



‘All About the Kids’ Backpacks, haircuts provided for back-to-school.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

Hundreds of families turned out Aug. 14 at the Charles Houston Recreation Center as the Alexandria Redevelopment Housing Authority and Firefighters and Friends to the Rescue partnered to distribute more than 600 backpacks to local children as they prepare to head back to school.

“This was one of our biggest events to date,” said organizer Willie Bailey, a member of the School Board and founder of the nonprofit Firefighters and Friends. “We gave away over 600 backpacks filled with school supplies, provided more than 100 haircuts and stylings, and distributed more than 1,000 books to the children who participated in the event.”

Lines formed prior to the start of the event, with Bailey estimating between 600-700 people coming through the doors of the rec center.

“I knew it was going to be crazy when I

“There is never enough for the needs that are in the community.”

— Backpack drive organizer Willie Bailey

arrived and lines were out the door, down the street to Madison Street and down the sidewalks,” Bailey said. “Even as the bleachers inside filled up, we still had a line going out the door.”

Volunteers, including City Manager Jim Parajon and a team from the Capital Youth Empowerment Program, helped children select a new backpack filled with school supplies or head to get a new haircut from volunteer barbers and stylists.

“Today is all about the kids,” said Del Ray barber Gary Bailey. “It is about them looking great, making them happy and giving them confidence as they head back to school.”

In addition to Gary Bailey, free haircuts were provided by volunteers from Paul Mitchell’s the School-Woodbridge. Activities for the day included entertainment by cartoon characters, a balloon artist, and Caring Angels Therapy Dogs for attendees to pet and enjoy.

Bailey, a Battalion Chief with Fairfax County Fire and Rescue and lifelong resident of Del Ray, begins his planning for the backpack drive months in advance.

“There is a lot of fundraising that goes into this,” Bailey said. “We spent \$45,000 on

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A volunteer from the Paul Mitchell the School-Woodbridge cuts the hair of an attendee at the backpacks and haircuts day Aug. 14 at Charles Houston Recreation Center.



Wilfredo Serrano of Mount Vernon Barber and Beauty cuts the hair of a young boy at the Firefighters and Friends back-to-school backpack and haircuts day Aug. 14 at Charles Houston Recreation Center.



Members of the Capital Youth Empowerment Program volunteer at the Firefighters and Friends backpacks and haircuts day Aug. 14 at Charles Houston Recreation Center.

Barber Gary Bailey of Del Ray provides a haircut to a young boy at the Firefighters and Friends backpacks and haircuts day Aug. 14 at Charles Houston Recreation Center.

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Margaret Orlando, second from right, celebrates her retirement from the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Activities with William Chesley, Sheila Whiting and Elsie Akinbobola July 29 at the Mount Vernon Recreation Center.

A Fond Farewell

Orlando retires after 43 years with Parks and Rec.

Margaret Orlando, who began her tenure with the City of Alexandria in 1979, was celebrated July 29 at the Mount Vernon Recreation Center following 43 years with the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities.

Department director James Spengler was on hand to congratulate Orlando, as was Police Chief Don

Hayes. Past and present department employees celebrating Orlando included Elsie Akinbobola, Jim Gibson, William Chesley, Janet Barnett, Steve Tompkins and Mac Slover.

Originally from Cheverly, Md., Orlando is a graduate of Elizabeth Seton High School and joined the City of Alexandria following her graduation from Frostburg State University.

She began her career when Frank E. Mann was mayor, serving under a total of eight mayors before announcing her retirement earlier this year.

— JEANNE THEISMANN



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Margaret Orlando, Jim Gibson and Mac Slover celebrate Orlando's retirement from the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Activities July 29 at the Mount Vernon Recreation Center.



Department director James Spengler commends retiree Margaret Orlando for her 43 years of service to the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities July 29 at the Mount Vernon Recreation Center.

Landmark Mall Redevelopment Wins Award

Winner of the Red Clay Development of the Year Award.

The City of Alexandria Department of Planning and Zoning has been awarded the Red Clay Development of the Year Award for the proposed plan for the transformation of the Landmark Mall into a vibrant, sustainable, urban economic center, according to a release.

The Red Clay Award is awarded to developments that exhibit the values of great planning and create great places in Virginia through infill development, building rehabilitations, brownfield redevelopments, downtown revitalization, or similar projects.

The City's planners successfully shep-

herded "an inclusive, visionary planning process for the proposed redevelopment of the former Landmark Mall. Their work has set the stage for an approximately 4 million square foot, mixed-use community including a new hospital facility."

In July a year ago, the City of Alexandria, Inova Health System, and Foulger-Pratt

entered into a joint agreement to implement the plan.

