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Between Huntington & Pentagon

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Between Sept. 10 and Oct. 22, all Metro stations south of National Airport will be closed with alternative transportation provided through free shuttle services.

## Metro Shutdown Begins Sept. 10

### All Alexandria stations to close through Oct. 22.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

Commuters throughout Northern Virginia should be prepared for a longer commute as rail services in Alexandria will be impacted for the next several months as major construction begins Sept. 10 on the Blue and Yellow Metro lines.

The construction will rehabilitate the Yellow Line tunnel and bridge between the Pentagon and L'Enfant Plaza stations and connect the new Potomac Yard Station to the mainline rail system. During this time, all six stations south of Reagan National Airport on the Yellow and Blue lines will be closed from Sept. 10 through Oct. 22.

The Yellow Line tunnel and bridge rehabilitation work will require the Yellow Line to remain closed through May of 2023.

Phase one of the construction will run through Oct. 22 with phase two taking place Oct. 23 through May of 2023. Free bus shuttles, free parking and addi-



The closure of all Metro stations south of National Airport from Sept. 10 through Oct. 22 is required to connect the new Potomac Yard Metro station to the existing rail system. The station is expected to open later this fall.

tional alternatives will be provided through both phases of the station closures.

Affected stations include Braddock Road, King Street-Old Town, Eisenhower Ave., Huntington, Van Dorn Street and Franconia-Springfield.

Yellow Line service will be closed throughout both phases of construction with trains being rerouted through Rosslyn. Yellow Line stations north of Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport Station will be served by the Blue or Green lines.

Free Metroway bus service and parking will be provided at the

Franconia-Springfield, Huntington and Van Dorn Street stations through Oct. 22 with the non-rider parking fee waived at the Franconia-Springfield station through summer 2023.

In September and October, Virginia Railway Express will offer free service in the affected areas. Virginia Railway Express service is available at Franconia-Springfield, King Street-Old Town (VRE Station Alexandria), Crystal City and L'Enfant Plaza stations.

**Phase One – Sept. 10 to Oct. 22**  
Seven free shuttles will be of  
SEE ALL ALEXANDRIA, PAGE 8

## Carpenter's Cook-Off

### Tasting event returns to support homeless shelter.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

The annual Carpenter's Cook-off returned for 2022 with 24 restaurants showcasing their specialties Aug. 28 at a new location along the Alexandria waterfront.

Held on the top floor of 201 N. Union Street overlooking the Potomac River, the signature

tasting event raised funds for Carpenter's Shelter while giving attendees a chance to sample everything from empanadas from Union Street Public House to the famous white chicken chili from Del Ray's Pork Barrel BBQ.

"Our restaurant group has been doing this for decades, going back to the Eastport Raw Bar days and Mango Mike's," SEE TASTING EVENT, PAGE 8



Joe Monroe Blackburn, left, serves white chicken chili from Del Ray's Pork Barrel BBQ to an attendee at the Carpenter's Shelter Cook-off Aug. 28 as volunteer Gayle Reuter looks on.



Carpenter's Shelter Development Associate Sienna Brown, center, stands with volunteers at the annual Carpenter's Shelter Cook-off Aug. 28 on the top floor of 201 N. Union Street.

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The Alexandria Firefighters Foundation will hold its inaugural fundraiser Sept. 11 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Waterfront Park.

## To the Rescue

**New nonprofit to focus on firefighter health.**

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

The Alexandria Firefighters Foundation will hold its inaugural fundraiser Sept. 11 at Waterfront Park. The newly formed 501(c)(3) nonprofit will be raising money to fund healthy meals and provide other supplies for Alexandria's firefighters and paramedics.

"I had no idea that our firefighters have to pay for their own food and supplies when they are on duty for days at a time," said AFF president Marion Moon. "They usually have to eat on the run and grab whatever is easy to make, which isn't usually the healthiest. With the majority of deaths among firefighters being heart attacks, we decided to do something to help."

The foundation will be partnering with Food on the Stove, a nonprofit founded by DC firefighter Jonathan Tate, who lost his own firefighter father to a heart attack.

"In nine years of retirement, my dad had three heart attacks and cancer," Tate said during a visit to Alexandria Station 203 earlier this year. "He never really got to enjoy his retirement after 32 years on the job. I saw the strongest man I knew go to the weakest man that I knew. That really drove me to try to make an impact in health and wellness in the fire service because it's definitely needed."

Tate's father worked for DC Fire and EMS from 1956 to 1989.

"I noticed that the culture of health in the fire service is a struggle and I wanted to do something to change that," said Tate. "So I



PHOTO BY JANET BARNETT/GAZETTE PACKET

Food on the Stove founder Jonathan Tate, center, with firefighters Tom Miller and Charles Mack at Alexandria Station 202 marking International Firefighters Day May 4 in Del Ray. Tate will be on hand Sept. 11 at Waterfront Park to partner with the Alexandria Firefighters Foundation.

started Food on the Stove to serve firefighters and to change the culture of health and wellness in the fire service."

In the fall of 2018, Tate launched Food on the Stove. He has made two visits to Alexandria fire stations and the Alexandria Firefighters Foundation hopes to eventually provide food through Tate's organization to all 10 stations across the city.

"Jonathan has the distribution infrastructure to provide healthy foods," Moon said. "His meals are absolutely delicious and this is what we would like to fund – healthy food for our firefighters."

On Sept. 11, the Alexandria Firefighters Foundation will have a fire truck at the end of King Street from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. collecting donations.

"These are the brave men and women who run toward danger, as many of our own did on 9/11," Moon said. "Some are still suffering and we hope that the community will step up to help those who help us."

