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Mayor Alyia Gaskins, center, stands with other elected officials prior to speaking at the No Kings rally June 14 at Market Square.



Hundreds turned out holding signs during the No Kings rally June 14 in Market Square.

'No Kings'

Thousands turn out locally as part of nationwide protest.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

Thousands of people flooded Market Square in Old Town as part of the "No Kings" protests that took place across the country June 14.

Hundreds of signs and banners were on display as the crowd cheered speakers that included U.S. Rep. Don Beyer, Mayor Alyia Gaskins, Virginia State Senator Adam Ebbin, Virginia House of Delegates representative Charniele Herring and Alexandria Commonwealth's Attorney Bryan Porter.

"Go ahead, have your parade and your pomp and circumstance. We don't care," said Alexandria Mayor Alyia Gaskins. "We don't pay attention to it, because at the end of the day, we know we are stronger than

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A crowd gathered in Market Square listens to remarks from speakers during the June 14 No Kings rally.



U.S. Rep. Don Beyer (D-8) speaks at the No Kings rally June 14 at Market Square.



A rally attendee June 14 at Market Square.



Thousands turned out across the region for the No Kings rallies June 14, including in Market Square.



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Attendees Verdella Jennings, Donna Taylor and Karen Taylor Chandler enjoy the festivities at the 105th Parker-Gray Legacy event June 7 at the Hilton Old Town.



Beatrice Cross Taylor, a 1954 graduate of Parker-Gray High School, was also the Homecoming Queen of her graduating class.



Marine Corps veteran Aubrey Burton and retired judge Nolan Dawkins.

Those Were the Days

Parker-Gray celebrates 105-year legacy.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

Hundreds turned out to celebrate the 105-year legacy of Parker-Gray High School, Alexandria's storied high school prior to desegregation in the 1960s.

"We are celebrating history tonight and a time when times were different," said retired Judge Nolan Dawkins. "We have come a long way and are so proud of the accomplishments these graduates have made over the years. I am proud to be a part of it."

Parker-Gray School opened in 1920 teaching grades 1 thru 8. It graduated its first high school class in 1936 with the last high school class graduating in 1965. During desegregation

"It was a great school and we had the best teachers."

— 1954 Parker-Gray graduate
Beatrice Cross Taylor

tion Parker-Gray was reassigned as a middle school and finally closed its doors in 1979.

"Parker-Gray was the 'big' school," said graduate Verdella Jennings. "I couldn't wait to go there."

Karen Taylor Chandler did not attend Parker-Gray but grew up hearing stories from her parents, including her mother Beatrice Cross Taylor, who was Homecoming Queen in 1954.

"I grew up seeing all these great photos

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Callie and Butch Terrell.

from the days of Parker-Gray but alas I am a TC Titan," Taylor Chandler said.

Cross Taylor was Homecoming queen in both her freshman and senior years and looked radiant in red at the event.

"Parker-Gray was all we had back then," Cross Taylor said. "We lived around the corner on Wythe Street and I met my sweetheart, John Leonard Taylor, when we were in the third grade. We were married for 64

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Retired judge Nolan Dawkins, left with Mayor Alyia Gaskins and Greg Gaskins.



Lucky and Brenda Elliott, who spearheaded the Parker-Gray Legacy event.



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A marine mechanic works on the Tall Ship Providence as it undergoes restoration and repairs at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum in Saint Michaels, Md. Providence is expected to return to her home port in Alexandria sometime in July.



The Tall Ship Providence is completing repairs in Saint Michaels, Md.

Tall Ship Providence

Revolutionary War replica ship prepares for return to Alexandria waterfront.

By JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

Large crowds gathered along the banks of the Potomac River when the Tall Ship Providence first made her way into Alexandria through the open arch of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge in 2019. The arrival of Providence had long been anticipated following close to two years in a Maine shipyard preparing for a new life in Virginia.

Providence was built in 1976 as a Revolutionary War-era replica of the first ship authorized to serve in the Continental Navy. Small but mighty and under the leadership of Captain John Paul Jones, Providence is best known for outsmarting and outmaneuvering British ships far greater in size and capturing both ship and crew.

"Today, Providence serves as a living classroom, introducing students to important topics through interactive, hands-on educational programs rich in STEM and maritime history," said Kathy Seifert, executive director of the Tall Ship Providence Foundation. "Tall Ship Providence Foundation's 4th Grade Education Program aligns with the Virginia state 4th grade curriculum and acts as a memorable introduction to the American Revolution."

In 2024, the Tall Ship Providence Foundation launched its "Field Trip Program" to ensure that all local students have equal access to this experience, despite school budget constraints. The Field Trip Program serves students from Title One schools, and other under-resourced areas, with little or no access to off-site, educational experiences.

"As a resident of Alexandria, you may have noticed that our beloved Providence has been missing from her home at The Sen-

"We are asking for our community's help to return Providence to our dock and resume her award-winning tours and educational programs."

— Tall Ship Providence Foundation executive director
Kathy Seifert

ator John Warner Maritime Heritage Center at Waterfront Park," Seifert said. "In early March, Providence and her crew made the two-day trip to Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum in St. Michaels, Md., for repair work. This work has been costly and time consuming, but we hope to welcome Providence back to Alexandria's waterfront in early July."

Seifert said that the Foundation is seeking community support to return Providence to her home along the Old Town waterfront.

"We are asking for our community's help to return Providence to our dock and resume her award-winning tours and educational programs," Seifert said. "The cost of this repair totals \$87,300, which includes major deck work, repair of the railings, adjustments to the mast and other rigging, and inspection of the hull."

To learn more about Providence's ongoing ship repairs, or to make a donation, visit the Donate page at www.tallshipprovidence.org/repairs. For questions, please contact kathy@tallshipprovidence.org.

Added Seifert, "We greatly appreciate Alexandria's commitment to preserving our nation's history and look forward to seeing everyone at the Maritime Heritage Center soon."



Tall Ship Providence, shown at full sail, is expected to return to the Alexandria waterfront in July.



The Tall Ship Providence undergoes restoration and repair in Saint Michaels, Md.

NEWS

Beltway Express Lanes Flawed, Speakers Contend

BY GLENDA C. BOOTH
MOUNT VERNON GAZETTE

Drivers will get “congestion relief,” faster trips and more transportation choices on the proposed I-495 Beltway express lanes between Springfield and Maryland Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) officials maintained at four public hearings held on June 2, 4, 9 and 11 where they presented their “preferred alternative,” adding two toll lanes in each direction.

At the June 9 hearing at West Potomac High School, of the 12 members of the public and three elected officials who spoke, only several people from Maryland appeared to fully support VDOT’s proposal.

