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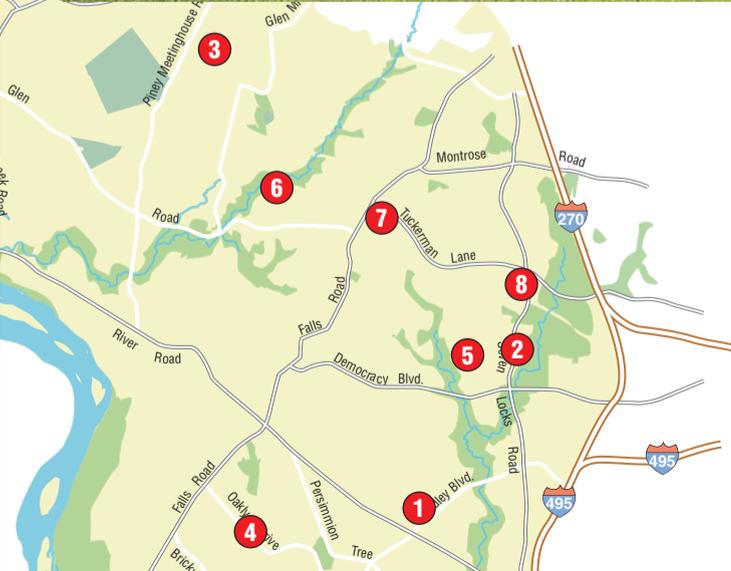
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'We've Seen an Awakening'

Council passes use of force policy that prohibits a police officer from using deadly force unless as a last resort.

BY KEN MOORE
THE ALMANAC

Craig Rice beamed and Will Jawando teared as a unanimous roll call of Montgomery County's Council effected change and policy hundreds of years in the making.

"When there's state sanctioned violence and discrimination people feel it and that's why we're awakened right now. I really believe in our society and in the history of the world, it's going to be pre-George-Floyd and post-George-Floyd," said Councilmember Jawando (At-large). "We've seen an awakening."

"I've never seen this amount of email come in on an issue and it's such a multifaceted issue, as we've talked about, connected to hundreds of years of institutional racism," he said.

Councilmember Rice (District 2) remembered texting with Jawando in late May, after George Floyd was murdered by a Minneapolis police officer as three other officers stood by on May 25, 2020, over allegations of a \$20 counterfeit bill.

"We said, 'We have to do something.' And then we had a conversation with Councilmember Navarro and Councilmember Albornoaz and said, 'The folks of color on this council need to do something,'" said Rice. "We do a lot of stuff, right, we do a lot of stuff. But it isn't often we do stuff that makes such a difference. It's going to change the lives of people in our community. We should be proud."

THE COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY passed Expedited Bill 27-20, Police-Regulations-Use of Force Policy on Wednesday, July 29. The new policy requires the Montgomery County police chief to adopt a Use of Force Policy aimed at safeguarding all community members from excessive use of force by police.

"In light of leadership at the national level which seems to every day put forth another barrier and another barrier and another barrier, it can feel pretty overwhelming and exhausting," said Nancy Navarro (District 4).

"There are times when you find yourself



Will Jawando,
At-large



Craig Rice,
District 2



Nancy Navarro,
District 4



Gabe Albornoaz,
At-large



Marcus Jones,
Chief of Police

in a specific place for a reason and a particular time for a reason. ... We're all here in this moment trying to meet this moment as best we can," she said.

Gabriel Albornoaz (At Large) wanted to take a moment to reflect on what the Coun-

other alternatives are available.

The bill requires police officers to stop or attempt to stop the use of excessive force or the commission of a crime by another officer. Police officers who intervene to de-escalate the excessive use of force must not be retali-

"It will put us in a category of very few jurisdictions in the country," said Jawando.

OPPOSITION CAME IMMEDIATELY from the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 35, which has asked County Executive Marc Elrich to veto Expedited Bill 27-20. They called the Council's passage of the bill, "extremely flawed" in a two-page release.

"This bill is simply a solution looking for a problem. Montgomery County currently has one of the most progressive and strongest use of force policies in the State of Maryland.

Our policy has been vetted by law enforcement professionals both locally and nationally.

The Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 35 believes Expedited Bill 27-20 will cause confusion and impair the ability of our law enforcement officers to keep Montgomery County safe."

Jawando responded on twitter: "It's very unfortunate that at this critical moment in history, the Fraternal Order of Police doesn't recognize the importance of de-escalation and limiting the use of deadly force as last resort to protect the lives of residents and to rebuild public trust."



