



Vying for voters

Candidates debate Potomac Yard Metro, affordable housing at forum

BY MISSY SCHROTT

At a forum Saturday afternoon, city council candidates gathered for the first time since the Democratic Primary in June to make a play for Alexandrians' votes in November.

The debate, hosted by West End Coalition of Alexandria Civic, Condo and Homeowner associations, an organization that coordinates activities among groups west of Quaker Lane, took place at William Ramsay Elementary School.

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New system boosts ACPS accreditation

Jefferson-Houston, long unaccredited, to receive accreditation with conditions

BY MISSY SCHROTT

Fourteen of Alexandria City Public Schools' 16 schools are expected to be fully accredited for the 2018-19 school year, according to an ACPS news release.

The Virginia Department of Education's preliminary accreditation results released to ACPS show

marked improvement across the division. William Ramsay Elementary School and Francis C. Hammond Middle School, which have both been only partially accredited for the past three years, are projected to gain full accreditation status this year.

Also notably, Jefferson-Houston School is projected to earn accreditation with conditions status after six consecutive years of being denied accreditation.

"[Jefferson-Houston] moved into

accreditation with conditions status, which is huge for them," ACPS Director of Communications Helen Lloyd said. "So what changed? We're able to support students better. ... A lot of it comes from data analysis and putting systems in place that enable teachers to look at what individual students need to progress in the areas where they seem to be struggling."

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Longtime Alexandrian, Fed economist David Wilcox to retire

Wilcox helped plan the country's way out of the great recession

BY DUNCAN AGNEW

When David Wilcox took his seat in an intermediate economics class as a sophomore at Williams College, he never thought the lecture would set him on a path to one of the most powerful federal agencies in the country.

The first thing that struck Wilcox, who years later would help navigate the country through financial crisis at the Federal Reserve, was that Williams undergraduate economics professor Carl van Dyne could hardly contain his excitement as he handed out new textbooks to his students.

"I remember Carl sitting on the front of the desk – it was a small classroom of 25 or 30 students – and you could tell that there was a focus and energy and vitality about Carl when he said that he couldn't begin to describe how excited he was that we had the benefit of using a brand



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“It was the privilege and benefit of working with people I found very inspiring, very brilliant, very dedicated, very focused on the public mission here at the Federal Reserve Board who clarified my thinking about what I wanted to do for my career.”

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WEEKLY BRIEFING

New coach for T.C. Williams boys' basketball

Darryl Prue is the new head coach of the T.C. Williams High School boys' basketball team, Athletic Director James Parker announced on Monday night.

Prue, who coaches for Amateur Athletic Union program Team Takeover, was a star basketball player in D.C. in the 1980s. He was two-time First-Team All-Met forward at Paul Laurence Dunbar High School in D.C., where he averaged 23 points per game and 17 rebounds per contest.

He went on to play bas-

ketball at West Virginia University, where he won co-Rookie of the Year, Second-Team All-League his sophomore year and First-Team recognition during his final two years. He was an honorable mention All-American his junior year of college. After college, he played on the international basketball circuit for 11 years, where he won three league championships.

He has also served as assistant coach at Georgetown University and Morgan

State.

Darryl Prue replaces Brett Sullivan, who coached the team during the 2017-18 school year. ACPS declined to comment on the decision to not proceed with Sullivan as coach, as it's a personnel issue.

The team has had significant turnover, with four coaches in the past four years, including Coach Bryan Hill, who was ousted abruptly at the start of the 2016 season.

The news release states that Prue's hire is part of a trend of high-profile hires at T.C. Williams under Parker's leadership.

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DARRYL PRUE



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AHS ANNUAL GALA

Above: American Horticultural Society Gala committee, including Monte Durham (top row, middle), this year's honorary chair.

Right: Leslie Ariail (far right), AHS gala chair for the last 14 years, and guests.



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Those hires include girls' basketball coach Lisa Willis, a former Team USA gold medalist and WNBA player.

"My goal is to change the caliber of coaches that we are

attracting to train our young athletes and this appointment is the latest in meeting that standard," Parker said in a statement. "Darryl Prue is not only one of the great players from the 1980s. He is also a fantastic coach who

brings skills as well as name recognition to T.C. It will be an incredible experience for any of our young players to be coached by someone of his caliber."

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AHA Garden Party Benefit

At Home in Alexandria hosted a Garden Party Benefit at the historic Murray-Dick-Fawcett House in Old Town last Sunday, Sept. 22. The garden party included live music by Christopher Wyton, wine, a catered buffet and the opportuni-

ty to tour and learn about the history of the house. The party sponsors (pictured on the left) were Alexandra Johnson of Old Dominion Home Care, Joan Knetemann of ACCfamily and Mitch Opalski of Synergy HomeCare.

Visit Alexandria announces increase in tourism spending year-over-year

Tourism spending increased by just under 5 percent year-over-year to \$826 million, Visit Alexandria announced at its annual meeting on Monday night.

The figure represents an all-time high for the city and an increase of \$36 million from 2017. The statistics come from data that was recently released by the Virginia Tourism Corporation.

Tourism spending has increased by \$88 million since 2013, according to Visit Alexandria. Hotel occupancy was at 72.5 percent this year, which is largely consistent year-over-year, and non-residents accounted for 71 percent of the city's sales, meals and lodging tax receipts, the organization said

at the meeting.

Visit Alexandria CEO and President Patricia Washington referenced the city's ongoing efforts to compete for tourism with The Wharf in D.C. and National Harbor.

"This is a pivotal year for Alexandria as we face unprecedented competition," Washington said in a statement. "This challenge unites us and energizes us to work smarter, relying on big data to drive our marketing decisions and to continue to improve the quality of experiences and programs our city has to offer."

Visit Alexandria also discussed the progress of the King Street Corridor Initiative, which City Manager Mark Jinks budgeted for

in FY2018. The King Street Corridor Initiative, led by the city and Visit Alexandria, devotes funds to event programming, beautification and marketing. Visit Alexandria is kicking off this initiative by hosting Portside in Old Town, a themed weekend event. The inaugural event will take place from Oct. 12 to 14.

This year, Visit Alexandria is also launching ALX-NetWorks, an initiative that the city hopes will make it a destination for the meetings industry. The marketing team, in addition, will debut a new ad campaign for the city, "Close to D.C., Far From Expected."

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new macroeconomics textbook just on the market and just barely arrived in time for use with this class,” Wilcox said.

One of the authors of that textbook, Stanley Fischer, would become Wilcox’s economics Ph.D. dissertation advisor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Decades later, Fischer served as vice chairman of the Federal Reserve under the Obama and Trump administrations before stepping down in October 2017.

“He’s a figure that was incredibly important later on

to me, but as a student who was practically brand new to economics, I had no idea what an important role Stan was going to play in my life,” Wilcox said.

During his senior year at Williams, Wilcox made the trip to D.C. while he was on the hunt for a job, and he stopped by the Federal Reserve to visit a friend who worked there. This led to an unlikely job offer to join the Federal Reserve Board as a research assistant.

After accepting that offer and working in research for two years, Wilcox went back to school to earn a doctorate from MIT, which he received

in 1987. From there, he returned to the Federal Reserve as an economist within the Board of Governors.

“It was the privilege and benefit of working with people I found very inspiring, very brilliant, very dedicated, very focused on the public mission here at the Federal Reserve Board who clarified my thinking about what I wanted to do for my career,” Wilcox said.

Wilcox, now chief economist for the Fed, has spent 30 years with the country’s central banking system. He announced this summer that he will retire at the end of the year.

Wilcox is well known for serving as the deputy director of the Federal Reserve’s Board of Governors during the financial crisis in 2008. In that role, he worked alongside many world-renowned economists that the Fed turned to in order to save the United States from financial ruin.

“That was an extraordinarily intense period of time,” Wilcox said. “It was



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David Wilcox and Randal Quarles, vice chair for supervision of the Federal Reserve Board of Governors.

a time when the staff here at the Federal Reserve, in collaboration with other government agencies, many other individuals, came together as never before and never since in my time because of the urgency of the situation.”

One of the most challenging aspects of fighting the recession for Wilcox was the day-to-day uncertainty that employees at the Fed faced.

No one knew where the breaking point was or how close the country’s financial system would come to a full-scale collapse.

Wilcox credits his colleagues for preventing a bad situation from becoming a complete disaster.

“As bad as it was, I really do believe that it was the courage and creativity and

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brilliance of a lot of individuals I was privileged to work with that prevented it from being even worse,” Wilcox said.

Wilcox said the scholastic background of Ben Bernanke, Federal Reserve Chairman during the recession, proved vital to successfully navigating the minefield of the Great Recession.

Bernanke’s status as one of the foremost scholars of the causes and recovery strategies of the Great Depression made him better equipped to serve during a national emergency than anyone else on the planet, Wilcox said.

“We were all enormously fortunate that Ben [Bernanke] was serving as chair at that time and in a position to be able to make the difference that he did working in collaboration with some very courageous individuals

at the treasury department and other agencies as well,” Wilcox said.

On the heels of the recession, Wilcox was promoted to his current post as director of the Division of Research and Statistics for the Federal Reserve Board. In that position, he oversees 350 employees focused on economic analysis and forecasting.

While he took over at a time of instability, Wilcox said his early work as director centered on stabilizing the work environment at the Federal Reserve Board in the aftermath of the financial crisis.

Karen Dynan, a professor in the Department of Economics at Harvard University, first met Wilcox as a research assistant at the Federal Reserve Board before earning a Ph.D. herself. She returned to the board after graduate school, spending 17 years as a researcher and forecaster before leaving to

“ [Wilcox] has spent his career working tirelessly to improve economic policy. I think he is motivated to do so not just because he wants the American economy as a whole to be stronger, but because he really cares about making people’s lives better.”

– Karen Dynan, professor, Harvard University Department of Economics

join the Brookings Institution. Dynan said a large part of Wilcox’s success as a leading economist stems from his dedication to public service.

“[Wilcox] has spent his career working tirelessly to improve economic policy,” Dynan said in an email. “I think he is motivated to do so not just because he wants the American economy as a whole to be stronger, but because he really cares about making people’s lives better.”