Originally developed in 1965, the 52-acre Landmark site was the first mall in the DC-metro region to feature three anchor department stores. Structural changes in the department-store industry and current trends in retail undermined Landmark's long-term prosperity, resulting in the mall's closure in 2017.



APD officer Bennie Evans, ARHA board member Tracey Jefferson and Daniel Shelby of the Departmental Progressive Club volunteer at the Firefighters and Friends backpack and haircuts day Aug. 14 at Charles Houston Recreation Center.



The Mbla family picked out a new backpack for their 3-year-old daughter Aug. 14 at Charles Houston Recreation Center.



Tenth-grader Julissa Vasquez and her brother Justin, an eighth grader, show off their new backpacks Aug. 14 at Charles Houston Recreation Center.

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Backpacks, Haircuts Provided for Back-to-School

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backpacks and school supplies this year and a lot of the fundraising comes from relationships we have built over the last 10-15 years. But we still ran out of backpacks. There is never enough for the needs that are in the community.”

Bailey singled out volunteer Mindy Lyle for her fundraising efforts.

“Mindy really beat the drum for us this year,” Bailey said. “She went crazy on people to help us serve not just the Charles Houston community but also the families of Samuel Tucker and William Ramsey schools, where backpacks were delivered later in the day by Officer Bennie Evans and Michael Johnson of the parks and rec department.”

Backpacks and supplies were also delivered to ARHA families who were unable to attend the event in person.

“Our sponsors were phenomenal,” Bailey said. “Several families did not hesitate to mention that without our support today their children would not have what they need to start the school year off right.”

Sponsors of the event include: Jack Taylor Toyota; Brethren of Henry Know Field John Blair Lodge



A balloon artist entertains attendees at the backpacks and haircuts day Aug. 14 at Charles Houston Recreation Center.



Stylist Roxanne Bekkali of Paul Mitchell the School-Woodbridge gives a new haircut to a young girl Aug. 14 at Charles Houston Recreation Center.



Children gather around a Caring Angels Therapy dog at the Firefighters and Friends backpacks and haircuts day Aug. 14 at Charles Houston Recreation Center.

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Duncan Blair Family; The Fannon Family; Alexandria Gazette Packet; Brethren of Masonic District 1a; and Caring Angels Therapy Dogs.

“We are very grateful for the Firefighters and Friends partnership that has been essential

in providing school supplies and backpacks for ARHA youth,” said Gaynelle Diaz. “Not only are our students able to get needed supplies, but they are able to get free books along with haircuts and hairstyles. Essentially, they can get

everything they need to start the school year feeling good and looking good, which hopefully sets the foundation for them to have a successful school year.”

To learn more or to donate, visit www.ffandfriends2therescue.org.

BULLETIN BOARD

Submit civic/community announcements at ConnectionNewspapers.com/Calendar. Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before the event.

TUESDAYS/AUGUST 23, 30

Simpson Park Demonstration Garden: Tuesday, 10 – 11 a.m., Simpson Park Demonstration Garden, 420 E. Monroe Ave., Alexandria. When Mother Nature can't do it all....Simpson gardeners step in to offer a helping hand. Our Lagerstroemia indica were hit with bark scale so we hand-picked, brushed the trunks and squashed them. The Silphium perfoliatum in the Berm was infested with red aphids which we knocked off with a jet spray from the hose. In the Pollinator bed the

Witch Hazel Hammamelis virginiana was hit with Phyllosticta hamamelidis a fungus which causes brown lesions on leaves and dieback. We removed the infected leaves on and below the plant. Thanks to EMG Gerry Smolka the pool of stagnant water which accumulates in the well of a Crapemyrtle in the Shade Garden has been emptied through her ingenious use of a turkey baster! And Denise Dieter added a mosquito dunk as an additional deterrent when we are not available to empty the ever wet well. Free. Contact mgnv.org for more information.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

ACPS- Help Provide Meals to Children. Alexandria City Public School (ACPS) will provide two days worth of breakfast and lunch meals

with a snack pack free for any enrolled ACPS student on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Friday distribution will include a meal(s) for Saturday. Volunteers will meet at various schools to assist with packing boxes and loading buses with boxed meals. Then, volunteers will ride the bus along to distribute the meals while on site at a few ACPS mobile pop-up locations. Click on each location to sign up: Francis C. Hammond Middle School, TC Williams High School, or Jefferson Houston School. www.volunteeral-alexandria.org

Alexandria Dept. of Community and Human Services-

Volunteer Guardian. Looking for individuals who can assure the well-being of an incapacitated Alexandrian living in an Assisted Liv-

ing Facility or Nursing Facility. Volunteer Guardians are appointed by the Court to make decisions for older Alexandria residents who have lost the capacity to understand the consequences of their decisions. The volunteer will visit the resident monthly and follow the person's wishes as much as possible. www.volunteeral-alexandria.org

STEM Professionals Needed. Help assist K-12 STEM teachers as part of the American Association for the Advancement of Science's STEM Volunteer Program, stemvolunteers.org, during the 2018-19 school year. In the 2017-18 school year, there are 85 volunteers in 6 Northern Virginia school districts. Contact Don Rea at 571-551- 2488, or donaldrea@aol.com.



