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All Aboard Tall Ship Providence returns to city waterfront.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

The Tall Ship Providence made its return to Alexandria June 1 with preparations in place for the opening of the new Senator John Warner Maritime Heritage Center, which will serve as the home port for the Providence.

"We are excited to open to the public for tours beginning June 17 in conjunction with the Portside in Old Town Festival," said Clair Sussin, President and CEO of the Tall Ship Providence Foundation. "Public and private sailings begin June 18."

The ship returned to Alexandria following a two-month stay in Georgetown, Md., in northeastern Kent County where it underwent various maintenance updates. Its permanent home is located in front of Waterfront Park just south of King Street. In addition to dockside tours, Tall Ship Providence will offer sunset sails, specialty sails and private charters. The Maritime Heritage Center will also be available as a venue rental.

"The tours are a super fun, interactive experience," Sussin said. "Every guest gets a card and will have a role to play as they step back in time and are greeted by Captain John Paul Jones. The tour includes the education center and a viewing of the Naval history theater video 'Providence: Dawn of the US Navy.'"

The Tall Ship Providence Foundation purchased the ship in August of 2017 with the mission to create a floating museum to educate visitors on the role Providence and the Continental Navy played in the American Revolution. Providence was the first ship authorized by the Continental Congress for



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The Tall Ship Providence makes its way beneath a raised Woodrow Wilson Bridge June 1 as it returns to its home port in Alexandria.

"The tours are a super fun, interactive experience."
— Tall Ship Providence Foundation CEO Clair Sussin

the Continental Navy, the first ship to bring Paul Jones. Marines to foreign soil and the first American command of legendary Captain John

In addition, Providence appeared in two of the Pirates of the Caribbean films. The

Maritime Heritage Center will feature an Education Center, a Naval History Theater, an Observation Deck, Ticket Office and Gift Shop.

For more information on Tall Ship Providence's history, special events, or to purchase tickets, visit TallShipProvidence.org.

Wearing Orange

Gun safety advocates gather in Market Square.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

Hundreds of attendees, including survivors of gun violence and family members of those lost to gun violence, gathered in Market Square June 2 to kick off Wear Orange Weekend and National Gun Violence Awareness Day.

The Wear Orange Campaign rally was organized by Alexandria members of the Virginia chapter

of Moms Demand Action and held in partnership with the Everytown for Gun Safety Support Fund as a way to honor the lives of those affected by gun violence.

"I will never forget the moment I received the call that my daughter had been shot," said Asia Paynes of her daughter Brianna Paynes, a student at Alexandria City High School. "So many emotions went through me at the time. I was no longer a minister, I did not feel like anything else but a mother in

that moment and wondered how I could get to my daughter."

Brianna Paynes, who survived her injuries, attended the rally with her mother. She is now finishing her ACHS studies online.

Mayor Justin Wilson kicked off the rally, which was attended by Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chair Jeff McKay, Fairfax County Commonwealth's Attorney Steve Descano, and Del. Alphonso Lopez. Ryane Nickens, who has

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Mayor Justin Wilson addresses the crowd as part of the rally to support National Gun Violence Awareness Day June 2 in Market Square.

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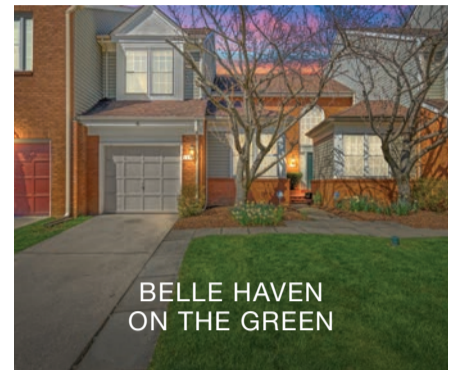
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Operation Overlord City marks 79th anniversary of D-Day.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

It was the largest seaborne invasion in history. On June 6, 1944, 156,000 American, British and Canadian forces landed on the beaches of Normandy, France, starting the epic battle known as D-Day in an offensive to take back Europe from Nazi occupation during World War II.

Code named Operation Overlord, the fighting was fierce with over 4,900 soldiers, sailors, airmen and coastguardsmen killed, missing or unaccounted for. But the battle is seen as the turning point in WWII and leading to an Allied victory the following year.

On June 4, the city commemorated the 79th anniversary of D-Day with a ceremony at Market Square. Featured were WWII reenactors, a 1940s jazz band, the U.S. Army Fife and Drum Corps, and displays detailing the battle on the Normandy beaches of Omaha, Utah, Juno, Gold and Sword.

"I am part of the 41st Armored Infantry Regiment trained in intelligence and reconnaissance," said reenactor Caden Ritchie. "I am trying to tell the story of those who served in the campaign – to show what they looked like and what equipment they would have used."

Joining Ritchie were Matthias Becker and Michael Nakonieczny as fellow soldiers and Tatum Wood as an American Red Cross volunteer.

"The Red Cross had 'Donut Dollies' who provided food and entertainment for the troops in their downtime," said Wood.

Reenactor Michael Resser attended as part of the 29th Division Living History group.

"I am here to remember the sacrifice of the 29th Division from Virginia, including the Bedford Boys, on June 6, 1944," Resser said. "This is a display of equipment and uniforms that were common to the men of the 29th on that date."

The event marks the 13th annual celebration, planned and executed by the Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee. The city of Caen, in western Normandy, was the center of some of the heaviest fighting after the Allies landed on the nearby beaches that marked the beginning of the end of World War II.

Sponsors of the event included Yates, Alexandria Toyota, Ting Internet, Onelife Fitness, Mr. and Mrs. Doug John, Alexandria Radio Club and Mr. Jan Maas.

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Caden Ritchie, Matthias Becker and Michael Nakonieczny portray soldiers in the 41st Armored Infantry Regiment during World War II at the 79th D-Day anniversary June 4 in Market Square. Seated is Tatum Wood, portraying a volunteer with the American Red Cross.

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Members of the U.S. Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps prepare to perform at the 79th D-Day anniversary June 4 at Market Square.



Michael Resser of the 29th Division Living History reenactors at the 79th D-Day anniversary June 4 at Market Square.



The crowd stands for the Pledge of Allegiance during the 79th D-Day anniversary June 4 at Market Square.



Members of the U.S. Army 41st Armored Infantry Regiment in France during World War II in an undated photo. Reenactors portrayed these soldiers at the 79th D-Day anniversary June 4 at Market Square.

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A U.S. Army bugler plays Taps during a moment of silence at the 79th D-Day anniversary June 4 at Market Square.

Students Honor Col. Davis

American Legion delivers cards, letters to Medal of Honor recipient.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

Col. Paris Davis (ret.), the nation's most recent Medal of Honor recipient, was presented with a collection of congratulatory cards from an elementary school in New Jersey during a visit by representatives of Virginia District 17 of the American Legion April 18 at Davis's Alexandria home.