VDOT’s Proposal

The I-495 Southside Express Lanes Study proposes several changes in the 11 miles from the Springfield interchange (I-95/I-395/I-495) to Maryland’s route 210 interchange: two new express lanes in each direction, bus service between Prince George’s County and Tysons and new bicycle and pedestrian connections linking Franconia, Alexandria, Huntington and Oxon Hill. Buses and carpools of three people could use the

More information

VDOT’s Preferred Alternative: <https://www.vdot.virginia.gov/495southside>. Submit comments until June 26, 2025 at the website and by mail to Michelle Shropshire, VDOT, 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030.

lanes for free. Others would pay a variable toll.

At a construction cost estimate of \$1.4 billion to \$1.6 billion, the express lanes would use what VDOT’s press release calls “unused space on the Woodrow Wilson Bridge previously designed for future HOV [high occupancy vehicles], bus transit or rail use, with a commitment by VDOT to convert necessary space to rail transit in the future, if and when the region is posed to expand rail in the corridor.”

VDOT narrowed down 10 initial options to two “build” alternatives, one with a single toll lane in each direction and one with two lanes, plus what they call a “no-build” alternative. The two-lane option is their preferred approach. Michelle Shropshire, VDOT’s Megaprojects Communications Manager, said that “this is the last section

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End of an Era

Imagine Artwear closing June 30 after 33 years.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

After more than 33 years as a small business owner on King Street in Old Town, Carol Supplee is closing her beloved shop Imagine Artwear with June 30 as its final day serving customers in person.

Supplee will be transitioning to an online business model to focus on her health.

"I'm not sure I had a concept in mind when I started but it certainly has become a place where people came to meet, make friends, start conversations," Supplee said. "That's a great part of the kind of place this

has been."

Supplee focused on American-made products and handcrafted textiles.

"These designers and suppliers have been my family," said Supplee, who is now focusing on her online sales.

As Supplee winds down the operations on King Street, customers can get 50 percent off all merchandise.

The store originally opened in 1988 as Fiber Designs. Supplee bought the store in 1992 eventually adding a large outdoor mural that is now a popular spot for visitors to Old Town looking to take selfies.

Supplee, who served as president of the Old Town Business and Professional Association, appreciates the feedback she is receiving as visitors leave notes in a book at the shop.

"I love capturing the stories from customers," Supplee said. "This has been a great opportunity."

"This has been a great opportunity."

— Imagine Artwear owner Carol Supplee



PHOTO BY JANET BARNETT/GAZETTE PACKET

Carol Supplee stands in front of her Old Town shop Imagine Artwear, which is closing June 30 after 33 years on King Street.



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Alexandria Sheriff's Office Deputy Davion Traylor, Deputy Assane Nacro, Deputy Emily Earman and Deputy Jeremy Daniels take the oath of honor at their academy graduation ceremony.

To Protect and Serve

ASO deputies graduate from Criminal Justice Training Academy

ing. Deputy School focuses on jail operations and court security and includes emergency vehicle operations, firearms training, physical fitness and wellness, control tactics, active bystander-ship, basic legal training, inmate

supervision, cell and person searches, first aid, and serving diverse communities.

During the ceremony, Daniels, Earman and Traylor were part of the honor guard that presented the colors. Deputy Traylor was also recognized for having the third highest score in firearms qualifications.

The graduates are currently in field training at the Sheriff's Office before starting their regular assignments at the Adult Detention Center.

— JEANNE THEISMANN

Four deputy sheriffs graduated from the Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Training Academy on June 2. Sheriff Sean Casey and members of his command and training staff attended Session 152's graduation from Deputy School at a ceremony in Ashburn.

Deputy Jeremy Daniels, Deputy Emily Earman, Deputy Assane Nacro, Deputy Davion Traylor and their classmates from the Arlington County Sheriff's Office and Loudoun County Sheriff's Office successfully completed 10 weeks of basic train-

BULLETIN BOARD

Submit civic/community announcements at ConnectionNewspapers.com/Calendar. Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before the event. Or email to calendar@connection-newspapers.com

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Alexandria Families for Safer Streets - Executive Assistant to AFSS Board of Directors. The agency is seeking an executive assistant to help coordinate a diverse group of tasks necessary to keep us on track and moving forward. Someone with office manager skills would be the ideal candidate. www.volunteerallexandria.org
ALIVE! Volunteers are needed to assist with multiple programs relating to their Food Program, ALIVE! House, and Alexandria Eviction Prevention Partnership Program will distribute food at Mobile Pop-ups and Truck to Trunk events, etc. <https://>

www.volunteerallexandria.org/ALIVE Assistance League of Northern Virginia is an all-volunteer non-profit organization that feeds, clothes and provides reading assistance and books to children in need. Assistance League's programs touch the lives of hundreds of children in Fairfax and Prince William Counties and the City of Alexandria. There are many volunteer opportunities for community members to contribute to helping those in need. To learn more, email info@alnv.org, or visit www.alnv.org.

STEM Professionals Needed. Help assist K-12 STEM teachers as part of the American Association for the Advancement of Science's STEM Volunteer Program, stemvolunteers.org, during the 2018-19 school year. In the 2017-18 school year, there are 85 volunteers in 6 Northern Virginia school districts. Contact Don Rea at 571-551- 2488, or donaldrea@aol.com.



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Congratulates the Class of 2025!



Back Row L-R: Arjun Srinivasan, William Street, Liam Holley, Bradley Kremer, Tomas Gil de Montes, Elijah Schneider, John King, Caleb Banks, Smith Spivey, Tag Schuerfeld
Third Row L-R: Lucy Thiede, Charlotte Burkholder, Sofia Reyes, Mae Schulz, Payton Rizzieri, Dakota Alvarado, Minnah Usman, Olivia Foster, Easa Mohammed
Second Row L-R: Cole Bowers, Fluorite Burson, Addison Cohn, Emily Tryder, Cate Ingols, Brynn Canel, Charles Tucker, Ben Johnson, Addison Jones
Front Row L-R: Sarah Danshaw, Claire Mikolop, Ashleigh Dunton, Grace Konrad, Parker Lady

Members of the Class of 2025 have been offered admission to and/or will be attending the following high schools:

Alexandria City High School, Bishop Ireton High School, Bishop O'Connell High School, Blue Ridge School, Bullis School, Christ Church Episcopal School (Greenville, SC), DeMatha Catholic High School, Episcopal High School, Flint Hill School, Foxcroft School, Georgetown Preparatory School, Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School, Gonzaga College High School, Maret School, McLean School, Sandy Spring Friends School, St. Albans School, St. John's College High School, St. John Paul the Great Catholic High School, St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School, Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart, The Field School, West Potomac High School, and Woodberry Forest School.

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Alexandria Rotary Club president Jim Carmalt throws out the first pitch at the Alexandria Aces game June 11 at Frank Mann Field.



Alexandria Aces owner Frank Fannon, second from right, is joined by Rotary Club president Jim Carmalt, left, and fellow Rotarians Roger Grooms and Steve Wharton on Rotary Night at the Aces June 11.

