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“We claim this ground in remembrance of the events of September 11, 2001. To honor the 184 people whose lives were lost, their families, and all who sacrifice that we may live in freedom. We will never forget.”

— Pentagon 9-11 Memorial inscription.

Lt. Jim Morris, far bottom right, and fellow firefighters from Alexandria and Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Station 11 join soldiers atop the Pentagon to unfurl an American flag during rescue and recovery efforts Sept. 12, 2001. Morris’s brother Seth perished in the attacks on the World Trade Center.

Never Forget City to mark anniversary of 9-11 attacks.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

It was an unimaginable act of terrorism that took the lives of 16 Alexandria residents on Sept. 11, 2001. The City of Alexandria will mark the 22nd anniversary of what remains the worst terrorist attack in U.S. history with a ceremony remembering those who were killed and honoring the first responders who answered the call.

The event, which is open to the public, will take place in Market Square in front of City Hall at 10 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 11. The ceremony will remember those killed, those who survived, and all who were affected. A “Return to Quarters” bell-ringing ceremony will honor each of the victims.

Penn-Daw Station 11 firefighter Jim Morris, now retired, was one of the first responders pictured atop the Pentagon in the now iconic photograph of the American flag as it was unfurled. As he participated in the recovery efforts in Arlington, his mind was 225 miles north in New York City, where his brother Seth was still unaccounted for in the rubble of the World Trade Center.

Seth Morris was a broker with Cantor Fitzgerald working on the 105th floor of World Trade Center One. He did not survive.

The coordinated attacks at the Pentagon, World Trade Center and outside Shanksville, Pa., resulted in 2,977 deaths. Remains of more than 1,700 of those who perished have never been recovered, although they are included in the 2,977.

Remembering Alexandria’s victims of 9-11

Spc. Craig Amundson

Spec. Craig S. Amundson, 28, was assigned to the Army’s Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel as a graphic artist and was at work at the Pentagon the morning of Sept. 11, 2001.

He was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and Meritorious Service Award. He left behind his wife, Amber, and children Eliot and Charlotte.



Spc. Craig Amundson

Eddie A. Dillard

Eddie A. Dillard, 54, was a passenger aboard American Airlines flight 77. He left behind a wife of 15 years, Rosemary, and one son, Edrick L. Dillard.



Eddie A. Dillard

Capt. Robert Edward Dolan

Captain Robert Dolan, 43, was working on the first floor of the Pentagon as head of the U.S. Navy’s Strategy and Concepts Branch when American Airlines Flight 77 struck the building. He was a 1981 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and commander of the USS John Hancock.

His class ring was found in the remains of the Pentagon. Dolan was survived by his wife Lisa and children Rebecca and Beau.



Capt. Robert Edward Dolan

Cmdr. William H. Donovan

Commander William Howard Donovan, 37, was commissioned at the Naval Academy with the Class of 1986. He had been on the Chief of Naval Operations staff for a little over a year when Flight 77 struck the Pentagon. Known as “the Waywood Dad,” Donovan left behind his wife Elaine and three young children. His remains were never recovered.



Cmdr. William H. Donovan

Diane M. Hale-McKinzy

Diane Hale-McKinzy, 38, was a civilian employee for the U.S. Army at the Pentagon. Born in Lithonia, Ga., she served in the Army for four years before beginning a career in civil service.



Diane M. Hale-McKinzy

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OPEN SUN 9/10, 1-3PM

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OPEN SUN 9/10, 2-4PM

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This commanding and rare Ellsworth end-model boasts an unrivaled location, with three sides of windows that bathe every corner in an abundance of natural light. The main level has an open concept living and dining space with built-ins & gas fireplace. 700 Lyles Lane
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Simpson Named Business Leader of the Year

Best in Business reception slated for Oct. 12.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

For Donald Simpson Jr., Alexandria is the only place he has ever called home. His family history dates back generations, when his great-grandfather operated a dairy farm that was located near today's Beacon Mall south of the city.

"My grandfather, Clarence Simpson, would ride down in the mornings with my great-grandfather to deliver milk and eggs to the city's fish market," said Simpson in recalling the first of the Simpson family businesses when he was named a Living Legend of Alexandria in 2020. "My grandfather learned about business at a young age. He was the youngest of five brothers who together started Simpson Masonry in 1924."

That masonry company grew into a construction company: Eugene Simpson and Brother Construction.

"It was the flip of a coin that determined the name," Simpson said with a laugh. "Eugene was my grandfather's brother. He won the coin toss so that is how the company got its name."

Simpson's father, the late Donald Simpson Sr., joined the company in the 1950s following his graduation from Virginia Tech and military service in Korea.

A fourth-generation Alexandrian, Simpson began working with his father and grandfather while still a student at what was then T.C. Williams High School, from which he graduated in 1978. He graduated from Virginia Tech with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Building Construction & Engineering.

Prior to his career start with Simpson Development, Simpson worked with Eugene Simpson & Bros. General Contractors over



Donald Simpson Jr. will be honored as the Chamber of Commerce 2023 Business Leader of the Year Oct. 12 at the Westin Alexandria Old Town Hotel.

a 6-year period in various capacities including field supervision, scheduling, and project management. Eugene Simpson General Con-

"Our family has always been involved in the community."

— Donald Simpson Jr.

tractors completed over 400 new construction projects in the Metropolitan area prior to the sale of the operating company to Centex General Contracting Companies in 1985.

Simpson currently serves as President of

Simpson Development Company, Inc., and Vice President of Simpson Properties, Ltd., a full service Commercial Real Estate Development and Property Management firm headquartered in Alexandria. He has worked with Simpson full-time since 1982 and oversees all of the company's Real Estate Development and new Construction Projects located throughout the Washington area.

