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**Boatswain's Mate Third Class Nate Howard conducts a tour aboard the deck of Eagle Sept. 5.**

## 'America's Tall Ship'

**USCG Cutter Eagle moors in Old Town.**

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

For the first time in 11 years, the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Eagle arrived in the Washington area, mooring at Old Town's Point Lumley Park Sept. 4 as part of the tall ship's summer deployment.

Also known as "America's Tall Ship," Eagle is the largest tall ship fly-

ing the U.S. flag and the only active commissioned sailing vessel in American military service. Eagle is the only square-rigger in the U.S. military services and is used to train students at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, Conn.

"The Eagle has a fascinating history," said Old Town resident Hal Hardaway after touring the vessel Sept. 5. "Eagle was hull #508 built

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PHOTO BY CHARLES HEATLEY

**The U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Eagle moors at Point Lumley Park in Old Town Sept. 4, marking the first time in 11 years that the vessel known as "America's Tall Ship" returned to the Washington area.**

## Fatal Delay?

**Andrew Adkins redevelopment could be endangered.**

BY VERNON MILES  
GAZETTE PACKET

Currently, there are 90 units of affordable housing at the Andrew Adkins Housing public housing community. The properties, owned by Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority (ARHA), are at the center of plans for redevelopment that will bring the number of affordable housing units at the location to 60 units.

The number of affordable units at the redeveloped Andrew Adkins

has been the subject of an ongoing fight between ARHA leadership and the City Council. Thirty more units will be built off site to fulfill the city requirement that lost affordable housing units be replaced on a one-to-one basis, but in June the City Council emphasized that the Adkins location should be gaining affordable housing units, not losing them. As the new legislative session begins, it's beginning to look like the redevelopment project will most likely not meet the deadlines for tax credits in the spring.

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## Cold Case Revisited

**Ongoing Alexandria mystery of murdered Army sergeant and father of two.**



**Sgt. Curtis King, murdered in 1994**

BY VERNON MILES  
GAZETTE PACKET

It seemed like Aug. 21 was going to be a good day for Curtis King. It was the end of summer in 1994. King had just returned to his house on 6100 block of Edsall Road from southern Virginia for a reunion. He'd gone out to grab some food at McDonald's for his children, and was just going out to see another relative who was in town. But as he walked out of the house, King was murdered in a hail of gunfire in front of his house.

King's murder is one of the cold cases that haunts Alexandria: Cases where investigations where

the Alexandria Police looked through the clues and hunted for suspects, but came up empty. But these cases aren't forgotten. Years later, Police Sgt. Dave Cutting and Detective Ryan Clinch are still looking through the Alexandria's cold cases and looking for new information.

Witnesses to the shooting say they saw the shooter step out of the passenger side of a black Nissan 240Z with dark tinted win-

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# Back to School Day One at Maury Elementary.

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BY VERNON MILES  
GAZETTE PACKET

**A**t Maury Elementary, the end of the first day of school on Sept. 5, the parents filled the front lawn of the school, between the building and the school buses, all waiting for the sight of their children. When the bell rang and the students emerged, the lawn was filled with hugs and excited chatter about new classes and new friends. But the students and parents weren't the only ones with first day jitters. Outside the school, faculty and staff gathered around the stairs to make sure students got safely to their buses or parents, then swapped stories about the first day back at school.



Maury students leaving at the end of the first day.



Maury faculty and staff after the first day of school.

**“It was awesome. [Today] went really well.”**

— Lizzie Demers, Maury Elementary School student

For Ivey Malleck and Caroline Dick, students at Maury, the first day went really well, but neither could escape the lingering sense that the summer had felt too short. Still, both Malleck and Dick said they were excited to get back to their favorite subjects: reading and writing.

“It was awesome,” said Lizzie Demers. “It went really well. I got the teacher I wanted. We went to [physical education], math, and lunch ... We have free lunch now, [which means] we can sit with whoever we want, so I got to sit with a good friend.”

Lizzie was outside the school with her younger brother, Matt Demers, who said he had a good first day at Kindergarten.

First days are also a little different from regular school days, so a few students said they were withholding their judgement on the school year. Lucy Jones said the day went well but noted that they didn't really have a traditional class day. Still, Jones loved going to her encore music class, and said she's excited to learn more science this year.

For Victor Powell, it was his first real day as principal of Maury Elementary.

“Today was good,” Powell said. “The buses ran on time. Staff helped everything go smoothly.”

Powell came to Maury from Samuel W.

Tucker Elementary School, a year-round school where Powell worked as vice principal. In comparison, Powell said Maury feels more smaller and intimate.

“It's half the size of Tucker,” said Powell. “It's very personable here. People walk to this school.”

For Powell, one of the lessons of Tucker was that a good school community and good leadership is built on getting to know about the students, staff, and parents outside of the classroom, and for those people to know more about him.

“I'm a routine person,” said Powell. “When I drive my kid to daycare in the

morning; it helps to center me. I'm an early bird, so then I get here early to get a lay of the land.”

When the buses pull up to the school at 7:30, Powell said it's important for him and the staff to be out there to greet the students. Throughout the day, he says one of his main roles is to go into the different classrooms and be visible.

“The students need to see you,” Powell said, “especially at their age and level of development. The parents need to see you too. You need to make sure they know who

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T.C. Williams' band plays in front of the school as the first day kicks off.



T.C. Williams' Leadership Team celebrates the first day of school.

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Community Praise Church members join Alexandria police officers and volunteers Aug. 27 at the Brent Place Apartment Complex for the back-to-school Community Day.

# Shear Fun

Community Day provides back-to-school needs.

By Jeanne Theismann  
GAZETTE PACKET

City organizations partnered Aug. 27 at two locations for a Community Day to provide free backpacks and school supplies for



Marvin the barber and Mickey Mouse prepares to give a child a haircut Aug. 27 at Charles Houston Recreation Center.

tributing backpacks and giving away free haircuts,” said City Councilman Willie Bailey, an organizer of the event. “We were at Charles Houston Community Center in the morning, where we gave away over 500 backpacks, gave over 100 free haircuts, and distributed donated clothing and food.”

The first event was held at the Charles Houston Recreation Center, where free haircuts as well as clowns, face painting, a DJ and Caring Angels Therapy Dogs were part of the Community Day.

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“Not only were we preparing the kids for the upcoming school year but we made it a fun day for them.”

— Councilman and Community Day Organizer Willie Bailey

boys and girls to prepare them for the new school year.

“This past Sunday we were at two different locations in Alexandria dis-

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## PEOPLE

# Classical Movements Practices 24-hour Music Diplomacy

**Local premier concert touring company puts music above politics.**

BY SHIRLEY RUHE  
GAZETTE PACKET

**F**rench, German, Afrikaans, Spanish and Dutch bounce off the walls at Classical Movements on Princess Street. It is located in a historical building, which was formerly the parsonage for Historic Christ's Church. "We have worked in 145 countries with 70 last year. Every year is different," said Neeta Helms, founder and president of Classical Movements.

**PEOPLE AT WORK** Helms started her company 25 years ago with cultural tours in Russia and the Ukraine. Almost from the beginning she was approached by musicians who wanted to arrange concerts and after seven years, the business had become 100 percent music. She moved into Turkey and Croatia, different and challenging destinations. She said the company has been working in Cuba since the '90s. In the 2016 season Classical Movements organized a record 11 separate Cuban tours. Helms said, "We are unique in the world."

Helms recalls that when she started her company, classical German and English choirs had the reputation for being the best. "American choirs, as good as they were, took a bit of convincing." But she says things have changed and "now we are showcasing unique countries based on years of tradition with their own costumes and drumming. There is a big effort to write the music down." She added that Classical Movements funds composers to write music in their own language.

Helms had started her day the night before with two messages from Spain and the Netherlands inquiring about details of future concerts. "Someone who works for us is awake in all time zones because we have clients all over the world." And there is always something going on. "Remember winter here is summer in the Southern Hemi-



**Neeta Helms, founder and president of Classical Movements, with Johan van Zyl, co-owner, husband and director of international projects.**

sphere."

When Helms is not on tour with one of their groups, like her recent trip to India, every morning she meets first with Johan van Zyl, her husband and co-owner of Classical Movements. He serves as the director of international projects. Van Zyl says he moved here in 2010 from South Africa where he had his own company. "Neeta and I got married. The commute was a little tough for us."

Today she moves on to a meeting with Alessandra D'Ovidio who has her bags packed ready to leave for the Netherlands later this afternoon to supervise the details of a concert there. Helms says she meets every day with everyone on the staff located in the Alexandria office. This meeting is interrupted by an international call from a country inquiring about arranging the first American concert ever to go to their country. Helms says yesterday she got a call from Canada hoping she could arrange a concert here in October while the Canadian group is in Richmond for the folk life festival. "We usually book events a year in advance."

Helms says Classical Movements is in charge of everything from choosing the venue to making sure the performers get

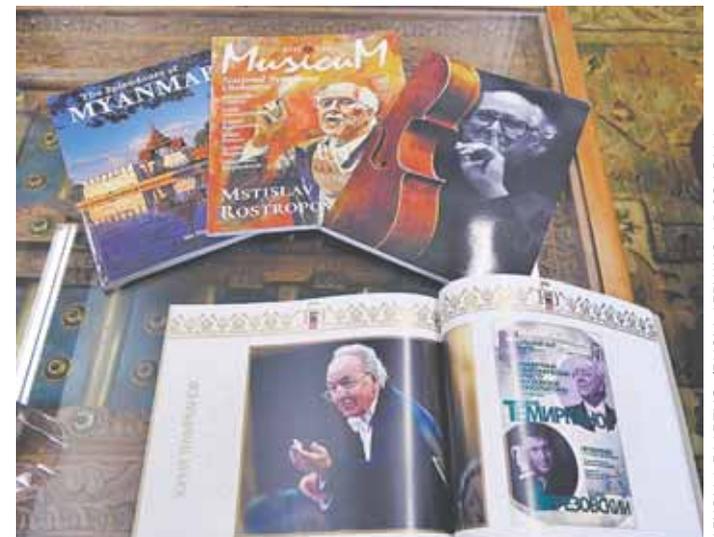
from one place to the other both timely and safely, to finding appropriate accommodations. She says in addition they are working with superstar soloists and conductors and highly trained musicians who may have their particular preferences and needs. "We had Charles Dance as the narrator speaking for Lincoln. He plays a villain on the Game of Thrones. He is quite a personality."

In addition, there are the logistics of getting a cello on an airplane or leaving a double bass on a runway where it can get hot. And then there is the unexpected. "We just had a musician get sick and the concert couldn't go on without him. We had to replace him and fly the other one back."

Van Zyl adds you have to think of the possibilities. "Remember the Swine flu? Today we could be dealing with Zika virus."

Helms remembers a while back when world famous violinist Joshua Bell's father died, "We had to literally stop in the middle of the road on the way to Vienna and get him onto a plane back." But she says their primary work is to offer the greatest music in the world.

During the past year the Yale Concert Band and conductor Tom Duffy performed



**Books, commemorative programs and musical scores are displayed on the coffee table in the reception area of Classical Movements. Yale Schola Cantorum, Juilliard's 415's Indian debut, Latvian Voices and Rostropovich, are just a few of the performers featured in concerts arranged by the company.**

a concert for Afghan and Syrian refugees in the Athens' Eleonas Refugee Camp; the Minnesota Orchestra embarked on their 19th tour; Classical Movements commissioned 10 new orchestral works by American composers, including six women, to celebrate Baltimore Symphony's 100th, and the 40-year-old Los Angeles Children's Choir debuted in Japan.

Despite the reputation of Classical Movements as a premiere concert touring company for the world's great choruses and orchestras, van Zyl points out Classical Movements also likes to sponsor local events including this year's Choral Festival "Serenade!" with concerts throughout metropolitan Washington D.C. This year featured 16 choirs from 14 countries in a week of music, a JFK 100 celebration. "In addition, we organize a number of concerts locally in Alexandria venues, and it brings a lot of people here." Helms sums up the purpose of Classical Movements. "I believe in the power of music diplomacy despite the politics of a country. We can work there. Music is beyond that."

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## Local Author Brings Historic Diary, Letters to Life

**Whitacre publishes book steeped in Alexandria's Civil War past.**

BY SENITRA T. MCCOMBS  
GAZETTE PACKET

**I**n "A Civil Life in an Uncivil Time," freelance writer Paula Whitacre provides readers with a bird's eye view of Civil War Alexandria through the perspective of abolitionist and women's rights ad-



**Paula Whitacre**

vocate Julia Wilbur.

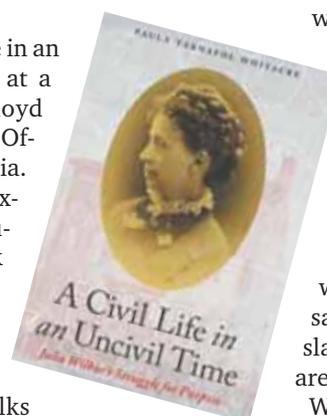
Through the biography's three sections, Whitacre uses Wilbur's diary entries and letters to paint a picture of the people and events affecting the Alexandria community not only during the Civil War but also in the antebellum era. She also discusses Wilbur's life before the war as a teacher in Rochester, N.Y., and afterwards in Washington, D.C.

"I hope the book shows readers how the country changed and how Julia changed

over time," she said.

Last week, "A Civil Life in an Uncivil Time" debuted at a book launch at the Lloyd House, co-hosted by the Office of Historic Alexandria.

On Sept. 16, the Alexandria Archaeology Museum will host a book talk for "A Civil Life in an Uncivil Time" at 10 a.m. on the third floor of the Torpedo Factory. Several other book talks and events are planned, which are accessible through the author's website at



www.paulawhitacre.com.

