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## Climate Forum Highlights Sharp Differences

Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions hosts public forum featuring Kaine and Stewart.

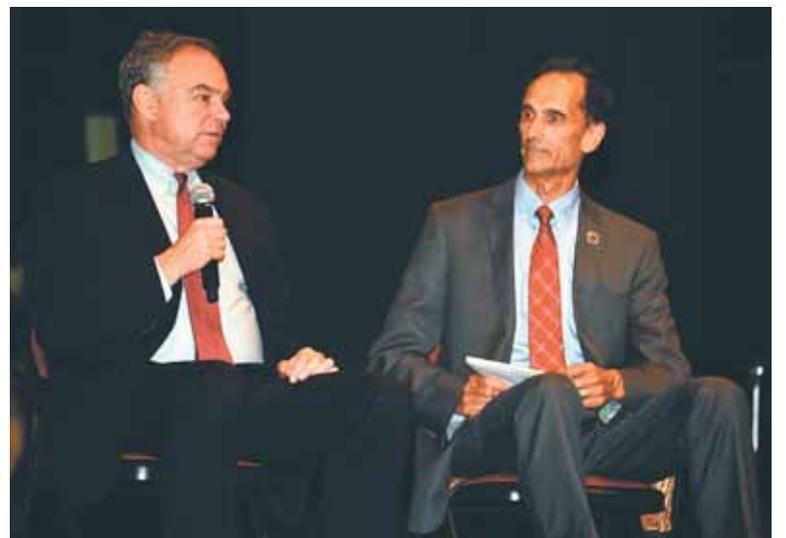
BY ANDREA WORKER  
THE GAZETTE

**B**illed as a public forum to focus on the effects of climate change on Virginia and what actions Virginians can take to combat the situation, the Virginia Climate Crisis Forum played out more like a debate between the two candidates seeking to represent the Commonwealth in the United States Senate in the Nov. 6 elections. The contrast was clear, even though Democratic incumbent Tim Kaine and his Republican challenger, Corey Stewart, the chairman of the Prince William County Board of Supervisors, were never on stage at the same time.

The packed house in the auditorium on Sept. 18 at James Madison High School in Vienna, didn't



Before the forum began, attendees were able to wander among tables set up by a number of environmental organizations and activist groups. Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions (FACS) co-founder Rev. Sarah Scherschligt, lead pastor of Peace Lutheran Church in Alexandria, manned the FACS booth and explained a few things to interested visitors.



U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine answers questions from panelist Dan Storck, Mount Vernon District supervisor. The two agreed that land use strategies needed to be part of any climate change solution, believing that development of endangered habitats and coastal areas needs re-visiting "as Hurricane Florence has reminded us once again."



PHOTOS BY ANDREA WORKER/THE GAZETTE

"Virginia Climate Crisis Forum" hosted by Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions (FACS) was held at the James Madison High School in Vienna on Sept. 18 featuring U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine and Prince William County Chairman-At-Large (and U.S. Senate candidate) Corey Stewart. Before the forum began, attendees were able to wander among tables set up by a number of environmental organizations and activist groups.

seem to mind. Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions organized the event.

"We need to know where these two stand and what they plan to do about climate and environmental issues," was the opinion of two retirees who braved the traffic from Springfield to attend the event.

There was a three-person panel of experts bringing the perspectives of health, national security and local government to the discussion.

Samantha Ahdoot, MD, is a pediatrician and co-founder of Virginia Clinicians for Climate Action. Ahdoot shared statistics and personal experience about the effects of pollution, hotter summers, and worsening allergy seasons on her young patients, and on the elderly and more vulnerable.

"A bold vision for de-carbonization will ensure a healthy future for Virginia's children with clean air and a stable climate," said Ahdoot.

Major General Rick Devereaux, USAF (Ret.) opened a few eyes on how climate change effects national security and the prepared-

ness of the American military to cope with those threats.

"Climate change threatens our national security in a number of ways," said Devereaux, noting that extreme changes in climate lead to economic and cultural instabilities. "More risk of conflict, more refugees fleeing environments growing more and more inhospitable." Devereaux sees that one effect as rocking an already shaky world stage, and "placing humanitarian demands on our overtaxed military forces."

Devereaux applauded the military's move toward biofuels and away from gasoline, saying that one of the most dangerous missions for military personnel is the movement of highly flammable fuels in combat zones.

Rising sea levels are direct,

physical threats to military installations, Devereaux said. "There's some 1,700 [military installations] on coast lines, and many have already been subject to flooding" even without the influence of major storms like Hurricane Florence.

The third panel member, Fairfax County Supervisor Dan Storck (D-Mount Vernon) addressed the issues from a local government level. The area that Storck represents "contains many waterways and various industrial sites that combine to create unique risks and challenges," and has also been subject to flooding and other environmental damage.

Storck emphasized the need to "take immediate action" to protect "People, Places, and Property."

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Dog owner Carlton Willis with his two dogs: Murphy and Sydney.



Headquarters/registration for the Dog Park Festival. Dog owner Ann Street is with her two Retriever Mix dogs.

# Festival For Dogs

**D**og Park Festival organizers estimated that approximately 80 dogs and 200 dog owners and other interested participants came to enjoy the festivities at Westgrove Park on Saturday, Sept. 22, and contributed to the financial needs of the dog park.

In addition they enjoyed the dog competition events, visiting the 11 vendors, enjoyed the Chili cook off, and the hotdogs and hamburgers, beans, and chips. This was the fourth festival of its kind organized by the Westgrove Pack.

See [www.westgrovepack.org/](http://www.westgrovepack.org/) for more information.

— GERALD A. FILL



Lucky Dog Rescue volunteers care for dogs up for adoption. Volunteers are Richard Lyon and Bailey Paige with her foster dog, Dreamer. Lucky Dog is an animal rescue organization that placed for adoption 1,795 dogs in 2017, and is projected to place for adoption 2,500 dogs in 2018. The program manager directing the organization at the Festival was Ashley Roberts; contact her at [LuckyDogAnimalRescue.org](http://LuckyDogAnimalRescue.org) or call 703-237-5327.



Dog owner Susan Bingham with her dog Teddy, a Pembroke Welsh Corgi.

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GERALD A. FILL  
THE GAZETTE



Dog Owner Nikki West with her Great Pyrenees Pengar.



Dog Owner Julie Boyle and her German Shorthaired Pointer, Charlie, accompanied by her children, Eleanor and William.



Getting ready for the Chili Cook off.

# NEWS

## Victims Sought in Abuse Case

Detectives from the Fairfax County Police Department's Major Crimes Bureau are looking for additional victims after an investigation revealed a child was sexually abused while at a home day care.

Officers were called to the daycare located at 3012 Popkins Lane on Sept. 12, after a mother learned her child was sexually abused by a man who lives at the home.

Jose Garcia Urrutia Luna, 54, of Alexandria, was arrested and charged with indecent liberties with a child, sodomy and aggravated sexual battery. He is cur-

rently held without bond.

Information uncovered recently led detectives to believe there may be additional victims. If anyone is concerned that your child may have had inappropriate contact with Garcia Urrutia Luna, contact Detective B. Miller with our Major Crimes Bureau at 703-246-7800 or contact Crime Solvers electronically by visiting <http://www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org> or text-a-tip by texting "TIP187" plus a message to CRIMES(274637) or by calling 1-866-411-TIPS(8477), or call the non-emergency number at 703-691-2131.



**Jose Garcia Urrutia Luna**

### CRIME REPORT

The following incidents were reported by the Mount Vernon District Police Station.

**TRESPASSING / DESTRUCTION:** 3800 block of Segundo Pl, between Sept. 21 and Sept. 23. Officers responded for an open-door investigation. The homeowner inspected one of his investment properties and noticed the door was unlocked and open. Officer's checked the residence and determined the apartment had been vandalized.

**UNLAWFUL ENTRY / DESTRUCTION:** 3800 block of Needles Pl, between Sept. 22 and Sept. 23. The homeowner returned home from work and discovered the balcony sliding glass door smashed and it appeared someone had made entry into their house. At the time of the report, no items were found missing.

**DESTRUCTION / RECKLESS DISCHARGE:** 8700 block of Richmond Hwy, Sept. 22, 2:51 a.m. Officers responded for a shooting in the parking lot of Club One. Officers found several shell casings and determined several parked vehicles had been shot. No one was injured. Detectives are following up on leads.

**ASSAULT ON LAW ENFORCEMENT:** 8300 block of Richmond Hwy, Sept. 22, 8:27 p.m. Officers found a 39-year-old man from Alexandria staggering and waving his arms. As officers approached to investigate, the man lunged at one of the officers pushing the officer in the chest and attempted to punch the officer several times. Officers used an electronic control weapon to gain control of the man who was transported to the detention center for assault on law enforcement, drunk in public, and was found to have an outstanding warrant for larceny.

**ROBBERY:** 7900 block of Audubon Ave, Sept. 22, 10:27 p.m. Officers responded for a report of a pizza delivery person robbed of his food and money. The victim was assaulted by a group of suspects in their late teens or early twenties. The

assailants took the food he was carrying along with \$35. Several officers checked the area with the assistance of our helicopter. Detectives are following up on leads.

**ROBBERY:** 1636 Belle View Blvd, Sept. 21, 8:09 p.m. Officers responded to the Belle View Shopping Center for a report of a purse snatching. A woman was walking to her car carrying her purse when a man grabbed it from her. The man ran to a nearby car which was waiting for him. The suspect is described as a 20-year-old black male, approximately six feet tall and 180 pounds with short hair. He is said to have an athletic build and was seen wearing a black shirt and dark pants. Officers believe they drove away in a newer model four-door Honda Civic which is believed to be gray in color.

