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City of Alexandria adapts in changing times.

By Jeanne Theismann
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COVID-19 outbreak has shined a light on unacceptable disparities in wellness and access to healthcare.

7 Months of Snow Days

By Justin M. Wilson

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ome of the most challenging times in local government are when it snows. The first day is usually okay. The snow is pretty and most residents enjoy the scenery. The second day is still generally fun. The kids are playing in the snow and a nice cup of hot chocolate hits the spot. On Day 3, things get ugly. Everyone gets stir-crazy and ready for life to go back to normal.

We have been stuck in Day 3 of a snowstorm for nearly 7 months.

The residents of Alexandria have been very patient as the three levels of government who serve them have struggled to coordinate and react to the most significant public health crisis, economic crisis and humanitarian crisis faced in generations. While some academics will spend decades unpacking and grading the decisions made by leaders over the past several months, we cannot await the judgment of history before charting a path for our community’s recovery.

The COVID-19 outbreak has been revelatory as it has shined a light on unacceptable disparities in wellness and access to healthcare. Alexandria has mirrored national disparities as our residents of color have been harder hit by this pandemic. Yet, we should not be surprised. Last year our Community Health Assessment showed significant racial disparities in diabetes and hypertension. Both are significant comorbidities for patients who struggle with this coronavirus.

This outbreak has taught us that our community’s health is inextricably linked to the health of the most ill among us. Rebuilding a healthy community in our future means confronting these disparities head-on.

This crisis has also exposed the financial fragility experienced by many of our neighbors and businesses. We have seen how many of our fellow residents are a missed paycheck away from needing food assistance.

Our small businesses operate painfully close to ruin under the best of circumstances. As we rebuild our community, creating a more financial resiliency among our residents and businesses will be a key component to equipping Alexandria to succeed in the years ahead.

Nearly two decades ago, our region and its residents suffered a horrendous shock due to the terrorist attacks of September 11. Ultimately, as a region we retooled, refocused and ensured that many of the new investments made in response to that tragedy occurred in this region.

A similar opportunity now exists. With our existing Federal footprint, our renowned educational institutions and more, we have a chance to be rather helpful as our community works to tackle the important issues ahead.

That patience and understanding could be rather helpful as we work to protect Alexandria’s future, but the best from this moment can give us something to build on. Let’s get to work.

“What Do You Like About Living in Alexandria?”

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Quinn Ziemann

“I like the restaurants and the fun neighborhoods. And I like living right at a park.”

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“For nearly 40 years the Old Town community has been a large part of my greatest life moments. It is where I first set roots as a business owner, where I raised my daughter and where I developed some of the most meaningful friendships. Alexandria is filled with so many stories like my own, filled with people who have woven themselves into the fabric of the rich history of these neighborhoods. I am honored to leave the welcome mat out for the next generation knowing that they, too, will uncover such joy in what the community has to offer.”

Erica Karapetyan

“I love how nice the people are here. I love the opportunities that the city brings, the public transportation and how clean the city is. I love the access to all the facilities like the recreation centers, the parks and the Chiuquisin pool. That is pretty cool. We go there often.”

Chris and Meg Ziemann

“Chris: ‘I like that it has a small-town vibe and everyone is very open-minded, friendly and nice.’

Meg: ‘I like that it is super diverse, dynamic and most importantly for us that it is walkable. Even though you are not in the city you get a lot of the advantages of urban living.’

Monique Miles

“I like Alexandria because it’s a quaint community. We have an Old Town, we have great restaurants, we have the GW Parkway, which I like to run on, and we are very dog friendly. We also have great shops that are unique from mainstream brands. I especially like that I have good neighbors and family here.”
‘Too Blessed to be Stressed’
Walk-by parade held for Jim Henson.

Family and friends gathered for a socially distanced walk-by parade Sept. 27 to honor Jim Henson, who was recently diagnosed with Stage IV lung cancer. The event was organized by members of the Departmental Progressive Club, where Henson has been a member and officer. The longtime Alexandrian and 2019 Living Legend of Alexandria is known for his signature phrase “Too blessed to be stressed,” and he greeted his well-wishers with a smile. “This was a wonderful outpouring of friendship and camaraderie,” Henson said. “It means a lot to me and I appreciate all who took part.”

By Jeanne Theismann

‘Notorious RBG’
Vigil held to honor Justice Ginsburg.

Generations of Alexandrians turned out Sept. 24 to participate in a candlelight vigil and walk in memory of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who died Sept. 18 after a battle with cancer. The memorial, which was attended by a crowd of 200, began at Market Square with a moment of silence followed by speakers who honored Ginsburg’s accomplishments and leadership. “We are here to honor a phe-

By Jeanne Theismann

Attendees hold candles as they listen to remarks at the Sept. 24 Market Square vigil in honor of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who died Sept. 18 at the age of 87.

Signs honoring the late Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg were on display.