The ultimate goal of the Alexandria Firefighters Foundation is to

get funds to support this initiative into the city budget.

"The Alexandria Fire Foundation was established by community members to assist our firefighters and paramedics," said AFD Chief Corey Smedley. "One of the leading causes of firefighter death in our industry is heart attacks. Having healthy meals can assist with reducing known factors that contribute to heart disease. I want to thank the Alexandria Fire Foundation for caring and giving back to our first responders."

The fundraising event will be held Sept. 11 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Waterfront Park at King and Strand streets in Old Town. Raffle tickets will be sold for Wizards and Nationals games and winners need not be present to win.

Donations can also be made directly to: Alexandria Fire Foundation c/o Renner & Company, 700 North Fairfax Street, Suite 400, Alexandria, VA 22314

The Alexandria Fire Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to generate resources for Alexandria's firefighters.



PHOTOS BY JANET BARNETT/GAZETTE PACKET

Firefighter Blake Jones of Station 203 participates in the Fill the Boot campaign for the Muscular Dystrophy Association Aug. 30 at Bradlee Shopping Center.

## Fill the Boot

**Firefighters raise funds for Muscular Dystrophy.**

ilies affected by muscular dystrophy, ALS and other related diseases. This includes research for new treatments, care center support and sending kids to MDA summer camp.

The Alexandria Fire Department raised more than \$230,000 in the five years preceding the pandemic. This year's goal is \$50,000 and donations can continue to be made at <https://filltheboot.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.team&teamID=10567>

Alexandria firefighters participated in the annual Fill the Boot campaign to raise funds for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Collections were held from Aug. 30 through Sept. 7 to support the MDA's work with fam-

– JEANNE THEISMANN



Firefighter Blake Jones of Station 203 collects a donation from a driver Aug. 30 at Bradlee Shopping Center.

## OBITUARY

# Charles 'Terry' Lindsay

## Business and community leader dies at 87.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

**C**harles "Terry" Lindsay, chairman of the Alexandria-based Lindsay Automotive Group, died unexpectedly July 18 in Rehoboth Beach, Del. He was 87.

A leader in the business and philanthropic communities of Alexandria and Arlington, Lindsay served as Chairman of the Virginia Automobile Dealers Association and the Washington Area New Automobile Dealers Association.

"Terry was an exemplar of decency in corporate leadership and of true devotion to family," said friend David Hirsch on social media. "He carried himself with dignity, he acted with integrity and he always strove to treat everyone well."

Charles Taliaferro Lindsay Jr. was born Feb. 14, 1935, in Washington, DC, to Charles Taliaferro Lindsay Sr. and Margaret Cox Lindsay. He attended Woodrow Wilson High School before heading to Duke University, where he graduated in 1958 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering.

A veteran of the U.S. Army, Lindsay served in Huntsville, Ala., where he worked at the Army Rocket and Guided Missile Agency, a forerunner of the U.S. Space Program. He completed his Army career with the rank of First Lieutenant.

After completing his military service, Lindsay went to work for the civil engineering firm Ammann & Whitney. In this capacity he supervised the construction of the runways and access road to Dulles International Airport.

It was during this time that he met Regina "Jeannie" Curry on a blind date. After a brief courtship they were married and recently celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary.

In 1963, Lindsay went to work for his father at Lindsay Oldsmobile Cadillac in Alexandria. Lindsay's brother Jack joined the company in 1966 and the business grew to become one of the leading Cadillac dealerships in the country.

In 1988, Lindsay collaborated with local businessman Jack Taylor and together were selected to

be one of the first Lexus dealers in the United States. Their relationship created one of the top Lexus dealerships nationwide.

"Terry Lindsay was one of the most positive men I have ever met," said Jack Taylor of Jack Taylor's Alexandria Toyota. "I always said that if I am going to get some bad news I want Terry Lindsay to give it to me. He was just a good guy with so many admirable qualities."

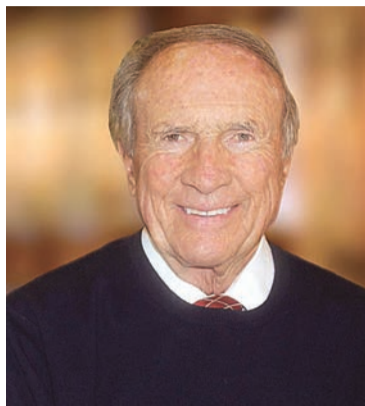
Lindsay's sons have continued to grow the family business, with the Lindsay Automotive Group now encompassing 15 different franchises.

In addition to his business successes, Lindsay was an esteemed community leader earning numerous awards and accolades including Man of the Year honors from the Alexandria Boys and Girls Club and Alexandria District Boy Scouts of America.

A devout Catholic, Lindsay was a Knight of Malta. Additionally, he was Chairman of the St. Luke Institute; President of the Board of Regents at Marymount University; American Red Cross, Arlington Chapter; and the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges.

In 2015, he was awarded the John Carroll Society Archdiocese of Washington DC medal. He served on the boards of the Alexandria Boys Club, Alexandria District Boy Scouts of America, Arlington Community Foundation, and First American Bank.

Lindsay is survived by his wife of 61 years, Jeannie Lindsay, and



Charles "Terry" Lindsay

three children and their spouses: Chip Lindsay (Kate), Michael Lindsay (Debra), Chris Lindsay (Maura), along with 12 grandchildren: Molly, Terry, Gavin, Finn, Michael, John, Leigh, Nick, Tim, Seamus, Alexandra, and Abigail Lindsay.

He is also survived by his brother, Jack Lindsay (Cookie), his niece Jennifer Duffie, and his nephew Paul Lindsay (Atria).

