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Church of the Resurrection leaders plan to build affordable housing units and a new church.

Affordable housing project revitalizes local church

Episcopal congregation plans residential building, new chapel

BY MISSY SCHROTT

When a local church found itself in financial difficulty, there was one thing its congregation could agree on: the way to save the church was to scale back

and pair a smaller church with an affordable housing complex.

The Episcopal Church of the Resurrection in Alexandria's West End is in the final stages of a project that has been years in the works. If all goes according to plan, by 2021 the church will be demolished and replaced

with more than 100 multi-family affordable units on its property at 2280 N. Beaugard St.

There is overwhelming support within Church of the Resurrection for the project, as three votes established that 86 to 96

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Justin Wilson announces mayoral bid

Vice mayor to challenge incumbent Allison Silberberg

BY ALEXA EPITROPOULOS

Vice Mayor Justin Wilson announced on Monday morning that he will run for mayor in 2018, setting the stage for a showdown against incumbent Mayor Allison Silberberg.

Wilson, who is in his third city council term, said he will focus on education, the economy and infrastructure.

He said priority issues are



JUSTIN WILSON

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Lionel Hope dies at 92

Alexandria's first black vice mayor was WWII veteran

BY MISSY SCHROTT

Lionel Hope, Alexandria's first African American vice mayor and a World War II veteran, died in his sleep at his home in Edenton, North Carolina, on Sunday. He was 92.

Hope was born on Feb. 10, 1925, in Hampton, Virginia. He was an avid athlete while growing up in the Hampton public school system,



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A portrait of Lionel Hope from the time he was Vice Mayor hangs in the Chet Avery room on the second floor of city hall.

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WEEKLY BRIEFING

Dog walk raises funds for Tutoring Consortium

The Alexandria Tutoring Consortium held a “Dogs for Literacy” walk on Oct. 15 to raise money for literacy.

The walk took place at Cameron Run Park and allowed participants to complete either one mile or a 5K. It was the first of several events ATC will host this year in honor of its 20th anniversary to raise money for literacy.

ATC’s fundraising events are organized to help Alexandria City Public Schools elementary school students who are falling behind in reading. ATC uses “Book Buddies,” a nationally recognized program through which community volunteers provide one-on-one tutoring for students who are behind in reading.

With funds raised, ATC will train more than 150 community volunteers to tutor kindergarteners and first graders two times a week throughout the year.

“Much fun was had by both humans and pups alike while raising awareness and funds for literacy tutoring in the city of Alexandria,” ATC Program Director Karen White said in a statement. “We’re already planning next year’s event.”

The walk’s local sponsors included Olde Towne School for Dogs, Dogtopia, VIP Pets and Weichert Real Estate.

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Veterans’ day

On Nov. 9 at Market Square, the City of Alexandria honored all city employees who are veterans. Vice Admiral Mary Jackson of the U.S. Navy spoke and the city’s Employees’ Choir performed. Pictured above are Jackson, Mayor Allison Silberberg and the city’s Employees’ Choir.

New parking restrictions on 100 block of Duke, 200 block of S. Lee Streets

New parking restrictions are now in effect for the 100 block of Duke Street between Union and Lee Streets and the 200 block of South Lee Street between Prince and Duke Streets. Similar to the restrictions enacted over the summer on the 100 block of Prince Street, any vehicle without a District 1 residential parking permit is now required to pay to park on these blocks for up to two hours.

New signage has been installed noting the requirement to pay, hours and days of restriction and payment options. Drivers choosing to park on the block can use the city’s pay-by-phone app, Pango, or purchase a parking receipt from a meter on an adjacent block.

These restrictions are allowed through the city’s Residential Pay by Phone pilot program, which was approved by city council in

November 2016. The goal of the pilot program is to provide adequate on-street parking for residents by encouraging non-residential drivers to park in metered or garage spaces by eliminating free two-hour parking on the residential blocks. City staff will evaluate before and after parking conditions on the blocks with these restrictions to determine if this is an effective tool that could be expanded to other areas.

More information about the pilot program can be found at www.alexandriava.gov/Parking under “Overview of Parking Restrictions and Districts.” Interested residents may submit a petition to staff for review and consideration before the Traffic and Parking Board. Please contact Katye North at katye.north@alexandriava.gov for more information.

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CRIME

Name of suspect in fatal stabbing released

Police have released the name of the suspect in the fatal stabbing of an Alexandria resident in October at a home on the 200 block of North Howard Street.

Police said Endalkachew Merid, 55, has been extradited and transported to Alexandria. He is charged with the homicide of 55-year-old city

resident June Seay. The Alexandria Police Department hadn't previously released his name, as he was being held out of jurisdiction.

Police were dispatched to do a health and welfare check at the residence on North Howard Street on Oct. 18 at 6:40 p.m. Upon arriving, police found Seay dead at the

scene. Merid was found with self-inflicted injuries and was taken to an area hospital while in police custody.

Alexandria police say Seay and Merid knew each other, though no further explanation was made available about their relationship.

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Suspect arrested, charged with Del Ray bank robbery

Police have arrested a suspect who is charged with stealing an undisclosed amount of cash from Burke & Herbert's Del Ray branch on Nov. 3.

Jerry Blake Jr., a 34-year-old Alexandria resident, has been charged with robbery and is being held without

bond.

The robbery happened at 1:05 p.m. on Nov. 3 when a man entered the Burke & Herbert location at 306 E. Monroe Ave. and demanded money from a bank teller. The teller complied and the man left the scene with an undisclosed

amount of cash. There were no injuries as a result of the incident.

Anyone with further information is asked to call Detective Christine Escobar at 703-746-6819.

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Hit-and-run injures one near Potomac Yard

A crash injured a pedestrian near Potomac Yard on Saturday, according to the Alexandria Police Department.

The hit-and-run crash happened near Jefferson Davis Highway and Glebe Road. Police said the pedestrian suffered non-life threatening injuries, and was transported to a local hospital.

It's not clear if the suspect has been apprehended or charged at this time. The victim of the hit-and-run was not named.

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Robbery on Milan Drive

Alexandria police are investigating a robbery that occurred near Arlandria on Saturday.

Police said a suspect stole a purse from a victim on the 3800 block of Milan Drive. There were no injuries as a result of the incident.

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Local attorney Seifeldein to run for city council

Mo Seifeldein emphasizes legal, business expertise

BY MISSY SCHROTT

Mohamed “Mo” Seifeldein, an attorney and owner of a local law firm, announced Saturday that he will run for Alexandria City Council.

Seifeldein owns the firm Seifeldein and Associates, P.C. He is a product of Virginia public schools, a first generation immigrant from Sudan and the first in his family to obtain a graduate degree. He has also been active with the Alexandria Democratic Committee and is an appointed member of the Community Criminal Justice Board.

Seifeldein said he planned to lead a campaign of inclusivity, responsibility and looking to the future of the city.

Seifeldein plans to focus on issues such as the poverty level and education. He

said his experience as a lawyer and as a small law firm owner have prepared him for a spot on council because he has first-hand experience with litigation and the trials of small business owners.

“That’s kind of like hitting two birds with one stone, you know,” Seifeldein said. “An attorney who has experience and then also a small business owner, and also I’m a product of Virginia public schools, so three tools there that have prepared me for this role.”

As an attorney, Seifeldein has worked to support small business and disadvantaged people in addition to volunteering and working as a court appointed lawyer.

“I am going to be what Alexandria needs: one for the people,” Seifeldein said. “We’re lagging behind a bit compared to our neighbors ... We can’t wait for the future to get here and then act to it ... I want to get things done, and I definitely have



COURTESY PHOTO

Mo Seifeldein announced his run for city council with a platform focusing on poverty and education.

the energy to do it.”

Boyd Walker, who has known Seifeldein for two years through the Alexandria Democratic Committee, said his background would be beneficial on council.

“I know he came from the West End of the city so he would represent that group,” Walker said. “His background brings diversity to city council, which I think would be important. We also

need a diversity of ideas.”

During Seifeldein’s early years in the United States, he helped support his family financially and worked to pay for his college education. Following college, he worked with children who have mental disabilities and then returned to school to obtain a graduate degree.

“As a first-generation immigrant coming to this country, I didn’t have the know-how, of how things work here,” Seifeldein said. “So that experience of going to public school and learning everything from the teachers, what to do, and how to do it, just kind of hustling up to know things, definitely I think will help me in understanding what some of the neglected communities of Alexandria deal with.

“I can bring that experience as an immigrant, or the person who kind of went from nothing to working hard, and working on making the community better,” he said.

Over the next few months, Seifeldein said he will be going out in the community to get to know residents and the issues important to them.

“You’re going to see us talking to a lot of people that we have been doing in the past. We’re not neglecting anyone, going to community events, and putting on community events ourselves, and talking to people, explaining to them what’s going on,” Seifeldein said.

“I’m glad Mo’s getting in early,” Walker said. “He probably doesn’t have the name recognition of some of the other people who will be getting into the race ... so it’s important to get out there early, and hopefully he’ll be meeting lots of people and knocking on lots of doors.”

Seifeldein is hosting a campaign kickoff event on Nov. 18 at Market Square with speakers and music so residents can get to know him. More information about his campaign and the issues he plans to address is available at his campaign website, www.moseif4council.com.

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Council mulls future of Cameron Run Park

Wilson, Smedberg clash over plan for Eisenhower Avenue facility

BY ALEXA EPITROPOULOS

The future of Cameron Run Regional Park on Eisenhower Avenue inspired a spirited debate at city council's legislative meeting on Tuesday evening.

Council considered a proposal to extend by 10 years the lease that regional park authority NOVA Parks has to run the prominent West End recreational facility. The current lease for NOVA Parks will lapse in 2021. NOVA Parks had requested a 40-year lease extension, which city staff recommended against.

This comes more than a year after the city turned down NOVA Parks' proposal to extend the Cameron Run lease by 20 years in exchange for buying the historic Murray-Dick-Fawcett house at 517 Prince St., which the city has since purchased.

NOVA Parks' original lease in 1981 gave the parks authority control of 53 acres, for which the organization paid the city \$10. It now controls about 26 acres. The proposed 10-year lease would reduce NOVA Parks' size to 14.6 acres, giving the city control of the Cameron Run Park lake and wooded area that has not been developed. It also calls for NOVA Parks to pay the city \$200,000 annually.

Since starting to manage the park facility, NOVA Parks has built profit-generating facilities, including Great Waves Waterpark, a mini golf facility and batting cages. Those facilities are, however, seasonal, leaving the park unused between November and March. The city doesn't receive a cut of NOVA Parks' revenue from the site.

A report from the Parks & Recreation Commission con-

cluded the city should plan to take over management from the parks authority when the proposed lease expires in 2028. The report said the lease isn't in the best interests of Alexandria residents, citing NOVA Parks' lack of rent or revenue sharing with the city, the lack of enforcement mechanisms at the city's disposal for maintenance issues and the lack of access to off-season use.

Instead, the report said the park would be best utilized if converted to a city-controlled recreational facility, which could generate revenue.

Given budget constraints for FY2019, though, the report said the ten-year lease with NOVA Parks, while not ideal, would allow the city to get through its "significant short-term financial constraints," including planned infrastructure projects.

"In order to get from here to the end vision what is proposed is a replacement lease until 2028 ... We don't have significant capital funds to add, as we've all discussed," City Manager Mark Jinks said at the meeting. "Ten years gets us beyond that."

Vice Mayor Justin Wilson, however, said the replacement lease was not the best solution, while Councilor Paul Smedberg said putting a timeline on the city's decision would prompt more conversation on best uses.

"I personally would do less than 10 years, but I know that's probably not a consensus. I'm comfortable with what you [Parks & Recreation Commission] and the city manager are putting forward," Smedberg said. "I would really hate to see it go beyond that, personally, because I really do think it's an opportunity for the city ..."

Jinks, however, said the city won't be prepared in 2021 to make the kind of invest-

ment Cameron Run Park's conversion needs.

"If this facility is converted, the range of costs to transition from a park type of operation to an athletic facility goes from \$30 to \$34 million. We're not in the position to take on something like that immediately," Jinks said. "Ten years seems like a reasonable time period for them to get use out of it and for us to make the transition in 2028."

Wilson argued the city should wait until closer to the current lease's expiration and then evaluate what the best deal is.

"I don't think there's anything about the discussion we had last weekend with our task force as well as what we all know about the state of our CIP and cognizant about what is unfunded in our CIP that leads me to believe we're going to be in a dramatically different place to swallow something of that magnitude," Wilson said. "I'm still a little concerned that, even with a

decade, we're going to come back here ... and not be in a much better place and then have kind of lost a decade at the site. I totally buy into the end goal ... I guess I'm questioning the path there and if this provides that path there."

Wilson said, even if NOVA Parks was amenable to the proposed rent, that \$200,000 per year would be a "drop in the bucket" in comparison to the city's renovation costs.

Wilson said another third party operator might be in the best interest of the city. He posited why consideration hasn't been given to allowing the lease to expire and putting an RFP out for Cameron Run Park at that point.

"I guess the question for me is 'is there a better way to either in partnership with the regional park authority or not in partnership with the regional park authority to stair step an incremental approach to implementing the ultimate vision?'" Wilson said. "I don't see anything in the plan that

gets there in the next 10 years. It puts us in a place where 10 years from now we'll ... be right back where we are right now, but with facility that is 10 years more aged and at best \$2 million over a decade of investment. That doesn't seem like a lot and doesn't seem any closer to where we want to be."

Director of the city's Parks & Recreation Department Jim Spangler said redevelopment of the park will be a slow process, and that there should be careful consideration as to how Cameron Run Park will ultimately fit into plans for Eisenhower Avenue's development.

"The concern in the 10-year plan is how fast this corridor will develop. You've heard the announcement of additional investment in this area tonight I believe. From the staff's standpoint, this is seen as how important Ben Brenman Park [is] to the Duke Street corridor. This holds

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serving as the football team's quarterback, basketball team's captain and a member of the track team. In 1946, Hope was discharged from WWII as a Navy Storekeeper Technician First Class. He earned a bachelor's degree in business management from Hampton University in 1950.

He became an active community member after moving to Alexandria in 1965, culminating with his election to city council in 1982. During his time on council from 1982 to 1992, colleagues knew Hope to be community-minded, soft-spoken and genuine.

Hope's granddaughter Summer Shtay-Edwards said she was just a child when he started on council.

"I was a kid when he was in politics," Shtay-Edwards said. "When he was elected the first black vice mayor, I was 10, so for me, I was like, 'Wow, he's a first, is he going to be in the Guinness Book of World Records?'"



Former Vice Mayor Lionel Hope poses for a family portrait with his granddaughter, Summer Shtay-Edwards and wife, Emma.

Former Mayor Bill Euille met Hope early in his political career; one of Euille's first post-college work experiences was helping on Hope's inaugural city council campaign.

