Coalition for a Livable Alexandria launches

Activist group anticipates loosening of zoning requirements
BY MARK EATON

The Coalition for a Livable Alexandria, Inc., a citizen-sponsored advocacy organization, outlined its goals and signaled an intent to be a significant voice in the city’s current housing policy debate in a Market Square news conference Monday attended by 70 to 90 people. The controversial housing initiative that CLA wants to weigh in on is called Zoning for Housing/Housing for All in Alexandria.

In July, CLA was incorporated as a Virginia nonprofit corporation with residents Roy Byrd and John Fehrenbach as initial directors. Contributions to CLA are not tax deductible. CLA’s website is viewable at livablealexandria.org.

CLA’s flier publicizing the news conference said: “The Coalition for a Livable Alexandria strongly believes in the need for more affordable housing in Alexandria. However, the city’s sweeping proposals would radically change Alexandria’s Zoning Code in ways that will remove existing protections and leave residents NO LEGAL SAY in development decisions.”

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Byrd, CLA’s chair, who has long been active in local issues...
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Three shootings took place in Alexandria in a span of less than a half hour on Saturday night.

According to a release from the Alexandria Police Department, on Saturday “at approximately 7:52 p.m. officers responded to the 3800 block of Florence Drive. A 26-year-old male victim was found suffering from a gunshot wound and transferred to the hospital with life-threatening injuries.

ALXnow posted a story that night about the shooting with a photo that depicted a police officer rendering aid to the apparent shooting victim, who was lying next to a large machete.

Officers are still investigating and ask anyone with information to call Detective T. Griffin at 703-859-3271. All callers can remain anonymous.

At 8:05 p.m., officers responded to reports of a shooting in the 700 block of S. Patrick St. Upon arriving at the scene, officers learned dozens of individuals riding dirt bikes, all-terrain vehicles, motorcycles and other recreational vehicles were gathered at two neighboring gas stations when individuals began shooting. Through regional collaboration, detectives learned of a victim being taken to an area hospital in stable condition.

Alexandria Police continue to investigate the shooting, which apparently happened after the group of bikers rode through Arlington County and then to the gas stations in Alexandria. There are two confirmed injured victims of this incident. Victim #1, a 30-year-old male, was located near the National Harbor and transported to a local hospital with a gunshot wound that is considered non-life threatening. Victim #2, a 30-year-old male, was identified at a local hospital with a non-life threatening gunshot wound.

Anyone with information in reference to the shooting is asked to contact Alexandria Police Detective B. Smith at 703-746-6159. Anyone with video, audio, or digital images relating to the shooting can upload anonymously to alexandriapdva.evidence.com/axon/community-request/public/700spatrickshooting.

As a reminder to the community, it is illegal to ride a dirt bike or ATV on public roads in Virginia. (Virginia Code § 46.2-915.1)“

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Teen assaulted in Old Town

More than 40 neighbors gathered at the top of Windmill Hill Park on Saturday to listen and share concerns about safety and security in Old Town’s southeast quadrant following an attempted abduction and sexual assault of a teenage girl on August 20.

The group met informally to discuss stolen packages, attempted carjackings and other safety issues and brainstorm ideas for combating theft and violence in their neighborhood.

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Lyles wins championship, causes stir

Olympian and Alexandria native Noah Lyles won three races at the 2023 World Athletics Championships in Budapest, Hungary last week. He won both the 100m and 200m world titles and was on the 4x100 relay team that also secured a win. He’s the first man to win a sprint double since Usain Bolt in 2015.

Lyles has received pushback from NBA stars and other celebrities following remarks he made to reporters in Budapest following his wins.

At a press briefing, Lyles said, “World champion of what? The United States? Don’t get me wrong, I love the U.S., at times, but that ain’t the world. We are the world. We have almost every country out here fighting, thriving, putting on their flag to show they are represented. There ain’t no flags in the NBA.”

Kevin Durant, among others, took to social media to refute Lyles’ claims.

Noah Lyles.

Lyles is a graduate of T.C. Williams High School, now known as Alexandria City High School, and currently trains and lives in Florida.

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Overdose awareness

The City of Alexandria issued a release announcing “support of International Overdose Awareness Day today. This annual campaign works to end overdose incidents, remember those who have died, and raise awareness that substance use disorders can be successfully treated.”

City Hall was illuminated in purple to represent overdose awareness on Tuesday night through Friday morning. Signs and displays show data about overdoses and their impact on the community.

To provide information regarding past overdoses or illegal drug activity, please call the Alexandria Police Department at 703-746-6277. Visit alexandriava.gov/Opioids for more information.

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Nate Hirto, a co-founder of Save Del Ray, a citizen group dedicated to preserving the neighborhood’s unique character, speaks at the CLA rally on Monday.

Byrd cited Alexandria’s lack of developable land as a key factor in the debate about housing policy.

“We're concerned about things about density,” Byrd said. “We’re already the densest city in the whole state of Virginia.”

Byrd said that his group's formation is a result of not having real input into the housing debate.

“This is about being listened to, not just heard,” Byrd said. “Residents who have a different viewpoint, residents who have concerns, residents who ask tough questions, are not the enemy. ... We all want to get to the same goal – we just want to make sure we do it in the best way possible and that we work together. It means compromise. It means dialogue. It means answering questions.”

In a pre-news conference interview Byrd elaborated on why he helped form CLA.

“We've been hearing frustrations that in a number of cases on a number of policy issues residents felt they didn't have an equal voice on policy formulation and decision making,” Byrd said in the interview. “[CLA is] not necessarily adversarial and designed to go after staff and Council. We want to make sure that all viewpoints are listened to.”

Byrd said, “whether real or perceived,” advocates from national and regional organizations seem to get more consideration from policymakers than do individual residents.