Aces Celebrate Rotary Night

Fall to Big Train 15-3.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

The Alexandria Aces welcomed the Rotary Club of Alexandria as its featured

game night partner as the Aces took on rival Bethesda Big Train June 11 at Frank Mann Field.

Rotary Club president Jim Carmalt threw out the first pitch as fellow Rotarians were on hand to

cheer on the Aces. The team ultimately fell to the Big Train 15-3 but have a revenge match scheduled June 20, also at Frank Mann Field.

The Aces are now 3 and 6 in the Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League.

— JEANNE THEISMANN

Agenda: Alexandria Installs New Board

The new Board of Directors of non-profit Agenda:Alexandria took over the organization's reins at its annual planning retreat on June 14 at ALX Community. Incoming Chair Steve Davidson welcomed three new board members: Former Vice Mayor Amy Jackson, Zebra Publisher Mary Wadland, and Washington Business Journal Staff Reporter Dan Brendel.

The organization was established in 1998 planning to "Take a look at the issues without taking sides."

Davidson's charge to the new Agenda:Alexandria Board of Directors: "In this time of intense political division, it's vitally important to have a forum for civil discourse, enabling informed, fact-based discussion, featuring authoritative experts on topics of interest to the community. Our mission is to provide a robust set of informative and thought-provoking programs that contribute to the richness of living in such a diverse city. A diverse city means diverse perspectives, and we need to be able to learn from one another, and, at the very least, be able to disagree without being disagreeable."

Though the Agenda:Alexandria membership and budget has remained small, Davidson is looking forward to growing and elevating the visibility of Alexandria's premiere organization offering informational and discussion/debate programs, by providing a platform based on balance and absent bias.

Other Agenda:Alexandria officers are: Vice Chair Linda App, Treasurer Beth Seltzer, and Secretary Jennifer Rohrbach. Other (returning) Board members are: Jackie Bridges, Ginny Franco, Connie Hart, and Former Chair Rod Kuckro.

Outgoing Executive Director Pat Miller was honored for her many years of service to Agenda:Alexandria, as she steps down to devote more time to her other non-profit endeavors. At the annual Board retreat, the Board planned out the upcoming season and decided that the first program of the season, in September, will focus on an issue of interest to high school students and parents. Membership information is available at www.agendaalexandria.org/give/



The 2025-2026 Board of Directors: Top row (left to right): Steve Davidson (Chair), Jackie Bridges, Beth Seltzer (Treasurer), Connie Hart, Amy Jackson, Mary Wadland. Bottom row (le: to right): Jennifer Rohrbach (Secretary), Dan Brendel, Linda App (Vice-Chair), Rod Kuckro. Not pictured: Ginny Franco.

Advocates Urge Strengthening Fort Belvoir Stormwater Permit

Permit could help monitor, control PFAS contaminants

BY GLENDA C. BOOTH
MOUNT VERNON GAZETTE

Fort Belvoir should monitor and control PFAS chemicals in stormwater discharges into area waterways, multiple speakers argued at a June 2 public hearing held by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) at the Sherwood Regional Library.

The 8,700-acre military installation in southeastern Fairfax County applied for a permit to “allow the release of industrial stormwater into several water bodies in Fairfax County.” The DEQ draft permit indicates that stormwater releases currently go into Accotink Creek, Accotink Bay, Gunston Cove, Dogue Creek and Mason Run, tributaries of the Potomac River.

DEQ representative Sarah Sivers told the 30 attendees that Belvoir has seven stormwater outfalls that release “industrial stormwater” from the “airfield, a hazardous waste storage facility, operations and maintenance, marinas and a contractor laydown area.”

She cited several actions by the state legislature, including 2024 legislation requiring PFAS source assessments for drinking water systems. She said, “Virginia will continue to follow the science and follow applicable federal and state requirements.”



DEQ's Sarah Sivers gave background. Each speaker was limited to three minutes.

PFAS Chemicals

PFAS stands for perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances, a group of over 10,000 chemicals in use since 1940. Long-lasting, (hence sometimes called forever chemicals) they are components of fire-fighting foam and in everyday products like non-stick cookware, clothes, carpets and personal care products. Many industries, including automotive, construction and electronics, use them.

Belvoir Statement

Representing the Army, Richard Santos, Chief of the Environmental Division of Directorate of Public Works, said that Belvoir



PHOTOS BY GLENDA BOOTH

Dean Naujoks, Potomac Riverkeeper and others, argued for stronger PFAS monitoring and control requirements.

would comply with all requirements of DEQ, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Department of Defense.

When this writer asked Belvoir representatives if the installation is releasing PFAS chemicals, they provided a 2022, 164-page “preliminary assessment/site inspection report” by Arcadis. Among other findings, the report says, “... the use, storage and/or disposal of aqueous film-forming foam (AFFF) is the most prevalent potential source of PFAS chemicals at DoD facilities.”

Based on analyzing 17 Belvoir sites, the report's summary concludes that 12 sites had “PFOS, PFOA and/or PFBS present at concentrations greater than the risk-based screening levels ...” and that “the majori-

ty of [Office of the Secretary of Defense] risk screening level exceedances ... can be attributed to historical and present fire station management and firefighter training activity, as well as fire truck maintenance activities.” We encourage readers to read the report at https://aec.army.mil/Portals/115/PFAS/2022_Final_Fort_Belvoir_PFAS_PA_SI_Report_Volume_I_Compressed.pdf?ver=mhQpHyJiJob_3KEfbQnT-gw%3d%3d.

Releases Need Attention

David Sligh with Wild Virginia expressed disappointment that DEQ had “failed in its duty to assess whether discharge from Fort Belvoir would cause hazards to people or wildlife.” He asserted that any “significant amounts of PFAS chemicals” released into waterways “violate water quality standards,” which a more thorough analysis would show.

Mark Sabath, an attorney with the Southern Environmental Law Center, argued for monitoring and technology-based effluent limits. He cited the 2022 Army study and DEQ water sampling that confirmed the presence of PFAS chemicals in groundwater on the base and in Accotink Creek, just downstream of the base's airfields and maintained that “it is reasonable to assume that Fort Belvoir does, in fact, discharge PFAS in its stormwater.” He cited as possible sources firefighting foam, metal-plating operations and pesticide management areas.

Potomac Riverkeeper Dean Naujoks

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Hashmi, Jones Join Spanberger for November

Unofficial Democratic primary results tallied; trio set to face Sears, Reid and Miyares.

BY MERCIA HOBSON
THE GAZETTE

The Virginia Department of Elections released its unofficial results of the Tuesday, June 17, Democratic Primary, last updated at 10:57 p.m. Democrats are running with the results. All election results are unofficial until certified. The Democratic nominee for Virginia lieutenant governor is Ghazala F. Hashmi and Jay C. Jones is the nominee for attorney general. Hashmi and Jones will join nominee Abigail Spanberger, the uncontested Democratic nominee for governor, in the pivotal November general election.

