Delayed crime reporting draws ire

Alexandria Police under scrutiny for response to violent attempted abduction
BY WAFIR SALIH

The Alexandria Police Department is facing sharp criticism for its delay in alerting the community about an attempted abduction on September 1.

According to a person who reviewed security footage of the event, at approximately 11:09 p.m. at the intersection of S. Washington Street and Wilkes Street, an unknown assailant ambushed a young woman on the sidewalk, placed her in a chokehold and dragged her into an alley behind Firehook Bakery. Although she managed to escape, the assailant remains at large.

Police scanner reports from that time, available on open-mhz.com, indicate an initial call came in at 11:09:44 about a "flag down" for a person who had possibly been attacked by a male subject. At 11:13:48, a dispatch came through calling for an ambulance for a 30-year-old female with an injury to her mouth at the same location, at 600 Wilkes St. At 11:16:39 a dispatch call referred to the female’s facial in-...
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Crime updates from Alexandria Police

Alexandria Police Department charged suspect Ricky Dehate, 48, with second-degree murder on September 13. The crime in question took place on September 11 when police found a victim with injuries from a fight on North Van Dorn Street. Dehate was originally charged with felonious assault, but after the victim died two days later, he was charged with second-degree murder.

APD arrested a prison escapee on September 15 thanks to the use of license plate reader technology. The prisoner, Dustin Bone, 38, escaped Sanger B. Powers Correctional Center in Oneida, Wisconsin, on September 11, where he was serving a seven-year sentence for armed robbery. Police used LPR to locate the stolen vehicle Bone was using.

“The arrest is a great example of how we use the newest technology tools in our continued effort to keep the community safe,” Alexandria Police Chief Don Hayes said in an APD release. Bone is being held in the William G. Truesdale Adult Detention Center in Alexandria.

APD is investigating a September 1 robbery and abduction at Wilkes and South Washington Streets. If anyone has information or evidence related to the crime, visit alexandriapdva.evidence.com. APD strongly encourages those with evidence to report.

A shooting took place Saturday in the 300 block of South Reynolds Street where a person suffered non-life-threatening injuries. Police are still investigating the crime.

An armed robbery took place on the 4600 block of Duke Street on Friday. No injuries were reported and APD is still investigating.

A commercial robbery took place on the 5700 block of Edsall Road on Tuesday. No injuries were reported, and APD is still investigating.

Alexandria Police reports missing person

The Alexandria Police Department is looking for Jamie Serrano, who was last seen in the 5700 block of Harwich Court Sunday driving a light blue Toyota Rav4. Serrano is a 35-year-old Hispanic male with black hair and brown eyes, is about 5 feet and 7 inches tall and weighs around 170 pounds. At the time of his disappearance, he was wearing blue jeans, a black jacket, a black hat and a ski mask. Serrano could be in danger because of mental health concerns. Anyone with information on Serrano can call 9-1-1 or APD’s non-emergency phone at 703-746-4444.

Judge denied APD members’ petition

Alexandria Circuit Court Judge Katie Uston denied a petition that would have promoted Alexandria Police Department’s Monica Lisle from captain to assistant police chief. Lisle sued after City Manager Jim Parajon refused a three-member city grievance panel’s order to promote her. Uston ruled Parajon is responsible for hiring and promoting in Alexandria, and the grievance panel overstepped its boundaries. Lisle’s lawyer, Will Thetford, said his client is looking into appeal options.
jury as being “from an assault.”

Despite the severity of the incident, APD did not notify residents through the eNews alert system until September 14. While violent abductions resulting in injuries typically warrant an immediate alert, a robbery with no injuries, which is how police initially characterized the incident, does not.

Resident Christine Roberts said she believes it’s important for alerts to be sent to the community as soon as possible.

“I think in an instance where there is a perpetrator on the loose that has committed a violent assault against a member of the community, it’s imperative for the safety of the community that the community is noticed as soon as possible so we can take appropriate extra precautions above and beyond the precautions that we take on a day-to-day basis,” Roberts said.

The individual we spoke with, who reviewed the security video but wished to remain anonymous for safety reasons, was vexed by the police response.

“The community is definitely frustrated. It’s not like there were a lot of people on the street. He should’ve been caught that night,” they said.

This same individual described in detail what they saw on the security footage.

“The suspect is seen walking behind her until he passed the Firehook parking lot. At that time he started attacking her. After struggling with her, he grabbed her from the neck and took her behind the east side of the Firehook building alleyway,” the individual said.

“A car coming up from North Washington made a left onto Wilkes Street and happened to see the incident. The good Samaritan stopped, and the victim ran immediately to their car and the suspect fled the opposite direction.”

Further detailing the footage, they say the suspect appeared to be trailing the young woman, keeping about five to six feet away from her. Upon reaching the intersection, the culprit began his assault. Following the victim’s escape, a single police officer was dispatched to the scene in response to a call from the driver who witnessed the attack.

The individual expressed disappointment in the police response.

“I just wished they dispatched more officers [that night] to catch the suspect because he’s on the loose right now,” they said. “One of my friends I spoke to told me, ‘I wish they dispatched a helicopter,’ and it’s true. [The perpetrator] could’ve killed her.”

APD responded on Wednesday afternoon following multiple requests from the Times for comment in the previous days. APD spokesman Marcel Bassett attempted to clarify when APD sends an alert by sending a list of 10 instances, that includes “Felonious Assault (resulting in serious injury),” “Sexual Assaults Involving Stranglers” and “Commercial Robbery or any robbery involving serious injury.”

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September 1 assault was injured enough to warrant an ambulance response, it apparently didn’t meet the APD threshold of “serious injury.” Likewise, while the assailant may have had sexual intent, the good Samaritan’s intervention precluded that from happening.

The nature of the incident was further muddled because at 11:19:15, a male voice on the police scanner abruptly said, “Move this to another channel and change the classification to a robbery, please.”

The city’s crime report database has two entries for this incident, the first one is case 23-082086 and refers to the incident as a “robbery.” The second case number is 23-082086 and lists the crime as “KIDNAPPING/ABDUCTION” in capital letters.

The individual who viewed the footage challenged APD’s initial robbery explanation.

“It’s common sense. If I wanted to steal your phone I’d say, ‘Hey, hand it over.’” The individual went on to emphasize, “This guy dragged her to the back of the alleyway. I’m thinking he wanted to do something else.”

They also commented on how bizarre the suspect’s actions were.

“He must’ve been crazy,” they said. “He did this in the middle of the intersection. There are cameras all over the block, people walking down the sidewalk, cars driving down the road. He’s lucky a cop wasn’t in the area driving by that night.”

This incident ignited a heated discussion on the social media platform, NextDoor. Many users voiced their dissatisfaction that the incident wasn’t reported soon enough by APD. One person highlighted how the department finally issued an eNews release on September 14 notifying the public and asking for tips.

“Two weeks after the fact,” another user responded. “Two weeks with the violent criminal on our streets unreported. This is not OK.”

