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Sheriff Sean Casey, center, is joined by APD Captain Gregg Ladislaw, Katie Waynick and daughter Caroline, Chief Deputy Rawle Kelley and Elena Hutchison in celebrating National Night Out Aug. 2 in Pat Miller Neighborhood Square in Del Ray.



PHOTOS BY JANET BARNETT/GAZETTE PACKET

Firefighters and residents gather in Pat Miller Neighborhood Square Aug. 2 as part of the annual National Night Out campaign to promote the relationship between residents and law enforcement.

National Night Out Annual event builds community camaraderie with law enforcement.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

“We absolutely love seeing the different ways our communities celebrate.”

— Sheriff Sean Casey on National Night Out

Neighborhoods across the city gathered Aug. 2 to celebrate National Night Out with festivities ranging from cookouts to

water slides as part of the annual campaign to promote neighborhood camaraderie and

enhance the relationship between residents and law enforcement. “Alexandria’s deputy sheriffs and police officers are engaged with the community year-round so National Night Out lets us celebrate those relationships and build on

them,” said Sheriff Sean Casey. “It’s always rewarding to see how much our neighbors care about each other and those of us privileged to serve them.”

National Night Out, traditionally held on the first Tuesday in August, was first celebrated in 1984 with 2.5 million neighbors

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Alexandria Aces players storm the field after winning the 2022 League Championship Series of the Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League, taking the title for the first time with a 5-3 win over defending champions Bethesda Big Train July 30 at Shirley Povich Field in Bethesda.

Aces Win League Championship

Aces capture the championship for the first time in the team’s 15-year history.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

PHOTO BY TESS WILHELM

The Alexandria Aces took home the championship trophy of the Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League with a 5-3 win over defending champions Bethesda Big Train July 30 at Shir-

ley Povich Field in Bethesda.

The local team, fielding players from around the world, swept Bethesda 2-0 in the best-of-three series and stopped them from winning a sixth consecutive title. The Aces went a perfect 4-0 in the playoffs on

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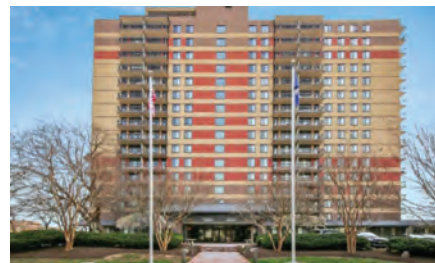
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BUSINESS

Leader of the Pack

Puskar named 2022 Business Leader of the Year.

Prominent land use attorney Cathy Puskar has been named the 2022 Business Leader of the Year by the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce.

Puskar, of Walsh, Colucci, Lubeley & Walsh, P.C., will be honored at the 2022 Best in Business Awards, presented by Burke & Herbert Bank, on Oct. 27.

Puskar joined her firm in November 1998. She focuses on land use and zoning matters in the City of Alexandria and Arlington County and has successfully represented a number of clients in obtaining the necessary entitlements for a variety of projects including major residential, commercial, and mixed-use developments.

In addition, Puskar currently serves on the board of the Alexandria Police Foundation and the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce's Government Relations Committee. Previous board involvement includes the

Burke & Herbert Bank Advisory Board, the John Marshall Bank Advisory Board, Senior Services of Alexandria, the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria (2013 Chair), Alexandria

Economic Development Partnership, the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce (2009 Chair) Healthy Families Alexandria, Alexandria Youth Policy Commission, and Communities in Schools of Northern Virginia. She has also served on the College of William & Mary's Reunion Gift Committee and the City of Alexandria's Walk to Fight Breast Cancer Development Committee.

Puskar earned her Juris Doctorate and Bachelor's degrees from The George Washington University and the College of William and Mary, respectively. She is a member of the Alexandria Bar Association, Arlington County Bar Association, Northern Virginia Building Industry Association, and the Urban Chapter of the Northern Virginia Building Industry Association.

For tickets or more information on the Best in Business Awards on Oct. 27, visit www.thechamberalx.com.

— JEANNE THEISMANN



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Goodwin Living Acquires Hermitage Northern Virginia

Hermitage renamed 'The View Alexandria by Goodwin Living.'

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

Goodwin Living, a not-for-profit, faith-based, regional senior living and health care services organization that operates Goodwin House facilities in Alexandria and Bailey's Crossroads, announced the acquisition of The Hermitage Northern Virginia.

"Goodwin Living is excited to welcome the residents and team members of Hermitage Northern Virginia into our family."

— Goodwin Living CEO Rob Liebreich

Located in the West End of Alexandria, Hermitage Northern Virginia was previously owned and operated by Pinnacle Living, is home to more than 100 residents and offers independent living, assisted living and long-term care.

"Goodwin Living is excited to welcome the residents and team mem-



PHOTO BY JANET BARNETT/GAZETTE PACKET

Goodwin Living president and CEO Rob Liebreich, seated center, holds the new Goodwin Living logo surrounded by leadership team members June 15 at Goodwin House Alexandria.

bers of Hermitage Northern Virginia into our family," said Goodwin Living president and CEO Rob Liebreich. "We want to get to know them, hear their life stories and support, honor and uplift them."

The acquisition comes on the heels of the rebranding of services provided through Goodwin House to Goodwin Living.

"We have been serving people since 1967," Liebreich said. "But in the '90s we began serving a broader audience beyond the communities that we operate. We began offering hospice and palliative care services in

2016 through the Goodwin House at Home program, now Goodwin Living at Home. A vast majority of people want to stay at home and while we think there is a lot of value coming to our communities, there is also a lot of value to staying where you are and aging in place."

Part of the rebranding is to dispel misconceptions that you have to be a Goodwin House resident to take advantage of the services offered.

"We want our new brand to reflect the evolution of Goodwin Living," said com-

munications specialist Amanda Ranowsky. "People think you have to live at Goodwin House to get our services but we have a wonderful level of services that a much broader community of people can access as a resource."