He acknowledged that Zoning for Housing/Housing for All’s actual recommendations are not scheduled to be released until September 5, but said he feels the city’s presentation of the issue so far has not covered all facets.

“We have a lot of questions. There has been no discussion of risk or downside. Everything has been upside,” Byrd said.

Other reactions

Former Mayor Allison Silberberg elaborated, in an interview prior to the event, on why a group like CLA feels the need to form.

“It says a lot when residents join forces about proposals to come before the Council. They [CLA] took the time and money to insist on more civic engagement. There's a role to be played here,” Silberberg said.

CLA board member and Treasurer, Will Shen, a 10-year resident and holder of a Master's degree in Urban Planning, works for the Federal Housing Finance Agency on affordable housing issues. He said the city’s initiative will make matters worse, not better.

“In my professional experience, Zoning for Housing is going to make Alexandria significantly less livable for its existing residents,” Shen said. “Whether you are a
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renter or a homeowner, expect your quality of life, if this plan goes forward in November, to get steadily worse. Zoning for Housing intends to bring tens of thousands of additional people into Alexandria, yet it contains no plans for additional infrastructure to support these people – no additional schools, city services, sewer, water or fire.

Shen asserted that increasing Alexandria’s housing supply will not bring home prices down because the city is too small to affect regional housing economics.

“It’s a mistake to think that this is a simple supply and demand situation – that if we build more housing in Alexandria home prices and rents will go down. There’s no way that tiny Alexandria with 2% of the population and less than 1% of the land area in the metropolitan area, can influence housing prices in the region – it’s just not possible,” Shen said.

Shen said developers will be the main beneficiaries of the city’s proposed policy because a rapid increase in allowable density “sets off a feeding frenzy” of economic incentives for developers.

“Pretty much every older structure in Alexandria is going to be a potential tear-down,” Shen said. “Zoning for Housing is not going to build much affordable housing or workforce housing for people like teachers or firefighters. Instead, it will allow the construction of a great deal of luxury housing.”

Shen believes that garden apartments, older homes and older buildings that house commercial businesses are particularly at risk.

“We’re for building more housing where it makes sense,” Shen said. “Unfortunately, the city thinks that the best way to proceed is to bundle together nine complicated, opaque and sweeping zoning changes and to ram the whole thing through before Thanksgiving.”

Shen said the city needs to slow down and consider revising its proposal rather than pushing through something that currently contains clear negative consequences.

“As it stands, Zoning for Housing will be a tragedy for Alexandria. The city should forget about its self-imposed November deadline. What’s the rush? Zoning for Housing should be broken up into its constituent parts – Alexandrians should have a chance to understand what each piece of this proposal means for them,” Shen said.

Nate Hirto, a co-founder of Save Del Ray, a citizen group dedicated to preserving the neighborhood’s unique character, said CLA is needed because most city residents are not paying close attention to this proposal.

“Many of the people in our city aren’t sitting here looking at the Council docket, they are not showing up at every meeting, they are not reading every SUP [Special Use Permit application],” Hirto said. “We’re thrilled to see the Coalition for a Livable Alexandria raise their hands and say ‘We want to start collecting that information and informing people across Alexandria.’”

Hirto lauded CLAs founders for creating a vehicle for more resident input.

“So I couldn’t agree more with CLA in wanting to shed some light and getting citizens to ask questions about what is happening in their neighborhood. It’s important that we all raise our concerns and ask our questions and work together to build a better Alexandria,” Hirto said.

City Councilors John Taylor Chapman and Alyia Gaskins also attended Monday’s CLA news conference. Gaskins affirmed her support for Zoning for Housing, saying housing issues are sufficiently complex that a multiple initiative approach is appropriate.

Gaskins elaborated on her perspective in a followup email:

“The next few months are a time for us to come together, dive into those complexities, and have discussions about the specifics to determine what works for our community, what may need to change, and the best path forward,” Gaskins said in the email.

**Hot buttons**

The future of the zoning process is uncertain, as is the future of the organization.

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**Obituary**

**George Gustavus Kundahl**

Major General George G. Kundahl, 83, died in Naples, FL on August 16, 2023. He was the beloved husband of Joy Kundahl, the father of Gustavus and Griffith Kundahl and the dear grandfather of Kate, Caroline, and Harrison Kundahl.

He was born in Washington D.C. on July 7, 1940 and raised in Chevy Chase, MD until attending Davidson College in North Carolina earning a bachelor of arts degree in history in 1962. He attended the University of Alabama to obtain a master of arts in 1964 and a Ph.D. degree in political science in 1967.

His passion for Civil War research and the example of his direct ancestor Captain John Morris Wampler inspired General Kundahl to write “Confederate Engineer” (2000), a detailed account of Wampler’s war experience, and one of the only books written about the unique perspective of a civil engineer. Later books on the Civil War that he authored include “Alexandria Goes to War” (2004) and “The Bravest of the Brave” (2014).

Services will be held at a later date. For online condolences please visit fullernaples.com.
A social media post encouraged people to attend CLA’s news conference and a subsequent meeting because Zoning for Housing/Housing for All is a “...push to eliminate all single-family housing in the entire City of Alexandria.”

Hirto also referred to the proposal to permit additional height in commercial buildings along Mount Vernon Avenue, which is expected to be part of the Zoning for Housing recommendations, as a point of particular concern.

Hirto described Mount Vernon Avenue’s combination of low-rise commercial buildings and high property values as a recipe for destroying the character of the Del Ray neighborhood.

“We see a potential risk that taking [down] those buildings that create a very low structure that really echoes a small town Main Street [would enable developers to remake them] into what you would see in Clarendon or along Route 1,” Hirto said.

