

Encore! Encore!

ACPS teachers and parents push back following staffing decision

BY AMY WILL



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Educators and parents are passionately questioning a decision made by the Alexandria City School Board last week. A change in school programming came down that would reallocate staff in the city's elementary Encore program. The restructuring has come as a surprise to many, creating a wave of support for teachers who may be forced to shuttle between several schools next year.

At a Parent Teacher Association meeting held Monday night at Naomi L. Brooks Elementary, Alexandria City Public School Interim Superintendent Melanie Kay-Wyatt, Ed.D., along with other members of the ACPS administrative staff, briefed those in attendance on the changes. They described the reasoning behind the staffing modifications, which they said were driven primarily by inconsistent enrollment numbers between different elementary schools.

In a copy of the brief obtained by the Times, the determining factors were as follows:

were not given full instructional schedules in their area of certification during the 2022-23 school year.

- Music instruction was not offered during the school day at all ACPS elementary schools.

- Some schools were not meeting required Physical Education PE instructional minutes according to School Board Policy.

- Some Encore staff were teaching in areas in which they were not certified to teach (i.e. math/reading intervention) and serving non-instructional purposes within the building, to give them a full instructional schedule and in place of teaching courses in which they are certified.

- Some schools were over-staffed with Encore teaching staff positions while some schools were understaffed.

Some Encore teachers [SEE ACPS](#)

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(L-R) Silver Medal Recipient Officer Phillip Morse, Live Saving Award Recipient Officer Lemar Gardizi and Life Saving Award Recipient Officer Daniel Zapata. See more on page 4.

GenOn site plan amended

Planning Commission approves pedestrian safety change at former power plant

BY AARON KOPP

Commissioners at Tuesday night's Planning Commission meeting voted to approve an amendment to the site plan for the former Potomac River Generating Station site that emphasized pedestrian needs. The commission also approved enhancements for Simpson Field Park and several zoning text amendments.

Among the items discussed at the meeting was the future of the GenOn site, which previously housed a coal burning power plant that was closed in 2012 after city activists called for it to be shuttered due to environmental con-

cerns. The power plant was in the Old Town North neighborhood, bordering on the Potomac river.

The location of the more than 18-acre lot makes it an important site for potential redevelopment. Hilco Redevelopment Partners purchased the site in 2020, and filed a request for the approval of their

Infrastructure Development Site Plan.

City Council recently unanimously approved a plan to begin development on the long-vacant site. This approval allows for demolition to begin, as well as utility and roadwork, including the construction of a

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The Potomac River Generating Station site.

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How Is VA June weather similar to the local real estate market?

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WEEKLY BRIEFING

Juveniles injured in double shooting

Two teenage victims suffered non-life-threatening injuries following a double shooting on May 31. At approximately 8:20 p.m., the Alexandria Police Department responded to the 5400

block of Richenbacher Ave. A 17-year-old male and a 16-year-old male suffered gunshot injuries to their lower bodies. The APD urges anyone who may have witnessed the shooting or

possesses any relevant information to contact Detective Jason Marable via phone at 703-746-6883 or via email at Jason.Marable@Alexandriava.gov.

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APD investigates in-custody death

According to a statement from the Alexandria Sheriff's Office, on June 4 at approximately 4 p.m. Alexandria resident Glenn Eubanks, III, 33, collapsed while

incarcerated at the William G. Truesdale Adult Detention Center.

Eubanks had been in custody since April 12, 2023. The Alexandria Police Department

is investigating the cause of death and the ASO will also conduct a review of policies and protocols following the incident.

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Vega convicted of murder

On June 6, the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney obtained murder convictions against Ryan Vega, a 16-year-old Alexandria resident. Vega was tried as an adult in Circuit Court. He is convicted of felony charges for second degree murder and murder by mob.

On May 24, 2022, Vega

stabbed Alexandria resident Luis Hernandez, 18, during a large-scale fight between students in the Bradlee Shopping Center at 3600 King St. Through security footage, cell phone videos and witness statements, the detectives for the Alexandria Police Department were able to identify Vega

as the assailant. He later made a statement admitting to the crime and claimed self defense.

Vega is incarcerated at the Northern Virginia Juvenile Detention Center pending the sentencing hearing. The maximum penalty for each offense is 40 years.

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Attendees at the Campagna Center's Spring Benefit on June 1 included President and CEO Tammy L. Mann, Ph.D, Vice Mayor Amy Jackson, former Mayor Allison Silberberg and other supporters.

Campagna Center honors volunteers

The Campagna Center Bright Futures spring benefit, "A Toast to our Volunteers" was held on June 1 at the George Washington Masonic Temple. The event hon-

ored the tutors, mentors, language instructors, board members and others from the community who support the nonprofit that has served children and families in Alex-

andria since 1945. Anne Culbert, who has volunteered at the Campagna Center for 30 years, was recognized for her service.

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OHA announces new deputy director

The City of Alexandria announced Liz Williams as Deputy Director of the Office of Historic Alexandria. Williams joined the city in 2004, beginning as the assistant director of Gadsby’s Tavern Museum and became its director in 2017.

“Liz Williams has been a leader in museum opera-

tions, project management, and social media during her almost 20-year career with the City. She will be an effective and inspiring leader in this new capacity with the Office of Historic Alexandria,” said Gretchen Bulova, Director of OHA.

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Valor Awards

On June 1, public safety personnel from the Alexandria Fire Department, Police Department, Sheriff’s Office, and Department of Emergency Communications were honored for heroic acts of valor at the annual Chamber of Commerce Valor Awards.



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(L-R) Life Saving Award Recipients Captain Dave Cutting, Deputy Joseph Walker and Sergeant Victor Ignacio alongside Sheriff Sean Casey.



(L-R) Peggy Fox of Dominion Energy, Community Valor Award Recipient Kristyn Peck of Lutheran Social Services National Capital Area and Chamber CEO Joe Haggerty.



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The old Douglas MacArthur Elementary School.

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Administrators assured community members both in the brief and at the meeting that “assigning encore staff across schools is an efficient scheduling framework and proper use of personnel. Reviewing school allocations is a practice that takes place yearly and has impacted other contracted staff within ACPS over the years.”

Administrative staff explained the goal of the shift in schedules would be to ensure that all Encore educators are teaching the subjects they are certified in, as well

as making sure music classes and the required PE minutes were being offered at all elementary schools.

The backlash from the decision began almost immediately following an email sent by ACPS Fine Arts Instructional Specialist Meagan Carrick to all art, music and physical education teachers on May 30. The email has since been posted on various social media outlets and addressed staffing changes for the 2023-2024 school year.

The email read in part:

“A few weeks ago, Finance and Human Resources made us aware of necessary staffing changes for the 23-24 school

year. Unfortunately, ACPS must reallocate Encore positions across the district due to projected student enrollment. We were able to save the positions of our current teachers at their current FTE allocation by strategically pairing schools with historically low or high enrollments. Therefore, there will be some shifting of school assignments or position-splitting between schools in order to maintain full-time positions.”

The correspondence discussed the timing of the announcement.

“We wanted to be transparent about this shift as contracts are coming out June 1. Your

principals are aware of these changes and will be speaking to you about Encore scheduling and staffing for next year,” the email stated.

The Alexandria School Board approved the proposed reallocations during its June 1 meeting, but not without pushback from several teachers and a parent who spoke candidly during the public comments portion of the meeting. Despite Carrick’s email that emphasized ACPS efforts to be transparent, concerns about a lack of transparency were at the center of resistance to the Encore changes.

Laura Torchia, an instrumental music teacher at Naomi L. Brooks and Cora Kelly School for Math, Science and Technology expressed her disapproval to the Board.

“I come to you tonight with feelings of disgust, disappointment and shame for this school district regarding the Encore Allocation notice that we received only 48 hours ago stating that art, PE and music teachers on the elementary level at lower enrollment schools will have to be split to larger schools next year,” Torchia said. “This is a major career shift for many of my colleagues and the way that this decision was handled defines unprofessionalism at the

highest level.”

Since the announcement, dozens of community members have echoed Torchia’s sentiments.

Jefferson-Houston science teacher David Wainwright said he is not directly impacted by the move, but attended the Monday PTA meeting at Naomi L. Brooks to show solidarity with his colleagues.

“I feel very strongly about our teachers, especially our encore teachers, getting treated with respect,” Wainwright said. “The big reason why this process has been so frustrating is that there hasn’t been collaboration.”

According to a PE teacher who requested anonymity, there had been no prior discussion with school staff, administrators or the Board regarding the change.

“We want a conversation, we want to be part of the conversation,” the PE teacher said.

Wainwright agreed and said the topic was never addressed.

“Maybe this really would have been the best solution. I’m hard pressed to believe that it is because I can think of a number of other solutions that could potentially be better,” Wainwright said. “But the point of the matter is that there was not a dialogue there. Nobody has interfaced with us. Teachers who have the boots on the ground were not asked about what could other potential solutions be.”

Wainwright said the lack of collaboration between ACPS staff and teachers was counterproductive.

“If we had engaged in a process where you collaborated with your teachers, at the very least, those teachers would have had a stake in making that decision,” Wainwright said.

One area both educators and parents questioned at the recent PTA meeting involved the topic of enrollment numbers.

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Pierrette Finney, ACPS executive director of School Leadership, and Carmen Sanders, executive director of Instructional Support, wrote:

“An examination of schools’ current enrollment for this year and next year was conducted. Based upon those numbers, we discovered that our less populated schools were overstaffed, while our more populated schools were understaffed, thus not meeting the instructional and programmatic needs of the schools.”

Wainwright said participants at the Monday meeting were told by administrators that the most accurate enrollment information was received in May, but those administrators said they could not share those numbers.

Naomi L. Brooks parent Bridget Shea Westfall said high enrollment is not a new problem. She said that overcrowding at her child’s school had been discussed at a School Board meeting in the fall and although some changes were made, the dialogue stopped there. Westfall added she was hoping Monday night’s meeting would give her and others more clarity.

“It’s unclear to me still what the full scope of the problem is,” Westfall said.

Some teachers fear that shuffling between campuses will diminish their role in their current schools – and could compromise the quality of their instruction.

ACPS administrators tried to reassure teachers in their brief.