Hermitage Northern Virginia becomes the third Goodwin Living senior living community in the region and is being renamed The View Alexandria by Goodwin Living.

In addition to the senior living communities, Goodwin Living operates a life care at home program to older adults who reside in Virginia and the District of Columbia; serves as the managing agent for The Lewinsville Retirement Residences, a Section 202 senior housing community in

McLean; provides Medicare-certified health care services including home health, rehabilitation and hospice across Northern Virginia; and extends innovative brain health programming to older adults throughout the United States.

"In 2020, we launched our brain health program 'Stronger Memory,'" Liebreich said. "We've grown to serve more than 6,000 coast to coast and hope to expand more services to a broader audience than just the communities that we operate."

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Co-chairs Maggie Jones, Anna Davis, Pastor Robert R. Laha, Associate Pastor Katherine A. Stanford and Associate Pastor Ann Herlin celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Old Presbyterian Meeting House June 25 at Virginia Theological Seminary.

‘Older Than Our Country’

Old Presbyterian Meeting House celebrates 250 years.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
 GAZETTE PACKET

The Old Presbyterian Meeting House culminated a weeklong celebration of events marking its 250th anniversary with a gala reception and dinner June 25 at the Virginia Theological Seminary.

“We are thrilled to be here at Virginia Theological Seminary,” said event co-chair Maggie Jones. “We are celebrating this

milestone with what we call reunion week, where we rolled out a series of events ending with our gala here tonight.”

Located at 323 S. Fairfax Street, the Old Presbyterian Meeting House dates from the early 18th century when Scottish Presbyterians were among the early European settlers involved in establishing Alexandria as a port in 1749.

Alexandria’s Presbyterians began worshipping as a congregation in 1760 in Assembly Hall at Market Square. Prior to that time services were conducted in private homes, known as “reading houses.” A formal congregation was formed in 1772 when Reverend William Thom was named its first pas-

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Cass Hobbs, Anne Hobbs, Anne Fischer and Jeff Fischer at the 250th anniversary celebration of the Old Presbyterian Meeting House June 25 at Virginia Theological Seminary.

NEWS

Old Presbyterian Meeting House Celebrates 250 Years

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The original Meeting House was constructed in 1775. It stood for 60 years before being struck by lightning in 1835 with the ensuing fire destroying most of the building. The rebuilt structure was completed in 1837 and remains virtually unchanged today.

Among many significant historic notes, the Old Presbyterian Meeting House counts attendance by George Washington at the service conducted by the Rev. Dr. James Muir for the National Day of Solemn Humiliation, Fasting, and Prayer in 1798.

Upon Washington's death in 1799, Alexandria's memorial services for the Founding Father were held in the Meeting House sanctuary, and the church bell tolled in mourning during the four days between his death and burial. Additionally, the Tomb of an Unknown Soldier of the American Revolution is located in the burial ground adjoining the Meeting House.

"We are older than our country," Jones added. "This is a very special night for us." www.opmh.org



PHOTO BY JANET BARNETT/GAZETTE PACKET

Co-chair Maggie Jones, left, chats with Karen Branding at the 250th anniversary celebration of the Old Presbyterian Meeting House June 25 at Virginia Theological Seminary.

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Working for a Safer, More Efficient Transportation System

BY SEN. SCOTT SUROVELL

This is an update on several important transportation projects underway in our area, including the U.S. 1 Speed Study, undergrounding utilities on U.S. 1, the I-495 Southside Express Lanes Study, and the Youngkin Administration's reallocation of transit funds.

Since 2017, we have seen the following on U.S. 1 in Fairfax County:

- ❖ 1,785 crashes
- ❖ 1,185 injuries
- ❖ 15 deaths

The per-lane-miles-traveled accident rate between Fort Belvoir and Hybla Valley is 70% higher than the Virginia and Fairfax County averages. From Hybla Valley to Alexandria it is 40% higher. These are troubling numbers. The \$800 million widening of U.S. 1 and construction of bus rapid transit will bring significant safety improvements and is being engineered with lane widths assuming a 35 MPH speed limit.

Last week, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) held a public hearing to announce the preliminary results of its study to lower the speed limit on U.S. 1 during the eight years between today and the completion of U.S. 1 construction. VDOT's study

showed that a 35 MPH speed limit would significantly improve safety and reduce a driver's travel time on the seven-mile stretch by only 90 seconds. VDOT is taking public comments on its website before finalizing its recommendation.

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors recently had their first public discussion on undergrounding utilities on U.S. 1 as part of the widening plans and examined a new utility fee to pay for the undergrounding, an outgrowth of legislation I carried in 2017 and 2019. Over 450 Mount Vernon residents signed the petition I circulated with Del. Paul Krizek requesting County action. County staff expressed concern that undergrounding utilities could jeopardize funding from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). It is not clear to me why that concern is only now being raised since this discussion has been ongoing for over five years, but I am hopeful that Congressman Don Beyer and Senators Mark Warner and Tim Kaine can work out a solution with the FTA.

VDOT has also begun a study of adding express toll lanes on I-495 from the Springfield "Mix-



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ing Bowl" to Prince George's County, Maryland. When the Woodrow Wilson Bridge expansion was finalized in 2005, the extra capacity on the bridge was expressly reserved for transit, including rail. I have serious con-

cerns that toll lanes would permanently eliminate the possibility of rail on the bridge and cannot be accomplished without reducing the current toll-less access on the bridge's existing ten lanes. Additional vehicle capacity creates more vehicle-dependent, sprawling development and adds more vehicle commutes from Prince George's County to Tysons Corner. The Wilson Bridge, which carries heavy interstate traffic, is already clogged almost daily. Rail is a more prudent, forward-looking investment.

