn and build their best future," said Cynthia Caglar, senior manager at Amazon. "Through our partnership with APAH, we've been able to offer an opportunity for students and their families to shop for school supplies and other essential items that help eliminate barriers to learning."

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Metro region.

"Rising back-to-school costs are a burden for lower income families," said Garrett Jackson, Director of Resource Development and Communications at APAH. "This effort empowers APAH parents and students to start the school year equipped with supplies and resources that they need to thrive."

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The Fresnel Lens on top of the Jones Point Lighthouse, which operated from 1856 to 1926.



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National Lighthouse Day, August 7.

BY GLENDA C. BOOTH
THE CONNECTION

Lighthouses are not on most Northern Virginians' minds these days, but Aug. 7 was National Lighthouse Day and this area has a special lighthouse, the Jones Point Lighthouse on the Potomac River.

"The Jones Point Lighthouse is one of the last riverine lighthouses in the country and the only one still standing in the Chesapeake Bay area," explains the National Park Service's website.

On Aug. 7, 1789, the first U.S. Congress passed a bill establishing federal control of lighthouses and

Mount Vernon resident, U.S. President George Washington, signed the bill into law.

The lighthouse, built in 1855, is a critical piece of the city of Alexandria's history as one of the largest centers for shipping, manufacturing, and transportation in the nation. It is the last remaining riverine lighthouse in Virginia.

The lighthouse operated from 1856 to 1926 and helped ships navigate the river. It supported the growing economies of Alexandria, Virginia and Washington, D.C., as merchant, passenger, fishing and naval vessels traveled the river daily.

The lighthouse's beam, powered by a fifth order Fresnel lens, could be seen nine miles away. The light was originally manually operated and powered by oil, changed to gas in 1866, reconverted to oil in 1900 and then in 1919, it got an automated flashing white light of 390-candlepower fueled by acety-

Jones Point Park.

lene gas.

While iconic lighthouses are typically tall and cylindrical, this one is a 19-by-38-foot frame, one-and-a-half-story structure with a cylindrical, cast-iron lantern on the roof. Most of the original interior is gone, says the National Register for Historic Places nomination.

The lighthouse had keepers, including families. The four-room building was no doubt crowded for Benjamin Greenwood, the longest-serving keeper, who worked and lived there from 1866 to 1906, at one time with his second wife and 11 of his 14 children.

The Capital's South "Corner"

Nearby is the south cornerstone of the District of Columbia, which some consider to be the nation's oldest federal monument. It was installed in 1791 and replaced in 1794 with the inscription, "The Beginning of the Territory of Columbia."

"The south cornerstone of the District of Columbia is significant as marking the beginning point of the 1791 survey that carved this unique Federal jurisdiction from the states of Virginia and Maryland ... This is one of the oldest artifacts related to the Nation's Capital," according to the historic designa-

tion nomination form. In 1846, the area was retroceded to Virginia.

One site on Alexandria's African American Heritage Trail here honors the surveyor for the nation's capital, Marylander Benjamin Banneker (1731-1805), a writer, inventor and free African American. Banneker used astronomical observations and calculations to establish the "south corner" of the new capital city.

In 1918, a shipyard at Jones Point built naval ships for World War I. The shipyard obscured the lighthouse's beacon light. In 1936, the Army Signal Corps built a clas-

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Jones Point Lighthouse, restored, one of the last riverine lighthouses in the country and the only one still standing in the Chesapeake Bay area.

What Do You Think? New Branding ‘All in Arlington’

The Arlington Convention and Visitors Service (ACVS), the official destination marketing organization for Arlington, announced its new tourism brand at an event on Thursday, Aug. 3, 2023. Centered on the message “All in Arlington,” the organization wants to inspire enthusiasm about Arlington among travelers and meeting professionals. It is designed to highlight visitor attractions and activities throughout Arlington, from historic discoveries to cultural experiences to unexpected adventures.

The branding update was paid for by federal ARPA funds appropriated by the Virginia General Assembly to Virginia Tourism Corporation (VTC) for Covid recovery of the tourism industry. In February 2022, Arlington County received a \$3.25 million VTC ARPA Tourism Recovery Program grant to fund new marketing and sales initiatives that drive overnight hotel stays and spending at local businesses.

