

Prosecutor Delivers Blow

Commonwealth Attorney says 84 additional positions are needed; 137 if the office is to prosecute traffic cases too.

BY KEN MOORE
THE CONNECTION

The Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney is in crisis, with an "unsettling lack of resources," said Steve Descano, who was elected Commonwealth Attorney in 2019.

At a Public Safety Committee meeting Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2020, Descano asked the Board of Supervisors for the addition of 137 positions.

"We don't have the time to do our jobs properly," he said. "Without time, bad things happen."

Because of the pandemic, there have been no felony trials since March. Felony trials are expected to resume on Nov. 1, 2020.

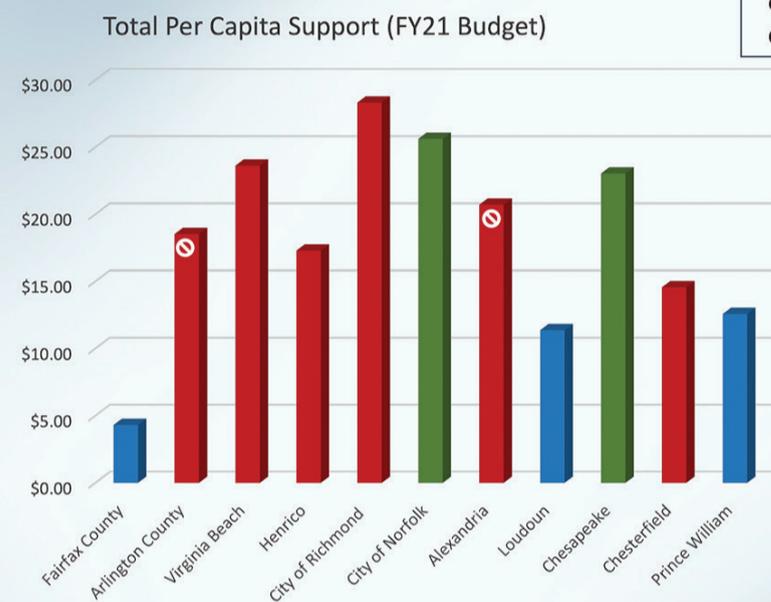
Descano said as things stand, his office cannot cover: non-DUI traffic cases, thefts, property crimes, quality of life crimes, obstruction of justice, resisting arrest, peeping, assault, non-intimate domestic violence, much of Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, and animal cruelty cases.

What's more, the office could not at this level cover the planned rollout of police body worn cameras, a key element of the county's police reform measures. Descano predicts 89,000 hours of body camera footage a year will need to be reviewed.

"Historically, Fairfax County's CWA Office has been involved with all types of cases. However, now we know they were not able to do so properly, thoroughly, or ethically," according to Descano's presentation.

Total Per Capita Comparison

Total Per Capita Investments for CWA Offices



Our investments represent our priorities, and it is time that we prioritize our justice system. Fairfax County's prosecutor's office has not grown in the past half century to keep pace with its growing workload as evidenced by this disturbing per capita investment comparison with other jurisdictions.

Jurisdiction	Population	Per Capita Investment
Fairfax County	1,171,551	\$4.31
Arlington County	252,917	\$18.53
Virginia Beach	449,974	\$23.63
Henrico	325,642	\$17.30
City of Richmond	230,436	\$28.33
City of Norfolk	242,272	\$25.63
Alexandria	159,200	\$20.72
Loudoun	433,065	\$11.37
Chesapeake	246,912	\$23.05
Chesterfield	355,000	\$14.56
Prince William	528,898	\$12.58

Total Per Capita Comparison: Total Per Capita Investments for CWA Offices

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/boardofsupervisors/sites/boardofsupervisors/files/assets/meeting-materials/2020/sept22-public-safety-commonwealths-attorney-resources-presentation.pdf>



Chairman Jeff McKay



Steve Descano

"IT'S DISTRESSING to be in the position where we are now," said Descano.

He is asking for 87 attorneys, the rest

would be support staff.

The total cost would be \$19.1 million, which covers salary and benefits.

"And you have to find someplace to put

them," said Mason Supervisor Penny Gross (Mason).

"We're all in a little bit of a state of shock

SEE COMMONWEALTH, PAGE 4

Record Turnout in Early Voting in Virginia

BY MERCIA HOBSON
THE CONNECTION

The second and third day of early voting at Fairfax County Government Center brought enthusiastic voters exercising their rights to vote and more.

Saturday, Sept. 19 was the second day of early voting at the Government Center. Shortly before noon, a group taking part in a "Trump Train" circled their vehicles in the parking beside voters waiting to cast their ballots. Footage shared on Twitter showed Trump supporters waving flags,

using bull horns, and yelling at voters through vehicle windows.

Later they formed a line beside the voters. According to a statement released Sept. 21 on Twitter by Jeffrey C. McKay Chairman, Board of Supervisors, "No one should ever feel intimidated when exercising their right to vote and engaging in the democratic process." Voters were moved inside and continued political activity took place a safe distance away from voters according to McKay.

Line of voters at Fairfax County Government Center on the third day of early voting.



PHOTO BY MERCIA HOBSON/THE CONNECTION

McEneaney Associates has always had one motto in mind... not to be the biggest, but the best. This year marks our 40th year in Alexandria, and we are celebrating our investment in helping to build our town into the thriving community it is today. To learn more about our Associates and our firm, visit www.WeAreAlexandria.com

#WeAreAlexandria



VIRTUAL OPEN SAT 9/26, 1:30PM

Braddock Heights | \$1,475,000

Light-filled 4-bedroom, 3.5-bath renovated colonial features a large dining room, kitchen with walk-in pantry, family room with built-ins. Master bedroom with en-suite bath. Finished lower level. Screened porch overlooks spacious backyard. 3106 Russell Road #A
Jen Walker 703.675.1566
www.JenWalker.com



Mount Ida | \$1,299,000

Incredible 3-bedroom, 3.5-bath expanded & updated Colonial! Main level offers a formal dining room, large living room with wood-burning fireplace, sunroom/den, and a family room with gas fireplace adjacent to the wonderful custom kitchen. 3001 Russell Road
Kim Peele 703.244.5852
www.ThePeeleGroup.biz



Rosemont | \$1,100,000

Classic Rosemont charm on a quiet street! Stunning 4-bedroom, 3.5-bath home has hardwood floors and welcoming front porch. Top floor is a private suite. Detached garage and finished basement. Easy walk to Old Town & King Street Metro.
Ann McClure 301.367.5098
Shirely Mattam-Male 571.220.9481



OPEN SUN 9/27, 1-4PM

Alexandria/Mount Vernon | \$799,000

Situated on a cul-de-sac halfway between Old Town & Mt. Vernon, this gracious 4-bedroom, 2.5 bath home is ready for new owners. Classic center-hall layout, PLUS a 26' x 36' great room addition that is simply fabulous! Backs to Hollin Hills Community pool! 2500 Toron Ct.
Peter Crouch 703.244.4024
www.CrouchRealtyGroup.com



OPEN SUN 9/27, 2-4PM

Rosemont | \$795,000

This charming 2-bedroom Cape welcomes you home in style. Smart, thoughtful upgrades provide comfortable living spaces with turnkey convenience. Beautifully landscaped with lush easy maintenance plantings create a private oasis with no mowing! 103 E Walnut St.
Robin Arnold 703.966.5457
www.RobinArnoldSells.com



OPEN SUN 9/27, 2-4PM

Jefferson Manor | \$530,000

Ideally located a stone's throw from Metro, this updated 2-bedroom, 2-bath duplex features a remodeled open kitchen and basement with a custom bar, cozy seating area and fireplace. Screened-in front porch and covered rear deck overlooking yard. 2616 Jefferson Dr.
Jodie Burns 571.228.5790
www.JodieBurns.com



Briary Farms

\$489,000

Spacious and sunny townhome with gleaming hardwoods on main & upper levels! Lovely eat-in kitchen, with pantry, new quartz countertops, stainless appliances, and new sliding back door. Spacious brick patio right off the kitchen, is perfect for grilling, dining, or just enjoying the weather!

Kim Peele 703.244.5852
www.ThePeeleGroup.biz

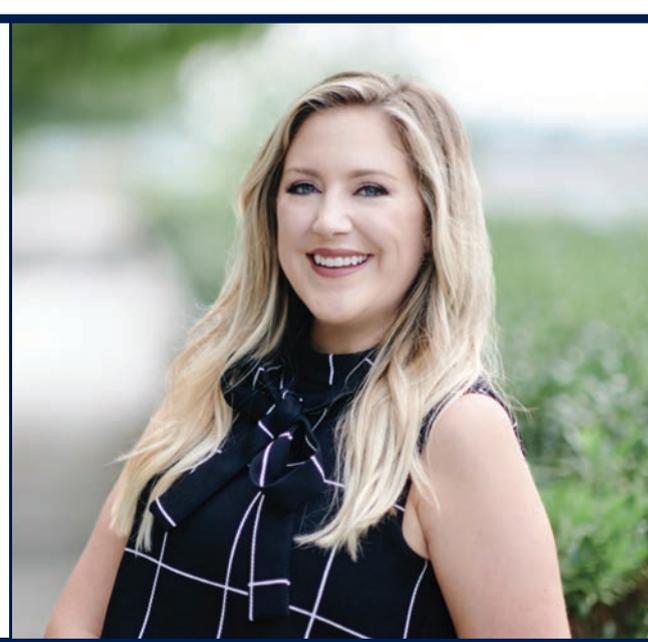
McENEANEY ASSOCIATES
 IS PLEASED TO WELCOME

JEN COREY BACA

TO THE ALEXANDRIA OFFICE

If you are thinking of buying, selling or renting, call Jen today at **631.875.9664**, or email her at JBaca@McEneaney.com.

JenBaca.com



Serving the Washington, DC Metro Area since 1980.
 703.549.9292 | 109 S. Pitt Street | Alexandria, VA 22314 | McEneaney.com



A Few Questions About the Sale of River Farm

To the Board of Directors, The American Horticulture Society, shared with the Mount Vernon Gazette

Dear Board of Directors:

We, the many dedicated volunteers who contribute our time, work, and talents to the American Horticultural Society (AHS) at River Farm, would like to ask a few questions about your decision to merge with the American Public Gardens Association (APGA) and sell River Farm.

