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Mount Vernon at Home Turns 15 **Virtual Gala to be held May 27.**

BY JAN BUCHANAN
SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE

Fifteen years ago, as she contemplated retirement, Mary Carroll Potter envisioned her future. With her children scattered about she confirmed to herself the home she loved in the Hollin Hills neighborhood she had lived in for 40 years would be the ideal place. But how? "I read about a Beacon Hill organization created to facilitate neighbors helping neighbors thrive as they retired and aged in their homes and I immediately thought we needed something like that here. Literally everyone I talked to about it agreed. It seemed so obvious."

Potter hosted a meeting in her home with about five or six friends who had expressed particular interest and the beginnings of Mount Vernon At Home (MVAH) started to take shape. "I don't know why but none of us had any doubt this was going to be a success," she observed.



Jan Buchanan is the Executive Director of Mount Vernon at Home.

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After more than 18 months of planning, Mary Carroll Potter became Mount Vernon At Home's first president in 2009.

Virginia Hodgkinson attended that first meeting. She had heard independently about the Beacon Hill Village as it was called and was enthusiastic.

"As we created our own organization, we had the Beacon Hill model we could emulate but quickly found that wouldn't work," Hodgkinson said. "They are a walkable urban community and we are suburban, so the issues were different, particularly transportation."

As the neighborhood buzz grew as loud as a chorus of cicadas, Betsy Stephens heard the news and volunteered to be involved. As a health professional she served on the health advisory committee and developed an array of wellness programs such as exercise classes, general safety protocols, health education.

"As valuable as MVAH is, I found my greatest joy in meeting people and many of the group activities.

We had insider's tours of the State Department, radio stations, commercial gardens, etc. I have made friends I will have until the day I die," Stephens said.

Margaret and Arnold Edelman were also among those who found the socialization of MVAH to be equally important as the member services. Arnold Edelman was the first treasurer while Margaret was a member of the nominating committee.

Margaret Edelman thought a lot of MVAH's success was because "we were a community. We had so much in common. Many of us moved to the area when we were young and poor and had been there our whole lives. There was just so much synergy."

A big service of MVAH is its preferred providers list. Kae Wells chaired this committee, and they went through any number of levels of investigation to ensure that members who used this list were getting honest and genuinely recommended referrals.

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Ceremonial Swearing-in of Police Chief Davis

BT MERCIA HOBSON
THE CONNECTION

On Monday, May 10, Fairfax County Police Department (FCPD) tweeted, "This morning, Chief Davis was surrounded by family, senior staff, and members of the Board of Supervisors for his ceremonial swearing-in as Chief of Police." Davis was sworn-in by John T. Frey, the clerk of the Fairfax County Circuit Court.

Davis became the police chief on May 3 following his appointment by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on Friday, April 23. As chief, Davis holds the top rank in the agency formed 80 years ago. Headquartered in Fairfax, FCPD employs 1,402 police officers and 368 civilians covering a jurisdiction of 407 square miles.

Several groups and individuals, including the Fairfax County



PHOTO BY FCPD

(From left) John T. Frey, the Fairfax County Circuit Court clerk swears in Kevin Davis as the Chief of Police Fairfax County Police Department on Monday, May 10, 2021.

NAACP, ACLU People Power Fairfax, the Activated People and county ministers have protested Davis's hiring because of his record that includes accusations of excessive use of force and other concerns.

On May 4, 2021, the Board of Supervisors approved the following appropriations to the General

Fund for the police department beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022: Compensation-\$186,374,506; Operating Expenses-\$34,770,258; Work Performed for Others-(\$697,406); Capital Outlay-\$381,600- Total \$220,828,958 according to Fairfax County.



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The Only Suffragist Memorial in the Nation

Patricia Wirth, Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Association Executive Director, and Paul Gilbert, Executive Director of NOVA Parks at the ribbon cutting for the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial in Lorton on May 16. See pages 8-9.

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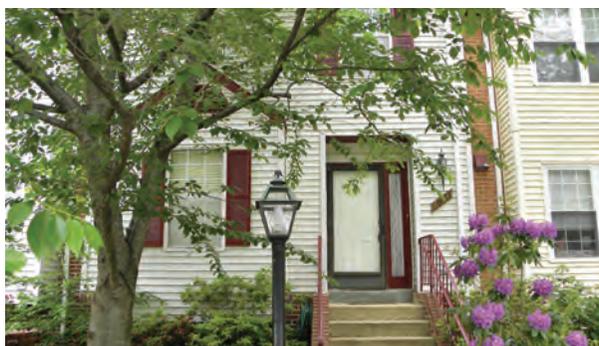
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Convention Done, Primary Ahead

Republicans get a head start in general election; Democrats still fighting each other.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

The way Democrats talk about Donald Trump, you'd think he was on the ballot in 2021. And in many ways, he is.

The former president may be out of the White House and kicked off of social media, but he's still eager to see himself as a kingmaker. Shortly after wealthy businessman Glenn Youngkin secured the Republican nomination in a multi-location convention, Trump endorsed Youngkin and reinserted himself in the conversation. Democrats did not miss a beat, launching a tour of the commonwealth they call the "Where Trump Leads, Glenn Follows" Tour.

"He is just like Donald Trump," said House Speaker Eileen Filler-Corn this week when the tour arrived in Old Town Alexandria. "He will stand for the same policies and same initiatives that Donald Trump has stood for."

The contours of a fall campaign season are starting to come into focus as Republicans and Democrats stake out positions on everything from criminal-justice reform and abortion rights to voting access and preventing gun violence. Republicans get a one-month head start, giving them the ability to move from a divisive convention into a general election strategy for the fall campaign season. Democrats, meanwhile, are still attacking each other as the June 8 primary approaches.

"We're running in every corner of the commonwealth, in more seats than we've contested in a half century," said House Republican Leader Todd Gilbert. "I'm more confident than ever that voters will return a Republican majority to the House of Delegates in November."

AT THE TOP of the ticket, voters will be choosing between Youngkin and the nominee Democrats pick as their nominee for governor on June 8. Public polling and campaign finance records show former Gov. Terry McAuliffe has a decisive lead heading into the election in an extremely strong position. Other candidates in the race for governor are Lt. Gov. Justin Fairfax, Sen. Jennifer McClellan (D-9), former Del. Jennifer Carroll Foy (D-2) and Del. Lee Carter (D-50). A Wason Center poll last month showed McAuliffe with 47 percent support while all the other candidates were in single digits. Even if all 27 per-



House Speaker Eileen Filler-Corn appears in Old Town Alexandria during a Northern Virginia stop on the 'Where Trump Leads, Glenn Follows' Tour.



The Republican stateside ticket, from left to right: Jason Miyares for attorney general, Glenn Youngkin for governor and Winsome Sears for lieutenant governor.

cent of the undecideds broke for one candidate, McAuliffe would still be in the lead with \$8.5 million cash on hand.

"This gubernatorial field is the most diverse in the history of the commonwealth, and that has drawn a great deal of interest in the race," said Rebecca Bromley-Trujillo, research director for the Judy Ford Wason Center at Christopher Newport University. "So we're seeing that in the field but we're not seeing that in the leaders in these races, at least for governor and attorney general."

Despite the lopsided nature of the polling and the fundraising, the primary has not lacked for drama. During a televised debate, Fairfax said when he was accused of sexual assault, McAuliffe treated him like Emmet Till or George Floyd.