“School leaders will work collaboratively to ensure that Encore staff are scheduled at one school for a full instructional day to avoid traveling between schools when possible.

Naomi L. Brooks art teacher Luisa Tio said the changes would disrupt the connection that teachers have with their

current schools.

“We are part of the very running of our school and taking us away to go to other schools is going to dramatically change the situation,” Tio said.

Parents like Meg Ziemann, a member of the Cora Kelly PTA Executive Board, expressed similar feelings in an emotional plea at the School Board meeting.

“The Encore team at Cora Kelly not only provide engaging instruction that enriches the ways our students see and interact with the world and promote positive development in body, mind and spirit but, they also offer vital social and emotional support to students and families,” Ziemann said. “... The impact of this administrative decision cannot be understated.”

Two teachers who wished not to be identified reached out to the Times to express their disappointment with the timing of the decision. Contracts for ACPS teachers went out just days ago, leaving Encore teachers a short window of time to finalize a decision for next year.

Several parents and staff believe the School Board was unaware of the proposed changes until June 1. School Board members did not respond to requests for comment from the Times.

Although ACPS issued a statement regarding the rationale behind the decision, requests for enrollment data and a list of those schools lacking specific Encore programs and PE minutes received no response.

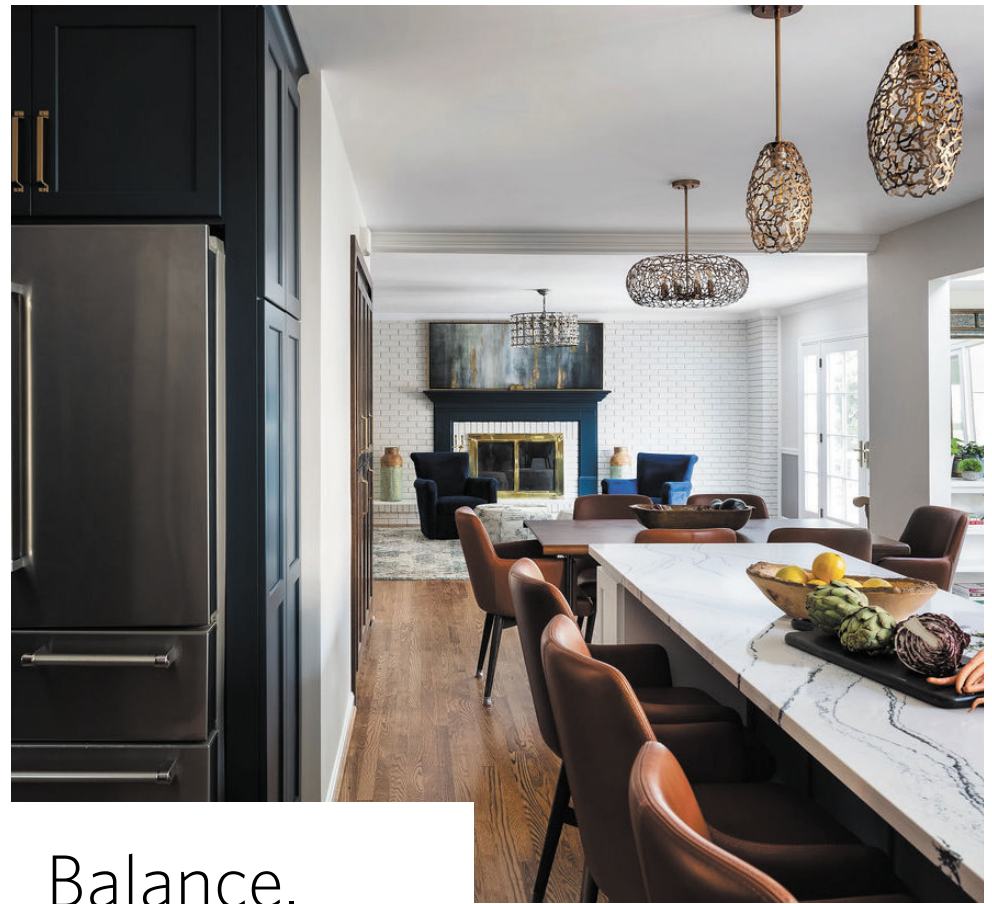
Teachers and parents who are opposed to both the substance of and process behind the Encore changes said they will continue trying to create momentum, in the hope that their voices will spark change before the final Board meeting of the 2022-23 school year on June 15.

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“ The impact of this administrative decision cannot be understated.”

– Meg Ziemann, PTA Executive Board member

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An amendment to the plan concerning the pedestrian-focused section of the roadway was approved.

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new public roadway on the exterior of site, away from the river, and privately owned, publicly available roads on

the interior of the site. The site plan includes utility lines and recovery of environmental hazards such as lead and asbestos from the site.

There was considerable

back-and-forth during the meeting about the site plan.

Eileen O’Neill, a local resident, expressed concern for the fate of wildlife on the site in the face of redevelopment.

“I want to speak tonight to bring to attention the potential effects on the local wildlife. ... I want to bring attention to the board [of] all the different types of wildlife I see [on the site] ... many species of birds, mammals, squirrels and a bobcat,” O’Neill said.

Serge Duss, a resident of the nearby Marina Towers Condominium, addressed the meeting on behalf of the Marina Towers HRP redevelopment ad hoc committee and expressed support for the project, especially a pedestrian-focused road on the site.

“The Marina Towers community supports the redevelopment project,” Duss said.

Duss said he hopes that the city expands the shared street to “increase the safety and livability of the community.”

Another Marina Towers resident, Mary Harris, concurred, expressing her desire to see an extension to the already planned pedestrian focused roadway.

Land use attorney Mary Catherine Gibbs, representing HRP, defended the configuration of roads in the plan, saying it was a “very balanced and well thought out road network for multimodal transportation.”

“The proposed road network ensures vehicle circulation around the development

blocks,” Gibbs said. “Lack of vehicular circulation could lead to vehicular buildup ... this is an unsafe situation and one we would like to avoid.”

Commissioner Stephen Koenig reminded everyone during the discussion that the current plan is far from finished.

“We’re all very excited about the potential here. ... I think it’s necessary to be cognizant that the moving forward of this plan will provide a framework, but will not set in stone every detail,” Koenig said.

Commissioner Mindy Lyle defended the plans that were presented.

“We have a lot of really smart transportation minds that have spent many hours working on these plans. My opinion is that we leave the transportation design to the engineers,” Lyle said.

An amendment to the plan concerning the pedestrian-focused section of the roadway was approved 5-2. The amendment requires the developers to prioritize pedestrian needs in this section.

McMahon said pedestrian safety is paramount.

“What I want it to do is focus people on the pedestrian

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safety aspect. ... I don't want to prescribe what they can or can't do," McMahon said.

Gibbs said the modification to the plan approved in the amendment would require significant changes.

"It is not as light a touch as you seem to be suggesting," Gibbs said.

Also under discussion at the meeting were planned changes for Simpson Stadium Park. The City Department of Project Implementation applied for a Development Special Use Permit to perform renovations on the complex, which the Planning Commission passed 7-0.

The plan includes the renovation of athletic fields at the park. Big Simpson baseball field will be turned into regulation-size field with synthetic turf. New bleachers and dugouts will be built, and a new concession stand and new basketball court will be built. The plan also involves landscaping around the park, including the planting of more than 100 new trees. Improved safety lighting,

increased parking space, and enhanced stormwater management are also all included in the plan.

Sherry Reilly, president of Alexandria Little League, met with local baseball teams, including the Alexandria City High School varsity baseball coach, the Bishop Ireton varsity baseball coach and the American Legion team coach, all of whom she said support the plan.

"Every organization uses the big fields, and we only have two in the city," Reilly said. "Being able to have synthetic turf will help us get every organization's games in during a rainy spring."

Community member Brian Collins raised player comfort concerns about the use of turf, citing how hot turf got in the summer, at times reaching above 120 degrees Fahrenheit. He also cited environmental concerns about the use of artificial turf.

Planning Commission Chair Nathan Macek said discussion of the merits of synthetic turf was not the Planning

Commission's purview.

"The issue of synthetic turf is not ours to decide, we are largely voting on a zoning issue," Macek said.

The commission also discussed text amendments to change the definition of a park and a congregate recreational facility. Such amendments would broaden the definition of a park and thus allow the Alexandria Department of Recreation Parks and Cultural Activities to make small improvements to newly designated parks, such as installing lighting or replacing a playground, without first conducting a public hearing. This amendment was approved by a 7-0 vote.

A text amendment was also proposed to eliminate redundant approval processes for improvements of Public Open Space and Community Recreation. This amendment will likewise allow small improvements to public open space without conducting a public hearing first. This amendment was also approved 7-0.

Commissioner David Brown



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The Department of Recreation Parks and Cultural Activities will make small improvements to newly designated parks.

applauded the elimination of what he considered a redundant current approval process.

"We really don't need those. Staff at Parks and Rec already consider those. We don't need to second guess them," Brown said.

The Planning Commission is one of the most powerful non-elected boards in Alexandria, as development issues go before the commission before heading to City Council for final consideration.

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Big Simpson baseball field will be turned into a regulation-size field with synthetic turf.



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Out of the classroom

Education section

Browne students wins honorable mentions

Two Browne Academy 8th graders recently won honorable mentions at a nationwide C-SPAN StudentCam competition.

Ariella Braun and Connor Stehn each created a five-to-six minute video documentary on the theme, "If you were a newly elected member of Congress, which issue would be your first priority and why?"

Braun chose the child mental health crisis and Stehn selected gun control as their topics respectively. There were 1,500 video entries. 150 students received awards. Of the nine awards given to students in Virginia, Browne won two.

C-SPAN representative Zach Lowe visited the school to screen the winning documentaries, interview them about their topics and present them their awards. Lowe also recognized Sammie Weinstein, Imran Yared and Nadia Chebinou for their documentaries that made it to the final round.

The C-SPAN StudentCam



Connor Stehn and Ariella Braun during their Q&A with C-SPAN representative Zach Lowe.

Competition serves as one portion of the multi-month 8th Grade Capstone project. It showcases research, writing, presentation and creative skills that students develop during their time at Browne.

