

Twelve city schools gain full accreditation

Jefferson-Houston denied for the sixth consecutive year

BY MISSY SCHROTT AND DENISE DUNBAR

Twelve of the 16 Alexandria City Public Schools, or 75 percent, received

full accreditation for the 2017-18 school year. This is slightly below the state-wide average of 86 percent being fully accredited.

Jefferson-Houston was denied accreditation for the sixth consecutive year. Only one school in Virgin-

ia — Vernon Johns Middle School in Petersburg — has been without accreditation longer.

Despite being denied accreditation, Jefferson-Houston has made considerable improvement in its Standards of Learning test scores

during the past four years. Last year, it surpassed the state benchmark in history, but fell three points short in science and was four points low in math.

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Council approves West End school

Concerns remain from neighboring organization ASCD

BY ALEXA EPITROPOULOS

The planned West End elementary school at 1701 and 1705 N. Beauregard St. passed its biggest hurdle at a public hearing on Saturday when city council unanimously approved its development special use permit.

The approval means construction can begin on transforming the vacant office building into a school that

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Bishop Ireton expansion approved

City council reverses planning commission vote on Catholic school

BY ALEXA EPITROPOULOS

City council unanimously approved a development special use permit for Bishop Ireton's expansion at its public hearing on Saturday. The decision reversed a vote by the planning commission the previous week that had altered an agreement hammered out during a year of meetings between the school, affected neighbors and city staff.

The DSUP was formed, in part, by a long-in-the-works agreement between the Catholic school and the

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A stroll through art

A woman walks through the display of Eugene Perry's sculpture installation during the 15th Annual Alexandria Art Festival on Sept. 17.

The art festival was held last weekend and drew more than 220 artists to Old Town. Located on King Street from Washington to Union streets, the festival gave visitors the opportunity to meet the artisans and to make one-of-a-kind purchases. The Alexandria Times also participated in the art festival by inviting young artists to visit the Times table and draw with our staff. To view a selection of those drawings, please see page 14.

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Tall ship 'Providence' proposed to Waterfront Commission

Foundation led by ARP owner Scott Shaw set to bring replica to city waterfront

BY MISSY SCHROTT

During Tuesday morning's Waterfront Commission meeting, Alexandria Restaurant Partners principal Scott Shaw presented a plan to permanently dock the tall ship U.S.S. Providence in Alexandria.

The ship is a 100-foot, full-scale replica of the Continental Navy's first warship. If all goes according to plan, the U.S.S. Providence will be docked at Waterfront Park by summer 2019.

Shaw's plan includes the establishment of the Tall Ship Providence Foundation, a new nonprofit that will spearhead the ship's acquisition and upkeep as it brings dockside business to Old Town.

Shaw said he expected a positive community response, especially after the excitement brought about by Eagle, the U.S. Coast Guard's tall ship that docked in Alexandria in early September.

"As we all saw a couple weeks ago ... people love tall ships," Shaw said. "We're really excited how we can use this to bring Alexandria's maritime history to the forefront."

The U.S.S. Providence, which is docked in Somerset, Massachusetts, is Coast Guard certified to support 44 passengers. It will be used to host tours, cruises, reenactments and educational events, according to the Tall Ship Providence Foundation.

While the foundation is still in its beginning stages, Shaw said he intends to raise \$2 million through dona-

tions and grants before the Providence's arrival. The foundation will eventually be composed of a 12-member board. Shaw said he did not expect the Waterfront Commission to approve the project until the foundation is able to provide a business plan with specifics.

Shaw said his group plans to close on the purchase of the Providence by the end of this month. The ship will then spend a year in Gloucester, Massachusetts being refurbished before making the trek down the Eastern Seaboard to Alexandria.

At the meeting, commission members also discussed the city's decision last week to drop its plan for a business improvement district.

"That proposal is not moving forward," Nathan Macek, a representative of the Planning Commission, said of the abandoned BID plan, "but at some point another concept will be important to help address that question of how we activate the waterfront."

Commission members were not only concerned with the challenge of "activating" the waterfront's small businesses and tourist appeal, but also with simple maintenance problems like a lack of trash cans.

"The original plan was that the developments along the waterfront were going to fund maintenance and construction," said Howard Bergman, a representative of the Founders Park Community Association. "In fact, as the tax revenues increase, that can be done."

"I think as we start looking at the budget, we should not discount the notion that we should tell our city council... 'The money is there,

and you should be using it for the purpose that you said it would be used for," he said.

The commission also discussed the status of the Robinson Terminal sites along the waterfront. Archeologists have been uncovering history at Robinson Terminal South, where developer EYA is preparing the site to build townhouses, said Dirk Geratz, principal planner in the department of planning and zoning.

"They did find the foundations of the Pioneer Mill, which is something that has always been talked about as being on this property," Geratz said. "They found the stone foundation, and they say they're quite elaborate."

Ted Pulliam of the Alexandria Archaeology Commission also reported the coffin and remains found earlier this year that delayed construction turned out to actually be animal remains in a coffin-shaped privy.

Archeology projects will continue at RTS through October.

The Ad Hoc Monitoring Group on Waterfront Construction will host a meeting next Tuesday, Sept. 26, about environmental issues at Robinson Terminal North.

The meeting, which was organized on short notice and separate from regular ad hoc meetings, will feature two representatives from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and will address concerns about hazardous materials, such as arsenic, at the site.

Also next week, the Alexandria Seaport Foundation will host Seaport Day at Waterfront Park on Saturday, Sept. 30 from noon to 6 p.m.



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Arrest made in fatal stabbing

Police have arrested a suspect in a fatal stabbing that occurred on the 900 block of North Henry Street in the early hours of Sept. 14.

Melvin Williams, a 23-year-old resident of Alexandria, is charged with first-degree murder and is being held without bond,

according to the Alexandria Police Department.

Police say Williams stabbed Dasheria Barksdale, a 30-year-old city resident, and another 27-year-old male victim at around 1:27 a.m. on Sept. 14. Both were transported to a local hospital with life-threatening injuries and Barksdale died at

the hospital as a result of her injuries. The second victim, who hasn't been named, was in critical condition.

Williams was taken to an area hospital with self-inflicted injuries, where he remained in police custody, before he was charged.

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Alexandria hit-and-run results in crash string

A hit-and-run in Alexandria led to a domino effect of crashes in Northern Virginia on Monday evening, according to a Virginia State Police news release.

The initial hit-and-run occurred within city boundaries in the westbound lanes of I-495. State police responded to the call at 6:30 p.m. A male suspect in a black sedan had struck a westbound vehicle and fled the scene.

The black sedan proceeded to hit a second vehicle in

the I-495 westbound lanes, which disabled the sedan. The driver then carjacked a Virginia Department of Transportation Safety Services Patrol truck that had stopped at the scene to offer assistance, state police said.

The suspect drove the stolen truck south on I-95 and struck another vehicle. He then fled the scene and continued south until the stolen truck became disabled. At that point, the suspect fled on foot.

Fairfax County Police

apprehended the suspect at a residence in the area and took him into custody "without incident." He was transported to Inova Fairfax Hospital, which police say was a precautionary measure. State police believe the suspect, who has not been named, was under the influence of an illegal substance.

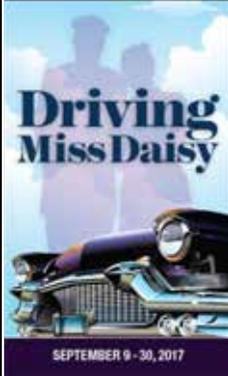
Charges are pending at this time, as the crashes and carjacking are still under investigation by state police.

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– Helen Lloyd,
ACPS communications director

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terms of Jefferson-Houston and their progress, is very good news,” ACPS Communications Director Helen Lloyd said.

The improvements have in part been a result of the school’s renovation in September 2014. The same year, Jefferson-Houston welcomed a new principal, Dr. Christopher Phillips. Since then, Jefferson-Houston has been improving its test scores and growing in school population each year.

“Its accreditation is denied, but it’s very close, it’s extremely close,” Lloyd said. “To do that in a three-year period is almost impossible, so what they’ve done is really remarkable progress.”

Phillips said the upward trajectory of test scores will continue with internal training and collaboration with the greater ACPS.

“We’re really doing a lot of internal training so that it sustains itself. We’re trying to do sustainability so that no matter who sits in this seat, the building continues to evolve,” he said. “Building that culture is probably one of the most important parts of what we’ve done.”

Interim Superintendent Lois F. Berlin said in a press release, “I am confident that the school will continue to see progress this school year as it continues its march to success.”

Three additional ACPS schools have only partial accreditation: T.C. Williams High School, Francis C. Hammond Middle School and William Ramsay Elementary School.

Although T.C. Williams fell short again this year in math achievement, it did meet the benchmark in the graduation completion index, an accomplishment Lloyd said ACPS was excited to see.

Hammond missed full accreditation because of sub-par scores in English.

William Ramsay remains behind in science scores. It was listed by the Virginia Department of Education as one of 48 Focus Schools in the commonwealth, meaning it must employ state-approved, school improvement coaches.

Another ACPS school, John Adams Elementary, attained full accreditation this year, after missing the benchmark in science and receiving partial status last year.

This accreditation report from the Virginia Department of Education follows last month’s release of overall Standards of Learning results, in which ACPS declined slightly in all five subject areas during the 2016-17 school year over the prior year. In addition, ACPS experienced a two-year decline in math of more than 4 percent.

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| SCHOOL | FULLY ACCREDITED | PARTIALLY ACCREDITED | NOT ACCREDITED |
|--|------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| John Adams Elementary | ✓ | | |
| Charles Barrett Elementary | ✓ | | |
| Francis C. Hammond Middle School | | ✓ | |
| Patrick Henry Elementary | ✓ | | |
| Jefferson-Houston School | | | ✓ |
| Cora Kelly School for Math, Science and Technology | ✓ | | |
| Lyles-Crouch Traditional Academy | ✓ | | |
| Douglas MacArthur Elementary | ✓ | | |
| George Mason Elementary | ✓ | | |
| Matthew Maury Elementary | ✓ | | |
| Mount Vernon Community School | ✓ | | |
| James K. Polk Elementary | ✓ | | |
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will eventually accommodate 650 students between kindergarten and fifth grade. It will be the first new school facility for Alexandria City Public Schools since Samuel Tucker Elementary School opened in 1999.

The school plan did, however, face prominent opposition from the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, which specializes in professional development for teachers. ASCD has maintained its headquarters at 1703 N. Beauregard St., an office building that faces the new West End school, since 1998.

