National Debate Hits NoVa Infrastructure

Local politicians take sides in Presidential feud.

By Vernon Miles
Gazette Packet

If Hillary Clinton is elected, the economy will grow by 10.4 million jobs nationwide while under a Trump administration, the economy would lose 3.4 million jobs. This was the finding of a recent report by Moody’s Investors Service economist Mark Zandi.

On Aug. 8, outside the Court House Metro entrance in Arlington, U.S. Rep. Don Beyer (D-8), state Del. Charniele Herring, and economist Jared Bernstein used the study as the centerpiece for a press conference about how a Clinton administration would grow jobs and see more investment in local infrastructure. But others, like Beyer’s Republican opponent for the 8th District seat, say there’s more to the economic impacts of the Clinton plan than the study and press conference would make it seem. The 8th Congressional District includes Alex...

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Barbara Ross Dies

Former deputy director of Planning and Zoning helped shape city.

By Jeanne Theismann
Gazette Packet

Barbara Ross, former deputy director of the Department of Planning and Zoning, died Aug. 9 at her home in Alexandria. She was 70 years old.

Ross worked on local land use, planning and zoning issues for over 30 years and was known as a dedicated and well-respected public servant. “Barbara’s contributions in creating and preserving quality neighborhoods in Alexandria were substantial,” said City Manager Mark Jinks. “She...”

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Friendship Firehouse Festival

Five-year-old Kate Woyicki points her fire hose at the windows on the simulated flaming cardboard house in the alley beside Friendship Firehouse on S. Alfred Street. The firehouse is celebrating 150 years of the Alexandria Fire Department. The event is also raising funds to preserve two antique fire vehicles. More photos, page 6.
THE LAFAYETTE HOUSE

The historic Lafayette House, a magnificent period home, hosted General Lafayette during his visit in 1824, and was home to noted early figures including Nelly Custis and Thomas, Ninth Lord Fairfax. Exceptional details of this grand home include a molded elliptical transom of the front doorway, a grand entry hall with its graceful arches, a floating three-story staircase and a hand-rendered mural of General Lafayette reviewing the troops at West Point in 1824.

Grand formal parlors, banquet-sized dining room, the Lafayette Room, and library offer elegant settings in which to entertain. There are six bedrooms and three and a half baths, and rear stairs to the recently remodeled kitchen and gathering room, each with its own fireplace. There are eleven working fireplaces, original moldings and mantels, as well as original heart pine floors and a delightful brick walled garden with private parking. Price upon request.

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Paws to Read

Encouraging confidence in reading to puppies.

By Vernon Miles
Gazette Packet

Maggie doesn’t talk back. Caroline Schofield, a second grader, can read to Maggie without judgment or being corrected. Maggie lays next to Caroline, occasionally wagging her tail and resting her head against the girl’s left while Caroline reads to a furry friend.

Paws to Read is a program run through the D.C. nonprofit PAL, People. Animals. Love. PAL runs various programs that arrange for elderly, sick, or others in need to receive visits and support from dogs and puppies. At Paws to Read, children in first through sixth grade at all range of reading ability can come to the library and read to a furry friend. All dogs with Paws to Read are registered therapy dogs. They are universally friendly and calm around children as well as other dogs.

Five dogs were present for the Aug. 9 Paws to Read session at the Duncan Branch Library in Del Ray. Each of the children at Paws to Read is paired with a dog for a 15-20 minute session. The children select books, though some pick ones they’re told the dogs particularly enjoy. “She was so excited,” said Teresa Schofield, Caroline’s mother. “She’s an avid reader and she’s been dying to have a dog … I think this really helps with them read confidently and helps with their presentation.”

Aug. 9 was Caroline’s first time at the program, but others in attendance are regulars at the events. Martha-Helene Stapleton’s daughters, Veronica and Catalina Dodson, have been coming to Paws to Read for years. “We don’t have a dog, so this is their pet time,” said Stapleton. “It gives them presentation skills. It helps them develop their voice, and the voice of characters. I tell families that are new to the area about this. Not enough parents know about this.”

“We love the program,” said Robin Sofge, Youth Services manager for the library. “It helps promote literacy. The dogs are friendly and the kids look forward to it. The dogs won’t criticize them or say they pronounced something wrong. It’s a positive experience for everyone.”

Henry Dorton has been working with Paws to Read since 2010. Henry Dorton would bring his dog to the nursing home to see his father, who had dementia, and found that many of the elderly citizens in home loved seeing the dogs. He registered his dog as a therapy dog and joined PAL. “The program isn’t designed to teach kids how to read, it just gives them a no pressure environment for them to want to read,” said Henry Dorton. “Some kids come in every month, and if they come in often, they ask ‘what is this. Not enough parents know about this.”

— Martha-Helene Stapleton

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Seniors at the Wheel

Accident highlights need for alternative travel options.

By Vernon Miles
Gazette Packet

According to police, at 10 a.m. on Aug. 2, Leonard Wainstein, a 92-year-old Fairfax resident, was looking for a parking spot at a bank in Old Town Alexandria. A few minutes later, one parking attendant was injured and Jeremais Herrera Rodriguez was struck and killed by Wainstein’s car as it suddenly careened down Swift Alley. Why Wainstein accelerated down the alleyway is unknown at this time, but Deputy Police Chief David Hucler said he did believe it was a malicious act. Wainstein is now charged with two counts of reckless driving.

While the details of the moments leading up to the crash remain unknown, it’s possible that Wainstein’s age may have played a role in the accident. According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), more than 5,560 “older adults” were killed in automobile accidents in 2012 and 214,000 were injured. And the number of older drivers is increasing over time. There were 36 million licensed older drivers in 2012, a 34 percent increase since 1999. As more and more elderly drivers take the roads, more and more families need to begin considering whether it’s time to find other options.

Recently, Virginia has made changes to begin to limit accidents caused by elderly drivers. On Jan. 1, 2015, a law went into effect that required everyone 75 or older to visit the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) every five years instead of the standard eight. Rather than renew by mail or online, citizens are required to visit a DMV site in person to get a new picture and take a vision test. However, the DMV does not require any other type of testing for drivers over 75.

Mary Lee Anderson, executive director of Senior Services of Alexandria, discouraged making assumptions about older drivers based solely on their age, but said there are signs concerned family member can look for to see whether or not driving ability is beginning to be impaired.

“Look at the state of their vehicle,” said Anderson. “If you’re noticing scratches or dents, that might be giving you a warning sign. Ask to be a passenger if they’re going somewhere. If you’re going to a movie, might want to say ‘how about I come along with you?’ and see them on the road.”

Greg Bischak, an Alexandria resident, said there were signs he began to notice when his parents started to get older.

Senior Taxi Service

Elderly Alexandrians can enroll with the Senior Taxi Service, which offers discounted fares for seniors who enroll through the City of Alexandria Division of Aging and Adult Services by calling 703-766-5999.

Accident highlights need for alternative travel options.

There were cognitive indicators,” said Bischak. “There was some forgetfulness, lack of awareness, not reacting right away, not just in a car but other situations.”

Bischak and his family tried to get the keys away from his parents as much as possible, but in 2004 they were on their way to a dental appointment when they were involved in an automobile accident. It wasn’t clear who was at fault, but both of Bischak’s parents had serious injuries.

“It took [my mom] a long time to recover from it,” said Bischak. “My dad died six months later. It’s unclear whether it was related to that, but there’s no doubt the accident had a huge psychological impact. Mom had debilities and ultimately needed hip replacement surgery. It was a slide towards the end for both of them.”

Bischak said independence was important to his parents and might have been in denial about the effects of their aging.

“Looking back, we’d all be more empathic with them about the danger of an accident,” said Bischak. “This is where denial gets the way. If you don’t think you’re losing cognitive abilities, you aren’t going to listen to that. Having these stories, it’s important to get out there to have testimonials.”

Brandy Brubaker, public relations and media liaison for the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles, said the DMV-sponsored granddrivernet can be a useful tool for starting the conversation about an elderly family member’s driving ability.

Granddriver.net offers driver safety tips, signs of an impaired driving ability, and practice tests for older drivers.