"This culminating project challenges the 8th graders to look at an issue from multiple perspectives and speak with subject matter experts," Cap-

stone advisor Alissa Kharkar commented. "As a result of this extended research and conversations... the 8th graders are exposed to the complexities of attempting to solve modern-day problems. Through this project they hone those critical thinking skills that are so necessary to be civically engaged and active members of society."



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A BSS student places a crown on the statue of Mary.

BSS May Crowning

On May 11, second grade students from Blessed Sacrament School participated in their annual May Crowning. A tradition for decades, students

gathered in the Mary Garden. Two students placed a crown on a statue of Mary and the other second graders added flowers to the statue.

ACDS annual poetry reading

Third graders at Alexandria Country Day School participated in the annual third grade poetry reading. Students shared two original pieces of work and a poem by a published author. They showcased their writing and public speaking skills with friends and family. The original poems took many different forms from cinquains and limericks to haikus and color poems.



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Fusion Academy's spring showcase

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Projects ranged from a presentation on 3D printing to a living painting. Students, staff and families mixed and mingled. Discussions varied from explanations of poetry to how to create music from plants. Health and wellness projects featured prominently with QR codes offered guests the chance to follow guided meditations recorded by students. Lucky visitors left with prizes as the STEM students raffled off 3D printed trinkets.



COURTESY PHOTO

Students took the lead at Fusion Academy Alexandria's spring showcase.

"It was so fantastic to see all the incredible work our students have produced this year, and you could tell how

proud they were to be able to share their accomplishments with their families," raved an administrator.



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On Monday, Immanuel Lutheran School students, teachers, and parents celebrated the end of the school year with Field Day. Students participated in a wide variety of competitions and activities, including tug-of-war, basketball, sack races, relays, a dunk tank, bounce house, water balloons, and more. This annual tradition is a favorite for students of all ages and the many parent volunteers who help make the day such fun for everyone.

National recognition for Grace Episcopal

A fifth grader from Grace Episcopal School was recognized in a national fiction writing contest. Hundreds of children submitted entries in the Storyworks kid

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School Profile

Lyles-Crouch Traditional Academy

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Old House Cosmopolitan Grill's outdoor rooftop seating.

PHOTO/LEXIE JORDAN

A feast for the eyes

Enjoy delightful dining with a view

With summer only a couple of weeks away, there will be an ever-increasing number of opportunities to enjoy the spectacle and atmosphere at one of the many restaurants Alexandria has to offer. From a fine dining experience along the waterfront to a smaller streetside restaurant catering to a livelier environment, you can find an eatery that has what you want here in Alexandria.

Here are a few locations we would recommend for those of you who would enjoy dining with a view this summer.

BY THOMPSON ESKEW AND LEXIE JORDAN

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The lawn of Cedar Knoll overlooks the Potomac.

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Cedar Knoll

Among the collection of Alexandria’s more formal restaurants, Cedar Knoll stands out for its unique setting. Located

across the George Washington Parkway from the Potomac River at 9030 Lucia Lane, the restaurant lies between Old Town and Mount Vernon.

After a scenic drive along the parkway, patrons will find

an equally beautiful view of the river from Cedar Knoll’s many rooms.

A full-service American cuisine restaurant since 1970, Cedar Knoll’s building dates from the early 1800s. It was

originally a farmhouse before being remodeled a century later as the Mount Vernon View Antique Shop and Tea-room. The essence of the original building has been maintained, creating a fine dining ambiance and an aesthetic akin to Mount Vernon.

“Part of the uniqueness of each room is that it has its own set of characteristics that makes it different. We have the Botanical Room when you walk in towards the left, which has many plants on the inside and large windows that allow you to see our gardens ... [Another one of our rooms is] the Presidential Room, which has the dark oak and a more historic feel, such as a parlor or a dining car on a train from the 1800s,” co-owner Andrew Holden said.

Cedar Knoll has multiple “rooms with a view.”

Old House Cosmopolitan Grill

Old House Cosmopolitan Grill, located on the corner of N. Henry and Cameron streets along Route 1 in Old Town, might at first seem an unlikely candidate for a “best view” restaurant option.

Its outdoor, rooftop seating area, decorated with lights

and flowers, proves otherwise. Old House Cosmopolitan Grill offers a variety of seating in addition to the roof. There is counter-top and high-top seating near the bar and kitchen areas on the first floor, while the rest of the indoor seating that owners Ivica and Amela Svalina created is candlelit and more intimate.

As you enter the restaurant, your senses are transported. The smell of authentic European food hits you as a waiter walks by with a plate of their locally-famous wiener schnitzel. The open kitchen to the right is made by the sizzling of meat on a pan. Cocktails are shaken from the bar area to the right of the kitchen.

“When guests come to this house, I treat them like they come to my personal house,” Svalina said.

This welcoming and lovable environment adds to the charm of the family owned restaurant.

If you do find yourself at the Old House Cosmopolitan Grill, be sure to try the veal wiener schnitzel or one of the new summer soups, salads or sandwich combos. For beverages the owner recommends one

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Barca Pier and Wine Bar offers tapas and beverages on their pier side.

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of the German beers. If you are in the mood for a cocktail, the espresso martini and the Cosmopolitan stand out.

Barca Pier and Wine Bar

With summer settling in and weather becoming

warmer, Barca Pier and Wine Bar located at 2 Pioneer Way is a great place to enjoy the beautiful waterfront views.

Inspired by the ports of Spain, Barca's menu features a variety of Spanish food and drink. If you are looking for a more casual dining experience, the pier side, located directly on the Potomac River, offers

tapas and a plethora of wines and cocktails. Be sure to try the two most popular items on the drink menu: the sangria and the pineapple express.

Manager Naomi Harris said, "the bay scallops and patatas bravas" are her personal favorites.

If you are in the mood for a more intimate setting with

larger plates, Barca is also home to the wine bar and indoor seating, with outdoor options. The wine bar has happy hour Monday through Friday from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Throughout the summer, Barca plans on hosting cocktail classes where you can learn to make some of their popular cocktails, so check their events website at barcaalx.com/private-events for more details.

Barca's water views are among the best in Alexandria, especially at sunset.

"There is no place else in Old Town that has [better] tapas or a better water view," Harris said.

Grape and Bean

If you crave a quieter ambiance that still offers an international feel, then look no further than Grape and Bean located at 2 East Walnut St. Standing on its own in the Rosemont neighborhood, this eatery combines the atmosphere of a local restaurant with the diverse menu of a bottle shop and gourmet marketplace.

With its outdoor seating under the restaurant's maroon curtains, Grape and Bean can host smaller parties as well as

families that are looking for a shared dining experience. The quaint dining experience in the welcoming setting of Rosemont offers a special rustic ambiance.

Along with its menu of cheeses, soups and sandwiches, Grape and Bean also provides a variety of craft brew beers and international wines.

Furthering a rustic atmosphere, upon entering the space patrons will be welcomed with the aroma of freshly brewed coffee and baked goods. An array of organic dairy products, wine and craft brew beer can be found on the left wall parallel to the market counter. Guests can order products such as one of the restaurant's sustainable coffees.

Stacey Wharam, who runs Grape and Bean, attributes the restaurant's setting in the heart of the Rosemont neighborhood to its success.

"There's something really special about having a quaint little wine and coffee shop in your backyard that you can walk to, where you can get a small bit to eat, a good glass of wine, a cup of coffee and a pastry," Wharam said.

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There is a wide selection of beer and wine at Grape and Bean.

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Cook and prepare a variety of foods to care for yourself.

Cooking for one

Eating well is an act of self-love and delivers more than nutrients

BY RORY CALLAGHAN

There is more to eating well than consuming food. But it can be difficult to get motivated to take time to pamper yourself with a nice meal. You really don't have to be an expert cook. You just have to be willing to take care of yourself. The best food is easy to purchase, prep and cook.

If you're not an accomplished cook, it can be difficult to find the motivation to learn.

Guilt, shame, regret, self-recrimination and doubt are among the negative feelings that threaten us when we

are most alone. To love oneself enough to take the time to make a great meal only for yourself creates a giant gesture of self-love that will make you feel great.

Artful eating

Cooking is an art form. A meal not only delights your tastebuds. The aroma and visual pleasure of a well-plated, delicious meal offer a feast for your senses. The taste of the food is the last thing that counts. The human brain is constantly trying to trick us! Don't fall for it. Make yourself a good meal, plate it up nicely, then enjoy it. Even if it is only scrambled eggs, it can be pretty and delicious. Don't

forget the fresh parsley or another herb to pep it up with both taste and color.

Plan ahead

Now that food prices are increasing, people are looking for ways to save money at the grocery store. You may discover that cooking is more fun than you realized and more economical, too.

Buy fresh produce for a week. Eat delicate greens like spinach and chard within a day or two. More durable greens are eaten a few days later. Peppers and zucchini last longer than most vegetables. Root veggies like carrot and potato will last a week.

If you eat fish or meat, cook it the day you bring it home. A whole fish is easier to cook properly than filets or steaks. But if it's just you, eat half at dinner time and the second half at lunch the next day.

Take the time

Life is an endless series of tiny tasks. We only have so much time. One may rationalize buying lunch because they "don't have time to make it." Fair enough.

But let's dissect the "I don't have time to make lunch" line of thinking. If lunch is \$20, think about how long it took you to work to earn \$20. Could your time have been better spent prepping a meal beforehand?

All in moderation

Many of the tastiest foods are just not good for us. I say eat anything you want, just don't eat a lot of it. You're smart. You learn things. Be mindful of what goes into your mouth every time, and you'll learn to feed yourself like a grown-up. Take control to love yourself.

The writer is a kitchen planning and cabinetry specialist at M&M Appliance.



PHOTO/UNION STREET

House bread pudding

A dangerously delicious dessert from Union St. Public House

Ingredients

- 1 loaf French bread cut into 1-inch cubes
- 4 cups milk
- 3 eggs
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 cup raisins
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons vanilla extract

Bourbon Sauce

- 1/2 cup soft butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 well beaten egg
- 2 tablespoons bourbon

Directions

Combine bread and milk in mixing bowl. Add eggs, sugar, raisins, butter and vanilla. Spoon mixture into a greased 3-quart casserole. Bake at 325F until firm (approximately 1 hour). Cool in pan. Cut into serving squares. Add bourbon sauce. Top with vanilla ice-cream and a caramel drizzle.

