

## Hollin Hall Variety Store Stays the Same on Purpose

It's a formula that works for this local icon, like the old five and dime.

BY MIKE SALMON  
THE CONNECTION

When Emma Schmidt's daughter Chloe needed a birthday present for an upcoming party she had no idea what to get, Schmidt took her to the Hollin Hall Variety Store, and about 20 minutes later, they walked out with a gift and a bunch of balloons for the occasion. It isn't the first time the many options at the Variety Store were just the thing to solve such a dilemma. "It's got almost everything," Schmidt said, standing in the aisle with toys and Barbie Dolls. "We come here often," she said.

It's been that way since 1958 too, said owner Doug Bentley, who bought the store from the original owners 13 years ago after shopping at it for years as he grew up in Fort Hunt. "I would come here when I was a four-year-old," he said. It hasn't changed a bit, and the things that were popular then are still popular, even though the coronavirus has made the past year interesting for retailers. Puzzles and art supplies are big. "Things the family can share together," Bentley said.

The Variety Store has over 8,000 items for sale, and Bentley uses hundreds of distributors to keep the shelves full.

There are five merchandise buyers on his staff, including himself, and the store has different sections for all the items, including a fabric aisle which rose in popularity as customers started making their own coronavirus masks. "Obviously with covid, the fabric department is popular, people making masks," he said.

The fabric is used by quilters too. Sometimes quilting groups come in to look around. One local quilter displays some of her artistic quilts with cloth pictures of Mount Vernon or a barn in the store. In the early 1960s the previous owner had a sewing store too, and the original sign is still hanging over the fabrics.

The Hollin Hall Variety Store has experienced changes through the years, including a period where everyone had to follow the "blue laws," that required stores to be closed on Sundays. Now Bentley wouldn't dream of closing on Sundays, it's a big shopping day. "I

work seven days a week," he said, accepting the fact that working retail is like that.

It has become a community institution, and Bentley has worked with scouting groups who sometimes set up out front to sell cookies or raffle tickets, and school students who work behind the counter. "We do whatever we can to support them," he said.

Some students come back after a few years to see what's happened to the old job. "It's pretty neat to see them grow and move on," he said.

Between the pandemic and on-line ordering, Bentley knows there aren't many stores like his still open. He keeps everything reasonably priced, and gets to know his customers, so he has that commonality going for him, and that keeps people coming back. "It's a good business," he said, "the neighborhood has always been supportive," he added.



Doug Bentley, owner of the Hollin Hall Variety Store, helps shoppers find the perfect birthday present.

PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED



A local quilter's crafts are on display at the Hollin Hall Variety Store.



Emma Schmidt and Chloe Koloski, 6, find what they need at the Hollin Hall Variety Store.



Emma Schmidt and Chloe Koloski, 6, even got balloons for the birthday party along with a present at the Hollin Hall Variety Store.



The original sign of a sewing store hangs above the fabric section.

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Transportation is one element that needs to be considered in the economic outlook.



The North Hill Development project in Hybla Valley is well underway.

## Virtual Economic Summit Reveals Local Potential

Lee and Mount Vernon, showing positives, negatives and the pandemic.

By Mike Salmon  
The Connection

In Lee District and the Mount Vernon area, housing prices are healthy, the real estate market is active, unemployment is up but steady and some employees are getting used to working from home.

These are all messages coming out of the latest Economic Outlook Summit by the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce which left many of the participants with a lukewarm feeling on the area's economy. The pandemic is the main variable. On each presentation slide, the graph lines seemed to be going up on the timeline until they hit 2020, and then there is a major drop. Dr. Terry Clower from the Center for Regional Analysis at George Mason University had a common message. "We believe that we're going to get over this," he said.

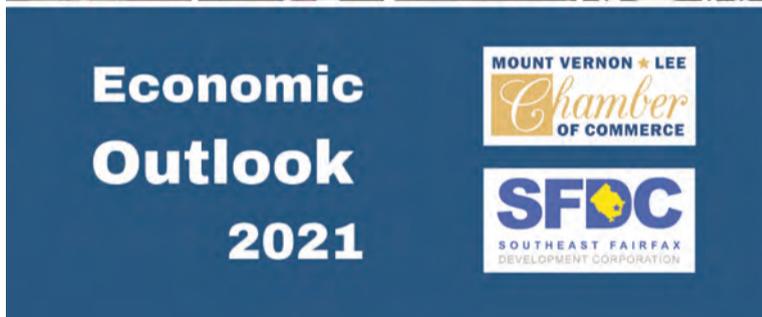
Supervisor Dan Storck (D-Mount Vernon), Supervisor Rodney Lusk (D-Lee), Mark Viani of the Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation, Molly Boesel from CoreLogic, Elizabeth Hagg from the Fairfax County Planning and Development section, Barbara Byron of planning and zoning, and many others interested in the situation joined in the discussion.

Existing home sales are up 23.43 percent, and new home sales are up 19 percent.

Employment numbers are up in the federal government and the manufacturing sector too, Clower showed.

"We spent money on remodeling and such," he said.

But there is a downside too, and the vaccine numbers were hard to decipher. "February is going to



Panel for the Economic Outlook summit.

look better but we have a ways to go," Clower said.

Fairfax County launched a program for financial incentives for the economic development plan, and county representative Elizabeth Hagg called the plan "very exciting."

The Board of Supervisors recently passed a tax abatement program for developers for six different areas in the county that are feeling more pain from the pandemic. The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors adopted the Economic Incentive Program on Sept. 15, 2020 to give the private sector incentives to revitalize and redevelop properties in a half-dozen commercial revitalization districts, located within Annandale; Bailey's Crossroads/Seven Corners; Lincolnia; McLean; Richmond Highway region; and Springfield. Each plan then has to be submitted back to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.

Officials from Bailey's Crossroads turned the first completed application to improve the Skyline area. Many of the glass-windowed buildings at Skyline need to be redeveloped, and three of the buildings are being considered for mixed use. "The Skyline has suffered significantly even before the pandemic," Hagg said.