**ASSAULT ON LAW ENFORCEMENT / DESTRUCTION:** 8200 block of Russell Rd, Sept. 21 4:29 p.m. Officers noticed a 30-year-old man from Alexandria walking and verified he had an outstanding warrant. The officers also noticed he was carrying a pocket knife. Officers told the man he was under arrest and attempted to place him in handcuffs when he actively resisted. Officers eventually placed him in handcuffs and brought him to a police cruiser at which time the man kicked one of the officers in the groin. The man also kicked the cruiser causing approximately \$1000 in damage. He was brought to the detention center and charged with assault on law enforcement, obstruction by threat, destruction of property, and attempt to flee from law enforcement.

**ASSAULT ON LAW ENFORCEMENT:** 2800 block of Beacon Hill Road, Sept. 18, 2:06 a.m. An officer found a 23-year-old man from Alexandria stumbling on the sidewalk. Officers also noted he matched the description of a robbery suspect. The man was stopped by officers and pushed them as

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With icy treats in hand, the Roberts children, Amelia, 4, Eloise, 7, and Sam, 3, are enjoying the block party.

West Potomac High School senior Claire Taylor, 16, mixes up some snow cones.

# Giving Back to the Neighborhood

The block party had music, munchies and lederhosen.

BY MIKE SALMON  
THE GAZETTE

When the Del Ray Pizzeria opened a second location in Belle Haven, the neighborhood embraced them and their relationship as the local hangout has grown ever since. The restaurant paid them back on Saturday, Sept. 22, throwing a block party with beer, food, ice cream, balloon animals and a band called “A Note Two Self.”

“The community has been so welcoming to us, we wanted to give something back,” said Erin Eley, DRP’s assistant general manager.

Eley saw the band at Southside Restaurant on Washington Street, and thought their mix of cover tunes would be an ideal fit for the event.

The band kicked off with a tune from The Cure, and mixed in Led Zeppelin and others throughout the afternoon.

The front parking lot at DRP was a collection of breweries from the area, a pizza table, the frozen custard stand and a snow cone stand, where Claire Taylor, 16, dished out the frozen treats. She is a senior at nearby West Potomac High School and was glad to get a spot by the band, but noted how the colorful flavors are a big draw.

“Kids enjoy them because they get to pick their



Michelle Carney and her Boston terrier came up from Riverside Estates for the Block Party.

colors,” she said.

A group of Mount Vernon residents got out their Oktoberfest outfits of dirndls and lederhosen even though it was still September. “We are a party,” said Ines Thornburg, who was there with her husband Mike, and neighbors Volkmar and Laurel Heratsch.

In the Port City tent, sales manager William Bruder was pouring their Belgian style wheat beer called “Optimal Wit,” and was proud of the fact that the wheat they use had a local hook. Port City is located over on Wheeler Avenue on the west side of Alexandria.

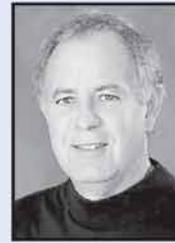
“It’s a Belgian-style wheat beer, all Virginia wheat, it’s nice to know you’re supporting the state’s agriculture,” he said.



Grace Calogero, 17, was busy on the milkshake machine.



Dressed in their Trachten outfits, Volkmar and Laurel Heratsch, left, were doing the Oktoberfest a couple of weeks early with friends Ines and Mike Thornburg.



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# OPINION

## Saving People, Places and Property

The time is now.

BY DAN STORCK  
MOUNT VERNON DISTRICT SUPERVISOR

**C**limate change is happening and it has real impacts. I recently participated with U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine and Prince William County Chairman Corey Stewart in the Climate Crisis Forum sponsored by the Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions. With over 400 attendees, the forum looked at climate change from the perspective of impacts on our communities, shorelines, health, national security and government action. As I have stated previously, climate change is affecting us all and while the county has put some policies and plans in place, we need to do more to lead the way. This is about saving people, places and property now!

A few examples of climate change impact we are already seeing are:

- ❖ Sea level rise has increased 10 inches over the last 80 years.

- ❖ This year, we experienced 44 days where temperatures reached or exceeded 90 degrees F. That's one more than last year's total and 8 more than the average we typically see each year.

- ❖ More extreme weather events from snowmageddon to recent and regular torrential rains.

These impacts are important to us in the Mount Vernon District, and Virginia in general, for many reasons. Here are a few:

- ❖ While 29 percent of Virginia land is coastal, 60 percent of population lives on coast.



**From left: Dr. Samantha Ahdoot, MD, FAAP, chair and co-founder, Virginia Clinicians for Climate Action; Rev. Dr. Jean Wright; Major General Rick Devereaux, USAF (Ret.), former director of Operational Planning, Policy, & Strategy, U.S. Air Force Advisory Board, Center for Climate and National Security; and Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck.**

- ❖ A recent study showed more than 9,000 Virginia homes are at risk of tidal flooding by 2045 due to sea level rise.

- ❖ Low lying areas, like New Alexandria and Belle View, will increasingly be at risk of flooding just from high tides and onshore winds.

- ❖ Extreme heat is the leading weather-related cause of death in the United States and it puts strain on our energy grid.

- ❖ Heavy downpours in our area have increased 30 percent over the last 50 years.

- ❖ Experts have determined that a category 3 hurricane through our area would submerge the Belle Haven Marina through Belle Haven Shopping Center with three-plus feet of standing water.

While the county has taken steps to be good environmental stewards, like signing the Cool Counties Climate Stabilization Declaration, adopting a Countywide Energy Policy, Environmental Vision and Operational Energy Strategy, it is not proportional to the challenge we

face.

I did not support the recently adopted Operational Energy Strategy because the plan as presented does not go far enough to ensure the county's role as a regional leader or to advance cost savings, real climate change initiatives or resiliency planning. I strongly believe the county needs to move forward quickly to adopt a Community Climate Action Plan and a Resiliency Plan.

As a county, we can do far more, and adopting more aggressive goals will result in significant cost savings and a faster return on our investment for both our environment and our budget.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Learned Any Lessons?

To the Editor:

Developers are proposing to build 43 townhouses, a new street and parking spaces on eight acres that are almost entirely within the 100-year floodplain of Dogue Creek, a high-risk flood hazard area at 8800 Richmond Highway in the Mount Vernon area.

Hurricane Florence's recent, devastating flooding in North Carolina and Hurricane Harvey's 2017 flooding in Houston are disconcerting reminders of how massive, unpredictable, disruptive and destructive flooding can be. Mount Vernonites had first-hand experience with flooding during Hurricane Isabel in 2003 when floodwaters saturated the Belle View Shopping Center, some Belleview Condominiums, the Belle Haven Golf Course and New Alexandria.

Climate change experts predict that extreme weather events will be more intense and more frequent as the Earth warms unabated. Ever-expanding impervious surfaces exacerbate flooding because solid surfaces like roofs and pavement block water from naturally infiltrating into the land. Some call this practice of covering the land with hard surfaces, many sanctioned by county building policies, "flooding by design."

Fairfax County has a longstanding and sound policy to generally avoid building in floodplains because of the risk that floods pose to humans, structures and the natural environment. Floodplains have a purpose — to provide room for creeks and rivers to rise and to absorb floodwaters. Without them, we would have more flooding.

Fairfax County is now building a levee, to the tune of \$30 million, to protect the Huntington community in another floodplain where the county allowed building prior to current restrictions.

Whatever the history and merits of that project, why should the county again (1) allow developers to build in a floodplain; (2) violate the county's own rules to avoid building in a floodplains; (3) put future homeowners at risk of flooding; (4) refuse to protect areas of natural flood storage; and (5) create a future, potential need to build expensive, "flood control" projects?

I hope Fairfax County's Planning Commissioners and members of the Board of Supervisors have learned some lessons from past practices and from recent weather events. I urge them to reject this proposal from the developers.

**Edward (Ned) Stone**  
Alexandria

#### Value of Floodplains

To the Editor:

I echo Betsy Martin's [Letter, "Avoid Building in Floodplains," Sept. 25 issue] concerns about building in the Mt. Vernon areas classified as 100-year flood area. My residence abuts Dogue Creek between Adrienne Drive and Old Mill Drive. Since we moved in 23 years ago, all 12 trees in the backyard have fallen after heavy rains. About a mile uphill from us are 10 new houses on Colonial Drive. Since they were built, my backyard is now a marsh. Please do not replace trees and vegetations with buildings. They too have their use.

**Fidelita Levy**  
Alexandria

#### What's Behind Local Support

To the Editor:

The Fairfax County Planning Commission is about to vote on an amendment to the comprehensive plan that would allow the development of 43 residences at 8800 Richmond Highway, an area which is not only in the 100-year floodplain of Dogue Creek, but also in the

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# LETTERS

FROM PAGE 6

Chesapeake Bay Resource Protection Area, and in a Fairfax County Environmental Quality Corridor.

As a long time resident of Fairfax County, I have observed that developers usually get what they want and sometimes build in sensitive areas, despite the many protections offered such areas by a comprehensive planning process required by Commonwealth Law, approved by the Board of Supervisors, and executed by a Planning Commission supported by a staff of dedicated professionals.

Among the materials to be considered by the Planning Commission is a Resolution in support of the development from the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations. The Planning Commission often defers to local opinion.

The Planning Commission, and the public, should be aware that this resolution was approved in a meeting of the MVCCA General Council that included the owner of the property, the real estate agent for the property, and the lawyer for the proposed developer. These members and officers drafted the resolution and shepherded it through the several committees of the Council. Although they disclosed their interest at each phase of the process, they did not recuse themselves from it, and actively influenced the outcome.