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Summer wines

Explore with an adventurous spirit

BY ELIZABETH MYLLENBECK

It's finally here. The unmistakable heat of summer, yet evenings have been cool and clear. It's time to break out warm weather wines, juice up your tastebuds and give new ones a try. The season longs for crispy, chalky whites, mouth-watering rosés and some full-bodied chilled reds.

I strolled into Unwined located at 1600 Belle View Blvd. and owner Vanessa Moore was excited to show me the new vintages of some old friends and some new, slightly quirky yet amazing wines.

Andrew Jones in Paso Robles, California is the owner of Field Recordings. He has moved the needle on wines and fun. Three standouts from his solid selections are Boxie described as "a mix between classic California chardonnay and orange wine techniques on pinot gris, riesling and albarino [which] makes this the perfect wine to chill down."

This box wine is an excellent value that houses four bottles worth of fun for a bit over \$40. This is a true summer slurper. Jones' wines also provide a new red that is meant to be chilled. "Freddo" is a san-

giovese that is best chilled and the label ensures that you have it at the proper temp to drink when the label turns blue. Very handy.

When chilling reds, chill to 55- or 60-degrees max. On a hot summer day, they will warm up nicely and provide all kinds of nose and sophistication.

The 2021 Gamay Noir by Mr. Brightside is a Paso Robles joy that is perfect for the red wine drinker who wants something fuller and beautifully balanced. You will be a convert to chilling reds. I truly enjoy a chilled pinot noir or zinfandel. See what you have hiding in your stash and pop it in ice and give it a whirl.

Whites are a standard for summer wines, but drinking different varietals and locations makes for a special party. The Garzón Albariño Reserva 2022 for \$16 from Uruguay is a perfect choice.

James Suckling, my favorite Wine Spectator sommelier, gives it a 91 with "aromas of sliced pear, melon, mango and honeysuckle ... tangy acidity and juicy."

Feeling additionally adventurous? Give the Basa Loer Txakoli from the Basque region some love. It's zesty with citrus and flowers and a well-rounded mouth that's vegan

and no sulfites. It's also an affordable wine.

Wanting classic California whites? Center of Effort Chardonnay is a perfect choice with 92 points from Wine Enthusiast showcasing warm notes of stone fruit and almonds with a crisp finish.

Want to impress your pals or boss? Bring Russian River Valley's Merry Edwards Sauvignon Blanc. It's Merry Edwards, so say no more. So delicious and aromatic. Both are classic representations of their varietals and perfect with spicy and unctuous food. And at \$50 a bottle, a perfect gift.

What is summer without a rosé? It's not. White wine drinkers will love the more Provencal styles with crisp, chalky expressions of pinot noir or lighter red varietals.

Margerum Rivera Rosé out of Santa Barbara, California makes a Grenache and Syrah rose that is stunning.

Bandol Provence Rosés in France are beyond classic.

Are you a red wine drinker that is not sure about rosé? Wild Thing Renezvous Rose from Zinfandel and Carignan Grapes showcases cranberry, watermelon and strawberry on the palate.

Carol Shelton in Mendocino County "bleed offs" more of the juice with a bit of skin contact, so it is a deeper red, dry and bolder. A true winner with 95

points by the Press Democrat in Sonoma County. There are many different price points to try a rosé, but know that spending just a bit more will truly pay off and your taste buds will thank you.

Finally, headed to a festival where no glass is allowed? We drank a few different canned wines and they were amazing. Easy to pack, ice and drink canned wine can be a blessing to have.

Chris Berg's Klee Pinot Noir canned wine does not disappoint. The O Joie Fleurie Beaujolais that is 100% gamay is a full-on red wine that is delicious.

One of Spain's favorite drinks is a dry vermouth with fruit. Much like a sangria, but

better. Vermentino Spritzer with a slice of orange will recreate the taste.

Summer wines can be so much fun if you reach out of your comfort zone and give new things a try. Splurge the extra \$5 for special wines from other regions that you haven't tried before. You will be so happy you did. Find a great wine shop that is willing to help you stretch and find more wine joy.

The writer is former CEO/Owner of Sonoma Cellar.

Currently, she works for PourLeVin, a private and charity wine tasting event group. She and her husband Rick met while wine tasting in California. Wine is a major part of their lives.



FILE PHOTO

Mondays in Paris

A refreshing non-alcoholic drink to transport you to the city of love

Crafted by John Schott of Jula's on the Potomac

Ingredients

- 2 oz. Monday Gin (zero alcohol)
- 1 oz. Lavender cordial
- 75 oz. fresh lemon juice
- 25 oz. butterfly pea syrup
- 2 oz. Prima Pave Blanc de Blancs (zero alcohol)

Directions

Build all ingredients in shaker except the Prima Pave. Shake 8 to 12 seconds. Double strain over crushed ice into a collins glass. Top with Prima Pave. Swizzle to blend. Garnish with dried lemon wheel and umbrella.





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Times Living

Former spy writes groundbreaking new novel

BY KERRY BOYD ANDERSON

Female characters have long been featured in spy novels, but rarely were such characters written by a woman with first-hand experience working in intelligence. Brittany Butler offers her distinctive take on spy adventures in her debut novel, “The Syndicate Spy.”

Butler worked for the CIA for nine years, specializing in operations with a focus on counterterrorism in the Middle East and Central Asia. Often tasked with managing intelligence operatives, she faced particular challenges as a woman – including the need to prove her abilities while working against stereotypes – in addition to the usual challenges and dangers of the job.

Butler brings those in-the-field experiences to her main character, Juliet Arroway. The novel is set in a future in which oil reserves have been depleted and countries compete over alternative energy sources. Arroway is a spy tasked with finding energy terrorists. The book immediately begins with a lot of action and continues to provide the thrills that fans of spy novels expect.

Butler imbues Arroway with complexity and humanity and includes a romantic angle in her story.

“With a lot of the spies we read or watch on TV, the women are really one dimensional. I included romance and feeling in this novel because

that’s human,” Butler said. “We’re romantic, sexual beings. To take that out completely dehumanizes people. In reality, especially in war zones, the human connection is very important to get through really hard times. People might use humor, sex, or alcohol to get through the hard stuff. I’m not sure that a lot of people who write spy fiction and didn’t work in espionage know that.”

In an unusual twist, Arroway’s fellow spy and friend is a Saudi princess, named Mariam al-Saud. Butler has interacted with women from the Middle East and central Asia and is “passionate about the women’s rights movements in the Middle East.” Her primary goal with the book is to entertain readers, but she also hopes to highlight the capabilities and resilience of women from the region, as well the challenges they face.

With both of her main female characters, Butler presents a nuanced view of their roles and relationships, while still including heroic scenes.

“This is a real female spy story. This isn’t pushing a female into a James Bond role,” Butler said. Arroway grapples with managing her desire for a regular life and relationships with a demanding but compelling job. Butler also struggled with balancing her family’s needs and her devotion to her work at the CIA.

“That’s a story that often isn’t told. Intelligence officers

often have to make difficult decisions that affect their personal lives,” she said.

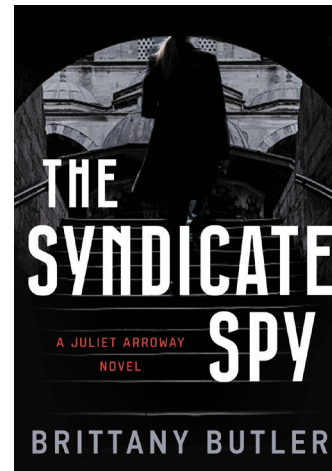
Butler eventually left the CIA to focus on her young children while also joining efforts to support Afghan women.

She has worked with Women for Afghan Women, which provides services to women and children in Afghanistan, including for survivors of domestic abuse. Since the 2021 Taliban takeover, the organization has continued to support women in Afghanistan as well as assisting with Afghan refugees arriving in the United States.

With the influx of refugees, Butler also volunteered with the Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, which is one of the main organizations providing resettlement services to refugees. Butler is deeply familiar with the sacrifices that many of the United States’ Afghan allies made.

“We have a duty to honor those alliances and partnerships,” Butler emphasized.

She was happy to be able to help Afghan refugees find housing and jobs as they arrived in the United States. Butler especially enjoyed working with Afghan mothers as they settled in a new place. More recently, Butler has become involved with efforts to support women artisans in Kandahar through involvement with the IBU Movement, a global marketplace representing more than 40 countries around



COURTESY PHOTO

“The Syndicate Spy” is an unusual take on spy adventures with a lady in the lead. Author Brittany Butler (right).

the world.

Butler has always enjoyed writing and leaving the CIA allowed her more opportunity to pursue that interest. While working with Women for Afghan Women, she felt inspired by the women in the organization, and one of them particularly encouraged her to write a book.

“My first goal in this book is to entertain. If you come away with some knowledge of the Middle East that you didn’t have before, that’s cool. It’s valuable to learn about what those women are going through and maybe how we can empower them,” Butler said.

She wrote some of “The Syndicate Spy” at Misha’s Coffee in Old Town and expressed gratitude for the shop’s role in her writing experience. Butler lived in Alexandria for 15 years, and her children were born here. The family recently moved to Charleston, South Carolina, but Butler frequently visits Alexandria, including for a recent event at Hooray for Books! that featured her novel. She hopes to write some of her

next book at Misha’s.

“I’ve loved diving into writing. It’s been therapeutic,” Butler said.

She does most of her writing in the mornings, often in a coffee shop, and continues at night. Her process includes sketching out a general outline and a solid understanding of her characters, then she allows the creative process to flow.

As a first-time novelist, she found the editorial process to be relatively smooth, but the marketing process was a bigger challenge. She noted that debut authors often must do much of their own promotion, and first-time authors should not expect immediate success.

“It requires a certain level of patience,” she noted.

Writing may require patience, but reading Butler’s novel does not. The action starts immediately, appealing to readers who love a good thrill. The book also quickly feels different from many spy novels, clearly reflecting a woman’s voice and experience.

It’s about time.

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HOMES

Prepare for summer pests

Five ways homeowners can keep bugs at bay

BY BRANDPOINT

As we approach warmer months, homeowners are getting ready for their summertime favorites. Spending more time outdoors, entertaining in gardens and readying for backyard barbecues. However, they should be on guard from uninvited house guests: pests.