The National Park Service instituted traffic calming measures on the south George Washington Memorial Parkway, including a "traffic diet" last year. At the time, VDOT analyzed concerns by several constituents that the traffic diet would gridlock Fort Hunt Road and predicted no impact. This spring, VDOT analyzed new traffic data at my request and found traffic volumes on Fort Hunt Road have not changed since the Parkway traffic

diet was implemented.

Finally, many of us are concerned about the Metro system's lack of capital investment due to insufficient government support. The forthcoming closure of the Yellow Line Bridge over the Potomac River for eight months is the latest reminder. Last week, we discovered that the Youngkin Administration reallocated \$71 million of state transit assistance dollars into statewide road maintenance funds. First, this means that area localities will have to make up the difference with local funds (e.g., your real estate or property tax dollars). Second, it means that transit funds will be used to repave roads across the entire state instead of being spent here.

While road paving needs funding, I am shocked the Governor would take this action while simultaneously claiming we have \$2 billion of unanticipated transportation revenues that can support a \$500 million gas tax cut. Many of us view his action as a raid on Northern Virginia transit to benefit other parts of Virginia. We have asked staff to determine if this unilateral reallocation violates the state budget law.

It is an honor to serve as your state senator. Please email me at scott@scottsurovell.org with your suggestions and feedback.

Virginia is Blowing in the Wind...with Clean Energy

BY DELEGATES MARK SICKLES AND PAUL KRIZEK

What can we do in Virginia to reduce greenhouse gasses and slow the warming of the planet? Imagine almost two hundred structures each one-third taller than the Washington Monument so far from shore that you can only see them on a clear day with binoculars, and in water over a hundred feet deep, using the strong headwinds over the Atlantic Ocean to create enough energy to power as many homes as we have here in Fairfax County plus another 220,000 homes!

This will soon become reality because the General Assembly passed the Virginia Clean Economy Act (VCEA) in 2020 under Democratic leadership. The current initiative may be only the beginning as there are six more off-shore wind farm

sites under review. It won't be long before wind is one of the biggest producers of energy in the Commonwealth, and Hampton Roads could be the clean energy hub for the East Coast.

The two of us, your Mount Vernon and Franconia area Delegates, are committed to this major transition to renewable energy. The VCEA requires Dominion Energy Virginia and Appalachian Electric Power to completely transition from carbon-emitting carbon fuels to 100 percent renewable energy sources by 2045 and 2050, respectively.

Furthermore, in separate legislation, Virginia became a member of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), the first southern state to join. RGGI sets a carbon emissions cap for power companies and charges them for the carbon they emit. The revenue collected is used to address cli-

mate change through low-income energy efficiency programs and flood protection efforts, which are especially critical considering the recent horrific floods in Buchanan County in the far southwest of Virginia. These recent General Assembly initiatives are major drivers for the transition to cleaner sources of energy, such as wind and solar. Though Governor Youngkin has threatened to leave RGGI, he has not identified an alternative source of funds to undertake these climate change mitigation investments. His recent anti-RGGI executive order is a statement of intent — he cannot act to dismantle the effort without legislation.

In addition to Dominion's plan to reach carbon neutrality in Virginia by 2045, the energy compa-

ny has promised to reach net-zero carbon and methane emissions in all sixteen states it serves by 2050, meaning that much of it will be accomplished far sooner, which is essential to our survival due to the destruction wrought by climate change.

Currently, there are two smaller test-pilot wind turbines in place which consistently have surpassed capacity factor expectations and can serve up to 3,000 homes at peak. Each turbine's height is 620 feet. The rest of the upcoming project includes 176 wind turbines in about a 113,000-acre matrix, located 27 miles east off the shore of Virginia Beach, far past where almost all birds fly and way beyond the view shed from Virginia

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Beach. The matrix location is cost-effective, avoids blocking major sea vessel routes, and minimizes damage to the turbines and the environment through lessons learned with Europe's robust off-shore program.

This is an approach to protecting all the aquatic species and essential fish habitat. The plan calls for halting all work on the construction for five months to avoid interference with the migration of right whales. The turbine infrastructure will power up to 660,000 homes after completion providing power to almost 25% of the homes Dominion serves in Virginia. Dominion expects to receive approval for the project from the Virginia State Corporation Commission this month and finish construction by the end of 2026. The turbines are expected to have a 30-year life span, but with major advancements being made in the renewable energy field, the turbines will likely live for far longer.

Dominion is partnering with experienced companies to complete construction of the project as it makes this huge commitment toward renewable energy. An in-depth study of the Hampton Roads region took place and included holding various community meetings to gauge feedback for the project. The study found that the only sea life impacted by the construction are conch and black sea bass and they have already coordinat-

ed with commercial fishery stakeholders and environmental groups to address any issues that might occur. Once constructed, the wind turbines will be tethered underground to offshore substations. The offshore substation will then connect to an onshore switching station which will transition cables above ground to connect to an onshore substation which delivers the electricity to the grid.

In addition to the tremendously positive impact on the environment, the project will also provide major benefits to the Virginia economy.

During its construction, these windmills will create around 900 good jobs annually, many of which will be important union jobs, which will provide around \$143 million in economic output; during operation, the project will provide 1,100 jobs and \$210 million in economic output each year. VCEA requires Dominion Energy to prioritize hiring veterans, historically disenfranchised people, and Virginia residents for this historic initiative. The act kickstarts our clean energy future by eliminating nearly five million tons of carbon dioxide emissions a year, powering nearly 25% of our homes, and providing substantial job opportunities that will flow through the economy.

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Aces Win League Championship

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their way to victory. "Bethesda is a tough team," said Aces head coach Chris Berset. "They won five in a row so we knew if we were going to win, we had to go through Bethesda. But we had some success against them in the regular season, taking a double header to get the home field advantage so that gave us a lot of confidence."