Whitacre first learned of Wilbur when she was conducting research in 2011 for the Office of Historic Alexandria's Alexandria Archaeology's project on Union hospitals in Alexandria. A 47-year-old teacher, Wilbur came to Alexandria in 1862 and worked to improve the lives of thousands of African Americans escaping slavery by traveling into Union-held areas.

Whitacre volunteered to transcribe the writings pertaining to the Civil War, SEE 'A CIVIL LIFE', PAGE 7

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# PEOPLE

## 'A Civil Life in an Uncivil Time'

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which were on microfilm. As she began to transcribe the diary entries, she realized the significance of the information containing voices rarely heard from in many Civil War narratives. So, she decided to write a book capturing them for a wider audience.

"When I was doing research on the Union hospitals in Alexandria, I came across comments that Julia Wilbur wrote in her diary. As I became more involved in her diary, I wanted to learn more about her life," she said. She transcribed a first set of shorter dairies in 2011-2012. In the process, she learned that Wilbur kept a parallel set of diaries with lengthier entries. A group of more than 35 volunteers from the Friends of Alexandria Archaeology helped transcribe them in 2013-2014. She also worked with then city archaeologist Fran Bromberg during this time. "Alexandria Archaeology knew the significant amount of information gleaned from this project would result in helping us understand the large African American community that emerged because of the Civil War," Bromberg said.

In addition, Whitacre also conducted outside research at the National Archives and through reading accounts of other historic figures who worked alongside Wilbur. These people included Harriet Jacobs, who had escaped slavery in North Carolina and published a book in 1861 based on her experiences. Whitacre hopes readers will learn



**Paula Whitacre speaking at her the book launch event on Aug. 31 at Lloyd House. The event was co-hosted with Office of Historic Alexandria.**

about "limitations of women during the period and the lengths that people went for freedom."

"One theme I hope that readers will take away is that everyone can find a way to make a difference in the world," she said.

"A Civil Life in an Uncivil Time" is available for purchase on Amazon, at local bookstores, and at museums throughout the city.

Originally from New London, Conn., Whitacre moved to Alexandria in the mid-1980s. She has a Bachelors and Masters in international studies from John Hopkins University. Currently, she works as a freelance writer/editor with government agencies and nonprofits in the D.C. metropolitan region.

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## LIVING LEGENDS

# The Importance of Being Involved in the Community

## Kerry Donley describes ways to make a difference.

BY AMBER HEALY

Community service and prioritizing the ability to help others is a family tradition for Kerry Donley.

Donley and his family moved to Alexandria when he was seven. His father was Chief of Staff to South Dakota Sen. George McGovern and while his family expected to stay for just one six-year term, Donley has called the city his home most of his 60 years. A political science major and English minor at Marquette University, Donley returned to Alexandria where he and his wife of 37 years, Eva, raised their five daughters, all of whom reside in the greater Washington, D.C. region.

Donley has been a fixture in Alexandria in more ways than one. Other than a three-year stint he spent as athletic director at T.C. Williams, he's been a banker, from his early days at Crestar Bank starting in 1979 through his current position as a senior vice president at John Marshall Bank.

But it's his work in the community he loves, and the family he's raised, that make him the most proud.

Donley's resume is lengthy and filled with public service positions. First elected to Alexandria City Council in 1988, he served as mayor from 1996 until 2003, returning to the council in 2010 for one more term.

"Local government is where the rubber meets the road," he said. "I think that's where you make decisions and they directly impact the people you serve. Whether land use decisions or budget decisions, they directly impact the community." It's all well and good to serve the broader public at the state or federal level, but "when you're in local government and you build a school or library, every day you drive by and see kids going to school or people using the library, you know you're having a direct impact on people's lives."

He points to Virginia's governmental philosophy, based on Jeffersonian democracy of a citizen legislature as a model he's embraced and tried to emulate. Elected officials to city and county positions in Virginia are doing a full-time job with part-time pay, but "Jefferson believed elected officials could best represent their citizens if they were true parts of the community. The idea was you would live and work and raise your family in the community you represent. You wouldn't be a professional politician."

## Living Legends: The Project

*Living Legends of Alexandria is an ongoing 501(c)(3) photo-documentary project to identify, honor and chronicle the people making current history in Alexandria. The project was conceived in 2006 to create an enduring artistic record of the people whose vision and dedication make a positive, tangible difference to the quality of life in Alexandria. For information, to volunteer, become a sponsor or nominate a future Legend, visit [www.AlexandriaLegends.org](http://www.AlexandriaLegends.org) or contact [AlexandriaLegends@outlook.com](mailto:AlexandriaLegends@outlook.com)*

In Donley's eyes, and that of his family, it's a natural extension of that philosophy to be not just active in local politics but charitable outreach as well.

In addition to his time on the Alexandria City Council, Donley has served on a football field's worth of non-profit organizations: Virginia Municipal League, Open Door Housing, Northern Virginia Transportation Commission and Alexandria's DASH Board, Center for Alexandria's Children, Carpenter's Shelter board member, Alexandria United Way and chair of the Alexandria Campaign on Adolescent Pregnancy, to name but a few.

Donley's been recognized for his service by the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce as the Business Leader of the Year (2004) and as the Alexandria St. Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshall (2006); more recently as an addition to the Carpenter's Shelter Wall of Honor (2015) and the Volunteer Alexandria Lifetime Achievement Award recipient (2016). It's because of this lengthy list of accolades and accomplishments that David Speck nominated Donley as a possible Living Legend of Alexandria.

"I am surprised to be writing this nomination for Kerry — surprised because I, like probably a lot of people in Alexandria — just assumed that he had been named a Living Legend years ago. I hardly know where to begin in talking about his contributions," Speck wrote.

"As a councilor and mayor, he led the resolution of the Wilson Bridge reconstruction, zoning at Potomac Yards, bringing the Patent and Trademark Office to Alexandria, leading the capital funding of Samuel Tucker School, Beatley Library and renovations to virtually all of our recreation centers," he continued. "At the risk of overstatement, there would be no PTO were it not for Kerry's leadership. Regionally, his leadership at COG (Metropolitan Council of Governments) resulted in the creation of



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**Kerry Donley**

the Washington Area Housing Trust Fund, and he was recognized by COG with the Skull Award, the most prestigious regional award that is given to community leaders."

For Donley, the biggest, best and most humbling achievement is his family.

"Any citizen, whether an elected official or not, you're endowed with a responsibility to leave the community a better place because you lived there," he said. "That's why I volunteer, that's why I sought elected office, that's why my wife volunteers, that's why my kids volunteer. They saw it growing up but they firmly believe there are things they can do to improve the lives of others. It's a hallmark of Alexandria — a very engaged, compassionate city. You want to be part of the community? You get involved ... You need to give of your time and treasure and that's been the hallmark of our family's life here in the city."

The actions children see their parents taking as they're growing up can be influential, Donley believes. "My wife and I always felt like we wanted to set a good example for our kids, give them the skills to make

good decisions so when they reached adult life, they'd contribute to their community and make wise decisions about how they spend their time and how they live their lives. Our kids are very involved, very engaged, very giving. That's a real important legacy."

While Donley acknowledges most people associate him with economic development, given the USPTO relocation to Alexandria and the Woodrow Wilson Bridge project, it's the tangible accomplishments he likes to reflect on. "Being part of building the first elementary school in 35 years, Samuel Tucker School; working to save 500 market-rate affordable housing units — those are the real highlights for me. It's those things that are tangible

and really have improved quality of life in the city ... it's the tangible stuff I find most rewarding. Obviously, and I'm sincere in this, but the most important aspect of my life has been my family. I'm extremely proud of my children and their accomplishments. My grandchildren, they're just starting to grow up, and already they've had major challenges in life. My oldest grandchild is a brain cancer survivor ... you think about being the mayor, you think about the stuff you've done, and then you're faced with a challenge like that. Obviously it affected my daughter more than anything else, but when you see her through that, see how she's met the challenge with grace and compassion and you see Jack, he's a third grader now .... you'd never know" he was sick.

*Know someone who significantly helps the community of Alexandria like Donley? Nominations are underway. Send nominations to <http://alexandrialegends.org/nominate-a-legend-2017/> or email [alexandrialegends@outlook.com](mailto:alexandrialegends@outlook.com) before Friday, Sept. 15.*

## City to Host 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony

The City of Alexandria invites the public to a ceremony to mark the events of Sept. 11, 2001, on Monday, Sept. 11, 2017, at 10 a.m., in Market Square, 301 King St. The event will honor those who died, and pay tribute to those who responded without fear, acted without hesitation, and gave their lives to save others. In the event of rain, the ceremony

will take place in the Lee Center Auditorium, 1108 Jefferson St.

The ceremony will feature remarks from Mayor Allison Silberberg and representatives from the Alexandria Police Department, Fire Department, and Sheriff's Office. The tribute will also include the "Return to Quarters" bell-ringing ceremony.

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## Alexandrians for Fair Redistricting in Virginia

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LOCAL ACTION GROUP



on U.S. Census population data released every decade. Gerrymandering is the deliberate manipulation of redistricting boundaries by state legislators to either advantage, or disadvantage a particular political party (or racial group). In 2021, Virginia legislators will have another opportunity to redistrict areas with voters favorable to retaining their legislative seats. If no action is taken to prevent this continued practice by 2021, Virginia politicians will continue to manipulate their districts until the following Census in 2031.

A non-profit, non-partisan Richmond-based organization called OneVirginia2021 has taken the action needed since 2013 to advocate for fair redistricting in Virginia.

The organization aims to amend the Virginia Constitution by November 2020 to create an independent, non-partisan redistricting commission. This amendment seeks to prevent the current practice of Virginia lawmakers drawing district lines around pre-determined Virginia voters who are most likely to vote and retain those lawmakers in office. Over 1,000

OneVirginia2021 volunteers help to raise awareness about how gerrymandering eliminates political competition. These volunteers diligently stand for hours at polling places on Election Day distributing flyers to voters; obtain signatures from concerned Virginians to send to state legislators; and encourage Virginians to gather at public venues to watch OneVirginia2021's seminal documentary, "GerryRIGGED." As the late, former Speaker of the House Tip O'Neil once said, "all politics is local." Alexandria volunteers have answered the call to implement OneVirginia2021's mission to build a groundswell of local support for fair redistricting in Virginia. The OneVirginia2021 Alexandria Local Action Group will officially launch on Sept. 18, and will screen "GerryRIGGED" at the James M. Duncan Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria, at 6:30p.m. We encourage all City of Alexandria residents to attend this screening, and to stay afterwards to discuss this critical issue that will shape the future of the Commonwealth.

For more information on joining the OneVirginia2021 Alexandria Local Action Group, send an email to [ALX@onevirginia2021.org](mailto:ALX@onevirginia2021.org). Visit <https://www.onevirginia2021.org/> to learn more about fair redistricting in Virginia.

**O**n Nov. 7, over 5.4 million registered Virginia voters will cast their vote for one gubernatorial candidate, and for 100 Virginia House of Delegates across the Commonwealth of Virginia. Polling places in the City of Alexandria, and across the Commonwealth, will be setup to ensure that all Virginians will have their votes counted accurately, transparently, and securely for their political candidate of choice. However, what if you, as a Virginia voter, suddenly realized that you did not choose your preferred House delegate, but, in fact, your delegate already chose you? Imagine if you could not vote for your preferred delegate because you lived just one house away from the district line dividing you from your preferred choice. This political practice is actually happening, and it's known as "gerrymandering."

As mandated in the U.S. Constitution, states redraw legislative and congressional districts through a process called "redistricting" based

## Help Children Improve Their Reading

BY KAREN  
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CONSORTIUM



**I** don't know about you, but I've noticed traffic in and around Alexandria is heavy these days — almost at a standstill at some intersections. Must be that time of year — school is back in session. It signals a time of new beginnings, progress, and academic achievement. Many of these students are walking into a new school for the first time with backpacks, pencils, and notebooks, and the students are filled with the high hopes and great expectations for the year ahead.

As program director of Alexandria Tutoring Consortium (ATC), I share the excitement and anticipation of the first day of school. I am a parent of two girls who navigated the ups and downs of walking into a new school, getting to know the wide range of students, from those who are seemingly the "brightest," to those who may need more attention. ATC has also walked into school each fall to provide the necessary support for the many students who will find they are struggling with reading. In fact, we've walked into school to help over 2,500 students within the City of Alexandria's public schools learn to read over the past 20 years. And, we will be there again this year to offer necessary tutoring support to meet individual student needs.

As the new school year begins and teachers start to observe their students, ATC will be listening and learning for what teachers say their students need. Specifically, we will be zeroing

in on those first graders and kindergarteners that need help to be reading on or above grade level by the end of the school year. ATC was formed in 1996 to help such students.

When the Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) launched the Primary Initiative with the goal that all ACPS students would be able to read at grade level by the end of second grade. The school system recognized that higher-level reading would be vital for success in the emerging education curriculum of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The Rev. Gary Charles, then pastor of the Old Presbyterian Meeting House joined with Dr. Herbert Berg, then superintendent of ACPS and Steve Rideout, then Chief Judge of the Alexandria Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court, to form the Alexandria Tutoring Consortium that united local faith communities and individuals throughout the city with elementary school principals, teachers, and reading specialists to provide reading tutors to first grade students in the public schools.

Fast forward to 2017. ATC now tutors first grade students and kindergarteners in six ACPS schools. For first graders, we use the nationally recognized Book Buddies program developed by the Curry School of Education at the University of Virginia. First grade students meet with a trained tutor twice weekly in one-on-one sessions using customized weekly lesson plans. ATC also provides a Reading Readiness program for kindergarteners targeted to improve their basic literacy skills. The tutors' work for both programs is guided by ATC coordinators who train tutors, assist in selecting students, match tutor and students, provide guidance, develop weekly lesson plans (for first graders), observe tutoring, and maintain records.