This certainly seems to be an instance where deference should not be awarded. As Justice Scalia said about free speech (McConnell v. FEC, 540 U.S. 93, 258-259), "The premise of the First Amendment is that the

American people are neither sheep nor fools, and hence fully capable of considering both the substance of the speech presented to them and its proximate and ultimate source."

I certainly hope the Planning Commission can do the same.

**Jane Earley**  
Alexandria

## Self-Inflicted?

To the Editor:

*The following letter responds to U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly's commentary, "GOP Tax Scheme Hurts Homeowners" in Sept. 13 Mount Vernon Gazette.*

You wrote that Congress should not cause any requirement on the populace by "ramming."

We the People then require you to make such a public statement when any party "rams." Note: unless corrected publicly, We the People may conclude that your definition of "ramming" is to not allow/encourage/support hearings and consideration of amendments to proposed legislation.

You wrote that the tax law you addressed in your letter "will disproportionately hurt Northern Virginia homeowners' biggest asset — their homes."

Relative to the rest of the state, we here in Northern Virginia have the most expensive houses. We chose to buy here and taxes increase with cost. That would be kind of a self-inflicted "hurt"... yeah? Alternatives to be less-hurt would be to raise housing prices across the state to match Northern Virginia prices and/or get everybody — including government assessors — to lower the price of houses in Northern Virginia by a few hundred thousand dollars. You used the term "hurt" to describe a change to several home-related deductions that will increase taxes. Perhaps the descriptor "will hurt" may have been more accurately offered — to inspire fair thinking the citizenry — as "may affect."

That you wrote "homes are one of the largest source of saving."

For those whose home went for a deep dive swim a few years ago—for ... well ... we all know the reasons that perhaps could have (I'm a believer) been prevented — may not consider a home as a source of savings. I have to pay on my home every monthly, as the mortgage company owns it ... not me. I wish my mortgage

payment was going to my saving. I'm old.

You wrote that you consider money from a loan as "proceeds"... hmmm?

That thinking is an indicator of why We the People are trillions in debt. To perceive a loan — i.e. debt — as "proceeds." It is in our culture that "proceeds" is understood as profitable income — that debt is not income. (It's a wonderful thought that our nation is not 20 trillion dollars in debt but rather has realized that amount in proceeds. Yes!)

You wrote that he — the President — is "trying to balance the budget on the backs of federal workers." Since 1980, I've worked with deserving officers of the Civil Service and am yet still working with those officers. By comparison with the military and contractors who do much of the same work, the federal workers are compensated in pay fairly and enjoy benefits that equal and, in some-to-many respects, surpass the private sector workers supporting federal offices.

You wrote that the subject tax "puts additional pressure" on local government ... do we not have local government to take on such pressure? Why should a fellow citizen in New York or Colorado have to support our great state ... other than to offer their full assistance to "nationally" — Establish Justice ... Insure Domestic Tranquility ... Provide for the Common Defense ... Promote (not "Provide") the General Welfare?

Note: "To Form a More Perfect Union" was an admission that the Articles of Confederation were not working. To "Secure the Blessings of Liberty to Ourselves and Our Posterity" is the desired end state of our Constitution — the goal of the work of our Federal Government to serve our nation — even though it does sometimes pressure and hurt and puts things on our backs.

**Nick Sottler**/Alexandria



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## OPINION

# Upgrade to REAL ID

By PAUL KRIZEK  
STATE DELEGATE (D-44)



**G**et ready, my fellow Virginians, starting Oct. 1 we will have the opportunity, if we wish, to “upgrade” our driver’s licenses or state issued IDs to be REAL ID compliant. What that means is that if you want to board a domestic commercial flight or enter a secure federal agency building you will be able to do so with your new REAL ID compliant card. Note, this is voluntary and frankly, nothing changes for the next two years. So, if your current license is expiring within that two-year window you may want to wait and update it then. But, if you are going to get a new one soon anyway, it may be a good idea to upgrade to the REAL ID and spend the extra \$10.

### COMMENTARY

The Federal Government passed the REAL ID Act to create nationwide authentication and security standards of state-issued forms of identification for official purposes such as boarding a commercial flight, or entering a secure federal facility. REAL ID compliant cards will appear mostly the same as current licenses and IDs with one key difference, non-compliant ID cards will say “Federal limits apply” while compliant cards will have a star in the upper right-hand corner to indicate compliance. A REAL ID compliant credential can be used for all the same purposes as a current state issued ID — including driving and voting, but they can also be used as identification for federal purposes. However, that won’t be necessary until Oct. 1, 2020. Until then, Virginians will be able to use their current driver’s license or state ID. After that, you will need a REAL ID driver’s license to board a flight or enter a secure federal facility, etc. ... This two-year window is to give us ample time to update our identification before the Federal requirement is made permanent.

To get your new REAL ID you must apply in person at the Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV). If you would rather not travel outside of our community to find a DMV, you can utilize the once a month mobile DMV 2 Go program at Sherwood Regional Library. The program began in 2017 after I urged the

DMV to come to the library on a monthly basis as a convenience to the elderly and other constituents. The current 2018 schedule for the mobile DMV 2 Go program is 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Oct. 23, Nov. 8 (inside the library), and Dec. 18.

To be REAL ID compliant you must provide supporting documentation including proof of identity, legal presence in the U.S (passport, birth certificate), social security card, residency proof (two proofs required, such as utility bills or mortgage statements) and proof of any name changes you may have had such as a marriage certificate or a divorce decree. To purchase a REAL ID compliant driver’s license or REAL ID compliant non-driving type ID card you will have to pay a one time fee of \$10 in addition to the standard \$32 fee for a driver’s license or \$16 for a non-driving ID, and these are good for eight years. After that, you can renew online on the DMV’s website. If you are not due to renew your driver’s license or ID card prior to October 2020 and still want a REAL ID compliant card, you will need to pay a \$20 replacement card fee in addition to the \$10 one time REAL ID fee.

Purchasing a REAL ID is completely optional. If you do not wish to purchase a REAL ID you can always use other forms of ID to board a plane or to enter a secure Federal facility after Oct. 1, 2020, such as a valid passport or military I.D. To view the full list of acceptable identifications please visit the Virginia DMV website or view the TSA guidelines at the Department of Homeland Security website.

While this purchase is not mandatory, I would recommend seriously considering it if you travel often or need frequent access to federal facilities or military bases, as many of us do who live near Ft. Belvoir. This alleviates the risk of constantly carrying your passport around and potentially losing it. Remember, the process for getting a new passport is longer and more expensive than getting a new license. For more information about REAL ID please visit [dmvNOW.com/REALID](http://dmvNOW.com/REALID). And, if you are at all confused by this please don’t hesitate to contact my office at [DelPKrizek@house.virginia.gov](mailto:DelPKrizek@house.virginia.gov). It is my pleasure to be of service as your representative to the Virginia House of Delegates.

### CRIME REPORT

FROM PAGE 4

he tried to flee. The officers were assisted by an unidentified good Samaritan in placing the man in handcuffs. The man was charged with drunk in public, obstruction of justice, and assault on a law enforcement officer. The man was also found to be wanted for malicious wounding and robbery.

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2500 block of Parkers Lane, cell phone from location  
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7600 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business

7900 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business  
8700 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business  
2200 block of Rollins Drive, purse from residence

#### SEPT. 21 LARCENIES

7000 block of Huntley Run Place, wallet from vehicle  
7800 block of Richmond Highway, purse from location  
7800 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business  
7900 block of Richmond Highway, beer from business

#### SEPT. 20 LARCENIES

9000 block of Beatty Drive, license plate from vehicle  
7800 block of Richmond Highway, beer from business  
8800 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business

#### SEPT. 19 LARCENIES

2700 block of Arlington Drive, tools

from residence  
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2400 block of Fairhaven Avenue, merchandise from business  
2300 block of Huntington Avenue, beer from business  
7600 block of Richmond Highway, cell phone from location  
8800 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business

