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Security camera footage showing the moments before a white Alexandria police officer pushed a black ARHA inspector to the ground during a 2015 incident that prompted a federal civil rights lawsuit.

Disproportionate Use of Force

African Americans are often targets of strong-arm tactics by Alexandria police.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

When Terry Henderson arrived at the Brent Place Apartments on a sunny June day five years ago, he had no idea he was about to become the latest example of a black man being harassed and manhandled by a white police officer. Henderson, an inspector for the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority, was on his way to inspect two units that day at Brent Place, a government-subsidized apartment complex on the West End. When he arrived at the side door, his entry was blocked by a white police officer who told Henderson to use the front door instead.

“I have a key fob,” said Henderson, flashing the hardware he used to do inspections. “You aren’t going to treat me like you treat everyone else at this building.”

Security camera footage shows Henderson

turned away and started walking to the front door of the building. But he didn’t get very far. The white officer got in his face and told him he was under arrest for trespassing. The officer ordered Henderson to put his hands behind his back and threatened to pepper spray him if he didn’t comply. Henderson thought this was preposterous, but he put his ARHA clipboard on a ledge and allowed the white man to cuff him. But when the officer demanded he get on the ground, Henderson did not respond fast enough. So the officer pushed him to the ground with such force that a ring on one of his fingers had to be sawed off his finger.

“To this day I still have problems with my shoulder,” said Henderson. “I used to have a great rapport with the police. Now I look at them totally differently.”

No charges were ever filed against Henderson. But Henderson filed charges against Officer John Jones in federal court, accusing him of stopping him without reasonable suspicion, seizing him in violation of the Fourth Amendment and using excessive force. The lawsuit was settled out of court, although Henderson says that’s not what he wanted.

“I wasn’t looking for money. The only thing I wanted was an apology,” he said. “I never got an apology.”

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YOUTUBE SCREEN CAPTURE



PHOTO BY JANET BARNETT/GAZETTE PACKET

Protesters gather in front of the Charles Houston Recreation Center June 4 to participate in a rally in memory of George Floyd, who died while in police custody May 25 in Minneapolis.

City Protests Continue Hundreds gather at Charles Houston for George Floyd rally.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

One by one the names were read aloud. For eight minutes and 46 seconds – the time that George Floyd suffered with the knee of a police officer on his neck during an arrest in Minneapolis – the names of African Americans who died at the hands of law enforcement rang through the crowd gathered June 4 at the Charles Houston Recreation Center.

Close to 1,000 people gathered in a peaceful protest against police brutality and in the memory of Floyd, whose death May 25 was recorded in a now viral video.

Mayor Justin Wilson, joined at the protest by City Council mem-

bers Amy Jackson, John Taylor Chapman, Canek Aguirre and Mo Seifeldein, was one of several speakers to address the crowd.

“Black Lives Matter,” Wilson chanted with the crowd. “Sometimes in an argument, someone will say the words ‘calm down,’ which never works. I am telling you today, do not calm down. Stay in our face. Stay in the face of the policymakers, the men and women who are making the decisions to protect black lives.”

Protester Ivory Dean fired up the crowd after calls for her to take to the microphone.

“We have been saying this time and time again,” Dean said to the cheers of the crowd. “We have been telling America that you are

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Safely Celebrating Seniors

Commonwealth Academy holds drive-in graduation.

By JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

Alexandria's Commonwealth Academy creatively celebrated its class of 2020 with a drive-in ceremony June 5 in the Potomac Yard parking lot.

"Commonwealth Academy's 2020 graduating class is an outstanding group of young men and women who are moving on to do impressive things," said Head of School Anabelle Morgan. "Being a senior this year was undeniably different, and the fact that this group made it through all the unexpected with grace and good cheer, also achieving impressive success, is something to honor."

Graduates and their families observed social distancing guidelines while watching the ceremony from their vehicles or other areas of the parking lot. As the graduates were called up, each picked up their diplomas from a table in lieu of the usual presentation and handshake from Morgan.

"While this ceremony looks different from what we had originally imagined, nothing takes away from the absolute joy we all are feeling for you right now!" Morgan told the graduates.

Morgan acknowledged the challenges of the non-traditional graduation but said the students deserved to be celebrated. "They deserved a proper send-off and I'm thrilled that we are able to creatively come together to do so," she said.



Dressed in caps and gowns, seniors Hazel Feldstein, Ewan O'Donnell, Lucy Souilliere, Max Leopold, and Mattias Camacho, together since 3rd grade, celebrate their graduation from Commonwealth Academy during a drive-in ceremony June 5 at Potomac Yard. In front are teachers Jane Furey, Rose-Marie Parker, Santiago Sere and Ksenya Litvak.



Commonwealth academy graduate Lucy Souilliere stands with her parents Robert and Sarah at the June 5 drive-in graduation ceremony at Potomac Yard.



Commonwealth Academy Head of School Anabelle Morgan addresses the 2020 graduates at a drive-in ceremony June 5 in the Potomac Yard parking lot.



Acalia Carter-Martin gives a thumbs up after receiving her diploma from Commonwealth Academy at the June 5 drive-in graduation ceremony at Potomac Yard.

"They deserved a proper send-off and I'm thrilled that we are able to creatively come together to do so."

— Head of School
Anabelle Morgan



Decorated cars celebrate the 2020 graduates of Commonwealth Academy during a drive-in ceremony at Potomac Yard.



The Parker family watches the Commonwealth Academy drive-in graduation ceremony June 5 at Potomac Yard.



Hazel Feldstein gives a thumbs up at her drive-in graduation ceremony June 5 at Potomac Yard.

Phase Two Indoor dining, retail operations can resume June 12.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

Northern Virginia will begin entering Phase Two of the Virginia Forward plan June 12 with restaurants and retail operations able to resume indoor services under strict COVID-19 guidelines.

“It is nice to be open again,” said Tempo Restaurant owner Wendy Albert, who modified her location to accommodate outdoor dining. “We’ll see how it goes. Here in the West End it’s been a trickle of customers.”

Restaurants have been among the hardest hit in the months-long closure of businesses due to the recent pandemic. Some of the restrictions in Phase Two require a limit of 50 percent capacity or 50 people, whichever is fewer, and social distancing guidelines are to be observed.

Restaurants have previously been limited to take-out and outdoor dining only, also with strict restrictions in place.

The limit for gatherings increases from 10 people to 50 people. Gyms and fitness centers can reopen at 30 percent capacity.

“I have been and will continue to do everything I can to make my customers feel as safe as possible,” Albert added.

Full details of the Phase Two plan can be found at www.virginia.gov/coronavirus/



Tempo Restaurant owner Wendy Albert passes out hand wipes to diners May 31. Indoor dining will resume again June 12.