Divergent numbers about the amount of current single-family housing in Alexandria are floating around. The city’s website, alexandriava.gov/planning-and-zoning/zoning-for-housing-housing-for-all states, “Single-family zones account for 5.17 square miles or 31% of the total land area of the city. The single-family zones are R2-5, R5, R8, R12 and R20.”

Housing units also provide a measure of the city’s single-family housing. Page 245 of the city’s June 30, 2022 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report states that Alexandria contains a total of 83,943 housing units, of which 23,195 – slightly less than 28% – are designated as single-family units. Only 9,132 single-family housing units – just under 11% – are detached dwellings.

The policy connection, or argument, over the amount of single-family housing in the city – 14% according to Byrd, 34% according to the city’s zoning map and 28% as a share of total housing units – and the future of single-family zoning can be made different ways.

One position is that single-family housing is such a small portion of the city’s overall housing mix that single-family zoning should not be changed. An opposing view would be that in a city dominated by multi-family dwellings, single-family homeowners should do their part to increase housing affordability and accessibility.

The next city meeting about Zoning for Housing/Housing for all is a joint session between City Council and the Planning Commission next Tuesday.

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“You have no power steering in these cars and you have to throw them around the track. So, he really did feel like he was advancing very, very quickly.”

F3 is a part of the Formula Racing development ladder culminating in the world-renowned F1, the highest class of international racing for open-wheel single-seater cars. However, it should be noted that the American regional equivalents of F3 and Formula Two aren’t at the level of their European counterparts.

First, young drivers start in go-karting and then can move up the levels to F4, F3, potentially F2 and F1 for the truly elite. Stack started testing in a F4 car in Houston in March and quickly adjusted to the level despite a lack of experience.

To say F1 is exclusive would be an understatement, with
Everett is developing really quickly ... we’ve done 20 days of testing which is a lot. You learn a lot every day. And we’re traveling all over the country.”

– Eric Jensen,
Jensen Motorsports owner

“Only the top 20 drivers in the world competing in the series that holds grands prix around the globe. Each racing team is allowed only two drivers in F1, and year by year, few, if any, of the 20 elite drivers are relegated to F2 by their respective racing teams, leaving little room for upward mobility. While there are hundreds of teams around the world, just 10 compete in F1, each having a pair of drivers.

Stack races for a team called Jensen Motorsports, owned by Canadian former Indy Car driver Eric Jensen, who claimed that Stack’s rapid development as a driver has been “meteoric.” While Jensen doesn’t have the vast resources to own an F1 team, his years of experience in the F1 development ladder and Indy Car can help Stack hone his skills behind the wheel going forward.

“You have to be somewhat pragmatic because everybody’s different [in] how they develop,” Jensen said. “Everett is developing really quickly and part of that also is we’re doing a lot of testing. So this summer while he was out of school and we’re traveling all over the country.”

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Roberta “Bobbie” Shaw Thomas

Roberta “Bobbie” Shaw Thomas died peacefully in her sleep on Aug. 22, 2023 in Alexandria. Bobbie was born March 25, 1935, in Greenville, Mississippi, to Ruth Levings Shaw and raised by loving parents Jane Bartholomew and Robert H. Shaw. She was 88.

Thomas graduated from The College of William and Mary, where she was a member of Pi Beta Phi and married her first husband, Henry Alexander Thomas, the day after she graduated. She was a member of the first graduating class of George Mason High School, Falls Church, Virginia. She spent her adult life in Alexandria and enjoyed opening her home and heart for charity and social gatherings and she especially enjoyed New Year’s Eve.

People and philosophy were her passions. She was known for her positive and inspirational personality, which was infectious. She touched the hearts of many friends. She died as she lived, with grace and boundless love. Bobbie taught us how to live in the moment with kindness, service and love.

She played tennis and later golf, where she met her current husband, William Twyman Williams, at one of her early golf clinics. She began her golf career late in life and practiced hard and played with dedication. By 2004, she won the Belle Haven Country Club Nine Hole Ladies Golf Invitational and followed that in 2007 by winning the two-day BHCC Memorial Tournament taking home the Natalie Olmi Trophy. She and Will have been together for over 25 years and played many courses from Virginia to California and from Maine to Florida.

Early on, Bobbie taught school in Richmond and Alexandria public schools. She was president of the University of Richmond Law School Wives Association. She continued serving as president of Alexandria and Virginia legal auxiliaries and served on the same National Board. She held offices in several PTAs and was active in Girl and Cub Scouts. She was an active Twig, later a sustaining member. Bobbie belonged to Riverport Garden Club and was secretary of Hunting Creek Garden Club, Junior Friends, secretary of Kiwanis Auxiliary and a lifelong blood donor. She was a long-time Immanuel Church on the Hill member, where she taught Sunday School for over a decade. She belonged to Belle Haven Country Club since 1958. She opened a small business, “Robertas,” specializing in color consulting and specialty advertising. She also worked in real estate with her daughter, Anne.

She is predeceased by first husband Henry Alexander Thomas, daughter Anne Alexander Thomas and grandson William Seth McClelland. Surviving is her beloved husband William Twyman Williams of Alexandria; her sons, Robert Griffith Thomas of St. Petersburg, Florida, Henry Shaw Thomas of Denver, Colorado; grandchildren, Carter Robinson Thomas and Mary Page Thomas; sister Sally Shaw Wyckoff (Jim), brothers Peter B. Shaw (Linda), Robert H. Shaw, Jr. (Libby); sister-in-law, Suzanne F. Thomas (Bill deceased) and all their families.

A memorial service will be held September 18 at Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent in honor of Bobbie to Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill.

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such as golf, hockey and lacrosse seem affordable by comparison. National and international travel are not uncommon and tracks cost thousands to rent out just to practice. In fact, Stack has traveled to the UK for the Mercedes Benz Driving School. However, these are expenses the teen’s family and the team ownership is willing to incur in Stack’s quest to become one of the few Americans to ever race in F1.