In 1973, Enid Haupt, noted philanthropist, avid gardener, and dedicated member of the AHS Board, learned of the potential sale of River Farm to the Soviet Union. As a result, she donated \$1 million to AHS to enable it to purchase the property. Her gift had two important conditions.

First, Mrs. Haupt wished for River Farm to become the headquarters for AHS. Second, and much more importantly, Mrs. Haupt stipulated that River Farm be made open to the public.

We were surprised to receive an email on Sept. 4, 2020 from Dan Scott, AHS Director of Horticulture. Mr. Scott informed us that AHS was facing serious financial challenges and was evaluating options for the organization. He indicated that the Board decided to “begin discussions with the American Public Gardens Association (APGA) to merge with them and unite our compatible missions of promoting and leading in sustainable gardening,” and that the Board had decided to sell River Farm.

According to the email, AHS intends to use the sale proceeds, along with its other assets, to establish an endowment for the continuation of AHS as part of APGA. Finally, Mr. Scott explained that the Board made these decisions reluctantly and only after considering other options.

We continue to believe in AHS’s mission and, just as Mrs. Haupt did when she donated the purchase money for the property, value River Farm as both a historical property and open public green space.

Therefore, we would like to ask the following questions:

1. What specific options did the Board consider before it voted on the current plan?
2. Was a specific committee established to explore the sale of the property and, if so, who was on the committee?
3. Did the Board, or the select committee, contact The Garden Club of America, The Garden Club



PHOTO BY MIKE SALMON/THE GAZETTE

Construction on this house began in 1790, and was once known as “Wellington.”

of Virginia, the Virginia Outdoor Federation, the Nature Conservancy, or the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust to explore options for potential purchase of the property?

4. Did the Board, or the select committee, contact any local, county, or state agencies to explore potential options for purchase or joint ownership of the property?

5. Did the Board, or the select committee, contact any local universities (University of Virginia, Virginia Tech, George Mason, William and Mary, etc.) to explore potential options for joint use or ownership of the property?

6. Did the Board, or the select committee, contact the National Park Service to explore potential options for ownership/management of the property?

7. Did the Board, or the select committee, contact the adjacent property owners to assess their interest in the future of the property?

8. Did the Board, or the select committee, contact the Mount Vernon Ladies Association to assess their interest in the future of the property?

9. Did the Board, or the select committee, consult with major donors to AHS to assess their interest in addressing the current financial issues?

10. Did the Board, or the select committee, conduct a survey of AHS’s national membership and donors to assess their interest in a merger with APGA?

In his message on Sept. 4, 2020,

Mr. Scott mentioned “financial challenges on a number of fronts,” and it appears that financial difficulties are the primary reason for the Board’s actions.

We have the following questions:

1. What specific actions has AHS completed in the recent past to ensure its financial stability?

2. In review of recent IRS 990 forms, it appears that the AHS finances have been consistent in past years and 2019 was one of its best years ever for fundraising. Besides the financial impact of the pandemic and the resulting loss of revenue from event bookings, special tours, and weddings, are there any other financial issues that affected the Board’s decisions?

3. Does AHS have an endowment to rely on in times of an emergency such as the recent pandemic of Covid-19?

4. Has AHS signed a formal and legal agreement with the APGA? We would appreciate your sharing a copy of the agreement so we can better understand the current and proposed relationship between AHS and APGA.

5. What are the relationships between previous and current members of the Board and APGA?

6. How was the decision made to hire the law firm advising the Board on the merger, and what specific steps did the Board take to avoid conflicts of interest in this decision?

7. Does the proposed agreement with APGA require specific funding from AHS at the completion of the

merger?

8. Please explain why the Chair of the AHS Board, Erich E. Veitenheimer, resigned at the completion of the vote by the Board?

9. Please explain why AHS Board member, Mary Pat Matheson, resigned at the completion of the vote by the Board?

10. Please explain the Board’s process for selecting a real estate agent for the sale of River Farm. What is the relationship between the selected real estate agent and the current and previous Board members?

11. Has anyone investigated the current legal easements and encumbrances that exist on the River Farm property?

12. What steps do the Board and/or APGA plan to take to ensure that River Farm, in the spirit of Mrs. Haupt’s gift, remains open to the public following its sale?

13. Prior to the sale, would the Board consider placing an easement on River Farm to ensure that it remains open and accessible to the public?

14. Prior to the sale, would the Board consider placing a conservation easement on River Farm to protect the property and its historical value from further development?

15. Prior to the sale, does the Board plan to apply to add River Farm to the National Register of Historic Places?

16. What is the minimum amount of money that AHS would need to raise from the sale of River Farm to shore up its financial situ-

ation and/or meet its outstanding obligations?

In summary, we have made countless contributions to AHS and most of us are members and donors.

Quite simply, each one of us has a true love for River Farm and its gardens and wish for this historic property to remain an open, green space that is a resource for future generations.

We respectfully request that you delay any further action with the APGA merger and that the potential sale of River Farm be delayed until these outstanding questions have been answered. We fear that the lack of transparency in this decision to merge with APGA and to sell the property, along with possible conflicts of interest, may put the AHS in jeopardy from a fiduciary and legal perspective.

Thank you for your attention and the consideration of our questions. We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and look forward to hearing back from you soon.

Respectfully,

**Anne Augusterfer,
Deborah Beck, Ray Burke,
Lois A. Durant, Kary Ewalt,
Anne W. Fafara, Kathie Fricke,
Sonja Hamric, Elizabeth Hickey,
Craig Hirai, Geri Hirai, Melanie Lynch, Teddy Sharon McBay,
Elizabeth McElwain, Elizabeth Morsches, Myra Mutzelburg,
Annette Pigott, Mary Rohweder,
Holly Rowe, Cliff Routh, Lowell Schuetze, Nancy Schuetze,
Daniel Straub, Lisa Twedt**

Pandemic Pollution: More Trash

BY GLENDA C. BOOTH

Plastic bottles, bags, stirrers, straws, six-pack rings, yoghurt cups, lighters and dental flossers; aluminum cans; cigarette butts; Styrofoam pieces; bottle caps; carryout food packaging; balloons; fishing line; bait cans. People find these along the Potomac River shoreline regularly.

And now, added to that is a torrent of pandemic trash: masks, rubber gloves, wipes and more takeout food debris.

Wipes in the sewer system skyrocketed by 17 tons in March and April this year compared to the same months in 2019, Lynn Riggin of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission told the Associated Press, possibly associated with the shortage of toilet paper. Do not flush wipes no matter if the packaging says they are flushable. When wipes flushed down the toilet coagulate into big blobs, they can cause blockages and manhole overflows, sending the trash and sewage into waterways.

Thirty orders of takeout food left behind almost 100 gallons of packaging, Washington Post food critic Tom Sietsema reported on Sept. 16. The more than 36 billion disposable utensils that Americans use each year could circle the globe 139 times if laid end to end, he wrote.

Since 2006, the Friends of Little Hunting Creek have collected 3,820 bags of trash and recyclables, 273 tires and 180 shopping carts in their annual cleanup.

The Friends of Dyke Marsh typically fill around 30 bags at a cleanup.

Why is this troublesome? Here are a few ways trash impacts our natural resources.

Plastics

Many discarded beverage containers end up in the waterways. Small animals are lured to food morsels inside and get trapped. Some, like lizards, crawl inside for protection and suffocate or starve. Plastic use worldwide has jumped 20-fold in the past 50 years and will double in the next 20, reports Clean Fairfax.

Most insidious is that plastics break down into smaller fragments. These microplastics enter the food web and can be ingested by zooplankton, aquatic organisms, fish, birds and other wildlife. Ingested debris can make an animal's stomach seem full. Toxics in plastics can cause death and reproductive failure.

Waterfowl, birds, fish, turtles and other animals can get ensnared in plastic six-pack rings.



Some pieces of trash are larger than others.



Bags of trash cleaned out of Dyke Marsh.

To Help

September 26 Cleanups:

Friends of Dyke Marsh, www.fodm.org and Friends of Accotink Creek, www.accotink.org.

Mount Vernonite Steve Chaconas, head of National Bass Guide Service, has rescued ospreys entangled in six-pack rings.

Plastic bags get snagged in trees and vegetation and float on water. They can suffocate or choke animals, block digestion and cause death. Turtles, dolphins and whales may mistake plastic bags or balloons for jelly fish. Plastic can smother bottom-dwelling species in aquatic environments and add chemicals to water. In Fairfax County, only two percent of 965,000,000 plastic bags used are recycled, reports Clean Fairfax Council.

Styrofoam

Styrofoam or polystyrene, used for coolers, cups, trays and car-

ryout "clamshells" breaks apart into small pieces, some invisible to humans. Birds and other animals mistake the pieces for food. Ingested polystyrene can be fatal.

Cigarette Butts

Cigarette butts top the list of 20 trash items found during Clean Virginia Waterway cleanups. Most cigarette filters are made of cellulose acetate, a plastic that degrades slowly. Plastic from cigarette butts has been found in fish, birds and marine animals.

What can you do?

"We hope residents will volunteer to participate in cleanups, but even better would be if people stop buying bottled water and take other steps to reduce their use of plastics," says Betsy Martin, President of the Friends of Little Hunting Creek.

"We'd like to prevent trash and recyclables from getting into our waterways in the first place."

Elected officials at all levels can act too. For state legislation, visit <https://litterfreeva.org>.



Rodney Lusk



Pat Herrity

Commonwealth Attorney Sounds Alarm

FROM PAGE 1

right now," said Board of Supervisors Chairman Jeff McKay.

McKay asked Public Safety Committee chair Rodney Lusk (Lee) to develop a working group immediately.

"We need to be having a team of some of the stakeholders in this room working on this, and come back to us on a coordinated plan. Because what is clear is no matter what we do here, we're going to affect another agency. We need to understand what exactly we are getting for our investment."

"I think our Chairman got it right," said Dranesville Supervisor John Foust. "We should all come together, no surprises."

"I wouldn't mind a closed session," said Springfield Supervisor Pat Herrity.

"We do need a plan, this is impacting a bunch of people," he said.

"TO FIX A BROKEN SYSTEM,"

Descano said five additional prosecutors on top of 15 positions he recommends to be covered by carry-over funding, would allow the office to cover all violent crimes, sex crimes, and related offenses.

He requested 22 more positions by July 1, 2021 to maintain coverage as the COVID-19 backlog comes to an end.

And 19 additional positions are needed to handle thefts and property crimes.