Call to Engage: A Suburban Mom's Path to Activism

When my oldest daughter was 11 years old, she cried when a tree was cut down in our northern Virginia neighborhood. I thought her empathy was endearing, but perhaps I should have seen that her seed of passion was the start of something huge. Since then, my daughter has become a full time environmental activist, working and fighting for the trees and people harmed by oil and gas pipelines. She teaches me what it means to participate with passion and radical love, and I couldn't be more proud.

LETTER Early on in her activist days, I, a former helicopter mom, wanted to understand her life that was such a departure from the more "standard" careers her peers had followed. So I visited her as she fought pipelines (the Mountain Valley Pipeline and the now deceased Atlantic Coast Pipeline) in southwest Virginia. I was sleeping in a motel (no tents for me, thank you!), learning about the history of the area and non-violent direct action, and, perhaps most importantly, meeting her friends.

I met locals who had their land taken from them or had their wells gone bad due to an attempt to lay a 42 inch pipe for natural gas through the Appalachian mountains, crossing streams and threatening clean water in an area with marginalized people. It was clear that these new pipelines, and many others, do not benefit the people living here and will only speed up the destruction of our already warming planet.

After one of my many weekend trips to visit southwest Virginia, I came home to my comfortable life in Alexandria with the feeling that maybe I should be a little bit more like my daughter. To give myself some credit, I wasn't completely ignorant before my daughter started her activist work. I had become more politicized after the election of Donald Trump, and saw that the problems of systemic racism, environmental justice, and economic inequality are all intertwined. It had been clear that we are not going in the right direction. But what can I do now? What would my daughter do?

I know what she wouldn't do. She wouldn't

sit around "seeing" problems and talking about them. She would get out there, learn more, and get her hands dirty. So I did too. And I haven't stopped.

My primary co-climate protectors are a group called Third Act, composed of people like me: Older folks who are mostly retired, have some extra time, and want to do more than write postcards or show up at big marches. The organization, started by Bill McKibben, focuses on trying to stop banks from investing in new fossil fuel projects, as well as increasing voter turnout. My gray-haired allies and I in the Virginia chapter have organized protests in front of bank branches, hosted non-violent direct action training, and collaborated with other environmental organizations to share how older folks can contribute their time, energy, and money to creating a better world.

The Third Act Virginia chapter (which also includes Maryland and DC) has doctors, teachers, government workers, and artists. Some of us were protesters from the Vietnam war days, and some have never held up a protest sign in their life. However, we all know we need to do everything we can to make sure that our planet is livable and everyone can participate in our democracy. And we all know that we can make a difference. Some of even my most liberal friends think that my and my daughter's work is futile. They think that we're all doomed, or that maybe things will eventually get better on their own. My daughter, our activist allies, and I don't want to wait, and we certainly don't think things will improve without pressure. We know there is power in movements, and we know that there is still hope if we act now. Erica Chenoweth, a political scientist at Harvard University, has confirmed that civil disobedience is the most powerful way of shaping world politics. John Lewis calls it "good trouble," and if I can learn to make good trouble, even in my 50s, then you can too.

Go to thirdact.org to learn how you can get involved.

Elizabeth Finn
Alexandria, 22309

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COMMUNITY

Putting Pen to Paper, Generations Connect

BY SANDY FREEDMAN
DIRECTOR OF GROCERIES TO GO PROGRAM

Throughout the past school year, close to twenty older adults who participate in Senior Services of Alexandria's programs corresponded with 4th and 5th grade students at Burgundy Farm as part of a pen pal program that started during the 2021-22 school year. Elizabeth Lerner, Assistant Head of School and Lower School Head, initiated the program in 2020 amidst the COVID-19 pandemic as "an opportunity for students to lift a home-bound senior's spirits with a thoughtful note and to learn about someone else's life and experiences through letter-writing, and for the students to practice writing personal letters," – and addressing envelopes.

"Our students very much enjoy pen pals and we hope [the seniors] do too," says Lerner. She and the School Counselor and Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Pat Harden, run this program through weekly meeting times with the students.