Warehouse Restaurant owner Hossein Pishdad, standing, serves a meal to Craig Dyson, John Moorman and Taylor Barnes June 3 in Old Town. Indoor dining will resume beginning June 12 as part of Phase Two of the Virginia Forward plan.

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Freedom of Speech or Zoning Violation?

Seminary Road debate resurfaces after sign violation.

BY BRIDGETTE ADU-WADIER
GAZETTE PACKET

The Alexandria Board of Zoning Appeals has rejected a request from an Alexandria homeowner to display a 4-foot-by-8-foot sign declaring his opposition to the controversial Seminary Road diet. The homeowner, Brett Melvin, said that the display was not actually a sign at all, arguing that the zoning ordinance should not apply because he said the exhibit should be considered art. He lost that argument in a vote of 5-to-1.

“I have begun gathering information on the logical next steps,” said Melvin, adding that he isn’t ruling out a lawsuit against the city. “I first must make certain that I have exhausted all the avenues available with the city appeals process. I will weigh all my options to decide on the best path forward.”

The debate over the sign reignites a simmering controversy over the Seminary Road diet, which City Council members narrowly approved in a four-to-three vote last September. The vote reduced two traffic lanes and installed a new turn lane, adding bike lanes along a stretch of road that connects the Virginia Theological Seminary to INOVA Al-



The sign at 1420 Key Drive is 32 square feet, which exceeds the city’s maximum of 22 square feet for signs on residential properties. Homeowner Brett Melvin appealed the violation for his sign because he thinks the decision was politically motivated.

“Nobody is saying you can’t say what’s on the sign. We’re just saying you can’t say it at 32 square feet.”

— Lawrence Altenburg, chairman, Board of Zoning Appeals

exandria Hospital. The next month, Melvin posted a sign that read “Take Back Seminary Road #JustinsTrafficJam,” employing a hashtag used on social media by people discussing the controversy. During the holiday season, the sign was festooned with festive lights.

“My daughter sings the hashtag every time we drive past,” joked Mayor Justin Wilson on Facebook after the vote. “I like the sign. I always wanted my name up in lights.”

Five days after he installed the sign in November, Melvin received a notice of violation from the city. That was prompted by an anonymous complaint to the SEE FREEDOM OF SPEECH?, PAGE 5

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Freedom of Speech?

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city's Call, Click Connect system, which was logged on Nov. 29 at 8:51 am. The anonymous person who lodged the complaint specifically cited Article 9, Section 104 of the city's Zoning Ordinance, which regulates signs, marquees and awnings.

"Would you investigate and handle expeditiously?" asked the anonymous tipster.

City officials say enforcement of zoning is driven by complaints through systems like Call, Click, Connect, which has since been replaced by a new system called Alex311. After receiving the complaint, zoning officials investigated the situation on Key Drive. They determined that the sign was larger than the 22 square feet maximum, concluding that it was in violation of the zoning ordinance.

"We have two zoning inspectors," said Tony LaColla, chief of the Land-Use Services Division. "We do not have the number of staff to proactively go out and site violations, so we rely on a complaint-based system."

Melvin argued that many other signs in Alexandria are larger than 22 square feet, and he worries political motivations may have been behind the complaint and the city's response to it. He tried to argue that his First Amendment rights were being violated by selective enforcement. But city officials responded that they took action based on the

size of the sign, which was in violation of the ordinance, rather than language on the sign.

"Nobody is saying you can't say what's on the sign," said Lawrence Altenburg, chairman of the Board of Zoning Appeals. "We're just saying you can't say it at 32 square feet."

The city's zoning ordinance defines a sign as something that is "used to attract attention to an institution, organization, business, product, service, event or location." Melvin argued that his sign did not do any of those things and, therefore, should not be considered a sign, although he called it a "sign" in papers he filed with the city. Ultimately, board members had to figure out how to make a content-neutral determination about the sign while also determining whether it drew attention to an institution, business, product, service, event or location.

"I think in this case, the ordinance is flawed, ultimately that results in the inability for it to be enforced appropriately," said Michael Yoo, the lone vote in favor of Melvin's appeal. "You could put up a sign of any size and I think that is fraught with real problems."

The future of the sign, which has now been up for seven months, is now in doubt.

"It stayed up this long only because of the coronavirus pandemic or the Wuhan flu, whatever you want to call it," Melvin told members of the Board of Zoning Appeals.



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We Were Part of the Sunnyside Community: Lovell Arvid Lee

BY CHAR MCCARGO BAH

It was 1874 when junk dealer and real estate owner Charles A. Watson died in Alexandria, Virginia. He left his entire estate to his wife, Laura Ware (Wair) Watson. Together Laura and her three sons, Frank, Thomas Montgomery and Elbert turned their real estate into one of the first African American housing communities in Alexandria.

In 1870, four years prior to Charles A. Watson's death, he purchased property in the northern end of Alexandria located in the area of West Glebe Road and Mount Vernon Avenue. Today, this community is between I-395 and Route 1 at Potomac Yard and it is adjacent to the Del Ray and Beverly Hills neighborhoods. In 1905, the Watsons dedicated and subdivided the land to provide disenfranchised people of color a place to own a single-family home. The community was Sunnyside and the streets were named after the deceased members of the Watson's family. These streets were Elbert Avenue and Charles Avenue; and a street was named Old Dominion Drive.

Some of the early families who lived in Sunnyside were Houston G. Brooks, Amelia A. Weaver, Warren M. Wair, Gilbert Z. Sloan, Emma Simmons, Jesse Johnson, Thomas Montgomery Watson and Theodore E. Lee.

The Sunnyside community represented the American dream for the Colored people who lived in



Mr. Lovell Arvid Lee

the Sunnyside community. One family who purchased their home at 3812 Elbert Avenue in the Sunnyside community between the years of 1923-1924 was Theodore E. and Mildred Lee. At the time, his occupation was porter. He and his wife raised four children in this house, DeAlman, Lavern, Dermot and Lovell. Mr. Lovell Arvid Lee remembers his childhood home as being a single-family unit with large front and back yards; two living rooms; dining room and kitchen; three bedrooms; and an outhouse (bathroom was added in the house in 1949). Mr. Lovell had an enjoyable childhood, he said, "My fond memory growing up was playing in the woods and the creek. The creek was Four Mile Run." In addition, the children who lived in this neighborhood prior to 1950 attended Parker-Gray School for their elementary and high schools.

For black families who lived in Sunnyside during the Jim Crow era, it represented the American dream to own your house and raise your children in a community that accepts you.



Lovell Arvid Lee and his brother Dermot Lee in 1948 in front of their house at 3812 Elbert Avenue.