#### SEPT 18 LARCENIES

1600 block of Belle View Boulevard, merchandise from business  
8700 block of Old Colony Way, electronic device from residence  
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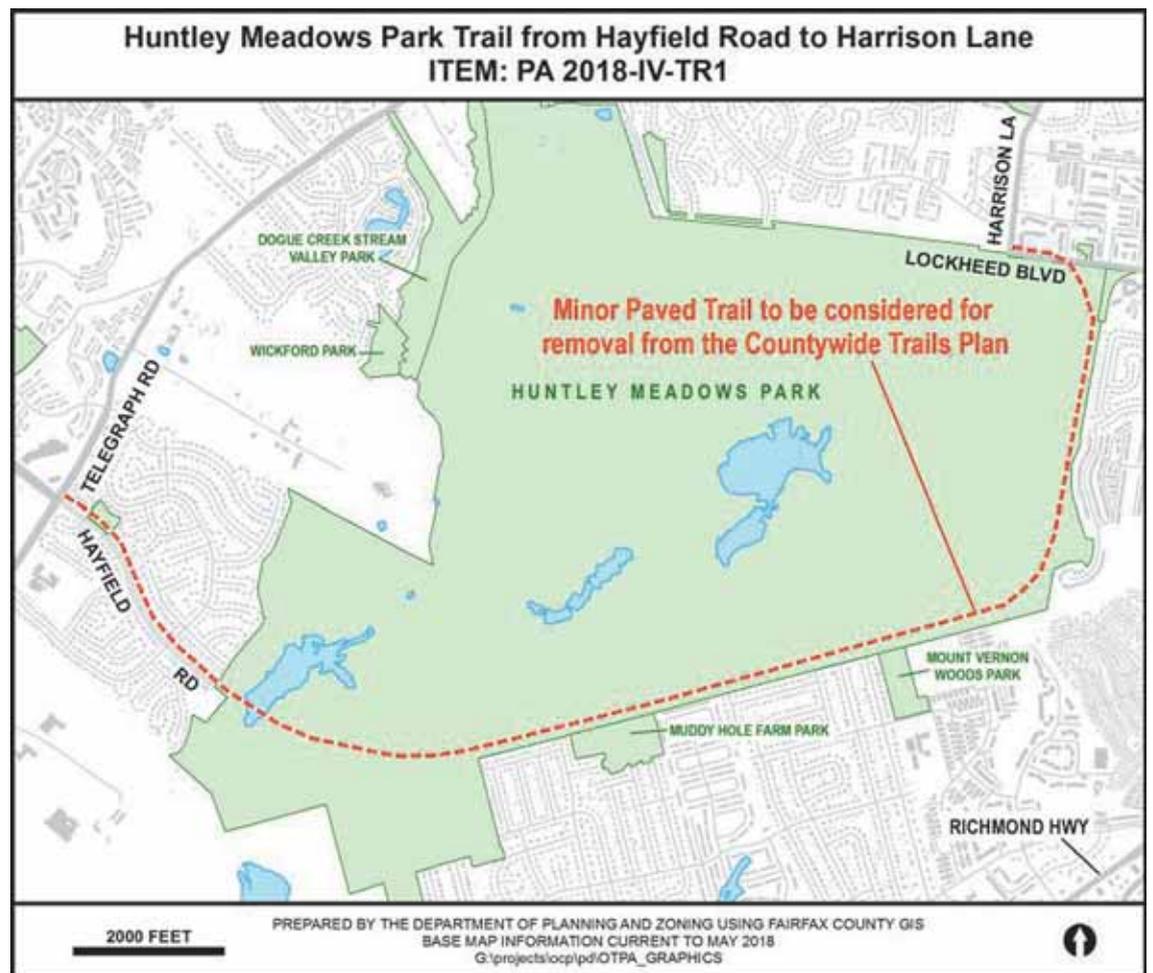
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Huntley Meadows Park Trail

# Conflict over Bike Trails

Getting around Huntley Meadows Park is an obstacle to some bicyclists.

## Details

**PUBLIC HEARINGS ON BIKE TRAIL PROPOSALS**  
**Planning Commission:** Thursday, Nov. 29, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

**Board of Supervisors:** Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.

Meetings are held in the Board Auditorium of the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, and broadcast live on Fairfax County Government's Cable Television Channel 16.

BY MIKE SALMON  
THE GAZETTE

Cyclists living along the Telegraph Road corridor have experienced the lack of east-west routes to the Mount Vernon Trail and the Richmond Highway area, but not many know about the proposal for a trail that would continue from the end of Hayfield Road, around the edge of Huntley Meadows Park to Lockheed Boulevard and Harrison Lane, or another more direct trail from Telegraph Road to Harrison Lane near South Kings Highway.

Plans for those trails are about to be removed from the Countywide Trails Plan and the Bicycle Master Plan, and it has pros and cons, as noted in Cathy Ledec's article in the Friends of Huntley Meadows' Summer 2018 newsletter, which agrees with Lee

District Supervisor Jeff McKay's office as well. "FOHMP encourages and supports bicycle trail transportation — just not these paved bike trails, because they would be in the wrong place," they said.

Over at Hayfield Farm, there seems to be the same feeling. John Millikin of the Hayfield Citizens Association (HCA) is a cyclist and has taken existing trails to the Mount Vernon Bike Trail and knows the hills on South Kings Highway when he's taken that route. Nonetheless, Millikin doesn't support either trail, citing reasons in Ledec's newsletter story, and this is in line with others at the HCA.

But it isn't a move that improves bicycling in the  
SEE BIKE TRAIL, PAGE 18

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# FALL FUN & ENTERTAINMENT

## ACCT Presents 'The Count of Monte Cristo'

Charles Morey's adaptation of Alexandre Dumas' novel features betrayal, obsession, and redemption.

BY STEVE HIBBARD

**A**ldersgate Church Community Theater (ACCT) is presenting "The Count of Monte Cristo" from Sept. 28 to Oct. 14. Betrayal, obsession, and redemption provide the backdrop for this Charles Morey adaptation of Alexandre Dumas' novel. While unjustly imprisoned, Edmond Dantes befriends a neighboring inmate who bequeaths him an enormous treasure. Dantes escapes and returns to society disguised as the Count of Monte Cristo with plans to enact his revenge on those who betrayed him. But as Dantes becomes consumed with his quest for vengeance, he finds himself losing his humanity and any hope of reconciling with the love of his life.

Director Eleanore Tapscott said the play is an epic tale of suffering and retribution with themes of hope, justice, vengeance, mercy, forgiveness, and reformation. "At a time when it seems that the selfish and greedy can sow hate, division, and pillage the environment without impunity, we need a tale in which the bad people get their comeuppance," she said.

"The play is a story about power, the price many pay to obtain power, and the ruthlessness with which that power can be used, certainly providing proof to the saying, absolute power corrupts absolutely. I don't think the Count is wrong for wanting to exact revenge on those who treated him with such injustice, but there is a danger when the pursuit of revenge becomes so all-consuming," she said.

She added: "Vengeance is a harsh mistress,' as one of the play's characters reminds us, and such all-encompassing thirst for revenge should not be done at risk of losing one's humanity. I'd like the audience to consider Dumas' own words: 'romance, revenge, obsession and justice abound. Yet in the end only truth, hope, and love will prevail.'"

Producer Marg Soroos said they like to do classic stories at ACCT. "One of our council members suggested 'The Count of Monte Cristo.' It took some time to find a script

that was true to the Dumas work and acceptable for our stage. We are thrilled to find the Charles Morey script fit the bill perfectly. This show has not been performed in our area so it will be a new experience for seasoned theater goers," she said.

She added: "This is a story of death and rebirth, repentance, renewal and transcendence. We would love to have the audience decide for themselves if Dantes 'killed himself,' 'begun his life anew,' or has been 'renewed in spirit.' This is up to each theatergoer to decide for himself. The essential arc of Edmond Dantes' life goes from revenge to obsession to forgiveness to transcendence is to be clear and compelling. This version should be where theater patrons can talk about the ending as they exit the theater."

Cal Whitehurst is playing the role of Gerard de Villefort, a prosecuting attorney for the French Royal Government and one of the conspirators who send Edmond Dantes to prison on a false charge of treason. "He sees himself as a moral man who has spent his career serving justice; but he carries within him not only the secret of his unjust imprisonment of Dantes, but an even deeper and darker one as well," he said.

He added: "One challenge to performing in this production of 'The Count of Monte Cristo' is acquitting myself gracefully in the dance segments, which serve both to set the play in 19th century France and to illustrate the various characters and their relationships to each other. In addition, the play is an adaptation of a highly melodramatic novel; and de Villefort has some very strong actions and intense emotions, which require me to strike a balance between believability and a dramatic style that is true to the Dumas work."

Jim Pearson is playing the role of Eugene Danglars, who he calls a 'nasty piece of work.' "By turns charming and abusive, he is a bully to those below him and a sycophant to those above," he said.

He said the challenge was "Finding the arc of the character from small-time embezzler to grand living and plotting has been an emotional journey. Danglars' relationship with his wife is truly complex as well."

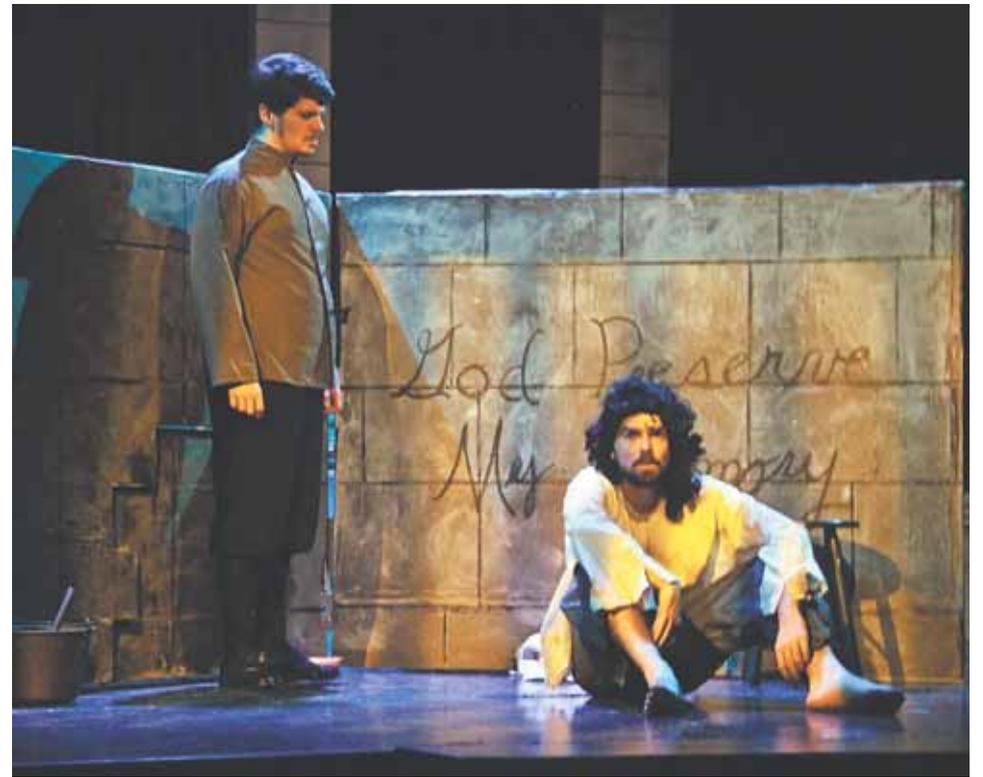


PHOTO BY HOWARD SOROOS

**Tim Caron (Edmond Dantes/Count of Monte Cristo) and Nic Barta (guard) star in ACCT's production of "The Count of Monte Cristo."**

Timothy Caron is playing the role of Edmond Dantes, an honest, hard-working and somewhat naive man pushed into a horrible situation. "Years later, when he escapes this personal hell, having learned that it all unfolded because of the greed of some selfish acquaintances, he's (understandably) driven to punish them. Under the guise of 'The Count of Monte Cristo,' a now wealthy and well-educated Edmond is able to execute grand designs against each of them — but with little restraint on the extremity of his actions," he said.