“These are things a mature driver can look for in their own driving skills to see if they’re still as sharp a driver as they used to be, or for family who might be concerned,” said Brubaker.
Senior Drivers at the Wheel

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Brubaker. “It gives you a way to start that conversation.”

Brubaker says in more extreme cases, individu-
als with concerns about seniors driving can contact
their local DMV to see about recommending their
family member be reevaluated.

“They are concerned about driving ability of
drivers of any age can make reports to us about
folks they think might need to be reviewed,” said
Brubaker. “We review cases of individuals, maybe
they have a health or medical condition that may
hinder their driving. We get reports from all dif-
erent kinds of people. If we have a reason to believe
[there’s an] unsafe driver we have right to inter-
vene. Reports can come from law enforcement,
medical officials, concerned citizens and family or
friends. We look into the report, see if it has merit,
and we can require a driver to complete a screening or
can require them to do a written exam.”

The DMV website specifies that reevaluations can
also include driving tests. Following reexamination,
the hearing officer can decide on restrictions,
probation, suspension or revocation of a driver’s li-
cense.

According to Anderson, having the conversation with an elderly family
member about giving up driving can be difficult.

“[Driving] means they can maintain their in-
dependence and that they don’t have to rely on their
family or friends,” said Anderson. “It’s always a dif-
ficult conversation for a family to have with a se-
nior who may be reluctant.”

Anderson said one of the most important parts of
that conversation is being prepared with alterna-
tives for travel.

“Alexandria actually has very viable transpor-
tation options for seniors other than driving their own
car,” said Anderson.

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vision of Aging and Adult Services by calling 703-
746-5999.

Senior Services of Alexandria also offers a DOT
Para-Transit program for citizens who are unable
or have difficulty using public transportation. The
program offers Americans with Disabilities compli-
ant curb-to-curb taxi service seven days a week. One-
way fares within Alexandria or five miles outside city
limits is $3, while trips outside those limits are $5.
The program has 1,500 registered clients and pro-
vides 50,000 rides annually. Anyone with questions
about the program can call 703-836-4414, extension
116 or email transport@seniorservicesalex.org. Se-
niors can enroll in the program or learn more at
seniorservicesalex.org/programs/transportation.

“They can go to any destination in City of Alexan-
dria, Arlington, and Fairfax,” said Anderson. “It’s a
great option for those whom city transportation isn’t
a possibility. You can go to family and friends or the
grocery store and there’s no income eligibility.”

Anderson also encouraged residents to look into
city DASH bus services and to utilize the King Street
trolley.

“There are so many transpor-
tation options,” said Anderson.
“Because it’s a small city, it makes
us unique in being able to get
around. It’s good to be equipped with information about
these services. Give them options recognizing
them need to be able to get
out and about. Approach it
in a positive fashion. It’s
important to be respectful
of their dignity and their desire to remain
independent. That’s a very strong motivation.”

Beyond transportation within the city, Anderson said it might be useful for aging residents, or family of
aging residents, to look at programs like home
delivery of groceries.

“Take advantage of all the city has to offer if you
have an older family member,” said Anderson. “We
have a groceries delivery program that we instituted
a year ago for those with disabilities for whom shopping
is difficult. You can take advantage of a pro-
gram like Peapod or, if they don’t want to pay a de-
elivery fee or aren’t computer savvy, we call every two
weeks and take orders. That’s a way for an individual
who wants to be in their own homes but can’t do
shopping on their own. Go to the city website or to
our website and there’s a plethora of opportunities
educating yourself before you talk to that senior
so that they can maintain their dignity and you can have a positive personal relationship.”

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It’s all about getting better, right here in Alexandria.

Offices now open in Old Town, Shirlington and Mark Center.

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By 10 a.m. the line extends into the street for the chance to wear the captain’s jacket and put out the fire, window by window, in the cardboard house. Success is met by cheers from the crowd.

The Many Faces Of Firefighting

On a normal day Durant Cephers would be working at Firehouse 206 on Seminary Road. But it is Aug. 6 and he is on S. Albert Street at the Friendship Firehouse 150th anniversary event. “Today it’s public outreach. Over there she is demonstrating CPR and we’re answering all the questions people have about our operations,” he said.

Cephers stands in front of a portable, folding tank that has been filled with water. “These would be used in rural operations,” he said. “The tank is stored flat in the fire truck until ready to be deployed and then it would be inflated and filled with water from a river or reservoir.”

He adds that this is the same way they fought fires when he served as a firefighter in Iraq. They had no fire hydrants. “We had several 600-gallon bladders lined up with one hooked up to the engine. And the engines have 750 gallons of water on them as the tanks get set up.”

Although Cephers’ firefighting experiences have been different, he says one prepares for them in the same way. Cephers was fighting fires overseas in Iraq from 2008-2011. He says a lot of what they did was medical response to a sprained ankle or cuts in a metal shop or an IED injury. Most fires were small and uneventful.

Now he works in the City of Alexandria municipal system with fire hydrants and modern equipment. And there are challenges from high-rise buildings to rural residential, from Metro to elevator emergencies. Cephers says his dad was a firefighter overseas and when Cephers turned 16 he started thinking about responsibility. “What should I do, other then being a jock?” He hung around the firehouses in Baltimore where he grew up and in Montana with his father. “Then when I was in college, I volunteered for the U.S. Forest Service in Montana. We had big wildfires there,” he said.

He says after lunch they work out in the gym in the firehouse. “He says after lunch they usually bring our own breakfast and eat together, then have a morning conference call with the department to get details on what is happening that day.” They check out the lights and fire equipment to make sure everything is working well. “We go to the grocery store to buy food for dinner and work out in the gym in the firehouse.” He says after lunch they have drills. “Since we are a rescue company, we drill on things like what happens if a car runs into a building, what if a window washer gets stuck up on the side of a building and you have to use ropes. Maybe someone is stuck in an open trench at a construction site or trapped in the sewer system.”

Some days are harder than others with long, drawn-out operations, hours of investigating, a lot of hard labor. “But the days you can help somebody and see the impact, it is satisfying,” he said. “It can be something as simple as a flooded basement and keeping it from taking over the house.”

Durant Cephers illustrates a portable, folding water tank filled with about 600 gallons of water. He says this would be used in a rural area where they had no fire hydrants or in Iraq where he served as a firefighter from 2008-2011.

Some key terms explained:
- CPR: Cardiopulmonary resuscitation, a technique used to help restore blood flow to the heart in the event of cardiac arrest.
- IED: Improvised explosive device, a bomb typically made from home-made explosives and placed in vehicles or luggage.
- AED: Automatic external defibrillator, a device used to help restore a normal heart rhythm in the event of cardiac arrest.
- Fire hydrant: A valve that supplies water to fire trucks.

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Now he works a rotating schedule where he is on duty 24 hours every other day for five days followed by four days off.

So what do firefighters do when they aren’t out on call for an emergency or a fire?

“We have a routine,” he said. “We usually bring our own breakfast and eat together, then have a morning conference call with the department to get details on what is happening that day.” They check out the lights and fire equipment to make sure everything is working well. “We go to the grocery store to buy food for dinner and work out in the gym in the firehouse.” He says after lunch they have drills. “Since we are a rescue company, we drill on things like what happens if a car runs into a building, what if a window washer gets stuck up on the side of a building and you have to use ropes. Maybe someone is stuck in an open trench at a construction site or trapped in the sewer system.”

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Alexandria actor/producer Kelvin Terrell hopes to use profits from his first novel “Karma: The War of Love” to start a scholarship foundation for the city’s youth. “What’s more important to me about this book is what it represents. It’s an opportunity to do something for my community and to teach kids something that I wish I had known before when I was their age,” he said.

Through his merit-based program, students can earn scholarship funds by maintaining academic excellence in their classes. In addition, they can also earn a chance to begin to fulfill their dreams, whether it be studio time or being mentored by a professional athlete, by completing various volunteer projects within the community. “I want to give them everything they need to pursue their hopes and dreams of becoming an actor, entertainer, or sports star,” he said.

