T.C. football readies for unusual season

Titans to play all five home games at The St. James in Springfield

BY MISSY SCHROTT

The T.C. Williams varsity football team is gearing up for its 2019 season, when, for the first time in decades, the team will play all five of its home games under Friday night lights.

No, Alexandria City Public Schools has not installed lights at T.C. Williams High School’s Parker Gray Memorial Stadium. But, to prepare for construction that is slated to begin on the field in October, the division worked out a deal with The St. James, an indoor sports complex in Springfield, so that the team has somewhere to play while its home field is out of commission.

Coming off a 4-6 losing season last year, the players and coaches said they had high hopes that this year would be different.

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Old Town Beer, Wine and Dog Festival launches this weekend

Brews, bites and barks signal the arrival of a new business concept

BY CODY MELLO-KLEIN

Two young entrepreneurs will host the Old Town Beer, Wine and Dog Festival this Saturday in hopes of expanding the concept to a permanent dog bar by 2020.

The event, which will take place at Waterfront Park from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., will feature food trucks, locally sourced craft beer and wine, live music and adoptable dogs from

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Potomac Yard Metro construction drags

PYMIG discusses permits, approvals, delays for new station

BY HEATHER HARTZELL

The Potomac Yard Metrorail Implementation Work Group held a meeting on Aug. 5 to discuss updates on construction, permits and delays for the new Potomac Yard Metro Station.

At the meeting, city and Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority representatives provided PYMIG and community members with summaries of Board of Architectural Review approvals the project has earned, details on permits that the project still requires and updates on construction – which appears to be behind schedule.

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ACPS’ SOL scores rise in math, decrease in other subjects

The Virginia Department of Education released the results for statewide Standards of Learning tests for the 2018-2019 school year on Tuesday, according to a news release. Alexandria City Public Schools improved in mathematics, while scores in English reading and writing, history and science fell slightly.

After a five-point decrease in the school division’s math SOL scores in the 2017-2018 school year, scores rose by nine percentage points this past year, with 70 percent of students testing proficient in math, compared to 61 percent the year before. ACPS’ proficiency rate remains below state average, but the increase was more significant than the statewide increase from 77 percent in the 2017-2018 school year to 82 percent in the 2018-2019 school year.

Math was ACPS’ only SOL subject area to improve in the 2018-2019 school year. English reading scores decreased by one point to 68 percent, English writing scores decreased by two points to 70 percent, history scores decreased by three points to 72 percent and science scores decreased by two points to 67 percent.

The fall in SOL scores coincided with a statewide drop in English reading, writing and history scores, although Alexandria remains below state averages in each of those subject areas.

The Aug. 22 edition of the Times will feature a more extensive look into ACPS’ SOL results.

Emerging Writers Festival takes place this weekend

The Emerging Writers Festival will take place Aug. 16 to 18 in Old Town. The festival seeks to inspire young writers through free and low-cost programming, according to a news release.

Hosted by independent bookstore Old Town Books, the event will feature free readings by various authors, including Tope Folarin, Catherine Chung and chef Kwame Onwauachi, according to the release.

Additionally, the festival will offer more than a dozen writing classes with professionals from the book industry on topics ranging from food writing to pitching editors. Tuition scholarships are available for those in need of financial assistance, according to the release.

Disaster loans available for flood victims

The U.S. Small Business Association is offering low-interest disaster loans to qualifying residents and business owners affected by the July 8 storms and flooding, according to a news release.

Homeowners may be eligible to receive loans of up to $200,000 for damaged real estate, according to the release. Homeowners and renters may be eligible to receive up to $40,000 to repair or replace personal property.

Loans of up to $2 million are available for businesses and private nonprofit organizations to replace or repair damaged real estate, machinery or equipment.

Interest rates on the loans, with terms up to 50 years, could be as low as four percent for businesses, 2.75 percent for nonprofits and 1.983 percent for homeowners and renters, according to the release.

The SBA has opened temporary disaster loan outreach centers to offer assistance to those completing applications. The centers are located at the Arlington County Trades Center Parks and Natural Resources Operations Building at 2700 S. Taylor St. and the Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library at 7584 Leesburg Pike.

The centers will be open from Aug. 13 to 19, according to the release. The deadline to file applications for property damage is Oct. 7.
Tall Ship Providence sails to Norfolk for electrical work

The Revolutionary War-era replica Tall Ship Providence, which has been anchored on the Alexandria Waterfront since July 1, is currently in Norfolk for electrical work, Diana West, programs and communications director for the Tall Ship Providence Foundation, said. “In short, we needed to have electrical work done by naval marine electricians, who turn out to be hard to find in this area,” West said in an email. “Fortunately, we found some in Norfolk who could do the work that we needed and it turned out to be easier to take the ship to them than bring them here.”

Tall Ship Providence arrived in Norfolk on Monday. West estimates that work on the ship should take two weeks and that the ship will return to Alexandria by Labor Day weekend. It will dock at the G/H pier near Founders Park until a permanent floating dock is built at the foot of King Street next year.

A start date for Tall Ship Providence’s 2019 programming, which will include tours, historical interpreters and weekly themed cruises, still has not been set.

WMATA provides final month Metro platform project update

With four weeks left in the city’s summer-long, $200 million Metro platform reconstruction project, the Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority has provided an update on the project that closed the six Metro stations south of Reagan National Airport.

According to the Aug. 8 update, the project is on schedule for the planned Sept. 9 reopening of the Metro stations – if a major storm or heat wave doesn’t cause any delays.

“We’re 30 days out [and] our contractor is doing a fantastic job,” Metro General Manager Paul Wiedefeld told the Washington Post. “If anything happens — we get a major storm or something — that could obviously knock this off.”