Another place where this abatement program will impact is a plan for an area along Quander Road, she said.

While the arrival of Amazon's HQ2 will boost employment, the impacts on smaller businesses concerns Clower. "They're going to out-compete a lot of small businesses," he said.

Plans for Embark Richmond Highway are also expected to give the local economy a boost.

The Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce hosted this sum-



The pandemic has caused some businesses to close.

mit to open discussions across the board. Since last year when the pandemic hit, the chamber created an online Covid-19 resource center with information about business grants, SBA loans, new regulations and vaccine availability to help their members.

"We have worked extensively with the Board of Supervisors, members of the General Assembly, Congress and the Governor to help them understand the needs of businesses during the pandemic," said chamber president Holly Dougherty.

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# Krispy Kreme Is Rewarding Vaccination

Free donuts at the Mount Vernon store with proof of vaccine.

BY MIKE SALMON  
THE GAZETTE

In the parking lot at the Mount Vernon Krispy Kreme donuts, a local man clutched a bag with one donut in it like it was full of gold. And it was in a way. It was the free donut that Krispy Kreme is giving away for those getting the COVID-19 vaccination, which is gold to those who have navigated the county vaccination website and the intricate process to get the shot.

This man got the word about the give away online. "My wife sent it to me," he said.

Krispy Kreme is calling it their "sweet new campaign to help support COVID-19 vaccination efforts," and it started on Monday,

March 22 in all 369 Krispy Kreme shops located in 41 states. The freebie is valid "anytime, any day, every day for the rest of the year," said Dave Skena, Krispy Kreme chief marketing officer.

By 2 p.m. that following Tuesday, the manager in Mount Vernon said that they hadn't given away that many donuts, but she was happy to oblige, even taking an arm with a bandage covering the shot mark as proof. Customers are supposed to show a valid COVID-19 vaccination card to get a free Original Glazed doughnut, the Winston-Salem, North Carolina-based chain announced. But the Mount Vernon location has become such a part of the community, the manager was happy that her customers were getting the shots.



PHOTO BY MIKE SALMON/GAZETTE

This local icon is rewarding those who got the vaccine.

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NAACP Hosts Women Who Lead. 6-7 p.m. Virtual. This virtual conversation will feature six women in Fairfax County who are leaders in their respective fields. This event is an opportunity to honor six inspirational Black women who provide invaluable leadership right here in our community.

#### Panelists:

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### TUESDAY/APRIL 20

Arriving in America. 1-3 p.m. Via Zoom. The Mount Vernon Genealogical Society presents Genealogist Sharon Hodges discussing Arriving in America in the Early 19th Century. Nonmembers are welcome to attend one event each year free of charge. Register no later than April 12 at <https://mvgenealogy.org/cpage.php?pt=111>. Visit [www.mvgenealogy.org](http://www.mvgenealogy.org) and link to the Events Page for more information on this and other upcoming events.

### FARMERS MARKET VENDORS STILL DELIVERING

The McCutcheon/Mt. Vernon Farmers Market won't reopen until April 21, but in the meantime some of the market's vendors are taking orders online and delivering them to the Sherwood Hall Library parking lot on Wednesdays. Note that you must order in advance and that not all the vendors deliver every week. The vendors making deliveries are: Arnest Seafood - crab cakes, scallops, shrimp, rockfish, oysters and more; Honey Brook Farms - meats and vegetables raised with no chemicals, gluten-free baked goods; Misty Meadow Farm Creamery - milk, ice cream, cheese, eggs and meats; Twin Springs Orchard - fruits, vegetables, cheese and more; Valentine's Bakery & Meats - meats and baked goods. The Fairfax County Park Authority, which operates the Mt. Vernon Farmers Market, has no connection to the deliveries. The market, with a full array of vendors, will resume on April 21 and take place every Wednesday from 8 a.m. to noon at the Sherwood Hall Regional Library through December 22.

### CHAMBER BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications are now available for business scholarships provided by Mount Vernon Lee Chamber of Commerce. At least one scholarship of \$2,000 will be awarded to a senior pursuing further education in business from each of the high schools in Lee and Mount Vernon Districts. Students may apply online at <https://mountvernon-leechamber.org/business-scholarship-application/> or call 703-360-6925 to request an application. The application deadline is Friday April 30. Those interested in applying for the scholarship should visit the website and review the application

requirements.

### COVID UPDATES

Quick Facts for Older Adults about COVID-19 Vaccine Appointments  
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### ADULT ENGLISH LANGUAGE CLASSES

The Literacy Council of Northern Virginia (LCNV) is hosting beginning...  
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Bailey Kohler and Nori Fox with the big bags of trash they cleaned up.

## Responsible Beyond Their Years

Throughout this past year, Bailey Kohler and her friend, Nori Fox, along with most other suburban children, have spent a lot more time playing outside. Bailey and Nori are both 10 year olds at Fort Hunt Elementary School in the 4th grade. They ride their bikes on the county path that runs behind the school to meet each other and play together. They were both so sad about the amount of

trash they saw along the way that they came up with a plan to spend every other Monday picking up the trash. They did this all on their own and only called on their parents to help get the bags home because they were too big to carry on their bikes.

"It warmed our hearts to see these little girls taking it upon themselves to keep the areas they love clean," said Tracey Kohler, Bailey's mom.

## SENIOR LIVING

# Style After Retirement

Great fashion sense is possible at any stage.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
GAZETTE PACKET

**A**t 78, Winifred Rosenberg has always been known for her impeccable style and taste. An extensive collection of designer shoes, particularly stilettos, were items around which the Potomac senior's wardrobe was built. That changed when she developed an Achilles tendon disorder and needed surgery.