"These cards are very special," said Davis, who received the Congressional Medal of Honor from President Joe Biden at a White House ceremony March 3.

A representative at the New Jersey school reached out to the American Legion to find a way to get the cards to Davis. The students wrote notes of congratulations and thanks for the heroic actions taken by Davis as a member of the Special Forces in Vietnam in June of 1965.

"I made a career out of it. It was not just a job."

— Medal of Honor recipient Col. Paris Davis (ret)

"The first thing I did was take a deep breath to make sure what they were telling me was true," said Davis in recalling the phone call informing him of the Medal of

Honor. "The President was very gracious -- he had read a lot about me and said he could not understand what had happened in the delay. I said that makes two of us."

Davis, one of the first African Americans to lead a Special Forces team in combat, was first nominated for the military's highest honor in 1965 but that paperwork was lost, as was a subsequent submission 1969.

The Medal of Honor nomination languished until January of 2021, when then Acting Secretary of Defense Christopher Miller ordered an expedited review of the lost nomination. The announcement came in November of 2022 that the nomination had been approved to recognize Davis for his actions on June 18, 1965, when he saved multiple wounded teammates in a brutal 19-hour hand to hand battle with a Viet Cong battalion.

"There were 12 on our team but only six of us are still alive today," said Davis. "One, Ron Deese, was able to attend the ceremony at the White House. He came all the way from Alaska."

Davis, who recently celebrated his 84th birthday, settled in Alexandria following his tours at the Pentagon.

"I made a career out of it," said Davis. "It was not just a job -- I really liked it. The Army allowed me to get a couple of master's and a PhD and I had a good time. I bought a house, had some kids -- this was a good area to call home."

Davis will be honored in a special ceremony June 17 at the Rocky Versace Vietnam Veterans Memorial Plaza in Del Ray. The event is free and open to the public. For more information email Kevin Rue at FoRV59@gmail.com.



Col Paris Davis (ret), second from left, holds a collection of cards from an elementary school in N.J. congratulating him on receiving the Medal of Honor from President Joe Biden. The cards were presented to Davis April 18 by American Legion Post 24 representatives Henry Dorton and Jim Glassman and Virginia 17th District Commander Steve Hunter.



Col. Paris Davis (ret), with the Medal of Honor around his neck, holds a special coin commemorating his heroic actions in Vietnam in June of 1965. Davis received the Medal of Honor from President Joe Biden earlier this year.



American Legion Post 24 and District 17 representative Jim Glassman, left, presents a collection of cards from an elementary school in New Jersey to Col. Paris Davis (ret) congratulating Davis on receiving the Medal of Honor.

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ACPS Custodian Celebrates 42 Years

Patricia Morgan is family to students at Samuel Tucker.

By JEANNE THEISMANN
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Patricia Ann Morgan, the daytime custodian at Samuel Tucker Elementary School, has spent most of her life walking the halls of Alexandria City Public Schools. A lifelong Alexandrian, she began as a student at Robert E. Lee and Douglas MacArthur Elementary Schools, went on to Francis C. Hammond Middle School and graduated from T.C. Williams High School.

"I was born at the old Alexandria Hospital on Duke Street," said Morgan when asked about her Alexandria roots. "I have great memories of my time growing up. Our house was next to T.C. Williams. We moved there in 1962 and the school opened in 1965. I was able to play volleyball and do track

when I was a student."

Morgan is celebrating 42 years as a custodian with ACPS, having started in 1981 following a brief time in the cafeteria at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in Washington.

"I started working for ACPS on Sept. 27, 1981," Morgan recalled during an interview at Samuel Tucker. "My first school was T.C. under John Porter, then I moved to William Ramsey. I started at Tucker in 2010 and have been here ever since."

As morning custodian, Morgan is at the school by 6 a.m. and ends her day at 2:30 p.m.

"My duties include opening the building at 6 a.m., then meet with the principals to touch base on what's going on for the day," said Morgan. "Then I go set up for breakfast in the cafeteria, helps the kids coming through to get breakfast, then clean up and set up for lunch. After lunch is recess, then we clean up the cafeteria and get ready for Campagna to come in at 2 p.m. It's a big rush but then we get the kitchen ready for the next morning, check all the bathrooms then my day is over."

Known as "Miss Pat" to the stu-

dents, Morgan said she is motivated by the smiles of the kids in the school.

"What motivates me is the children," said Morgan. "I love working with the children and I love doing what I do. When I lost my daughter last year that brought me closer to what I am doing with the kids here."

Morgan lost her only daughter Raven, a 1999 graduate of T.C. Williams, to COVID last year. Her husband Ronnie Morgan died at a VA hospital in 2015. They were married for 42 years.

"The pandemic was sad, especially for the kids," Morgan said. "There was no sound in the building, no kids running up and down the hall, no smiles, no voices of children. There was one to talk to but staff that was here and we were always cleaning and doing things. No one could come in or out but they did come to get the meals to take home."

Morgan said she has enjoyed her experiences with ACPS and has no plans to slow down.

"My experience has all been good," Morgan said. "I have worked under wonderful supervisors and



PHOTO BY JANET BARNETT/GAZETTE PACKET

Patricia Ann Morgan, daytime custodian at Samuel Tucker Elementary School, has been with Alexandria City Public Schools since 1981.

had good trainers who trained me. And I worked under a lot of administrators and they were all great."

Morgan has four grandchildren – three boys and one girl – who she sees often although they live with their father in Maryland.

"Coming to work every day, this is my family," Morgan said. "We

are all like family here."

Morgan has a strong faith and says that "my best friend is Jesus."

"I wake up every morning and say my prayers, then head to Tucker," said Morgan, who plans to keep working. "I know I won't stop working. I will keep moving, doing something."

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Gun Safety Advocates Gather in Market Square

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lost several family members to gun violence, also addressed the crowd.

“Yes, it’s the guns but also the systems that have been in place that concentrate poverty and starve the people of what they really need that causes communal gun violence,” said Nickens, who founded the TraRon Center in D.C. in memory of her sister Tracy who was nine months pregnant when she was killed in 1993 by a neighbor, and brother Ronnie, who was murdered in 1996. “Yes, it’s the guns, but it is also a lack of programs and resources for children in poverty.”

National Gun Violence Awareness Day takes place the first Friday of each June and signals the beginning of Wear Orange Week-end. Wear Orange originated on June 2, 2015, in Chicago, by the friends of Hadiya Pendleton. The

date would have been the 18th birthday of Pendleton, who was shot and killed on a playground at 15 years old.

“I am grateful to be here today,” said Paynes. “But I want to charge mothers to get back to mothering. Even if our children are angry or not talking to us, it is a right and privilege as a parent to always protect and watch over our kids. We can’t leave it up to the school system. We can’t leave it up to law enforcement. As much as we want gun controls to go into effect, we still have a responsibility to talk to them. We need to remind them of their responsibility to humankind.”

