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Marion Moon Philanthropist, Living Legend dies at 82.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

Marion Moon, a philanthropic leader who generously supported numerous nonprofit organizations, died unexpectedly March 31 at her Alexandria home. She was 82.

Named a Living Legend of Alexandria in 2018, Moon attended Easter services at her long-time church, First Baptist Church of Alexandria, celebrating with friends and visiting with senior Pastor Robert Stephens.

"This is such a shock to us," Stephens said. "Her energy was contagious. She was an incredible example of faithfulness to a community and to a church."

According to friends, Moon was in good spirits over the weekend and was looking forward to removing a sling she was wearing from an injury to her elbow. When she uncharacteristically missed a meeting Monday morning at the Old Dominion Boat Club, a close friend went to Moon's home and discovered that she had died peacefully in the night.

"I am shocked and completely devastated," said Jeanne Jacob, a close friend who



PHOTO BY STEVEN HALPERSON/TISARA STUDIOS
Philanthropist and Living Legend of Alexandria Marion Moon died March 31 at the age of 82.

had dinner with Moon Saturday evening and attended Easter services with her. "She was so full of life and ready to go."

Jacob described Moon as a piper who could rally people from different groups to work together.

"She was the organizer and I could help her build her dreams," said Jacob, who worked with Moon to establish the George Washington Legacy Foundation. "She had vision and could draw people from all different groups to make things happen."

Moon was born Marion Elaine Henderson on Sept. 7, 1941, in Nashville, Tenn. She moved to the Alexandria area in 1951 and attended George Washington High School. Moon was briefly married to Norman Moon. She raised her two sons, Rick and Craig, as a single mother.

"Marion would be the first to tell you where she came from," Jacob said. "She grew up in the projects and was a self-made woman building a huge company in the trade show business."

In the 1970s, Moon began 15-years of volunteer work for Northern Virginia Offender Aid and Restoration (OAR) mentoring de-



PHOTO BY JANET BARNETT/GAZETTE PACKET

Marion Moon, left, with fellow Living Legends Gant Redmon and David Baker aboard the Living Legends float at this year's George Washington Birthday Parade.

tainees.

In the early 1980s Moon became the first woman leasing manager for Chrysler. She became Chrysler's top leasing manager nationwide, earning an incentive trip to see the Washington Redskins play the Miami

Dolphins in Super Bowl XVII.

A decade later, Moon founded Convention and Tradeshow Freight Specialists (CTFS, né Convention Freight Services) with her son Rick.

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PHOTO BY JEANNE THEISMANN/GAZETTE PACKET

Elle and Richard Tauber join Jeff Carpenter in watching the solar eclipse on Aug. 21, 2017, along the Alexandria waterfront.

The Heat is On

City to host solar eclipse watch party.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

The City of Alexandria will host a solar eclipse watch event Monday, April 8, at the Old Town Pool picnic area on Cameron Street.

While not in the path of totality, the region will see a partial 87 percent solar eclipse. The viewing party, sponsored by Alexandria Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities, is scheduled for 3-3:45 p.m.

The event, which is free to attend, will include eclipse glasses to view the event safely, along with arts and crafts for the family. Select Warby Parker, MyEyeDr and Smoothie King locations are also distributing free eclipse viewing glasses.

A solar eclipse occurs when the moon passes between the sun and Earth, either blocking the sun partially or in totality. While partial solar eclipses occur at least twice annually, the chance to see a total solar eclipse is rare. The last one viewed from

the contiguous U.S. was in 2017 and the one before that was in 1979. The next total solar eclipse able to be seen from the contiguous U.S. will be in 2044.

According to NASA, the moon's shadow will move along its path at about 1,600 miles per hour, blanketing everything in darkness. Because of its high speed, the show will be a fast one, lasting roughly three to four minutes.

NASA cautions that specialized solar eclipse glasses are required since staring at the sun without protection will cause severe eye injury. This includes looking at it through a camera lens, binoculars, or a telescope that doesn't have a special-purpose solar filter secured on the front. Regular sunglasses, no matter how dark, also will not offer protection.

Viewers at the Old Town Pool picnic area, located at 1609 Cameron Street, will be able to see the shadow of the moon cross in front of the sun, clear weather permitting, and learn about why the phenomenon happens.



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Easter Sunrise Service overlooking the Potomac River on the lawn of the Mount Vernon Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Sunrise Easter Sunday

Ventures in Community, believing in the power of resurrection.

BY KEARY KINCANNON

For over fifty years Ventures in Community (VIC) has been organizing a Sunrise Service on Easter Morning. This year a beautiful service of word and music to commemorate the resurrection of Jesus Christ was held overlooking the Potomac River on the lawn of the Mount Vernon Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Speakers represented five houses of faith including Rising Hope Mission Church, Washington Farm United Methodist Church, Heritage Presbyterian, Woodlawn Faith United Methodist Church, and the Fort Bel-

voir and Mount Vernon Wards of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Those gathered represented parishioners and attendees from those and other congregations.

This year's Sunrise Service had special music presented by the Trebles, an all-female acapella group from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints; the Woodlawn Faith UMC Gospel Choir, directed by Greg Wright; and the Washington Farm UMC Brass and Wind Ensemble directed by Eileen Fraedrich.

Rev. Claire Miller, pastor at Washington Farm UMC, gave the main message of hope titled "The Resurrection and the Duck-billed Platypus." No matter how tragic or dark life might be now, don't give up hope for life, health and wholeness. In the 18th century, many Europeans would not believe that God would create a furry, web-footed, duck-billed mammal that laid eggs, known as a duck-billed platypus. They were proved wrong.

Many, down through the ages, have not believed it possible that Jesus was resurrected to life. But many who have encountered

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Washington Farm Brass & Wind Ensemble.



Departmental Progressive Club vice president Merrick Malone, seated, is surrounded by members of the No Name Golf Club at the DPC annual Good Friday Fish Fry March 29 at the organization's headquarters on Gibbon Street.



Attendees line up for the annual DPC Good Friday Fish Fry March 29 at the organization's headquarters.