“It costs about $50,000 to $75,000 to rent a track per day,” Larry Stack said. “A lot of the kids he was competing against in Formula right now have been carting since they were five years old, so he needed to get seat time in order to develop his skill set.”

The recent popularity of “Drive to Survive,” a Netflix documentary about F1 drivers and their sport has driven families such as the Stacks to be more willing to travel to faraway places such as Houston, Austin and Michigan’s upper peninsula to find the thrill of the track and to practice.

Part of why “Drive to Survive” is so riveting is because of the risk drivers take every time they take the wheel moving at speeds upwards of 220 mph. While Everett isn’t driving that fast yet, the risk of a life-threatening crash driving at his current maximum speed of about 165 mph is something Everett’s parents are well aware of every time their son hits the track.

“I’m always worried about a massive accident on the race car track,” Larry Stack said. “You can get hurt on the football field, but you could crash into a wall and much worse on the track so it’s a little bit more worrisome in the racing business than it was in the football business.”

When he is not flying around tracks at roughly double the speed of an aggressive driver on the Beltway, Everett’s parents are well aware of every time their son hits the track.

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Everett is just a normal teenager. He loves hanging out with his friends, listening to music and playing video games. Also typical of most teens, he tries not to think about the risks of what he is doing too much, despite the nature of what he does. Though he acknowledges that his mom certainly stresses more about each race and test than his father does.

“He cares about me,” Stack said. “But I think my mom is definitely the more worried.”

Stack received his license for a street car only months ago, shockingly learning to race at extremely high speeds on a track before learning to navigate the comparatively mundane and slower roads of Northern Virginia. One can only wonder how easy parallel parking is to him as his friends likely struggle.

The next challenge for Stack will be adjusting to the F3 level through the end of the fall and into next year as he looks to continue to climb his way up the ladder – something that Jensen is optimistic about.

“There are not that many legitimate candidates in the U.S. to be future Formula One drivers,” Jensen said. “Everett is one of the legitimate candidates. So he’s a name to watch in the next few years. He’s being trained properly, and he’s being trained with a plan to get there. Whether he gets there or not, is really up to Everett based upon performance.”

While striving to get better, every day of precious track time is incredibly valuable to Stack. The feeling of being out there seems to be the driving force behind his love of racing.

“It’s like one of the best things you could feel,” Stack said. “At least from my perspective, it’s really fun. It’s a feeling you can’t get anywhere else.”

Despite his worries, some of that feeling even comes second hand to Larry Stack watching his son zoom around the track.

“It’s terrifying and exhilarating, all wrapped into one,” he said.

– Everett Stack, Formula 3 racer

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‘Women Going the Extra Mile’

BY GAYLE CONVERSE

Four x-rays, two arm splints, two heel supports, four pounds of Epsom salts and 101.7 miles later, this Alexandria woman is home.

“Women Going the Extra Mile: The Historic Trek from Alexandria to Richmond” was an Alexandria Celebrates Women journey of three weeks, designed to increase awareness surrounding women’s health, history and equity issues.

It began at 8 a.m. on August 5 from the steps of the Kate Waller Barrett Library in Alexandria. It finished at 11 a.m. on Women’s Equality Day on August 26 at the Virginia Women’s Memorial on the grounds of the Capitol in Richmond. In between it linked locations such as the Lucy Burns Museum and the Turning Point Suffrage Memorial in Occoquan, Virginia.

The Walk honored women and girls of today and throughout history who have broken tradition, social norms, glass ceilings and gone the extra mile.

I followed the East Coast Greenway, a developing 3,000-mile network of protected pathways, from Maine to Florida. My route took me through Fairfax, Prince William, Caroline, Stafford, Spotsylvania, Hanover and Henrico counties. Virginia claims more counties named for women than any other state.

While Virginia boasts some of the loveliest stretches of the route, there are locations here that are still on-road and some are considered highly hazardous to navigate. Factors such as climate, physical and mental health and well-being and the connection of historic sites equal a need for trail completion in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

One goal for this endeavor was to visit sites near the trail linked to Virginia’s women and their history – women who were and are true trailblazers. Gathering oral histories from and about Virginia’s women was also key. More on this in future columns.

Another objective involved highlighting current women’s health statistics. One example centers on Mary Ball Washington, the mother of our nation’s first president, who died at the age of 80 from breast cancer. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, almost 44,000 American women will die from the same disease in 2023.

In the workplace, Virginia women must still fight to be recognized. Many struggle to afford child care and balance responsibilities of work and family. Most must compete for equal pay in the workplace earning $.82 for every dollar their male counterparts receive.

If we are physically able to do so, we can also take steps essential to preserving our health. Worldwide, the average number of steps accrued daily is approximately 5,000. In the United States, it is 4,800.

According to calculations based on studies by the American College of Sports Medicine, the estimated 241,131 steps covered in “Women Going the Extra Mile” is equivalent to the following: 609 lengths of the London Bridge, 59.8 lengths of the Golden Gate Bridge, 42 lengths of Heathrow Airport’s northern runway, 40.7 lengths of Central Park and 40.7 laps of the Daytona International Speedway.

While my recent journey – complete with x-rays, arm splints, heel supports, and those pounds of Epsom Salts – officially ended August 26, Virginia women who will always go the “Extra Mile” are just getting started.

The writer is co-founder, along with Pat Miller, of Alexandria Celebrates Women, a nonprofit that highlights influential women throughout the city’s history. Contact them at AlexandriaCelebratesWomen@gmail.com.
Celebration in Bloom at River Farm

The American Horticultural Society hosted a 50th-anniversary picnic at historic River Farm headquarters on August 24, complete with cupcakes and live music. AHS welcomed families and friends of all ages to enjoy the many gardens, views of the Potomac River and beautiful weather—and community members and neighbors came out to support the efforts of the AHS board.