"He was a very popular individual. He liked being in public and networking with

folks, particularly citizens," Euille said. "He always wore a big smile. He loved handshaking and patting you on the back and everything."

Euille said Hope was a strong advocate, supporter, role model and mentor when he decided to run for public office himself. Euille, along

with several of Hope's other colleagues, remembered his kind and inspirational words, even after he had moved away from Alexandria.

"The thing I mostly remember about him, even if it was just a friendly phone call, a lot of time he would just call me out of the blue and say, 'Hey man, how are things going?' and I would say, 'Fine,' and the one thing he would always say to me: 'Be strong, be tough, it's not an easy job, folks are gonna come after you, but believe in yourself and it'll all work out.'"

Councilor Del Pepper remembered Hope's kindness when she was a newcomer on council.

"When I first came in, he said something like, 'you'll do just fine,' Pepper said. "I thought to myself, that just seemed so encouraging, to have somebody who's been there all that time to say something ... that I guess gave me some confidence. I always appreciated that."

During his time on council, Hope advocated for public education, fought to decrease local crime and worked to create more af-

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— Bill Euille, former mayor

fordable housing in the city as chair of the Community Development Block Grant Board.

"He was instrumental in being accessible within the community and different neighborhoods," Euille said.

Hope's other city involvement included the Alexandria Economic Opportunity Commission, Alexandria Hospital, Alexandria Industrial Authority, Budget Ad Hoc Committee, Community Development Block Grant Commission, Hopkins House, Mica Housing Incorporated and the Potomac Yard Small Area Planners.

"He was a very nice, very decent kind of guy who I felt always came down on the right side of issues," Pepper said. "He was involved in his community, and that was always good, and I think he was very well respected throughout the community."

Both Pepper and Nancy Lavelle Perkins, who knew Hope through his work with the city, applauded his approach to politics.

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“Nothing showoff-y about him, just a very solid and a good contributor – you know, he contributed to the conversation,” Pepper said.

“He was very low-key,” Perkins said. “He was not flashy, flamboyant, not like what we have now. Very quiet and very soft spoken and very diligent. He knew his stuff. He wasn’t brash – he didn’t feel the need to dazzle everybody with his extensive knowledge of the budget and housing, but he knew it.”

Lawrence “Robbie” Robinson knew Hope through the Departmental Progressive Club, a social organization composed of black leaders in Alexandria.

“I was president when he was here,” Robinson said. “Lionel Hope says ‘fantastic.’ If you ever have a conversation with him, he says, ‘faaantastic.’ He was a great guy.”

“He loved Alexandria, not only as a politician, but he loved it as a citizen taxpayer, and he’ll be missed, so my prayers and condolences go out to his wife and family,” Euille said.



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A WWII veteran, Hope was discharged as a Navy Storekeeper Technician First Class.

Upon retiring, Hope moved to North Carolina with his wife, Emma. Hope continued his political activities in North Carolina by campaigning and fundraising for candidates in local and statewide offices.

He was the recipient of appreciation/outstanding service awards

“He knew his stuff. He wasn’t brash – he didn’t feel the need to dazzle everybody with his extensive knowledge of the budget and housing, but he knew it.”

– Nancy Lavalle Perkins

from AFSCME Local 2087, Alexandria Hospital, Annie B. Rose Foundation and the Alexandria Society for the Preservation of Black Heritage. He was also recognized by the Chamber of Commerce, Friendship Veteran Fire Engine Association, Hopkins House, Liberty Bell Lawyers Club, Northern Virginia Chapter of the Hampton University Alumni Association, Potomac West Trade Association and the T.C. Williams High School Distributive Ed-

ucation Club. He was also a lifetime member of the NAACP.

Hope was predeceased by his father, Merritt Hope; his mother, Rebecca Griffin Hope; his brother, Earl Hope; his sisters, Dorothy Brown, Violet Northington and Felicia Jones; his stepmother, Eva Hope; and his step-siblings, Horace Taylor, Bruce Taylor, and Ernestine Taylor.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Emma; his four children, Lionel R. Hope, Jr., Matheline L. Pugh, Debbie Hawkins Shtay and Joseph Hawkins; his five grandsons, Daniel W. Dennis, III, Timothy Dennis, Melvin Lunsford, Jr., Lionel R. Hope, IV and Reginald Hawkins; one granddaughter, Summer Shtay-Edwards; four great grandsons; eight great granddaughters; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

A memorial service will be held Nov. 19 at 3 p.m. at Blair Funeral Services in Edenton, North Carolina. Interment will take place Nov. 20 at the Albert G. Horton Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery in Suffolk, Virginia.

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Auction houses are still ‘places where people trade’

Local Potomack Company has built national reputation

BY LOUISE KRAFFT

“Going once, going twice, sold!” is the familiar call of the auctioneer as the gavel drops and the sale is final.

Auctions date back to the early days of recorded western civilization, though some of them were infamous. It has been noted that in 500 B.C. Greece, it was common for women to be auctioned off as wives by their families. Auctions were popular with the rise of Rome, mainly with the selling of personal property and war plunder.

A particularly notorious auction was written about by the Roman historian Cassius Dio. He wrote of the murder in 193 A.D. of the Roman Emperor Pertinax by members of the Praetorian Guard. It was not the first time the Guard had a hand in murdering an emperor — only this time the Guard proceeded to put the Roman Empire up for auction to the highest bidder.

Auctions surfaced again in the 17th century, this time in the guise of candle auctions. To start the bidding, a candle was lit and it is said that the bidding continued until the flame extinguished itself. The candle auctions were followed by what would now be considered traditional auction houses: the Stockholms Auktionswerk (The Stockholm Auction House) in 1674, Sotheby’s in 1744 followed by Christie’s in 1766.

Auction houses continue to this day, though they have evolved a bit with the advent of modern technology. Alexandria is home to one of the more prominent auction houses in the region: The Potomack Company. Founded in 2006 by Elizabeth Haynie Wainstein and originally lo-



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Painted in 1860 by William MacLeod, the “Bridge over Hunting Creek” painting illustrates tranquil Alexandria as it appeared at the outset of the Civil War. Bridge Over Hunting Creek, Alexandria, Virginia, depicts the quotidian scene of life along the water, as wagons and people cross over toward West Grove Plantation. MacLeod’s notable bucolic landscapes of the early Washington, D.C., area hang in the collections of the National Gallery of Art and the White House.

cated on North Fayette Street, The Potomack Company was named after a now-defunct Alexandria business founded in 1785 with the help of George Washington.

Since its opening, approximately 100 auctions have been held at The Potomack Company, each containing 800 to 900 lots for sale. Dr. D. Morgan Delaney, president of the Historic Alexandria Foundation, says of The Potomack Company, “Elizabeth Wainstein has in a short period of time created an important local auction business in a very competitive arena. The Potomack Company is operating in a national, I would actually correct that to say, an international marketplace. Every auction contains important pieces of furniture, paintings and decorative arts. I have found treasures there for my personal collections.”

Wainstein attributes the

high quality of items offered for sale at auction to the interesting lives of the local population. Each lot that’s sold has a story of some kind behind it, some more unusual than others.

A long distance phone call started the acquisition of one painting that was recently auctioned. Its acquisition story is unique, yet the path it followed to sale is typical for the auction house.

The caller possessed a painting of a scene of Alexandria in the mid-1800s showing the crossing bridge over Great Hunting Creek and beyond to the Mt. Eagle mansion house. The call was turned over to fine arts specialist Anne Norton Craner. Craner quickly realized that this was an important local piece as well as a fine arts piece and accepted it for auction.

Further research revealed that the local landscape was

Painted by Alexandrian William MacLeod around 1860. MacLeod had been commissioned by Alexandria resident William Fowle or his daughter Harriet Boardman Taylor. Fowle was a prominent local businessman who lived in what is now known as the Patton-Fowle House at 711 Prince St. MacLeod’s work is also in the collections of the National Gallery of Art and The White House Historical Society. One MacLeod painting, “View of the City of Washington from the Virginia Shore,” is on display in the Roosevelt Room at the White House.

The work that Craner was excited about, “Bridge over Hunting Creek near Alexandria, VA,” having been selected for the September auction, was then photographed, a catalog description written up and posted online for the website and other auction

platforms as well as the auction brochure. The painting went on display along with nearly 1,000 other lots of items for that auction. It ultimately sold to a local collector for \$87,500.

One of Wainstein’s favorite stories concerns the tale of two marble urns. In January 2011, two carved marble urns were put up for auction by a dealer in Queenstown, Maryland named Darryl Savage. The urns had stood outside his shop for a number of years when Wainstein suggested to Savage that he try selling the pair at auction. As Wainstein tells the story, when the base of the urns arrived at The Potomack Company — the weight of the entire urn was too great to move just for the sale — the research began.

Savage had mentioned that the stonemason he had gotten the urns from was said to have taken them, with permission, from Arlington National Cemetery during the restoration of the Memorial Amphitheater of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. According to the stonemason, the urns were placed with all of the other stone that was being discarded and on their way to the stone crusher.

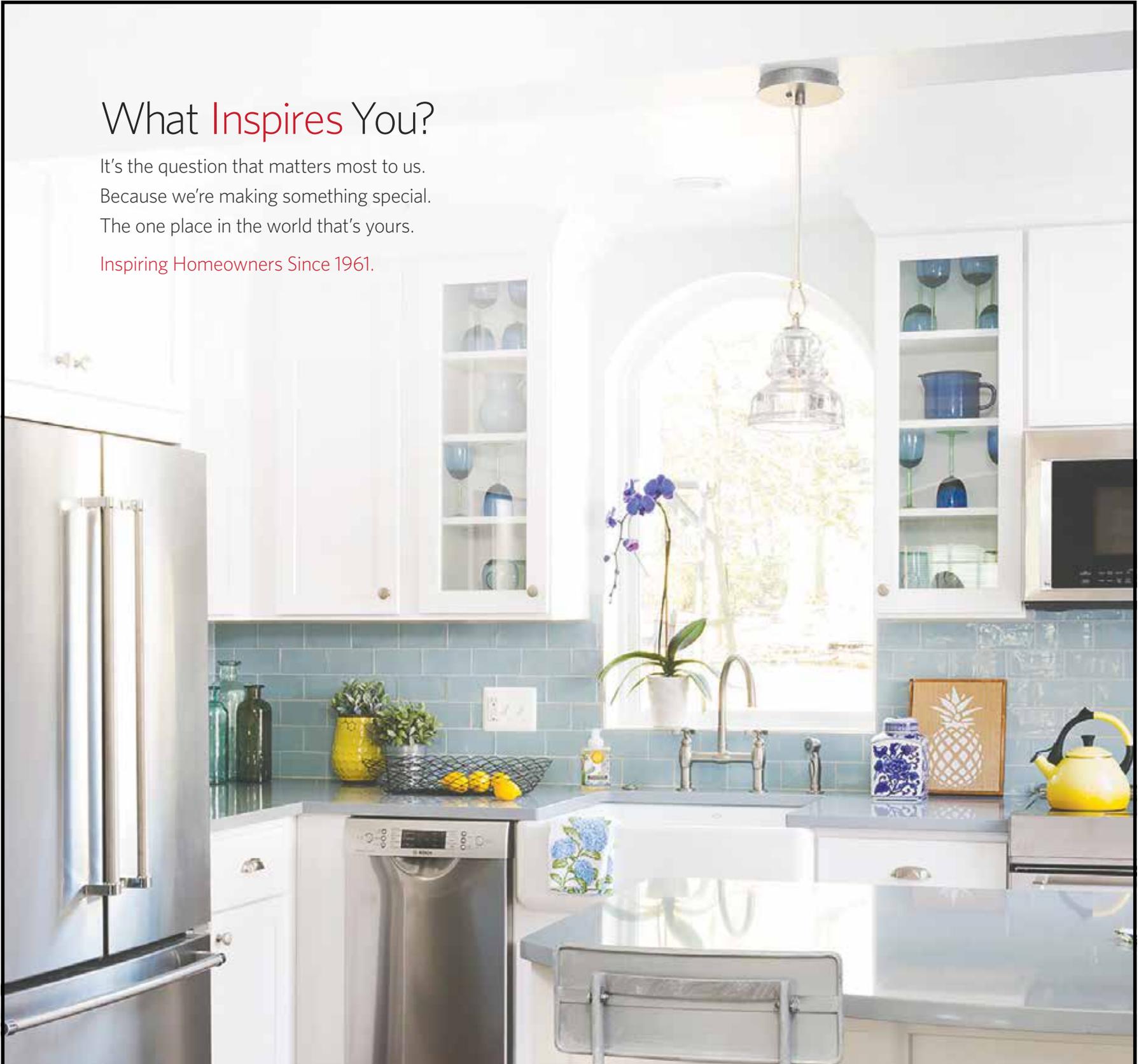
This story needed verification and all initial calls to the National Park Service and the Department of the Army turned up nothing about the origin of the urns. So on a snowy day in January, Wainstein and fellow Potomack Company employee Lucie Holland made their way to Arlington Cemetery to see what they could find. It was slow trudging through the deep snow, making their way into the amphitheater. At one point, Wainstein slid down a flight of stairs but luckily was not injured.

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Rising up again, she scanned all that was above and around her and spotted the urns. Way up next to the stage area, copies of the urns she was researching rested in niches flanking either side. These urns are nine feet tall and skillfully carved with snakes, eagles and rams' heads, so there was no mistaking their identity.

Eventually, the Potomack Company made contact with the Department of the Army, which claimed the urns and expressed interest in having them returned. The Potomack Company facilitated an agreement between the Army and the consigner, Savage. The urns were later delivered to the Army Corps of Engineers for display in a future museum.

Wainstein and her staff were pleased with the outcome.

"I'm very happy to play a



small role in bringing these national treasures back to their rightful place," Wainstein commented after the urns were returned to the

passed legislation authorizing the construction of the Memorial Amphitheater, and it is fitting a century later that we are renewing



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Above: Potomack Company owner Elizabeth Wainstein in the main auction room on North Fairfax Street.

Left: One of the replica urns that rest in the niches flanking the stage at the Memorial Amphitheater of the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery. Elizabeth Wainstein and Lucie Holland used it to authenticate the urns put up for auction at the Potomack Company in 2011.

Army. "It was almost 100 years ago when Congress

that tribute with the return of these historic urns to the American people."

In September of this year, Wainstein was invited to attend Invaluable's Global Auction House Summit in Boston. Out of 5,000 auction house members, only 250 houses representing 16

countries were invited to this inaugural event. Wainstein commented on some of the emerging technology that was on exhibit, including 3D fine art scanners.

The Potomack Company now operates out of a showroom at 1116 and 1120 North Fairfax St. In addition to holding live auctions with on-site, telephone and online bidding, the auction house offers an online auction.

In the showrooms that were open for a recent auction preview, the image of George Washington frequently appeared in drawings and paintings. Americana manager Christine Messing asserts that she does not remember an auction without something depicting the first president being offered for sale.