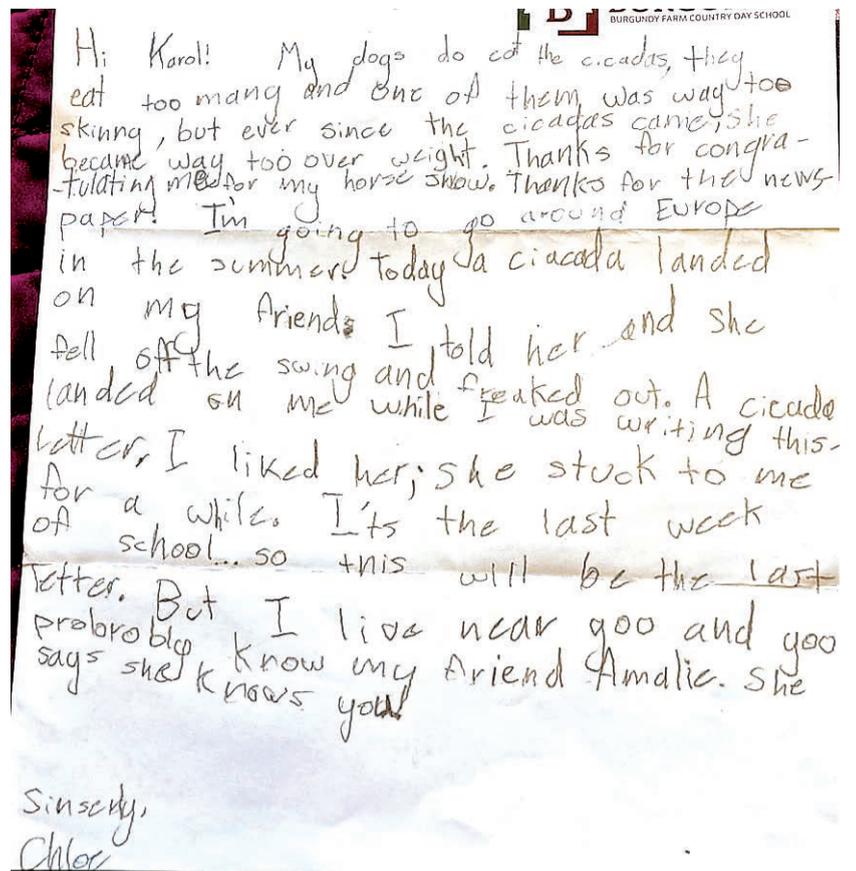
The seniors did indeed enjoy the back-and-forth correspondence. Len, who participated for the first time this school year "had a great time and loved their cards and letters. When I found out their last day of school was last week, I sent [my two pen pals] a card congratulating them on finishing the school year and wishing them luck in the future. I asked them what they will remember most from this school year and one of the students responded, 'This year has been tough because of all the presentations and fractions and a ton more.' That answer is priceless," says Len.

What started out last school year as a way to "lift a senior's spirits" has worked both ways. Linda, a senior who corresponded with two students, said one of her pen pals told her that whenever [the student] feels stressed, she picks up a letter from Linda and feels better. Martha, another senior who heard from two students, adds, "I really did enjoy the communications with Lola and Julia, and we really got into decorating our notes with stickers!"

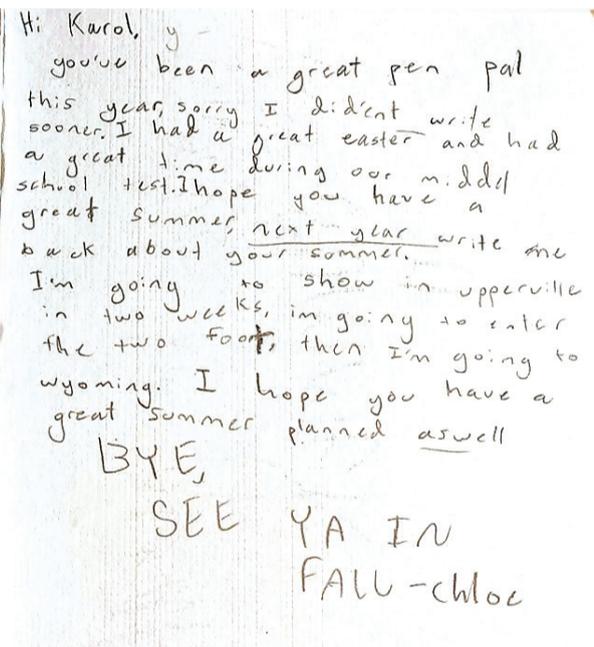
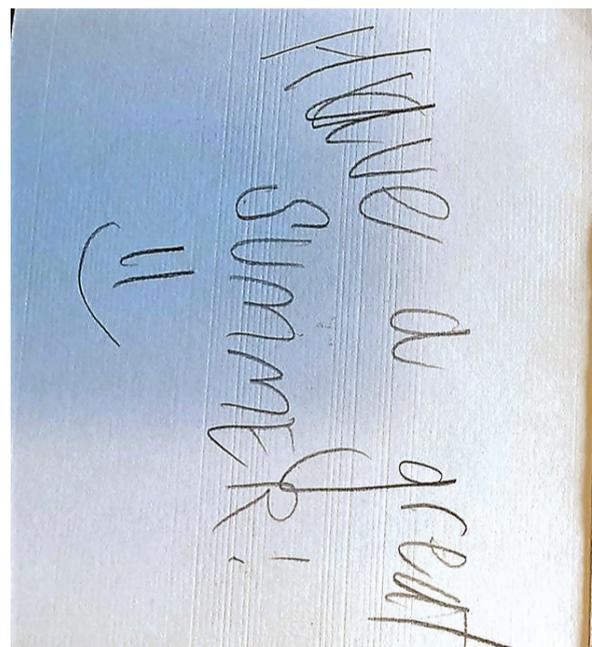
One senior, Karol, was Chloe's pen pal during both