Picnic goers set out their blankets and chairs on the lawn and were invited to explore the gardens and the manor house. Tours were available, and brochure handouts allowed visitors to meander at their own guided pace. Members and leadership of the national nonprofit were around to mix and mingle and answer questions about the organization and the history of the property. This milestone anniversary was even sweeter since the future of River Farm was unknown in 2020. The property had been put up for sale and the pandemic shutdown led to considerable uncertainty about River Farm’s future. AHS, local governments and community organizations worked together in an attempt to retain and preserve River Farm. In 2021, AHS was able to recommit to their stewardship and nonprofit mission for generations of gardening enthusiasts to come.

These community advocates reflected on the work that helped keep River Farm within the AHS purview while picnicking together on the beautiful grounds.

Fairfax County Supervisor Dan Storck of the Mount Vernon District provided opening remarks at the event and presented a proclamation thanking AHS for its long-standing stewardship of River Farm and its important work educating the community on the natural world.

“Thank you for helping save this wonderful place where we can enjoy the cultivated world around us and help make a difference in the world. The 50 years here at River Farm has enhanced this historical treasure,” Storck read in the proclamation.

AHS board member Skipp Calvert, a long-time Old Town resident, accepted the proclamation from the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

Live music from the band Soulfire was provided by AHS member and Co-chair of the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens’ Association Katherine Ward. The band’s lead singer, Randy Bend, is also a Potomac RiverKeeper Network member.

Scott Plein, chair of the AHS Board of Directors, acknowledged that the hard work during the pandemic allowed for this event and milestone year to be achieved.

“In the two years since we achieved our goal of saving River Farm from development, we are now able to enjoy the beauty of the property and the energy of the community. Tonight is a perfect example of what this property means to AHS and Northern Virginia,” Plein said.

The 25-acre property was originally purchased by AHS in 1973 with funds donated from philanthropist and AHS
RIVER FARM

The grounds were envisioned to be a public space for education, awareness, and an appreciation for the natural beauty of horticulture.

Seeing families with their children enjoying a picnic together with neighbors among these gardens is a visual reminder of this mission at River Farm.

Efforts behind the scenes by River Farm’s dedicated and enthusiastic staff in preparation for the 50th anniversary have long been underway.

“The staff rallied the volunteers who have come back and the work they do makes all the difference. The volunteers make the work sustainable,” Calvert remarked.

Scott Plein agreed with Calvert’s assessment.

“The volunteer energy creates more energy and helps with the momentum to make improvements to the grounds,” Plein said.

“In more than 20 years, this is the best River Farm has ever looked. Rebound, rebuild, re-boot,” Calvert said.

Beautiful inside and out, the manor house reflects the ethos of the AHS. The interiors boast artwork and designs from a well-researched and developed program featuring native local plant species. Each inch of the property reflects the knowledge and appreciation for the local ecological plant communities.

Last year, the AHS celebrated 100 years as a national organization. In the next 100 years, they plan to continue to protect traditional horticulture and work toward reinvesting in the education of earth-friendly practices. Their goal is to foster an appreciation and care for the beauty of gardens and surrounding environs.

Education programs and outreach on sustainable practices have long connected the organization’s efforts with local and national groups.

The American Horticultural Society and its headquarters bridges a direct partnership with communities in Alexandria and the greater DC metro area. With proximity to national history and natural beauty, educational opportunities are accessible.

“We plan to do more and more of these events. Our goal is to build community and hopefully the community will continue to support us,” Plein stated.

As a pinnacle to the 50th anniversary celebration, the American Horticultural Society is hosting a gala on Sept. 23, 2023 at River Farm.

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Finishes as fashion for the home

A mix of materials can make a bold statement

BY BRANDPOINT

The home is the ultimate place for creative expression. Each room acts as a canvas that can be crafted to reflect one’s unique sense of style and personality. From the color on the walls to the material of the furniture, every detail is important. When designing a room, consider how materials, colors and shapes play off each other and blend together, as the home is not just meant to be a place of function. It is also a space for fashion, creativity and style.

Matte sophistication

Color is an important piece of the puzzle when bringing together a space and should be a thoughtful choice when considering every accessory, fixture and element within a room. When choosing finishes, especially in the kitchen and bath spaces, carefully consider the finish. Whether you use a matte finish to create a timeless and classic look, or a polished finish to create a glamorous look, there’s an option to suit every aesthetic. A room does not require vibrant color to make a statement; sometimes the boldest state-

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HOME OF THE WEEK

Preserving legacy and charm

Immerse yourself in the allure of urban living with this meticulously renovated row house nestled in historic Old Town.

This corner unit emanates a sun-drenched ambiance, capturing the essence of both modern and historic charm. A splendid transformation awaits you in this exquisite home.

Upon crossing the threshold, you’ll be greeted by a newly appointed kitchen adorned with sleek granite countertops, a contemporary tile backsplash and top-of-the-line GE stainless steel appliances.

The lower level boasts high-quality luxury vinyl flooring that creates an inviting and cozy atmosphere throughout.

Experience serenity in your private oasis with a charming fenced back patio and a conveniently accessible side entrance. Street parking is abundant, ensuring your convenience and peace of mind. Discover unparalleled ease with the Braddock Metro Station a mere two blocks from your doorstep.

Venture into the vibrant neighborhood, where a myriad of boutiques, delectable restaurants, trendy retail outlets and the storied history of King Street await you.

This exceptional home presents an unmissable opportunity to own a beautifully renovated row house in an unbeatable location.