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Autism Speaks, 1990 K Street, 2nd Floor, Washington, DC, 20006, or Catholic Charities of Northern Virginia, 200 North Glebe Road, Suite 250, Arlington, VA 22203.

Said colleague Mark Coleman, "Terry had an enthusiastic smile and handshake that always made you feel welcome in his presence. He was curious about who you were, how you were, where you were from, and where you were headed. He simply had a way of making your day better when your paths crossed."



Charles "Terry" Lindsay credited his wife of 61 years, Jeannie Lindsay, for all of his successes.



The grand opening of Akers Oldsmobile-Cadillac in Alexandria in



Charles "Terry" Lindsay, right, partnered with Jack Taylor in 1988 to form one of the first Lexus dealerships in the country.



Charles "Terry" Lindsay served on the board of the Alexandria Boys and Girls Club.

# New Director of Communications for City

**E**bony Fleming will serve as the City of Alexandria's Director of Communications and Public Information effective September 6.

"We're working to build an Office of Communications which tells our City's story, fosters meaningful relationships in our community, and reaches all Alexandrians where they are," said Jim Parajon, City Manager. "Ms. Fleming brings more than 15 years of experience implementing resident-centric communication strategies in the greater Houston, TX and Norfolk, VA areas to Northern Virginia."

Fleming's early career started in broadcast news at WTKR NewsChannel 3 in Norfolk, VA while earning her bachelor's of journalism from Norfolk State University.

After relocating to Houston, TX, and earning her master's of public policy from the University of Houston, she served as the Public Information Officer with the Harris County District Attorney's Office.

Prior to joining the City, Fleming served as the Director of Communications for BakerRipley, the Houston region's largest social services nonprofit which serves more than half a million residents annually.

In her role with the City's Office of Communications and Public Information, Flem-



**Ebony Fleming**

ing will oversee the development of the City's strategic communications plan and expansion of the City's Language Access Program.



## FALL 2022

- SEPT 9-18** Old Town Cocktail Week
- SEPT 17** 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Alexandria Old Town Art Festival (at John Carlyle Square)
- SEPT 24** 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Historic Alexandria Homes Tour
- OCT (Nightly)** Alexandria Colonial Tours' Ghost & Graveyard Tour
- OCT 1** 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Art on the Avenue
- OCT 15-23** Old Town OysterFest
- OCT 22-23** Fall Harvest Festival at Mount Vernon
- OCT 30** Del Ray Halloween Parade



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## 988: It's a Lifesaver

BY JOSEPH GETCH  
CEO, PRS

**S**uicide is a public health issue in our communities which we are growing in our capacity to openly discuss. When someone in your own life dies by suicide, the pain and grief can feel immeasurable. In my work, I hear from many individuals that share their personal stories of how a friend or family member died by suicide. In July, a friend of one of my daughters died by suicide, and I saw firsthand how it affected her.

As a culture, we are increasingly more conscious and accepting of discussing mental health, environmental, and social challenges contributing to suicide. This is good news given that the stressors we face are high — especially as we

continue to navigate through this pandemic era. In fact, data collected by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration shows how vulnerable we are:

- ❖ Suicide is the second leading cause of death among people aged 10-34 and the 12th leading cause of death overall in the U.S

- ❖ 1.2 million adults attempt to end their lives each year

- ❖ 12.2 million adults have serious thoughts of suicide each year

We can all contribute to a suicide safer community by educating ourselves about improving mental wellness, talking openly about suicide and pain to help reduce the stigma and increase help seeking, and being a resource to family and friends by connecting them with services and supports. You can also get involved directly by supporting or volunteer-

ing with organizations like PRS.

During September—which is National Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month, it is a time when we reflect, educate, and remind about how to keep our loved ones and community safe from suicide through our #CallTextLive Campaign. Throughout the month, PRS will be offering tools, tips, resources, and volunteer opportunities. We encourage our community to visit our Facebook page and website ([www.prsinc.org/calltextlive](http://www.prsinc.org/calltextlive)) to engage.

One of the biggest ways each of us can help is to make sure our loved ones and friends know there is a quick way to connect: 988, the new national suicide prevention number to link people with suicide prevention and mental health crisis counselors.

PRS operates the crisis call cen-

ter for most of Virginia — including Northern Virginia — and is a national back-up center and core chat center for the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline. If someone in crisis reaches out, PRS trained crisis workers evaluate their call, help deescalate the crisis when possible, and work collaboratively with local jurisdictions to connect individuals to appropriate services.

Reaching out to a trained and empathetic person can ensure someone in crisis moves beyond their darkness moment. A call to a crisis hotline, 988, text to 988, or sending a chat via [988lifeline.org/](http://988lifeline.org/) chat can save a life. Throughout September, learn more about being a lifesaver by participating in our #CallTextLive campaign.

*Joseph Getch is CEO of PRS, a mental health nonprofit serving Virginia.*

## Preserve and Expand Housing Choices for Virginia Tech Students

**M**ajor media outlets and the popular press have reported extensively on the significant increase in housing costs across the United States. Virginia Tech has had a presence in the National Capital Region for over 50 years. In 2018, a joint effort was made by the State of Virginia, Arlington County, and the City of Alexandria to make the region attractive for Amazon HQ2. Virginia Tech committed to open a major initiative called “the Innovation Campus” to educate a high-tech workforce. If implemented as envisioned, Virginia Tech and Amazon’s HQ2 will attract many

people and workers to settle in the region, which highlights the importance of affordable housing.