ATC's work produces positive results through

our one-on-one tutoring sessions that improve a student's literacy skills. In the words of educational professionals, our program increases a student's on-grade reading levels.

If you are not stuck in traffic, how about joining ATC and becoming a volunteer tutor this year? With the increase of students that need help we will need additional tutors. If you can dedicate 1-2 hours per week to tutor, or if you want to volunteer support in other ways, please contact us at [www.alexandriatutors.org](http://www.alexandriatutors.org) or reach out to me personally at [kwhite@opmh.org](mailto:kwhite@opmh.org).

On behalf of the Alexandria Tutoring Consortium, I hope your child and you have an amazing year in school. If you see me at a stoplight, please don't honk! I'm just like you, waiting in line to help a child do well and improve his or her skills.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Political Diversity

To the Editor:

Frequently, I am asked why the Alexandria City Council is not politically representative of our community. In any given election, 65 to 75 percent of Alexandria's voting population will vote for the Democrats, the remainder of votes being split between the Republicans and the Independents. This is often insufficient to gain a single non-Democrat seat, which results in a one-party City Council (which is also chock full of incumbents). Some much needed political diversity would provide a counterpoint to proposals made before the council, since decisions are seemingly made based on special interests and/or developer's wishes, versus citizen's needs.

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## OPINION

# Planning for One's Future

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**T**he tragedy unfolding in southeastern Texas due to Hurricane Harvey should serve as a reminder to all of us to be as prepared as possible for what lies ahead. While our area has been spared from Mother Nature's onslaught, each of us should consider what we can do to protect ourselves.

When thinking about the future, there are a number of questions to consider. Are my estate planning documents current? Am I financially prepared for aging? Do I want to stay in my home or transition into a care community? If a family member moves into my home to help care for me, how do I structure compensation for that care? How do I force my adult child to leave the nest? What

can I do to my home to enable me to age in place? What are my options if I can no longer live in my home? While we cannot control the inevitable, we can certainly plan for it.

On Saturday, Oct. 14, Senior Services of Alexandria and the Alexandria Bar Association will host the seventh Senior Law Day event. This year's focus will be on "Aging in Alexandria: Planning for Life Transitions," and will feature panels of local experts discussing the importance of planning. Speakers will address a number of topics including estate planning, caregiver agreements, financial considerations related to life transitions, transition support services, and senior residential living options.

The event will be held at TC Williams High School located at 3330 King S., Alexandria from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., and plenty of free parking will be available. This event is free and open to the public, and a light breakfast will be provided.

You can register online at [www.seniorservicesalex.org](http://www.seniorservicesalex.org) or by calling 703-836-4414, ext. 110.

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## Join Friendly Visitor Program

BY MARY GIORDANO  
DIRECTOR, FRIENDLY VISITOR PROGRAM  
SENIOR SERVICES OF ALEXANDRIA

**E**very week in the City of Alexandria, more than 60 volunteers visit a senior for an hour or more in their home, apartment, assisted living or healthcare community through the Friendly Visitor Program of Senior Services of Alexandria. The program is designed to enhance the quality of life of socially isolated seniors by providing social interaction, mental stimulation and emotional support.

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Recently, a volunteer, Paul, was matched with Mr. S., who was the Clerk of the Supreme Court during the time Thurgood Marshall was a Justice of the Supreme Court. As a videographer, Paul plans to create an oral history of the many fascinating stories Alexander tells during their visits. Another volunteer, Megan, is visiting Mrs. V., who received a Master's Degree in mathematics in the '40s and was one of the first women to work on scientific computers in the country.



Mr. S and Paul

Megan plans to bring the movie, "Hidden Figures," on an upcoming visit to watch together. A few of the volunteers bring their dogs or small children on their weekly visits. Some pairs play cards or Scrabble together or go to activities within the assisted living community including musical performances, bingo and chair yoga. The unanimous sentiment of both the seniors and volunteers in this unique program is the realization that what starts as a weekly visit becomes much more than that — a special friendship. If you know of a senior living in Alexandria who would benefit from this program or have an interest in volunteering, please contact me at 703-836-4414 Ex. 120 or email me at [friendlyvisitor@seniorservicesalex.org](mailto:friendlyvisitor@seniorservicesalex.org).



Mrs. V and Megan



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September 23

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October 7

**42nd Annual Virginia Wine Festival**  
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# Building the Budget Better Capital planning task force begins looking at process improvement.

BY DAN BRENDELL  
GAZETTE PACKET

**T**he opening salvo of Ad Hoc Joint City-Schools Facility Investment Task Force subcommittee meetings last week probed into potential areas for improving the capital planning process.

“I think success is that we leave behind a recommended process for the city and the schools that provides more coherence to the capital planning process and that provides a better framework for making the difficult decisions that are ahead of us,” said task force member Eric Wagner.

Task force members expressed a desire to see more project alternatives considered, as a matter of course.

“There are tons of solutions that I haven’t heard put on the table because ... there was some unacceptable barrier ... to some constituency, and therefore it just got redlined completely, at the start, without really evaluating what the risk and reward trade-off was. And instead we went to the solution that had almost no downside, but the cost was so exponentially high,” said task force member Dwight Dunton. “My mission is to get us focused on taking a little bit of risk.” He applauded the school system’s acquisition, at a relatively good price, of a

West End office building, which it plans to convert into a new school. “I would repeat that process over and over again... [W]e’re not always going to be right. But, in aggregate, the rewards are going ... to create space to accomplish all these other needs that are currently not even under consideration,” such as public and affordable housing.

Additionally, the city could potentially sell City Hall and the Torpedo Factory in Old Town and purchase the Victory Center on the West End — what task force member Dave Millard called “sell high” and “buy low” opportunities, respectively. And a “swing space” school that could also become a permanent school would free up over \$40 million for other uses, said Dunton.

With respect to design and construction methods, “I’m encouraged because it sounds like all of the infrastructure, legislatively, is in place to consider a lot of different options,” said task force member Mignon Anthony. This includes processes for joint and collocated projects. For example, the city is exploring an opportunity to put a city building — perhaps affordable housing — on top of a privately developed parking garage, said planning and zoning’s Jeff Farnier.

Rather than being “ad hoc,” the process for considering alternatives “could have some more rigor,” occurring “with every one

of the projects that comes forward,” said Wagner.

Alternatives could be “other than a material solution,” such as changes to “doctrine, organization, training,” said task force member Elliot Branch; or “regional approaches,” such as partnered ventures with Fairfax and Arlington Counties, said Wagner.

Task force members also expressed a desire to see certain changes in terms of timing.

Last year, the city and school system first interacted in October, when the former proposed its Capital Improvement Program (CIP), said Michael Herbstman, the schools’ chief financial officer. A joint City Council-School Board work session followed in January. “As we think about governance of the overall process ... it makes no sense to me that we’ve got two groups that are kind of independently doing stuff ... but there’s been so much work that gets done on the individual pieces before it comes together,” said Wagner. It “would make some sense” for the entities to interact at “an earlier stage.”

Additionally, he suggested that City Council hint “in advance” how much money council will raise and allocate for capital projects. In the last budget cycle, City Manager Mark Jinks spent the winter building

a budget around his proposed 3-cent tax increase. The 5.7-cent tax increase that council ultimately adopted was not suggested formally until March.

Wagner also suggested a “feedback loop” between the CIP and the city’s top-level plans in order to ensure that strategic priorities are either translated into line items or reevaluated. “If it ain’t going to happen in 10 years, it’s probably not going to happen. And we shouldn’t have people waiting for it.”

Albeit in what Wager called “a bit of a siloed process,” city staff must show each year that their departments’ proposed capital projects support the city’s published strategic plan. The CIP Steering Committee — an interdepartmental team of city staff, though no school staff — and other entities also weigh in.

But “we’re not checking to make sure everything that’s in the master plan got into the CIP,” said Morgan Rott, the city’s management and budget director. “I suppose the reason we don’t do that is the recognition that there are needs in all of the master plans that, if you added them up, are well beyond what we can afford in the CIP.”

“While it is true ... that the feedback loop related to the objectives in the various master plans for projects not in the CIP is not a

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The obvious solution is to enact one or all of the following: (a) requiring political diversity that is representative of the voting population; (b) establishing wards similar to those employed by the school board; and (c) setting term limits for council members. Although these solutions may require approval by Richmond, we need diversity on the Alexandria City Council for the sake of democracy (with a small “d”).

**Townsend A. “Van” Van Fleet**  
Alexandria

## Over Budget, Again

To the Editor:

Our School Board and facilities committee continues their modus operandi of reckless spending and a total lack of transparency. It is amazing that such breaches of trust can exist in the governing and management of our school system. The Patrick Henry School project was estimated at \$44 M to build an elementary school complex — 38 M for the school and 6 M for a recreation center. The final estimated cost is now projected to be \$61M — outrageous, 17M over budget — a 38 percent increase over the agreed upon cost.

In February of this year the School Board moved \$5.7 M from the planned Polk School renovation to the Patrick Henry project in order to cover the elevated costs of Option A at Patrick Henry. We have been informed that another \$3.8 million will be moved to cover the same expenses as in February (funding for the additional 17,000 sq. feet of building space 15 percent more than was planned), as well as funds needed to avoid conflicts associated with Dominion power lines and the construction of a retaining wall to manage land topography). This current request is the same exact request for which funds were moved from Polk in February — a duplicate request for money. When may I ask will the spending spree stop and where is the accountability? Give me a final budget and stick to it.

There is more.

The C1 Patrick Henry project was the project of choice allowing no bus routes on Latham — neighborhood friendly — and a safer bet for traffic flow. The A1 project was chosen to save \$1.5-\$2.0M — instead we are now in the hole for 17M and there are buses on Latham Street, less open space, a much larger school footprint — all of the above with no citizen intervention and input on this growing

deficit.

The citizens meetings were a mere formality to check the box as completed and move on.

Jefferson Houston was delivered 25 percent over budget and the infamous tennis courts at the high school 100 percent over budget. Every major school related project is always over spent. From the very beginning, the management of this project was questionable. In a June 2015 City Council meeting Paul Smedberg stated that facilities had failed to deliver clarity and cost on this project and those who participated should be fired. The project continues to be poorly planned, poorly presented and poorly budgeted.

With rising taxes on all fronts, it is a bitter pill to swallow when agencies shun prudence and cost issues. We do not need a Taj-Mahal we need a school — brick and block, a structure, not a palace. We also need a complete audit of the project before completion to keep this project from escalating out of control; 80M is not an unrealistic final number for this project. We have 12 more schools to deal with. Citizens voice your objection for the wasteful spending of your tax money. City Council get a hold of this mismanagement issue. And the newly appointed blue ribbon panel of advisors, where are you?

**William Goff**  
Alexandria

## Cut-Through Traffic and Speeding

To the Editor:

*This is an open letter to the city's elected officials, Transportation and Environmental Services, and the police chief.*

From time to time I read of residents and their neighborhood association complain about cut-through traffic and speeding. When I lived in Rosemont it was an issue on Commonwealth and Russel Road, then in Old Town on Bashford, but interestingly not Powhattan.

For the last few years I have lived in an apartment on S. Whiting Street just around the corner where the pedestrians were struck in the crosswalk two Fridays ago. Stevenson Avenue, S. Whiting, and Yoakum Parkway, where often the average driven speed is 35mph, often 40-plus, is in need of serious help. Rarely do I see the police in my neighborhood or a vehicle being pulled over for speeding. I don't know if it is because half the traffic is cut-through from Edsall and Van Dorn to I-395 or because I live in a neighborhood flush with a diverse mix of immi-



**Rebuilding Together Alexandria volunteers gather at one of the houses repaired through a Sears' Heroes at Home grant.**

# Heroes in Alexandria

BY BREANNE DRISCOLL,  
OUTREACH MANAGER

The month of August brought a large sigh of relief for one of Rebuilding Together Alexandria's applicants. A Vietnam veteran, retired City of Alexandria employee, and pool champion received an interior and exterior refresher to his home thanks to a Sears' Heroes at Home grant. Heroes at Home is a program created through the collaboration of Sears and Rebuilding Together to improve the lives of veterans and their families through extensive home rehabilitations.

Mr. C's repair needs were originally brought to our attention by a city employee who had referred Mr. C to our organization because of an exterior code violation. Rebuilding Together Alexandria has a long history of partnering with the City of Alexandria to assist low-income homeowners with health and safety repairs, so we were eager to help.

Since Mr. C has been suffering from several impairing health conditions and is wheelchair bound, it has prevented him from being able to do the work himself. Fifteen volunteers spent the day cleaning up his yard, scraping and painting the exterior of his house, repairing a fence, installing new kitchen flooring, painting the inte-

rior, assisting Mr. C with organizing his belongings, among many other tasks.

Heroes at Home funds were also used to improve a home owned by the City of Alexandria and managed by New Hope Housing that is now home to three formerly homeless veterans. In the past, volunteers painted the veteran home, replaced the front screen door, built an outdoor platform, and installed doors, mini-blinds, and smoke detectors. Contractors repaired the hardwood floors, cleaned gutters, and pointed up exterior brick. While much improved, this townhome still needed new appliances and basement flooring, all funded through this year's Heroes at Home program. Three formerly homeless veterans love calling this Potomac West neighborhood “home.”

The work of the City of Alexandria, local nonprofits, and dedicated volunteers amounted to the City declaring in 2016 that it had effectively ended veteran homelessness, having resources to house all veterans identified during that year's point-in-time count.