Though the association didn't oppose the school itself, it requested a number of alterations to ACPS' plans, including the installation of a berm or a barrier in the courtyard the new school and association share. They also requested rerouting drop off of students from the front of the building to a side access road, and installation of a gate in the parking garage that would



PHOTO/ ALEXA EPITROPOULOS

ACPS purchased 1701 N. Beauregard St. for \$15 million in April of this year.

separate their 190 parking spaces from those for school faculty and parents.

Richard Newman, lawyer for ASCD, represented the organization at Saturday's public hearing.

"ASCD wants to be a good neighbor and seeks conditions to assure good neighborly re-

lations," Newman said at the meeting. "We've sought conditions at the planning commission, we've sought conditions with the school board and we continue to seek clarification."

In addition to the other requests, Newman asked city council to insert language

that would obligate the school district to add "no parking" and "no standing" signage around the building's perimeter. Newman asked that the city pay for all of the improvements.

"We are looking for a way we can co-locate with a minimum of friction," Newman said.

Newman also said the school district hasn't responded to ASCD's requests for meetings to discuss these prospective changes.

"We simply haven't made any progress," Newman said. "This is very loose language that needs to be tightened. Our phone calls haven't been returned."

Interim Superintendent Lois Berlin denied this claim.

"With all due respect to Mr. Newman, that's not quite accurate," Berlin said. "We've had phone conversations and we're in the process of arranging meetings."

During the council session Berlin said that, typically, these additions are negotiated in the site plan process.

City council elected to not obligate the school district to install a berm, parking garage gate or to reroute the drop off

1701 N. BEAUREGARD ST.

Alexandria City Public Schools bought the vacant six-story office building at 1701 N. Beauregard St. and neighboring parking garage at 1705 N. Beauregard St. in April of this year for \$15 million.

ACPS plans to retrofit the space beginning in January of next year and have it ready to open by the beginning of the school year in September 2018.

The new elementary school, which will house 650 students, will use four floors of the building for school uses.

The first floor will house a cafeteria and library, the second floor will provide classrooms for kindergarteners and first graders, the third floor will be used for second and third graders and the fourth floor will be used for fourth and fifth graders. The top floor of the parking garage at 1705 N. Beauregard will, meanwhile, be used as a playground and gymnasium and ACPS plans to install a skyway between the school building and the playground.

and pickup route at this time.

During an interview ahead of the public hearing, Berlin said the school district and ASCD were in the midst of conversations about how to move forward.

"I think it's understandable when a totally different use moves in, there needs to be discussion and there needs to be negotiation so that we can be good neighbors to each other," Berlin said. "That's where we are."

Berlin said there's a great potential for the school district and ASCD to work together and collaborate on projects, such as professional development for teachers and faculty.

She also said ASCD has legitimate concerns, including parking. Berlin said she is open to working out those issues together.

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“We’re absolutely looking forward to having an amicable relationship. We have plans to work things out in regards to managing parking. I think that’s one of the largest issues we need to work on together,” Berlin said.

For observers, infighting between a organization that provides education services and the school district might seem ironic. However, Berlin said the type of organization involved is irrelevant.

“I don’t think the type of organization matters. I think what’s key here is it’s an organization that’s been in an office park. The use of the park is changing,” Berlin said. “That’s why we’re working with them.”

For many parents with children attending district schools, any delay in building the new school is unacceptable. Elementary schools on the West End are already bursting at the seams, they say, with most schools contending with more than 120 percent of capacity. John Adams Elementary



School on Rayburn Avenue is several points higher at 137 percent of capacity.

“Space is needed and it’s needed now,” Amanda Kelly, a former PTA president at John Adams, said at the public

hearing. “We have little to no land and we’re running out of time to build a new building. We have an option that will be both cost-effective and a relief to schools.”

Mark Huddle, an ACPS



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Above: ACPS plans to convert the top floor of the parking garage at 1705 N. Beauregard St. into a playground and gymnasium that will be connected to the school via a skyway. **Left:** This graphic shows the future site of the new West End elementary school. ASCD’s offices are located at the 1703 N. Beauregard St., which is marked “site.”

parent, said not completing the West End school could also have a ricochet effect for redistricting, which will create new school boundaries in order to alleviate some of the strains of the school district’s rapid population growth.

“The new West End school is a lynchpin for ACPS redistricting,” Huddle said. “Without it, we can’t implement the rest of it. ACPS can’t delay on this. They need to have good administrators and good teachers. We need to get started and get it done ASAP.”

Janese Bechtol, treasurer of the PTA Council, said she thought the two parties could easily work out their differences.

“ASCD has had the luxury of not having neighbors, so there’s going to be some adjustment,” Bechtol said. “I’m sure we can work it out. I looked at [ASCD’s] website and it says they are looking to help kids of all cultures, creeds and classes – that is this school. It will be a good match, so work out the differences.”

Cameron Brenchley, director of communications for the association, said the organization was sympathetic to the issue of overcrowding, both as advocates for education and as ACPS parents themselves.

“We know what it’s like on the other side,” Brenchley said. Brenchley said the process

of negotiating conditions for the West End school has gone on for about a year at this point. The communication, he said, has been on-and-off and the conversation lapsed when former Superintendent Alvin Crawley left his post at the end of July and some conversations had to begin again as Berlin started as superintendent.

“I would say it’s taken longer than expected for both sides to come to an agreement,” Brenchley said.

He reiterated that the organization, which employs 145 people, is in favor of the school, and hopes to see details worked out.

“We’re going to keep working with them to iron out those details as they move forward,” he said.

“Part of our mission is working with the whole child and making sure that kids are healthy, safe, engaged, supported and challenged. We see this as a good opportunity to work with ACPS with some new initiatives we have and helping them with some of their goals with the school,” Brenchley said. “... We’re engaged in the community, engaged in the schools. Folks are excited about volunteering and having a school as a reminder of why we do what we do right across the way.”

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– Dr. Tom Curry,
head of school, Bishop Ireton High School



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Rendering of the proposed Bishop Ireton expansion, which was approved unanimously by the city council at its public hearing on Saturday.

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surrounding Clover College Park neighborhood. Bishop Ireton began hosting community meetings about a year ago and a total of eight public meetings have taken place since then.

Bishop Ireton gained approval to expand its facility by 47,000 square feet in four phases over a number of years. Issues worked out with the community included parking, safety and noise concerns.

The compromise involved a total increase of 60 parking spaces over the course of the project, from 247 to 307 spaces and a 925-student cap for the school.

When the planning commission met on Sept. 7, Vice Chairman Nate Macek and Commissioner Maria Wasowski expressed concerns about some of the conditions includ-

ed in the DSUP. The commission recommended that city council approve the DSUP, but struck several conditions from that document and directed that they be included in a separate, non-city coordinated memorandum of understanding.

The planning commission eliminated conditions from the DSUP related to renting out use of the parking lot, to events held on the exterior of the school building and to use of the school’s gymnasium and auditorium facilities and sports events on Fannon Field.

Macek said some of the conditions were overly restrictive and went beyond the role that the city should play.

“We’re overly limiting what the school is able to do with its facilities when the bottom line ought to be for a use that you’re able to use it when you’re able to use it,

regardless of whether that is for the school or for events,” Macek said at the meeting. “I think that’s going beyond what the city should require.”

Macek and Wasowski also expressed concern with limiting enrollment.

“The student population has increased all over the city and all over the region, so why should Bishop Ireton be any different?” Wasowski said. “Their population has also increased, so they should be able to accommodate that.”

At its public hearing on Saturday, city council voted to reject some of the planning commission’s recommendations. It reinstated conditions that had been relegated to the memorandum of understanding back into the DSUP, including regulation of activity on Fannon Field and the use

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Above: Joan Barton, the first principal of ACDS, with one of the first graduating classes from Alexandria Country Day School. Circa 1984. **Below:** Joan Barton with longtime school teachers at their retirement celebration in June. Pictured L to R: Barton, Suzy Tacktill, Sherry Ward, Sally Laha and current school principal Scott Baytosh.

Founder of Alexandria Country Day School dies

BY DENISE DUNBAR

Joan C. Barton died Sept. 3 at Fairfax Inova Hospital following a stroke. She was 88.

Best known for helping found Alexandria Country Day School in a church basement in 1983, Barton served as the school's first principal until her retirement in 1996. In 1991, the school purchased St. Mary's Academy across Russell Road, where it has remained since.

Former students, parents and teachers all remembered lifelong educator and teacher Barton best for the nurturing atmosphere she created at Alexandria Country Day.

"Dr. Barton was an innovative educator and instilled a love of learning in me," said graduate Winnie Harrington Robinson. "She knew how to bring out the



best in her students and nurtured the whole person."

Suzy Tacktill knew Barton as an Alexandria Country Day parent, then spent almost 30 years on staff in a variety of roles, most notably as the school's art teacher. Tacktill sought out the school for her son because of its small size and nurturing atmosphere.

"She left a legacy with people. She knew and

worked with compassion, deep thought and character," Tacktill said. "A jar of candy was always on her desk. Sometimes she had to be the 'heavy' but she always did so with a touch of sweet. She set the tone for what the school has become. That tone of caring and nurturing began with Joan and stayed."

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Parking task force debates requirements for restaurants

BY DENISE DUNBAR

Members of the Parking Standards for New Development Projects Task Force reached consensus on several recommendations, but failed to find common ground on parking exemptions for new restaurants at their meeting Tuesday night.

Task force members agreed with city staff on recommendations for parking ratios for hotels, and tweaked city recommendations on

parking standards for offices and retail, restaurant and other commercial uses.

The task force was created to examine Alexandria's standards for parking requirements, which have not been updated for more than 40 years. The group is only considering reductions in the number of parking spaces businesses are required to provide. The initiative is part of an overall plan to reduce driving and encourage alternative means of transporta-

tion within Alexandria.

Task force members agreed to cap maximum allowed parking at 1.5 spaces per 1,000 square feet within Old Town and Del Ray and 2.25 spaces per 1,000 square feet in the rest of the city for office buildings, which was higher than city staff had proposed. Currently there is no cap on the amount of parking businesses may provide their customers.

The task force also agreed to require a minimum of one

space per 1,000 square feet in the city for retail, restaurant and other commercial uses. Again, this was more parking than city staff had recommended, but far below existing requirements.

After a lengthy discussion on potential parking exemptions for restaurants, during which committee member Danielle Fidler repeatedly urged the group to not eliminate parking requirements for new restaurants in Del Ray, members decided to defer the topic until their Oct. 17 meeting.

Task force members John Gosling and Shari Simmans joined Fidler in warning

against reducing parking requirements too much, and said a dramatic drop in available parking would negatively impact city neighborhoods, while chair Nate Macek and members Melissa McMahon, Cathy Puskar and Austin Flajser spoke in favor of reducing parking requirements.

Input from the public was not allowed until the very end of the two-and-a-half hour meeting. As city resident Ann Stack began her comments after waiting until 9:35 p.m. to speak, two committee members walked out of the room.