The primary results between the top three contenders for the Democratic nomination for lieutenant governor, Hashmi, Jones, and Aaron R. Rouse, were close. In Fairfax County, the Virginia Department of Elections detailed 100 precincts reporting election statistics, with voter turnout at 9 percent, or 75,319 ballots cast out of 802,223 possible voters.

In the crowded field of six contenders for Virginia lieutenant governor, Hashmi declared victory with 131,367 votes (27.29 percent). Trailing closely behind, runner-up Levar Marcus Stoney tallied 127,331 votes (26.65 percent), and Rouse 124,991 votes (26.16 percent).

"I'm honored to be our Democratic nominee for Lieutenant Governor," Hashmi said on X at 10:10 p.m. Tuesday.

"Virginians made history. We didn't just win a primary; we sent a clear message that we won't be bullied, broken, or dragged backward by the chaos in Washington," Hashmi said.

John Reid, a conservative Richmond radio host, will be the Republican nominee for Virginia's lieutenant governorship, after running unopposed in Tuesday's statewide primary election.

With the tight results reported by the Virginia Department of Elections as of 10:57 p.m. on Tuesday between Hashmi and Stoney, 3,996 votes, the margin appears within 1 percent or less of the total votes for the top two candidates. Code of Virginia § 24.2-800 allows the defeated candidate to request a recount.

Stoney has indicated that he's not willing to concede the race for lieutenant governor. The Richmond Times-Dispatch reported that at his election watch party, Stoney said, "There's a lot of votes still left to count." He said they are "going to wait until all the votes are counted" before they say anything. Stoney served as mayor of Richmond, Virginia, from 2017 to 2025. He was in office until the end of 2024.

According to the VA Department of Elections, provisional and post-election incoming ballots are "Not Reported" yet.

In the race for the Democratic nomination

tion for Virginia attorney general, Jerrauld C. "Jay" Jones, a former state delegate from Norfolk, received 242,318 votes, 50.94 percent. His opponent, Shannon L. Taylor, received 233,380 votes, or 49.06 percent.

Jones will face off against Republican Attorney General Jason Myers in November. "The most powerful corporations and special interests believe that Virginia's government should be beholden to them. They will spend more trying to beat us in November by funding Donald Trump's

The November election is guaranteed to produce the first female governor of Virginia.

2025 June Democratic Primary
June 17, 2025

Virginia > FAIRFAX COUNTY

ELECTION REPORTING STATUS

INCOMING BALLOTS

Early Voting
● Fully Reported

Election Day
● Fully Reported

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● Election Night Complete

Provisional
Not Reported

Post-Election
Not Reported

PRECINCTS REPORTING

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ELECTION STATISTICS

VOTER TURNOUT

9%

Ballots Cast 75,319
Registered Voters 802,223

Because voters in Virginia do not register by party affiliation, this percentage reflects all registered voters and not just likely Democratic voters, making turnout appear even lower than it actually was.

pro-bono attorney, Jason Miyares. And we are ready for that fight because it's not their government, it's yours. As your next Attorney General, I will return the power back to you. To the people of Virginia," Jones said.

The Democratic nominee trio, Hashmi, Jones, and Spanberger, will compete for the top three positions in the Virginia government, which hold significant roles and constitutional importance. Spanberger will face off against Republican Lt. Gov. Winsome Earle-Sears.

One history-making change is in the cards, with Spanberger (D) and Winsome Earle-Sears (R) on the ballot for governor, the results of the November election will produce the first female governor of Virginia.



SCREENSHOT VIRGINIA DEMOCRATS @VADEMOCRATS

From left, the 2025 Virginia Democratic nominees: Jay Jones, Abigail Spanberger, and Ghazala Hashmi, for Attorney General, Governor and Lt. Governor.



PHOTOS BY SUSAN LAUME

Poll volunteers report slow voting traffic on June 17, as many Democrat primary voters took advantage of early voting days. Lorton Community Center

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CONGRATULATIONS

Grace Episcopal School Class of 2025



We are extremely proud of the 5th grade graduating class of 2025!
These bright students will attend the following schools in the fall:

Alexandria Country Day School
Burgundy Farm Country Day School
The Field School
George Washington Middle School
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A man holds a sign during the No Kings rally June 14 at Market Square.



Alexandria's Commonwealth's Attorney Bryan Porter speaks at the No Kings rally June 14 at Market Square.



Joan Hartmann Moore holds a sign during the No Kings rally.

'No Kings'

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that."

The local event was organized by the Alexandria Democratic Committee as part of the national No Kings coalition, which said that millions of people demonstrated in over 1,500 cities and towns across the country. The coordinated effort was intended to coincide with the Washington D.C. festivities celebrating the 250th birthday of the United States Army.

"I want to bring a message of hope, a message of strength, of resilience and of the

millions of ways we are fighting back each and every day," Beyer said in his remarks. "We are not helpless. We love our country. We love and celebrate the rule of law. We will resist. We will prevail."

Ebbin, the only Jewish person to speak at the event, was heckled by a pro-Palestinian pro-testor.

**"We are not
helpless.
We will resist.
We will prevail."
— U.S. Rep. Don Beyer (D-8)**

Local attendees turned out to have their voices heard.

"I couldn't really hear what was being said but it's sad that it happened," Ebbin said. "We're here to support everyone's right to speak even if we disagree with each other. We're living in a democracy and should let people be heard."

"We need to continue raising our voices against all the crazy things happening in our government," said Taki Sidley. "We need a change as soon as possible."

Said Joseph Geulah, "What is really driving me out here is seeing all the ICE raids, picking up our neighbors, working mothers, fathers, kids. No one is being spared. It's like the Gestapo in our communities."

Alexandria resident John Killeen added, "We are the home of George Washington. We don't believe in kings."

Out and About in Old Town

Uncovering LGBTQ+ history in Alexandria

The Alexandria Historical Society invites the public to Out and About in Old Town, an in depth walking tour exploring Alexandria's LGBTQ+ history from the 1970s through the 1990s. The event will take place on Sunday, June 29 at 2 p.m., beginning at the Torpedo Factory Art Center.

Led by graduate students from George Mason University — recipients of the Society's 2024 AHS Golden Grant—this tour brings to life powerful stories of activism, community and change, told at the very locations where they happened. Highlights include:

- ❖ The French Quarter Café (now Don Taco), one of Northern Virginia's earliest known gay bars. Its owners played a pivotal role in the 1991 court case that

A Behind-the-Scenes Walking Tour

**Sunday, June 29, 2025, 2 p.m.,
Starting at the Torpedo Factory**

overturned a 1956 Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control regulation barring service to "homosexuals."

- ❖ Alexandria City Hall, where in 1988 the City Council passed a historic amendment to the local human rights ordinance protecting residents from discrimination based on sexual orientation — the first such action in the Commonwealth.