Good Friday Fish Fry

DPC continues fundraising tradition.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

The Departmental Progressive Club once again held its annual Good Friday Fish Fry March 29 at the organization's headquarters on Gibbon Street.

"We have done this annually for many years," said DPC vice president Merrick Malone. "The only time I can remember not doing it was during COVID but we started up again last year and are going strong."

DPC members prepared and served fried trout and sides to patrons, who filled the DPC facility throughout the afternoon either dining in or picking up take-out orders.

Eugene Boyd attended the fish fry with a group of his golfing buddies, who call themselves the No Name Golf Club.

"We are a fellowship of golfers who have been playing together for two decades," Boyd said. "We love the game and are here to support our brother and fellow member Merrick Malone."

DPC members and volunteers spent the day cooking and serving up dinners that included generous servings of trout and sides that included mac and cheese, potato salad, green beans and coleslaw. The popular event continues to be a sell out and serves as a fundraiser for the historic organization.

"This is a great event for us and is a way of bringing the community together," Malone said. "And the fish is darn good."

www.dpc1927.org



DPC member Robert Worthy serves meals at the DPC Good Friday Fish Fry March 29



Attendees enjoy the DPC Good Friday Fish Fry March 29.



Bill Campbell cooks up some trout for the annual DPC Good Friday Fish Fry March 29.



Members of the No Name Golf Club enjoy the DPC Good Friday Fish Fry March

OBITUARY

Ben Morris

Former sportswriter, restaurateur dies at 75.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
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Ben Morris, a celebrated writer and restaurateur, passed away March 30 at the age of 75.

Morris began his career in sports journalism, where he made a mark as a sportswriter for the Alexandria Gazette, notably covering the T.C. Williams High School football team, which later gained fame through its depiction in the 2000 Disney film *Remember the Titans*.

"I think Ben Morris was one of the more important sportswriters we have had around here," said local sports historian Greg Paspatis. "Compared to other sportswriters of that era, he did a lot of things that were innovative and landmark with in-depth writing that other writers did not do."

Benjamin Rankin Morris Jr. was born March 10, 1949, in North Carolina. He was one of three sons and one daughter born to Benjamin Rankin Morris Sr. and Henrietta Hampton Morris. He was raised in Atlanta before the family moved to South Carolina,



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Ben Morris, a former sports writer for the Alexandria Gazette, died March 30 at the age of 75.

where his father took over running a group of newspapers as his grandfather, publisher Ambrose G. Hampton, neared retirement age.

One of those newspapers was The State

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Newspaper in Columbia, S.C., which was started by his mother's great uncles in the late 19th century. As head of the publishing company, Morris's father purchased the Alexandria Gazette in 1973, selling the newspaper in 1979.

Morris Jr. moved to Northern Virginia in the '70s and married Martha Pearl Daniel in 1981.

"I think the greatest thing he did was a six-part series in November of 1978 on the 1971 T.C. football team," Paspatis said. "This was seven years after that season and 22 years before the movie came out so he

really was the first one to write about and put into context what happened during that time."

Morris made the move from journalism to the culinary world, opening restaurants in South Carolina and Virginia. His Virginia establishment, Ben's Whole Hog BBQ in Manassas, earned recognition in the Washington Post, Washingtonian Magazine, Wine Advocate, and several travel food books, reflecting his passion for bringing people together through food and good company.

Morris is survived by his wife, Martha Daniel Morris; daughter, Claire Morris Talebian and her husband Bobby Talebian; grandchildren, Ben and Sedi; one sister, Henriette Dargan Morris Willams; two brothers, Wade Hampton Morris and Frank Page Morris; and over 20 nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held April 11 at noon at Christ Church Alexandria, 118 N. Washington Street.

"Ben Morris touched a lot of people's lives here covering sports," Paspatis said. "He has left a lasting imprint."

275 Years

This July marks 275 years since Alexandria's 1749 founding. The City of Alexandria will be celebrating with events from April through September, and kicking it off at Waterfront Park on Saturday, April 6 from noon to 4 p.m.

A new archaeology exhibit will debut on recently uncovered ships at the Robinson Landing Gallery on the corner of the Strand and Pioneer Mill Way, showing off some of the City's historic and public safety vehicles, and planting the first of 275 new trees. Collect a 275th Passport to guide you through all the City's 275th Anniversary Kickoff.

Visit the ALX275 webpage for the 275th Anniversary Kickoff schedule and to stay on top of all the festivities and learning opportunities this year.

This milestone is not just a recognition of more than two centuries of history; it's also an opportunity to amplify the shared experiences of the community and the collective achievements that have shaped the City's identity.

Share your story to be memorialized in the City's history. Download the City's Social Media Toolkit to join in the celebration.

A partnership with DASH and GoAlex will provide dedicated bus routes on April 6.

Rebuilding Together Awarded \$200K Grant

Wells Fargo Foundation sustainability grant will improve climate resiliency for marginalized populations.

Rebuilding Together DC-Alexandria (RTDCA), which transforms neighborhoods in Washington DC and Alexandria Va. has been awarded a \$200,000 sustainability grant from the Wells Fargo Foundation. The funding will allow RTDCA to improve climate resiliency for marginalized populations by addressing home improvements and conservation-related retrofits.

Since 2011, Wells Fargo and its employees have helped Rebuilding Together- Alexandria further its mission of providing affordable, sustainable housing and communities across the region. In 2023, Wells Fargo provided \$1.45 million to Rebuilding Together to support new home construction and repair projects across the U.S.

"Climate-friendly housing helps the environment and contributes to better community

wellbeing, yet far too many households in the D.C. area have the least access to renewable energy," said Victor Burrola, Vice President of Philanthropy & Community Impact for Washington, D.C. at Wells Fargo. "Through our support of Rebuilding Together, this important climate resiliency initiative aligns with our ongoing efforts to help individuals and families increase energy-efficiency, save money, and reduce their carbon footprint in their homes."

The grant from Wells Fargo "will enable Rebuilding Together to advance housing affordability and racial equity in our underserved communities in Washington DC and Alexandria Va. by providing sustainable housing upgrades," said Katharine Dixon, President & CEO of RTDCA.

