



Celebrating the Class of 2021



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The T.C. Williams Class of 2021 during commencement ceremonies June 12 at Chinquapin Park.



T.C. graduates celebrate with a selfie.



A decorated cap celebrating graduation.



A T.C. graduate waves to celebrate.



A T.C. student during the processional.



ACPS Superintendent Dr. Gregory Hutchings, left, and T.C. Williams High School principal Peter Balas present diplomas to the Class of 2021 during commencement ceremonies June 12 at Chinquapin Park.

Final commencement for T.C. Williams High School.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

It was a day of celebration as the T.C. Williams High School class of 2021 bid farewell to a year of quarantines, remote learning and canceled social and athletic events during the June 12 commencement ceremony at Chinquapin Park.

"This feels like we are finally on the right path," said graduate Dajmawi Abebe, who will be attending George Mason University in the fall. "I was as confused as everybody else this last year but we were hoping for the opportunity to graduate in person.

Masks were required for the in-person ceremony, which was limited in attendance with two tickets allotted to each graduate.

"This is a happy but also a sad day for us," said Lee Quill of the graduation of his daughter Maddie. "We know she's going off on her own but we feel tremendous pride in who she is and who she is becoming."

Michael Carrasco's daughter
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Graduate Kyla McAllister celebrates with her family.



T.C. graduates give a thumbs up prior to commencement.



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‘Thank You Dad’ Celebrating Father’s Day June 20.

Following a year of quarantines, limited travel and social distancing, families are looking forward to celebrating in more traditional ways as Father’s Day approaches on June 20.

While the holiday did not become official until 1972, the tradition of honoring fathers began in 1910, when Sonora Smart Dodd wanted to honor her father, Wil-

liam Jackson Smart, a Civil War veteran who raised six children after his wife died during childbirth.

Traditional celebrations range from picnics, sporting events and family outings. Father’s Day 2021 will take on a special significance as families are able to reunite following more than a year of pandemic restrictions.

—JEANNE THEISMANN

“The best thing about my dad is that he always tells us that he will love us forever.”

— Maggie Fannon on her father Ryan

Alexandra: “My daddy is great because he loves me and he likes to watch TV with me.”

Fernando: “Being a dad is a blessing and at the same time entertaining. Every day is something new.”

Fernando Torrez with Fernando Jr. and Alexandra



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Emmanuel Medina with son Elan

Emmanuel: “I enjoy each moment with my son. Elan is my best friend.”



Greg Golubin with son Garrett

Greg: “My children are innovative, generous, and have a genuine belief in God and a willingness to help other people at the drop of a hat.”

Garrett: “It is always an adventure with both my parents. They have instilled in me an effort to help others and be involved in the community. We will celebrate Father’s Day by going to a Nationals game.”



Kent Jancarik and 10-month-old daughter Charlotte

Kent: “I am excited to be celebrating my first Father’s Day. I am very proud to be a father and love seeing Charlotte change every day.”



James Robinson with Jordyn, Jackson and baby Jay

Jordan and Jay: “Our dad is the best because he’s cool.”

James: “Being a father is amazing. It’s challenging and tiring but worth it.”



Shad Thomas with Louisa, Kai, Noa and Adelaide

Adelaide: “My Dad is special because he is so nice and plays with us.”

Louisa: I like that my dad reads us Harry Potter and other books.”

Shad: “Each one of my children is different and we each have our own thing -- reading, kicking the soccer ball or playing ‘daddy behind the corner.’ They have a surprise for me for Father’s Day and I am looking forward to that.”

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Nina and Nelson Greene Jr.

Nelson: “It’s a joy being a father, especially now that they are all grown. I miss my own father and wish he was still here to see them.”

Nina: “Everything I have done is because of the work ethic my dad and grandfather instilled in me.”