school years. "Being a pen-pal with Chloe for the past two years has been a real treat for me. She has her own horse and competes in horse shows. Chloe loves animals and has two cats and two dogs. She plays lacrosse. She goes on wonderful trips during her vacations and is not shy about asking specific questions about my life. I highly recommend every one of you to get a pen-pal. It will bring you great joy and you'll look forward to hearing back from him or her on a regular basis."

At the end of the last two school years, a number of seniors expressed disappointment that the communications were coming to an end. Lerner says the students enjoy the letter-writing as much as the seniors and will plan to keep it going next school year. Plenty of time to add a book of stamps to any upcoming grocery lists.



Chloe writes a letter to her pen-pal Karol, recounting her experience with the cicadas.



Chloe wishes her pen-pal Karol a great summer.

Senior Academy: Register Today

BY MARGARET SHETLER,
MANAGER OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Have you ever wondered how the city government operates, where to look for help, what city programs serve older adults, and how to get engaged? Senior Services of Alexandria is excited to offer the 2022 Fall Senior Academy in person. Join us to learn all about the city from the people who run Alexandria.

The four-week course will cover many topics, including: "Getting to Know Your City & How You Can Make a Difference," "City Services for Seniors," "Community Resources," and "Leisure, Cultural, and Educational Opportunities." Hear from the Mayor, the City Manager, the Police, Fire and Sheriff's Offices, the Division of Aging and Adult Services, Workforce Development, and more. Participants will

leave with a newfound knowledge of how the city of Alexandria runs, how to be an informed resident, and how to have your voice heard on issues that are important to you.

Senior Academy will be in-person on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. starting on Sept. 7 and continuing through Sept. 28.

For more information and to register, please call Senior Services of Alexandria at (703) 836-4414 ext.110 or visit our website at seniorservicesalex.org. Senior Academy is a free program for Alexandria residents aged 60 and older.

Senior Academy is part of the City of Alexandria's Academy programs, created to inform, educate, and engage city residents. For more information about the different city academies, visit <https://www.alexandriava.gov/Academies>.



A previous Senior Academy wraps up with certificates at City Hall.

Cleaner, Quieter Airplanes Act Signed Into Law

U.S. Rep. Don Beyer had long sought to help residents with complaints about helicopter and airplane noise, a complicated issue in his district including the City of Alexandria and Arlington.

President Joe Biden signed the CHIPS and Science Act into law on Tuesday, Aug. 9; the law included the first NASA authorization passed by Congress in over five years. That section of the Act, Title VII of the science division, included the full text of Beyer's Cleaner, Quieter Airplanes Act. Beyer chairs the House Science Committee's Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics; he introduced the Cleaner, Quieter Airplanes Act to bolster NASA's efforts to create the next generation of climate-friendly aviation while also reducing the impact of airplane noise in airport-adjacent communities.

"Climate change and aircraft noise have always been two of the most consistent constituent concerns in my district. I wrote a bill to address both problems – the Cleaner, Quieter Airplanes Act – which President Biden just signed into law," said Beyer. "As the climate crisis continues to harm American communities, ensuring we are also tackling aviation emis-

sions is vital. This piece of legislation does just that by making the necessary investments to develop the technology to make cleaner flight a reality in addition to driving innovation that would reduce aircraft noise pollution."

This legislation sets a goal for cleaner, quieter airplanes, accelerating NASA's aeronautics work on reducing greenhouse gas and noise emissions. Specifically, this bill:

- ❖ Establishes the ambitious goal of commercial airplanes emitting 50 percent less greenhouse gas compared to the highest performing aircraft in 2021 as well as being net-zero by 2050.

- ❖ Challenges NASA to work with industry partners to carry out flight tests by 2025 that will enable industry to bring a new generation of more sustainable airplanes into service between 2030 and 2040.

- ❖ Authorizes NASA to accelerate its work on electrified propulsion systems and the integration of multiple technologies and airframe concepts to achieve noise and emissions reductions.