Terrell also wants his program to reflect the diverse demographics and social economic background of his hometown. Growing up in public housing in Alexandria with his family, he never thought that he would be an actor/producer and definitely not a writer. However, he credits the creativity and imagination that his early environment fostered in him as the driving force behind his success within the entertainment industry. “We had to be creative. We didn’t have playgrounds. We had to use milk crates for a basketball hoop if we wanted to play basketball,” he said.

Although he considers himself more of an

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Janet Barnett: ‘Get Involved in Community Service’

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were in the Alexandria school system and she became a volunteer for the PTA. “I didn’t have as many oppor-

unities then as I do now,” she said. 

Back then she was the first director of the Chinquapin Park Recreation Center with the Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities, later becoming deputy director of the department. Barnett credits former Alexandria City Manager and community activist Vola Lawson with teach-

ing her always to be mindful of the citizens who live here. 

Afterwards she became executive direc-

tor of Senior Services of Alexandria from 2007-2013. “I’m so pleased with Senior Services of Alexandria. It grew and got bet-

ter. If a program did not work, after careful study, we eliminated it and moved on,” she said. 

During her tenure, she expanded the Meals on Wheels program to seven days; created SSA’s Friendly Visitor program which provides personal visits to seniors; established the Senior Resource Center and started their Speaker Series. 

Alexandria attorney Deborah G. Matthews describes Barnett’s commitment this way: “With her boundless energy Janet has worked hard both in her former posi-

tion as executive director of Se-

nior Services of Alexandria and now with the SYNERGY HomeCare to help seniors in Alexandria. She seems to know everyone and is quick to use her connections to help oth-

ers.” 

After 32 years of working in city government, she has been able to devote more time to volunteer activities, at her synagogue and with the Board of Lady Managers. Barnett con-

tinues to serve the city as presi-

dent of the Old Town Business and Professional Association where her 2015-2016 Chairmanship has been noticed with non-partisan discus-

sion on topics affecting the citi-

zens of Alexandria. 

She currently is active in fundraising for the Boys and Girls Club and adds mem-

bership to the Rotary Club as another organi-

zation she has chosen to support. Her work on the board of the Alexandria Police Foun-

dation has helped raise over $400,000 to build the new Fallen Officers Memorial at police headquarters in the city’s West End. 

Of her work on the King Street tree lights program, the Jamestown Celebration, Super Under the Stars and the King Street Arts Festival, she said, “When I look at our city and see the actions taken around the city, I see how much things have changed. I feel like I was one of the pioneers. We always keep in mind the delicate balance of the neighborhoods and the visitors to the city. I learned to understand what’s involved in big events and I was fortunate to work with smart people on these projects.” 

A longtime resident, Barnett attended

MINNIE HOWARD AND FRANCES HAMMOND HIGH SCHOOL AND HAS SEEN THE CITY GROW, “WE USED TO TAKE THE 4A BUS TO DOWNTOWN ALEXANDRIA AND GO TO SHUMAN’S BAKERY AND HAYMAN’S, PENNEY’S AND LERNER’S. WOODWARD & LOTHROP ON NORTH WASHINGTON STREET WAS ANOTHER FA-

VORITE STOP,” SHE RECALLED. SHE USED TO THINK THOSE WERE LONG WALKS BUT NOW SHE LOTS FOUR MILES WITH A FRIEND EVERY SATURDAY.

Her advice to young people looking to get involved, “Be confident and be proud of who you are – people who you see as being successful – people who respect the police, firefighters, medics, and our military.” And she recommends encour-

aging those who have not been involved in community service before, “become in-

vited and take ownership of whatever project you undertake.”

Kelvin Terrell Writes ‘Karma: The War of Love’

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Actor as writer, he does write po-

etry when he feels the inspired. One day as he was re-reading through his old col-

lection of poetry, he realized that if he ordered the poems a certain way that they told a story. 

“I was actually doing plays at the time and I thought maybe I’ll turn these into a play,” he said. 

Upon more thought, he decided that a novel might appeal to a wider audience. While the poems did provide him with a broad outline for his story, he was com-

pletely unsure as to how to structure his novel. “I wanted people to be engaged to the point where they are thinking about being involved, ‘Be confident and be proud of who you are’ – people who you see as being successful – people who respect the police, firefighters, medics, and our military.” And she recommends encour-

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vited and take ownership of whatever project you undertake.”

“Karma: The War of Love” is available at various online book retailers and through the author’s website: www.k-

terrell.com.

After graduating with a Bachelor’s De-

gree in accounting from Hampton Uni-

versity, he was recruited by M&T Bank’s management program. He worked with various branches in Columbia, Md. and Northern Virginia. From there, he began working with Wachovia/ Wells Fargo.

In 2012, he decided focus on acting and producing while bartending on the

side. He has worked various local web series such as “Anacostia” which was nominated for three Emmys and “DC Yuppies” on YouTube.

Currently, Terrell is focusing on pro-

ducing and acting in his own produc-

tions. He is presently producing two fea-

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Laser Focus on Safety

While Metro lapses can’t be excused, it’s much safer than driving; maintenance-related safety issues also plague area bridges and roads.

Public transit overall has lower crash rates per unit of travel, reports Todd Litman in an analytical research paper, A New Transit Narrative, published in 2014 and cited by the National Center for Transit Research. Intercity and commuter passengers have about 1/20th the traffic fatalities per 100 million passenger-miles as automobile travel, he writes. Urban rail passengers have about 1/30th the fatalities as car travel, and bus passengers about 1/60th the traffic fatalities per 100 million passenger-miles as automobile travel.

“Transit travel has about one-tenth the traffic casualty [injury or death] rate as automobile travel, and residents of transit-oriented communities have about one-fifth the per capita crash casualty rate as in automobile-oriented communities,” writes Litman. “People tend to underestimate automobile travel risks and exaggerate public transit risks.”

Meanwhile, Virginia has 1,063 structurally deficient bridges, according to the American Road and Transportation Builders Association, citing data from the U. S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration National Bridge Inventory, 2015. Maryland’s number of structurally deficient bridges is 306, and the District of Columbia has 10 structurally deficient bridges, according to the same report.

In fact, a bridge used by 78,000 vehicles a day, including thousands of Northern Virginians commuting daily into D.C., the Memorial Bridge, is so corroded it has major weight restrictions, buses are not allowed to use it, and it would likely have to be closed within a few years, had Congress not recently allocated $90 million to the National Park Service for emergency action towards a $250 million rehabilitation project.

Risk and safety are complex issues. You’re safer taking Metro than driving, much safer on a commuter bus. And one thing we do know, if you are riding in car, buckling your seatbelt makes you much safer.

— Mary Kimm

A More Business Friendly City

To the Editor:

At almost every ribbon cutting we attend, we hear from business owners about the challenges they faced in getting their doors open. That is why we at the Chamber were quick to offer our full support when the Department of Planning & Zoning proposed Small Business Zoning Text Amendments earlier this year. These amendments would streamline the process for businesses to obtain Special Use Permits to operate in the city.

And on June 18 City Council did indeed vote 6-1 in favor of these changes. Per the Small Business Zoning website, the approved changes are as follows:

❖ Allow administrative review of Special Use Permits for certain uses that previously required a hearing;
❖ Allow certain uses requiring a Special Use Permit to be permitted by-right;
❖ Update various use categories

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**OPINION**

**Through Children’s Eyes**

**By Tim and Natalie Clewell**

In early 2015, we were matched with Angie and Jeremy through Wright to Read. We had no idea what an adventure we had signed up for. Angie and Jeremy are awesome kids who work really hard to improve their reading skills. In the year and a half since we started our weekly meetings, Angie has tackled books that are more and more challenging while working on her writing and comprehension skills. Jeremy has also taken on tougher books, and is always enthusiastic to learn new words. Their determination to improve is supported by their parents who do a great job making sure that they read at home and are always prepared for our next tutoring session.

Beyond the reading support, one of our favorite things to do is to have new and fun experiences with Angie and Jeremy. We have done everything from visiting the Lincoln Memorial, taking a trip to the National Zoo, trying sushi, and playing mini golf. Birthdays are always a big celebration, because it gives us the chance to eat donuts and cupcakes!