In the meantime, the Virginia Tech administration decided to discontinue the usage of its only student housing complex in northern Virginia called the “Gallery” in April 2021. The Gallery has assisted graduate and undergraduate students since 1991 in Architecture, Urban Design, Policy and Planning programs. Even though after many postponements the Gallery was closed in May 2022 and re-opened in June 2022 to be in operation for one more academic year, this practice has trig-

gered the environment of instability, driving students to search for other housing options, resulting in low occupancy rate. While low occupancy rate is claimed as the main reason for this closure, the WAAC has seen steadily increasing enrollments since 2019 resulting in greater demand for on-campus housing.

Indeed, shutting down the on-campus housing actively makes the housing situation worse in the whole region, removing housing uniquely suited to students at a time when the VT Innovation Campus/Amazon initiative has magnified an already difficult market.

Thus, in our capacity as leaders of the DC Metro Area Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS), we think now is the time for a long term solution. This would benefit the city and the region, as well as the university, to act for permanent options, securing a safe and affordable housing option for students who reside in the area.

**Mehran Davari**  
Alexandria

*The writer, 39, is a Virginia Tech, 3rd year PhD student in Architecture and Design Research.*

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Alexandria Families for Safer Streets - Executive Assistant to AFSS Board of Directors. The agency is seeking an executive assistant to help coordinate a diverse group of tasks necessary to keep us on track and moving forward. Someone with office manager skills would be the ideal candidate. [www.volunteeralexandria.org](http://www.volunteeralexandria.org)

ALIVE! Volunteers are needed to assist with multiple programs relating to their Food Program, ALIVE! House, and Alexandria Eviction Prevention Partnership Program will distribute food at Mobile Pop-ups and Truck to Trunk events, etc. <https://www.volunteeralexandria.org/ALIVE>

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

Join Friends' Board. Those who care about mental health, the Alexandria community, and collaborating with fellow residents to make sure the City's most vulnerable residents have a chance to thrive, then consider joining the Board of Friends of the Alexandria Mental Health Center. The Friends Board is an all-volunteer group of residents that oversees the administration of one of Alexandria's top mental health charities. Friends has no paid staff, so Board members, working on average 10 hours per month, share the day-to-day work needed to accomplish its goals. Interest-

ed candidates should email [FriendsofAMHC@gmail.com](mailto:FriendsofAMHC@gmail.com).

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](http://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 [dondrea@aol.com](mailto:dondrea@aol.com).

Volunteer Adult Mentors Needed. Help assist the Department of Family Services' BeFriend-A-Child mentoring program. The mentors provide opportunities for companionship, guidance and support to children who have been abused and neglected, or who are at risk of abuse and neglect. Contact Ibrahim Khalil ([Ibrahim.khalil@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Ibrahim.khalil@fairfaxcounty.gov)) at 703-324-4547.

ALIVE! offers numerous programs that aid low-income families in Alexandria that rely on volunteers: monthly food distributions, furniture, houseware and emergency food deliveries, and community food drives. Individuals, families and groups are encouraged to participate. Students can earn community service hours by participating. Visit [www.alive-inc.org/volunteer.htm](http://www.alive-inc.org/volunteer.htm) or contact the Volunteer Coordinator at [volunteers@alive-inc.org](mailto:volunteers@alive-inc.org).

Volunteer Drivers Needed. Drivers needed by the American Cancer Society to take cancer patients to treatment in Northern Virginia. To volunteer, call 1-800-227-2345 or go to [cancer.org/drive](http://cancer.org/drive).

RSVP, a volunteer network for seniors seeking service opportunities in and around Fairfax County, Arlington County and the City of Alexandria, offers a wide array of opportunities for volunteers 55 and older. RSVP volunteers enjoy flexible schedules, free accident and liability insurance while serving,

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**The Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition of Alexandria thanks these retailers for helping to prevent underage drinking. These businesses successfully passed alcohol compliance checks conducted in July 2022 by the Alexandria Police Department.**

## Thank you!

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3023 Duke St.  
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### CVS

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503 King St.  
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3130 Duke St.

### Giant

621 E. Glebe Rd.

### Safeway

500 S. Royal St.

### Virginia ABC

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3817 Mt. Vernon Ave.

### Walgreens

4515 Duke St.

### Wegmans

150 Stovall St.



**Business owners and employees can be penalized up to \$2,000 and/or have their ABC license revoked by selling alcohol to an underage customer, a violation of Virginia's minimum-age alcohol laws.**

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# 20th Annual ALEXANDRIA OLD TOWN (previously on King St.) ART FESTIVAL

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Attendees line up for samples at the Carpenter's Shelter Cook-off Aug. 28 in Old Town.



Mayor Justin Wilson samples an empanada from Union Street Public House at the Carpenter's Shelter Cook-off Aug. 28.

# Tasting Event Returns to Support Homeless Shelter

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said Pork Barrel BBQ owner Bill Blackburn of the HomeGrown Restaurant Group. "It's a feel-good event that raises money for Carpenter's Shelter and also provides exposure for the restaurants."

Restaurants and caterers competed for bragging rights as guests and celebrity judges chose the favorite dishes of the day.

Winners included: People's Choice Award -- Wagon Wheel Truck; Kids' Choice Award -- (Tie) What The Chef and Nando's Peri-Peri; Best Sweet Award -- 1st: Carpenter's Café (Ahn and Nicole Ninh), 2nd: Bittersweet

Catering, 3rd: Nando's Peri-Peri; Best Savory Award -- 1st place: Ruby's Jamaican Kitchen, 2nd place: The Warehouse, 3rd place: Wagon Wheel.

"This is an incredible outpouring of support for children, women and men

experiencing homelessness," said Carpenter's Shelter development associate Sienna Brown. "We have great volunteers from all over, some who have worked with us before as well as some first-time volunteers. We are very lucky to have them here."