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‘Notorious RBG’

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Gina White, an organizer of the Sept. 24 vigil in honor of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, addresses the crowd at Market Square.

homenal woman who has done phenomenal things in her life,” said City Councilwoman Amy Jackson, who was one of the organizers of the event. “She was small, but she was fierce, she was mighty, and we all need to remember how much she has put towards our civilization concerning gender equality and civil rights.”

Ginsburg was the second woman to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court. She was appointed to the nation’s highest court in 1993 following a career in academia and as a prosecutor. She is best known for her opinions in cases focused on women’s rights, gender equality and privacy.

Following remarks at Market Square, the crowd made a silent procession down King Street to Waterfront Park, where Corey Tisdale, Mayor Justin Wilson and Colleen Haddow Gehrig spoke honoring Ginsburg’s legacy.

In addition to Jackson, other organizers of the event included Kelly Grant, Gina White and Beth Lawton. Virginia Delegate Jennifer Carroll Foy and Commonwealth’s Attorney Bryan Porter were in attendance and addressed the crowd.

“I am very humbled to be here this evening to honor someone who as a lawyer made a huge impact on my legal philosophy,” Porter said. “I also want to honor her as an American for helping bridge the gap and making sure women are empowered and can live the American dream and are not held back by sexism or other prejudices in the workplace or in the realm of education.”

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One of the region’s premier arts festivals is going virtual for 2020, with Del Ray’s Art on the Avenue kicking off Oct. 3 and running through Dec. 25 in an effort to provide ongoing support to local artists.

The event will feature over 150 artists, virtual experiences and a wide range of opportunities to support local artists while social distancing.

“Throughout the pandemic, art has brought us together while apart -- providing much peace and enjoyment during uncertain times,” said Art on the Avenue founder Pat Miller. “Our primary concern will always be the safety of our artists and our attendees, which makes an in-person event impossible this year. But cancelling Art on the Avenue entirely was never an option for us -- our artists depend on the community’s support to keep creating.”

Participating artists will offer handmade items in a wide range of mediums, including wheel-thrown handcrafted items.

“Art on the Avenue normally attracts 75,000 to Del Ray. This year’s festival will be virtual and run from Oct. 3 through Dec. 25.”

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vases and bowls, tiles, sculpture, tote bags and purses, drawings and pastels, knitted and crocheted hats and gloves, woven scarves and shawls, gourmet food, fused and blown glass, jewelry, paintings, photography, and more.

In addition to continuing to connect the public with top regional artists, favorite Art on the Avenue traditions, including music, the Pie Baking Contest, and Kids Art Corner, will be modified to allow for social distancing.

“We’re excited about continuing this vibrant, 25-year tradition with a virtual show,” said 2020 Art on the Avenue chair Amy Eggers. “Throughout the fall and winter, our constant goal will be to connect our artists with the Alexandria community and beyond with the Del Ray creativity and spirit that has made this a beloved community event.”

Tradtionally held each fall on Mount Vernon Avenue, Art on the Avenue is a multicultural arts festival that draws an estimated 75,000 visitors each year. Virginia Living readers named Art on the Avenue the top arts event in the Northern Virginia region in 2020. For more information, visit www.artontheavenue.org.

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NEWCOMERS
He Believed In the Constitution: Reverend Fields Cook

Reverend Fields Cook engaged in so many areas of endeavor during his lifetime that it would be impossible to write a short article on all of the things he accomplished. His struggles became his strengths.

**Letter to the Editor**

Show Up and Vote Early, No Excuse Required

To the editor:

I was one of the many people who flocked to Alexandria's Election office on Royal Street on Sept. 18, when it kicked off 45 days of no-excuse voting for the first time. The waiting period was a brief 15 minutes, not like the 3 or 4 hours in some cities and states. The workers were most efficient as they moved us through the process. There was none of the sense of panic and paranoia that has been trumpeted by the White House to "fear the result in this election."

I felt a sense of almost euphoria as I fed my ballot into the electrical voting machine (with a paper back-up!) and knew it would be counted. At that moment, I saw democracy working for me, for my city and for my country. And I encourage as many of my fellow Alexandrians to "vote early" as is possible, just for the peace of mind it gives you. When I hear the President say he wants to "throw out the ballots," it makes me feel more like I am living in Belarus or in Russia, not the USA.

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**Reverend Fields Cook’s headstone at Bethel Cemetery.**

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About the Alexandria Gazette in 2020

This year, 2020 in the time of the pandemic, has been brutal for so many. As of Friday, Sept. 25, 7,580 Alexandria residents have tested positive for Covid-19 and 138 have died.

More than 21,000 residents of Fairfax County have tested positive for COVID-19, and more than 600 people here have died.

As of Sunday, Sept. 27, the Virginia Department of Health reported that 3,159 people have died in Virginia due to Covid-19 and 146,144 have tested positive for the illness.