The firm currently manages over 1 million square feet of commercial office space and develops approximately 100,000 square feet of new development space each year. Simpson also provides asset and facility manage-

ment services to their current office and retail portfolio.

Simpson is currently serving as Chairman of the INOVA Alexandria Hospital Foundation Board. He is an active member of the Alexandria Rotary Club, the Alexandria Youth Sports Commission, and the Youth IMPACT Foundation. He is a past board member of numerous Alexandria organizations including the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce, the Alexandria Economic Development Partnership, the Missile Defense Advocate Alliance, the Alexandria YMCA, Miracle League of Alexandria and the Center for Alexandria's Children.

His charitable endeavors also include Alexandria City High School Athletic Teams, Alexandria Little League, Colonial District of the Boy Scouts, Senior Services of Alexandria, ALIVE!, Move2Learn powered by RunningBrooke, ACT for Alexandria, Friendship Firehouse, Autism Speaks, Alexandria Seaport Foundation, Alexandria's Sportsman's Club, Alexandria Aces, Boys & Girls Club of Greater Washington, Alexandria Police Youth Camp, and the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria.

Simpson resides in Alexandria with his wife Stacey and their two sons, Cole and Max. He credits his father and grandfather for instilling in him the sense of civic responsibility that is now synonymous with the Simpson family name.

"Our family has always been involved in the community," Simpson said. "Along with stalwarts like [the late] T.J. Fannon and Joe Viar, my father was a great role model for me to learn from. I'm just blessed and thankful that we have the opportunity to support organizations that do so many good things for the city of Alexandria."

Simpson, along with other businesses across the city, will be honored at the 2023 Best in Business Awards reception Oct. 12 at the Westin Alexandria Old Town Hotel. For tickets or more information visit www.thechamberalx.com.

PHOTO BY STEVEN HALPERSON/TISARA STUDIOS

LETTER/UPDATE

Update, 4 Years Later

The Aug. 22, 2019 Alexandria Gazette Packet carried my brief letter accompanied by a photo showing a newly installed flashing 15 mph speed zone sign powered by an environmentally vogue solar panel pointed into the thick leaf canopy of the street tree next to it in the 300 block of N. West Street approaching the Jefferson-Houston K-8 School. Since the tree's leaves block sunlight from reaching the solar panel, it is useless for much of the school year. Just before Labor Day 2023, city staff moved the flashing speed zone sign 20 feet further from the street tree and adjusted the angle at which the solar panel is mounted so it could receive enough sunlight to function properly.

While maybe response time is a bit slow, this shows city hall is responsive to the pub-

lic.

At this time of year, there are only about 15 minutes with the sun still at an angle that illuminates the face of the signal to take a good photo, which luckily coincides w/ the lights flashing for the school in the photos' far background.

The orange pylon is where the signal had been originally installed and sits on the old base, which has not yet been removed.

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Four years later the sign has been moved into the sun. The orange pylon is in the shade, where the signal had been originally installed.



August, 2019, solar sign installed in the shade.

‘Every Day is Beautiful’ Families celebrate milestone birthdays.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

Eve Capps first moved to Alexandria 73 years ago as the young bride of Colonel Robert Capps following the end of World War II. She still lives in the same Old Town home that she shared with her husband and where she celebrated her 100th birthday July 31 surrounded by neighbors and friends.

“Many of these people have seen me through the last 20 years or more,” said Capps, who donned a tiara for the occasion. “I am lucky to always have people I love

“I have a beautiful family and could not ask for more.”

— Norma Safren celebrating her 93rd birthday.

around me.”

Mary Sterling is one of those friends.

“Eve and her husband were fabulous entertainers,” said Sterling, who first met the couple in 1987. “Eve is an incredible gourmet cook. I used to come down when my son was small and we would whip up fabulous dishes together. It has been such a pleasure to be her neighbor.”

Another milestone birthday was celebrated July 26 at The View Alexandria when Norma Safren turned 93 years old.

“I have a beautiful family and couldn’t ask for more,” Safren said.

Bud Hart is still going strong at 85.

“You could not meet a kinder man, nor a more loving husband, father and grandfather,” said Hart’s daughter Mary Catherine Gibbs.



Eve Capps, seated center, turned 100 years old on July 31. She celebrated with friends and neighbors at the Old Town home she has lived in for 70 years.

PHOTOS BY JANET BARNETT/GAZETTE PACKET



Norma Safren, seated at right, celebrated her 93rd birthday with friends July 26 at The View Alexandria. With her are Cynthia Bordner, seated left, and standing are Janet Barnett, Jackie Elpers and Helen Tippens.

PHOTO BY JOHN BORDNER/GAZETTE PACKET



Eve Capps turned 100 years old on July 31.



Bud Hart celebrated his 85th birthday on July 29.



Bud Hart and his wife Connie, middle row at right, celebrated his 85th birthday July 29th surrounded by family.

Glenn Hopkins, President and CEO of Hopkins House, was at the July 29 celebration for Hart.

“Bud Hart has been volunteering for better than 47 years with Hopkins House,” Hopkins said. “He is doing amazing work and the re-

markable thing is that he does it on his own time even as he has his own family to raise and a full-time job.”

Hart, a Living Legend of Alexandria, has not slowed down his pace when it comes to his volunteer endeavors.

“Bud still comes once a week to read to the kids on Tuesdays,” Hopkins said. “In addition he is vice chair of the board, helps with fundraising – he is the person I call whenever I have questions or need help.”

When asked about any secrets

to longevity, Capps said, “I guess growing up poor and learning to make the best of life helps. I learned that in the end everything works out.”

For Hart, it was the simple mantra, “Every day is a beautiful day.”