Passport Auto was the Top Chef Sponsor and silent and live auctions raised additional funds for the shelter. Live music was provided by the Jones Point Band and Children's Corner featured magic shows. Celebrity judges included Daniel Burroughs of Finishing Touch-

es, Sam Kasten of Umbrella Dry Drinks, and Jeffrey Buben of Bistro Bis.

Added Blackburn, "The restaurant community always likes to support Alexandria and the incredible work of our nonprofits."

**"This is an incredible outpouring of support for children, women and men experiencing homelessness."**

— Carpenter's Shelter development associate Sienna Brown

**The Warehouse owner Hossein Pishdad, left, with Old Town Business managing director Charlotte Hall at the Aug. 28 Carpenter's Cook-off to benefit Carpenter's Shelter.**



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# All Alexandria Stations to Close Through Oct. 22

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ferred during Phase One, including local and express shuttles in Virginia and three limited-stop shuttles crossing the Potomac River. The shuttles will be available during all Metrorail operating hours.

Blue Line shuttles will provide service every 10-20 minutes between Franconia-Springfield, Van Dorn Street, King Street-Old Town, Braddock Road and Ronald Rea-

gan Washington National Airport. Yellow Line shuttles will operate between Huntington, Eisenhower Avenue, King Street-Old Town, Braddock Road and Crystal City stations every 10 to 15 minutes. Yellow Line shuttles will not stop at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport.

Express shuttles will be available from 4:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays and 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. on week-

ends. A Franconia-Pentagon Express service will operate between the Franconia-Springfield and Pentagon stations every 6 minutes as will a Huntington-Pentagon Express between the Huntington and Pentagon stations.

**Phase Two - Oct. 23 to May 2023**

Beginning Oct. 23, all rail sta-

tions south of Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport will reopen with Blue or Green lines serving the Yellow Line stations.

Metro will continue to provide three limited-stop free shuttles crossing the Potomac River during weekday rush hours only.

Virginia Railway Express service will continue at Franconia-Springfield, King Street-Old Town (VRE Station Alexandria), Crystal City

and L'Enfant Plaza stations.

The Potomac Yard Station will be located at the southern end of National Landing on Metro's Yellow and Blue lines between the existing Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport and Braddock Road stations. It is expected to open later this fall.

More information and a trip planning calculator are available at [www.wmata.com](http://www.wmata.com)



# COMMUNITY



PHOTO BY JANET BARNETT/GAZETTE PACKET

William Allen, right, serves lemonade to Eileen Rose Dolbow Aug. 28 in the Vauxcluse neighborhood of Alexandria. The 4-year-old William sold lemonade to raise money for the children of Ukraine.

## Lemon-Aid 4-year-old raises funds for Ukraine.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

Residents of the Vauxcluse neighborhood of Alexandria got some relief from the recent heat wave as 4-year-old William Allen set up a lemonade stand, his second of the summer.

But unlike other lemonade stands, William had a mission – to raise money for the children of Ukraine.

“I saw the blown-up buildings on TV and wanted to do something,” said William, a student at Blessed Sacrament. “We’re going to send the money to the kids in Ukraine. I hope they can buy toys.”

William raised \$224 from his Aug. 28 sales and his parents – Abby and John Allen – will match that amount.

“William is a very compassionate soul for a 4-year-old,” said Abby Allen. “He saw all the devastation on TV and said ‘I don’t think they are going to have the same start to school that I am. What can we do?’”

Abby Allen said it was William’s idea to sell lemonade to help the children of Ukraine.

“My husband John and I are going to match the very generous contributions that the neighborhood has made,” she added.

The family did a lot of research and settled on UNICEF as the recipient organization.

“There are a lot of options but we landed on UNICEF because they were there before the conflict so they already have a good idea of whatever the need is for the kids,” Abby Allen said.

William said he enjoyed his first entrepreneurial foray.



PHOTO BY JANET BARNETT/GAZETTE PACKET

Four-year-old William Allen, front, poses for a photo with neighbors in front of his lemonade stand Aug. 28 in the Vauxcluse section of Alexandria. William set up his stand to raise money for the children of Ukraine.

**“I saw the blown up buildings on TV and wanted to do something.”**

— 4-year-old William Allen on his lemonade stand

“It is fun being in the lemonade business,” he said. “And thanks to all the neighbors for supporting us.”

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# Save River Farm Committee Wins Award for Conservation

The Garden Club of Virginia, a long-time champion of conservation in Virginia, awarded its 2022 Elizabeth Cabell Dugdale Award for Conservation to the Save River Farm Committee for its grassroots and successful efforts to save an important property and landscape from development.

The Dugdale Award for Conservation is given annually to an organization, industry or individual who has rendered outstanding service in conservation and wise development of natural resources for the Commonwealth of Virginia and is not a Garden Club of Virginia member.

The award will be presented at River Farm, headquarters of the American Horticultural Society, on Sept. 28, 2022, at 10 a.m.

River Farm, on the banks of the Potomac River south of Old Town Alexandria, has served as the American Horticultural Society's (AHS) headquarters since the 1970s. When the AHS urgently needed revenue to weather the effects of the pandemic, the AHS listed the property for sale. The threat of development of this open, green, waterfront and historic public space spurred the Save River Farm effort, a grassroots initiative which spread to the local community and on to the state and national level — all thanks to the Save River Farm Committee.

The Committee's campaign brought together like-minded his-



River Farm, threatened and saved.

torical, architectural and conservation organizations, parks groups, civic associations, committed neighbors and political leaders. Committee members worked with local government authorities to establish an Historic Overlay District on the property as a measure to control development in case the property ended up being sold.

The Northern Virginia Conservation Trust stepped up to house the Save River Farm effort under its auspices, and the Northern Virginia Park Authority mobilized efforts to buy the property.