Added Nickens, who also lost an uncle to gun violence in 1990, “We all have a hand in changing that narrative,” Nickens said. “We can end the violence if we go and fight like hell to get stricter gun laws in the state of Virginia.”



Ryane Nickens, founder and president of the TraRon Center, talks about losing her brother and sister to gun violence during the June 2 rally against guns at Market Square.

Zulma Santos, center, holds a picture of her son Anthony Cruz Santos, who was killed by gunfire on July 12, 2021. With her are her nephew Edwin Santos and Oriella Mejia from Sen. Tim Kaine’s office.



Members of the organization One Thing You Can Do June 2 in Market Square.



Members of Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church in Arlington participate in the rally against gun violence June 2 in Market Square.



Children wear orange to support National Gun Violence Awareness Day June 2 at Market Square.



Fairfax County Board of Supervisors chair Jeff McKay, right, shakes hands with Joy McManus, chapter leader of Virginia Moms Demand Action, as Del. Alphonso H. Lopez looks on.

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BRIEFS

Bad Air Day Forces Closures

The City of Alexandria Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities Department made several changes to programming due to unhealthy air quality conditions.

For Wednesday, June 7, the Warwick Pool and Old Town Pool were closed; Sports fields were closed for the day. All outdoor activities with RPCA and other sports partners were canceled for the afternoon and evening.

For more information on specific program and facility closures, visit our Cancellations and Closures web page at alexandriava.gov/rpca/rpca-program-activity-service-cancellations. Cancellation and Closure Hotlines: Classes and Camps: 703.746.5594; Sports Leagues: Coed & Women: 703.746.5595; Men: 703.746.5596; Youth: 703.746.5597

RPCA had not yet decided on possible cancellations for Thursday, June 8, although Code Red unhealthy air quality was predicted due to smoke from Canadian forest fires.

The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments issued a code red air quality alert for the region for Wednesday, June 7, and Thursday, June 8, due to smoke from wildfires in Canada. This forecast means air quality is expected to be unhealthy for all individuals.

Here are recommendations on limiting outdoor activity during these bad air days:

People with heart or lung disease, older adults, children and teens – take any of

these steps to reduce exposure: Avoid strenuous outdoor activities. Keep outdoor activities short. Consider moving physical activities indoors or rescheduling them.

Everyone else – take any of these steps to reduce your exposure: Choose less strenuous activities (like walking instead of running) so you don't breathe as hard. Shorten the amount of time you are active outdoors. Be active outdoors when air quality is better.

Visit Airnow.gov for guidelines on how to limit exposure to pollutants during code-red air quality days.

Teens Wounded in Double Shooting

On Wednesday, May 31, 2023, at approximately 8:20 p.m., the Alexandria Police Department responded to a shooting incident in the 5400 block of Richenbacher Avenue. A 17-year-old male and a 16-year-old male both sustained non-life-threatening gunshot injuries to their lower bodies.

The Alexandria Police Department urges anyone who may have witnessed the shooting or possesses any relevant information to come forward and help in the ongoing investigation.

If anyone has information related to this case, please contact Detective Jason Marable via phone at 703.746.6883, email at Jason.Marable@Alexandriava.gov, or call our non-emergency line at 703.746.4444. Tips can be anonymous.

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AFS-USA, a leader in international high school student exchange for 75 years, is focused on providing opportunities for intercultural exchange that can help lead to a more just and peaceful world.

Those interested in hosting an AFS Exchange Student are encouraged to contact 1-800-AFS-INFO or visit www.afsusa.org for more information. You can also get involved as an AFS-USA Volunteer. Visit www.afsusa.org/volunteer to get started or learn more about opportunities to make a difference.

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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.volunteer-alexandria.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.volunteer-alexandria.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, or visit 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. Interested candidates should email 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, 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.

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 or contact the Volunteer Coordinator at volunteers@alive-inc.org.

Volunteer Drivers Needed. Drivers needed by the American Cancer Society to take cancer patients to treatment in Northern Virginia.

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Melodious Mandoleers Are Good for the Soul

Don't Miss, June 11 Concert at Fort Hunt Park.

BY GLENDA C. BOOTH
MOUNT VERNON GAZETTE

On Sunday evening, June 11, people ambling about or flinging frisbees around Fort Hunt Park may think they are hearing harpsichord music rippling across the landscape, but in fact it will be a concert by The Mandoleers, a Washington-area mandolin and guitar orchestra.

Mount Vernon-area resident Kathleen Graham, the orchestra's first chair mandolinist, has been playing the mandolin for almost 30 years. Lynn Falk, formerly of Hollin Hills, now an Alexandria Porto Vecchio resident, has been playing the mandolin for over 40 years. When Falk heard the mandolin orchestra's tremolo at a concert, "It was like butterflies singing," she says.

This year is The Mandoleers' 100th anniversary. Herman von Bernewitz founded the orchestra in 1923 as the Takoma Mandoleers and served as the conductor for 73 years until his death in 1996. Nicoletta Moss Miller became the conductor in 2022, but she must move for her husband's job, so the Mandoleers are recruiting for a replacement.

The instruments in a mandolin orchestra are the mandolin, mandola, mandocello, classical guitar and double bass. These artists perform as an orchestra so each musician has a specific seat and plays a part, just like a symphony orchestra.

The orchestra usually has around 20 musicians, but they can have any number. To play with this group, people must be able to read music, but they do not have to audition. The Mandoleers practice every week in Arlington and perform about four times a year around the region. The orchestra is part of the international mandolin community, participants in the Classical Mandolin Society of America.

They play a range of music, from Beatles to classical. On June 11, they will play, for example, traditional Irish and Italian tunes and contemporary folk music. Their repertoire includes waltzes, rags and music by composers like Beethoven, Bach, Sammartini, Telemann and Brahms.

The Mandoleers are quick to explain that they play classical mandolins, not high-octane, bluegrass, mandolin tunes played by musicians like Bill Monroe, known as the Father of Bluegrass.

The First Chair Musician

Graham, a retired federal budget analyst, says that she "rescued" a vintage mandolin at a 1994 estate sale near Woodley Hills Elementary School, tuned it up and decided to keep it. She saw an advertisement at Belle View Shopping Center's Alexandria Music store for the Potomac Mandolin Ensemble, found a teacher, von Bernewitz, and started lessons in 1995. As a youngster, she had learned to play the piano, but she "was looking for a portable instrument she could



Mandolin musicians Lynn Falk and Kathleen Graham with their vintage mandolins.



PHOTO BY JAMES CORNELIUS

Nicoletta Moss Miller, Takoma Mandoleers conductor and Sympatico instructor; Rebecca Walker, Sympatico Instructor; Cindy Joy Gossman, Takoma Mandoleers member and Sympatico instructor; Mary Anne Brundage, Takoma Mandoleers member; and Cynthia Nordone, Takoma Mandoleers member, demonstrate mandolin ensemble playing for the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra's El Sistema-inspired Sympatico music education program at the Alexandria City Public Schools, James Adams Elementary on May 26, 2023.