In that same vein, Wilcox spent the past five years be-

coming a pioneer in promoting diversity and inclusion within the field of economics. He said one of his primary goals has been to foster a supportive, productive work environment that pushes all employees to offer valuable contributions to the organization.

“Diversity means making sure that we are hiring as broadly representative a set of individuals as we possibly can, bringing that set of individuals in the door to welcome them as employees

of the Federal Reserve,” Wilcox said. “Inclusion has to do with what they experience once they’re on our staff, making sure that we’re presenting them with a professional environment in which they feel challenged.”

Historically, men obtain 70 percent of all economics degrees at both the undergraduate and doctoral program levels, Wilcox noted. In addition to a lack of female representation, African Americans and Hispanics are also widely underrepresented in the field.

Wilcox said he has pursued both an internal agenda to change the culture inside of the Federal Reserve Board itself and an external agenda to combat the homogeneity of economics programs at institutions around the country. While he admitted that the results have been mixed, some signs of progress are

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T.C. Williams High School is projected to be accredited with conditions under the new accreditation system used by the Virginia Department of Education.

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T.C. Williams High School is also expected to be accredited with conditions, as it continues to lag behind state averages in math, subgroup performance, graduation completion index and dropout rate.

ACPS' improvements over last year, when only 12 schools were fully accredited, coincide with a change in the VDOE's accountability system.

Charles Pyle, director of communications for the VDOE, said one of the primary reasons for the updated system was to include student growth.

"There's been a discussion not only in Virginia but around the country about including growth," he said. "We know there's a correlation between poverty and performance on state tests. Students start in different places. They don't all start at the same place, so when you have a system that is making accountability determinations based solely on the students who are passing state tests, then you are not capturing progress students are making below that level."

Because this year was a transition year from the old

to the new state accountability system, the VDOE allowed individual schools to be accredited under either the old or the new system, using whichever system was more beneficial.

While the old system solely judged overall state test results, the new system measures performance on multiple school-quality indicators such as proficiency in different subject areas, achievement gaps among student groups and absenteeism.

In the new system, schools are given a performance level rating in each school-quality indicator. At level one, a school is at or above the state standard, at level two it is near or approaching the standard and at level three, it is below the standard.

Schools gain full accreditation if all school-quality indicators are at level one or two. They earn accreditation with conditions status if one or more school-quality indicator is at level three.

A school is only denied accreditation if it's not making a good faith effort to implement a state required corrective action plan, according to Pyle.

ACCREDITATION STATUS FOR ACPS SCHOOLS

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Mount Vernon Community School	✓ <small>fully accredited under old system</small>	
James K. Polk Elementary	✓	
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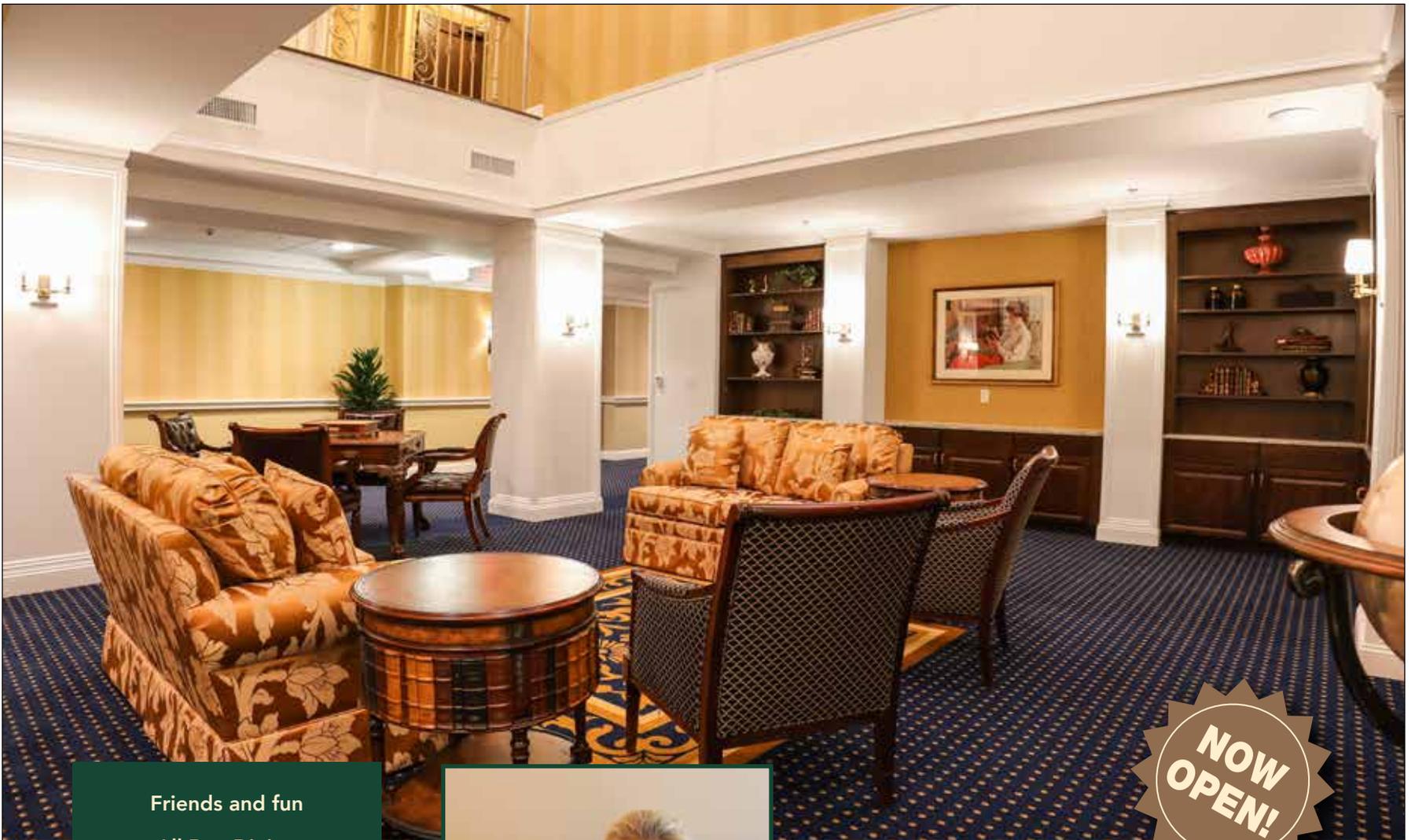
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“The beauty of the new accreditation system is our old sins are not held against [us],” Ramsay Principal Michael Routhouska said.

Routhouska said the previous system punished Ramsay because, even though science was the only subject area with problem test scores in recent years, it was a year-after-year lag in different subject areas that had landed the school in reconstituted status, the last step before accreditation denied in the old system.

“Under the old system, a school could be denied accreditation if it was something other than fully accredited for more than four consecutive years,” Pyle said. “The driver on the new system is actually the performance on the school-quality indicators.”

Pierrette Peters, principal of the now fully accredited Hammond Middle School, said deliberate strategies dug the school out of reconstituted status.

“Us having the growth

that we’ve had didn’t come by accident,” Peters said. “It comes by weekly [Professional Learning Communities], ... it came by very strategic supports from central office, very strategic work that we did here in the school and then definitely looking strategically at every student.”

Like Jefferson-Houston, both Peters and Routhouska said their schools’ improvements could be attributed to their individualized approach to student learning.

Professional Learning Communities are weekly meetings that take place at all ACPS schools during which teachers analyze assessment data and strategize about the needs of each of their individual students. Lloyd said ACPS has refined its PLC program over the past year.

Peters said analyzing each student’s assessments especially helps her teachers cultivate data for new students who may not have been around for the previous year’s SOL tests, since ACPS is such a transient school division.

“We want to show that we’re not using poverty or high turnover as an excuse for performance in our students,” Lloyd said. “This shows us that we’re able to document that we are serving those students really well, and we’re showing the improvement in them.”

While the new system showed growth and improvement at some of ACPS’ previously struggling schools, it also pointed out



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weak spots in others.

Douglas MacArthur Elementary School, Matthew Maury Elementary School, Mount Vernon Community School and George Washington Middle School were all fully accredited under the old system, but wouldn’t have been under the new system. Because schools may be accredited by the old system or the new system, depending on what’s most

beneficial for the school and its student population, these schools weren’t measured by the new system this year.

ACPS sent emails to parents at each of those schools saying they fell below state benchmarks in math subgroup performance areas. The emails detail the steps each school will take over the next school year to ensure they meet those

benchmarks and maintain fully accredited status next year.

Note: The data in this article is based on ACPS’ projections from preliminary reports released to them confidentially by the Virginia Department of Education. The official accreditation reports were published on the VDOE’s website Thursday after press time.

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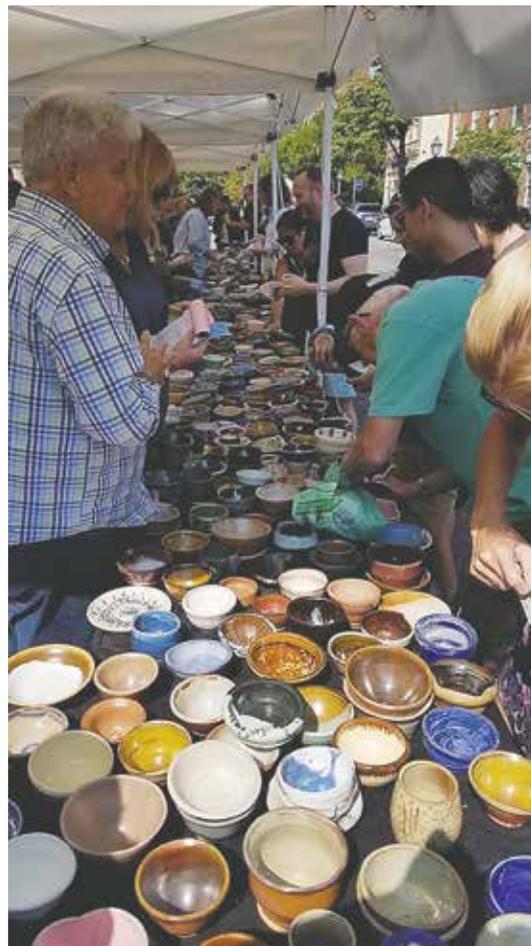
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A frog sculpture by artist Scott Causey greets patrons at its prominent position on the 400 block of King Street.