With the help of everyday volunteers, skilled tradespeople and the support of funding part-

ners such as Wells Fargo, RTDCA provides housing security for hundreds of low-income homeowners in Washington DC and Alexandria Va. every year.

RTDCA will use Wells Fargo's grant to create quality, sustainable home environments and reduce potential negative health impacts. The expanded work will include improved energy-efficiency and reduced greenhouse gas emissions.

Such work may include whole house audits for each family/individual served and a combination of climate resiliency retrofits.

Funds will likely also be used for some community revitalization projects such as planting trees to increase and improve community health and neighborhood pride.

More information can be found at: <https://rebuildingtogetherdca.org/>

City of Alexandria Recognizes Sexual Assault Awareness Month

In recognition of National Sexual Assault Awareness Month, the City of Alexandria is holding a series of events and activities throughout April to support survivors and engage the community in prevention efforts.

Sexual assault is a crime that occurs when a person is forced, threatened or coerced by anyone into sexual contact or attention. This includes when they are unable to consent due to age, illness, disability or the influence of alcohol or other drugs. In addition to any form of forced physical sexual contact, examples include indecent exposure, voyeurism, obscene phone calls, ritual abuse, and sexual harassment.

Sexual assault happens in all communities to

people of any age and gender. Survivors may experience a range of emotional, psychological and physical reactions. Whether the sexual assault happened recently or years ago, it can impede daily functioning.

The City's Sexual Assault Center (SAC) is sponsoring the following activities and events:

- ❖ Attend "Embrace Your Voice," annual poetry share on April 11 from 6- 8:30 p.m. at the Lee Center (108 Jefferson St.) Register as a poet or attendee.

- ❖ Join the planting of the Pinwheel Garden for Child Abuse Awareness on April 12 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Charles Hill Park. See how to plant your own pinwheel garden.

- ❖ Wear denim on April 24 and post with #DenimDay to support survivors of sexual violence.

- ❖ Look for Sexual Assault Center coasters and coffee sleeves at local restaurants to encourage coffee drinkers in need to access help.

- ❖ See the Clothesline Project, which addresses violence against women through clothing decorated to express their emotions. A display will be at the Del Pepper Community Resource Center (4850 Mark Center Dr.) through April.

- ❖ Donate to the Sexual Assault Center.
- ❖ Meet the City of Alexandria employees who provide support to those affected by sexual assault by following DCHS on Facebook or Twitter.

The Sexual Assault Center offers resources and services for survivors of sexual assault and those supporting survivors. Learn more at alexandriava.gov/SexualViolence or call the 24/7 hotline at 703-683-7273. In case of an emergency call 911.

Philanthropist, Living Legend Dies at 82

FROM PAGE 1

When the Alexandria Police Department inquired about terms to use space in one of the company warehouses for training their Special Operations Team as well as their K-9 Unit, Moon donated the space. Soon first responders from surrounding localities as well as the federal government had complimentary access to the building to meet their critical training needs.

Moon lost both of her sons unexpectedly. Craig Moon died in 2009 and Rick Moon in 2013. Craig Moon was a graduate of Fork Union Military Academy and served in the U.S. Air Force. In his memory Moon has sponsored yearly scholarships to the academy with more than 100 cadets benefiting from her generosity.

After the death of her son Rick, Moon sponsored scholarships to high school athletes through the Alexandria Sportsman's Club. She had become the first woman to serve on the ASC board in the 1980s and the second to serve as president in 2022.

Since 2017 she has donated more than \$20,000 yearly to benefit ASC's award recipients. She was recognized as Alexandria's Sportsman of the Year, the highest honor of that organization, in 2017, and was presented with the Distinguished Service award in 2023.

Moon has served on the board

of United Community, formerly United Community Ministries, and was a presenting sponsor and donor to the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Warrior Foundation which provides financial assistance and support to active-duty and veteran EOD warriors.

She donated generously and served on the board of the John Leland Center for Theological Studies, an evangelical seminary that prepares both men and women to become Christian leaders in ministry.

A longtime member of the Old Dominion Boat Club, Moon served on the ODCB board and acted as a liaison to the many charitable events that ODCB hosts.

She was a supporter of the Hiring our Heroes Corporate Fellowship Program and contributor to the Mount Olive Ministries (MOM) of Mississippi, an organization that provides educational excellence to underprivileged students in a poverty-stricken locale.

Asked why she does it, Moon told the Alexandria Gazette Packet, "Because I can. I haven't missed a single dime of the money I have been able to contribute. It is personally rewarding to honor my sons' memories and I just thank God I have been able to do so."

ASC president Jerry Whitmire called Moon "transformational."

"While many may believe they are left with a deep void with the

passing of Marion, if she were here she would say there is too much still to do and so much opportunity that awaits," Whitmire said. "Her mission was a great one. She taught all of us the importance of community, inclusiveness and giving."

In 2022, Moon helped establish the Alexandria Firefighters Foundation, a newly formed nonprofit to fund healthy meals and provide other supplies for Alexandria's fire-

fighters and paramedics.

Her most recent passion was the George Washington Legacy Foundation, where she served as president.

"Marion had a vision that would never be denied," Whitmire said. "She was the living embodiment of all things good, spunky and dedicated. She accomplished so much and more from life than anyone could have possibly expected... and never without her ever-pres-

ent wide smile."

Moon is survived by a brother and two sisters. She was predeceased by her two sons, Rick and Craig. Arrangements are pending.

"Marion brought such an energy to the room and that energy clearly had come from the Lord," Stephens said. "She did not hesitate to point others to the love of God that she had received and that she knew. She was just a contagious individual."



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Marion Moon, second from left, at an ASC athlete of the month presentation.



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Past ASC president Marion Moon with Eva Shea, the organization's first female president.



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Marion Moon, left, with the 2023 Living Legends at last year's October Meet the Legends reception.