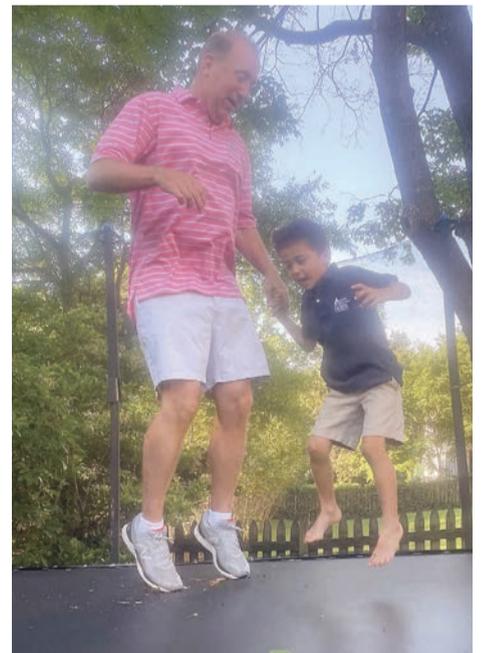
Ryan Fannon with Ryan Jr., Maggie and Gracie

Maggie: “The best thing about my dad is that he always tells us that he will love us forever.”

Gracie: “I love that my dad always cares about me.”

Ryan Jr.: “What is so cool about my dad is that he is very enthusiastic, very outgoing and fun to be around.”

Ryan: “The greatest thing about being a dad is how much love you can feel for your children. My wife Laura and I love them more than life itself and are so proud of the young people they are becoming.”



Frank Fannon with son Jackson

Frank: “The best part of being a dad is having the opportunity to raise my son in Alexandria as a 5th generation Alexandrian and share the local and family history with him.”

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Gloriana followed in the footsteps of her brothers, who graduated from T.C. in 2019 and 2020.

“We are very excited for her,” said Michael Carrasco. “We are very proud and are encouraging her to go conquer the world and follow her dreams.”

Angela Willmore was on hand to see her daughter Grace graduate as part of the final class of T.C. Williams High School, which officially becomes Alexandria City High School effective July 1.

“We are fortunate to be able to be here in person and see all the graduating class walk across the stage,” said Angela Willmore. “That was really important to the students and we are thankful to Mr. Balas and ACPS staff for making this happen.”



Jessie Zolbe sings the National Anthem.



Decorated caps were plentiful during graduation.



One of many decorated caps seen on graduation day.



A student that is first in his family to walk the stage.

“I was as confused as everybody else this last year but we were hoping for the opportunity to graduate in person.”

— Class of 2021 graduate Dajmawi Abebe

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Graduate Mehdi Ghounin with Nadir el hajji, Suhail Faisal el hajji and Mohammed el Hajji.



Hermela Alem Abadi celebrates after receiving her diploma.

Sabrina Marcel Zometa Barrientos was the final graduate to receive a diploma printed with the name of T.C. Williams High School. Next year’s seniors will graduate from Alexandria City High School.



Students enter the commencement ceremony for the 2021 graduating class of T.C. Williams High School.



A thumbs up between friends during graduation.



Graduate Maddie Quill with parents Lori and Lee.



T.C. graduate Ellison Paul with parents Kelly and Michael Paul.



Graduate Shakur Omar with mom Shamsa Mohamed, dad Rashid Oki and sister Layla Oki.



CONGRATULATIONS T.C. Williams Class of 2021!



**T.C. Williams High School graduates have diverse postsecondary plans.
We wish them luck in their future endeavors!**



Fina Osei-Owusu
Spelman College



Leonel Naves
Northern Virginia Community College



Briana Villatoro
U.S. Army



Joshua Peterson
Virginia State University



Maximilian Penczar
The Catholic University of America

T.C. Williams High School graduates are heading off to the following colleges and military institutions:

Alderson Broaddus University; Bradley University; Brown University; Christopher Newport University; Clemson University; College of Charleston; College of William and Mary; Duke University; Eastern Mennonite University; Elon University; Fairmont State University; Flagler College-St Augustine; Fordham University; George Mason University; George Washington University; Georgetown University; Hampton University; Hollins University; Howard University; Humboldt State University; IE University - Madrid; James Madison University; Johnson & Wales University-Charlotte; La Salle University; Lafayette College; Lake Superior State University; Liberty University; Lincoln Technical Institute-East Windsor; Loyola University Maryland; Marymount University; Massachusetts Institute of Technology; McDaniel College; Michigan State University; Middlebury College; Morgan State University; New York University; Norfolk State University; North Carolina Central University; Northeastern University; Northern Virginia Community College; Northwestern University; Old Dominion University; Oregon State University; Pennsylvania State University-Main Campus; Purdue University-Main Campus; Radford University; Richard Bland College; Rutgers University-New Brunswick; Soka University of America; Spelman College; Sweet Briar College; Temple University; Tennessee State University; The College of Wooster; The University of Alabama; The University of Texas at Austin; Tulane University of Louisiana; U.S. Army; U.S. Marine Corps; United States Merchant Marine Academy; University of California-Berkeley; University of California-Irvine; University of California-Los Angeles; University of California-San Diego; University of California-Santa Barbara; University of Central Florida; University of Colorado Boulder; University of Delaware; University of Mary Washington; University of Massachusetts-Amherst; University of Michigan-Ann Arbor; University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; University of North Carolina Wilmington; University of Pittsburgh-Pittsburgh Campus; University of Redlands; University of Richmond; University of Southern California; University of St Andrews; University of Virginia-Main Campus; University of Washington-Seattle Campus; University of Wisconsin-Madison; Vanderbilt University; Virginia Commonwealth University; Virginia Military Institute; Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; Virginia State University; Virginia Wesleyan University; Washington and Lee University; Washington State University; Winston-Salem State University