KING STREET ART FESTIVAL

After being postponed due to weather from its original dates of Sept. 15 and Sept. 16, the 16th Annual King Street Art Festival was greeted with big crowds and sunshine on Saturday. Attendees, with dogs and strollers in tow, stopped to admire art by sculptors, photographers, weavers, crafters, fine painters and mixed media artists alike between Washington Street and the waterfront. More than 200 artists showcased their creations on Saturday and Sunday. The weekend also played host to the Old Dominion Boat Club's regatta, The Art League's Ice Cream Bowl Fundraiser and the Torpedo Factory's Beer & Wine Garden. *Photos by Alexa Epitropoulos.*



Top: King Street Art Festival attendees view pop art pet portraits by Michael Vistia on Saturday.

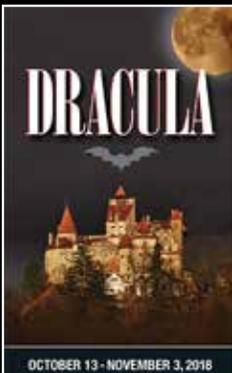
Above: Crowds were met with pleasant weather to the King Street Art Festival on Saturday.

Left: The Art League sells bowls and scoops of ice cream for \$15 at its Ice Cream Bowl Fundraiser on Saturday.



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Peggy Fox, a reporter with WUSA Channel 9, moderated the forum, asking candidates questions on key city issues including Metro, affordable housing, public safety, development and quality of life.

After the primary election in June, the candidate pool for Alexandria City Council is down to nine – six Democrats, two Republicans and one Independent.

With a little more than a month to go before the general election, most of the candidates used their time at the forum to try to differentiate themselves from other candidates. As the city has an all-Democratic incumbent council and a historically left-leaning political climate, the two Republican candidates and sole Independent candidate were especially vocal about what set them apart.



PHOTO/MISSY SCHROTT

City council candidates gather at the West End Coalition's candidate forum at William Ramsay Elementary School on Sept. 22.

Independent candidate Mark Shiffer said he would serve on council full-time, if elected. He said the Potomac Yard Metro was a symptom

of councilors working on too many issues in a small amount of time.

“There’s a lack of focus, there’s a lack of account-

ability, and there’s a lack of commitment [on council],” Shiffer said. “It means that our city council is doing too much in too little time. ...

The solution is the city council needs to be full-time, and I think that the city council needs to focus what they’re doing and pay attention to what they’re doing and not give all the responsibility to city staff. That’s not how you run an organization.”

Along similar lines, Republican Kevin Dunne made several comments about the city being run by staff rather than council.

“Fundamentally, we are a city which is staff-led. Many people don’t recognize that,” Dunne said. “You elect a council, [and] they have great ideas – you’ve heard many of them tonight – but the problem is that the city doesn’t listen because we are a staff-led city. That is a problem. I am not for professionalizing our political leadership. Leadership should be local and civic-oriented.”

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Republican candidate Michael Clinkscale stood out on from the pool of candidates with his blunt ideas and contrary opinions.

When Fox asked how candidates would establish and maintain credibility in city government after the south entrance of the Potomac Yard Metro was removed from plans without notice in the spring, Clinkscale replied “Fire everyone involved. Hire better people.”

When asked about affordable housing, Clinkscale said he did not support it because it encourages “poor people to remain poor and does not instill a value system in them at all.”

As the only veteran councilors at the forum, Councilors John Chapman and Del Pepper used the platform to defend their past actions on council, including those related to the Potomac Yard Metro.

“What had happened was a kind of complicated mess which had nothing to do with the council, in my view, or the city manager,” Pepper said. “It had to do with the management at WMA-TA and the belief that they would not let the city manager share information. ... So what can you do better? As the manager has said, he wanted to get it in writing next time that it was officials there at WMATA that had been so secretive. We like to share our information and to be as open as humanly possible.”

Chapman, meanwhile, himself a resident of Taylor Run, cited his quiet efforts toward West End inclusion as one of his biggest accomplishments.

“I’ve worked on council, not talking about it, not bragging about it, to be an ally to the West End,” he said. “I’m not going to beat

my chest about working for the West End because I believe that’s part of what we need to do. But I am committed and I’ve shown that commitment and if elected, I will show that commitment again.”

While the forum was civil overall and did not give candidates an opportunity to debate amongst themselves, Democratic candidate Mo Seifeldin challenged Clinkscale’s comments on affordable housing.

“We’re talking about workforce housing, not free giveaways. Those are for hardworking people who went to college, graduated, and are working within our city,” Seifeldin said. “A lot of our teachers, ... our firefighters, our EMTs when you have an emergency, can’t afford to live here.”

Chapman said the city is doing all it can to help Alexandria’s lower income residents.

“Anyone who tells you that the city is not doing what it can for those in poverty or those impoverished here is not telling you the truth. And I’m a walking testament of that,” he said.

Some newcomers relied on the fresh perspectives they’d bring to council to advocate for support.

Democrat Elizabeth Bennett-Parker, who received the largest percentage of the vote in the Democratic primary, referenced her experience as a small business owner frequently throughout the forum.

“We need to broaden our tax base and attract more businesses to Alexandria to help lower the burden of residential property taxes,” she said in response to a question about taxes. “We need to streamline our permitting and our business operations to help make it friendly to our small businesses who operate here.”

Democrat Canek Aguirre,

similarly, cited his expertise on the causes he supports as one of his strengths.

“I bring a very unique perspective in the fact that I’ve actually worked or advocated in all three of my platform areas, which are education, health and housing,” he said.

While the forum gave equal treatment to Democrats, Republicans and Independents, some candidates referenced party politics in their closing comments.

Amy Jackson, who zeroed in on education throughout the forum, used her closing statement as a rallying cry.

“We need to do something and it needs to start with the schools,” Jackson said. “We need to do something. How do you get that done? With a bold, inclusive slate of Democrats that are sitting up here right now. You vote for us, and we’re going to get it done.”

Dunne chose to spin his obvious differentiator as a Republican to his advantage.

“I just want to step back and say, look and ask yourselves,” he said. “We’re standing up here and fundamentally, we’re offering different strategies forward. If you were an investor, ... would you buy all six of the same stock and not hedge, or would you try to diversify your portfolio?”

Seifeldin closed his speech with a continuation of Dunne’s hypothetical scenario.

“If you had the option of investing in Apple or Ameren, would you choose six Apple stocks or two from Ameren?” he quipped.

Alexandria will elect six city council candidates and school board representatives for Districts A, B and C on Nov. 6. For more information about voting in the city, visit www.alexandriava.gov/Elections.

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SPORTS

Alexandria Miracle League plays in inaugural all-star game

Donald Anthony represents city league at the Ohio games

Alexandria's Miracle League traveled to Ohio to participate in the inaugural National Miracle League All-Star Baseball Games the weekend of Sept. 14.

Alexandria player Donald Anthony represented the city and the league at the all-star game, which took place at the Blanchard Valley Health System Miracle Park in Findlay, Ohio. The event had participants from 60 chapters of the Miracle League based in 25 states throughout U.S. and Canada. Each player was nominated to play in the game by their respective leagues.

During the weekend of activities, Anthony, his parents, Marion and Jackie Anthony,

Miracle League of Alexandria Coordinator Mac Slover and Diane Ford attended a special mixer and Taste of Findlay kick-off event on Sept. 14, followed by the games and a celebration gala and awards program on Sept. 15.

The game provided Donald and the other participants the opportunity to play the games in a major league atmosphere. Each participant had their name announced before and during the game, their picture on a video scoreboard, narration of their play-by-play by an announcer and music. Every player was cheered on loudly by families and spectators when they hit the ball, ran the bases and scored.

Anthony's team, the Yankees, played the third game of the day to a packed field of spectators,

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ALEXANDRIA SPORTS ROUNDUP

The Alexandria Times sports roundup includes records and game results for the prior week in two sports per season for Alexandria's four local high schools: Bishop Ireton, Episcopal, St. Stephens and St. Agnes and T.C. Williams.

BOYS' FOOTBALL

School	Record
Bishop Ireton	1-3
Episcopal	2-0
SSSAS	3-1
T.C. Williams	2-3

Scores this week:

Sept. 21

B.I. L 35-0 @ Trinity Episcopal
Episcopal W 40-0 vs. Maret
SSSAS W 20-13 @ Fork Union
Military Academy

Sept. 22

T.C. L 24-7 vs. Patriot

GIRLS' FIELD HOCKEY

School	Record
Bishop Ireton	2-2
Episcopal	2-4
SSSAS	5-3
T.C. Williams	6-1

Scores this week:

Sept. 19

B.I. L 0-5 @ Our Lady of Good Counsel
SSSAS L 5-3 vs. St. John's College

Sept. 21

Episcopal W 1-0 @ Flint Hill
SSSAS L 3-1 @ Collegiate School
T.C. W 3-0 @ Mount Vernon

Sept. 22

SSSAS L 1-2 @ St. Catherine's

Sept. 25

SSSAS W 3-1 @ Bullis School



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Taking a time-out in Alexandria