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Barton hired Jim Girard in 1989 and he remains at the school as its longest-tenured employee. He credits Barton's personal touch for the special atmosphere at the school.

"I remember walking into what really didn't look like a school to me and having an interview with her," Girard said. "It was clear to me that her professionalism and love of learning was infectious. How much she cared about the school. The connections she made. I think she really took advantage of ACDS being small. She knew every kid. Knew their names, their stories. She could laugh with them. You realize how special an atmosphere it was."

Alexandria County Day Principal Scott Baytosh touted Barton's legacy.

"Joan's role in establishing Alexandria County Day cannot be overestimated," Baytosh said in a statement. "Joan's understanding of children, knowledge of education and commitment to helping children become confident, creative and en-

gaged learners shaped the culture of ACDS and inspires us today."

Harrington cited the traditions at the school she enjoyed as a student and Barton's legacy.

"Among the beloved traditions at ACDS under her leadership were the school plays, which included cameos by Dr. Barton herself," Harrington said. "She has left the ACDS community an exceptional legacy in the school she led and in the students she taught."

Joan Colpoys Barton was born in Massachusetts on June 25, 1929. She was married to Col. Robert Barton for 42 years, with whom she had three sons. She is survived by son Kenneth and his wife Lisa of Reston, Eric of Annandale and Robert and his wife Cathy of Leesburg. She is the sister of the late Anne Bartley and Francis and John Colpoys.

Arrangements will be at a later date for a memorial mass at Good Shepherd Catholic Church and a chapel service and interment at Arlington National Cemetery.

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King Street Art Festival 2017

More than 150 young artists and their parents visited the Alexandria Times booth last weekend at the 15th annual King Street Art Festival. Staff members had a blast coloring and creating with kids ranging in age from two to 19.

While we wish we had room to publish all the entries, we have selected a few for display here.

Thank you to all who participated and special thanks to Josephine, age 8, for drawing custom portraits of the Alexandria Times graphic designer and her significant other, displayed on the right.

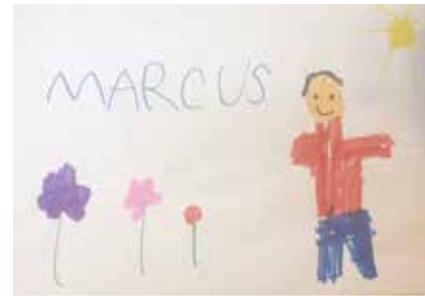
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What to know when choosing your wedding caterer

BY ALEXA EPITROPOULOS

When I started the planning process last year for my wedding in May, food was my biggest priority.

And that makes sense – no one is going to care about the painstaking detail you put into your decorations or the band you sat through ten auditions to choose if they're starving.



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With that in mind, my now husband and I were working on a miniscule budget – far south of the average U.S. wedding cost of \$35,329, according to a 2016 study from The Knot – and we weren't looking for an elaborate sit-down dinner. We wanted something that fit our style.

For several months, I scoured every wedding tip site I could find, considering everything from a mac n' cheese food truck to a crepe station – but, in the end, it was a sign advertising catering services at one of our favorite neighborhood restaurants that caught our eye.

The restaurant was fast-casual Greek that reminded me of my grandmother's cooking. They even worked with us to fit within our budget.

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— Michael J. Humphreys, Alexandria City Public Schools PE/ Health/Family Life Education Instructional Specialist

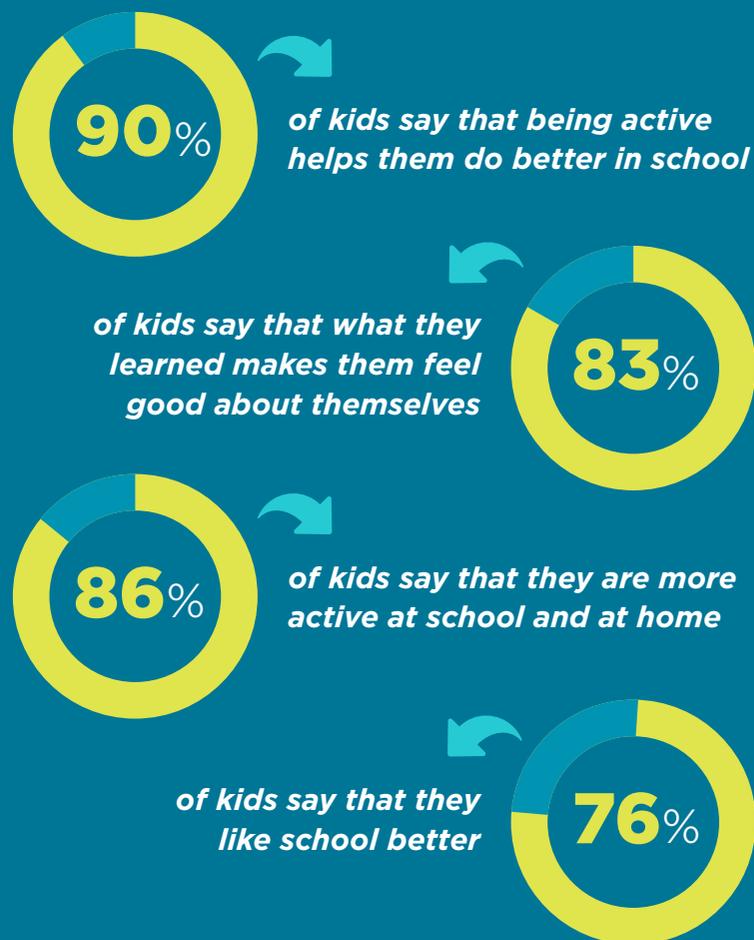
“ Through leadership provided by RunningBrooke, individuals and organizations representing many sectors of society are taking action to ensure that the children of Alexandria, Virginia have many opportunities to participate in physical activity in school and the community. The Move2Learn Summit was an inspiring gathering of champions who want active, healthy, and happy children!

— Charlene Burgeson, Executive Director, Active Schools

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When it comes to wedding catering, consider alternative options to traditional catering companies, but stay unique to your style.

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The food ended up being a hit, and we had more than enough to accommodate our small wedding party.

Are you in the midst of deciding on catering for your wedding? Here are some tips.

Choose something that's uniquely you

Do you love pizza? Are you dying to serve ice cream floats at your reception? Caterers and restaurants can accommodate a wide selection

of tastes now – think food stations devoted to fan favorites like candy and build-your-own taco bars. Chances are, your guests have been to a number of weddings before. How will yours stand out?

Consider alternative options

Wedding caterers aren't your only option anymore. Food trucks of all cuisine styles and price points can be rented out for just a few hours or for the whole day. Your favorite restaurant might

have a catering program. Just because it's untraditional doesn't mean it's off limits.

When it comes to budget and portions, assume you will go over

Wedding catering costs more than you think it would – and it isn't just the food itself. Consider the cost of a server – totally worth it, in my opinion – in addition to the little things that add up, like dishware, utensils and napkins. When it comes to the sheer quantity of food

you get, it's always better to overestimate. You might even have enough leftovers for a post-wedding day brunch or lunch.

Come up with a catering contingency plan

When it comes to wedding planning, consider Murphy's Law. If your caterer is expected to arrive at a particular time, have a plan in case they arrive early or late. Even if the weather forecast predicts a cloudless, mild day for your wedding, know how

you'll store and serve your food in inclement weather. Be over-prepared.

Allocate money for convenience

By the time your wedding day arrives, you'll be busy. Allowing some of your catering budget to go to a server or servers, who can cater to your guests' needs, may give you much-needed peace of mind.

The writer is managing editor and reporter at the Alexandria Times

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Helping seniors with transportation

BY SADINA VANISON

With the arrival of fall and winter, transportation becomes more important due to inclement weather. Have you ever thought about what would happen if the transportation you use were no longer an option?

While a number of transportation programs are available in Alexandria,

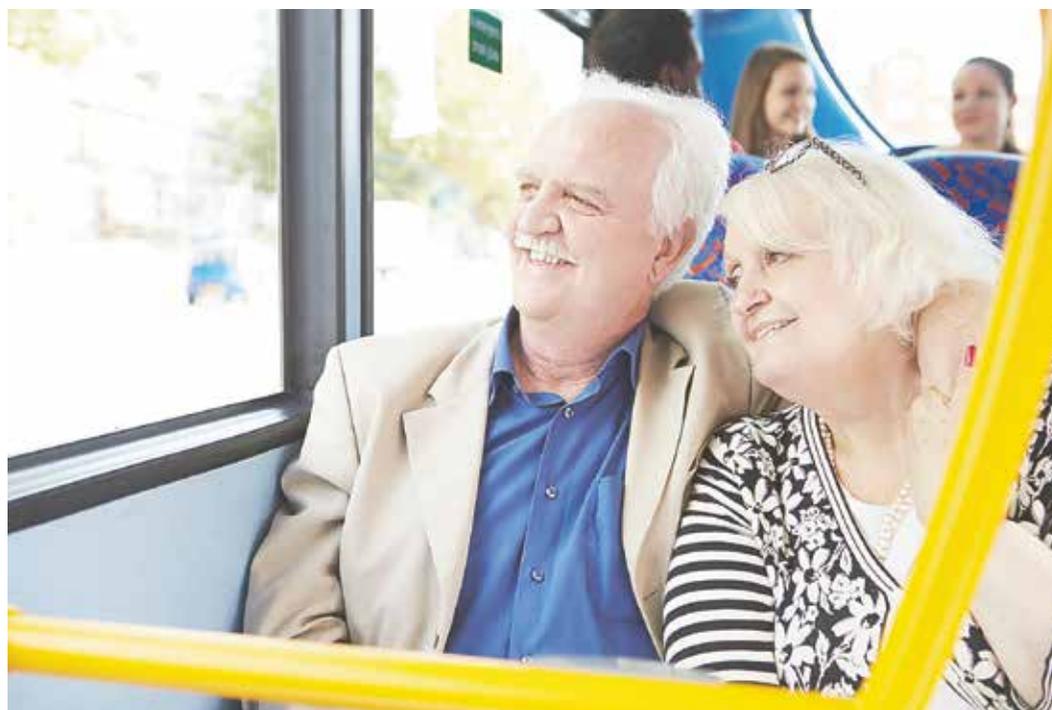


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some senior citizens in the city are not aware of them. The Alexandria Division of Aging and Adult Services provides a variety of programs that older residents are eligible to utilize. The Senior Trolley is one of those programs.