Governor Sets New Veto Record

BY DEL. PAUL KRIZEK

Gov. Glenn Youngkin has acted on a total of 475 bills passed by the General Assembly ahead of his fast-approaching April 8th deadline. To date, the Governor has vetoed 91 bills, the most of any Governor in the history of the Commonwealth in just a single year. Remarkably, he has issued 132 total vetoes during his 3-year term in office, breaking a record set by former Gov. Terry McAuliffe. And that number is sure to grow as there are 600 more bills yet to be acted upon. Given the narrow party-line passage of many of these bills, this result wasn't surprising. Nevertheless, it highlights the Governor's disconnect from the concerns of average Virginia families.

As you know from reading this weekly column, my bill HB 1167, which would have authorized any locality to adopt an ordinance to prohibit the sale of English Ivy (*Hedera helix*) within its jurisdiction was vetoed last month. An invasive plant, English Ivy is a major killer of trees in Virginia and costs landowners and local governments millions to eradicate. Just yesterday, the Governor vetoed two more bills that would have required signage posted at retailers that sell invasive plants to educate consumers about invasive plant species and encourage

consumers to ask about alternatives. In his veto of my bill, the Governor stated that the most effective approach to addressing the issue of invasive plants in the Commonwealth is education. However, these most recent vetoes contradict that.

The Governor's veto of our joint legislation with Sen. Aaron Rouse, aimed at establishing a robust regulatory framework for an adult-use only retail cannabis market, represents a huge failure. This veto not only squanders a crucial opportunity to protect Virginians but also intensifies the proliferation of dangerous illicit products, amplifying risks to our schools and public safety. Virginia's illicit cannabis market soared to a staggering \$2.4 billion in 2023, underscoring the urgency of enacting effective measures. (You can find my full statements on the vetoes of legislation I introduced on my website www.paulkrizek.com.)

Also on the chopping block was one of our top Democratic priorities this session: raising the minimum wage. HB 1 and SB 1 would have increased the current \$12 an hour minimum wage to \$13.50 on Jan. 1, 2025, and then to \$15 on Jan. 1, 2026. HB 157 would have removed the farmworker exemption from the Virginia Minimum Wage Act, righting a histor-



Krizek

ic wrong by extending long-overdue minimum wage protections to Virginia's farmworkers and migrant workers on temporary visas. Additionally, the Governor vetoed legislation that would have required employers to list pay ranges on job postings and stop relying on job applicants' prior salary to set wages. The Governor passed up a rare opportunity to stand up for equal pay and wage transparency, which would have been a win-win for employers and workers.

The Governor vetoed Sen. Schuyler VanValkenburg's SB 606, cognate to Del. Mark Sickles' HB 1177, directing the Commonwealth to re-enter the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC). ERIC is a multi-state partnership that experts across the political spectrum consider the only reliable, secure way for states to share voter data and information with each other and serves as an essential tool for election officials to prevent people from being registered to vote in multiple states. Virginia was a founding member of ERIC in 2012.

The Governor vetoed 30 bills related to firearm safety and gun violence prevention. One bill would have criminalized possession of firearms in public university buildings, allowing law enforcement to

make arrests, seize weapons, and open criminal investigations. This measure was supported by university police chiefs in the Commonwealth as a tool to combat campus gun violence. While public universities can have policies prohibiting guns on campus, the only available remedies for violating those are administrative ones like suspension or expulsion. HB 2 and SB 2 would have banned the sale, purchase, manufacture, transport, or transfer of assault firearms. The bill defines an assault firearm as a semi-automatic rifle or pistol with a fixed magazine capacity of over 10 rounds or the ability to accept a detachable magazine. Another bill vetoed would have made it illegal to leave a firearm visible in an unattended motor vehicle. The Governor also vetoed two bills that would have protected individuals experiencing a mental health emergency from prosecution during police encounters.

Unfortunately, the likelihood of overriding these vetoes during the Reconvene session in Richmond on April 17 is minimal, as it necessitates a two-thirds majority vote to override a veto. However, the Governor has amended several bills and still has others to address. These amendments only require a majority vote for rejection or approval. If rejected, the Governor will then have the final chance to either veto or sign the legislation.

Sunset Concert at River Farm with Soulfire

The band Soulfire takes the stage at River Farm, headquarters of the American Horticultural Society, on Thursday, May 30, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. This outdoor family-friendly concert promises an evening of music, nature, and stunning views overlooking the Potomac River. The event is free. Donations are appreciated. Parking fee is \$20. For more information and to purchase parking in advance, visit www.ahsgardening.org/sunsetconcert.

Guests are encouraged to bring a blanket or folding chair and find a spot to enjoy an entertaining evening on River Farm's inviting lawn enveloped by the beauty of its gardens and the serenity of the Potomac River. Rocklands will be onsite with their finest BBQ available to purchase, or guests can bring a picnic basket. As the sun sets, Soulfire will set the atmosphere

Soulfire will play a sunset concert at River Farm on May 30 to raise funds for the Potomac Riverkeeper Network.



ablaze with a repertoire spanning over a thousand songs, from the classic rock of Chuck Berry and Elvis Presley to the funky vibes of Kool and the Gang, and the iconic tunes of The Rolling Stones, The Kinks, and The Who.

The event is made possible by River Farm neighbor, fan and advocate Katherine Ward who sponsored Soulfire, and the band's lead singer,

Randy Benn, who serves as Chair of the Board of Directors of the Potomac Riverkeeper Network. The AHS and River Farm support the nonprofit's mission to protect the public's right to clean water in the Potomac and Shenandoah Rivers and their tributaries. Their work to stop pollution is critical to enhance the safety of drinking water, protect healthy river habitats and increase

public use and enjoyment.

River Farm is located at 7931 E. Boulevard Dr., Alexandria, Virginia 22308. It is open to the public and free to visit Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. (excluding special events). For more information, call (703) 768-5700 ext. 114 or visit www.ahsgardening.org.

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City Budget Will Be Adopted May 1

Since City Manager James Parajon presented the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Proposed Budget to the City Council and community, the City Council has held several work sessions with City leaders to assess the current state of resources and programs. These conversations, along with feedback from the community during hearings and other engagements, inform councilmembers' FY 2025 funding priorities.