Construction crews have already finished demolishing old tile, pouring concrete for platform edges and waterproofing and putting in granite edges at all six platforms south of Reagan National Airport, according to the announcement on WMATA’s website.

There is still plenty of work to do in the remaining four weeks of the shutdown. Workers are still installing conduits and wiring for electricity and communication networks and finishing fire standpipes on the platforms, according to the update.

Crews will also continue to test additions to the stations including new LED lighting, passenger information displays, PA systems, cameras and fire alarms over the next four weeks. Each station is undergoing its own level of work, according to the announcement.

At the Eisenhower Avenue Station, work on the station’s canopy has been completed, while crews continue to install slip-resistant tile, renovate elevators and repair track beds.

Crews are installing platform shelters, pylons and lighted handrails at the

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Local shelters.

The festival is an opportunity for Alex Benbassat and Justin LeGore, two Virginia Tech roommates-turned-business partners, to prove to the public and potential investors that Brewski's Barkhaus, their concept for a dog bar, would be a perfect fit for Alexandria.

Opening a dog bar has been Benbassat and LeGore’s dream since the two first discovered dog bars in Charlotte, North Carolina.

The former college roommates both moved to Charlotte in 2017, Benbassat for an internship at an architecture firm and LeGore to work at a solar energy startup. After work, the two friends would take Benbassat’s German shepherd, Rex, to a local dog bar, a concept they immediately connected with.

“What a dog bar is, it’s an all fenced-in area, indoor and outdoor, and they have small dog areas and they have a communal dog area where your dog can just run around and play,” Benbassat said. “It’s all leash-less and then they have a bar connected to it. That way you can literally sit there, enjoy a drink [and] talk with your friends while your dog is being socialized, which is a huge thing for dogs because they’re naturally pack animals.”

Similar to a dog park, the presence of dogs helped enhance the bar’s social atmosphere, Benbassat said.

“It was super easy to meet people, to talk to people, and it’s already like you know everyone because your dog is already running around playing with everyone’s dogs,” Benbassat said.

Eventually, LeGore moved to Washington state with the startup. But after a year across the country, LeGore said he missed the east coast and decided to move back.

“I began to put together a business plan for my own dog bar because I still thought that was a really cool idea,” LeGore said. “There was nothing like that back in my hometown.”

LeGore moved back in with Benbassat, who had moved to Alexandria to finish up his architecture thesis at the Washington-Alexandria Architecture Center. It seemed like perfect timing, LeGore said. Alexandria, a famously dog-friendly city, had been on his list of potential locations for the dog bar. Unbeknownst to LeGore, Benbassat had also been pursuing the idea of a dog bar for his thesis.

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The name of Benbassat’s thesis project was Brewski’s Barkhaus, a riff on the Bauhaus architecture movement and Brewski – LeGore’s dog’s alcohol-infused name.

Both friends quickly realized they had been working on the same idea from different angles and agreed to combine their concepts under the Brewski’s Barkhaus name.

They expanded upon Benbassat’s shelter idea and decided Brewski’s Barkhaus would feature a doggie daycare where local shelters could bring dogs for free daycare, exposure and socialization.

In January, the two friends-turned-business partners reached out to the Alexandria Small Business Development Center, a community resource that provides counseling and training for small businesses.

Bill Reagan, executive director of the SBDC, and Gloria Flanagan, assistant director of the SBDC, took notice of how committed the two young entrepreneurs were.

“These are two very smart guys and they realized that before they sort of jumped in the deep end, they’ve got to do a lot of research,” Flanagan said. “They had checked out a couple places where they were like, ‘Ok, what don’t we know? What do we need to know?’”

Any business concept that involves alcohol, food or animals sets off a red flag, Reagan said – let alone one that involves all three. But the Barkhaus boys remained committed, and the SBDC helped connect them with the Virginia Alcohol Beverage Control licensure, real estate agents and other local dog businesses.

During their meetings with the SBDC and Alexandria Economic Development Partnership, Benbassat and LeGore came up with the idea of hosting a festival, a pop-up version of their business model, to gauge public interest and potentially attract investors. Currently, the venture is funded by only close friends and family.

“We figured there’d be no better way than to host this event and start spreading the word and hopefully try to find some investors,” LeGore said.

Thus, Alexandria’s first Beer, Wine and Dog Festival was born.

Since May, the two business partners have been putting their noses to the grindstone, working to make the festival a reality, and it hasn’t been easy. It required putting aside planning for Barkhaus, which they still expect to open in fall 2020.

Tickets for the festival are $10 and include access to live music, breweries, wineries, tents with different activities and food trucks, including one for dogs called Woof Bowl. The festival will also feature about 10 foster dogs from Arlington-based Lucky Dog Animal Rescue to represent Barkhaus’ combined-shelter concept.

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Franconia-Springfield Station, as work on the pedestrian bridge, elevators and restrooms nears completion.

Skylight frames and glass panels are complete at the Huntington Station, and construction crews are now installing slip-resistant tile and shelters on the platform.

At the King Street-Old Town Station, frames and skylights across the station’s canopies, as well as slip-resistant tiles, have been installed. Work continues on new lighting and new tiling in the mezzanine area.

Work crews have installed platform canopy framing, skylights, bathroom fixtures and intercom system boxes at the Van Dorn Street Station. Over the next four weeks, crews will continue constructing platform shelters, installing mezzanine ceiling panels and renovating the elevators.

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I think we’ve already fixed a lot of our mistakes, which is mainly our tone going into practice. Everything is more precise, and people are a lot more focused during practice. Doing the little things right can go a long way.”