The Senior Trolley program offers bus transportation to nearby shopping centers and senior centers. Participants are not limited to just going to the grocery store: riders are able to shop at any of the stores in the

shopping center. If shopping isn't your thing, go for lunch or take a walk with friends. This is a great way to meet neighbors and make new friends, as other interesting people might be on the Senior Trolley with you. When shopping for groceries, each passenger may bring up to two grocery bags per trip onto the bus. Riders may



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contribute a small fee toward the cost of the transportation. The suggested donation for round trip shopping is \$1. We suggest a donation fee of 50 cents per round trip if you are going to a senior center.

The Senior Trolley provides door-to-door assistance, serving the West End, Del Ray and Old Town neighborhoods in Alexandria. The

trolley transports approximately 45 to 55 seniors on one-way trips to senior centers and five to 35 seniors on one-way trips per day for shopping. Our services operate a small fleet of buses and vans with wheelchair capability.

Transportation is an important component of the Division of Aging and Adult

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I would like to thank our drivers — Rochelle Hill, Jacqueline Newkirk and Johnny Alexander — for keeping our seniors safe during their daily trips.

The writer is the bus driver supervisor for the Alexandria Division of Aging and Adult Services.

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From left to right: Boolie (Joel Durgavich), Daisy (Patricia Kratzer) and Hoke (Kevin Sockwell).

DRIVING MISS DAISY: Tale of tolerance and tenderness retains its relevance

BY JORDAN WRIGHT

A talented, tightly knit cast of three delivers on Alfred Uhry's heartwarming tale of Daisy Werthan, a well-heeled, elderly, southern lady, Boolie Werthan, her successful son, and Hoke Colburn, her dutiful chauffeur. The Pulitzer Prize-winning drama, made into a film with Jessica Tandy and Morgan Freeman, earned Tandy and the picture Academy Awards in 1989 and has been beloved by audiences ever since.

Daisy (Patricia Kratzer) is the paragon of Southern respectability in the Jim Crow-era south. Adhering to all its social restraints and mindful of her position as an upstanding member of her Jewish temple, she has

both a girlish vulnerability and, alternatively, a stern demeanor from her days as a schoolteacher that could set your hair on fire.

Daisy hails from the by-gone era of southern ladies who ruled their households with an iron fist in a velvet glove and kept guard dog-like vigilance, in fear their servants would steal behind their backs. It is the true story of Uhry's grandmother and the chauffeur she employed for more than 25 years.

Set in Atlanta, Georgia in 1948 when ladies of means had drivers and fancy cars to shuttle them from their hairdressers to their places of worship and shopping – including Piggly Wiggly, the legendary supermarket of the south – it opens to a scene with her concerned

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son Boolie (Joel Durgavich) after she has crashed her Packard due to her failing eyesight. (Written in the late 80s, Daisy at 72 is over the hill. Hmm.) Boolie, standing firm against her protestations, has decided her driving days are kaput and Hoke (Kevin Sockwell) is hired on as her chauffeur.

Director Jim Howard takes us seamlessly through a series of some twenty-eight tricky scene changes with the help of Lighting Designer Marzanne Claiborne,

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Daisy (Patricia Kratzer) and Hoke (Kevin Sockwell)

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who focuses attention on the evolving vignettes from 1948, a time when Jews and blacks were second class citizens in the south, to 1973 Mobile, Alabama where, decades after they have formed an indestructible bond, Daisy invites Hoke to a dinner for Martin Luther King, Jr.

Setting the tone, vintage photos of the period and Daisy's fading furniture are featured along with a "car" of sorts, where the two converse on life's puzzlements and injustices. Shades of the Ku Klux Klan and its fiery reign of terror hover menacingly over both Daisy and Hoke's lives. When Hoke relates a gruesome tale of

lynching, Daisy is faced with the harsh reality that her life shares the same pain and uncertainty as Hoke's.

But it is the humor and wisdom they impart to one another that strengthen the bonds of their unusual friendship as well as the tender mercies they offer one another that make this tale so heartwarming. It simultaneously affords us a glimpse into the uneasy relationship between mistress and servant, black and Jew, with charm, humor and poignancy. Nuanced performances by Kratzer and Sockwell are indelible.

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Late bloomers are worth waiting for

BY MARTY ROSS

Late bloomers put the flash into fall gardens. Just when summer's show is coming to a close, asters, Japanese anemones, sedums and other fall bloomers begin to light up the garden. While day-lilies and daisies performed all summer long, these late bloomers were simply waiting their turn. When the time finally comes, they dazzle until frost arrives.

Summer gardens are giddy and glorious, but fall flowers have a different character. They're somehow richer. They're more precious, too — since you waited a long time for them, nurturing the plants

through the summer, they're deeply rewarding. Like the bright, fresh weather, they're invigorating: change is in the air.

Lots of well-known perennial flowers are among the most steadfast and sparkling fall bloomers. Chrysanthemums, of course, are traditional fall favorites. Sedums, which are extremely drought-tolerant, soldier through the summer and come into vigorous bloom in fall, attracting butterflies to their large flower heads. Monarch butterflies, in particular, visit sedums on their migration path to Mexico.

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Japanese anemones bloom in fall in sunny or partly shady gardens. Their sturdy stems stretch up to 3 feet tall, and each stem holds up several long-lasting flowers. White and pink varieties are available.

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Featuring sophisticated clean lines throughout, this home impresses with rich design and stylish features. The open main level floor plan exudes modern elegance with a generous living room/dining area, hardwood floors and updated kitchen with granite and top-of-the-line

stainless appliances. The gas fireplace is surrounded by floor-to-ceiling cherry wood built-ins and recessed lighting. Its perfect ratio of wall space and windows means space for your furniture and ample natural light to brighten your new home.

On the upper level, the seductive master suite presents tray ceilings, casement windows and massive closet space. Walk into the opulent en suite bath to experience your in-home spa. Relax in the soaking tub or enjoy the separate glass shower. On the other side of the upper level are two smaller bedrooms

and a shared bath with upscale fixtures.

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Early fall is also the season of asters of all kinds and colors, with flowers like clouds of beautiful blues and pinks. Toad lilies produce their freckled, orchidlike blooms on long, arching stems in fall, lighting up shade gardens. Ornamental grasses send up their spectacular inflorescences, shimmering in the autumn light as the days grow shorter.

Fall flowers deserve special consideration in a garden's design. It's nice to grow them along paths or in flowerbeds close to the house, where you can't miss them — or you can plant them around the perimeter of the garden, where you'll be drawn outside in the crisp fall days to appreciate their contribution to the new season. Make room for them among summer-blooming annuals and perennials, where they'll provide structure and texture all summer and then extend the season — giving your flower beds plenty of color and interest all the way to



Brilliant little flowers cover aster plants in the garden in fall. If you grow several different kinds of asters, you'll be able to enjoy their flowers for a full month or more.

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Garden shops stock good supplies of mums and asters, as well as an increasingly interesting selection of other fall bloomers, perfect for flower pots for the front porch or patio. They're typically sold in larger containers than spring flowers, so they make a big impact as soon as you plant them. Plants in quart-size nursery pots, or larger, can also be planted right in flowerbeds to fill in bare spots where summer flowers have faded. They will need watering if it doesn't rain, but in fall, cooler temperatures reduce evaporation of moisture from the soil, and even newly planted flowers really shouldn't need

much pampering.

A well-designed and nicely situated garden has layers of color and texture, from the flower beds to the treetops. In fall, the blazing reds, rich russets and intense yellow colors of changing leaves on trees get much of the attention, but the trees actually tend to produce their show quite late in the season.

Shrubs with great fall flowers fill the middle layer, and they start their show in September. Panicle hydrangeas, with their cone-shaped flower heads, look like living bouquets in a garden. Caryopteris, a small shrub (sometimes called blue mist or bluebeard), is covered with flowers in fall:

It seems to glow in the light.

Early fall is a perfect time to walk around a garden shop looking for shrubs with autumn interest. You might spot Bloomerang lilacs, Encore azaleas, or Bloomstruck hydrangeas, which all produce a fresh round of showy flowers in early fall. Roses usually put on a strong fall display, too. Their colors are brighter in cooler fall weather, their fragrance is more intense and the blooms last longer.

Don't forget the details. A few pansies or violas here and there in the garden bloom reliably through the fall, and even weather the winter in many

areas. Their bright, charming faces will draw you outdoors in all kinds of weather. Fall-blooming crocus, tucked into a spot along the front walk, will greet you and your guests with an unexpected and welcome flash of purple. The charming, reflexed petals of hardy cyclamen flowers in a shade garden look like exotic little butterflies.

Early fall is way too soon to give up on the garden. The days are growing shorter, and summer's flowers are fading, but autumn has its own colors and cadence. Make sure some of the season's fireworks go off in your backyard.

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CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 23

76TH ANNUAL HISTORIC ALEXANDRIA HOMES TOUR TWIG's 16th Annual Historic Alexandria Homes Tour features eight unique homes in Old Town, dating from the turn of the 19th century to the present and all within walking distance of one another. Proceeds from the event benefit Inova Alexandria Hospital. **Time:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. **Location:** Old Town **Information:** www.thetwig.org/Homes-Tour

SEPTEMBER 23

SUPPER UNDER THE STARS The Old Town Business & Professional Association hosts its annual "Supper under the Stars" at the King Street Garden. This event will include smooth jazz performed by Herb Smith and David Martin and catering from local eateries Hard Times Cafe, Meggrolls, Alexandria Restaurant Partners, Chadwicks and Sugar Shack. Tickets for the event cost \$30 per person. **Time:** 6 p.m. **Location:** King Street Garden, 1806 King St. **Information:** <https://otbpa.org/event-2615496>

FIREFIGHTING HISTORY TOUR Observe Fire Prevention Week and explore Alexandria's firefighting history on the "Blazing a Trail: Alexandria's Firefighting History" tour. Participants learn about volunteer firefighting in early Alexandria, three devastating fires and the five volunteer fire companies. The tour begins at the historic Friendship Firehouse, goes east on Prince Street, and returns to Friend-

ship via King Street. Admission is \$6 for adults and \$4 for ages 10 to 17. **Time:** 1 to 2:30 p.m. **Location:** Friendship Firehouse Museum, 107 N. Alfred St. **Information:** 703-746-4994

BOURBON IN THE BASEMENT The Lee-Fendall House hosts a Prohibition-inspired fundraiser to preserve its historic foundations. The event will include a party in the garden, 1920s-themed drinks and jazz music and a silent auction. Guests are asked to dress in creative cocktail, with 20s period clothing encouraged. General admission tickets cost \$50 and VIP tickets are \$75. **Time:** 7 to 9:30 p.m. **Location:** Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden, 614 Oronoco St. **Information:** leefendallhouse.org