Expanding police body cameras to the rest of the county after a pilot program is a key piece of police reform in Fairfax County. Descano said his office would need 23 additional people to handle the body-camera footage.

And 53 more people, "whenever possible" to allow the office to cover all traffic misdemeanors.

"The numbers we're dealing with here are unprecedented," McKay said. "We don't typically do that during carryover — encumber ourselves with recurring costs."

The Fairfax County Office of the Commonwealth's attorney

has far less funding than that of other jurisdictions in Virginia. Per Capita spending on the office of the Commonwealth's Attorney in Fairfax County, \$4.31, is dwarfed by other jurisdictions: Arlington County's per capita spending is \$18.53; Alexandria (\$20.72); Loudoun County (\$11.37) and the City of Richmond (\$28.33), for example. Descano says that Fairfax County spends \$198.67 per arrest, the least of major Virginia jurisdictions, compared to Arlington County (\$1,340.40), Alexandria (\$1,009.84), Loudoun (\$805.05) and the City of Richmond (\$677.05).

Fairfax County has the highest ratio of officers per Commonwealth staff at 33.9, compared to Arlington County (10.4 officers per commonwealth staff), Alexandria (23), Loudoun (15) and the City of Richmond (12.6).

"It's frustrating for officers to have great case work, come to the courtroom, and no longer be able to depend on a prosecutor being in court," said Fairfax Chief of Police Col. Edwin C. Roessler Jr.

DESCANO is in his first year as Commonwealth Attorney after winning the first contested race for that office in more than 50 years, defeating Ray Morrogh in the Democratic primary. Descano was one of several new prosecutors elected last year on a platform of criminal justice reform, including Parisa Dehghani-Tafti in Arlington and Buta Biberaj in Loudoun.

Descano placed some of the blame for the understaffing of his office on his predecessors.

"For too long, we've been misled by prior leadership of the Commonwealth's Attorney's office that this organization was well-equipped, well-managed, and doing its job," said Descano's presentation. "To be clear: this office does not currently have the fundamental resources necessary to perform the services our community expects, and that we are ethically obligated to provide."

We Need to Work Together To Avoid a Housing Crisis

BY NORA DALY

On Sept. 1, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced a sweeping federal eviction moratorium for tenants who are unable to pay their rent due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The moratorium applies to tenants earning less than \$99,000 per year, who sign a declaration stating they have lost income due to the COVID-19 pandemic, will become homeless or need to double-up with another household if evicted, and agreeing to make best efforts to pay partial rent.

The moratorium may prevent the immediate displacement of the more than 25 percent of Americans who are at-risk of eviction according to the most recent Census Household Pulse Survey, but without corresponding financial support for tenants and landlords, the moratorium does nothing to ensure the long-term stability of the housing market.

Without widespread access to rental assistance, evictions will not be prevented, but merely delayed until the moratorium expires on Dec. 31. Evidence from the Joint Center for Housing Studies at Harvard University suggests the wave of evictions that will hit at year's end will disproportionately affect Black and Hispanic households, exacerbating existing racial disparities in the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

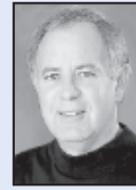
In the interim, landlords with privately-backed mortgages may lose their properties to foreclosure due to loss of rental income.

In regions like Northern Virginia, where there was a severe shortage of affordable housing prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, mass foreclosures on market affordable rental units could drive up the cost of housing even more.

Inaction at the federal level has shifted the onus to provide financial assistance on to state and local lawmakers, and non-profit human service organizations. In Northern Virginia, a diverse coalition of stakeholders – including human service providers, advocates, housing attorneys, property owners, and representatives from local government agencies and the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development – has come together to form a regional eviction prevention task force. This task force, convened by the Northern Virginia Affordable Housing Alliance and Legal Services of Northern Virginia, recognizes the far-reaching impact of the current crisis, which will not be solved through an eviction moratorium alone.

In the recently released Northern Virginia Eviction Prevention and Housing Stability Toolkit, the task force identified best practices being used across jurisdictions to inform tenants of their rights and connect them to state and local rental assistance programs. Strategies include: inter-agency and cross-sector collaboration, including working closely with local Sheriffs' Departments; flexible eligibility and documenta-

SEE WE NEED, PAGE 13



Rex Reiley
RE/MAX Allegiance
703-768-7730
rex.reiley@rmxtalk.com

UNDER CONTRACT



Alex/Mt. Vernon Grove 4207 Robertson Blvd. \$659,900

Welcome to this large beautiful 2 story split situated on an expansive, flat, .34 acre lot w/a fenced bkyd, & 1 car side entry garage. A major renovation in 2015 to include: new roof, kitchen opened up to living & dining rooms w/granite counters & center isle, SS appliances, cherry cabinets & oak floors to match the rest of the finished hdwds, painted interior w/crown molding, 6 panel doors throughout. A/C replaced in 2019. Large 19x12 deck off the dining area, also installed in 2015. 2 wood burning FPLS inspected & improved as necessary. All 3 baths remodeled as well. This is a tremendous buy & ideally situated in Mt. Vernon. 5 mins to Ft. Belvoir (S), 17-18 mins to S. Alexandria (N), 27 mins to National Airport (N) & 28-30 mins to the Pentagon (N). Nothing like it on the market!!

COMING SOON



Alex/ Riverside Estates 8503 Cherry Valley Upper \$600's

Riverside Estates' largest split foyer model (Concord) w/2 car garage & lots of updates, i.e., roof 2001, HVAC 2012, baths 2009, furnace 2001, updated double pane windows 2019. Kitchen was opened to the dining & living rooms & is absolutely stunning: granite & quartz counters, large island w/seating capacity & beautiful hdwd floors. MBR & MBA share a lovely gas FPL to add charm to the master suite. A large lower level offers a family rm which also has a gas FPL, a 4th BR & 3rd full bath. Plenty of storage behind the 2 car garage. Large lovely fenced bkyd, perfect for entertaining. 7 minutes to Ft. Belvoir (S), 15 minutes to Alexandria, (N), 25 mins to National Airport (N) and 33 mins to the Pentagon (N).

SOLD



Ft. Hunt/Hollin Hall 1905 Clayton Place \$649,500

Beautiful contemporary home with open floor plan in sought after Hollin Hall community zoned for Wayneswood Elementary. 1600 sq.ft. One level living w/ 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Renovated kitchen and baths. Wall of windows in back overlooking private backyard. Sits on a quiet cul de sac with lovely landscaping. Blocks to George Washington Parkway and Potomac River. Neighborhood shopping center. Fabulous location.



For more information: www.RexReiley.com

Each Office Independently Owned and Operated



We all know things are different.



Keeping you safe is not.

At Inova, we ensure the safety of everyone who comes to us for care with safe locations, safe supplies, safe cleaning and safe practices. You're Safe@Inova.

SAFE

INOVA

SAFE LOCATIONS

SAFE PRACTICES

SAFE SUPPLIES

SAFE CLEANING

Learn more and get the facts at inova.org/StaySafe

Vote No on Constitutional Amendment

When talking about the Constitution: when in doubt, leave it out!

BY DEL. PAUL KRIZEK

I have been fighting for non-partisan redistricting reform for years, and many of my colleagues had redistricting reform as a centerpiece of their election campaigns. For many of our constituents, ensuring independent and nonpartisan redistricting was a key issue of the last election. As absentee voting has begun in Virginia, and record numbers of voters are beginning to fill out their ballots, whether at home or in-person, it is a critical time to explain why Virginians who are passionate about true nonpartisan redistricting should vote no on Constitutional Amendment #1.

The most important thing to know is that Constitutional Amendment #1 does NOT end gerrymandering in any way. Nor does it create an independent and nonpartisan redistricting commission. These two basic goals that we set out to achieve when this amendment was first conceived are not what is accomplished with the final product before us on the ballot this November.

Most importantly, it does not include any explicit protections for people of color in Virginia. As

courts have determined that several Virginia districts have been racially gerrymandered. Ensuring that Black voices are heard in our elections is paramount and must be included in any sustainable proposal.

For many, there is an urgency to do something, to replace what we currently have with this flawed amendment. However, the difference is that this time, the flawed system will be embedded into the Virginia Constitution, where it is equally as difficult to remove something as it is to add something in.

When we are talking about the Constitution: when in doubt, leave it out!

Perhaps the biggest flaw in this proposed amendment is that legislators are still involved in the process of drawing districts, which means that legislators will still be choosing their constituents, instead of the other way around. Under the proposal, the four top leaders of the General Assembly — the Speaker and Minority Leader in the House, and the Majority and Minority leaders in the Senate — pick every single member of the re-



districting commission.

Of the 16 members, all of whom are chosen by the party leaders, eight would be incumbent legislators (four Democrats and four Republicans) and eight would be people chosen by the legislators.

Including incumbent members makes this commission inherently partisan. If all of that wasn't bad enough, if just two legislators object to the proposed map, the entire process is determined by a panel of judges who are appointed by the legislature whose district lines they are designing.

Indeed, Virginia is one of only two states in the nation that appoints its judges. Now, that is a very flawed design. This proposal has partisanship buried in every facet. There is an insidious consequence to this arrangement, where legislators on both sides of the aisle would feel beholden to the legislators who are appointed to serve on the commission, afraid that voting against their legislation or another disagreement would cause them to be retaliated against and drawn out of their district, for example. This very realistic scenario alone highlights the damage that this amendment could have on our legislative process.

If this amendment doesn't pass, have we then lost the opportunity to do anything about gerrymandering in 2021? Absolutely not. During session this year, the General Assembly passed HB 1255 and its Senate companion, SB 717. That's right — let me repeat — this year the General Assembly banned gerrymandering. This law explicitly prohibits the drawing of district lines that unduly favor any one political party. Importantly, this law also fully protects communities of interest and racial and ethnic minorities from disenfranchisement caused by gerrymandering. This is already the law for the upcoming 2021 redistricting, unless it is overruled by a majority of Virginia voters who vote for Amendment #1. Should this amendment fail at the ballot box this November, my colleagues and I are committed to creating a true, independent redistricting commission free from influence from any incumbent legislators during this upcoming regular session.

For these reasons, I urge you to vote no on Constitutional Amendment #1.

5th Annual Tour de Mount Vernon – Socially Distanced and Great Fun!

BY SUPERVISOR DAN STORCK

Support and engage in your community! Enjoy exercise and fresh air! See the hidden jewels of the Mount Vernon District!