– Luke Wilson, senior captain, T.C. Williams football

Senior Captain Ricardo Ross runs for a ball during a drill at practice on Monday.

The Titans run a drill at practice on Monday.
Coach Longerbeam said they haven’t been doing anything special to prepare to play indoors at The St. James.

“We’ll go up there and practice once or twice prior to our first game, but ... it’s really pretty much the same,” Longerbeam said. “The only difference is there’s only bleachers on one side, which doesn’t matter as far as football.”

The St. James’ field has seating for more than 2,000 people, Longerbeam said. Both Longerbeam and Athletic Director James Parker said they expected tickets for all five home games to sell out. Tickets will be available for purchase in the coming weeks.

“The place holds, I think, 2,300 people. Our attendance for home games on Saturdays is way, way, way less than that,” Parker said. “Best-case scenario is we sell out the games, and people are unable to get in, but I think that’s a good problem to have. ... People coming back out to games and getting excited about playing on Friday nights is going to help us whenever the construction is started and finished, whenever that happens, this will kind of be that catapult that helps us then fill our own stadium.”

ACPS made The St. James announcement on July 19. The decision was related to the controversial Parker-Gray Stadium modernization project, which Alexandria City Council approved in October 2018, despite the protests of residents whose homes are adjacent to T.C. Williams High School.

T.C. Williams is one of the only public high schools in the region that doesn’t have stadium lighting, though the other three primary high schools in Alexandria, all private, also lack football stadium lights. For the past 50 years, since T.C. was built, the football team has played its home games on Saturday during the day.

Because the modernization project includes lights, four separate groups of neighbors filed lawsuits against the city and school board. The plaintiffs of one of the lawsuits, which is scheduled to go to trial on Feb. 24, 2020, allege that city and school representatives promised their ancestors to never put lights on the field when T.C. was built in the 1960s.

The plaintiffs and defendants have come to a compromise that ACPS would do no construction in furtherance of installing permanent lights at the stadium until March 16, 2020, according to Lars Liebeler, the plaintiffs’ attorney.

In the interim, ACPS plans to commence construction on the track, field, press box and ticket booth in October 2019, according to ACPS Communications Director Helen Lloyd.

Parker said The St. James partnership was a creative solution for home games during the construction period.

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St. James could become a permanent home field for the team, Parker said via email, “Well, I can never say never, but our future plans are to play on campus at our home stadium in the future. This is something different to bring some excitement back into our football program and to show the world what a first-class athletic program we are.”

Players said they were excited to play at the new field.

“I think it’ll be a cool experience for us to be able to play in front of the lights and at an indoor field. It’ll be cool,” Anthony Eaton, running back and senior captain, said. “Most people are excited. Some people are on and off, but for the most part here, people are excited.”

The Titans kick off the season at Herndon High School on Aug. 30. Their home opener at The St. James, located at 6805 Industrial Road, will take place on Sept. 20.

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Ice & Lights, a new “Winter Village” with ice skating and other wintry festivities, will open at Cameron Run Regional Park in mid-November.

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For several years, the city has been discussing the future of the park, which some claim is underused and poorly maintained for the majority of the year.

In November 2018, council voted to extend NOVA Parks’ 40-year lease of the property by 10 years, to December 2028. One of the conditions of the lease extension was that NOVA Parks introduce year-round programming at the site, including a winter village.

The Ice & Lights village will feature an ice rink, fire pits, heated tents, a retail shop and winter displays, according to its website. It is set to be open mid-November through February.

IDC breaks ground in Potomac Yard

The Institute for Defense Analyses broke ground on its new facility at 750 E. Glebe Road in Potomac Yard on Tuesday.

The new facility will feature conference room space, a designated conference center, a café, a health and fitness center and improved collaboration space for evolving security requirements, according to a news release. The IDA expects to complete construction on the 370,000-square-foot facility by early 2022.

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From left: IDA Director of Special Projects Dean Graves, IDA Board of Trustees Chair Pete Geren, Alexandria City Councilor Del Pepper and IDA President Dr. David S.C. Chu at the groundbreaking for IDA’s new facility in Potomac Yard.

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BY ELIZABETH KUMAR

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Independent living skills training focuses on knowledge and skills that prevent unnecessary institutionalization of persons with disabilities. ECNV frequently assists people who want to transition out of nursing homes to living on their own.

Transportation and mobility

ECNV travel trainers provide individual instruction on using fixed-route public transportation. This program is underwritten by and conducted in partnership with the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority. ECNV has a DME program which accepts donations of mobility aids including walkers, wheelchairs, scooters and hospital beds. ECNV then reconditions the mobility aids and loans or gives them to people who need them to enhance their independence.

Keeping the community connected

ECNV’s website, newsletter and calendar keep people updated on disability community activities, new products and services and news on advocacy efforts. Its personal assistant registry is a resource people with disabilities can use when recruiting new or substitute personal assistants. ECNV’s fully accessible offices include a conference room with an assisted listening system. Disability support groups are encouraged to make reservations to use this space.

Advocacy

People with disabilities become effective self-advocates with ECNV’s guidance. Through systems advocacy, the organization supports legislative and...
Whether you’re setting up a new apartment, getting married or just want a change as an empty nester, housewares probably are on your to-buy list.

When you shop in a store or online, you’ll find things you didn’t know you need—ed, from a pan mold for mini pies, to veggie-transforming spiralizers, to special avocado slicers.

There’s a variety of low-tech and high-tech barista-worthy coffeemakers, mills for making your own grain, kits for brewing craft beer, smart home devices, robo-vacs, massagers that boost collagen – the list goes on.