Carroll Foy has been all over

the airwaves, thanks in part to \$600,000 from Clean Virginia Fund. And Carter has moved the field of candidates to the left by talking about issues like using tax revenue from marijuana sales to create a fund for reparations to account for the slave trade. McClellan has repeatedly pointed out that she has more state government experience than anyone else in the race.

"Unlike past recessions, we cannot simply focus on luring other companies here to Virginia," said McClellan. "We have got to stabilize and grow the small businesses, particularly our women and minority owned businesses, who are struggling, and who want to provide the leave to their employees, sick leave, paid family medical leave, and they need our help to do it."

THE JOB OF lieutenant governor is often overlooked, although it plays a key role in breaking ties in the Senate. That responsibility is more important now than it's been in recent memory because Democrats have such a thin majority and the body has a handful of conservative Democrats. Republicans have chosen firebrand conservative former Del. Winsome Sears (R-90), who appears in campaign photos with an assault rifle to show her support for gun rights. She pulled ahead of the pack of other candidates after Sen. Amanda Chase (R-11) and former lieutenant governor candidate E.W. Jackson endorsed her. As an immigrant from Jamaica, she's made opposition to critical race theory a cornerstone of her campaign.

"The Democrats, they're not helping us," said Sears at a candidates forum. "They're pitting the races against each other. You've heard the constant Black, white. Now it's Asian, they're speaking against Thomas Jefferson kids and their successes. They want quotas."

The Democratic primary for lieutenant governor is the most wide open. Polling has Del. Sam Rasoul (D-11) slightly ahead, and he's raised more money than any of the other candidates. But Del. Hala Ayala (D-51) has the endorsement of Gov. Ralph Northam, who is attempting to play the role of kingmaker on his way out the door of the Executive Mansion. The crowded field of candidates also includes Norfolk City Councilwoman Andria McClellan, Fairfax NAACP president Sean Perryman,

NFL player agent Xavier Warren and Del. Mark Levine (D-45). Levine is in the awkward position of trying to defend his House seat from a primary challenger while also competing statewide.

"When a candidate runs for two offices at the same time, they're sending two messages," said Stephen Farnsworth, political science professor at the University of Mary Washington. "One, I want something better than what I have, and two, I'm not sure I'm going to be able to get it."

VOTERS WILL ALSO be choosing between Del. Jason Miyares (R-82) and the winner of the Democratic primary, which features incumbent Attorney General Mark Herring and challenger Del. Jay Jones (D-89). Herring was first elected in 2013, and he's seeking a third term in office. During his time in office, he's created a new Office of Civil Rights as well as a new conviction integrity unit and a new worker protection unit while also reorganizing the consumer protection section. Jones has criticized Herring for waiting until election season before making some of those changes, and he attacked Herring for wearing blackface at a college party in the 1980s.

"I sat in the room two years ago with the Black Caucus when you disclosed that you wore blackface just days after you called on Governor Northam to resign," Jones said during a televised debate. "I was there when you took that paper out of your jacket, smoothed it out on the table and read us a statement with no empathy, no compassion."

Herring hasn't been shy about criticizing Jones either. During a televised debate earlier this month, Herring brought up a bill Jones introduced that could have created a loophole for predatory lenders. The bill would have allowed for loans of 36 percent plus a daily fee that could amount to 320 percent a year. Jones never withdrew the bill, although it was left in committee. Jones ended up voting in favor of a different bill, one that Herring made a rare personal appearance to support in committee.

"When I was working to crack down on dangerous predatory lenders, Delegate Jones was actually supporting the predatory lenders and authored a bill that would have allowed them to charge 350 percent interest," said Herring. "These are hard-working, struggling Virginians just trying to get by."

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REPUBLICAN PARTY OF VIRGINIA

Penn Daw Apartments Rising from the Parking Lot

The Belhaven by Fairfield finds a home close to traffic on this busy part of Richmond Highway.

BY MIKE SALMON
THE CONNECTION

Just south of Fairview Avenue in Penn Daw, The Belhaven by Fairfield apartment community, is taking shape on the northbound side of Richmond Highway. This 349-unit apartment building is a pre-EM-BARK structure that will provide housing for many in this busy area of Mount Vernon.

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved this project in July 2017, and on the approval form, it is referred to as a “multi-family building,” that is scheduled to open in 2022. The apartment complex will have a 560-space parking garage, a pool, a couple of courtyards and out front, a “interim landscape area until full build-out of Route One occurs,” it said on the plans. It is typical of urban streetscapes and what is envisioned with future Embark development and consistent with the county’s Urban Design Guidelines. Per the proffers with the apartment project, planned are a seven-foot-wide sidewalk up



A worker is lifted by crane on the front side of The Belhaven, a new apartment community.

front, a 4.5-foot-wide landscape strip, a 6.5 ft wide bike lane and a six-foot-wide landscape strip.

The Embark Richmond Highway Study was adopted by the county on March 20, 2018 which is after The Belhaven project was approved, but according to Supervisor Dan Storck’s office, this apartment structure fits well into the future plans for the corridor. Embark Richmond Highway is described as an initiative focused on creating a multimodal future for Richmond Highway Corridor where residents, workers, and visitors can walk, bike, or drive to the places they want to go. From the Belhaven, there are food places, retail, parks and bike trails within walking distance. A Bus Rapid



In 2022, many will call Here the Belhaven by Fairfield apartment community home.

Transit station is planned close to The Belhaven, but Embark development isn’t expected to start until 2023.

In Storck’s newsletter, they describe the new development with Cafritz Interests and Novus Residences as one that “creates a unique opportunity to enhance revitalization on Richmond Highway, bring development partners to our corridor, and create an economic investment in our community.” Of the 349 apartments, there are 42 workforce dwelling units, which are in the “affordable,” category, according to Trey Kirby, Vice President of Development at Fairfield. The actual prices of the apartments has not been finalized, and they will look at the market rates when it gets closer to



Looking west across Richmond Highway is the Krispy Kreme Donut Shop. Here, the Belhaven by Fairfield apartment community, is taking shape on the northbound side of Richmond Highway.



The front doors of the new building for the Bellhaven apartments are not far from Richmond Highway.

opening in summer 2022.

Local Apartment Projects

Fairfield has a few other apartment structures in Alexandria including The Bradley Braddock Road Station Apartments in Alexandria. These apartments are priced at \$1,890 for a one bedroom and \$2,670 for two bedrooms.

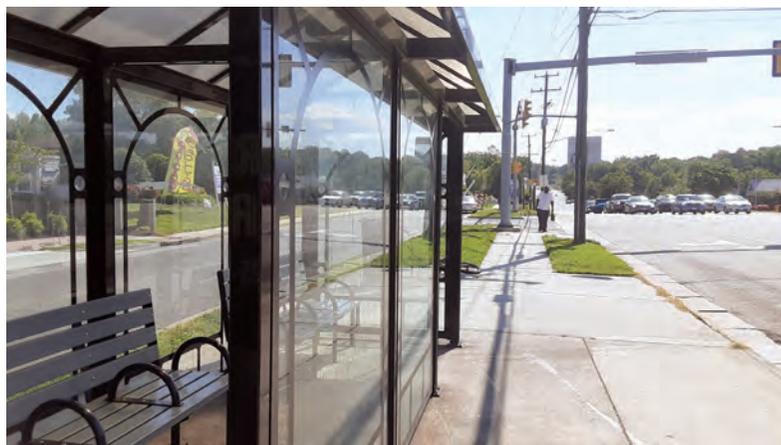
Another Fairfield property that’s opening soon is Fairfield at Gateway (The Moxley) in the City of

Fairfax. It is a multi-building project that includes a parking garage, pool, pet area and landscaping. According to the website, The Moxley is opening this year.