NEWS BRIEFS

The Alexandria Forum Returns

Learn more about Alexandria’s historic Waterfront Oct. 20, Alexandria History Museum at the Lyceum, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., \$60 per person or \$40 for Office of Historic Alexandria members, volunteers, and students; register here <https://www.alexandriava.gov/historic-alexandria/the-alexandria-forum>

On Oct. 20, the Office of Historic Alexandria will host this day-long conference, launching with the theme, The

Waterfront Revisited: Birth and Rebirth, 1730-2023. The program will be held at the Alexandria History Museum at The Lyceum and explore the history of the Alexandria Waterfront through new research, technologies and excavations. From deeds to store ledgers, from manifests to material culture, presentations will provide new insights. The event’s keynote speaker is Dr. Abby Schreiber, sharing her recent research on the waterfront. Event speakers also include Molly Kerr, Audrey Davis, African American Heritage Trail Committee members with Committee Chair Dr. Krystyn Moon, Blake Wilson, Dr. Garrett Fesler, Dr. Ben Skolnik,

and Dr. Tatiana Niculescu. For the schedule, additional information, and registration, please visit <https://www.alexandriava.gov/historic-alexandria/the-alexandria-forum>

Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition Celebrates Fifteen Years

The Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition of Alexandria (SAPCA) and its partners in-

vite Alexandrians of all ages to join Celebrating 15 Years of Prevention. The event will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 27 at Mount Vernon Recreation Center (2701 Commonwealth Ave.), from 6-8 p.m. This celebration of SAPCA’s fifteen-year anniversary will include heavy hors d’oeuvres; games; music; a photo booth; and highlights of the community’s efforts to educate and empower Alexandria youth to make informed choices about their health and future.

There will be an ensemble performance by elementary students from SEE NEWS BRIEFS, PAGE 6

FALL AND HALLOWEEN EVENTS IN ALEXANDRIA

ALEXANDRIA COLONIAL TOURS

GHOST & GRAVEYARD TOUR

Wednesdays through Sundays in September at 7:30 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30, 8:30 and 9 p.m.

Nightly in October at 7:30 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30, 8:30 and 9 p.m. Admission: \$15 for adults; \$10 for children; free for children under 6 years old. Tours meet at the Alexandria Visitor Center, 221 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314 alexcolonial-tours.com

Walk your way through the charming streets of historic Old Town Alexandria. Follow a colonial-costumed guide by lantern light for an engaging history tour on Alexandria's original Ghost & Graveyard Tour. During this entertaining tour, you'll hear ghost stories, legends, folklore, unsolved mysteries, tales of romance and angry ghosts looking for revenge.

TASTE OF OLD TOWN NORTH

Sept. 21, 2023, from 4 to 8 p.m.; Montgomery Park, 901 N. Royal St. oldtownnorth.org
Head to Montgomery Park for a celebration of greater Old Town North featuring local businesses including restaurants like Julia's on the Potomac, Hank's Oyster Bar, St. Elmo's and Yunnan by Potomac Noodle House. Plus, enjoy music from New Breed Soul Consortium, formerly Three Man Soul Machine, and Sally and the Mander. Rain date is Sept. 28.

81ST ANNUAL HISTORIC ALEXANDRIA HOMES TOUR

Sept. 23, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission: \$45 per person Various locations throughout Old Town Alexandria, VA 22314 thetwig.org/homes-tour

The Twig, The Junior Auxiliary of Inova Alexandria Hospital, announces the 81st Annual Historic Alexandria Homes Tour for Saturday, Sept. 23. New this year, a digital tour book guiding participants through the homes will be accessible to ticket holders via their mobile device. Hard copies of the tour book are available for purchase in advance for \$5 each. Please note that this event sold out last year, so early ticket purchase is recommended.

21ST ANNUAL ALEXANDRIA ART FESTIVAL

Sept. 30 to Oct. 1, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: Free, 300 John Carlyle St., Alexandria, VA 22314, artfestival.com/festivals

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.

FALL WINE FESTIVAL & SUNSET TOUR

Oct. 6 to 8, 2023, from 6 to 9 p.m. Admission: Friday: \$49 for members, \$59 for general public; Saturday: \$53 for members, \$63 for general public; Sunday: \$43 for members; \$53 for general public. George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon, VA 22121, 703-780-2000, mountvernon.org
Taste samples from Virginia wineries after hours at George Washington's estate. Bring a blanket and relax on the east lawn overlooking the Potomac River and meet General Washington.

28TH ANNUAL ART ON THE AVENUE

Oct. 7, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: Free. Mount Vernon Ave. between Hume Ave. and Bellefonte Ave., Alexandria, VA 22301. artontheavenue.org
The 28th 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 set to the

soundtrack of live music along the avenue. Trolley transportation will be available from the Braddock Road Metro.

3RD ANNUAL CARLYLE

HALLOWEEN STAMPEDE

Oct. 28, 2023, 2 to 6 p.m. Admission: \$10 per person Whiskey & Oyster, 301 John Carlyle St., Alexandria, VA 22314 eventbrite.com
The 3rd Annual Carlyle Halloween Stampede features all-day festive cocktails, signature party favors, costume contests, photo ops, giveaways and more. Guests can start the crawl and pick up their wristbands at any of the participating restaurants: Whiskey & Oyster, Sweet Fire Donna's, Tequila and Taco or Lost Boy Cider. Costumes recommended. There will be costume prizes for the most festively dressed participants. 10-100% of the registration fee will be donated to the nonprofit ALIVE! in Alexandria.

TALL SHIP PROVIDENCE

HALLOWEEN HOWL

Oct. 28, 2023, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; tours 45 minutes to one hour, Admission: \$20 per child (ages 1-13); free for accompanying adults, Senator John Warner Maritime Heritage Center, 1A Prince St., Alexandria, VA 22314 tallshipprovidence.org

Arrive in costume for some Halloween fun aboard tall ship Providence! Little ghosts and goblins will be taking over the floating maritime center as they rotate through stations of story time, crafts and activities then step aboard Providence with legendary Captain John Paul Jones.