"She was told that she was going to lose her ability to walk, but after some very significant surgeries is able to continue walking and maintain her sense of autonomy," said Joseph Rothstein, a private fashion and personal style strategist, who added Rosenberg to his clientele. "She felt grateful, but the type of shoes she wore needed to become sturdier. She had always been so stylish."

Rosenberg cringed at the idea of sensible shoes, so she tasked Rothstein with creating a wardrobe that would allow her to maintain her sense of fashion while not damaging her feet.

"I told her that we needed to turn the issue into something exciting. I knew right then that the limited range of footwear that her foot surgeon told her that she could wear would be mission critical to developing her new look," said Rothstein. "What I did was start with the shoes and build the rest of her wardrobe around a new assortment of footwear."

The tools that Rothstein used to redefine his client's style are applicable to other seniors, he says. "When we are ready to face the music that our bodies have changed, or that we have physical changes that require adjustments to our clothing, it can impact our personal style."

Part of that transition is a style adjustment, and that begins with a few wardrobe staples, suggests William Allen, Professor in the Fashion Design & Merchandising program at Marymount University. "I advise both women and men to buy a few basic pieces that can be dressed up or dressed down," he said. "Keep existing pieces or buy a few new classic pieces of clothing. Purchase 10 to 15 pieces that you can mix and match and build a wardrobe around. Look for simple, clean lines in neutral colors like tan, black and gray."

"Add classic accessories like watches, handbags and jewelry to add interest," Allen continued. "These should be items that never go out of style. You can dress them up with accessories so they don't become boring."

Fashion adventure, tempered by sophistication and maturity, is what design consultant Michelle Vaughn of Chantilly encourages for her clients. "Don't be afraid to take risks and try some of the new trends," she said. "Trends are not just for the 25 and under crowd but can be flattering on many different age groups."

Take chances with color, especially as seasons change, added stylist Elizabeth Hoenscheid of Top it Off, in Alexandria. "For spring and summer, it's all



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**Elizabeth Hoenscheid of Top it Off, in Alexandria recommends clothing with generous cuts that can be layered over slim cut pants or trousers.**



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**Build a wardrobe with classic pieces that are on trend but not trendy.**

about fun pieces to add a pop of color and print to white jeans or capris."

Retirement does not have to mean giving up on style, says Vaughn. "The need to dress up might change and personal style might change as one ages," she said. "But be sure to invest in higher quality items even if that means purchasing fewer items. They last longer and you will not need to replace them as often."

From undergarments to pants, clothes should fit properly advises Vaughn "Make sure your garments have a perfect fit and are properly altered to fit your body type, she said. "Undergarments should give clean lines."

When feeling unsure about shopping for clothes, Vaughn suggests developing a support system. "Shop with someone you trust and whose style you admire," she said. "Find a sales associate, friend, family member or hire a personal stylist who will be honest with you and show you things that work best on you."

"As people get older, they want to be more comfortable," said Allen. "You can be comfortable every day and still be well-dressed and look pulled together."

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## Works in Progress, Completed

It's complicated: legal markets for marijuana; cleaner air; first in nation state voting rights act; roundup of key action.

BY SEN. SCOTT SUROVELL

Last week, I wrote about the legislation I carried in the 2021 Session. In this column, I focus on other major bills that were considered.

Marijuana legalization consumed a huge amount of work this session. Governor Northam put together a work group that proposed a 13,000-line, 264-page bill that was very comprehensive and carried by Senator Adam Ebbin. However, it became clear very early in the session that it was going to be very difficult to consider all of the details and much of the bill was carried over.

We have many issues to work out. Specifically, there were concerns about how much cross-ownership to allow between growers, manufacturers and retailers or

whether to allow licenses in our medical markets to participate in retail markets or whether to allow hemp growers to also grow marijuana. We need to consider whether or how to allow people to grow marijuana in their homes. We also need to discuss creating a licensing structure which allows all communities to grow wealth and share in the profits and not just well capitalized companies.

In the end, we passed legislation to repeal Virginia's law prohibiting under one ounce of marijuana effective Jan. 1, 2024 and pushed off the remainder of decisions to next year. It is possible some of this could be revisited in Governor Northam's amendments.

We approved Delegate Lamont



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Bagby's bill that gave the Virginia Air Board the authority for us to join California Air Emissions with over a dozen other states. This will create incentives for Virginia automobile dealers to lower prices to sell more electric vehicles. While Virginia is 13th in electric vehicle registrations and 11th in charging stations, we have a long way to go to electrify our car fleet and this will be a huge step. Legislation prohibiting Styrofoam passed, but it will not be effective for a few years.

Voting rights continued to be a major focus. We started the process of removing Virginia's Jim Crow Era prohibition on felon voting and instead replaced it with language creating an affirmative

right to vote and automatic voting restoration process. We passed one of the first voting rights acts in the country which will give the Attorney General authority to sue localities that attempt to restrict voting rights. We also codified balloting drop boxes, absentee curing processes, eliminated the absentee witness requirement, and required early voting to be open on Sundays.

We passed legislation making financial aid available to Dreamers, prohibiting the "gay panic defense" in criminal cases, and passing a resolution to start the process of removing Virginia's gay marriage ban from our Constitution.

Legislation prohibiting guns in polling places passed, and we codified the ban on guns inside the Capitol of Virginia and on Capitol

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## Back on the Ballot!

BY DELEGATE PAUL KRIZEK

It's official — I am running for re-election as your Delegate to the Virginia General Assembly and will be back on the ballot! It was just six years ago when I turned in my first set of petitions to run to be the Delegate representing the 44th district. I once again have filed the necessary signatures from constituents on petitions of qualified voters. This means I'll be back on the ballot for a 4th time, and I will work very hard

to earn your vote once again. Over the next six months I will knock on doors (as soon as it is safe to do so), distribute yard signs, raise campaign funds, send out mailers on my positions and legislative successes, organize events, and continue to reach out and listen to my constituents and advocate for our community — the community where I grew up, work, and raised a family.