In mid-2022, Arlington began



working with marketing agency Fuseideas LLC on an end-to-end brand research and development process. Synthesizing findings from existing and new research combined with stakeholder and audience interviews, Fuseideas revealed a significant evolution in the perception of Arlington as a destination.

“All in Arlington” represents a changing destination landscape and new ways that Arlington satisfies the needs and expectations of post-pandemic visitors. With Arlington ranking #1 Fittest U.S. City, #4 Best Park System in America, Platinum Walk Friendly Community, and #2 Happiest Place in the U.S., Arlington and its diverse, welcoming neighborhoods com-

bine the best of city life and urban outdoor living, ACVS said in its release.

“Before the pandemic, Arlington was consistently ranked Virginia’s #1 county for visitor spending,” said ACVS Director Emily Cassell.

The Northern Virginia region, which makes up 42% of travel activity in the state, was the most negatively impacted by the pandemic and experienced a drastic decline in visitation and tourism revenues. Arlington was one of the hardest areas hit, with a significant 57% decline in visitor spending and a 65% decline in accommodation spending in 2020. However, Arlington is now poised for a strong recovery throughout 2023 and into 2024.

A Special Lighthouse

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sified communication facility on the former shipyard and closed the building to the public.

Pre-Lighthouse

Indigenous people no doubt used the area before European settlement. A National Park Service marker today highlights another historical nugget. In 1654, Margaret Brent of Maryland received a land patent for the area, originally known as Piper’s Island. A feisty, independent woman, lawyer and suffragist, she went to the Maryland state legislature and requested not just the right to vote, but the right to two votes, one for herself as a landowner and one as Lord Baltimore’s attorney. The American Bar Association has called her “the nation’s first woman lawyer.”

Part of a National Park

In 1926, the Mount Vernon Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution became the owners of the lighthouse and maintained it as a museum. By the 1950s, the building was in disrepair so to preserve what was left, the DAR transferred the property back to the federal government and in 1964, the 22-acre Jones Point Park opened,

a unit of the George Washington Memorial Parkway, today managed by the National Park Service. NPS maintains a one-mile, signed interpretive trail.

Basketball, Bass and Birds

Today, much of the park offers up-close views of the underside of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge as interstate traffic rumbles overhead. Youngsters romp on playgrounds and play basketball, while adults walk dogs, tend community gardens or fish from two piers.

The park is also a favorite bird-watching site where in August and the fall observers might see shorebirds like greater and lesser yellowlegs, solitary and least sandpipers, Caspian and Forster’s terns and migrant passerines like black-throated green and black-throated blue warblers and chestnut-sided and magnolia warblers.

History and Activities:

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TRAFFIC ALERT: 2023 ARLINGTON COUNTY FAIR
The Arlington County Fair will

take place from August 16 - 20, 2023, at Thomas Jefferson Community Center located at 3501 2nd Street S. The Arlington County Police Department will conduct the following road closure to accommodate the event:
2nd Street S., between S. Jackson Street and S. Irving Street, will

be closed from 8:00 a.m. on August 16 until 11:00 p.m. on August 20.
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Notice of Availability: Draft Environmental Assessment, for the 2023 Pentagon Reservation Master Plan Update
Agency: Department of Defense, Washington Headquarters Services
Public Comment Period: August 16 – September 15, 2023

Summary: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321-4347), and the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (Code of Federal Regulations, Title 40, Parts 1500-1508), the Department of Defense (DoD), Washington Headquarters Services (WHS) has prepared and issued a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the 2023 Pentagon Reservation Master Plan Update.

The purpose of the 2023 Pentagon Reservation Master Plan Update (Pentagon Master Plan) is to maintain the goals established in the 2016 Pentagon Master Plan Update, provide an update on current conditions, identify future projects, and analyze deficiencies in meeting new criteria established by Unified Facilities Criteria (UFC) 2-100-01 (*Installation Master Planning*). The Pentagon Master Plan includes an expanded geographic scope from the 2016 Pentagon Master Plan Update because it discusses development plans for the Mark Center in Alexandria, Virginia, which is a property administered by WHS.