Amid the discussion, one user detailed their own experience with APD and was critical of the department’s handling of a past situation.

“In October 2016, I witnessed a woman get groped and grabbed on the Mount Vernon Trail in Old Town North. It was about two weeks before a report was ever filed, despite the fact that I met with several officers shortly after the incident happened. The only reason that a report was actually filed was because someone associated with U.S. Park Police took note of my homemade sign warning others and called around two weeks later. By then, camera footage from the old coal plant had expired. My guess is that Alexandria Police did not believe that the incident actually happened – unfortunately this is a bit of a trend.”

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The APD has not issued a release about this incident, which was classified as indecent exposure.

In a proactive move, Roberts submitted a 311-request concerning the September 1 incident.

“The response that I received from the mayor was immediate,” Roberts said. “I

Mayor Justin Wilson, in an email exchange with Roberts, shed light on the intricacies of police investigations.

“It is not uncommon for a crime to be reported as one thing [sometimes relatively minor], but then upon investigation [sometimes days later] we realize that it was something much more serious,” Wilson said. “We won’t typically go back and do a public alert for something that happened days later, unless we’re looking for information [or advising about information we have] from the community.”

Wilson verified in his communication with Roberts that APD initially classified the September 1 incident as an attempted robbery.

“I did confirm that there was no release issued because this was initially reported to Police as a robbery with no injuries,” Wilson said in the email, which was dated September 14, the same day the police eNews alert was issued.

Bassett, however, insisted that “The initial report stated attempted robbery and abduction” and that there had been no revision in the characterization of the incident.

The APD issued an alert two weeks after the September 1 incident and is actively seeking information; the community remains vigilant as the suspect is still at large.

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Career nurses. Tens of thousands of LPNs have left since the beginning of the pandemic with an insufficient number of replacements being trained during the two-to-three-year period.

An inadequate supply of nurses has negative impacts on patient health-related outcomes, namely decreasing the quality of care, threatening patient safety and increasing patient mortality rates, according to a study in the Nursing Open journal from October 2022.

Donna Shaw, an administrator at Woodbine, said the shortage has been a long time coming, but was enhanced by the pandemic and an aging population.

“The oldest baby boomer turns 80 in 2025, so just [two] short years from now is going to be the start of the wave,” Shaw said.

Baby boomers were born loosely between 1946 and 1964. Between this period, more than 78 million people were born according to the U.S. Census Bureau. The Census Bureau also said by 2034, there will be 77 million people aged 65 or older, while there will only be 76.5 million people under the age of 18.

The demand of care must be met by the supply of nurses, but the future is grim; it is projected there will be a 10% to 20% shortage of manpower in providing patient care in 2030, as per a Nurse.org 2023 survey.

Jennifer Bristow, development manager at NOVA, said this new program will create an important pathway for nurses at the community college level.

“This is a family sustaining wage program,” Bristow said. “[Students] are able to complete this program and get hired right away. This isn’t where they’re spending two to four years – or possibly longer – to get these credentials. This is a quick entry into the healthcare profession.”

Bristow said this program is stackable, meaning that students can then go on to receive higher levels of education in the nursing field if they chose to do so. With successful completion of an LPN program, students can then obtain a registered nurse degree in two years, then a bachelor's of science in nursing, which are all then used to become a nurse practitioner.

“The LPN is the first to really enter the nursing field officially,” Hoang-Dung Nguyen, an associate director of external communications at NOVA, said. “It’s a lot when you want to get into nursing and you may think that the four-year university route is your only option. We want to really emphasize that you can break it up and get paid the median wage, [which] only goes up once you get an RN and BSN.”

Nguyen and Bristow said the program was created by a team of experts brought together by NOVA to craft the program from scratch. This way, the program was customized to the region and maximize the skills obtained by students.

“When an LPN graduates and passes their credentialing, they will be able to walk straight in and know exactly what they’re supposed to be doing and apply those skills they learned because they’re going to get all [those] clinical rotation hours coupled in [with] their in academics,” Bristow said.

Shaw said this program will be beneficial to the working student. Students of the program will be able to use classrooms and clinical spaces in an open forum with flexible hours.

“It offers amazing flexibility for people that are already working that can’t just drop everything and go to school,” Shaw said. “It’s really going to teach future nurses what they need to know to take care of people. It’s a win-win for the students, the school and our community in the future.”

Shaw also said, as a nurse and resident of Alexandria for over 25 years, the city is a quintessential city for nurses to work within.

“There are a lot of people that live in the city that have been here for generations, and this is their town,” Shaw said. “There’s not too many pockets that really feel like a small town like Alexandria does [in the Washington, D.C. area]. People want to continue to live in the city as they age. It’s so important to invest right back in [to the community] so we can keep people living here for years to come.”

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Civil rights attorney Gerry Hebert dies at 74

BY DYLAN JAFFE

Joseph Gerald “Gerry” Hebert, a notable civil rights and voting rights attorney and former ALIVE! president, died on September 7. He was 74.

Hebert worked for the U.S. Department of Justice’s Civil Rights Division where he contributed as acting chief, deputy chief and special litigation counsel in the voting section. During his time at the DOJ, Hebert was the lead attorney in numerous cases involving voting rights, with some reaching the U.S Supreme Court.

Hebert was known for his generosity and compassion for his community. He served as the executive director of Campaign Legal Center, a nonprofit organization that advocates for voters’ rights, from 2004 to 2018 and retired from the organization in 2021. Under his leadership, CLC expanded its litigation practice and grew its staff and resources to increase the organization’s ability to advocate on behalf of voters, according to the organization’s website.

Hebert spent many years volunteering at ALIVE!, a nonprofit organization with a mission to help families in the Alexandria area affected by poverty and hunger. In addition to serving as president for numerous years, he was a member of the board and was heavily involved in the furniture department for almost 40 years. He played a key role in setting up the organization’s Food Hubs and furniture donation centers.

A statement from ALIVE!’s Facebook page praised Hebert and his long service to

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Out of the classroom
Education section

Mayor swears in ACDS Student Council

Alexandria Country Day School celebrated the start of the new school year by swearing in its Student Council members on September 13. Mayor Justin Wilson joined Head of School Scott Baytosh to perform the swearing in ceremony and shared a few remarks with the student body. Alexandria’s mayor has been participating in this ceremony for most of ACDS’ 40-year history.

ACPS creates attendance task force

September is Attendance Awareness Month, and Alexandria City Public Schools has created a task force to closely monitor student attendance across the district. Superintendent Melanie Kay-Wyatt, Ed.D., has defined chronic absenteeism as a top priority for her transition plan. The task force hopes to encourage regular attendance from students and ensure they attend 95% of the school days.

Timeless tradition at Grace Episcopal

Grace Episcopal School has a tradition that has lasted for years: the “handshake line.” Every Friday, students and parents greet Patti Culbreth, head of the school, before starting the day. Each week this tradition centers the community and strengthens the connection between home and school.