Explore all the recreation the city has to offer this fall

BY MARA BENNER

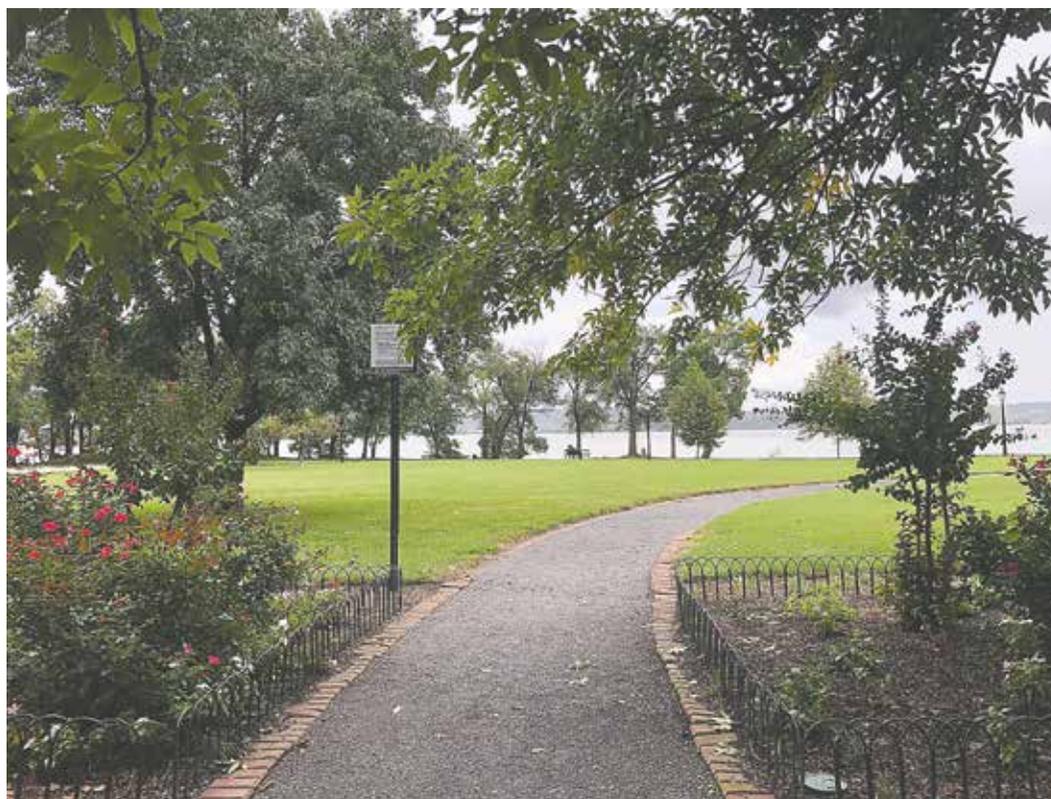
The hot summer days are coming to an end as we welcome the fall season. Crisp mornings, cooler temperatures and the opportunity to venture outside to enjoy the pleasant weather are beckoning you to come discover.

The invitation to explore our wonderful community also has important health and wellness benefits as well. Consider this: how do you achieve a feeling of rejuvenation and wellbeing? For many, it's being out in nature. The great outdoors provides us with a new perspective, both because it gets us away from electronics and to-do lists and connects us with the rhythmic flow of our environment and its wildlife.

Luckily, there are a number of beautiful parks and trails to explore in and around Alexandria.

Mount Vernon Bike Trail:

As Alexandrians, we are keenly aware of our proximity to historical landmarks,



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Founders Park is a perfect spot to take a break in Alexandria — whether it's on the weekend or during a lunch break. Its location near shops, restaurants and right on the Potomac River makes it a great spot to relax and unwind from the busyness of the day.

to our federal government and the shops and restaurants available to us in our city. We are also likely aware of our many local parks, but here are a few additional considerations as you begin to venture out.

The National Park Service offers the 18-mile

Mount Vernon Bike Trail winding through Alexandria, Arlington and Fairfax. The trail loosely begins around Arlington National Cemetery, winding down and around to its completion at the historic Mount Vernon Estate. Through its journey, there are numer-

ous parks and recreation areas overseen by the City of Alexandria.

Founders Park:

Located at 400 N. Union St.

Founders Park is located near all of the action in Old Town including shops and restaurants. The park

boasts beautiful views of the Potomac River with places to sit and enjoy the scenery.

Oronoco Bay Park:

Located at 100 Madison Plaza

Oronoco Bay Park is a perfect place to picnic with picnic tables and views of the Potomac River. The park also has a volleyball court.

Tide Lock Park:

Located at 1 Canal Center Plaza

Tide Lock Park offers a glimpse into history since it was named for an old canal controlled by wooden locks. The last of the locks was destroyed by a flood in the early 1820s, but a replica is available for viewing in the park. This park is privately owned but still available for public enjoyment.

Jones Point Park:

Located under the Woodrow Wilson Bridge

Jones Point Park continues the Mount Vernon Bike Trail with a view under the Woodrow Wilson Bridge. It also has outdoor playgrounds, basketball courts and nature trails.

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Off the Mount Vernon Bike Trail:

The City of Alexandria oversees more than 300 acres of parks and recreational facilities within the city limits. While the Mount Vernon Bike Trail offers a glimpse into many of the wonderful recreational spots, there are numerous other parks in the city.

For north end residents, there is the Potomac Yard Park located at 2501 Potomac Ave. Alexandrians love the toddler playground and splash park. The proximity of the park allows you to shop or eat near Del Ray or in Po-

tomac Yard and then have the kids enjoy the park offerings.

Residents of Alexandria's West End can enjoy Ben Brenman Park at 4800 Brenman Park Drive. This park offers a half-mile stroll around a small lake, as well as two dog parks, an outdoor playground, baseball and soccer fields.

New King Street Waterfront Park:

Be sure to mark your cal-

endars for a festival to celebrate the opening of the New King Street Waterfront Park.

Visit Alexandria will host a complete lineup, including waterfront festival Portside in Old Town that will feature history, art, music, fitness and so much more the weekend of Oct. 12 to 14. The



MARA BENNER

Portside in Old Town initiative will continue to offer events and activities to encourage community engagement at the King Street Waterfront Park.

For a complete listing of the events, go to Visit Alexandria: www.visitalexandriava.com/event/portside-in-old-town-festival/12289/

Parks with Historical Significance:

In our local area, we have two additional parks that offer historical insight. One is Fort Ward Park at 4401 West Braddock Road. The City of Alexandria recognizes the fort as providing "an excellent understanding of Civil War-era military engineering." The fort also has saved 90 percent of its earthwork walls, which are still available for viewing.

Watch history come alive on Saturday, Oct. 6, as Fort Ward Park recognizes "Civil War Artillery Day." Civil war re-enactors will offer firing demonstrations, equipment displays and camp life for artillerymen.

As you travel south on George Washington Memorial Parkway, there's the National Park Service-operated Fort Hunt Park. It has rich history for your exploration. It was originally part of George Washington's Mount Vernon estate. The land, however, was needed to help defend the Potomac River.



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The Mount Vernon Trail runs right through Tide Lock Park and offers great views of the Potomac River well as a glimpse into the history of the area. Although the last of the wooden locks that controlled the old canal are destroyed, a replica of one is available for viewing in Canal Plaza.

The fort has an interesting background in the Spanish-American War, the Great Depression and World War II.

It has plenty of outdoor batteries to explore. There are also picnic areas, softball diamonds, large fields and a concert series in the summer.

And One Additional Consideration...

Just a few miles south of Old Town Alexandria, there is the Huntley Meadows Park at 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Huntley Meadows Park has more than 1,500 acres, including boardwalks through wetlands, lots of wildlife, hiking trails and more. The park is provided by the Friends of Huntley Mead-

ows Park, a nonprofit organization.

For Alexandria's bird lovers, the park offers a complimentary Monday Morning Birdwalk at 7 a.m., rain or shine.

For a complete listing of the City of Alexandria parks, please visit www.alexandriava.gov/Recreation.

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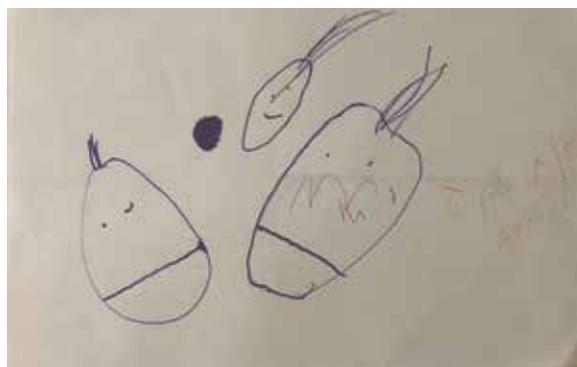
ARTS

Through the eyes of little artists

While the adults participated in the 16th Annual King Street Art Festival last weekend, kids had the opportunity to stop by the Alexandria Times booth to draw and color with the staff. We had a blast creating with the kids, and while we wish we had room to publish all the entries, we have selected a few for display here. Thank you to all who participated for your creativity and spirit. We can't wait to see you again next year.



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Part 2 of 2

Technology, art converge in the craft movement

BY ELAINE MARKOUTSAS

Last week, we discussed how Millennials are clamoring for all things handmade. This week, we'll discuss how tech and art contribute to the craft movement.

The comingling of tech and art can be really exciting. An example might be when an artist like Helen Wilson of Witch and Watchman hand-paints modern chinoiserie or whimsical dark romantic flora and fauna, and then digitally translates it to fabric, wallcovering or a fetching apron.

Artists are becoming more accessible in the design mainstream at furniture markets like High Point, North Carolina, or shows like WantedDesign NYC, Made London and ICFF (International Contemporary Furniture Fair).

Crafts have a more global reach, with venues like Showcase Ireland in Dublin and Heimtextil at Messe Frankfurt, where textile creators as well as larger brands, get noticed.

In one small booth at Heimtextil, graphic fabrics in cinnamon, black and white caught the eye. Mid-century? African? Southwest? Not at all, it turned out. Alexandra Petrache of HALFDROP proudly brought to life her interpretation of Romanian folklore as well as handicraft.

"More and more people are looking at items like clothing and furniture in the way they have been looking at food for some time," said Hillary Petrie, a principal of Egg Collective. "Knowing the provenance of what we put into our bodies is translating to the items we live with on a daily basis. Consumers want more and more to know where specifically their money is going — to what maker and to what story — as this provides a meaning-

ful and honest connection to the item."

When we have an opportunity to meet the maker, we're more charmed with what's behind the design.

Aoife Mullane, a young Irish designer, rhapsodizes about her inspiration — the sea near her home. Organic patterns may come from pebbles on the beach.