OLD TOWN FAMILY TRICK OR TREAT

Oct. 28, 2023, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: Free. Various locations in Old Town Alexandria, VA 22314 oldtownbusiness.org
Bring the family and enjoy trick-or-treating in the various shops and restaurants in Old Town along upper and lower King Street and select side streets. Visit oldtownbusiness.org for the starting point and map pick-up location.

TALL SHIP PROVIDENCE PRESENTS "GHOST SHIP PROVIDENCE"

Oct. 28, 2023, from 7 to 10 p.m. Admission (adults only): \$85 per person; \$150 per couple. Senator John Warner Maritime Heritage Center, 1A Prince St., Alexandria, VA 22314 tallshipprovidence.org
All aboard for an adults-only costume party! Cross the gangway (if you dare) for a hauntingly good time. DJ, open bar, food, costume contest and raffles will all take place at the floating heritage center and aboard Providence.

OLD TOWN DOGGIE TRICK OR TREAT

Oct. 29, 2023, from 1 to 5 p.m. Admission: Free. The Dog Park, 705 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314 oldtownbusiness.org
Bring your dog for a howling day of walking through Old Town and visiting participating merchants who will offer treats for your four-legged companion. Start at The Dog Park boutique, located at 705 King Street. www.oldtownbusiness.org

DEL RAY HALLOWEEN PARADE

Oct. 29, 2023, 2 p.m. Admission: Free
Begins at Mount Vernon Ave., south of E. Bellefonte Ave. Alexandria, VA 22301 visitdelray.com
One of Del Ray's favorite traditions, the annual Del Ray Halloween Parade, returns once again. Children, pets and strollers in costumes are invited to march and show off their finest and scariest Halloween garb. For more information, including details on entering the house decorating contest, pet costume contest and stroller decorating contest, visit www.visitdelray.com

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Taste of Old Town North

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81st Annual Historic Alexandria Homes Tour

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- OCTOBER 1

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Maj. Wallace Cole Hogan Jr.



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Maj. Wallace Cole Hogan Jr., 40, served with the Green Berets, the Special Forces and, ultimately, as a general's aide at the Pentagon. The 21-year Army veteran was an avid cyclist and regularly commuted by bike from his Alexandria home to the Pentagon. He was survived by his wife Pat, an Air Force doctor that he met when he fell ill at the Jungle Warfare School in Panama. Other survivors included his parents Wallace and Jane Hogan and sisters Meg Campbell and Kris Leggett.

Bryan C. Jack



Bryan C. Jack

Bryan C. Jack, 48, was on American Airlines Flight 77 when the plane struck the Pentagon, where he worked as the head of the Defense Department's programming and fiscal economics division. Jack and his longtime companion, artist Barbara Rachko, were married on June 16, 2001, just 87 days before his death.

Steven D. Jacoby



Steven D. Jacoby

Steven "Jake" Jacoby, 43, was the chief operating officer of Metrocall and a passenger on American Airlines Flight 77. A community leader, Jacoby sat on the board of Men Against Breast Cancer and was actively involved with the Camp Fantastic Special Love charity golf tournament as well as Catholic Charities. The weekend before his death, Jacoby had celebrated the birthdays of his wife Kim and son Nicholas.

Terence M. Lynch



Terence M. Lynch

Terence Michael Lynch, 49, was one of three consultants from Booz, Allen and Hamilton who perished during a meeting at the Pentagon. On the day of his death, he was attending a meeting to extend survivor benefits to military families. He was survived by his wife Jacqueline and daughters Tiffany Marie and Ashley Nicole.

Lt. Col. Dean Mattson

Army Lt. Col. Dean Mattson, 57, was less than three months away



A City of Alexandria police cruiser is stationed at the Pentagon as local first responders provide support in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

from retiring when he was killed while working in the Office of the Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Army at the Pentagon.



Lt. Col. Dean E. Mattson

A 35-year Army veteran, Mattson had plans of being a Lutheran pastor before committing to the Army when he was drafted in 1964. The Belle Haven Towers apartments resident left behind his mother Bernice and brothers Glenn, Dwayne and Dale.

Maj. Clifford L. Patterson Jr.



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Major Clifford L. Patterson, Jr., 33, was a native of Washington D.C. and graduate of St. John's College High School. In 1991 he graduated from Howard University as a Distinguished Military Graduate. He was working at the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001.

Cmdr. Robert Allan Schlegel

Cmdr. Robert A. Schlegel, 38, followed his father and brothers in the Navy. Prior to being posted

to the Pentagon, he was executive officer of the USS Arthur W. Radford, a 9,000-ton destroyer.



Cmdr. Robert Allan Schlegel

Lt. Col. Gary F. Smith (Ret.)



Lt. Col. Gary F. Smith

Retired Army Lt. Col. Gary Smith, 55, was at a meeting at the Pentagon when American Airlines Flight 77 struck. A resident of Waywood since 1984, Smith coached his daughter's soccer teams, kept time for the West Potomac High School track team and was a fixture at high school football games on Friday nights. A 23-year Army veteran, Smith received the Soldier's Medal for Heroism after saving a number of soldiers from a helicopter crash during his service in Vietnam. He was survived by his wife Ann and daughters Natalie, Nicole, Kristie and Tracy.

Norma Lang Steuerle

Norma Lang Steuerle, 54, was active in the Old Town community as a clinical psychologist and through Blessed Sacrament

Catholic Church. She was aboard American Airlines Flight 77 en route to visit a daughter in Japan and her husband Eugene, who was teaching a seminar in Singapore.