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Planning commission OKs contentious site plan change

Environmental concerns raised about project behind Temple Beth El

BY MISSY SCHROTT

Residents expressed environmental concerns about a development project proposed for a several-acre plot behind the Beth El Hebrew Congregation at the Nov. 9 Planning Commission meeting. Speakers at the meeting also questioned the commission's processes.

The big item of contention was the development project at 3832 and 3834 Seminary Road that involves building four homes in the wooded area behind Temple Beth El.

While the original development site plan was approved in early October, the applicant came before the planning commission last week to request approval for changes

to three aspects of the project: to shift one of the houses 12.5 feet closer to the street, to subdivide two existing lots into four and to name the new street Karig Place.

The commission approved all three requests, two by a unanimous 6-0 vote. The amendment to Development Site Plan #2017-0022, which would shift one of the house's locations, passed by a vote of 4-0, with Commissioners David Brown and Melissa McMahon abstaining.

Nathan Randall, a planner with the Department of Planning & Zoning, began the discussion by addressing some issues the project has generated, particularly about the site's wetlands area.

"It is not an environmentally protected feature, nor is it a resource protection area; however, an isolated wetland derived from a seep point



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The Beth El Hebrew Congregation as seen from the lot where the proposed development project will take place.

where water naturally springs upward is located within the swale," Randall said.

The development would not touch the wetland and would include a 50-foot buffer area around it, Randall said. He said at previous meetings neighbors had requested that all four units shift northward, away from marine clay that could potentially im-

pact neighbors residing in downslope homes.

Attorney Mary Catherine Gibbs, representing the applicant Mike Ibrahim, a principal of 3834 Seminary, LLC, also acknowledged resident concerns. She said the 12.5-foot shift of one of the houses was an appropriate compromise.

"I wish I could tell you that that proposed compro-

mise brought us all together here, but it has not," Gibbs said. "This is a request for an amendment for an approved development site plan. If the plan meets the requirements of the ordinance, it should be approved. It was approved last month for that reason, and the amendment should be approved for the same reason."

Eleven residents spoke before the commission during the public comment period, with eight opposing the project and three supporting it, at least to an extent.

In addition to environmental concerns, several of the residents, neighbors and attorneys who spoke mentioned Rod Simmons, a local environmental expert who was told he could not attend the hearing.

Simmons works as a natural resource manager and

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plant ecologist with the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities. When the Planning Commission requested that he attend the hearing to answer their environmental questions, city staff said he could not go, according to former city councilor Lonnie Rich, attorney for Beth El.

Planning Commission Chair Mary Lyman said she had already read Simmons' opinion in writing and that he could have attended as a private citizen if he so desired.

"What I was hoping was that the Planning Commission would direct their environmental questions to Rod Simmons, the guy who knows something about it, rather than to the transportation guy, who it appeared to me was very uncomfortable answering the questions," Rich said. "There were many times when he turned around and looked at someone else, because it was just not his direct field."

Rich said he knew Simmons' word wouldn't be the end-all-be-all, but that it was important to have appropriate experts at these meetings so the commission could make an informed decision.

"All of them are on the same team," Rich said. "Now the fact that there may be some disagreement within the team, that's not a bad thing. That happens all the time."

"Decision makers all the time, in all contexts, whether you're talking about a corporate president who's making a decision to launch a new product, or you're talking about the president of the United States deciding whether to send troops to Iraq or not, they bring in all the generals; they don't just bring in the ones that agree with them," he said.

Regarding the environmental issues, resident Dave Cavanaugh sited slope failure, storm water runoff, erosion

“This plan does not reflect the available science [or] your geological atlas, and as a resident of this city, I want to see that in the decisions that are being made. I want to see you all using the resources – every resource – you have available to you.”

**– Christina Lytle,
resident**

and impacts on the wetland and adjacent properties as primary worries. He also raised concerns about the sewer line and storm drain that will go through the wetlands' 50-foot buffer.

Several of the opposing speakers sited similar issues. They also mentioned frustration with the lack of dialogue and the city's failure to use the resources it has available.

"Moving the fourth house 12 feet doesn't fix anything," Resident Christina Lytle said. "This plan does not reflect the available science [or] your geological atlas, and as a resident of this city, I want to see that in the decisions that are being made. I want to see you all using the resources – every resource – you have available to you."

Gibbs said the city went above and beyond its established process for reviewing site plan applications.

"...It became slightly frustrating to have to provide more and more details on matters that are normally dealt with at final site plan and building permit stages," Gibbs said, "but they did so in an effort to ensure that the issues raised by the neighbors were reviewed thoroughly and carefully."

Resident Alexandria Lipton, who lives on St. Stephens Road which borders the site, said she did not "vehemently oppose" the development. Lipton agreed with Gibbs that it was a waste of time to argue over an amendment to a plan that had already been approved.

"I don't know about wetlands and swells, that's why I have you," Lipton said to the commission. "That's why

I have the committees that have been put into place. I am trusting, as a resident of Alexandria, that you are doing your due diligence."

Supporters of the development suggested that talk about the environment was an excuse neighbors used, while their real concerns were about their backyard views. Residents Kevin Durkin and Gant Redmon both called the environmental concerns red herrings.

"I think what the builder has put together with the planning staff has been incredibly flexible and a good compromise. A settlement on this is just that – a settlement. Not everybody gets what they want, but it's the best for the community," Durkin said.

Rich said there was evidence that the concerns were valid.

"All the planning commissioners acknowledged that it was a fair environmental problem, it was a hard case, and that we had a legitimate interest in raising our concerns," he said.

Rich said his clients plan to appeal the planning commission's decision to city council within 15 days. It will then go before council at a public hearing in either December or January.

"I don't know if there's ever been an appeal to council from a site plan," Rich said. "Maybe there has, but it's rare. It doesn't happen very often, and the reason there's gonna be an appeal is because there's a lot of people that just feel very strongly that the environment got short-handed in this hearing."

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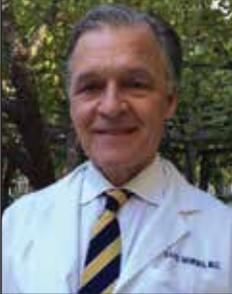
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Wegmans announces plan for Carlyle store

Popular grocery chain to anchor project in Carlyle neighborhood

BY ALEXA EPITROPOULOS

Wegmans Food Markets plans to open an 84,000-square-foot grocery store in the Hoffman Town Center in Alexandria's Carlyle neighborhood, project developer StonebridgeCarras announced in a news release Tuesday.

The popular Rochester, New York-based chain will anchor StonebridgeCarras' mixed-use project at Hoffman Center, which spans one million square feet. It has dedicated a total of 210,000 of that square footage to retail and 775,000 square feet to residential, including condos and apartments.

Wegmans will occupy a second story space of StonebridgeCarras' project, opening the street level to multiple retailers, according to a press release from the developer.

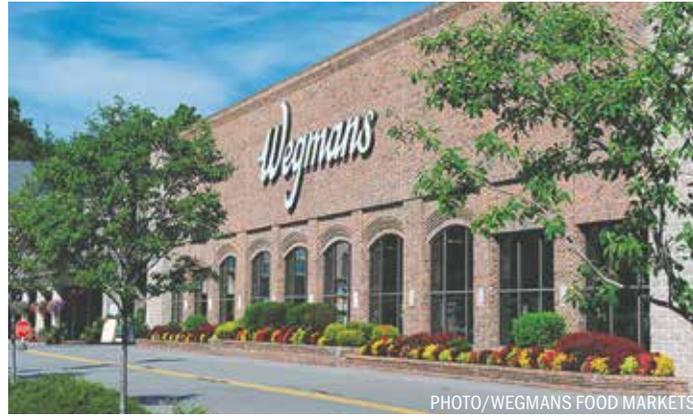
"When we first identified

the potential of this site, we felt it was the opportunity to bring the best regional retailer to the site given its proximity to employment, housing, metro and the tremendous access to the Capital Beltway," StonebridgeCarras Principal Douglas Firstenberg said in a release. "Landing Wegmans is perfect for the area and their willingness to locate their store on the second floor will make the street environment perfect."

Although Wegmans already has a location in the Fairfax County area of Alexandria at 7905 Hilltop Village Center Drive, Hoffman Town Center would be the grocery store's first location within the City of Alexandria.

Valerie Fox, spokesperson for Wegmans, said the Hoffman Town Center location fit everything the grocery store chain typically looks for.

"We only open three to four stores each year and, as such, we're very selective about choosing our sites. We're choosy," Fox said. "Some of the



A Wegmans location in the Fairfax County area of Alexandria. The grocery chain has signed a lease to open a store at the Hoffman Town Center in Carlyle.

things we look at for a site is a space that's large enough to accommodate the size of our store and parking that can serve customers in the area that immediately surrounds our store and employees. We're also a destination, so we're always looking for great regional locations, especially locations that are easy to get in and out of. This location met everything we were looking for."

This Wegmans location is on the smaller side of the footprint spectrum for the grocery

chain, which has stores that span 140,000 square feet and employ up to 550 people. This will also be the first Wegmans that will be located entirely on a building's second floor. It's not unusual for the grocery store to change up its store formats, though.

"We have various store formats," Fox said. "We have stores that have mezzanine cafes with restaurant-quality prepared foods. We have a store in Columbia, Maryland that has an above ground two-level parking lot ... This store is a smaller format for us, but I want to emphasize that it is a full-size grocery store," Fox said. "We have smaller size locations in Rochester [New York] and in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts ... We've learned we can really offer some incredible customer service in a smaller footprint."

Fox said it's too early to say how many employees the Hoffman Town Center location will hire.

The most recently announced Wegmans location reflects a pattern of investment in Northern Virginia for the grocery store. Wegmans' store in the Fairfax County area of Alexandria opened in June 2015 and another store will open in Chantilly, Virginia in western Fairfax County in mid-2018. The grocery chain currently has 95 locations

across six states, with 10 of those in Virginia.

The developer plans to break ground on the mixed-use project in early 2019, with intentions of opening the first components of the project in the fall of 2021.

The news of Wegmans moving into Carlyle comes on the heels of the National Science Foundation's opening last week.

Stephanie Landrum, CEO of the Alexandria Economic Development Partnership, said the Wegmans announcement will have a ripple effect in Carlyle.

"Wegmans is a great addition to the city and specifically to that part of town because it will really act as an anchor – not just for the people who live and work there, but it will also be a huge help in attracting more retail to that area," Landrum said. "Many smaller retailers and restaurants like to be proximate to a big anchor like that. Grocery stores are places people go to multiple times a week. Small retailers like to be close to big uses like that because it's a huge generator."

She said the combination of the National Science Foundation making their move official and the grocery store chain announcing plans means good things for the neighborhood.

"We did the planned opening [at National Science Foundation] last week and a lot of the questions we got from staff were 'what's coming next?'" Landrum said. "To be able to know there was a big announcement they would be excited about was great, especially since it is the first in the wave of announcements ... we'll be making over the next few months and it's part of the realization of building a new community around Eisenhower Metro."

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percent of parishioners back the project.

“Anytime you have a church where that many percent of the people support it, there’s something going on,” said the Rev. Jo Belser, rector of the church. She joked there was less disaccord over this major shift in the church’s future size and mission than there usually is over lesser matters like what color the carpet should be or whether a light bulb should be changed.

When Belser became the church’s rector in 2012, she noticed dwindling attendance at services. The congregation began seeking ways to “save themselves,” and their ideas ranged from very small steps like no longer printing church bulletins on Sunday to the radical idea of redeveloping the property.

“We had a lot of an aging population and not a lot of people living right near us that would be likely to come to an Episcopal church,” Belser said. “The demographic and location here isn’t a real good fit long term.”

The project proposal as it



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stands now involves demolishing the existing Church of the Resurrection, building an affordable housing complex with 113 units and rebuild-

ing a new smaller church. The residential building will be mostly composed of multifamily units, the rent for which will range from 40 to

60 percent of the area median income, according to Belser.

The project was conceptualized five years ago as a way to earn cash flow through the property lease and to get a new church, but Belser said the emphasis changed somewhere along the way.

“We started out with this thinking that we’d save us, and long ago, we realized that’s not a really good reason to do this,” she said. “The whole idea of seriously finding our mission and figuring out a way to help others and get beyond ourselves has secured our future and sort of revitalized our energy.”

Once the idea had been decided upon, the next step was to create a plan to carry it out.

“That’s a really daunting idea,” Belser said. “How do we redevelop a property and build a church? So we started with who – who can we get to do this for us?”

In their search for a “who,”

leaders at the Church of the Resurrection interviewed several developers, both for-profit and nonprofit. They ultimately chose AHC Inc., a nonprofit dedicated to providing affordable housing to low- and moderate-income families. AHC began in 1975 as the Arlington Housing Corporation and has since expanded to serve communities throughout Northern Virginia and Maryland. They began working with the Church of the Resurrection in fall 2014.

“They had a really, really, incredibly impressive ... residential services component that is widely known,” Belser said. “The properties they develop, they also manage.”

What began as a congregation’s brainstorm soon evolved into a collaborative effort between the church, AHC and the City of Alexandria.

“The city’s been really excited about seeing additional affordable housing and the church partnering with nonprofits to do that,” said Robert Kerns, division chief of development for the Department of Planning & Zoning.

Alexandria City Council approved and provided the project a predevelopment loan of \$400,000 in June 2014, according to Alexandria Director of Housing Helen McIlvaine. About a year ago, AHC brought early concept plans to the city to begin the development review process. Since then, AHC has been working with the city to ensure the project meets various development requirements regarding design, utilities and parking.