The housewares category has experienced a sea change in recent years, and it’s not just about color.

“We don’t buy objects anymore,” Tom Mirabile, a global trend forecaster and editor for Pantone, said. “We buy aspirations. We buy experiences.”

Lifestyle is driving consumer behavior, from Pinterest boards showing off food fads to Instagram design obsessions and influencer blogs.

Manufacturers are paying attention, so much so that the 80-year-old International Home and Housewares Show held in Chicago each spring is changing its name to The Inspired Home.

The stage for houseware trends has been set by consumer websites and journals chock-full of gorgeous photography, engaging product pages, mouthwatering recipes and stories about our new trends.

Even some traditional wedding registries now include aspirational gifts – like funding a honeymoon, beach trip, Airbnb experience, Soul-Cycle classes or Global Entry/TSA Precheck fees, as evidenced by several websites, including www.zola.com.

Changing trends doesn’t mean there’s a divide between design and utility, form and function. Consumers want it all, but with an evolved set of parameters.

“It’s an appeal to the more fluid self,” Mirabile said. “To one group, I’m a

### Los Tios

German Mejia, owner of Los Tios, opened the doors of his restaurant on Mt. Vernon Avenue almost 15 years ago with just five tables with seating for 20. German’s welcoming personality and warm greetings made him a beloved figure in the neighborhood. He expanded twice, and the restaurant now seats more than 300 people.

Known for its friendly service and large portions, Los Tios features both Tex-Mex and dishes from the Mejias’ home country of El Salvador. The extensive menu offers traditional favorites—sizzling fajitas, burritos and quesadillas—in addition to seven Salvadoran dishes. The Carne Asada, thin skirt steak with homemade spices, is the top seller, and many vegetarian options are available. A selection of Mexican beers and margaritas are the perfect companion to the restaurant’s thin tortilla chips and homemade salsa.

German went on to open a second location in Leesburg, providing fresh tomatoes, mint, peppers and eggs from his own home garden. In 2016, he opened a third location in the Van Dorn shopping center, and this year, he opened a fourth location on 23rd Street in Crystal City. Los Tios supports various community organizations, most recently the T.C. Titan Robotics team. Stop by for happy hour Monday to Friday from 3 to 7 p.m.

**Locations:** Del Ray, Van Dorn, Leesburg, Crystal City
**Founder:** German Mejia
**Cuisine:** Tex-Mex, Salvadorian
**Happy Hour:** 3 to 7 p.m
**Contact:** [www.lostiosgrill.com](http://www.lostiosgrill.com)
baker; to another, I’m an artist. To another, an analyst. DIY now is more CIY [create it yourself] or GIY [grow it yourself] – not just to save money, but because you’re learning or experiencing something. We want products that make our lives more interesting. Products that save time and save space.”

And although analysts like to focus on demographics, charting millennial, baby boomer and Gen X buying habits, Mirabile said those lines are now blurred.

“People don’t see themselves in those groups anymore,” Mirabile said.

Mirabile acknowledged, however, that millennials have been a key influence. Eating habits among millennials – like substituting two snacks for one meal, for example – have spawned a niche for particular storage containers that mimic Japanese divided bento boxes. And keeping hydrated led to a whole new drinkware category.

Changing houseware trends have led to a variety of new and innovative products. The next installment will explore some of those product trends, including wellness, storage and sustainability.

HOME OF THE WEEK

Renovated Saint Asaph Street home features custom touches

Custom detailed millwork, crown molding, plaster ceiling medallions and wainscoting are found throughout this four-level townhouse. The living room features bookcases that flank a wood burning fireplace with a classical architectural mantel. The family room also features a wood-burning fireplace with a mantel, a marble wet bar and a wall of windows and doors opening to the private brick patio.

The yard features a professionally landscaped patio by Campbell & Ferraram, an antique wall fountain and boxwoods in vintage cache pots. In addition, there is custom garden and tree lighting professionally installed by Vernon Daniels.

The eat-in kitchen offers quartz counters, new flooring, a GE Profile refrigerator, a Koehler sink and ceramic tile. The master suite has three closets and a new marble ensuite bathroom. Decorative mirrors in all bathrooms feature designer sconces.

The rooftop terrace is complete with a wood burning fireplace and a new atrium Jeld-Wyn glass door, installed by Braswell in 2017. There are custom wood interior plantation shutters throughout the home. A private office or guest room with French doors is located on the lower level. Three aged brass lanterns by Troy Lighting, installed in 2016, grace the exterior. The brick driveway features a herringbone pattern.

The exterior was painted in 2017, and the interior was painted in 2019.

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The Diocese of Arlington Is Committed to Assisting Victims/ Survivors Throughout The Healing Process.

For further information, see www.arlingtondiocese.org/Child-Protection/
regulatory policies that benefit the disability community. It assists people of all ages through the CCC + Medicaid Waiver Program. Community education and technical assistance services are provided to public and private sector entities to assist in improving accessibility. In addition, youth transition services help teenagers and young adults ages 16 through 26 transition from high school to post-secondary education, the workforce and living independently in the community.

**Employment**
ECNV assists people with job readiness and honing job search skills through training and placement assistance.

**Medicaid services**
ECNV has a Medicaid Waiver team dedicated to helping people with disabilities receive the support they need. It specifically works with people on the Elderly or Disabled with Service Facilitation for the Commonwealth Coordinated Care Plus Medicaid Waiver.

**Social groups**
ECNV has several social groups that meet monthly in the Northern Virginia area. These include the Endependents, TGIF and Connect 4 Social Hour. Connect 4 Social Hour is for ages 18 to 39 and the rest are open to all ages.