"I consider my fabrics as artworks that are translated into textiles for interiors," she said.

Her collections combine traditional textile techniques of hand-painting with the high-end effects of foiling. She screen-prints and hand-dyes, which give her fabrics an authentic look, and they are clearly not mass-produced. Mullane's pillows, wallcoverings and lampshades have metallic touches of aluminum and copper.

Websites often give a glimpse into the backstories, the artistry, the inspiration

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and the process, all of which really makes us fall in love with the product.

At Egg Collective Designs in New York, Stephanie Beamer, Crystal Ellis and Hillary Petrie bring architecture, art and wood-working backgrounds together, with their beautifully crafted wood, leather, stone and metal pieces.

John Strauss, an artist and sculptor with a master of fine arts degree, brings others into furniture collaborations. Tracy Hiner of Black Crow Studios painted a graphic blue-and-white watercolor that underwent digital manipulation to



PHOTO/BUNAKARA

Joana Aranha's love of fabric and embellishments show up in the Fingerprint Chaise Longue, crafted from Indian Acacia wood with an extra matte varnish.

create larger, more varied colors, says Strauss. It's the face of a console painted in navy blue lacquer.

Besides beauty and quality, sustainability is a concern. Fashion designer Eileen Fisher started a zero-waste initiative called DesignWork, which creates beautiful fabrics, pillows and artwork out of recycled clothing.

"You can return (a garment) to an Eileen Fisher store," said Jan Rothschild, a spokesman for the company. "It doesn't matter if it's torn or stained. You get a \$5 credit, and scraps from old garments are recycled into design. Every piece is different because we're working

with raw material. We can control color ... and we're learning about controlling pattern now. Not one thing will look like another."

Fisher hopes others will be inspired (Patagonia is another leader) in an industry where roughly 85 percent of its product becomes waste in a landfill.

The most positive takeaway from embracing craftsmanship is that it makes us appreciate the beauty, the skill set, the passion and the time that went into a piece. That also makes it less disposable. You keep it because you love it and may want to pass it on. And that's a win-win for all.

HOME OF THE WEEK

Elegant In-Town Estate

Located on nearly three quarters of an acre down a private lane, this beautifully renovated and expanded Cape Cod offers 5,370 square feet of stately living with generous room sizes and a fabulous entertaining floor plan.

Walk through the garden gate on a flagstone path to the spacious front porch. Just inside the foyer, visitors are welcomed into this warm home with gleaming hardwood floors, bright natural light and fresh paint. The main level boasts a gracious dining room with garden views, an expansive living room with wood-burning fireplace, a gourmet kitchen open to the large family room with gas fireplace, a home office

AT A GLANCE

Address: 206 N. Quaker Lane
Price: \$1,249,000
Square feet: 5,370
Bedrooms: Five
Bathrooms: 4.5
Parking: Three-car garage
Lot size: .73 acres
Contact: Nancy Perkins, 703-402-5599, TTR
 Sotheby's International Realty, NancyPerkins.ttrsir.com

with built-in cabinetry and a main level bedroom with en-suite bath.

The gourmet kitchen sparkles with stainless steel appliances, granite countertops, lots of cabinetry and a breakfast bar. Upstairs are four spacious bedrooms, two of which are master suites with en-suite baths. A large walk out recreation room,

powder room and spacious three-car garage complete the lower level. The expansive park-like grounds feature professional landscaping, outdoor lighting, irrigation, generator and parking for three additional cars.

This well-positioned neighborhood offers easy commuting access to major thoroughfares of I-95, I-295, I-395, as well as Duke Street and King Street. This home is located six miles to Washington, D.C., six miles to Reagan National Airport and less than 1.5 miles to all four of Alexandria's high schools. Walk to nearby stores and restaurants. Enjoy the boutique districts of Old Town, Del Ray and Bradlee.



Above: Savor festive feasts with family and friends.
Left: Elegant built-in cabinetry adorns the home office.

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Clockwise: Fresh Grilled tuna with bordelaise sauce and creamy black pepper sauce. **Beets with goat cheese** over mesclun salad on a bed of chilled beet puree. **Endive salad** with apples, walnuts and Roquefort cheese. **Hugh and Anne Fregnan.**



Old Town's Le Refuge celebrates 35 years

On Sept. 27, 2018, Le Refuge in Old Town celebrates 35 years as a family-run establishment that has pleased palettes from all over the world. Le Refuge founder and chef-emeritus Jean Francois Chaufour and his late wife opened the doors of Le Refuge, realizing a dream they had in France. Now the much-loved dining establishment is run by Chaufour's daughter, Anne Chaufour-Fregnan, and her chef-husband Hugh.

Almost overnight, Le Refuge developed a reputation for serving delicious and genuine French country cuisine in a cozy setting and Alexandrians flocked to the restaurant. Residents and tourists alike raved about Le Refuge. Visitors passing through Al-

AT A GLANCE

Restaurant Name: Le Refuge Restaurant
Location: 127c North Washington St., Alexandria, VA 22314
Neighborhood: Old Town
Owners: Francois Chaufour and Anne & Hugh Fregnan
Chef: Hugh Fregnan
Year Opened: 1983
Type of food: Country French
Price Range for Entrees: \$15 to \$40
Hours of Operation: Monday through Saturday Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Dinner, 5:30 to 10:00 p.m.
Reservations: 703 548 4661
Contact for event info: Anne Chaufour-Fregnan

to France – without the steep airfare and jet-lag.

"I am so proud of what my parents created in this lovely little restaurant, and I'm glad Hugh and I can continue Le Refuge," Charfour-Fregnan said. "We know our carefully chosen menu selections are good, and made with fresh ingredients from family recipes – but it takes others appreciating our fare as well. We love our long-time, loyal customers. Some have been frequenting Le Refuge since my parents opened."

If its consistently high rankings on Trip Advisor are any indicator, regulars and tourists savor the fine dining found in Le Refuge's casual, comfortable setting.

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CALENDAR

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Time: 7 to 9 p.m.
Location: The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St.
Information: RSVP to members@nvfaa.org

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

All are welcome – no exceptions. Each pet will be individually blessed by Pastor Grace Han and will receive a Certificate of Blessing with the pet's name signed in calligraphy by an artist. Stay for a photo with the pastor. Free parking on the street or in the parking lot. Blessing happens in the courtyard under the oaks on Cameron Mills Road.
Time: 9 a.m.
Location: Trinity United Methodist Church, 2911 Cameron Mills Road
Information: Call or text 703-408-4008

ARTS ON THE HORIZON 5K FUNDRAISER

Join Arts on the Horizon in Fort Hunt Park as they host their very first 5K Fundraiser. Meet at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday for some family-friendly fun. Families are invited to run or walk to support Arts on the Horizon's arts education programs and performances. Registration is \$25.
Time: 7:30 a.m.
Location: Fort Hunt Park, 8999 Fort Hunt Road
Information: www.artsonthehorizon.org/5k

ALEXANDRIA TEEN FALL POETRY PROJECT

Alexandria teens, get ready to get creative and share your voice. A new Alexandria Teen Fall Poetry Project kicks off with a series of poetry workshops at the Duncan Library. Young poets are invited to fall into the art and craft of poetry in a fun, creative and supportive environment. Wendi Kaplan, the City of Alexandria's poet laureate, will facilitate the first workshop on Sept. 29. Workshop attendees will be entered in a random drawing for small prizes. Also

launching on Sept. 29 is a new Fall Alexandria Teen Poetry Circle that will showcase the literary talents of Alexandria's teens. The submission deadline for consideration in the Fall Alexandria Teen Poetry Circle is Oct. 30. Selected poets will be informed on Nov. 15.

Time: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Location: Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave.
Information: alexandriava.gov/Arts

OCTOBER 3

AMERICAN PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION BLOOD DRIVE

Inova Blood Donor Services and the American Physical Therapy Association are hosting a blood drive to benefit individuals in our area. INOVA Blood Donor Services

Northern Virginia and D.C. metro communities. At this event, you will not only enjoy food and fun, but you will also hear powerful stories about how your contributions to Bethany House help women and children escape from the darkness of abuse and into the light of safety, freedom and independence. You won't want to miss this year's Garden of Light. Help Fund the fight against domestic violence.

Time: 6 to 9 p.m.
Location: Crowne Plaza, 901 N. Fairfax St.
Information: www.bhmv.org/garden-of-light

PASS THE PLATE POT LUCK

Head to Woodlawn & Frank Lloyd Wright's Pope-Leighey House for a cross-cultural, heritage-inspired dinner event. Share the food of your

than 50,000 visitors stroll down Mt. Vernon Avenue in Del Ray between Bellefonte and Hume Avenues. The event features more than 300 artists (jewelers, silversmiths, bead-ers, woodworkers, pottery makers, soap crafters, glass makers, unique painters, sculptors, fabric artists and more), musicians (Irish, folk, rock n' roll, country and more) and food vendors (hot dogs, BBQ, Indian, crab cakes, chocolate bananas dipped on a stick and homemade cider donuts). Activities for children include stuff-your-own scarecrow, paint-a-pumpkin, lotus flower design and weave screen art.
Time: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Location: Mt. Vernon Avenue
Information: artontheavenue.org

OLD DOMINION BOCCE TOURNAMENT

Attend the inaugural Old Dominion Bocce Tournament to support the Prevent Cancer Foundation. Inspired by nine years of working with the Vigilucci's World Beach Bocce Championship in Del Mar, California, the Old Dominion Bocce team invites friends, family and soon-to-be friends for a day of bocce, great food, beverages (courtesy of sponsor Stone Brewing Co.) and music. The event is open to teams of all skill levels. Please register in advance.

Time: All day
Location: Belle Haven Country Club, 6023 Fort Hunt Road
Information: 760-815-1977

OCTOBER 12

FEMALE STRANGER BEER DINNER WITH PORT CITY

Join Port City Brewery and Gadsby's Tavern Museum as they honor the anniversary of the Female Stranger's death with her specialty beer, the Long Black Veil. This special craft beer was inspired by the famous tale of the Female Stranger, who died at the tavern on Oct. 14, 1816. Enjoy great local beers on the anniversary weekend and learn the history surrounding her tragic story. The evening will include four courses. Tickets are \$85.