In February 2020, there was a multi-alarm fire in an apartment construction site across Richmond Highway from The Belhaven. Now the construction has resumed and that condominium and townhouse facility is scheduled to open in the near future.

Metrobus Route 11 Sees Changes in Mount Vernon

A new schedule starting June 6 has the 11C partially replacing the 11Y.



Along Richmond Highway, the Metrobus 11Y will be replaced in part by 11C.

There are other buses that go up and down Richmond Highway.

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BY MIKE SALMON
THE CONNECTION

Bus riders in Mount Vernon will see some changes on Sunday, June 6, when the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority shifts around buses and schedules, which includes bus route 11 which goes through Mount Vernon.

The 11C partially replaces the 11Y bus which will operate between Mount Vernon and the Braddock Road Metrorail Station during morning and evening rush hours.

Morning trips will operate northbound from Mount Vernon to the Braddock Road Metrorail Station and afternoon trips will operate from the Braddock Road Metrorail Station to Mount Ver-

non. Route 11C will serve all bus stops between the Braddock Road Metrorail Station and Mount Vernon. Local fare will be required for this route.

According to WMATA, these changes are part of improvements to more than 60 Metrobus routes to provide more frequent, reliable service and restore routes.

In April, Metrobus ridership on weekdays averaged about 180,000 passenger trips each day, providing essential transportation for people to get around the region.

The service changes will bring Metrobus service to 85 percent of pre-pandemic service levels with more buses, more often to accommodate the growing return of bus riders.

AREA ROUNDUPS

Treasury Launches State And Local Covid Relief Funds

U.S. Senators Mark R. Warner and Tim Kaine applauded the Treasury Department's launch of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, established by the American Rescue Plan Act.

"We welcome the \$7.2 billion in relief for Virginia and are pleased the Biden Administration has listened to our calls to give states, localities, and tribes significant flexibility in determining how best to use these emergency funds," said the Senators. "These funds will allow the Commonwealth and localities to recover from the economic harm of COVID, promote public health, invest in broadband, make up for lost revenue, and address many of the other impacts of the pandemic."

"We will keep working with the Commonwealth and local governments to ensure Virginians receive this much-needed relief."

The Virginia state government will receive nearly

\$4.3 billion from these funds. An additional amount of approximately \$2.9 billion will be allocated to municipalities the following way for local areas:

- ❖ Alexandria: \$59,633,833
- ❖ Arlington County: \$46,003,782
- ❖ Fairfax County: \$222,894,638
- ❖ Fairfax City: \$4,665,409
- ❖ Falls Church: \$2,839,181
- ❖ Non-entitlement funds: approximately \$633,000,000

Allocations for non-entitlement local governments will soon be released and will provide an additional \$633 million in relief to Virginia cities and towns. Tribal governments will receive their allocation amounts after submitting their requests for funding to the Treasury.

Eligible state, metropolitan city, and county governments may now request their allocation through the Treasury Submission Portal.

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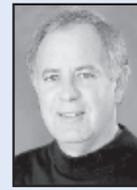
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been overseeded and should start coming to life in a couple of weeks. Similar model, but with a 2-car garage and totally remodeled, recently sold for \$721,250. Great location- to the South: Ft. Belvoir, 5 minutes - to the North: Old Town Alexandria, 15 minutes, National Airport, 27 minutes, Pentagon and D.C.- 30-35 minutes. Tough to find a home and good-sized lot in this area <\$600,000.



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Nominate Mark Herring for Re-Election on June 8

BY SCOTT SUROVELL

The June 8 Democratic primary is an opportunity to vote for fairness and justice for everyone by supporting Attorney General Mark Herring. On that day, Virginians will select the Democratic Party's nominees for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General and several Delegates.

Republicans controlled the Attorney General's Office for 28 years until Mark won in 2013. While many conservatives promote the Attorney General position as Virginia's "chief prosecutor" and prioritize prosecuting cases, most criminal justice work is done by local Commonwealth's Attorneys. Criminal justice work is a small fraction of the Attorney General office's 400 attorneys and other staff's work. Since taking office, Mark has grown the office and re-focused it to help all Virginians instead of targeting the poor.

Mark has defended legal challenges against our firearm violence prevention laws like our one-gun-a-month law, "red flag" law and universal background checks. He issued an Attorney General's opinion to block recognizing weak out-of-state concealed weapon permits. He also sued to block 3D printed "ghost guns" from hitting

the streets.

He has defended attacks on the Affordable Care Act's pre-existing conditions rules after the Trump Administration refused to defend the law. Mark refused to defend Virginia's constitutional prohibition on gay marriage. He sued to protect Planned Parenthood funding and has consistently defended a woman's right to choose.

Just this past week, Mark came to Northern Virginia to discuss the status of his investigation of the American Horticultural Society's (AHS) attempts to sell River Farm to a private owner. He stressed that he is prepared to use all options to enforce Virginia's laws prohibiting improper use of restricted donations if AHS does the wrong thing.

He has won victories in court for DREAMers. He negotiated the largest environmental settlement in state history, secured \$1.4 million in fines from Dominion for coal ash water dumping, and prioritized protecting the Bay. His Medicaid Fraud Unit has recovered over \$1 billion for Virginia taxpayers.

Mark has been a leader on consumer protection. He created a Predatory Lending Unit to attack the loan sharks who set up shop up



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and down U.S. 1 until we passed legislation banning them in 2020. The unit also went after internet lenders like Allied Title Lending, Advance Financial, Opportunity Financial, Net Credit, Money Lion and Mr. Amazing who were charging their "customers" between 273%

and 359% interest rates. He won settlements with Future Income Payments, a lender that targeted elderly and federal pensioners by structuring their loans as "pension sales" that charged up to 183% interest rates.

Mark has also negotiated settlements against pawnbrokers, pharmaceutical companies, unlicensed contractors, charity scams and robo-dial companies. Last year, he filed suit against predatory towing companies in Arlington. Last month, he secured \$183 million in refunds for an online ticket seller that refused to refund consumers fees paid for events cancelled due to COVID-19.

Recently, Mark filed a groundbreaking suit against an immigrant bond intermediary that misrepresents its connection to the federal government and preys on desperate poor immigrants who cannot afford immigration bonds

but who instead pay exorbitant fees for GPS ankle monitors that cost thousands of dollars.

Mark partnered with me and other legislators on criminal justice reform. He proactively established a Civil Rights Unit once the General Assembly gave him the authority that he requested in 2020 to authorize civil rights investigations after the Trump Department of Justice abandoned its responsibilities.

I know Mark's opponent and have collaborated with him on legislation. He is a rising star in the House of Delegates. But when I partnered with the Virginia Legislative Black Caucus to pass legislation to end predatory lending in 2020, he carried a troubling bill for the Online Lenders Alliance that would have green-lighted an 0.88% daily interest rate resulting in an APR of over 350%. I dedicated ten years of my legislative service towards ending that practice.

We need Mark Herring to continue the reforms and good work he has done to expand the focus of the Attorney General's Office on more than criminal justice to many problems Virginians face. I hope that all Virginians will join me in re-electing him to a third term on June 8 or by voting early.

Please email me at scottsurovell.org if you have any feedback.

Environmental Working Groups

These groups are critical to identifying issue, gathering stakeholders to help reach consensus on the best approach to creating future legislation.