The original objectives as outlined in the 2016 Master Plan include improving security, enhancing quality of life of employees and visitors, enhancing environmental sustainability, and balancing the various developmental pressures facing the Reservation. In addition to carrying forth these goals, the 2023 Pentagon Reservation Master Plan Update aims to provide an update to existing conditions at the Pentagon and Mark Center to reflect changes since 2016. The Pentagon Master Plan considers projects that would be implemented in both the short term (0 to 5 years) and long term (6 to 20 years) in response to projected DoD mission needs. The Draft EA analyzes the impacts of the short- and long-term projects. The Pentagon Master Plan generally retains the existing land use pattern at the Pentagon site with a few changes, including those to reflect land acquisition activities that have occurred since the 2016 Master Plan Update.

The No-Action Alternative would not implement the Proposed Action. Under the No-Action Alternative, WHS would not meet DoD requirements for updating the Master Plan every 5 years and would continue to implement the 2016 Master Plan Update without any revisions or updates until the next major master planning cycle concludes. The No-Action Alternative would maintain the present course of action at the Pentagon site and Mark Center by continuing ongoing repair and maintenance activities, and updates in response to Congressional actions or revisions to building and safety codes. The No-Action Alternative would not make revisions to the land use categorizations or include plans for land acquisition at the Pentagon site.

As described in the Draft EA, the proposed action is not expected to result in any significant adverse effects or impacts on the natural or human environment. It is anticipated that this EA will result in a Finding of No Significant Impact.

To request a copy of the Draft EA: Please contact Joe Eichenlaub, Environmental Branch Manager, WHS/Facilities Services Directorate (FSD)/Standards and Compliance Division (SCD)/Environmental and Sustainability Branch (ESB); telephone: 703-614-9583; email: joseph.d.eichenlaub.civ@mail.mil.

Send Comments To: Written comments may also be emailed to joseph.d.eichenlaub.civ@mail.mil.

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WEDNESDAY, AUG. 16, 23, AND 30
Central Library Wednesday Talks.
7:00 – 8:00 p.m., Arlington Central Library, 1015 N Quincy St., Arlington. Join Friends of Urban Agriculture, Arlington/Alexandria Extension Master Gardeners and other expert speakers as they provide information on a variety of garden topics each month. Topics in August include Extend Your Growing Season on Aug 16, Foraging for Wild Edibles Aug 23, and Garden Tool Care on Aug 30. Free. No registration required. For more information call 703-228-5940.

TUESDAY, AUG. 22 AND 29
Simpson Park Demonstration Gardens,
Tuesdays @ 10, 10-11:30 a.m., Simpson Demonstration Gardens, 420 E. Monroe Ave. Alexandria. Join Extension Master Gardeners in the Simpson Demonstration Gardens to learn their techniques and strategies for discouraging pests of all kinds while protecting beneficial insects and animals and the quality of the soil and water. Free.

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ARLINGTON COUNTY FAIR

AUG. 16-20
Arlington County Fair. At the Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 2nd Street South, Arlington. The Arlington County Fair is so much more than rides and food! Gardeners, cooks, and bakers start planning for your entries in the County Fair Competitive Exhibits. Blue ribbons are in your future with prize-winning vegetables and flowers, breads, baked goods, and preserves. And when the Fair opens, drop by the Virginia Cooperative Extension booth for information and answers to your questions. Entry information is available at <https://www.arlingtoncountyfair.us/>

Arlington County Fair Hours

- ❖ Wednesday, Aug. 16, 5-10:30 p.m.
- ❖ Thursday, Aug. 17, 5-10:30 p.m.
- ❖ Friday, Aug. 18, 2-10:30 p.m.
- ❖ Saturday, Aug. 19, 10 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.
- ❖ Sunday, Aug. 20, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

SATURDAY/AUG. 19
Lesson Zero. 5:30-6:30 p.m. At Thomas Jefferson Community Center, Arlington. The Arlington County Fair presents the music of WWW.CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM

ENTERTAINMENT



The Arlington County Fair takes place Aug. 16-20, 2023 at the Thomas Jefferson Community Center in Arlington.