- ❖ Requires NASA to provide data and insight on new technologies to help the FAA's work to ensure the safe and effective deployment of these technologies.

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Paws in the Park Oct. 16

Paws in the Park (formerly Alexandria Love Your Pet Day) returns to Oronoco Bay Park on Sunday, Oct. 16, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., with an exciting new line-up of entertainment and food and drink options for all ages. <https://pawsintheparkva.com/>

The mainstage line-up, sponsored by the Alexandria Library Foundation, will offer music and entertainment. Bilingual music sensation Uno Dos Très Andrés kicks off the day's music at 11:30 a.m., followed by children's musician Groovy Nate at 12:45 p.m. Later in the afternoon, Justin Paschalides performs classic and modern pop and rock music starting at 2 p.m., and the event rounds out with jazz trio Bill Cabrera and Company at 3:15 p.m.

Along with dozens of local artisans and animal-focused businesses, Paws in the Park will also offer a food court with a beer garden.

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Bring your picnic blanket, and savor beer from Port City Brewing Company, cider from Lost Boy Cider and wine from Woodlawn Press Winery, as well as food from Ana's Twist, The Big Cheese and A.M. Kettle, and coffee from Sip Coffee Inc.

Paws in the Park is open to well-behaved, leashed pets. Adoptable animals will also be onsite on Rescue Row (sponsored by Amazon) from the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria, America's k-9 Caring Angels, Australian Shepherds Furever, Miri's Haven Senior Dog Rescue, Oldies But Goodies Cocker Rescue, Squishy Face Crew Virginia and Tails High Inc. Proceeds from the event will benefit animals across the community via the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria.

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Obituary

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Gordon Morgan Hobbs, of Waxhaw, NC, formerly of Alexandria, VA, passed away August 12, 2022.

Gordon joined the United States Army when he graduated from high school and served in post WWII Germany and attended classes at Heidelberg University. He later graduated from Butler University, Indianapolis, IN and the University of Virginia Law School, Charlottesville, VA. He began his career after law school with the Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers and retired from the Pentagon in January 1991 as Assistant for Real Estate in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations and Logistics.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Barbara Jones Hobbs, two daughters, Bonnie Leigh Hobbs and her husband, Marshall Horowitz of San Marino, CA, and Amy Leigh Davis and her husband, Gordon, of Charlotte, NC, four grandchildren, Hannah and Justin Horowitz of CA and Morgan and Amanda Davis of NC. Gordon had two brothers and one sister, Dr. Herman H. Hobbs of Arlington, VA, deceased, Helen Rayle of Loveland, OH and CD Hobbs of Clinton, UT.

Funeral Services were held at 11:00 am, Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at Graceway Baptist Church, 4700 Weddington Road, Matthews, NC 28104. Burial was at Mt. Comfort Cemetery, Alexandria, Virginia at 2:00pm August 17, 2022.

In lieu of flowers please send donations to the Building Fund at Graceway Baptist Church, www.gracewaycharlotte.org/give; please specify Give to Building. McEwen Funeral Home of Monroe is honored to serve the family of Mr. Gordon Hobbs.

Obituary

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Harry Leon Clark was a native and lifelong resident of Virginia who was born in Norfolk and later raised in the Rosemont section of Alexandria. He was the son of Edward R. Clark, Sr. and Grace Ballard Clark. He had an older brother, Edward R. Clark, Jr who passed away in 1984. He attended George Washington High School and Fork Union Military Academy. He graduated from George Washington University where he was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity. He served in the Army from 1946 to 1948 and was stationed at Fort Belvoir.

In 1948, he married Vera C. Ward and they had two sons, Douglas E. Clark who resides in Alexandria and Stephen W. Clark who resides in West Palm Beach, FL. There are four grandchildren, Angela D. Clark of Woodbridge, Jesse W. Clark of Woodbridge, Rachael L. Caporaletti of Dale City and Sonolle B. Clark of Huntsville, AL. In addition there are 17 great grandchildren. After Vera died in 1994, Harry later met Laura R. Martin of Chester and they were companions until he passed away in August of 2022.

Harry had a long career with the Federal Government where he worked in contract management, primarily for the Navy. He was the author of much of the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) which were in use for many years. After retiring from the Federal Government, he was a procurement and contract management consultant working with local firms, and also taught courses in federal procurement policies and procedures.

He was a long-time member of Washington Street United Methodist Church in Alexandria where he served on the board and attended the statewide United Methodist Annual Conference. He enjoyed long walks with his dogs, and working in the local community with organizations such as Meals on Wheels. Most of all, he was dedicated to his family and gave much of his time to ensuring their well-being and preserving family history.