Norma Lang Steuerle

Sandra C. Taylor



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Sandra Carol Taylor, 50, worked as a civilian for the U.S. Army for 30 years and at the Pentagon for almost 10. She was a volunteer at the Hospice of Northern Virginia and at the time of her death was engaged to Timothy Dudgeon. She left behind her daughter Smantha.

Meta L. Waller



Meta L. Waller

Meta L. Waller, 60, was a 12-year civilian employee of the U.S. Army at the Pentagon and was at her desk when the hijacked airliner struck the building. Named after her grandmother, the African American sculptor Meta Warrick Fuller, Waller received a master's degree in government from Harvard University and was active in civil rights affairs.

NEWS BRIEFS

Sympatico, a music education program underwritten by the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra. The event will also recognize community partners and Prevention Champions including: Vilma Zefran, TV/Media Production Teacher at Alexandria City High School; Dr. Stacey Swartz, Owner of the Neighborhood Pharmacy of Del Ray; Alexandria City High School Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps program.

RSVP by Sept. 22 at <https://www.research.net/r/AlexandriaVa-SAPCA-15th-RSVP>. SAPCA also calls on residents to provide feedback about efforts to prevent youth substance use by Sept. 15 to share during the event.

Visit alexandriava.gov/SAPCA to learn more about the coalition, including ways to get involved.

Castañeda To Lead Transportation & Environmental Services

Adriana Castañeda will lead the city's Department of Transportation and Environmental Services, joining the organization from the City of Tracy, California, where she oversaw housing, transit, airport and economic development services as the Director of Mobility and Housing. Previously Castañeda served the City of Dallas, Texas as its Director of Bond, and Construction Management, where she oversaw the capital infrastructure activities of nearly 200 staff and a \$23 million operating budget.

As Director of T&ES, Castañeda will be responsible for transportation systems and infrastructure, emergency weather planning, and refuse collections for the city. She was selected following a months-long national recruitment search where more than 60 industry experts applied to lead the department.

Castañeda holds a Bachelor of Arts in Criminology, Law, and Society from the University of California, Irvine, and a Master of Public Administration from San Diego State University.

BULLETIN BOARD

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

GIRLS ON THE RUN REGISTRATION OPEN

Registration for the fall 2023 season of Girls on the Run is open! Registration will close on Friday, Sept. 15 at 11:59 p.m. Girls on the Run (GOTR) is an out-of-school program designed to help young girls build key life skills through dynamic lessons. Teams are led by trained volunteer coaches who lead by positive example and have a passion for helping others be the best version of themselves. Teams typically meet twice a week for 75-90 minutes and are led by volunteer coaches. The 10-week season will begin the week of September 11th and conclude at the celebratory 5K events the weekend of November 18-19.

Each practice has a corresponding lesson from the Girls on the Run research-based curriculum, which focuses on building social, emotional, and physical skills while encouraging healthy habits for life. While many teams meet at schools, GOTR NOVA also offers community teams based out of neighborhoods, community centers, and parks. If a team is not offered at your school, make sure to check out GOTR NOVA's interactive map to find a team near you! Girls on the Run programming is specifically designed for elementary school girls starting in grade 3 while Heart & Sole programming is created for middle school girls. Visit www.gotrnova.org.

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR CAR FREE DAY 2023

World Car Free Day 2023 will be held Friday, Sept. 22 in the metropolitan Washington region, and registra-

tion is now open. This annual event organized by COG's Commuter Connections program encourages residents, commuters, and students to choose a greener way to travel by going car free or car lite on Friday, Sept. 22. By taking the free online pledge at carfreemetrod.cog.org, participants contribute to reducing traffic congestion and greenhouse gas emissions, improve their health, and qualify for great prizes. Interested residents can simply take the pledge to reduce their single occupancy trips on Sept. 22 by choosing an alternative travel option such as public transit, bicycling, carpooling, vanpooling, scootering, walking, or simply teleworking. Each registrant will be entered into a raffle for a chance to win great prizes from this year's sponsors.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

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.volunteerallexandria.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.volunteerallexandria.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. 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.

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The Alexandria Harmonizers, founded in 1948, will celebrate their 75th anniversary with a concert Sept. 9 at 7 p.m. at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall on the Alexandria campus of Northern Virginia Community College.

A Noteworthy Milestone

Alexandria Harmonizers celebrate 75 years.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

The Alexandria Harmonizers, Alexandria's own internationally acclaimed a cappella performing group, will celebrate their 75th diamond anniversary with a special performance Sept. 9 at the Rachel M Schlesinger Concert Hall on the Alexandria campus of Northern Virginia Community College.

"This is Why We Sing: A 75th Anniversary Celebration," will feature chorus favorites as well as custom arrangements. Also on stage will be the Harmonizers' newest ensemble, Metro Voices, as well as gold medal winning quartets Max Q and Ringmasters.

The Harmonizers were chartered on June 19, 1948, and have for 75 years traveled the world educating, entertaining, and performing to enthusiastic audiences. Noted by Broadway World to offer "some of the best choral singing" in the area, the Harmonizers specialize in one of a cappella's most challenging forms, four-part close harmony.

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WEDNESDAYS THROUGH SATURDAYS

Tours Aboard Tall Ship Providence and Sen. John Warner Maritime Heritage Center. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. At Alexandria's Waterfront Park, 1A Prince Street, Alexandria. Guests of all ages are recruited into the Continental Navy aboard Tall Ship Providence with legendary Captain John Paul Jones. Recruits are assigned jobs on the ship, learn where they will work and live, how to load a cannon, etc... Tours conclude in the Naval History Theatre with a film about the ship. The Heritage center is a floating museum on the Alexandria waterfront. Visit <https://tallshipprovidence.org/>

JULY 25-SEPT. 17

Captured: Plants and Places. 1-4 p.m. At Green Spring Gardens Center, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Step into the world of plants across the region and in still life at a season-spanning photography exhibit July 25 to Sept. 17 at Green Spring Gardens Horticultural Center. The lyrical collection "Captured: Plants and Places" features botanical imagery drawn from the Washington area to Maine, including studio photos, intimate outdoor vignettes and landscape scenes. The photographers' varying visions and styles in color and black-and-white invite viewers to explore the wonder of wild and horticultural lands. An opening reception with the artists is July 30 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Atrium at Green Springs Gardens Horticultural Center.