Tutoring Angie and Jeremy has been awesome. We feel like meeting with them is the best part of our week because we get to share in their progress as they gain confidence in their skills, and also get to see the world through a kid’s eyes once again. All of our friends and family hear us brag about how great these kids are and how much fun we have together. We know that these kids will do amazing things, and look forward to continuing to meet with them in the years to come.

**Angie’s Answers**

Every Saturday Natalie and I read books together. We have been working together for over one year. We have read “The Mouse in the Motorcycle,” “Mercy Watson,” “Bunnicaula,” and other chapter books. One thing I learned from Natalie is how to not skip words and other talking points. One of my favorite books that we have read is “Rikki Tikki Tavi.” A special thing we have done together is gone to the zoo.

**Jeremy’s Answers**

Each week, Tim and I, we read and we talk. One of my favorite books that we have read is “Inherit the Earth.” A special thing we have done together is gone to the zoo. One of my favorite books is a poem book written by Shel Silverstein that Tim gave me for Christmas. The poems are funny!

Wright to Read provides volunteer-based one-on-one sustained literacy tutoring and mentoring relationships to City of Alexandria elementary school children in need, and collaborates with families, schools and community partners to create a comprehensive support network that guides each child to success. Wright to Read is a member of the Alexandria Mentoring Partnership (AMP). AMP was created in 2006 to ensure that quality mentors and mentor programs are available for Alexandria’s youth and young adults in need. To learn more about Wright to Read, visit www.wrighttoread.org or to learn more about AMP, visit: http://www.alexandriava.gov/Mentoring.

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**Volunteers Tim and Natalie Clewell with Angie and Jeremy.**

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Squad of Volunteers Arrives with a Vroom

By Barbara S. Moffet
Animal Welfare League of Alexandria

The Animal Welfare League of Alexandria (AWLA) welcomes all kinds of volunteer help, but some assistance arrives with extra fanfare. That’s what happened earlier this year when 10 men pulled up to the shelter on motorcycles, clad in identical black-and-green leather vests. Members of the local chapter of the K9 Motorcycle Club, the men share a love for both motorcycles and dogs. They spent two hours in the shelter’s community room stuffing special enrichment toys for the shelter’s dogs and then toured the place. “They were super-respectful and engaged—they seemed to adore our dogs, but they liked the cats, too,” recalled Stella Hanly, who works with the shelter during her visit there and came close to adopting her. It was the K9 Motorcycle Club to the rescue again when the AWLA staged its annual Walk for Animals in Old Town in May. Once again sporting their official leather vests and big smiles, members showed up in time to erect tents over registration tables to shelter volunteer work for the shelter’s animals.

Members of the K9 Motorcycle Club prepare “kong” toys for the dogs at the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria.

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Letters to the Editor

Keep Jefferson Davis Highway To the Editor:
As an Alexandria citizen (who hails origi

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and definitions to clarify and identify cer-

tain uses; and

❖ Amend the criteria for some Minor Amend-
ments as well as the outdoor dining admin-
istrative review.

❖ City Council’s action included defini-
tion updates and clarifications regarding busi-
nesses providing pet and animal care, food and beverage production, and light and general automotive services. Other re-
visions extend the parking exemption for outdoor restaurant seating citywide if located on private property, and Minor Amendments regarding restaurant and busi-
ness expansions.

These changes will save business owners real time and money.

Those of us in the business community have heard many times about how lengthy the process can be to get a business up and running and so we would like to applaud and thank the six members of City Council who recognized that these amendments were a small but significant step in helping businesses get their doors open sooner. Your positive action has been not-
ticed and applauded by Alexandria’s busi-
ness community, and the Chamber joins in this recognition.

Joe Haggerty
President & CEO
Alexandria Chamber of Commerce

Solve Tour Bus Issue

To the Editor:
Isn’t it about time that our great city solve its current tour bus crisis by banning tour buses on our old and narrow streets in the Old and Historic District?

These humongous 45-60 foot buses have great difficulty in safely and efficiently turning corners especially if cars are parked near the intersections. However, the last thing we want to do is to remove corner parking spaces thereby contributing to the overall shortage of residential parking spaces. In addition, Old Town contains a large num-
ber of 18th and 19th century residences, and the sheer weight, density and exces-
sive speed of these vehicles causes vibra-
tions that also have an adverse effect on these historic structures. The buses also cause damage to the sidewalks, and on oc-
casion, they even grate some of the resi-
dents’ parked cars. On many of our narrow streets, Lee Street being a perfect example, there is just no way a citizen’s car can traverse safely with a tour bus staring them in the face.

It is also obvious that the tour bus driv-
ers are not being informed concerning the current set of regulations before they come into Alexandria. They continue to park in unauthorized places, block traffic, idle for very long period of times (adding to the already high levels of pollution in Alexan-
dria), and sometimes display an arrogant attitude when confronted after breaking the law.

In order to solve these pressing issues, Old Town residents have on a number of oc-
casions suggested that tour buses park in a designated location (e.g., Masonic Temple, Eisenhower Avenue), and passengers could be shuttled into the Old and Historic Dis-

tict, which is what the cities of New Or-
leans, Charleston and Savannah have done. This plan would be a responsible solution to the need to direct and control the tour buses coming into Old Town every day with-
out impacting the businesses in Old Town, which are indeed a great part of the city’s economic engine.

Recently the city established a new Motorcoach Task Force which to date has met three times. There are currently five approved loading and unloading locations within the Old and Historic District. These are (1) the Unit Block of King Street, (2) Market Square, (3) in front of Gadsby’s Tav-

er, (4) Washington Street in front of Christ Church and (5) in front of the Lyceum. The Task Force has also considered establishing six additional loading/unloading locations: (1) behind City Hall on Cameron Street, (2-3) on both sides of the 100 block of North Royal, (4) the 100 block of South Union (adjacent to the American Medical Group Building) and (5-6) the 100 and 200 blocks of North Union (across the street from the Torpedo Factory Condominiums and Cameron Mews). However, at its last meet-
ing the Task Force brought out the fact that many of the newly recommended locations were terrible from a traffic and safety stand-
point especially those locations on North and South Union streets. They did however generate an additional site on the east side of the Strand along Waterfront Park which will clearly be a traffic impediment.

Despite the fact that this new Task Force appears to understand most of the short-
comings in having motorcoaches navigate our historic streets, they should be putting their emphasis on developing a plan simi-
lar to what has been accomplished in other historic districts. This would be the best so-
lution this Task Force can do for our citi-
zens and merchants who travel our streets most of which were designed some two hundred plus years ago.

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How To Shop a Sidewalk Sale

By Elizabeth Todd
Co-Founder of the Old Town Boutique District
and Owner of The Shoe Hive

Get ready to bargain shop, Alexandria! It is that time of year again, time for the Seventeenth Annual Alexandria Sidewalk Sale Aug. 13 and 14. That means stores will have the biggest markdowns of the season. More than 60 stores in Old Town and Del Ray participate in this weekend sale and shoppers will find discounts as deep as 70 percent off regular price.

From the Old Town Boutique District

So how do you make the most of this great shopping weekend and effectively shop a sidewalk sale? Here are a few tips to make sure you enjoy all the great deals and great shops in Alexandria.

❖ Plan ahead. Log onto the Alexandria Sidewalk Sale Facebook page to get a list of participating stores. You can find everything you need from fashion, home goods, running shoes, pet products to food and anything else you need. Even some of the local hair salons are getting in on the fun by marking down products and gift cards and doing special promotions on services. So make a shopping list, check it twice and get ready to find some great deals.

❖ Start Early. The free trolley in Old Town is starting early this weekend at 9 a.m. and so are many of the stores. Be early to shop the widest selection of inventory. And when you are on your shopping way, check the return policy for sidewalk sale merchandise. Most stores offer either store credit or final sale.

❖ Don’t rush. Take your time and enjoy the day, parking is free! All metered spots in Old Town are free for the weekend, and in Del Ray it is always free. So take your time and enjoy the day.