PHOTO BY JOE GOSSMAN

The Takoma Mandoleers pose for a photo after a concert at Goodwin House, Alexandria, Nov. 1, 2022.

play anywhere, like someone's house or outdoors." She was hooked.

What Is a Mandolin?

The mandolin originated in Italy. It is similar to the lute and oud, an Arabic string instrument. The Chinese mandolin is called a "pipa."

Smaller than a guitar, the instrument has eight strings and musicians play it with a pick and tune it like a violin. The tremolo gives the instrument "its peculiar style, its distinctive color," says the On 8 Strings website. "The tremolo makes the mandolin sing — being its voice, its personality, its soul."



Falk collects postcards featuring mandolins. This one is a 1938 Pablo Picasso painting, Still Life with a Mandolin.



Nicoletta Moss Miller, Takoma Mandoleers conductor, demonstrates the mandolin for the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra's El-Sistema-inspired Sympatico music education program at Alexandria Public School James Adams Elementary on May 26, 2023. Photo by James Cornelius.

Graham and Falk enjoy performing because it brings them joy to make music with others and to make music for others, Graham explains. Attending concerts is important to human health, says Charles Cuvelier, Superintendent of the George Washington Memorial Parkway. Asked why the National Park Service sponsors concerts, he replied, "Stewardship includes creating interest and engagement that inspire people of all backgrounds to visit and care about parks for now and future generations. The concert series fosters interest and can be a catalyst for connecting with historic Fort Hunt, which furthers our purpose. In addition, we think of parks as opportunities to live healthier and improve mental health. The concert series affords opportunities to engage in a leisurely pursuit that is good for the soul."

National Park Service hosts free Sunday concerts at Fort Hunt Park's pavilion A from June 4 to Aug. 27 at 7 p.m. Visit

<https://www.nps.gov/gwmp/planyourvisit/forthuntconcerts.htm>.

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Health and Wellness Fair at The Lyceum

The Alexandria History Museum at The Lyceum, will be the site of a Health and Wellness Fair on June 24, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Learn about wellness tools and resources available in the community. The fair coincides with the museum's current special exhibition "Alexandria Hospital: Women Mobilize the Community."

This free, family-friendly event will feature over 20 participants offering health screenings, information about local health and wellness resources, and entertainment. No reservation is required.

At 11 a.m. kids ages 2+ can join Miss Lisa from the Alexandria Library's Barrett Branch for Yoga Story Time. From 11:30 a.m.

– 12:30 p.m., magician extraordinaire Lorenzo the Great will perform magic that is fun for all ages.

Outside, in the museum parking lot, the Kaiser Permanente Mobile Health Vehicle will offer blood pressure, glucose, cholesterol, and body mass index (BMI) health screenings to help you make sure your health is on track. The Mobile Health Vehicle is for ages 18 and above. Also outdoors, participants can discover ways to get moving. Presenters will include Strictly Ebikes, a local bike shop that specializes exclusively in electric bike sales and service.

Inside the museum, Alexandria businesses, non-profits, and city agencies will highlight opportunities ranging from yoga and phys-

ical therapy to fitness and health screenings.

The fair will also feature a "Movement Break" corner sponsored by emPOWER kids Joyful Movement Center. Kids can enjoy a movement break in their space with portable gymnastics equipment.

Also on hand will be the Inova Alexandria Hospital Saville Cancer Center. Saville Cancer Center providers assess individual cancer risk, provide detailed plans for age-appropriate cancer screening, and offer support in the form of wellness groups, networking, education and prevention programs.

Prevention of Blindness Society of Metropolitan Washington will provide glaucoma screenings, and

Physical Therapy Zone will provide free posture evaluations and balance testing.

The Animal Welfare League of Alexandria will be on hand with an adoptable dog for people to meet.

Together We Bake, an empowerment-focused workforce training program for women facing barriers to employment, will be on hand selling their locally-made healthy snacks, including cinnamon-pecan granola and trail mix.

YMCA Alexandria will provide information about all programs that they offer and will provide body health assessments and blood pressure monitoring to help make suggestions for exercise programs.

"Alexandria Hospital: Women Mobilize the Community" marks

the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Alexandria Infirmary – today's Inova Alexandria Hospital. Women established and sustained the hospital by fostering community support, making it one of Alexandria's most community-based enterprises. The exhibit was supported by Inova Alexandria Hospital, The Twig, and many individual donors.

The Alexandria History Museum at The Lyceum is located at 201 South Washington Street in Old Town, Alexandria. The museum is open Thursdays and Fridays, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m., Saturdays 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Sundays 1-5 p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$1 for children 6-17 years of age, and is free for residents of Alexandria.

Williams Named Deputy Director Of Office of Historic Alexandria

Liz Williams is the new Deputy Director of the Office of Historic Alexandria. Williams joined the City in 2004, beginning as the assistant director of Gadsby's Tavern Museum, located at 134 N. Royal Street, becoming its director in 2017.

"Liz Williams has been a leader in museum operations, project management, and social media during her almost 20-year career with the City. She will be an effective and inspiring leader in this new capacity with the Office of Historic Alexandria," notes Gretchen Bulova, Director of OHA. Williams, in collaboration with the Gadsby's team members redesigned the Gadsby's Tavern Museum visitor tour experience using data-driven survey work, expanded on the stories of enslaved and free Black Alexandrians, and incorporated multi-sensory exhibit elements. She pioneered the use of social media at Gadsby's and extended that work to the OHA channels during the pandemic. Williams was a member of the City of Alexandria's inaugural class of the R.I.S.E. Academy in 2022.

She received the Small Museum Association Award in 2018 and has been an American Alliance of Museums Peer Reviewer since 2017. Williams



Liz Williams

received her Bachelor's in Historic Preservation from Mary Washington College in 1997 and her Mas-

ter's in Tourism Administration from The George Washington University in 2000.

City of Alexandria Celebrates Juneteenth

The City of Alexandria will celebrate Juneteenth with special events and activities throughout the month. Juneteenth, also known as Emancipation Day or Freedom Day, is an annual holiday celebrated on June 19. This holiday observes the emancipation of enslaved African Americans in the United States. It marks the day in 1865 when Union General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, and issued General Order No. 3, officially proclaiming freedom for the remaining enslaved individuals in the state. As the significance of Juneteenth continues to grow across the nation, the City is eager to honor this historic occasion with a series of exciting events.

Throughout the month of June:

Explore Alexandria's African American history on your own!

Follow Historic Alexandria's Self-Guided Walking Tour of the African American Heritage Trails. Visit Juneteenth: A Time of Reflection and Rejoicing for more historic Juneteenth information.