Spiders and ants are often considered to be a nuisance, but some can pose a threat to your property. According to Groundworks, spiders, carpenter ants and cockroaches are among the biggest pest threats homeowners face.

While pests can find their way into homes year-round, some seasons are worse than others. According to research from the University of Wash-

ington, outside of the tropics, insects reproduce at higher rates in warmer weather, so you'll see more bugs during spring and summer.

Don't wait for pest problems to crop up at your home and ruin summertime fun. Follow these five steps to protect your home and family from pests.

Seal entry points

Pests like ants, spiders and cockroaches are small and crafty. They are able to enter your home through tiny cracks, gaps and holes. Make it harder for bugs to get in by sealing up entry points with caulk. Weather strips your home's walls, doors and windows. Don't forget to inspect areas where pipes and wires enter your home and seal any entry points you find.

Proactive pest control

Before you have a major summertime pest problem on your hands, take a proactive approach. Have products at the ready like insecticides, traps and repellents.

There are a variety of pest control products available depending on your specific pest needs. Whether you're dealing with ants, roaches, house flies, mosquitoes or spiders, you can find products that work based on your needs. Always read the label and follow instructions for best results.

Tidy up

Keeping your home clean is a simple but effective pest preventative. Pests are attracted to food, water and shelter. It is critical to keep your home extra clean and tidy in the

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Make it harder for bugs to get in by sealing up entry points with caulk.

HOME OF THE WEEK



PHOTOS/TOWNSEND VISUALS

Left: 4-level brick townhome on centrally located Rose Square. **Middle:** Spacious living room with substantial crown molding and five large windows. **Right:** Gourmet kitchen with breakfast bar, double ovens, and a pantry.

Spacious metro friendly Potomac Greens townhome

The sought-after neighborhood of Potomac Greens is nestled between Old Town, Del Ray, Potomac Yard and is just 0.3 miles to the new Potomac Yard Metro Station. This gorgeous four level brick townhome over looks Rose Square, the heart of the neighborhood and home to numerous community celebrations.

Upon entering the home, a spacious recreation room greets you with hardwood

floors and large windows. A walk-in closet and a two-car garage provide ample storage.

Upstairs, the main level is appointed with substantial crown molding, wainscoting, tall ceilings, nine giant windows and hardwood floors. The extra-large living room with tree house views offers plenty of space for big gatherings.

The open floor plan enables an easy flow from the

living room to the elegantly appointed dining room to the family room. In the family room, you can chat with the chef or curl up by the gas fireplace. The gourmet kitchen is appointed with a breakfast bar, abundant cabinetry, double wall ovens and lots of counter space.

Upstairs are three bedrooms and two bathrooms, including the primary suite. The spacious primary suite

offers two walk-in closets and a large en-suite bathroom with soaking tub, dual vanities and a glass shower. The top floor consists of a fourth bedroom-bathroom suite, a fourth living space or possible home office with a wet bar and a rooftop deck with sunrise views. Less than 100 yards from the front door is the community center with a fitness room, social room, outdoor pool and a nature trail.

AT A GLANCE

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CALENDAR

JUNE 9



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT All are welcome to attend. Popcorn, cotton candy, drinks, trivia and more. Bring a blanket and chairs. \$5 per person or \$15 for a family of four.

Time:
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Location:
25 W. Reed Ave.

Information:
apps.alexandriava.gov/Calendar/Detail.aspx?si=51928

JUNE 10



CLEAN THE BAY Cleanup held rain-or-shine. Meet at Windmill Hill Park. The city will provide gloves, trash bags and first aid kits. Please bring your own water, snacks and sun protection.

Time:
9 to 11 a.m.

Location:
501 S. Union St.

Information:
apps.alexandriava.gov/Calendar/Detail.aspx?si=52020

COLONIAL SPICES Join in the celebration of National Herb and Spice Day. Speciality tours of the Carlyle House Museum are offered. Learn about the use of spices and herbs in Colonial Alexandria ranging from culinary to medicinal. \$7 per person. Registration requested but not required.

Time:
11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Location:
121 N. Fairfax St.

Information:
novaparks.com/parks/carlyle-house-historic-park

YOUNG HISTORIANS The Alexandria Black History Museum and Alexandria Library welcome all to a celebration of Juneteenth. The event is geared to children ages 5 to 8, but all are invited to attend.

Time:
10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Location:
5005 Duke St.

Information:
apps.alexandriava.gov/Calendar/Detail.aspx?si=52005

JUNE 14

**WATERFRONT WEDNESDAY**

Enjoy live music. Bring a blanket or chair. Free. Weather permitting.

Time:
4 to 7 p.m.

Location:
7 Pioneer Mill Way

Information:
robinsonlanding.com/waterfrontevents

JUNE 16 & 17



SUMMER FESTIVAL Free festival offering live music, local craft beer from Port City Brewing Company, local food, readings by Alexandria poets. All are welcome.

Time:
6 to 9 p.m. (Fri),
1 to 9 p.m. (Sat)

Location:
1 A Prince St.

Information:
PortsideFestival.com

JUNE 17

**CRAFT FAIR AND FLEA MARKET**

Come out for rare

finds. Explore artisans' creations. Look for hidden treasures.

Time:
8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Location:
8717 Fort Hunt Road

Information:
mountvernonfleamarket.wordpress.com

JUNETEENTH TOUR Join a 90-minute bus ride tour to visit historic sites in Alexandria and learn more about African Americans experiences in Alexandria. Some sites include the Alfred St. Baptist Church, Freedom House and more. Ticket required.

Time:
11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Location:
902 Wythe St.

Information:
manumissionstours.com

FAMILY HIKE Hike along Holmes Run Trail. Families are invited to enjoy nature and participate in a scavenger hunt.

Time:
1 to 4 p.m.

Location:
5650 Sanger Ave.

Information:
apps.alexandriava.gov/Calendar/Detail.aspx?si=51926

JUNE 19



JUBILEE VOICES Enjoy traditional African American songs sung by the Washington Revels Jubilee Voices ensemble. Founded in 2010, the group performs songs with music, dance, drama and stories. Preserving the history of the African American experience through performance art. Free.

Time:
2 p.m.

Location:
Market Square

Information:
alexandriava.gov/museums/juneteenth-a-time-of-reflection-and-rejoicing

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warmer weather to prevent becoming an attractive sanctuary for bugs.

The kitchen attracts a wide variety of insects. Open or improperly stored food can quickly turn the kitchen into a breeding ground for bugs. Make sure your food is stored tightly in sealed containers. Keep your kitchen and dining room free of crumbs and spills by regularly vacuuming floors and wiping down counters and tables.

Yard maintenance

Pests can breed undeterred in the outdoors, creating unwanted visitors that can invade your home. Maintain your yard so it doesn't become a bug haven. Make sure to remove any piles of debris or yard waste where pests can hide and thrive away from prying eyes.

Trees and bushes that



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Store your food properly in tightly sealed containers to avoid attracting bugs.

touch your home create bridges for ants, spiders, flies and other pests to enter. Make sure to trim overgrown bushes and trees regularly.

Remove standing water

Mosquitoes lay eggs in

pooled water. Make sure to eliminate any sources of standing water. Inspect your home and fix leaky faucets, drains and pipes. In areas of the home that are always damp, like your basement, run a dehumidifier.

Don't forget to check your

yard to make sure gutters flow smoothly and aren't blocked by leaves and waste. If needed, extend downspouts farther from your home to improve drainage. Make sure empty pots, grill covers, tires and other items that can collect water are emp-

tied regularly.

Don't let pests keep you from enjoying your home during the warmer months. Using these five tips, you can take active steps to help prevent and eliminate pests so you can enjoy the weather without worry.

Our View

Walk this way

Pedestrian-related initiatives are central to much of Alexandria's redevelopment and transportation planning both in recent projects and those slated for the future.

Those who follow city planning initiatives closely are already aware of this. Those who look less intently might have missed the pedestrian aspects amid on-going acrimony between well-funded, often outsider bicycle advocates and those whose primary mode of transportation is – and will be for the foreseeable future – an individually owned automobile.

Toss in pushback over proposed dedicated bus lanes on Alexandria's Duke Street that would eliminate automobile lanes on the city's main east-west, already gridlocked thoroughfare, and it's easy to see why the walker can get lost in the tussle.

Happily, several pedestrian-related initiatives are among the Alexandria government's success stories in recent years.

Tops on the list is the walkway along the waterfront in Old Town. Yes it took arm-twisting and threats, but the deal reached by the city government and the Old Dominion Boat Club to move the club a little more than a block to the south – and to have the riverfront walkway pass between the new club and the river – paved the way for a fabulous walking path.

Another acrimonious debate that ended well, and enhanced Alexandria's waterfront walkway, was the renovation of Lee Street Park. Remember around 15 years ago when there were plans afoot to destroy the field in the heart of the park and move volleyball courts there?

Resident pushback helped lead to the wonderful end result: a dedicated dog park on the waterfront, adjacent to the beautifully landscaped cove with ample benches and an easy-on-the-feet gravel path. And Lee Street Park's large field – where generations of children have learned to kick soccer balls, catch frisbees and hit baseballs – was preserved.

A third example of excellent pedestrian-related planning is the walking/jogging trail through Potomac Yard Park. That entire park, built on a narrow strip of land along Potomac Avenue leading to the new Metro station, has something for residents of all ages.

So we were glad to learn that resident pushback led the Planning Commission to amend the site plan for redevelopment of the former GenOn power plant at its meeting Tuesday night to include a more pedestrian-friendly approach to the redevelopment's roadways.

The decision came after debate between Planning Commission members, the project's development attorney and residents about the need for the project to take pedestrian needs into account as more detailed site plans are developed. Opinions were divergent, but the discourse that led to the 5-2 vote remained civil. See today's page 1 story, "GenOn's site plan amended," for more information on the meeting.

Less civil is the debate surrounding the proposed Duke Street in Motion project. While it's unlikely that many people would choose to stroll along Duke Street for pleasure regardless of how the street renovation turns out, the conundrum of what to do with that main roadway brings home one significant point: It's vastly easier to incorporate pedestrian-friendly initiatives into new construction than it is to add it later.

Kudos to the Planning Commission for recognizing this fact.