In March, Council voted unanimously to set a real estate tax rate of up to \$1.15 per \$100 of assessed value; 4 cents above the current rate. This advertised maximum tax rate is the highest rate Council can adopt this budget process. They have up to an additional 4 cents of new revenue to fund any new programs or resources they deem necessary in the final budget.

The next milestone in the budget process is the Add/Delete period. This is the time Council, based on the ongoing discussions and work sessions, "adds" or "deletes" programs, services, or resources in the budget ahead of the final adoption on May 1.

Feedback from the community is critical to the budget process. The Add/Delete Public Hearing is on Saturday, April 13. All Alexandrians- homeowners, renters, established residents, and those new to Alexandria are encouraged to sign up and speak.

Opportunities to Engage

Before the maximum real estate tax is adopted, Alexandrians can also provide feedback through the Public Comment Form until April 29.

Public Hearings

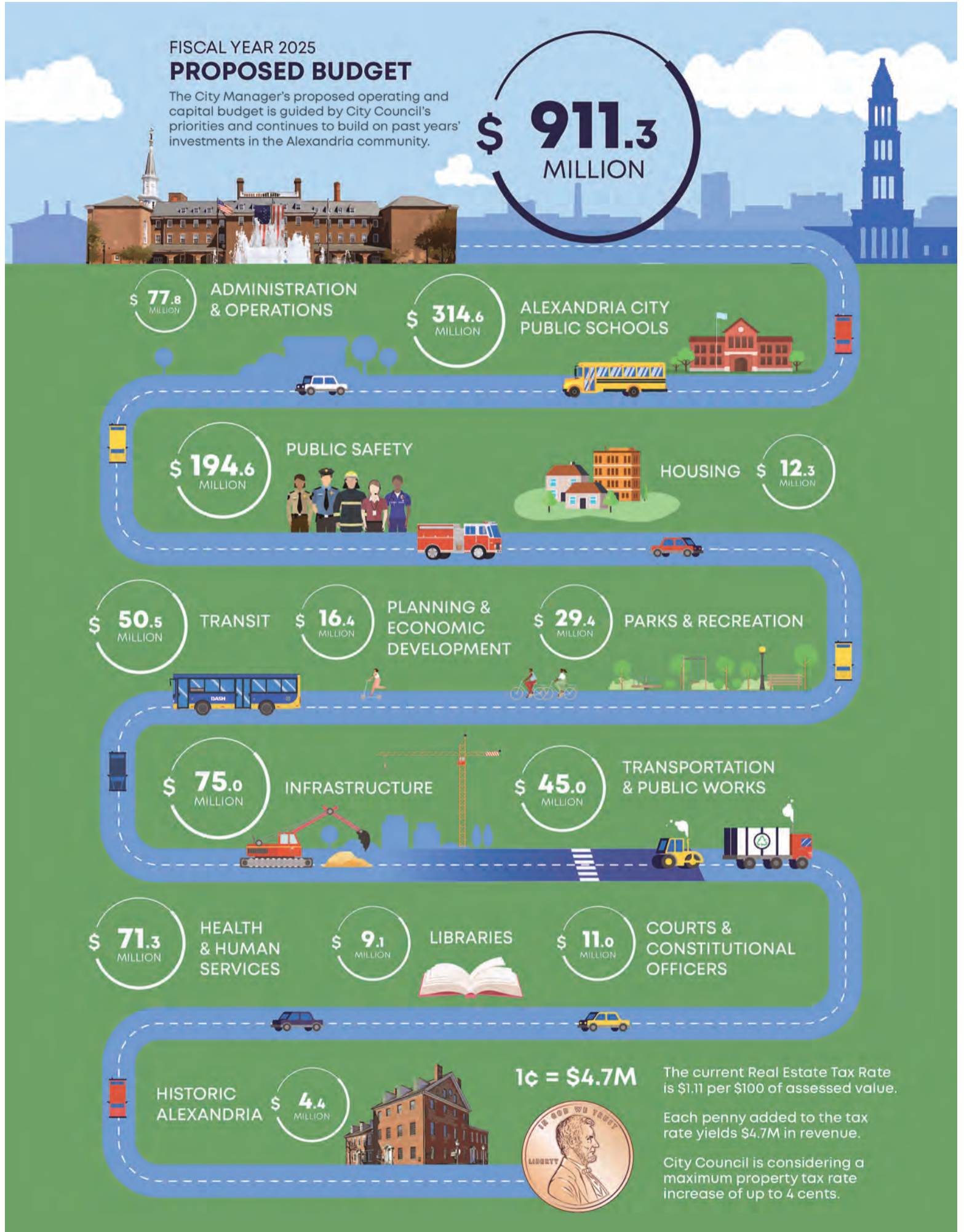
To provide feedback on the proposed plans, attend one of the public hearings below. All events will be held in person and virtually.

❖ Saturday, April 13: City Council Public Hearing Meeting: Add/Delete

❖ Wednesday, April 24: FY 2025 Budget: Tax Rate Public Hearing

Listening Sessions

To hear and learn more, attend the upcoming work sessions below:



❖ Wednesday, April 3: FY 2025 Budget Work Session #5

❖ Wednesday, April 24: FY 2025

Budget Work Session #6: Preliminary Add/Delete

❖ Monday, April 29: FY 2025

Budget Work Session #7: Final Add/Delete

For more information about

Alexandria's budget process and events, please visit alexandriava.gov/Budget.

ENTERTAINMENT

NOW THRU APRIL 15

Exhibit: "Searching for Truth in the Garden" at Freedom House Museum. At Freedom House Museum, 1315 Duke Street, Alexandria. Gonzaga High School's groundbreaking research on slavery, "Searching for Truth in the Garden," found new life at the Freedom House Museum. The traveling exhibition, on view through April 15, 2024, delves into the life of Gabriel, a teenager enslaved at Washington Seminary (now Gonzaga) in 1829. Gabriel's story offers a poignant lens through which to examine the complexities of slavery and its lasting impact.