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**a cross-disability organization that works with people of all ages who have every type of disability. Founded in 1982, ECNV is one of 15 centers for independent living in Virginia.**

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**SEPTEMBER 14**

**LEE-FENDALL HOUSE SPEAKEASY NIGHT**
The Lee-Fendall House’s Sips & Secrets: A Speakeasy Night event returns for a fourth year. This much anticipated fundraiser celebrates the house’s Prohibition-era history, when it was home to Alexandria’s liquor wholesalers. All proceeds will support the museum’s mission to explore Alexandria’s shared history and promote its relevance in today’s society. Attendees can dance the night away to jazz and ragtime music and brush up on their skills to enter a dance contest. 1920s-style drinks will be served. General admission tickets are $60 and include heavy hors d’oeuvres, dessert and two drink tickets for cocktails, wine or beer.

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Location:** 614 Oronoco St.

**Information:** www.leefendallhouse.org

**SEPTEMBER 29**

**TFAA COLLECTOR’S CHOICE ART LOTTERY AND RAFFLE**
The Torpedo Factory Artists’ Association is hosting the Collector’s Choice Art Lottery and Raffle fundraiser at its Mosaic Satellite Gallery in Fairfax County. Similar to The Art League’s annual Patron’s Show, lottery participants will have the opportunity to take home one of 45 donated works of art valued at $200 or higher, in honor of the TFAA’s 45th anniversary. There will also be a traditional raffle for three pieces of art valued equal to or higher than $1,500. Tickets for the lottery are $200, and tickets for the raffle are $45. Tickets for the lottery must be purchased through Eventbrite at tinyurl.com/tfaacc19. Tickets for the raffle can be purchased through the same Eventbrite page or at the Mosaic Satellite Gallery up to the day of the event. The gallery at Mosaic will be open for preview from Sept. 18 to 29.

**Time:** 3 to 6 p.m.

**Location:** TFAA Mosaic Satellite Gallery, 105 District Ave., Fairfax

**Information:** tinyurl.com/tfaacc19

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**SEPTEMBER 8**

**“HIGH NOTE” ART EXHIBIT EXPERIENCE THE DEL RAY**
Artists Gallery’s “High Note”, an art exhibit exploring the connection between music and the mind. Music can unleash powerful memories, transporting us in space and time. Meet the artists and juror Britt Conley and enjoy live music at the opening reception. This exhibit lasts from September 6 to 29.

**Time:** Opening reception, 7 to 9 p.m.

**Location:** 2704 Mount Vernon Ave.

**Information:** www.DelRayArtisans.org

**SEPTEMBER 12**

**MARIAN VAN LANDINGHAM STUDIO DEDICATION**
In honor of the Torpedo Factory’s 45th anniversary as an art space, the Torpedo Factory Artists’ Association is dedicating studio 311 to TFAA founder Marian Van Landingham. The solo show will highlight Van Landingham’s work and its evolution over the past 45 years.

**Time:** 5 to 8 p.m.

**Location:** The Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St., studio 311

**Information:** Carol Talkov, caroltalkov@cox.net
Our View


It’s that bittersweet season when summer wanes, Labor Day looms and school beckons. Most families have completed their back-to-school shopping. College kids are departing for campus. Many people are fitting in one last vacation or quick trip to the beach.

For those staying put for the end of summer, Alexandria has a host of activities these next two weeks, with something for everyone: Foodies, beer-swillers, crowd-lovers, introverts and even our four-legged friends.

The fun starts Friday with the launch of restaurant week. More than 70 restaurants are taking part in this 11-day promotion that spans two full weekends. Participating restaurants are offering a variety of lunch, brunch and dinner deals, including $35 dinners for two and $15 brunch menus.

It’s a great way to sample Alexandria’s fine dining establishments at a reduced rate. You might want to make reservations now, though, so you can be sure to get a seat at your first choices.

Also this weekend, a new concept is being tried in Alexandria: The Old Town Beer, Wine and Dog Festival. A pop-up event organized by two young entrepreneurs, the festival is a trial run for what the organizers hope will be a dog bar in the not-too-distant future. Check out our Page 1 story, “Old Town Beer, Wine and Dog Festival launches this weekend” for details on the festival and proprietors.

For those who favor more intellectual pursuits, Old Town Books is offering an Emerging Writers Festival this weekend, featuring author talks, writing workshops and more. Check out the story in our page 3 weekly briefing section for more information on this event. Now’s a perfect time to fire up your laptop and dust off that great-American-novel idea that’s been rattling around in your head for years.

The fun isn’t limited to this weekend though. On Aug. 24, the Saturday of the last weekend before Labor Day, wear your green and head to Waterfront Park for the Alexandria Irish Festival. The event features all things Irish, from music and dance, craft vendors, a beer truck and lots of food. Check out our calendar listing on page 20 for event details.

Come September, when you’ve jumped feet first into the fall rush of events, don’t look back and wish you’d made the effort to fully enjoy all Alexandria has to offer: Head outside and partake in these fun offerings. Try a new restaurant, hone your writing skills and then head to Waterfront Park with Fido and drink a cold beer.

As the late, great Nat King Cole sang, enjoy these last lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer.

Opinion

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

- Thomas Jefferson

Your Views

City lacks transparency on Seminary Road

To the editor:

On June 24, 2019, the Alexandria Traffic and Parking Board held a public hearing on the misguided proposal to reduce road capacity on a stretch of Seminary Road by up to 50 percent. Fortunately, cooler heads and good sense prevailed and the TPB recommended that Seminary Road remain four lanes with important safety improvements. However, there were three examples of a significant lack of transparency in the process.