Sunnyside has gone through many changes over the decades. Developers have built apartment buildings around the community making it into a high-density area. The old Sunnyside known today as Arlandria continues to evolve with an influx of immigrants who are looking for the American dream, just like their earlier counterparts of Sunnyside. However, developers have built new subdivisions in the area that have attracted a new generation of homeowners. Some of the old families who made up Sunnyside, their children have purchased properties in those developments.

Mr. Lovell A. Lee has two sons, Sherwin and Leslie who purchased their homes in the new development that was once Sunnyside. They are continuing the legacy of

their grandfather, Theodore who purchased his house in the 1920s. Mr. Lovell and the other original families were the new 20th Century Black Middle Class. It was hard to believe that in the beginning of the Jim Crow era in Alexandria, one black family who had a dream to start a black middle class neighborhood name Sunnyside, would pave the way for sixteen disenfranchised black families to own their homes. These families made their mark on Alexandria's housing history, and they will be remembered as part of the Sunnyside Community.

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The Time to Act is Now

BY DEL. PAUL KRIZEK

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once said that "a riot is the language of the unheard." The centuries-long pain and suffering of black communities across this Commonwealth and our nation is clearer now to majority whites than ever before. Now, finally, we must dismantle the racial inequities that led to the tragic deaths of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, and Breonna Taylor, inequities that should have been eliminated decades ago. The murderous 8 minutes and 46 seconds of Officer Chauvin's knee in Mr. Floyd's

neck has shown white Americans what America's black citizens have endured all along. The time for action is now.

It is time for white citizens, who as a race have never endured this treatment, yet benefit from white privilege, to act. It is time for all of us who want to do the right thing and truly demand equity, but are unsure of what to do to move forward against four hundred years of institutionalized racism to speak out. The quote I remember best from Dr. King was his admonition,



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seemingly, to me: "In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends."

As your elected official, I am duty bound to try to change our laws after listening and learning, especially from black leaders in our community as we act together to dismantle the broken system that led to the deaths of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, Rodney King, Eric Garner, among countless other black and brown citizens. Closer to home,

we can add to that list 25-year-old Bijan Ghaisar, who was shot multiple times with impunity by the U.S. Park Police, without facing any accountability, on a quiet Tauxemont community street two and one half years ago.

We cannot be complacent with a return to normalcy. The status quo was never equitable for black Americans, was it? We will try harder, and we will make our society more just and fair. Racism is a systemic problem. We each have a personal duty to call out racism wherever we see it in our daily lives, and to actively consider our

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own behavior through an equity lens. I am encouraged to see so many white youths around the country and in our own Mount Vernon community this past Friday evening, standing up and using their privilege to march down Richmond Highway in solidarity with black Americans to denounce racism in all its forms.

To all others, I need you to listen, learn, read books by black authors, donate your time and your money if you can, and even to attend peaceful demonstrations (using your masks and maintaining social distancing inasmuch as possible). As white allies, we must use our privilege to demand change and reconciliation for 400 years of suffering. One thing that is abundantly clear is that silence and inaction are not the answer and the time to act is now.

For all of us, watching the news has been heart-breaking and tough to take. Over the weekend, we witnessed yet another disturbing use of force incident in the Gum Springs community when a black man in obvious distress, who did not appear to be a danger to himself or others, was tased by a Fairfax County police officer. The officer then put his knee on the back of this man's neck and tased the man additional times as he lay face down in the street and cried out that he couldn't breathe. While I commend Fairfax County Police Chief Roessler and Commonwealth Attorney Descano's quick response in arresting and charging the officer with assault and battery, this incident shows that we have a police officer here in our community who is too quick to escalate the use of force, and just how critical body-worn cameras are for transparency and holding our law enforcement accountable.

As both a member of the General Assembly and of the Virginia State Crime Commission, I stand ready to work with my colleagues and the Governor to recommend specific policy changes to ensure that law enforcement in Virginia is not just held accountable but is transformed and trained into peace enforcement agencies that emphasize de-escalation and nonlethal force, and employ empathy with a focus on mental health. It is important to work towards limiting the interactions between armed law enforcement officers and communities of color. Today, we call the police for everything, from welfare checks, to mental health crises, to seeing a person experiencing homelessness sleeping on a bench. While often well-intentioned, these interactions often have deadly consequences due to lack of training, as was the case for Atatiana Jefferson, who was shot in her own home by police during a check on her welfare. These situations could be better served by public safety employees who are trained social workers who are better able to diffuse a situation without the added dynamic of a deadly weapon.

We will eliminate those laws which contribute to the systemic racism in our Commonwealth that exist not just within the criminal justice system, but in healthcare, in housing, and so many other areas. We made some progress in this last General Assembly by passing legislation to remove all of the old Jim Crow language throughout the Virginia Code, and to allow localities to remove powerful symbols of hate, like the Robert E. Lee statue on Monument Avenue in Richmond and the statue of the Confederate soldier in

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Protester Ivory Dean speaks to the crowd at the June 4 rally at the Charles Houston Recreation Center.



Local advocate McArthur Myers addresses the crowd during the protest against the death of George Floyd June 4 at the Charles Houston Recreation Center.

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Protesters hold signs during the June 4 rally at the Charles Houston Recreation Center.

City Protests Continue

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killing us. Black on black crime does not exist – it's the police that are killing us and we need convictions. We need them fired. When the law stops protecting these murderous police that's when you won't see us anymore."

Rabbi Jack Moline, president of the Interfaith Alliance, attended the rally.

"This is a time for all of us to follow the lead of those who have been disenfranchised and oppressed because of the color of their skin," Moline said.

Rev. James Daniely of Roberts Memorial United Methodist Church also addressed the crowd.

"We don't need someone else to tell us that we need education and opportunities," Daniely said. "We know that. Give us the opportunity and we will do it ourselves."

Daniely continued: "This is not a black on white

issue – it's a human issue. And we as human beings need to repent for our inactivates. If the things that you think, do and say have an inherent bias because of a learned behavior, repent from that. That will save not only black lives but human lives."

The protest began in the parking lot of the recreation center followed by a march around the block to the front of the building. The majority of the planned program took place until a severe thunderstorm warning went into effect and Police Chief Michael Brown asked everyone to immediately seek shelter.

Community activist Boyd Walker was one of the organizers of the event.

"There is an amazing crowd here today," Walker said. "More than 1,000 people came out to celebrate the life of George Floyd and I hope everyone goes home tonight and does something constructive to change things."