Saturday, June 10

11-11:30 a.m. Tales for Young Historians at Beatley Library

Learn about African Amer-

ican history and icons with stories and activities to inspire young, curious minds at this event hosted by the Alexandria Black History Museum and the Alexandria Library. All are welcome, but the event is geared toward children ages 5-8.

Monday June 12

7-8 p.m. Let's Talk Books Club Reads and Discusses "On Juneteenth" by Annette Gordon-Reed

Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Annette Gordon-Reed investigates Texas lore and greater U.S. history in the context of the June 19, 1865 proclamation in Galveston, Texas notifying enslaved people about the abolishment of slavery. Using her perspective as a Black woman and native Texan, Gordon-Reed dispels many of the held beliefs about who is a Texan. Registration is required for this event.

Friday, June 16

11 a.m.-4 p.m. Juneteenth at the Alexandria Archaeology Museum

Visit the Alexandria Archaeology Museum for a hands-on activity related to a free Black site excavated in Alexandria. The activity is paired with the new Lee Street Site permanent archaeology exhibit. Cases and panels display artifacts and

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Guest House Welcome Baskets Running Low

BY SHIRLEY RUHE
GAZETTE PACKET

A woman slowly walks up the steps to the front door of Guest House on Luray Avenue. She is wearing her prison-issued purple and grey sweats and has no bag of extra clothes or toiletries with her. Katie Shapiro, Volunteer and Development Coordinator at Friends of Guest House, says the women who arrive “often have little time to connect with their families to coordinate clothing and/or funds to be sent to them before their release or have no intact family connections to ask for help from.”

Guest House is the only residential facility for former non-violent women offenders in Northern Virginia and the largest in Virginia. Nearly every week Guest House welcomes women released from jail or prison who arrive with little

or no funds to purchase the items they need. That’s where the welcome baskets play a role.

Guest House provides every new arrival with a welcome basket which is a laundry basket filled with essentials such as shampoo, conditioner, toothbrush and toothpaste, hair tie, razor, deodorant, washcloths and towels. If people would like to go further, the women also appreciate underwear, sports bras, leggings and t-shirts in all sizes from S-XXL.

Last July Guest House began an initiative to provide each new resident a Welcome Basket. They see between four and 11 new women a month which translates into 70 baskets a year. Now the supply has run low, and they are requesting donations of new baskets to make the women’s welcome as warm and exciting as possible.

Shapiro recalls Danielle who joined Guest House in October.



Guest House gives a Welcome Basket filled with the essentials to all new arrivals.

Danielle arrived with her prison-issued sweatsuit, no toothbrush, no pajamas, no soap, nothing. Danielle was presented with a welcome basket along with a few changes of clothing. She is now an alumni of Guest House and as she looks back

she says, “Someone thought of giving me all of the little things when I arrived so I could concentrate on the bigger things.”

Shapiro says that people can contribute to the Welcome Baskets by donating individual hygiene supplies such as 10 shampoo bottles or a few towels or lotions and deodorant.

Or someone could fill an entire basket using their personal imagination of what they might need

if they were checking into Guest House with nothing. A contribution is always welcome to purchase the supplies to fill part, or all, of a basket. Shapiro adds that bras, underwear and leggings are much needed items.

Contributions may be delivered to Guest House at 1 E Luray Avenue. For a complete list of Welcome Basket supplies, contact Katie Shapiro at katherine@friendsofguesthouse.org.

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reveal the archaeological process and the history of Alexandria as seen through waterfront archaeological sites. The Lee Street Site answers questions like: what is urban archaeology; what did the city look like in the past; and what do archaeologists do? The newly designed exhibit centers the experiences of free and enslaved African Americans in Alexandria.

3:30-4:30 p.m. Splater Summer Arts in the Style of Synthia Saint James Create art with bright colors, patterns and incorporating silhouettes in the style of Synthia Saint James, an American visual artist, author, educator and actor. Saint James’ multicultural figurative paintings are the perfect way to welcome the Juneteenth weekend.

Saturday, June 17

10-11:30 a.m. Douglass Memorial Cemetery Remembrance

Join supporters and volunteers at the historic Black cemetery to place purple ribbons of remembrance on the gravestones and attend a short ceremony following in honor of those buried in Douglass Cemetery and the Juneteenth holiday. In partnership with the Social Responsibility Group (SRG) and the Friends of Douglass Cemetery.

11 a.m.-12 p.m. Juneteenth Family Craft. Come and make a simple Juneteenth decoration with your family. Recommended for ages 3+.

Monday, June 19

All Day: Alexandria residents can tour any City-owned museum for free. Visit alexandriava.gov/Museums for a list of City-owned museums and hours of operation.

9-11 a.m. Clean-up of Douglass Memorial and Penny Hill Cemeteries

Honor Juneteenth as a community by cleaning the Douglass Memorial and Penny Hill Cemeter-

ies. This family-friendly event will honor those who endured the many years of slavery while celebrating the freedom they fought for. Participants should meet at Douglass Memorial Cemetery (1367-1473, Wilkes St.) and walk to Penny Hill Cemetery. Grabber tools and trash bags will be provided for the clean-up. Rain date is on Tuesday, June 20, 9-11 a.m.

10 a.m.-5 p.m. Extended Hours at Alexandria Black History & Freedom House Museums

At 10 a.m. come to the Black History Museum for a special encore Storytime and craft with Lillian S. Patterson, former Curator at the museum and Alexandria Living Legend.

2 p.m. Washington Revels Jubilee Voices Concert - Singing the Journey: Juneteenth Joy at Market Square

(301 King St.) Enjoy traditional African American songs of struggle and freedom with the Washington Revels Jubilee Voices ensemble. The ensemble is committed to the preservation of African American history and traditions – presenting songs and stories of struggle and perseverance, trials, and triumphs, as expressed through a cappella music, drama, and dance. The event is weather dependent.

Tuesday, June 20

6-7:30 p.m. A Culinary Tribute to Juneteenth

Celebrate the rich history and culture of African American cuisine and try some new recipes prepared by Chef Charles. This tribute pays homage to the traditional dishes and flavors that have been passed down through generations, while also highlighting the modern interpretations and innovations of Black chefs and culinary artists. It is a delicious and meaningful way to honor the legacy of Juneteenth and the African American community. Registration is required for this event. <https://alexlibraryva.org/event/8555414ç>

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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 and www.spaceofhisown.org. For more information on how to become a SOHO mentor, contact Sarah Maroney at sarah.maroney@alexandriava.gov or phone at 703-746-4687.

Farmer's Market Volunteers Needed. To volunteer for the Farmer's Markets, email Brian Morreale, brianmorreale@gmail.com

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 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 facilitated 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.

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 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 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.