Life is vastly different than it was pre-pandemic. Most students have not been face-to-face with their teachers or classmates since March. Lucky families are merely juggling homeschooling and home child care with telecommuting and meetings via Zoom.

Less fortunate parents have jobs that cannot be accomplished remotely, and they must find a way to have their children cared for at home while they go to work, risking infection. Even less fortunate people have lost their jobs.

Families of all stripes are facing food insecurity and demand at food pantries has skyrocketed.

Thousands of families could be facing eviction.

Small businesses and their employees hope that Congress will deliver more help. The Paycheck Protection Program was designed at the beginning of the crisis to pay employees for two months. Employees now face unemployment; businesses face closure and/or bankruptcy. Customers are unlikely to return to retail businesses, restaurants and other public places in sufficient numbers for revenues to rebound until after the pandemic is under control.

Local newspapers, including the Gazette Packet, are facing an existential threat from the combination of nationwide downturn in newspaper advertising that has been worsening over several years, compounded by the economic crisis of coronavirus.

In the midst of this, we at the Gazette Packet hear the call to continue to serve our communities. We still seek to fulfill our mission by continuing to publish, even with reduced resources. It's still our mission to provide information about where to get help and how to help; to disseminate information about the virus and efforts to stem its spread; to tell the stories of those who are helping, of those who are hungry; of those who have gotten sick with the virus, of those who are caring for the sick; and those who are performing essential jobs, from grocery clerk to firefighter to nurses and doctors. It's still our mission to provide a forum for dialogue on community concerns, and to record achievements, good, to provide a forum for dialogue on community , to advocate for community interests, and to make sense of what is happening in your local communities.

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Getting Down to Business
Guide to navigating the ABCs of Alexandria, for newcomers and the rest of us.

By Jeanne Theissmann 
Gazette Packet

With Alexandrians living in the shadow of the nation’s capital, acronyms such as DoD, NSA and DHS are a part of the daily vernacular. Alexandria has its own set of acronyms, from AEDP to WEBA, which represents organizations and various business associations that span every corner of the city.

Some, like the Chamber of Commerce, have been around for over a century, while others, like the West End Business Association, represent the needs of the city’s shifting economic demographic.

Visit Alexandria
Visit Alexandria is the city’s tourism marketing agency and attracts visitors to the city through sales and marketing programs. The Visitor’s Center is located at 221 King St. with administrative offices at 625 N. Washington St., Suite 400. VisitAlexandriaVA.com

Alexandria Economic Development Partnership - AEDP
Founded in 1992, the Alexandria Economic Development Partnership actively positions and promotes commercial spaces and economic opportunities in the City of Alexandria as the city’s primary engine for economic development. AEDP serves as the leading resource for economic data, customized reports, development maps, real estate insights and information on tax and financial incentives for businesses and commercial real estate professionals. 625 N. Washington St., suite 400. 703-739-3820 or www.AlexEcon.org

Alexandria Chamber of Commerce
Alexandria is home to one of the largest chambers in the Greater Washington region, with 850 professional business members and partners employing more than 49,000 people region-wide. Founded in 1906, it serves as the voice of the business community in the City of Alexandria through aggressive lobbying efforts at the local, state and federal levels. 333 N. Fairfax St., Suite 302 703-549-1000 or www.alexchamber.com

The Del Ray Business Association - DRBA
The Del Ray Business Association is run by volunteers who are themselves business owners. Started almost 45 years ago, DRBA now has over 200 members and sponsors several events in the Del Ray community each year. www.visitdelray.com

Loving Panels Installed

The office of Historic Alexandria announced the installation of two new panels commemorating the Loving v. Virginia Supreme Court decision legalizing interracial marriage throughout the United States, and the Law Firm of Cohen, Cohen, and Hirschkop, which represented the Lovings. The panels are located at the corner of King and Royal streets; the law firm was located at 110 N. Royal Street at the time of this momentous decision.

Recording Local Response to Pandemic and Quest for Racial Justice
The City of Alexandria continues two initiatives to recognize and record the Alexandria community’s response to two ongoing, historic events: the global COVID-19 pandemic, and the aftermath of the killing of George Floyd on May 25. The City’s Office of Historic Alexandria will gather oral histories and collect selected memories, objects, photographs and documents that capture these unprecedented moments in history. These initiatives reach out to residents, businesses, schools, healthcare workers, faith communities and civic organizations to tell these national stories at the local level.