Kerns said the Beauregard Design Advisory Committee endorsed the project’s preliminary plan in late October of this year. It is ready to move forward to a public hearing in January, when AHC will present the proposal to the planning commission and seek

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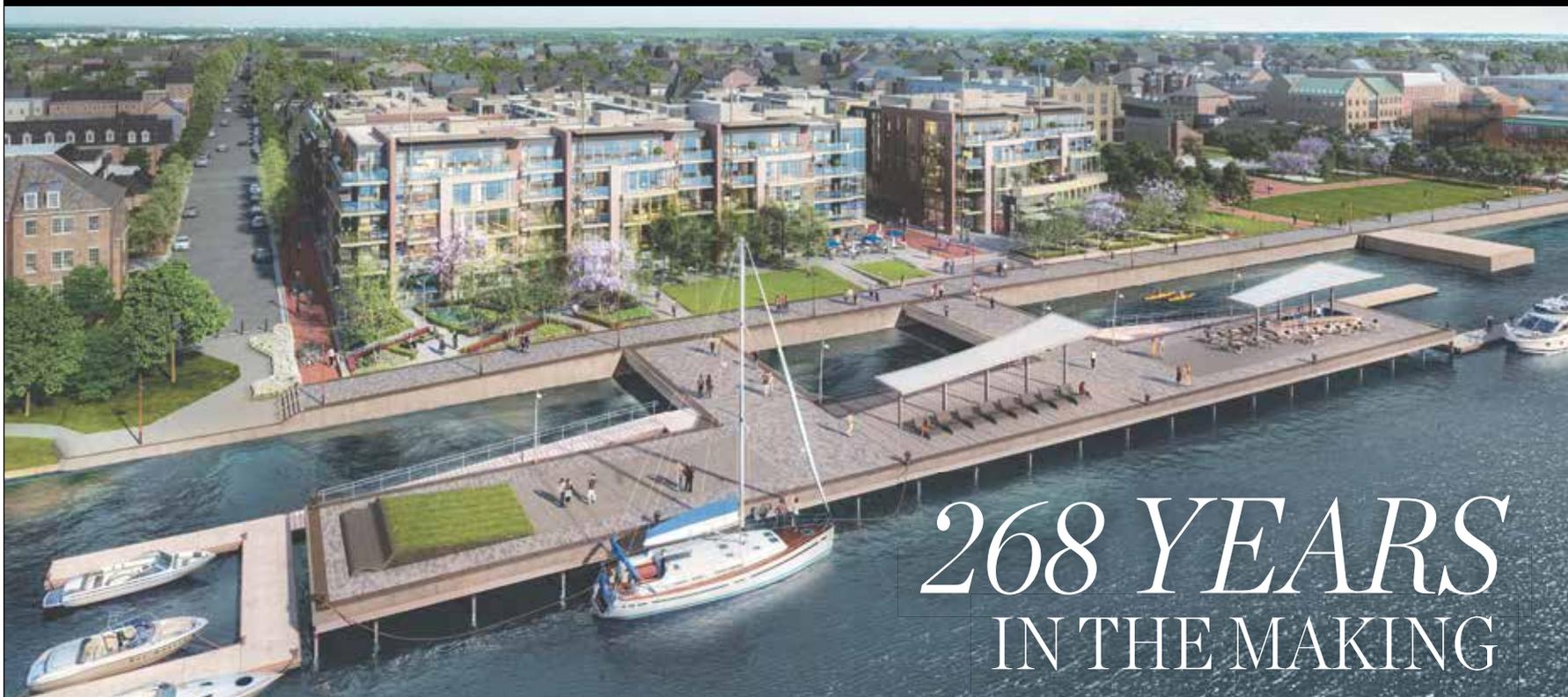
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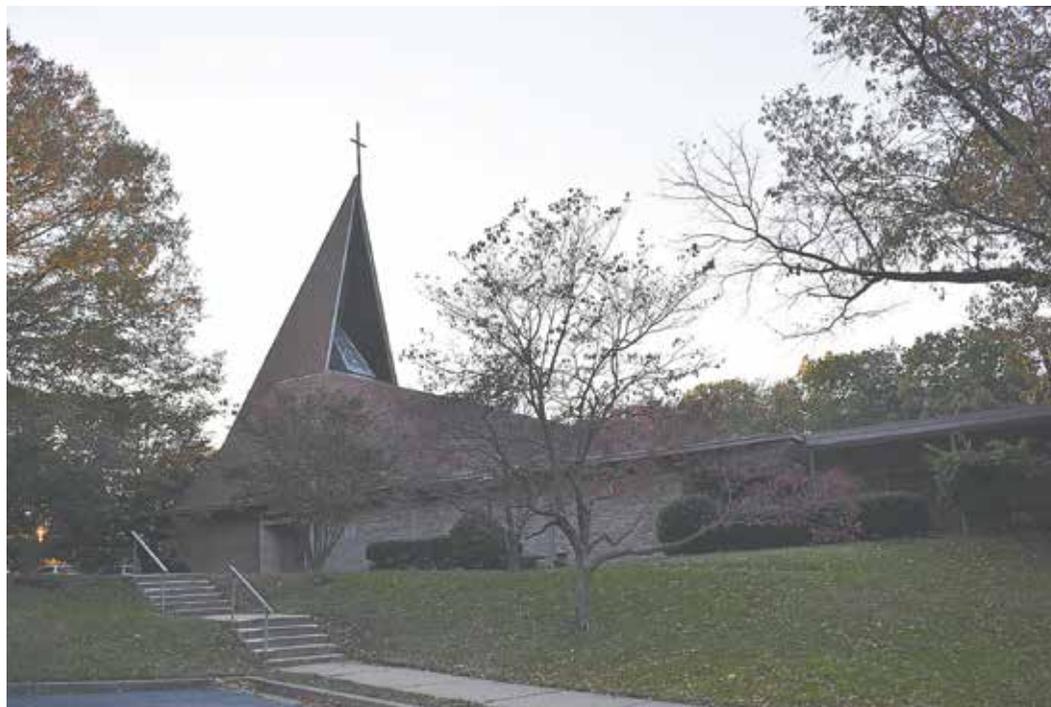
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approval from city council.

The city has been instrumental in helping move the project along with funding. City council agreed to set aside \$4.3 million for the project in the FY2018 budget should it earn approval. An additional \$4.1 million from the Housing Trust Fund account will also be provided, according to McIlvaine. AHC is projecting to invest \$500,000 of its own money, according to one of the company's vice presidents, John Welsh.

Assuming the project earns city council's approval for its proposed land use application and loan request in



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January, its next step is to apply for low-income housing tax credits through the Virginia Housing Development Authority in March. The tax credits provide private equity for the project. AHC will also privately finance first trust mortgage debt as part of the project's full funding package, according to McIlvaine.

"Without the low income tax credit, this project won't succeed. That's the funding mechanism that we envision for it," Belser said.

Welsh said the process for the VHDA 9 percent tax credit is very competitive, as only two to three projects in the collective Alexandria, Arlington and Fairfax region will be funded. In addition to the Church of the Resurrection's project, Welsh said he knew of three other projects that would potentially apply for the credits. While two will definitely be funded, one or two could be left out.

"[AHC's] track record when we go after that, the 9 percent credits, is very strong, and I think that's a reason too why the church picked us. Knock on wood, when we've applied

we've never lost," Welsh said.

"Not that past performance is guarantee of future outcome," Belser said.

McIlvaine said the project must be successful at gaining city approval in order to compete for the tax credits.

"The highest scoring projects are the ones that get funded," McIlvaine said. "If by [March] it would have its development approval, it would have its commitment to the city loan, and it would go and compete for these tax credits."

"We're certainly not counting any chickens yet," Welsh said. "It's always a very competitive environment, so we are really working hard to make this project earn a lot of the checkmarks in order to get the credits."

Belser said so far, every benchmark has been met for the project. The Episcopal Diocese of Virginia and its bishops previously gave the church permission to lease a portion of the land to AHC and recently reaffirmed their support. This is the first time the greater diocese has done a project like this, Belser said.

"It's not something that is

a well-worn path for them yet. We are the path setter and it's sort of like being the oldest child, convincing them that this is a good idea, that this methodology will work and that we're the people to trust to do this," she said. "There's a lot of desire to make sure the first one goes well."

There is a strong separation between the public housing and the new church aspects of the project, Belser said. Funding for the project will pay for the residential building's ground lease, which will then supply enough money to build the church. The diocese established conditions when it approved the project that the ground lease must be \$4.1 million for its first 65 years and that the money be used to build a new 5,000-square-foot church.

"We're not putting money into it, we just need to be assured that the church is built," Belser said.

While certain aspects of the project have progressed smoothly over time, others have not.

The project has faced numerous hurdles along the way, ranging from funding to utilities to neighbors. Part of the project's review process involves a community outreach element to keep nearby residents informed.

About 100 residents from Goodwin House, a neighboring life plan community also affiliated with the Episcopal Church, have attended these outreach meetings to voice their opinions, according to Lindsay Hutter, chief strategy and marketing officer for Goodwin House Inc.

"There's a range of views, from those who very much support the concept, to those who are not supportive of the concept for various reasons," Hutter said.

She said Goodwin House Inc. as an organization had

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two primary concerns with the project: its architecture and its parking proposals. Regarding architecture, Hutter said the designs did not include enough brick.

“When you have densely populated areas where buildings face each other, there’s no backside of a building,” she said. “A concern we’ve had is the percentage of brick to fiber cement on that side of affordable housing that faces Goodwin House Alexandria.”

Goodwin House is also concerned that the current project proposal does not provide enough parking. The church parking lot will have 28 parking spaces for its 140-seat chapel, and the residential building will have 84 spaces for 113 units.

“When someone lives in a housing community, their friends visit, their family visits, and you have staff, so while technically the requirement is met,” Hutter said, “the practical considerations are fairly significant that there is inadequate parking for those needs.”

AHC has been engaging in dialogue with the people from Goodwin House and working with them on some of their concerns, Welsh said.

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Residents and staff at Goodwin House have been discussing concerns about the project’s architecture and parking at meetings with AHC and city staff.

think we can ever really solve that,” he said. “On the design, we’ve answered a number of critics; we’ve increased the proportion of brick, and this

is really going to be a very attractive building, so we think that that should quell any issues on that.”

“We are strongly commit-

ted to providing affordable housing to working families,” Belser said. “We have a passion, you know, a heart for that, and not everybody

shares that. Not every one of our neighbors shares that passion.”

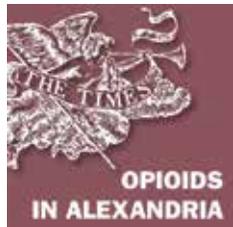
City councilor John Chapman has expressed strong support for affordable housing initiatives, as he grew up in Alexandria’s public housing. Since 2000, the city has lost 90 percent of its affordable housing.

“If you have stable housing, your family can grow, you don’t have to struggle as much and you can be a lot more involved and active in the community,” Chapman said. “We’re trying to make Alexandria remain affordable because we have been an enclave for the middle class, working families, for generations.”

Belser said she was happy the project was able to tap into something important to the community beyond the church.

“We’re not doing it at this point to save us, we’re doing it for people in our community who need this, and it’s our mission, and we’re pretty strongly committed to it,” she said. “It’s kind of like demonstrating our name to ourselves and the world; resurrection – things die that have to die to get new life, and we’re just thriving in a way we haven’t thrived in a while.”

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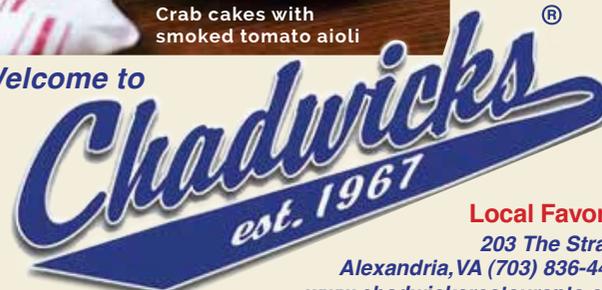


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SPORTS

Maroon finishes season with 5-4 mark, avenges lone 2016 loss

BY JEFF MCQUILKIN

It's known simply as "The Game" and it is the oldest continuous high school football rivalry in the South. For the 117th time, Episcopal High School squared off against arch rival Woodberry Forest on Saturday at the Hummel Bowl in Alexandria.

Led by a stifling defense and aided by three first-half Woodberry Forest turnovers, Episcopal avenged its only loss from last year, beating Woodberry Forest 21-7 to finish with a 5-4 record on the season.

Senior running back Perris Jones, who played the entire season in a cast with a broken wrist, gave Episcopal a lead it would never relinquish by scoring with 5:24 left in the first quarter. In the second quarter, senior quarterback Seth Agwunobi scored twice on rushes of one and 13 yards. The first half ended with Episcopal leading 21-0.

Early in the third quarter,



Left: Episcopal High School running back Perris Jones played the entire season in a cast with a broken left wrist. **Right:** Maroon quarterback Seth Agwunobi looks for open field.



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Woodberry Forest took advantage of a personal foul penalty against Episcopal and narrowed the score to 21-7. But Episcopal's defense would never let Woodberry Forest

near the end zone again.

"Our defense played with a lot of heart and passion today," said Episcopal head coach Panos Voulgaris. "But this game was about the se-

niors. The underclassmen who were playing today understood the importance of sending the seniors out on the right note and they played their hearts out for them."



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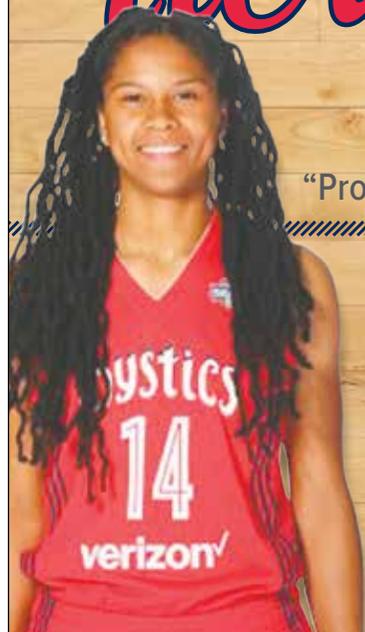
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T.C. Williams freshman volleyball team ends season undefeated

BY ALEXA EPITROPOULOS

The T.C. Williams High School freshman volleyball team had many reasons to celebrate after ending its most recent season – 16, in fact.

The 17-member team finished its season with a 16-0 record after defeating West Potomac High School on Oct. 26. The team bested West Potomac two sets to none.

During the season, the T.C. Williams team faced Bishop Ireton, West Springfield, Thomas Jefferson, Washington-Lee, Lake Braddock, W.T. Woodson, Yorktown, Mount Vernon, McLean, St. John's, Edison, Annandale, Hayfield and Mount Vernon High School, according to the school's website.



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The 2017 TC Williams High School Freshman Volleyball Team after winning the final game of their season. **Far back row** (left to right): Coach Derek Baxter, Jill Jones, Ashakii Shomari and Assistant Coach Molly Smith. **Middle row** (left to right): Team Manager Kaela Coren, Rachel Wilson, Annie Tucker, Anna Harrington, Lila Randall, Tess Lundgren, Lorraine Johnson, Avery Peters, and Lauren Thiel. **Front row** (left to right): Natalie Keough, Allie Ryder, Olivia Karoly, Samantha Sorto, and Michaela Mannel.

Alexandria Sports Roundup

The Alexandria Times' sports roundup includes records and game results for the prior week in two sports per season for Alexandria's four local high schools: Bishop Ireton, Episcopal, St. Stephens and St. Agnes School and T.C. Williams High School. Records are presented alphabetically, while results are listed by date.

Football

School	Record
Bishop Ireton	0-10
Episcopal	5-4
SSSAS	2-7
T.C. Williams	7-4

Scores this week:

- Nov. 10**
TC L 32-18 @ Lake Braddock
- Nov. 11**
Episcopal W 21-7 vs. Woodberry Forest

Volleyball

School	Record
Bishop Ireton	23-9
Episcopal	15-9
SSSAS	7-14
T.C. Williams	17-12-1

Scores this week:

- Nov. 8**
TC L 3-0 @ West Springfield (Regional semifinal)
- Nov. 10**
BI W 3-2 vs. Paul VI (VISAA semifinal)
- Nov. 11**
BI L 3-0 vs. Flint Hill (VISAA final)

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fast-growing enrollment at Alexandria City Public Schools, insufficient citywide access to pre-K education, the Potomac Yard metro, Landmark Mall's redevelopment effort and retail vacancy. Infrastructure needs he will emphasize include fixing the city's sewer system, modernizing schools and maintaining city parks.