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/>

NOW THRU APRIL 7

Seen Better Times Exhibition. At Multiple Exposures Gallery, The Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N



The 2024 Spring Garden Market at River Farm takes place April 12-13, 2024. <https://ahsgardening.org/about-river-farm/events-programs/springgardenmarket2024/>

2024 Spring Garden Market at River Farm

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. At 7931 E. Boulevard Dr., Alexandria. Celebrate the start of gardening season with the American Horticultural Society's annual Spring Garden Market at River Farm. This much-anticipated outdoor event, one of River Farm's largest and most popular fundraisers, brings together plant, seed and garden accessory retailers, nature-focused artists and authors, gardening experts, food vendors, and fun for the whole family. Proceeds from the Spring Garden Market directly contribute to the maintenance, beautification and preservation of River Farm, headquarters of the AHS since 1973. Online tickets are now available for River Farm's annual plant and nature-inspired marketplace. Visit www.ahsgardening.org/springgardenmarket2024.

Union Street, Studio 312, Alexandria. MEG is pleased to announce Seen Better Times, a new fine art photography exhibition juried by Michael Borek. The exhibition features 24 images that depict scenes that have "seen better days." Juror Michael Borek says the images he chose from the 14 included photographers go behind the surface of obvious decay and "invite viewers to use their imaginations to finish the hint of a story that is sketched out, but unfinished." Exhibition Artists: Soomin Ham, Eric Johnson, Irina Lawton, Sandy LeBrun-Evans, Matt Leedham, Francine B. Livaditis, Maureen Minehan, David Myers, Van Pulley, Sarah Hood Salomon, Alan Sislen, Tom Sliter and Fred Zafran.

MARCH 5 THRU APRIL 28
Mosaics by Nina Tisara and Photographs by Steven Halperson.

At Green Spring Gardens, 4601 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. The Opening Reception is Sunday, March 10, 1-3 p.m. The mother-son team had worked together at Tisara Photography in Old Town for three decades. Steven now manages the Alexandria portrait photography studio as well as creating painterly photographic images and unique etched copper art. Nina creates intricate mosaics of unglazed porcelain tile which are widely exhibited and collected. Their work may also be seen by appointment at Serenity Place Gallery, Nina's in-home gallery.

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ENTERTAINMENT

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March 9 to April 14

"Every Brilliant Thing." At Workhouse Arts Center, Lorton. Workhouse Arts Center Performing Arts, announces its newest production, Every Brilliant Thing, a heartfelt one-person play that celebrates the little things that make life brilliant. "Every Brilliant Thing" is an interactive solo performance piece that explores the resilience of the human spirit and the capacity to find joy in all the little things. Showtimes are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are on sale now and range from \$25 to \$35. For more information, visit the website (www.workhousearts.org).

BEGINNING MARCH 20

Water Taxi to The Wharf to See Cherry Blossoms. Departs from the Alexandria Marina, 1 Cameron St., Alexandria. Cruise from Old Town Alexandria to Washington, D.C., to enjoy the famous cherry blossoms. City Cruises Potomac Water Taxi offers a 25-minute direct water taxi from Old Town to The Wharf in D.C. From the dock at The Wharf, it is a 10-minute walk to the cherry blossoms at the Tidal Basin. The water taxi docks at the Transit Pier, 950 Wharf St. SW, near the Tidal Basin, the National Mall, Hains Point and a Capital Bikeshare station.

MARCH 16 THRU APRIL 21

Cherry Blossom Cruises with City Cruises. Departs from the Alexandria Marina, 1 Cameron St., Alexandria. Traverse the Potomac River from Old Town Alexandria and cruise past the cherry blossoms in Washington, D.C. on the Monuments Sightseeing Cruise from City Cruises. View and listen to the history of the iconic monuments, memorials and bridges as the D.C. region awakens to spring. See beautiful cherry blossom trees as you glide past the Tidal Basin and head onward to Georgetown. The cruise is 45 minutes one-way and approximately 90 minutes roundtrip. Riders also have the option to explore Georgetown and return on a later boat.

MARCH 23 TO APRIL 14

Pink Torpedoes: Cherry Blossom Art in An Old Munitions Factory. At Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N Union St., Alexandria. Explore all three floors of Torpedo Factory Art Center, home to the nation's largest collection of working artists' open studios under one roof, to view a building-wide exhibition of art inspired by the iconic cherry blossoms. Participating artists will exhibit one or more unique artworks in their studio or gallery. Each artist will explore their interpretations of the cherry blossoms—culturally, colorfully and viscerally—and visitors will discover new ways of thinking about the region's seasonal pink event. Visitors will receive a "Pink Torpedoes" building map with locations of the artwork to discover. Each studio artist in the Art Center is selected by art experts and rank among the best in the region. Artists work in front of the visitor and discuss their work on view. Visitors may shop for one-of-a-kind art inspired by the cherry blossoms, plus more. Can't visit the exhibition? A select exhibition of artwork will be on view at torp.

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"Agatha Christie's Murder on the Orient Express" will be featured March 23-April 13, 2024, at the Little Theatre of Alexandria. <https://thelittletheatre.com/performances/>

Agatha Christie's Murder on the Orient Express.

At The Little Theatre of Alexandria. Adapted by Ken Ludwig. It's 1934, just after midnight, and a snowstorm has stopped the opulent sleeper train in its tracks. A wealthy American businessman is discovered dead, and the brilliant and beautifully mustachioed Hercule Poirot must solve the mystery before the murderer strikes again.

APRIL 4 TO MAY 12

Special Gallery: "Japanese Inspiration." At The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. To complement Washington's festivities celebrating the Japanese cherry blossoms around the Tidal Basin, the Athenaeum Gallery is featuring the work of three local contemporary artists whose work is influenced and guided by traditional Japanese art. Sean Doonan is an illustrator whose fanciful posters are inspired by Japanese mythology, anime, video games and pop culture. David Gootnick creates lacy and delicate designs out of wood using an ancient Japanese art form called Kumiko. And Yoshiko Ratliff's paintings are bold, but intricately detailed, representations of Japanese characters and kimonos.