Opinion

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

- Thomas Jefferson

Photo of the Week



PHOTO/LESLIE GOLDEN

High tides led to flooding along Union Street in Old Town last week.

Your Views

Improving the Duke Street transit experience

To the editor:

Following a two-year public process, the City of Alexandria has arrived at a publicly supported transportation plan for a four-mile section of Duke Street. That process included numerous public outreach efforts culminating in an alternative preferred by a majority, 60%, of feedback responses received in April and recommended by a resident advisory group.

That preferred alternative would provide dedicated bus lanes in each direction for the western-most third of the corridor, i.e. from Jordan Street to Ripley Street, and maintain two travel lanes for cars throughout the entire corridor. The preferred option would improve round trip commute times during morning and afternoon peaks for buses by 11 to 16 minutes and for car trips by 1½ to 2 minutes.

The preferred alternative includes a half-mile-long east-bound only bus lane from Wheeler Avenue Lane to Roth Street to enable

people riding buses to avoid some of the congestion that makes bus travel times less reliable. To address cut-through traffic in neighborhoods and mitigate congestion, city staff also conducted successful pilot projects and engaged residents in separate Duke Street Traffic Mitigation and Duke Street/West Taylor Run projects.

To appreciate the importance of improving transit on Duke Street, one might consider current bus ridership and already-approved development plans: Weekday bus ridership in the Duke Street corridor is steadily increasing and now exceeds pre-pandemic levels. It is the second highest bus ridership corridor in Alexandria. Mixed-use development of the former Landmark Mall is expected to deliver about 1,000 new residential units in 2026 and 2,500 units at full build-out; the new Inova Alexan-

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Your Views

School Board: Fund our dream school

To the editor:

The school we dream of is full of counselors and teachers who all know our names and treat us with respect. Our classes would be engaging and interactive. One period a day would just be therapy or open time. And everyone would have all the food they need – and maybe even a Starbucks!

But the school we actually attend has school resource officers, and now metal detectors, that intimidate and don't make us feel welcomed. Students don't have an outlet for all that they are going through. We don't have guidance or support on healthy ways to resolve conflict. Many adults don't treat students equally – including our SROs. We feel tired, under pressure, and don't feel like our mental health needs are met. For a while, we didn't even know we had a school psychologist.

In 2021, young people from Tenants and Workers United won a victory when the Alexandria City Council voted to divest nearly \$800,000 in funding for school police, and to reinvest those funds into mental health resources. It was the first time that local leaders were listening to students' needs.

Yet almost immediately, city leadership retreated from this commitment. Earlier this year, the Alexandria School Board continued to retreat from this commitment to young people when it approved a proposed budget for the 2024 school year that includes minor increases in funding for student mental health supports and restorative practices.

At the same time, the board approved funding for security guards and metal detectors and adopted a recommendation that the city fund school police. It is a betrayal of the promises they made to us, our families and

our communities.

ACPS currently funds only one full-time staff member to implement restorative practices for its 16,000 students. While we are grateful ACPS is adding another restorative practices staff member in the FY24 budget, we demand at least five. And that's not all we think our district should be doing: we want at least 10 new school psychologists.

Everyone should know we have these resources, and everyone should have access to them. Students deserve more resources and trusted adults to lean on, and an environment where we won't be immediately punished or arrested for making mistakes as kids. However, this budget does not reflect that.

We demand our city leadership remove police from schools and instead put more resources into trusted adults, restorative practices and mental health services. We deserve changes that will make us feel safe and welcomed every day. The school board can help change this, but only if they hear us and implement holistic changes.

We are tired of people overlooking us because we are young, but know all the ways our schools are actually not safe. What our school and city are funding – school resource officers, metal detectors and other security – are Band-Aids and don't actually help us.

There has to be another way. Schools should listen to and work with young people like us, parents and community members to make schools a safe and welcoming place. We are here every day to learn and grow. That's only possible if our leadership invests in young people, not police.

-Akilah and Jordan,
Alexandria City High School

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dria Hospital is expected to open in 2028 with about 2,000 employees. Improved transit on Duke Street is needed to serve existing and future residents and commuters.

Here in Alexandria, improved transit on Duke Street has been our shared goal since 2008, when Council approved a Transportation Master Plan to transform this section of Duke Street into one of three high-capacity transit corridors in the city. Subsequent City Councils approved a 2012 Transitway Feasibility Study, 2016 and 2019 grant applications for design and construction funding and a

2021 community-driven Alexandria Mobility Plan, that includes a strategy to "Build out the city's priority transitway corridors and identify improvements on congested, high-ridership corridors."

The Advisory Group's recommended preferred near-term alternative is not the most aggressive bus-transit configuration, but one that considered resident input and balanced tradeoffs consistent with our city's vision to provide "Safe, seamless, and connected mobility options foster a thriving Alexandria for all."

-Jim Durham,
transportation advocate,
Grassroots Alexandria

My View | Boyd Walker

It's time to withdraw the BID proposal

BY BOYD WALKER

Welcome to Alexandria where we support small businesses and public engagement! With one number, 311, you can contact city hall (alexandria.va.gov/Alex311) and we aim to make our city beautiful with hanging baskets, banners and lights in the winter! And we have a marketing organization, Visit Alexandria, and the Alexandria Economic Development Partnership to promote and help businesses.

But what if a small group of people felt that wasn't enough because they are spending a significant amount of money marketing themselves in a business organization that only represents a small number of the businesses on King Street. And they had 22 events last year. Can you name one?

You're tired of paying for this and having to do all the work, so you convince the city to hire a consultant who will work with the assistant city manager for public-private partnerships, and this consultant knows a way that you can pass on the bill to taxpayers who may or may not know this is coming. In fact if they don't, even better, so for the first six months you keep it quiet and under wraps.

Since you love Alexandria, you decide to launch the public dog and pony show the day before Valentine's Day. Around 10 people show up for your first meeting. Only a couple at subsequent meetings. You miss your first deadline to garner the required signatures to move your initiative forward, so you extend it and have some more meetings. You try to come to the meeting of your opponents.

Now your second deadline has passed, and where is the big announcement of your success?

Nowhere.

There are signs in windows, for and against. But because you could never describe the problem, and it was not a universal problem felt by all business and property owners, and you could also not provide a return on investment for those you are handing the

bill to – the 489 Property owners in the proposed BID Zone, including 90 residents – instead of uniting everyone on our Main Street, you have divided them.

On one side are those who can easily afford to pay, and are willing to throw money on the table, and on the other are small businesses who wonder why they are being asked to pay more in taxes.

A small business in Old Town pays sales tax, usually a share of the property tax, and if they are a restaurant, a meals tax. We are just recovering from the pandemic and taxes were just raised an average of 5% because assessments went up, even if the rate didn't. An additional tax of 10 cents may put some of these smaller businesses out of business. Maybe that was the point? If not, it could be a consequence.

Tell City Council to ask the BISD supporters to withdraw their proposal so that we can work on building our businesses this summer and not fighting a new unnecessary tax. Go to bidno.org to learn more.

The writer is a native Alexandrian who owns property in the proposed Old Town business improvement district boundary.



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Pride Month profile: Adam Ebbin

Almost 20 years have passed since Adam Ebbin first ran for the Virginia House of Delegates in 2004. The now-state senator recalls being told by a future constituent that they were excited to send an openly gay person to Richmond to “stick it to” the then Republican-majority House of Delegates.

Today, after almost three terms as a senator, Ebbin thinks that his appeal as a political candidate is his body of legislative work rather than his sexual orientation. Ebbin has seen the growth and evolution of LGBTQ+ history in Alexandria and northern Virginia and looks forward to more progress. At the same time, he reminisces about a community that he sees as diffused as it assimilated into a larger Alexandria community.

Ebbin moved to Alexandria in 1989, almost accidentally. His former college roommate and wife had bought some condos in Auburn Village and gave him a good deal. In 1991, the former registered Republican founded the Virginia Partisan Gay and Lesbian Democratic Club and became a delegate to the Virginia Democratic Convention. He first ran for the House of Delegates in 2004 and was first elected to the State Senate in 2012.

Ebbin looks back on the progress made in LGBTQ+ equality both in Alexandria and nationally with a sense of accomplishment but still reminisces about sites that served as community meeting places for the LGBTQ+ community in years gone by. Given the attraction of D.C. neighborhoods such as Dupont and Logan Circles, northern Virginia was less of a destination for LGBTQ+ people looking to meet people like themselves in the early 90s.

One exception was the French Quarter Café, formerly located at 808 King St. In 1991, the owner of the French Quarter Café, Murray Greenberg, won a lawsuit to overturn the 1934 Virginia law that prohibited the sale of alcohol to “homosexuals.” While the club closed in 1994, Ebbin remembers it fondly from a time when acceptance in the larger society was not a given.

When asked about the challenges LGBTQ+ people face in Alexandria, Ebbin quickly points to a loss of sense of community as LGBTQ+ people, couples and families have integrated into a larger Alexandria community.

Ebbin knows the fight for equality for people, LGBTQ+ and not, isn’t over. While he admits surprise that gay mar-



PHOTO/OFFICE OF ADAM EBBIN

State Senator Adam Ebbin.

riage was legalized by Supreme Court decision so quickly, the fact that the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade* last year gives him a sense of unease.

As a result, he submitted legislation to overturn the Virginia constitutional amendment that prohibits gay marriage. He points out that while the Virginia code has changed, the constitutional amendment remains on the books.

When asked about the difference between Delegate Adam Ebbin and State Senator

Adam Ebbin, he says that while he’s kept the same values, representing a larger constituency has forced him to try to balance his legislative priorities.

“Elections aren’t about the candidates, they’re about the voters,” Ebbin noted.

Historic Alexandria is excited to celebrate Pride Month this June. For more information on Pride Month in Alexandria, please visit alexandriava.gov/LGBTQ.

Out of the Attic is provided by The Office of Historic Alexandria.

Weekly Poll

Last Week

Have you or someone you know experienced mental health issues following the pandemic?

52% No, I feel the same as before.

26% Yes, and I sought professional help.

15% Yes, but I cope privately.

7% What, me worry?

This Week

Take the poll at alextimes.com

What do you think of the recent ACPS decision to share Encore teachers – including art, music and PE staff – among schools?

