

School board approves redistricted boundaries

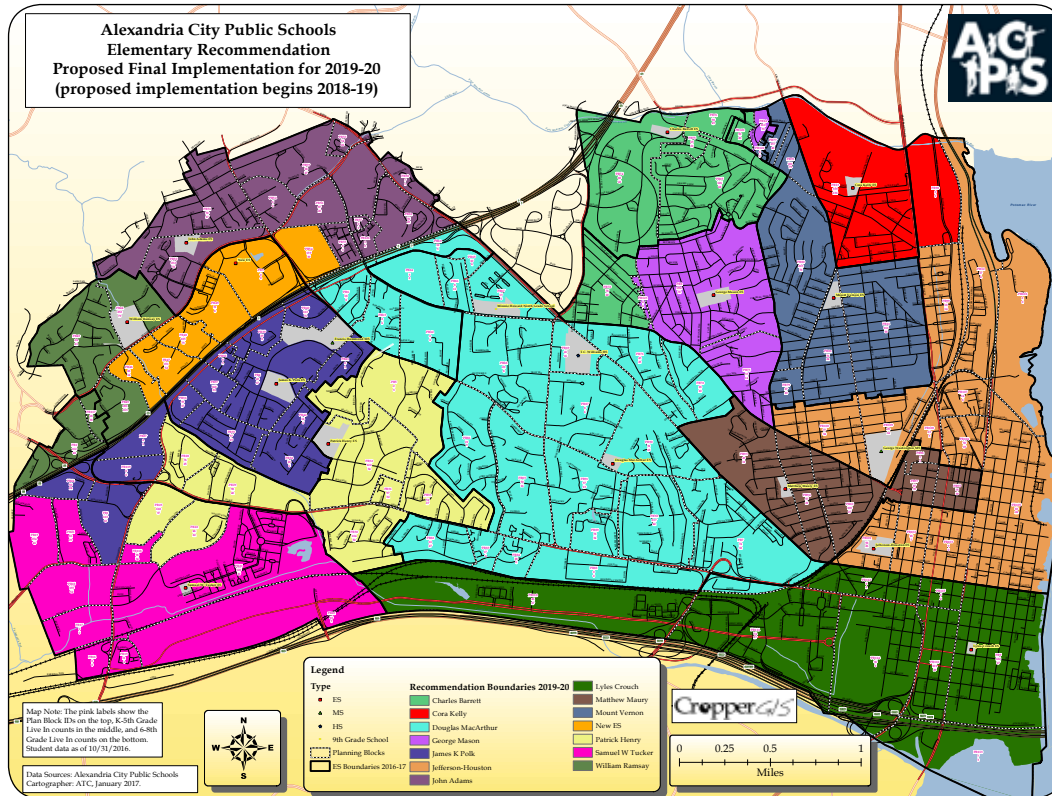
Estimated 474 elementary students to be moved in fall 2018

BY CHRIS TEALE

The Alexandria City School Board approved new boundaries for public elementary schools in the city, bringing to an end a process that lasted approximately 18 months.

The new boundaries will go into effect for the 2018-2019 school year and require approximately 474 students to change schools when they are implemented. A total of 8,432 students were enrolled in pre-K through fifth grade as of December 2016.

Alexandria City Public Schools officials said a more detailed timeline and information about the transition toward the new boundaries



would be published soon.

Schools Superintendent Alvin Crawley said staff and the board have a “full acknowledgement that it does not represent a single solution for addressing overcrowding and capacity issues in our school division.”

“We know that we have to have multiple strategies in addition to a redistricting process that allows us to look at the distribution of our students,” he said.

The board approved the new boundaries by an 8-1 margin, with Bill Campbell casting the lone dissenting vote. Campbell said he had concerns with the potential negative effects on some families, a lack of precision on grandfathering

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LOOK TOWARD THE FUTURE New Alexandria Chamber of Commerce board chairman Dak Hardwick addresses attendees at the organization's “Tomorrow's Alexandria” event, hosted Saturday at the living and working space eLofts on the West End. Hardwick said with the growth coming to the city in the coming years, it is imperative for everyone to work together, including residents and the business community. The chamber's subsequent events in 2017 will all focus on the future of Alexandria, according to officials.

Alexandria officials uncertain over federal hiring freeze

Staff: city won't run afoul of “sanctuary jurisdiction” executive order

BY ERICH WAGNER

City officials said they are confident that Alexandria would not be included in so-called “sanctuary jurisdictions” targeted for the loss of federal grant funding in an executive order signed last week by President Donald Trump.

But they fear broad local economic impacts as a result of a White House memorandum implementing a 90-day federal hiring freeze, which

they said could portend further cutbacks to spending by the U.S. government.

The executive order entitled “Enhancing public safety in the interior of the United States” says “jurisdictions that willfully refuse to comply with [the federal immigration statute] are not eligible to receive federal grants, except as deemed necessary for law enforcement purposes.”