Wilson's candidacy comes as little surprise to those tuned into city politics.

Wilson and Silberberg have clashed on a number of issues since she was sworn in as mayor in January 2016. The two first tangled over Silberberg's proposal to create a study group to examine ethics issues and come forward with an ethics pledge for city officials. Wilson said at the time that he was supportive of the idea in theory, but then engineered a less ambitious plan without an enforcement mechanism that council ultimately passed.

This year, the two have disagreed on a range of issues, including a 5.7-cent real estate tax increase advocated by Wilson, which council approved by a 6-1 vote in May. Silberberg was the lone dis-

sender. Wilson and Silberberg were also at odds during the debate about the proposed Old Town business improvement district, with Wilson supporting the initiative and Silberberg expressing reservations. City Manager Mark Jinks said he was dropping the initiative at a council meeting in September after Old Town businesses and residents voiced opposition to the plan by a roughly three-to-one margin.

The current mayor and vice mayor also had a heated disagreement in January of this year about Wilson's proposal to change the public comment period to allow only the first 15 public speakers who sign up to speak at the start of city council's monthly public hearings. Others beyond the initial 15 who wish to speak during the public comment period are required to wait until the meeting concludes. Silberberg called the proposed limits "anti-democratic" at the time.

Wilson said his decision to run isn't based on those disagreements.

"This is not a campaign about the mayor. It's a campaign about what we're going to accomplish if I'm fortunate enough to be the mayor,"



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Wilson said he is fortunate to have an understanding family that supports his decision to run. Pictured from left to right: Wilson's son, Eli; wife, Alex; daughter, Lena, and Justin Wilson.

Wilson said. "That's where these areas of focus come in – addressing challenges of our kids, ensuring we have an economy that's growing. We have another budget at 1.3 percent revenue growth. That's not a sustainable revenue for Alexandria to support all that residents expect and demand. That's not going to cut it.

"We're going to have to grow economically or radically change the expectations of the community," Wilson said.

Wilson said he began seriously considering running for mayor over the summer.

"It's one of those things where you kind of look at the issues that are before the city that we need to make progress on to continue being the community that we are. You realize that kind of leadership can be helpful in the end of the day," Wilson said in an interview. "That's what got me there. We've been working as a council to proactively tackle a lot of these important issues – infrastructure, school capacity, environmental sustainability. I've shown an ability to build coalitions on these issues and get things done. That would be my approach as mayor."

Silberberg said she will be running for reelection in 2018, but said she won't have an official campaign launch until early next year.

"I'm very proud of all that we've gotten done in the city since I became the mayor. We've been tackling issues that have been festering for years. I'm extremely proud of that," Silberberg said. "I look forward to discussing the issues in the months ahead."

Meanwhile, former Mayor Bill Euille, who describes Wilson as a protege, isn't ruling out running for mayor again.

"At this moment, I'm leaving my options open for anything," Euille said. "There may be something in the new [Ralph Northam] administration in Richmond, I have an option to still run for mayor or run for city council."

Euille complimented Wilson's ability to lead, but said it wouldn't necessarily encourage or dissuade his plans to run.

"He's highly qualified. Justin is a protege of mine. He served on my campaigns in early years ... He serves council well and the public well. Certainly he's thought about it long and hard. He's talked to me many times."

"There's still so many peo-

ple that ask me constantly before his announcement to please run again and, since, people have still said 'we'd like to have you back, but we understand whatever decision you make.'"

Silberberg and Euille set a precedent of the mayor being an around-the-clock job, contributing to the expectation that the mayor should attend nearly every event that takes place in the city.

It's unclear how that would change if Wilson, who works as Senior Director of Vendor & Contract Management for Amtrak, is elected. Wilson said his employer and his family – wife, Alex; son, Eli and daughter, Lena – are supportive of his decision to run.

"The mayor is technically a part-time job and we've had a long legacy of having citizen legislators who have full-time jobs and families and carry on either mayor or council roles in the city. I've certainly continued that legacy," Wilson said. "It's always a balance, but I'm fortunate to have a very understanding family and day job who are able to accommodate."

Wilson said he looks forward to discussing the issues during the seven months leading up to the June 12 primary election.

"This is going to be a long campaign between now and the primary. I hope it's a vigorous conversation about the future of our city. Citizens should want and expect that. I'm looking forward to a ton of debates. I hope to meet with as many residents as possible so we can get a sense of what's important to them," Wilson said.

Wilson's decision means two city council seats will be open, as incumbent Tim Lovain recently announced he will not seek reelection. Mo Seifeldein announced his candidacy on Nov. 11. Dak Hardwick previously announced his candidacy in October.

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Five reasons you don't want to be a caregiver hero

BY JENNIFER L. FITZPATRICK

“She heroically cared for her mother.” “He is a real hero in the way he’s caring for his wife.” I’ve heard many versions of this sentiment referring to someone in the caregiving role as a “hero.” While the person comment-



JENNIFER FITZPATRICK

ing means to give the caregiver a compliment, the term “hero” can unintentionally pressure mere mortal caregivers to be superheroes. Here are five reasons why caregivers should not strive to be heroes:

Heroes are super-human.

Caregivers are not. Caregivers are simply human beings doing their best to take care of someone they love who is injured, ill or disabled. They don’t possess the super powers or mystical abilities of a superhero. Caregivers sometimes wish they did have super powers



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Don't strive to be a hero caregiver for your loved ones. Be a real-life, human, good-enough caregiver.

but it’s important for those of us who support them to acknowledge that they don’t have a magic wand to fix all of their loved one’s problems.

Heroes tend to have no social life.

The Fox Television show “Gotham” depicts a teenage Bruce Wayne training for his future as Batman rather than playing sports, video games

or just hanging out with friends.

While heroes like Bruce Wayne don’t socialize much, caregivers who want to be physically and mentally healthy should. Socializing, taking breaks and not isolating oneself are essential for a caregiver to remain as healthy as possible so he or she can maintain the caregiving role.

Heroes don't always collaborate well.

Heroes often have difficulty admitting when they need help. For example, Superman tends to carry the weight of the world on his shoulders.

While many caregivers struggle with asking for and accepting help, especially initially, it is absolutely es-

sential for the caregiver’s well being. No caregiver should exist in a vacuum. The primary caregiver needs to be the captain of the ship with plenty of first mates.

Heroes are invulnerable.

The DC Comics’ website cites invulnerability as a superpower possessed by both Wonder Woman and Superman.

I have never met a caregiver who wasn’t vulnerable. Caregivers give their money, energy and time to care for a loved one, often expecting nothing or very little in return. They are frequently criticized by others in the family for “not doing it right.” They are also quite vulnerable to physical and mental health conditions when they don’t get help with their caregiving duties.

Heroes are secretive and lonely.

Heroes can’t be themselves all the time. Most superheroes are dressing up in costumes and hiding their true identities. Very few

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Greta Gerwig's 'Lady Bird' soars

Actors Saoirse Ronan, Laurie Metcalf and Tracy Letts shine in fresh, original film

BY RICHARD ROEPER

You might know Greta Gerwig as the charming, quirky and delightful actress from films such as "To Rome With Love," "Frances Ha" and "Jackie," and what a fine and impressive career she's made for herself as a performer, but based on her work as the writer-director of "Lady Bird," this is my request:

Please write and direct another 25 films, Greta Gerwig.

Set in the Sacramento of the early 2000s and inspired by Gerwig's experiences growing up there, "Lady Bird" has a distinct indie-movie vibe without falling into any typical indie-movie pitfalls. It is smart without being smug, insightful without being condescending, funny without being mean-spirited and genuinely moving.

It's unique and original and fresh and wonderful, and can you tell I loved it?

Saoirse Ronan ("Atonement," "Brooklyn"), who is only 23 but is already on the "it's only a matter of time" Oscar fast track, delivers a pure and honest performance as high school senior Christine McPherson, who has rechristened herself "Lady Bird" because she finds her given name, and her given life, boring.

Lady Bird is a bright but not particularly accomplished student at an all-girls Catholic school. She's not a total outcast, but she's not one of the popular kids. She has one truly close friend, Julie (Beanie Feldstein, funny and natural and terrific), who is a step below



COURTESY PHOTO

Christine McPherson, played by Saoirse Ronan, left, and her mother, Marion, played by Laurie Metcalf, right, in Greta Gerwig's "Lady Bird."

even Lady Bird's decidedly average placement in the high school hierarchy.

To our great good fortune, Steppenwolf Theatre legends Laurie Metcalf and Tracy Letts play Lady Bird's parents.

Lady Bird's mother, Marion, works double shifts as a nurse in a psychiatric hospital and clearly loves her family (which includes an adopted son named Miguel, played by Jordan Rodrigues), but wow is Marion rough on her daughter. We can understand why Lady Bird's secret dream is to get accepted at a college on the East Coast, as far away from Marion as possible.

Lady Bird's father, Larry, is a sweet but tragically sad man, trapped under the blanket of clinical depression. Larry has learned to pick and choose his battles and his causes, because he knows he has only so much emotional strength to spend.

There's no level of acting on a higher plane than what Metcalf and Letts achieve in this film. This is what greatness looks like.

Lucas Hedges ("Manchester by the Sea") plays Lady Bird's first serious boyfriend,

Danny. When their relationship takes a surprising turn, it's handled with grace and intelligence, and it feels just right.

Even the beautiful, wealthy, superficial, popular, envied-by-all character (Odeya Rush) is portrayed in a way that transcends the usual high-school movie stereotypes. We (and Lady Bird) see her future before she does, and there's something sad (and authentic) about that.

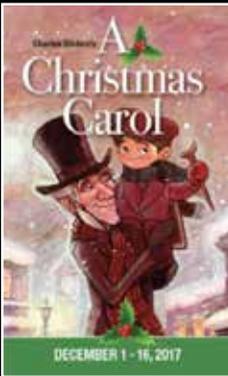
Gerwig's screenplay is a treasure trove of pitch-perfect scenes, whether it's the relatively straightforward, high-school comedy material, or the brutally raw mother-daughter confrontations that will undoubtedly leave emotional bruises on both participants for decades to come.

Lady Bird's life adventures are just beginning as "Lady Bird" the movie draws to a close. Perhaps Gerwig will pick up Lady Bird's story in a follow-up film. Or maybe she'll say goodbye to these characters and move on to something else.

Either way, I'm sure we will remember this film as the first step in a long and impressive career.



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the same importance for Eisenhower corridor,” Spangler said. “It’s not developed in one moment, but over time.”

Smedberg said NOVA Parks didn’t have a history of improving Cameron Run Park. He said he agreed with city staff’s proposal, saying the city would be missing an opportunity by not planning to take over management.

“The need is there now for that site to be used at much higher use than it is now, period and end of story ... I understand there’s no room in the capital budget and things like that, but until we set that date certain, nothing is going

to happen, and if we set off on [a] 20 year plan to think about this it’s going to keep rolling just like it’s been and nothing is going to change.”

Wilson and Smedberg clashed on what the proposal would mean for the city’s ability to plan out the future of Cameron Run Park.

“We have built great momentum up with commission’s work and with the significant amount of money we invested in the consultant and community engagement,” Wilson said. “Let’s not now pause that and wait several years to make a final decision on what the future of that is. Let’s get to a place where we can make a decision about what our vision is

for that site.”

Smedberg said the proposal wouldn’t stop the process.

“I do not see how you can make that statement because I do not see making a decision like this as stopping the process. I see this as kick starting the process ... I think this could really kick start a great conversation about what we want on there. They’re not mutually exclusive,” Smedberg said.

Mayor Allison Silberberg said council needed to give

the public time to consider best uses of Cameron Run Park. She said she agreed with Wilson a decision should be made on long-term uses, but said there should be more public engagement before the discussion is had.

“I think this is a pretty big step in and of itself, but we can also think about what is possible here. We’ve had a lot of civic engagement, but we can have more, but we haven’t had our public hearing yet,” Silberberg said. “...People need

time to absorb this. We’ve had time because we deal with this. We have all these emails and meetings and reports ... We need to give the public some time to catch up.”

Jinks suggested several alternatives to the proposal, including shortening the length of the proposed lease.

City council voted unanimously to send the proposal forward, and it’s docketed for a public hearing on Dec. 16.

- *aepitropoulos@alextimes.com*

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people know the real person behind the hero façade.

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Jennifer L. FitzPatrick, MSW, LCSW-C, CSP (Certified Speaking Professional), the founder of Jenerations Health, is the author of “Cruising Through Caregiving: Reducing The Stress of Caring For Your Loved One.” To download a free chapter, go to www.cruisingthroughcaregiving.com.

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HOMES

Color trends for the holiday table

BY ELAINE MARKOUTSAS

Part 2 of 2

In last week's column, we discussed the never-ending search for style in holiday tables. Blending tradition with style keeps a table fresh. This week we examine how to use color trends to create an eye-popping and memorable table for Thanksgiving, Christmas or Hanukkah.

At a recent tabletop show in New York, blue reinforced its stronghold as a perennially favorite color. It always translates well on a holiday table. Deborah Shearer, a tabletop

trend-spotter who heads Table and Dine, a lifestyle brand and marketing studio, set a stunning table with plates by artist Darbie Angell, showing just how to turn the tables on convention, with a striking black-and-white runner.

"The stripes are bold, but it allowed room to highlight the watercolors and Darbie's grand style," says Shearer. "Vases filled with blue-colored water and single stems of irises were kind of icing on the cake."

Rich cobalt often is a go-to hue on Hanukkah tables,

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A simple table gets its spark from red accents courtesy of Crate and Barrel. Anchoring the table is a 120-inch-long runner, embroidered with holly sprigs and berries. A collection of tapers and pillar candles in shapely silver holders command the table. The silver is echoed in chargers and flatware. To make the setting even more magical, red glass ornaments with green bases are suspended from ribbons in staggered heights above the table.

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HOME OF THE WEEK

Cottage-style living in the heart of Del Ray

The charm of 11 W. Wyatt Ave. comes from its traditional bungalow design, complete with a front porch. Enjoy cottage-style one-level living while sitting on a porch that's so inviting you'll want to stop and visit with neighbors or just relax.