SEPTEMBER 23 & 24

ALEXANDRIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA PRESENTS Up-and-coming conductor Maestro Michael Rossi opens the Alexandria Symphony's 74th season with a program of love and longing. Richard Strauss' signature tone poem, Don Juan, features the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra's stellar brass section. Wagner's star-crossed lovers shine in excerpts from Tristan und Isolde. A signature of Beethoven himself, at his stormiest and most heroic, the program concludes with his Symphony No. 5 in C Minor. **Time:** 8 p.m. **Location:** Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 4915 E. Campus Drive **Information:** 703-548-0885; <http://www.alexsym.org>

SEPTEMBER 24

RUN GEEK RUN 5K Ironic and Hudson Studio co-host the 10th Annual Run! Geek! Run! 5K. All proceeds from the event go directly to Firefighters Helping Hands Relief Foundation, which provides for Alexandria firefighters in the event of an unforeseen catastrophic event. **Time:** 8:30 a.m. **Location:** Potomac Yard, Main Line Blvd. **Information:** <http://rungeekrun.com/>

SEPTEMBER 25

WHAT'S IN THAT ALLEY? INVENTORING OLD TOWN Alleys within the City of Alexandria play a significant role in defining the character, the landscape and social history of the city. Yet, the alleys are an overlooked asset in city planning, development and historic research. Many alleys have been demolished for development or incorporated into adjacent lots. The intent of this inventory of public and private alleys was to assist the city in addressing these and other issues and to provide the baseline documentation that is needed to effectively manage the historic resources for the future. Please join us to learn about this community-led survey project and to recognize the volunteers who contributed to this important study. **Time:** 6:30 to 9 p.m. **Location:** Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. **Information:** 703-746-4554

VISIT ALEXANDRIA ANNUAL MEETING Visit Alexandria hosts its annual member meeting. Registration is required and costs \$25 for mem-

bers and \$45 for non-members. **Time:** 5 to 7:15 p.m. **Location:** U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, 600 Dulany St. **Information:** 703-652-5362

HEARING: RENAMING JEFFERSON DAVIS HIGHWAY The Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Renaming Jefferson Davis Highway hosts a hearing on renaming the Alexandria highway. **Time:** 7 p.m. **Location:** To be determined **Information:** 703-746-3965

SEPTEMBER 26

FILM: FORGOTTEN WARRIORS OF THE EMPIRE The exploits of the Tuskegee Airmen and other African-American units serving in World War II are the stuff of legend today, but what is little-known by Western society are the many who served with the Allied forces hailed from the British colonies and other parts of continental Africa. "Forgotten Warriors of the Empire" covers the range of experiences of continental Africans serving in the war effort, including how they were recruited, how they were trained, to the combat they saw and their post-war experiences. Director Matt Spangler is an award-winning filmmaker and writer. He recently relocated to the New York area after over two decades in the Washington, D.C. area. Matt is also the director of "Out of Obscurity," a documentary exploring the 1939 library "sit-down strike" in Alexandria. This critically acclaimed film was narrated by Dr. Julian Bond, former Chairman of the NAACP. **Time:** 7 to 9 p.m. **Location:** Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. **Information:** 703-746-4356

SEPTEMBER 27

CARYLE CANTEEN Carlyle Community Council, the city and Alexandria Economic Development Partnership kick off weekly fall happy hour series the Carlyle Canteen. The event will feature selections from a different local craft brewery every week, in addition to food trucks and live music from the Free Flowing Musical Experience. **Time:** 5 to 8 p.m. **Location:** Courthouse Square Park, 400 Courthouse Square **Information:** www.alexandriava.gov/carlylefun

FUSION ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION Fusion Academy Alexandria celebrates its first year in existence. Stop by to walk around campus, view student artwork and meet teachers and staff. RSVP is appreciated. **Time:** 6 to 8 p.m. **Location:** 333 John Carlyle St. **Information:** 703-535-3130

SEPTEMBER 30

SEAPORT DAY This community festival, which will be held between noon and 6 p.m., will celebrate the mission and programs of the Alexandria Seaport Foundation and will include live music, a wooden boat display, nautical activities, children's activities and an "Anything that Floats" race.

Time: Noon to 6 p.m. **Location:** Waterfront Park, 1 Prince St. **Information:** www.alexandriaseaport.org

OCTOBER 3

LECTURE: A SHOPPING SPREE, AN AUCTION AND A GIFT Through the prism of a ledger kept by George William Fairfax, historian Adam Erby traces the history of Mount Vernon's furnishings from the London warerooms of William Gomm and Son to the grand, but now lost, Virginia plantation of George William Fairfax and his wife Sally and finally to the elaborate rooms at Mount Vernon. The talk will demonstrate that as these furnishings moved from place to place through retail purchase, auction and gift, they served as a powerful means of establishing Fairfax, and later Washington, as sophisticated grandees on the edges of empire. **Time:** 6:30 to 9 p.m. **Location:** Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. **Information:** 703-746-4554

OCTOBER 4

LECTURE: UNEARTHING HISTORY What do numbers, maps and architectural clues tell us about the unwritten history of slavery in an urban environment? Learn how to answer this question from Dr. Doug Sanford, Professor Emeritus from the University of Mary Washington's Historic Preservation Department. Sanford will share the narrative of urban slavery through historic documents, surviving buildings and how this research can be applied to Alexandria. Admission is \$12 per person or \$10 for GTMS/FOAA members and volunteers. **Time:** 7:30 to 9 p.m. **Location:** Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. **Information:** <https://shop.alexandriava.gov/Events.aspx>

OCTOBER 7

ANNUAL ART ON THE AVENUE Multicultural arts festival Art on the Avenue will take place on Mount Vernon Avenue in Del Ray between Bellefonte and Hume avenues. The event will include 300 artists, crafters, glass makers, unique painters, sculptors and fabric artists. It will also feature multiple food vendors and fall-themed, child-friendly activities. **Time:** 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. **Location:** Mount Vernon Avenue **Information:** www.artontheavenue.org

SATURDAY CINEMA AT CARLYLE Enjoy a sundown showing of Alfred Hitchcock's "The Birds" to get in the Halloween spirit. The latest installment of the outdoor film festival will take place at sundown, which will be around 6:41 p.m., at John Carlyle Square Park, 300 John Carlyle Street. Don't forget the lawn chairs and picnic basket. **Time:** 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. **Location:** John Carlyle Square Park, 300 John Carlyle St. **Information:** <https://www.alexandriava.gov/CarlyleFun>

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CRIME

Robbery near Potomac Yard

Police are searching for a suspect who committed a robbery near Potomac Yard over the weekend.

The suspect stole a handbag from an unnamed victim while brandishing a handgun on the 2900 block

of Montrose Avenue, Alexandria police reported on Saturday. There were no injuries.

No arrests have been made at this point.

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Old Town bomb threat

Police issued an “all clear” two hours after a bomb threat was made against an office building on the 600 block of Prince Street on Sunday.

The bomb threat was made against 699 Prince St., which houses the headquarters of the Center for Missing & Exploited Children. Police reported that they were in-

vestigating the threat at 8:39 p.m. and they gave the “all clear” at 10:35 p.m.

The incident follows a bomb threat made against the same building on Aug. 5. That investigation also ended in an “all clear” in a matter of hours.

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of the Bishop Ireton gymnasium. Councilors approved the original staff recommendation, with amendments to two conditions that regulate documents made available to the public through the school’s website and that prohibit satellite parking for nearby businesses, because it was a duplicate of another condition.

Mayor Allison Silberberg and councilors praised Bishop Ireton’s collaboration with the community at the public hearing.

“We want to recognize that BI’s new leadership is really turning a page, and we’re encouraged by that and grateful to Miss Porter and her community and Clover College Park for going to all those meetings and working together,” Silberberg said.

“I can’t tell you how much I appreciated the negotiations that went on,” Councilor Del Pepper said in the meeting. “... This is the kind of thing I like to see when you bring it here. You’ve already solved almost every last thing. This is a feeling of not ‘us against

them,’ but ‘this is our situation, we all owned the issues and we’re going to work together to solve them.’”

Silberberg cautioned the planning commission on their role moving forward.

“The planning commission has an important role to play, and we appreciate their hard work, including on the DSUP. We do pay close attention to their thoughts and concerns, but, with all due respect, I was concerned about some of the comments. It seemed to be beyond their official function as the planning commission and went into the responsibility of council,” Silberberg said.

Councilor John Chapman suggested a joint meeting with the planning commission to discuss those roles.

Bishop Ireton expects to finish both its first and second phases by 2019. The first phase will involve demolishing the Oblate House and replacing it with classroom space, a cafeteria and administrative offices and the addition of 38 parking spaces. The second phase includes adding an auxiliary gymnasium and new main entryway,

as well as the modernization and expansion of classrooms and the completion of a permanent northern parking lot. Phases three and four will be completed within five to ten years.

“We are so pleased that the Alexandria City Council approved the plans for the brand-new academic center. This is such a significant moment in Bishop Ireton’s history and for Catholic education in Alexandria,” Bishop Ireton Head of School Dr. Tom Curry said in a statement. “It’s been a massive group effort getting to this point, but we are excited to see our building project go from concept to becoming a reality. Once the new academic center is complete, it will provide much-needed classroom space, an enlarged cafeteria, and new STEM labs, which will allow us to expand our curricular offerings. The future is bright for Bishop Ireton and we are grateful for all the support we’ve received from City of Alexandria as we embark on this exciting new chapter.”

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Our View

City planning commission goes rogue

There are 73 ongoing boards and commissions listed on the City of Alexandria's website. This doesn't include ad hoc entities formed for specific reasons, such as the parking standards for new development projects task force that is about to recommend significant reductions in required parking.

These boards, commissions and task forces are populated by many hundreds of city residents who give their time to research and consider issues and make recommendations to city council.

This process is helpful on several fronts. It involves the citizenry in local governance and serves as a grooming ground for Alexandrians who may go on to serve on the school board or city council.

It also makes city council more efficient, as that body would never have time to delve into the details these groups do. Indeed, these commissions and boards ensure ideas proposed by city staff are more polished before they reach council, because they have been deliberated and, in many instances, revised.

Stop and imagine for a minute what would happen if each of these 73-plus boards, commissions and task forces began creating policy and issuing edicts themselves. Chaos would ensue. Residents would be overwhelmed by reams of conflicting rules. Our city would become ungovernable.

On Sept. 7, a step in that direction was taken when the planning commission veered into the policy-making realm. It overturned parts of an agreement that had been forged by Bishop Ireton High School, the surrounding neighborhood and city staff over the course of a year. In so doing, language about what the city "should be regulating" was given as justification.

Fortunately, this overreach was reversed on Saturday, as city council voted unanimously at its public hearing to reject the planning commission's recommendation to exclude portions of the agreement between Bishop Ireton and neighborhood organizations from its Development Special Use Permit. Council returned modified elements of the agreement to the DSUP.

