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The Center for Local History To Curate New Time Capsule

The Center for Local History at the Arlington Public Library will curate a time capsule, 2020 UnBoxed, which will contain objects and material representing the major events and themes of 2020 in Arlington.

“The time capsule is a snapshot of today as well as a gift for the future, preserving an account of a particular period in time,” said Library Director Diane Kresh. Themes for the collection will include:

- The 2020 Census
- The COVID–19 pandemic
- Racial justice and civic unrest
- Arlington County’s naming centennial
- The 100th anniversary of women’s suffrage

The CLH, whose mission is to preserve and share the history of Arlington County, its citizens, organizations, businesses and social issues, will reach out to community organizations and leaders over the next nine months to obtain items that represent the major events of 2020.

The time capsule will also draw from items donated to the COVID-19 Archives project. Residents are encouraged to continue to submit donations that illustrate how Arlington life has been affected and altered by the pandemic.

The time capsule collection will be exhibited online in October, during American Archives Month, which celebrates and raises awareness about the value of archives and archivists.

Learn more about 2020 Unboxed and how to submit donations to the COVID-19 Archives project. [https://library.arlingtonva.us/2021/02/23/time-capsule/](https://library.arlingtonva.us/2021/02/23/time-capsule/) [https://library.arlingtonva.us/center-for-local-history/arlingtons-covid-19-archives-project/](https://library.arlingtonva.us/center-for-local-history/arlingtons-covid-19-archives-project/)

Celebrating St. Patrick’s Day

Step through the pub door and head for the bar in time for the Irish dancers at 2 p.m. on St. Patrick’s Day. “One bangers and mash and a Hell Cat Maggie Irish beer.” Or maybe an Aberlour, one of the 130 whiskies available in the expanded whiskey bar, followed by the beef and Guinness stew.

O’Sullivans Irish Pub is a family owned and operated business founded in the heart of Clarendon in 2006. In 2013 it doubled in size and added a whiskey bar.
The Year That Was

Feeding the multitudes during COVID — one can at a time.

By Shirley Ruhe
Arlington Connection

Arlington County Police Department sponsors “Fill the Cruiser” with food supplies in August and collects 6,309 pounds for the day.

On Martin Luther King Day, volunteers serve chicken biryani and pass out relief packages to Muslim men filing out of the mosque at the Bangladesh Islamic Center on S. Nelson.

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Amazon partners with Freddie’s Beach Bar & Restaurant to provide 10,000 meals in May to employees of Arlington Hospital Center, firemen and neighbors in low-income housing.

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Josh Leake runs 417 laps in 5-mile-marathon around neighborhood cul de sac in May to raise funds for remodeling his church food pantry.

Parents with assistance of Kenmore PTA organize a monthly food distribution serving 75 families in April and expecting over 100 in May.

A-SPAN organizes a cereal drive for homeless at the Homeless Services Center in Arlington.

AFAC truck is a well-recognized symbol of the supplemental food assistance program serving over 2,800 as the need grows during the pandemic.

Community gardens located on S. Four Mile Run share their produce with needy families.

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David Gools, owner of Baysu Bakery, passes out boxes of beans to anyone stopping by for lunch.

Girl Scout cookie sales go virtual this year as Aaron Parks sells 204 boxes.

Community members stop by Kenmore Elementary to pick up grab and go meals as feeding sites open outside schools to provide meals for school kids after schools close due to COVID.
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Amazon Gifts to Wakefield

A s part of its celebration of Black History Month, Amazon presented Wakefield High School with a $15,000 donation to support Wakefield High School. This is the latest in Amazon’s ongoing work to support education and racial equality initiatives in communities where its employees live and work.

The donation to Wakefield High School of $15,000 will include the book “Stamped: Racism, Anti-Racism, and You,” by Jason Reynolds. The book focuses on anti-racism, cultural awareness and proficiency.

The funds will also allow Wakefield staff to invite guest speakers to speak on the same topic.

As part of Amazon’s celebration of Black History Month, Amazon has announced a $25,000 donation to support Wakefield High School and Reach Education, Inc. This is the latest in Amazon’s ongoing work to support education and racial equality initiatives in communities across the country where its employees live and work. More: www.aboutamazon.com/news/workplace/black-history-month-2021

ArPets: Meet Lady Grantham of Arlington

By Joan Brady
Arlington Connection

D ownton Abbey’s elder Lady Grantham wouldn’t likely be found discussing underwear under any circumstances. Whereas four-legged Lady Grantham of Arlington has been known to tear through an entire collection with her teeth.

With a last name like Grantham, Hannah couldn’t resist naming her new Australian Shepherd/Australian Cattle Dog mix, Lady. I mean can you blame her? It’s not clear which of the two Dorothy Abbey Ladies Grantham Hannah was giving the nod to. But does it really matter? It’s hilarious either way.