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Tall Ship Providence's New Tour

At Old Town Alexandria's Waterfront Park, south of King Street, Alexandria. Tickets are now on sale for Tall Ship Providence's new interactive dockside tour, which will take place at the new Senator John Warner Maritime Heritage Center, Home Port of Tall Ship Providence. The ship will reopen at its permanent home in front of Old Town Alexandria's Waterfront Park, located just south of King Street. In addition to dockside tours, Tall Ship Providence will offer sunset sails, specialty sails and private charters. The Maritime Heritage Center will also be available as a venue rental. Tall Ship Providence will open for tours on Saturday, June 17 during Alexandria's Portside Festival. Visit TallShipProvidence.org

NOW THRU JULY 15

Alexander D'Agostino: "A Shrine for the Forgotten" Exhibition. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Baltimore-based solo artist exhibition recipient, Alexander D'Agostino, presents "A Shrine for the Forgotten." The work explores queer histories and images, through performance, installation, and reclaiming material from queer archives and other cultural resources related to the historic marginalization of LGBTQ people.

NOW THRU JUNE 11

Women's Work. At the Athenaeum, Alexandria. In Women's Work three artists, Kirsty Little, Donna McCullough, and Kathryn McDonnell use non-traditional media to explore concepts related to the role of women in the arts and society. Each with a strong voice, the artists come together to offer a surprising and cogent statement about the place females have in our current world. Artist Talk: Sunday, June 11, 2 p.m.

NOW THRU JUNE 25

Kandinski. At Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union Street, Alexandria. Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery announces the opening of its juried show "Kandinsky," which will run from May 23, 2023-June 25, 2023, featuring fiber art interpretations of Kandinsky's paintings.

JUNE 1-AUGUST 31

Creative Summer Programs. At Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Creative Summer Programs is a series of workshops exploring the arts. Learn techniques in drawing, mixed media, mosaic, jewelry,

watercolor, and more from local artists. Delve into creative exploration solo or with friends. For children and/or adults, free and paid programs are offered. Sign up for what inspires you! Visit the website: DelRayArtisans.org/creative-summer

JUNE 2-25

The "American Patchwork" exhibit. At Del Ray Artisans gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Features art that highlights the diversity of cultures, landscapes, and artistic styles that make up the American experience. The exhibit broadly explores and captures the patchwork spirit of the United States and her people. Open Thursdays 12-6pm, Fridays 12-9pm, Saturdays & Sundays 12-6pm. Reception: Friday, June 2, 7-9pm. Details: DelRayArtisans.org/exhibits

JUNE 9-10

Mount Vernon Summerfest. 6-9 p.m. At George Washington Mount Vernon, 12-Acre Field, Mount Vernon. Experience Mount Vernon after-hours and taste craft beers from across the region. Visit the website: <https://www.mountvernon.org/plan-your-visit/calendar/events/mount-vernon-summerfest/>

SATURDAY/JUNE 17

Juneteenth Celebration. 12 - 4 p.m. At Carlyle House Historic Park, 21 N. Fairfax Street, Alexandria. The Athenaeum is partnering with the Carlyle House Historic Park and C. Alexandria-Bernard Thomas, to present the annual Juneteenth Celebration. The event will be held outside in the gardens and on the lawn and tented terrace of the Carlyle House located in the heart of Old Town Alexandria.

Discover the history of Juneteenth through hands-on activities, art, poetry readings and more. Activities are part of the planned offerings for the day that marks the liberation of Black Americans on June 19, 1865.

MOUNT VERNON NIGHTS

Fridays at 7:30 p.m. at Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Alexandria

JUNE

9 Earth Wind & Fire Nation's #1 Tribute Band (R&B/Soul)
16 School of Rock Alexandria "House Band" (Rock)
23 The Revelers (Swamp Pop)
30 Collective Delusion (Rock)

JULY

7 Kickoman (Latin/Reggae)
14 Burn the Ballroom (Alternative Rock)
21 King Teddy (Swing)
28 The HalfSmokes (WHFS Playlists/Alternative Rock)

AUGUST

4 Kadencia Orchestra (Bomba, Plena, Salsa)
11 Collaboration featuring Lori Williams (Jazz)
18 Crack The Sky (Rock)
25 Deanna Bogart (Blues, R&B)

SATURDAY/JUNE 10

Army Birthday Festival. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. At the National Museum of the United States Army, DLA special event parking area, 8725 John J Kingman Road, Fort Belvoir. Celebrate the Army Birthday Festival at the National Army Museum. Open to the public - Tickets are free on website and required for entry and activities. Free Parking + Shuttle. Live Music, Parachute

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Obituary

Obituary



Michael Gerard White, a life-long resident of Alexandria Virginia, entered into eternity on Tuesday, May 16th, 2023. He departed this life due to health complications at the age of 56. He is survived by his wife, Channy and his daughter Michelle, his mother Judith Ann White, sister, Donna Marie and her husband Michael Stanislaw, his niece and nephew Filicity and Henry and his aunt Rose Winslow. Michael was a life-long resident of Alexandria Virginia. He also resided in Old Town Alexandria, in the Shirlington area of South Arlington and the Glebe Road area of Alexandria.

Michael attended church regularly at the parishes of St. Mary's Catholic Church on South Royal Street in Old Town Alexandria, St Rita's Catholic Church on Glebe Road and Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church on West Braddock Road. He served as an altar boy for many years in all of these parishes, often serving as the request of the former Bishop of the Arlington Diocese, the Most Reverend Thomas J. Welsh for special Masses and Confirmations. As a young man, Michael helped to build the foundation of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church during its renovation and expansion in 1988 and felt especially humbled and privileged to set the cornerstone of the new structure.

Michael served his country as a member of the Army National Guard. He planted flags in various places in the communities in which he lived. One of his favorite holidays was the Fourth of July and was known for his love of fireworks. His family enjoyed his elaborate home fireworks display each year. He was honored with a military tribute and was presented the American Flag at his funeral Mass.

Michael loved to be in the mountains of the Shenandoah area of Virginia, loved to fish the Potomac River, and hike the GW Parkway and numerous trails and walking paths in the communities in which he lived. He had a particular love for his neighborhood Fort Ward Park. He would often visit wildlife centers and aviaries and go on nature scavenger hunts with his daughter, Michelle. He was a natural athlete, playing on the Black Knights community baseball team at the Barcroft ball field as a teen. He additionally enjoyed basketball, racquet-ball, bike-riding, and motorcycling. He was an avid swimmer and worked several summers as a lifeguard. He loved a good cook-out and loved to man the grill preparing the food, using charcoal instead of propane. Those who knew Michael well know that he loved to play folk-style songs on his guitar. He would often compose songs that told stories for the people he loved. Unknown to most, Michael would often commit random acts of kindness during the holiday season of Thanksgiving, buying turkeys and food items for families who couldn't afford the cost of the meal. He worked for many years stocking the food shelves of grocery stores during the night. He often said that he was proud to place "God's bounty" on the tables of the families who would eat the food he helped to bring to them. His adventurous spirit took him to Cambodia on several occasions where he met and fell in love with his wife Channy. He married her in August of 2007 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alexandria. They welcomed their beautiful daughter, Michelle into their lives in August of 2009. A Funeral Mass was held on May 22, 2023, at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Alexandria, VA. Followed by an interment at Saint Peter Catholic Church Cemetery in Washington, VA.