ILS celebrates Constitution Day

Immanuel Lutheran School hosted its third annual Constitution Day celebration filled with community-wide activities. An ILS-fan favorite, the day is packed with guest readers, trivia games on the Constitution and U.S. history and guest speakers. Parents are invited to participate in the activities with their children to learn more about the history of the document and its modern uses.

St. Rita parent funds new playground

Saint Rita Catholic School kicked off the 2023-2024 school year with a new playground courtesy of Johnny Taylor, Jr., a parent of a St. Rita student. The 200 students enrolled at the school have already begun enjoying the new structure. The official ribbon cutting ceremony will be held at the end of September.
Olympic boxer Troy Isley visited his former Alexandria school, Lyles Crouch Traditional Academy, last week. He spoke to students about the importance of doing well in school to pursue a dream career. Students asked Isley about his passion for boxing and his career since leaving Alexandria. This is Isley’s third time visiting Lyles Crouch.

Fusion Alexandria students and Giselle Lopez started the Pura Vida chapter of the National Spanish Honors Society at the school.

Fusion welcomes Spanish Honor Society

Starting this school year, Fusion Alexandria welcomed its first students in the National Spanish Honor Society, or the Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica, to campus. The official name of the chapter is Pura Vida, which was chosen by the students. The purpose of the society is to recognize high achievement in Spanish and Portuguese by secondary school students. The society also aims to promote community interest in Hispanic and Luso-Brazilian studies.

A charter was created in collaboration with Giselle Lopez, head of the world languages department at Fusion Alexandria. Students will be responsible for spreading interest throughout the student body to take Spanish and put together cultural events on campus such as Hispanic Heritage Month.

“I am very excited to bring the Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica to our campus to promote Spanish language and culture,” Lopez said. “Having been born and raised in Puerto Rico, I have developed a real passion for teaching my first language to others to create more awareness about the importance of being bilingual and to understand the Latino culture. I am hoping to spread more education and cultural awareness through our Honor Society students and to bring it to the rest of our campus and community.”

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Why ALX should be called a ‘bite in the district’

BY OLIVER A. PAIK

At camp this summer, I met some kids from Michigan who described where they live by holding up their hand and pointing. It reminded me of hearing some adults explain locations visited in Italy by pointing to their boots. And apparently some geography experts like to say that Nome is on the “tip of the nose” of Alaska.

I think geography is really cool, so I think coming up with a way to describe where Alexandria is located in a creative way will make the city better known and make Alexandrians seem knowledgeable and interesting. As I was comparing old and modern maps of Washington, D.C., I came up with a great name for our area: “The Bite in the District.”

If you have ever looked at a map of the District of Columbia, you have probably noticed its odd shape. It is a perfect 100 square mile diamond, except what looks like a large “bite” taken out of the lower left corner. That “bite” — what is now known as Alexandria and Arlington — was once part of the district.

In the Compromise of 1790, Thomas Jefferson and Alexander Hamilton agreed the nation’s capital would be in the southern region of the United States and the capital would not be located in a state. Virginia and Maryland both volunteered land to create the District of Columbia.

However, the Virginians soon found they did not like living in the district. Many issues arose because of this, such as the “taxation without representation” motto in Washington, the cultural split between the two sides of the district and, of course, slavery. Some of these issues led to the Civil War and some remain today.

It just didn’t make much sense to keep Alexandria County in Washington anymore. After many years of disagreements and protests, in 1846, Alexandria County broke off from the district and then in 1852, Alexandria County was split in half between Arlington County and Alexandria City. Removal of nearly 31 square miles of the 100 square mile, diamond-shaped Washington is why Alexandria is not in a county and why there is a “Bite in the District.”

As you ponder the adoption of the “bite,” take a walk down Jones Point and see the stone markers near the lighthouse that indicate the Washington, D.C., Maryland and Virginia boundaries.

Everyone has seen the Washington map largely depicted as a diamond but very few know why the diamond was “bitten” and our new slogan will both elevate Alexandria and educate the country. Let’s make the “Bite in the District” a nationally recognized area that people everywhere will think of when they look at Washington on a map.

The writer is an eighth grade student at the Basilica School of St. Mary in Alexandria.

It’s fun being a junior docent

BY ELOISE SUMNER

For the past two summers, I have volunteered as a junior docent at Gadsby’s Tavern. Every Sunday afternoon, I dressed as a girl from the 1800s and told visitors about life in colonial America.

Gadsby’s Tavern was actually two taverns. One was built in 1785, and the other was built in 1792. Ms. Kristy, who is in charge of the junior docents, described the taverns.

“The taverns] were leased out to many people, including an English tavernkeeper named John Gadsby who helped put them at the center of Alexandria’s social scene of the late eighteenth century,” Kristy said.

Lots of famous people came to Gadsby’s Tavern when it was built. One of the most famous people was George Washington. He had his birthnight ball there, which was a big birthday party where everyone danced and wore fancy clothes.

“My favorite junior docent station is the clothing station. I liked it so much I chose that station almost every Sunday. It is the only station where we get to wear period clothing, which is clothes that look and work like clothes from the 1800s. That means I have to tie and pin everything I wore.

At the clothing station, we tell visitors how colonial Americans would have worn and cared for their clothes.

Did you know that stays are different from corsets? Stays turn your torso into an inverted cone, while corsets are used to reconstruct the shape of your waist. At the clothing station, there are lots of things that visitors can touch and try, like an iron that had to be heated on a fire or a fabric guessing game, where they guess which fabric was the most expensive.

Another reason I like volunteering at Gadsby’s Tavern is that I homeschool, and when I volunteer at Gadsby’s Tavern I don’t have to do school work. My mom thinks that volunteering at Gadsby’s Tavern counts as school work. I also like volunteering...
because I have made friends there. Some junior docents go to private school, while others go to public school and some homeschool like me. “I like the way that the junior docent program helps build friendships between youths from all over the area who may never have met otherwise,” Kristy said.

Those are just a few of the reasons I like working at Gadsby’s Tavern!

The writer is a homeschool student in Alexandria.
the organization.

“Gerry was an exceptional man, dedicating his entire life to uplifting others. ... Gerry was a guardian of democracy, a guitar-playing grandfather, and someone whose example of selfless service is a legacy that we will aspire to emulate,” the statement said. “We are so grateful for all the hard work and dedication he demonstrated to ALIVE!’s mission and to the community of Alexandria.”

Mike Diffley, who volunteered at ALIVE! for 32 years and was chairman of the furniture committee, worked closely with Hebert.

“He was a glass half full kind of guy. ... He was always positive and helped pick people up. He held leadership positions but he was the spirit of the organization,” Diffley said.

In addition to his distinguished career, Hebert found joy in tutoring young lawyers as an adjunct professor at Georgetown University Law Center, University of Virginia, American University and New York Law School. He was awarded the Wasserstein Fellowship at Harvard Law School and mentor-in-residence at Yale Law School.