The larger issue is twofold. If agreements on concessions between developers, in this case Bishop Ireton, and affected parties in the community, in this case the surrounding neighbors, are shunted into private memos of understanding, they are not enforceable by the city. A wronged party could sue for non-compliance – and likely pay significant legal fees – but they couldn't turn to the city for help.

And, of course, if the city does change direction on what it includes in DSUPs, that decision needs to be made by our elected representatives on city council, not by people appointed to serve on a commission.

At the conclusion of the discussion on Saturday, Mayor Allison Silberberg issued a rebuke of the planning commission for overstepping its bounds. Councilor John Chapman immediately responded that council should not publicly criticize a commission. But in this instance we think the public criticism was helpful.

Many in the community were already outraged by the planning commission's action. The mayor didn't let the cat out of the bag about a family squabble, but instead gave voice to frustration felt by many. By publicly acknowledging the planning commission's overreach, her words served notice to other commissions and boards that ventures into policy making will not be tolerated.

At least we hope that's the end result.

Opinion

"Where the press is free and every man is able to read, all is safe."

- Thomas Jefferson



Your Views

Let's get to work on affordable housing supply

To the editor:

Alexandria Housing Development Corporation is thrilled to see that so many members of city leadership are supportive of growing affordable housing in Alexandria, as seen from statements made by Mayor Allison Silberberg and City Councilors Del Pepper, John Chapman and Willie Bailey in the article "City council weighs in on fall session" in the Sept. 7 Alexandria Times.

The ecosystem of affordable housing can be complicated, but the problem is simple: Housing costs have outpaced income growth by two to five times since the year 2000, and the number of market-rate affordable units in Alexandria has declined by 90 percent in the same period. Many who have been in our city for decades face an impossible question – give up other essentials (such as health care and nutrition) for rent, or move.

Alexandria is an attractive city, and it is natural that people want to settle here. As a nonprofit provider of affordable units, AHDC sets out to make sure that it stays

that way for all income levels. This is economically imperative, as a city needs a diversity of professions – and thus a diversity of incomes – to survive.

Consider this: In Alexandria, a police dispatcher would struggle to find housing for their family of four that would not severely burden their budget, prompting them to look further and further outside the city instead. Yet we need police dispatchers to function as a top-tier city, just as we need teachers, legal clerks, social workers, clergy, construction teams, cooks and home health care aides. Private, nonprofit and public solutions are required to make sure that Alexandria has housing for the labor it needs to continue to thrive.

The benefits are not just economic. By allowing more to live local in affordable housing, we reduce the need for long commutes and the accompanying pollution and traffic. We allow seniors with fixed incomes to continue to age in place, so they can stay near their families and communities. We

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further educational outcomes by keeping children in one home, and one school, when their families don't have to move to escape high rents. Alexandria benefits from happy grandparents, smart kids, quick commutes and clean air.

In a recent survey, 80 percent of

Alexandria residents said housing affordability is either essential or very important to the city's future, and city leadership is on board. It's not a quick fix, but it's completely achievable. Let's get to work.

- Jonathan Frederick,

Executive Director

Alexandria Housing Development Corporation

Washington statue belongs in Capitol, perhaps Sen. Kaine does not

To the editor:

On August 20, Sen. Tim Kaine (D-VA), in an appearance with John Dickerson on "Face the Nation," declared that the statues of George Washington and Robert E. Lee should be removed from the U.S. Capitol because other Virginians would better represent the state. "From 2017 looking backward," he said, "I think Virginia could probably do better in the two people that we chose to stand for us in Statuary Hall."

Kaine suggested replacing them with Pocahontas because she saved Capt. John Smith's life and therefore probably the Jamestown colony. He suggested that if it had failed, English colonization in America would likely have ended. He also nominated Douglas Wilder because he was the first Virginia governor descended from slaves, rather than for any achievements as governor.

Contrary to Kaine's remarks, some historians doubt that Pocahontas story. After the failure of Roanoke (The Lost Colony) the resilient and determined English founded Jamestown. In 1620, the Pilgrims sailed from England and successfully founded Plymouth Plantation in Massachusetts.

This proposal is shocking coming from a former Virginia governor who should know that George Washington transcends even Virginia: he belongs to the nation and the world. Known as the "Father of our Country," his name is internationally synonymous with courage, vision, honor and integrity. No one better deserves the greatest honor we can bestow.

As for Robert E. Lee, in all of recorded history, he is the only

military officer offered the top command by opposing sides in the same war. His battle strategies are still studied in American and European military schools. His credo of duty, honor and country is part of the ethos of West Point, where this admirable superintendent modernized the curriculum.

After our bitter war, he set a notable public example of forgiveness and reconciliation with those who continued to harass Southerners - including him - during the inappropriately named "Reconstruction." The Lexington university he headed survived mainly because Northerners, admiring his character, sent their sons and tuition money there. In 1926, Congress established the former Lee-Custis property as a National Park in recognition of his service to our country as a reconciler. Arlington Cemetery is our most honored burial ground for those who have served our country.

I am disappointed that none of our elected/appointed/hired city officials has publicly risen to correct the senator and defend keeping the statues of our Alexandria, Virginia, national and international heroes in the Capitol.

How disappointing and shameful that it should be a Virginia senator who first calls for removing a statue of George Washington from its place of honor. President Donald Trump publicly wondered if even a George Washington statue would be attacked, and now it has happened.

The statues of George Washington and Robert E. Lee belong in the Capitol. Perhaps Sen. Kaine does not for so misrepresenting us.

-Ellen Latane Tabb,

Alexandria



Justice Matters

with Bryan Porter

What is a commonwealth's attorney?

My name is Bryan Porter, and I have the privilege of serving as Alexandria's elected commonwealth's attorney. "Great," the average resident might say. "But what's the commonwealth's attorney?"

Forget what you learned in grade school - there are only 46 states in the union. There are also four commonwealths, of which Virginia is one. Unless you are a student of the land grants of the kings of England, this is a distinction without a difference. However, it does mean that in Virginia we call our elected prosecutors "commonwealth's attorneys" instead of the more commonly used "state's attorney" or "district attorney."

In other words, I am Jack McCoy from "Law and Order." I'm just not as distinguished-looking. And I am definitely not as good in the courtroom. McCoy is so good at trial, in fact, that I often feel as if his arguments are scripted.

This is the first edition of a new monthly column I will be writing for the Alexandria Times, "Justice Matters." Unfortunately, the rules of ethics will prohibit me from writing about any pending case my office is prosecuting. Instead, I aim to discuss contemporary legal issues with a focus on criminal law.

My office is responsible for the prosecution of all criminal offenses that occur in the city. We handle everything from drunk driving to murder. Although the prosecutor's role is often not fully understood, the fact is we are a vital part of the city's public safety team. If a murderer is arrested, the community breathes easier. However, if that murderer is not convicted at trial, he is at liberty to strike again, and is perhaps even emboldened having not been held accountable for his actions.

The position of commonwealth's attorney is provided for by the Constitution of Virginia. Since it is a constitutional office, I must stand for election every four years. This necessarily means that I am both a lawyer and a politician. Please don't hold that against me.



BRYAN PORTER

I grew up in Alexandria and my parents still live in my childhood home. I attended Maury and Lyles-Crouch Elementary Schools, G.W. Middle School and T.C. Williams High School. After graduating from college, I served for five years as a police officer, putting myself through law school by working the midnight shift and attending legal classes in the evening. When I passed the bar exam, my predecessor in office, Randy Sengel, hired me as a prosecutor and I have served in that capacity ever since. As a line prosecutor, I focused on murder and felonious assault cases and tried over fifty jury trials.

In 2013, I was elected to succeed Randy upon his retirement. I consider it an honor to continue to serve my hometown as I finish my first term.

My office has about 30 employees. In addition to assistant prosecutors, we have an amazing administrative staff that processes the paper flow involved in legal cases and keeps the office running. We are also lucky to have an outstanding team of victim/witness advocates that is vital to our success. Our advocates serve as a point of contact for victims, keeping them apprised of any change in the status of a case.

Robert H. Jackson, who served as the U.S. Attorney General and as a U.S. Supreme Court Justice, and who was the lead prosecutor in the Nuremberg trials, once said that "the safety of the community lies in the prosecutor who tempers zeal with human kindness, who seeks truth and not victims, who serves the law and not factional purposes, and who approaches his task with humility." I believe firmly in these principles and have sought to use them as a guidepost throughout my career.

In next month's column, I will look at the prosecutor's role in the criminal justice system and a prosecutor's ethical obligations. I welcome ideas about topics for future columns. If you have one, feel free to email me at bryan.porter@alexandriava.gov.

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Located in North Ridge, the home known as Mount Ida was built about 200 years ago as the residence of Charles Alexander, Jr., on land that he inherited from his father. Alexander's property included farmland and this two-story brick house.

After Alexander's death, his wife remarried and her daughter Eliza Selden later acquired Mount Ida. Eliza married John Janney Lloyd, an Alexandria attorney, in 1845 and they made Mount Ida their home.

Though many large homes around Alexandria were occupied by Union troops during the Civil War, there is no evidence that Mount Ida was ever used in this way. Immediately after the war ended, John Lloyd sold part of the property to his brother Richard, who built his own home to the south. By 1900, Mount Ida occupied just over 200 acres and was still owned by John Lloyd's heirs.

In 1908, 150 acres and the Mount Ida house were sold out of the family and became the property of James Groves, a land developer who established the Mount Ida Real Estate Company. Groves kept 21 acres and the house, which passed through several owners over the next 25 years following his death in 1917.

The portico is believed to have been added during that time frame.

St. Mary's Academy purchased Mount Ida in 1942 and built a large school building on the grounds. The manor house was used as a convent for the Sisters of the Holy Cross when this



COURTESY PHOTO

photograph was taken.

St. Mary's Academy operated for nearly 50 years before closing. In the early 1990s, Alexandria Country Day School purchased the school building on Russell Road and the Mount Ida house became a private residence. Mount Ida and other houses are located on Charles Alexander Court, named for Mount Ida's original owner.

ACDS has since undergone several renovations. Joan Barton, a founder and first principal of ACDS, died earlier this month at the age of 88. Her obituary can be viewed on page 9.

Out of the Attic is provided by the Office of Historic Alexandria. A version of this entry was first published in the Alexandria Times on Dec. 9, 2010.

Weekly Poll

[Take the poll at alextimes.com](http://alextimes.com)

Last Week

Do you agree with City Manager Mark Jinks' decision to drop the effort for an Old Town BID?

Yes: **67%**

No: **23%**

I'm undecided: **10%**

This Week

Do you think the addition of a new West End school at 1701 N. Beauregard St. will solve ACPS' overcrowding issue?