- ❖ The Torpedo Factory, where artists marked the 1993 Day Without Art by drap-

ing the space in black bunting to mourn lives lost to AIDS.

The walking route is approximately one mile on Alexandria's historic brick sidewalks. Detailed meeting instructions will be emailed to registrants the day prior to the event.

This tour is part of a broader Alexandria Historical Society initiative funded by the AHS Golden Grant. The project also includes a digital Story Map, a public lecture, and a

historical marker application to help bring wider recognition to Alexandria's LGBTQ+ legacy.

Tickets are \$20 for members of the Alexandria Historical Society; \$25 for non-members.

- ❖ AHS Members: alexandriahistorical-society.org/membertour

- ❖ Non-Members: alexandriahistorical-society.org/nontour

- ❖ More Information: alexandriahistorical-society.org/outabouttour

Contact: alexandriahistoricalsociety@gmail.com

Presented by: The Alexandria Historical Society

Walk through a powerful chapter of Alexandria's past — and help ensure these stories are never forgotten.



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Del. Paul Krizek spoke to the attendees.

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of the Capital Beltway in Virginia without toll lanes.”

Speakers Voice Concerns

Sen. Scott Surovell said that he regularly commutes on that stretch of highway and that “expanding car access brings more cars,” noting that it does not make sense “to do the same thing over and over again.” His April 25 letter to VDOT is at scottsurovell.org/495letter.

Del. Paul Krizek said that the proposal “does nothing to help us at Fort Hunt Road and U.S. 1, which is now awful.” He urged everyone to “make your voice heard. VDOT works for us.”

Larry Zaragoza from Mount Vernon requested more information on environmental impacts and echoed Krizek’s comments about backups on Fort Hunt Road, saying, “I fear this will make it worse.” SEE BELTWAY EXPRESS, PAGE 17



Doug Stewart with the Sierra Club’s Great Falls Group argued that more induced traffic will bring more greenhouse gas emissions.

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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
FAUQUIER	7397	710	RECTORTOWN ROAD	GOOSE CREEK	5/23/2025
BEDFORD	2877	744	VON ROY ROAD/ROUTE 744	WOLF CREEK	5/19/2025
APPOMATTOX	1673	727	RED HOUSE ROAD	MAPLE SPRING BRANCH	5/14/2025
FRANKLIN	7832	613	NAFF ROAD/ROUTE 613	MAGGODEE CREEK	5/9/2025

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 vdot.virginia.gov and navigate to Traffic and Travel/For freight operators/Truck restrictions. 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 or the Load Rating Program Manager, Manjil Devkota at 804-786-4064.

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Julia Pollard and Sheila Reid.



Richard Williams graduated from Parker-Gray High School in 1953.



Yvonne Terrell talks with Lillian Patterson, a 1944 graduate of Parker-Gray.

Parker-Gray Celebrates 105-Year Legacy

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years. It was a great school and we had the best teachers.”

Dawkins credited Living Legend Lucky Elliott and his wife Brenda for making the legacy happen.

“Brenda and Lucky were the focal point of all this,” Dawkins said. “It was their idea and they made it happen.”

Alumni included Aubrey Burton, a Vietnam veteran who served 30 years in the Marine Corps, 1953 graduate Richard Williams,

1944 graduate Lillian Patterson and Charles Sias, a basketball, track and football standout at Parker-Gray High School who graduated in 1965. Sias was also the state pole vault champion.

Callie Terrell attended Parker-Gray for

one year before the school was shut down.

“I couldn’t wait to get there,” Terrell said. “I was always in Catholic School and so proud to finally be at Parker-Gray where all

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JANET BARNETT
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Hundreds turned out for the Parker-Gray Legacy celebration June 7 at the Hilton Old Town.



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Felton Gilliam, Debby Gilliam and Myron Contee.

Parker-Gray Celebrates 105-Year Legacy



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my aunts and uncles went. But then shut it down and I was sent over to George Washington as a sophomore and graduated from GW in 1966.”

Vikki Taylor-Bass attended Parker-Gray Middle School.

“I was there in 7th and 8th grade,” Taylor-Bass said. “I remember most what is on display here – the wonderful camaraderie of the community.”

Charles Sias, a basketball, track and football standout at Parker-Gray High School, graduated in 1965. He was also the state pole vault champion and stands beside the athletic uniforms of Parker-Gray athletics.



Lynnwood Campbell, standing, with Lawrence and Althea Carter.

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Grab a Slice of History on Friday, June 20, 2025 at Woodlawn & Pope-Leighey House in Alexandria.



Visit Wright at Twilight on Friday, June 27, 2025 at Woodlawn & Pope-Leighey House in Alexandria.

NOW THRU JUNE 29

Embodied Transformations Exhibit. At The Athenaeum, Alexandria. Through significantly different media — Elsabe Dixon with insect-made materials including silk and beeswax, and Sharon Fishel with richly layered oil paintings — these artists give form to the ephemeral nature of insect and botanic lifecycles in the world around us. Artist's Talk on Sunday, June 29, at 2 p.m.

ONGOING

Revolutionary War Exhibit. At the National Museum of the U.S. Army, Alexandria. The National Museum of the United States Army has opened a special exhibition, Call To Arms: The Soldier and the Revolutionary War. The two-year exhibition commemorates this year's 250th Birthday of the U.S. Army and next year's 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. This 5,000 square-foot exhibition features a rare collection, specially curated by the Museum, that includes Revolutionary War artifacts from the original colonies, England, France and Canada. Among the exhibit's highlights are a pair of General George Washington's pistols, the original flag of the 1st Rhode Island Regiment carried by the Army's first African American Soldiers, and a complete Loyalist uniform—one of the rarest items in the collection. The sword of British General Charles Lord Cornwallis, presented to Washington at the surrender at Yorktown, Virginia, will also be displayed for a limited time.

MAY 30 TO JUNE 29

"Sing Me a Sea Shanty" Art Exhibit. At Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. The exhibit explores enchanting artworks inspired by the nautical spirit. Exhibit reception on Friday, June 6, 7-9 p.m. to meet the curators and artists. Gallery hours are Thursdays 12-6 p.m., Fridays 12-9 p.m., Saturdays & Sundays 12-6 p.m. Details at DelRayArtisans.org/exhibits.

JUNE 1 TO AUG. 31

Creative Summer Programs is a series of workshops exploring the arts. Learn



techniques in collage, drawing, mixed media, photography, bead embroidery, and more from local artists. Delve into creative exploration solo or with friends. For children and/or adults, free and paid programs are offered. Sign up for what inspires you! Held at Del Ray Artisans (2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria VA) unless noted. Details: DelRayArtisans.org/creative-summer

JUNE 2-29

"Vibrancy Unleashed" Exhibit. At Van Landingham Gallery, Torpedo Factory, Alexandria. The Torpedo Factory Artists' Association presents a group exhibition that showcases a stunning array of jewelry, paintings, photography, mixed media work, hand pulled prints, and more during the month of June.