Montgomery County Police officers joined in a birthday parade for Mr. Willkens on his 90th birthday. Willkens is a Montgomery County resident and recently sewed approximately 300 masks for Suburban Hospital.

cil had done.

"As the rest of the country debates and discusses how to reimagine public safety, we're taking action here in Montgomery County," said Albornoaz.

Jawando addressed the council immediately before the roll call for the vote.

"One of the reasons I was so passionate about this change is because it is directly responsive to what we saw, the level of force that was used, the inhumanity against George Floyd, and some of the cases

that we have seen here," said Jawando. "Is it a panacea? No, but it is a direct response to some of the most urgent life threatening situations."

EXPEDITED BILL 27-20 establishes a Use of Force Policy that prohibits a police officer from using deadly force except when absolutely necessary, as a last resort, when no

ated against or disciplined for taking action.

The bill makes the use of deadly force the choice of last resort to protect one's life or the life of another or against serious bodily injury, and there must be no other alternative for less lethal force existing at the time of the police action.

Prohibited are neck or carotid restraint and striking a restrained individual.

The bill limits police from using deadly force against a fleeing person and limits no-knock warrants.

The bill prohibits shooting at moving vehicles, unless the vehicle is being used as a weapon and the circumstances would authorize the use of deadly force.

"As someone who's worked on these types of issues my whole life and have gotten into public policy to try to address this, and my experience growing up here, we've got so much to do, it is really heartening to have colleagues that want to do it. I know there's many places ... where that's not the case," said Jawando.

VIA TWITTER

NO KNOCK WARRANTS were the most debated detail of the Council's discussion. The topic was addressed during the Council's July 22nd session and on July 29.

"We're living in a more dangerous society," said Montgomery County Chief of Police Marcus Jones. Warrants are always under the scrutiny of judicial review, said Jones. "The element of surprise," is sometimes critical for police, "so we don't give the suspect the ability to get to weapons," he said.

In the last 20 years, only three no-knock warrants executed in the county have led to shootings. One resulted in a fatality of a Montgomery County resident.

That was Potomac resident Duncan Lemp, 21, who died on March 12, 2020, when Montgomery County's SWAT team killed him around 4:30 a.m. during the execution of a no-knock warrant. Police say Lemp confronted officers with weapons.

Lemp's family said their son died as he lay sleeping next to his pregnant girlfriend.

Howard County's State's Attorney's Office is currently investigating.



Attman's Potomac Deli Has a New Home

BY PEGGY MCEWAN

Local corned beef and kosher hot dog lovers don't have to wait much longer for the taste of their favorites from Attman's Potomac Deli. The restaurant will open at the end of this month in Park Potomac Shopping Center.

The business lost its lease in Cabin John Shopping Center in July and is setting up shop in Park Potomac just across the parking lot from Harris Teeter.

"I can't wait to get back in here," Sam Lerner, general manager said. "I miss my staff; I miss my customers."

Lerner was at the new restaurant Monday along with about a half dozen others getting the new deli ready for opening.

"We are doing a little renovation," he said. "Mostly cosmetic."

Along with the cosmetic changes, Lerner is also supervising the conversion of the restaurant to comply with social distancing and



Sam Lerner in 2016



other regulations necessary for restaurants during this time of coronavirus COVID-19.

There will be plexiglass separating the booths, and tables will be distanced, with stuffed animals seated at every other table just to remind staff and diners not to sit too closely to each other.

Tables will have QR readers so diners can scan the menu to their phone and not have to touch a paper menu, though paper menus will still be available.

"I'm spending a lot of time making it as comfortable as possible – no contact," Lerner said. "Much of our clientele is older ... We're go-

ing to revamp ... start doing home delivery, offer more marketable items. It's going to be quite a transformation."

The interior of the restaurant has 53 seats but will be reduced to 27 until the pandemic passes, outside there is seating for about 25, Lerner said.

Attman's has a long history in the deli business.

The original was started in 1915 in Baltimore where Attman's still continues its reputation for using authentic slow cooked corned beef. They also have concessions at both major sports stadiums in Baltimore.

The website explains Attman's history and success. "Attman's has the flavor and excitement like that of the East Side of New York City, where our famous corned beef comes out steaming hot from our kettles all day, seven days a week; and where the taste of real Jewish hot pastrami makes your mouth water for more."

"This is their second pandemic,"

Lerner said. "What keeps [them] going is consistency of product."

Attman's came to Potomac because they did a good bit of catering in this area and thought it was a good move.

Lerner has been in the deli business "all my life." He opened Potomac Village Deli in the 70s; it closed in 2006. Lerner thought he would get out of the business but came back, working with Adam Greenberg at Potomac Pizza and creating its catering arm, Potomac Village Deli.