Rev. James Daniely of Roberts Memorial United Methodist Church speaks at the protest against the death of George Floyd June 4 at the Charles Houston Recreation Center

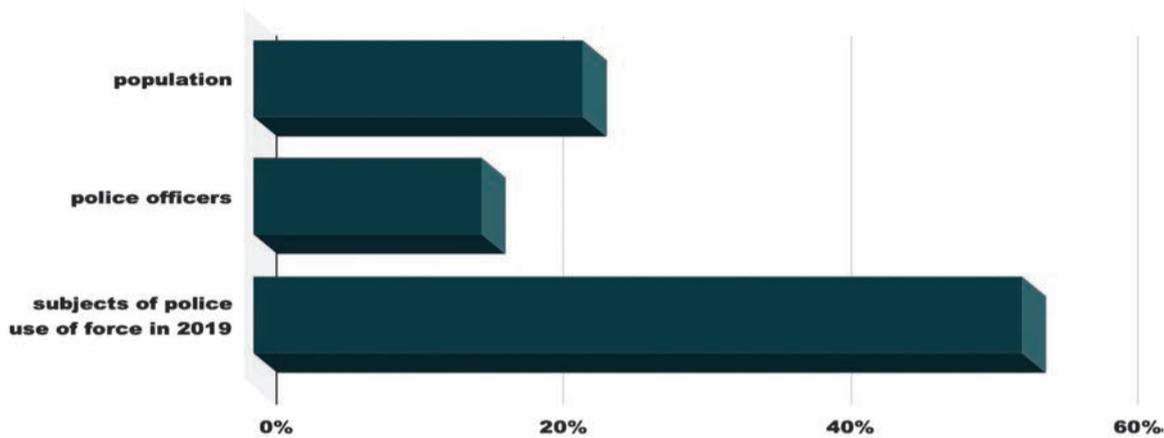


A protester holds a sign with photos of African Americans who have died due to police violence.



A boarded up Bishop Boutique on King Street.

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Black People in Alexandria as a Share of ...

Disproportionate Use of Force

FROM PAGE 1

DOCUMENTS OUTLINING use of force by the Alexandria Police Department show Henderson is not alone. Force is used against black males more than any other group, according to numbers compiled by the police department and acquired through a public-records request. The document outlines everything from shooting a gun at a suspect or deploying a Taser to hitting someone with a baton or tackling them to the ground. In the most recent report, which covers 2019, 54 percent of the instances of use of force was against African Americans. That's significantly higher than the black population in Alexandria, which is 23 percent.

"Generally speaking, it's because somebody is not complying," said Shahram Fard, the deputy chief of police who compiled the use-of-force report for the department. "If I make an arrest, the only reason I'm using force is you're not complying with my commands."

Fard said it's difficult to come to a conclusion about the disproportionate use of force in 2019 without knowing more about the individual circumstances in the 45 incidents where force was used by 37 officers against 28 people. For example, he says, he'd like to know things like what time of the day did the incident happen and what was the age of the suspect? Did the suspect suffer from mental illness? Was the suspect under the influence? What type of force was used? All of these questions are likely to be answered in the incident reports, but a spokesman for the department says those will not be released to the public.

"We do not provide incident reports," said Courtney Ballantine, responding to an email requesting incident reports detailing each use of force. "A FOIA request will also be redacted as there is sensitive information in the reports."

SENSITIVE INFORMATION has been concealed from public view for many years at the Alexandria Police Department, which has a long history of withholding information that's widely available in other states. When former Police Chief Earl Cook was appointed to the job in August 2009, he promised to review the policy of shielding public access to documents that are widely available in other states. He later changed his mind and announced he would not be conducting a review after all, adding that the department would continue withholding all incident reports, regardless of what the case is about, regardless of whether the case is open or closed.

"I don't think we have to justify it," said Cook in a March 2010 interview. "A lot of things can be said about transparency, that doesn't make it effective."

Alexandria police could release incident reports if www.connectionnewspapers.com

they wanted. But the Virginia Freedom of Information Act gives police agencies broad discretion to withhold documents and information. Police agencies across Virginia have chosen to use that discretion to withhold incident reports in all cases rather than consider the merits of releasing information about individual cases. That creates an information blackout here in Alexandria, where police officials say all of the uses of force in 2019 were warranted but refuse to release documents backing that up.

"They say 'nothing to see here' and 'everything's fine,' but we don't know the names and we don't know the officers," said Chris Harris, president of the Alexandria NAACP. "We need a citizen review board and a better form of data transparency."

IN THE LAST 20 YEARS, the population of Alexandria has increased 13 percent. But the budget of the Alexandria Police Department has more than doubled, a spending trend that's happened at police agencies across the country. That's led many to question the allocation of public resources.

The killing of George Floyd, an unarmed black man, by a white police officer in Minnesota last month, documented on video and shared on social media, has prompted a new discussion about resources devoted to law enforcement that could be used for things like social services or youth initiatives.

"You shouldn't be sending the police when somebody has a mental health crisis," said Claire Gastanaga, executive director at the ACLU of Virginia. "You shouldn't be asking the police to address homelessness by arresting people for vagrancy or trespass. You shouldn't be addressing drug addiction by trying to criminalize your way out of it. You should be investing in education so people have options other than criminal activity as a way to support themselves."

Recent days have seen a wave of demonstrations across the country protesting police brutality and systemic racism. Here in Alexandria, that's raising new questions about how police use force against minorities and the kind of information the Alexandria Police Department is willing to share about those incidents. One potential solution is increased training, but that also has its limitations. The federal lawsuit against the white Alexandria police officer from the 2015 incident at Brent Place Apartments pointed out that the white officer already had training in ignoring rude comments from people who otherwise complied with instructions. And yet the incident happened anyway.

"Several hours of sensitivity training do not overcome a lifetime of experience," said Victor Glasberg, the lawyer who represented the ARHA inspector in federal court. "We are not yet at a point of mutual and cultural ease and respect."