APRIL 5-27

"Same But Different" Exhibit. At Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Features art that explores notions of identity, distinctions and similarities in our natural and manmade world. This exhibit showcases the interconnectedness of humanity and the uniqueness of things that may appear to be the same. Opening Reception: Friday, April 5, 7-9 p.m. Open Thursdays 12-6 p.m., Fridays 12-9 p.m., Saturdays & Sundays 12-6 p.m. Details: DelRayArtisans.org/exhibits

SATURDAY/APRIL 6

All Lit Up Like a Japanese Lantern: The Japanese Aesthetic in Frank

Lloyd Wright's Pope-Leighey House. 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. At Woodlawn & Pope-Leighey House, 9000 Richmond Hwy, Alexandria. By 1941, the year Pope-Leighey House was completed, Frank Lloyd Wright had studied Japan for almost a half-century. He had become a serious collector of woodblock prints—even writing a book on the subject—and had won acclaim for his design of the Tokyo Imperial Hotel, one of the few buildings to survive the Great Kanto Earthquake of 1923. On this special tour, visitors will discover how the famous American architect incorporated his love of Japanese art, architecture, and philosophy into Usonian homes, and how this East Asian influence shines in Wright's Pope-Leighey House.

SATURDAY/APRIL 6

Used Book Sale: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria. 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>.

THURSDAY/APRIL 11

United States Air Force Band. 7:30 p.m. At the Rachel M. Schlesinger

Concert Hall and Arts Center, 4915 Netherton Dr, Alexandria. Join the United States Air Force Band Airmen of Note for a Jazz Heritage Series concert featuring pianist Dave Kikoski. A highly regarded jazz pianist, Mr. Kikoski emerged in the New York jazz scene in the 1980s and quickly established himself as one of the top players, well known for his post-bop style and spontaneous swinging play. The Airmen of Note is one of the six performing ensembles within The United States Air Force Band, the premier musical organization of the U.S. Air Force.

SUNDAY/APRIL 14

Epics & Fantasies. 2 p.m. Featuring the President's Own United States Marine Band. At Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, Alexandria. John Mackey's Wine-Dark Sea carries a bulk of the narrative in this Marine Band concert of poetry and stories. The 30-minute work draws its inspiration from Homer's Odyssey, distilling the epic poem into a handful of musical highlights. Vocal features include Sousa's "Annabel Lee," set to the chilling verses written by Edgar Allan Poe, and a whimsical tale of "The Green-eyed Dragon" by Wolseley Charles. Debussy's Syrinx flute solo derives its name from a nymph in Greek mythology and the instrument known as "panpipes." The Marine Band's new Assistant Director 1st Lt. Jose Toranzo will also make his debut, conducting Alfred Reed's El Camino Real, also

known as The Royal Road: A Latin Fantasy.

On Sunday April 14th at 2PM Alexandria non-profit Local Motion Project will be hosting "Dance on the Green," their first outdoor community dance event in John Carlyle Square Park. This highly interactive workshop promises to be an active and enjoyable event

April 20-21

Alexandria Symphony Orchestra – Bernstein/Shostakovich. Saturday/April 20 at 7:30 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center; Sunday, April 21 at 3 p.m. at George Washington Masonic National Memorial. Featuring the Alexandria Symphony with James Ross, conductor; Aldo Lopez-Gavilan, piano; Jorge Amado: Alexandria Shuffle; Leonard Bernstein: Three Dance Episodes from On the Town.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

Historic Garden Week Old Town.

Take a behind-the-scenes peek into the spectacular homes and gardens of six historic Old Town Alexandria properties kicking off the Garden Club of Virginia's historic annual statewide tour. Offering a glimpse into the town's storied past, the tour features homes dating from 1785. Expertly updated, tastefully furnished, and filled with spectacular floral arrangements designed by blue ribbon garden club members, each property features lovely, curated gardens filled with bountiful Spring flowers timed to bloom in concert with the tour. Tickets include admission to five private homes and gardens, Lee-Fendall House, a one-time private home with a rich history that now houses a museum and garden, as well as six nearby public properties, including: Mount Vernon, River Farm, Carlyle House, Gunston Hall and Green Spring Gardens. Advance tickets are \$55 online at www.vagardenweek.org and may be purchased tour day at the Alexandria Visitor's Center located at 221 King Street. The Garden Club of Virginia's (GCV) eight-day statewide tour from April 20 to 27 includes 170 private properties throughout Virginia. The Old Town Alexandria tour is hosted by the GCV's two local garden clubs, Hunting Creek Garden Club and Garden Club of Alexandria. For more information, visit www.vagardenweek.org

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

Third Annual ALX Dog Walk. 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. A 2-mile dog walk and celebration is back in Old Town Alexandria. Walkers meet at Oronoco Bay Park in Alexandria for an unforgettable experience. Walk and spread awareness about the importance of plastic-free and sustainable living. It's time to educate the community and make a positive impact. Pre-event registration check-in on Wednesday April 17th, from 12 pm to 7 pm to check-in and collect your sustainable Goodie Bag, t-shirt and doggie bandana, treat, and more. Register now! www.alxdogwalk.com/register

Beginning Wednesday April 24th, the Friends of the Duncan Library will be holding their Spring Book Sale. In addition to providing an

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BULLETIN

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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.volunteeral-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.volunteeralalexandria.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. To volunteer, call 1-800-227-2345 or go to cancer.org/drive.

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Early morning crowd at the Easter Sunrise Service on the lawn of the Mount Vernon Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Sunrise Easter Sunday

FROM PAGE 2

their own resurrection from tragedies, trauma or addictions, have all the proof they need to believe in the power of resurrection. The Rev. Dr. Rob Erickson, pastor of Heritage Presbyterian Church, also spoke. It was recognized that Dr. Erickson is retiring this July, he was acknowledged for his years of service to the community and VIC.

Other Speakers included, Bishop Derrick Anderson, Mount Vernon Ward of the LDS Church; Cathy Hosek, Co-Chair of VIC; Rev. Dr. Keary Kincannon, Pastor Emeritus of Rising Hope Mission Church; Keith Davey, LDS Church; and Kendra Mattox, LDS Church.