Participating Artists:

Jordana Adelman, Ann Barbieri, Victoria Barnes, Lynn Chadwick, Andrea Cybyk, Eleftheria Easley, Sheila Flanders, Samuel Gyulnazarian, Camille Kouyoumdjian, Michal Mitak

Mahgerefteh, Anna Nazaretz Radjou, Rebecca McNeely, Diana Papazian, Catherine Rubin*, Kellie Sansone*, Karine Sapondjian, Vita Sims*, Antonio Scott, Samantha L. Shelton, Pratibha Srinivasan, Hanin Tawfiq, Ana Tkabladze, Dixon Veraray, Estelle Vernon, Karen Waltermire, Dina Wise, Guido R. Zanni
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JUNETEENTH CELEBRATIONS

* On June 19, enjoy traditional African American storytelling and songs reflecting the journey toward freedom at the Washington Revels Jubilee Voices Juneteenth Concert at Market Square then head to Juneteenth Celebration @ The Athenaeum to discover the history of Juneteenth through hands-on activities, art, and poetry readings at the.
• Keep the celebration going on June 21 and celebrate African American heritage through music, storytelling, food, and family fun at the Juneteenth Festival at the Charles Hous-



The Potomac Valley Watercolorists "The Painted Garden" 2025 Art Exhibition and Sale takes place June 29 to Aug. 17, 2025 at Green Springs Gardens.

ton Recreation Center.
Tours and Museums

- Reserve your spot for Specialty Tours: Tell Me Your Name at Carlyle House on June 19, focusing on the experiences of the enslaved community at Carlyle House and his plantations.
- Head to Mount Vernon between June 19-21 to take part in Freedom Before Emancipation: Family Day for Juneteenth, remembering how enslaved people resisted enslavement and sought freedom before the Emancipation Proclamation.
- Ride through 90 mins of powerful stories on board an Alexandria Black History Bus Tour from Manumission Tour Company on June 21.

Black-Owned Businesses

- 1799 Prime Steak and Seafood: Dine at this steakhouse, owned by a member of one of the oldest documented African American families.
- Café du Soleil: Relax and enjoy coffee, pastries

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Beltway Express Lanes Flawed, Speakers Contend

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Doug Stewart with the Sierra Club also made a plea for “a more robust analysis,” and said his group’s “number one priority is climate change.

“Hot lanes will bring more induced traffic and greenhouse gas emissions,” Stewart said.

Jim Klein, a bicyclist, asserted that people avoiding tolls “will congest the feeder roads.”

Mount Vernonite Cisco Minthorn argued, “Traffic is horrendous because we have not funded public transportation.” He believes that highway construction “should not enrich a private company,” referring to a possible public-private partnership that VDOT officials referenced. Currently, the Australian company Transurban builds and operates some Northern Virginia toll roads.

VDOT officials staffed posters spread around the room. Their analyses show that this part of the Beltway has approximately 200,000 vehicles per day, recurring traffic congestion and unreliable travel times that could more than double by the year 2050 without changes.

Under the plan, drivers could access the express lanes at Route 1 on ramps that would not enlarge the current interchange’s footprint,

at South Van Dorn Street and at Maryland’s I-295. One panel shows “bicycle and pedestrian improvements” at Huntington Avenue and Route 1.

Another shows that five parcels, mostly in “light industrial areas,” east of South Van Dorn Street along Vine Street and Oakwood Road are “anticipated property displacements.”

Others Weighed In

“It’s no surprise that residents at recent public meetings have spoken out against VDOT’s widening and HOT lanes project,” said Bill Pugh with the Coalition for Smarter Growth in an email. “The expanded I-495 would generate higher traffic volumes, meaning more cars would likely clog connecting roads like Route 1 and Van Dorn Street and Maryland 210 as they access I-495. However, VDOT won’t do traffic analysis on connecting roads anytime soon. The project also puts future rail on the bridge at risk.” And he predicted “impacts to streams and significant tree clearing.”

According to media reports, Alexandria Mayor Alyia Gaskins is urging VDOT to delay the plan and to conduct a noise, traffic and air quality analysis and wrote that “a 40% expansion of highway ca-

capacity will bring substantial consequences to our local neighborhoods.”

Danny Allman, spokesperson for the Maryland Department of Transportation emailed, “MDOT shares the concerns of Prince George’s County and the communities impacted by the project regarding three key policy issues: commitments to near-term transit enhancements, preserving the opportunity for future Metrorail expansion and minimizing impacts on adjacent local roadways. The Department looks forward to working with stakeholders on both sides of the river to understand how these issues will be addressed and to support solutions that reflect the region’s long-term transportation goals.”

VDOT will conduct more analyses and hold another public hearing on the full environmental assessment later this year. Making a final decision requires multiple steps described on their website, with an anticipated federal decision in “early 2026.”

At the June 9 hearing, Mount Vernon Supervisor Dan Storck said he “is still trying to understand how this will beneficially affect the Mount Vernon district. It is not evident at this time.” He urged the public to speak up.

Advocates Urge Strengthening Fort Belvoir Stormwater Permit

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urged that DEQ include “technology-based effluent limits in the permit” or otherwise deny the permit. Virginia has the authority to better control these pollutants, he argued, and could issue fish consumption advisories as Maryland does, but “DEQ continues to sit on its hands,” he charged. The Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations approved a resolution in May also urging DEQ to require PFAS discharge limits.

Dr. Laura Anderko, co-author of a 2022 National Academies of Sciences PFAS report, opposed the draft permit based on the likelihood of increased health risks, recommending stronger monitoring and limits on PFAS discharges. A registered nurse, she described potential adverse human health effects, such as high blood pressure in women, high cholesterol, kidney and testicular cancer and impacts to the developing fetus.

She also referred to Fairfax Water’s 2024 report which stated, “For the Griffith Water Treatment

Plant, which treats water from the Occoquan Reservoir, the running annual average for perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) is slightly above the MCL [EPA’s maximum contaminant level] of 4.0 parts per trillion. For all other regulated PFAS compounds in both sources results are below the MCLs.”

“Birds are an early warning system for environmental health,” commented Amanda Robinson with the Northern Virginia Bird Alliance, noting that Accotink Creek is “critical bird habitat” that attracts waterfowl like wood ducks and mergansers. She too urged stronger monitoring.

Sen. Scott Surovell (D-34) on May 27 sent DEQ a letter asserting that “these harmful substances [PFAS] have been acknowledged by the installation to exist in groundwater, surface water and soil on the base.” Urging monitoring and control requirements and other steps, he wrote, “The communities I represent deserve the strongest possible environmental protections, particularly when

dealing with persistent contaminants like PFAS that can remain in the environment and human body for decades. Military installations have a responsibility to be good environmental stewards, and our regulatory agencies must ensure they meet the highest standards.”