Begin envisioning your new life where modernity meets historic allure seamlessly. Your dream of owning a home that harmonizes timeless elegance with contemporary convenience is within reach.
**SEPTEMBER 9**

**TONS OF TRUCKS**
The City of Alexandria hosts Tons of Trucks. Attendees of all ages are invited to explore and get behind the wheel of their favorite City vehicles, meet the staff who help build, maintain, serve and protect the community and learn about the vehicles they use. Other activities include an art project with the City’s Mobile Art Lab, giveaways, photo opportunities, and food truck vendors. Rain or shine. Tickets required.

**Time:** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
**Location:** 3210 King St.
**Information:** alexandriava.gov/rpca/tons-of-trucks-2023

**ARTS & MUSIC FESTIVAL**
All events are free and open to the public, but registration is strongly encouraged. Film, spoken word, visual art, discussions and more.

**Time:** 12 to 8:30 p.m.
**Location:** 201 S. Washington St.
**Information:** alexandriava.gov/museums/location/visit-alexandria-history-museum-at-the-lyceum

**SEPTEMBER 16**

**CLASSIC CAR SHOW**
All are welcome. Join in the Lyceum parking lot for a classic car show. Cars manufactured by Packard, Hudson, MG, Nash and more.

**Time:** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
**Location:** 201 S. Washington St.
**Information:** packardsva.org

**SEPTEMBER 23**

**HOMES TOUR**
Self-guided tour of homes and gardens in Old town.

**SEPTEMBER 30**

**ALEXANDRIA ART FESTIVAL**
Free festival featuring a variety of creations from artists around the country.

**Time:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
**Location:** Old Town
**Information:** thetwig.org/homestour

**SIPS & SECRETS**
The Lee-Fendall House Museum invites the community to join for their popular annual fundraiser. Jazz and ragtime band. Dance contest. 1920s-era cocktails. Attendees are encouraged to don their best flapper style for the costume contest. Tickets required.

**Time:** 7 to 10 p.m.
**Location:** 614 Oronoco St.
**Information:** eventbrite.com/e/sips-secrets-a-speakeasy-night-tickets-6388227

**OCTOBER 7**

**ART ON THE AVE.**

**Time:** 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
**Location:** Mt. Vernon Avenue between Hume and Bellefonte Avenues.
**Information:** artonttheavenue.org

**Fair Trade Rug Event**
**Sept. 21 - 24**

**Quality you Desire, Fairness Artisans Deserve**
Handknotted, heirloom-quality Tribal, Bokhara and Persian rugs. Available from 2’ x 3’ to 10’ x 14’

915 King St, Alexandria 703-684-1435

**Finish in the room is one that is strikingly simple.**

**Intriguing details**
Customization is a true marker of luxury. While one may be drawn to a particular faucet shape and style, the finish is a chance to really make it feel personal. Select a polished or brilliant detail with a shine to make the faucet the jewelry of the room. The tone itself is a juxtaposition of cool and warm, which adds a captivating touch to any space. A dark, moody hue conveys a modern sleekness that can quickly make an outdated space feel fashionable. Mixing and matching tones or using split finishes can add a unique perspective and creates an aesthetic that artfully blends materials. Look at finishes as a way to make a statement in a space. They should not be overlooked in the design process, as they are the very detailed element that brings a room – and the home – together.
Editorial

Good policy takes time

Like an aromatic soup, good policy shouldn’t be rushed – or overloaded with unnecessary ingredients.

Think of the omnibus bills passed across the river. They are invariably loaded with items that both haven’t been individually considered and stray from the stated core purpose of the bill.

Not rushing or overloading are two elements The Coalition for a Livable Alexandria, which had its public debut on Monday at Market Square, is urging Alexandria’s City Councilors to consider as they prepare to vote on the controversial initiative “Zoning for Housing/Housing for all” this fall. (See the Times’ page 1 story, “Coalition for a Livable Alexandria launches” for the full story.)

It would be better policy to consider potential changes to single family zoning in Alexandria, which is a huge issue, on its own without lumping it together with other major changes such as modifying current height restrictions.

Both proposals are related to the overarching issue of making Alexandria even more densely populated than it already is. But they’re also different concepts that will have disparate consequences.

We have never heard a single person in Alexandria say they oppose housing affordability. So this initiative isn’t about whether one is in favor of more affordable housing.

To be more blunt, the “race card” has no place in this discussion about whether to fundamentally alter how Alexandria is zoned. What does have a place is measured consideration of the proposal’s likely consequences, especially unintended ones that proponents would rather wish away than face.

CLA board member Will Shen, an urban planner who works for the federal government on housing affordability, sounded the alarm at Monday’s launch that Council will set a cascade of unintended consequences in motion if the weirdly named Zoning for Housing/Housing for All initiative passes as is.

Shen warns that the proposal will not lower housing prices – but it will create an overwhelming burden on city services due to the influx of residents that will outpace infrastructure improvements.

From where we sit, it appears that the winners from this initiative as currently structured would be developers – who are undoubtedly already working on proposals for larger, taller buildings throughout Alexandria – rather than low-income residents.

This is not to say that we wholeheartedly endorse CLA. While its leaders were visible at Monday’s rally at Market Square, information on how the organization is structured, who its leaders are or where its funding comes from is lacking from its website “livablealexandria.org”

An organization that exists to critique policies and decries city processes needs to be more transparent if its leaders hope to garner widespread support.

We are also heading into an election year – and not just any year but a once-in-12 years election when our local elections, held every three years, coincide with federal congressional and presidential elections, held every two, four or six years depending on the office. Election seasons are bad times for good policy, as office seekers are often more concerned about perception than fundamentally sound initiatives.

If City Councilors themselves won’t slow consideration of ZFH/HFA and discuss this enormous initiative piece-by-piece, we call on City Manager Jim Parajon to do so. After all, it’s the city manager, not the mayor or council, who sets the docket for City Council meetings.

 Alexandria’s city manager has the ability to make sure ZFH/HFA is not considered until or unless concerns about unintended consequences are addressed. We urge him to use that authority.