Local volunteers played a key part in keeping the public informed, involved and up to date about ongoing developments in

the struggle to protect the property. After a year-long battle, the property was taken off the market and AHS announced that River Farm will continue as the AHS headquarters and remain open to the public. This outstanding work in conservation resulted in the protection of this beautiful historic property.

“That this committee coalesced in the height of the pandemic and organized a monumental effort to generate support to save River Farm is quite a feat,” said Debbie Lewis, president of the Garden Club of Virginia. “They combined strategy with passion to strike up a great band of like-minded partners.”

## BULLETIN BOARD

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optional mileage and meal reimbursement and are invited to volunteer group projects and social gatherings. To sign up for an upcoming orientation, email Carly Hubicki at [chubicki@volunteerfairfax.org](mailto:chubicki@volunteerfairfax.org) or call RSVP at 703-403-5360. To learn more about RSVP, visit [www.rsvpnova.org](http://www.rsvpnova.org).

**Mentors Wanted.** Two creative programs that help transform the lives of Alexandria's preteens are seeking volunteer mentors. SOHO, which stands for “Space of Her Own,” and “Space of His Own,” serves vulnerable fifth graders in Alexandria. The programs pair men and women with youth in need of positive adult role models, to help support and guide youth in making healthy choices and succeeding in school and in life. Visit [www.spaceofherown.org](http://www.spaceofherown.org) and [www.spaceofhisown.org](http://www.spaceofhisown.org). For more information on how to become a SOHO mentor, contact Sarah Maroney at [sarah.maroney@alexandriava.gov](mailto:sarah.maroney@alexandriava.gov) or phone at 703-746-4687.

Farmer's Market Volunteers Need-

ed. To volunteer for the Farmer's Markets, email Brian Morreale, [brianmorreale@gmail.com](mailto:brianmorreale@gmail.com)

**Arts and Crafts Festival.** Volunteers are needed on June 10 to help with the event including: greet and check-in vendors, children's area, clean up and tear down and beer tent. Shifts are available between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Visit [www.volunteeralexandria.org/](http://www.volunteeralexandria.org/) for more.

### SUPPORT GROUPS

**Postpartum Support Virginia** sponsors a free, bi-monthly support group for women suffering depression and/or anxiety during pregnancy or in the first year following childbirth. Meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at Inova Alexandria Hospital, Health Education Center, rooms 1-2, 4320 Seminary Road. Contact co-moderator Susan Doyle at [suzjdoyle@gmail.com](mailto:suzjdoyle@gmail.com) or 571-403-0673.

**The Parkinson's Disease Support Group of Alexandria** meets the 1st Wednesday of each month at 2 p.m. at the Hollin Hall Senior Center, Room 109, 1500 Shenandoah Road. All Parkinson's patients and caregivers are welcome. The Caregiver Support Group is facil-

itated by the Alexandria Department of Community and Human Services Division of Aging and Adult Services. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at the Adult Day Services Center, 1108 Jefferson St., 4-5:30 p.m. Participants are full- or part-time caregivers providing care locally or long distance to a family member or friend. Participants share their experiences, provide support for each other and receive resources to assist them with caregiving. The next Caregiver Support Group meeting is June 7. For more information or to register, contact Jennifer Sarisky at 703-746-9999 or email [DAAS@alexandriava.gov](mailto:DAAS@alexandriava.gov).

**FACE Center Support Groups** provide parents with a space to share their daily parenting frustrations and triumphs while offering new strategies for helping parents to cope, build positive parent-child relationships and best support their children's learning.

- ❖ Support Group in English, every Monday, 6-7:30 p.m. at ARHA Main Building, 401 Wythe St.
- ❖ Support Group in Spanish, every Wednesday, 6-7:30 p.m. at Community Lodgings Brookside Center,

614 Four Mile Road.

Registration not necessary. A light dinner and childcare services provided free. Contact Krishna Leyva at 703-619-8055 or [krishna.leyva@acps.k12.va.us](mailto:krishna.leyva@acps.k12.va.us) for more.

**Divorce Workshop for Women.** Second Saturday of each month, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Hilton Alexandria Old Town, 1767 King St. The workshops are designed to provide education on the legal, financial, family and personal issues of divorce in a logical, yet compassionate way. The workshop fee is \$25. Visit [www.novasecondsaturday.com](http://www.novasecondsaturday.com) for more.

### ONGOING

**Backflow Preventer (BFP) Assistance Program.** The City of Alexandria has reinstated its sewer Backflow Preventer (BFP) Assistance Program for homeowners in designated areas that historically experience basement back-ups or flooding. The program reimburses homeowners for up to 50 percent of the cost of installing a BFP device by a licensed plumbing contractor, up to a maximum of \$2,000. The current program period is through Dec. 31, 2019.

Alexandria homeowners should call the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services at 703-746-4014 or visit [www.alexandriava.gov/](http://www.alexandriava.gov/)tes.

**Robust Walking.** Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9 a.m. at Mount Vernon Recreation Center, 2701 Commonwealth Ave. Free 55+ robust walking 1-hour exercise class (with chair exercise option). No class on holidays. Contact [jjkingconsulting@yahoo.com](mailto:jjkingconsulting@yahoo.com).

**Seeking Donations.** Computer CORE, which is dedicated to helping low-income adults become computer literate is seeking donations. Visit [www.computercore.org/contribute](http://www.computercore.org/contribute). Senior and Job Programs. 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Queen of Apostles Church, 4650 Taney Avenue, Alexandria. St. Martin de Porres Center offers senior and job placement programming Monday through Friday at the parish. Email Kathryn Toohey, [ktoohey@ccda.net](mailto:ktoohey@ccda.net).