❖ Look for the yellow balloons. Many of the participating stores will have yellow balloons out if they are participating in the event. So even if there isn’t a table outside on the sidewalk, don’t worry. Many stores are having an “indoor sidewalk sale” where there is air conditioning to beat the heat.

❖ Wear comfortable shoes. The great thing about Old Town and Del Ray is that they are walkable neighborhoods. So make sure you wear you comfortable shoes so you can make it all the way up and down King Street or Mount Vernon Avenue, and don’t forget about the side streets where many of our great shops are tucked away.

❖ Don’t be discouraged by the rain. Come rain or shine this sale is happening. So if mother nature isn’t on our side, don’t worry, we will all have the same planned markdowns inside — the stores just might be a little more crowded.

❖ Stay Late. Although the early bird catches the worm, the late birds can catch some deals too. Arriving early will provide the largest selection of merchandise, but if wait until the end of the day, you might even score some deeper discounts from boutiques trying to move inventory. In addition, some stores put merchandise out throughout the day, keeping merchandise “fresh.” Once you shop all the great deals make sure you check out one of our great restaurants. We are never short on places to eat, grab a cup of coffee or a cocktail after a day of exploring.

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Victoria from Australia, 17 yrs. Enjoys spending time with her family and younger siblings. Victoria plays volleyball and is excited to learn new sports while in America.

Giorgio from Italy, 16 yrs. Loves to play baseball and spend time with his dogs. Giorgio also plays the guitar, and his dream is to join a drama club at his American high school.

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Spreading Love and Lifts

By Breanne Driscoll
Outreach Coordinator

Carol’s father suffered from a neuromuscular disease and was living alone in his three-story Alexandria home. After a fall last July, Carol and her brother decided that the home was not a safe setting for him anymore and reached out to Rebuilding Together Alexandria to donate four stair lifts that had been installed in her father’s home over the years. Carol worked for the City of Alexandria for 30-plus years and was very familiar with the services that Rebuilding Together offers low-income residents.

Several Rebuilding Together homeowners are elderly and have mobility issues, and as a non-profit that keeps people in safe and healthy homes for as long as possible, we were eager to provide these stair lifts to others. We worked with Carol and Area Access Inc., which specializes in health transportation products, to disassemble the stair lifts and install them in the homes of four in-need Alexandria residents.

One of the new owners of a donated stair lift had originally requested the lift for her disabled husband so he would be able to get up and down the stairs. Her own arthritis worsened to the point where she was walking with a cane and also needed to use the stair lift. Thanks to the installed lift, now they can both move about their home safely and more easily. Just one donation or one volunteer day served may not change the world but the world will certainly change for that homeowner. As Carol stated, “We are so pleased we were able to assist four low-income homeowners in Alexandria. We have lived in Alexandria since 1951 and it is good to know there are organizations in the city that can assist not only those who have items to donate but also those who need the assistance.”

Whether you would like to become a proud donor like Carol or spend an afternoon lending a hand and hammer, please introduce yourselves to us. When our donors, volunteers, and homeowners come together they learn, laugh, and create a stronger, more vibrant community.

For more information, call 703-836-1021 or visit www.RebuildingTogetherAlex.org.

Letters to the Editor

Affectionately from Chicago and believes in Lincoln’s malice toward none sentiments about the war), and a long-serving soldier and a Civil War historian, I want to add some historical perspective toward the importance of the eternal memorial of our Civil War history around Alexandria. I do not believe any notion that Jefferson Davis was a symbol of something wrong. He was not, and he participated in important American Confederate history that should be honored along with all of our American history.

A recent writer says he wants to “single out Jefferson Davis’s bigotry.” Jefferson Davis was not a bigot any more than was George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Ulysses S. Grant, or Abraham Lincoln. I have read many writings by Jefferson Davis, and I have never found anything bigoted. All of the men I list lived in a time when slavery was widely viewed as a normal institution. As such, we should not judge these figures by the standards of our own time. To do so is a type of faulty reasoning called “presentism.” Washington, Jefferson, and Grant (yes Grant) were all slave holders. The Grants brought two slaves to Washington D.C. in 1864 when Lincoln promoted him to lead all the armies. They were not freed until the 13th Amendment. Slavery was not about our modern ideas of bigotry or racism, it was about work. It was also a give and take, and Jefferson Davis was known for a sense of responsibility for the care of his slaves, which is well documented.

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Among the stately homes in Alexandria’s Rosemont neighborhood, nestled between Del Ray and Old Town, is a testament to one family’s predilection for entertaining. This elegant home has remained in the same family since its construction.

Built in 1923 by William P. Woolls, the home features a state-of-the-art kitchen with custom walnut-topped center island, wine cellar and a glass-enclosed sunroom which overlooks a manicured landscape of more than one-third of an acre.

“Wine enthusiasts will appreciate the temperature controlled wine cellar room … [and] the three closets in the master bedroom,” said Allison Goodhart DuShuttle of the Goodhart Group at McEnearney Associates.

The Washington Monument can be seen from the third floor of the home most easily during autumn and winter when the trees on the lot have shed their leaves.

The living room has an oversized original fireplace. There are six bedrooms, and the laundry room is located on the main bedroom level.

The home on the market for $2,350,000 and is located at 307 W. Walnut Street in Alexandria.

— Marilyn Campbell
Before school begins later this month, taking the time to organize home and school supplies can take the stress out of the transition from a laid-back summer to a structured, schedule-driven school year. Local home design and organizational experts share ideas to help parents add practical organizational tools to their home without sacrificing their sense of style.

“Organizing your home to make this transition smooth can make all the difference in the world,” said Chuck Khiel, vice president of FRED Home Improvement in Bethesda. “Giving thoughts to how spaces around your home are used during the school year can help with this organization.”

Using space efficiently and creating designated spaces for items like backpacks, jackets, sports equipment and clothing will keep a home organized and prevent the back-to-school necessities from overtaking a home’s aesthetic. “For example, if you have a mudroom, specifying spaces for backpacks, shoes and sports apparel takes the guesswork out of where the kids should be storing their stuff when they enter your home,” said Khiel.

“Consistently storing items in the same place will become a timesaver in the morning as the kids are getting ready for school.”

Small home decor items can add a sense of style and serve a practical purpose. “Get a decorative hook to hang their backpack up when you come in,” said Sallie J. Kjos of Grey Hunt Interiors in Chantilly. “It doesn’t need to look junky or kiddish. Keep in mind, you want it all to be functional for your kids, but flow with your home.”

From tests to homework, a new school year often brings an onslaught of paper, stacks of which can create an unsightly scene in a home. “Storage is key,” said Kjos. “Get some fabric-covered boxes with lids for your children to stack up next to their desk to put school work in that has been graded in case they need to refer back to it.”

A pegboard is another inexpensive accessory that can be used to organize piles of papers. “You can find them at a hardware store,” said Arlington-based personal organizer Bonnie Atwater of Organized for You. “Get them cut to fit into your particular space, like behind a door or over a desk.”

Making items visible but tasteful can boost organization without creating a design emergency. “Dry erase calendars and storage cubes in bright colors can go in your kitchen, mudroom or any room that you want to serve as a command central,” said interior designer Cyndi Ibach of Elegant Interiors by Cyndi in Alexandria. “When school things are organized in a location where everyone can see them, everyone has access to important information.”

For school supply organization, Kjos suggests: “Instead of using pencil holders, get your mason jars out, fill with crayons, markers and pencil to make for a cleaner, more organized look.” Remember to add charging stations to your children’s desk or study area.

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Keep school notices, permission slips and other forms of paper in plain sight without creating clutter. Take an old [picture] frame… and staple ribbon across it in whatever your decor colors are and use paper clips for your child to put up homework assignments, certificates, or other reminders,” said Kjos. “You can hang this above the desk.”

Kjos also offers an innovative way to organize lunch supplies for easy access. “One of my favorite organizing for school tricks is inside of my pantry door,” she said. “I use over-the-door shoe holders and put all their dried food for lunch boxes in there to make packing lunches easier and to reduce all the boxes and clutter in my pantry.”