BY DEL. PAUL KRIZEK

Now that the legislative session has finished up for the year and we are headed into the summer months, my colleagues and I in the General Assembly are as busy as ever with the many boards and commissions we are appointed to, as well as legislative working groups created by legislation we passed in the past session. So far, I have been appointed to one such group, the Subcommittee on Charitable Gaming. Furthermore, in this "off season", I have my hands full each year with meetings of the State Water Commission, the Broadband Advisory Council, the Offender Population Forecasting Policy Committee, the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC), and the Virginia State Crime Commission.

Today, I would like to highlight some of the interesting and important environmental and conser-

vation related stakeholder working groups that we passed through the General Assembly this year. These study and working groups are critical to identifying problems, gathering stakeholders on each side of the issue — and from different walks of life; and, they help legislators and stakeholders reach consensus on the best approach to creating future legislation that will address these problems. Giving all stakeholders affected by an issue a seat at the table to agree on a course of action is one of the most important factors in passing good and effective legislation. Studies often collect necessary, but currently missing, data that can be used in crafting legislation, and including everyone in the study and bill crafting process promotes buy-in and the broad support necessary to pass the legislation in the subsequent General Session.

Delegate Simonds's HB 2074 created the Interagency Environ-

mental Justice Working Group as an advisory council in the executive branch of state government to further environmental justice in the Commonwealth and directs each of the Governor's Secretaries to designate at least one environmental justice coordinator to represent the secretariat as a member of the Working Group.

The bill directs the Working Group to focus its work during its first year on the environmental justice of current air quality monitoring practices in Virginia and provides that the Working Group shall expire on July 1, 2031. The bill directs each state agency to adopt an agency-specific environmental justice policy that requires an evaluation of the environmental justice consequences of any covered agency action, requires a consideration

of the environmental justice consequences or cumulative impacts of the administration of regulations, and contains other features, including public participation plans
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OPINION

Environmental Working Groups

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for residents of environmental justice communities and fence-line communities potentially affected by a covered agency action.

Delegate Keam's HB 2118 created the Electric Vehicle Grant Fund and Program and a working group. The fund will award grants on a competitive basis to public school divisions for assisting with costs of replacing diesel school buses with electric school buses, the implementation of recharging infrastructure or other infrastructure needed to charge or maintain such electric school buses, and workforce development and training to support the maintenance, charging, and operation of such electric school buses. The stakeholder work group, convened by The Department of Environmental Quality will develop recommendations for establishing and administering the Fund and Program and shall report the work group findings to the General Assembly. This is an exciting first step towards transitioning school buses away from fossil fuel dependency.

Senator Marsden's bill SB 1393 created a working group for the purpose of developing and providing recommendations to state and local governments related to policies that encourage the conservation of mature trees and tree cover on sites being developed, to increase tree canopy cover in communities, and to encourage the planting of trees. Planting and saving trees is critical to combating climate change as they sequester large amounts of carbon. But, even more significantly, trees produce oxygen which we depend upon to live. Trees make our property values higher, are important to our mental wellness, slow stormwater runoff, and produce products for our use. Adding to our tree canopy is of critical importance.

Lastly, my bill to protect pollinators from the effects of exposure to neonicotinoid pesticides became a "study bill." The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services will study the Beekeeper Pollination Plan and voluntary best management practices to improve communication between beekeepers and applicators to reduce the risk to pollinators from neonicotinoid pesticides. The bill authorizes the Department to establish a stakeholder working group and directs it to report on its findings no later than Dec. 1, 2021.

If you have any interest in these or other working or study groups, please contact my office at DelP-Krizek@House.Virginia.Gov and I will be happy to provide you with more information and how you can participate and/or listen in to these public meetings.

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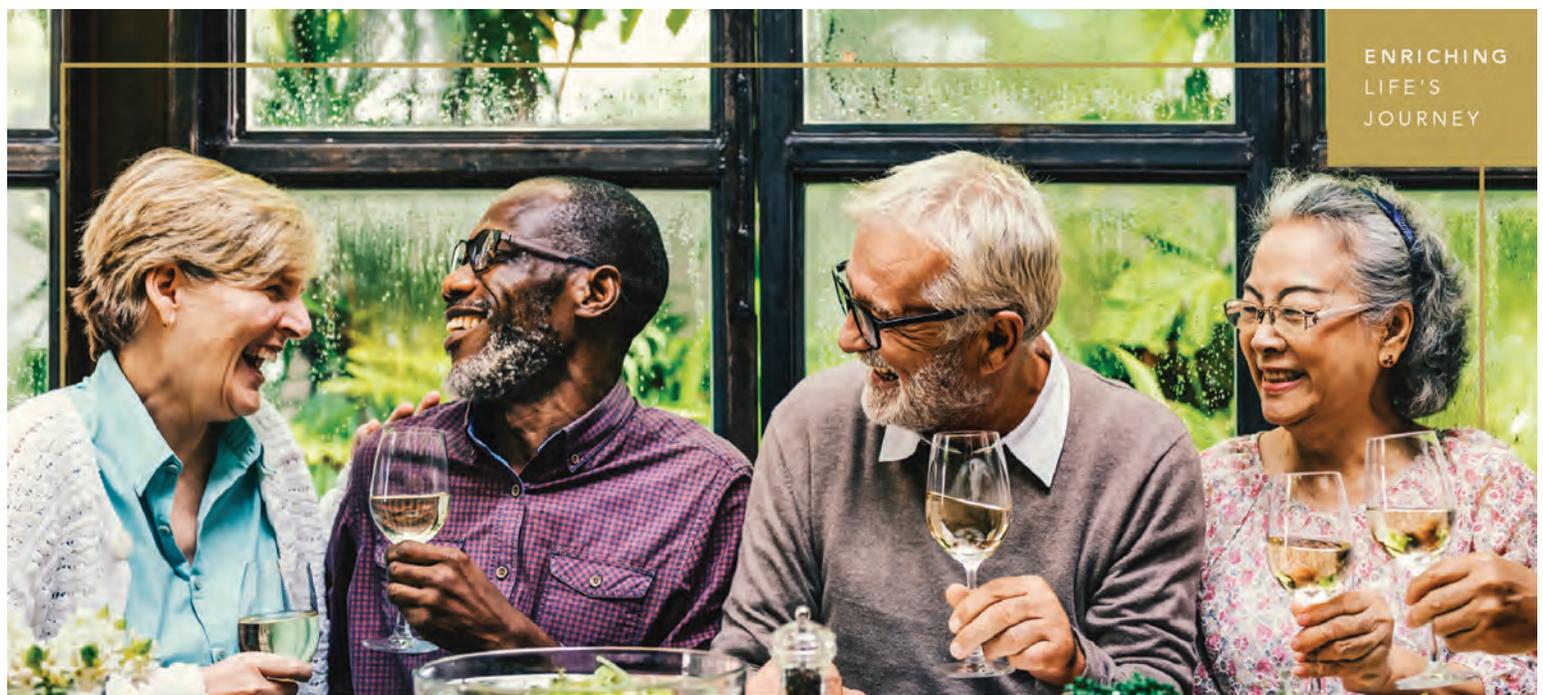


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New Memorial Tells a Story Largely Untold



Association members, NOVA Parks Board members, State legislators, and County Supervisor cut the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial ribbon in front of the entrance replicating the White House gates where suffragists maintained their "silent sentinel."



Patricia Wirth, TPMSA Executive Director, and Paul Gilbert, Executive Director NOVA Parks.



Statue of suffragist Carrie Chapman Catt in the rotunda.

"The suffragists engineered the greatest expansion of democracy on a single day the world had ever seen, and yet ... the leaders built no monuments to themselves, and too many of their names have been lost to history."