Michael's wife Channy, daughter Michelle and family members extend their gratitude for the prayers and support for Michael during the period of his sickness and express their gratitude now again at his passing into eternal life. Eternal rest grant unto Michael's soul O Lord and let Perpetual Light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Jesus, I Trust in You.

Michael Gerard Dominic White ... Husband, father, son, brother, brother-in-law, nephew, uncle, friend. You will live in our hearts until we see and meet you again in our eternal home of heaven.

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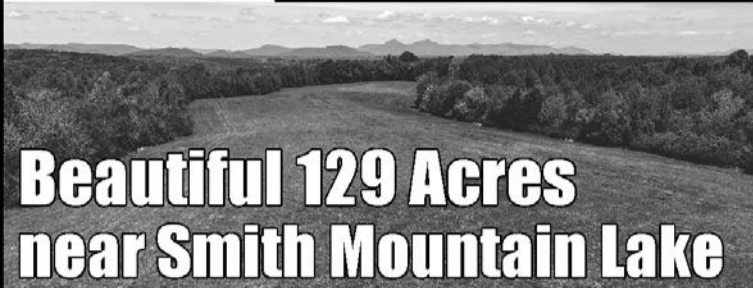
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Pursuant to Section 58.1-3378 of the Code of Virginia, the Board of Equalization and Assessment Review for the City of Alexandria will convene on the following days to hear complaints of inequalities wherein the property owners allege a lack of equity or uniformity in assessment, errors in fact in such real estate assessments, or that the real property assessment is not assessed at fair market value. Upon hearing such complaints, the Board is legally authorized to INCREASE, DECREASE OR AFFIRM such real estate assessments.

Participants can attend via Zoom Webinar or in person in room 3008, City Hall, 301 King Street, Alexandria, VA. Notification of any meeting cancellations will be posted at alexandriava.gov/realestate. The 2023 hearing dates currently scheduled are:

- July 10th - 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- July 11th - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- July 12th - 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- July 17th - 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- July 18th - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- July 19th - 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- July 24th - 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- July 25th - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- July 26th - 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- July 31st - 4 p.m. to 7p.m.
- August 1st - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- August 2nd - 4 p.m. to 7p.m.
- August 7th - 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- August 8th - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- August 9th - 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- August 14th - 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- August 15th - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- August 16th - 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- August 21st - 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- August 22nd - 9 am. to 1 p.m.
- August 23rd - 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- August 28th - 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- August 29th - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- August 30th - 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- September 5th - 9 a.m. to 11 p.m.
- September 6th - 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- September 11th - 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- September 12th - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- September 13th - 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- September 18th - 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- September 19th - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- September 20th - 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The deadline for filing an appeal was June 1, 2023, however, this appeal deadline is not applicable to appeals of assessments for real estate that was newly constructed pursuant to Virginia Code 59.1-3292.

Dockets for each hearing may be obtained by contacting the Office of Real Estate Assessments, 301 King Street, City Hall Room 2600, Alexandria VA 22313, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, via e-mail realestate@alexandriava.gov or by calling 703.746.4646.

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Alexandria homeowners should call the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services at 703-746-4014 or visit 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.

Seeking Donations. Computer CORE, which is dedicated to helping low-income adults become computer literate is seeking donations. Visit 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.

Be Heard at the City's Monthly Public Hearings. A schedule of the meetings can be found at www.alexandriava.gov. Voice opinions, speak about something on the docket or just speak about something you are concerned about. Sign up in advance to speak through the city's website. Anyone is welcome at any of the public hearings.

Public Space Recycling. Alexandria has placed more than 80 bright blue recycling containers next to public trash cans in the commercial districts along Mount Vernon Avenue and King Street, as well as other public spaces, including parks, recreation fields, and other high-traffic pedestrian areas. Visit alexandriava.gov/Recycling.

Composting and Food Waste. Alexandria now has Resource Recovery Stations, located at the City's Farmers' Markets (Old Town, Del Ray) to collect food waste. More than 270 people have participated in the food waste program over the last several months. Participants drop off items weekly, over eight tons of waste has been collected, to be composted to make a natural fertilizer. To learn more about composting visit alexandriava.gov/YardWaste.

English as a Second Language Class. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Tuesdays and Thursdays, all levels 10 a.m.-12 p.m., intermediate workshop 3-5 p.m. All classes free. Call the information desk, 703-746-1702.

The Talking Book Service at Alexandria Library will now operate Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Patrons may also reach the service at 703-746-1760.

Digital Magazines. Patrons of Alexandria Library will have unlimited access to read digital magazines, which can be viewed on most Internet-enabled devices inside or outside of the library. Accessible through www.rbdigital.com/alexandriava/zinio.

Eligible low income households can now use their SNAP benefits to buy local foods at the Old Town Farmers' Market. SNAP customers are able to use their electronic benefits transfer cards to purchase fresh fruits, vegetables and other

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ENTERTAINMENT

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Team, Bounce House, Gaming, VR Rides, Dog Show, Tanks, Twilight Tattoo and more. Visit the website: <https://theNMUSA.org/army-birthday/>

SATURDAY/JUNE 10

Garden Talk – Townhouse Gardening. 10:30-11:30 a.m. (Adults) Extension Master Gardeners share tips for making a big impact in smaller landscapes. This session will be useful not only for townhouse owners but for anyone looking for creative solutions for a small garden space. \$12 per person. Register online at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes> or call Green Spring Gardens at 703-642-5173. Code QKL.H92W.

SATURDAY/JUNE 10

FocusMusic Presents Lilt. 7 p.m. At St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road, Alexandria. Lilt -- a duo consisting of Tina Eck on flute and whistle and Keith Carr on bouzouki and banjo -- plays the traditional dance music from Ireland: jigs and reels, polkas and hornpipes, the occasional slow air or vocal number. Lilt loves and tries to capture the essentials of Irish traditional music: boundless energy, wildness and melancholy. Adv tickets \$25, day-of \$30 (member / congregation as-applicable \$25 at the door) available at www.focusmusic.org | Info: at rob@focusmusic.org or www.focusmusic.org

TUESDAY/JUNE 20

Mapping Ancestor's Neighborhood. 1-3 p.m. Via Zoom. Have you ever wondered

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eligible food products at the market. The Old Town Farmer's Market is located at 301 King St., and is open on Saturdays, year round from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Opera NOVA has begun collection of used musical instruments. Any instruments welcomed, regardless of type. Snare drums, clarinets, and violins are just some of the instruments that could bring joy to a home or school. Any recorders donated will be sent to an orphanage in Haiti in order to build a musical presence there. Opera NOVA has tax-exempt status. Contact Miriam Miller at 703-536-7557 or mcdm1@verizon.net to arrange for delivery.