For the first initiative, “Chronicking the Pandemic,” the community is encouraged to share stories about living or working in Alexandria during the pandemic; describe how they and their families’ lives have changed; show how they have been able to help others; narrate how others have helped them; or illustrate what became different in Alexandria because of the pandemic. Participants can also share artwork, homemade items, photographs, journals or other artifacts that can help document the impact of COVID-19 on the community. To share a story, or to provide information about objects to be considered for acquisition into the City’s historical collections, simply complete and submit the Chronicking the Pandemic form. https://www.alexandriava.gov/historic/info/default.aspx?id=115435

The second initiative, “The Legacy of George Floyd and Alexandria’s Response,” invites the community to share signs, t-shirts, flyers, photographs, journals, personal stories, and artifacts that document local vigils and protests. With the murder of George Floyd, the continued push for racial equity in America reached a breaking point. Millions of people in the United States and around the world are demanding that institutions and political leaders address the disparity in treatment of African Americans. Since the dawn of American slavery in 1619, African Americans have fought for freedom, citizenship and equality in daily life. Items accepted for donation to the City’s historical collections will be housed at the Alexandria Black History Museum. To share a story or to provide information about objects that might be considered for the project, complete the Legacy of George Floyd: Documenting Alexandria’s Response form.

The mission of history museums is to document and preserve our history accurately, so that all may learn from it. The Office of Historic Alexandria through the Alexandria Black History Museum wants to document your stories from this incredible moment in American history. Please consider donating your protest placards, your buttons, stickers, artwork and t-shirts. We hope you will also work with us to tell your stories through our Oral History Program.

Share your reaction, stories and experiences about living or working in Alexandria during these events. How has the death of George Floyd and the subsequent national events affected you?

Loving Panels Installed

The Eisenhower Partnership is a group of commercial and residential property owners and occupiers along the Eisenhower Avenue Valley corridor. The Valley is anchored in the East by the Patent and Trademark Campus and in the West by the Victory Center development/Van Dorn Metro Station. www.eisenhowerpartnership.org

Carlyle Council – CCC
The Carlyle Council oversees the open spaces, parks and community amenities in Carlyle. CCC serves as the business and community development organization for Carlyle and advocates on behalf of Carlyle stakeholders on matters impacting the community www.thecarlylecommunity.com

Old Town North Community Partnership – OTNCP
The Old Town North Community Partnership seeks to encourage the blend of residential and businesses uses in Old Town North, and make improvements in the area’s quality of life through a partnership of residents and businesses working together on common goals.

The community includes North of Oronoco Street to Alexandria’s northern boundary. www.oldtownnorth.org
Getting Out, Giving Back to help community.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
Gazette Packet

As Alexandrians continue facing challenging times during the pandemic, individuals have rallied in their spirit of giving, whether it be in time, talents or resources with no shortage of opportunities to get involved. For those new to the city, finding the right opportunity can be confusing but a good place to start is Senior Services of Alexandria.

Senior Services of Alexandria uses volunteers for Meals on Wheels deliveries as well as the Friendly Visitor Program, currently being done virtually, and the Groceries to Go service. With many of SSA’s usual retiree volunteers scaling back due to COVID-19 concerns, younger volunteers are needed to help fill the gap.

“Right now you cannot be older than 65 to volunteer for our in-person services,” said SSA Executive Director Mary Lee Anderson. “We can use older volunteers to help with the Friendly Visitor program, which is virtual, so anyone can help make calls to older seniors to check in and keep them connected to the community.”

The in-person SSA services include Meals On Wheels delivery and the Groceries to Go program. “For Meals On Wheels we need younger, healthy volunteers who are able to volunteer for 2 hours once a week, Anderson said. “The Groceries to Go program match volunteers up with a senior to provide grocery shopping once every two weeks. But anybody can be a virtual Friendly Visitor so we welcome anyone who is interested in volunteering with us.”

Carpenter’s Shelter, the city’s homeless shelter, uses volunteers for administrative tasks and meal services. Volunteer Alexandria will help connect individuals with a nonprofit organization or city agency that needs assistance and suits their interests.

The American Legion provides support and services for veterans from World War II through the War on Terror. Members also volunteer in numerous community activities, including Rebuilding Together Alexandria, which works year-round to repair and rehabilitate homes free of cost for those in need, including the elderly, persons with disabilities, military veterans and families with children.

Since 1948, the Alexandria Sportsman’s Club has been providing scholarships to high school athletes through fundraising events and monthly meetings that feature speakers such as NFL Hall of Famer Darrell Green.

One of the oldest organizations in the city is the Departmental Progressive Club. Originally founded in 1927 when recreational facilities were segregated, the DPC’s mission is “the creation of wholesome recreation, the encouragement of good character and the fostering of fellowship among its members.”

From national organizations like Rotary International, Lions Club and Fraternal Order of the Eagles to local nonprofits like Senior Services of Alexandria, there are seemingly endless opportunities to volunteer your time and talents.

Alexandria Rotary Club, www.alexandriarotary.org
Alexandria West Rotary Club, www.wrotary.org

Opportunities abound to help community.
**ENTERTAINMENT**

**9 Spots for Outdoor Dining in Alexandria**

**By Hope Nelson**

Over the past six months, restaurants across Alexandria have had to get creative in the face of unprecedented challenges. As the COVID-19 pandemic took hold, outdoor dining options have become more important than ever, while some eateries are old pros on the topic, some have had to switch up their plans – and fast. Here are nine restaurants who are getting it right.