Nic Barta is playing the role of Benedetto, a man who has had to survive on his own his whole life. "He never knew his real family and went through life never truly trusting people. When he meets the Count, he's taken aback by how different he is. When he's employed by the Count he's given a direction no matter how small it may be. He gets taste of what higher class life could be and begins to like it. Benedetto is a man lost in the harshness of the world. He's a very tragic character," he said.

He said the dance choreography was tricky to get the hang of. "I don't consider myself a good dancer, so learning the waltz

from square one was quite the challenge. I had to learn to relax and be persistent in learning the steps," he said.

Tameka Taylor plays the role of Hermione Danglars, who is very socially and class conscious. "She's feisty and has had many love affairs. Hermione's marriage to her husband Eugene Danglars is not one of love and respect but one of convenience. She adores her daughter Eugenie and enjoys being the Belle of the ball and the talk of the town, however this 'talk' is not always in her favor," she said.

She added: "Revenge and justice are two very separate things. Revenge is one-sided, motivated anger, self-interest, jealousy ... etc. It also can bring about more revenge. It never results in peace, but only conflict of mind, body and soul with all involved."

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Aldersgate Church Community Theater is presenting "The Count of Monte Cristo" from Sept. 28 to Oct. 14. Show times are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.; Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$12-\$15. The venue is located at Aldersgate Church, 1301 Collingwood Road, Alexandria. Visit [www.acctonline.org](http://www.acctonline.org).

### CALENDAR

Submit entertainment announcements at [www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/](http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/). The deadline is noon on Friday. Photos/artwork encouraged.

#### ONGOING

**"The Painted Rocks at Revolver Creek" by Athol Fugard.** Through Sept. 30 at MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal St., Alexandria. "The Painted Rocks at Revolver Creek" by Athol Fugard, directed by MetroStage Artistic Associate Thomas W. Jones II, will open the 2018-19 season at

MetroStage. Visit [www.metrostage.org](http://www.metrostage.org).

#### Geometrics Kiln Club Show.

Through Sept. 30, at Scope Gallery, 105 North Union St., Studio 19, Torpedo Factory, Alexandria. Earthy Encore Spotlights Shapeshifting in Clay. Monday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., open Thursday, Sept. 13 until 9 p.m. and Friday, Sept. 14 until 10 p.m. Call Scope Gallery at 703-548-6288 or visit [www.scopegallery.org](http://www.scopegallery.org).

**Art Exhibit: "Eat, Drink, and Be Merry."** Through Sept. 30, at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mt. Vernon Ave.,

Alexandria. A national ceramic show that celebrates dining and food with a regional art exhibit echoing these themes. Visit [DelRayArtisans.org/event/eat-drink-be-merry](http://DelRayArtisans.org/event/eat-drink-be-merry).

#### Exhibit: "Natural Reaction."

Through Oct. 7, gallery hours at The Art League Gallery, 105 North Union St., Studio 21, Torpedo Factory, Alexandria. Sculptor and printmaker Brian Kirk courts chemical reactions to create ephemeral, phantom-like prints from rusting metal. A marriage of art and science, Kirk's rust prints bloom in hues of lush amber, ochre,

and apricot. Born of rigid metal, from saw blades to steel wool, the prints that emerge are organic, almost cellular. Visit [www.theartleague.org](http://www.theartleague.org) or 703-683-1780.

#### Photography Exhibition: Michael Borek.

Through Oct. 14, gallery hours at Multiple Exposures Gallery, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. "Aimless Walk Reprise" presents 22 photographs taken by Michael Borek in his native Czech Republic. Over the last 10 years, Borek continued to return to photograph an old blue-collar neighborhood in Prague, where

he grew up. Visit [www.multipleexposuresgallery.com](http://www.multipleexposuresgallery.com).

**Exhibition: 'Juxtaposed.'** Through Oct. 21, at Target Gallery at The Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. New exhibition explores the Art of Contradiction and investigates opposing or conflicting themes through art. The exhibition features 25 artworks by 12 artists from all over the country. Juxtaposed was juried by Megan Rook-Koepsel, a D.C.-based independent curator.

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**WFUMC Farmers Market.** Tuesdays through Oct. 23, 4-7 p.m. at Washington Farm United Methodist Church, 3921 Old Mill Road. Orchard Country Produce, from Gardners, Pa., will operate a Farmer's Market from the west parking lot of WFUMC. They also operate from the St. Luke's parking lot on Fort Hunt Road on Saturday mornings. They have a very wide offering ranging from fresh vegetables to meat and desserts. Admission is free. Visit [www.washingtonfarmumc.org](http://www.washingtonfarmumc.org) or call 703-780-4696.

**Exhibit: 'Autumn Gold.'** Through Oct. 29, featuring Nina Tisara's intricate mosaic art at Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, 310 King St., Alexandria. RSVP to [ninat@ninatinsara.com](mailto:ninat@ninatinsara.com).

**Row by Row Junior.** Through Oct. 31, local quilt shops like Artistic Artifacts (4750 Eisenhower Ave.) are welcoming children participating in Row by Row Junior to their shops. It's the junior version of the summertime travel event for quilt making fans known as Row by Row Experience. Kids visit shops in person, collect a free sewing pattern, and find inspiration in colorful, creative world of sewing. At home, families can find free tutorial support and activities online by visiting [www.rowbyrowexperience.com](http://www.rowbyrowexperience.com) or [www.artisticartifacts.com](http://www.artisticartifacts.com) for local quilting.

## THROUGH SEPT. 30

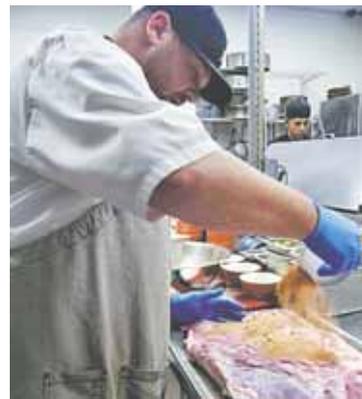
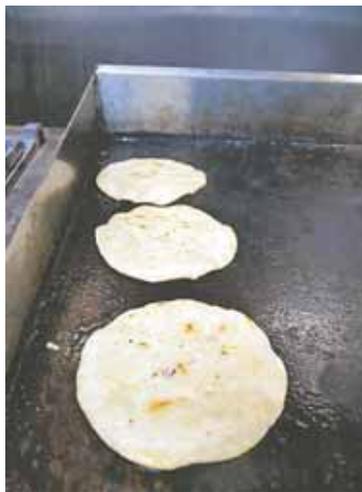
**Diaper Drive.** At Pilates ProWorks, 1103 Queen St., Alexandria. All of the diapers collected will be donated to the Great D.C. Diaper Bank, an official partner of the National Diaper Bank Network. Pilates ProWorks' diaper drive is a part of a larger brand-wide initiative, "Restore Your Core," which emphasizes the importance of empowering mothers to practice self-care. Visit [www.pilatesproworks.com](http://www.pilatesproworks.com).

## THURSDAY/SEPT. 27

**Tee-Off Against Prostate Cancer.** 6-9 p.m. at TopGolf Alexandria, 6625 S. Van Dorn St., Alexandria. Join alone or with a team for an evening of fun, food, and people to support this cause. All participants will receive a Lifetime membership to TopGolf as well as appetizers and drink tickets. Individual Ticket - \$60 Team (5 tickets) - \$250 Bay PCa Fact Sponsor - \$750 Deck Sponsor - \$1,500. Contact Shawn Supers at [shawn@zerocancer.org](mailto:shawn@zerocancer.org) or call 202-334-9058.

**U.S. Navy Concert Band.** 7-9 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. The United States Navy Band Chamber Group from Washington, D.C., is the Navy's premier musical organization. This chamber music recital series will feature a diverse array of traditional and contemporary music including works by Kerry Turner, Lowell Shaw, and Katharina Thomsen. RSVP at [admin@nvfaa.org](mailto:admin@nvfaa.org).

**Selling Your Home.** 7 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road, Alexandria. Learn techniques to negotiate and get the best price for a home while minimizing the hassle associated with selling. Offered by Bruce McBarnette, a real estate agent associated with Keller Williams in Loudoun County. Registration is requested at



## Step-by-step pork belly tacos prepared by Chef Steve Rosenthal at Tequila and Taco.

PHOTOS BY SHIRLEY RUHE  
ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE PACKET

# Meet Chef Steve Rosenthal

## ... at Tequila and Taco.

BY SHIRLEY RUHE

Steve Rosenthal measures out garlic and onion powder, oregano, mustard seed, and other herbs and spices into 8 small purple cups. "I weigh everything," he says. Rosenthal is making the rub for the pork belly tacos at Tequila and Taco on John Carlyle where he has been the executive chef since it opened in May 2019. He says this is his favorite dish and the customer favorite as well.

### IN THE KITCHEN

Rosenthal empties each small dish into a large aluminum bowl and mixes in brown sugar and Kosher salt, tossing it around and mashing the sugar with his hands. "I make sure I get all of the little clumps of sugar out." This will make enough for about two quarts of the rub he spreads on the pork belly before baking it for six hours at 225 degrees. The rub mixture will last about a week.