Mr. C and the veteran home are just two projects out of the 100-plus we complete each year, making homes safe and healthy. If you want to get involved, gather a group, and sponsor a home of a low-income resident in the City of Alexandria, we encourage you to contact us. For more information, call 703-836-1021 or visit [www.RebuildingTogetherAlex.org](http://www.RebuildingTogetherAlex.org).

grants.

I laugh every time you put up those portable flashing speed devices. We are a neighborhood with little to no voice at city hall and hope that you all would spend some time witnessing the careless and often reckless speeding in my neighborhood .... a.m. or p.m. rush hour would be best for a first-hand experience. Speed tables would be nice, but I realize with the downward/upward slope with

Stevenson to Yoakum presents some challenges.

As for my previous letter, the intersection I spoke of is Gibbon Street at Rt. 1 where on seemingly any weekday you could write up 100 tickets during evening rush hour for improper left turns from the right lane. At a rate of 1-5 cars per light cycle, I am being conservative.

**Bill Duran**  
Alexandria

## American Values

To the Editor:

*The following open letter was addressed to Republican gubernatorial candidate Ed Gillespie.*

On Aug. 11 and 12, we saw violence and hate we hoped we would never again witness on American soil. In Charlottesville,

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# LETTERS

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Neo-Nazis and white supremacists took to the streets, marched with torches, gave Nazi salutes, shouted that Jews “will not replace them,” chanted the Fascist slogan “Blood and Soil,” proclaimed white supremacy, and murdered a woman who was brave enough to stand up to them. Then, instead of clearly rejecting this evil, the President of the United States twice defended those marching with the very Neo-Nazis who unleashed this deadly violence on one of Virginia’s greatest cities.

After President Trump’s press conferences, we were left shocked and then deeply saddened. Let’s be clear. “Very fine people” don’t march with people who are holding Nazi flags and chanting anti-Semitic slogans.

We were heartened to see, in the wake of Donald Trump’s horrifying comments, that leaders in both parties came together to reject hate and renew our nation’s founding principles of equality and inclusiveness. But instead of joining these leaders — including many prominent Republicans — we understand you have refused to speak out against the President’s reaction to Charlottesville.

As Jewish members of the Virginia General Assembly, we write you because, as Virginians and Jews, we find your failure to denounce the President’s reaction to Nazism deeply disturbing. The events in Charlottesville recall the darkest moments in both the history of this country and the Jewish people. What we saw on Friday and Saturday was an assault on our democratic

society and the very values this country was founded upon. Yet the President of the United States, the leader of our country, has not once but twice defended those who would march with the Neo-Nazis and their ilk.

Our country at its best has been a beacon of hope and safety for all peoples. Hundreds of thousands gave their lives so that the forces that destroyed Europe would never set foot on American soil. President Trump’s reaction to Charlottesville represented a betrayal of that noble legacy and our core American values.

Donald Trump is the leader of your party. Your refusal to speak out against him is a colossal failure of leadership, a moral abdication, and deeply troubling to Virginia’s Jewish community. We urge you to break your silence and immediately denounce Donald Trump’s hateful and inadequate response to the Charlottesville attack.

We are living through a moral reckoning, a time when all citizens of our great commonwealth and nation are called to defend the most fundamental values of our democracy. We ask you to immediately stand up, loudly and clearly, against those who would condone violence and hatred.

As Americans, Jews, and Virginians, we urge you to join us and immediately condemn the President’s dog-whistle defense of Nazism.

Senate Democratic Leader

**Dick Saslaw**, Sen. **Adam Ebbin**, Del.  
**Eileen Filler-Corn**, Del. **Marcus Simon**, and Del. **Mark Levine**



## International Soccer Trip

A group of boys and girls players, coaches and supporters from Alexandria Soccer Association (ASA) recently returned from a 10-day soccer tour to Italy and Spain. As part of Alexandria Soccer’s International Program, this trip, in partnership with GOL Experiences, was spent playing and watching soccer in Turin and Alessandria, Italy and Barcelona, Spain. ASA traveled to Italy and Spain with a total of 40 male and female players born in 2003 or 2004 along with four club coaches and a number of supporters. The goal of the trip was to give players a taste of high level international competition as well as experience the local soccer culture, food and history. See [www.alexandria-soccer.org](http://www.alexandria-soccer.org).



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- No-** Fracked-gas pipelines in Virginia!
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## NEWS

# Donations Being Collected for Houston

**K**W Cares Disaster Response Team is mobilizing equipment, supplies and volunteers, from all over the country, for transport to areas impacted by Hurricane Harvey. A Keller Williams office in the Old Town Alexandria office, Jon Benya, has rented a 53-foot truck and is driving to the KW Cares Command Center in Houston, filled with donations to aid the relief efforts. Keller Williams is opening its offices to Alexandria and the surrounding areas, to drop off donations to help fill the truck. More than 195 agents in the Alexandria office are reaching out to their communities to provide an opportunity for those who want to be involved.

The KW Cares Command Center in Houston is presently being manned by more than 500 Keller Williams agents, receiving, organizing and scheduling deliveries until next week when Mega Relief efforts begin as part of KW's Mega Camp, national convention. Thousands of agents are expected to be arriving to further organizational efforts.

Donations must be dropped off at the office by noon on Friday, Sept. 8, at 1701 Duke St., Suite 100, Alexandria.



Local donations will be trucked to the KW Cares Command Center in Houston.

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Hurricane Harvey Needed Supply List:  
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Submit civic/community announcements at [ConnectionNewspapers.com/Calendar](http://ConnectionNewspapers.com/Calendar). Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

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##### THURSDAY/SEPT. 7

**Nomination Deadline.** Volunteer Alexandria is calling on organizations and City agencies to nominate volunteers for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual *Volunteers are the Heart of Alexandria*

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##### SUNDAY/SEPT. 10

**American Association of University Women.** 2-4 p.m. at a private residence, 117 Cameron Station Blvd. The Alexandria Branch of AAUW are having a potluck meeting for new and prospective members. Email [AAUWAlex@gmail.com](mailto:AAUWAlex@gmail.com) for more.

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# Day One at Maury Elementary

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you are.”  
Powell had not originally planned on being a teacher. His father, a Marine, always told Powell that he was going to be a teacher. But Powell had wanted to be an architect. Powell is a visual learner; he likes building things, but the undergraduate program at Anderson University didn't have an architecture program. He majored in math instead, but like his father, his advisor in college said he saw Powell as a teacher. Powell switched into an education program at the school and said it started to feel like a natural fit.

“My father and advisor saw skills I didn't know I had,” Powell said. “I never wanted a job. I don't like calling this work... that's not what we do here. It's a service. Being a teacher allowed me not to get stuck behind a desk.”

After college, Powell moved around with his wife, teaching at various grade levels in various locations. When they moved to Maryland, he got his job at Tucker.

Powell was the first person in his family to go to college. Powell struggled to describe the feeling years later of being chosen as the principal for Maury and settled on “monumental.”

“It's so humbling to be in this position,” said Powell. “It really humbled me. I saw my dad cry once when I went to college. He was very proud. But behind closed doors, [when I told him I was going to be the principal] there was probably some tears again. I'm still trying to make him proud. It inspires me not to



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Maury Principal Victor Powell

stop. I have a son as well, and I want him to go even further.”

Powell said he felt keenly aware of the eyes of the community, parents and staff, turned towards him as the school year starts.

“It reminds you of the gravity of this situation,” said Powell. “This is not something I take lightly. This means a lot to me. It means I know what's at stake. It means the [community] trusts us, not only to provide an education but to keep their children safe.”

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Mickey Mouse poses for a photo with Alexandria Police captains Len Fouch and Don Hayes Aug. 27 at the Charles Houston Recreation Center back-to-school community day.




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# Shear Fun

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"This was the largest event we have had at the center because we invited families from the neighborhood and not just kids attending the Charles Houston community center," Bailey said.

In the West End, a Community Day was held at Brent Place Apartments. In addition to backpacks and school supplies, a cookout was held at this location.

"At Brent Place we gave away over 200 backpacks and also clothes and shoes," Bailey said. "We did not provide haircuts at this location but we also grilled hotdogs for the families."

Both events were made possible by the following partners: Firefighters and Friends to the Rescue; City of Alexandria Parks & Recreation; Alexandria Fire Department; Alexandria Police De-

partment; Alexandria Sheriff's Office; Apple Federal Credit Union; Community Praise Church; Jack Taylor's Toyota; Caring Angels Therapy Dogs; Code 3 Association; Goodwin House Alexandria Chapel Outreach; Local 2141; Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, PSI NU Chapter; Departmental Progressive Club; BFSP of Alexandria; Department of Emergency Communications; and Whole Foods.

"Not only were we preparing the kids for the upcoming school year but we made it a fun day for them," Bailey said. "We provided clowns, Mickey Mouse, the Caring Angels Therapy Dogs, face painting, DJ, and public safety vehicles to view. We wanted to make sure the kids start off the school year looking good, feeling good, and with the needed school supplies so that they will do good."

# Improving Budget Process

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formal part of the CIP process, there are a number of ways in which the plans are reviewed and evaluated on an ongoing basis by staff that inform the CIP each year," said planning and zoning's Carrie Beach in an email. Departments also review the various master plans about every 5-10 years, though not all together, said Jeremy McPike, the city's general services director. And the city re-

visits its small area plans, though the interval can exceed a decade, said Beach.

Overall, Branch wants "a process that is coherent and is traceable" through all projects' "critical stages," and that allows "the flexibility to adjust those projects". He wants it to be forward-looking, accounting for "notional needs that may be out 35 [or] 40 years from now to form, if you will, the seed" for future CIPs.

## WELLBEING

# Healthy and in Season

From juicy apples to hearty cabbage, how to reap the health benefits of fall produce.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

With her one-year old daughter in tow, Ellen Knight poked at apples and caressed peppers on a Sunday morning at the Bethesda Farmers Market. The activity is part of her weekend ritual, searching for the freshest, most flavorful seasonal fruits and vegetables to use in meals throughout the rest of the week.

"I'm a little neurotic about produce and farmers markets," she said. "I try to only buy at farmers markets and only buy what's in season. I'm excited about fall and the new changes in what's coming in from the local farms."

As the weather gets cooler and temperatures drop, the bumper crops of fall can be found in flavorful abundance at farmers markets, grocery stores and even backyard gardens. Among the most nutritious and readily available produce are cabbage, peppers, squash, beets and other root vegetables, says Chef Pete Snaith of Culinaria Cooking School in Vienna.

"The fall harvest is a glorious time for peak-of-the-season vegetables and fruits," he said. "Farmers markets will be piled high ...."

With a flavor that can be the basis of both sweet and savory dishes, sweet potatoes are one of the most nutritious foods to debut in fall, says nutritionist Allison Speer of the Speer Nutrition Group in Alexandria. "They're loaded with potassium and vitamin E," she said. "In fall there's a greater variety available like Purple Stokes, Garnet and Hannah."

Choose small or medium-sized sweet potatoes that feel heavier than they look, advises Speer. "Store them in a dark place and keep them cool, but not cold," she said. "Letting them get cold ruins the flavor."

Winter squash is an umbrella term for a wide-range of squash varieties with thick, tough skins, such as butternut and acorn. Most readily available beginning in early fall and slow to go bad, winter squash can be stored whole for several weeks, says Arlington-based dietitian Melissa Hawkins, RD. "They are full of vitamins A and C," she said. "They also have a lot of potassium and fiber, which can make you feel

## Roasted Beet Salad

2 each, red and golden beets, wash but not peeled.  
2 TBSP, olive oil  
3 oranges, peeled and segmented  
1/4 cup, fresh mint, chiffonade  
4 oz., feta cheese, sliced into 1/2" cubes or crumbled\*  
1 mango, sliced in 1/2" cubes  
micro greens or pea shoots (optional)

Vinaigrette  
1/2 cup, olive oil  
2 TBSP., balsamic vinegar  
1 TBSP., orange juice  
salt and pepper to taste

1. Preheat the oven to 400° F.
2. Coat the beets with the olive oil and season with salt and pepper. Place the beets in a roasting dish and cover. Place in the oven and roast for about 1 to 1 and a half hours or until tender. Remove from the beets from the oven and let cool. Peel when cooled. Cut into 1/2" pieces
3. While the beets are roasting, prepare the vinaigrette. Place the ingredients in a bowl and whisk to combine.
4. Place the beets, mango, orange, and pea shoots in separate bowls. Drizzle each with a tablespoon of vinaigrette and toss to coat.
5. Arrange the salad attractively on the plate. Top with pea shoots and drizzle with the vinaigrette and top with the mint.



PHOTO COURTESY OF CULINARIA COOKING SCHOOL

**This roasted beet salad is an example of a healthy preparation method for fall produce, says Chef Pete Snaith of Culinaria Cooking School.**

full and satisfied for a longer time."

Hawkins also touts the versatility of winter squash. "I like to use butternut squash or pumpkin in soup," she said. "Acorn squash can be made into a puree. One of my favorite things to do is to spiralize winter squash to make spaghetti or noodle-like strands that I use instead of pasta. It's super easy and deeply satisfying."

Though its trendier cousins kale and Brussels sprouts get more hype, Hawkins says that cabbage is a versatile superfood that should not be overlooked. "There are so many varieties like Savoy and Napa and it's full of vitamins C and B6 and fiber," she said. "Leafy greens in general, like chard, mustards and kale, are nutrition powerhouses and are at their best in the fall."

Cabbage and other greens are low and calories and can be prepared in a myriad of ways, adds Speer. "One of the simplest ways to cook them is to roast them or stir fry them," she said. "Cabbage can also be stuffed or turned into slaw."

Most commonly seen in dark red, beets come a variety of colors like white, pink and orange. They're earthy, sweet and nutritious, says Hawkins. "Eating beets is almost like taking a big multivitamin," she said. "You're getting vitamins, A, B and C, plus iron, potassium, folic acid and beta-carotene."