**Augie’s,**
1106 King St.
Mussels a million ways. A hefty menu of beers to choose from. Add in the top sports matchups of the day and what do you have? The side patio at Augie’s. The staff has plenty of practice catering to outdoor diners; the patio opened well before the restaurant inside made its debut. Have a seat, lift a glass and breathe in the fall air.

**Banh Mi,**
407 Cameron St.
Situated as it is on Cameron Street, Caphe Banh Mi’s outdoor tables are perfectly positioned to watch the world go by. Order up a piping-hot bowl of pho, a noodle or rice dish, or a banh mi sandwich and take in the socially distant landscape around you.

**Chadwicks,**
203 Strand St.
The all-American restaurant on The Strand has spread its wings from its normal outdoor table format. As well as keeping several tables close to the front door, Chadwicks has also expanded its reach to the sidewalk across the street, adding several more tables with plenty of distance. From burgers to weekend brunch, Chadwicks’ menu is extensive and caters to nearly every palate.

**The Garden,**
1503 Mount Vernon Ave.
On the edge of Del Ray, The Garden is an oasis in the middle of crazy times. Make a reservation for a table and enjoy the wide-open space to sip on a beer or two, have a taco, sausage or salad, and take a deep breath. (And you don’t want to miss the ‘beignets that appear like magic on weekend mornings.’)

**100 block of King Street**
Looking for an outdoor spot in the middle of all the action? The city government didn’t close the 100 block of King Street off to car traffic for nothing. There’s a veritable socially distant party going on in that block, which encapsulates Mid’s, the Fish Market, Landini Brothers, the Wharf, two ice cream shops and more.

**Lost Dog Café,**
808 N. Henry St.
One of the city’s hidden gems, Lost Dog Café’s patio is in a tucked-away spot adjacent to the restaurant, off the beaten path and away from most foot and all car traffic. From the patio, order up more than a dozen beers on draft, and pair your brew with a pizza, sandwich, salad or pasta dish. You’ll certainly want an order of “dog collars” – onion rings – to share at the table as well, so go ahead and put it on the list.

**Tavera Cretekou,**
818 King St.
To sit on the back patio of Tavera Cretekou is to transport yourself to a little spot along the Mediterranean. As music plays softly and waitstaff bustles about, take a deep breath in and relax. A glass of Greek wine, a plate of hummus and pita bread to start the proceedings … the world is your oyster.

**Yunnan by Potomac,**
814 N. Fairfax St.
Yunnan by Potomac offers a wide array of noodle and mixian dishes from the Yunnan province of China. Pull up a chair in the restaurant’s new outdoor dining space in front of the building and let the menu take you to another land.

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 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 Clyne: 703-967-8884.

**OCT. 1-31**
Art on the Avenue. 4:30-10 p.m. 2100 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**
Mini World Exhibit, At Del Ray Artisans gallery in the Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. The “Living in a Mini World” exhibit at Del Ray Artisans gallery features art smaller than a magazine. Paintings, 3d works, lots of different jewelry. Visit http://www.delrayartisans.org/event/mini-world/. Gallery hours are Thursday & Friday 12-6 p.m., Saturday 12-4 p.m. The gallery is free, open to the public, and accessible.

**SATURDAY/OCT. 3**
Love 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 participation from the ease of your own living room. Free with $10 suggested donation. Visit the website: https://www.janefranklin.com/live.
Six-part movie series will run on Saturdays through October 3 and will feature a popular collection of movie classics and family favorites. The drive-in theatre will be located in the Eisenhower section of Alexandria and the parking lot connected to commercial space owned by real estate developer and event partner Stonebridge. The lot can accommodate up to 215 cars per screening. Alexandria Drive-In Movie Line Up:
No refunds. 100% ticket costs go to two local Alexandria-based charities.

**THE BIRCHMERE**
The Birchmere in Alexandria is reopening with limited capacity. During the public health emergency, there will be a $25 food and beverage minimum and a $5 Covid fee. There will be no bar service and no gathering in the stage or bar areas. Customers will be escorted to their seats, and those without reserved seats will be seated by staff to ensure social distancing.

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and local events affected your life and that of your family? Did you participate in the peaceful vigils, protests, marches or other events in Alexandria? As a resident of Alexandria, were you moved to join the protests in DC? How have you been able to help others? How have others helped you? What have you noticed that is different about Alexandria?
Do you have signs, flyers, artwork, objects or photographs that can help us document our community’s response?
At this time, we ask that you hold on to objects that may be considered for future acquisition, but you may submit images which will help our curatorial staff select representative items from all sectors of the Alexandria community. Objects accepted for donation will not be collected until sometime after the museums are once again open to the public, following the stay-at-home orders related to the Pandemic.
Please fill out this form to share your story, and to share information about objects that you are interested in donating to the museums. https://www.alexandriava.gov/historic/info/default.aspx?id=115798

**African American Heritage Trail**
**North Waterfront Route**
Alexandria's African American history is told through an online StoryMap and can be experienced in-home on your computer or on your smartphone as you walk the trail along the Potomac River.
The walking trail lasts about 45 minutes at a leisurely pace. This webpage presents more in-depth information about the stops highlighted in the StoryMap. https://www.alexandriava.gov/historic/info/default.aspx?id=116132#TheStoryMap

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**Show Up and Vote Early**
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Let us hope this right to “early voting” in Virginia is firmly enshrined in our state’s laws, and not subject to any partisan whims
Going forth, let’s make this a bi-partisan goal.