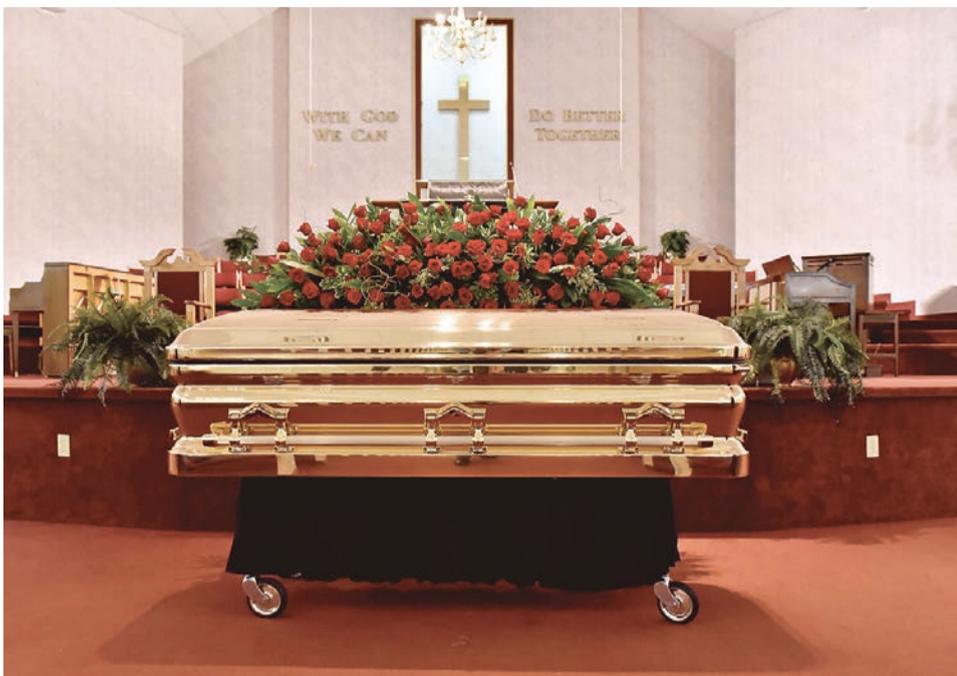


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The casket of George Floyd at a private family memorial June 6 in North Carolina.



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A likeness of George Floyd on display at a private family memorial June 6 in North Carolina.

‘Not Again’ Tavares Floyd mourns loss of his cousin George.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

“Not again” is the first thing that went through the mind of Tavares Floyd, a local Civil Rights attorney, when an aunt called him with the news of the death of his cousin George while in police custody in Minneapolis on May 25. The incident has sparked nationwide protests and calls for social justice and police reform.

“This pain is all too familiar for many,” said Floyd, who attended the private family memorial held June 6 in Raeford, N.C. “I’ve been heartbroken and frustrated since, but attending the funeral gave me a new energy.”

The two cousins are related through their great-grandfathers and attended many family reunions together over the years.

“Our family is scattered but originates out of the South, namely Tennessee, North Carolina and Georgia,” said Floyd, who originally hails from Memphis but is now a resident of Del Ray. “I’ve attended reunions all over the country annually since I was a little boy. My parents always valued family and embracing our culture and what you see on TV and in the media is very indicative of the love and compassion that our family has always shown.”

Floyd is currently the vice president of the Departmental Progressive Club. He serves on the boards of seven other local nonprofits and is a dedicated community advocate.

“This moment is critically important to me,” Floyd said. “I have been on the forefront of race relations for years. I’ve never shied away because I’ve never had the luxury to shy away. We must advance policies and programs that make a difference in the lives of every person of color. That’s where the real change happens.”

The Floyd family ancestors began as slaves and sharecroppers. Today, many are executives of Fortune 500s, judges, attor-



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Local attorney Tavares Floyd holds a newspaper clipping detailing the private family memorial held June 6 for his cousin George Floyd. The May 25 death of George Floyd during an arrest in Minneapolis has sparked weeks of protests across the county.

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— Tavares Floyd, cousin of George Floyd

neys, doctors, presidents of HBCUs and predominantly white institutions, and elected officials.

“As a black man in America, the work for change never ends,” Floyd said. “Alexandria

is no exception. Our country has to become what many of us have been taught and believed it was — a nation of liberty and justice for all.”

When asked how he feels about the move-

ment to defund police departments, Floyd replied with candor.

“I understand defunding police departments to be a rallying cry,” he said. “I get it. To me it’s more than gutting and doing away with budgets. It’s about addressing systemic problems in policing and analyzing and looking at how we can best utilize resources in this country for things like education and housing. I think people want to reorganize our priorities in this country. I want us to re-envision safety and how we can move forward together.”

Floyd said that he moved to the area to escape some of the racism inherent in the south but has still experienced “blatant racism” in Alexandria on multiple occasions.

“America is in trouble and has been, and most of it has to do with race,” Floyd said. “If we look at this country for what it was founded on and the ideals that so many have prioritized, we have a nation full of suffering that we can’t wrap our hands around. Everywhere we turn, there’s destruction, discord and division. My hope is that this will really be a moment of reasoning and the real change African Americans have been hoping for will come.”

Despite the family’s loss, Floyd hopes that his cousin’s death will not be in vain. He will continue to fight for equal pay and opportunities for African Americans.

“Now is the time to fight for the equality that my forefathers gave their lives to achieve,” Floyd said. “I’m calling on the white community to stop pleading ignorance and ignoring the suffering that African Americans go through on an everyday basis. I want to thank those who have joined my family in shining a light on an unjust system that many of us have suffered under for a long time. I hear them all, and I stand with them. Let’s stop the violence towards African Americans, and end both the implicit and explicit racial injustice that permeates our society.”

HOME LIFE STYLE



PHOTO BY JANET SHALESTIK

Sunflowers make great backdrops in summer gardens.

Summer Blooms

Heat tolerant flowers that add bursts of color to gardens and landscapes.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE GAZETTE

As spring flowers begin to wither under the heat and humidity of summer, the vibrant blooms that once graced yards and gardens begin to fade. It's during this time that landscapers and gardeners rely on a bevy of color rich flowering plants that are hearty enough to stand up to the relentless summer sun.

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"There are many annuals that keep blooming and producing more flowers, so you have constant color and constant flowers throughout the summer," said Janet Shalestik, Plant Specialist, Merrifield Garden Center, Fair Oaks, Virginia.

"They can all be planted either in the ground or in

containers."

One of the most popular is Lantana, which can be variegated in two-toned red and orange and Salvia, which can grow to be two to three feet tall. Both flowers attract hummingbirds and butterflies, says Shalestik. "Salvia are often purple and blue and sometimes red. What a lot of people like to do is put them containers on their patio, deck so they can see the hummingbirds and butterflies while they're sitting outside."

Orange and pink Begonias, Petunias in deep purple and fuchsia, towering Sunflowers and Zinnias with blooms that burst in colors like orange, pink and yellow and deep pink are also top summer picks, said Shalestik. "Zinnias can get nice and tall so people sometimes want to use them as a backdrop in their garden."

Summer-Flowering Vinca are a low-maintenance choice. "They're very heat tolerant, they don't have to deadhead and they're very deer-resistance," said Shalestik.

"Hydration is key, especially for flowers that are planted in containers," said Janet. "It's important to water when it's hot and we're not getting much rain. We recommend watering in the morning so they're hydrated when the intense heat starts."

Salvia can grow to be two to three feet tall.