—Eleanor Clift, columnist and author of *Founding Sisters and the Nineteenth Amendment*



Dr. Thelma Daley with statue of Mary Church Terrell, a suffragist and co-founder of the NAACP.

The Turning Point Suffragist Memorial.

BY GLENDA C. BOOTH
GAZETTE PACKET

"History" was made on May 16 when around 100 Northern Virginians applauded the ribbon cutting officially opening the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial in Lorton, a project 13 years in the making. "It's a story that needed to be told," said Patricia Wirth, Executive Director of the nonprofit Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Association, "the only suffragist memorial in the country to honor women who fought for the right to vote from 1848 to 1920. Most of the women were unknown." Today, less than eight percent of the nation's outdoor statues honor women.

The \$2.7 million outdoor, plaza-style memorial commemorates those who mobilized, marched, picketed and lobbied for a U.S. Constitutional amendment granting women the right to vote, a 72-year movement that succeeded in 1920.

Virginia provided \$275,000 toward the memorial, Virginia Delegate Kathy Tran told the attendees. "The memorial is a reminder that our rights do not come without struggle and sacrifice. The struggle for voting rights is not a relic of the past. Our work is not done," she said.

Mount Vernon Supervisor Dan Storck, described the memorial as "an example of persistence" and noted that Fairfax County donated \$1 million in cash and in kind.

Why in Lorton? Gruesome Details

In the early 20th century, over 1,000 suffragists, dubbed the "Silent Sentinels," wordlessly, peacefully picketed President Woodrow Wilson on the White House sidewalk wearing purple, gold and white sashes and carrying banners with messages like "Mr. President, how long must women wait for liberty?" The Suffragist newspaper reported that the demonstration was "the first time in history the President of the United States is being picketed."

On Nov. 10, 1917, police arrested 27 women picketers for "obstructing traffic" and hauled them off to the Occoquan Workhouse

On Nov. 23, 1917, officials trans-



Arriving visitors are greeted by a life-size statue of suffragist Alice Paul, co-founder of the National Woman's Party.

Verbatim

The 19th Amendment: "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex."

ferred the women to the Washington, D. C., jail, eventually released them and commuted their sentences.

When asked about the Constitutional amendment, President Wilson dawdled and dodged. The suffragists chided his hypocrisy in fighting for freedom abroad in World War I while denying it at home. Finally, on Jan. 9, 1918, he relented, giving tepid support as a "necessary war measure." The women's imprisonment and Wilson's reluctant endorsement were seen by many as a turning point in the suffrage movement, hence the memorial's name.

A Forgotten Story

After the amendment became law, no one rushed to build a monument. Historian Edith Mayo calls the suffrage saga as the "best kept secret in American history." At the Sunday dedication, Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Association co-founder Jane Barker recalled



Visitors can learn the history of the suffrage movement at ten stations.



Quinn Jones of Arlington represented suffragist Alice Paul.



Julianne Smith of Woodbridge represented suffragist Rose Winslow.

"The memorial is a reminder that our rights do not come without struggle and sacrifice. The struggle for voting rights is not a relic of the past. Our work is not done."

—Del. Kathy Tran

how a small local group started by planning a wall with plaques displaying suffragists' names, to be called the Turning Point Plaza, but they soon decided that a wall was not enough. She credited many women volunteers and "a few great men who never gave up."

The Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Association raised over \$2.7 million in cash and in-kind donations, in partnership with NOVA

Parks, the agency that provided the land. Contributors include the League of Women Voters, Dominion Energy, AARP and Procter & Gamble. Many donors' names are listed on a wall.

The Memorial

The memorial, designed by Robert Beach of Robert E. Beach Architects, is in the 350-acre Occoquan Regional Park, and managed by

More:

The Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Association, www.suffragist-memorial.org, 9751 Ox Road, Lorton. Free, open daily, dawn to dusk.

Lucy Burns Museum, Workhouse Arts Center, exhibits on the suffrage movement, <https://www.workhousearts.org/lucyburnsmuseum/>

Occoquan Regional Park, <https://www.novaparks.com/parks/occoquan-regional-park>

NOVA Parks. Executive Director Paul Gilbert sees it as part of NOVA Parks' efforts to "highlight the lesser known stories." He said that the suffragists' imprisonment "is a dramatic story and the turning point. It's important for people to understand how our democracy has grown over time and right here in Northern Virginia, the events that

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led to women's suffrage."

Visitors enter the memorial through replica White House gates where the Silent Sentinels staged their pickets. The memorial also has a 24-foot section of the actual White House fence where the 1917 suffragists protested, thanks to negotiations by the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission. A commemorative wall lists by state the women who were jailed.

The plaza features bronze, life-size statues of three key leaders: Alice Paul, Mary Church Terrell, and Carrie Chapman Catt. Nineteen stations detail the movement's history, including court cases that denied women's rights, multiple bills in Congress and state ratification campaigns.

One panel recounts the 1913 grand parade and pageantry on Pennsylvania Avenue when thousands of women, ten bands, 26 floats, six golden chariots and a handful of elected officials marched, led by Inez Milholland dressed in a white Cossack suit and white kid boots astride a large white horse, invoking Joan of Arc.

Another panel recounts that after multiple fits and starts, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Susan B. Anthony amendment on May 21, 1919, and the Senate, on June 4, 1919, sending it to the states for ratifi-



The Turning Point Suffragist Memorial before the ribbon cutting.

PHOTO BY GLENDA BOOTH

cation. The 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution became law in 1920 when the Tennessee legislature, by a slim margin, approved it, becoming the required 36th state to ratify.

Virginia did not ratify the amendment until 1952.

The memorial also has a meditation garden, a rotunda and an arroyo bridge that

represents connecting the two centuries in which the suffrage movement took place.

Advocates envision the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial as part of a Constitution Trail, joining several Virginia historic sites: Mount Vernon, home of American Revolutionary War general, George Washington (and Martha); Gunston Hall, home of the Virginia Declaration of Rights author George Mason (and Sarah); Montpelier, home of James Madison, an author of the Constitution (and Dolley); and several Civil War battlefields where the goal of a "united states" was battled.

In a video played Sunday, House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi challenged, "We must remember the shoulders we stand on." Supporters see the memorial as a bright new spotlight on a long-ignored chapter of U.S. history and the determined women for whom, as suffragist Susan B. Anthony said, "Failure is impossible."

At the dedication, Dr. Thelma Daley, Past President of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, established at Howard University, lauded the suffragists as "women who were feisty and socially aware." Her sorority marched in the 1913 parade. "Today is a glorious day in the history of women," she extolled, "and a super, super glorious day in the history of America."

BULLETIN BOARD

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The first 15,000 to register and attend one of the pit stops will receive a free Bike to Work Day T-shirt. Pit Stop information is available at www.biketoworkmetrodc.org. Visit the website: <http://www.biketoworkmetrodc.org/>

SATURDAY/MAY 22

AlexRenew Public Hearing. 9:30 a.m. Virtual via Zoom. AlexRenew is proposing to implement a sewer rate adjustment over the next two years to help fund its mandated RiverRenew Program. Advance registration is required. Register to attend at: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_CJ0e7HjQF0kP5Y-tAYWMSA

TUESDAY/JUNE 15

MV Genealogical Society Meeting. 1-3 p.m. Via Zoom. Legal Scholar Natalie Ram will discuss the legal landscape of consumer genetic data during the June 15 meeting of the Mount Vernon Genealogical Society. Email: contact-us@mvgenealogy.org

PFIZER VACCINATION TO AGES 12 AND UP

The Alexandria Health Department (AHD) and other providers in Alexandria are now offering COVID-19 vaccinations to residents ages 12 and older. The Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine was previously approved for use in those aged

16 and older, and the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines are currently only available for ages 18 and older. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention approved use of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine for ages 12-15 by accepting the recommendation of its Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, which met earlier in the day to review safety data for the vaccine in this age group.