Beets can be eaten raw or prepared in a variety of ways, says Speer. "You can roast them, puree them or even make beet chips," she said. "They can stain your hands and clothing so you have to be careful when handling them."

Among the foods most often associated with fall are apples. With varieties ranging from tart Granny Smiths to sweet Fujis, there's an orb for every palate, says Speer. "Apples are packed with fiber and vitamin C," she said. "You can slice them or eat them while, so they're accessible and easy to carry and eat."

Select apples that are firm and without blemishes or bruises, and coat them with lemon juice after they've been cut to keep them from turning brown, advises Speer.

Choosing produce that is fresh and in-season, makes it easier to prepare them with little fuss so that their nutritional value is preserved. "Fresh vegetables deserve quick, simple, healthy preparation," said Snaith "Steaming, blanching, grilling, and roasting quickly come to mind. Apples, watermelon, and peaches are abundant now as well. You can top off a delicious meal with a light dessert of baked apples or grilled peaches with homemade vanilla ice cream."

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## ONGOING

**Student Art Exhibit.** Various times through Sept. 15 at the National Art Education Association (NAEA) gallery, 901 Prince St. NAEA is exhibiting artwork from across the country created by students who are members of the National Art Honor Society (NAHS/high school students) and the National Junior Art Honor Society (NJAHS/middle school students). Call 800-299-8321 or 703-860-8000 or email [info@arteducators.org](mailto:info@arteducators.org) for more.

**Wizard of Hip.** Various times through Sept. 17 at MetroStage, 1201 North Royal St. Featuring Thomas W Jones II as he journeys from adolescence to adulthood as Afro Jo with original music by William Knowles and two back-up singers. Call 703-548-9044 or visit [www.metrostage.org](http://www.metrostage.org) for more.

**Alexandrians Fight The Great War.** Various times through Nov. 11 at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. This exhibit shares some of the stories of Alexandrians during the war and their more active participation in the American war effort after April 1917. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov/Lyceum](http://www.alexandriava.gov/Lyceum) or call 703-838-4994 for more.

**Mount Vernon Farmers Market.** 8 a.m.-12 p.m., Wednesdays, through Dec. 14. Fresh local food, artisan crafts. Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/mtvernonmkt.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/mtvernonmkt.htm) for more.

**All the President's Pups.** Saturdays 10 a.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Highway, Mount Vernon. All the President's Pups Walking Tour, along the way, learn about George Washington's love for dogs, his dogs' unusual names, and his efforts to improve the quality of his hunting dogs through breeding. \$7. Visit [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org) for more.

**Mercy in Alexandria Walking Tour.** Sundays at 1:30 p.m. at Alexandria Visitors Center, 221 King St. Experience an inside access tour of 19th century Alexandria. Inspired by the PBS mini-series "Mercy Street," accompany a trained military historian through Civil War-era Alexandria and learn the actual



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## At King Street Art Festival

The 15th Annual Alexandria King Street Art Festival will be held Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 16-17.

history behind the TV show. Short tours are \$15, private tours for five are \$149. Visit [www.dcmilitarytour.com](http://www.dcmilitarytour.com) for more

**The Lyceum: 175 Years of Local History.** Ongoing, Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday 1-5 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. On view in the museum's Coldsmith Gallery, the historical objects and images featured represent The Lyceum, the community at work, and commemorations and celebrations. Throughout the exhibition, visitors are invited to "be the curator" and think about why the various artifacts are in the museum's collection, and about how tangible representatives of the past help tell the story of Alexandria's history. Free. Visit [www.alexandriahistory.org](http://www.alexandriahistory.org) for more.

**Pick-Up Hockey.** Ongoing,

Wednesdays and Fridays 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Mount Vernon Ice Skating, 2017 Belle View Blvd. Play hockey with other hockey buffs, hitting slap shots and learning puck handling skills that the pros use. Players must have full equipment. 16 and older. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/rec/mtvernon/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/rec/mtvernon/) or call 703-768-3224 for more.

**Medical Care for the Civil War Soldier Exhibit.** Ongoing at the Fort Ward museum, 4301 W. Braddock Road. ongoing exhibit which features original medical instruments and equipment from the Civil War period and information on Union Army hospital sites in Alexandria. Free. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov/fortward](http://www.alexandriava.gov/fortward) for more

**Alexandria's Nurses and Hospitals During the Civil War.** Ongoing at

The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. An exhibit on the life of Clarissa Jones, a nurse at The Lyceum hospital during the Civil War. The true story of a nurse in Alexandria during the war, drawing parallels with characters portrayed in the PBS drama "Mercy Street," with references to the experiences of other nurses, such as Anne Reading, who worked in the Mansion House hospital, and Jane Woolsey, who served at the Fairfax Seminary hospital. Admission is \$2. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov/lyceum](http://www.alexandriava.gov/lyceum) for more.

**Shield of Earth: Defending the Heart of the Union exhibit.** Ongoing, museum hours Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sundays, noon-5 p.m. at Fort Ward Museum, 4301 West Braddock Road. Highlights of the exhibition include

military passes issued by Provost Marshal's Office, construction tools, and original photographs of some of Washington's defenders. 703-746-4848 or [www.fortward.org](http://www.fortward.org).

**Who These Wounded Are: The Extraordinary Stories of the Mansion House Hospital exhibit.** Ongoing, Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sundays, noon-4 p.m. at the Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St. Come see the site that inspired "Mercy Street," the new PBS' series inspired by real events that took place at Carlyle House. [www.carlylehouse.org](http://www.carlylehouse.org) or call 703-549-2997

**Color Disorder Exhibit.** Ongoing, Thursday through Sunday, noon-4 p.m., Sundays, noon-4 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. A joint exhibition of artists Katie Baines and Amy Chan who use diverse painting materials such as acrylic, gouache, airbrush and screen print to build energized abstract paintings. [www.nfaa.org](http://www.nfaa.org) or 703-548-0035.

**Flamenco Show.** Wednesdays and Thursdays, 7:30-8:30 p.m. at La Tasca, 607 King St. Watch dancers and guitarists perform traditional flamenco. Free to attend. Call 703-299-9810 or visit [www.latascausa.com](http://www.latascausa.com).

**French Movie Night.** Every Thursday, 7 p.m. in the back room of Fontaine Caffe and Creperie, 119 S. Royal St. View a French film. Free, no reservation necessary. Call 703-535-8151 or visit [www.fontainecaffe.com/reviews.html](http://www.fontainecaffe.com/reviews.html).

**Their Fates Intertwined: The Lees of Alexandria in the War of 1812.** Wednesday- Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Lee-Fendall House and Gardens, 614 Oronoco St. A new exhibit on the experiences of the Lee family in Alexandria during the War of 1812 examines the contributions of Alexandria's citizens during the conflict that led to the writing of our national anthem through the lives of this iconic Virginia family. Visit [www.leefendallhouse.org](http://www.leefendallhouse.org) or call 703-548-1789.

**Alexandria Cars and Coffee** invites car enthusiasts to meet for coffee at Hollin Hall Shopping Center in front of Roseina's, 1307 Shenandoah Road. Owners of classic cars, hot rods, exotic cars, motorcycles and more meet to share car stories and drink coffee. Group meets the first Sunday of every month. 8:30-11 a.m.

## BurgerFi Going Beyond with New Plant-Based Burger

BY HOPE NELSON

It's no secret that plant-based dining options are grabbing more market share with every passing year. Not just the realm of vegetarians and vegans anymore, die-hard carnivores are also coming around, whether for health or ethical reasons. Now, the latest generation of meat-free burgers are finding a home in an unlikely location: BurgerFi, a national chain that has a foothold here in Alexandria.

Beginning this week, BurgerFi will offer a hearty plant-based burger, the Beyond Burger from Beyond Meat, alongside its animal-source options on the menu. And well before Monday's launch, the store's phone has been ringing off the

hook with requests for status updates.

"The amount of phone calls that we have been getting is ridiculous," laughed Alexandria BurgerFi general manager Christopher Landry. After news of the Beyond Burger's partnership with BurgerFi was featured on the "Today" show in July, the 111 N. Pitt St. location received an onslaught of requests.

"We are the first chain to adopt a fully plant-based burger, and Beyond Meat is the first 100 percent plant-based burger to acquire a restaurant chain like BurgerFi," Landry said. "The Beyond Burger follows BurgerFi's philosophy of purist — our beef as well as no hormones, no antibiotics, no steroids ever."

The Beyond Burger isn't a paltry, cardboard affair. Rather, its meaty texture and hearty, even slightly fatty, taste is incred-

ibly reminiscent of the animal-based variety. And it contains 20 grams of protein — the same as a beef burger.

"It cooks and gives you the feel of a regular beef patty," Landry said. "... My wife likes it so much that we've now had it several times at home."

Despite the new burger's arrival to the menu, the restaurant's existing veggie burger will also keep its place, Landry said. The original veggie burger is made in-house with quinoa and vegetables; while it's vegetarian, it's not vegan. The Beyond Burger swoops in to fill that gap — and then some.

"BurgerFi did want to keep a traditional burger experience, so the standard Beyond Burger is going to come with onions, pickles, lettuce, tomato, ketchup, mayonnaise, mustard, and American cheese," Landry said. There'll be a fully vegan option, too,

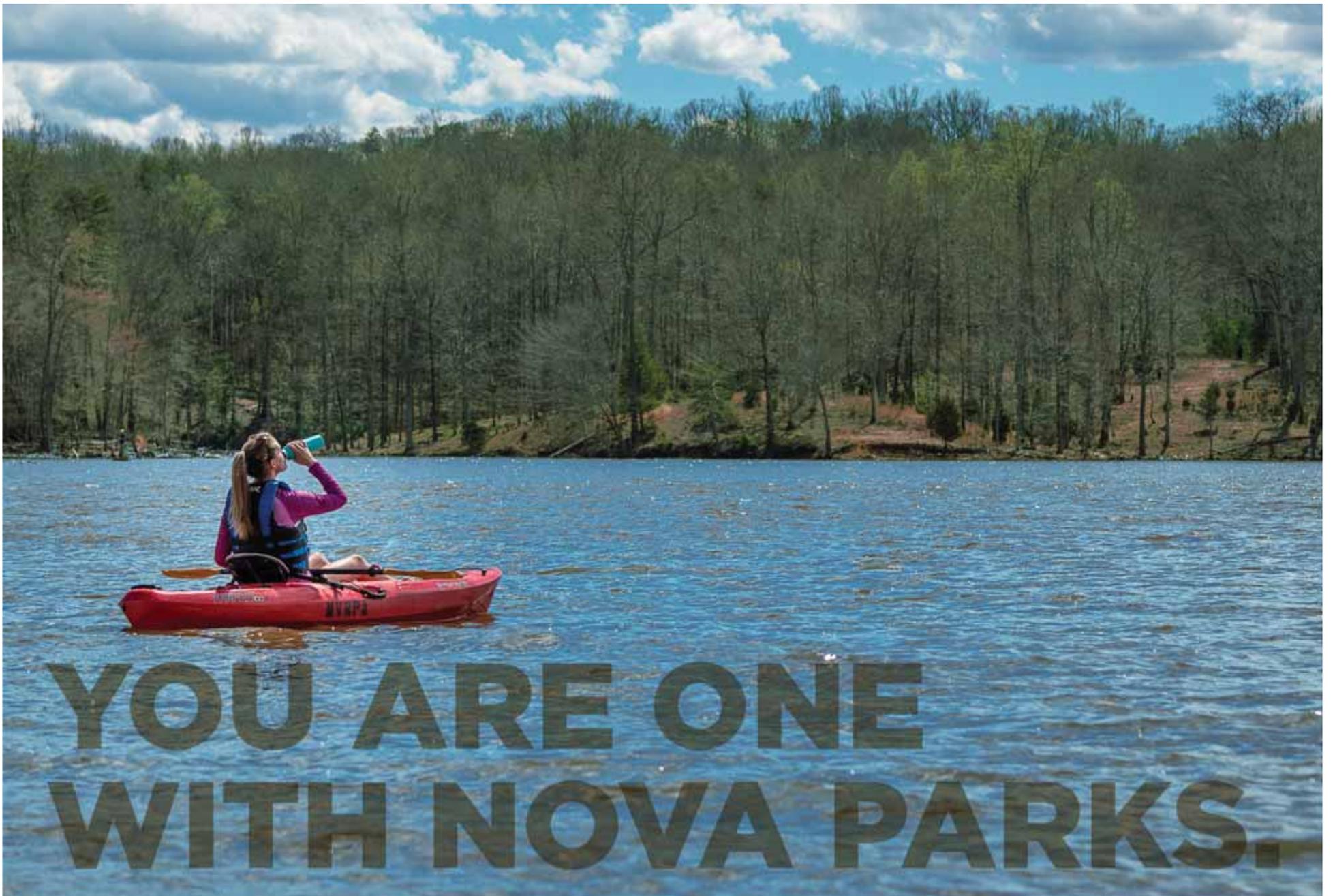
which comes in a lettuce wrap and will omit the cheese and mayo.

But humans can't live on burgers alone. Pair some freshly made French fries with the sandwich and you've got a complete meal, Landry said. Not to mention a little something to wash it all down — perhaps a sampling of BurgerFi's craft beer selection.

The Beyond Burger's addition to the menu is a welcome one, and Landry aims for it to be well-received by customers.

"I never get tired of hearing 'This is the best burger I've ever had,' and I hear it all the time," he said.