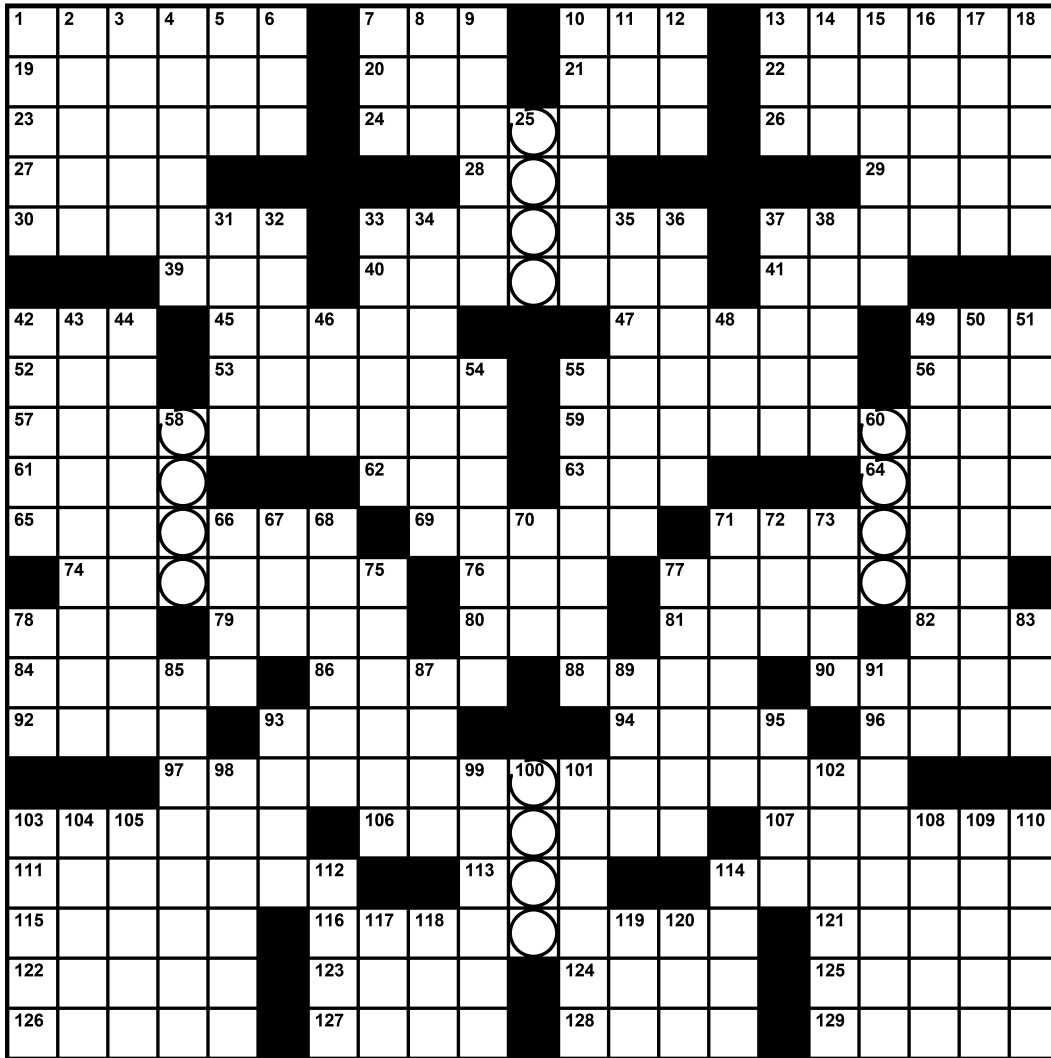
A) It’s needed given uneven enrollment between schools.

B) All schools need their own dedicated Encore staff.

C) I don’t mind, but teachers should have been involved in the decision.

D) What’s Encore?

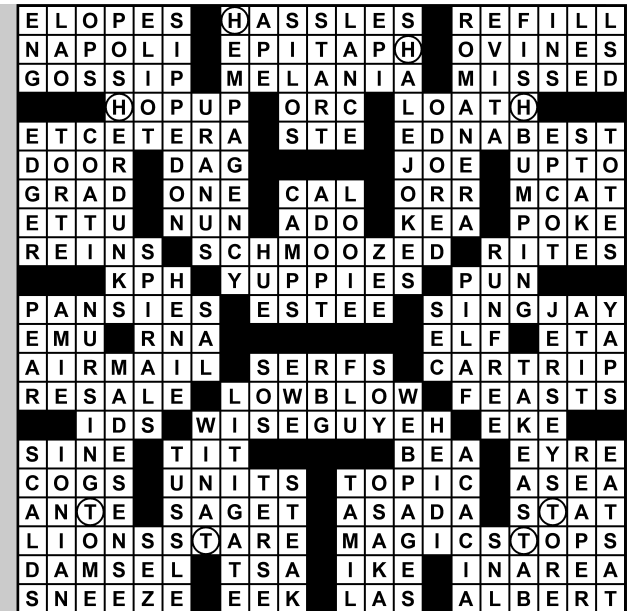
Weekly Words



DEATH NOTICES

- ELIZABETH "ANN" DYER** (90), formerly of Alexandria, May 30, 2023
- KELIN HANSLEY** (41), formerly of Alexandria, May 13, 2023
- WALTER HILL** (84), formerly of Alexandria, May 22, 2023
- LAINI HINES** (43), formerly of Alexandria, May 14, 2023
- MICHELLE JETT** (53), formerly of Alexandria, May 15, 2023
- JEAN LINDSEY** (99), of Alexandria, May 29, 2023
- KEITH MCCOUBREY** (68), of Alexandria, May 17, 2023
- ELOISE MILLS** (72), of Alexandria, April 24, 2023
- MATTHEW MOSER** (66), of Alexandria, May 24, 2023
- LOUISE MYLECHRAINE-JOHNSON** (74), formerly of Alexandria, May 15, 2023
- HANNAH POULSON**, formerly of Alexandria, May 28, 2023
- PAUL ROBEY, JR** (89), formerly of Alexandria, May 29, 2023
- CHARLES WHORLEY** (96), of Alexandria, May 29, 2023
- DALLAS WILLIAMS** (82), of Alexandria, May 25, 2023

Solutions from last week



UP AND DOWN MARKETS by Garrett Chalfin, edited by Jeff Chen

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| ACROSS | | | |
| 1 Old spelling for a Korean War landing site | 56 ___-Manuel Miranda | 107 Collapse, as a Jenga tower | 14 "Honest" prez |
| 7 Corn unit | 57 *Urgent note | 111 Ding Dong maker | 15 Go on a spree, in slang |
| 10 HSN rival | 59 *First game of the year | 113 Actor Butterfield | 16 Dish with roots in the Ottoman Empire |
| 13 Argue over price | 61 M, on a form | 114 Came from behind | 17 "Get out!" |
| 19 Chocolate-dipped Pepperidge Farm cookie | 62 "Wheel of Fortune" purchase | 115 Belly button type | 18 Cusps |
| 20 Bird that can run 30 mph | 63 Donkey | 116 *Comedian in "Bridesmaids" | 25 ___ market |
| 21 Strike caller, for short | 64 ___ Alto, CA | 121 ___ Lama | 31 Bond film genre, in slang |
| 22 Followed | 65 Call that might result in a charge? | 122 Paradieses | 32 Parks at a pier |
| 23 Flurried | 69 Beyond fatigued | 123 It's hot in there! | 33 Nova ____, Canada |
| 24 *Chemist's cooler | 71 Higher admissions specialist? (Abbr.) | 124 Not false | 34 Enclosed bodies of water |
| 26 Total bore | 74 *Nuclear discharge type | 125 Incompetent | 35 Creepiest |
| 27 Italian mount | 76 Place for a pea | 126 Place for a blacksmith | 36 Soap operas, e.g. |
| 28 "It's freezing!" | 77 *Web surveys during election season | 127 Running jokes | 37 Author Calvino |
| 29 Zero, in tennis | 78 Boxer Muhammad | 128 Thanksgiving dish, often | 38 Nevada senator Jacky |
| 30 Belief in a higher power | 79 Palindromic title | 129 Word with "stress" ... or causes of students' stress | 42 Pink cocktail, for short |
| 33 Came down in icy pellets | 80 Lawyer's title (Abbr.) | DOWN | 43 Water color |
| 37 Van Gogh painting of showy flowers | 81 It's often around a foot | 1 "All good from me" | 44 "Sound of Music" tune about a flower |
| 39 Wall St. debut | 82 Lawyers' org. | 2 Final baseball inning, usually | 46 Talk trash about |
| 40 *Event with recruiters and employers | 84 "___ been something I said!" | 3 Replicate | 48 It might display Waze ways (Abbr.) |
| 41 Young 'un | 86 Artist's apartment, maybe | 4 The Aloha State | 49 Jittery |
| 42 Iowa college | 88 Go a few rounds at a dojo | 5 I, on a clock | 50 One fighting for the queen? |
| 45 "My dude!" | 90 County near London | 6 Give the ___ | 51 Belgian painter James |
| 47 Mumbai melodies | 92 Capital of Mexico? | 7 Sushi fish sometimes smoked | 54 Brief excerpt |
| 49 1950s prez | 93 Indian title | 8 Reddit event (Abbr.) | 55 Things to mind |
| 52 Condition treated with SSRIs | 94 Swedish furniture store | 9 ___ duckie (bath toy) | 58 ___ market |
| 53 Chips with a "Chili Cheese" flavor | 96 Orange covering | 10 Minecraft item found in the Nether | 60 ___ market |
| 55 Something popped | 97 *1983 holiday comedy | 11 "The West Point of the South" (Abbr.) | 66 Capital of Italia |
| | 103 Like tabloid TV | 12 EMT's procedure done to the beat of "Stayin' Alive" | 67 It's in your blood (Abbr.) |
| | 106 Athlete/talk-show host Michael | 13 "In what world?" | 68 Vector's counterpart |
| | | | 70 Greek goddess of the dawn |
| | | | 71 Loud sleeper |
| | | | 72 "Say Yes to the Dress" channel |
| | | | 73 Medieval spear |
| | | | 75 Expressive texted images |
| | | | 77 Certain Honshu resident |
| | | | 78 It pumps up the volume |
| | | | 83 Rocker Rose |
| | | | 85 Raising a glass to |
| | | | 87 Observe Yom Kippur, perhaps |
| | | | 89 Typesetting measure |
| | | | 91 High eye in the sky |
| | | | 93 "Wide Sargasso Sea" author Jean ___girl!" |
| | | | 95 "___girl!" |
| | | | 98 Charcuterie board offering |
| | | | 99 Choo-choos |
| | | | 100 ___ market |
| | | | 101 Talkative |
| | | | 102 "Stop right there!" |
| | | | 103 "The Book ___" (Markus Zusak novel) |
| | | | 104 Rajon with two NBA rings |
| | | | 105 Ed of "Up" |
| | | | 108 Mounds |
| | | | 109 Jumped up |
| | | | 110 Makes a long story short? |
| | | | 112 Polluted haze |
| | | | 114 Bread choices for pastrami sandwiches |
| | | | 117 Actress Mendes |
| | | | 118 Segment of a trip |
| | | | 119 British pop star Rita |
| | | | 120 ___ and Coke |

Classifieds

LEGAL NOTICE



ALEXANDRIA PLANNING COMMISSION & CITY COUNCIL JUNE & JULY 2023

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/dockets.