Krizek

Indeed, every two years each candidate for the House of Delegates (there are 100 delegates) must gather 125 signatures from registered voters in their district in order to qualify to be placed on the ballot for the primary. Gathering these signatures during a pandemic posed a unique challenge this year. Due to a decision passed down by the Richmond Circuit Court in February,

candidates running for the House of Delegates are allowed to gather and submit signatures received electronically, as long as those petition signers include the last four digits of their social security numbers. Signatures gathered in person are witnessed by the petition circulator, so these do not need to have social security numbers (though they must still be formally notarized). This was a great alternative to ensure that candidates can collect signatures in a safe and

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## Pandemic Shows Workers Need a Voice in Fairfax County

BY NORMAN HALL

As county employees, we work tirelessly to provide essential services, often behind the scenes, to make sure our county continues to run and families get what they need during this difficult time. As the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors discusses the budget for the next fiscal year, county employees find ourselves in the same position; wringing our hands hoping that the county will hear our concerns, respect our hard work and invest in us. Every year, we must testify to justify the pay, resources and



Norm Hall

support we need to do our jobs and maintain the services that Fairfax county families depend on. If this pandemic has taught us anything, it's that we must listen to each other. Fairfax county employees deserve a voice and a seat at the table.

When the pandemic hit, like many people, I was filled with worry and uncertainty. Worried about my job and my fellow childcare providers in the School Age Child Care (SACC) program in Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS). Worried about the well-being and safety of the kids in my care. The safety of my wife

and me was also a major concern, since we are both considered high risk for COVID-19 for medical reasons. Fortunately, I was able to be temporarily reassigned as part of

a job match program, but many of my colleagues weren't as fortunate. Today, I still support and admire the hard work and dedication

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# zMOD Approved at Board of Supervisors

BY JEFF MCKAY, CHAIRMAN

**W**hat happened? The Board approved zMOD, a wholesale change to our zoning ordinance for the first time in over 40 years. This process included over 100 meetings for Board members and the community. It was well past time that our ordinance was updated, modernized, and made more user-friendly.

Why? The goal of zMOD was to create a cleaner and more straightforward document that is more accessible to the general public in understanding the County's zoning ordinance.

Anything else? The Board of Supervisors made adjustments to, in my opinion, address many of the concerns. This was a major undertaking, but most community concern was over only three changes to the ordinance.

Accessory Dwelling Units (ALUs): ALUs allow people to house additional residents in their existing home while still adhering to County regulations, so long as no exterior changes to the home are made and parking can be accommodated. With our previous ordinance, permitting for ALUs was financially



Jeff McKay

unobtainable for most people (costing over \$16,000 a permit) and only allowed with residents over the age of 55. zMod allows residents the flexibility to make changes within their own home, while protecting neighborhoods, simplifying the process, and lowering the cost. Homeowners take on tenants to offset their mortgage, or help them earn some extra income during hard times. To be approved, a homeowner must reside at the property with an ALU, they may not be distant landlords. ALUs will also be important to meeting our affordable housing goals because increased housing availability helps lower the cost of housing.

Home Based Businesses (HBBs): We also worked to simplify the process and lower the permitting costs associated with establishing HBBs. HBBs are an important part of the County's economy and in the midst of the pandemic, I'm pleased we can find more avenues to empower residents to open a business, but

still follow County regulations. For example, the Board did agree to restrict administrative approval to HBBs that generate no customers coming to the home, except for instructional activities. Other HBBs would still need to go through a public hearing process.

Flags: I do not support regulating the American flag. After listening to the concerns of the community we have reevaluated the original staff recommendations. The primary changes voted on will allow all homes to have 25-foot flag poles and 60-foot flag poles for all other areas. Should residents wish to have taller flagpoles, they can apply for a special permit. The amendment also includes no minimum flag size, and the limit for flagpoles was kept at the current maximum of three flagpoles. It's also worth noting that all of the above changes are in alignment with virtually every jurisdiction around us in our region and in some cases throughout the state.

Finally, the Board instructed County staff to monitor and evaluate ALUs and HBBs in the County, with a report to be prepared for the Board in 18 months of the effective date to ensure compliance with County regulations.

# Herrity Explains His 'No' Vote on zMOD

**T**oday (Tuesday, March 23) the Board of Supervisors passed a modification of its Zoning Ordinance (zMOD) by a vote of 7 to 3. The zMOD process began in 2017 and has included several Board committee meetings, public meetings, and a public hearing. When undertaken in 2017, zMOD was described as a reorganization and simplification of the current Zoning Ordinance which has not been overhauled since it was adopted in 1978.



Herrity

While Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) supported much of the zMOD package including the simplification and reorganization, he voted against zMOD because it was more than a reorganization and included significant changes that impact our suburban communities and watersheds.

"This is not what was promised to our residents when we started the zMOD process

— reorganization, not changes. There are some material changes that could have a significant impact on our suburban communities and the Occoquan watershed." Herrity commented further, "This is the first time in my 13 years on the Board that I have seen such deep and broad opposition from resident and civic associations across the county to the changes incorporated in zMOD because of their impact on our neighborhoods. We should be listening to our residents.

"I was pleased to see the progress on removing many of the restrictions on flags but did not support the remaining ones on the number of flags and height," said Herrity, who has a constituent that occasionally flies a garrison flag without issue. "It remains a solution in search of a problem."

"While I supported much of the zMOD package including

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# Outdoor Creations, a Covid-safe Art Experience

By GLENDA C. BOOTH  
MOUNT VERNON GAZETTE

For pandemic-weary people suffering from art deprivation, some of Mount Vernon's outdoor art may lift the spirits. Here is an art tour you can self-guide.

At Bryant High School, 2709 Popkins Lane, vibrant reds, yellows, oranges and blues leap off a retaining wall on the campus's west side. Called "the Bryant mosaic," over 200 people, led by the school's then art teacher, Rachel Albert, created it in 2017.