Oasis recording artist Lesson Zero for a free show, Saturday, Aug. 19, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Thomas Jefferson Community Center, Arlington. For additional information, see: www.youtube.com/lessonzero and www.reverbnation.com/lessonzero.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 23, AND 30 Central Library Wednesday Talks. 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., Arlington Central Library, 1015 N Quincy St., Arlington. Join Friends of Urban Agriculture, Arlington/Alexandria Extension Master Gardeners and other expert speakers as they provide information on a variety of garden topics each month. Topics in August include Extend Your Growing Season on Aug 16, Foraging for Wild Edibles Aug 23, and Garden Tool Care on Aug 30. Free. No registration required. For more information call 703-228-5940.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 23 Foraging for Wild Edibles . 7 p.m. Meets at Arlington Central Library, 1015 North Quincy Street, Arlington. There are good things to eat all around you. Learn to identify and prepare safe edibles found in our wild (and not so wild) areas.

FRIDAY/AUG. 25 Fall Lawn Care. 10:00 - 11:30 a.m., ONLINE. Fall is the BEST time to install or restore fescue (cool-season) lawns, the most common turfgrass grown in our area. Fescue will be the focus of our talk, although other grass types will also be addressed briefly. Extension Master Gardener Joyce Hylton will describe how to improve lawns by tackling the primary issues of soil pH, proper and timely fertiliza-

tion, watering, and mowing. The emphasis will be on sustainable practices and minimizing any negative impact of our actions on the environment. Free. RSVP at <http://mgmv.org/rsvp-for-public-education-classes/> to receive a link to participate.

SATURDAY/AUG. 26 Butterfly Walk. 10:00 a.m. At Dyke Marsh, Alexandria. Join Friends of Dyke Marsh for a butterfly and dragonfly walk with Larry Meade. Meet at the south Belle Haven Park parking lot. Limited to 20. Register by sending an email to info@fodm.org and put "butterfly walk" in the subject box.

COLUMBIA PIKE PARTNERSHIP 2023 MOVIE NIGHTS
The Columbia Pike Partnership is pleased to announce the full list of movies for its popular Summer Movie Nights series returning to Arlington Mill Community Center Outdoor Plaza and Penrose Square Outdoor Plaza in August. Enjoy free movies this summer on Friday and Saturday nights with a selection of 16 family-friendly films from animation, adventure, comedy, musicals, and more. All movies start at sunset (between 8 and 8:30 p.m.) and are shown in English with Spanish subtitles.

Fridays at Arlington Mill, 909 South Dinwiddie St, Arlington, VA
Aug. 18: Lightyear
Aug. 25: The Goonies

Saturdays at Penrose Square, 2200 S 6th St, Arlington, VA
Aug. 19: The Woman King
Aug. 26: Jurassic World Dominion

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LEARNING'S FALL OFFERINGS
Get ready to expand your world during Encore Learning's Fall 2023 Semester. Choose from among 35 classes which encompass artificial intelligence's ethical implications to historical events, literature, sciences, and topics like biosecurity, baby boomers, aging, and immigration among others. Classes are offered in-person in Arlington, on Zoom or a combo of both. Meet new friends, learn, have fun... Tune in on Zoom on Thursday, September 7 at 9:30 a.m. for the popular Fall Preview to find out more about classes and meet

the instructors. Browse the course information and online catalog.
Fall registration starts at 10 a.m. on Monday, September 11. Classes begin Monday, October 2 and run weekly from 4 to 10 weeks.
Now in its 21st year in Arlington, Encore Learning provides lifelong college-level noncredit educational opportunities for people over age 50. Members can access many Special Events including presentations and local tours, and take advantage of breakfast, cinema, travel and other active clubs. Members are from across the Greater Washington area and with half of the courses virtual, there are a growing number of members from outside the region. Members pay an annual membership fee of \$65 and pay \$55 per course registration.

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POTOMAC ALMANAC CENTRE VIEW

Thank you to the hundreds of supporters who helped to keep all your Connection Newspapers alive throughout Alexandria, Fairfax County, Arlington County and Potomac, Md. along with affiliated websites and digital media. Now we need help again in 2022.

Each local newspaper's mission aspires to provide greater community service, and we do know that our communities are better off if we continue to publish. Last year's financial support from readers and supporters like you bridged the shortfall before Federal PPP funding arrived, and both made our survival possible. We now await a decision for a grant from Rebuild Virginia in early February that we hope will help us in 2022 and beyond. But we need help to survive the first quarter, always a brutal time for cash flow in weekly newspapers. Thank you.

Please, help save these historical papers. All gifts will be used to fund our printed newspapers and websites and to meet obligations to our loyal and patient employees, writers, contractors and suppliers.