First, a TPB member read a letter from the Deputy Fire Chief, dated June 12, 2019, stating that the Fire Department considers maintaining four lanes on Seminary Road an important safety measure to assure access to Alexandria Inova Hospital. Later, the director of Transportation and Environmental Services claimed that an email he received on June 21, 2019, overruled the June 12 letter.

The director characterized the email as saying that the fire department supports cutting road capacity by 50 percent and restricting access to the hospital. There was a robust and tense discussion between two TPB members and the director on the letter and email – which was not disclosed to the TPB – neither of which were available for public review before the meeting. The documents became available about a week after the vote.

This is important since the June 12 letter stated that “[n]arrowing the road from 4 lanes to 3 lanes, by making only 1 eastbound sharrow lane will negatively impact emergency responses along a heavily used emergency response route for hospital and fire station travel” and requested that the city “maintain 4 lanes.” At the hearing, the city led the public and TPB to believe that the fire department abruptly changed its mind and supported cutting road capacity despite the deputy fire chief’s letter. The June 21 email said no such thing.

The city apparently gave the fire department only options with two lanes in response to the deputy fire chief’s letter. The June 21 email from an assistant fire chief objected that the city “mischaracterizes” the fire department’s

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And you should’ve seen my crowds - biggest ever! Much bigger than Beto's...
views, and the fire department’s “concerns were not satisfied. ...” The email further stated that the city told the fire department that it removed Option 3 – cutting the lanes in half – from consideration at the request of Alexandria Inova Hospital because of the risks in choking access to the hospital. So it was unclear why we are even discussing Option 3.

Incredibly, the email also disclosed that the fire department “had limited input on the Complete Streets Design Guidelines” and raised serious concerns with Complete Streets. At the June 24 TPB hearing, the June 21 email was twisted by the city to lead the public and TPB to believe it said things it did not. The fire department deserves our full support and respect, and the efforts to fracture its position and undermine its credibility is a poor reflection of city hall.

Second, at the May 24 TPB meeting, a citizen who supports retaining four lanes was returning quietly to his seat in council chambers after his remarks, and was greeted by a loud vulgarity from an active member of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, a bike lane advocacy group, who also serves as an appointed member of the Transportation Commission. When brought to the attention of the mayor, council and city manager, they investigated and confirmed the incident occurred and each agreed that it was unacceptable. We suggested that he be removed from the Transportation Commission because of this highly inappropriate behavior.

After a month of repeated inquiries into actions the city planned to take, we were informed that the person apologized to the mayor, council and the TPB, though they did not say what he was apologizing for. To date, he has not apologized to the speaker or the public and remains on the Transportation Commission. The city clearly does not feel that vulgar public behavior by a BPAC member who represents the city in an official capacity warrants any disciplinary action.

Third, in an April 23, 2019 letter, the North Ridge Civic Association asked council to direct two TPB members who were also active in BPAC to recuse themselves from voting on the proposal to cut road capacity on Seminary Road. I raised this issue in my remarks before the TPB as well. BPAC mobilized to pressure the TPB and council, including regional bike lobbying organizations, which explains the presence of so many out of town speakers at the June 24 TPB hearing.

While that is their right, the Alexandria Code of Ethics and Conduct calls “Alexandria officials to the highest levels of ethical behavior,” including avoiding even the appearance of partiality. We asked the TPB members at issue to explain why the public should have confidence in their ability to act impartially if their organization had already committed to a specific outcome. The only response was a non-sequitur that under the pathetic Virginia Conflict of Interest laws there was no legal requirement to recuse. This is an example of why city staff and council members fought so hard against establishing an Ethics Commission that was supported by then-Mayor Allison Silberberg in 2016.

In the end, the TPB recommended correctly to maintain four lanes with safety improvements. The case for cutting road capacity by up to 50 percent on that stretch of Seminary Road is weak for many reasons in addition to the fire department and hospital’s objections. But the process exposed disturbing flaws in transparency and raises significant concerns with how the city plans to conduct itself in September when the issue comes before council.

-Frank Putzu, Alexandria

The mental health aspect of violence

Last month, I lamented the Virginia General Assembly’s inability to act on necessary gun-related legislation. Since that column went to press, our nation has suffered additional mass shootings. I hope that we are nearing a critical mass of support which will finally force legislators to debate legislative responses to this national calamity.

One component of the response is addressing the nation’s ability to assess and assist those diagnosed with mental illness. Before discussing this topic, two points must be made. First, studies prove the majority of those who encounter mental health issues do not commit crimes, let alone acts of violence. People who suffer from mental health disorders are far more likely to be a victim of crime than an offender. We must avoid unnecessarily stigmatizing peaceful citizens.

Second, lay people believe that a person is either “sane” or “crazy,” a binary choice. This is not how mental illness presents in reality. Mental health struggles exist on a spectrum and are not susceptible to algorithmic precision. Many mass shooters, such as Alexandria’s serial killer Charles Severance, have been diagnosed with personality disorders and not schizophrenia, meaning they do not suffer symptoms such as command hallucinations or thought insertion. People with personality disorders are often sufficiently rational to mask their symptoms and may never be identified as needing treatment. With those caveats in mind, I present several concrete proposals.

One: Government must increase funding for mental health services. We have far too few in-patient beds in Virginia and struggle to find treatment for those who could benefit from outpatient programs. If outpatient treatment and inpatient beds are not available, it is axiomatic that intervention cannot occur.

Two: We lessen the stigma attached to mental disorders. The unfortunate negativity attributed to people who are experiencing mental illness is a barrier to someone intervening with a family member or friend in the throes of a crisis.