The living room surprises with unexpected – and architecturally pleasing – vaulted ceilings. The room has plenty of space to gather and entertain or just enjoy everyday living. The open kitchen has been updated with white cabinetry and stainless steel appliances. The built-in seating in the dining area keeps the action close at hand and ooz-



COURTESY PHOTO

This amazing porch provides a perfect setting to relax or visit with family, friends and neighbors.

es with comfort, making it a space where you and guests will linger long after the meal

is over. The bedroom wing has thoughtful design with pocket doors, plenty of closet

AT A GLANCE

Address: 11 W. Wyatt Ave., Alexandria 22301

Neighborhood: Del Ray

Bedrooms: 3

Bath: 1

Square Feet: 900

Year built: 1920

Price: \$559,900

Contact: Jen Walker Team, Jen@JenWalker.com, 703-675-1566, McEneaney Associates, Inc., 109 S. Pitt St.

space, vaulted ceilings in the bedrooms, skylights and a close-by laundry area. Hardwood flooring runs throughout the house providing added warmth. The backyard is

a relaxing oasis with a patio and privacy fence – a perfect spot for a hammock or fire pit.

This special home is nestled in the Del Ray neighborhood where residents enjoy nearby coffee shops, dining, boutique shopping, a library and plenty of parks. It's just a short drive to Old Town and, for those who are working in D.C., the commute is simple with easy access to the metro or just a short drive north. The nearby walking/bike path along the Potomac River adds to the ease of being outside and enjoying the surrounding areas. This is truly a can't-miss home.

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Blue and silver are a winning combination on this Hanukkah table. The Hanukkah celebration plates (and bowls) come in sets that depict four sides of the dreidel, with Hebrew lettering that means “a great miracle happens here.”

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and new dreidel-patterned dishes at Pottery Barn are modern in graphics and placemats on an open field. Kim Seybert, whose signature is luxe beaded table runners and placemats, designed an out-of-this-world wood placemat called Cosmos in vivid shades of blue with gold foiling in swirls. It’s especially fetching with traditional china bordered in blue and gold.

Fall tables, especially those for Thanksgiving, seem to invite orange, russet and aubergine tones that are easily inspired by heirloom pumpkins in pretty shades of sage, apricot and white, gourds in golden tones, pomegranates and eggplants. Ceramic pumpkin plates, platters or tureens make wonderful seasonal accessories, as well as thoughtful hostess gifts.

Plaid hors d’oeuvres and

salad plates are becoming staples in a variety of shades, including apricots and traditional reds and greens. At Sur la Table (www.surlatable.com), a traditional holly and pine collection, which features a central Christmas motif with a holly and berry border and red outlines on scalloped plates, is set on a red plaid charger, which would be equally striking with solid white.

White dinnerware, modern or traditional, of course goes with most everything. It’s so easy to decorate around it in palettes of your choosing, whether traditional Thanksgiving, Hanukkah or Christmas, or something unpredictable in hue or pattern.

For those who don’t like fussy decor or table settings, there’s an art to the minimal as well.

“Each table is a blank canvas that provides a creative opportunity to combine colors and textures,” says San-

dy Chilewich, whose eponymous brand features a range of textured vinyl placemats, some dressed with metallics. “Around the holidays, creating a warm, inviting environment is as important as the good food. It sets the tone and plays a big part in bringing people together.”

With so much traffic on Pinterest and Instagram, as well as blogs and table-setting tips on retail sites, we have much more access to creative solutions, even rounded out with recipes to supplement your own. In turn, this range of options really seems to feed the courage to try something new, or a catalyst to believe you can do something spectacular, even if you’ve never fancied yourself as artistic.

Above all, it’s about creating an experience, and no matter what the holiday, giving thanks for the company of family and good friends.

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NOVEMBER 18

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Time: 2 to 6 p.m.
Location: Lloyd House, 220 N. Washington St.
Information: 703-746-4554

FROM SLAVERY TO FREEDOM BUS This special African-American history tour begins at Mount Vernon with a viewing of new exhibition “Lives Bound Together,” which details slavery on George Washington’s plantation. Curators of the exhibit will lead the tour. Visitors will then walk to Mount Vernon’s slave cemetery for a site talk with archaeologists. After lunch, guests will board a bus to visit Gum Springs, a historic African-American community, and Freedmen Cemetery Memorial, the burial ground for more than 1,700 escaped slaves. The tour will conclude at Mount Vernon at 4 p.m. The event will be held rain or shine. A ticket costs \$50 and will include box lunch and bus transport.
Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: George Washington’s Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Highway, Mount Vernon, Virginia 22121
Information: 703-746-4554

FRIENDSHIP FIREHOUSE MUSEUM’S KIDS’ CRAFT DAY Come create and take home craft and ornament projects inspired by early firefighting history. They will be great gifts for the holidays or any time of year for children aged 4 to 8 and their caregivers. Children and caregivers work on crafts and visit the historic firehouse together.
Time: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Location: Friendship Firehouse Museum, 107 S. Alfred St.
Information: Alexandriava.gov/Shop.

THE STORY OF PIE Pie is an American tradition and the history of pie is rich in flavor. Pies of all kinds have been around for thousands of years and have been adapted to every culture. Debbie Waugh of Green Springs Garden shows the story of pie from medieval times to today. Naturally, a pie and coffee reception will follow. The event costs \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door.
Time: 2 p.m.
Location: Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden, 614 Oronoco St.
Information: <http://www.leefendallhouse.org/>

NOVEMBER 19

C.O.P.S FRIENDSGIVING Come out to the Charles Houston Recreation Center for a night of community

engagement. Kids, faith leaders, community leaders and officers come together to break bread and socialize.
Time: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Location: Charles Houston Recreation Center, 901 Wythe St.
Information: 703-746-6211

NOVEMBER 23

TURKEY TROT A Thanksgiving morning tradition, the 41st annual Turkey Trot will be held on Nov. 24. With nearly 6,000 runners, and some of the fastest elite runners on the east coast, the Turkey Trot is a great way to start your Thanksgiving morning. As always, dogs and strollers are welcome and allotted their own starting area. The 5-mile run/walk follows the roads of Del Ray starting and ending at George Washington Middle School at the corner of Braddock Road and Mount Vernon Avenue. The event is Metro accessible via the Braddock Road Metro Station.
Time: Starts at 9 a.m.
Location: Del Ray
Information: alexandriaturkeytrot.com

NOVEMBER 24

TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY This annual city event will start off the holiday season with the lighting of the city tree and a program that includes a welcome by the Town Crier, Mayor Allison Silberberg and other city officials, as well as a visit from Santa and holiday performances for residents and visitors.
Time: 6 to 9 p.m.
Location: Market Square, 301 King St.
Information: 703-746-4343

NOVEMBER 25

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY Shop small and buy local this year with more than 150 artists at the Torpedo Factory. The building will stay open until 8 p.m. to make sure you’ve got time to visit all three floors and find that perfect gift. Enjoy live music, artist meet-and-greets and highlights from other small businesses, including The Board Bus, Together We Bake, EatsPlace and more.
Time: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Location: Torpedo Factory Arts Center, 105 N. Union St.
Information: 703-746-4570

A.P.Y.C. TREE SALE Buy a wreath or tree to help send kids to the Alexandria Police Youth Camp/Camp Kekoka. Sales will continue while supplies remain.
Time: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Ongoing event)
Location: 110 Callahan St.
Information: www.alexpyc.org

DECEMBER 1

TASTE OF SCOTLAND Attended by hundreds of guests annually, this festive event features a Scotch tasting menu, including a variety of Scotches

directly from Scotland distilleries, a Scottish ale sampling, as well as beer, wine and food. There is also a special Patrons Hour from 6:30 to 8 p.m. with rare, top-shelf Scotch and passed hors d’oeuvres.

Time: Patron Hour, 6:30 to 8 p.m.; General Admission, 8 to 10:30 p.m.
Location: The Atrium Building, 277 S. Washington St.
Information: www.campagnacenter.org

DECEMBER 2

SCOTTISH CHRISTMAS WALK The Campagna Center’s iconic Scottish Christmas Walk Parade takes place on Saturday, December 2, when dozens of Scottish clans dressed in colorful tartans parade through the streets of Old Town, joined by pipe and drum bands from around the region, as well as terriers and hounds.
Time: 11 a.m.
Location: Old Town (Begins at St. Asaph and Wolfe streets)
Information: www.campagnacenter.org

HOLIDAY HOMES TOURS The Campagna Center presents the annual Holiday Home Tours. Explore Alexandria’s history and take advantage of this rare opportunity to stroll through some of Old Town’s most splendid homes, which will be decked out for the holidays by acclaimed interior designers and local florists. Admission costs \$40 per person.
Time: 12:30 to 4 p.m.
Location: Old Town
Information: www.campagnacenter.org

BOAT PARADE OF LIGHTS At sundown on the day of Alexandria’s Scottish Christmas Walk Parade, experience one of the region’s most beloved holiday traditions with the 18th Annual Alexandria Holiday Boat Parade of Lights. Alexandria’s harbor shines as dozens of brightly lit boats cruise the Potomac River at the historic waterfront. Boats will be decked to impress a panel of judges who will award prizes in eleven categories, including Best in Show, Thinking Outside the Christmas Box and Hardest Souls. D.C. media personality Tommy McFly of 94.7 Fresh FM will serve as the parade announcer while the Fresh FM Street Team presents music, games and prizes on the dock from 5 to 7 p.m. Santa Claus will arrive by fireboat at the Alexandria City Marina before the parade at 3 p.m. and will walk to the Torpedo Factory Art Center where he will meet with children until 6 p.m. Parade-goers are invited to step in to the Torpedo Factory Art Center which will be open until 9 p.m. with its annual Holiday Festival from 2 to 6 p.m. Kids can also scout for art with a building-wide scavenger hunt before and after taking photos with Santa. Special performances at the art center include appearances by the Alexandria Choral Society Pro Coro

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DECEMBER 3

ANNUAL DEL RAY STUDIO HOLIDAY SHOW This show and sale features a variety fine arts and crafts from eight Del Ray artists and their friends, including carved and turned wood creations, fine jewelry, woodfired pottery/ceramics, painted silk scarves, turned pens, paper mache masks, upcycle bags, handmade cards and more.
Time: Noon
Location: Studio of Stephen Lally Pottery, 8 E. Howell Ave.
Information: www.stephenlallypottery.com

DECEMBER 9

DECK THE HALLS WITH SANTA Looking for a way to involve children in the holiday celebrations? Look no further than the Deck the Halls event. This fun-filled morning is a long cherished occasion full of arts and crafts, carols, cookies and story time with Santa.
Time: 10 a.m. to Noon
Location: St Paul's Episcopal Church, 288 S. Pitt St.
Information: www.campagnacenter.org

KWANZAA WORKSHOP The Alexandria Black History Museum will host a Kwanzaa Workshop. Kwanzaa, celebrated Dec. 15 to Jan. 1, is one of three inherently African American celebrations, along with Juneteenth and Watch Night. This interactive workshop will present what you should know about Kwanzaa and how to celebrate it. Included will be history, principles, symbols, activities and decorating ideas to aid in planning your own Kwanzaa Celebration. The program will be entertaining and educational for children, youth and adults. There is a \$5 admission fee and reservations are encouraged.
Time: 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Location: Alexandria Black History Month, 902 Wythe St.
Information: 703-746-4356

CIVIL WAR CHRISTMAS IN CAMP OPEN HOUSE Holiday event interprets how Christmas was observed during the Civil War. Program features a patriotic Union Santa Claus, soldiers in winter camps, the Officers' Hut decorated for the season, fort tours, and a Victorian tree in the Museum. Kids can make an ornament or holiday card.
Time: Noon to 4 p.m.
Location: Fort Ward Museum & Historic Site, 4301 W. Braddock St.
Information: 703-746-4848

HISTORIC ALEXANDRIA

CANDLELIGHT TOURS Take a break from the fast pace of the season and enjoy the unique charm and history of Old Town at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, Carlyle House and Lee-Fendall House. Enjoy seasonal decorations, entertainment and light refreshments. This year Lloyd House joins the tour, hosting members of Beth El Hebrew Congregation, the oldest Jewish congregation in Northern Virginia, as they share the traditions of Hanukkah. Admission for adults is \$25, \$20 for active military members and seniors and \$5 for children between the ages of six and 17.

Time: 4 to 9 p.m.
Location: Gadsby's Tavern, 134 N. Royal St.
Information: 703-746-4242

DECEMBER 10

COLONIAL HANDBELL RINGERS CONCERT The Colonial English Handbell Ringers perform clad in colonial attire, bringing a 5-octave set of nearly 80 handbells from the world-famous Whitechapel foundry in London. The ringers will perform children's classics, timeless holiday tunes, and original show-stoppers. Audience participation in the sing-a-long encouraged. Identical performances at both 2 p.m. and also 4 p.m.
Time: 2 to 3 p.m., 4 to 5 p.m.
Location: Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St.
Information: https://www.alexandriava.gov/Lyceum

DECEMBER 15

FRIDAY EVENING CHAMBER CONCERT The Symphony Orchestra of Northern Virginia (SONOVA), in collaboration with the Office of the Arts, will host a series of Friday Evening Chamber concerts beginning at 7:30 p.m. Treat yourself to some of the best chamber music the region has to offer, at an affordable price, in a convenient location. This Christmas-themed concert will feature "A Brass Christmas," with the brass quintet playing holiday favorites in a family-friendly musical event.
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St.
Information: http://bit.ly/2vSKXRd

DECEMBER 16

HOLIDAY TOY DELIVERY The APD Community Oriented Policing Section will deliver toys to children around Alexandria.
Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Location: Citywide
Information: 703-746-6211

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Special Use Permit #2017-00119 3223 Duke Street - Proposed Business: Massage Establishment Request for a new administrative Special Use Permit to operate a massage establishment; zoned CG/Commercial General Zone. **APPLICANT:** Gang Hu & Yifei He
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 Zon-

ing. 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 December 7, 2017



ALEXANDRIA PLANNING COMMISSION & CITY COUNCIL DECEMBER 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 at 703-746-4666 or visit www.alexandriava.gov/planning.

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The Planning Commission will hold a work session prior to the public hearing to discuss Small Area Plan Implementation. 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.

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Our View

A visionary response to tangible need

Too often in life, dealings seem to be zero-sum, meaning one side loses while the other wins. Issues at the national level regularly default to this line of thinking, as partisan rancor makes win-win situations increasingly elusive.

Locally, development or redevelopment issues in Alexandria too often devolve into an “us vs. them” situation. Waterfront redevelopment, the Potomac Yard/Potomac Greens small area plan and now the wooded area behind the Temple Beth El are but a few examples where it seems one side wins while the other loses.

When viewed through this prism, the win-win-win plan of Church of the Resurrection to keep its church alive while also significantly boosting Alexandria’s affordable housing supply by partnering with the city, state and a nonprofit builder is even more impressive. As detailed in this issue’s page 1 story, this endeavor is affirming on many levels.

First, it’s a story of redemption. Church of the Resurrection has an older building that is too large for a congregation winnowed over time by demographics and location. According to its rector, the Rev. Jo Belser, church leaders were casting about for ways to stay afloat simply for survival’s sake. When they devised the plan to lease most of their property for affordable housing, it was still from a self-survival perspective.