Kathleen M. Burns
Alexandria
Del Ray was furious. The Alexandria City Council was dominated by members from Old Town, and they took action in the interest of Old Town. People in Del Ray felt neglected and unheard. The elected members of council did not include one single solitary member from their neighborhood, and so people there were demanding the city abandon its at-large system of representation on the City Council and adopt a ward system similar to the one the city had before adopting the city manager form of government.

The year was 1932. Del Ray had only been annexed from Arlington two years earlier, and people who lived in the former town of Potomac were still mad about it. They fought annexation and lost. According to local legend, residents of Potomac were so angry about being annexed into the city of Alexandria they retaliated by throwing all the town records into a giant bonfire instead of heading them over to city officials. The years that followed weren't easy on Del Ray, which struggled to find its place alongside its new neighbors in Old Town.

“Even though officially incorporated into Alexandria by 1930, there was still a strong sense of being something separate,” wrote Melissa Butler, a historic researcher who was hired by the Del Ray Citizens Association to examine the history of the town after its annexation into Alexandria.

As the crows flies, the two neighborhoods were only a few blocks away. Culturally, though, they were on the other side of the planet. Old Town was metropolitan and racially diverse, a place with 57 bars and brothel houses and drinking saloons expressly forbidden. It was a racist brand of progressivism, excluding anyone who wasn't white and Protestant. The other was austere and libertine. The other was strict, with slaughtering prohibited. It was a neighborhood that prided itself on a strict code, with slaughtering forbidden. It was a racist brand of progressivism, excluding anyone who wasn’t white from living in the newly created town.

“They apparently saw no irony in being progressive and racist,” explained Del Ray historian Leland Ness during the 100 year anniversary of the town's creation.

The conflict between Old Town and Del Ray was intractable. One was racially diverse and libertine. The other was austere and racist. Fortunately for Del Ray, leaders there were able to persuade Del. Fred Birrell (D-Alexandria), a former City Council member, to introduce legislation in Richmond allowing wards in Alexandria. The charter change expanded the City Council from five members to nine members, one from six wards and three at-large members. The bill had support from Del Ray and Rosemont. It also had lots of opposition, including the Chamber of Commerce, the Alexandria City Council and Mayor Edmund Tice.

The election took place on March 29, 1932, and the vote was overwhelmingly in favor of council by wards. The vote was almost two to one: 1,819 votes for the ward plan, and 927 votes to retain the at-large plan. Unsurprisingly, the most decisive victory was in Del Ray, where the margin of victory was five to one.

The HISTORY OF WARDS in Alexandria dates back to the creation of the District of Columbia, when the city was incorporated into the new federal city. With the exception of the Civil War and its aftermath, the city had wards for all of the 19th century and the first two decades of the 20th century. Then Alexandria ditched its outdated system in favor of a more modern city manager form of government in 1921. That seemed to work pretty well until 1930, when the city annexed a hostile part of Arlington that was deeply skeptical of City Hall.

Alexandria’s second experience with wards did not go well. The city's new council members believed they had power to administer the city along with the city manager. This led to city officials receiving conflicting orders, one set of demands from the appointed city manager and another set of demands from the ward heelers. Not only did they disagree on which candidates should be appointed to key jobs at City Hall, they also had their hands in the treasury.

It wasn’t long before half a million dollars was misappropriated to unauthorized projects. The chairman of the City Council’s finance committee spent it on building and maintaining streets when the city manager had their hands in the treasury.

Albert Smoot, a businessman who would later be elected to the City Council, -20 that the punch, introduced legislation in the General Assembly calling for a referendum on ditching the ward system. The bill apparently came as a surprise to city officials, who had no knowledge he intended to introduce it. Gov. Bill Tuck signed the bill, and an election was scheduled for March 2, 1948.

“The at-large plan is the only means of realizing the citywide planning so vitally needed,” said Albert Smoot, a businessman who would later be elected to the City Council.

 Voters had two options. One was to retain the existing City Council system, which had nine members — six elected from wards and three chosen at large. The other option was seven members, all of whom would be elected at-large. Supporters of the at-large system argued removing sectional interests would attract better candidates to lead the city. Advocates for the existing ward system warned the City Council would have the ability to overlook the interests of part of the city without facing consequences.