Albert saw the big white wall often blemished with graffiti as a prime spot for public art. The principal then, Tanganyika Millard, now at West Potomac High School, "brought a lot of positive energy to Bryant," said Albert and wanted to build community. "The students were really capable of anything they set out to do," offered Albert.

Mosaic artist Ali Mirksy developed a sketch. Her vision: an "abstract map, thinking of the circles and destinations or pit stops along the journey. We all take different paths, but we are all on interesting journeys," she explained.

Over five weeks, students, alumni, friends and neighbors sorted and cut glass, mixed adhesives and grout, applied silicone and cleaned the work in progress. They raised over \$8,000 for tools, glass and a scaffold rental.

Carrie Van Brocklin's English class wrote poems. One on a plaque there, titled "A New Day," by Julian Blanco, reads "The tiles turn into specs of love and friendship solid as the concrete it lays upon."

## Joy in Stained Glass

The late John and Jane Kofler, who lived in the Tauxemont community for many years, created two stained-glass artworks in the mid-1980s admired today by many.

The Mount Vernon Unitarian Church's east wall features an eight-foot-diameter round window with 463 pieces set into seven different widths of lead and zinc. The couple fabricated four sections, each a quarter circle, in their home studio.

The window has six principle colors and more than 50 different shades of glass. The artists chose purple, yellow and brown to harmonize with the building's interior and blue, green and orange to suggest the outdoors. The primary shapes are the circle, square and triangle.

In 2001, Jane wrote, "The circle often represents the self, including



Before the Bryant mosaic, the white wall.



The Bryant mosaic, the entire mosaic and two photos of details.

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GLENDA BOOTH



the relationship between man and nature. The incomplete circle and curved lines in the design suggest the endless motion of all things in space. The square within the circle, tangent to the circle at four points, represents orientation. The partially interlocking triangles signify the union of opposites in Eastern thought ... One who views ... this window may also find his own symbols and devise her own meanings."

The church's minister, Rev. Dr. Kate R. Walker, sees joy in the window.

"Since arriving at the church to serve as minister in 2008, I have had the privilege of looking at the window when I lead worship. Each time I look out to my congregation, they are held by this proclamation of joy. Even when we are gathered in sorrow, the joy above our heads holds us. Sometimes, the sun hits the window just right, and the colors of window are reflected onto the floor of the chapel, reminding me that joy is reflected by who we are and by what we do in this

world."

## Workhouse Murals

Two attention-getting murals, both products of a 2019 mural festival at the Lorton Workhouse Arts Center, brighten the area between the Mount Vernon Government Center and the fire station. The notes of a woman singing seem to float aloft from the mural by Paris Allen. Another mural of African

Americans is by Richmond-based artist Hamilton Glass.

The Workhouse grounds also house an outdoor mural by Richmond-based artist Silly Genius. His goal is to "bridge the gap between the art world and the people largely not afforded access to it," his website explains. "Art enables us to find ourselves and lose ourselves at the same time," said theologian Thomas Merton.



Detail of the Mount Vernon Unitarian Church Kofler window.



The Mount Vernon Unitarian Church Kofler window from the inside.



People who donated over \$100 to the Bryant mosaic could have a tile with their name on it.

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Two murals near the Mount Vernon Government Center and fire station.



Jane Kofler created stained glass art for the Inova Mount Vernon Hospital meditation room.



Mural at the Lorton Workhouse Center for the Arts by Silly Genius.

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# The Passover Seder Families prepare meal symbolizing the Exodus from Egypt.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

In the Jewish faith, the Seder is the most important event in the Passover celebration. The intricate ritual will take place March 27 with Jewish households across the city making preparations as Passover 2021 begins and is celebrated through April 4.

"My parents took the holidays very seriously and my mom always hosted," said Hanit Rotklein as she prepared the traditional dish of charoset March 15 at the home of her mother Dina. "We had a minimum of 25 people and prepared for many weeks in advance."

The Passover holiday commemorates the story of the Exodus of Jews from Egypt and the Seder plate is the centerpiece of the Seder meal.

"We spent many weeks cleaning the house for Passover," Rotklein said. "I would cook with my mom and get everything ready then my dad would come before the holiday and burn the bread. That would symbolize the start of Passover."

A traditional Passover Seder plate consists of charoset, bitter herbs, a shank bone, lettuce leaf and an egg and parsley. Some modern traditions include the ad-



Bernie Rotklein, center, tastes charoset for his first Passover with mother Hanit, left, and grandmother Dina Rotklein.

dition of an orange or beets.

"There are some myths about how the tradition of the orange began," said Rabbi Steven Rein of Agudus Achim Congregation. "It began with the LGBTQ+ commu-

**"Tradition tells us that we are obligated every year to see ourselves as if we ourselves left Egypt."**

— Rabbi Steven Rein of Agudas Achim Congregation

nity when a comment was made that the role of LGBTQ+ in Judaism is like a piece of bread on the seder plate. Susannah Heschel [daughter of Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel] wasn't going to put a piece of bread on the Seder plate

so as a way of protesting she instead put an orange on the plate."

Rein said that the orange has come to symbolize those within the community who are marginalized.

"When we think about the Exo-

odus of Egypt and going to freedom, we can't be free if we all aren't free," Rein said. "As for the beets, those have become popular with vegetarians and vegans in place of the shank bone. Those are some of the changes people have made."

Rotklein, whose son Bernie will be celebrating his first Seder, has great memories of celebrating Passover with her family.

"I loved it," Rotklein said. "Passover was always during a break from school. I would stay home and my parents would just make the best food so I never felt like I was missing out on anything."

Rein reflected on last year's Passover when families and many individuals observed a solitary Seder due to the pandemic.

"If we live within the metaphor of Egypt, last year we were still slaves and wondering when we were going to be liberated," Rein said. "Now we feel like we are beginning to cross the sea. We are not on the other side yet but we are crossing and each day we are one day closer to the other end of this pandemic." Rein said that many in his congregation will be hosting smaller Seder meals this year.