And then a wonderful thing happened. The affordable housing project became the church’s mission and a congregation that had felt adrift had a sense of purpose. It was revitalized.

This is also a lesson about the type of innovation that will be needed long-term to rebuild Alexandria’s supply of affordable housing in a region where lower-wage earners have dwindling options. Partnerships between multiple, seemingly disparate entities are going to be necessary. Creative thinking and bold leadership will be at a premium.

“All” this project took was collaboration between an individual church, the church’s governing body – the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia – a building partner, the City of Alexandria and the Virginia state government in Richmond. The project is not yet a done deal, as final city council approval and tax credits from the state are essential to move it forward. But the probability is high that both will be granted.

Additions to Alexandria’s affordable housing supply in recent years have generally been much smaller: nine units contributed by a developer as part of a larger project here, two units added by a nonprofit there. This endeavor is exciting because it adds 113 new lower rent apartments all at once.

Finally, the Church of the Resurrection project provides hope. It’s encouraging to longtime advocates for affordable housing that larger gains are possible. But most importantly, it’s a concrete step forward for those who want to work and live in Alexandria, but increasingly can’t afford to do so. Alexandria’s city council replaced words of support with real money for affordable housing when it set aside contingency funds in last year’s budget for this project.

Yes, details remain to be worked out, such as ensuring that the site contains enough parking for both the church and apartment complex (we don’t think the current proposal does). But the larger picture is undeniable: this is a visionary plan that will make a real difference in Alexandria on multiple fronts.

Kudos to all involved.

Opinion

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

- Thomas Jefferson



Your Views

Removing Washington’s plaque is a ‘bridge too far’

To the editor:

The decision by Christ Church to remove George Washington’s plaque is really hard to stomach, but the removal of Robert E. Lee’s is another story entirely.

Yes, Washington was a slave owner, as was lawful even in my own very Yankee Connecticut at that time. But no one did more than Washington to establish our country, and not only for his outstanding and unfailing leadership through the toughest times of the Revolutionary War but also for his central role in encouraging the drafting and then ratification of our Constitution.

In fact, even after all of that careful draftsmanship, it’s very likely that the Constitution would not have been ratified by sufficient states to create the United States had not everyone understood that Washington would be our first President and could be trusted to do right in that office and not turn it into a kingship for himself – as much of Europe expected at that time and as others would apparently gladly do today if allowed.

As an Episcopalian myself, I strongly

support our denomination’s longstanding advocacy for, and efforts aimed at advancing, social justice for everyone regardless of race, religion, gender or national origin, and in fact I can’t stomach churches that support those spewing hate-filled rhetoric that is so antithetical to our Christian faith in their dishonoring of the teachings and life of Jesus. That being said, the removal of the Washington plaque is really a “bridge too far” when considered in the totality of his life and all that we owe him as the Father of our Country.

But as far as I’m concerned they can take Lee’s plaque down any time they want. He was a traitor to our nation who violated his oath as an officer to uphold our country and was responsible for killing more American soldiers than the combined total of all American military losses in all of our other wars to this day.

Moreover, research has shown that the erection of monuments and plaques to Confederate “heroes” roughly corre-

SEE **TOO FAR**

How about forgiveness for Lee and Washington?

To the editor:

Unfortunately it is not surprising that the leadership of Christ Church has decided to move the plaques for Robert E. Lee and George Washington. We live in a society with a damaging predilection to search for the sins of others as well as to identify imagined slights and frights. The decision, while not surprising, is disappointing in the extreme.

It is easy to find fault and to judge people who made decisions more than 150 years ago. There is the added benefit that they have no opportunity to defend or explain their actions.

Lee spent his post-Civil War life advocating unification. He immediately took the oath of allegiance to the Union and urged his compatriots to do so as well. He freed his slaves. He was sufficiently hon-

ored by President Ulysses S. Grant to have been invited to the White House. Washington likewise freed his slaves. His devotion to the cause of his countrymen and his perseverance, courage and leadership in the face of adversity led us to the free nation we enjoy. That defending Washington in his parish church is necessary beggars belief.

However, the ultimate question is this: does this church and its leadership not believe in forgiveness? If Lee and Washington have sinned, what about forgiveness? At the crucifixion Jesus said of his tormentors «Father forgive them.» Matthew 6:14-15 says “If you forgive others their trespasses your Heavenly Father will forgive you.” I encourage reconsideration in keeping with Christian faith and charity.

-David A. Norcross,
Alexandria

Christ Church should hold at-large vote on plaques

To the editor:

Members of the clergy of Christ Church are saying that meetings were held with their congregants to discuss the removal of the Robert E. Lee and George Washington plaques from the sanctuary of that church. They are also saying the vestry of the church voted unanimously for the plaques to be removed.

In the past, I have attended many organizations' meetings in which similar controversial issues were discussed with the rank and file. In all of those situations, in reality a decision had already been made on

the issue at hand, and the meetings were held simply to acclimate the attendees to the decision and to create an impression that they'd been afforded input.

I suspect this is also what occurred at Christ Church. I would also hasten to say that a vestry is generally a very small group, and their unanimous vote may well be nullified by a vote among the congregants at large.

I hope the 1,800 members of Christ Church will insist on an at-large vote on this issue before allowing the desecration of their sanctuary.

-Timothy Conway,
Alexandria



Justice Matters

with Bryan Porter

What constitutes a lawful detention

This is the first of a series of columns exploring police/citizen encounters.

Imagine a scenario: you are walking out of a local department store having completed some holiday shopping. As you reach your car, a police officer approaches you. She orders you to stop and to drop your shopping bags. She tells you that she is investigating a shoplifting offense and that you match the description of the shoplifter.

You ask the officer if you are under arrest. She replies, “No, you are just being detained for investigative purposes” and requests your identification. A moment later, another police officer slowly drives past your location. Inside his police car is the cashier who witnessed the shoplifting offense inside the store and who called police.

You hear over the officer's radio: “The witness says that's not the suspect.” The officer who detained you looks at you and says: “Sorry for the inconvenience, but you matched the description we were given of the thief. You're free to leave now” and hands you your driver's license.

So, while you have done nothing wrong, you have been stopped by an officer, briefly detained and, for a moment, suspected of a crime. The obvious question is: can the police lawfully do this?

The answer to this question is, in certain circumstances, a definite “yes.” In the landmark 1968 case of “Terry v. Ohio,” the United States Supreme Court ruled that police officers who possess a “rea-

sonable, articulable suspicion” that a person has committed a crime may briefly detain the person in order to confirm or dispel their suspicion. Given the name of the case, these detentions are often referred to as “Terry” stops.



BRYAN PORTER

The Terry case is fascinating. It was decided in the middle of the Civil Rights Era, and the implications of the decision were not lost on the Supreme Court. The Court acknowledged arguments of civil rights groups against such detentions and stated that the decision should not be taken as an approval of detentions outside of the “legitimate investigative sphere.” Indeed, the Court was worried that investigative detentions might be abused and therefore strictly regulated the manner in which they were to be conducted.

For instance, prior to detaining someone, police officers must be able to articulate specific facts that establish the person to be detained might be involved in criminal activity. Officers must have more than a “mere hunch” that the person is involved in a crime. An officer cannot detain anyone they choose, nor can they stop someone simply because they happen to be in a certain area or neighborhood.

Furthermore, detentions must be as brief as possible — in most circumstances, no longer than ten minutes. Officers cannot take a detained person to headquarters against their will; the Constitution does not countenance “running someone in for questioning.” Detained persons are not subject to

a search of their person, although officers may conduct a limited weapons pat-down if they can articulate a reasonable belief that the person is armed and dangerous.

When conducted in compliance with these constitutional constraints, investigative detentions are an important law-enforcement tool. In Alexandria, detentions have directly led to arrests in a host of serious crimes such as murders, robberies and sexual assaults. Without Terry stops, many violent crimes would simply not be solved.

However, police departments must comport with the constraints of the Terry decision. A department that allows individual officers discretion to stop whomever they wish, without articulating facts arising to reasonable suspicion, or that condones practices such as a full search of a detained person during a detention, would be encouraging its officers to violate the law.

Most citizens do not realize the prosecutor's role in both teaching constitutional law and ensuring compliance with its mandates. Over the past decade I have taught literally thousands of law enforcement officers about the Constitution, teaching them to honor this revered document and to uphold the oath they took upon assuming office.

Police officers work a dangerous job for little fame and less fortune. I will always believe that, when done correctly and within established constitutional constraints, policing is a noble calling.

As the elected prosecutor, my role is to help ensure compliance with those constraints.

Alexandria needs a true master plan to work toward

To the editor:

Our city has had to take its pulse with where it stands on issues of future development. In the debate over a business improvement district, and with the Potomac Yard condominium controversy, the need to do this has become apparent. It is central to articulating Alexandria's identity, and improving its future. How do we grow as a city, what does that mean, and to the benefit of whom?

Alexandria must continue to grow, integrated in an economic and social sense. We must see it as a common boat in which a rising tide serves none but the public interest. This we can define as transparent and effective development maximized for regional competitiveness. We act in this way on behalf of our community today and those who will call this place home in twenty or thirty years. As events showed recently, there are points at which we can lose sight of this goal, to no one's long-term benefit, and to everyone's loss.

Alexandria's problems begin with how it understands its development goals. A master plan for the city has only existed since 1992. It is a mere amalgam, but not overarching strategy, for independent small area development plans. Local planning is essential for smart growth. But excluding consideration at the planning level of how we compete as a whole is dangerous in a competitive environment. Without this, our "master plan" is a misnomer: eighteen uncoordinated plans operating in a vacuum.

A true master plan picks

a tangible date, say, 2050. Then, we ask ourselves what will attract people to live here at that time. From this inspection, our city can establish its major goals. The following four seem strong candidates for consideration: transparent and diverse leadership, engaged citizens, a strong financial position and strong support for city beautification.

Alexandria's paradigm of success would shift with these goals. It could increase its competitiveness past what targeted passion projects could achieve. With transparent government and contestable elections, we would reap one of diversity's highest awards: an increase in the quality of ideas. With new Smart technology, staid municipal organizations could tap the energies of a wider public.

With development balanced against an accurate appraisal of costs and benefits, we could rally to projects that need extensive financial support. With improved infrastructure, we could better preserve the natural and historic beauty of our city. After all, we cannot keep a straight face to begin with when dumping millions of gallons of sewage into the river.

We fix problems when we play a long game. When we play together in this, with courage, things get done. We must challenge those presumptions omitted by the convenience of our views because of what the charity of living here demands. And we do this for those who will come to live here as much as for those who already do so.

*-Kevin Dunne,
Alexandria*

Pity those 'distracted' by George Washington

To the editor:

While not surprised, I am certainly appalled by the recent decision of Christ Church to remove the plaques of Robert E. Lee and George Washington from its building. The last time I checked, the latter of these two gentlemen was the first president of the United States and greatly admired as both a Revolutionary War hero and a great statesman. Our society is on a

fast downward spiral in the teaching of its history — both good and bad — to its citizens and to those who visit the United States from other countries.

The "safe spaces" and "micro-aggression" crowd will wave these two swords of political correctness at any and every situation they simply don't like. One of the church leaders' catch phrases in justifying the removal was to not "create a distraction in

our worship space" to its churchgoers.

I pray that this same group is not so easily distracted that they have difficulty driving as they leave the church and drive north on Washington Street into Washington, D.C.

Where will this madness end? Apparently not at the steps of Christ Church.

*-Bill Turner,
Alexandria*

Join the Great American Smokeout

To the editor:

The Partnership for a Healthier Alexandria has been actively working over the last several years to give all Alexandrians the opportunity to breathe clean and smoke-free air. In our Community Health Improvement Plan, we set an important goal to significantly reduce the proportion of residents who now smoke and reduce the proportion of residents exposed to second-hand smoke by 2019.

So far, we have achieved a lot. Many multi-family residences in Alexandria are smoke-free, our parks and playgrounds are

smoke-free and our restaurants are smoke-free. In fact, the percentage of adults who smoke in Alexandria is lower than the U.S. median, we have the lowest smoking rate among our peer cities and counties and have already met the federal Healthy People 2020 goal of having 12 percent or fewer adults who are current cigarette smokers. Among our youth, the percentage of students who smoke in Alexandria is lower than national estimates for high-school students.

Despite these accomplishments, there is more work to do, and you can help. If you smoke, please

join the Great American Smokeout by making today your Big Quit. Tell your friends and family the good news and call 800-QUIT-NOW (800-784-8669) to get the support you need to make your big quit successful. If you know someone who smokes, let them know you care about them and that the Great American Smokeout can be the start of a longer, healthier life for them. For more information, see www.healthieralexandria.org.

*-Allen Lomax
and Jim Scott,
Chair and Vice Chair,
Partnership for a
Healthier Alexandria*

Thank you to Mayor Silberberg

To the editor:

Mayor Allison Silberberg spoke at a dinner hosted by the Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies, National Defense University, on Nov. 1. The attendees were senior foreign service and military officers from the Middle East, South and

Central Asia, as well as from the United States. Mayor Silberberg welcomed all the attendees and explained how local governments work in the United States.

The mayor also helped the foreign attendees understand the coordination between local, state

and federal authorities. Everybody loved the mayor's talk and enjoyed touring Old Town Alexandria. Mayor Silberberg did an excellent job representing Alexandria and, indeed, the entire United States.

*-Gawdat Bahgat,
National Defense University
Washington, D.C.*

OUT OF THE ATTIC

The origins of the 'Dixie Pig' restaurant

In the first decades of the twentieth century, Alexandria's economy was still rebounding from the devastation of the Civil War, but was very much culturally aligned with its former sister states that had dared to secede from the Union a half-century earlier. Even until the 1960s, signs at the entrance to the city were marked by the criss-crossed images of both the United States and the Confederate States flags, and proudly welcomed visitors to the "Gateway to the South."

During this time, fine dining opportunities in the city were few and far between, largely due to restrictions on alcoholic beverages. Along the King Street corridor, most restaurants were marginal greasy-spoon luncheonettes that catered to city government workers or local shoppers. The profit margin of these limited-menu cafes was so close that most were identified by signs promoting the logos of popular soft drinks, like Coca-Cola or 7-Up, offered at no or reduced price by national bottlers.



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Hungry tourists passing through Alexandria on their way to Mount Vernon satisfied their palates at better-known chain restaurants like Howard Johnson's, Hot Shoppes and the Little Tavern at the north end of Washington Street, where several motels could also accommodate an overnight stay. This area was particularly attractive to investors mindful of the increasingly motorized public, as it was located at the juncture of the old Alexandria-Washington Turnpike, built in 1809 along what is

now Powhatan Street, and the George Washington Memorial Parkway, which opened in 1932. Until the realignment of U.S. Route 1 at the Monroe Avenue railroad bridge circa 1970, Powhatan Street was the primary entryway to Alexandria from the north.