These sentiments all embody the spirit of my late best friend, Dave Evans – a jewel in our community and for whom this year's ride is dedicated. Dave was truly the inspiration behind this ride, pushing me to make it happen and supporting it by donating lunch from his company La Prima for all riders, even serving the chili himself after the 40-mile ride.

Five years later, the ride has grown to over 250 participants and added the bonus of being able to ride on Fort Belvoir. Participants return annually to partake in the camaraderie of the day and the heritage sites that we enjoy throughout the District.

Unique to this COVID-times, we are seeing an increase in bicycle riders on our trails and streets, bike shops report record sales (reportedly up 66% over last year) and long waits for repairs.

The ride starts at the Workhouse



Supervisor Dan Storck leads out the peloton.

Arts Center where there is plenty of room for social distancing and will begin with a rolling start to avoid crowding. At a time when we are all looking for safe ways to get out and enjoy time with our friends and neighbors, this is a perfect year to join the Tour de Mount Vernon Community Bike Ride on Oct. 3, 2020. In addition, masks are required at the Workhouse.

With 40-mile and 25-mile options, this ride is very accessible for most and an excellent opportunity to see the many outdoor highlights of the southern portion of the Dis-

trict. After leaving the Workhouse, we will visit Mason Neck State Park, Pohick Bay Regional Park and Fort Belvoir, before returning to the Workhouse on the Gerry Connolly Cross County Trail. Along the way, we will see additional sites such as Gunston Hall, historic Pohick Church and the National Museum of the US Army.

After the ride, enjoy Dave's famous sweet potato chili and then visit the artists at the Workhouse or stop by the Lucy Burns Museum

SEE 5TH ANNUAL, PAGE 8

Let Us Know Your View

Connection Newspapers welcomes views on any public issue. Letters must be signed. Include home address and home and business numbers; we will only print your name and town name.

Letters are routinely edited for length, libel, grammar, good taste, civility and factual errors.

Send letters

Online www.connectionnewspapers.com/contact/letter/
By email: editors@connectionnewspapers.com

By mail to: **Letters to the Editor The Connection**
1606 King St., Alexandria VA 22314

You can comment on our Facebook page or find us on Twitter

www.facebook.com/connectionnewspapers
<https://twitter.com/alexgazette>
<https://twitter.com/mtvernongazette>
<https://twitter.com/followfairfax>

www.MountVernonGazette.com

@MtVernonGazette

An independent, locally owned weekly newspaper delivered to homes and businesses.

Published by

Local Media Connection LLC

1606 King Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Free digital edition delivered to your email box. Go to connectionnewspapers.com/subscribe

NEWS DEPARTMENT:
gazette@connectionnewspapers.com

Jeanne Theismann

jtheismann@connectionnewspapers.com
[@TheismannMedia](https://www.facebook.com/TheismannMedia)

Marcia Hobson

Community Reporter
mhobson@connectionnewspapers.com

Mike Salmon

Contributing Writer
msalmon@connectionnewspapers.com

Ken Moore

Contributing Writer
kmoore@connectionnewspapers.com

ADVERTISING:

For advertising information
sales@connectionnewspapers.com
703-778-9431

Debbie Funk

Display Advertising/National Sales
703-778-9444
debfunk@connectionnewspapers.com

Helen Walutes

Display Advertising, 703-778-9410
hwalutes@connectionnewspapers.com

David Griffin

Marketing Assistant
703-778-9431
dgriffin@connectionnewspapers.com

Classified & Employment
Advertising
703-778-9431

Publisher

Jerry Vernon
703-549-0004
jvernon@connectionnewspapers.com

Editor & Publisher

Mary Kimm
mkimm@connectionnewspapers.com
[@MaryKimm](https://www.facebook.com/MaryKimm)

Art/Design:

Laurence Foong, John Heinly,
Ali Khaligh

Production Manager:

Geovani Flores

CIRCULATION

Circulation Manager:

Ann Oliver
circulation@connectionnewspapers.com

A Connection Newspaper



MCLEAN

8548-A Georgetown Pike
McLean, VA

\$6,495,000

Jonathan Taylor
+1 202 276 3344



BELLE HAVEN

2213 Belle Haven Road
Alexandria, VA

\$2,295,000

Jeanne Warner
+1 703 980 9106



OLD TOWN

100 Queen Street
Alexandria, VA

\$2,190,000

Michael Rankin
+1 202 271 3344



OLD TOWN

111 Prince Street
Alexandria, VA

\$2,225,000

Chase Whitley
+1 202 557 9517



ROBINSON LANDING

302 S Union Street
Alexandria, VA

\$1,850,000

Nancy Perkins
+1 703 402 5599



OLD TOWN

117 Prince Street
Alexandria, VA

\$2,495,000

Heather Corey
+1 703 989 1183



OLD TOWN ALEXANDRIA

1006 Cameron Street
Alexandria, VA

\$1,595,000

Lyssa Seward
+1 703 298 0562
Anita Edwards
+1 703 928 7637



OLD TOWN

1845 Potomac Greens Drive
Alexandria, VA

\$1,299,900

Heather Corey
+1 703 989 1183



MT VERNON ON THE POTOMAC

9370 Mount Vernon Circle
Alexandria, VA

\$1,595,000

Phyllis Patterson
+1 703 310 6201



LANGLEY

6470 Kedleston Court
McLean, VA

\$3,495,000

Cynthia Steele Vance
+1 703 408 1810



ALEXANDRIA BROKERAGE

400 SOUTH WASHINGTON STREET, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314 | +1 703 310 6800 ttrsir.com

©2020 TTR Sotheby's International Realty, licensed real estate broker. Sotheby's International Realty and the Sotheby's International Realty logo are registered service marks used with permission. Each Office Is Independently Owned And Operated. Equal housing opportunity. All information deemed reliable but not guaranteed. Price and availability subject to change.

Same Company, Same Employees,
Same Great Value - Now Celebrating 20 Years!

TWO POOR TEACHERS

Kitchen and Bathroom Remodeling



- Electrical (ELE)
- Gas Fitting (GFC)
- Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVA)
- Plumbing (PLB)
- Residential Building (RBC)

Fully Insured & Class A Licensed
Since 1999



Free Estimates 703-999-2928

Check if your contractor is licensed at the state level
<http://www.DPOR.virginia.gov>

Visit our website: www.twopoorteachers.com

NEWS



The start of the 2019 Tour de Mount Vernon.

5th Annual Tour de Mount Vernon

FROM PAGE 6

to learn more about the 100th anniversary of the Suffragist Movement right here in Fairfax County.

Not ready to ride this year? We can always use more volunteers to lend their smiling faces to registration, as route monitors and event

support!

For more information, including ride information, COVID-19 safety precautions, and to register to ride or volunteer, visit our webpage at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mountvernon/tour-de-mount-vernon-2020>.

BULLETIN BOARD

Submit civic/community announcements at ConnectionNewspapers.com/Calendar. Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

SATURDAY/OCT. 3

Tour de Mount Vernon Bike Ride. 8:30 a.m. At Workhouse Arts Center, Lorton. This year's ride will be dedicated to Dave Evans who was a true leader in the Mount Vernon community. The ride is a great opportunity to see the many historic and ecological sites of the southern portion of the District, enjoy fresh air, good exercise and friendly camaraderie. Ride monitors and Fairfax County Police will be on hand to help with directions and keep everyone safe.
Route Highlights include:
Short Route - <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/33805729>
Long Route - <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/33748373>
Rest Stop - Pohick Bay Regional Park
Workhouse Arts Center
Fort Belvoir
National Museum of the US Army
Pohick Bay Regional Park - Rest Stop
Mason Neck State Park
Gunston Hall

WATERSHED CLEANUPS

Do your part to help the environment. Volunteer for a "Watershed Cleanup Days" event at a park or recreation center near you this fall. These community service events are great for individuals, families, service groups and students. Work outdoors helping to clear Earth's arteries by removing tires, bottles, cans and other debris dumped in local waterways. All ages are welcome to take part. Cleanups are

currently scheduled:
Sunday, Oct. 4, 2020: Huntley Meadows Park;
Saturday, Oct. 17, 2020: Ellanor C. Lawrence Park;
Saturday, Oct. 24, 2020: Lake Fairfax Park;
Saturday, Nov. 7, 2020: Cub Run RECenter, Hidden Pond Nature Center, Providence RECenter and Riverbend Park.
Visit the website <https://www.fairfax-county.gov/parks/volunteer>

FAIRFAX CONNECTOR MEETINGS

The Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) will host two virtual community meetings on proposed Fairfax Connector bus service improvements in the Franconia and Springfield areas. The meetings will provide an opportunity for attendees to view and provide input on three alternatives, each with their own set of unique characteristics.

Attend a Virtual Community Meeting -- To participate in one of the virtual community meetings, click the link under the meeting you plan to attend, and you will be asked to sign in. If you don't have online access and plan to call into the meeting by phone, use the phone number and password listed below each meeting.

Evening Meeting - Monday, Sept. 28, 2020, 7-9 p.m. To join online, click the link below:
<https://fairfaxgov.webex.com/fairfaxgov/onstage/g.php?M-TID=e161e5197108dfbc4ad64e-c415afbc27>

To join by phone, call the number below then when prompted, enter the access code: 1-408-418-9388

WWW.CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM



THIS YEAR'S WALK IS EVERYWHERE.

The Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's® is happening on every sidewalk, track, and trail across this country. All of us are raising funds for one goal: A world without Alzheimer's and all other dementia. Because this disease isn't waiting, and neither are you.

Take your first step at alz.org/walk



2020 NATIONAL PRESENTING SPONSORS

Edward Jones®

CVSHealth

2020 WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S

September 27 Northern Virginia
October 10 Washington, D.C.

Additional Walks available.
Find one near you at alz.org/walk

SENIOR LIVING

Getting in Shape at 60, 70 and 80

Starting where you are and staying consistent among suggestions from healthy and fit seniors.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
GAZETTE PACKET

Whether starting a fitness program after the age of 70 or restarting one after raising children and midlife career building, local seniors share inspiring stories of how achieving and maintaining fitness, health and wellness allows them to lead fulfilling, happy and active lives.

After retiring at age 70 from a career in investment, Jim Owen said his life became sedentary. Aching knees and excruciating back pain determined his daily schedule and he tipped the scale at 205 pounds. His life, as he describes it, was on a steady decline.