A. Yes

B. No

C. I'm not sure

Classifieds

AUCTIONS

AUCTION Construction Equipment & Trucks BID ON-SITE & ONLINE! 9/26 @ 9 AM, Richmond, VA Excavators, Dozers, Road Tractors, Loaders, Dump Trucks, Trailers & More! Accepting consignments through 9/22 3600 Deepwater Terminal Road www.motleys.com • 804-232-3300 • VAAL#16

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LEGAL NOTICES



ALEXANDRIA PLANNING DEPARTMENT NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

The following request has been received for administrative re-

view and approval.

For information about this application or to comment, visit the City's website at www.alexandriava.gov/planning or call (703) 746-4666.

Special Use Permit #2017-0095
200 Commerce Street- Current & Proposed Business: Ice House Request for a new administrative Special Use Permit to operate a restaurant; zoned CG/Commercial General Zone
APPLICANT: Markos Panas
PLANNER: Madeleine Sims -

madeleine.sims@alexandriava.gov

In accordance with section 11-500 of the zoning ordinance, the above listed request may be approved administratively by the Director of Planning and Zoning. If you have any comments regarding the proposal above, please contact Planning and Zoning staff at 703.746.4666 or email the planner listed no later than October 12, 2017

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BANKRUPTCY AUCTION
TUES. SEPT 26th @ 12:30pm

2 Separate Parcels of Buildable Lots & 2004 29' Fountain Fever Boat & Trailer Ordered Sold at Absolute Public Auction by Trustee • Case #16-13654-A-7
Auction will be held live in Norfolk and simulcast over the internet for remote bidders

1> 821 Shannon St., Elizabeth City, NC 27909 • 3,450 SF Lot

2> Lots 34 & 35, Deerview Dr., Hertford, NC 27944 • 42,000 SF

3> 2004 29' Fever Fountain Boat and Trailer • 500HP - 74 + MPH w/100 orig. hrs
Auction Held at Auctioneer's Office: 1195 Lance Road, Norfolk VA 23502
NCAL#8177 • VAF#359 LISTING AGENT: CHUCK NANCE • NC LICENSE #218972 For more info visit:
atlanticREmarketing.com

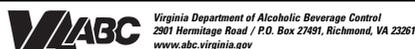
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ABC NOTICE



RETAIL LICENSE APPLICATION—PART 2 (POSTING AND PUBLISHING)

PUBLISHING NOTICE

Please publish the following item in the legal notice section of your newspaper. Please refer to the instructions provided on page 9.

[Full name(s) of owner(s):] Alexandria Wine Merchant, LLC
If general partnership, enter partners' names or name of partnership. If LP, LLP, LLC or corporation, enter name as recorded with the State Corporation Commission. If association or tax-exempt private club, enter name. Only if a sole proprietor, enter first, middle and last name.

Trading as: Alexandria Wine Merchant
(trade name)

1605 King Street, Unit R1
(exact street address where business will trade)

Alexandria
(city/town)

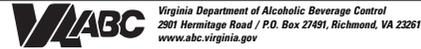
Alexandria Virginia 22314
(county) (state) (zip + 4)

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) for a Wine and Beer Off Premises and Keg license
(type[s] of license[s] applied for)

to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.
Opal Vichitlakakran, Managing Member
(name and title of owner/partner/officer authorizing advertisement)

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

ABC NOTICE



RETAIL LICENSE APPLICATION—PART 2 (POSTING AND PUBLISHING)

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Please publish the following item in the legal notice section of your newspaper. Please refer to the instructions provided on page 9.

[Full name(s) of owner(s):] Dolgencorp, LLC
If general partnership, enter partners' names or name of partnership. If LP, LLP, LLC or corporation, enter name as recorded with the State Corporation Commission. If association or tax-exempt private club, enter name. Only if a sole proprietor, enter first, middle and last name.

Trading as: Dollar General Store 19314
(trade name)

8734 Richmond Hwy
(exact street address where business will trade)

Alexandria
(city/town)

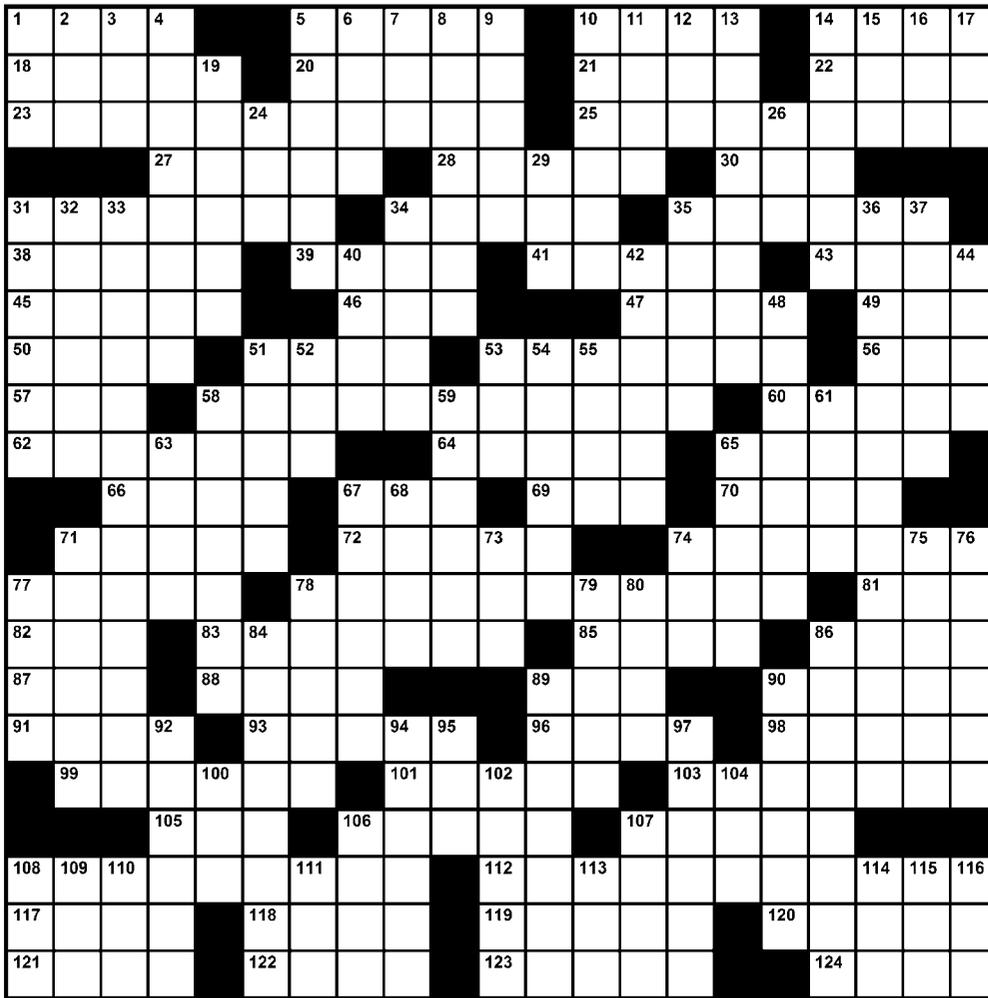
Fairfax County Virginia 22309
(county) (state) (zip + 4)

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) for a Wine and Beer Off Premises license
(type[s] of license[s] applied for)

to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.
Lawrence J. Gatta, Manager of LLC
(name and title of owner/partner/officer authorizing advertisement)

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Weekly Words



FAVORITE COUPLES By Timothy E. Parker

ACROSS

1. Pays for before a sellout
5. Uncontrollable muscle twitch
10. One of the former U.S. presidents
14. Powerful cards in Vegas
18. Where Sun Valley is
20. A Christopher Columbus ship
21. Part of a church building
22. Computer input
23. Occasionally
25. Questions from reporters and students
27. Stadium beverages with heads
28. Pie nut
30. Tierra ___ Fuego
31. Taxi operators
34. Broom made of twigs
35. Like a lamb's coat and some clouds
38. Fourth in the year
39. Vigorous enthusiasm, to Mr. Fancy Pants
41. Exuberant, celebratory cry
43. Potter's product
45. It can result in an "Oops!" cry
46. Like anything from way, way back
47. Breakout among teenagers?
49. Something an agent should earn
50. Like a neat sum?
51. ___ up (make an admission)
53. Gain the goodwill of
56. Title sitcom role for Polly Holliday
57. Mrs. Garrett portrayer on TV
58. Be a loose-lipped boyfriend
60. City on the Aire in England
62. Wild Asian donkey relatives
64. Do more than admire
65. Practices, as a trade

66. Words that kill deals
67. Moo ___ pork (Chinese restaurant dish)
69. Was the director of
70. Change in Rome no more
71. Turn from book into movie
72. Rectangular area for fencing bouts
74. Compared
77. It could be 90 degrees
78. Entertain in a lavish way
81. 551 in Roman numerals
82. Two things vacations are for, informally
83. Citizen of a certain landlocked republic in Africa
85. Standing in the Army?
86. "___ guilty as you are"
87. Noted Chinese chairman
88. Shirts or skins, e.g.
89. "Bang!" relative
90. Uses scissors
91. Hardly a neat person
93. Handed a speeding ticket to
96. Actress Faris
98. What paramedics sometimes try to find
99. Garments for grade school art projects
101. Charlotte ___ (dessert type)
103. Bopped relative
105. Digit below an ankle
106. Headed for the Hall of Fame
107. Take no more blackjack hits
108. Sensible things to put together
112. Activities that involve very little work
117. Like carved wood
118. Aggressive and impolite look

119. One of the Muses
120. It's a knockout
121. Follow commands completely
122. Urgings and such
123. Keep getting Money
124. A tremendous amount of centuries

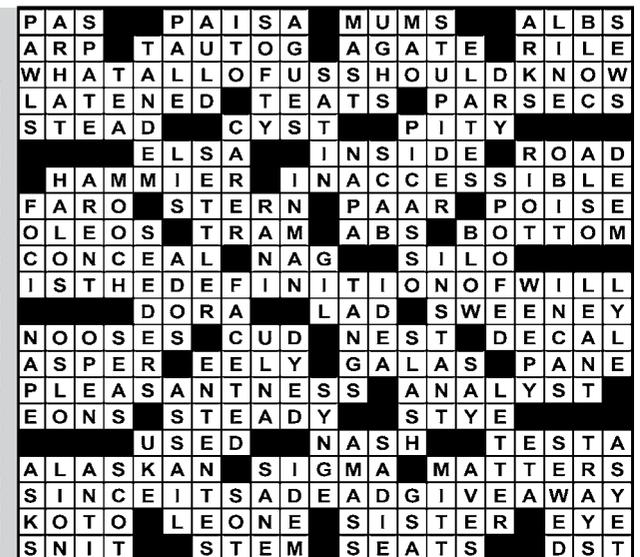
DOWN

1. Cotton machine
2. Old name for Tokyo
3. Marble to shoot with
4. How poor builders construct things
5. A long way from crowded
6. Some farm critters
7. A Santa in California
8. Grad student's payment
9. Lion features
10. ___ mama (rum drink)
11. Happen ___ (come across)
12. Dallas-to-San Antonio dir.
13. One way to rush
14. Mystifies
15. Reaction from a scarecrow sighting
16. Ordinal number suffix
17. Utter
19. Al Bundy actor
24. Barely-getting-by grade
26. Miss named?
29. Creature that allegedly jumped over the moon
31. Longtime Cuban leader
32. Old Rome's ___ Way
33. Wedding VIPs
34. Extremely light wood
35. Pivotal
36. Blended morning liquids
37. Surrenders