Both teams went back and forth for much of the night until the ninth inning, when tied at 3, the Aces broke through with two runs to put the game away to capture the championship for the first time in the team's 15-year history

Eddie Hacopian of the University of Maryland was named series MVP. "We just came out there, and out dogged them from start to finish," Hacopian said. "That was our motto all year - just dogs being dogs."

The Aces team was made up of players from around the world, including Canada and China, with two recent Alexandria high school graduates also making the team: Ryan Osinski of Saint Stephen's/Saint Agnes and Reese Crochet of Alexandria City High School.

"Most players have already played some college baseball but we're allowed to have a couple of players directly out of high school," said team owner Frank Fannon. "These two local Alexandrians were two of our best picks. They will have great college careers ahead of them - Ryan at Bucknell and Reese at George Washington."

Fannon credits Berset with recruiting the championship players.

"Coach Berset did a tremendous job recruiting players from all across America, even Canada and China," Fannon said. "He recruited young men who put the team goals above their personal goals."

While the final game was played in Bethesda, several chants of "Let's Go Aces" were heard from loyal fans who made the trip from Alexandria.

Starting pitcher Sasha Kamenjasevic, one of two Canadians on the team, pitched three scoreless innings while All-Star Ryan Brown closed out the game with a quick 1-2-3 inning. After his strikeout to retire the side, the Aces - along with staff, family and more - rushed the field to celebrate.

"The passion the boys showed was incredible," said Berset. "I'm kind of calm in the dugout so to see the players fuel their own fire was really cool and the excitement after that last out was amazing."

In 2021, the Aces made the championship but were swept by



Head coach Chris Berset gets the traditional Gatorade shower following the LCS victory for the Alexandria Aces.



Members of the Alexandria Aces stand as the National Anthem is played prior to the start of the championship game against the Bethesda Big Train July 30 at Shirley Povich Field in Bethesda.

Bethesda. This year, celebrating their 15th season in the league, they finally broke through.

"Most of these players had never met each other when they arrived in Alexandria on June 5," Fannon said. "And the reality is that when they left on July 31 most of the players will never see each other again in their lives. But they created lifelong memories and will never forget the 55 days they spent together in the summer of 2022 on a championship baseball team in Alexandria, Virginia."

www.alexandriaaces.org



Texan Caleb Neal of Xavier University celebrates the championship win July 30 in Bethesda.



Alexandria Aces players get in the spirit prior to the championship series against the Bethesda Big Train.



Alexandria Aces pose with the LCS trophy July 30 at Shirley Povich Field in Bethesda. The Aces won the championship of the Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League with a 5-3 win over defending champions Bethesda Big Train.



Aces players pose for a selfie following the LCS victory over the Bethesda Big Train.



Eddie Hacopian of the University of Maryland slides into home for the first run July 30 in Bethesda.



All Star shortstop Adam Tellier of Ball State University reacts to a play during the LCS championship game July 30 in Bethesda.



Qingyang Feng of Huibeu, China, and a student at Jiangning Community College, celebrates the LCS victory.



Alexandria natives Ryan Osinski of Saint Stephen's/Saint Agnes and Reese Crochet of Alexandria City High School celebrate the LCS championship win.

PHOTOS BY TESS WILHELM



Refreshments were plentiful at the National Night Out celebration Aug. 2 in Arlandria-Chirilagua.



The Montagu family - Matthew, Elodie, Joshua and James - at the Aug. 2 National Night Out celebration in Del Ray.

PHOTOS BY JANET BARNETT/CAZETTE PACKET

National Night Out

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across 400 communities in 23 states taking part. The initial years were marked by the simple gesture of sitting on a front porch with lights on.

The annual event has grown beyond front porch vigils with more than 35 million residents across the country participating in block parties, festivals, parades and cookouts.

Casey and other emergency personnel visited sites across the city, including The Hermitage in the West End, Del Ray and Arlandria, greeting residents and providing safety demonstrations.

"We absolutely love seeing the different ways our communities celebrate," Casey added. "Cookouts, dancing, activities for kids, potlucks - more than 30 events across one vibrant city."



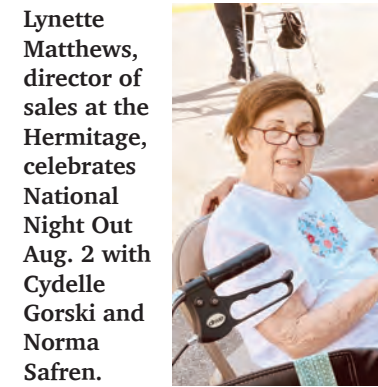
A young girl learns how to spray a fire hose as part of National Night Out Aug. 2 in Arlandria.



City Councilman Canek Aguirre visits with a young resident as part of National Night Out Aug. 2 in Arlandria.



Sergeant Tonya Moss of the Alexandria Sheriff's Office, center, stands with Woods Place neighbors while celebrating National Night Out Aug. 2.



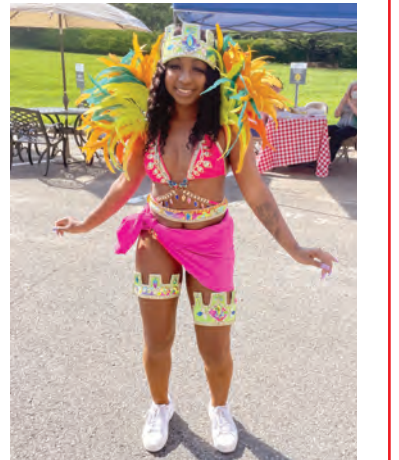
Lynette Matthews, director of sales at The Hermitage, celebrates National Night Out Aug. 2 with Cydelle Gorski and Norma Safren.



Sheriff's Deputy Victor Ignacio, left, and Jason Kaufman with Smokey the Bear Aug. 2 in Arlandria-Chirilagua.



Neighborhood children cool off in a water slide as part of the National Night Out festivities Aug. 2 in Arlandria-Chirilagua.