Opinion

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

- Thomas Jefferson

Photo of the Week

Celebrating free and frequent transit

To the editor:

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In this spirit, the City of Alexandria is celebrating its DASH bus system, which has broken records with more than 4.5 million boardings in a single year. With the highest ridership in its 39-year history, DASH is delivering high quality service to all bus riders. Years in the making, today’s DASH is Alexandria’s response to public demands for convenience and equity.

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efficient. The winning combination of the modernized bus network and the Fare-Free program was immediately impactful. One year later, DASH ridership reached its highest monthly total since 2015.

DASH’s high-frequency, all-day routes, Lines 35 and 36A/B serve the city’s three largest communities of people living with low-income and from historically marginalized backgrounds: West Alexandria, South Van Dorn and Arlandria. In May 2022, Alexandria’s City Council provided additional funding for higher frequency service on portions of the DASH 30 line that improves access to jobs in Alexandria’s east, including in Old Town, for residents from historically marginalized backgrounds in West Alexandria and South Van Dorn. Along with DASH’s high-frequency, all-day service on Line 35 – Van Dorn/Beauregard corridor – and Lines 36A/B – Mark Center to Potomac Yard – enhanced Line 30 service has helped grow DASH ridership to its current record level.

Removing barriers to public transit is a public health strategy in Alexandria’s 2025 Community Health Improvement Plan. Riding the bus connects people and communities and breaks down growing isolation. When speaking in favor of improved bus service at a recent public hearing, Kursten Phelps explained DASH’s positive impacts: “When DASH went fare-free, it gave our family the freedom to leave our car behind more often. We love our community, and the bus is where the community is at. Instead of shushing my child in the backseat to focus on driving, we get around town now by bus, where we can talk about her day, chat with neighbors on the bus, and read books together.”

“On Twitter/X, Matthew Larson (@tommybomb45) shared that, “Fare free DASH was the catalyst for my family to go from two vehicles to one. We use it daily.” Critics who question the costs and benefits of DASH’s free fare program seem to not realize that all forms of transportation in the U.S. are subsidized. For example, the Public Interest Research Group found that gas taxes and vehicle user fees cover only about one-half of the costs of roads. Bus systems in the U.S. are a public good, with pre-pandemic subsidies of 64% on average. Here in Alexandria, DASH estimates that it could use fares to recover $5.1M of the $31.7M DASH budget, or 16%. That’s with the pre-pandemic special-fare programs for students, zero fare, and seniors, low fare, but without a low-income program. If DASH were to drop Fare-Free, restore special fares for students and seniors and add a zero-fare program for residents living with low-income, farebox recovery would be less than 10% of the overall budget. In all cases, annual farebox revenue would be much less than the DASH-estimated $5 million cost to install new fareboxes.

Put simply, the DASH Fare-Free Transit program removes the expense of bureaucratic special-fare programs and puts the savings into the hands of riders. These dollars support critical living expenses such as housing, food and medical care. Fare-Free transit is a positive response to public demand for accessibility, equity, and inclusivity across the city. We look forward to seeing the Alexandria City Council reaffirm their commitment to both Fare-Free and to additional high-frequency, all-day service during their fall budget priority discussions. Alexandria’s experience shows that the high-quality, high-frequency service and the Fare-Free program are a winning combination worth celebrating.

-Meronne Teklu, chair, City of Alexandria Economic Opportunities Commission; Jim Durham, vice chair, DASH Advisory Committee

Are you optimizing giving?

BY HEATHER PEELER

One of the things I love about working at ACT, Alexandria’s community foundation, is that I see a tremendous spirit of generosity in our city. If you were one of the 9,000 people who participated in Spring2ACTion, Alexandria’s giving day, you have experienced one of the many ways ACT supports charitable giving. For nearly 20 years, ACT has partnered with people who are committed to making an impact through their philanthropy. We are honored that so many have selected ACT to pursue ways to be more strategic and intentional in their giving.

Identifying causes you want to support and how to have more impact is a common concern. Our team has helped donors clarify their goals and get to know local nonprofits. When it comes to being a savvy donor, knowing how to give and taking advantage of the plethora of tools available is just as important.

This is also where ACT can be of assistance. The options are numerous: from creating donor advised funds where giving aligns with the unique priorities of each donor, to giving a qualified charitable distribution through your retirement account, to exploring ways to create a legacy by making a planned gift through your estate. Our team is a trusted resource and partner to donors looking to be more strategic and impactful.

Here’s our take on the most common philanthropic tools: Donor advised funds work like a charitable bank account. When you open a donor advised fund with ACT, you can recommend grants to qualified 501(c)(3) organizations in Alexandria or around the country, whenever you wish. You receive a tax benefit when you open or replenish your fund, and the assets of the fund are invested to grow over time. Through our online portal, you can streamline philanthropic recordkeeping.

Because the ACT team conducts due diligence, you have peace of mind that your donation is in compliance with IRS regulations. Some fund holders make grants and replenish their funds at a regular cadence; others choose to build the assets of their fund so that they can make more donations in the future. DAFs are a very flexible tool and can be used to accommodate a variety of philanthropic goals.

Did you know that your retirement fund can be a source for your charitable giving? If you are 70½ or older, you can take advantage of a qualified charitable distribution while managing your taxable income. A QCD is a distribution of funds from your IRA directly to a qualified nonprofit organization. Because the gift goes directly to the nonprofit without passing through your hands, the dollar amount of the gift may be excluded from your taxable income up to a maximum of $100,000 annually, with some exceptions. It qualifies as your Required Minimum Distribution. This double benefit – for you and your favorite nonprofit – makes the QCD an attractive option to many people who have seen their retirement accounts grow.