"I was a certified couch potato and my back pain was robbing me of my energy," said Owen, now 79, who lived in Alexandria before retiring to San Diego. "I said, 'I have to do something or I'll go down hill.'"

After seeking help from a doctor who specialized in sports medicine, Owen began physical therapy, his pain subsided and he was able to begin an exercise program. "I wasn't trying to be Mr. America," said Owen, who turns 80 next month. "My goal was to get rid of my aches and pains."

Though he found it daunting, but also necessary, he began making his way to the gym. Now his workouts include lunges and squats, push-ups, core work and cardio.

"When I started out at age 70, I couldn't do one push up, now I can do 50," said Owen. "The key is to start from where you are and with what you got. So much of it is mental and getting yourself to just try it."

Now he's committed to inspiring other seniors to achieve physical fitness, and he's written a book called "Just Move! A New Approach to Fitness after 50." He also produced a documentary called, "The Art of Aging Well," which he'll release to public television stations next month.

"I want to devote the rest of my life, whether it's five or ten years, to inspiring people to take care of themselves when they're older," he said. "There are some people who say 'My best days are behind me.' I think my best days are still ahead of me."

As a physician, 64-year-old Bob Posner, M.D., has always prioritized his health, but life events including an internal medicine residency program, service in the United States Army, and raising a family often took precedence over fitness.

"Exercise was limited, meals were often fast food ... and I realized that weight started to pack on," he said. "I exited the Navy in 1988 weighing over 190 pounds."

When Posner, of Fairfax, returned to life as a civilian and began his medical practice, his mindset began to change. "I vowed that I would try to set an example for my patients," he said. "How much credibility can an overweight or obese physician have in telling patients to lose weight to become healthier?"

Posner founded Potomac Internal Medicine Associates and uses a program called SeroFit to help patients who want to get in shape. "It is never too late to embark on efforts to get into a more healthy shape," said Posner. "Looking younger, having more energy, lessening risks of severe medical diseases, alleviating pain and fitting into your beautiful clothes are the benefits of being in shape."

Working out with his wife, who is also dedicated to fitness, makes exercising more pleasurable, says Posner, and being fit has helped him maintain fulfilling

WWW.CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM



PHOTO COURTESY OF JIM OWEN

Jim Owen started working out for the first time at age 70. Now at 79 he says he's in the best shape of this life.

"When I started out at age 70, I couldn't do one push up, now I can do 50."

— Jim Owen, 79



PHOTO COURTESY OF BOB POSNER

Bob Posner, MD is motivated to keep in shape so that he can hike and play tennis with his children. Posner, 63, lives in Fairfax and has offices in Burke.

relationships with his children.

"My son is a tennis player, my daughter is a hiking person and sharing time with them is best when I am doing activities with them that they enjoy," he said. "If I was sedentary and expected them to hang out with me I would probably see less of them than if I am able to keep up with them in their activities."

78 year-old Bonnie Frankel is driven by her goal of maintaining her physical, mental and emotional fitness for as long as possible. "My lifestyle is built around exercise and my sport, which is running," she said. "I cross-train with water workouts, monkey bars, yoga and other ground stretches."

The impact that exercise has on her life is her constant motivator. "Exercise helps me to eat healthier and drink better and more fluids," said Frankel. "It changes my mood from blue to sunny, as those wonderful endorphins start to kick in. I want to be able to live an independent long healthy life."

PUBLIC NOTICE

Please be advised that two fireworks displays will take place as part of private events at George Washington's Mount Vernon on the following dates:

Saturday, September 26
between 7:45pm. and 8:15pm. (5 minutes)

Wednesday, September 30
between 9:00 p.m. and 9:30pm. (5 minutes).

The Mount Vernon Ladies' Association thanks you for your tolerance and apologizes for any disruption. To receive Mount Vernon fireworks notifications via e-mail, write to Events@MountVernon.org

**GEORGE WASHINGTON'S
MOUNT * VERNON**

Got Wine Stains?



SPOT CLEANING, AFFORDABLE

DWELL PRO

703-337-2426

Call Today for a Quick Response!

**Food fit for a king
on a family budget**

DAILY FEATURES FOR EVERYONE!

Monday - 1/2 Price Burger Night

Tuesday - Kids 12 & under Eat Free
with accompanying adult. 1 child per adult.

Wednesday - Roast Turkey Special

Thursday - Lasagna Night

Friday - Fish Fry

Saturday & Sunday - Full Brunch Buffet
with Omelette Station

734 North St. Asaph Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

Royal Restaurant
ALEXANDRIA'S NEIGHBORHOOD RESTAURANT • SINCE 1904

703-548-1616

RoyalRestaurantVA.com

3 Spots for Warm Meal on an Autumn Day

By HOPE NELSON
GAZETTE PACKET

When the mercury drops on the thermometer, it's time to seek out a bit of warmth with your meals. Fortunately, these eateries have you covered. With dine-in or carryout options available, they'll ensure you'll have a piping-hot meal in no time.

Caphe Banh Mi, 407 Cameron St.

What could be better than a piping-hot bowl of pho? Caphe Banh Mi takes the brothy Vietnamese noodle soup to an art form, offering a good half-dozen ways to customize it just to your liking. From

the house pho to "The Works" to even a stellar vegetarian version, the pho comes from the kitchen steaming and ready to devour. Café Banh Mi is offering well-spaced outdoor tables for a dine-in experience, but their takeout preparation is also second to none.

Café du Soliel, 215 S. Union St.

Start the day with a warm, cozy quiche to soothe your soul and get things going on the right track. Perch at a table in front of the little French-inspired bistro on Union Street and you could easily be dining alongside the Seine instead. Choose between a quiche Florentine or quick Lorraine, or venture instead to a Croque Madame or a Croque Monsieur for another soul-warming meal. And don't forget the coffee – however you like

it, the café has you covered.

Stomping Ground, 2309 Mount Vernon Ave.

It's a scientific fact that biscuits make things better. Del Ray's Stomping Ground is Ground Zero for the fresh-baked biscuits, served nice and warm alongside other great Southern-inspired delicacies. Have your biscuit plain or in a French toast style, or alongside a veggie hash or gouda grits bowl. No matter your choice, you'll be warm from the inside out and no time. (The coffee doesn't hurt, either!)

Hope Nelson is the author of "Classic Restaurants of Alexandria" and owns the Kitchen Recessionista blog, located at www.kitchenrecessionista.com. Email her any time at hope@kitchenrecessionista.com.



CALENDAR

NOW THRU NOV. 1

Art by Mail II. The "Art by Mail II" exhibit features the artwork of Del Ray Artisans members. You'll find one-of-a-kind, small format, original paintings in watercolor, oil, and acrylic; mixed media art and artful cards; plus, small 3D works. Enjoy browsing the collection. Artwork will be mailed directly from the artist within 10 days of purchase. Purchases are mailed directly to you. Enjoy the exhibit at www.DelRayArtisans.org/artbymail.

NOW THRU OCT. 14

Weekly Free Outdoor Yoga Class. 6-7 p.m. At Del Ray Psych & Wellness Parking Lot, 1900 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Maureen Clyne, an affiliated agent with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in the Alexandria office, will be leading free outdoor yoga classes in the Del Ray neighborhood of Alexandria. This community event, Harvest Moon Yoga 2020, is suitable for all levels and open to the public. The class is taught by Clyne, a senior yoga instructor, and is sponsored by Del Ray Psych & Wellness. Contact: Maureen Clynel: 703-967-8884.

BEGINNING SEPT. 21

Get the Fall season off to a creative start with studio art classes online at The Art League School. Registration is currently open for the Fall semester with classes beginning Monday, September 21. Beginner and seasoned artists can select from a variety of over 50 classes and workshops, ranging from basic painting and drawing instruction to computer-based digital illustration and GIF creation. Classes meet via Zoom, a user-friendly video conferencing platform that allows students to receive lessons and engage with



Ancestral Callings will be displayed at The Art League Gallery from Sept. 10-Oct. 4, 2020.

Now thru Oct. 4

Ancestral Callings. At The Art League Gallery, Torpedo Factory, Alexandria. Mixed media artist Noah Williams celebrates the power and energy of African mask-making traditions in his solo exhibit, Ancestral Callings. Williams' masks are created with found materials, both organic and man-made. The artist remarked that working with items that "used to contain life," such as cowry shells, leather, fur, animal bone, and feathers, has spiritual significance, and imbues the masks with sacred vitality. The Art League Gallery is open Wednesday through Sunday, 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. For your safety, masks and temperature checks are required and a limit of 10 people may be in the gallery at a time.

instructors and classmates. In between classes, students can stay in touch with Google Classroom or by email. And because classes are virtual, students do not have to be in the Alexandria area to participate, just have an internet connection. Visit www.theartleague.org.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 26

Virtual Speakeasy Night. At Lee-Fendall House Museum, Alexandria. Celebrate with the Lee-Fendall House Museum during its fifth annual speakeasy fundraiser – but this year, the party is all online. The event will support the museum's vital work in historic preservation and education, while keeping up what has become a popular local tradition. The online party kicks off with an exclusive cocktail lesson courtesy of Alexandria's most exciting new eatery, King's Ransom. Next, learn the latest dance crazes from 1920 with a dance class, led by acclaimed local performers Fidgety Feet and accompanied by a few swinging jazz standards - remember to wear your '20s best for the virtual costume contest. Tickets are available at SipsAndSecretsVirtual.Eventbrite.com.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 26

Tony Sands Live. 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. At Carlyle Club in Alexandria. "Sinatra" -- The Musical is a multimedia musical tribute starring Tony Sands as 'The Voice.' It is a musical journey of the life and times of the late Frank Sinatra. Sands performs all of Sinatra's best-loved songs from the early days with Tommy Dorsey, to the bright lights of New York City, onto the silver screen of Hollywood, and then finally Frank's 'Main Event' comeback. Visit www.thecarlyleclub.com.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 29

Race and Housing. 7-8:30 p.m. During this community conversation, participants will learn about the role of redlining, discrimina-

tion, racial covenants, zoning, and other forces that had an impact on Arlington's current racial makeup. Email: ahstaff@allianceforhousingolutions.org. Visit the website: <https://www.allianceforhousingolutions.org/events/history-of-race-and-housing-in-arlington>.