Lerner plans to bring the flavor of the deli back to the 1950s with hand sliced lox. "You don't get that anymore." Corned beef and turkey will be cooked in-house, he said.

But he also will offer a lighter menu to appeal to some of today's tastes.

Still, he said, the Reuben sandwich is probably the favorite at the restaurant.

Attman's will open at the end of August at 12505 Park Potomac Ave., Potomac. Call 301-765-3354.



A menagerie of stuffed animals will pose as customers to promote social distancing when Attman's Potomac Deli opens in Park Potomac at the end of August.



Attman's Potomac Deli, formerly in the Cabin John shopping center, will reopen at the end of this month in Park Potomac.



Workers move construction equipment when renovating a new home for Attman's Potomac Deli in Park Potomac.

PHOTOS BY PEGGY MCEWAN

NEWS

Airplane Noise Virtual Community Conversation and Aircraft Noise Mitigation Study Kickoff Meeting

Members of the Arlington County and Montgomery County, Md. and adjacent communities impacted by aircraft noise from Ronald Reagan National Airport (DCA):

Arlington County Board Chair Libby Garvey, Arlington County Board Member Matt De Ferranti, and Montgomery County Councilmember Andrew Friedson cordially invite you to join us for:

Airplane Noise Virtual Community Con-

versation and Aircraft Noise Mitigation Study Kickoff Meeting

Monday, Aug. 17, 2020

6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Via Facebook Live

<https://www.facebook.com/ArlingtonVA/>

Engage with the Aircraft Noise Mitigation Study team consultants and staff, local elected officials working to bring relief to impacted communities, and more. The study team wants to hear from you.

Churchill Field Renovations Underway

When Winston Churchill High School's baseball, softball, and soccer teams come back in 2021 they will be met with some improved surfaces. The process has begun to put Bermuda on the baseball and softball field along with irrigation. These improvements are being made possible through the help of the Booster Club, KOA Sports and those teams' fundraising efforts.

These improvements will include newly graded infields and outfields, irrigation, and Bermuda grass throughout the facility. The work is being done by long term partner, Gameday Inc. and irrigation through RT

MacKenzie.

These facility improvements will give the baseball and softball teams amazing playing services but it will also serve to give our soccer teams first class practice areas. This process has been in the works for almost two years, and now finally trucks are out working on the fields.

Once completed, the baseball/softball fields, main stadium, field hockey field, and Tuckerman practice field will all have Bermuda grass playing surfaces and irrigation. The entire process should take about 2 months for the grass to establish itself and be ready for 2021 play.

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Private Schools Face See-Saw on Opening

Governor overrules Montgomery County health officer after he says private schools must not hold in-person classes.

BY PEGGY McEWAN
THE ALMANAC

School always includes tests. Educators, administrators, parents and students are being tested this week concerning how and when their schools might open.

- The test, a multiple choice, goes like this:
- A- School will open in September for in-person classes
 - B- School will open in September with a combination of in-person and virtual classes
 - C- School can open in September but no in-person classes will be held until October at soonest
 - D- All of the above
 - E- None of the above

That is about what local private schools face after Montgomery County Public Health Officer Dr. Travis Gayles Friday directed nonpublic schools in Montgomery County to remain closed for in-person instruction through Oct. 1, 2020.

His decision, he wrote, was based on the COVID-19 and health safety.

“Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have based our decisions on science and data,” Dr. Gayles said in a press release. “At this point the data does not suggest that in-person instruction is safe for students or teachers. ... This step is necessary to protect the health and safety of Montgomery County residents.”

Gayles said he would reevaluate the order Oct. 1 “to determine if it should be extended, terminated or amended in any way.”



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Nonpublic schools according to the statement, are defined as any school located in Montgomery County, Maryland that are not public schools. This includes, but is not limited to all private pay schools, schools affiliated with religious institutions, or schools that are otherwise considered to be independent schools.

Montgomery County Public Schools recently announced they would open virtually with no in-person classes, as will all other public school systems in the region.

But many local private schools had been making plans to open with in-person classes, making accommodations such as reduced class sizes and requiring masks for all.

Gayles' statement was met with surprise, controversy and criticism. Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan, after first tweeting his displeasure (“I strongly disagree with Montgomery County’s decision to mandate the closure of private and parochial schools.”), then rescinded Gayles’ power to make such a decision. “I have issued an amended emergency order ensuring that local schools and school systems retain the primary authority to determine when to safely reopen their facilities,” Hogan said.

Hogan’s official statement further explained his reasoning.