Pfizer Vaccine (First Dose, Ages 12+) Saturday, May 22
Hours: 1-3:30 p.m.

Provider: Alexandria Health Department

Location: George Washington Middle School, 1005 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria, VA 22301

Schedule Now -- By Appointment Only
Pfizer Vaccine (First Dose, Ages 12+) Saturday, June 5
Hours: 1-3:30 p.m.

Provider: Alexandria Health Department

Location: Francis Hammond Middle School, 4646 Seminary Rd, Alexandria, VA 22304

Schedule Now -- Appointments and Walk-ins Accepted

CITY OF ALEXANDRIA RESPONSE TO CICADA EMERGENCE

The City of Alexandria will experience the 17-year cycle of the emergence of millions of the Brood X Cicadas from underground to mate and lay eggs in trees throughout the City now through mid-summer. The egg laying will be concentrated on smaller diameter twigs and branches. Impacted trees will exhibit clusters of dead leaves

and branches that droop and turn brown as their circulation is cut off by the implanted eggs.

For most trees, this damage will be unsightly but superficial. The trees will shed their damaged portions and continue growing. Some trees, particularly young, newly established trees, may succumb to their injuries.

The City is taking the following steps in response to the cicada emergence:

Delay spring tree plantings to be planted alongside fall trees to avoid cicada damage.

Water recently planted trees to improve their health and ability to cope with cicada damage.

The City will not:

Apply pesticides to deter cicadas as they are not considered effective.

Install netting to protect trees. While effective, netting is not economical at the municipal scale. Individual property owners should still consider netting as a potential protective measure for small or newly established trees.

ONGOING

Local, farm-fresh produce – including strawberries and asparagus – and more will be featured at the now-opened McCutcheon/Mt. Vernon Farmers Market. From 8 a.m. to noon every Wednesday (through December 22), 16 local farmers and food producers will sell fresh, locally grown vegetables and fruits; meats; Chesapeake Bay seafood; breads and pastries; honey, jams and jellies; milk, cheese and eggs; herbs and plants; and more. The market is located at the Sherwood

Hall Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. All of the items sold at the market are grown or produced by the vendors and come from within a radius of 125 miles.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) EBT cards can be used. As a bonus, the market will match up to \$20 per market visit in SNAP dollars for fruits and vegetables.

This year's vendors are:

Arnest Seafood – crab cakes, scallops, shrimp, rockfish, oysters and more

Grace's Pastries - cakes, pastries and breads, with a Caribbean touch

Great Harvest Bread - breads and pastries

Honey Brook Farms - meats and vegetables raised with no chemicals, gluten-free baked goods

House of Empanadas –variety of empanadas

King Mushrooms –variety of locally grown mushrooms

Locust Grove Farm - vegetables and herbs

Misty Meadow Farm Creamery - milk, ice cream, cheese and eggs

No. 1 Sons– pickles, kimchi, sauerkraut and kombucha teas

Ochoa Produce - vegetables, herbs and flowers

Traveling Shepherd Coffee Co. – variety of freshly roasted coffee

Twin Springs Orchard - fruits, vegetables, cheese and more

Valentine's Bakery & Meats - meats and baked goods.

COVID UPDATES

Quick Facts for Older Adults about COVID-19 Vaccine Appointments
Vaccine eligibility is occurring in phases per the CDC and Virginia

Department of Health. More information about vaccine rollout in Fairfax can be found at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/covid19.

As more vaccine becomes available, there will be more options where to access it. In the future, you will likely be able to access vaccine via your doctor, a health clinic or pharmacy.

It takes two doses. Follow the directions of your vaccine provider to schedule your second dose.

One caregiver can attend a vaccine appointment with their loved one.

Vaccine-eligible people can register for appointments online or over the phone (no need to do both).

Online: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/covid19. Click on "Vaccination" at the top of the page and you will see registration information. After your registration is accepted, a scheduling link will be sent to you as vaccine becomes available.

Call: 703-324-7404 to register for a vaccine via phone.

Vaccine Appointment Tips
After you receive your first vaccine, you should take a picture of your vaccination card that you will receive. That way you won't have to worry about misplacing it.

Wear a mask to the appointment. Download and use v-Safe, an app that helps you report any reactions you are having to the vaccine. Learn more: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/safety/vsafe.html



Ed and Juliet Jesson broke ground on the 12th of May for their new home in the Mount Vernon area. Ed and Juliet have lived in the Mount Vernon area since 1979 and recently decided to build a new home as their retirement home. The selected builder is Thorsen Construction, and Chris Tucker of Mode4 is the Architect. The home has been designed in the Grist Mill style of stone and exterior design.

Mount Vernon At Home Turns 15

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“We researched it though the Better Business Bureau, personal recommendations, consumer reviews, etc.,” she said. “We wanted to make absolutely certain you could count on this list.”

What began as a way to help Potter and others organize their retired lives and desire to stay at home, blossomed and grew into Mount Vernon At Home, a community-based nonprofit that cares for seniors desiring to age in their homes and communities.

MVAH is celebrating 15 years of community service. Senior Villages, as they are called, have cropped up all over the United States, now numbering more than 230 nationally. Each is volunteer driven and customized to serve the members of their individual local community.

MVAH has been particularly

important and effective during the pandemic. Fifteen months ago, when almost no one knew the word ZOOM, seniors now stay in touch and social activities such as the book club, discussions and more regularly take place via ZOOM.

“It has been invaluable to me,” said Hodgkinson. “Being almost completely shut in for more than a year would have been devastating. But MVAH has literally been a life-saver for many of us.”

Mount Vernon At Home will celebrate with its 15th Anniversary Gala online on May 27th. Food will be prepared by the Cedar Knoll restaurant and delivered to each participant’s door. At the Gala the founding members

of the organization will be recognized and honored. For more information visit www.mountvernonathome.org.

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Old Ice House Gets New Life With Goodies Frozen Custard and Treats

BY HOPE NELSON
GAZETTE PACKET

Summertime is about to get a lot sweeter. Goodies Frozen Custard and Treats is breathing new life into an old bit of Alexandria history – and giving neighbors a chance to cool off with a custardy treat in the process.

The former outpost of the Mutual Ice Co., located at 200 Commerce St., has been a mainstay in Alexandria for decades.

Until Goodies came along, the property remained mostly dormant for years. But Goodies owner Brandon Byrd purchased the property in 2019 and, amid a global pandemic, transformed the ice house into an icy custard house, month by painstaking month.

The final result, Byrd says, is worth it.

“To be honest, my vision for the ice house was a communal space” that was very inviting to guests, Byrd said. “When people see [the shop] it’s going to make them say wow, this is really a trip down Memory Lane.”

But Goodies’ brick-and-mortar

location isn’t the start of its origin story. Far from it. No, the custard purveyor actually began its journey nearly a decade ago in 2012 with a vintage International Harvester truck named Gigi.

“I just built [the business] from the ground up,” Byrd said. “I had this idea -- I wanted something that is pure, wholesome, and in the event that I had my own kids and/or great-nieces and nephews, I want something that I would feel good about.”