Society does not normally take a negative view of those suffering from a physical ailment. A person who has mental illness is as much a victim of circumstance as a person with cancer.

Three: There should be a concerted public service campaign to explain personality disorders and their symptoms to the greater community. In the mental health profession, there is an understanding that personality disorders are linked to a higher risk of violence. If these disorders present symptoms outside of the traditional understanding of what mental illness “should look like,” society should be better trained to look for warning signs.

Four: We must create more options for mandating treatment for those suffering from severe mental illness. As it stands now, if a person experiencing a mental health crisis refuses treatment, the only way police can force him to see a doctor is if there is probable cause to believe he is an “imminent danger to himself or others.” Even if a person is suffering from an extremely serious mental health crisis, it is almost impossible to require him to receive mental health treatment unless he is actively threatening to harm someone.

I do not support expansive government power to sweep up the mentally ill. I do support creating a mechanism by which a judge could order a person to be taken into custody for a mental health evaluation or treatment if, based on the credible testimony of the person’s next-of-kin or his treating mental health professional, the judge finds custody is in the person’s best interest and the person is incapable of making an informed or rational decision about mental health treatment.

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OUT OF THE ATTIC

The Masonic influence at city hall

One of the more interesting elements associated with the rebuilding of Alexandria City Hall after the disastrous fire of 1871 was the flexibility incorporated into the design to accommodate uses not normally associated with government office buildings. Certainly, the inclusion of vendor stalls to serve purveyors at the adjacent Market Square was not typical in the construction of American town halls, but these areas provided an ongoing revenue stream of rental income to the city and sustained an essential retail element of community life.

But it is the allocation of space for the local Masonic Lodge that is perhaps most peculiar. The special relationship between city government and the Masons within the center of municipal governance had been maintained for decades, and many city councilors were members themselves. Interestingly, the second-floor space set aside for Masonic use in the new city hall was planned from the outset of the building design process, and the local lodge was given wide latitude in determining the improvements required to meet their objectives. This included not only meeting space, but also a museum room to display an unusual collection of historical artifacts — called "relics" by the lodge members — that were associated with George Washington and other important Alexandria Masons. As with the city leaders, their major concern was fire protection, as a number of items within their holdings had been destroyed in the recent conflagration.

While the architectural plan proposed by D.C. architect Adolf Cluss was quickly accepted by city council only weeks after the May 1871 fire, the lodge members were determined to consider all options available to them in laying out their new space. The approval for their portion of the building, directly above the main entrance on Cameron Street, was not official until April 2, 1872, when they finally approved Cluss' plans. They awarded a bid to local contractor E.H. Delahay about one month later. On Oct. 15, 1872, a "topping off" ceremony was held to mark completion of the Masonic rooms, but interior decorating and furnishing took another 13 months before formal occupancy was accomplished.

The Masonic Lodge occupied the space well into the 20th century. The Masons left city hall only after the decade-long construction of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial was completed at the top of Shuter's Hill. At that time, all artifacts were moved to that location, where they remain on display.

Over time, the beautiful space once occupied by the Masonic Lodge was retrofitted for a variety of office uses. Today, the space is occupied by the Avery Conference Room, one of the most unadorned rooms in the entire building. Only the Masonic symbols on the exterior trim of the room remain to trace its original function.

Out of the Attic is provided by the Office of Historic Alexandria. This column originally appeared in the June 11, 2015 Alexandria Times.

The writer is Commonwealth’s Attorney for Alexandria.

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In many such cases, the person will be quickly released after a mental health professional determines outpatient treatment will suffice. In more serious cases, this mechanism would allow the system to intervene before a tragedy occurs. Of course, I propose that due process be baked in, for example, the right to an attorney and the right to appeal a judge’s decision.

Given the lack of treatment options, law enforcement officers are often forced to deal with those suffering a mental crisis. I have no desire to serve as the mental health provider of last resort — a job for which I am not trained. Prosecutors are a blunt tool, seeking to encourage compliance with societal norms through pressures such as probation.

A mentally ill person may be incapable of adapting his behavior to conform with what society expects. I strongly favor more funding for mental health treatment, hopefully to intervene before a person is arrested, but also to provide prosecutors with an avenue by which a non-violent criminal defendant may be diverted for treatment. My office’s innovative Mental Health Initiative is an example of a program for which additional funding could be put to good use.

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Weekly Poll

Take the poll at alextimes.com

Last Week

Do you think the lower blocks of King Street should be made into a pedestrian-only area?

59% - Yes, it’s a great idea. It will make lower King Street more festive.
22% - Let’s do the pilot and see how it impacts businesses on those blocks and nearby residents.
17% - No, it will negatively impact traffic and parking.
2% - I’m not sure.

This Week

Do you plan to participate in any of the events taking place around the city this weekend?