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Local Voter Turnout: Is That What Faltered?

During the Pandemic, and long before, we have come to value reliable, informative and straight-forward coverage provided by the Alexandria Gazette Packet reporting staff. Coverage of the June 8 Primary was right to the point.

But I thought the June 10 headline, "Opposition Candidates Falter," was not.

What "faltered" was the local turnout.

According to the Alexandria Voter Registration office, the City has 98,719 "active" voters plus another 12,505 "inactive" voters for a total of 111,224 registered voters. ("Inactive" is defined as meaning they are on the valid voting roster but their names are marked for address confirmation. If they don't vote during the past two federal elections, they can be dropped.)

Why did so many people opt out?

In my Polk Precinct, only 147 people had voted during the first four hours of the polls being opened. Granted, many people did early in-person or by mail voting, but still the overall turnout was low for a city with an estimated 2020 population of 159,613.

Mayor Justin Wilson won by a total of 13,716, which is a small fraction of the total eligible voters. And two Council candidates got more votes than he did, with Alyia Gaskins winning 13,364 votes and John Chapman getting 13,460.

Back in 2009, Wilson set in motion a process to diminish the influence of the long-time Alexandria elections, once held in May, and now held in November, lumped in

with everything else.

At the polls, Wilson lost after his first term ended in 2009, but he was thinking way ahead. He teamed up with Tim Lovain, who had also lost his election and they came up with a statewide strategy to change the election to piggyback on the coattails of 2012 Presidential re-election campaign of President Barack Obama. And, over time, they were hugely successful. The Alexandria Council voted 5-2 to move the elections to November.

Unfortunately, one detail was lost in the planning and plotting, with an unexpected consequence from the shifting dates. To select the candidates for the November contest against the Republican candidates, Alexandria now holds its primaries in June.

That means that the three current "Lame Duck" Council members (who voluntarily opted not to run in 2021) will now be able to cast very consequential votes on several major City issues for the next seven months. And City residents will have no power to hold them accountable for any of those decisions during the following election. We had a similar situation with the involuntary "Lame Ducks" in 2018 who lost at the polls.

Hopefully, as the Pandemic winds down, we will revive in-person hearings and Council meetings, instead of the remote Zoom options. And more people will be able to voice their opinions. I hope the old and the new Council will return to the more adequate public comment periods instead of a very limited quota system for citizens to speak.

Three major issues will face this 2021 Council with its incumbents and lame ducks, and they deserve adequate debate and discussion and transparency. And perhaps these final votes should be deferred until the new Council is sworn in office in January 2022. An executive search can take several months to research qualified candidates, interview them and do background checks and interim officials can fully function.

The three "hot topics" include: Upcoming retirement of City Manager Mark Jinks, who is rumored to have already selected his replacement, Yon Lambert, current head of TES (Traffic and Environmental Services). This should be an open process, with a substantive national search. It should not be a done deal.

The Council will also need to grapple with the replacement of Police Chief Michael Brown, who steps down on June 25, with an expected interim appointment of Assistant Chief Don Hayes. Jinks had indicated that the City will retain an executive search firm to recruit candidates for this position.

One potential complication for the Council and for the City Manager for filling this vacancy, is a comment by Alexander Police Officer Bennie L. Evans Jr. (Alexandria Gazette Packet, June 10-16, 2021) who has spent 23 years on the force, noted that "City Council gave Chief Brown a police department but didn't give him the resources he needed to keep it functioning."