“The recovery plan for Maryland public schools stresses local flexibility within the parameters set by state officials. Over the last several weeks, school boards and superintendents made their own decisions about how and when to reopen public schools, after consultation with state and local health officials.

“Private and parochial schools deserve the same opportunity and flexibility to make reopening decisions based on public health guidelines. The blanket closure mandate im-

posed by Montgomery County was overly broad and inconsistent with the powers intended to be delegated to the county health officer.

“To be clear, Maryland’s recovery continues to be based on a flexible, community-based approach that follows science, not politics. As long as schools develop safe and detailed plans that follow CDC and state guidelines, they should be empowered to do what’s best for their community.”

Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich stood with Dr. Gayles. On Monday afternoon he said: “Our decision to restrict nonpublic schools from in-person instruction was made with one concern in mind – protecting the public health of our residents. It was not an easy decision. As we have done throughout this pandemic, we used data and science to guide us – not politics.”

THE SCHOOLS themselves were mostly quiet about the news Monday. Gayles’ directive was not released until Friday afternoon, giving school administrators little time to react before Hogan reversed the decision. A check of many Potomac area school websites did not indicate a change in plans to open.

St. Bartholomew Catholic School on River Road said, “Your child’s safety and wellbeing is at the forefront of our decision making as we prepare our campus for a full re-opening in August.” But a notice on the website warned parents seeking admission that fewer slots would be available. “To comply with social distancing we have made the difficult decision to reduce class sizes.”

Bullis School had posted July 20 its intention to open with in-person classes: “For several months now, administrators and staff have been working on a comprehensive plan for the safe reopening of school. This work

is predicated on our belief that learning in person with our exceptional teachers is in the best interest of our students.”

Michael Saxenian, Head of School at McLean School responded with a letter to parents on Saturday, after Gayles’ announcement and before Hogan’s reprieve. Here is his letter in part:

“Yesterday evening the Montgomery County Health Department prohibited the opening of private schools, including independent schools like McLean, for in-person instruction during the month of September. McLean School will therefore begin the school year with a home-based (distance learning) instructional program.

“We know how vitally important it is for students to be physically in school, interacting with their teachers and peers, and how disappointing and disruptive this news will be for many students and parents, as it is for us as educators. While we look forward to having students and teachers back, I am confident that we have developed an approach to home-based instruction that will work well. ... We are evaluating whether we can hold small group gatherings, such as fitness and community-building activities, out-of-doors at the school, or at satellite locations, with appropriate safety measures.”

St. Andrew’s Episcopal School said on its website that it would make a final decision The week of Aug. 10. “Since May, we have been preparing for two different scenarios – distance learning, and a hybrid model with students learning both on and off campus. We have continued to refine both models to ensure a quality education for each student as we respond throughout the coming year to an evolving public health environment.” President Donald Trump’s son Barron attends St. Andrew’s.

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Back-to-School Vaccinations Required, Even with Distance Learning

Free vaccine clinics are designed to help ensure that all children are vaccinated.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE ALMANAC

While there's a cloud of uncertainty over what the back-to school season will look like this year, one thing is certain: children still need to be vaccinated. Pandemic-induced online learning might lead some parents to believe that vaccinations are not mandatory, however, the form in which academics are offered this school year won't alter immunization requirements.

"It is important for parents to know that school required immunizations are mandatory ... even if students attend school virtually in the fall," said Shauna Severo, Director of Health Services with the Fairfax County Health Department.

"Vaccinations are required by the Department of Education, a requirement that applies to all school systems in the state, not just Arlington," added Cara O'Donnell, Acting Public Information Officer, Public Health Division, Arlington Department of Human Services. "This vaccinating is critical to preventing outbreaks of common vaccine-preventable illnesses when schools eventually reopen. We are offering appointments for kids who require catch up vaccinations to be in compliance with ... vaccination requirements for school entry."

This requirement also applies to students in the State of Maryland. "At a time when our healthcare system is already overwhelmed with COVID19, it is important that we avoid outbreaks of preventable deadly diseases," said Cindy Edwards, Senior Administrator for Communicable Disease and Epidemiology. "That is why we encourage Montgomery County families to reach out to your doctor and make a plan for staying up to date with recommended vaccines."

Concerns over the COVID-19 pandemic, however, have discouraged some parents from seeking vaccines for their children. "We are offering these community based vaccination clinics and Tdap (tetanus (T), diphtheria (D), and pertussis) clinics in our offices because we've seen a decrease in the number of vaccination appointments this year," said Tina Dale, Communications Specialist, Fairfax County Health Department.