Entertainment was part of the National Night Out celebration Aug. 2 at The Hermitage.

PEOPLE

Poet Laureate of Alexandria Selected for \$50K Fellowship

KaNikki Jakarta, poet laureate of Alexandria, was awarded a 2022 American Academy of Poets Laureate Fellowship.

These \$50,000 awards are given to honor poets of literary merit who have been appointed to serve in civic positions, and enable them to undertake meaningful, impactful and innovative projects that engage their fellow residents, including youth, with poetry, helping to address issues important to their communities as well as create new work.

KaNikki Jakarta is a performance poet and the author of two poetry collections, including *Alabama Girl*, *Virginia Woman* (Great Publishing Company, LLC, 2021); three novels; and a memoir. Jakarta is the inaugural poet in residence for the Northern Virginia Fine Arts Association. She is the first African American poet laureate of Alexandria, where she hosts #KaNikkiHarmony and facilitates several workshops.

Jakarta will launch "How to Poet," an eight-week workshop/seminar offered virtually and in person. Spoken word poets will utilize their experiences to create a curriculum with step-by-step information. "How To Poet" will also offer performance mentorships to young poets ages sixteen to twenty-one. The workshops and seminars will assist with a wide variety of topics such as manuscripts, marketing, and booking profitable performance opportunities. Per-

formance mentors will provide information to youth on stage presence, poem memorization, tone, pace, pitch, and more.

The Academy of American Poets is awarding a combined total of \$1.1 million to its 2022 Poet Laureate Fellows. These 22 individuals, each of whom will receive \$50,000, have been named poets laureate of states, cities, and counties, and have made positive contributions to their communities in these roles and beyond. Funds will support their respective public poetry programs in the year ahead as presented in their proposals to the Academy.

Holly Karapetkova, the Poet Laureate of Arlington County, has also been selected for a 2022 American Academy of Poets Laureate Fellowship. Karapetkova is a Professor of Literature and Languages at Marymount University.

The public position of poet laureate began in 1919 when Governor Oliver Shoup appointed Alice Polk Hill the Poet Laureate of Colorado. Fifteen other states followed suit, all establishing poet laureate positions by 1936. A similar national position was created when the Library of Congress named Joseph Auslander its first Consultant in Poetry in 1937. This position was renamed the Poet Laureate Consultant in Poetry in 1985. On July 12, 2022, Ada Limón was named the 24th poet to serve in this capacity, succeeding Joy Harjo.



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KaNikki Jakarta

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PHOTO CONTEST

Green Spring Gardens Photo Contest. Calling all photography and garden lovers! Green Spring Gardens is hosting its first judged photography contest this summer, sponsored by the Friends of Green Spring (FROGS). The contest is open to non-professional photographers at least age 18 as of 2022.

Photographs must have been taken between July 2020 and June 2022. Up to 95 contest entry photographs will be judged, awarded prizes (1st - \$200; 2nd - \$100; and 3rd - \$75), and will be on public display from Aug. 23 through Oct. 15, 2022. A reception and awards ceremony will be held Sunday, Aug. 28, 2022.

Photographs can depict any season of the year but must be recognizable as having been taken at Green Spring Gardens. They may contain wildlife and garden buildings, and if they include people, their identities must either not be recognizable or the photographer will need permission from all in the photograph.

To download the entry form and complete contest rules, go to the Photo Contest webpage; or visit the Friends of Green Spring website.

Green Spring Gardens is located at 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria, Virginia. For more information, visit Green Spring Gardens or call 703-642-5173.

NOW THRU AUG. 31

Creative Summer Programs. At Del Ray Artisans Gallery in Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Learn techniques in drawing, mixed media, mosaic, jewelry, watercolor, and more from



The Alexandria Summer Sidewalk Sale will take place Saturday, Aug. 13 in Old Town Alexandria.

local artists. Delve into creative exploration solo or with friends. Sign up for the programs that inspire you and make your own "stay-cation" art experience. Visit the website: <https://DelRayArtisans.org/programs/creative-summer/>

NOW THRU 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.

NOW THRU SEPT. 10

Yoga Sessions. 12-2:15 p.m. Yoga at the National Museum of the United States Army hosted by Honest Soul Yoga, 1775 Liberty Drive, Fort Belvoir. Honest Soul Yoga and The Army Historical Foundation invites you to take a moment to de-stress by enjoying an afternoon of yoga at the Museum. Join trained instructors for an afternoon of flow and sound meditation. After class, grab a coffee and some healthy snacks

in the Museum Café or take some time to explore the exhibits.

FRIDAY/AUG. 5

Sports History Trivia. At Lee-Fendall House & Gardens, Alexandria. Staff members at Carlyle House Historic Park and the Lee-Fendall House Museum combine their knowledge to create bi-weekly trivia nights throughout the summer in the beautiful gardens of the Lee-Fendall House. Test your knowledge on everything from pop culture to history. Registration must be done in advance. Limited capacity so register early!

Tickets are \$8 per person and include snacks and one complimentary drink. Additional drinks can be purchased at our bar. Teams are limited to 6 people, ages 21+ only.

SATURDAY/AUG. 6

Friendship Firehouse Festival. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. At Friendship Firehouse Museum, 107 S Alfred St., Alexandria. Head to the 100 block of South Alfred Street to celebrate Friendship's 248th year. Visit the historic Friendship Firehouse Museum, learn about fire safety today and in centuries past, and see City firefighting equipment up close. There will be displays by community organizations, local vendors, and food and beverages available. Children receive free Friendship fire hats.

SATURDAY/AUG. 6

Used Book Sale: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria.

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ENTERTAINMENT

4 Dates to Circle in August

BY HOPE NELSON
GAZETTE PACKET

Happy hours, dumpling-making, international cuisine and a favorite annual tradition: August is packed with dates any foodie will love. Here are some of your best bets for the month.