In 1924, Emma Griffin Robinson opened one of Alexandria's most popular food service establishments adjacent to this important intersection, the famous Dixie Pig. This was the first of several barbecue emporiums built in Alexandria and nearby Fairfax County by members of the Griffin and Robinson families. The original restaurant, seen in this 1926 view, was a small, crudely built affair, but was able to increase its capacity by offering curbside service to those willing to eat in their cars. Even the over-the-top signage, featuring the

ubiquitous Coca-Cola logo, was designed to be seen by speeding motorists with an urge for locally-made pulled pork, hot coffee or delicious Virginia Maid ice cream.

The reference to "Dixie" in the name clearly denoted that this establishment served "Southern" barbecue, which not only appealed to local residents but also attracted tourists who longed for this unique fare normally not found in Northern climes. Though the origin of the word is still debated, historians generally agree that it evolved from the ten dollar note used by the Citizens National Bank in New Orleans, labeled "Dix" in French, or from the 1763 Mason-Dixon line drawn by Jeremiah Dixon which resolved a boundary dispute between free and slave states.

The Dixie Pig flourished at this location until about 1940, when it was sold and re-opened as Kaus's Barbeque. Nine years later, another Dixie Pig with an even more prominent neon sign was opened at Powhatan Street and Bashford Lane by Arthur "Pid" Griffin and his wife Anne, better known as "Sis." References to this iconic restaurant have been included in major films and television shows such as "Remember the Titans" and "West Wing."

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sponds with the time of the rise of Jim Crow laws in the South and had some of the same motivation. The one thing Lee did that was honorable was to encourage

full Confederate surrender at Appomattox and not the maintenance of perpetual guerrilla war in the South as Confederate President Jefferson Davis had sought.

-Stephen M. Hudspeth, Wilton, Connecticut

Weekly Poll

Last Week

How will The Wharf affect Alexandria businesses?

It will increase business – **17%**

It will decrease business – **32%**

It won't have an effect – **33%**

I'm not sure – **18%**

This Week

Take the poll at alextimes.com

What do you think is the best use for Cameron Run Park?

- a) Leave it as it is
- b) Expand waterparks
- c) Build a new recreational facility
- d) Build new athletic facilities/fields
- e) Other
- f) I'm not sure

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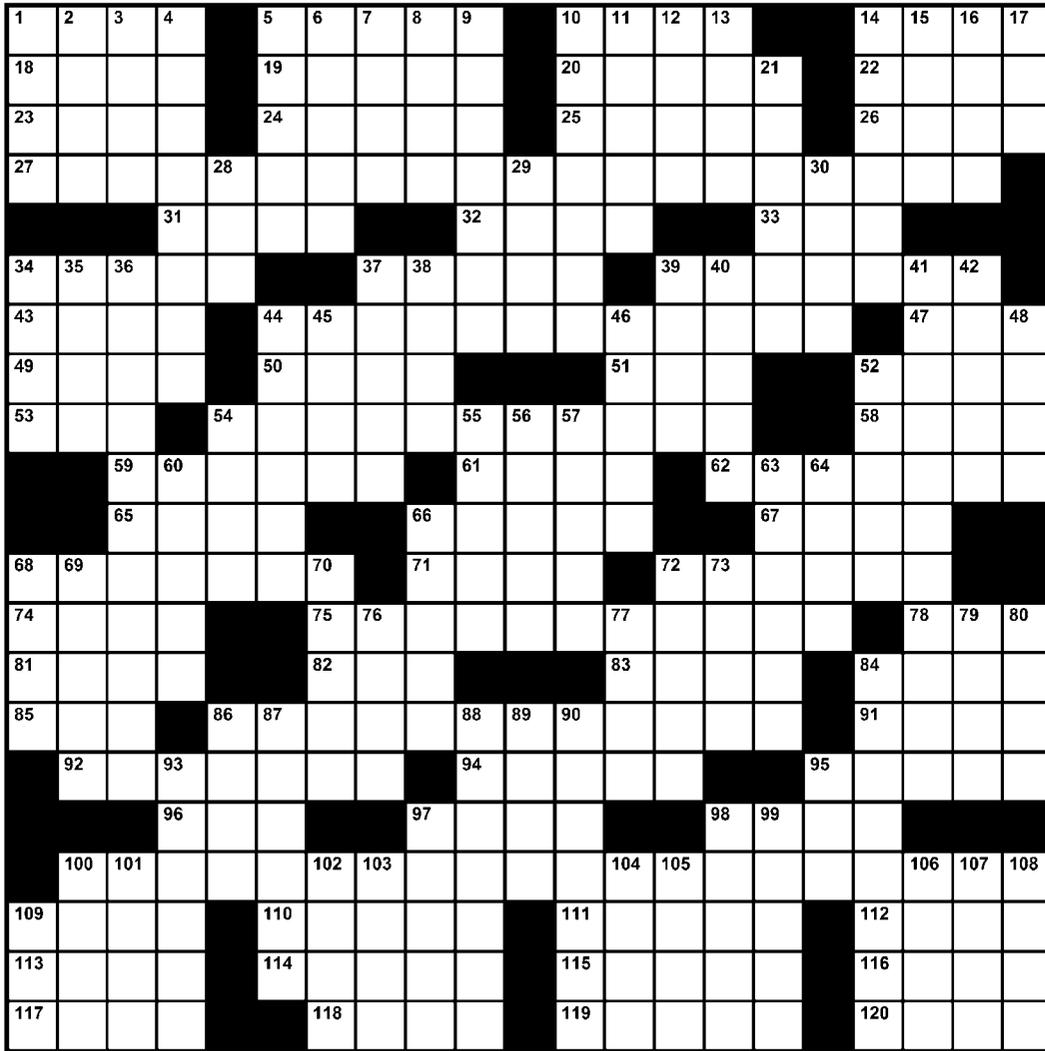
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Weekly Words



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ACROSS

- 1. IRA variety
- 5. Had continuous pain
- 10. Capital on a fjord
- 14. Snake sound
- 18. Fly-chasing shout
- 19. Help a sheep shed wool
- 20. Features of some winter hats
- 22. Woodwind with a flared end
- 23. Certain bowed instrument
- 24. Last name among the "Friends" cast
- 25. Colored warning flare
- 26. Outfielder's cry
- 27. PC, stuffed with "rotten licorice clasps"
- 31. Feature on a giraffe
- 32. Inflaters of self-importance
- 33. Digit that's not a number
- 34. Radiance
- 37. "Twilight" lead role
- 39. Seek, as opinions
- 43. Picasso's paints
- 44. Brit's transport, stuffed with "rebel duck ode"
- 47. Word with interested or quite
- 49. Spacely spheres
- 50. Deceptive trick
- 51. Gigantic extinct bird of New Zealand
- 52. Hullabaloo
- 53. Prefix with con or classical
- 54. Good fortune
- 58. One of Columbus' ships
- 59. Like the smell of a pine forest
- 61. Kind of exam

- 62. Fail to walk the straight and narrow?
- 65. Sailor's rum drink
- 66. Kin of "crossed one's heart"
- 75. Rouse to anger
- 68. Makes bubbly
- 71. "___ She Lovely"
- 72. Sotto voce remarks on stage
- 74. Mr. Knievel
- 75. Rose of a 1980 film title
- 78. Pull-Ups wearer
- 81. Narrow inlets
- 82. Condition of raised anger
- 83. Snatch
- 84. Classic Verdi opera
- 85. Defense grp. formed in Bogota
- 86. Feature of some energy, stuffed with "liberty in awe"
- 91. Ill-bred, uncouth person
- 92. Contradicts or nullifies
- 94. Crystal-clear or easily understood
- 95. Writer Hector Hugh
- 96. Briquette remnant
- 97. ___ farewell (said goodbye)
- 98. Be a truffle hunter
- 100. Without premeditation, stuffed with "moth hunters often mope"
- 109. Sport that features lunges
- 110. Area of influence, study or authority
- 111. Take part in a rebellion
- 112. Wiesel, author of "Night"
- 113. "Roseanne" cast member Gilbert
- 114. Twilled woolen suit material
- 115. Sheets, shams and such

- 116. Trawling necessities
- 117. You, to King James
- 118. Bassoon bit
- 119. Valuable deposits
- 120. Pro shop offerings

DOWN

- Letters that may involve regrets
- 2. Part of the U.S. since 1803
 - 3. Snake, to a plumber
 - 4. Sanctity, stuffed with "sole shin"
 - 5. Jelly made with meat stock
 - 6. Warning in chess
 - 7. Queen of the Greek gods
 - 8. James ___ Jones
 - 9. Kind of battery
 - 10. Where many ATVs are headed
 - 11. Disparaging insults
 - 12. Do some modern surgery with light
 - 13. Grp. that sets oil prices
 - 14. Domestic high sch. class
 - 15. Wading bird of warm regions
 - 16. Some offspring
 - 17. "Makes sense, right?"
 - 21. Not demand everything
 - 28. Certain prime-time hour
 - 29. Eye lustfully
 - 30. Film ___ (movie genre)
 - 34. In a moment
 - 35. Take on board
 - 36. Cleaning exertion, stuffed with "bare leg woes"
 - 37. Gary who was Buddy Holly

DEATH NOTICES

BERTHA O. BUSH, formerly of Alexandria, Nov. 6, 2017

GEORGE BYRNE (61), formerly of Alexandria, Nov. 6, 2017

ROBERT "BOB" HARWOOD (83), of Alexandria, Nov. 8, 2017

HELEN P. HITT, of Alexandria, Nov. 7, 2017

LIONEL R. HOPE (92), formerly of Alexandria, Nov. 12, 2017

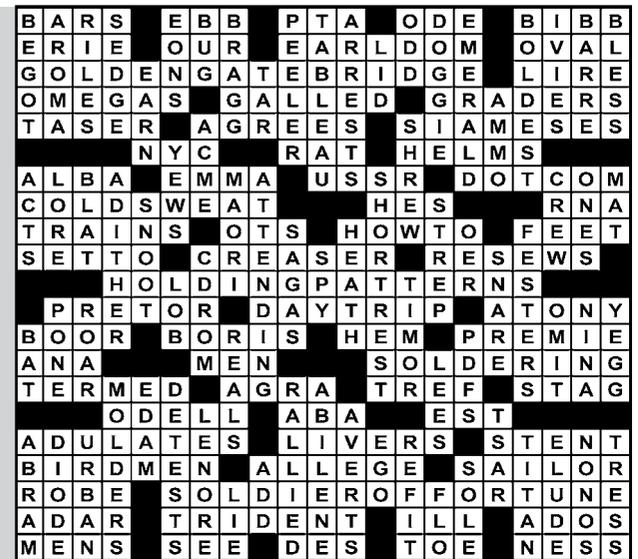
CHARLES M. IOAS (90), of Alexandria, Nov. 9, 2017

WILLIAM J. KOVALCIK (73), of Alexandria, Nov. 11, 2017

ROBERT A. MANWARE, of Alexandria, Nov. 7, 2017

IRIS F. SAX, of Alexandria, Nov. 14, 2017

Last Week's Solution:



- 38. Irving Bachelier's "___ Holden"
- 39. Fellow from Aberdeen
- 40. Gives approval for
- 41. Upset stomach, stuffed with "iodine sting"
- 42. End of many odds
- 44. Deepen a waterway
- 45. Word of sharing
- 46. Griffith the boxing great
- 48. Emperor prior to 1917
- 52. Protractor's measure
- 54. Lampblack
- 55. Seek water with a rod
- 56. Literary form with a dramatic twist
- 57. Stuff in a model kit
- 60. Paperless exams
- 63. George du Maurier novel
- 64. Senate staffer
- 66. Connective tissue
- 68. Prefix with "nautic"
- 69. Perrier rival
- 70. Radiate
- 72. Stinging to the eyes and nose
- 73. Card game with three hands
- 76. Bonanza finds
- 77. Grapefruit relative
- 79. Certain sensory stimulus
- 80. Edible rootstock of the Pacific
- 84. Masonry support, stuffed with "bean mutt"
- 86. Itch cause
- 87. Former anesthetics
- 88. Startled or frightened
- 89. Code on which all Japanese martial arts are based
- 90. Glacial breakup result
- 93. Rich cake
- 95. Sound heard while herding
- 97. What an overeater battles?
- 98. Catch a second showing
- 99. Foreshadowings
- 100. Brightly colored deep-sea fish
- 101. Infamous fiddler
- 102. Future reader
- 103. Take off a natural coat
- 104. Foursome with one out sick
- 105. Female red deer
- 106. Loser to S. Grant?
- 107. TV's "Nick at ___"
- 108. "___ of the d'Urbervilles"
- 109. Extreme suffix

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Plan Special Use Permit #2017-0103

Encroachment #2017-0004
Encroachment #2017-0005
2200 Mill Road – Eisenhower East Block 20

Public hearing and consideration of requests for: (A) a Coordinated Development District Concept Plan amendment to reflect a change in land use and an increase in the maximum allowed building height; (B) a Development Special Use Permit for development of a high-rise residential apartment building and associated site improvements; (C) a Transportation Management Plan Special Use Permit amendment to include all land uses and associated rates; (D) an Encroachment for residential balcony overhangs into the public right-of-way; and (E) an Encroachment for below-grade transformer vaults within the public right-of-way; zoned: CDD 2/Coordinated Development District #2. Applicant: Paradigm Development Company, represented by Mary Catherine Gibbs, attorney

Discussion item: Strategic Facilities Plan

Buchanan Street
 Applicant: Rodney Hilton
 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.



ALEXANDRIA PLANNING DEPARTMENT

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

The following request has been received for administrative review 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 #2017-00123
 2121 Eisenhower Ave. – Proposed Business: Corrective Therapy & Fitness
 Request for a new administrative Special Use Permit to operate a massage establishment; zoned CDD/Commercial development

district zone.
APPLICANT: Nicholas Ovel
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 December 7, 2017



The Alexandria City School Board will hold a public hearing on the FY 2019-2028 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget during the Special Called School Board Meeting held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, December 7, 2017, in the School Board Meeting Room located at 1340 Braddock Place, Alexandria. For more information or to register to speak at the public hearing, please contact the Clerk of the Board at 703-619-8316 or email boardclerk@acps.k12.va.us.


ALEXANDRIA BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW
PARKER GRAY DISTRICT
LEGAL NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held by the Alexandria Board of Architectural Review on WEDNESDAY, November 29, 2017 beginning at 7:30 PM in the City Hall Council Chambers, on the second floor of City Hall, 301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia on the following applications:

CASE BAR #2017-00417
 Request for after-the-fact alterations at 404 N Henry Street
 Applicant: Renee Delisle

CASE BAR # 2017-00419
 Request for partial demolition/capsulation at 235 Buchanan Street
 Applicant: Rodney Hilton

CASE BAR # 2017-00420
 Request for alterations at 235

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