A private interment will be held at Ivy Hill Cemetery in Alexandria, Virginia.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations in Harry's memory be made to George Washington's Mount Vernon (www.mountvernon.org)

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ENTERTAINMENT

Eat, Drink and Be Merry: Your Guide to Summer Restaurant Week

BY HOPE NELSON
GAZETTE PACKET

Alexandria's Summer Restaurant Week is back for another year, and while some stalwarts are making triumphant returns, there are some new faces – and menus – on the scene as well. From high-end to walk-in, at price points ranging from \$25 to \$45 per person, here are some of the area's best deals this go-round. <https://visitallexandria.com/restaurants/restaurant-week/>

Hummingbird, 220 S. Union St.

Hummingbird is offering a three-course menu for \$45 per guest. Begin with a choice of five appetizers, ranging from fried green tomatoes to summer corn dip, and then scoot over to the entrée with four choices ranging from a ratatouille bake to seafood linguini. Finish off with a choice of three desserts. Double chocolate chunk fudge brownie a la mode, anyone?

Hops n Shine, 3410 Mount Vernon Ave.

For \$25 per person, diners will enjoy a three-course meal beginning with a choice of giant pretzel, fried pickles or jalapeno poppers, followed by a main course featuring any grilled cheese sandwich on the restaurant's menu (Hint: You can never go wrong with the Eezy Capreezy).

Finish the meal off with a sweet treat ranging from a dessert pretzel to s'mores bread pudding and you can go home happy.

Market 2 Market, 116 E. Del Ray Ave.

Market 2 Market's deal allows diners to order a sandwich, a soup or salad, a bag of chips, a sweet treat and a drink for \$25. With nearly two dozen sandwich



Taqueria Picoso is doing things a bit differently with a "choose your own adventure" style of menu.

offerings to choose from and a half-dozen soup or salad choices besides, you won't run out of options. Cannoli, cookies or gummy bears await – to cleanse the palate, of course.

Taqueria Picoso, 1472 N. Beauregard St.

Out on the West End, Taqueria Picoso is doing things a bit differently with a "choose your own adventure" style of menu. For \$25, guests can choose either tacos for one or tuna tostadas. Choose up to two proteins for the tacos – al pastor, chicken tinga, vegan chorizo and rajas poblano are all up for grabs, among other proteins – and then use the included four tortillas and vegetables to put it all together. Both the tacos and tostadas come with guacamole, rice, beans and chips.

Mount Vernon Inn, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway

Head a few miles south of town to George Washington's place for a three-course Restaurant Week meal priced at \$35 per person.

(Were George and Martha ever Restaurant Week patrons? The world may never know.) Start off with a choice of appetizers, ranging from sweet potato hush puppies to jerk chicken flatbread, then choose an entrée from a list of four including pork tenderloin and creamy mushroom marsala pasta. Finally, take your pick of flourless chocolate cake and New York-style cheesecake.

Piece Out, 2419 Mount Vernon Ave.

Piece Out: It's not just for pizza anymore! The restaurant's \$35 meal deal centers on pasta, with an entrée of cannelloni di carne, baked spinach manicotti or squid ink fettuccine fra diavolo at the heart of the menu. Your order also promises a choice of salad and dessert – and a glass of wine, as well, to wash it all down.

Award-winning columnist Hope Nelson is 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.

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PHOTO CONTEST

Green Spring Gardens Photo Contest, sponsored by the Friends of Green Spring (FROGS). Photographs will be on public display from Aug. 23 through Oct. 15, 2022. A reception and awards ceremony will be held Sunday, Aug. 28, 2022. Green

Spring Gardens is located at 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria, Virginia. For more information, visit Green Spring Gardens or call 703-642-5173.

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Hummingbird Photo Exhibition. At the Historic House at Green Spring Gardens, Alexandria. For those who can't get enough of the beauty of hummingbirds, a group of local photographers are mounting an exhibition this summer. The title of the show is "A Bouquet of Hummingbirds," and it will feature works from more than 20 area artists and include humming-

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Less Than Twenty-Four Hours Later



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Last week's patient has already had an unexpected bleeding event and has been transferred back to ICU. Now, the patient is in Medical ICU. Previously, he had been in Surgical ICU. (Incidentally, this hospital, I was told, has nine different ICUs.) And what's the difference between the two ICUs? So far as I can tell: one letter. MICU appears to be equally hands-on with 'round-the-clock super attentive care with an ever-present nurse and other related medical staff always within earshot and able as well to view the patient's status (heart rate, pulse, blood pressure, et cetera) on various monitors and computer screens. So, it's nice to be back (that's easy for me to say) in the loving and caring arms of the ICU. Although, I wish we were anywhere but here, if you know what I mean? But if I'm being selfish, I want this patient to receive the best care possible and in his present state, a 24-7 ICU offers his best chance of surviving.