Happy Hour on the Plaza, Aug. 12

Kick off the weekend at Canal Center Plaza with live music, food trucks, lawn games and of course some frosty beverages. Featuring live music by Eli Cook and beers from One Family Brewing, the evening will certainly have a festive tone. Eat, drink, maybe dance a bit and celebrate the start of a new weekend. 4-9 p.m. Canal Center Plaza.

Asian Dumpling Cooking Class, Aug. 17

Port City Brewing: It's not just for beer anymore! This month the brewery plays host to "Become an Asian Dumpling Artisan," a class that walks students through the ins and outs of a good dumpling. Learn how to make a good dumpling dough, how to prepare the vegetable filling and how to sear and pan-fry in this two-hour course. 7 p.m. 3950 Wheeler Ave. \$55.

Alexandria Summer Restaurant Week, Aug. 19-28

It's back! One of the cornerstones of the city's culinary calen-



Happy Hour on the Plaza

dar, Alexandria Summer Restaurant Week has returned for another season. For 10 days in August, diners can choose from \$25, \$35 and \$45 prix-fixe menus at restaurants across all the city's neighborhoods, with cuisines ranging from Cajun to steak, Italian to sushi. Pro tip: Make reservations to your favorite spots early; seats often fill up.

Around the World Cultural Food Festival, Aug. 27

Leave your passport at home while you sample food and drink from far-flung international lands. Oronoco Bay Park plays host to the event this year, which will include

restaurant representatives from Laos, Italy, Turkey, Jamaica, Ecuador and many more countries. Nosh on some international delicacies and then take a break to watch the featured dance and musical performances take the stage. Vendors will be on hand to sell their crafts and gifts (holiday shopping, anyone?). 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Oronoco Bay Park. Free.

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

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SATURDAY/AUG. 6

All About Figs. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. At Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. (Adults) For millions of years, fig trees have shaped our world, influenced our evolution, nourished our bodies, and fed our imaginations. Join Dr. Jafar Vossoughi as he presents a comprehensive coverage of this small, unusual fruit, including its history, botany, biology and the cultivars suitable for our region. Then, take some time to explore the fig trees in our fruit garden.

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"A Bouquet of Hummingbirds," features works from more than 20 area artists and includes hummingbirds from all over the Western Hemisphere. Through Oct. 17, 2022, free to the public, at the Historic House at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria.

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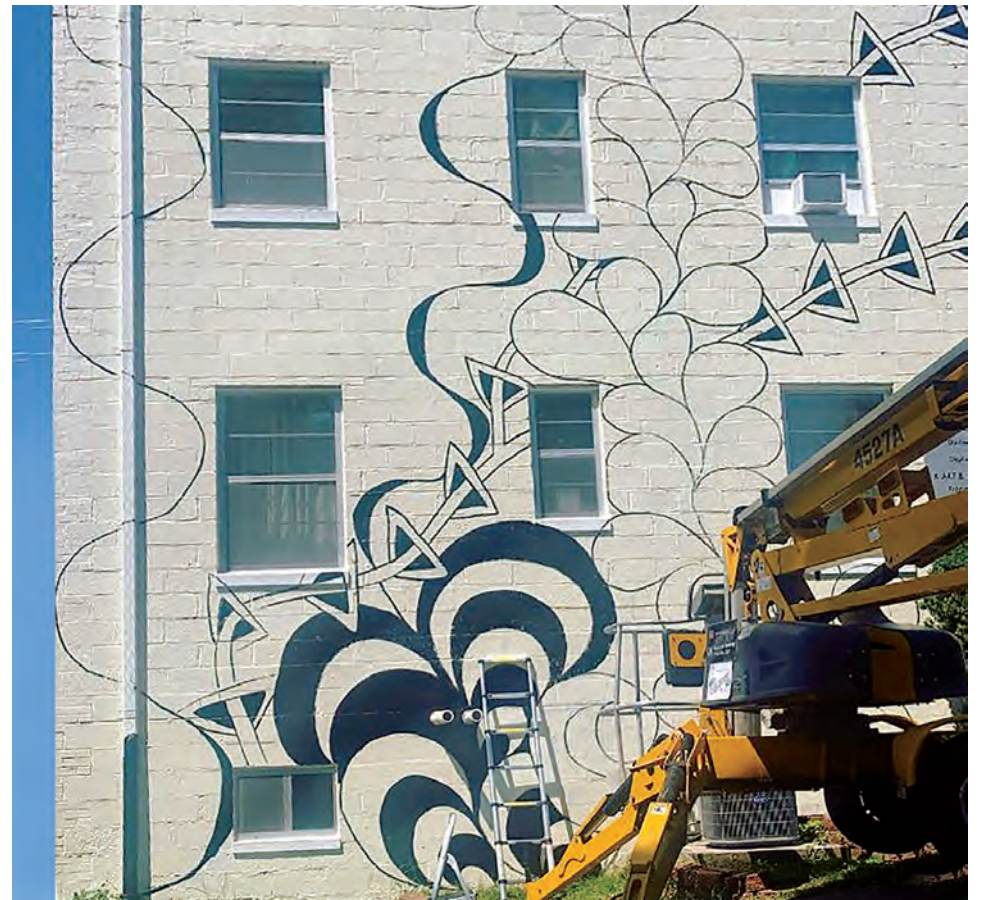
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From those heights, she doesn't like to look down.



This is the mural in the early stages but there's more coming.

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Local Artist Takes on A Three-Story Mural

Wall of designs and bubbles adds to the portfolio of Marisela Rumberg.

BY MIKE SALMON
THE GAZETTE PACKET

Fairfax artist Marisela Rumberg is a painter, an art teacher, and fiber artist, but this summer, she found herself in a cherry-picker basket, painting a mural on the side of an apartment building nearly 40 feet over the streets of Culpeper in southwestern Virginia. That's what it takes to be an artist these days.