He turns to the sauce that will be squirted on the top of the finished taco. "It consists of three ingredients: rice wine vinegar, dark brown sugar and gochujang (brown rice red pepper paste.) This has a spice to it but I meld it out with vinegar and sugar." He says he uses about equal portions of each ingredient." Rosenthal says he makes all of his sauces using his own recipes. "I try to make everything homemade that I can and out of fresh ingredients."

Each table in the restaurant has a plastic bottle of his Serrano, Fresno and Habanero sauces. Habanero is the favorite. "I make it by soaking orange habaneros in white vinegar for two weeks and then simmering it with roughly chopped carrots and Spanish onions and freshly squeezed oranges." He won't reveal any more. "It's my secret recipe."

Rosenthal pulls a 10-pound pork belly out of the cold storage and pulls off the plastic wrap. He places it on a large cookie sheet with the meat side up. "I

pull off the loose fat and sprinkle an 8-ounce cup of rub mixture over the meat. I rub it in there real nice to get the flavors goin' inside."

He flips the pork belly over and sprinkles an additional 8-ounces of rub on the other side. "I make sure I get the whole thing covered, all the little areas." Rosenthal has slivered seven cloves of garlic. "I always slice the butts off first." He bruises several sprigs of thyme with the back of his chef's knife and then peels slices of lemon peel and chops finely to make zest.

Rosenthal sprinkles half of the garlic, thyme and lemon zest in the bottom of a large pan, then places the pork belly on the top and adds the other half. "Now I'll wrap the whole pan in plastic and let it sit overnight to marry the flavors. "I use one of these pork butts every day.

"Now let's go make ourselves some tacos."

Rosenthal flips three white corn tortillas on the grill that has been wiped with canola oil. "I only use canola oil. There are too many allergies out there now." He has sliced rectangles of pork belly which he sinks in a 7-gallon vat of oil to get them GBFD (Golden Brown Fluffy and Delicious.)

Rosenthal has flipped over the tortillas and removes them from the grill onto a cloth towel and presses down to remove any extra oil. He places tacos in a three-tiered metal holder and adds two crunchy pork belly slices to each. "Now a little bit of shredded radish and a healthy squirt of gochujang sauce. Now a nice little slice of avocado and a little bit of scallions." He slips the tacos onto a rectangular blue plate with just enough room for two lime wedges.

Rosenthal says cooking is fun and relaxing. "There is something comforting about cooking food. I like to watch people take a bite of something I made and they don't say anything but I get that little head nod." His says his whole family cooked but he learned to cook from his mom. His favorite? "Oh wow, one of my favorites was her zucchini bread. She made it all summer long. It brings me back to my childhood."



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## SEPT. 27-APRIL 2

**Still Life Alive.** 9-5 p.m. at River Farm, 7931 East Boulevard Drive, Alexandria. Patricia Uchello One Woman Art Show, featuring 100 original oil paintings of flowers, fruit, landscapes and seascapes. Uchello's work has been collected by IBM, the International Monetary Fund and more. Email [pmuchello@aol.com](mailto:pmuchello@aol.com) or visit [www.patriciauchello.com](http://www.patriciauchello.com).

## FRIDAY/SEPT. 28

**Garden Talk: Planting Trees & Shrubs.** 1:30-2:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. (16-Adult) Learn how to select trees and shrubs that thrive in Northern Virginia. Understand how to handle bare-root, balled, wrapped and container plants. Receive guidance from VCE master gardeners on planting, feeding and caring for new trees and shrubs. \$10/person. Register online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes) using code 290 489 3501 or call 703-642-5173.

## SATURDAY/SEPT. 29

**5K Fundraiser.** 7:30 a.m. at Fort Hunt Park in Alexandria. For Arts on the Horizon, a non-profit theatre for children ages 0-6. Families are invited to run or walk to support Arts on the Horizon's arts education programs and performances. Registration is \$25. Visit [www.artsonthehorizon.org/5k](http://www.artsonthehorizon.org/5k)

**Pet Blessing.** 9 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, 2911 Cameron Mills Road, Alexandria. Each pet will be individually blessed by Pastor Grace Han and will receive a Certificate of Blessing with the pet's name calligraphied by the artist. Blessing happens in the courtyard under the oaks on Cameron Mills Road. Call or text 703-408-4008.

**Plants & Design: Shade Garden Intensive.** 9 a.m.-noon. (Adults) We love the relief shade offers from the hot sun, but lament how challenging it is to have a shade garden. What can a gardener do with shade? Topics: Made in the (Dry) Shade and Great Plant Combinations for Shade Gardens. \$39/person. Register online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes) using code 290 482 3401 or call 703-642-5173.

**Fall Festival.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St., Alexandria. Join Beatley Central Library as it celebrates its 6th annual Fall Festival and Open House. Visit [alexlibraryva.org](http://alexlibraryva.org).

**Teen Fall Poetry Project.** 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria. A new Fall Alexandria Teen Poetry Circle will be established to showcase the literary talents of Alexandria's teens. Launching on Sept. 29, submission deadline for consideration in the Fall Alexandria Teen Poetry Circle is Oct. 30, 2018. Selected poets for the Teen Poetry Circle will be informed in November. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov/Arts](http://www.alexandriava.gov/Arts), search Poet Laureate Program.

**A Mansion House Whiskey Tasting.** 6:30-9 p.m. at Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St., Alexandria. Taste whiskeys paired with delectable food, harkening back to the days when the Mansion House Hotel stood on the property. This event includes an evening tour of the Carlyle House, four whiskeys, and heavy hors d'oeuvres. Local historian Rich Gillespie will share stories of historic Virginia and guide you on your whiskey tasting journey. Admission: \$75 per person 36 and over; \$35 ages 21-35. Call 703-549-

## FALL FUN & ENTERTAINMENT

# 4 Dates to Circle in October

BY HOPE NELSON

**M**ulticultural potlucks, a pizza and beer pairing, a waterfront festival and Halloween fun — October does indeed have it all. Here are some of the month's best picks.

### Pass the Plate Potluck at Woodlawn's Pope-Leighey House, Oct. 4

Delve deeply into a "cross-cultural, heritage-inspired" dinner featuring foodways historian and cookbook author Michael Twitty. Guests are asked to bring a dish that spotlights their own family history and culture, with the idea that by the time dinner is served, a diverse, multicultural tableau will have formed. The main course will be a recipe from Twitty's cookbook, "The Cooking Gene." Once you're done with dinner, visit Woodlawn's current exhibit, "Makers in the Mansion." 9000 Richmond Highway. 6-9 p.m. \$40.

### Pizza and Beer Guided Pairing at Port City Brewing, Oct. 10

Among its other accolades, October is National Pizza Month, and Port City intends to celebrate this time with fanfare. Join the brewery and one of its visiting food trucks, Killer Tomato Pizza, for a five-course pairing featuring Killer Tomato's pies and Port City's brews. Who knows? You just might find a new favorite to feature at your next football (or Halloween) party. 3950 Wheeler Ave. 7-9 p.m. \$30.

### Portside in Old Town at King Street Waterfront, Oct. 12-14

The festivities of the weekend don't center on eating, but don't fret; food and drink are still on the menu during Alexandria's autumnal celebration. While taking in the tallship *Godspeed* and enjoying some of the cultural and historical exhibits on offer, be sure to stop for a break and a bite to eat. Pizzeria Paradiso will bring an outdoor pizza oven along and will remain at the ready to quell any hunger pangs the festival might have caused. (Children can learn to make their own pizza on Sunday, Oct. 14, from noon to 1 p.m. at a special demo.) When you've had your fill of pizza, venture next door to Port City's beer garden to wash it all down. King Street Waterfront. Activities daily Oct. 12-14. Free; vendors may charge.

### Hole in the Wall Halloween at Captain Gregory's, Oct. 31

Join the other guests at Captain Gregory's for a spooky evening filled with themed cocktails and festive eats. The intimate speakeasy will be transformed into Halloween Headquarters, so don't forget to wear your best costume in order to raise your chances of winning a prize. Your ticket entitles you to three cocktails — plus food and festivity, of course. 804 N. Henry St. 7-10 p.m. \$75.

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## CALENDAR

2997 or visit [www.novaparks.com](http://www.novaparks.com)  
**ASO's New Season.** 8 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center. The Alexandria Symphony Orchestra opens its 75th Anniversary Season and welcomes violinist Alexander Kerr. Also Sunday, Sept. 30 at 3 p.m. at George Washington Masonic Memorial. Throughout the year, the ASO will mark the celebration of its anniversary with special appearances and events with new Music Director Maestro James Ross and members of the ASO. Season subscriptions start at \$68. Single-ticket prices range \$20-\$80 for adults; \$5 youth and \$10 student tickets. Visit [www.alexsym.org](http://www.alexsym.org) or call 703-548-0885.

### SUNDAY/SEPT. 30

**Kayak Cleanups at Four Mile Run.** 9 a.m.-noon. The event starts out at The Conservatory Center at Four Mile Run Park, 4109 Mt Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Parking details will be provided to those who RSVP. The Four Mile Run Conservatory Foundation will continue to deploy its fleet of kayaks to collect litter along the streambank of Four Mile Run this fall. Visit [www.fourmilerun.org](http://www.fourmilerun.org).

**Book & Author.** 2-5 p.m. at Beth El Hebrew Congregation, 3830 Seminary Road, Alexandria. Authors Ronald Balson, The Trust, Dina Gold, Stolen Legacy, and Steve Israel, Big Guns, will speak and sell their books with proceeds to benefit Beth El Youth and Brandeis National Scholarships. Refreshments will be served. \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. Email [debbie.e.spitzer@gmail.com](mailto:debbie.e.spitzer@gmail.com).