And with that, Goodies was born, shuttling custard and other treats around the DC metro region on board Gigi, who, Byrd says, does require some TLC from time to time to keep her in good shape.

But will Gigi play second fiddle now that the Commerce Street location is opening up? Not a chance, he says.

“That’s my No. 1 girl! She’s not going anywhere,” he laughed.

Byrd aims for the ice house location to be up and running by Memorial Day. Partly due to space constraints and partly due to the old-fashioned custard-stand feel of the business, the shop will be a walk-up experience that, Byrd hopes, will make customers feel welcome from the first moment.

“You walk up, you’ll definitely

hear the Motown sounds and Chuck Berry,” he said. “I really wanted to replicate the truck experience with the brick-and-mortar [shop].”

And then there’s the custard menu itself.

“The thing is, I intentionally kept the menu simple because it allows for me to allow the product to shine. The focus is on the product and not a bunch of trendy flavors and trendy add-ons,” Byrd said.

But “simple” doesn’t mean “limited.” Nor boring.

“When you look at my menu, everything on the menu is based on my childhood, what I grew up with,” he said. Alongside the vanilla custard, customers will find peanut butter, banana pudding and strawberry shakes, as well as root beer floats.

So get ready for Memorial Day weekend. Life is about to get sweeter.

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

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Bob & Edith’s Family-Run Diner to Open in Old Town, Their 6th Location

Bob & Edith’s Diner today announced the coming of a sixth location of the family-run diner in Old Town Alexandria.

The new 24/7 restaurant will open at 1743 King Street in the heart of Old Town Alexandria, just minutes from Alexandria Union Station and the King Street Metro station, this fall. It’s the former site of Ernie’s Original Crab House.

The family-run business has been around since 1969, when husband and wife Robert (Bob) and Edith Bolton purchased “Gray’s Donut Dinette” and changed the name to Bob & Edith’s before opening their doors in Arlington, Virginia. Today Bob & Edith’s son, Greg Bolton, owns and operates the business along with his two children Tammy Bolton and Chris Bolton; together, they have expanded Bob

and Edith’s vision to four additional locations offering quality food at reasonable prices.

“My dad became an integral part of the Arlington community when he opened our original location, and my family has continued that tradition as we’ve continued to expand the Bob & Edith’s Diner brand,” said Greg Bolton, owner of Bob & Edith’s Diner.

The new location will serve all-day breakfast options, as well as a lunch and dinner menu of sandwiches, salads and hearty meals. The new location will offer freshly baked pies and hand spun milkshakes.

Current locations include Arlington, Huntington, Crystal City, Alexandria, and Springfield, Virginia. Web, BobandEdithsDiner.com Instagram @Bob_Ediths_Diner or Facebook @BobandEdithsDiner.

CALENDAR

THURSDAY/MAY 20

The Epidemics of the Past. 9:30-10:30 a.m. At Historic Huntley, 6918 Harrison Lane, Alexandria. Disease has always had an impact on history. Enjoy a healthy stroll up to a lovely view from Historic Huntley and learn why the Masons built their summer home upon a hill. Discover how epidemics of the past have shaped the society we live in today. Cost is \$8. Call 703-768-2525.

THURSDAY/MAY 20

Meditations and Fantasies. 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. At The Secret Garden of the Rectory, 711 Princess Street, Alexandria. Concertmaster of the Philadelphia Orchestra since 1999, David Kim comes to the Secret Garden for a brilliant program demonstrating the range of his artistry, from the personal to the virtuosic. Highlights include Jules Massenet’s “Meditation” from Thais and Pablo de Sarasate’s Carmen Fantasy, alongside lesser known works such as Maria Theresia von Paradis’s Sicilienne and Igor Stravinsky’s Suite Italienne – in honor of the 50th anniversary of the composer’s death. Visit the website: <https://www.classicalmovements.com/secretgardenconcerts/>

www.classicalmovements.com/secretgardenconcerts/

MAY 20-JUNE 27

Timeless Tradition. 12-4 p.m. At The Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street, Alexandria. The copyist program at the National Gallery of Art offers a unique opportunity for artists to study the techniques of old masters through intimate study in the galleries. This exhibit presents the work of members of this program alongside a color photo of the original and an artist’s statement explaining why the work was chosen and what was learned through copying. Visit the website: www.nvfaa.org

SATURDAY/MAY 22

Jane Franklin Dance Presents Live from a Parking Lot, It’s JFD! 7:30 p.m. Virtual presentation from 3700 S Four Mile Run Dr., Arlington. Featuring: Jane Franklin Dance, Forty+ Project and Poetry by Christopher Thomas. Tickets: \$10 Admission with additional donations encouraged. Visit <https://www.janefranklin.com/parking-lot-live>

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Obituary



Daniel G. Knauss, 91, of Alexandria, Virginia died on December 29, 2020 at the INOVA Mount Vernon Hospital.

Born in Allentown, Pennsylvania, on September 24, 1929, he was the son of Frederick G. Knauss and Eleanor V. (Kohl) Knauss. He was the husband of Louise Pomerleau Knauss, who passed away in April 2020.

Daniel is survived by son Frederick E. Knauss and wife Betty of Catasauqua, PA and grandchildren Mitchell and Amanda, and son William B. Eddy and wife Lati, of Fort Meade, MD, and grandchildren Nicholas W. Eddy of Burlington, VT, and Neil B. Eddy of Sandwich, MA, and great-grandson Jared. Also survived by sister Dolly Beck, of Allentown, PA.

He was predeceased by his parents, his wife Louise, son Daniel G. Knauss, and brothers Frederick G. Knauss and William E. Knauss.

Dan was a Chief Warrant Officer 4 in the Army Special Forces, Army Security Agency (ASA), retiring in November 1984 after 32 years of active duty. Daniel then went to work for RCA in Camden, New Jersey for 5 years before officially retiring. Prior to being in the Army, Daniel worked for ESSO (Exxon) Oil Company where he was a fireman's assistant in the engine room aboard the tanker North Dakota. After serving three years on the tanker, he joined the Army, enlisting in the Army Special Forces Airborne Ranger Program.

Dan's military career took him to many locations across the globe including Ft. Campbell, KY, Ft. Shafter, HI, Ft. Gulick, Panama Canal Zone, Thailand, Vietnam, NATO Headquarters in Brussels, Belgium, and Ft. Bragg, NC. He lived in the Pocono Region in Pennsylvania where you could find Dan sailing on the lake, finally settling in Alexandria, Virginia.

Dan loved listening to country music, enjoyed sailing, water skiing and fixing electrical problems. He enjoyed reminiscing about his military days and stayed in contact with many military friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Wounded Warriors Project, Alexandria Virginia at: <https://fortbelvoircatholiccommunity.com/wounded-warrior>

A mass of Christian burial will be held on Tuesday May 25 at 3:00PM at Arlington National Cemetery.

Arrangements are entrusted to the Everly Funeral Home, 6161 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA.

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FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND DRAFT FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT FOR THE PROPOSED RESTORATION OF INDUSTRIAL STORMWATER OUTFALL #0015 FORT BELVOIR, VIRGINIA

The U.S. Army Garrison Fort Belvoir hereby gives Notice of the Availability (NOA) for the Environmental Assessment (EA) and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) for the proposed restoration of industrial stormwater outfall #0015 (Outfall 0015), at the Fort Belvoir Main Post in Fairfax County, Virginia. Outfall 0015 is located at the head of a ravine in the southeast portion of the Fort Belvoir and discharges stormwater runoff from an approximately 70-acre watershed (part of the Accotink watershed) into an unnamed ravine west of Theote Road. Outfall 0015 has fallen into disrepair, allowing stormwater to discharge at high volumes and erode the downstream channel that ultimately leads to Accotink Bay. The Proposed Action would allow Fort Belvoir to repair, restore, and upgrade Outfall 0015 and the downstream channel using several engineering controls. The Proposed Action would comply with Virginia Department of Environmental Quality requirements to meet stormwater quality objectives.