"While not the large Seders that we may all be accustomed to, there is the feeling that we can at least see very close family or dear friends on Passover," Rein added. "Tradition tells us that we are obligated every year to see ourselves as if we ourselves left Egypt and it's important to remember how that influences and compels us to act in this world."



Dina Rotklein holds the Passover Seder plate which consists of charoset, bitter herbs, a shank bone, lettuce leaf and an egg and parsley.

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Hanit Rotklein prepares charoset for the first night's Passover Seder, which will be held March 27.



Rabbi Steven Rein of Agudus Achim Congregation with the Haggadah, the text recited at the Seder on the first two nights of the Jewish Passover that includes a narrative of the Exodus.



PHOTO BY JANET BARNETT/GAZETTE PACKET

Sisters Victoria and Azura Ungureanu play March 23 atop pillars in “Groundswell,” the new public art installation at Waterfront Park in Old Town.

# ‘Groundswell’

New public art installation opens at Waterfront Park.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

The City of Alexandria’s newest public art installation, “Groundswell,” is now on display in Waterfront Park. The temporary installation by Mark Reigelman is the third in the “Site See: New Views in Old Town” annual public art series and can be viewed through November.

“We like it,” said Sergio Ungureanu, who visited the site March 23 with his wife May and daughters Victoria and Azura. “This was a surprise for us – we came to feed the ducks and then discovered this.”

Reigelman was commissioned to create an original installation for Waterfront Park and focused on Alexandria’s evolving waterfront along the Potomac

River. In his research, he learned that drastic measures manipulated the city’s shoreline. Starting in the 18th century, thousands of wood pilings were driven deeper into the Potomac River over time, thereby shifting the city’s waterfront over

decades. This allowed Alexandria to develop and grow its sprawling dock into a major commercial port.

“Groundswell” pays homage to this history with a ground mural depicting the floor of the Potomac River and more than 100 wood pilings that range in heights from 12 to 42 inches, in accordance with the river floor topography. Each 14-inch-diameter piling is topped with a cobalt blue, mirrored surface etched with tree growth rings that suggest the passing of time.

“Groundswell” follows Olalekan Jeyifous’s 2020 installation, “Wrought, Knit, Labors, Legacies,” and SOFTlab’s 2019 installation “Mirror Mirror.”

Reigelman was selected to create the third site-specific artwork by a community task force with the Alexandria Commission for the Arts’ approval.

“We live close by and like the fact that this is changing all the time,” Ungureanu added. “It makes us want to come back.”

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# Back on the Ballot!

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timely manner.

Luckily, I was able to get more than enough signatures both in person and via the online method. In fact, we were fortunate to have great weather during the last few weeks to host a few outdoor drive-through and walk-up signature gathering events around the community. It was nice to see some of my neighbors in person (and masked!) after so long to just chat and catch up, or for those who may not know me yet, to introduce myself. It is what I like best about Mount Vernon and Lee—the friendliness, keen political interest, and caring camaraderie of community members.

In addition to signature collecting, each House candidate for a primary must submit a filing fee of \$352.80, (or 2% of the total annual salary of a House of Delegates member which equals \$17,640), a Declaration of Candidacy form, and a notarized Certificate of Candidate Qualifications which must be turned into the Virginia Department of Elections in Richmond. It's not too onerous, but it is a necessary biennial ritual that must be

completed just so. Thank you to everyone who contributed online and in-person to my signature collecting endeavor! I look forward to another successful campaign season and running on the ballot with the three statewide Democratic candidates we are voting for in the June 8th primary (and early voting begins April 23rd), Governor, Lt. Governor, and Attorney General. Just as it was two years ago, you will have a choice of whom to vote for in November as I ran into my opponent from the Republican party also out collecting signatures. And yes, before you wonder, of course I signed his petition too! I support the two-party system and recognize it is important that both parties present the people a choice of candidates. Moreover, I look forward to a rigorous debate of the issues our community and Commonwealth is facing this campaign season. As always, it is my honor and privilege to represent you and the good people of the 44th district, from Marlan Forest and Belle Haven to Woodlawn and Hayfield, and everywhere between the river and Huntley Meadows Park. I will continue to work hard to create an



Collecting signatures from constituents at a drive-through event.

economy that works for all Virginians, promote renewable energy to protect our planet, and grow our investment in our children through quality public education. I will never stop fighting for what is right because I know that the hardworking people of our community and across Virginia deserve the best.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns. My website is [www.paulkrizek.com](http://www.paulkrizek.com) where you can find my contact information and many of my legislative priorities and positions. Please stay safe and continue to exercise good judgment in wearing your mask and keeping a safe distance.



Genie McCreery posing with her homemade sign at our drive-through signature event with Delegate Kathy Tran at Sherwood Regional Library.

Turning in my candidacy paperwork and petition signatures to the 44th District Chair, Mary Paden.



# Works in Progress, Completed

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Square. We were unable to pass a bill prohibiting plastic gun kits or “ghost guns,” but will take that up again next session.

We strengthened our health care exchange by creating a reinsurance program that will lower insurance costs for high risk Virginians in the exchange.

Legislation requiring Virginia's healthcare exchange to cover abortion services passed as well. No taxpayer money will fund these services.

Many parents reached out about schools remaining closed and legislation requiring schools to be open for in-person classes this fall passed with large bipartisan mar-

gins. We need to get our kids back in the classroom.

We also extended the temporary regulation allowing restaurants to sell cocktails to-go. Go out and get a quart of margaritas to take home.

Finally, last session, I carried legislation to study giving all Virginians an appeal of right in all civil and criminal cases.

We are the only state in America without it. The Virginia Judicial Council approved my idea, and legislation expanding the Court of Appeals to achieve it passed as well.

Governor Northam is now considering his amendments or vetoes to bills. They will be announced on March 31, 2021.

It is also looking very likely that we will need to have a special session to appropriate approximately \$8 billion coming from the federal government and pick seven new appellate judges and their replacements.