"This is the craziest thing I've done in my life," Rumberg said. "I can't look down because I panic," she said.

It all started earlier in summer when she was teaching a class in Culpeper, and at the end of the class, she asked if there was another project. An apartment owner stepped up and suggested a mural on the side of his three-story building. Rumberg was glad to accept the challenge and started thinking about the design immediately. What she didn't think about was being in a cherry-picker lift, where she ran the controls and there was nothing between the basket and the ground.

On day one, she looked at the basket and was a little apprehensive, but it all finally came together. "I'm loving it," she said. In the town of Culpeper, she's turned into a little bit of a celebrity. "The residents of the building, they come out a lot," she said, and

once she announced it on her social media, followers began to write back and visit. "A bunch of social media followers bring me snacks," she said.

Her design is basically a black and white picture of lines, bubbles and shapes but she promises to put a little bit of color in the middle. Her sons came out one day and helped paint some of the piece near the ground, but she is the only one in the cherry-picker basket.

Rumberg tries to get out there every day but it usually ends up being a few times a week because of weather and the equipment operator schedules. She's on schedule to finish the mural in about the second week of August if everything goes right. One time, she panicked though and froze up, and if it wasn't for one of the residents she calls "Super George," to help her out they might have had to get the fire department out there with their ladders.

From Mexico to Mural Artist

Rumberg was born and raised in Mexico and has a degree in International Economics and a job with Fairfax County as a Spanish-English interpreter. She owes her skills in art to her grandfather who was a chef and painter. Although her mother used to design clothes for her and her sister, Rumberg didn't become interested in fiber arts

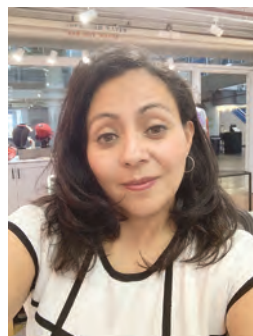
until she married and moved to the U.S. Rumberg began taking a few quilting classes before moving on to the Workhouse Arts Center in 2015 and The Torpedo Factory Arts Center a year later.

She has become a Certified Zentangle Teacher and has developed her signature style of incorporating sophisticated fiber arts and mixed media techniques such as eco-printing, wet cyanotype, thread painting, fiber sculpting, abstract drawing and more recently abstract painting, into her work. There's a little "Zentangle," in her building mural design too.

Her quilting skills grew, and now she is an award-winning quilter whose work has been exhibited in five countries on three continents, several times at the Houston

International Quilt show, and published in several art-quilt books. Birds are a big topic she incorporates in her works, as well as historic Mexico.

The closest thing to a mural in her career is one of the LOVE statues that were being painted a few years ago. Rumberg painted the one in Occoquan, which she refers to as her first mural. "That was small compared to the giant building," she said.



Artist Marisela Rumberg back at the Torpedo Factory.



Marisela Rumberg in the cherry-picker.

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Dispensing Wisdom, Or Not



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Having spent way too much time visiting in a hospital recently, I only have one question: Were there always this many Purell "healthy soap" and hand sanitizers dispensing their healthful cleanliness before the pandemic? If you hadn't noticed, let me be the one to assure you; whatever supply chain issues exist in the world, there appears to be no shortage of Purell soap and hand sanitizer. They are everywhere. On nearly every wall 'round every corner. Of course, there mounted in every bathroom as well. It seems whatever turn, in whatever direction, you'll find a Purell dispenser; on either side, in front of you and/or behind you. In fact, they're everywhere you can imagine and a few places you can't. So far, the only place I haven't seen a Purell dispenser is on the elevator. Though there's always one on the wall immediately outside the elevator's floor stop, barely a step or two to the side.

There are so many dispensers on walls throughout the hospital, I'm wondering if there's an employee specifically assigned to monitor their level and to refill their cartridges the moment their level falls below the Mendoza-type line (extremely low). Given how big this hospital is, and how long the corridors are, if the dispenser isn't replenished the moment its levels are low-ish, it might be days before the dedicated Purell-refill employee returns to that wall. It reminds me of the story I heard years ago while tour-boating in San Francisco Bay. As we floated under The Golden Gate Bridge, the guide said the bridge is constantly being painted. That's because the painting process take so long that by the time the painting is finished at one end, it's time to start painting beginning at the other end. Talk about job security. It's a never-ending brush with destiny, especially when you consider the risk, being so high above water and exposed to the elements. Tending to the Purell dispensers feels like that. As long as the hospital remains open, there will be a need for Purell "healthy soap" and hand sanitizer dispensers and the refills that are necessary.

For all the proper hygiene reasons, the nurses are constantly touching the dispensers; before they enter the patient's room and again when they leave the patient's room and everywhere in between. There's a seemingly non-stop whir of the motorized apparatus that dispenses the Purell products. In the bathrooms, the "healthy soap" dispensed requires water to finish the task. Outside the bathrooms, the dispenser produces a foamy substance that one is directed to rub their hands until dry. No water required. It has been my observation that of all the things that happen in a hospital, nothing comes close, in its frequency of use or in its sheer numbers than the activity surrounding these Purell dispensers. In second place, a distant second in my opinion, would be the use of the nitrile (not latex) "clean" gloves. They are also mounted on the walls, rarely in the halls, mostly in patient rooms, three boxes: one for small, medium, and large hands. Other than maintenance and food delivery (they were their own gloves), whoever enters a patient's room must glove up. Of course, that only happens after they've waived their hand under the automated Purell dispenser. I certainly haven't been counting, but those boxes, 250 count, are regularly emptied as well, and replaced with new boxes. However, their numbers pale in comparison to the numbers of Purell dispensers and refills.

You'd be surprised what your mind conjures while sitting by yourself in a patient's room, and one who's unable to talk or even squeeze your hand. Comic relief is almost mandatory. And considering the circumstances, wondering is not far from hoping.