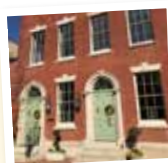
City spokesman Craig Fifer said that while the order leaves it up to the secretary of homeland security to determine which jurisdictions are “sanctuaries,” local officials are confident Alexandria won't be included in any crackdown. The city received \$56.2 million in federal funds for fiscal 2017.

“We comply with all federal and state immigration laws, so

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Council approves new strategic plan

City council unanimously approved Saturday a strategic plan for fiscal 2017 through 2022, to help councilors and staff guide the city's direction and priorities in that time.

The plan's vision for 2022 sees Alexandria as a historic, inclusive city of kindness, with: distinct, vibrant and safe neighborhoods; a well-managed government; flourishing arts, culture and recreation; a strong economy; thriving children and youth; active and secure older adults; environmental sustainability; healthy

residents of all ages; and multimodal transportation.

The plan lays out 10 thematic areas to advance this ideal, with key indicators and action items for each. Officials said this enables staff and the community to clearly identify measurable goals and deliverables with which to track progress.

"The strategic plan is a vital tool to help us shape Alexandria's next steps," said Mayor Allison Silberberg. "We are fortunate that so many members of the com-

munity contributed their voices to define a vision and goals for the future of our beloved, historic city."

The current plan was developed with extensive community participation and contributions from all city departments, including 14 in-person and online public meetings. Hundreds of residents and business representatives also provided input through AlexEngage, the city's online engagement platform.

- Chris Teale

Richmond Roundup: State senators compromise on city's sewers

The city's efforts to deal with its combined sewer system outfalls into the Potomac River look set to be accelerated, but with a less stringent timeline than previously suggested by some members of the Virginia General Assembly.

Early in the session, a bill by state Sen. Richard Stuart imposed a deadline of 2020 for Alexandria to stop its sewage outfalls into Oronoco Bay, Hunting Creek and Hoofs Run, after which the city would lose all state funding.

After that bill reached the floor of the state Senate and received extensive debate, Stuart agreed to compromise with city legislators and set a 2025 dead-

line, with no funding penalty.

"While the improved bill that passed the Senate moves towards those goals, it still imposes an onerous completion deadline of 2025," state Sen. Adam Ebbin (D-30) wrote in a letter to supporters. "However, it averts the potential loss of state funds and also likely removes the threat of the city of Alexandria having its AAA/Aaa bond rating downgraded."

An effort to secure more funding for local law libraries, including Alexandria's, was quickly killed in a House of Delegates subcommittee. Currently, funding comes from a \$3 fee added to civil lawsuits, but a bill by Delegate Mark

Levine (D-45) would have allowed localities to increase it to up to \$7.

A bill in the House of Delegates that could have curtailed the city's broadband Internet initiative is still alive in committee, albeit with significant amendments. Sponsored by Delegate Kathy Byron (R-22), the bill had placed restrictions on Internet speed standards and a provision that could keep a municipal broadband provider from expanding service.

Now, the most controversial provisions have been removed, with a focus on increasing transparency of publicly funded broadband authorities.

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Man convicted for North Old Town homicide

A city jury found an Alexandria man guilty of murder in circuit court last week in connection with a 2015 slaying that occurred in North Old Town.

Rashad Lonzell Adkins, 22, was convicted of two felonies related to the July 2, 2015 murder of Shakkan Elliott-Tibbs on the 700 block of N. Fayette St. Adkins was convicted of murder in the second degree and use of a firearm in the commission of murder.

The court heard that on that night, the pair got into a verbal argument that turned physical. Adkins then produced a .40-caliber handgun and shot Elliott-Tibbs at least 4 times. Adkins fled the area; Elliott-Tibbs died from his injuries.

The jury recommended that Adkins serve 40 years in jail for second degree murder, and three years for use of a firearm in the commission of murder. Under Virginia law, the judge will hear evidence at a sentencing hearing and can accept or reduce the recommended sentence, but not increase it.

“This conviction was obtained because courageous members of the community were willing to come forward, tell the truth and participate in a public trial,” said Commonwealth’s Attorney Bryan Porter in a statement. “A murder is truly a crime against the community, and such cases require members of the community to come forward and assist my office in holding the

perpetrator accountable. The day a community is willing to let such violence stand without a prosecution is the day violent felons feel free to act with impunity.

“Such a situation is untenable and would place our city in a state of moral peril. I therefore wholeheartedly thank those outstanding citizens who were willing to participate in the trial of this matter.”

Chief Deputy Commonwealth’s Attorney Molly Sullivan and Assistant Commonwealth’s Attorney Jessica Smith prosecuted the case. Adkins is incarcerated in the William G. Truesdale Alexandria Adult Detention Center pending the sentencing hearing.

- Chris Teale

Man robs Hallmark at Bradlee Shopping Center

A man robbed the Hallmark greeting card store at the Bradlee Shopping Center on Monday night after implying he had a weapon.

Officers from the Alexandria Police Department responded to the center on the 3600 block of King St. at approximately 9:21

p.m. January 30. Department spokeswoman Crystal Nosal said the suspect told cashiers he had a firearm and stole cash.