Hebert also made time for his family. A post from his Facebook page dated Oct. 4, 2013 reads: “Happiness is starting the day like today: Taking our grandchildren to school! Yesterday, Harper and Amelie. Today, Gunter and Annika. Next week Bailey and Brighid. Puts the entire day in context and a nice reminder of what matters most: Family.”

In a fall 2006 newsletter from ALIVE!, when Hebert served as president, he wrote how the organization has helped build his faith and he is not only inspired by all of the volunteers, but also by those who are served.

“Volunteers are truly amazing to me. Their commitment, their dedication, their selflessness. But I am most inspired by those who we serve. ... The family about to become homeless who knows that ALIVE! is there for them and they will not be out on the street. They have more faith than I do. But my faith is growing, and it does each passing day as ALIVE!’s President,” Hebert wrote.

Jennifer Ayers, executive director of ALIVE!, has known Hebert both from the organization and through the church they both attended. Ayers prides Hebert on his ability to problem solve and always be there for others.

“[He became] a very hands on everyday go-to person in the last couple years. ... I’m gonna miss being able to pick up the phone and just like, ‘Can I run this by you,’ you know? Because you can’t do that with everybody,” Ayers said.

Hebert was born in Worcester, Mass. on Feb. 13, 1949. He graduated from St. John’s High School in Shrewsbury. Hebert went on to earn his bachelor’s degree from Stonehill College and Juris Doctor from Suffolk University Law School.

He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Victoria; his children, Christy Przystawik, Greta Gordon, Brooke Harris, Josh Hebert and Marlea Hebert; as well as his brother, Tom Hebert, and his 10 grandchildren: Gunter, Annika, Amelie, Harper, Sadie, Bailey, Brighid, Adrian, Tyler and Abe.

A funeral service was held last Saturday at Fairlington United Methodist Church.
Episcopal, SSSAS open with wins

Varny football squads at both schools look to build on 2022 results
BY JIM MCGRATH

All four of Alexandria’s four high school football teams have started regular season play, with Episcopal (1-0), Bishop Ireton (2-1), St. Stephen’s and St. Agnes (1-2) and Alexandria City High School (0-3) having various degrees of success and struggle.

We previously previewed the ACHS and BI varsity football teams. This article takes a look at the SSSAS and Episcopal squads.

Episcopal and SSSAS started their formal practices in late August and began their seasons with victories. Episcopal will play its second game this Saturday, while SSSAS, which dropped its second and third games after their initial victory, will host Flint Hill on Saturday at 1 p.m.

Episcopal
Mascot: Maroon
Region/District: Interstate
Athletic Conference
Coach: Kadeem Rodgers
2022 Record: 7-2, with a 5-0 record in the IAC

Schedule
9/9 – St. Michael the Archangel W 26-22
9/23 – Trinity Episcopal W 31-7
9/29 – at Collegiate
10/6 – SSSAS
10/14 – Landon
10/21 – St. Albans
10/28 – at Georgetown Prep
11/5 – at Bullis
11/11 – at Woodberry Forest (The Game)

The defending IAC champion finished 2022 with a 7-2 record and were undefeated in league play. Coach Kadeem Rodgers hopes to run through the IAC schedule again this year, as another 5-0 run would set the Maroon up nicely for the annual season-ending showdown with rival Woodberry Forest in the South’s longest running matchup – so long that it is simply referred to as “The Game.”

The Maroon will open their season at home against upstart St. Michael the Archangel Saturday at the Hummel Bowl.

This year’s roster is stacked with 18 seniors, including a number of players who earned All-IAC and all-VISAA (Virginia Independent League) honors.

The defensive line will be headed by Kyle Park. At 6’3” and 333 pounds, the senior guard will be a handful for every defensive unit that Episcopal faces.

Quarterback Alex Brady at 6’2”, 202 pounds, also made the first team-IAC last year and he will be back to spearhead the Maroon offense. Brady will be joined in the backfield by standout running back Cedric Benning, who will continue to benefit from the tutelage of running backs coach Ray Lawry III, leading rusher in Old Dominion University history. As a unit, the group should improve on last season’s 17-point per game average.

Linebacker Luca Farinaccio (6’1” 212 pounds), a first team VISAA selection, will key the defense. Last season, Farinaccio contributed 82 tackles – 14 for loss – and a pick-six interception. The defense, which allowed just over 11 points per game in 2022, should be equally as stout.

Other players to keep an eye on will be senior outside linebacker Brice Ebaneth, junior receiver Judah Ofori-Ansah (5’10”, 170 pounds) and Jabari Berry (sophomore center).

Season to date
The Maroon opened up their 2022 campaign on September 1 with a narrow 26-22 win over St. Michael the Archangel of Fredericksburg.

After the game, Rodgers commended his squad.

“I’m proud of the grit our team showed today against a very strong opponent.”

St. Michael was a lower-level VISAA school but had recorded 41 wins in their last 51 games, dating back to 2018. In 2022, they won the VISAA Division 3 title, but have now moved up to Division 1.

“Our senior leaders stepped up and they all made major contributions today,” Rodgers said. “They refused to lose.”

In particular, Rodgers mentioned Benning, Farinaccio, Brady, Ebaneth and John Rogers. However, it was the game-saving interception by Ofori-Ansah that sealed the win.

“Our younger guys followed our seniors’ lead. When you play for the guy next to you, you go above and beyond.”

They will host Trinity Episcopal on Saturday.

St. Stephen’s & St. Agnes
Mascot: Saints
Conference: IAC. ( Interstate Athletic Conference)
Coach: Vashon Winton
2022 record: 4-4

Schedule
9/1 – O’Connell @ The St. James W 31-14
9/8 – Maret (D.C.) L 17-51
9/15 – Bishop Ireton L 18-27
9/23 – Flint Hill L 27-29
9/29 – Potomac School 10/6 – at Episcopal
10/14 – Georgetown Prep
10/21 – Bullis
10/28 – at St. Albans
11/4 – at Landon (Maryland)

The Saints opened their season in fine fashion, with a 17-point win over O’Connell on September 1.

SSSAS ran up a 17-0 halftime lead before allowing all 14 Knight points in the fourth quarter. Senior running back Bryce Gunn (6’0”, 190 pounds) led the offensive attack with 145 yards on 19 carries and two touchdowns. Gunn looks to improve mightily on last season’s tally of 306 rushing yards. Mason Tull (6’0” 180 pounds) scored the other touchdown on the ground.

Junior quarterback Loui Goin (6’0”, 180 pounds) was functional in the aerial game, completing five of 12 passes for 65 yards, but most importantly, zero turnovers. Three of those passes went to senior receiver Luke Pascal (6’4”, 200 pounds) who gained 35 yards.

On the other side of the ball, the Saints picked off three passes, with Pascal, Jack Murphy (6’2”, 175 pounds) and Soren Ebenes (5’9”, 165 pounds) each collecting an interception. Linebacker Armer Harrison (6’2”, 190 pounds) scooped up an O’Connell fumble for the Saints’ fourth takeaway.