Be Heard at the City's Monthly Public Hearings. A schedule

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# NEWS



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## Old Town cocktail week

CHEERS – Whiskey & Oyster is one of 25 restaurants and retailers participating in Old Town Cocktail Week from Sept. 9 – 18. The week will feature seminars and themed events including the Art League’s kick off celebration Art on the Rocks Sept. 9 at Water-front Park from 5-8 p.m. Special cocktail creations and small bites crafted from favorite local establishments will be featured. For a complete list of Cocktail Week participants and schedule of events, visit [www.oldtownbusiness.org/old-town-cocktail](http://www.oldtownbusiness.org/old-town-cocktail)



### SEALED BID SALE SALE OF REAL ESTATE 8846 Ox Road Lorton, VIRGINIA PMI 6798

Sealed bids will be accepted by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) in the office of the Northern Virginia District Right of Way and Utilities Division located at 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, Virginia 22030, until, but no later than, September 27, 2022 for the following property:

Wooded lot, located at 8846 Ox Road (Tax Map #1062-02-0001C) in the Springfield Magisterial District of Fairfax County, on the corner of Route 123 and Rommel Drive. The lot consists of 0.4484 acre, more or less, land, is relatively level at an elevated grade with a slight slope towards the rear of the property. Percs for a conventional three bedroom septic system.

The value placed on this parcel is \$298,000.00.

Employees of VDOT, their immediate families or any person employed with the valuation and/or acquisition of this property are ineligible to bid. The property is being sold “as is” with conveyance by deed without warranty. For further information and proposals, contact VDOT at the above address or call Jordan Cheresnowsky at (703) 259-2971.

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# Off the Menu: Restaurant News and Notes

BY HOPE NELSON  
GAZETTE PACKET

**F**rom grand openings to final closures, September is a season of change in Alexandria's restaurant scene.

## Elizabeth's Counter Shuts Its Doors; Railbird to Open This Winter

Effective immediately, Alexandrians will need to find another spot for their doughnut fix: Elizabeth's Counter, formerly Sugar Shack, closed for good on Aug. 28.

**APPETITE** "After making it through the pandemic we have determined that our hand-made donut model is not well suited to the current economic realities of the restaurant business," the company said in a statement.

But all is not lost: This winter, the company is planning on reopening under the name of Railbird Kitchen, bringing along a new concept featuring "comfort food" with both traditional and vegan options.

## King Street's Handover Becomes Handover by the Slice

From sushi to pizza, it's a makeover for the restaurant formerly known as The Handover. Emerging from a period of transition, Handover by the Slice is opening its doors with offers of pizza by the slice for hungry Alexandrians and assorted visitors.

Upstairs, the King's Ransom will remain as it has been, offering up classy cocktails and light bites.

## Mackie's Closes for Good

Mackie's, the venerable local pub and grill midway up King Street, has closed its doors for the final time. The restaurant, located at 907 King, closed for good on Aug. 30. Known for its steaks and burgers as well as its "Cheers"-like atmosphere up front, the restaurant was certainly a locals' hangout, generating a faithful following over its years of service.

"Thank you to all who have loved and laughed with us," the staff posted on social media for their final evening in business.

*Award-winning columnist Hope Nelson is author of "Classic Restaurants of Alexandria" and owns the Kitchen Recessionista blog, located at [www.kitchenrecessionista.com](http://www.kitchenrecessionista.com). Email her any time at [hope@kitchenrecessionista.com](mailto:hope@kitchenrecessionista.com).*



That's a wrap. No more doughnuts at Elizabeth's Counter.

## CALENDAR

### CHECK OUT THESE PLANT CLINICS

The Del Ray Farmers Market Plant Clinic, located at 203 E. Oxford Ave, Alexandria is open on Saturdays from 8:30-11:15 a.m., and will operate through September 24.

The Alexandria Old Town Farmers Market Plant Clinic, located at 301 King St., Alexandria, operates on Saturdays from 7:00 - 9:30 a.m., through September 24.

### NOW THRU OCT. 17

**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 hummingbirds 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.

### 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 en-



PHOTO BY JANE GAMBLE

**"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.**

joying 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.

### AUG. 31 TO OCT. 5

**Waterfront Wednesdays Music Series.** 5-7 p.m. At Robinson Landing Promenade and Pier, 7 Pioneer Mill Way, Alexandria. Head to Robinson Landing for the Waterfront Wednesday Music Series presented by Yellow Door Music Concert Series featuring a range of music

genres by local musicians. Bring a chair or simply stop by to enjoy some beautiful waterside beats.

### SEPT. 2 TO OCT. 1

**"The Big 3-0" Members Showcase.**  
At Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Features artwork in a variety of media and celebrates Del Ray Artisans 30th Anniversary. Join us for the exhibit reception and anniversary party on Saturday, September 3, 3-6 p.m. The event will be inside and outside (rain date is Sept 10). Open Thursdays 12-6 p.m., Fridays 12-9 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays

12-6 p.m. (Closed October 2). Visit [DelRayArtisans.org/exhibits](http://DelRayArtisans.org/exhibits)

### TAG DAY 2022: SATURDAY, SEPT. 10, 2022

Tag Day 2022 is an annual fund raiser for the West Potomac Performing Arts Department. Teams of 4-5 students will canvas homes in the community to distribute "tags" which include performance dates for the band, chorus, theatre, orchestra, and guitar groups. Teams may sing, act, or perform for the neighborhood and welcome any donations which will go towards new instruments, uniforms, costumes, and transportation. Your thoughtful and generous support of the West Potomac Performing Arts is appreciated and affords wonderful opportunities for our students.