ALEXANDRIA PLANNING COMMISSION
THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2023
7:00 PM, CITY HALL

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ALEXANDRIA CITY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 2023
5:30 PM, CITY HALL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
301 KING STREET
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22314

The June 22, 2023 Alexandria Planning Commission Public Hearing and the July 5, 2023 Alexandria City Council Public Hearing are being held in the Council Chamber (301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia, 22314) and electronically. Members of the Planning Commission, City Council, and staff are participating in-person. The Planning Commission and City Council Public Hearings can be accessed by the public in the City Council Chamber, through the live broadcast on the government channel 70, streaming on the City's website, and can be accessed via Zoom Webinar by the following links:

Planning Commission (Public

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The Zoom Webinar will open at 6:30 p.m. to allow individuals to join, while the Planning Commission hearing will begin at approximately 7:00 p.m.

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For reasonable disability accommodation for the Planning Commission Hearing, contact Lisa Chase at alicia.chase@alexandriava.gov or 703.746.4666, Virginia Relay 711. For reasonable disability accommodation for the City Council Hearing, please call the City Clerk and Clerk of Council's Office at 703.746.4550 (TTY/TDD 838-5056). We request that you provide a 48-hour notice so that the proper arrangements may be made.

Discussion Item: Duke Street in Motion discussion regarding the Duke Street Transitway Advisory Group recommendation to Council on a preferred design concept for the Duke Street corridor from King

Street to West End Alexandria.
Staff: City of Alexandria, Department of Transportation & Environmental Services

Public Hearing and consideration of the FY 2024-2025 Long Range Planning Interdepartmental Work Program
Staff: City of Alexandria, Departments of Planning & Zoning, Office of Housing, Transportation & Environmental Services, and Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities

Special Use Permit #2023-00036
5380 Eisenhower Avenue
Public Hearing and consideration of a request for a Special Use Permit for an extension of a Special Use Permit term and for a condition amendment to allow parking space assignments for tenants (amending SUP #2017-0100); zoned: OCH/ Office Commercial High.
Applicant: Boundary 5380 Eisenhower LLC, represented by Robert D. Brant, attorney

Special Use Permit #2023-00040
99 Canal Center Plaza
Public Hearing and consideration of a Special Use Permit for two temporary trailers and for live entertainment; zoned: CRMU-H/ Commercial residential mixed-use (high).
Applicant: Chalkboard Canal Center, LLC, represented by Kenneth Wire, attorney

LEGAL NOTICE



Board of Architectural Review LEGAL NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held by the Board of Architectural Review on Wednesday, June 21, 2023 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber, room 2400, second floor of City Hall, 301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314 on the following applications:

BAR#2023-00211 OHAD
Request for alterations at 211 Prince Street
Applicant: Andrew Warrell

BAR#2023-00212 OHAD

PROBATE CITATION File No. 2023-28
SURROGATE'S COURT - FULTON COUNTY
Supplemental CITATION
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,
By the Grace of God Free and Independent
TO Robert Harding, address unknown
John Harding, residing at 27 S. Williams Street, Johnstown, NY 12095
Jamie Harding, address unknown
NYS Attorney General, on behalf of distributees whose whereabouts are unknown
Jeremiah Wood, Esq., as Guardian Ad Litem on behalf of distributees whose whereabouts are unknown.
A petition having been duly filed by Michael Rose, who is domiciled at 47A Brampton Lane, Ganeevoort, NY 12831
YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Fulton County, at Johnstown, New York, on July 11, 2023 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of Ann H. Adore lately domiciled at 9 Woodside Avenue, Gloversville, NY 12078 admitting to probate a Will dated August 1, 2019 (a Codicil dated (a Codicil dated a copy of which is attached, as the Will of Ann H. Adore deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that
 X Letters Testamentary issue to Michael Rose
 Letters of Trusteeship issue to
 Letters of Administration c.l.a. issue to
(State any further relief requested)
Dated, Attested and Sealed
May 23, 2023
Christopher M. Stanyon, Esq.
Attorney for Petitioner
147-149 N. Main Street, Gloversville, NY 12078
Address of Attorney
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Request for partial demolition/encapsulation at 409 Queen Street
Applicant: Mary Johnson & Chris Kautz-Scanavy

BAR#2023-00216 OHAD
Request for alterations at 104 Pommander Walk Street
Applicant: Dan Morrison/Lianne Reilly

BAR#2023-00217 OHAD
Request for partial demolition/encapsulation at 104 Pommander Walk Street
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BAR#2023-00222 OHAD
Request for alteration at 320 King Street
Applicant: 320 King Street LC

BAR#2023-00223 OHAD
Request for partial demolition/encapsulation at 320 King Street
Applicant: 320 King Street LC

Old and Historic Alexandria District (OHAD); Parker – Gray District (PG)

Public comments will be received at the Public Hearing. The public may submit comments in advance to Lanning Blaser at lanning.blaser@alexandriava.gov or make public comments on the day of the Public Hearing.

For reasonable disability accommodation, contact Alicia Chase at alicia.chase@alexandriava.gov or 703.746.3810, Virginia Relay 711.

For further information, call the Department of Planning & Zoning at 703.746.4666 or visit alexandriava.gov/dockets

LEGAL NOTICE



CITY OF ALEXANDRIA BOARD OF EQUALIZATION HEARINGS

Pursuant to Section 58.1-3378 of the Code of Virginia, the Board of Equalization and Assessment Review for the City of Alexandria will convene on the following days to hear complaints of inequalities

wherein the property owners allege a lack of equity or uniformity in assessment, errors in fact in such real estate assessments, or that the real property assessment is not assessed at fair market value. Upon hearing such complaints, the Board is legally authorized to INCREASE, DECREASE OR AFFIRM such real estate assessments.

Participants can attend via Zoom Webinar or in person in room 3008, City Hall, 301 King Street, Alexandria, VA. Notification of any meeting cancellations will be posted at alexandriava.gov/realstate. The 2023 hearing dates currently scheduled are:

- July 10th – 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- July 11th – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- July 12th – 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- July 17th – 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- July 18th – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- July 19th – 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- July 24th – 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- July 25th – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- July 26th – 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- July 31st – 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

- August 1st – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- August 2nd – 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- August 7th – 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- August 8th – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- August 9th – 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- August 14th – 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- August 15th – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- August 16th – 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- August 21st – 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- August 22nd – 9 am. to 1 p.m.
- August 23rd – 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- August 28th – 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- August 29th – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- August 30th – 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

- September 5th – 9 a.m. to 11 p.m.
- September 6th – 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- September 11th – 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- September 12th – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- September 13th – 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- September 18th – 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- September 19th – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- September 20th – 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The deadline for filing an appeal was June 1, 2023, however, this appeal deadline is not applicable to appeals of assessments for real estate that was newly constructed pursuant to Virginia Code 59.1-3292.

Dockets for each hearing may be obtained by contacting the Office of Real Estate Assessments, 301

King Street, City Hall Room 2600, Alexandria VA 22313, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, via e-mail realestate@alexandriava.gov or by calling 703.746.4646.

PUBLIC NOTICE

AT&T proposes to modify their existing facility (new antenna tip heights 98.3' & 101.8') on Aspinwall Hall at 3737 Seminary Rd, Alexandria, VA (20230252). Interested parties may contact Scott Horn (856-809-1202) (1012 Industrial Dr., West Berlin, NJ 08091) with comments regarding potential effects on historic properties.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Truist Bank, located at 3101 Duke St, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, is in possession of assets owned by the following decedent, Laurence Schlegel, who at the time of his death was domiciled outside of Virginia. In accordance with Va. Code Ann. § 64.2-609(A), Truist Bank hereby gives public notice of its intention to deliver the decedent's assets to the Administrator of decedent's estate, Mark A. Cooper, who has qualified as Personal Representative in accordance with the law of the decedent's domicile. Delivery is to be made after the lapse of thirty (30) days from the completion of due publication of this notice, pursuant to the Code, once a week for four successive weeks. Inquiries, including any notice of the appointment of a personal representative for decedent in Virginia or legal notice of any lien or encumbrance upon decedent's assets, should be directed to Truist Bank at the address above.

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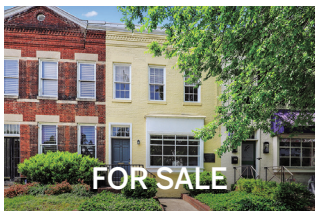


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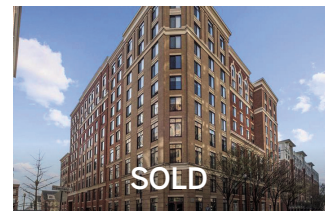
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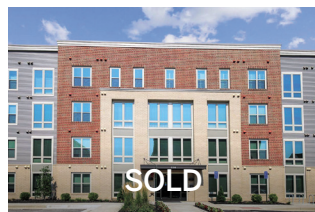
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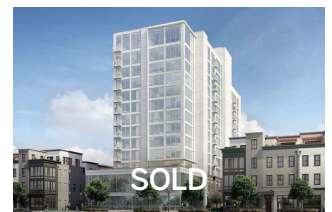
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