Kicking will be an integral part of the Saints offensive game and kicker Carter Stimson (6’2”, 175 pounds) nailed all four extra points, while adding a 41-yard field goal. Stimson also adds support at receiver and cornerback.

Middle linebacker Colin Cross (5’8”, 160 pounds) led the defensive unit with 13 tackles – six solo.

SSSAS (1-2) followed the O’Connell win with losses to Maret by a 51-17 score, and Bishop Ireton 27-18, with the latter being Ireton’s first win over the Saints in at least a decade. Goin threw for two touchdowns in the Ireton game, but the Cards poured out 229 yards on the ground, including 145 from senior quarterback Omar Diallo.

Aaron Rocke added four catches for 52 yards and a score.

The Saints will host Flint Hill on Saturday.

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Family caregiver conference returns in-person.

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Are you caring for a family member or loved one with Alzheimer's disease, another dementia or other medical problems? Is it a struggle at times? Do you feel isolated and alone? Information and support is available.

The City of Alexandria Department of Community and Human Services Division of Aging and Adult Services is once again co-sponsoring the 37th Annual Caregivers Conference, “When Caregiving Calls: Building a Framework for Resilience.” The conference will be held on November 10, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Korean Central Presbyterian Church located at 15451 Lee Highway in Centreville. Those individuals caring for or working with persons with dementia are encouraged to attend.

The keynote speaker will be Aaron Blight, Ed.D. an international speaker and consultant on caregiving, aging and healthcare and the founder of Caregiving Kinetics. Other topics include understanding dementia, practical tips in caregiving, advance care planning and essential documents, caring for the spirit of the family caregiver and nutrition.

This annual conference recognizes that caregiving for someone with dementia involves the entire family: Spouses, adult children, grandkids, siblings, neighbors and friends. This conference will provide valuable information on understanding dementia, ways to help yourself and your family member, practical tips and more. Conference attendees will be able to learn even
more from the vendors who will be on hand. Attendees will meet other caregivers, have great food and even some fun.

The cost of the conference is $35 and includes continental breakfast, lunch, snack, materials and certificate of attendance. There’s plenty of free parking. Professional continuing education credits are available for attendance. Deadline for registration is November 6 or sooner if sold out. You can

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**4 STEPS TO SELF-MONITOR BLOOD PRESSURE**

**BY FAMILY FEATURES**

Nearly half of all adults in the United States have high blood pressure, or hypertension, and many don’t even know it.

High blood pressure is a leading cause of heart attack, stroke, heart failure and even death, but can be controllable.

To stay on top of your blood pressure and manage risks, follow these easy steps from the American Heart Association to self-monitor blood pressure.

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**2. Slip It** – slide the SMBP cuff up your arm

**3. Cuff It** – wrap the cuff snugly, but not too tight

**4. Check It** – check your blood pressure on the device

Then be sure to share those numbers with your doctor.

Did you know that certain over-the-counter pain relievers can elevate blood pressure? Ask your doctor about them that won’t raise your blood pressure.

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Limited free in-home respite care on the day of the conference for persons with dementia is available to allow caregivers to attend the conference but needs to be requested by October 19 by calling Grace-Ful Care at 703-904-5994. Please call 703-578-7431 for more information about the conference. If you require accommodation for any type of disability to participate, please call 703-578-7431 at least seven days in advance.

For more information on caring for older adults living in the City of Alexandria call the Division of Aging and Adult Services at 703-746-5999 or visit our web site at alexandria va.gov/aging.

The writer is a resource coordinator in the Alexandria Division of Aging and Adult Services.

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Your years of service taught you the importance of physical fitness and keeping your body ready for action. At Falcons Landing this idea lives on, but we replaced the obstacle course with walking trails, drill sergeants with personal trainers and PT in the dirt with a state-of-the-art fitness center, including a Junior Olympic indoor swimming pool. You’ll still break a sweat, but now it will be with a smile on your face.

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With lower temperatures and milder conditions, fall provides a perfect opportunity to tackle that home renovation to-do list. Whether you plan on making minor improvements or wholesale changes are on the horizon, taking on a few DIY projects can help you boost your home’s curb appeal – and its value – while also preparing for colder weather in the days ahead.

Making investments now can pay off down the road, whether you’re planning for a potential sale or simply looking to get more enjoyment out of your home. Plus, many exterior upgrades can be completed by homeowners, meaning there’s no need to hire a professional when it’s time to give your home a refresh.

**Add or replace shutters**
As a classic exterior design element, shutters can add instant charm to your home. With a variety of materials and colors to choose from, you can add shutters that suit your style and budget to give your home a more polished look. If it’s already adorned with shutters, consider updating them with newer styles for a fresh appearance.

**Use stone veneer**
Natural and textured home
Amplify autumn curb appeal
Boosting the curb appeal of your home can increase its value for the future.

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**HOME OF THE WEEK**

**Charming Yates Garden townhouse**

Beautiful renovated townhouse with four finished levels and contains four bedrooms, 3.5 bathrooms, plenty of storage and remarkable special features. Bright and open main level offers a high-ceiling living room with floor-to-ceiling built-ins, hardwood floors throughout, crown molding, an inviting wood fireplace and double French doors onto a private patio with fountains and lighting. Renovated kitchen contains custom all-wood cabinets with under the counter lighting, Carrara marble backsplash and custom back-lit display cabinets with wine drawers. Sub-zero refrigerator, wine fridge and dual microwave-convection oven.

Upper first level offers a desirable and sought after layout in Old Town: Three bedrooms and two fully renovated bathrooms. The primary bath has a custom glass shower and custom dual sink vanity with Carrara marble accents. The primary bedroom has double floor-to-ceiling French doors with views of the back patio. The upper second level includes one immense bedroom with recently renovated full bathroom and direct access to a private deck with views of the Masonic Temple. The stunning basement provides a custom floor-to-ceiling built-ins bookcases. Recently renovated laundry room, powder room, carpet, washer and dryer. Fully enclosed crawl space and dual auto sump pumps. The front and back gardens have an in-ground irrigation system. You’ll enjoy strolling up and down the beauty of each street, six blocks to King St. shops and restaurants, two blocks to the Potomac River, dog parks and walking trails.
trends continue to rise, leading many building pros and homeowners to gravitate toward stone veneer, or manufactured stone, as it can replicate the look of real stone. The wide range of exterior and interior applications means you can add comfort, character and beauty while complementing your existing style.

**Refresh porch columns**
Routine cleaning is one way to maintain porch columns, but if they’re rotting or splitting, consider PVC porch column wraps for a visual transformation. Easy and often affordable, they’re durable and decorative to fit existing columns or poles and can be painted to match your exterior color palette. They’re resistant to pests, moisture and weather damage for long-lasting and nearly maintenance-free upgrades.