DEQ will accept written comments until June 18, 2025, at NRO.VPDESPermits@deq.virginia.gov, will then respond to public comments and hold a second hearing in August or September before making a decision.

Bringing it home at the hearing, Rene Grebe, Nature Forward, testified, “We all live downstream from something.”

Information

DEQ Announcement, <https://townhall.virginia.gov/L/View-Meeting.cfm?MeetingID=41701>

PFAS Basics, <https://www.epa.gov/pfas>

Fairfax Water, 2024 Water Quality Report, [https://www.fairfax-water.org/sites/default/files/ccr/CCR%202024%20\(3\).pdf](https://www.fairfax-water.org/sites/default/files/ccr/CCR%202024%20(3).pdf)



CITY OF ALEXANDRIA BOARD OF EQUALIZATION HEARINGS

Pursuant to Section 58.1-3378 of the Code of Virginia, the Board of Equalization and Assessment Review for the City of Alexandria will convene on the following days to hear complaints of inequalities wherein the property owners allege a lack of equity or uniformity in assessment, errors in fact in such real estate assessments, or that the real property assessment is not assessed at fair market value. Upon hearing such complaints, the Board is legally authorized to INCREASE, DECREASE OR AFFIRM such real estate assessments.

Participants can attend via Zoom Webinar or in person in room 3008, City Hall, 301 King Street, Alexandria, VA. Notification of any meeting cancellations will be posted at alexandriava.gov/realestate. The 2025 hearing dates currently scheduled are:

July	
July 21 st – 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.	July 22 nd – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
July 23 rd – 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.	July 28 th – 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
July 29 th – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.	July 30 th – 4 p.m. to 7p.m.
August	
August 4 th – 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.	August 5 th – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
August 6 th – 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.	August 11 th – 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
August 12 th – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.	August 13 th – 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
August 18 th – 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.	August 19 th – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
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September 10 th – 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.	September 15 th – 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
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December 3 rd – 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.	December 8 th – 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
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December 30 th – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.	

The deadline for filing an appeal is June 2, 2025, however, this appeal deadline is not applicable to appeals of assessments for real estate that was newly constructed pursuant to Virginia Code 59.1-3292.

Dockets for each hearing may be obtained by contacting the Office of Real Estate Assessments, 301 King Street, City Hall Room 2600, Alexandria VA 22313, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, via e-mail realestate@alexandriava.gov or by calling 703.746.4646.



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Obituary



Claiborne Robert Hicks Jr., 89, passed away peacefully on May 28, 2025. A noted NASA pioneer, devoted husband, and beloved father and grandfather, Clay's legacy is one of intellect, humility, and unwavering love. A Virginia Tech graduate, he helped chart America's earliest space missions as part of the original NASA Space Task Force. He is survived by his wife Frances (Vaughan), daughters Jeanne Wolak, Christy Hicks, and Melissa (Bob) Willen, and five grandchildren. A visitation will be held June 8, 2-5pm at Everly Wheatley Funeral Home in Alexandria, VA. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to Virginia Tech's Aerospace Engineering Class of '58 Scholarship Fund.

Legals

The Alexandria Community Services Board (CSB) invites the public to comment on the needs of Alexandrians with mental health conditions, developmental and intellectual disabilities, or a substance use dependency. See the proposed Performance Contract at alexandriava.gov/DCHS. This contract provides for the funding of client services and operationalizes the mission of supporting individuals by promoting recovery, self-determination, and wellness. Send comments by July 18 to Celestine Chew celestine.chew@alexandriava.gov or call 703.746.3335.

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and classic French-style dishes at two Old Town locations.

· **AR Workshop:** This DIY craft studio offers hands-on classes for creating custom home décor.

THURSDAY/JUNE 19

Juneteenth at The Athenaeum.

1 p.m. Join them for this year's Juneteenth celebration with poet, author, and the Northern Virginia Fine Arts Association Poet in Residence, KaNikki Jakarta. The event will be held in the gallery of the Athenaeum. Discover the history of Juneteenth through hands-on activities, art, and poetry readings.

FRIDAY/JUNE 20

Civics Pizza Party at Pope-Leighey House.

5:30-8 p.m. Celebrate Civics Season with (free!) pizza and history! Take a self-guided tour and engage in thoughtful reflection and dialogue about our shared past and its connection to today's movements for justice. Visitors will also have the opportunity to view the new exhibit "Saving Pope-Leighey House: How Marjorie Leighey Rescued Her Frank Lloyd Wright Home."

FRIDAY/JUNE 20

Slice of History.

5:30-8 p.m. At Woodlawn & Pope-Leighey House, 9000 Richmond Hwy., Alexandria. Celebrate #Civics-Season with (free!) pizza and history! Take a self-guided tour of Woodlawn and learn about the site's profound legacy of transformation.

FRIDAY/JUNE 27

Wright at Twilight.

6:30-9:30 p.m. At Woodlawn & Pope-Leighey House, 9000 Richmond Highway, Alexandria. Enjoy the iconic Pope-Leighey House, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. Sit back with complimentary snacks and a glass of wine, and watch the changing light bring out the architectural details. Visit the website: <https://www.woodlawnpopeleighey.org/upcomingevents>

SUNDAY/JUNE 29

Out and About in Old Town:

Uncovering LGBTQ+ History in Alexandria

A Behind-the-Scenes Walking Tour. 2 p.m. Starting at the Torpedo Factory Art Center. The Alexandria Historical Society invites the public to a powerful new walking tour exploring the city's LGBTQ+ history from the 1970s through the 1990s. Led by graduate students from George Mason University—recipients of the Society's 2024 AHS Golden Grant—this tour uncovers key moments of activism, resilience, and community. Highlights include:

The French Quarter Café, a pioneering gay bar and site of a 1991 court victory overturning discriminatory state policy
Alexandria City Hall, where Virginia's first local LGBTQ+ nondiscrimination ordinance was passed in 1988

The Torpedo Factory's tribute to lives lost to AIDS during the 1993 Day Without Art
Visit: alexandriahistoricalsociety.org

www.CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM



A reading of the Declaration of Independence will take place on Friday, July 4, 2025 at Historic Pohick Church in Lorton.

outabouttour.org/outabouttour

JUNE 29 TO AUG. 17

Potomac Valley Watercolorists

"The Painted Garden" 2025 Art Exhibition and Sale. At Green Spring Gardens Horticultural Center, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. This annual fine art show spotlights many of our region's most highly-skilled and well-known water media artists, and features more than 100 original framed works on display and available for purchase. Special Event: Artists Reception – Sunday, July 13 from 1-3 p.m.

THURSDAY/JULY 3

Art+ Wine+ Cheese Reception.

6-7:30 p.m. At the Nepenthe Gallery at Hollin Hall, 7918 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. Stop in Nepenthe to see a patriotic collection by various outstanding artists including Cey Adams, Norman Rockwell, and Pamela Patrick White.