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mas Jefferson, and U.S. Grant all thought that slavery took primitive Africans and placed them in a civilized world, and out of the darkness of primitive life. Their belief system was not about harming blacks because of the color of their skin, it was about putting these beings to work in the Christian world. They did not believe that blacks could fend for themselves if set free, and to suddenly set free blacks would have been a calamity akin to releasing small children into the world with no education and ability to thrive. In the decades before the war, pro-slavery people often counter-criticized this exact treatment of blacks crowded in the slums of Boston and New York, with zero prospects. Consider this quote by a northern paper (Keokuk, Iowa) during the war: “this is a government of white men, and was established exclusively for the white race; that the Negroes are not entitled to, and ought not to be admitted to the political social equality with the whiter race. But it is our duty to treat them with kindness and consideration, as an inferior and dependent race.” This was 1863, and these sentiments are the same of Washington and Jefferson for sure. Millions of Americans thought this way into the 1860s, to include millions in the north as well, and was a basic tenet of the Democratic Party platform of the period on their view of slavery.

Let us also examine a quote from Lincoln—a Republican. In 1858 Lincoln stated: “I will say then that I am not, nor ever have been in favor of bringing about in any way the social and political equality of the white and black races, — that I am not nor ever have been in favor of making voters or jurors of negroes, nor qualifying them to hold office, nor to intermarry with white people; and I will say in addition to this that there is a physical difference between white and black races which I believe will forever forbid the two races living together on terms of social and political equality.” Today, if someone said this they would be called a bigot and a racist, but in the 1850s and before, this was the understanding of most Americans. This was not a matter of bigotry, it was a matter of knowing (except for the European peoples and their subset which sprung up in North America), other races were still largely tribal hunter-gatherers. What Lincoln thought was the same as Jefferson, Washington, Grant, and Davis. Jefferson Davis was also a reluctant Confederate president, he was not happy about the breakup of the Union, he had served a career in government, and even selected the Capitol dome we have today, among many important decisions he made. When secession came, he wanted to be a general, not a president, but he did so dutifully and tried to win an independence like Washington had. He was a Jeffersonian Republican and Jacksonian Democrat through and through, not a bigot. He was an important American figure who in fact helped shape the nation we have now. Let’s honor him without malice.

Harold Knudsen
Alexandria
Home Sales

In June 2016, 281 Alexandria homes sold between $1,795,000-$771,250. This week’s list represents those homes sold in the $1,795,000-$771,250 range.

For the complete list, visit www.ConnectionNewspapers.com
MetroStage Prepares New Season

By Carolyn Griffin
Producing Artistic Director
MetroStage

It is always exciting to announce a new season of plays and musicals, and this season will include a world premiere, an original show for the holidays, and two classic American plays, all featuring the great actors you expect to see on our stage.

We open with “Blackberry Daze,” a world premiere musical adapted and directed by Ruth P. Watson. Our own Thomas W. Jones II has collaborated with her on the score and a romantic mystery thriller for our stage. William Knowles’ original score will add another dimension to these fascinating characters and Watson’s intriguing story. You will not want to miss the season opener!

Notes from the Producer

Calendar


SummerQuest. Various times at various libraries in Alexandria. SummerQuest is divided into three groups: SummerQuest Jr. (ages 0-5), SummerQuest (ages 6-12) and Teen Summer Reading (ages 12-18). This year’s theme is “Roads!” Free. Visit www.alexandrias.lib.va.us.


Exhibit: “Silent World.” Through Aug. 27. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. The “Silent World” gallery at Gallery At Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane is exploring the intricacies of creativity and the effect of society, education, and age on the creative process. Students are asked to respond to the question: “What does the ocean still unexplored. Make something that’s never been seen before that you think lives in the deep ocean.” Their response will make up the Silent World Exhibit. Free. Visit www.ourconvergence.org for more.


“Dotted Space.” Through Aug. 28, gallery hours at The Target Gallery, 105 N. Union St. The exhibit will feature paintings and prints by the artist and a series of artist-pop up books that use a variety of techniques to convey the rectilinear spaces. When viewed from a particular angle, the dotted lines seem to create a three-dimensional shape, some of which penetrate the plane of the paper. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.


Latin Expressions Exhibit. Through Aug. 31, gallery hours at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Two women have contributed to an exhibit titled “Magic and Color.” Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

“Materialized Magic.” Through Aug. 31, gallery hours at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. The Torpedo Factory Art Center will house a new show featuring folded origami in the New Studio for the month of August. Led by Virginia artist Steve Barlow, this show will feature a range of works across the river so this will be a great opportunity to see an acclaimed talent and a great play.

We begin the New Year with “The Gin Game,” by D.L. Israel (Director) and with an exciting cast of two MetroStage favorites. Ever since Roz White and Doug Brown played opposite each other in “Uprising,” I’ve been looking for a play and Tom and director Alan Paul (associate artistic director at the Shakespeare Theatre and the award-winning New York theater) are excited to cast this work.


Every Thursday, 5:30-7 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center in front of Rosemary’s, 1307 Shenandoah Road. Open to all residents. Owners of classic cars, hot rods, exotic cars, motorcycles and more to meet and share stories and drink coffee. Group meets the first Sunday of every month. 8:30-11 a.m.


Summer Series. Sundays, through Sept. 11, 3 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association presents the 26th annual chamber music series. Free. Visit wmpamusic.org for more.

Exhibit: Kit Keung Kan. Through Sept. 18, gallery hours at The Athenaeum, 201 S. Prince St. Kit Keung Kan is a Hong Kong-American artist and physician who interprets traditional Chinese landscape paintings with his passion for the art form as well as his experience in scientific study and research such as relational concepts and objective abstraction. Free. Visit www.athenaeum.org for more.

Mercy in Alexandria Walking Tour. Sunday at 1 p.m. at Alexandria Visitors Center, 221 King St. Experience an inside access tour with the exhibits and the experiences of other True stories of a nurse in Alexandria during the Civil War period and information on Union Army hospital sites in Alexandria. Free. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/lyceum or call 703-746-4833.

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National Inventors Hall of Fame Exhibit. Through November at The National Inventors Hall of Fame – USPTO campus, 600 Dulany St. The exhibit features the stories of the Inductees of the National Inventors Hall of Fame who served their country during World War II and returned home to help build the nation with their innovations. Free. Visit www.inventor.gov.

Dinner for the Washingtons. 12 p.m. at George Washington’s Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. A walking tour that goes behind the scenes to find out how the Washingtons prepared and served their meals. $5 in addition to restaurant dinner. $5 in addition to restaurant dinner. $5 in addition to restaurant dinner.
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Civil War Sundays, 1-5 p.m.
at Alexandria Archaeology Museum,
105 North Union St., 7327. Learn
more about the Civil War as it
occurred in Alexandria. Find
dioramas, newspaper articles and
more. Free. Visit
www.alexandriarchyeology.org.

Doggy Happy Hour. Starting April 5,
Tuesdays through October 5-8 p.m.
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Hotel Monaco Alexandria offers
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Saturday. Visit www.baseballboat.com
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Camps, Classes & Workshops

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participate in reading, STEM, sports,
meditation and more. Prices vary.
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Theatre Camp. Through Sept.
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variety of camps for age 3 through
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Community Dance. 7:30-9:30 p.m.
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THURSDAY/AUG. 11
Eat, Create, and Retreat. 11 a.m.
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Mount Vernon Ave. A day filled with
learning, creating and moving that
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with better body awareness,
motoric understanding, well-
being. Registration is $75. Visit

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Reception. 6 p.m. at Torpedo
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Celebrate this new exhibit featuring
duo artists in an exhibit titled
“Magic and Color.” Visit
www.torpedofactory.org for more.

Illustrated Lecture: Alexandria
Union Hospitals. 6:30-7:30 p.m.
at Alexandria Archaeology Museum,
105 N. Union St. Join historian Peggy
Harlow for a presentation on
Alexandria’s Civil War hospital
buildings, including the real Mansion
House Hospital, of Mercy Street
fane. Free. Visit
www.torpedofactory.org for more.