**Invest in insulated siding**
Good insulation is key to keeping your home warm, cozy and weather-proof during colder months. While there are many ways to upgrade the insulation of your house, some homeowners are turning to insulated siding for a long-term solution.

**Update your driveway**
Whether you’re looking to make some simple updates or it’s time for a complete renovation, showing your driveway some love can significantly improve your home’s curb appeal. Adding an address post with a hanging basket or planting trees, shrubbery or flowers along the sides lends immediate aesthetic improvement. For added low-light visibility and visual appeal, install lights along the perimeter to help the greenery stand out in the evening. If you’re ready for a major overhaul, consider upgrading the driveway using cobblestone, pavers or stamped concrete.
SEPTEMBER 23

HOMES TOUR
Self-guided tour of homes and gardens in Old Town. All proceeds benefit Inova Alexandria hospital. Tickets are $45.
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: Please visit alextimes.com for more information on ticket purchase.

SEPTEMBER 30

ALEXANDRIA ART FESTIVAL
Free festival featuring a variety of creations from artists around the country.
Time: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Location: 300 John Carlyle St.
Information: artfestival.com/festivals

HISPANIC HERITAGE FIESTA
The city will be hosting an outside event to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. With live music drawing from heritages across Caribbean, Central and South America, attendees will enjoy an entertaining blend of instrumental and vocal music in Spanish and Portuguese. Free admission and no registration required.
Time: 1 to 3 p.m.
Location: Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library (5005 Duke St.)
Information: alexlibraryva.org/event/8938944

OCTOBER 1

OYSTERFEST
Hank Oyster Bar’s 14th annual Oysterfest. With a ticket purchase of $100, attendees can enjoy fried and BBQ oysters, fried chicken and all-you-can-eat buffets. The event will be held on the rooftop, rain or shine. Attendees must be 21 years or older.
Time: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Location: 818 N St Asaph St.
Information: Call 703-739-4265 for tickets.

OCTOBER 6

WINE FESTIVAL
& SUNSET TOUR
Tickets required. Taste samples from Virginia wineries after hours at George Washington’s estate. Bring a blanket and relax on the east lawn overlooking the Potomac River.
Time: 6 to 9 p.m.
Location: 3200 Mt. Vernon Memorial Hwy.
Information: mountvernon.org

OCTOBER 7

ART ON THE AVENUE
From quilters to card makers, hundreds of artisans will display their wares. Featuring food vendors and live music. Free.
Time: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Location: Mt. Vernon Avenue between Hume and Bellefonte Avenues.
Information: artontheavenue.org

OCTOBER 15

PAWS IN THE PARK
Leash your animal and head to the Oronoco Bay Park to celebrate the city’s love of animals with the Paws in the Park event. Make sure to bring a picnic blanket to enjoy the variety of food options available. Free admission.
Time: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: 100 Madison St.
Information: alexandriaanimals.org/events

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Editorial

Let’s get it right

It’s important to admit when we’re wrong.

Our society would certainly be better off if we’d all display a bit more humility and acknowledge the obvious: We’re all fallible. In journalism, we adhere to a strict code of ethics that requires us to correct proven factual mistakes.

There was clearly a mistake made in the characterization of an assault of a woman in the 600 block of Wilkes Street on September 1. See our page one story, “Delayed crime reporting draws ire,” for more information. But no one is fessing up in this instance. Consider:

1) Initial calls on the police scanner, one for police help and the second for an ambulance, refer to an assault and a facial injury stemming from the assault. Just three minutes later, another officer or dispatcher said to “change the classification to robbery please.”

2) Mayor Justin Wilson responded to a resident’s request for information on the incident by saying “I did confirm that there was no release issued because this was initially reported to Police as a robbery with no injuries” in an emailed response.

3) APD spokesman Marcel Bassett insisted in exchanges with the Times that “The initial report stated attempted robbery and abduction,” though he did not state when that report was filed, and that there had been no revision in the characterization of the incident.

Those three items are not consistent with each other, or with the fact that the city did issue an alert about this incident – two weeks after it occurred – following an outcry by Old Town residents on social media.

We think it’s important that police not underreport the seriousness of any crimes, for several reasons.

The first is simply protection of the public. Public notification is warranted, according to a list provided by Bassett, if a violent assault with significant injuries takes place, as does a sexual assault from a stranger – but an attempted robbery does not.

A real time notification, in this or other instances, could warn the public whether the perpetrator has been caught or is at large – and where they were last seen. People can take precautions, and potentially help police locate the suspect, if a police alert goes out.

The second is that criminal records are cumulative and the severity of a crime helps determine the sentence a criminal receives if caught and convicted. The sentence for a violent assault is going to be longer than one for attempted robbery.

If the same person later commits another, perhaps more serious, crime, the prior record will be taken into account for sentencing. It’s important to get this right, even after the fact.

When a mistake is made – in a factory, in a newsroom or in a police report – it’s more productive to examine what process went awry than it is to point fingers.

Given this truism, it’s important that APD review its training procedures in assessing crime scenes and writing police reports to make sure there’s not a facet of this training that might be causing underreporting of crime severity. We’re not saying that this is happening, just that it could be.

Mayor Justin Wilson’s comments in our story are absolutely right: New evidence does frequently come to light that revises our understanding of what took place at a crime scene.

But what’s more important is to do everything possible to get it right in real time so the public can be alerted or, as one source in our story stated, to call out a helicopter and possibly catch the perpetrator.

In this particular instance, it strains credulity to think that a man who had dragged a woman into an alley after dark was “only” robbing her.

If this incident truly didn’t meet APD’s threshold for alerting the public, then maybe the list of notifications needs revising.

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Opinion

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

Photo of the Week

Clouds at dawn in Old Town.

Letters

Apply scientific research to other building topics

To the editor:

Many residents were relieved when the city’s planning director briefed its rezoning report to the public since it concluded there would be no recommendation to raise height limits. This decision was based on a valid and reliable analysis. That said, it’s apparent to me there are several issues that need the application of this methodology too.

My first concern is adding density. For this plan to be successful, it is critical Alexandria’s infrastructure planning be done and completed in advance of any increased density. To wit, The American Water Company has already admitted to residents that recent breaks in water main pipes are due to the new dense units requiring more water pressure.

Second is there is no mention of design standards. In my opinion, it is essential any new buildings in Alexandria should respect the ambiance of that neighborhood. I cannot imagine ruining the wonderful atmosphere one experiences driving or walking through Del Ray and Rosemont and other areas of Alexandria. Standards for design and compatibility are vital to continue attracting visitors and home buyers to our city.

Another serious concern is the city’s intent to reduce parking under the aegis of getting people out of cars. Isn’t this putting the cart before the horse? Already, local residents are having trouble finding parking on the street close to their homes. While I am a strong advocate of encouraging less auto usage, and more walking, biking and using public transportation, this is just not possible for most residents. The city’s team should ask and answer some serious questions before eliminating more parking:

- How many city employees use only public transportation?
- Do the mayor and City Council drive and park in the free city garage?
- What about those who commute to another state daily?
- Why the need to reduce parking prior to the new buildings being determined?
- How many parents take their children to school, doctors, church or recreation fields on bikes or on public transportation?