Free Medicare counseling is available for City of Alexandria residents through the Virginia Insurance Counseling and Assistance Program (VICAP) to help individuals understand and navigate Medicare insurance programs. VICAP Medicare counselors will be available on Thursdays from 1-5 p.m., by appointment only, at the Alexandria Department of Community and Human Services, located at 2525 Mount Vernon Ave. Speakers are also available to present information on Medicare Basic to community groups. Call 703-228-1726.

The Military Officers Association of America's scholarship fund gives out loans and grants to children of military families. To learn more, apply or donate visit www.moaa.org/scholarshipfund.

VCE Master Gardener Help Desk. 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Monday-Friday. Bring fresh samples of problem plants, weeds or insects to ensure accurate identification. VCE recommends carrying samples in plastic bags or other clear containers. No live insects. All clinics and Help Desk are free. 703-228-6414 or mgarlalex@gmail.com.

Five-Star Toastmasters, Club # 9623. Tuesdays, 5:30-7 p.m. at the Pentagon Conference Center. Toastmasters can help participants sharpen their speaking skills, boost their confidence and energize their leadership skills in a team-oriented atmosphere. Visit fivestar.freetoasthost.com or Club President Charlie DeWitt at 202-997-5087 or Club_President@fivestar.freetoasthost.com.

Connect with T&ES on Facebook. The City of Alexandria's Department of Transporta-

tion & Environmental Services (T&ES) is on Facebook. The T&ES Facebook page will share information on topics such as transportation planning, trash and recycling service, road work and maintenance, traffic, infrastructure and engineering projects, Eco-City Alexandria and environmental initiatives, emergency cleanup efforts, and more. Visit alexandriava.gov/SocialMedia.

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Training Courses. The American Red Cross in the National Capital Region will host training courses in CPR, First Aid, and AED in the Alexandria and Fort Belvoir offices. These classes offer a two-year certification. Classes range from \$70-\$110 and will be held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, or Saturdays, dependent upon the participant's choice. Advance registration is required. To register for a class or find another class in your area, call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit redcross.org/takeaclass.

Internet Offered for Low-income Families. Internet Essentials is an adoption program designed to help close the digital divide for low-income Americans. A household is eligible to participate if it is located where Comcast offers Internet service; has at least one child who is eligible to receive either a free or reduced price school lunch under the NSLP; has not subscribed to Comcast Internet service within the last 90 days; and does not have an overdue Comcast bill or unreturned equipment. Any household that qualifies will remain eligible for Internet Essentials if at least one child eligible for either a free or reduced price school lunch remains living in the household.

Plant Clinics. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursdays at Alexandria Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson St. From late-April to late-October, the Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia will be holding a plant clinic for the community. Gardeners also staff the Horticulture Help Desk, 9 a.m.-noon weekdays year-round at the VCE office in the Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St. Contact 703-228-6414, mgarlalex@gmail.com or www.ext.vt.edu.

At Home in Alexandria! Those interested in becoming AHA! Friends should call AHA! at 703-231-0824 or download the application form from the AHA! website at www.athomeinalexandria.org. AHA! supports Alexandrians ages 55+ who prefer to remain independent in their own homes.

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The pandemic has been a bear, financially and otherwise. Revenue plummeted at the beginning in 2020. Some beloved advertisers have stayed the course supporting us throughout, and many more have done what they can. In the fall of 2021 we saw the return of some advertising for events and Grand Openings, but now omicron clouds the horizon in so many ways. Revenue still remains short of expenses despite our greatly curtailed costs.

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"Learning to Fly"



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

This is not a Tom Petty reference. This is about my brother, again.

Two weeks ago, I was "winging it;" this week I'm "learning to fly," figuratively speaking – in both titles. What I'm actually referring to is living my life without my most important, dare I say, most ardent supporter, in it/alive. Moreover, with my brother Richard's passing, he died a bit unexpectedly on Dec. 3rd after a nearly three-month hospital stay (I'll spare you regular readers yet another re-telling of this extremely sad tale), I have lost my biggest booster. Much like our late parents, especially my father, Richard was a super-positive, kind, generous and motivated self-starter who by virtue of his familial responsibilities – and nature, nurtured his younger and only sibling: me in ways that I imagine few siblings have ever been treated. How does one navigate life without your favorite compass? I'm finding out how every day. It is, to quote Benjamin "Hawkeye" Pierce from a long-ago M*A*S*H episode dealing with loneliness: "all it's cracked up to be."

I wouldn't say I've hit bottom or anything; it was never that kind of emotional trauma. And even though his loss is a kind of fundamental upheaval, the likes of which I can never, ever have again, I will soldier on (even though I never served) and find a path forward. However, as much as I've droned on this week and in more than a few previous weeks/columns, it's clear that my road ahead will be fraught with all sorts of emotional, spiritual, and physical challenges/my ongoing battle with cancer. All of it to be adversely impacted by my not having my usual support system/backstop to deal with the inevitable health hurdles likely to occur. My brother was rock solid, exactly the kind of resource we'd all be lucky to have, especially in a crisis/life or death situation.

Unfortunately, there's no guidebook or podcast, that I know of, to provide the nuts-and-bolts-type advice the lone family survivor needs to navigate the road ahead. It's way more substantive than "put your head down/ put one foot in front of the other." It's so much more complicated than that because the preferred solution is totally beyond the realm of possibilities: return to the life and dynamics I shared with my brother before his death; meaning he's still alive.

Since that can't happen, except in a few rare dreams I've had, I must accept the circumstances, as I did with my original non-small cell lung cancer stage IV diagnosis (now papillary thyroid cancer) and go forward, not backward; at the very least, try not to remain stagnant. Much easier said than done when the one resource one has had to overcome this kind of stumbling is the exact reason one is stumbling. It's difficult to right the ship when the rudder is missing. I guess I should be grateful that I'm not sinking.

Which I most definitely am not. Neither am I losing control. I'm more adrift than anything. I'm still attempting to find/create/imagine a replacement for the one person who absolutely cannot be replaced. As you can maybe tell I'm having difficulty with my brother being gone for good. Certainly, he's not forgotten – by me or anybody whoever met him (he was a big presence/big personality), but I need more, somehow. And unfortunately, finding it seems increasingly unlikely.

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

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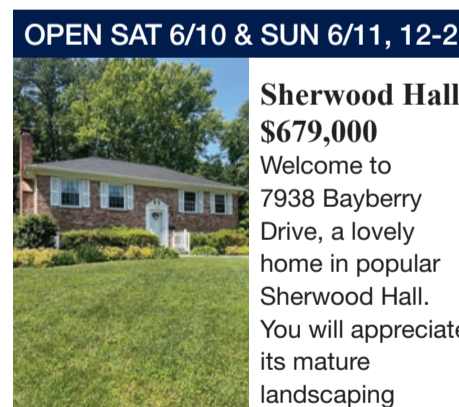
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