It is an honor to serve as your state senator. Send me any feedback at [scott@scottsuovell.org](mailto:scott@scottsuovell.org).

# Pandemic Shows Workers Need a Voice in Fairfax County

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tion of the childcare providers in SACC. I proudly stand with them as a fellow union member and ally because I know the struggle firsthand.

SACC employees provide affordable childcare before school, after school and during school breaks for school-aged children in Fairfax, including children with special needs. For many parents, including essential workers, we are their only source of childcare and the only way they can actually go to work. We are here, even when schools are closed. But despite the importance of the work, I often saw us being left behind. For county childcare providers, the daily struggle to get information about protocols and worksites is

stunning--we resorted to relying on the FCPS website and informal networks among co-workers for information and updates, not our supervisors. Plus, the apathy towards employees' concerns continues to be demoralizing.

Sadly, in an industry like childcare, where the majority of workers are women and people of color, the work and safety concerns of employees are often dismissed. Pay inequities and lack of benefits are basically ignored. All workers deserve to be respected, protected on the job, and paid a living wage. As a white man, I saw the level of privilege that was afforded to me and denied others, further perpetuating racial disparity and lowering the morale of some of the county's most dedicated and

skilled workers. The same issues can be found in other Fairfax county departments. We can and we must do better; for the sake of the county, its employees, and the diverse community we serve.

This is why we are joining together in our union, SEIU Virginia 512, to win a new tool—called collective bargaining—to push for bigger investments in our jobs and the essential services we provide. By negotiating a contract with the county through collective bargaining, we can lock in our gains and win a seat at the table so we can push for the changes we need to ensure all of us can thrive.

We urge the county to partner with us to pass a collective bargaining ordinance and invest in good jobs so together we can

build a stronger Fairfax, no matter where we are from or the color of our skin.

The concept isn't new. Public employees in forty-seven other states have the right to collectively bargain and it's time that Virginia employees have the same rights. Also, recent polling shows 68% of Virginia voters strongly support public service employees having collective bargaining rights. Those who know how to do the job should have a seat at the table and be involved in the decisions about those jobs.

It simply makes sense and is the right thing to do.

If Fairfax County Employees are allowed to partner with the county, we could save precious time and money, effectively expand and

adjust services that families rely on, make responsible choices that invest in workers and create good jobs, reduce turnover in the workforce, improve public services and improve worker morale.

Imagine how much stronger Fairfax County would be if we were allowed to work together? Maybe, county employees won't have to testify every year to justify being respected and paid a living wage for the work we do, because it's recognized in a contract. I and thousands of other county employees look forward to that day coming soon.

*Norman Hall is a former Child-care Specialist and a Neighborhood and Community Services, Fairfax County.*

# Alzheimer's Association to Host Free Screening of 'Grandpa's Hands' on April 8

Event to include Q&A with film creator, discussion of warning signs

The Alzheimer's Association National Capital Area Chapter will present a free screening of the film Grandpa's Hands on Thursday, April 8. The event will include a Q&A discussion with Darren Colston, creator of the film, and a discussion on the warning signs of Alzheimer's.

Grandpa's Hands is a short narrative film about Jackson, a young professional who makes a rare visit with his grandfather and struggles to reconnect due to his grandfather's dementia. The dementia echoes the pain of betrayal and racial discrimination. When Jackson's grandfather confronts an unwanted visitor, his past and present merge bringing Jackson along for an important lesson of love and respect.

"I'm excited to screen my film, Grandpa's Hands, with Alzheimer's Association's National Capital Area Chapter," said Darren Colston, creator of the film. "I look forward to having a conversation with the community about the trials and triumphs of being a caretaker and family member of a loved one impacted by dementia and Alzheimer's disease."

"I wanted to show this film to spotlight the impact that Alzheimer's has on the individual, the family and the community," said Tara Davis-Rama, Diversity and Inclusion Program Manager with the Alzheimer's Association National Capital Area Chapter. "This film depicts the reality of a young man trying to balance his professional life while caring for his grandfather."

I hope this film will highlight male caregivers as well as serve as an invitation to invite more young men to participate in support groups."

In addition to the film screening and Q&A session with Colston, the evening will feature a workshop and discussion on the warning signs of Alzheimer's. The workshop will start at 6 p.m. The film screening and Q&A with Colston will run from 7 - 8 p.m. The event is free. Registration is required. To register, visit alz.org/nca or call 800.272.3900.

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## Time Will Tell



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Ordinarily I'd be writing this column this weekend - after this week's events. Events, and I use that term loosely, that will either sustain my good fortune - or change it for the worse. What I'm referring to are results from my bi-monthly/quarterly diagnostic scans. This week I'll be CT-scanned from the pelvis to the neck and will have had my bones' scanned as well. The associated lab work and blood pressure check required pale in comparison to the significance of the findings from these two scans. Scan results which will tell me how I feel, a day or two later when I will receive electronically the radiologist's assessment/interpretation of the scans. But since I'll be out of town, with limited computer access and only a "stupid" phone (no internet capability), not a smart phone to use, I'll be left to my own devices - literally, until I return home Sunday afternoon.

Since I'll likely not receive any results before we leave on Friday, and moreover, not have the time to write a column this coming weekend (last weekend when the paper publishes on the 24th), I am minding my own business six days earlier than usual in hopes that what I don't know now won't hurt me later. And given that I take my avocation/column writing seriously, rather than reprint an old column, I am writing a new/current column in advance to continue to lead you regular readers down my garden's path.

The path to which I refer hopefully will be a path of least resistance that will enable me to assimilate all my forthcoming medical data into some coherent assessment of where I am, healthwise. Will I be able to maintain my status quo: 10 MG of lenvima or will I have to change protocols and no longer stay on the horse that brung me? I have to hope I can continue on at my present pace because the 14 MG and 24 MG doses each had unpleasant side effects which lead to the reductions in the first place. And to complicate the dose possibilities, each of the higher doses lead to stable/some shrinkage on the CT scan and a significant reduction as well in my cancer markers, down from 200 to 4. This will be my first scan since I've taken the smaller dose. To say I'm somewhat invested in the outcome of this week's scans would be the understatement of the universe.