These data are critical before continuing with reduced parking plans. When there is less parking in residential areas, a morale issue is created with neighbors vying for the remaining spots. It’s hard to believe...
Don’t impose on the West End

To the editor:

The letter to the editor from September 7, “Density isn’t a bad word,” promoting Del Ray as the model for all Alexandria neighborhoods, seems to reflect the prevailing attitude of many, including City Council and city staff. I am a resident of the West End – which I define as Zone 1 on leaf collection maps of the city – or the areas west of Jordan Street. Some may argue this boundary, but I think it’s real having lived here for more than 40 years. This attitude begs some questions.

1. Why do you presume that the neighborhood’s model is best for all neighborhoods in the city? We are totally unlike Old Town and Del Ray. We are neither historic nor touristy. I’m fairly certain we wouldn’t want to be, even if we could! Why should we want to model ourselves after you? Why do you insist we do?

2. Do you even know the West End? We have high rise and garden condominiums and apartments – ever heard of Condo Canyon? – townhome communities and, yes, single family neighborhoods. We are a community with a lot of multi-family housing. And we have green space. We are a vibrantly diverse community. Stop by our restaurants or walk along Holmes Run sometime to check us out.

3. Can you define our town center? We don’t have one, a situation I don’t believe the landmark replacement will solve. Truth is we are just as likely to shop and dine in Fairfax and Arlington counties as in Alexandria. Old Town, Del Ray and National Larding are not our focal points.

4. Do you see us as a walkable community? We are not. Sure, there are neighborhoods through which we walk. But largely, to shop and dine as stated above, we drive. An interstate runs through us, for one. Metrorail is of no help to those destinations. Fairfax and Arlington aren’t building transitways to our borders.

5. Why does the city want to surrender the vast majority of affordable housing for development in the Hamlets but then force single family neighborhoods in the West End to bear the cost? I can’t answer that.

6. How can Council and others impose this on the West End? I actually can answer that. It’s because the West End lacks accountable representation. We have not had a member of Council whom we can hold accountable in elections. A representative living in the West End can betray our interests and be easily reelected.

Why does the city resist ward-based representation? I suspect Council fears truly representative voices who might not vote with the at-large block. Isn’t an at-large Council effectively gerrymandering Alexandria to vote for one party? There is even talk of returning the School Board to that model.

Why are democracy and divergent interests a threat? That’s not the Democratic Party I’ve supported all my life.

It seems like the city did not annex the West End from Fairfax County as much as colonize it: Helpful for revenue, denied representation and an opportunity to exert Council’s at-large will on our area. In the 1960s, it was naming our streets after Confederate officers, which West End residents will now bear the cost of correcting. Now it’s to impose densification and its resultant costs on us.

An Old Town friend once asked me, “You mean King Street goes beyond the Masonic Temple?” Yes, through large swaths of neighborhoods and, then even beyond them, there is the West End. I don’t want people to get to know the West End as much as I want Council and others to stop imposing their agenda on us without any real awareness or accountability. One size does not fit all.

-Tom Suydam, West End Resident
Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month

The City of Alexandria is proud to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month through October 15. For more on Alexandria’s celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, please visit: alexandriava.gov/HispanicHeritage.

Hispanic Heritage Month takes place from September 15 to October 15 every year as a time to recognize and celebrate the many contributions, diverse cultures and extensive histories of the American Latino community.

The month-long celebration begins on September 15 because it is the anniversary of independence for several Latin American countries, including Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18, respectively.

Alexandria has a long history of residents who moved here from Central and South America. Beginning in the 1980s, a large community from El Salvador settled in the neighborhood we now call “Chirilagua,” after the city in El Salvador of the same name. This month, Historic Alexandria invites you to read transcripts of oral history interviews with members of our Hispanic community. Some of the interviews were with the following community members.

**Evelin Urrutia**

Evelin Urrutia is the executive director of Tenants and Workers United, a not-for-profit organization in Arlandria-Chirilagua that advocates and organizes the local community. She was born in 1977 in El Salvador and her mother immigrated to the U.S. in 1988 during the country’s civil war. Evelin grew up in Alexandria and reflects on her experiences in the city.

**Priscilla Izar**

Priscilla Izar was born in São Paulo, Brazil. She has lived for several years in Alexandria with her husband and daughters. She reflects on growing up in Brazil, receiving her degrees in urban planning and living in Alexandria.

**Nora Partlow**

Nora Partlow is the former owner of St. Elmo’s Coffee Pub in Del Ray. She was born in 1949 in Cuba and has lived in Alexandria since 1985. She recalls growing up on her grandfather’s farm outside of Holguín, Cuba, before moving to New Jersey, attending school in the United States, getting married and coming to Virginia to live her dream: Running her own business, St. Elmo’s Coffee Pub.

Miguel Blancas came to Northern Virginia after meeting his wife in a study abroad program in Spain. Blancas started working for the City of Alexandria in the Court Service Unit. In February 2020 at the start of the pandemic, Blancas began working for the Emergency Operations Center where he developed a tracker for recording the continuance of operations plans for the city.

You can read the full transcripts of these and other interviews at: alexandriava.gov/cultural-history/hispanic-heritage-in-alexandria.

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**Weekly Poll**

**Last Week**

Are you satisfied with the ACPS scores on Standards of Learning tests for the 2022-23 school year?

66% No, we still lag too far behind state averages.
16% I don’t care.
12% They’re better, but we have a ways to go.
6% Yes, we continue to move in the right direction.

**This Week**

Do you think APD needs to improve its system of crime notification?

A) Yes, assaults like what took place on Wilkes Street should always warrant an alert.
B) No, we get plenty of alerts.
C) I’m not sure.
THANKS FOR NOTHING! by Dylan Schiff, edited by Jeff Chen

ACROSS
1 Garten of “Barefoot Contessa”
4 Come down in buckets
8 ___ Men (“Who Let the Dogs Out” band)
12 Miss piggy?
15 Martini base
18 *Gratuitous words?
20 Approved
21 Like vulgarities
23 Place for pegging
25 Self-centered sorts
26 Many a K-pop artist
27 Lock insert
28 “No problem!”
30 Curry on the court
31 Err
34 Sucker
36 Bench press targets
38 *Like a total giveaway
40 Brick that hurts to step on
43 “Please! Anything else!”
46 Lively bashes
49 King of Judea
51 Under the weather
53 Life in particular regions
55 Things to be ironed out
58 Strike, in the Bible
59 Property co-owner
61 Coffee shop order
63 ___ ed
64 Top marks
65 Flat-topped formation
67 Greet at the door
69 Structure with a crow's nest
70 Pipe under the sink
71 Java
72 Feature of both ogres and onions, as per Shrek
73 Like horses readied at Churchill Downs
74 Crede grp.
75 Source for some plywood
76 Canine’s coat
77 Bug detectors, of a sort
79 Drag ___
80 Pre-calc precursor
81 hacking sound
82 “Days of ___ Lives”
83 Sweater weather
84 Tries to court
85 Core components
86 Inflammation of the stomach lining
87 Stink to high heaven
88 “Miss Saigon” setting, for short
89 Brillo product
90 Nile reptiles
91 *All for naught?
92 Charles Bronson
93 “Pale Blue ___” (photo of Earth)
94 Male flock member
95 “I wanna know!”
96 Like horses readied at Churchill Downs
97 “Monsters, ___”
98 “I'm so excited!” noise
99 “Just a ___!”
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101 ___ Lingus
102 Loverboy
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Solutions from last week