And only a few days after the June 8 Primary, a new bombshell arrives in our email, alerting us

that the City of Alexandria "Seeks Input to Set 'Duke Street in Motion'" by July 31.

Does this sound like another debacle that the Seminary Road conversion proved to be? Yes, the City did achieve the "objective" of "slowing down traffic" by cutting down four lanes to only two lanes, for one of only three East/West arterial roads.

City officials said they sought "input" and 13,000 residents responded, signing a petition opposing this poorly planned upheaval, and attending numerous public hearings, to voice their objections. But TES and some on the Council turned a deaf ear. And when residents tried to find the detailed background for this poor decision from an FOIA request, all 69 pages were redacted. Admit mistakes---instead of burying them---and fix them.

We congratulate the incoming and outgoing members of the City Council and wish them well. In looking to the future, the goal of "transparency, integrity and ethics" in government is not merely a campaign slogan, but a roadmap to successful political endeavors. Do not be like former President Trump who listened only to his "base" and to only those who voted for him. Our Alexandria Council should represent and listen to all its citizens. The "Opposition Candidates" didn't falter.

The voting system did. We are all your constituents, regardless of whom we voted for. Listen to all of us, and then decide.

Kathleen M. Burns
Alexandria

City Council Primary Despair

You threw your hands up in despair when it came to presenting the Alexandria city council primary results. Unlike the mayoral and statewide contests where you reported straight-forward and meaningful percentages, you couldn't use the official board of elections statistics showing Amy Jackson with 11% of the vote because it doesn't mean the same thing as Mark Levine's 11% in the lieutenant governor contest, so you shrewdly resorted to a front-page bar chart where Amy Jackson's bar looks about twice as long as Meronne Teklu's, but doesn't very precisely measure Amy's "political mandate." If, instead, the board of elections had programmed the computer to base percentages on the number of ballots cast for between one and six candidates (each ballot counts only once for the denominator), rather than on a denominator "inflated" by voters being allowed to choose up to six candidates, you could have had percentages likely closer to those in the table below computed by using the total number of votes in the mayoral contest to estimate a plausible denominator:

Candidate	Estimated Votes	Percentage
John Taylor Chapman	13,284	58%
Alyia Gaskins	13,167	57
Amy Jackson	12,144	53
Canek Aguirre	10,954	48
Sarah Bagley	9,810	43
Kirk McPike	7,958	35
Kevin Harris	7,336	32
James Lewis	6,606	29
Meronne Teklu	6,605	29
Bill Rossello	6,350	28
Patrick Moran	6,200	27
Bill Campbell	6,188	27
Mark Shiffer	4,087	18

While 4% of city voters left governor blank (despite the generous selection of candidates) and 10% left lieutenant governor and attorney general blank, only 2% of city voters were apparently only interested in

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Off the Menu: Restaurant News and Notes

By HOPE NELSON
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Openings, closures and coming-soons – it's a busy time in the Alexandria restaurant scene. Here are some of the latest news and notes from around town.

Hank & Mitzi's Closes

Call it another casualty of the pandemic: Hank & Mitzi's restaurant in North Old Town has closed its doors. The restaurant, a new concept from Chef **APPETITE** Jamie Leeds, had opened its doors only last summer at 600 Montgomery Street.

The restaurant posted a statement early this month on its website and social media channels:

"Opening a restaurant in the middle of a global pandemic was not without challenges and even with dedicated staff and loyal customers we find ourselves needing to pause, regroup, and determine the best way to move forward in this space. Effective immediately we are closing Hank & Mitzi's for the foreseeable future. We thank you for understanding: it's been a true pleasure serving you and the North Old Town community."

Old Hat Bar Soft-Opens, Pauses to Prepare

It's been a long wait for the erstwhile King Street Blues space at 112 N. Saint Asaph St., but last week signs of life were once again prevalent with a new concept – Old Hat Bar, a gastropub that has been a much-anticipated new offering in Old Town. Last week, Old Hat hosted a soft opening from June 9-12 and has now closed again in preparation of its grand opening at a time yet to be determined.