“The ward plan gives the most direct representation,” said Vice Mayor George Bender.

 Voters went with the at-large choice, putting in place a system the city still has to this day. The vote was clear repudiation of the ward system, although the results were not as decisive as the 1932 election: 2,757 votes in favor of returning to an at-large City Council and 1,710 votes for keeping the ward system.
NEWCOMERS & COMMUNITY GUIDE

Pandemic Persists; Alexandria Update

By Ken Moore
Gazette Packet

As of Friday, Sept. 25, the Alexandria Department of Health and Fairfax County Department of Health reported that 7,580 Alexandria residents have tested positive for Covid-19 and 138 have died. https://www.alexandriava.gov/Coronavirus

By Sunday, Sept. 27, the Virginia Department of Health reported that 3,159 people have died in Virginia due to Covid-19 and 146,144 have tested positive for the illness.

By Race
According to City of Alexandria, Latino people make up 16.8 percent of the Alexandria population and 16.2 percent of Covid-19 deaths, they account for 46.6 percent of Covid cases in Alexandria. Black people are 21.3 percent of the Alexandria population and account for 20.6 percent of cases but 25 percent of deaths. Asian people make up 6.1 percent of the City and only 1.5 percent of the deaths and 3.7 percent of cases. White people are more than half the population (51.8 percent) and 51.5 percent of the deaths in Alexandria but account for just 19.5 percent of cases.

By Age

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Note: The City of Alexandria updated numbers on Sept. 25 on caseloads and deaths, that have not yet been updated on demographic percentage charts.

By Zip Code

Data provided by Alexandria on Sept. 5, 2020. New results available each month. Note: Zip codes 22311 and 22312 are shared with Fairfax County so rates per 1,000 are not provided.

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Many nonprofits in the city and nearby need your help to continue to rise to the need during the dual health and economic crisis of the pandemic. There are literally hundreds, probably thousands, of ways to help locally, financially, food, and other goods, volunteer time. Here are a few ideas. Please let us know what we have missed.

**Where to Give Locally**

**ALIVE!** Alexandria; 2723 King St, Alexandria, VA 22302; 703-837-9300; ALIVE! serves thousands of Alexandria annually with shelter; low-cost early childhood education and childcare; financial counseling for rent, utilities, medical care and other critical needs; emergency food; and deliveries of donated furniture and houseware. www.alive-inc.org

Alice's Kids (@alicewelhlp) 703-746.8108 contact@alicekids.org

At Home in Alexandria (AHA) (www.alexandriahome.org) AHA is a nonprofit village that builds and sustains a 55+ community to successfully navigate aging. Together, we share activities, programs and services, including access to needed assistance. Our vision is for AHA to be an advocate for older Alexandrians to live active and connected lives. AHA is a membership organization, which means you pay an annual membership fee that, in turn, entitles you to request services from AHA for an entire year.

These services include transportation, errands, technical support, light maintenance, organizing and decluttering, short-term pet or lawn care, and much more. 3139 Mt. Vernon Ave. Alexandria, VA 22305-2669 (703) 231-0824 Email: aha@atomeiranialexandria.org Website: www.atomeiranialexandria.org


Alexandria Tutoring Consortium, 703-549-6670 ex. 119 https://alexandriaturtctors.org/ Tutoring for Alexandria City Public Schools kindergarten and first grade students who are struggling to read. Mission: To help Alexandria City Public School students read on or above grade level by the end of kindergarten and first grade. Email: info@alexandriaturtctors.org.

If you or your company is listed above, contact the Accounting Division of the City of Alexandria’s Finance Department prior to October 16, 2020.

For more information concerning this ad, please contact City of Alexandria, Finance/Accounting Division, P.O. Box 178, Alexandria, VA 22313 Telephone: 703-746-4288. The above shall be published in The Alexandria Gazette on September 24, 2020.
Newcomers & Community Guide 2020-21

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NOTICE TO: Tom Lee, father of male child born on 9/13/2003 with Sandra M. in the city of
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A petition for the minor child has been filed seeking:

Commitment of minor child of the above named or vesting of custody and care of said child of the above
named in a lawfult, private or public agency or a suitable and worth person. The petition, whereby
the court's decision can affect your parental rights, if any, regarding minor child will be heard on: 10/14/2020
at: 3:00 p.m. at: Superior Court for Juvenile Matters, 239 Whalley Avenue, New Haven, CT

Therefore, ORDERED, that notice of the hearing of this petition be given by publishing this Order of Notice

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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
And So It Continues

By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Two-plus weeks into my thyroid cancer treatment, all is as I anticipated. I am still not in a comfort zone, routine wise, nor side-effect wise. I am feeling some predicted discomfort. I won’t self-indulge and list the difficulties that I’m having. I will say that even though I’m extremely thankful not to have experienced any of the more severe side effects (blood clots, anemia), I have felt something. The ‘something’ I’ve felt has been more complex and due to the synovial pill I take daily, since I had my thyroid surgically removed in late January, 2020. The proper dosage, prescribed to replace the function of the thyroid is not easy to determine. As such, I’m not exactly feeling myself. I’m not sure who it is I’m feeling (as Groucho said because he could never get that close), but it’s not who I’ve come to feel.