OCT. 1-31

Autumn's Palette. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. At Gallery Underground, 2120 Crystal Drive, Arlington. Gallery Underground presents Autumn's Palette: Art for the Season, an all-member show featuring themes and colors of fall including painting, ceramics, mixed media, glass, wood and metal work. Visit the website: <https://www.galleryunderground.org>

OCT. 2-31

The Living in a Mini World exhibit at Del Ray Artisans gallery feels as if you drank Alice in Wonderland's magic (BIG) potion, or are in Stewart Little or Gulliver's Travels. This exhibit features art smaller than a magazine. The paintings are perfect to fit in your tiniest spot, 3D works for your coffee table, and lots of different jewelry. View October 2-31, 2020 at 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria. Details: www.Del-RayArtisans.org/exhibits

SATURDAY/OCT. 3

Live From Athenaeum. 7:30 p.m. Via Zoom. Jane Franklin Dance presents a performance streamed live from The Athenaeum, home to Northern Virginia Fine Arts Association. Enjoy a Zoom performance event that is filled with interactive moments and real time performance, all from the ease of your own living room. Free with \$10 suggested donation. Visit the website: <https://www.janefranklin.com/live>

RESTAURANT OF THE WEEK

Restaurant of the Week: Dishes of India

Dishes of India provides delicious Indian food for lunch or dinner. It is located in Belle View Shopping Center and is currently open for carry-out only.

The menu features chicken, lamb, seafood and vegetable dishes with biryani-rice based dishes also available. Instead of the famous lunch buffet, Dishes of India is now offering special "small bowl" lunches with a variety of meat, vegetable, and rice options.

This family-owned and operated restaurant opened June 17, 1997. Chef-owner Ramanand Bhatt began cooking when 16 years old in New Delhi, India at a roadside café. From the beginning of his career his desire was to open his own restaurant. At age 25 he traveled to Spain, where he worked at a prestigious Indian restaurant for five years. Returning to India, he worked for Air India flight kitchens as an assistant chef for 15 years. In 1981 he came to the United States, continuing to fine-tune his skills, plan and save and eventually opening his own restaurant in 1997.

His son, Naresh, manages the restaurant and the work of two other chefs who specialize in Tandoori and curry cooking. The other son, Gopal, takes care of the front end. Dishes of India is focused on traditional authentic Indian cuisine using only the freshest ingredients and the best spices.

The family believes the secret to the de-



Naresh Bhatt welcomes guests to Dishes of India in Belle View. This family owned and operated restaurant is open currently for carry-out only.

licious meals created at Dishes of India may be the extraordinary gift of happiness

from God they feel which is transferred to the cooking. Many restaurant customers are

Dishes of India

dishesofindia@aol.com
1510-A Belleview Blvd.,
Alexandria, VA 22307
www.dishesofindia.com
703-660-6085

dedicated patrons returning often for consistently great meals.

In 2003 Dishes of India was destroyed by Hurricane Isabella and the flooding in Belle View. It took a year to renovate the restaurant and reopen.

There were so many hurdles to re-open the restaurant but with the help of many community organizations and loyal customers it was possible to restore Dishes of India and open for business again.

The full menu may be seen by visiting the website at <https://www.dishesofindia.com/>. Customers may visit the restaurant and order curbside or order online at <https://www.toasttab.com/tandoor-india-inc-1510a-belleview-blvd/v3>

Dishes of India is the "Restaurant of the Week" from Mount Vernon Lee Chamber of Commerce. Restaurants are an industry deeply affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Support local restaurants and help retain the variety of wonderful eateries in our community.

20 NEWCOMERS & 20 COMMUNITY GUIDE

Publishing September 2020

For Advertising:
Call 703.778.9431 or Email
advertising@connectionnewspapers.com

The annual Newcomers and Community Guides for our different communities with inside facts on what makes each community special, their secret places, the real power players, how to get involved and more is publishing soon.

Including the history, schools, parks, libraries, local people, elected officials, county/city offices, how decisions are made and other vital community information.

Perfect Advertising Opportunity for:
Hospitals | Healthcare | Wellbeing | New Homes |
Realtors | Schools | Malls | Shopping Centers |
Professional Services | And Much More

Let us know about an upcoming event

www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar

Thank you!

To our doctors, nurses, EMTs and all the heroes in the medical profession. Thank you to our frontline businesses working long hours stocking shelves, cashiering, bagging and cleaning. Thank you to our government officials and leaders who are making decisions to keep us safe. We appreciate all of you!

To champion business and build community in partnership with our members.

Here's how you can help support small businesses during the Covid-19 outbreak

GIVE THE GIFT OF BUSINESS
Buy a gift card to use at a later date and shop locally online when possible.

KEEP YOUR SUBSCRIPTION
To the gym, exercise class, painting class, music and dance lessons, etc. Many small businesses rely on your support to keep their doors open and pay their bills. Your support can save that business.

BUY NOW, PICK UP LATER
Planning to make a purchase? Call the business to see if you can make the purchase but pick it up later.

ORDER FOOD-TO-GO OR HAVE IT DELIVERED
Local restaurants are open and ready to provide their delicious food. Order and pay online. Consider adding a generous tip.

Wondering what local businesses are open?
Visit MountVernonLeeChamber.org

LOCAL BUSINESS INFORMATION: mountvernonleechamber.org/business-resources-for-coronavirus/
FAIRFAX COUNTY INFORMATION: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/covid19/information-businesses-impacted-coronavirus/
VIRGINIA INFORMATION: www.virginia.gov/coronavirus-updates/

Another Mount Vernon Gazette Community Partnership

An Election About Elections

Voters to determine how redistricting works next year; the process created behind closed doors does not include any explicit demand for racial diversity.

By MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

When Republicans were in charge of drawing political boundaries for the General Assembly and Congress, Democrats supported an amendment to the Virginia Constitution creating a new mapmaking commission. The idea was to take the power of political gerrymandering out of the hands of the majority and hand it over to a group that wouldn't be quite so focused on screwing the opposition. But then Democrats seized control of the General Assembly, and most House Democrats flip flopped on the issue.

"It takes the process out of the hands of the dominant party," said Del. Ken Plum (D-36), who was one of only nine House Democrats to vote in favor of the amendment this year. "We might say 'Gee whiz, we've got a nice progressive party now. Let's let them do the redistricting.' That's called gerrymandering." The idea that politicians might act one way when the opposition is in control and then change their mind after assuming power has a particular resonance this week, as Republicans in the United States Senate are trying to explain their flip flop on when Supreme Court vacancies should be approved. Democrats in the House of Delegates are offering a number of explanations for their reversal, including an argument that the last-minute compromise worked out at the end of the 2019 General Assembly session wasn't thoroughly vetted. Explaining the reasoning behind her change of heart, House Majority Leader Charniele Herring said that she didn't really have enough time to consider the version that emerged out of a secret closed-door conference committee, which was not open to the public or the press. "We had a senator walking into our caucus to give us a briefing on the deal they struck, and I remember saying, 'Gosh darn it, no. It's not nonpartisan redistricting,'" said Herring, who represents Alexandria. "Unfortunately I went with the wave."

THE AMENDMENT NOW before voters sets up a 16-member commission to draw boundaries for the House of Delegates, the state Senate and Congress. Eight of its members would be members of the General Assembly, four from the House and four from the Senate. The Democratic leadership in the House would get to pick two members, and the Republican minority leadership would also get to pick two members. The same format would apply in the Senate, where the majority party and the minority party would each



Voters line up outside the registrar's office in Alexandria to cast in-person absentee ballots in this year's election.

get an opportunity to name two senators to the commission. The other eight members of the commission would be citizens selected by a panel of retired judges.

"Citizen initiatives have kind of gone around their legislature, whether it's in Utah or Missouri or Colorado or Arizona or others," said Brian Cannon, executive director of a group known as One Virginia 2021 that has been pushing for redistricting reform for years. "This would be the most comprehensive reform ever passed through a state legislature."

One group of Democrats that have not changed their position on the issue is the Legislative Black Caucus. Most Black members of the House of Delegates opposed the amendment last year, and they oppose it again this year. They point out that the closed-door conference committee that crafted the last minute compromise in secret was an all-white group of lawmakers. Furthermore, they say, the process they created behind closed doors does not include any explicit demand for racial diversity.

"We have great concerns about having African-American representation in the room for redistricting," said Del. Lamont Bagby (D-74), chairman of the Legislative Black Caucus, when the amendment was first proposed last year. "This doesn't guarantee that."

THE LONG AND STRANGE history of political mapmaking in Virginia dates back to the earliest days of the republic, when Virginia Gov. Patrick Henry tried to draw the commonwealth's congressional districts in a way specifically designed to deny his enemy James Madison a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives in 1789. The plan failed, and Madison was elected anyway. A few years later the term "gerrymander" was

coined when Massachusetts Gov. Eldridge Gerry proposed a plan designed to harm Federalists that included a district that reminded critics of a salamander, prompting them to invent a phrase that has long since eclipsed the governor's name recognition in the popular imagination.

"Ironically, through a fine twist of history, Eldridge Gerry served as vice president under Madison," observed University of Virginia professor Kenneth Stroupe in a 2009 history of gerrymandering in Virginia. "Thanks to ever-changing shifts in demographics and the often willful nature of voters, the practice of gerrymandering has not always proven successful in achieving the politicians' desired electoral outcomes."

Courts ruled Virginia's congressional districts were unconstitutional in 1965 for violating the principle of "one man, one vote" and then again in 1971, when the maps were drawn to make sure incumbents in Danville and Appomattox County could keep their seats even though they were practically neighbors.

The map for the House of Delegates districts in the election of 1981 was so bad a judge ordered a new election in 1982, promptly followed by yet another election in 1983. One of the more notorious examples of partisan gerrymandering in Virginia happened after the 2010 Census, when Republicans drew maps that a federal court later determined packed Black voters into a handful of districts to dilute their influence throughout the state.

"Be careful in how you describe what you're seeking," wrote former Alexandria Republican Chairman Chis Marston in a 2010 email that later became evidence in a United States Supreme Court case. "We need to keep out any hint of unfairness (except the fundamental unfairness of the Voting

BALLOT QUESTION

Proposed Constitutional Amendment #1

Should the Constitution of Virginia be amended to establish a redistricting commission, consisting of eight members of the General Assembly and eight citizens of the Commonwealth, that is responsible for drawing the congressional and state legislative districts that will be subsequently voted on, but not changed by, the General Assembly and enacted without the Governor's involvement and to give the responsibility of drawing districts to the Supreme Court of Virginia if the redistricting commission fails to draw districts or the General Assembly fails to enact districts by certain deadlines?