The soft opening menu featured the eclectic likes of steak frites, a Japanese egg salad sandwich, a BLT and crab Rangoon. And as expected, its cocktail menu was diverse and extensive, ranging from a "Paper Plane" with Maker's Mark cask bourbon, Aperol, Montenegro amaro and lemon juice to, well, old hats such as a French 75 and a Manhattan.

Emmy Squared Pizza Moves In to King Street Digs

After Pizzeria Paradiso turned out the lights and closed the door last year, the plum spot at 124 King Street has remained dormant. But now a new pizzeria is mov-

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 Front Row L-R: Andrew Torborg, DJ Heiber, Micah Gura, Josie Jones, Chloe Deweese, Sophia Stine, Sophie Anderson, Carter Lytle, Charlie Cassidy

Members of the Class of 2021 have been offered admission to and/or will be attending the following high schools:

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From West Virginia to Alexandria Click Family of Bethel Cemetery

BY CHAR MCCARGO BAH
GAZETTE PACKET

A town called War in McDowell County, West Virginia is surrounded by hilly mountains, and it also sits in the valley of the mountains with a population of less than 1,000 people. The main occupation of the people in this small town is mining.

The Click family no longer wanted to work in the mines. The father, Elige Click left West Virginia and

THE OTHER ALEXANDRIA

migrated to Alexandria. His son, James A. Click Sr, later joined him. After a number of

odd jobs, father and son found jobs working in the cemeteries. They worked at Ivy Hill and Bethel cemeteries. James A. Click Sr, worked at Ivy Hill Cemetery while his father, Elige Click worked at Bethel Cemetery. During Elige's time at Bethel, segregation at the Cemetery was no longer practiced. The Mays were the owners of Bethel. Under their ownership, the Bethel Cemetery had two colored sections of the cemetery designated as L and M.

When Elige died in 1980, James A. Click, Sr., took over the maintenance of Bethel Cemetery. A rare opportunity came for James Sr., in 1985. The Mays offered the Bethel Cemetery to James. He only had to pay for the legal fees and the transfer of the property.

The Senior James made changes to the care of the cemetery. He started a perpetual care trust fund for Bethel. Under the perpetual care program, his customers would pay a one time fee for the maintenance of their loved ones. Unfortunately, many older graves in sections L and M had no perpetual care plans. James then began contributing towards the perpetual care for those graves that did not have maintenance plans.

City Council Primary Despair

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the statewide contests and left the mayoral contest blank. By using the number of votes in the mayoral contest as a plausible denominator for computing more meaningful percentages for city council candidates, Amy Jackson won the support of a much more meaningful 53% of those estimated to have voted in the city council contest, a statistic readers readily could compare to the mayoral contest. While



A headstone in Section M of the Bethel Cemetery in Alexandria.

After grooming his son, James Jr., for the cemetery business, James Sr., retired to Henderson, Nevada.

On any day of the week you visit Bethel Cemetery in Alexandria, you would find James Click Jr., working there. His family has spent 60 years in the business.

Whenever one talks to James about the Cemetery, one would immediately capture his feeling of pride and dedication he has for his business. James has many fond memories as a child coming to the Cemetery with his father. He said, "When I was a child, many people would come to the Cemetery to visit their loved ones. Many African Americans would come after church with their blankets and food and set at the headstones of their loved ones. During the holidays, you would find Whites, Blacks and Spanish coming to spend time with their deceased families. Today, you do not see many younger African Americans coming to the Cemetery like their older generations did when I was young. Times have changed."

James is continuing his grandfather's legacy. He is the third generation working in the Cemetery business. James also said, "I will pass this Cemetery over to my grandchildren." James will be sixty soon and he plans on working until the very end.

After visiting my mother at Bethel Cemetery, I walked the grounds reading the names of each headstone in sections L and M. I recognized the names of people who



James Click Jr.

have contributed to the history of Alexandria. They were ministers, barbers, teachers, politicians, property owners, activists and government workers. Many of their younger descendants are unaware that they have relatives buried at Bethel and that their graves have no perpetual care plans.

If you want to arrange for a perpetual care plan for your loved

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THURSDAY/JUNE 17

Juneteenth Celebration: "Day of Jubilee!" 5:30 and 7 p.m. At The Rectory at Princess Street, 711 Princess St., Alexandria. As part of the "Sounds of Hope & Harmony" Secret Garden concert series, Classical Movements will host an uplifting and festive musical celebration of Juneteenth, the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States, with the Coalition for African Americans in the Performing Arts. Featuring texts by Langston Hughes and Martin Luther King, Jr. and music by trailblazing composers Margaret Bonds and Adolphus Hailstork, the show will be a joyful

and reflective celebration through song, dance and narration.