FRIDAY/JULY 4

Reading of the Declaration of Independence. 1-3 p.m. At Historic Pohick Church, 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton. The community is invited to a free public reading of the Declaration of Independence in the church by historical re-enactor, the Rev. Dr. Thomas Costa, portraying the Rev. Mr. Massey, the Rector of Pohick Church in 1776. The reading will take place at 1:00 PM, with free docent tours of the colonial church of George Washington and George Mason following the presentation. For additional information, call the church office at 703-339-6572, or visit the church web site at <http://www.pohick.org>.

SATURDAY/JULY 5

First Saturday Used Book Sale: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood

Hall Lane. Selection of over 20,000 gently used children's books, fiction, history, biography, home and garden, cooking, crafts, sports, religion, travel, CDs, DVDs, and more. Unless specially priced, \$1 for hard backs and large paperbacks, and 25 cents for mass market paperbacks. Visit <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/friends-of-sherwood-regional> for information on other days and times for the library's ongoing book sale.

JULY 14-18 OR JULY 21-25

Art Camp 2025. Del Ray Artisans invites youth ages 8-12 to Art Camp 2025 for a week of professional art instruction! Campers will have an immersive creative journey: painting, sculpting, journaling and more. During nice weather, campers will have outdoor time to get fresh air, unwind, and replenish their creative energy. All art supplies are provided. Choose July 14-18 or July 21-25 (9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily). \$350/child; scholarship support available. Registration at delrayartisans.org/art-camp-2025

AUG. 1-30

"Lovely As a Tree" Art Exhibit. At Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Del Ray Artisans members explore all the ways in which trees impact our lives and the earth and bring aspects of this natural phenomenon to artistic life. Join them for the Opening Reception on Friday, August 1, 7-9pm. Gallery hours are Thursdays 12-6pm, Fridays 12-9pm, Saturdays & Sundays 12-6pm. Details at DelRayArtisans.org/exhibits

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JUNE

Wed. 18: Acoustic Alchemy \$35.00
Thu. 19: Tower Of Power \$89.50
Fri. 20: AJ Ghent & His Singing Guitar \$45.00
Sat. 21: Ohio Players \$79.50
Sun. 22: Stacey Kent \$39.50
Wed. 25: Tartan Terrors \$29.50
Thu. 26: Peter Asher: A Musical Memoir of the 60's & Beyond \$49.50

Fri. 27: Pieces Of A Dream \$55.00
Sat. 28: Kasey Chambers w/ Sunny Sweeney \$39.50

Sun. 29: Joshua Redman \$49.50
JULY

Wed. 2: Three Dog Night \$95.00
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Sat. 5: Donnell Rawlings \$49.50
Sun. 6: The Milk Carton Kids \$45.00

Wed. 9: Big Bad Voodoo Daddy \$65.00

Fri. 11: LAUREL CANYON: Golden Songs of Los Angeles '66-'72 \$39.50

Sat. 12: Classic Stones Live! \$35.00
Thu. 17: OMAR with special guest Tabi Bonney \$45.00

Sat. 19: Tell Me Lies – The Fleetwood Mac Experience \$35.00

Sun. 20: Hubert Laws \$55.00

Thu. 24: Hiroshima \$59.50

Fri. 25: The Bacon Brothers w/ Pernikoff Brothers \$69.50 SOLD OUT!

Sat. 26: The Bacon Brothers w/ Pernikoff Brothers \$69.50 SOLD OUT!

Sun. 27: Judy Collins \$59.50

Tue. 29: Three Dog Night \$95.00
2nd Night Added! (7/2 is Sold Out!)

Wed. 30: Sheila E. & The E-Train \$69.50

Thu. 31: Dave Koz And Friends Summer Horns 2025 featuring Dave Koz, Marcus Anderson, Jeff Bradshaw, Leo P and Evan Taylor, plus Marcel Anderson \$95.00

Out of Balance



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

When I finally - recently, received my berry-blend-variety of the health supplement I've been taking twice daily for 16+ years, after what seemed like months in arrears - due to a difficult rollout of the company's new computer system, they said, it reinforced my thinking as to why I've felt off lately. It had nothing to do with my thyroid cancer - which seems amazingly in control at present, my marriage which goes along as it mostly has - for nearly 48 years, my family - which consists of my father-in-law and his wife living in New York City and a nephew and spouse and their children all living on Topeka, Ks. our dog, Burton, presently lying under my desk with his jaw on the top of my right foot, and our four cats - all of whom generally speaking other than Andrew (who's in remission from lymphoma after a year of chemotherapy) are progressing "within normal perimeters" to quote Data from "Star Trek: Next Generation," and lastly our 275-year-old home standing up very well against the test of time. No. Why I'm feeling unsettled is I've not seen any Balance of Nature commercials on television lately. For a while there (a month or two or three), at least on the television channels I regularly watch, Balance of Nature was inundating these airways with testimonials from any number and variety of satisfied customers.

I think I must have seen upwards of a dozen or so of these first-person testimonials, in a fairly condensed timeline, saying all the right things about this product and the effect it has had on their lives: amazing, wish they had started sooner, feel like their old selves again, et. cetera. If I hadn't already been taking a competitor's identical product, I would have at the very least, made an inquiry as to cost, frequency and benefits. However, being fully "ensconced" not in crushed velvet (to invoke George Costanza from "Seinfeld") but in a parallel pill universe, I, despite this wave of overwhelming television repetition, have stood pat. I mean, for all I know, my brand's multi-vitamin-triumvirate might very well be the thing which has sustained me all these post-characterized-as-terminal years.

As such, my interest has been solely in noticing that something (the Balance of Nature television commercials) that had been so much a part of my life for the last two to three months, even though it had no direct bearing on my cancer health, was missing. And I felt it deeply enough that I thought I'd mention it. Again, as a 16-plus-year cancer survivor still undergoing treatment and still being seen by my oncologist and still PET-scanned every four months, and lab tested every four weeks, this kind of information interests me. The cancer news/stories of survival I hear, from whomever/whatever source, the better/more positive I feel about my circumstances. Not that any of what I hear has to mirror my health situation. It doesn't. Any example of people/patients overcoming their symptoms and/or returning to a "normal" life, gives me hope and encourages me to "Keep on keeping on." I gain strength hearing other survival stories. It's like we're all one big team and when a teammate does well, we all do well.

In this Balance of Nature experience, familiarity has not bred contempt. It has bred a type of consistency of expectations. And any chink in your consistency sort of affects your wherewithal. I didn't need to see the commercial to gain any knowledge, but not seeing their commercials made me feel as if something of substance in my life was missing. And for a cancer patient, you can't afford to be missing anything of substance. Who's to say what's really keeping you alive? Medicine certainly but one's attitude is huge. And I don't need anything to weaken my resolve. Internally or externally.

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