An Evening with Kanikki Jenkins.
7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 S.
Prince St. Author and poet Kanikki
Jenkins from Jakarta will read her own work. Free. Call
205-530-3823 for more.

Jane Austen Dance Class.
7:30-9:30 p.m. at Gadsby’s Tavern Museum,
134 N. Royal St. In preparation for
the Jane Austen Ball on Aug. 13,
learn 18th-century English country
dancing. Tickets are $12 each or $30
for the series. Call 703-746-4242 for more.

FRIDAY/AUG. 12
Movies Under the Stars: “The Lion
King.” 8:30 p.m. at Ben Brenman
Park, 4800 Brennan Park Drive. The
public is invited to attend an outdoor
movie on a three-story high movie
screen. Free. Call 703-746-5592 or
visit www.alexandriavva.gov
Recreation.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/AUG. 12-13
Charity Plant Sale. 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Friday, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday at
Fairlington Presbyterian Church,
2846 King St. Several thousand
plants will be sold at wholesale
prices. The proceeds will help Habitat
of Northern Virginia build more
homes for lower-income families in
the local communities it serves
including the counties of Fairfax and
Arlington and the cities of Falls
Church, Fairfax and Alexandria. Free
to attend. Visit www.habitatnova.org
for more.

SATURDAY/AUG. 13
Beyond the Battlefield Tour.
10 a.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S.
Washington St. Participants will see
locations and stories associated with
soldiers, citizens, and the enslaved,
including the occupation of
Alexandria and emancipation. Stops
on the tour will include locations
featured in the PBS drama, “Mercy
Street.” Advance tickets are $15, $20
on the day of the program. Visit
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Fall & Winter Vegetable Gardening:
Extending Your Harvest.
10-12 p.m. at Burke Branch Library,
4701 Seminary Road. Learn inexpensive techniques
to extend a harvest and how to enjoy
some crops in the dead of winter.
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excursion. Dogs must be on 6-foot
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Falling Water, Kit-Keung Kan, Chinese ink and watercolor on rice paper, 46.5” x 36.25”

The Athenaeum Gallery Hosts ‘Fall, Waves, and White Water’

‘Fall, Waves, and White Water’ was created by artist Kit-Keung Kan using the Chinese brush technique. This exhibit features many works where he has written and incorporated verse in Chinese calligraphy which are translated into English in the collateral materials. Kan will lead a workshop for children on Sunday, Aug. 28 at 2 p.m. “Fall, Waves, and White Water” will be on display through Sept. 18 at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Visit www.nvfaa.org for more.
A Home Away from Home In Heart of Del Ray
At Front Porch: Kick back, relax, and have a snack and a beer.

By Hope Nelson
Gazette Packet

Walk down Mount Vernon Avenue on any summertime weekend, and if the weather’s even remotely nice, you’re sure to see a crowd congregating on a patio two doors down from the Evening Star Café. Take a closer look and you’ll find a microcosm of Alexandria — young families, millennials, retirees, and everyone in between — relaxing together, having a beer, and acting like the neighbors that they are at heart.

You’ve come upon the Front Porch, a seasonal spot to kick back and casually watch the world go by. An extension of Evening Star (although that’s not readily apparent at first glance), it’s grown in popularity since its debut three years ago even as the patio space remains static.

“I think the Front Porch is such an energetic environment. People are engaged; they’re happy to be there,” said Evening Star Executive Chef Keith Cabot. “… That kind of energy, I love.”

To be sure, the Front Porch aims to be a home away from home. When you want to get away from the norm but still remain comfortably part of the community, it’s there, offering picnic tables and Adirondack chairs to sink into. If you’re lucky, you’ll snag one of the seats providing a front-row view to the happenings on Mount Vernon Avenue; prop up your feet on the stone wall and take it all in.

“It’s really about somebody coming to our house and sitting on the front porch. … We just want a place for people to come, relax, have a drink, a bite,” Cabot said.

And the bites and drinks are worth waiting for.

Both the menu and the beer list offer something for nearly every taste.

“Eighty percent of the menu is the same (as Evening Star’s),” Cabot said. “The Front Porch gets more of a snack atmosphere, so the shrimp hush puppies, the hummus, and the watermelon and tomato salad are some of our biggest hits. … Lately one of our bigger sellers has been our Korean Fried Cauliflower — we call it the KFC.”

While the food is popular, the beers and other drinks are perhaps the crown jewel. The Front Porch has an extensive beer list that rotates incredibly frequently and features some rarities along with some standbys. Some you’ve heard of; some you surely haven’t. And that’s part of the point.

“For beer lovers, it gives them new opportunities to see every beer at the peak of its season,” Cabot said.

While summer is slowly coming to a close, the Front Porch will remain open as long as the weather holds up, Cabot said. That usually puts its closing date in October, when the space will host an end-of-season party toast the year.

“We try to take it as far as we can — but it is an outdoor space,” Cabot said.

Hope Nelson operates the Kitchen Recessionista blog, located at www.kitchenrecessionista.com. Email her at hope@kitchenrecessionista.com.

If You Go

The Front Porch, 2006 Mount Vernon Ave. Hours: 5-10 p.m. Monday-Friday; 4-10 p.m. Saturday-Sunday.

Try this: The bourbon slushie, aka the “Slushmonster.” “It’s amazing. It’s been there from the beginning. It’s a recipe that (Evening Star founder Neighborhood Restaurant Group co-owner) Michael Balbin’s grandmother had. It’s bourbon, orange juice, lemon juice, sugar, tea, and it all goes into the slushie machine.”

Calendar

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FRIDAY/AUG. 26
Film Screening: “Zootopia.” Movie starts at dusk, activities start at 6 p.m. at Four Mile Conservancy Center, 4109 Mount Vernon Ave. Free. Visit www.fourmilemoviereseries.com.

Movies Under the Stars: “Alice in Wonderland.” 8 p.m. at Market Square, 301 King St. The public is invited to attend an outdoor movie on a three-story high movie screen. Free. Call 703-746-5592 or visit www.axcwadva.gov/Recreation.

SATURDAY/AUG. 27
Swim for Engie. 8:20 a.m. at Hunting Park Pool, 7000 Cambury Lane. Alexandria Masters Swimming is holding a swim meet for Engie’s Schar Cancer Institute in honor of Engie Moldenke. It is open to the public of all ages who can swim laps. Registration fee is $5. Visit www.crowdrise.com/SwimforEngie2016.

Carlyle House Family Event. 12-3 p.m. at Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St. Decorate a 18th century fan, paint a self-portrait, make a necklace and play colonial games. This event is designed for children ages 3-12, but all are welcome. Free. Visit www.carlylehouse.org for more.

Ice Cream at Historic Huntley. 1 p.m. at Historic Huntley, 6918 Harrison Lane. Make and enjoy hand-cranked ice cream as Huntley’s Harris family may have done. Discover how the history of ice cream and Huntley follow a similar path from elite luxury to family fare. Tour of ice well and Historic Huntley House included. Tickets are $8 for Fairfax County residents, $10 for residents. Visit 703-548-0035 for reservations.

Face Off 2016 Reception. 1-4 p.m. at Principle Gallery, 208 King St. Three painters will all be painting the same model, live in the gallery. Free. Visit www.principlegallery.com for more.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 27-28
Begonia Show and Sale. 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday, 12:30-10 p.m. Sunday at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. The sale offers a wide variety of begonias, including subtropical species. Free. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring/events.htm.

SUNDAY/AUG. 28
Children’s Art Workshop. 2 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Artist Kit-Keung Kan offers a workshop for children based on his art in “Fall, Waves, and White Water.” Free. Call 703-548-0035 for reservations.


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“To the extent that we need to spend more money on infrastructure, I’m OK with that, but I think they’re overestimating the stimulative effect of that.”

— Charles Hernick, Republican running for the 8th District Congressional seat

Recalling Former Deputy Director of Planning and Zoning

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andria, Arlington, and parts of Fairfax, and Republican challenger Charles Hernick says local constituents wouldn’t receive benefits from Clinton’s plan proportional to what they would be taxed.