**Beethoven: Symphony No. 7.** 3 p.m. at George Washington Masonic Memorial. Featuring James Ross, conductor and Alexander Kerr, violin.



"Cuddle" by Suzan Ok

## Atomic Dog and Consequential Cat

Exhibit honoring canine and feline friends. Through Sept. 30 at Del Ray Artisans' Gallery Without Walls, VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital, 2660 Duke St. Visit [www.DelRayArtisans.org/event/dog-and-cat/](http://www.DelRayArtisans.org/event/dog-and-cat/).

The concert begins with Michael Torke's joyful and majestic work *Javelin*, co-commissioned by the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Committee. The program continues with two works featuring solo violin, including Dvořák's *Romance in F Minor* and Saint-Saëns' *Introduction and Rondo capriccioso*. The concert concludes with Beethoven's *Symphony No. 7*. For tickets, visit [www.alexsym.org](http://www.alexsym.org).

### SEPT. 30-OCT. 31

**Pumpkin Patch.** Monday-Friday, 11 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. at Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill, 3606 Seminary Road. All net profits support the church's outreach activities at the community, regional

and international levels. The pumpkins are grown on the Navajo Indian Reservation near Farmington, New Mexico. Visit [www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org](http://www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org).

### THROUGH OCT. 1

**Hats Up Exhibit.** At The Fiberworks Studio, Torpedo Factory Arts Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. The show features a variety of one-of-a-kind hats created by studio members Zita Simutis and Tamara Embrey, just in time for fall. Visit [torpedofactory.org/partners/fiberworks/](http://torpedofactory.org/partners/fiberworks/).

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Gallery, 105 North Union St., Studio 19 of the Torpedo Factory, Alexandria. A Ceramic Guild Show offering a timeless tale of clay art focused on starters and sweets. Enter a fairyland of treasures as frosted cupcakes transform into shaker and creamer sugar sets and tapas trays bring hand painted dragons and fantastic flora and fauna to life. Call Scope Gallery at 703-548-6288, visit [www.scopegallery.org](http://www.scopegallery.org), [www.torpedofactory.org/galleries/scope](http://www.torpedofactory.org/galleries/scope).

### TUESDAY/OCT. 2

**“Hats Off to Autumn.”** Show runs Oct. 2-Nov. 4, 2018. at Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center, Studio 29, 105 North Union St., Alexandria. Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery announces the opening of its juried show, “Hats Off to Autumn.” Themed work will be eligible for recognition by the jurors. Non-themed work may also be exhibited. 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. daily and weekends, and 10:30 a.m.-9 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. Call 703-548-0935 or visit [www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com](http://www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com).

### WEDNESDAY/OCT. 3

**2018 Oktoberfest.** 6-9 p.m. at Port City Brewing Company, 3950 Wheeler Ave., Alexandria. Sponsored. This annual fundraiser supports Senior Services of Alexandria’s programs and services for Alexandria seniors, including their Senior Nutrition Program (which includes Meals on Wheels and Groceries to Go), Friendly Visitor Program, AniMeals on Wheels, and educational programming. See [seniorservicesalex.org/2018-oktoberfest/](http://seniorservicesalex.org/2018-oktoberfest/).

### THURSDAY/OCT. 4

**Yacht Haven Garden Club Meeting.** 10 a.m.-noon at Mount Vernon Yacht Club, 4817 Tarpon Lane, Alexandria. The Yacht Haven Garden Club meeting will be Plants and Tricks for the Garden. Speaker will be Dan Scott from American Horticulture Society. New members welcome. Email: [Pmuchello@aol.com](mailto:Pmuchello@aol.com) or call 703-304-0156.

**BHNV Fundraising Gala.** 6-9 p.m. at Crowne Plaza Old Town Alexandria, 901 North Fairfax St., Alexandria. Bethany House of Northern Virginia is hosting its 7th Annual Garden of Light Gala. \$100 per person or \$900 for a table of 10. Email [ojohnson@bhnv.org](mailto:ojohnson@bhnv.org) or call 703-658-9500. Visit [www.bhnv.org/garden-of-light](http://www.bhnv.org/garden-of-light).

**Pass the Plate Potluck.** 6-9 p.m. at Woodlawn & Frank Lloyd Wright’s Pope-Leighey House, 9000 Richmond Highway, Alexandria. Featuring culinary foodways historian and cookbook author, Michael Twitty, as well as the artisans of the current art exhibit, Makers In The Mansion. Each guest, or group of guests, as part of their participation will be asked to bring a dish which highlights their own family story. Email [woodlawnevents@savingplaces.org](mailto:woodlawnevents@savingplaces.org). Visit [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com), search “Pass the Plate.”

**Fashion Show.** 7-9 p.m. at Springfield Town Center, 6500 Springfield Mall, Springfield. Join the Association of Alexandria Radiologists for the Fourth Annual Couture for a Cure Breast Cancer Awareness Fashion Show, dedicated to the battle against breast cancer. To donate, visit [alexandriaradiology.com](http://alexandriaradiology.com).

### FRIDAY/OCT. 5

**Cocktails by Candlelight.** 6-9 p.m. at George Mason’s Gunston Hall, 10709 Gunston Road, Mason Neck. Kick-off



**Artist Tamara Embrey sewing and wearing one of her whimsical hat creations.**

### Hats Up

The show features a variety of one-of-a-kind hats created by studio members Zita Simutis and Tamara Embrey, just in time for fall. Through Oct. 1 at The Fiberworks Studio, Torpedo Factory Arts Center, 105 N. Union St, Alexandria. Visit [torpedofactory.org/partners/fiberworks/](http://torpedofactory.org/partners/fiberworks/) for more.

the weekend at Cocktails by Candlelight event an after-hours event where visitors learn to make and sip on period cocktails in Gunston Hall’s hearth kitchen. Converse and be merry around the fire with friends and loved ones, and enjoy a candlelit tour. Tickets are sold online ([bit.ly/2NhKLDk](http://bit.ly/2NhKLDk)) or at the door for \$35, \$25 for Friends of Gunston Hall. All attendees must be 21 or older.

### FRIDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 5-7

**Mount Vernon’s Fall Wine Festival & Sunset Tour.** 6-9 p.m. at Mount Vernon Estate. Celebrate the history of wine in Virginia with exclusive evening tours of the Mansion and cellar, appearances by “George and Martha Washington,” and live blues on the east lawn overlooking the scenic Potomac River. Visitors can bring a blanket and relax on the lawn as they sample wines from 20 Virginia wineries. Tickets are Friday, Oct. 6: \$42. Saturday, Oct. 7: \$48. Sunday, Oct. 8: \$38. Private reserved tables, which can seat up to 12 guests and include a fruit and cheese platter, three bottles of house wine and VIP table service are available starting at \$1,100. Tickets and tables are available at [MountVernon.org](http://MountVernon.org).

### SATURDAY/OCT. 6

**Family Dig Day.** At Shuter’s Hill, grounds of George Washington Masonic National Memorial. Reservations are \$10 per person. If a session is filled, contact the museum at 703-746-4399 or [archaeology@alexandriava.gov](mailto:archaeology@alexandriava.gov) to be added to a waitlist. Advance registration is required for all programs; space is limited. The programs are family friendly, but children under 16 must be accompanied by a participating adult. Visit [www.alexandriarchaeology.org](http://www.alexandriarchaeology.org).  
**Gratitude Walk Live.** 8:30-10:30 a.m. at West Potomac High School Track, 6500 Quander Road, Alexandria. Mission is to challenge individuals to walk a mile or a lap in honor of

someone they are grateful for or in memory of (parents, etc....). No cost and they will give 30 free tickets to individuals for lunch at the local buffet at 11 a.m.

**Sneak Peek: “Sailing on a String.”** 10 and 11:30 a.m. at the Lab at Convergence, 1819 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria. Sneak peeks showcase a work-in-progress and allow families to contribute to the creative process. Audiences are invited to join in after each performance to provide feedback about their experience. Tickets \$4. Purchase tickets at [www.artsonthehorizon.org/sailing-on-string.html](http://www.artsonthehorizon.org/sailing-on-string.html).

**Civil War Artillery Day.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Fort Ward Museum, 4301 W. Braddock Road, Alexandria. The program features reenactors from the 1<sup>st</sup> Connecticut Heavy Artillery, a Union regiment that was stationed at Fort Ward during the Civil War. Call 703-746-4848.

**Story Time for Little Historians.** 11 a.m. at the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. “Why the Sun & Moon Live in the Sky,” retold and illustrated by Niki Daly. Enjoy cultural stories and creative craft activities that introduce world history and folklore. Afterwards, explore the museum exhibits to learn about local Black history. All ages welcome, but most suitable for children 4 and older. Admission is \$3 per person. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Call 703-746-4356.

**Slave Memorial Wreath Laying Ceremony.** 11 a.m. at George Washington’ Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Alexandria. The Black Women United for Action (BWUFA) and the Mount Vernon Ladies’ Association invite visitors to the 28th Annual Slave Memorial Wreath Laying Ceremony. The ceremony is open to the public without cost, rain or shine. Donations, checks, payable to: Black Women United for Action, 6551 Loisdale Court, Suite 400, Springfield, VA 22150. Visit [blackwomenunitedforaction.org](http://blackwomenunitedforaction.org) and use PayPal button.