Rights Act) or partisanship."

AS THE 2020 CENSUS approached last year, lawmakers saw a rare opportunity for compromise.

Republicans were justifiably worried they were about to lose

control, and they were willing to set up a process to take some of the partisanship out of the process. Democrats were eager to finally score some kind of reform of a process they had long criticized while they were out of power. Sen. George Barker (D-39) was leading the effort on the Senate side, and Del. Mark Cole (R-88) was negotiating on behalf of the House Republican leadership. When the two sides became deadlocked, the process moved to a conference committee of three senators and four House members.

"At the time, it seemed like the best opportunity we had at getting rid of gerrymandering," said Del. Paul Krizek (D-44), who was a member of the closed-door conference committee. "I can understand people who will support this because they think it's better than nothing. But I believe this is actually a worse system because it enshrines gerrymandering into the process."

Although all 15 House members of the Legislative Black Caucus are united in their opposition to the amendment this year, the two Black senators are in favor of the amendment. And although most House Democrats opposed the amendment, nine House Democrats joined all 45 House Republicans to approve the amendment. So voters are left with a mixed picture: Republicans are united in their support of the amendment, but Democrats are divided. For Republicans, it's an opportunity to point out that many of the Democrats who are now in opposition to the amendment are going back on their campaign promises last year to support the new commission.

"It's disgraceful. These folks ran on the issue," said Sen. Mark Obenshain (R-26). "They told people across the commonwealth of Virginia that they supported the Consti-

SEE AN ELECTION, PAGE 13

WWW.CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM

We Need to Work Together

tion requirements for rental assistance programs; and supporting small landlords of market affordable units, many of whom share in the financial vulnerability of their tenants.

Over the past several months, the COVID-19 pandemic has shown us that our health and the health of our loved ones is inextricably linked to the health of our communities.

We will soon see how connected our economic well-being is to that of our neighbors as well. In

Northern Virginia, stakeholders are taking action to support economically vulnerable residents using balanced strategies that protect the interests of all affected. We hope lawmakers at the state and federal level will follow our example.

NORA DAILY IS DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT NORTHERN VIRGINIA AFFORDABLE HOUSING ALLIANCE.

An Election About Elections

FROM PAGE 12

tutional amendment. They got elected on the basis of supporting it, and if they turn their backs on their constituents there's going to be a price to pay."

DEMOCRATS ARE WORRIED about a provision of the amendment that lays out a process for what happens if the commission is deadlocked. If the two House Republicans on the commission refuse to accept the maps, for example, the conservative justices on the Supreme Court of Virginia get to draw the maps. Because Republicans controlled Virginia for so many years, Democrats fear they would draw maps designed to help Republicans. For many Democrats who supported the amendment last year and have now changed their position, this is one of the key arguments against the new commission.

"I can't trust judges to be fair on the basis of the

facts and the law anymore," says Del. Mark Levine (D-45), who voted for the amendment before he voted against it. "Those days, if they ever existed, they're certainly gone now."

During a recent forum about the amendment hosted by the Unitarian Universalist Church in Reston, Plum and Levine debated the amendment and considered various arguments for and against.

When Levine outlined his concerns that the Supreme Court of Virginia would gerrymander in favor of Republicans, Plum dismissed the idea.

"The Virginia Supreme Court is a conservative court, and what that means is that they're going to abide closely by the letter of the Constitution," said Plum, who has been working to reform the redistricting system for decades. "They're going to know what the Constitution provides, and you can shake your head all you want. But that's the way it would work."

Announcements

Announcements

Prepare for unexpected power outages with a Generac home standby generator

SCHEDULE YOUR FREE IN-HOME ASSESSMENT TODAY!
844-947-1479

FREE 7-Year Extended Warranty*
A \$695 Value!

Offer valid August 24, 2020 - December 31, 2020

Special Financing Available
Subject to Credit Approval

*Terms & Conditions Apply



Announcements

Announcements

AN ORGANIZED HOME IS A HAPPY HOME

ShelfGenie
EVERYTHING WITHIN REACH

50% OFF INSTALLATION*

*Limit one offer per household. Must purchase 5+ Classic/Designer Shelves. EXP 12/31/20.

SPECIAL OFFER
0% Interest for 12 Months
***On Approved Credit

Schedule Your FREE Design Consultation:
(866) 982-2260



Announcements

Announcements

LeafFilter
GUTTER PROTECTION

INSTALLS ON NEW & EXISTING GUTTERS

BEFORE LeafFilter **AFTER LeafFilter**

15% OFF YOUR ENTIRE PURCHASE* **AND!** **10% OFF** SENIOR & MILITARY DISCOUNTS **+** **5% OFF** TO THE FIRST 50 CALLERS!**

Promo Number: 285

CALL US TODAY FOR A FREE ESTIMATE **1-877-614-6667**

Mon-Thurs: 8am-11pm, Fri-Sat: 8am-5pm, Sun: 2pm-8pm EST

*For those who qualify. One coupon per household. No obligation estimate valid for 1 year. ** Offer valid at estimate only. CSLB# 1035795 DOPL #10783658-5501 License# 7656 License# 50145 License# 41354 License# 99338 License# 128344 License# 218294 License# 603 233 977 License# 2102212986 License# 2106212946 License# 2705132153A License# LEAFFNW822JZ License# WV056912 License# WC-29998-H17 Nassau HIC License# H01067000 Registration# 176447 Registration# HIC.0649905 Registration# C127229 Registration# C127230 Registration# 366920918 Registration# PC6475 Registration# IR731804 Registration# 13VH09953900 Registration# PA069383 Suffolk HIC License# 52229-H



Legals

ABC LICENSE

7-Eleven Inc and Vaada LLC trading as 7-Eleven 35539B, 7849 Richmond Highway, Alexandria, VA 22306, Fairfax County . The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) for a wine and beer off premise license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. David Seltzer, VP, 7-Eleven Inc and Annu Gulati, Manager Member, Vaada LLC . NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

Obituary

EUNICE MARIA TROLLOPE
October 4, 1932 – June 30, 2020

Somewhere over the rainbow, Maria has joined her husband of 58 years, Richard, and is survived by her daughters Michelle Bessette and Sonja Vass, and grandchildren, Jordan, Jessica, and Jacob. As a wife, mother, Nana, teacher, artist, adventurer, volunteer, and as a kind friend, Maria inspired others with her joyous spirit.

Please join us in remembrance at her service at St. Michael's Church, 505 Broome St., Fernandina Beach, FL, Saturday, September 26, 1115 am. In lieu of flowers, please make any donations to St. Michael's Church. Celebration presentation of Maria's life to be held after the service in the church hall (COVID guidelines).



Employment

Home Instead SENIOR CARE
To us, it's personal.

World's largest provider of in-home care
Looking for VA CNA's/PCA Home Helper/Companions PT/FT
Days/nights/evenings/weekends long or short shifts

Please contact our Recruiter
Amy Reynolds
at (703) 750-6644



Announcements

Announcements

FREE! Savings include an American Standard Right Height Toilet FREE! (\$500 Value)

WALK-IN BATHTUB SALE!
SAVE \$1,500

- ✓ Backed by American Standard's 140 years of experience
- ✓ Ultra low entry for easy entering & exiting
- ✓ Patented Quick Drain® Technology
- ✓ Lifetime Warranty on the bath AND installation, INCLUDING labor backed by American Standard
- ✓ 44 Hydrotherapy jets for an invigorating massage

Limited Time Offer! Call Today!
877-691-5591
Or visit: www.walkintubinfo.com/vapa

MADE IN THE USA



Like

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK, PLEASE

www.facebook.com/connectionnewspapers



An expert is someone who knows some of the worst mistakes that can be made in his subject and how to avoid them.
-Werner Heisenberg

An expert is someone who knows some of the worst mistakes that can be made in his subject and how to avoid them.
-Werner Heisenberg

"Canceritis"



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

There are two generic types of cancer: the cancer that you have, and the cancer that has you. And the yin and yang is what defines 'canceritis.' The internal struggle between being defined by your disease versus living a life in spite of your disease. The former is easy; you're a victim of an insidious, in some cases, incurable disease that causes myriad problems, shall we say; physically, emotionally and psychologically. The latter is hard. Sometimes, overcoming the former in order to live the latter is much easier said than done. The reason being, primarily, that cancer isn't a killer because symptoms, treatment and side effects are always manageable and overall mental/emotional demands are easily compartmentalized. Nothing could be further from the truth. In fact, the truth is that if the disease, treatment and side effects and/or anxiety/stress about your diagnosis doesn't get you, the total disruption of your life and/or routine will.

Not that you lose free will, but you do lose a fair amount of control. While cancer is in the house, cancer rules the roost. Somehow, even though the disease and all is all about you, you must find a way (navigate) a path forward that enables you to set aside the physical and emotional demands of a terminator-type disease. With many patients, the cancer won't stop until it kills. And for the hundreds of thousands of cancer patients who die every year, wishing, hoping, praying and being compliant to their doctor's instructions, the outcome though hardly guaranteed is not particularly encouraging either. The disease takes its toll and despite all the efforts of the king's men to put Humpty back together again, the ravages of cancer often prevent the patient from ever being whole again.

Sometimes, the damage is already done as it usually is for non-small lung cancer patients who often are asymptomatic until they're not (as I found out, first hand). Then you're told you have a "terminal" form of stage IV lung cancer which is described as incurable which meant for me, being told I had 13 months to two years to live. The question I asked myself back in Feb., 2009: What the hell happened to stages I, II and III? This is what cancer can do: travel at warp speed and not leave too many clues. Finding some kind of work-around/plan "B" to deal with the loss of control and helplessness might keep the patient from descending into an emotional rabbit hole from which there's a scant chance of recovery. At this juncture, the cancer is in charge.

This is the challenge: overcoming a disease which in many instances, is beyond your doctor's/modern medicine's ability to control. Just imagine living with the knowledge that every day you wake up, is a day borrowed against future days when you might not wake up or if you do, might feel so poorly that the point of trying to feel better becomes more of a fool's errand than it does a practical alternative. Cancer is not literally a four-letter word but it's most definitely in its own category: a six-letter word which makes all four-letter words meek by comparison.