SEPT. 1-30

The "Farther Afield" Exhibit. At Del Ray Artisans gallery 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Featuring art by local artists that takes the viewer on a journey, whether that is someplace an hour away from Alexandria or halfway across the world. Opening Reception: Friday, September 1, 7-9 p.m. Open Thursdays 12-6 p.m., Fridays 12-9 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays 12-6 p.m. (Closed on October 1). Details: DelRayArtisans.org/exhibits

SEPT. 2-30

Perspectives Exhibit. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. At Van Landingham Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center, Gallery 311, 105 North Union Street, Alexandria. The Torpedo Factory Artists' Association's (TFAA) Van Landingham Gallery presents



The 8th Annual George Washington Patriot 5K and 10-Miler Race takes place Sunday, Sept. 10, 2023, in Alexandria.

Perspectives, a juried membership show featuring artworks that showcase the talent and creativity of the TFAA. Artworks include original hand pulled prints, original paintings, jewelry, works on paper, sculpture, and more. The following artists are featured in the main exhibit: Diana Papazian, Samantha Shelton, Guido Zanni, Helen Power, Karen Waltermire, Nancy Ramsey, Ann Barbieri, Tara Barr, and Lynn Chadwick.

SEPT. 7 TO OCT. 15

Every Rock Has a Story – Anne

Stine. At The Athenaeum Gallery, 201 Prince Street, Alexandria. Artist's Reception is Sunday, Oct. 1, from 4-6 p.m. Award-winning painter Anne Stine debuts her latest collection of encaustic works titled, *Every Rock Has a Story*, in September, at the Athenaeum Gallery. Her collection of 20 geological paintings explores the interconnection between Earth and humanity through representational and abstract imagery. "Every rock has a story", a popular geological phrase, meaning history is captured within the Earth's formations from the majestic mountains to the tiniest pebbles that reside beneath our feet.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 9

Memorial Benefit Concert.

2 p.m. At Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Road, Alexandria. Benefitting United Community and in memory of Phil Bolin, come to a Memorial Benefit Concert/Recital. Join in this enchanting performance honoring the memory of Phil Bolin featuring mezzo-soprano, Caroline Nielson, and pianist, Eddie Rothmel. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students. All ticket purchases are non-refundable and will be donated to support United Community. Visit unitedcommunity.org/concerts.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 9

Virginia Arts & Music Festival.

12 to 8:30 p.m. At The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington Street, Alexandria. Festival Program 12-2:30 p.m. — Magic of Color and Shape Visual arts exhibition opening with a complimentary reception. Featured artists: Karen

Tyler, Tatyana Shramko, Iryna Smitchkova, Sermin Ciddi, Marcos Teixeira, Sarah Havah Theebaum, Dawn Shuler, Bugra Karaagac and a special tribute to Mirella Monti Belshé, who passed away this June.

3-4:30 p.m. — Poetical Insights: All the senses of the heart and mind Poetry and poetical story reading, featuring poems by Wayne David Hubbard, Sola Owonibi, Joseph Jablosnki aka "The Walking Mall Poet", Margot Gotzmann (Sarah Havah Theebaum) and others, as well as poems and stories by Sufi masters.

4:30-5:15 p.m. — Lunch break — complimentary light lunch offered by organizers

5:30-6:30 p.m. — Exploring the Musical Journey: Towards the known and the unknown horizons — Lynne Mackey — pianist — classical music concert Looking both forward and back, the concert contains an eclectic mix of styles and music. Composers range from Charles Griffes, Henry Cowell and Sergei Rachmaninoff, to Tan Dun, Alexina Louie and Ann Silsbee, exploring the nature of known and unknown horizons.

7-8:30 p.m. — Documenting Beauty and Mystery: Oriental and western architecture and art in movie excerpts and comments — movie tasting

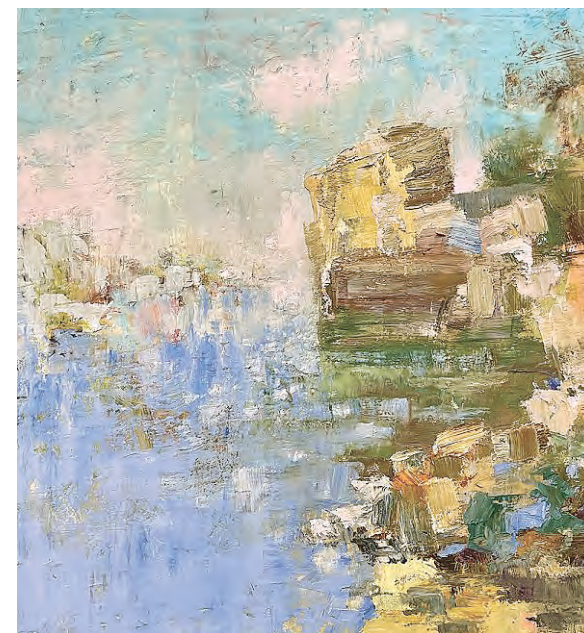
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SATURDAY/SEPT. 9

Used Book Sale: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Selection of over 20,000 gently used children's books, fiction, history, biography, home and garden, cooking, crafts, sports, religion, travel, CDs, DVDs, and more. Unless specially priced, \$1 for hard backs and large paperbacks, and 25 cents for mass market paperbacks. Visit <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/friends-of-sherwood-regional>.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 10

8th Annual George Washington Patriot 5K and 10-Miler Race. 10-Mile race starts at 7:15 a.m. 5K race starts at 7:30 a.m. At George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate. Race in-person or virtually, and cross the finish line with George Washington's Mansion in view.