Time: 7 to 11 p.m.
Location: Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St.
Information: alexandria.gov/shop

OCTOBER 12 TO 14

PORTSIDE IN OLD TOWN FESTIVAL

In celebration of Old Town Alexandria's new waterfront experience with the opening of a greatly expanded new park area at the foot of King Street and launch of the Portside in Old Town waterfront programming series, the Portside in Old Town Festival kicks off the fun with activities along the Potomac River Oct. 12 to 14, 2018. Festival-goers will enjoy free tours of the tall ship Godspeed (Saturday and Sunday only), a waterfront beer garden from Port City Brewing Company, a pop-up Pizzeria Paradiso,

plus live music and history, art and fitness activities.

Time: Various throughout the weekend

Location: King Street Part at the Waterfront

Information: www.visitalexandriava.com/things-to-do/waterfront-activities/portside-in-old-town/

OCTOBER 13

23RD ANNUAL ART SAFARI

An Alexandria tradition for more than two decades, Art Safari returns for a day of hands-on activities for kids and families. Dozens of artists lead budding arts enthusiasts in hands-on projects throughout the building. The event is in partnership with American Geoscience Institute and American Institute of Architects Northern Virginia.

Time: Noon to 4 p.m.
Location: Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St.
Information: torpedofactory.org/events

OCTOBER 20

SEAPORT DAY

2018 Seaport Day is an annual community festival celebrating the mission and programs of the Alexandria Seaport Foundation and Alexandria's maritime heritage. The event will feature live music, nautical activities, wooden boat display, children's activities, lawn games, beer, food and wine. Alexandria Seaport Foundation improves the lives of young people in need of direction through adult mentoring, project-based learning and the craft of wooden boat building.

Time: All Day
Location: Waterfront Park, 1 Prince St.
Information: www.alexandriaseaport.org

HISTORY'S MYSTERIES IN THE VAULT

Join historians and storytellers Terry Gish and Wayne Kehoe for a hauntingly fun evening in Ivy Hill Cemetery's public vault. Hear true stories of horror from around the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Old Dominion is the oldest state in the United States, and thus has the most ghost stories. There will be trivia, raffle prizes, tales and ghostly haunts, and if you feel something cold near you, do not worry – it might just be the spirit of the petrified woman of Ivy Hill Cemetery's public vault. There will be a program at 6:30 p.m. and at 8 p.m., with each program running about 75 minutes. Admission is \$20 and space is limited. Reserve and pay in advance online at PayPal.me/IHCHPS, to guarantee your seat. The event is not recommended for children under 12 years of age.

Time: 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.
Location: Ivy Hill Cemetery, 2823 King St.
Information: info@ihchps.org

SEPTEMBER 30

WASHINGTON CHAMBER ORCHESTRA WITH PIANIST YEOL EUM SON

For one special night, award-winning Pianist Yeol Eum Son, a double silver medalist at the 2011 Tchaikovsky International Competition and 2009 Van Cliburn International Competition, will perform a benefit performance with the Washington Chamber Orchestra. Concert proceeds will support the Washington Chamber Orchestra Endowment, ensuring its mission in the future, "Making Classical Music More Accessible to Everyone in the Community."



Time: 5 p.m.

Location: Schlesinger Concert Hall, 4915 E. Campus Drive
Information: www.thewco.org

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Time: 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Location: APTA Headquarters, 1111 N. Fairfax St.
Information: moveforwardpt.com

OCTOBER 4

BETHANY HOUSE GARDEN OF LIGHT GALA

Bethany House of Northern Virginia is hosting its 7th Annual Garden of Light Gala at the Crowne Plaza Old Town Alexandria. Join them for a night of delicious cuisine, live entertainment and exciting auction prizes donated by local and national businesses. Bethany House of Northern Virginia provides emergency shelter and supportive services to victims of domestic violence throughout

family at a casual potluck dinner that is open to guests of all heritages. Each guest, or group of guests, as part of their participation will be asked to bring a dish that highlights their own family story. The event features culinary foodways historian and cookbook author, Michael Twitty, as well as the artisans of the current art exhibit, Makers In The Mansion. Woodlawn will provide exhibit tours, beverages and bites, as Twitty leads a spirited conversation about how food can highlight identity and connect people.

Time: 6 to 9 p.m.
Location: Woodlawn & Frank Lloyd Wright's Pope-Leighey House, 9000 Richmond Highway
Information: www.woodlawnpope-leighey.org/woodlawnevents/

OCTOBER 6

23RD ANNUAL ART ON THE AVENUE

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From left to right: Mac Slover, Diane Ford, Miracle League mascot Homer, Donald Anthony, Jackie Anthony and Marion Anthony.



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receiving rounds of cheers throughout the game and many congratulations following it.

“The biggest joy of the weekend for me was seeing how happy and excited Donald and the other participants were. I loved watching them and seeing their families smile and laugh, knowing how proud they were to be playing this wonderful game of baseball,” Slover said.

Each participant wore a special all-star uniform and shoes for the games and were given gift bags, prizes, an all-star medal and other special awards at the gala.

Slover said having Anthony’s parents to watch their son play made the event particularly special.

“I am especially glad that Marion and Jackie got to experience this weekend with their son, Donald. I am just lucky Diane and I had the chance to be a part of it too and network with so many

wonderful people throughout the country and Canada,” Slover said. “It was about being a family and supporting each other.”

Marion and Jackie Anthony said the biggest joy was seeing their son participate in a sport he loves.

“We were thrilled to see his name and picture on the scoreboard showing him from the Miracle League of Alexandria. We were so excited to see him send the ball screaming across the field as he was off to the bases. It was what he had hoped for all day. The baseball game was incredible, and we were so proud to watch him play a game he dearly loves,” Marion and Jackie Anthony said.

The Miracle League is a national program that was founded in 2000 in Atlanta, Georgia and has grown to encompass more than 300 teams from the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico. The program started in Alexandria in the spring of 2011. The league plays baseball in the spring and

fall of each year on the rubberized surface of the Kelley Cares Miracle Field, which was completed in November 2012. Miracle League is designed to give youth and adults with special needs the opportunity to enjoy outdoor recreation.

The 2019 National Miracle League All-Star Games will be in Sioux City, Iowa. Slover said the Alexandria Miracle League is planning to attend.

Alexandria’s Miracle League began its fall baseball season on Sept. 19. The youth games are held on Wednesdays from 4:30 to 6 p.m. and the adult games are on Saturdays from 1 to 2:30 pm at the Kelley Cares Miracle League Field, located at the Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson St., Alexandria, Virginia 22314. For more information on the Miracle League of Alexandria and the game schedules, go to the website at www.miracleleagueofalexandria.com.

Contributed by the Miracle League of Alexandria.

WILCOX

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beginning to appear. This past spring, for instance, women made up 40 percent of economics graduates from Williams College, which Wilcox called “a step in the right direction.”

“In order to create a staff here at the Federal Reserve that has all the characteristics that we aspire to, we’ve recognized that we need to move aggressively on changing things inside,” Wilcox said. “But we also need to do nothing less than help the economics profession itself change more broadly on the outside.”

Still, Wilcox stressed that the Federal Reserve and other prominent employers have a long way to go to fully en-

sure that minority groups are properly represented across the board. Wilcox said awareness is the first step on a long road toward positive change.

“No longer is it widely regarded that issues of representation – diversity and inclusion – are the responsibility of women or of minorities to correct and address, but that the ownership of those problems falls on the shoulders of every person who participates in the economics enterprise,” Wilcox said.

Now, as he enters the final stage of his career at the Federal Reserve Board, Wilcox is grateful for the rare opportunity he’s had to leave a lasting, positive impact on a powerful federal organiza-

tion.

When asked about his proudest accomplishments, Wilcox focused on the simple ways in which he’s been able to help people over the course of his career.

“I would like my legacy to be that I helped work with my colleagues here at the Federal Reserve Board to provide world class advice to policy makers, to create an environment in which individuals of every description could come in and know that they would be challenged to contribute at the highest level of their capability, and to create an environment in which innovation is rewarded,” Wilcox said.

Wilcox’s colleagues at the Fed have talked publicly about his commitment to the organization and to economics itself. After his retirement announcement, Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell praised Wilcox’s invaluable contributions to the organization and the entire field of economics.

“We will miss his prowess as an economist, his leadership in promoting diversity and inclusion in the field of economics, as well as his incomparable wit and good humor,” Powell said in a Federal Reserve Board press release.

And while Wilcox is best known for the contributions he made to economics throughout his professional career, his wife Melynda Wilcox knows him as a kind, loving person who will stop at nothing to care for others.

David Wilcox married Melynda Wilcox in 1989, not long after graduating from MIT and returning to the Fed. They settled in Alexandria in 1995 and had twin daughters in 1998. The family never left the city, and daughters Amanda and Laura graduated from T.C. Williams High School in 2016.

Wilcox was an Eagle Scout and worked as a camp counselor as a teenager, which left

a lasting impression.

A few years before his daughters graduated, for example, the couple were watching them compete at a T.C. Williams swim meet. When Wilcox noticed that one of the swimmers was unconscious in the pool, he was the first to act.

“He immediately jumped in – fully clothed – to rescue her,” Melynda Wilcox said in an email. “It turned out that she had had a seizure, and after being checked out thoroughly at the hospital, she was fine, thank goodness. The only casualty was David’s Fed-issued Blackberry.”

As Wilcox moves into re-

irement at the end of the year, he said he’d like to undertake his own research projects to learn more about economic stratification. Among other questions that he wants to answer for himself, he particularly grapples with the problem of why the country’s economy is so successful for some people while an utter failure for others.

Economics aside, though, he plans to remain active.

“I have no specific plans for the future,” Wilcox said. “Other than a good deal of clarity that the rocking chair doesn’t figure prominently in my near-term plans.”

-dagnew@alextimes.com



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David Wilcox after he jumped into a pool at a T.C. Williams High School swim meet to save a student athlete who was having a seizure. The student recovered, but Wilcox’s Federal-issued Blackberry did not.