THURSDAY/JUNE 17

Summer Garden: Tour and Tea to Go. 10-11:30 a.m. At Green Spring Garden, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. With this program, you can tour the vibrant demonstration gardens with an Extension Master Gardener docent who will inspire you with dazzling plant combinations and tales of Green Spring past and present. Then, you can pick up an optional box of treats to enjoy for an afternoon tea. The tour is \$12 per person. Optional tea boxes may be purchased for \$24. Call 703-642-5173.

Friday/June 18

Webinar: Making Reconstruction Count: The Era of Reconstruction. 12:15 p.m. Free on Zoom. Virginia Africana, Virginia Humanities and the Alexandria Black History Museum present a webinar with Ed Ayers and Annie Evans. This is the third webinar in the Virginia Africana series called Amplifying the Silences in African History. The era of Reconstruction is hard to teach, in part because it's complicated and in part because it is habitually portrayed as a failure. Seeing the decade from the perspective of the four million Americans who made themselves free, however, opens

exciting new possibilities for teaching and engagement. An array of tools from New American History—Bunk, BackStory, Seizing Freedom, Learning Resources, and Southern Journey—can help do that.

FRIDAY/JUNE 18

"Tell Me Your Name" Tour at Carlyle House. 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. At Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St., Alexandria. Join Carlyle House Historic Park staff for a tour focusing on the experiences of the enslaved community at Carlyle House and the city founder's plantations. The guided tour will explore the historical context of slavery in 18th-century Alexandria and the importance of ongoing research efforts to connect with descendants. Reservations are required as space is limited. All COVID-19 procedures will be in place during this tour.

SATURDAY/JUNE 19

Juneteenth Celebration. 12-5 p.m. Discover the history of Juneteenth through live music, hands-on activities, art, history, and poetry readings. Activities are part of the planned offerings for the day that marks the liberation of black Americans on June 19, 1865. The museum is thrilled to host three magnificent poets: Jamal Rashad, Simply Sherri and Mysfit along with live music by the talented cellist Benjamin Gates, who plays both cello and electric cello. Visitors will have the opportunity to talk with the artists after and in-between performances as well as share their written and/or drawn reactions to the powerful performances. The Athenaeum is offering an African themed hands-on activity for all ages. Call 703-549-2997 or email us at: carlyle@nvrpa.org

SATURDAY/JUNE 19

Virtual Concert: Washington Revels Jubilee Voices. 2 – 3 p.m. Free on Zoom. The Washington Revels Jubilee Voices ensemble is committed to the preservation of African American history and traditions — presenting songs and stories of struggle and perseverance, trials, and triumphs, as expressed through a cappella music, drama, and dance. This concert will feature WRJV singing at sites important to Alexandria's African American history, blending history with performance. Established in 2010, the group now performs regularly throughout the Washington D.C. area, singing, sharing, and learning the stories of the people in those communities.

SATURDAY/JUNE 19

Webinar: Exploring the Alexandria African American Trail. 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. On Zoom. Get a behind-the-

scenes look at a recent community history project that features the stories and contributions of African Americans to Alexandria's history. Members of the African American Heritage Trail Committee will discuss the importance of Black history in Alexandria, what archaeology reveals about the past, and the potential benefits and impacts of community history initiatives. Prominent and little-known stories of African American people, places, and neighborhoods from the time of Alexandria's founding through the 20th century will be highlighted. The webinar will also feature a sneak preview of select stops on the Southern Route of the Waterfront Heritage Trail currently under development.

SATURDAY/JUNE 19

Under the Same Roof: Enslaved and Free Servants at the Lee-Fendall House. 2 p.m. At Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden, 614 Oronoco St., Alexandria. This Juneteenth, explore the Lee-Fendall House from the perspectives of the enslaved and free African Americans who lived and worked in the home as domestic servants, both before and after the Civil War. Hear the stories of how they built and shaped the Lee-Fendall House over the course of its history. For your safety and for those around you, face masks are required. The tour is limited to 8 participants. Tickets must be purchased in advance and are \$10 per person. Members of Lee-Fendall House receive free entry but must call or email to make a reservation in advance.