**Victorian Pharmacy Workshop.** 1-3 p.m. at Lloyd House, 220 N. Washington St., Alexandria. Learn about Victorian apothecaries and make an herbal remedy with The Schod Family Apothecary historic interpreters Kent and Melissa Schod. Admission includes a ticket to visit the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum at a later time. Recommended for ages 12 and older. \$15 per person; required purchase of tickets at [shop.alexandriava.gov](http://shop.alexandriava.gov).

**St. Aidan’s Oktoberfest.** 3-7 p.m. at 8531 Riverside Road, Alexandria. Live music from the Mount Vernon German Band, specialty sausages and beer, homemade treats, and silent auction. Kinderfest from 3-5 p.m. includes games, cakewalk, face painting, and more. Rain or shine. Call 703-360-4220 or visit [www.staidansepiscopal.com](http://www.staidansepiscopal.com).

**Opening Reception: Seeing the Light.** 4-7 p.m. at Broadway Gallery, 5641-B General Washington Drive, Alexandria. “Seeing the Light: Virginia Landscapes and Beyond,” is a solo exhibition by Bradley Stevens. His style is contemporary realism—rooted in classical training, yet boldly depicting the modern world with his penetrating eye. Reception is open to the public, and light refreshments will be served. Exhibit runs Oct. 6-Nov. 6. Visit [www.broadwaygalleries.net](http://www.broadwaygalleries.net).

**Old Dominion Bocce Tournament.** At Belle Haven Country Club, Alexandria. Old Dominion Bocce team invites the community for a day of bocce, great food, beverages (courtesy of Stone Brewing Co.) and music. The event is open to teams of all skill levels. Visit [www.preventcancer.org](http://www.preventcancer.org).



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The Virginia Climate Crisis Forum drew a packed house in the auditorium of James Madison High School in Vienna.

## Sharp Differences on Climate Change

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**THE PANELISTS** posed questions to the two senatorial candidates from their individual perspectives and areas of knowledge and concern, led by moderator Rev. Dr. Jean Wright, a co-founder of Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions.

Kaine wasted no time differentiating himself from his opponent and from the Trump Administration.

“Before we talk about solutions,” said Kaine, “we have to all accept that man-made climate change is real,” not the “hoax” that Kaine reminded the audience was the President’s often-stated opinion on the issue. “Both [Trump and Stewart] have used that word.”

Kaine supports the science of climate change and says that overall, so does Congress. He relates that he sees the effects of climate change every day.

“This is not a tomorrow issue in Virginia. It’s an issue for today.”

Stewart began his remarks by saying to the climate-conscious audience that “perhaps we won’t agree on much, but all I am asking for is an open mind, and I will have an open mind, as well.”

Stewart readily admits that the climate has changed significantly in recent years, but he does not see that as being primarily “caused by man,” and that he does not believe “man can change that.” His assertion brought shouts and boos from the crowd, and had moderator Wright calling for civility and respect.

The contrasts between the two men continued as they answered the questions of the moderator and the panelists.

On the subject of constructing additional pipelines in Virginia, Kaine thought that the process to permit such construction was flawed and needed to be addressed at the Federal level.

“I’m not saying I would never be in favor of a new pipeline,” Kaine said, but that the question first needed to be asked if a pipeline was truly needed, and then to proceed with an investigatory process to assess impact and to allow for “real citizen input,” rather than token outreach.

Reliance on green energy solutions would “increase the costs of power, cost jobs” and make the country less secure, while having little impact on the negatives associated with climate change, Stewart said.

Stewart’s answers throughout the forum strongly

defended the coal industry. Expressing his agreement with the President’s decision to pull out of the Paris Climate Accord, Stewart said that shutting down the coal industry or imposing “burdensome” environmental regulations on businesses would just move the problem to countries like China and India where there would be less-regulation and more harmful effects.

“Again,” he said, “losing jobs at home and not solving anything.”

Major General Devereaux responded that by leaving the Paris Accord “what we ceded is moral leadership. ... It diminishes our moral authority and national security.” If there are problems with the pact – which Devereaux acknowledged there are several – then it was the role of leaders to stay at the table and work the problem, rather than be “absent.”

**KAINE** said that he supports eliminating tax credits and subsidies for carbon energy producers and other industries. “It’s time for us to stop picking the winners and losers,” he said, and invest that money more wisely. Kaine disagrees with Stewart that “green solutions” would cause devastating job losses, citing studies and examples where more, better-paying and more sustainable employment is associated with green energy industries, technology and research.

The Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions was founded in 2013 and has grown to represent more than 70 congregations in Northern Virginia. Visit [www.faithforclimate.org](http://www.faithforclimate.org) for more information.



After finishing his section of the event, U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine stepped backstage and took a few questions, including one from Oakton High School Junior Wendy Gao, who attended the forum as a reporter for her school newspaper.

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## Woe I'll Never Be



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Not on hold with the Oncology department today. Not elbowing Twinkle or Biscuit off my writing tablet as I sit and write this week's column. And not going hungry from the previous Friday's infusion (a week plus has passed so the worst side effect of the treatment has passed).

In general, aside from waiting for my upcoming CT scan on Sept. 26, I am glad that soon I can get on with my life.

You'll note I didn't say fate. That word has too negative a connotation. And my nature, as you regular readers know, is as a positive/glass half full kind of person. So, as I approach this next milestone, I view it not so much as a millstone but more so as just another rock that hopefully leaves me not in a very hard place.

The pre-existing cancer diagnosis is already hard enough. But after living with it for so long and enduring as many rounds of chemotherapy, side effects, lab work, diagnostic scans, 24-hour urine collection and all the associated anxiety surrounding a "terminal" diagnosis as I have, one, at least this one, has learned to live with the miscellaneous demands.

It's not to imply that doing so is easy, but not doing so is so much more difficult. To that end, which ultimately won't be my end, assimilating the good, bad and the incredibly worrisome into some sort of mental spreadsheet seems the only logical pursuit.

Either you learn to take it in stride or you'll die not trying.

And since dying, so far as we know anyhow, is so much less appealing than living, I'm striving to balance my equilibrium and never get too high or too low no matter the news. (Yes. I'm a Libra so balance is very much a part of my process.)

That's not to say that there aren't incredible pressures and challenges that us cancer patients have to manage, it's more that to say that laughing in the face of death is not a sign of weakness but more so a sign of enlightened strength.

Part of that strength is respecting the process with which cancer patients are all too familiar and moreover, and most importantly, understanding and respecting what we don't have control over. There's an element of letting go which enhances one's quality of life and minimizes obstacles as well.

Doing what you can and not fretting about what you can't, in addition to keeping an open mind, combines to smooth out the rough edges and to focus on the path ahead. The 'path ahead' being the goal.

I remember that exact philosophy being expressed by my oncologist at the original Team Lourie meeting back in late February 2009. When it was suggested that my mother's smoking of Chesterfield King cigarettes in my youth or my dalliances in college in the '70s might be relevant/have had an impact on my lung cancer diagnosis, my oncologist would have none of it.

Retrieving fragments of history and/or assigning blame for less-than-ideal behavior was irrelevant to him. His concern was not the past, it was the present/future. We were to be looking/planning ahead and treating forward.

And so here I sit, very much having been treated forward.

At present, I am my oncologist's prize cow, a stage IV, non-small cell lung cancer survivor, alive and reasonably well nine years and nearly seven months into an initial "13 month to two year" prognosis. After hearing that grim prognosis, I never would have imagined that in August 2018, I'd still be alive.

But here I am. Not a victim of my own circumstances.

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

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## NEWS

# Bike Trails

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area, according to the Fairfax Advocates for Better Bicycling (FABB). "Biking and walking access to Huntley Meadows from nearby neighborhoods needs to be improved and removing these planned trails would have the exact opposite impact," said Bruce Wright, a board member of FABB.

Both trail proposals follow paths on utility right-of-ways, which were reviewed by FABB and found feasible, without much impact to the surrounding area.

Fairfax County is removing the trails from the plan because of the environmental impact a trail would have in this area of Huntley Meadows, but Wright thinks the trail alignment with the power lines wouldn't be an impact since this area is cleared every few years by the power company anyway.

Hayfield Farm has fought plans for roads to go through the community to Richmond Highway through the years, and has "no cut through" signs at a couple of entrance roads. Hayfield resident Lindsay Roberts lives a few doors down from the end of Hayfield Road and the pool where the bike trail would have been, but she hadn't heard of the proposal. "In theory, it sounds good, it would be nice to have access to the park," she said, but would like to learn more about it.

FABB plans to meet with county staff and others to find out more about the proposals and to ensure that bike/ped connectivity is maintained in the area.

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**Juvenile Justice Forum.** 3-7 p.m. at Gum Springs Community Center, 8100 Fordson Road. Join the Fairfax NAACP's Youth Council for this informative town hall. Virginia's Public School System has the highest number of student referrals to the juvenile justice system in the country. The rate of referrals in Virginia is double the national average, with a many youths jailed for non-felony offenses. A step show and cook-out will follow the event. Free. Register at www.eventbrite.com/e/juvenile-justice-forum-tickets-50314137941.

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**Public Forum on Fair and Affordable Housing.** 7-9 p.m. at the Bethlehem Baptist Church (Gum Springs), 7836 Fordson Road. Presenters will describe the state of affordable housing and housing discrimination in the county and what needs to be addressed, as well as take audience questions. Light refreshments at 6:30 in the multipurpose room. Visit www.bethlehemofalexandria.org for more.

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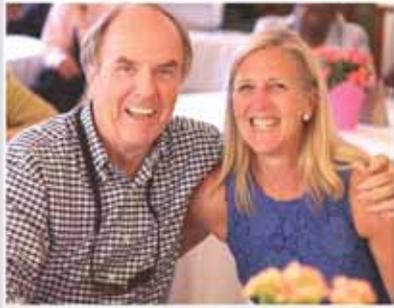
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