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

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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 ominous 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.

Visit www.connectionnewspapers.com or <https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-keep-your-newspaper-printing>

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CALENDAR

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Dress for the weather. \$24 per person. Code POU.EZVK.

SATURDAY/AUG. 6

Historic Pohick Church First Saturday Tour. 1-3 p.m. At 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton. During the Colonial period, Pohick Church was the congregation of many of our country's most prominent families, including the Washingtons, Masons and Fairfaxes. The Historic Pohick Church Dozent Guild will give free guided tours of the historic colonial church on the first Saturday of every month. Call the church office at 703-339-6572 or visit our website at <http://www.pohick.org>.

SATURDAY/AUG. 6

Jane Franklin Dance: Watch the River Flow. 7 p.m. At The Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street, Alexandria. Watch the River Flow is inspired by artworks from NVFAA's current exhibit "Potomac River Life." Works explore the Potomac River, its vital role in the regional ecosystem. Artworks by Michael Gessner River Vessel, Eric Jackson LargeMouth Bass, Potomac River, 2022, Elizabeth Matthews Great Falls at Dusk, Alison Sigethy Freshwater Microverse and David Whitmore Extant motivate a response in movement. Ticket Link: <https://janefranklin.com/performance/watch-the-river-flow>

SATURDAY/AUG. 13

Alexandria Summer Sidewalk Sale. In Old Town Alexandria. The event features more than 40 Alexandria boutiques stepping out of their storefronts and offering discounted summer merchandise plus live music activations on King Street to provide a soundtrack to your strolling. Shoppers are invited to follow a map of participating stores along Alexandria's red brick sidewalks for end-of-summer savings from locally owned boutiques. During the week of the event, the map will be posted online at AlexandriaSidewalkSale.com, accessible via a QR code on posters at participating stores and available in print for pickup at the Alexandria Visitor Center, 221 King Street. Explore local items ranging from vintage clothes and jewelry to plants,

BULLETIN BOARD

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Farmers Market Week, August 7-13. Farmers Market Week highlights the role of farmers markets in supporting healthy communities, stimulating local economies, and supporting local farmers. The mission of the Fairfax County Farmers Markets is to provide residents access to locally grown products and create market opportunities for area farmers and food producers.

Visit each of the 10 farmers markets August 7-13 to support local farmers and businesses, learn how to prepare fresh ingredients at our cooking demonstrations, participate in fun and educational activities, listen to live music, and enjoy delicious foods from local producers. Farmers Market Week is also Bike to Market Week in Fairfax County. We invite you to bike to your local Fairfax County farmers market. To find a safe route, see the Fairfax County Bicycle Map. While you're at the market, stop by the Fairfax Alliance for Better Bicycling (FABB) table to learn about safe biking strategies and more.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (SNAP) EBT cards can be used at select Fairfax County Farmers Markets. Thanks to partnerships with Virginia Fresh Match, FRESHFARM, Cornerstones, Arcadia and Britepaths, you can use your EBT card at the McCutcheon/Mount Vernon, Annandale, Reston and Lorton Farmers Markets.

Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/farmers-market-week for the Farmers Market Week schedule and list of activities.

TUESDAYS/AUGUST 9, 16, 23, 30

Simpson Park Demonstration Garden: Tuesday. 10 - 11 a.m., Simpson Park Demonstration Garden, 420 E. Monroe Ave., Alex-

andria. When Mother Nature can't do it all....Simpson gardeners step in to offer a helping hand. Our Lagerstroemia indica were hit with bark scale so we hand-picked, brushed the trunks and squashed them. The Silphium perfoliatum in the Berm was infested with red aphids which we knocked off with a jet spray from the hose. In the Pollinator bed the Witch Hazel Hammamelis virginiana was hit with Phyllosticta hamamelidis a fungus which causes brown lesions on leaves and dieback. We removed the infected leaves on and below the plant. Thanks to EMG Gerry Smolka the pool of stagnant water which accumulates in the well of a Crapemyrtle in the Shade Garden has been emptied through her ingenious use of a turkey baster! And Denise Dieter added a mosquito dunk as an additional deterrent when we are not available to empty the ever wet well. Free. Contact mgnv.org for more information.

SATURDAY/AUG. 13

Youth Public Safety Summit. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. At Gum Springs Community Center, 8100 Fordson Road, Alexandria. Community event for young people to discuss important topics faced by youth/young adults to include violence, fear and anxiety, mental health and more. All ages welcome. Registration required. Brunch will be served. Sign up at www.ngsca.org

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.

AUGUST

Thu. Aug. 4: MARTY STUART & HIS FABULOUS SUPERLATIVES \$66.00
Fri. Aug. 5: EU Featuring SUGAR BEAR 'Birthday Show' \$35.00
Sat. Aug. 6: 1964 THE TRIBUTE \$45.00
Thu. Aug. 11: DAN TYMINSKI BAND \$35.00
Fri. Aug. 12: CHRISSETTE MICHELE \$69.50
Sat. Aug. 13: MARCUS MILLER \$69.50 (Rescheduled from 5/12/22. All 5/12/22 tix honored) SOLD OUT!
Sun. Aug. 14: THE SINATRA EXPERIENCE with Dave Halston \$55.00
Wed. Aug. 17: THE FABULOUS THUNDERBIRDS \$39.50
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Sat. Aug. 20: MELANIE FIONA \$59.50
Sun. Aug. 21: CHRISTOPHER CROSS "40th Anniversary Tour!" \$69.50
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Fri. Aug. 26: HUGGY LOWDOWN with CHRIS PAUL & FRIENDS \$35.00
Sat. Aug. 27: KIM WATERS \$35.00
Sun. Aug. 28: NEIL DIAMOND TRIBUTE starring David Carlin King \$39.50

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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.volunteeralexandria.org

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