Let’s assume it was the very prim elder Lady Grantham, Violet Crawley, Dowager Countess of Grantham. Really not a lot of similarities there. Lady G. of Arlington apparently loves everyone she meets. Lady Grantham of Downton Abbey, not so much. Arlington’s Lady loves to roll in the mud. It’s truly impossible to imagine the two-legged Lady Grantham in a joyful muddle.

Oh, so they don’t have a lot in common. But where it matters, they are perfectly aligned, sharing a fierce loyalty to family. And to Hannah, that means a lot.

Hannah got Lady about a year and a half before the Covid, so she knows the joy of returning home after a long day at work to the unconditional love of a canine. And that warm feeling of a dog’s love has only intensified in the last year. Lady tracks Hannah’s every move; watching her when she is still and following as she goes from room to room. And that’s not just for the fabulous homemade food Hannah prepares for her.

They have some similar interests, sharing a love of swimming and long hikes, followed by equally long naps. And Lady delights in being able to find and return every tennis ball thrown. By all accounts, Lady is truly a wonderful and loyal canine companion.

You and your dog might catch sight of the two enjoying the beautiful Spring weather around Colonial Village. And I hope you do, as I hear Lady is looking for some fun neighbor- hood playmates. Is there a four-legged Isabel Crawley out there?

ArPets is a weekly feature for highlighting the well-loved pets of Arlington as well as animals who are available for adoption. If you or your dog, cat, iguana, hammy, rat or any other pet, has an interesting pet story to tell, send email to: joanbradyphotography.com.

Joan is an award-winning Connection Newspapers columnist and local photographer specializing in pets, children and families and contemporary business portraits.

Interested in Adopting?

If you are interested in adding a cat, dog or small animal pet to your household, here are a few local rescue organizations who might be able to help you find your perfect match.

Animal Welfare League of Alexandria
Animal Welfare League of Arlington Homeward Trails
Lost Dog and Cat Rescue Foundation PetConnect Rescue Wolf Trap Animal Rescue

By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Literally and figuratively. After a year or so living the pandemic life; staying at home/quaran- tining, wearing a mask, social distancing, washing my hands and watching the death toll from covid-19 top 500,000 - in the United States alone. I recently became one of the lucky ones to have been injected with a vaccine. I have to wait another two weeks to get my second shot. No worries. I have some protection now, but according to Dr. Fauci, the second follow up shot increases one’s protection “tenfold.” It wouldn’t exactly be foolish to obtain caution to the wind, and reinitialize back into society depending upon where you live, but it seems premature and irresponsible to risk being stupid when in another two weeks, I could be smart.

My wife, Dina, also recently shot, has been very smart all along, especially as it concerns my health and well being. Truth be known, she has no plans to step out until she receives her second shot. Belonging in the special comorbidity group, presumably, with cancer weakened immune system, I presented a very appealing target for the virus. I mean, my immune system is already compromised, with a chronic obstructive breathing problem side-effected by my thyroid cancer medication. I was potentially easy pickins. As such, Dina refused to give me passage out of our house. Victor Laszlow had a better chance of leaving Casablanca than I did of leaving Burtonsville.

But soon it appears I will have my own “letters of transit.” However, Dina has already informed me that I won’t be returning to my former errand-running ways. I intend to continue ordering food online from the grocery store - and then drive to pick it up contactless in their parking lot. Actually, I might be allowed to go out that far since I’d remain in the car and still wearing a mask while popping the trunk and keeping my distance as the groceries are loaded into the boot. We’ll see; we’re still negotiating. But definitely not until I receive my second shot. The idea of being with others, imagining our lives will change very little. Thanks to the vac- cine though, there is hope that once again, I’ll be able to interact with people, places and things. But return I shall and relaxed I will be. How- ever, having lung cancer, and/or thyroid cancer which was recently infected infected over 30,000,000 Americans, more for which you have absolutely no awareness, that nobody wants to join, there are more risks than you ever imagined, and many more for which you have absolutely no awareness. Having an external complication, like a virus, with variants that seem to spread rapidly, which have now infected infected over 30,000,000 Americans, and an infection for which there’s no specific cure, and seems to have its greatest negative impact on people exactly like me age and disease is about as foreboding as it could possibly be. And with no place to hide, either than in your own home - with restrictions allowed, a precaution most recom- mended (to invoke the syntax of Hercule Poirot, “the greatest detective in the world”) has made many of us hesitant and perhaps intimated. I can, as many healthcare professionals have said, almost see the light. Hopefully, it will be July 4th of this year as the President has suggested and not July 4th of next year.
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