Every Rock Has a Story by Anne Stine will be shown at The Athenaeum Gallery in Alexandria from Sept. 7 to Oct. 15, 2023.

The Finish Festival will offer each runner music, food and beverage concessions, and a complimentary beer. All participants will receive a commemorative George Washington Patriot Run T-shirt and a finisher medal engraved with George Washington's bust. Awards will be presented to first place overall, by age division, and for the military/first responder categories. Visit <https://www.mountvernon.org/plan-your-visit/calendar/events/george-washington-patriot-run/>

TUESDAYS/SEPT. 12, 19, 26,

Simpson Park Demonstration Gardens, Tuesdays @ 10. 10 - 11:30 a.m., Simpson Demonstration Gardens, 420 E. Monroe Ave, Alexandria. Meet and talk with Extension Master Gardeners in the Simpson Demonstration Gardens to learn about lawn alternatives suitable for our climate and your growing conditions. Free.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 16

Classic Car Show. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. At Alexandria History Museum at the Lyceum, 201 South Washington Street, Alexandria. Free Come to a classic car show featuring a variety of Packards and other "orphan" vehicles. This show will bring together cars that are no longer manufactured – hence the term "orphans." The show is co-sponsored by Packards Virginia and the Alexandria History Museum at The Lyceum. This year's show will feature, among other vehicles, at least three Packards – a 1927 Packard Phaeton, a 1940 Packard Club Sedan, and a 1933 Packard Coupe Roadster; as well as at least two Hudsons — a 1954 Hudson Hornet, a 1934 Hudson Terraplane Coupe. Other cars scheduled to participate include a 1961 Nash Metropolitan, a 1967 Pontiac GTO, a 1988 Volga GAZ. 24-10, and a 1955 MG ZA Magnette.

SEPT. 16-17

Colonial Market & Fair. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. At George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate, Mount Vernon. Step back in time at Colonial Market & Fair, featuring food and wares made by Colonial artisans. Attend the Luke Adams Glass Art Signing on Sept. 17. Renowned Massachusetts glassblower returns

to sign hand-blown glass pumpkins and other one-of-a-kind pieces.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 21

Taste of Old Town North. 4-8 p.m. At Montgomery Park, 901 N. Royal St., Alexandria. Head to Montgomery Park for a celebration of greater Old Town North featuring local businesses including restaurants like Julia's on the Potomac, Hank's Oyster Bar, St. Elmo's and Yunnan by Potomac Noodle House. Plus, enjoy music from New Breed Soul Consortium, formerly Three Man Soul Machine, and Sally and the Mander. Rain date is September 28. Visit Oldtownnorth.org.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 23

The HalloWEIRD Art Market. 10 a.m.–4 p.m. At Del Ray Artisans Gallery 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Features a variety of artwork from local artisans celebrating the spooky and playful sides of the fall season and aerial performances by Monarca in Flight. Join us for lots of fun at this outdoor, family-friendly, rain-or-shine event. HalloWEIRD takes place at corner of Commonwealth and Mount Vernon Avenues). Details at DelRayArtisans.org/halloweird-2023

SATURDAY/SEPT. 23

81st Annual Historic Alexandria Homes Tour. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. At various locations throughout Old Town Alexandria. Admission: \$45/person. The Twig, The Junior Auxiliary of Inova Alexandria Hospital, proudly announces the 81st Annual Historic Alexandria Homes Tour to be held on Saturday, September 23. New this year, a digital tour book guiding participants through the homes will be accessible to ticket holders via their mobile device. Hard copies of the tour book are available for purchase, in advance, for \$5 each. Please note that this event sold out last year, so early ticket purchase is recommended. Visit thetwig.org/homes-tour.

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3 Dates to Circle for Dining in September

BY HOPE NELSON
GAZETTE PACKET

A trio of celebrations awaits this month, ranging from an arts-and-cocktails soiree early on to a celebration of Oktoberfest to a bluegrass brunch to beat the band. Kick off the journey to autumn with some September fun – here are some of the month’s best bets.

Art on the Rocks, Sept. 8

In celebration of Old Town Cocktail Week, the Art League is hosting Art on the Rocks, a showcase of mixologists and chefs coming together to create the perfect pairing. Sample specialty cocktails and crafted appetizers – and vote for your favorite! – while supporting the Art League. Naturally, live music and lively art will also star in the event. \$70. 5:30-8:30 p.m. Waterfront Park, 1A Prince St.

Wunderfest at Port City Brewing, Sept. 23

It’s Oktoberfest time again, and Port City Brewing is getting straight to the heart of the matter with its Wunderfest! Billed as “an outdoor celebration of German-style beers,” Wunderfest will take over Port City’s outdoor

space with live music, food trucks slinging German-inspired food and, of course, some German-style beers. And don’t forget the contests: Don your best Oktoberfest gear for the Best Costume contest; enter yourself (or a friend) into the Best Yodeler Competition; or, finally, aim to take home the prize in the sausage toss. Noon-6 p.m. 3950 Wheeler Ave.

Bluegrass and Brunch at Lost Boy Cider, Sept. 24

A little bluegrass music, a little brunch and maybe a swig or two of cider; what could be better on an autumnal Sunday? Lost Boy has teamed up with Split String Soup (for the bluegrass) and Whiskey and Oyster (for the brunch) to bring guests a feast for all senses. Entry to the event is free, but space is limited, so get there early! And bring your appetite – Whiskey and Oyster is offering an all-you-can-eat brunch special for \$15. As for Lost Boy’s part, cider mimosas are available on tap. Noon-3 p.m. 317 Hooffs Run Drive.