Unfortunately, none of this information will likely have been emailed to me - at home before we leave town, and I'll not have time and place to write a column this weekend while out of town. Therefore, I am submitting this column, written six days ahead of my typical deadline, with the best of intentions. In effect, today becomes just another day ("the daze of my life") of a person undergoing treatment for an incurable form of cancer; that type being papillary thyroid cancer stage IV versus the original/indisputable diagnosis: non small cell lung cancer, stage IV.

It will definitely be awkward knowing that diagnostic information about my health/presumptive welfare is in an inbox waiting for my log-in information. It's hardly ideal, but as a long-time cancer survivor, I have been here before and have done that. I'm not thrilled about being away when my life might possibly be hanging in the balance. I guess that's what cell phones are for: reaching out and sort of touching someone. If my doctors really need to talk with me, they are welcome to call. You can be sure my phone will be fully charged and with me at all times. After all, it might be good news, too. I mean, stranger things have happened: being diagnosed with "terminal" lung cancer after never having smoked cigarettes. Granted, upwards of 25% of new lung cancer cases are never-smokers, but still, with no history of cancer in my family and never having been a smoker, I kind of figured I had a fighting chance to avoid this disease. I guess my reward is 12+ years after my initial "13 month to two year" prognosis, I'm still alive and writing.

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- ❖ **Beginning English Class:** provides adult English language learners the fundamental skills to understand and communicate in English, helping them to better engage in the community and advance their careers.
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Classes are \$85 with books and assessment included. Registration is required for enrollment. Please understand that no children are allowed at in-person registrations. If possible, please bring your interpreter for the process. Strict social distancing precautions will be enforced. Face masks will be provided. Registration times and dates are available at LCNV's distance learning page (<https://lcnv.org/distance-learning-session/lcnv-classes/>), or call 703-237-0866.

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Mount Vernon At Home is a nonprofit organization serving senior citizens in the Mount Vernon and Alexandria areas of Fairfax County. They are in critical need for volunteers to assist members with driving to medical appointments and grocery shopping. Mount Vernon At Home will supply you with necessary personal protective equipment (PPE), and can provide a donation receipt for your mileage. Volunteers can sign up for driving assignments through the online system which makes it easy to see and accept assignments. Give what time you can, there is no minimum or maximum number of hours. If you have some time to give to the community and can spare several hours a month, visit [info@mountvernonathome.org](mailto:info@mountvernonathome.org), or call 703-303-4060.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Assistance League of Northern Virginia is an all-volunteer non-profit organization that feeds, clothes and provides reading assistance and books to children in need. Assistance League's programs touch the lives of hundreds of children in Fairfax and Prince William Counties and the City of Alexandria. There are many volunteer opportunities for community members to contribute to helping those in need. To learn more, email [info@alnv.org](mailto:info@alnv.org), or visit [www.alnv.org](http://www.alnv.org).

United Community (formerly UCM), 7511 Fordson Road, Alexandria, seeks volunteers for

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RSVP, a volunteer network for seniors seeking service opportunities in and around Fairfax County, Arlington County and the City of Alexandria, offers a wide array of opportunities for volunteers 55 and older. RSVP volunteers enjoy flexible schedules, free accident and liability insurance while serving, optional mileage and meal reimbursement and are invited to volunteer group projects and social gatherings. To sign up for an upcoming orientation, email Carly Hubicki at [chubicki@volunteerfairfax.org](mailto:chubicki@volunteerfairfax.org) or call RSVP at 703-403-5360. To learn more about RSVP, visit [www.rsvpnova.org](http://www.rsvpnova.org).

Line Dance Instructor needed for the Gum Springs Senior Program once a week on either Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. Volunteer Solutions, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711. Volunteer Fairfax makes it easy for individuals and families, youth and seniors, corporate groups and civic clubs to volunteer. Fulfill hours, give back, or pay it forward through a variety service options. Visit [www.volunteerfairfax.org](http://www.volunteerfairfax.org) or call 703-246-3460.

STEM VOLUNTEERS. The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) needs scientists, engineers, mathematicians, and physicians to assist K-12 STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) teachers in the Northern Virginia Area, during the 2016-17 school year. In the 2015-16 school year, the numbers of STEM volunteers in Northern Virginia were: Fairfax County - 40, Arlington - 20, and Alexandria - one. Details of the collaboration are worked out between the teacher and the volunteer, and may involve giving demonstrations, assisting in lab experiments, lecturing on special topics, assisting with homework, etc. The hours are flexible, and volunteers attend a one-day training in September before being assigned to schools.

To see how volunteers are assisting their teachers, view the video clips at [www.seniorsscienlist.org](http://www.seniorsscienlist.org). To volunteer, contact [donaldrea@aol.com](mailto:donaldrea@aol.com).

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## Herrity Explains His 'No' Vote on zMOD

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the simplification and reorganization parts, I voted against zMOD because it was more than a reorganization and included significant changes that I believe will negatively impact our suburban communities and watersheds."

With regard to allowing Accessory Living Units (ALUs) by administrative permit and

without the age and disability restrictions, Herrity commented, "Allowing ALUs without the age or disability restrictions and by administrative permit only, not only takes our residents out of the process: it opens up our neighborhoods to increases in density and the problems that come with increased density, including the impacts on traffic, schools and parking."

## Alzheimer's Association to Host Free Screening of 'Grandpa's Hands' on April 8

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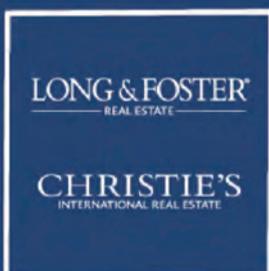


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