The complication I refer to is the effect on my thyroid replacement medication (synthroid) of my thyroid cancer pills. What happens, I’m told, is that the synthroid’s effectiveness is partially mitigated by the thyroid medication and as a result, I need regular lab work to monitor the situation and maintain proper thyroid replacement. If my thyroid hormone is too low, I’ll feel tired and unmotivated. And since a side effect of the thyroid cancer medication is among others, fatigue, I am tired for two reasons: the cancer drug itself and the effect the same cancer drug has on the synthroid pill, which has everything to do with my energy level.

Now, not only am I a two-for-the-price-of-one cancer patient (non small cell lung cancer and thyroid cancer), I am also a thyroid cancer patient being treated for cancer and for the replacement of the thyroid. As a result, in addition to juggling two cancers, I am also juggling one cancer with two semi competing side effects: feeling tired due to low thyroid hormone and feeling tired as a side effect of the thyroid cancer treatment. I imagine one or the other would be manageable but simultaneously, not so much. (I guess it’s another BOGO-type situation).

Granted, it’s a living and it sure beats the alternative. Still, I was hoping one set of side effects would be enough rather than having to consider a second set (side effects of the side effects) if you will. My concern is compounded by something my oncologist mentioned years ago: treating the side effects, in addition to treating the cancer. Moreover, he said that often it’s the side effects that become so debilitating and harmful that the actual cancer treatment itself has to be stopped. And though your quality of life might improve - with the reduction of one of the side effects, the cancer is now left untreated and cancer left untreated generally speaking, doesn’t usually make it’s own business, if you know what I mean. In either scenario, you’re unlikely to be smelling artery gazes.

And not ‘smelling any roses’ is what I’m most worried about. Stopping treatment for the thyroid cancer would be bad enough, but what about my previous pre-existing stage IV, non small cell lung cancer diagnosed Feb. 2009? I’m currently not receiving any treatment for that as we defer to the thyroid cancer. I have to stop the thyroid cancer treatment because of the side effects, will I then re-start the lung cancer treatment for which I had very minor side effects. Is treating the back-up (so to speak) cancer better than not treating the new primary: thyroid cancer? As you can possibly tell, I am potentially between a rock and a very hard place.

Nevertheless, as my oncologist emailed me a month or so ago when we received the results of my third tumor biopsy (which was taken from a lymph node), “Thyroid cancer is better than lung cancer.” And though I certainly liked the sound of that when I first read it, the present complications were not yet a part of the discussion. But that’s what being a cancer patient is all about: an evolving existence of good, bad and indifferent information with nary a guarantee in sight.

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NEWCOMERS & COMMUNITY GUIDE

Alexandria celebrated essential workers in May as the pandemic continued to affect the community.

There’s No Place Like Home

Joe Namath talks with New York Jets coach Weeb Ewbank during Namath’s professional NFL debut in Alexandria on Aug. 7, 1965. The Jets played their first preseason game against the Houston Oils at what was then George Washington High School.

For Pict. 1 of the Unknown Revolutionary War Soldier and the National Inventors Hall of Fame. Another Alexandria landmark is the Capitol Rocky Versace Plaza and Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Located in front of the Mount Vernon Recreation Center, the plaza honors the 68 Alexandrians who lost their lives in the Vietnam War.

In the West End are the Fort Ward Museum and Historic Site and the Winkler Botanic Reserve, a tranquil nature sanctuary tucked in the shadows of the BRAC center and Interstate 395.

One of the city’s most obvious landmarks is also one of its best kept secrets. Located on 36 acres overlooking Old Town, the George Washington National Masonic Memorial was built in the 1920s as a memorial and museum highlighting the contributions of Freemasons to the United States. The structure also serves as a research center, library, community center and performing arts center and offers one of the best panoramic views of the city.

Tucked away on a side street in Old Town is the less obvious “Spite House.” At just 7-feet wide, it is one of the tiniest historic homes in the nation. Built in 1830, the private residence was constructed by John Hollenbury using the existing brick walls of the adjacent homes to prevent horse-drawn wagon traffic from using the alleyway.

King Street in Old Town and Mount Vernon Avenue in Del Ray serve as the shopping and dining hubs of the city. Both are lined with locally owned boutiques and restaurants that are open and adapting to COVID-19 guidelines.

The Birchmere in Arlandria has reopened for live performances while a wide variety of virtual classes are available for children and adults at The Little Theatre of Alexandria on Wolfe Street, where Dermot Mulroney and Academy Award winner Maria Gay Harden honed their craft.

Even as the pandemic has changed the landscape of the city, there really is no place like Alexandria to call home.

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