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Our View

Honoring Irish heritage in Alexandria

It's human nature to want to duck an issue rather than face potential unpleasantness head on. We all do it. Alexandria's local government has become particularly adept at this.

Why discuss removing Robert E. Lee's portrait from city council chambers – where it had apparently hung for decades – when it can simply be quietly removed? Why notify the public in advance that the text amendment under consideration to add lights at T.C. Williams High School would potentially impact all playing fields in the city? Why indeed.

Another “duck” on this list is the abrupt removal earlier this year of the name Lt. Col. John Fitzgerald from the new park being added at the foot of King Street. Fitzgerald, an aide-de-camp to General George Washington during the Revolutionary War and a distinguished early Alexandrian, seems, at first glance, a worthy recipient of recognition.

Naming the park after Fitzgerald has long been an objective of local Irish heritage groups, including the Ballyshanners and Ancient Order of the Hibernians. This is understandable, given that ours is a town dominated by references to its Scottish heritage, with fewer nods to our also-important Irish contributors.

The naming seemed a *fait accompli*, since Fitzgerald had appeared on documents referring to the park and waterfront redevelopment for the past five years – until several residents complained to city officials earlier this year about Fitzgerald's possible ownership of slaves. They were concerned about the inappropriate signal that naming a park after him might send. Soon afterward, the name Fitzgerald vanished from official documents – on St. Patrick's Day no less.

City officials blamed the removal of Fitzgerald's name on process and said the removal, which, according to the Washington Post, happened right after the complaints were received, had nothing to do with the objections of residents or Fitzgerald's possible ownership of slaves.

Except, of course, it had everything to do with the complaints and Fitzgerald's possible link to slavery, and rightly so. But our city officials need to have the courage to admit this is the reason, and not try to hide behind the excuse of process, the lack of which had seemed to bother exactly no one prior to the complaints.

Fitzgerald seems to have been an exemplary Alexandrian and an honorable man of his own era. But if he owned slaves, it would also be inappropriate to honor him with a park in his name in our current era, where names of slave holders and defenders of slavery are being removed from, not added to, parks. Our quibble is not with the removal of Fitzgerald's name from planning documents, but with the disingenuousness of the discussion.

Fortunately, there's an obvious and happy way out of this situation. The park at the foot of King Street should bear the name of a prominent Irish American who played a vital role in shaping a better Alexandria: that of the late Pat Troy.

No one in the last 30 years has done more to promote consciousness of Irish heritage in Alexandria than Troy, who died earlier this year days after appearing at the city's 2018 St. Patrick's Day parade – an event that was his brainchild. Troy was a treasure who made our city better because of his enthusiasm and love.

So yes, let's honor Irish American heritage at the King Street Park, but let it bear the name Troy and not Fitzgerald. And let's be honest about why we're making the change.

Opinion

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

- Thomas Jefferson



Your Views

A primer for elections in Alexandria

To the editor:

With all the hoopla about national politics, it may have escaped some voters' notice that Alexandria's entire city council is up for election in less than two months. It's not too soon to start familiarizing yourself with the candidates and, especially if you're a newcomer, the process involved.

We elect council members at-large, rather than by ward or district. There are nine candidates on the ballot – six Democrats, two Republicans and one Independent – though party affiliation will not appear on the ballot. Each voter can vote for up to six candidates. And six will be elected, whether or not you use all six of your votes.

I think it's important to vote a complete, straight Democratic ballot – senator, congressman, mayor and council. Democrats have nominated a

diverse slate that includes more women than ever before. There's a mix of black, white, Latino and even a refugee from Sudan and several newcomers as well as some seasoned veterans. They have one thing in common: they all share the Alexandria and Democratic values of fairness, openness, compassion and good government. While many issues in local government aren't partisan in nature, sharing those core values makes city government run smoother.

So, get to know the candidates before the election and I'm sure you'll want to support all of them. But if you don't have time to do that, be sure to ask for the Democratic sample ballot on election day, where the Democrats will be identified.

-Tom Osborne,
Alexandria

ACPS can do better for our students

To the editor:

This is in response to a Sept. 6 letter in the Alexandria Times from Thomas W. Spoehr, "Elected officials should focus on poor ACPS results."

I agree with Mr. Spoehr's premise that attention must be paid to Alexandria City Public Schools by the city's elected leadership – a continuing requirement, to be sure, but one that's especially important in light of standardized test scores for the past school year. Those scores are available to the public on the website of the Virginia Department of Education, www.schoolquality.virginia.gov/virginia-schools.

Compiled test scores show a lack of consistent improvement citywide over a period of three school years in almost every category, with occasional bright spots including higher scores in science and reading in a number of schools.

I also agree with the premise that elected leadership must break this pattern and work for full accreditation by all schools in the city, but also for success in every classroom in achieving the system-wide goal that every student succeeds.

Ways must be found to meet the educational needs of students throughout Alexandria, and to improve the performance of all ACPS students – from those with the greatest needs to those with the greatest potential. Demographic and ethnic categories requiring special attention include Hispanic, students with disabilities and English learning

students – as well as those in any category weighed down by the burdens of poverty.

As a District C candidate for school board, I am among those willing to be held accountable for the performance of Alexandria's public school students in the future. If elected, I am committed to working with other members of the school board, city council and mayor – and, in particular, the outstanding new Superintendent of ACPS, Dr. Gregory Hutchings, to find solutions.

I am also committed to maintaining local school board control over the city's school system, in accordance with Virginia's State Constitution. It is in this area that I respectfully disagree with Spoehr's suggestion that Washington D.C.'s charter schools provide a good example for Alexandria. Nationally, absent an infusion of funds, charter schools provide an uneven model of success – and while, as a graduate of D.C. Public Schools a couple of generations ago, I am glad for their apparent success, other recent developments in that system make me hesitant to embrace their example.

Spoehr is correct in saying that ACPS students will pay the long-term price for poor performance. As parents and committed citizens we need to meet that challenge, and provide opportunities for our children to do better as students – so that they can do better later as adults.

*-John E. Lennon,
Alexandria*

After effects of Florence

To the editor:

Beyond the widely reported devastating impacts of Hurricane Florence on the Carolinas, there is one more – of the self-inflicted variety.

North Carolina is home to thousands of factory farms that raise millions of pigs, chickens and other animals for our dinner tables. Their feces are stored in huge open pits, labeled ironically as "lagoons." The excess rainfall from Florence is very likely to spread much of this waste onto nearby housing developments, farmland and waterways, including those supplying drinking water.

This is exactly what happened when Hurricane Floyd struck North Carolina as a Category 2 storm in 1999. Accord-

ing to the Associated Press, "The bloated carcasses of hundreds of thousands of animals bobbed in a nose-stinging soup of fecal matter, pesticides, fertilizer and gasoline so toxic that fish flopped helplessly on the surface to escape it."

Although none of us has direct control over the weather, we each have direct control over our demand for animal food products: the very food products that cause so much damage to our environment and to our personal health. The advent of Florence presents a great opportunity for each of us to start reducing that demand.

*-Ashton Gunter,
Alexandria*

My View | Andrew Macdonald Does Alexandria deserve to be called an Eco-City?

This is a question I have heard a lot recently because the city has asked Alexandrians to help it revise its environmental charter.

To answer the question, it's useful to look back at the city's environmental track record.

In the 1970s, Alexandria channelized Cameron Run to reduce flooding and open up land for development and a landfill in the Eisenhower Valley. It started cleaning up the waterfront, though not always very carefully. Hazardous organic pollutants still probably leak into the Potomac from an old coal gasification plant, despite efforts to treat the polluted ground water.

In the 1980s, Alexandria had no open space plan to speak of, no plan to preserve the city's tree canopy and few bike trails. The Mirant Plant still belched toxic particulate matter and other ozone-forming chemicals into the air and deep into our lungs. The city relied mostly on developers like the Winkler family to provide new parkland, in exchange for increased development rights and density. But thanks to the efforts of former Councilwoman Ellen Pickering and other local activists, public access to the river along our waterfront was enshrined in law.

In the 1990s and early 2000s, civic activists started to pressure the Alexandria City Council to save more open space, clean up the waterfront and improve the city's air quality by closing the coal-fired Mirant Power Plant. In response, council designated a small amount of annual tax revenue for the purchase of open space and joined the fight to close the power plant.

In 2008, the city adopted an

environmental charter that was followed by an action plan that was supposed to set the city on a path toward a more sustainable future with greener buildings, greater mass transit use, cleaner buses, more bike lanes, more

open space, healthier stream corridors, a cleaner Potomac and a new metro station at Potomac Yards.

The results have been mixed so far. The city has picked a wetland park as its preferred site for a new Metro station, which has angered many residents who

care about the environment. We have added more recreational open space, but not nearly enough for a city of our population size. The city wasn't going to replace Old Town's antiquated combined sewer system, which has dumped raw sewage into the Potomac when it rains for decades until it was forced to do so more quickly as a result of public pressure.

Looking forward, the city now wants to focus its efforts on reducing greenhouse gases that are warming the earth up rapidly. Unfortunately, the city's environmental focus still revolves around development and transportation rather than preserving and restoring the natural ecosystems and biodiversity that are also part of a sustainable future.

As the recent fight to save the forested wetlands at the Karig site showed, city council, Mayor Allison Silberberg aside, and the planning commission still do not see citizens as true partners in this effort. Until that changes, I don't think that Alexandria can call itself a true Eco-City.

The writer is a geologist and former vice mayor of Alexandria.



**ANDREW
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My View | Dr. Gregory Hutchings, Ed.D.

Angles of academic success

The mission of Alexandria City Public Schools is to ensure that every student succeeds. But what does success look like?

In ACPS, we have students from 118 different countries who speak 120 different languages. We have students who come to us without any prior formal education and students who enter kindergarten already able to read, write and solve math problems. Success looks different for each of our students. Every year, some of our students go on to study at Ivy League colleges such as Yale and Princeton. This year, one student whose family fled a civil war in Eritrea won a full-ride scholarship to the Juilliard School, where she will study with some of the best musicians in the world.