VIC is a coalition of faith communities and nonprofit organizations in the Mount Vernon and Lee Districts that advocates for

and serves those in need. Members meet monthly to coordinate efforts to help local underserved people. Members are advocates for the new location of an improved Kennedy Shelter, provide for the volunteers for the hypothermia shelter at Rising Hope, and testify before the Board of Supervisors when necessary to ensure the least among us are not forgotten.

CALENDAR

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opportunity to get great books on the cheap, this sale benefits the operations of one of Alexandria's neighborhood library branches.

SATURDAY/APRIL 27

6th Annual Environment Expo. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. At Fort Hunt Park, Pavilion A, 8999 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. Come out for reptile and raptor demonstrations, NPS Junior Ranger Programs, solar cooking, exhibitions, live music, an electric bike and vehicle showcase, make & takes, face painting, giveaways and much more. You'll find full event details online at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/.../6th-annual-environment>.

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APRIL

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"Ordinary Days" will be presented on Friday, April 5, 2024 at The Athenaeum in Alexandria.

"Ordinary Days."

7 p.m. At The Athenaeum, Alexandria. Come join in a delightful evening with the Chameleon Theater Collective as four New Yorkers intersect on their way through the mundanity and the magic of the everyday. Get ready to be swept away by the beautiful music and heartwarming story of Ordinary Days by Adam Gwon. Our show is sure to leave you feeling inspired and uplifted.

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- Sun. 28: Take 6 \$45.00

Oh Brother,



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

My late brother Richard attended, along with my wife, Dina, the first Team Lourie meeting with my oncologist back in late Feb. 2009 when we first learned that I had non-small cell lung cancer stage IV. He also attended my first appointment with my endocrinologist 10-plus years later when after a somewhat delayed, but much-needed biopsy, I received an updated/corrected diagnosis: papillary thyroid cancer stage IV. Unfortunately, Richard did not attend last week's meeting with the nephrologist. If he was alive, he most definitely would have attended. If there ever was an event/situation since his death in Dec. '22, where I felt his loss, it was during this initial meeting with the kidney doctor. The doctor who very well may control what medicines I take, what foods I eat, and what lifestyle I'm able to live for the rest of my life. A 'rest' which at present seems unlikely to satisfy my presumptive life expectancy and/or compare favorably to the age when my parents died: age 87 (father) and mother (age 86). I'll be age 70 this coming Sept.

This first meeting with the nephrologist was extremely informative. It was an opportunity for all parties to get acquainted since it seems, medically speaking, we'll be somewhat involved from here on out. Never had I quite felt the weight of my brother's loss than when we're sitting in an examining room and encouraged to ask the nephrologist questions. Which we (Dina and I) did. Had my brother, Richard, been in attendance, there might have been a few more difficult questions asked of the doctor - by him. Nevertheless, his positive attitude, his encouragement and good humor would have been welcome, especially given the rock (stage IV papillary thyroid cancer) and a hard place (chronic kidney disease, stage IV) where I find myself trapped. It will be very challenging to navigate my future healthcare decisions, more so than ever before. Cancer alone was difficult enough. Now, as if we needed any complications, my health status is complicated by the relationship between my thyroid cancer medicine and my kidney disease: in short treating the thyroid cancer damages the kidney, and not treating the cancer - so as not damage the kidney, allows/enables the thyroid cancer to do what it does when left untreated: grows, moves and m, m, metastasizes.

Given the conundrum of sorts caused by my present conditions, I could use most everything my brother would offer; compassion, understanding, support, keen insights, and love. As my life exists now, with both my parents and my lone sibling deceased, the weight of my situation falls almost entirely on my wife, Dina. Up until recently, she (and I) had my older brother to rely/fall back on when any need might arise. Now we don't. And as serious as we thought/knew my previous medical history was fraught, this one may be "fraught." Though I may be older and wiser, I may also be sicker, or perhaps I should say, have fewer and more complicated options. The kind of 'complicated options' which really spell trouble (with apologies to Robert Preston) right here in Burtonsville, Md. Not everybody outlives a cancer diagnosis. I know of many individuals who have succumbed to this disease since my diagnosis. As for that Feb. 2009 non-small cell lung cancer stage IV diagnosis, lots of time has passed, but I haven't. Moreover, fifteen-plus years ago I was originally given a "13 month to two years" prognosis, I was shocked of course, as I was basically asymptomatic. Somehow, I outlived it, but I'm not sure I have as much left in the tank to counter the threat this time around. 'Wiser' is helpful, but I don't think 'older' is. Though medical care evolves as well, (back in my early days, there was no such option as immunotherapy), cancer is the big dog on or off the porch. Though being diagnosed with cancer is not the killer it used to be, in some cases; mine in particular, cancer is very much in charge, especially if it's left untreated.

Still, it's not as if Dina and I aren't up to the task, it's more that a task of this substance and severity require all hands-on deck. Having my go-to resource unavailable permanently presents all sorts of personal, medical, logistical, emotional, financial, and legal issues for us to navigate. And how can we navigate them without the one person who we could depend on and trust to initiate, follow through, and weather any storm, expected or otherwise as this train goes down the track? If Richard were still alive, this train would never run out of track. Without him still alive, I wonder - and worry, how I'll even make it onto the train - euphemistically speaking (I'm not exactly F.D.R.).

However, we're still early days. I just hope there's a few late nights left as well.

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2-bedroom, 1.5-bath townhouse offers so much charm. Fantastic screened-in back porch, hardwood floors, new roof, renovated basement with walk-out access to fully fenced yard and covered off-street parking. 11-1/2 E Oxford Ave
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Light-filled, turnkey 3 bedroom, 2 bath townhome features an renovated kitchen, a spacious living/dining room. Finished lower level. Fenced-in patio and backyard, perfect for entertaining! Walk to The Avenue! 228 Tennessee Ave.
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Huge all-brick end townhouse with 4 upper level bedrooms, 5th bedroom on the lower level, and 3.5 baths. 2,800-SF with extra windows. Lives like a single family home! Double-wide lot near community pool. 8245 Cedar Landing Court
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