Somehow, you must restructure your understanding of your cancerous condition and philosophize: everyday you wake up and feel something isn't a day that's lost. It's a day that's found. Making the most of these emotional crumbs is not a guarantee of anything. Rather, it's an attempt to prevent things from getting worse. And as any cancer patient will tell you: it can always be worse. And until it's the worst, try to embrace whatever remains as the best.

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

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

WWW.CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM

CALL 703-549-0004

FOR ADVERTISING INFORMATION

ELECTRICAL	ELECTRICAL
K & D ELECTRIC	
COMMERCIAL / RESIDENTIAL SERVICE	
Family Owned & Operated	
Recessed Lighting Ceiling Fans Phone/CATV Computer Network Cabling Service Upgrades Hot Tubs, etc...	Licensed/Bonded/Insured Office 703-335-0654 Mobile 703-499-0522 lektrkman28@gmail.com

LANDSCAPING	LANDSCAPING
Quality Tree Service & Landscaping	
Reasonable prices. Licensed & insured.	
Summer Cleanup...	
	Tree removal, topping & pruning, shrubbery trimming, mulching, leaf removal, planting, hauling, gutter cleaning, retaining walls, drainage problems, etc.
25 years of experience - Free estimates 703-868-5358	
24 Hour Emergency Tree Service	

Patios & Drainage	
Your neighborhood company since 1987	
703-772-0500	
J.E.S. Services	
Free Estimates - Fully Licensed & Insured	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planting & Landscaping Design • Drainage & Water Problems • Concrete Driveways, Replacement or New • Patios and Walks • Masonry Work or Dry Laid • Paver, Flagstone, Brick, any style you choose • Retaining walls of all types 	
All work Guaranteed	



Sign up for
FREE DIGITAL SUBSCRIPTION
to any or all of our 15 papers
WWW.CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM/SUBSCRIBE



NEWS



PHOTOS BY MIKE SALMON/THE CONNECTION

Officers responded to Hagel Circle around 9:22 p.m. on Sept. 21 for a reported shooting. One man died on scene and a second man was transported to the hospital.

Shooting in Lorton Leaves One Dead, One Injured

Supervisor Storck plans meeting with residents for update next week.

BY MIKE SALMON
THE CONNECTION

Around 9 p.m. on Sept. 21, Frank White heard gunshots right outside his front door, and grabbed his children and headed downstairs so they wouldn't get hit by any stray bullets. "It sounded like machine gun fire, it was crazy," he said.

A couple of shots hit the back of his house, and when the shooting stopped, he heard cries for help so headed outside to see if he could help. The police showed up and "they were in the backyard all night," White said.

According to police, officers from the Franconia District Station responded to the 9800 block of Hagel Circle around 9:22 p.m. for a reported shooting. Upon their arrival, officers found Leonard Brown, 37, of Alexandria, lying on the ground with apparent gunshot wounds. Officers rendered aid until rescue personnel arrived. Brown was pronounced dead at the scene. A second man was also shot and taken to the hospital with life-threatening injuries.

The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner will conduct an autopsy to determine the cause and manner of Brown's death. This is an active investigation and detectives continue to conduct interviews, process evidence, and canvass the area for witnesses, the police said.

Hagel Circle is a street right off Richmond Highway in Lorton, and has been on police radar in the recent past, mostly for minor incidents, but also some more serious. In January this year, there was a break-in where a resident was stabbed; in February there was a car theft; on March 4, attempted robbery; in April there was a package theft; and in June, a license plate and cellphone were stolen; there was a shooting that resulted in a minor injury; and a domestic assault that ended with the suspect barricaded in the



Leonard Brown, 37, was pronounced dead at the scene.

house.

These incidents were all on Hagel Circle, police reports stated.

Supervisor Dan Storck (D-Mount Vernon) has been involved with this area and supported the development of a new Lorton Community Action Center co-located with the library and senior center, a couple of blocks from Hagel Circle. Construction crews are working on the center now, and it will be an integral part of the community when it's complete.

"I was very saddened to learn that there was a shooting in Lorton. I have been talking and meeting with Hagel Circle residents to initially respond to their many questions and concerns," Storck said. "Additionally, I look forward to meeting with the community next week, in a Covid-appropriate manner, to provide further information about the shooting, review responses and discuss enhanced community policing options with the community," Storck said.

WWW.CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM

SPECIAL SAVINGS FOR YOUR TOYOTA



WELCOME TO ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA'S PERSONALIZED CAR CARE EXPERIENCE

BUY 3 TIRES AND GET THE 4TH FOR **\$1**



See Service Advisor for details.

GOT TIRES? INCLUDES ROAD HAZARD PROTECTION, TIRE WARRANTY, AND FREE COURTESY INSPECTION.

BONUS: ADD A 4 WHEEL ALIGNMENT FOR \$39.95

NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA. TAX AND SHOP SUPPLIES ADDITIONAL. OFFER EXPIRES 9/30/20.

CHECK ENGINE LIGHT DIAGNOSIS

NO CHARGE

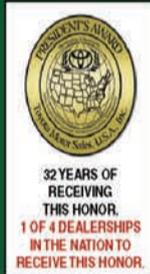
INITIAL DIAGNOSIS

WE WILL RETRIEVE VEHICLE CODES & GIVE YOU AN ESTIMATE OF REPAIR COSTS.



NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA. TAX AND SHOP SUPPLIES ADDITIONAL. OFFER EXPIRES 9/30/20.

Jack Taylor's
ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA



SAFETY FIRST ALWAYS!
Have Your Vehicle Checked for Open Campaigns/Recalls
Recall Hotline: 703-684-0710

SERVICE & PARTS DEPT HOURS:

Monday - Friday, 6:00am to 7:00pm
Saturday, 7:00am to 5:00pm

YOU HAVE SATURDAY OFF. THAT'S EXACTLY WHY WE DON'T!

ToyotaCare Customers
Don't Forget Your **FREE** Service.
5,000 • 10,000 • 15,000 • 20,000 • 25,000
NOW AVAILABLE Mile Services
Call your ASM for details
ToyotaCare Plus \$329⁰⁰
Covers up to 4 years/45,000 miles

3750 Richmond Hwy • Alexandria, VA 22305

ALIGNMENT SPECIAL

\$69⁹⁵

Your car's alignment suffers, and can cause uneven tire wear and steering problems.
INCLUDES: Inspect suspension, ball joints, struts & shocks, tire condition and set tire pressure.

NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA. TAX AND SHOP SUPPLIES ADDITIONAL. OFFER EXPIRES 9/30/20.

SIGHT LINE WIPER BLADES

BUY 1 GET 1 FREE

Sight Line only.

NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF PURCHASE. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA PARTS CENTER ONLY. GOOD THRU 9/30/20.

FREE

BATTERY CHECK-UP

Check cold cranking amps and visual inspection of battery condition. Includes battery condition print out.

NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA. TAX AND SHOP SUPPLIES ADDITIONAL. OFFER EXPIRES 9/30/20.

BRAKE SPECIAL

\$79⁹⁵

Includes: Install Genuine Toyota front brake pads, inspect front & rear rotors & drums, check tire condition and inspect all hardware. Pads only.

MACHINE ROTORS ADDITIONAL

NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA. TAX AND SHOP SUPPLIES ADDITIONAL. OFFER EXPIRES 9/30/20.

BG VITAL FLUID SERVICE

10% OFF YOUR FIRST SERVICE

15% OFF YOUR SECOND SERVICE

Power Steering • Automatic Transmission • Brake System

NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA. TAX AND SHOP SUPPLIES ADDITIONAL. OFFER EXPIRES 9/30/20.

TRUESTART™ BATTERIES

SPECIAL OFFER

\$129⁹⁵

INCLUDES BATTERY INSTALLATION

Includes: 84 month warranty, 24 month free replacement,

24 month free roadside assistance.

Does not apply to hybrid batteries.

NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA. TAX AND SHOP SUPPLIES ADDITIONAL. OFFER EXPIRES 9/30/20.

OIL & FILTER CHANGE

\$24⁹⁵

NON-SYNTHETIC

\$34⁹⁵

SYNTHETIC

Includes: Genuine Toyota oil filter, up to 5 qts of conventional oil*, inspect windshield wipers, check tire condition, check battery (with print-out), inspect and adjust all fluid levels, inspect air & cabin air filters.

NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA. TAX AND SHOP SUPPLIES ADDITIONAL. OFFER EXPIRES 9/30/20.

NEW HOURS SPECIAL!
DROP OFF YOUR VEHICLE BETWEEN **6AM & 7AM**
WITH A SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT & RECEIVE
12% OFF ANY ONE REPAIR.

MAXIMUM DISCOUNT, \$150

NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF PURCHASE. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA PARTS CENTER ONLY. GOOD THRU 9/30/20.

Jack Taylor's

ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA

©SMS Productions, Inc. 1-800-289-7671 #202001025

CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT AT **703-684-0710** OR SCHEDULE ONLINE AT **ALEXANDRIATOYOTA.COM**



CHRIS WHITE

FAMILY REAL ESTATE
OF LONG & FOSTER

Leading the Area in Real Estate **SOLD!!!!**

47 Alexandria Homes Sold So Far In 2020!



SALE

3115 Little Creek Dr
\$729,900

OPEN SUNDAY 1-4PM!



SALE

7116 Marlan Dr
\$899,500

OPEN SUNDAY 1-4PM!



SALE

8814 Surrey Ct
\$850,000

CLASSIC COLONIAL!



SALE

3517 Surrey Dr
\$998,000

SOUTHERN CHARM!



SALE

9324 Old Mansion Rd
\$1,990,000

NEW BUILD, WATER VIEWS!



CONTRACT

9216 Old Mt. Vernon Rd
\$898,500

SERENE SETTING!



CONTRACT

9315 Maybrook Pl
\$685,000

RARE OPPORTUNITY!



CONTRACT

9420 Forest Haven Dr
\$699,000

REFRESHED INTERIOR!



SOLD

3102 Waterside Ln
\$1,080,000

PRIVATE DOCK!



SOLD

4206 Sonia Ct
\$650,000

SO MUCH SPACE!



SOLD

3203 Battersea Ln
\$595,000

GREAT OPPORTUNITY!



SOLD

9339 Heather Glen Dr.
\$600,000

PICTURE PERFECT!

LONG & FOSTER
REAL ESTATE

CHRISTIE'S
INTERNATIONAL REAL ESTATE

703.283.9028

www.chrisandpeggywhite.com

chris.white@longandfoster.com

Alexandria/Old Town Historic - 400 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