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Alexandria Week in Coronavirus

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	Monday, June 8	Monday, June 1
Alexandria Cases:	2,102	1,981
Virginia Cases:	51,251	45,398
United States Cases:	1,920,904	1,761,503
Alexandria Deaths:	45	45
Virginia Deaths:	1,477	1,392
United States Deaths:	109,901	103,700

BY KEN MOORE
THE GAZETTE

Tuesday, June 9

BACKLOGGED TESTS: Starting on June 9, the Virginia Department of Health's COVID-19 data dashboard will reflect 13,000 additional tests that were backlogged. Over the next couple of days, this new information will be slowly added to the current data, which will result in an influx of results.

Monday, June 8

EVICCTIONS HALTED, FOR NOW: A temporary statewide moratorium on all eviction proceedings in Virginia is in effect through June 28, said Gov. Ralph Northam. The temporary moratorium will halt all eviction proceedings for a period of nearly three weeks, as the Northam administration implements a comprehensive rent relief program for the thousands of Virginians facing housing insecurity in the midst of this public health crisis.

"I am grateful to the Chief Justice for granting this order, and for the activists who have been working tirelessly on this important issue," said Northam. "Access to safe and stable housing is critically important, and this action will keep thousands of families in their homes as we work to get them the support they need."

Details of the Governor's rent relief initiative, supported by federal CARES Act funding, will be announced in the coming weeks. Tenants are encouraged to know their rights and responsibilities and pay their rent on time if they are able. Please visit StayHome-Virginia.com for more information and resources on tenant rights.

Saturday, June 6

MODIFIED SUMMER PROGRAMS: Modified full day summer programs at several locations throughout Alexandria for children ages 6-12 will be offered by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities (RPCA). Programs are designed to meet

the needs of essential workers who have limited options for childcare, with a priority to Alexandria families who need financial assistance. Each program is designed with limited capacity.

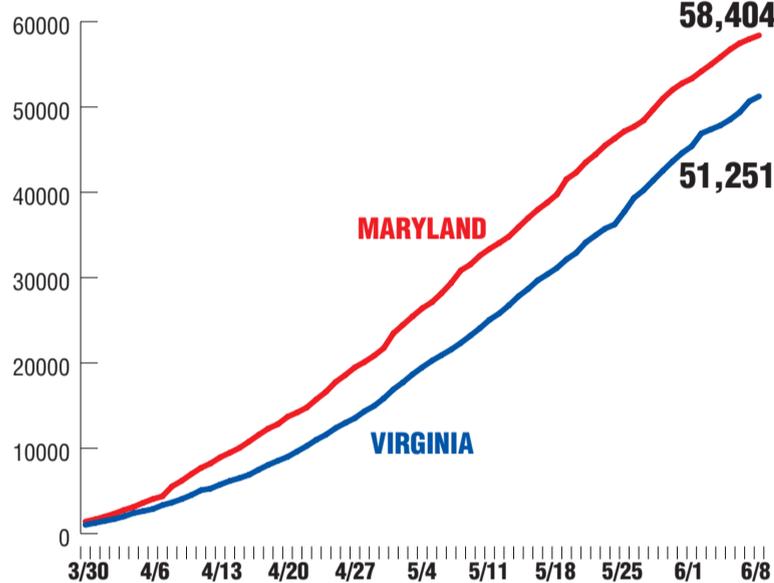
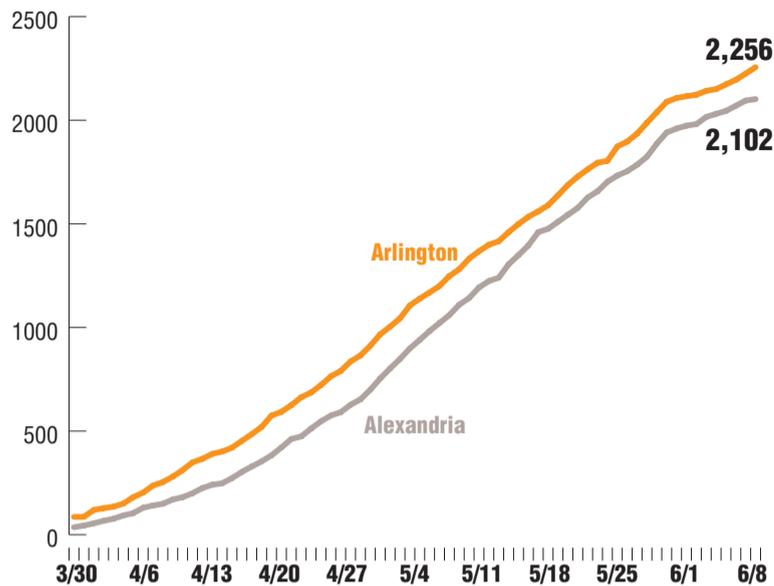
Alexandria residents interested in participating are required to verify eligibility by completing a Summer Camp Pre-Registration Eligibility Form. The questionnaire is available online at alexandriava.gov/Recreation. A mailed paper copy can be requested by calling the Registration and Reservation Office at 703.746.5414. Or, it can be picked up and dropped off at an outdoor drop box at the following locations: Lee Center Registration and Reservation Office, 1108 Jefferson Street; Leonard "Chick" Armstrong Recreation Center, 25 West Reed Avenue; William Ramsay Recreation Center, 5650 Sanger Avenue.

AFTER SCHOOL: Registration for school year 2020-2021 after school programs offered by RPCA is suspended until at least mid-July.

Once ACPS announces their school year schedule, RPCA will make the necessary programmatic adjustments and provide information about program options. It is anticipated that significant changes to program capacity and structure will be required to align with federal, state and local health guidelines. Once appropriate adjustments can be planned for the Fall, registration information will be advertised.

VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING, YOUTH AND ADULTS:

A variety of free on-demand programs and classes that can be viewed again and again are offered by the Recreation Department. Children can dress up in their favorite costume, sing along and Be Enchanted About Reading or learn the fundamentals of baseball in Lil Pro Sports. Adults can get fit from their living room with Strength Training at Home, Body Part Aerobics, Chinqua Circuit and Yoga for Beginners. Looking for something different? Try Boxercise or Zumbata en Espanol.



Sources: Virginia Department of Health <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/>; Maryland: Maryland Department of Health <https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/>; Alexandria Source: City of Alexandria

See alexandriava.gov/Recreation.

NURSING HOME DATA NOT PERFECT:

The U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) recently published data on COVID-19 cases in skilled nursing facilities.