As in years past, Arlington, Alexandria, Fairfax and Montgomery counties are offering free vaccines to families who could not afford them, but this year, appointments are required and counties are taking necessary precautions to ease the minds of parents who fear exposure to COVID. "To minimize exposure risk, the health department will adhere to strict safety protocols, including limiting the number of appointments per site, requiring the wearing of face coverings, and ensuring appropriate social distancing measures are in place," said Dale.

Pediatricians reported a 30-76 percent decrease in administering routine childhood immunizations earlier this spring, in part because well-child visits were being conducted virtually. To



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Even though the start of the school year will mean distance learning at home this year, children are still required to be vaccinated to enroll.

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- ❖ Aug. 17, 2 p.m. - 6 p.m., London Towne Elementary, 6100 Stone Rd. Centreville
- ❖ Aug. 20, 2 p.m. - 6 p.m., Annandale District Office, 7611 Little River Tnkp, #400E, Annandale
- ❖ Aug. 29, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Mt. Vernon District Office, 8350 Richmond Hwy, #233, Alexandria
- ❖ Sept. 3, 2 p.m. - 6 p.m., First Baptist Church of Springfield, 7300 Gary St., Springfield
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avoid compounding the coronavirus pandemic, the CDC emphasized the importance of routine immunizations, a cornerstone of public health.

It's important to prevent outbreaks of communicable diseases like pertussis (also known as whooping cough), meningitis, rotavirus, measles, and others. Reach out to your pediatrician to find out what accommodations they are making, whether your children are up to date on their vaccinations, and to schedule their inoculations. Remember, vaccines are critical to protecting the health and welfare of our children and our community. We don't want to precipitate a second public health crisis.

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Safeguarding My Future



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Whether or not I'm certain about my attitude toward being a dual cancer threat (non small cell lung and papillary thyroid, cancer), only my subconscious knows for sure. This was recently made clear to when I provided my supermarket shopping preferences to my wife, Dina, who for reasons she takes very seriously: my health, won't let me go into stores to buy anything. Ergo, my list. And I may add, there is much adieu about those preferences. It's like a negotiation. Though not exactly partisan, the debates rage on and I'm lucky, if I see more than a handful of requests honored from my list. In effect, Dina is my gatekeeper (you'll note I didn't say jailor).

There are some requests which are rarely obstructed: health and fitness, fruits and vegetables, meat and potatoes and any other non-desert/snack-type item. I'm not going to bore you readers by saying how long it's been since I've had a Hostess cupcake or an Entenmann's cake or a TastyKake anything; I wouldn't want you to feel sorry for me. In spite of this food censorship, I'm hardly wasting away. Though I've lost some weight, mostly due to my low iodine diet a few months back (as part of my thyroid cancer treatment), it was weight I could certainly afford to lose.

Now that I've lost it, Dina doesn't want me to gain it all back. Which I can understand and appreciate. Overweight often leads to any number of problems: hypertension, diabetes and even heart disease, to name a few possible complications. Still, I have my food requirements (OKAY, needs) and unless I get them, Kenny will become even more of a dull boy than he already is. So far, Dina is not budging. I wouldn't quite say she's the immovable object, but she definitely remains an obstacle to my caloric happiness.

And the 'caloric happiness' to which I refer are basically Kenny's four food groups: cake, cookies, candy and ice cream, which also explains my presumptive epitaph: "He never met a carbohydrate he didn't eat." But when the conversation moves to other less controversial items, the conversation is much less problematic and maybe even indicative of who I am, what I've become and how I assess my future prospects (life expectancy).

When one receives a cancer diagnosis, your brain gets rewired (figuratively speaking) and your choices become sort of a window to your soul. Things you want/ don't want become tells of what's being debated in your brain. Initially, after hearing your cancer diagnosis, it's unnatural almost to want what you used to want. It feels trivial. Your frame of reference - and context, narrow and shorten. When the future you anticipated is snatched away, it's not only time which is taken. Hopes, dreams and normalcy are snatched away as well. And sometimes, without even realizing it, a request is made which inadvertently illuminates the route to the light at the end of the tunnel.

That moment occurred for me during last week's supermarket list discussion. Aside from the usual stuff that likely would need to be re-ordered, I ordered something new, without it being considered in the context of cancer (basically an abbreviated timeline). I asked Dina to order me an eight-pack of soap bars, an amount of soap that would probably last a few months, at a minimum. A 'minimum' which you don't necessarily anticipate. Not that a cancer diagnosis automatically shortens your life, but generally speaking, it is bad for business, if you know what I mean? A business which, apparently, I'm now willing to invest in. Maybe time is on my side after all.

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