### THURSDAY/SEPT. 15

Debby Brisker Burk is featured artist at Nepenthe Gallery ART + WINE + CHEESE. Debby's recent work (that is currently at Nepenthe!) "Surf's Up" earned Debby the recognition in Art Folio's 2022 listing of "world's most dynamic artists." ART + WINE + CHEESE every Thursday at Nepenthe Gallery from 6-7:30 pm. 571-347-7961 [www.nepenthegallery.com](http://www.nepenthegallery.com)

### THURSDAY/SEPT. 15

**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.

### SATURDAY, SUNDAY SEPT. 24, 25

The Annual Civil War Books, Relics and Memorabilia Show will be held at the Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge, 8421 Arlington Blvd, Fairfax, VA 22031, on Saturday and Sunday Sept. 24 and 25, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. both days. Admission is \$5.00 per person. Vendors are welcome.

For information, call Bud Mayo, 703-389-1505 or [mayo5304@cox.net](mailto:mayo5304@cox.net)

### THE BIRCHMERE

At 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. All shows are at 7:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted. Tickets available at Ticketmaster.com. Contact The Birchmere at 703-549-7500 or [www.Birchmere.com](http://www.Birchmere.com).

### SEPTEMBER

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## Legals

### ABC LICENSE

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## And Now We Wait



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

When my sister-in-law Vanessa and I were first requested to attend a “family meeting” with the chief attending physician in SICU, the surgeon originally scheduled to perform the Colo-rectal surgery on Richard, the consulting oncologist, and the head of Palliative Care at the hospital, Richard’s recovery was far from certain. Still, the hospital felt it timely and prudent to get feedback from the patient’s immediate family.

Basically, they wanted to know what kind of person Richard was/what mattered to him. They were trying to gain an understanding from us – since Richard was unable then to express/indicate even his wishes concerning what he was willing to endure, risk and possibly live with should he recover from the surgery, a surgery which was fraught with danger and whose success, given the size and location of the tumor was hardly guaranteed. The surgeon offered up some percentages for success, which were still an estimate given the unknown/unpredictability of what and where they’d find the mass and, if there were other organs impacted. The scans can only show so much, unfortunately. Moreover, the surgeon said she won’t know definitively my brother’s prospects until she has him on the operating table. Given that “chemotherapy failed,” according to his longtime primary care physician, the surgery may be his only option, as risky as it is.

Now, Richard is awake and talking and very much aware of his condition and his ‘failure,’ and that surgery, however frightening is the next and only remaining option. And barring any unexpected setbacks from his previous septic shock, and presuming he continues to “get stronger,” per his surgeon’s assessment, Richard will indeed have his surgery on Tuesday, Sept. 6, two days from when I’m writing this column. When that date was first mentioned at the family meeting, it seemed like an eternity before we’d ever get there, Richard’s tenuous recovery notwithstanding. Now the surgery is very nearly here. It all seemed so unrealistic six weeks ago. Then, all we were thinking about was day to day. Now, almost seven weeks have passed. We were all afraid to hope for this day thinking it was too great a leap. Nevertheless, our faith in Richard and the staff has been rewarded and here we are two days before the date. As George Allen famously said in 1971 when he became coach of The Washington Redskins: “The future is now!”

I can’t imagine the excruciating time (Vanessa and I) will endure as we sit idly by at the hospital waiting for the surgeon to come out of the operating room and update the family. (Covid rules mandate only two people can be present per day and as of a recent inquiry, those two people can’t be visiting the patient/hospital at the same time. We’ve been so preoccupied even getting to this point that we haven’t yet asked if we’ll both be allowed in the hospital.) Somehow, we’ll get through it. It will give us time to talk about Richard’s next phase. We don’t know exactly what his schedule will be or his whereabouts, either. I guess he’ll return to SICU after surgery and whether he returns to a regular room on a hospital floor or is immediately transferred to a Rehabilitation Hospital, we also don’t know. Whatever happens, we’ll be ready to accommodate the patient. For what he’s accomplished these past few weeks, surviving against difficult odds, it’s the least we all can do to assist him in whatever help he needs to adjust to his new normal. He’s made us all extremely proud to be a part of his extraordinary recovery. We’ll do whatever we can now during his rehabilitation/recovery to support him during this next challenge. He’s certainly earned it.

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Saturday, Sept. 17, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 300 John Carlyle St., Alexandria. Rated one of the top 100 art shows in Sunshine Artist Magazine, the annual art festival features a variety of works exemplifying the gifted artists in regions from all over the country.  
[artfestival.com/festivals](http://artfestival.com/festivals)

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[mountvernon.org](http://mountvernon.org)

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Various locations throughout Old Town Alexandria  
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Saturday, Oct. 1, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Mount Vernon Ave. between Hume Ave. and Bellefonte Ave., Alexandria. The 27th annual arts festival held in the Del Ray features more than 350 juried artists, from quilters to card-makers to cartographers, displaying their one-of-a-kind wares. Arrive with an appetite and grab a bite from 20+ food vendors and



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[Artontheavenue.org](http://Artontheavenue.org)

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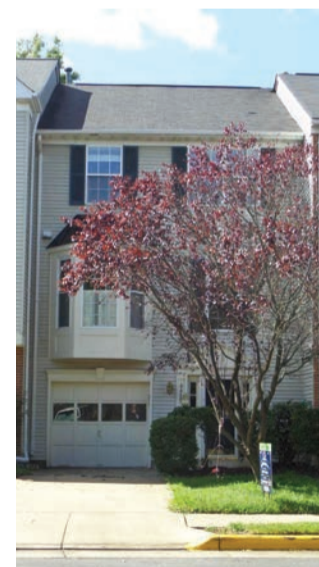


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