The CMS rule applies only to skilled nursing facilities that participate in Medicare and/or Medicare programs; it does not apply to assisted living facilities or to skilled nursing facilities not participating in Medicare or Medicaid. As a result, not all Alexandria long-term care facilities are listed on the CMS database. For more information, including what AHD is doing to help protect the residents and staff of nursing homes and other long-term care facilities, visit AHD's COVID-19 FAQs.

Friday, June 5

MINUS ONE: The cumulative number of COVID-19 cases in Alexandria is now 2,045, including 45 fatalities. The Virginia Department

of Health has reassigned one previously reported fatality to another jurisdiction.

FOOD DASHBOARD:

Feeding and food distribution has been a concern since the COVID-19 crisis began, and many public and private organizations have responded. The City has developed an interactive dashboard to measure the impact of the combined efforts, including locations, demographic and food distribution events. Use the maps and charts to locate food distribution sites, investigate areas of interest, compare areas and more.

REST OF VIRGINIA:

Virginia entered Phase Two on Friday, June 5, as key statewide health metrics continue to show positive signs. Under Phase Two, the Commonwealth will maintain a Safer at Home strategy with continued recommendations for social distancing, teleworking, and requiring individuals to wear face coverings

in indoor public settings. But the Governor directed Northern Virginia and Richmond to remain in Phase One.

Visit virginia.gov/coronavirus/forwardvirginia for more.

Thursday, June 4

The cumulative number of COVID-19 cases in Alexandria is now 2,031, including 46 fatalities.

EVICTION AND FORECLOSURE: Courts are reopening and some eviction and foreclosure proceedings postponed during the closure may resume as soon as June 16. A number of resources are available for Alexandrians who are facing eviction and foreclosure, including short-term emergency rental assistance through the COVID-19 Emergency Rent Relief Assistance Program. The General Assembly also passed legislation earlier this year that gives tenants and property owners an additional 60-day continuance of an eviction or foreclosure proceeding, if they provide proof to the courts that their income has been adversely affected by COVID-19. See Gov. Northam's temporary moratorium announcement under Monday, June 8.

CAN PETS BE HOSTS?

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) have provided updated guidance for people who own pets and other animals. Until more is learned about how COVID-19 affects animals, pets should be treated like human family members to protect them from a possible infection. Because there is a small risk that people with COVID-19 could spread the virus to animals, pet owners should limit their pets' interaction with people outside their households.

The new guidelines include recommendations regarding dog walking and dog parks. Dogs should be walked on leashes, maintaining at least 6 feet from other people and animals. Pets and their owners should not gather in groups or and should stay out of crowded places.

Fenced dog parks in Alexandria remain closed. Face coverings on animals may harm them and should not be used. Do not wipe or bathe a pet with chemical disinfectants or products not approved for animal use. Talk to a veterinarian if a pet gets sick, or there are any concerns about a pet's health. For more information, see the CDC's Pets and Other Animals, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/animals/pets-other-animals.html>

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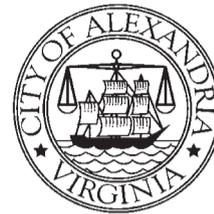
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Public Hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, in the Council Chamber, by video conference, City of Alexandria, Virginia, on Saturday, June 20, 2020, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon as may be heard on the hereinafter described items.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the adoption of supplemental appropriations for the operation of city government in Fiscal Year 2020.

PUBLIC HEARING and Consideration of a License Agreement with Verizon Wireless to Install an In-Building Radio Distribution System in City Hall and Market Square Garage both located at 301 King Street.

AN ORDINANCE making provision for the support of the government of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021. The proposed ordinance appropriates funds for the operation of the City government in FY 2021.

PUBLIC HEARING and Consideration of a license extension between the City of Alexandria and the Tall Ship Providence Foundation for the docking of the Tall Ship Providence in the City Marina.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 2-2-11 (ESTABLISHMENT OF CENTRAL ABSENTEE VOTER ELECTION DISTRICT AND VOTING PLACE), to amend and reordain Section 2-2-10 (ESTABLISHMENT OF ELECTION DISTRICTS AND VOTING PLACES) Subsection (n), and to amend and reordain "The Official Map of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, Designating Election Districts and Voting Places," adopted by Section 2-2-13 (MAP OF ELECTION DISTRICTS AND VOTING PLACES), all of Chapter 2 (ELECTIONS), Title 2 (GENERAL GOVERNMENT) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

PUBLIC HEARING and Consideration of a Three-Year license agreement renewal with Fight for Children for the Alexandria Boxing Club use of the Charles Houston Recreation Center located at 901 Wythe Street.

The proposed ordinance creates two Satellite Absentee Voting Districts for November Presidential elections at the Minnie Howard Campus and George Washington Middle School, and temporarily changes the Douglas MacArthur Voting District's polling place to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial for the November 2020 through November 2023 elections.

PUBLIC HEARING and Consideration of a license extension between the City of Alexandria and the Alexandria Seaport Foundation for the docking of the Maritime Heritage Center in the City Marina.

The proposed ordinance also deletes a section of the current ordinance that is redundant with the permanent establishment of the Beatley Library as an additional Central Absentee Voting District and is moot, as it pertains only to the 2012 presidential election.

PUBLIC HEARING of an Amendment to the Five-Year Telecommunications Facility License Agreement dated October 2019, between the City of Alexandria, Virginia and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC ("AT&T") to permit New Cingular Wireless to install approved small cell facilities on approved additional poles in the City of Alexandria's public rights-of ways.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain the Master Plan of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, by adopting and incorporating therein the amendment heretofore approved by city council to the North Potomac Yard chapter of such master plan as Master Plan Amendment No. 2019-00008 and no other amendments, and to repeal all provisions of the said master plan as may be inconsistent with such amendment.

PUBLIC HEARING of a Five-Year Telecommunications facility license agreement with Crown Castle Fiber, LLC, to permit Crown Castle Fiber, LLC, to occupy the City's Rights-of-way to attach small cell facilities on approved poles within the City of Alexandria's Rights-of-ways.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Master Plan Amendment No 2019-00008 to facilitate the Virginia Tech Innovation Campus, including an increase to heights; an amendment to square footages and locations of proposed uses; an amendment to the framework streets and location of pedestrian connections; and an amendment to the North Potomac Yard Urban Design Standards and Guidelines to add the North Potomac Yard Design Excellence addendum approved by the City Council on March 14, 2020.

PUBLIC HEARING of an amendment to a five-year telecommunications facility license agreement dated October 2019, between the City of Alexandria, Virginia and Celco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless to permit Celco Partnership to install approved small cell facilities on approved additional poles in the City of Alexandria's public rights-of ways.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 6-603 (USES) of Article No. VI (SPECIAL AND OVERLAY ZONES) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by city council as Text Amendment No. 2020-00002.