Now we wait for the doctors to evaluate his condition and determine a course of action which addresses the bleeding that prompted his transfer back to an ICU in the first place. And in the second place, I can't help wondering if successive struggles like this and others that have occurred since his three-weeks ago emergency ambulance ride to the hospital, have had a cumulative effect and the more upsets/complications like this that the patient experiences, the greater the chance that this patient will succumb to the stresses placed on his body. But what do I know? No joke here. I'm a very interested party who's scared and extremely uncertain of the eventual outcome. It's a day-to-day existence for all of us. Unsettling doesn't begin to describe it.

The problem/reality is that the doctors don't know about tomorrow until they evaluate the information gathered today as well as assess the patient's overall progress/appearance. Monitoring the patient's behavior combined with having gathered a wide range of medical data will help determine, maybe overnight, after us interested parties have long since left the facility, what the plan is going forward, at least until the staff repeats today's orders and gathers even more data. As I've learned recently, medicine is not like arithmetic, there are no straight lines of treatment. There's an endless list of variables. As we've seen/been told, assessing the patient, and planning a course of action is dependent on any number of moving parts, so to speak, especially with this patient.

Twice now, medical emergencies have occurred which has postponed treatment of the underlying problem which was the reason this whole medical mess devolved. A little bit of chemo leading to a nearly non-existent white blood count caused this patient to be susceptible to infection with limited means to defend himself. He went into septic shock as a result and the hospital has spent the last three weeks trying to stabilize/regain control of the patient's major organs which had all shut down due to the sepsis.

Through all this tumult, the patient has been unable to talk due to tubes in his mouth from a ventilator initially, progressing to a trach tube in his throat (a tracheotomy needed to be performed) currently. Consequently, he has been unable to express his wishes, share his frustration or interact too much, even with his doctors. All he can do is mouth words and/or communicate with his eyes, facial gestures, and hand-arm movements. It's been challenging. More so, for him, than us. Since we don't know what the future holds, we'd really like to have greater communication in the present. Nevertheless, we must focus on how much better he is today than he was just last week. As The Three Stooges said: "Rome wasn't built in a day. Neither was Milwaukee."

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Alexandria Restaurant Week will take place Aug. 19-28 in Old Town Alexandria.

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birds from all over the Western Hemisphere. All profits from the sale of photos will be donated to the Friends of Green Spring, a non-profit organization devoted to maintaining the gardens and furthering public education and outreach.



"A Bouquet of Hummingbirds," features works from more than 20 area artists and includes hummingbirds from all over the Western Hemisphere. Through Oct. 17, 2022, free to the public, at the Historic House at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria.

NOW THRU SEPT. 10

Yoga Sessions. 12-2:15 p.m. Yoga at the National Museum of the United States Army hosted by Honest Soul Yoga, 1775 Liberty Drive, Fort Belvoir. Honest Soul Yoga and The Army Historical Foundation invites you to take a moment to de-stress by enjoying an afternoon of yoga at the Museum. Join trained instructors for an afternoon of flow and sound meditation. After class, grab a coffee and some healthy snacks in the Museum Café or take some time to explore the exhibits.

THURSDAY/AUG. 18

Music at the Market at Old Town North. 6-7 p.m. At Montgomery Park, 901 N Royal St., Alexandria. The Old Town North Community Partnership, with support from NOTICE, The Old Town North Alliance and local businesses and residents, present Music at the Market on the third Thursday of the month throughout the summer. Head to the Old Town North Farmer's and Artisans Market to browse, pick up a bite and picnic in the park while soaking in great live music. Rain dates are July 28 and September 8.

THURSDAY/AUG. 18

Old Town Art Walk. At various locations in Old Town Alexandria. Enjoy a self-guided tour of Old Town Alexandria and explore the fine art and studio crafts found in art galleries and boutique shops on the third Thursday of each month, May to October. The stroll is a great activity after an early dinner, or before enjoying a meal at one of Old Town Alexandria's restaurants. The Old Town Art Walk is presented by the Old Town Business Association.

FRIDAY/AUG. 19

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AUG. 19-28

Alexandria Restaurant Week. Throughout neighborhoods in Alexandria including Old Town, Del Ray, Carlyle, Eisenhower and the West

End. For 10 days and two weekends, dozens of restaurants in Alexandria will offer a \$25, \$35 or \$45 in-person dinner for one during Alexandria Restaurant Week. This new pricing structure reflects a spectrum of Alexandria's offerings from fast casual to fine dining. Alexandria Restaurant Week showcases the inventiveness of local chefs in neighborhoods throughout the city, including Old Town, Del Ray, Carlyle and Eisenhower, and the West End. From neighborhood favorites to restaurants specializing in international cuisine, Alexandria's distinctive collection of eateries offers a variety of flavors for guests to savor. Visit AlexandriaRestaurantWeek.com.

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