A) I plan to attend the Old Town Beer, Wine and Dog Festival.
B) I plan to attend the Emerging Writers Festival.
C) I plan to participate in Alexandria Restaurant Week.
D) I plan to take part in multiple events.
E) I don’t plan to take part in any events.
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DEATH NOTICES

JAMES AGNEW (78), of Alexandria, Aug. 13, 2019
ELSIE ASHOOH (87), formerly of Alexandria, Aug. 3, 2019
SALLY CARTER (78), of Alexandria, July 29, 2019
JUDITH GARRETT (75), of Alexandria, July 31, 2019
PATRICIA JONES (61), of Alexandria, Aug. 11, 2019
HELEN KENNEDY (95), of Alexandria, Aug. 8, 2019
JOHN LEINO (70), formerly of Alexandria, Aug. 2, 2019
BONNIE LOPEZ (83), of Alexandria, Aug. 5, 2019
CANDA B. SMITH (89), of Alexandria, Aug. 5, 2019
JANICE SNEED (79), of Alexandria, Aug. 8, 2019

Solutions from last week

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93 This, to Isabella
95 “L” as in lordly gesture?
96 103 Didn’t cook
97 Ways out
98 Touches on
99 Most rational
100 Life of Pi director
101 Oscar winner Coppola
102 Imitating
103 Water vessels
104 Soft tissue brand
105 Really surprises
106 Hawaiian island or veranda
107 Irish poet
108 Skating rink
109 Czechoslovakia
111 Male turkey
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115 “Thank U, Next” singer, to fans
116 Burn soother
117 Leering person
118 Showy
119 Tiny amount
120 Lairs for bears
121 Have on
122 Whoosh or zing

75 Bob Marley was one
77 Kissing in public, e.g., briefly
78 Great quantity
82 Heat transfer?
84 She led an early 20th-century crime family
89 Cheap beer, informally
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JAMES AGNEW (78), of Alexandria, Aug. 13, 2019
ELSIE ASHOOH (87), formerly of Alexandria, Aug. 3, 2019
SALLY CARTER (78), of Alexandria, July 29, 2019
JUDITH GARRETT (75), of Alexandria, July 31, 2019
PATRICIA JONES (61), of Alexandria, Aug. 11, 2019
HELEN KENNEDY (95), of Alexandria, Aug. 8, 2019
JOHN LEINO (70), formerly of Alexandria, Aug. 2, 2019
BONNIE LOPEZ (83), of Alexandria, Aug. 5, 2019
CANDA B. SMITH (89), of Alexandria, Aug. 5, 2019
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ALEXANDRIA PLANNING COMMISSION & CITY COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 2019

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 & Zoning at 703.746.4666 or visit www.alexandriava.gov.

Special Use Permit #2019-0039 Riparian area adjacent to 0 Prince Street (used and owned by 200 Strand Street) - Old Dominion Boat Club Pier Expansion

Public hearing and consideration of a request for a special use permit to replace and expand a facility used for the docking or berthing of boats or ships; zoned: W-1/ Waterfront mixed use. Applicant: Old Dominion Boat Club (ODBC), represented by Duncan W. Blair, attorney

Text Amendment #2019-0005 Fall 2019 Zoning Ordinance

Initiation of a text amendment and public hearing and consideration of a text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to add definitions for public school (Section 2-187.2) and solar energy system (Sections 2-194.1); to amend the definition of structure, subordinate (Section 2-197.3) and floor area (Section 2-145); to amend Section 4-1203 to add public school as a special use in the I/Industrial zone; to amend Section 6-603 to add child care center as a use in the Mount Vernon Avenue urban overlay district; to amend Section 7-101 to permit solar energy systems as an accessory use; to amend Section 7-202 to permit open stairs within in required yards; to amend Section 7-300 to permit a certain number of customers and employees within home occupations; to amend Section 8-200 to add parking standards for private, academic and public collegiate school uses and to reference section VIII.
Applicant: City of Alexandria, Department of Planning & Zoning

Special Use Permit #2019-0042 607 & 609 North Alfred Street (Parcel Address: 607 North Alfred Street) - Parking Reduction and Lot Modifications

Public hearing and consideration of a request for a special use permit for a parking reduction and lot modifications for the construction of two single-family dwellings; zoned: RB/Townhouse.

Applicant: Deyi Awadallah

Special Use Permit #2019-0061 1400 Duke Street - Executive Diner

Public hearing and consideration of a request for additional outdoor seating at an existing restaurant (amending SUP #2018-0116); zoned: OCM (50)/Office commercial medium (50).

Applicant: J&S Restaurant, LLC., represented by David L. Chamowitz, attorney

Development Special Use Permit #2019-0013 1500 Eisenhower Avenue - Alexandria Renew Enterprises

Public hearing and consideration of a request for a development special use permit with site plan (amending DSUP #2009-0017) to construct a Tunnel Dewatering Pumping Station for the RiverRenew Combined Sewer Remediation Project including special use permits for an increase in building height and a parking reduction; zoned: UT/Utilities and Transportation.

Applicant: Alexandria Renew Enterprises, represented by Caitlin Feehan

Master Plan Amendment #2019-0005 Coordinated Development District Conceptual Design Plan #2019-0004 Development Special Use Permit #2019-0019

200 Stovall Street – Hoffman Town Center Block 6A

Public hearing and consideration of requests for: (A) Initiation of a master plan amendment; (B) a Coordinated Development District conceptual design plan (amending CDD Concept Plan #2019-0003); and (C) a development special use permit with site plan (amending DSUP #2017-0015) to allow coworking offices in ground floor retail areas; zoned: CDD #2/Coordinated Development District #2.

Applicant: Perseus Realty, LLC, represented by Kenneth W. Wire, attorney

For reasonable disability accommodation, contact Graciela. Moreno@alexandriava.gov or 703.746.3808, Virginia Relay 711.

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Board of Architectural Review

LEGAL NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held by the Board of Architectural Review on WEDNESDAY, September 4, 2019 beginning at 7:00 PM in the City Hall Council Chambers, second floor of City Hall, 301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia on the following applications:

The Board of Architectural Review will hold a Work Session prior to the public hearing to discuss the Potomac Yard Metro’s architectural details. The work session will begin at 6:00 PM and go until approximately 7:00 PM and will be held in the City Council Workroom located on the 2nd floor of City Hall, 301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314.

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