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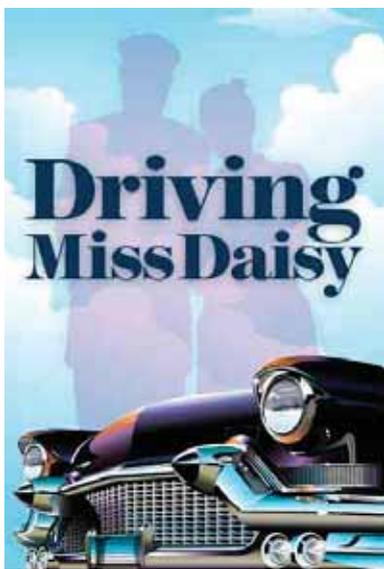
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**Dinner for the Washingtons.** 12 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. A walking tour that goes behind the scenes to find out how food was prepared and served before the era of microwaves and TV dinners. \$5 in addition to estate admission. Visit [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org) for more.

**Second Thursday Music.** Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. 7 p.m. Second Thursday of every month. Visit [nvfaa.org](http://nvfaa.org) to view concert calendar and listen to upcoming Second Thursday Music artists.

**The Monday Morning Birdwalk** takes place weekly, rain or shine (except during electrical storms, strong winds, or icy trails), at 7 a.m. (8 a.m. November through March), is free, requires no reservation and is open to all. Birders meet in the parking lot at the park's entrance at 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Direct questions to park staff during normal business hours at 703-768-2525.

**Civil War Sundays.** 1-5 p.m. at Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 North Union St., #327. Learn more about the Civil War as it occurred in Alexandria. Find dioramas, newspaper articles and more Free. Visit [www.alexandriarchaeology.org](http://www.alexandriarchaeology.org).

**Doggy Happy Hour.** Starting April 5, Tuesdays through October 5-8 p.m. at Jackson 20 and Hotel Monaco Alexandria, 480 King St. Doggy Happy Hour at Jackson 20 and the Hotel Monaco Alexandria offers specials on cocktails and beers plus treats and water for canine companions. Free, but drinks sold separately. Visit [www.monaco-alexandria.com](http://www.monaco-alexandria.com) for more

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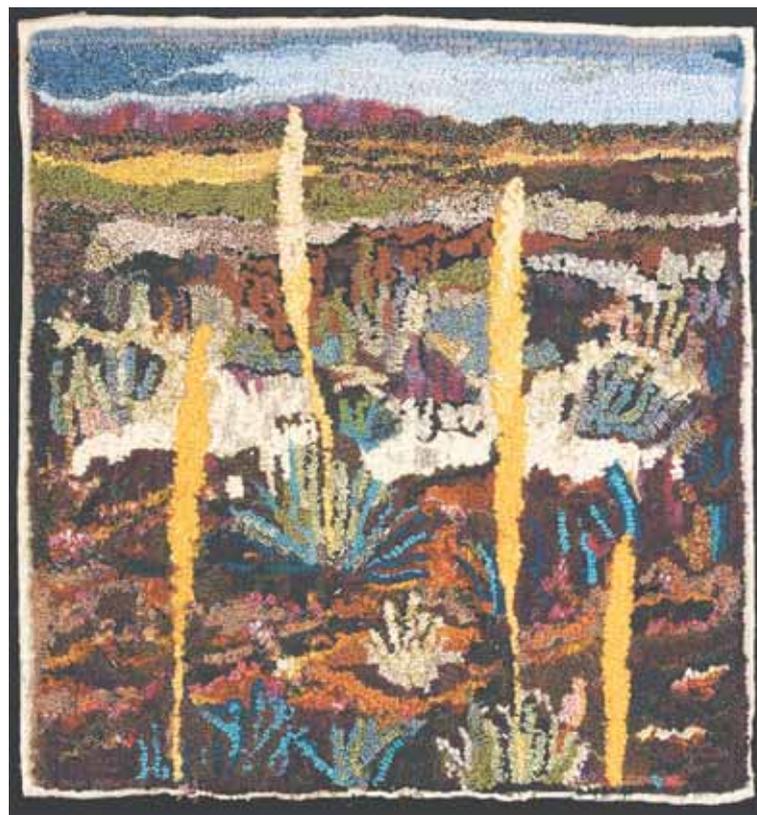
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**The Harmony Heritage Singers** (Mount Vernon Chapter of Barbershop Harmony Society), a daytime, a cappella, Chorus, rehearses on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays, monthly, at Sherwood Hall Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Newcomers welcome for fun or to book for a performance. Visit [www.HHSingers.org](http://www.HHSingers.org), or call Bruce at 703-352-5271.

**SEPT. 6-OCT. 31**

**Artists Exhibit.** Various times in the Fireplace Alcove, Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane. Dolly Rowe's hooked artworks called "Painting in Wool and Silk" will be on display. Contact



**Desert After Rain**

**From Sept. 6-Oct. 31, Dolly Rowe's hooked artworks called "Painting in Wool and Silk" will be on display in the Fireplace Alcove, Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane. Contact [dollyrowe73@yahoo.com](mailto:dollyrowe73@yahoo.com) for more.**

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**SEPT. 7-OCT. 1**

**"Aqueduct: Stone Ruins in Maryland & Virginia."** Various times at The Art League 105 North Union St. Printmaker M. Alexander (Alex) Gray illuminates forgotten local history through the images in his exhibit, "Aqueduct: Stone Ruins in Maryland & Virginia." O Gray, a lifelong Virginian, wants to bring these lesser-known, historic sites back into the public eye. Call 703-683-1780 or visit [www.theartleague.org](http://www.theartleague.org).

**THURSDAY/SEPT. 7**

**Meet The Ballerina.** 3:45 p.m. in The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Children of all ages have the opportunity to meet a ballerina from The Washington School of Ballet. Free. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org) or call 703-548-0035.

**FRIDAY/SEPT. 8**

**Patriot Day Golf Classic.** 11:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. at Belle Haven Country Club, 6023 Fort Hunt Road. 4th Annual Patriot Day Golf Classic to benefit two veteran and wounded warrior organizations. Visit [www.bellehavenc.com/golf/patriotday](http://www.bellehavenc.com/golf/patriotday) for more.

**Concert.** 8 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 1427 W. Braddock Road. Violinist Sonya Hayes, cellist Igor Zubkovsky and pianist John McCrary will perform a program including the Vitebsk Trio of Aaron Copland, the Piano Trio of Leonard Bernstein and the First Piano Trio of Dvořák. Donations are encouraged to support the concerts given at Blessed Sacrament. Email [jmccrary@blessedsacramentcc.org](mailto:jmccrary@blessedsacramentcc.org) or call 703-998-6100, ext. 103 for more.

**SATURDAY/SEPT. 9**

**Sidewalk Sale.** 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the

Hollin Hall Shopping Center, 529 Hollin Hall. Call 703-765-4110 or email [hhvs@vacoxmail.com](mailto:hhvs@vacoxmail.com) for more.

**Fall Garden Day.** 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Numerous local plant and garden craft vendors will have gardening materials, while a silent auction, bake sale, live music, food and kids' activity tent add to the festivities. Free. Call 703-642-5173 for more.

**Labor Movement Lecture.** 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Lee-Fendall House, 614 Oronoco St. Topic titled "John L. Lewis: Public Figure, Private Man" will examine the legacy of one of the most innovative leaders of the labor movement. Visit [www.leefendallhouse.org](http://www.leefendallhouse.org), or call 703-548-1789.

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Noon-5 p.m. at the Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St. The Ethiopian music and rhythms performed by "Dankira," a troupe of Ethiopian musicians and the "Ethio-American Eskista Group" of dancers who will celebrate the Ethiopia's tradition. \$5. Call 703-746-5565 or email [cheryllanne.colton@alexandriava.gov](mailto:cheryllanne.colton@alexandriava.gov), or visit [www.alexandriava.gov/arts](http://www.alexandriava.gov/arts).

**SEPT. 9-20**

**Northern Virginia Senior Olympics.** Various times and locations, more than 50 different events taking place at more than 25 venues across Northern Virginia. Call 703-403-5360 or visit [www.nvso.us](http://www.nvso.us) for more.

**SUNDAY/SEPT. 10**

**Application Deadline.** Post-Graduate Residency Studio at Torpedo Factory Art Center is now open at [torpedofactory.org/artopps](http://torpedofactory.org/artopps). Questions about the residency or applications can be directed to [torpedofactory@alexandriava.gov](mailto:torpedofactory@alexandriava.gov) or 703-746-4570.

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**George Washington Patriot Run.** 8 a.m.-noon at the George Washington Memorial Parkway, the finish line at the George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. \$50 per runner; \$10 for spectator tickets at the finish line. Call 703-780-2000 or visit [www.MountVernon.org](http://www.MountVernon.org) for more.

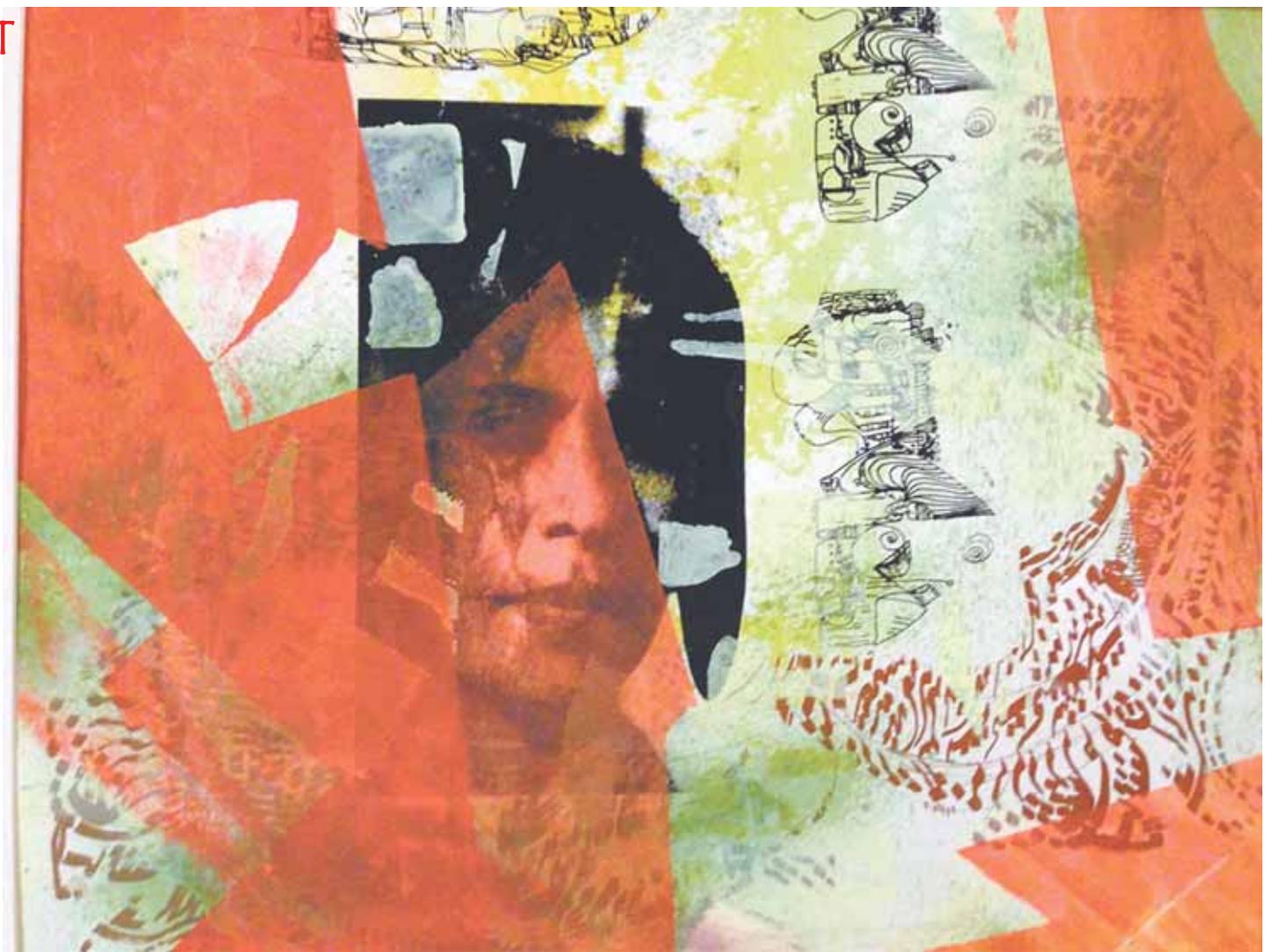
**Museum Geek Tour.** noon-1 p.m. at the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105 S. Fairfax St. Civil War in Alexandria. Call 703-746-3852 or visit [alexandriava.gov/apothecary](http://alexandriava.gov/apothecary) for more.

**Cemetery History Walking Tour.** 3 p.m. at Ivy Hill Cemetery is located at 2823 King St. \$5 suggested donation. Visit [www.ivyhillcemetery.net](http://www.ivyhillcemetery.net) for more.

## MONDAY/SEPT. 11

**Yoga for Gardeners I.** 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. This class features a gentle introduction to the vinyasa method which helps participants increase the strength, flexibility and endurance necessary for gardening. Class held indoors. \$123/person for 11 lessons. Register online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring) using code 290 426 2401 or call 703-642-5173.

**Alexandria 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony.** 10 a.m. at Market Square, 301 King St. The event will feature remarks from Alexandria Fire Chief Robert Dubé, Police Chief Michael Brown and Sheriff Dana Lawhorne, as well as musical performances and the "Return to Quarters" bell-ringing ceremony. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov/](http://www.alexandriava.gov/) for more.



## Art Exhibits

"Life of the Universe" by Nahid Navab

Exhibitions "Zip Infinity," a series of acrylic paintings by artist Maremi Andreozzi and "The Time of No Time" by Nahid Navab will be on display through Sept. 17 at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 4915 East Campus Drive.