For Virginia, the Clinton supporters said they would mean 271,000 new jobs in Virginia.

“There are two visions of the economy here,” said Bernstein, former chief economic advisor to Vice President Joe Biden. “One is Hillary Clinton’s, which is inclusive and benefits the middle class and lower income people across the income ladder … the other is Trump’s pre-Obama economy … which exacerbates income inequality.”

For Beyer, the biggest appeal of the Clinton plan is the added infrastructure improvements. In particular, Beyer said Clinton’s plan for new infrastructure in the region would include extensive repairs for the Arlington Memorial Bridge and long-term repairs for the Metro. Beyer said that the Metro requires better maintenance of their jumper cables, the source of many fires on Metro lines over the last year.

“This is putting us on the path to a stronger future,” said Beyer. “This is about improving the quality of life in the region.”

Both Beyer and Herring argued that better transportation infrastructure in D.C. will create a better work environment and better jobs for Northern Virginia. Herring also made a link between infrastructure maintenance and job creation.

“It is frustrating for constituents to not know how they will get to work,” said Herring. “Infrastructure is job creation. Transportation is key to our economy.”

Beyer also took a moment to attack Trump’s business history and his claims that bankruptcies and unpaid labor was just part of doing business.

“I’ve been a businessman for four decades,” said Beyer, who owns Beyer Volvo, “That’s not what we do.”

The Trump campaign rejected the validity of the analysis. A statement on the Trump campaign website questions the credibility of Zandi’s previous reports favoring the 2008 stimulus plan.

“In 2009, [Zandi] claimed that in 2012 we would have 141.4 million payroll jobs if stimulus passed and only 135.8 million without it,” said the Trump campaign statement. “In 2012, there were 134.2 million payroll jobs (annual average) or 134.9 million (4th quarter over 4th quarter). Zandi’s stimulus projection was not achieved until the [second] quarter of 2015.”

Zandi ran these plans through traditional models,” said Bernstein. “Anyone doing that would have gotten the same results. When you’re looking at mass deportation, you’re slashing revenues.”

Like many Americans, Hernick finds himself unable to fully support either plan.

Hernick is running as a Republican against Beyer in the 8th congressional district and says he doesn’t fully support either Clinton or Trump’s plans, though he sees benefits and downsides in each.

“I have a lot of concern on the Clinton plan … I’m concerned about Trump’s tax plan too,” said Hernick. “[Clinton’s] your classic tax and spend plan. There are a couple of issues with that. Northern Virginia is relatively well-off compared to the rest of the country. A lot of those tax receipts come from Northern Virginia for the types of stimulus spending … But that type of stimulus spending only works when the construction sector is in a bad way, which has largely recovered.”

Hernick said the way to stimulate the economy was cutting taxes for small businesses and helping businesses compete on international markets. Hernick suggested that the United States lower its corporate tax rates to meet those in Europe to help make their businesses competitive and encourage more multinational corporations to move to Northern Virginia. But here Hernick also disagreed with Trump’s plan. While Trump’s plan includes a 15 percent corporate tax cut, Hernick says he wouldn’t cut it by more than 10 percent.

“We can’t just run on deficit spending,” said Hernick. “He doesn’t talk about where our spending cut would be, so a 15 percent cut is too far. Folks I talk to in the business community just want to be able to compete with European businesses. That’s a criticalissue … If able to cut corporate tax rate, we will see a pretty quick reinvestment in growth in the economy. Also need to look at new markets and additional tax revenues. I’m OK with regulating marijuana, but I do think that it can be sold and taxed. We have to think outside the box and be flexible here. That’s an area where I agree with Don [Beyer].”

But while Hernick and Beyer both agree that fixing the Metro needs to be a regional priority, Hernick was skeptical of the benefits Clinton’s infrastructure plan would have on regional job creation. For Hernick, one possible solution would involve bringing on business partners to privatize portions of the rail lines.

“Infrastructure is a critical need in Northern Virginia and there’s some weak points, particularly the Metro,” said Hernick. “To the extent that we need to spend more money on infrastructure, I’m OK with that, but I think they’re overestimating the stimulative effect of that… There’s a role there for tax dollars there, but as a stimulus plan that’s a joke.”

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also served as a mentor to me and many other city employees in having us better understand our city. She will be missed.”

Ross served as deputy director of the Alexandria Department of Planning and Zoning from 1993 to 2004. She became deputy director for Land Use and Administration in 2009 and retired in January of 2013. Prior to joining the city in 1978, she served as a city land use consultant and drafted the 1992 major revision of the city zoning code.

For the first five years of her career with the city, Ross worked with the Alexandria city attorney and planning and zoning director successfully navigating the five year process by which the City Council, the Planning Commission and the community came to consensus on and adopted a new zoning ordinance and master plan for the city.

During her city career she worked on major planning and zoning and historic preservation issues with business owners, residents and community association leaders, the Alexandria City Council, the Planning Commission, the Old and Historic District Board of Architectural Review, the Parker-Gray District Board of Architectural Review and the Board of Zoning Appeals.

In retirement she continued her consulting work on local land use, planning and zoning issues.

“Barbara was just a marvelous person,” said Tom Hulshif, former longtime chairman of the city’s Board of Architectural Review. “She really knew what she was doing and she knew how to handle difficult situations with finesse.”

The daughter of the late Joel and Susan Newman, Ross was born in Miami Beach, Fla. She received her BA in English and MA in literature from American University and taught high school English for six years in Montgomery County. She received her juris doctorate degree from John Marshall Law School in Chicago in 1978 and was a member of the Law Review and the Order of the Coif.

She worked for 15 years as an associate and partner in Chicago at the former Ross Hardies law firm (now McGuire Woods) from 1977-1992 and was a member of the Illinois and Florida state bars. In her work with the firm she represented both municipalities and developers and worked on impact fee studies, land use and open space protection, historic preservation programs and drafted zoning and subdivision ordinances and land development codes.

As a consultant, Ross was involved in several projects that have become the basis of now commonplace planning tools including development of impact fee legislation in Broward County, Fla., for roads, schools and parks, the first successful fee program in Florida. She also worked on a team in New Jersey that drafted regulations for the Pinelands to implement a state statute requiring five county and 32 town plans to preserve and protect one million acres of New Jersey land between Philadelphia and Atlantic City.

Ross is survived by her husband of 14 years, James Derrington, her sister Debra Newman (James) of Piedmont, Calif., her brothers Richard Newman (Joan) of Edgemont, N.Y., and Larry Newman (Jane) of Stuart, Fla., step children Jamey (Amy) Derrington of Alexandria and Lauren (Courtney) McNutney of Washington, D.C., step grandchildren Arlo McNutney and Olivia Derrington, her sister-in-law Susan Richardson (Steven) of Washington, Mo., and nieces and nephews Natalie, Syd David, Joshua and Benjamin.

A funeral service will be held on Friday, Aug. 12 at 11a.m. at the Ebenezer-Wheatley Funeral Home, 1500 W. Braddock Road with interment to follow at Ivy Hill Cemetery.

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Non-mandatory Pre-bid Conferences: August 17, 2016, 11:30 a.m. prevailing local time, 100 North Pitt Street, Suite 301, Alexandria, VA 22304

ITB Opening Date and Time: September 7, 2016, 3 p.m., prevailing local time.

For general inquiries contact Darryl K. Jackson, CPPB, Contract Specialist III at 703.746.4298.

For bids, cancel this solicitation, and to waive any informalities or irregularities in procedure, THE CITY REQUIRES ITS CUP TRACTORS TO BE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYERS.

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Visible Education Authority.

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Sealed Proposals with the notation RFP 16-07-09 Low Incidence Curriculum Materials will be the basis for the evaluation.

Procurement Office, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, on or before 3:00 pm, September 7, 2016. The time of receipt shall be determined by the time clock stamp in the Procurement office. Proposals appropriately received will be opened and the names of the firms responding will be read aloud. RFP documents may be obtained at the above Procurement Office or by calling 703-819-8181, or by downloading the RFP from the ACPS website at http://www.acps.k12.va.us/financial-services/purchasing/bids.php

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