One of the concepts that should not define student success, however, is poverty. We have this idea that is perpetuated through our own higher than usual Free and Reduced School Meal data that poverty is somehow an excuse for failing Standards of Learning tests or failing to graduate or reading two grade levels behind. It is not.

In fact, there are stories of success across ACPS that actively counter this. Yet we so often ignore these in favor of using poverty as a reason why we do not always achieve the results we want. Some of our schools with the poorest student populations – those who rely on food handouts to get enough to eat over the summer – are doing the best in math. Teachers are finding ways to teach these students in a way that is culturally responsive and they are finding that they are responding beyond all expectations.

Some of our elementary schools with the highest Free and Reduced Price Meal percentages are accredited year after year with their students. Poverty should not be an excuse. It is something to counter and to work with, to be aware of, and to acknowledge just as we might acknowledge any other factor in a child's life, but it should not be the primary defining factor of success.

Sometimes poverty means that a child has been uprooted from their country of origin because their parent worked for the U.S. Military during the Iraq War and

they were forced to flee at risk of their lives. Sometimes, they could not stay because their family was on the wrong side of politics in an African country at war. But what they bring to our country makes us richer as a nation.

Success for some of our students may not mean passing a fifth-grade SOL test for a student who has recently arrived in the country, but our children still see their own success, and in many cases, these are even more powerful achievements.



DR. GREGORY HUTCHINGS, ED.D.

This week, ACPS published “Measuring What Matters” as a way to share with our community the incredible talent our young people have that may manifest in many different ways. Standards of Learning data is only one measure of a student's academic success. Opportunities and successes outside of the classroom are

just as important as the experience inside of the classroom. At ACPS, we pride ourselves on preparing our students for the world, whether it is college, a career or joining the military. Every child deserves an opportunity to be supported and engaged in a high-quality learning environment. And every child deserves to have their successes acknowledged. You can pick up a copy of “Measuring What Matters” in a library or at city hall, or by going online to www.acps.k12.va.us.

There is no other school division where students can experience such a rich global environment as the one we offer at ACPS. Our students graduate being able to fully engage in our dynamic world. Time and time again, our students come back and tell us they were better prepared for the college experience or the work environment thanks to their ACPS experiences.

We need to stop making poverty an excuse and set high expectations for all of our students regardless of their life situation. Most importantly, we must start celebrating our diversity in ACPS as a gift that prepares our students to become global citizens who are culturally competent, caring, resilient and ready for the world.

The writer is superintendent of Alexandria City Public Schools.

Flawed park naming process is no joke

To the editor:

While the article “Naming process draws Ire(ish)” in the Sept. 20 Alexandria Times addressed some of the Ballyshanners concerns, it did not convey that our objective is a clearly defined, transparent process.

Further, using “Ire(ish)” in the headline was flippant. Naming the park for Fitzgerald has been a decade-long effort. I doubt that an effort to name a place in the city after a Scotsman would have had a “(Great) Scot” reference in its headline.

The Ballyshanners want a transparent process that addresses the decision to name a park for Col. John Fitzgerald, highlighting his contributions to Alexandria's development. We are aggravated that the Fitzgerald name has been used for more than five years, then was taken away without the city's defining a reason why. The city has not offered a clear process to name what they now call the park at King Street/Waterfront Park at King Street/that park at

King Street and the river.

We want a clearly delineated, publicized naming process. Since early 2018, that has not been provided. Despite my phone calls with Mayor Allison Silberberg, Facebook messages and emails to Vice Mayor Justin Wilson and emails to Councilwoman Del Pepper, the naming process has appeared to occur in a vacuum until the meeting on Sept. 12. Even after that meeting, no timeline or process was finalized.

The naming process needs to be approved by the committee so that interested parties can comment. The lack of a formal naming process is why the Fitzgerald name was removed despite its being in place for five years.

I have spent months asking for information about the process only to get empty responses and finger-pointing. The Sept. 12 meeting did not result in an agreed-upon process.

*-Kimberley Moore,
Alexandria*

Jones Point and global warming

To the editor:

The “Medieval Warm Theory,” for a long time and even still, despite recent efforts to downplay it, the accepted theory, posits that during Medieval times when wine grapes grew in England, today's temperate latitudes were almost a month warmer.

The Sept. 20 “Out of the Attic” in the Alexandria Times reminds us that around 900 AD, about the same time as in England, Jones

Point would regularly be cut off from the mainland by flooding at high tide, which it doesn't do now during the cooler period which kicked off the European Renaissance and which may well be concluding in our lifetimes.

Maybe at some point the land was built up, but if not, this provides more evidence that global warming might be part of a natural cycle.

*-Dino Drudi,
Alexandria*

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OUT OF THE ATTIC

The day that shook Alexandria

Many of us remember the earthquake that shook the DC area on Aug. 23, 2011. Among the damage it caused, it forced the closure of the Washington Monument for multiple years. Modern geologists measured that earthquake as registering 5.8 on the Richter Scale. But a much larger one shook our city on Aug. 31, 1886.

Obviously, technology to measure the strength of tremors has improved significantly over time, but our records indicate that the 1886 earthquake rated a 7.3. While the epicenter of the 2011 was in Mineral, Virginia, the 1886 quake radiated from Charleston, South Carolina. Contemporary newspaper accounts paint a panicked picture of local residents.

The Washington Post described four shocks, two of them being quite severe with the first, and strongest lasting approximately 40 seconds. A guest at the Willard Hotel rushed down to the lobby and asked the clerk if "He ever had guests complain about this house shaking." The response was, "Yes, when we have earthquakes."

The next day's Alexandria Gazette chronicled a panic:

"Persons employed in the building where the Republican, Post, Critic and Gazette are published rushed pell mell into the streets while the structure was vibrating from the seismic distur-



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The Willard Hotel flying the presidential flag in the 1920s, indicating the President of the United States was on the premises.

bance. When the floors began swaying gas chandeliers vibrated, and men felt the chairs in which they were sitting move."

The Washington Evening Star reported that at Albaugh's Opera House on 15th Street NW and Pennsylvania:

"The summer theatre company was singing 'The Mascot' when the first shock occurred it was felt distinctly by the persons in the gallery ... many of whom being alarmed hastened to leave."

Not everyone in the D.C. area was alarmed, however.

The Evening Star included accounts from multiple readers who heard or felt a tremor, but dismissed it as being related to the construction of an aqueduct.

While the 1886 earthquake caused concern and even panic in this area, it did far worse in the areas near its epicenter. Approximately 100 people died as a result of the quake, mainly in South Carolina, and the aftershocks continued regularly for more than a month. A month after the quake, Clara Barton wrote to friends in Chicago

that the damage in Charleston had not been exaggerated, and that almost every building had suffered some damage as a result of the seismic activity.

The earthquakes of 1886 and 2011 remind us that while flooding is the natural disaster that occurs in our history most often, it is certainly not the only one the residents of Alexandria have experienced over time.

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Weekly Poll

Last Week

Should the park at the base of King Street be named Fitzgerald Square?

77% - Yes

17% - No

6% - I don't know

This Week

Take the poll at alextimes.com

What piece of the Alexandria City Public Schools accreditation news do you think is most significant?

A) Jefferson-Houston's accreditation with conditions

B) William Ramsay and Francis C. Hammond's full accreditation

C) The Virginia Department of Education's new accreditation system

D) Other

Classifieds

PUBLIC NOTICE

ENVIRONMENTAL PERMIT

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow the filling and excavation of wetlands in the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: For 30 days, starting from the day after the notice is in the newspaper: September 28, 2018 to October 29, 2018

PERMIT NAME: Virginia Water Protection Permit issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: City of Alexandria c/o Mr. Mitchell Bernstein, P.E., Director - Project Implementation; 301 King Street, Suite 3200, Alexandria, Virginia 22314; VWPP No. 17-1756

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: City of Alexandria has applied for a new permit for the Potomac Yard Metrorail Station. The project is located in Potomac Yard, east of Potomac Avenue, west of George Washington Memorial Parkway, and north of Potomac Greens Drive in the City of Alexandria, Virginia. The permit will allow the applicant to fill and excavate surface waters consisting of wetlands. The proposed activity would permanently affect 1.56 acres of wetlands and temporarily affect 2.85 acres of wetlands. The activity proposed in the permit will affect an unnamed tributary in the Four Mile Run watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. To compensate for the permanently affected area, the applicant would purchase 2.48 wetland credits from a DEQ approved mitigation bank, in-lieu fee fund, or a combination thereof that is authorized and approved by DEQ to sell credits in the area in which the impacts will occur and has credits available (as released by DEQ). DEQ's preliminary decision is to issue the permit.

HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing by e-mail, hand delivery, fax or postal mail. All comments and

requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requestor, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. A public hearing may be held, including another comment period, if public response is significant, based on individual requests for a public hearing, and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit.

CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Wynn Prusaczyk; Northern Regional Office, 13901 Crown Court, Woodbridge, Virginia 22193; Phone: (703) 583-3871; E-mail: wynn.prusaczyk@deq.virginia.gov; Fax: (703) 583-3821. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above by appointment or may request copies of the documents from the contact person listed above.

LEGAL NOTICES



BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
THURSDAY, October 11, 2018
 - 7:30 PM
Council Chambers, City Hall
301 King Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Information about this item may be obtained from the Department of Planning and Zoning, 301 King Street, Room 2100, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, telephone: (703) 746-4666 or on the City's website at www.alexandriava.gov/planning.

BZA # 2018-00016
 346 Commerce Street

Appeal of the determination by the Planning Director that section 4-507(E) of the zoning ordinance requires the day care center at 346 Commerce Street to provide an adequate drop off and pick up plan.
 Appellant: J S & Family, LLC.



The Alexandria City School Board will hold a public hearing on the request to name the College and Career Center at T.C. Williams High School as the Jack Taylor College and Career Center. The hearing will be held during the October 11, 2018 School Board Meeting at 7 p.m., in the School Board Meeting Room at 1340 Braddock Place, Alexandria. For more information or to register to speak at the public hearing, please contact the Clerk of the Board at 703-619-8316 or boardclerk@acps.k12.va.us.

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