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**Garden Sprouts: Nature Playgroup.** 10-11:30 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Preschoolers learn through nature-themed toys and puzzles while parents meet other playgroup parents one Monday a month. September's theme is "Pollinators Everywhere." Adult must accompany registered child. \$6/child. Register online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring) using code 290 401 2701 or call 703-642-5173.

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**WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 13**  
**Museums Temporarily Closed.** All day, the Office of Historic Alexandria, the comprehensive public history agency of the City of Alexandria, will be holding a full-day retreat for all staff. Alexandria Archaeology Museum; Alexandria Black History Museum; Archives and Records Center; Fort Ward Museum; Friendship Firehouse Museum; Gadsby's Tavern Museum; Lloyd House Administrative Offices; Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum; and The Lyceum, Alexandria's History Museum will be closed. Carlyle House Historic Park and the Lee-Fendall House and Gardens, separate Alexandria historic house museums not operated by OHA, will be open during their regular hours. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov/historic](http://www.alexandriava.gov/historic) or call 703-746-4554.

**THURSDAY/SEPT. 14**  
**Gardening Excursion.** 7 a.m.-7 p.m., at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Chanticleer Garden in Wayne, Pennsylvania is a blend of art and horticulture. Trip includes motor coach, entrance, guided tour, and lunch. \$124. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring) or call 703-941-7987.

**Artists Reception.** 6-8 p.m. at the Target Gallery, Torpedo Factory, 105 North Union St. Alexandria artists Floydetta McAfee and Michael Holt are part of the exhibit "Culture Shock" that explores socio-political issues through the lens of pop culture

and street art. The exhibit runs from Saturday, Sept. 9 through Sunday, Oct. 22. Visit [torpedofactory.org](http://torpedofactory.org).  
**Meet the Artist Reception.** 6:30-8 p.m. at The Art League 105 North Union St. Printmaker M. Alexander (Alex) Gray illuminates forgotten local history through the images in his exhibit, "Aqueduct: Stone Ruins in Maryland & Virginia." Gray, a lifelong Virginian, wants to bring these lesser-known, historic sites back into the public eye. Call 703-683-1780 or visit [www.theartleague.org](http://www.theartleague.org).

**Penny and Sparrow Concert.** 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. Performing their new album Wendigo with opener Lowland Hum. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) for more.

**FRIDAY/SEPT. 15**  
**History By The Glass.** Various times at Gadsby's Tavern, 134 North Royal St. Enjoy drinks at the tavern, which historically served a wide variety of beverages, and learn about the history behind them. \$50 for drinks and hors d'oeuvres. Call 703-746-4242 or visit [www.gadsbystavern.org](http://www.gadsbystavern.org) for more.

**Nomination Deadline.** Nominated a Living Legend of Alexandria. Look at these current Living Legends of Alexandria for inspiration to add to that list, by submitting nominations for consideration by Sept. 15 online at [www.AlexandriaLegends.org](http://www.AlexandriaLegends.org).

**Swing Band Concert.** 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Dance and listen to swing music. Visit [www.hollinhallseniorcenter.org/](http://www.hollinhallseniorcenter.org/) for more.

**SATURDAY/SEPT. 16**  
**Java Jolt Lecture.** 10 a.m.-noon at Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 North Union St., #327. Feature Paula Whitacre's new book, "A Civil Life in an Uncivil Time: Julia Wilbur's Struggle for Purpose." Email [archaeology@alexandriava.gov](mailto:archaeology@alexandriava.gov) or call 703-746-4399 for more.

**Civil War Artillery Day.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Fort Ward, 4301 West Braddock Road. Learn about the role and equipment of Civil War artillerymen in the Defenses of Washington. Call Fort Ward Museum at 703-746-4848 for more.

**SEPT. 16-17**  
**Street Art Festival.** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at 480 King St. King Street from Washington Street to the waterfront is transformed into an outdoor art gallery with original artwork by more than 200 artists from the U.S. and

abroad. Featuring live music, and interactive art activities, as well as The Art League's Ice Cream Bowl Fundraiser. Visit [www.artfestival.com/festivals/alexandria-king-street-art-festival](http://www.artfestival.com/festivals/alexandria-king-street-art-festival).  
**Crafts at Carlyle.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St. Children will be able to create their own piece of art at Carlyle House to take home. Children will get the chance to paint their own version of a floorcloth, a popular 18th Century floor covering. Call 703-549-2997 or visit [www.nvrpa.org](http://www.nvrpa.org) for more.

**SUNDAY/SEPT. 17**  
**Jazz at Meade.** 4 p.m. at Meade Memorial Episcopal Church, 322 N. Alfred St. Featuring The Vibe Collective: Afro-Cuban-Latin Jazz. \$20 donation. Call 267-463-7936 for more.

**TUESDAY/SEPT. 19**  
**Researching Aviation Pioneers.** 1-3 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Mary Lipsey talks about researching biographical information about aviation pioneer Dr. William Wallace Whitney Christmas of Clifton. Free. Call 703-768-4101 or visit [www.mvgenealogy.org](http://www.mvgenealogy.org).

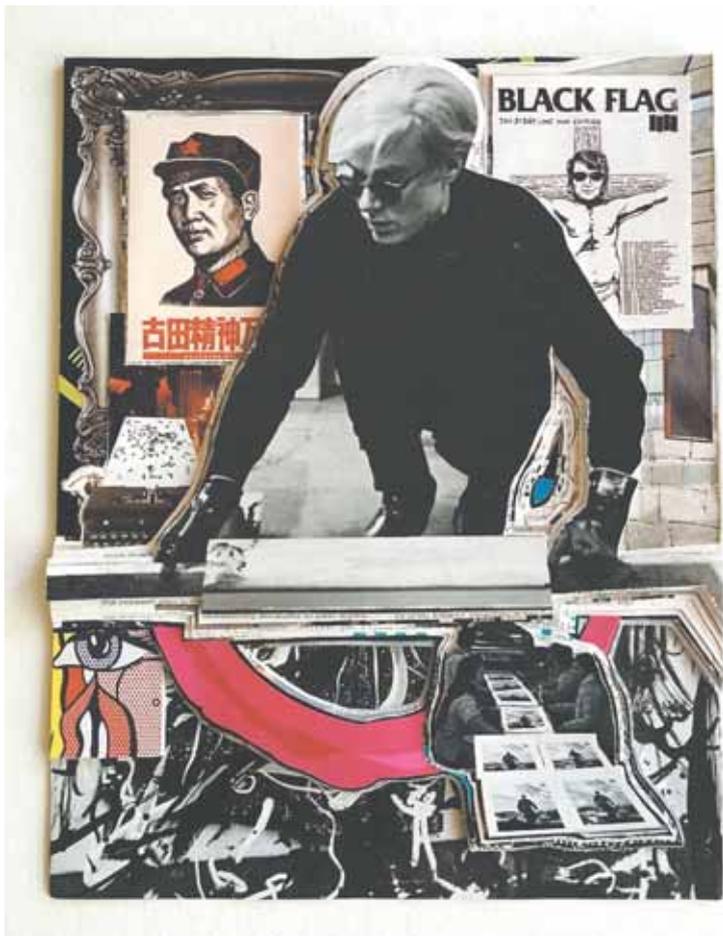
**SEPT. 22-OCT. 1**  
**Cinderella, The New Musical.** Various times at the Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson St. An Infinity Stage production. \$15-35 online, \$20-\$40 at the door. Visit [www.InfinityStage.com](http://www.InfinityStage.com) for more.

**SATURDAY/SEPT. 23**  
**Mount Vernon Flea Market.** 8 a.m.-1 p.m., at 8717 Fort Hunt Road. Refreshments will also be on sale. Admission is Free. Visit [mountvernonfleamarket.wordpress.com](http://mountvernonfleamarket.wordpress.com) for more info.

**Historic Homes Tour.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Ramsey House Visitor Center, 221 King St. Visit eight homes in the heart of Old Town Alexandria. All proceeds benefit Inova Alexandria Hospital. Visit [www.thetwig.org](http://www.thetwig.org) for more.

**Gardening Film Screening.** 2-4 p.m., at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Karyl Evans screens her new documentary film about the career and life of 20th century landscape gardener Beatrix Farrand, who designed dozens of gardens. \$20. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring) or call 703-941-7987.

# ENTERTAINMENT



## Punk, Pop and Propaganda

**Punk, pop and propaganda by Michael Holt is part of the “Culture Shock” art show in September at the Torpedo Factory. For this show, there is an Artists Reception on Thursday, Sept. 14, from 6-8 p.m. at the Target Gallery, Torpedo Factory, 105 North Union St. The exhibit runs from Saturday, Sept. 9 through Sunday, Oct. 22. Visit [torpedofactory.org](http://torpedofactory.org).**

**River Farm Gala.** 6-10 p.m. at the River Farm, 7931 E. Boulevard Drive. The event's theme of “America's Garden Legacy: From Sea to Shining Sea” highlights horticulture's contributions to the beauty and prosperity of our country. Visit [www.ahsgardening.org/gala](http://www.ahsgardening.org/gala) or contact AHS Director of Development and Engagement, Susan Klejst at 703-768-5700, ext. 127 or [sklejst@ahsgardening.org](mailto:sklejst@ahsgardening.org).

**Bourbon in the Basement.** 7-9:30 p.m. at the Lee-Fendall House Museum & Gardens, 614 Oronoco St. Fundraiser to restore the foundation and commemorate the Lee-Fendall House's Prohibition-era history. \$50. Call 202-215-1250.

**Alexandria Symphony Orchestra.** 8 p.m. at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Fisher Art Gallery NOVA, Alexandria Campus, 4915 East Campus Drive. Michael Rossi, guest conductor. Visit [www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/](http://www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/).

### SUNDAY/SEPT. 24

**U.S. Navy Concert Band.** 1:30 p.m. in The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Chamber music recital series will feature traditional and contemporary music. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org) or call 703-548-0035.

**Alexandria Symphony Orchestra.** 3 p.m. at George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive. Michael Rossi, guest conductor. Visit [www.alexsym.org](http://www.alexsym.org) or call 703-548-0885.

**Masonic Concert.** 7 p.m. at the George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive. Peter Mayer plus Jerry Breesee are in concert. \$15/18. Visit [www.focusmusic.org](http://www.focusmusic.org) for more.

### TUESDAY/SEPT. 26

**Film Screening.** 7 p.m. at the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. Director Matt Spangler, filmmaker and writer, discusses his film “Forgotten Warriors of the Empire.” E-mail [black.history@alexandriava.gov](mailto:black.history@alexandriava.gov), or call 703-746-4356.

### WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 27

**Jesse Cook Concert.** 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) for more.

**Mansion Illuminated by Light Art.** 8-9 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Swiss light artist, Gerry Hofstetter, has a light show on the west side of George Washington's Mansion. Visit [www.mountvernon.org/lightart](http://www.mountvernon.org/lightart) for more.

### THURSDAY/SEPT. 28

**“Twisted Masterpieces.”** 6-9pm at Port City Brewing Company, 3950 Wheeler Ave. Del Ray Artisans host silent auction of 2D and 3D artwork and live auction of furniture. \$25. Visit [DelRayArtisans.org/event/twisted-masterpieces](http://DelRayArtisans.org/event/twisted-masterpieces) for more.

### FRIDAY/SEPT. 29

**Georgetown Saxatones.** 7 p.m. in The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Proceeds to benefit the Saxatones' preferred charity the John McNicholas Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation. \$15/\$10 members. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org) or call 703-548-0035.



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Groceries to Go volunteers: Maria Sanchez-Carlo, Melinda Hollander, Quineice Sheppard, Elizabeth Gelfer, and Suzan Cummins.

# NEWS

## Cold Case Revisited

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dows. They described him as a heavysset black man. After the shooting, he climbed back into the passenger side of the car and someone else drove him away.

As the investigation started, the police started looking into King's personal and professional life for some connection or motive behind the murder. King was 27 years old, a sergeant in the Army stationed at Fort Belvoir. But according to Cutting, that was about as far as the investigation got. King seemed quiet, keeping mostly to himself, and there was no evidence of drugs or gambling in his personal life. The murder most likely hadn't been intended as a robbery; nothing was stolen from his body. The police looked at other robberies and crimes around that same time and found nothing.

Despite having a car and a description of the suspect, the case began to go cold very quickly. The police put out flyers with a picture of King and information about the crime. The Alexandria Police, the family, Crime Solvers, and the Army all put money as a reward for evidence that helps solve the case. Still nothing.

Cutting says there are some cold cases where police have a chief suspect, but there's not enough evidence to pin the person to the crime. King's murder, Cutting says, wasn't one of those.

"What jumps out at me was King was a soldier and a pretty quiet guy," said Cutting. "This wasn't a run-of-the-mill shooting or anything King had done wrong. He was gunned down, and there was not a freaking clue."

What gives Cutting some hope for the case is the detail that the shooter climbed into the passenger side of the car.

"So there was a driver involved," said Cutting. "Someone knows. Whether it's the driver or someone [the shooter] eventually talked to about it, someone out there knows."

But while the case has gone cold, it's still very much a part of the lives of King's family. Kyannah King was 3 years old when her father was murdered. Everything she knows about him came secondhand from other family members.

"From what I was told, he was a very outgoing person," said Kyannah King. "He played the drums and piano. He rode a motorcycle. He was very athletic. But that's all I know about him."

Kyannah King said the murder wasn't something that was openly

discussed in her family until one day she and her sister asked her mother what had happened. Kyannah King said she her mother and grandmother were haunted with questions; wondering whether his killers had been friends, people he knew, or if he was just in the wrong place at the wrong time.

The way the scene had been described to Kyannah King, her father had been found by a small pile of cigarettes and a McDonalds bag. Only after his death did her mother find out that Curtis King smoked.