SATURDAY/JUNE 19

Juneteenth at Harambee Books & Artworks. 1-4 p.m. Harambee Books & Artworks, 1132 Prince Street in Old Town, Alexandria. Local authors, artists, and jewelry makers will be on display. Other artists and authors include jewelry maker Lucerecia Stasio; Eugene Pair, author of "Let Us Make A Man;" artisans Nick and Tyson Porter; Dr. Sandra Cruz-Pol, author of "Ecolife" and "Ecotarian;" Shelia Moses, creator of a series of children's books; and Cash Dangerfield, author of "Bastards in Paradise."

JUNE 19-20

Craft Beer Festival at George Washington's Mount Vernon. 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Admission: \$40 for members; \$48 for general public. George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Hwy., Mount Vernon. Sample craft beer from local breweries and see how beer was brewed in the 18th century. Enjoy concessions from the Mount Vernon Inn Food Truck, enjoy an 18th-century ice cream-making demonstration and more.

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Unlike its predecessor, Emmy offers up Detroit-style pizza as well as sandwiches, salads, desserts and

more.

A soft-opening date has not yet been announced, though Emmy Squared promises the Old Town location is "Coming soon (very soon!)."

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

Legals

State Water Control Board Public Notice

An enforcement action has been proposed for the City of Alexandria, Virginia, Sanitation Authority for violations of the State Water Control Law and Regulations associated with the Alexandria Renew Enterprises Water Resources Recovery Facility, located at 1500 Eisenhower Avenue in Alexandria, Virginia. The State Water Control Board proposes to issue a Consent Order to resolve violations associated with the Alexandria Renew Enterprises Water Resources Recovery Facility. A description of the proposed action is available at the DEQ office named below or online at www.deq.virginia.gov. Stephanie Bellotti will accept comments by e-mail, Stephanie.Bellotti@deq.virginia.gov, or postal mail, Northern Regional Office, 13901 Crown Court, Woodbridge, VA 22193, from June 22, 2021, through July 22, 2021.

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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

(All these times are approximate- or they're not. It depends. It's sort of an all hands on deck kind of thing. Everybody, everywhere has to be flexible. All of the following appointments/procedures have to be completed this day - or else. If not, it could adversely affect the timing and suitability of my treatment going forward. Not to exaggerate too much but, my life could be at risk if all of the following are not adhered to:)

Lab work at 9am-ish required for my every-four week-bone-strengthening shot. Nuclear medicine at 9:30 for the isotope injection for my 12:45 bone scan. After leaving Nuclear Medicine, I head to Radiology where I have a 10:30 am CT scan. When my scan is completed (it only takes a few minutes but generally speaking, they're not on time), I then go to the Infusion Center where I will get my every-four-week bone strengthening shot. (Again the shot itself and vitals only takes a few minutes, but again, the process can take up to 30 minutes depending on the activities of the oncology nurses and the pharmacy's availability to prepare the medicine and the printing of my usual and customary paperwork.) Next - and finally, I go back to Nuclear Medicine for my actual bone scan at 12:45. This scan will read the nuclear isotopes injected into my body at 9:30. The scan takes about 40 minutes as it crosses my body head to toe to assess the condition of my bones. (The condition of my bones is not great. Unfortunately, it's a side effect of my thyroid cancer medicine as well as the 11 previous years of miscellaneous chemotherapies.) When this last scan is completed, my medical day is done and I will then be free to go. I will likely get home at approximately 3 pm, seven hours after I left home.

This jam-packed day is a first and hopefully will be a last. On occasion, I have had a CT scan and a brain MRI on the same day (BOGO I jokingly refer to it), but never have I had medical madness (five separate appointments) as I will on June 24th, the consequences to my health notwithstanding. Hopefully, by the end of the week - before the weekend of worrying, I will have heard back from my oncologist and then we'll deal with the consequences of all these previous actions. The waiting is not a huge deal. I have been there and done that for 12 and half years going back to late February, 2009 when I was initially diagnosed.