DEATH NOTICES

- JAMES "JIM" LAMB** (87), of Alexandria, September 13, 2017
- ELIZABETH "LIZ" LINSKY** (75), formerly of Alexandria, September 10, 2017
- MARY L. LYNCH** (94), of Alexandria, September 8, 2017
- MARY PAMPLIN** (90), of Alexandria, August 30, 2017
- WILLIAM E. POOLE** (69), formerly of Alexandria, September 3, 2017
- GEORGE RANDOLPH JR.** (89), of Alexandria, September 9, 2017
- RICHARD RIGHTER JR.** (79), of Alexandria, September 10, 2017
- JENIFER A. SANTIAGO** (41), of Alexandria, September 17, 2017
- BARBARA J. TAYLOR**, of Alexandria, September 2, 2017
- MICHAEL A. YOUNG**, of Alexandria, August 25, 2017

Last Week's Solution:



40. A no-win situation?
42. Was a rig driver
44. Some members of the zodiac
48. Thin, sinuous and wet
51. Blue-ribbon place
52. Dollar sign letter
53. Combine figures
54. Swiped, as a credit card?
55. Like dried-out land
58. Word after "finders"
59. Motion sickness, e.g.
61. Dublin's land
63. Soccer tally
65. Sound from a toy piano
67. Upright piano
68. Type of quarters
71. Historical record
73. Like lifeguards, probably
74. Artist Maya
75. Tick down
76. Put down, slangily
77. Triceps locales
78. Intermittent streambeds
79. Nonstinging bee
80. The break of day
84. How scoundrels act
86. Overwhelm with a flood
89. Large grazing field
90. Kitchen soaker-upper
92. Horticulturist's study
94. Major league misplays
95. Expected in
97. Ad directive
100. One who's kept locked up
102. Less hazardous
104. Highlands youth
106. Broadway star Verdon
107. More than satisfy
108. Despite the fact that, in short
109. Charlotte's creation
110. Be in hock to
111. Golfing gadget
113. Bert's sister in books
114. Former name of the physics unit siemens
115. Hallow ending
116. Soon-to-be graduates (Abbr.)

Classifieds

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ALEXANDRIA PLANNING COMMISSION & CITY COUNCIL OCTOBER 2017

The items described below will be heard by the Planning Commission and the City Council on the dates and times listed below. NOTICE: Some of the items listed below may be placed on a consent calendar. A consent item will be approved at the beginning of the meeting without discussion unless someone asks that it be taken off the consent calendar and considered separately. The Planning Commission reserves the right to recess and continue the public hearing to a future date. For further information call the Department of Planning and Zoning on 703-746-4666 or visit www.alexandriava.gov/planning.

ALEXANDRIA PLANNING COMMISSION

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2017
7:00 PM, CITY HALL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
301 KING STREET
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

ALEXANDRIA CITY COUNCIL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2017
9:30 AM, CITY HALL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
301 KING STREET
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

The Planning Commission will hold a work session prior to the public hearing to receive an update on the Commercial Parking Standards Study. The work session will begin at 6PM and go until approximately 7PM and will be held in the City Hall Council Workroom, 2nd floor of City Hall, 301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314.

Special Use Permit #2017-0048

1132 Prince Street (parcel address: 1130 Prince Street) Harambee Books & Artworks Public hearing and consideration of a request to continue operation of a nonconforming use; zoned: RM/Townhouse. Applicant: Bernard Reaves

Special Use Permit #20170087

4800 Brenman Park Drive Public hearing and consideration of a request for park improvements consisting of a new

scoreboard and batting cages; zoned: CDD #9/Coordinated Development District #9. Applicant: City of Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Affairs

Special Use Permit #2017-0088

405 North Alfred Street Public hearing and consideration of a request for additional building height and for a front yard setback modification to add a dormer to the roof of an existing semi-detached, two-family dwelling; zoned: CL/Commercial Low. Applicant: Wayne A. Neale and Sherrill Neale

Special Use Permit #2017-0089

421 Clifford Avenue – European Auto Plus Inc. Public hearing and consideration of a request for light auto repair; zoned: CSL/Commercial Service Low. Applicant: Antonio Claire

Special Use Permit #2017-0090

618-622 North Washington Street – Great Beginnings Early Learning Center Public hearing and consideration of a request for a parking reduction for parking located over 500 feet from a business; zoned: OC/Office Commercial. Applicant: Great Beginnings Early Learning Center, LLC represented by Mary Catherine Gibbs

Text Amendment #2017-0008

Small Cell Facilities (A) Initiation of a Text Amendment; and (B) Public hearing and consideration of a Text Amendment to Section 6-403 and Section 7-1200 of the Zoning Ordinance to integrate regulations enacted by the State for small cell facilities for wireless communications into the Zoning Ordinance. Staff: City of Alexandria Department of Planning & Zoning

Master Plan Amendment #2017-0004

Text Amendment #2017-0006 Coordinated Development District Concept Plan #2017-0001 Development Special Use Permit #2016-0022

2551 Main Line Boulevard Potomac Yard Landbay H/I East Multifamily Public hearing and consideration of requests for: (A) a resolution to amend the Potomac Yard/Potomac Greens Small Area Plan chapter of the Master Plan to amend the maximum number of allowable dwelling units in Landbays H and I of Potomac Yard and to amend the maxi-

mum allowable building height at the site; (B) initiation of a Text Amendment; (C) Text Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to amend the provisions of Section 5602 to increase the maximum number of allowable residential dwelling units in Coordinated Development District #10; (D) amendment to Coordinated Development District #10 Concept Plan to increase the maximum number of allowable residential dwelling units in Landbays H and I; and (E) Development Special Use Permit, with modifications, to construct two multifamily residential buildings containing a total of 142 residential units; zoned: CDD #10 / Coordinated Development District #10. Applicant: City of Alexandria (Text Amendment only) and Potomac Yard Development, LLC, represented by M. Catharine Puskar, attorney

IN ACCORDANCE WITH VIRGINIA STATE CODE SECTION 15.2-2006, THE FOLLOWING IS THE SECOND PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF THE FOLLOWING TWO REQUESTS FOR VACATION OF PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY:

Vacation #2017-0005

116 West Alexandria Avenue Public hearing and consideration of a request to vacate public right-of-way of an alley to add side yard area to an adjacent lot; zoned: R-5/Residential. Applicant: Robert Hargis, represented by Alexandria Avenue, LLC

Vacation #2017-0006

118 West Alexandria Avenue Public hearing and consideration of a request to vacate public right-of-way of an alley to add land area to an adjacent lot; zoned: R-5/Residential. Applicant: Gina Maria Diniccolo, represented by Alexandria Avenue, LLC

THE FOLLOWING CASES WILL BE HEARD BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION ONLY AND BY CITY COUNCIL ONLY UPON APPEAL.

Subdivision #2017-0003

2619 & 2621 Randolph Avenue Public hearing and consideration of a request for a subdivision with variations to resubdivide two lots into a new configuration; zoned: R25/Residential Single and Two Family. Applicant: Charles P. Halloran

Development Site Plan #2016-0025

Street Name Case #2017-0001 3832 & 3834 Seminary Road Karig Estates Public hearing and consideration of a requests for: (A) a Development Site Plan, with modifications, to construct four single-family residential buildings, a new public street, and associated site improvements; and (B) a request to name a new public street; zoned: R20/Residential. Applicant: 3834 Seminary, LLC represented by Mary Catherine Gibbs, attorney



Alexandria Board of Architectural Review Old & Historic Alexandria District

LEGAL NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held by the Alexandria Board of Architectural Review on WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2017 beginning at 7:30 PM in the City Hall Council Chambers, second floor of City Hall, 301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia on the following applications:

BAR Case #2017-00308

Request for partial demolition/capsulation at 212 South Fairfax Street Applicant: 212 S. Fairfax St, LLC

BAR Case #2017-00309

Request for an addition at 212 South Fairfax Street Applicant: 212 S. Fairfax St, LLC

BAR Case #2017-00310

Request for an accessory structure at 210 South Fayette Street Applicants: Scott & Annette Avery

BAR Case #2017-00334

Request for after-the-fact partial demolition/capsulation at 413 South Pitt Street Applicant: Dewel Properties, LLC

BAR Case #2017-00342

Request for after-the-fact alterations at 413 South Pitt Street Applicant: Dewel Properties, LLC

BAR Case #2017-00338

Request for after-the-fact alterations at 707 Avon Street Applicant: Paul Larkin

BAR Case #2017-00340

Request for after-the-fact partial demolition/capsulation at 923

South Alfred Street Applicant: PRS Holdings, LLC

BAR Case #2017-00341

Request for after-the-fact addition and alterations at 923 South Alfred Street Applicant: PRS Holdings, LLC

BAR Case #2017-00343

Request for alterations at 610 South Fairfax Street Applicant: Tracy Kennedy

BAR Case #2017-00344

Request for complete demolition at 1101 North Washington Street Applicant: Toll Mid-Atlantic LP, Inc.

BAR Case #2017-00345

Request for an informal concept review work session for proposed development at 1101 North Washington Street. This item is open for public comment. Applicant: Toll Mid-Atlantic LP, Inc.

Information about the above item(s) may be obtained from the Department of Planning and Zoning, City Hall, 301 King Street Room 2100, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, or at www.alexandriava.gov/dockets.



BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS THURSDAY, October 12, 2017- 7:30 PM

Council Chambers, City Hall
301 King Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Information about this item may be obtained from the Department of Planning and Zoning, 301 King Street, Room 2100, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, telephone: (703) 746-4666 or on the City's website at www.alexandriava.gov/planning.

BZA Case # 2017-0026

106 W. Cedar Street Public hearing and consideration of a request for a special exception for the construction of a two-story addition to the rear of the existing dwelling unit within the required side yard: zoned R-5, single-family zone. Applicant: David Alan Slade & Suzanne Brown Slade

If the request is granted, the Board of Zoning Appeals will be granting a special exception from section 12-102(A) of the zoning ordinance, relating to the physical enlargement of a non-complying structure.

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