The ongoing pandemic continues to crush many newspapers across the country, and our newspapers continue to be at risk. The Northern Virginia area's best read and most trusted source for community news includes the Alexandria Gazette Packet, Mount Vernon Gazette and all Connection Newspapers in the metropolitan region.

The pandemic has hit small businesses hard, which in turn has reduced advertising revenue that keeps these local newspapers alive to provide hyper-local news to residents. It feels like no small miracle to be looking forward into 2022.

The pandemic has been a bear, financially and otherwise. Revenue plummeted at the beginning in 2020. Some beloved advertisers have stayed the course supporting us throughout, and many more have done what they can. In the fall of 2021 we saw the return of some advertising for events and Grand Openings, but now omicron clouds the horizon in so many ways. Revenue still remains short of expenses despite our greatly curtailed costs.

Connection Newspapers has been offering these local newspapers to residents for over 200 years. Countless residents have grown up with these papers covering significant moments in the lives of family and children, news, community events, school activities, and even pictures of your dogs and cats. Internet news and large national newspapers cannot provide the local connection or historical connection that local papers like Connection Newspapers and the Alexandria Gazette Packet provide. If your child, dog, mother, father, neighborhood, school has been featured, you understand the value of local community newspapers.

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Can't Claim Much Progress



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Two and a half weeks since the tree hit our house. Yet, minimal contact/movement from the insurance company/adjuster. In fact, it's been 10 days since the adjuster arrived at our house, iPad in hand. After the initial exchange of pleasantries, he walked around the house, making notes, while asking lots of questions. Even though he didn't go inside the house to "ladder" up into our first-floor attic to inspect the roof damage for himself (in fairness, before this his first on-site visit, I had forwarded to him a dozen or so email photographs, as provided to us by the water-mitigation team, so he kind of new the lay of the land, so to speak), he seemed as sincere, empathetic and understanding as you'd hope from the person tasked with rebuilding your life, so to speak. Since this first meeting, however, there has been radio and electronic silence. Subsequently I've called and emailed. Not an excessive amount but enough to be squeaky on his wheel. Still, nothing.

Originally, I had been promised an itemized list of damages and their respective repair dollars – and a Zelle payment possibly a few days later. Thankfully, I haven't been holding my breath. If I had, I'd be dead now, at least blue in the face. But I never thought his timeline was realistic. Still, the adjuster was very reassuring and confident; specifically, about when we might expect to be paid. (The process will be that I will receive a payment and then "general contract" my way through the repairs. I was further informed that if the reimbursements weren't quite right, that the adjuster is flexible and will work together with us to remedy any discrepancy. No problem, or so I was told. However, so far, all it's been is a problem.)

Yet here I sit, twiddling my thumbs and wiping my brow, looking for some kind of relief from the allocating-powers-that-be. At present, on my own, I have received three estimates on replacing the two air conditioning units, two estimates on repairing the roof and none so far on addressing the electric issues, inside and outside painting, chandelier replacement, refinishing the den's wooden floor – which was soaked, all of which seem to be cart-before-the-house until I see the estimates from the company to learn what they'll cover. Moreover, I've likewise received no communication or direction from the company/adjuster about replacing/reimbursing the oriental rug and pad that were destroyed by the water leaking through the roof and puddling on the floor in our den. All damages caused by the tree falling on our house during a rain/storm event, the kind all of us Washingtonians are familiar with, thereby creating a hole in the roof. All of which seemed well within our expectations for coverage according to the words of the adjuster. It seemed all so easy and reasonable that a delay and/or dispute seemed unthinkable. I joked that if I knew the process and all was going to be this easy, I would have knocked down the tree myself. Little did I know; very little, in fact.

However, not to balance the company's/adjuster's lack of follow up with reality, but the company promptly sent over a water-mitigation team. (I was advised to mention the possibility of mold – since it had already been three days since the storm, as an inducement to get the company to act. Sure enough. I called Monday; I mentioned the mold; the water-mitigation people arrived Tuesday. Unfortunately, that's all they've sent of done so far.) And I was grateful for what seemed like on that Tuesday, the beginning of a speedy resolution to our house's damage, a start, certainly. First things, first. And water is very often 'first.' (I remember being asked rhetorically, by the inspector who "inspected our home in 1992 "What are the three most important words in home ownership"? His answer: "Water, water, water." And I've been mindful of it ever since.