However this is not "concierge care." Any one of these five appointments could be missed for any number of to-be-expected complications when medical care is scheduled. Emergencies, double-booked appointments, staff shortages and longer than anticipated appointments could all affect my day of semi-judgment. And if any one of these appointments/procedures doesn't occur as scheduled, my care/my life expectancy could be jeopardized. From experience I can tell you, when this cancer patient has experienced delays and rescheduled appointments due to lab work (low white blood count, high creatinine levels, high or low calcium, above-normal potassium and on occasion low magnesium), treatment is stopped until levels return to a more normal number. In the interim, after your treatment has been stopped, your life begins to pass by you as you (at least I did) think that a delay in treatment puts your survival at risk. I mean, if your treatment is stopped at all, how does that stop the cancer from damaging you worse than it already has? Whether a week or two delay really matters, no one can say for sure. However, for the patient, especially yours truly; despite the reassurances from medical staff, in my head anyway: IT REALLY MATTERED.

After receiving a "terminal" diagnosis in February, 2009, I just didn't feel I had any margin, life expectancy-wise, for error, missed appointments, rescheduled treatment, et cetera. I figured that the information about my health - and as a result, any subsequent change in that treatment, needed to be known in an extremely timely manner. And when it wasn't -or isn't, I feel my pain, if you what I mean? Nevertheless, there are no guarantees in the cancer-treatment world. One has to learn to go with the flow and hope that flow doesn't turn into a flood.

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Public Hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, virtually on Zoom webinar on Saturday, June 19, 2021 at 9:30 a.m., or as soon as may be heard on the hereinafter described items.

PUBLIC HEARING on the City's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Draft Funding Priorities.

PUBLIC HEARING and Consideration of an Amendment to the Leases Between the City and WG Tavern Square Venture, LLC for office space at the Tavern Square Office Building Complex located at 421 King Street.

PUBLIC HEARING and Consideration of an Amendment of Lease Agreement Between the City of Alexandria and Casa Chirilagua for the Use of the City-owned Community Building at 4109 Mount Vernon Avenue.

PUBLIC HEARING and Consideration of a Four (4) Month License Extension Between the City of Alexandria and UpCycle Creative Reuse for the Use of Space at the Oswald Durant Center located at 1605 Cameron Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

PUBLIC HEARING and Consideration of the Submission of a Non-Competitive Grant Application to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality Litter Prevention and Recycling Program for Funding of the Adopt-A-Park Litter Control Program.

AN ORDINANCE to make appropriations for the support of the City Government for Fiscal Year 2022.

AN ORDINANCE for supplemental appropriations ordinance for the support of the City Government for FY 2021.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 5-602 (COORDINATED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS CREATED, CONSISTENCY WITH MASTER PLAN, REQUIRED APPROVALS) of Article V (MIXED USE ZONES) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by city council as Text Amendment No. 2021-00001 (Implementation Ordinance for Text Amendment No. 2021-00001 associated with Permitted and Administrative Uses in CDD/Coordinated Development District Zones approved by City Council on May 15, 2021).

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 2-1-3 (TERM OF MEMBERS) of Article A (GENERAL PROVISIONS) of Chapter 1 (THE CITY COUNCIL) of Title 2 (GENERAL GOVERNMENT) and Section 12-1-4 (ELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS; DATE AND MANNER OF ELECTION) of Chapter 1 (SCHOOL DISTRICT AND SCHOOL BOARD) of Title 12 (EDUCATION, SOCIAL SERVICES, AND WELFARE) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain the Master Plan of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, by adopting and incorporating therein the amendment heretofore approved by city council to the Braddock Road Metro Station Small Area Plan chapter of such master plan as Master Plan Amendment No. 2020-00008 and no other amendments, and to repeal all provisions of the said master plan as may be inconsistent with such amendment (Implementation Ordinance for Master Plan Amendment No. 2020-00008 associated with Braddock West approved by City Council on May 15, 2021).

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Sheet No. 054.03 of the "Official Zoning Map, Alexandria, Virginia," adopted by Section 1-300 (OFFICIAL ZONING MAP AND DISTRICT BOUNDARIES), of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning the properties at 1352 through 1362 Madison Street, 711 Through 727 North West Street, and 1319 through 1329 Wythe Street from, RB/Townhouse zone to OCH/Office Commercial High Zone in accordance with the said zoning map amendment heretofore approved by city council as Rezoning No. 2020-00004 (Implementation Ordinance for Rezoning No. 2020-00004 associated with Braddock West approved by City Council on May 15, 2021).

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