Finally, legacy giving is an opportunity to give from your estate beyond your lifetime. You may have a nonprofit that you have supported consistently over time and have a desire to ensure that the organization has the resources it needs for its work in the future. We work with donors interested in legacy giving. They are looking for ways to be generous and realize their values at a scale that may not be possible during their lifetime. For example, many people may find it difficult to give 10% of their income, but easier to give 10% of their estate. These gifts can also be transformative to nonprofits and support the sustainability of their programs and mission.

Thanks to the vision and support of Gene Steuerle, one of ACT’s founders, we are very excited to announce Think Ahead Alexandria, a community-wide legacy effort to inspire meaningful contributions to nonprofits across the city. During the next few months, ACT will be working with nonprofits and estate attorneys to help get Alexandrians thinking about philanthropy in their financial planning and estate plans.

Hopefully these resources sparked new thoughts about ways you can act on your generous spirit. Please consult your tax advisor for more specific guidance in alignment with your unique circumstances.

ACT is the home for philanthropy in Alexandria and we are committed to bolstering investment in Alexandria’s nonprofits now and in the future. Reach out to me or anyone on the ACT team if you are looking for a philanthropic partner that shares your commitment to and love for our community.

The writer is president and CEO of Act for Alexandria.

Heather Peeler
From Alexandria into space

Alexandria is fortunate to be the hometown of not one, but two astronauts. Guy Gardner and the Hon. Charles F. Bolden, Jr. distinguished themselves as combat pilots and astronauts. They also received honors as administrators after they retired as astronauts.

Both men piloted multiple Space Shuttle flights after piloting more than 100 combat flights each during the Vietnam War. After completing his astronaut career, Gardner went into academic administration. Bolden returned to active duty in the Marine Corps following his time as an astronaut. Later, then-President Obama chose Bolden as the 12th NASA Administrator.

Guy Gardner was born in Altavista, but he grew up in Alexandria, where he graduated from George Washington High School in 1965. Gardner completed his studies at the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1969 and received an M.S. in Astronautics from Purdue University the following year. He saw combat in Southeast Asia as an F-4 pilot based in Ubon, Thailand.

After several other tours in the Air Force, Gardner was selected for the NASA astronaut program in May 1980. He was assigned to pilot the first Space Shuttle flight from Vandenberg Air Force Base, California in 1984, but that flight was canceled. Instead, he piloted the 27th Space Shuttle mission on board Atlantis in 1988.

Atlantis sustained substantial damage during its launch and Gardner and the rest of the crew were fortunate that they survived re-entry through the Earth’s atmosphere. Gardner also piloted Columbia in 1990 for the 35th Space Shuttle mission, completing its primary mission of deploying the ASTRO-1 astronomy laboratory.

After retiring from the astronaut program, Gardner commanded the U.S. Air Force Test Pilot School at Edwards Air Force Base, before returning to NASA to direct the joint U.S. Shuttle-Russian Mir Program. He later managed research programs at one of his alma maters, Purdue University, and served as president of the Williamson College of the Trades for four years.

Charles F. Bolden, Jr. grew up in Columbia, South Carolina but currently lives in Alexandria. Initially, Bolden was denied admission to the U.S. Naval Academy due to his race, thanks to the efforts of then-Sen. Strom Thurmond.

Bolden received his appointment after personally writing to President Lyndon Johnson and receiving an invitation from Illinois Congressman William Dawson. Like Gardner, Bolden was stationed in Thailand and saw combat in Southeast Asia as an A-6 pilot. Bolden was selected for the NASA astronaut program in 1980, like Gardner.


In 2009, President Obama nominated him as the 12th NASA administrator. His unanimous confirmation made him the first former astronaut and the first African American to serve in that role, which he held until 2017. As NASA moves into a new era of manned space flight, Alexandrians can take pride in knowing that two leading astronauts of the Space Shuttle years had strong ties to our city.

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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE FAMILY DIVISION OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE

JAKE WILLIAM SPANIOL
Plaintiff,

Case No.: DV23-00341
Dept. No.: 14
SUMMONS

vs.

TYNISHA RENA SPANIOL,
Defendant.

TO THE DEFENDANT: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. THE COURT MAY DECIDE AGAINST YOU WITHOUT WRITING WITHIN WRITING WITHIN 21 DAYS. READ THE INFORMATION BELOW VERY CAREFULLY.

TO THE DEFENDANT: A civil complaint for divorce without children has been filed by the plaintiff against you for the relief as set forth in that document (see complaint).

1. If you wish to defend this lawsuit, you must, within 20 days after this Summon is served on you, exclusive of the day of service, file with this Court a written pleading* in response to this Complaint.

2. Unless you respond, your default will be entered upon application of the plaintiff, and this Court may enter a judgment against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint**, which could result in the taking of money or property or the relief requested in the Complaint.

3. If you wish to seek the advice of an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your response may be filed on time.

4. You are required to serve your response upon plaintiff, whose address is 4300 Neil Road, Apt. 60, Reno, NV 89502.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON AN APPEAL OF A DECISION OF THE BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW

A Public Hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, on Saturday, September 23, 2023 at 9:30 AM, in Council Chambers, second floor of City Hall, 301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia on the following applications:

CASE BAR#2023-00235 OHAD
Public Hearing and consideration of an appeal of the Board of Architectural Review’s July 6, 2023, decision to deny a Certificate of Appropriateness at 720 King Street Old and Historic Alexandria District. Applicant: Glynn Jones Salon

APPELLEES:
Application fee: $250
Referred to: Alexandra Times
Date referred: September 21, 2023.
Region:

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ALEXANDRIA PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

The following request has been reviewed by the Planning & Zoning and approved administratively by the Director of Planning & Zoning. If you have any comments regarding the proposals above, please contact Planning & Zoning staff at 703-746-4666 or email the planner listed no later than September 21, 2023.

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