DEATH NOTICES

ANITA JANE DENISON (89), of Alexandria, Aug. 17, 2023
LEONARD KENWAY EARLY (72), of Alexandria, Aug. 26, 2023
JOSEPH LASTELIC (93), of Alexandria, Aug. 27, 2023
DEBORAH DENISE SHIELDS (66), of Alexandria, Sept. 12, 2023
MALEK SLEIMAN ZAAROUR (72), of Alexandria, Aug. 23, 2023
ALEXANDRIA TIMES

ALEXANDRIA PLANNING COMMISSION & CITY COUNCIL OCTOBER 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
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2023 7:00 PM, CITY HALL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER 301 KING STREET
ROOM 2400
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22314

ALEXANDRIA CITY COUNCIL
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023 9:30 AM, CITY HALL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
ROOM 2400
301 KING STREET
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22314

The October 3, 2023, Alexandria Planning Commission Public Hearing is being held in the Council Chamber (301 King Street, Room 2400 Alexandria, Virginia, 22314) and electronically. Members of the Planning Commission and staff are participating in-person. The Planning Commission Public Hearing 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 link:

Planning Commission (Public Hearing Webinar):
The Webinar will open at 6:30 p.m.

LEGAL NOTICE

to allow individuals to join, while the Planning Commission Hearing will begin at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Registration Link: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/ WN__upG4KlbRsiNQW6WqJ1qyHw#

Zoom Audio Conference:
Dial in: 301-715-8592
Webinar ID: 924 1413 8850
Password: 036593

City Council (Public Hearing Webinar)
Registration Link: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/ WN_8cQoQbZYVcqvYlnWj10PFw

Zoom Audio Conference:
Dial-in number: 301-715-8592
Webinar ID: 954 1662 9067
Webinar Passcode: 923257

Public comment will be received at the meetings. The public may submit comments in advance to the Planning Commission Hearing, to the City Clerk at CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov for the City Council Hearing; or make public comments on the day of either Hearing.

For reasonable disability accommodation for the Planning Commission Hearing, contact Lisa Chase at alicia.chase@alexandriava.gov or 703.746.3810, Virginia Relay 711. We request that you provide a 48-hour notice so that the proper arrangements may be made.

Special Use Permit #2023-00057
103 East Del Ray Avenue
Public Hearing and consideration of a request for a Special Use Permit, to construct a new single-family dwelling on a developed subsurface lot with yard modifications and a parking reduction; zoned: R-2-5/Single and two-family. Applicant: Deyi Awada

Zoning Text Amendment #2023-00005
Issue (A) Initiation of a text amendment and (B) public hearing and consideration of a text amendment to the zoning ordinance to amend Section 6-300 to: revise the effective date of the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s updated Flood Insurance Rate; revise existing and adding new definitions related to floodplain management and development in floodplain districts; revise existing and adding new sections to update language related to floodplain management and regulations for development in floodplain districts in compliance with federal regulations related to the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP); and to correct typographical errors. Staff: City of Alexandria - Department of Transportation & Environmental Services

Development Special Use Permit #2023-10006
801 S. Payne Street - Alexandria Fire Department Burn Building
Public Hearing and consideration of a request for a Development Special Use Permit with site plan for the demolition and reconstruction of a non-habitable burn building, including a Special Use Permit for expansion of a noncomplying use; a Special Use Permit for a building taller than 30 feet; and modifications to the crown coverage requirements; zoned: UT/Utility and Transportation (City of Alexandria, represented by Noah Bergman, of Wiley|Wilson on behalf of the Department of General Services

Classifieds

Board of Architectural Review
LEGAL NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
A Public Hearing will be held by the Board of Architectural Review on Wednesday, October 4, 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#2023-00230 PG Request for new construction at 899 & 999 N Henry Street
Applicant: Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority, by its agents Samuel Madden Fairstead Developer, LLC, and MCRT Old Town LLC

BAR#2023-00360 OHAD Request for alterations at 613 S Royal Street
Applicant: E & R General Contractor (Adolfo Maradiaga)

BAR#2023-00361 100 YOB Request for alterations at 3610 Bishop Walker Circle
Applicant: ACER Associates, LLC

BAR#2023-00371 OHAD Request for alterations at 329 N Washington Street
Applicant: Hershel Kleinberg and Lisa Cohen

BAR#2023-00373 OHAD Request for alterations at 801 Duke Street
Applicant: Nova Solar, Inc. (Barklie Estes)

BAR#2023-00375 OHAD Request for demolition/encapsulation at 1614 King Street
Applicant: Dechantal Associates, LLC

BAR#2023-00376 OHAD Request for concept review at 1604-1614 King Street
Applicant: Dechantal Associates, LLC

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, held at City Hall, 301 King Street, Council Chamber and on Zoom webinar on Saturday, September 23, 2023 at 9:30 a.m., or as soon as may be heard on the hereinafter described items.

Public Hearing, Second Reading and Final Passage of an Ordinance amending the Landmark Community Development Authority

Public Hearing, Second Reading and Final Passage of an Ordinance to amend and reorder Section 2-4-31 (CREATION, COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION) of Article B (ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES) of Chapter 4 (COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS) of Title 2 (GENERAL GOVERNMENT) of the Code of the City of City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

Public Hearing, Second Reading and Final Passage of an Ordinance to amend and reorder Section 2-4-31 (CREATION, COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION) of Article C (HISTORIC ALEXANDRIA RESOURCES COMMISSION) of Chapter 4 (COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS) of Title 2 (GENERAL GOVERNMENT) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

Public Hearing, Consideration and Approval of Updates to the Special Events Policies and Procedures.

THE PUBLIC IS ADVISED THAT AMENDMENTS OR ADDITIONS MAY BE MADE TO PROPOSED ORDINANCES WITHOUT FURTHER PUBLICATION. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT PERSONS INTERESTED IN ANY OF THESE ORDINANCES OBTAIN FREE FULL-TEXT COPIES FROM THE
CITY CLERK AT CITY HALL (LIMITED COPIES AVAILABLE). If the mayor finds that weather or other conditions are such that it is hazardous for members to attend the meeting, this meeting will be continued to the following Saturday. GLORIA SITTON, CITY CLERK.

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