But it's not just water that has seeped into our house, it's reality as well. It feels like we're "Stuck in Mobile with the Memphis Blues Again" (a song written by Bob Dylan and often covered by "The Grateful Dead"). In total, we're sort of stuck – waiting for financial details, sort of confused and not at all thrilled by our circumstances and/or claim's experience. It's not as if I'm clueless about such quandaries. I realize as they do in the horse world: "Manure Occureth." And in every other world too, as water flows downhill – literally in this case, and of course, figuratively as well. At the end of the day – and the beginning too, I may be powerless to affect any action, certainly on my timetable, anyway. Nevertheless, if I do indeed want to "Keep hope alive," to invoke the Rev. Jesse Jackson, I need a sign. Is anybody paying attention to claim #12114658? You already have my cellphone number, email address and claim paperwork. Please act like it. Thank you.

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Potomac Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.

Running Strong

Powwow showcases Native American culture.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
THE CONNECTION

Hundreds gathered to participate and observe the 2nd Annual Running Strong for American Indian Youth Powwow held Aug. 6 at Waterfront Park.

The colorful extravaganza served to showcase Native American culture through a day-long series of events and activities including intertribal dancers, drum groups, community resources, popup vendors, and information on Native American customs.

“Today is a time for us to celebrate as a collective community of native people,” said Kyle Swann, a member of the Piscataway Conoy tribe and one of the event coordinators. “It is very hard for us to have the space to do something like this. We live in an area where native culture is not prevalent so today is a chance to come together, bring traditions into the modern world and celebrate the future we are building together. Our goal is to continue to be seen, continue to be heard and continue to be considered.”

Running Strong for American Indian Youth is an Alexandria-based nonprofit that traces its beginnings to U.S. Olympic champion Billy Mills, who was born and raised on the Pine Ridge Indian reservation in South Dakota. A member of the Oglala Sioux tribe, Mills won a gold medal in the 10,000-meters at the 1964 Tokyo Olympics, a victory considered one of the greatest Olympic upsets.

Mills co-founded the organization with Eugene Krizek with the aim to help Native American people fulfill their basic needs – food, water, and shelter – while also helping their communities gain self-sufficiency and self-esteem.

“Billy and Eugene joined efforts to address needs on the Pine Ridge reservation, specifically to help the Lakota people,” Swann said. “Billy’s dream was to continue to expand and now we are a national nonprofit with



Contestants perform a traditional dance during the Running Strong for American Indian Youth Powwow competition Aug. 6 at Waterfront Park.

programs throughout the whole country.”

Eugene Krizek, father of Del. Paul Krizek of Mount Vernon, died in 2021.

The DC area Powwow brought together Native Americans to have a community space to connect with and celebrate cultures together.

“This Powwow is how we are celebrating coming together,” said Kerry Reed of the Cherokee tribe in North Carolina. “We are no longer fighting among each other because we are different tribes. This Powwow is how we come together.”

Tribes were represented from across the

region and as far away as Michigan.

“Today is about creating space for our native brothers and sisters on the East Coast,” said Running Strong program assistant Mac-e-y Michaelson. “Today gives everyone a place to gather and celebrate the culture through traditional dances and other customs.”

Waterfront Park is part of the land and river system of the Potomac and Anacostia rivers surrounding the U.S. Capital. The area is home to the Piscataway, Pamunkey, Nantego, Mattaponi, Chickahominy, Monacan, and Powhatan Tribes.

www.indianyouth.org



Children prepare for the Running Strong for American Indian Youth Powwow Tiny Tots competition Aug. 6 at Waterfront Park.

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Musicians perform traditional drum cadences at the Running Strong for American Indian Youth Powwow Aug. 6 at Waterfront Park.



Mason Richardson prepares to compete in the Running Strong for American Indian Youth Powwow men’s dance category Aug. 6 at Waterfront Park.



Dancers await the results of the Running Strong for American Indian Youth Powwow dance competition Aug. 6 at Waterfront Park.



The Day family of the Ottawa Chippewa community of Peshawbestown, Michigan, enjoy the Running Strong for American Indian Youth Powwow Aug. 6 at Waterfront Park.