APPETITE

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

Alexandria Harmonizers Celebrate 75 Years

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Led by artistic director Joe Cerutti since 2007, the chorus is made up of nearly 100 volunteer singers ranging in age from 18 to 85. The Harmonizers have won 20 international medals, including four championship gold medals, and recently won the 3rd place Bronze medal at the 2022 Barbershop Harmony Society’s International Competition.

The Harmonizers now feature two ensembles, having recently launched a sister ensemble known as Metro Voices.

The special 75th anniversary performance takes place Sept. 9 at 7 p.m.

Tickets and more information at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/this-is-why-we-sing-a-75th-anniversary-celebration-tickets-638279760947?aff=oddtcreator>

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July 16th Has Come and Gone



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Through no acknowledgement by me. The acknowledgement came from my sister-in-law, Vanessa. (The date not exactly unbeknownst to me, more like lost in the ether.) July 16th, 2023 was the one-year anniversary of the first day my brother Richard was admitted (“ambulanced” is more like it) to the hospital. The date which is firmly stuck in my brain is Dec. 3rd, the date of his death, which some of you regular readers are no doubt familiar. And likely the subject of a future column – or two, as we get closer to the actual date of his semi-unexpected, though not totally surprising, death. This column is not about dates or acknowledgements, however. It’s about a phone call and a story that I was not ready to tell, which became increasingly obvious as I stammered and stuttered my way through the call.

The call to which I’m now going to refer was a call I made to one of my brother’s nearly 2,000 clients. As it so happens, I had spoken to this client about a year or so ago concerning a Social Security issue I was having. Per my brother’s referral, I contacted these clients for advice - as both husband and wife previously worked as lawyers for the Social Security Administration. I had needed some insight on the best way to reconcile a financial discrepancy between me and Social Security. These clients were helpful, but it was hardly “Casablanca,” in that it was not “the beginning of a beautiful friendship.” It was simply a one-time request for advice/assessment of a situation I was experiencing with Social Security about my retirement benefits. The point being: these clients and I did not have any kind of relationship.

Recently I had cause – and need, to contact these clients about this same Social Security issue as before. Still, my call was out of the blue as it had been previously when I had initially reached out. Their phone rang and the wife picked up the receiver and naturally said “Hello.” I said “Hello” as well and introduced myself. She knew immediately who I was and excitedly asked “How’s your brother? I haven’t heard from him in months” (ordinarily he’s in very regular contact with his clients). To which I responded with a brief exhale, then began muttering to myself that she/they don’t know about Richard’s death – and now, quite unexpectedly, I had to tell this extremely sad tale. I was not prepared for the gruesome task at hand: the recounting of my brother’s final few months of life.

The greatest difficulty I have discussing my brother’s death is when I get a totally out-of-the-blue question about his status/death from someone from whom I might not be anticipating such a query. (Cheryl, my brother’s Dir. Of Operations had sent out a mass email to his clients alerting one and all to Richard’s passing – and of course, there was an obituary in the Washington Post.) This was that exact situation. I tried to compose myself as I slowly began the story of Richard’s month’s long hospitalization, his cancer, his surgery, his two weeks in a rehab hospital, and finally his return home and ultimate death on Dec. 3rd. And as I continued to detail his last few months; my voice cracked, my eyes watered, and I began to cry – controllably, all the while sharing some of the facts and feelings with these clients. Clients of Richard’s who I knew he had known going back 25 years. I tried to be as open and honest as possible about what had happened to Richard. I knew he would expect nothing less from me when talking with his clients. It wasn’t easy – for either of us. They were shocked and saddened to hear of Richard’s death. Apparently, they never received – or overlooked, the mass email that Cheryl had sent.

Here I thought I was a big shot; having handled/assimilated my brother’s death as responsibly and maturely as one would hope. But the first time that I had to – unexpectedly, answer questions concerning his death, the three and half months preceding it and the story of how Vanessa found Richard on the floor that final morning and then called 911, I crumbled. Maybe that’s why I whiffed acknowledging July 16th, his initial hospitalization in ICU, and all the surrounding circumstances. It’s still too hard for me. (As the old joke says: “When God made him, they broke the mold: You should see what they did to the mold maker.”) There will never be another like him.

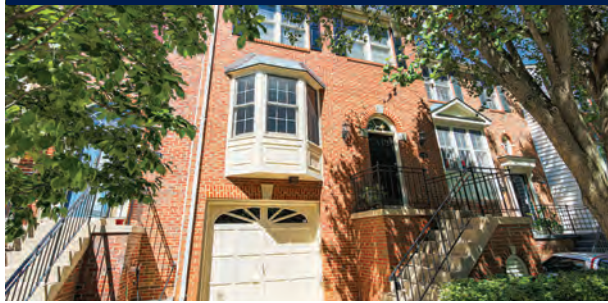
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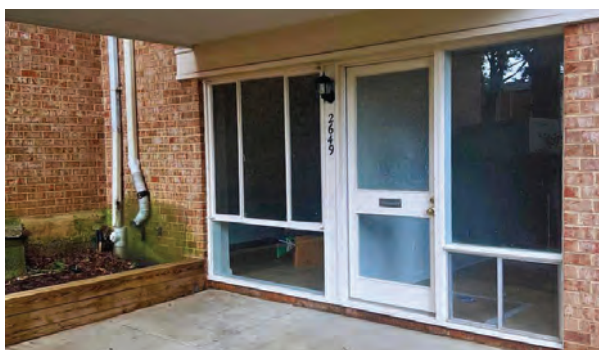
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