"It was very hard," said Kyannah King. "I am very independent and a stronger person due to this situation. My mom was the only one that raised me, it was just me and my sister. My sister was scared, she was little and didn't know what happened."

Kyannah King said it was her grandmother, Curtis King's mother, that for years had kept the search alive. When Kyannah King grew up, it felt like this responsibility was being passed down to them.

"I want to know," said Kyannah King, "just for all of us to get closure. My grandmother is about to be 84. I want to find out some information for her too. She put it in our hands. It's very hard growing up without a father. I can't say that it was easy or it's OK. Don't have my father to walk me down the aisle."

Like Cutting, Kyannah King's hope for this case rests in the knowledge that somewhere out there knows more about what happened to her father.

"My God-sister told me that the area we were living in was a very tight community type area," said Kyannah King. "It was a place where people come together, sit outside, and chit chat. It was an open and public area. She felt that if we did continue the search, someone that lived in that area could probably help in some kind of way."

Now, 23 years after the murder, Kyannah King said her main motive is closure for her grandmother. For Kyannah King, it's still an emotional topic, but it's one she's mostly come to terms with.

"It wouldn't upset me," said Kyannah King. "I did what I needed to do. It wouldn't affect me. I would have questions. Anybody would have questions about why someone took someone else's life. He had a family. Why did this happen?"

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**The Woodrow Wilson Bridge span is raised the morning of Sept. 4 to allow the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Eagle to pass en route to the Alexandria Waterfront. The tall ship will leave during the early morning hours of Sept. 8 to conclude its 2017 summer deployment.**



PHOTO BY HAL HARDAWAY

**Crowds gather along the waterfront at Point Lumley Park Sept. 4 to view the USCG Cutter Eagle.**

# USCG Cutter Eagle Moors in Old Town

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in the Blohm and Voss shipyard in Hamburg in 1936. That yard's next hull — # 509 — was Bismark.”

Alexandria is Eagle's final stop in its summer deployment, which has spanned five months and included 14 ports, including multiple ports along the Eastern Seaboard, Canada and Bermuda.

Also known as the Coast Guard Barque Eagle, the ship left Baltimore April 26 bound for New London to commence the 2017 cadet summer training program. Eagle and her crew, including Capt. Matthew Meilstrup as commanding officer, have been at the Coast Guard Yard facility in Baltimore as part of a Service Life Extension Project that will keep the ship away from its home port of New London for several years.

The ship was built in 1936 in Germany and commissioned as Horst Wessel, one of three sail training ships operated by the pre-World War II German navy. At the close of World War II, Horst Wessel was taken as a war reparation by the United States, recommissioned as the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Eagle and sailed to New London. The vessel is used for at-sea leadership and professional development training for future officers of the U.S. Coast Guard.

Eagle is scheduled to depart Point Lumley



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**Alexandria Seaport Foundation volunteers Rob Dutton and Kevin Holland examine the rigging on tall ship Eagle.**

at approximately 4:30 a.m. Sept. 8. The Woodrow Wilson Bridge span will be raised at that time to allow Eagle to sail through as it makes its return to Baltimore.

*For more information, visit [www.cga.edu/eagle](http://www.cga.edu/eagle).*



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**Mayor Allison Silberberg applauds as Union Street Public House owner Jan Test, left, is presented with a Coast Guard flag and navigational chart Sept. 4 by a crew member of the USCG Cutter Eagle. The restaurant held a reception for the crew the evening of their arrival in Alexandria.**



PHOTO BY HAL HARDAWAY

**The American flag flies from the stern of the USCGC Eagle Sept. 5 while docked during the tall ship's visit to Alexandria.**



PHOTO BY LAURA MAE SUDDER

**A wagging welcome to the USCG Eagle.**

# SCHOOLS

Email announcements to [gazette@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:gazette@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Thursday at noon. Photos are welcome.

**Tyler Kelly**, of Alexandria, graduated from Springfield College (Springfield, Mass.) with a Bachelor's of Science in movement and sport studies for the spring 2017.

**Matthew Killeen**, of Alexandria, graduated from Georgia State University (Atlanta, Ga.) with a master's degree on May 8, 2017.

**Catherine Lee Fonvielle**, of Alexandria, received a B.S.C. cum laude from Washington and Lee University (Lexington, Va.). Fonvielle majored in business administration and art history.

**Margaret Blair Dewing**, of Alexandria, received a B.A. from Washington and Lee University (Lexington, Va.). Dewing majored in biology.

**John Bennet Habliston**, of Alex-

andria, received a B.S.C. from Washington and Lee University (Lexington, Va.). Habliston majored in business administration.

James Madison University (Harrisonburg, Va.) announced that these students from Alexandria were named to the president's list for the spring 2017 semester:

**John Brown**, who is majoring in political science, is scheduled to graduate in 2019.

**Anna Balfour**, who is majoring in interdisciplinary liberal studies, is scheduled to graduate in 2017.

**Elizabeth Addington**, who is majoring in art history, is scheduled to graduate in 2017.

**Oumaima Azzat**, who is majoring in architectural design, is scheduled to graduate in 2018.

**Maria Jones**, who is majoring in accounting, is scheduled to graduate in 2017.

James Madison University (Harrisonburg, Va.) announced that

these students from Springfield were named to the president's list for the spring 2017 semester:

**Sylvia Landis**, who is majoring in writing, rhetoric and technical communication, is scheduled to graduate in 2018.

**Arianna Zoretich**, who is majoring in nursing, is scheduled to graduate in 2018.

**Elizabeth Collins**, who is majoring in interdisciplinary liberal studies, is scheduled to graduate in 2017.

**MacKenzie Frakes**, who is majoring in interdisciplinary liberal studies, is scheduled to graduate in 2017.

**Molly Steadman**, who is majoring in history, is scheduled to graduate in 2018.

**Matthew Morrissey**, who is majoring in biology, is scheduled to graduate in 2017.

**Sarah E. Brennan**, of Alexandria, earned a Master of Science in water resources policy and management from Oregon State University (Corvallis, Ore.).

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING is hereby given that Alexandria Renew Enterprises (AlexRenew) will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on its PRELIMINARY BUDGET for the FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 on Tuesday, September 19th, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at AlexRenew's Environmental Center Building located at 1800 Limerick Street, Alexandria, VA. The preliminary budget is available for examination by the public online at [www.alexrenew.com](http://www.alexrenew.com) and during regular business hours at the above address. Copies will be made available upon request - phone (703) 549-3381 ext. 2260. July 27th and September 7th.

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## Obituary

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### BGEN William Leonard McCulloch USMC (Ret) U.S. Naval Academy Class of 1945

**Brigadier General William L. McCulloch**, USMC (Ret.), passed away peacefully on 26 May 2017 at Sunrise of Alexandria. He served his country for 34 years and was in combat in World War II, the Korean War and in Vietnam.

Born in Providence, RI, on 11 March 1921 to William F. and Elsie W. McCulloch, "Bill" was awarded an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy in 1941.

Graduating in 1944, he served as an infantry platoon commander of Company B, 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division during the Battle of Okinawa. His other combat tours were as a rifle company commander (How, 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines) in the Korean War and as the assistant chief of staff G-4 of the 1st Marine Division during the Vietnam War.

His peacetime tours included assignments in Tientsin, China; Dallas, TX; Fort Slocum, NY; Hollywood, CA; Camp Pendleton, CA; Quantico, VA; Washington, DC; Okinawa, Japan; New York, NY; Naples, Italy, and San Diego, CA. Beside instructing at numerous military schools, he earned a master's degree in international relations and government from The Georgetown University in Washington, DC. He retired in 1975 as the commanding general of the 1st Marine Division at Camp Pendleton, CA.

Upon retirement, he became the Special Assistant for International Affairs for a U.S. Congressman from Colorado. For 12 years, he was the president/CEO of the American Orthotic & Prosthetic Association, three medical associations before starting his own company, Association Consulting & Management Services. He served on the boards of several corporations and non-profit organizations, including the Army-Navy Club where he was a board member and later, President, being awarded their Golden Eagle Distinguished Service Award.

His personal military awards include the Legion of Merit with Combat V, a second Legion of Merit, a Bronze Star with Combat V, the Combat Action Ribbon and the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces Honor Medal, 1st Class.

He was married for 64 years to his beloved wife, the former Dolores Collier of Yankton, SD. He is also survived by two sons (and daughters-in-law), William F. McCulloch II (Sandy) and Bruce C. McCulloch (Jenny); and six grandchildren William, Brian, Ashley, Connor, Will and Declan. He was predeceased by his brother Robert Fraser McCulloch (survived by his wife Marianne and nephew Robert and niece Margaret (and husband Paul)) and grandson Brendan.

A memorial service will be held at the Fort Myers Old Post Chapel, at 0900 Friday, September 15, 2017 followed by burial with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery. A reception will follow at the Army-Navy Country Club.

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## Obituary

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By KENNETH B. LOURIE



How lucky am I? In the last two days, I have been the extremely lucky, though presumably random, recipient, of not one but two unsolicited phone calls offering me FREE accommodations at any number of Marriott and Hilton hotels, fairly reputable brands, I'd say. All I have to do is transport my wife, Dina, and myself to the agreed-upon hotel during the designated window of opportunity and voila, a semi-uncumbered vacation for two awaits. And believe me, the offer couldn't have come at a better time. Let's be honest, what more than a cure does a "terminal" cancer patient need than a reasonably priced, stress-free get away from his every day? Need I even characterize that previous question as rhetorical?

Now since I hung up rather quickly, I don't have all the details, other than their phone numbers of course. Because, as you might imagine, I still have a few questions I'd like answered — you know, to optimize the benefits/coordinate the timing of our vacation. But the 'unsolicited' nature of the call didn't enable me to organize my thoughts and ask all the appropriate questions. Nevertheless, the opportunity seems worthy of a follow-up phone call.

Ideally, what I'd like to do is bracket my vacation/air fare and the miscellaneous travel expenses I'm undoubtedly going to incur around the respective properties' availability. Meaning, I'd like to fly once and stay twice; staying in their respective properties in the same city/location switching out of Marriott after my first free weekend stay and then booking into the Hilton for my next free weekend stay (and I'd be willing to pay for my mid-week excursion during the transition). In effect, making the trip a two-for-one as opposed to a not-going-at-all. And in so arranging, using as much of corporate America's largess and marketing budget as is cleverly possible for a non-corporate America employee to exploit.

Not having pursued this possible presumption quite yet because I've just had chemotherapy on Friday and I'm not really in the mood to tangle with a fast-talking, smooth operator, who though he/she may have my best travel plans at heart, may not exactly be feeling my strain. So I'm going to wait a few days until I regain my bearings — and patience, and tolerance and call them back unsolicited at a time convenient for me but possibly not so for them and see if we can make a deal.

Because, to tell you the truth, if I could coordinate two hotel reservations — along with all the amenities with which I'm likely to be showered for accepting these extraordinarily generous offers, combined with some free air miles I've accumulated with United Airlines/their travel partners, this indeed could be the trip that my oncologist encouraged us to take when he first delivered the life-changing/life-ending prognosis: "13 months to two years" back in late February 2009. Further adding that, before starting chemotherapy, was as good as I would likely feel for a long time. And as I have come to learn, the quality of my life is very important to my oncologist.

At that time however, I didn't feel the need and/or wasn't motivated to follow my oncologist's suggestion; I wanted to get started on my treatment. Now, eight and half years later, perhaps the timing is better, especially given that it presents itself at the beginning of a new Redskins football season. And if I may quote the late, great, former, head coach of the "Over the hill gang," George Allen: "The future is now." So let me sift through the offers this week and see if I can indeed take the "trip we've always dreamed of." I know it's often said that you can't go back. Maybe we can still go forward.

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# NEWS

## Fatal Delay?

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At their first Planning Commission meeting of the fall, members brought up the Adkins project and asked for an update from staff.

"The Adkins project hasn't moved along and hit its timelines in the way we all anticipated," said Commissioner Melissa McMahan. "I don't expect a presentation tonight from staff, not on the docket, but I wanted to mention that it's a surprise and a concern to me."

Nearly every member of the commission spoke up on the topic, expressing concerns to the city staff.

"I was startled and dismayed when I heard about this," said Commissioner Stephen Koenig. "I think this project occupies a very important part of what the city has planned. I think the more salient issue, and the more time critical for discussions with the public public, is the fact that ... [the project] is now missing 2018 tax cycle. It is now effectively being delayed a year."

With discussions at a national level of a federal budget that pulls back on funding for public housing projects, members of the commission expressed concerns that a delay of one year could mean that the project is not funded at all.

"Given current administration and trends we've seen lately, there is every possibility there will not be a tax credit in 2019," said Planning Commissioner Chair Mary Lyman. "There is a possibility this is really missing the boat. That seems to be where we are at the moment."

According to Karl Moritz, director of Planning and Zoning for the City of Alexandria, in August both ARHA and the private development partner, Clark Realty (CRC) told the city they would not be able to meet the tax credit deadline in March 2018. According to Moritz, arguments with the city over the fundamental questions about how much housing there should be at the site delayed progress in other issues like site design, meaning the concept that should have been submitted to city staff for review this summer for approval early next year is still months away from completion.

"The city staff has at all points said if there is a way to conceivably get to the 2018 deadline, we would do what is possible," said Moritz. "This was not staff's decision or encouragement on the timeline. It was reported by the development team."

According to Lyman, even members of the city governance are unclear about the status of the redevelopment project.

"There are some ... how shall I characterize it, different parties have seen what was supposed to happen in different ways," said Lyman. "Part of that was in confidential discussions between ARHA and the developer. That issue is getting worked out but that has not happened yet. It is unfortunate."

McMahon said she hopes that, while it isn't on the docket, there will be more discussion of the Adkins project at the Planning Commission's public hearing in the Oswald Durant center on Sept. 7.

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