AN ORDINANCE implementing emergency procedures to ensure continuity of city government and, in particular, to modify public meeting procedures and other public practices and procedures to address continuity of operations associated with the COVID-19 pandemic disaster. The ordinance establishes procedures for the continuity of the City government during the COVID-19 Pandemic disaster.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Text Amendment No. 2020-00002 to allow day care centers as a permitted use on the ground floor of properties located within the Mount Vernon Overlay provided that the use shall occupy no than 30 feet frontage, and provided further that additional frontage space may be permitted with a Special Use Permit.

AN ORDINANCE to amend Chapter 3 ("CITY DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES") of Title 2 ("GENERAL GOVERNMENT") of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, by adding a new Section 2-3-5, "Prohibition of Firearms in City Buildings and on City Property."

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the owner of 430 South Pickett Street to establish and maintain an encroachment for a seat wall and trench drain at 430 South Pickett Street, in the City of Alexandria, Virginia. The proposed ordinance permits the owner of the property located at 430 South Pickett Street to establish a seat wall and trench drain in the adjacent sidewalk area.

The proposed ordinance prohibits the carrying of firearms in city owned building, park, or other property owned or used by the City. This ordinance is based on recent changes to State Code Section 15.2-915 providing the city with the authority for such prohibition.

THE PUBLIC IS ADVISED THAT AMENDMENTS OR ADDITIONS MAY BE MADE TO PROPOSED ORDINANCES WITHOUT FURTHER PUBLICATION. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT PERSONS INTERESTED IN ANY OF THESE ORDINANCES OBTAIN FREE FULL-TEXT COPIES FROM THE CITY CLERK AT CITY HALL. If the Mayor determines that weather or other conditions are such that it is hazardous for members to attend the Saturday Public Hearing, the hearing will be continued to the next Saturday that is not a legal holiday. GLORIA SITTON, CMC, CITY CLERK

AN ORDINANCE making supplemental appropriations for the support of the government of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, for Fiscal Year 2020.

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"The News of My Death ..."



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

... is greatly exaggerated." So said Mark Twain. So said W.C. Fields. And so said Kenny Lourie. And the reason I am now saying it is because of what correspondence I received in my personal inbox accessed through my HMO's online site. What I received was a condolence letter (sort of a form letter, quite frankly), addressed to the Lourie family from my oncologist expressing his sadness at my "passing" and his "privilege to have participated in the care of Kenneth Blacker Lourie" (me). Then, a bit later in the day, I received a cell-phone call from an unknown number (so I didn't answer it) but apparently, it knew me as a voice mail message was indicated. I entered my code and listened in associated shock as I heard my oncologist speak in a very heartfelt way about his "sadness" yet again concerning the death of yours truly. He spoke for nearly a minute, hemming and hawing and occasionally hesitating as if at a loss for words. Compared to the email, this message was personalized. Reading and then hearing what I have just written was an out-of-body experience of sorts, almost as if I was attending my own funeral and listening to the eulogies while standing off in the distance.

This experience was not totally unfamiliar to me. In fact, once before, pre-cancer, something similar happened though it was more curious than morbid. Scanning the Obituary section of The Washington Post, I noticed - for the first time, photos of the many of the deceased were a part of the page. They were located above the agatetype and mostly in black and white. Catching my attention as they did, I randomly went to the top right corner of the right-side page where I saw a photograph of an African-American man. Unknown to me except for one extraordinary fact. Printed below his photo was his date of birth: 9/30/54. The same as mine. It took my breath away. I have to tell you, seeing one's date of birth listed in the obituary section is a peculiar kind of the-future-being-now.

Subsequently, I was diagnosed with "terminal" non small cell lung cancer, stage IV and given a "13 month to two year" prognosis. And though my presumptive death was not listed in the obituary section, its inevitability was implanted in my brain where it has been gnawing at me since late February, 2009. And for the last 11-plus years, as you regular readers know, I have ebbed and flowed with the varying medicines and protocols which have amazingly managed to extend my life way beyond my oncologist's expectations, and never once had I being given last rites, so to speak, or advised to "get my things in order." Until today, that is.

After I thought a bit about what I had read and heard, a part of me drifted back in time to the 1999 Bruce Willis movie "The Sixth Sense" and whether unlike Haley Joel Osment, I was actually dead already. Being alone in my house with nobody to snap me out of my delusion, for all I knew, this is what death feels like. Nevertheless, I continued with my normal routine, presuming I was still alive and sure enough, it soon became clear that I was indeed still alive.

But my oncologist and maybe even my endocrinologist - with whom I have an appointment Monday, June 8th might think otherwise. And not that their thinking 'otherwise' will change their lives, but knowing what they think they know rather than what is actually true might blip their radar and cause some emotional misdirection. After all, they're only human and even though I might not be their most memorable patient, given my unexpectedly long life post diagnosis, I feel I'm not so easily forgettable either. Not dying does that to a person's "pagh," to invoke "the spiritual force inherent in all sentient beings" as believed by the inhabitants of Bajor. (See Major Kira Nerys from "Deep Space Nine.")

For the moment/immediate future though, I am still present and accounted for. I just hope all my medical appointments haven't been automatically cancelled since I'm still a living and breathing cancer patient, and that's no exaggeration.

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OPINION

The Time To Act is Now

FROM PAGE 7

Alexandria, that no longer stands after 131 years in the middle of South Washington street. We also eliminated another potent symbol, by no longer celebrating Lee-Jackson Day and instead making Election Day a state holiday, something I have long advocated for. Those monuments do not belong in our public places. They are totems to racism and must be dismantled altogether.

I hear — and encourage you to contact me — from constituents with hearts broken by witnessing police brutality, but now also with hope and legislative ideas on reforming our criminal justice system, as well as how to address better access to health care, workforce skills development, training for incarcerated black youth with real job skills, and affordable housing. There were many bills that I supported in past sessions like bringing back parole, expungement of ten-year-old plus nonviolent crimes, ending the death penalty, community policing, giving judges the discretion to reduce and drop charges after jury sentencing, eliminating mandatory minimums, and other laws to tackle structural inequality. I am committed to equity and to help those who are struggling, which has been especially difficult in the context of this pandemic. Our nation is under tremendous stress, pain, and anxiety. But, as I watch the peaceful protests—a determined and blended mosaic of young people of all races—I am more confident that we can come together to honor the essential cause of reconciliation and racial equality. We cannot unsee what we have seen with our very own eyes, or unlearn what we have finally learned over the past few days. This is our moment. We cannot fail our children. They are showing us the way.

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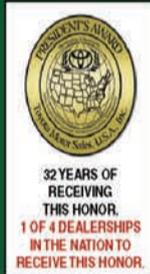
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