The EA has been prepared in accordance with the regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), (Public Law 91-190, 42 USC 4321-4347 January 1, 1970), amendments, regulations implementing the procedural provisions of the NEPA, 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1500-1508, and the Army's Implementing Regulations (32 CFR Part 651, Environmental Analysis of Army Actions). Based on the analysis provided in the EA, no significant adverse direct, indirect or cumulative effects on the quality of the human or natural environment are expected. Therefore, at the conclusion of the public comment period, it is anticipated that a FNSI would be appropriate and would be signed for the proposed restoration of industrial stormwater outfall 0015.

The EA and Draft FNSI are available to view/download electronically at <https://home.army.mil/belvoir/index.php/about/Garrison/directorate-public-works/environmental-division> (click the "Programs and Documents" tab, then "National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Program"; information about this EA and links to download the various documents are provided under the "Open for Public/Agency Review & Comment" heading); or view in printed form at the Lorton Branch, Kingstowne Branch, and Sherwood Regional Branch of the Fairfax County Public Library system.

Comments or questions on the EA and Draft FNSI may be directed in writing to: Ms. Wilamena Harback, Chief, Environmental Division, Directorate of Public Works, Building 1442, 9430 Jackson Loop, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060, or by email to: usarmy.belvoir.imcomatlantic.mbx.enrd@mail.mil. Comments must be received no later than 30 days after publication of this NOA.

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A True Sense of Insecurity



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

From the moment you hear the word cancer spoken in your direction - from your new best friend, an oncologist with whom you've had zero previous interaction, you are transported to a new reality. A reality that a few of those moments before, was nowhere on your radar. Whatever innocence, expectation of normalcy and/or predictability you anticipated experiencing in your life, is now completely gone. Not only are you not in Kansas anymore, you are nowhere to be found, emotionally. All your hopes, dreams and presumptions about your life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness are back-burnered by your life-changing diagnosis. A diagnosis which will require some kind of treatment, side effects notwithstanding, which will likely dampen your enthusiasm for living and affect all your decisions. Figuratively speaking, there's a new sheriff in town and if you're not compliant and attentive to your doctor's orders, you'll become a prisoner to your disease.

Even if you are compliant, a cancer diagnosis, however curable, is the kind of news that sticks with you no matter how long into your remission you are or how encouraging your diagnostic scans appear to be. Since I've not experienced being cancer free - after having received an initial diagnosis/prognosis, I can't imagine the relief and rebirth one might feel after learning their cancer has been beaten into submission. It's really too much to even contemplate when you've been given a sort of death sentence. Practically speaking, how does one go from being constantly under threat of a worsening outcome to one which is completely free from the emotional and physical tentacles of a cancer diagnosis?

You can't really unwrite the bill, to coin a phrase. Moreover, hearing "You have cancer" sticks with you like Gorilla Glue. It's hard to even imagine ever hearing anything worse. Then one day, hearing your oncologist say "no sign of cancer" to you. To quote my late mother: "It's too much for anybody's nerves." And it's almost too much to ever consider. Your reality is that you have a very serious medical condition/disease, and once again, to quote my late mother: "No one gets out of this life alive." Thinking, even contemplating a miracle cure is a tease most unhelpful, to invoke the syntax of Hercule Poirot. Somehow one must learn to live with their disease or else you'll die having been unable to lock it away in your vault, so to speak. Somehow having cancer can't be the predominant consideration in your life. Yet, when every waking moment is nearly consumed by your less-than-ideal circumstances, it's an emotional battle, most royal. If you win your share of skirmishes, you'll likely be rewarded with more life to live. However, nothing is guaranteed, except you know what: death and taxes."

"Any way you slice it, it's still ham," as my father used to say. Meaning that cancer is a serious business and no amount of joking or obfuscation is going to change that fact. Nevertheless, if one doesn't try and gives in to the disease psychologically, the internal damage may be compounded. Not that I've denied my diagnosis or ever taken it lightly, but I have tried to embrace it and become friends with it; not wanting to be controlled by it anymore than I already am. Given that I'll likely never be free of my cancer, either I learn to live with it or die trying. And I'd rather go down fighting than go down quietly. My situation has not changed or gotten worse. Still my disease is a major part of me and integrating into my program is the best way I know to try and make a molehill out of a mountain. I have been there and have done that. Hopefully, I'm not done being there.

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

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Celebrating Asian-American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Importance emphasized in context of recent discrimination and hate crimes.

By MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Educational videos and on-line trivia questions, organized by the school's Asian-Pacific Islander Heritage Committee, are giving Montgomery College students an opportunity for reflection, while food, music and film offer students at Marymount University in Arlington a glimpse of a different culture. These experiences are in observance of Asian/Pacific Islander American Heritage Month, celebrated each May.

"It's a time to reflect and celebrate the contributions of the Asian Pacific American community who shaped and influenced the history and culture of the United States," said Tait Brooks, Associate Director of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion and Deputy Title IX Coordinator at Marymount University.



Marymount University's first Cultural Graduation Reception acknowledges the accomplishments of first-generation college graduates from underrepresented groups in an intimate and inclusive environment. Graduate Anna Moon, center, receives her Cultural Graduation certificate alongside Dean Brooke Berry, right, and Associate Director Tait Brooks.



Dae Young Kim

"Educate on Asian American history and experience and show support to the Asian American community by standing against racism."

— Dae Young Kim, Ph.D.,
George Mason University

The importance of this year's observances, in emphasized by growing evidence of discrimination and hate crimes targeting Asian Americans. Educators are using the month to address and work toward solutions to some of these current issues.

"The recent violent actions are steeped in xenophobia. Education and learning their history and its significance to American history is the solution," said Brooks. "Once we know more Asian history, we will understand their plight."

"Schools and universities can pursue inclusive curriculum that fully integrates the experiences and contributions of Asian Americans," added Dae Young Kim, Ph.D., associate professor of Sociology and Anthropology at George Mason University. His message: "Educate on Asian American history and experience and show support to the Asian American community by standing against racism."

For Kim O'Connell, author of "Echoes of Little Saigon," a booklet on the Vietnamese immigration to Arlington, May is a month-long opportunity to use education as a vehicle for reconciling some of the wounds incurred through recent racial turmoil.

"I hope that people will realize that Asian Americans are as diverse as any other group," she said. "They can't be characterized in one simple way and they definitely should not be subject to the racism that we've seen in

recent months."

For some in the Asian-American and Pacific Islander community, celebrations this year's observances are accompanied with fear.

"It is clear that many Asian Americans are feeling that they are not immune to acts of violence and bias and social media is helping to increase awareness of such incidents, which is prompting more conversation and action," said Kim. "We are feeling fearful of violence directed against us. This is what makes this month different from previous years."

In recent weeks, Kim has engaged in dialogue and outreach aimed at helping others understand the experience of Asian Americans now. "I've participated in a roundtable conversation with Governor [Ralph] Northam and Asian American community leaders about hate crimes against Asian Americans," he said. "I was on a panel organized by Inova ... to talk about the Asian American experience."

"Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have contributed to American culture, society and history in immeasurable ways and I encourage everyone to learn more about these contributions," said O'Connell.

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