Nosal said there were no injuries. The Fairfax County Police Department’s helicopter assisted with the pursuit, which Nosal said is standard

practice if officers have a good description of the suspect and believe they are on foot.

Anyone with further information is asked to call the Alexandria Police Department’s non-emergency number at 703-746-4444.

- Chris Teale

Food delivery driver robbed on Century Place

Two men assaulted and robbed a food delivery driver near Landmark Mall last week, police said.

Officers from the Alexandria Police Department responded to the 200 block of Century Place at approxi-

mately 9:57 p.m. January 25. Department spokeswoman Crystal Nosal said the two male suspects in their early 20s stole food from the delivery driver, but did not use a weapon.

Nosal had no further de-

tails on the investigation as of press time.

Anyone with further information is asked to call the Alexandria Police Department’s non-emergency number at 703-746-4444.

- Chris Teale

POLICE BEAT

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REDISTRICTING FROM | 1 and some missed opportunities around walkability.

ACPS had not drawn new elementary school boundaries since 1999. Since then, officials said enrollment has grown steadily, at times spiking by as many as 500 stu-

dents in a year. According to staff projections, enrollment is anticipated to rise by 4 percent annually, and is not expected to plateau until 2030.

The new boundaries are contingent on the acquisition of the proposed West End elementary school at 1701 N. Beaugard St., which would

add 638 seats in a retrofitted office building. It is projected to open in fall 2018.

Under the plan, 4,992 students are within walking distance of an elementary school, up from 3,380. And it ensures that the vast majority of students attend their local school.

The new boundaries ensure

“I understand that frustration, I understand that these were children involved, and I want to apologize to anyone who is very frustrated with the process and disappointed with the end result.”

- Veronica Nolan, Member, Alexandria City School Board

that all elementary schools except Mount Vernon Community School and George Mason Elementary School fall within the optimal 90 to 110 percent utilization rate of students living within the attendance boundary compared with a school's overall capacity. Mount Vernon and George Mason still will be considered more overcrowded by that benchmark.

But discussions among board members centered on several remaining issues, including a section of the city — planning block 22 — that is currently in the zone for Samuel Tucker Elementary School but would be added to the soon-to-be-rebuilt Patrick Henry School's zone.

At a public hearing last month, multiple parents raised concerns about that boundary change. Board member Chris Lewis suggested adding planning block 22 to the Tucker zone, but others disagreed and felt it would require more public engagement.

“I'm looking at the whole school system, the whole city,” said board member Ronnie Campbell. “I don't think it's fair to take. Politically, it would be the right thing for me to do. But looking at the whole city, I'm saying no because then we're going to have other people coming to us, and it won't be just a week or two to make another vote. It'll be opening the whole thing back up.”

Lewis' motion to add planning block 22 to the Tucker zone was defeated by a 5-4 vote. School board member Veronica Nolan noted that cur-

rent Tucker students in block 22 are able to stay at the school.

Nolan and Bill Campbell clashed on a proposed boundary shift that would have zoned approximately 13 students — according to staff data — to Jefferson-Houston School from Matthew Maury Elementary School. The plan failed, 6-3.

“My concern is, what would the uproar be from the community that we are holding up this process for 13 students as well as having this conversation tonight with all the 18 months that has occurred with the community and public comments, staff work, board work and the review committee?” Nolan asked.

“This is about our neighborhood, and an opportunity to say to anyone new to the area, whether you are black, brown, rich, poor, anything, we want you at Jefferson-Houston,” Bill Campbell responded. “We don't want you to have to volunteer, this is in your neighborhood.”

Some people in planning block 72, currently zoned for George Mason but set to shift to Charles Barrett Elementary School, had wished to see the school board revisit its grandfathering policies.

The policies, approved by the board on January 19, permit students in grades four and five and their siblings to stay at the school they currently attend for up to two years.

Siblings of fourth- and fifth-grade students have the op-

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Protests greet 'alt-right' Old Town headquarters

Churches, community groups and residents march against organization
BY CHRIS TEALE

Around 100 protestors from faith groups and other community organizations protested Sunday in Old Town against the self-proclaimed "alt-right" movement's new headquarters in the city.

The group gathered at the intersection of King and Patrick streets — where the new headquarters is located — and stayed for just over two hours holding signs, chanting and singing. It is the largest such demonstration since the headquarters opened.

David Hoover, a parishioner at the historic Christ Church on North Washington Street, said the church's Out and About group settled on helping launch a protest last week after a conversation with its rector. The group



PHOTO/CHRIS TEALE

Around 100 protestors from community groups, churches and other organizations marched Sunday against the arrival of the self-proclaimed "alt-right" and its new headquarters in Old Town.

hosts monthly events and other social activities for parishioners, guests and visitors to welcome lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people.

Showing Up for Racial Justice's Northern Virginia chap-

ter, a group that organizes white people to campaign for racial equality through community mobilization and education, also brought representatives.

And Grassroots Alexandria, a non-partisan group

formed to get people involved in campaigning and advocacy on local issues, also showed its support in addition to other nearby faith groups.

A website called AltRight.com rented office space at

King and North Patrick streets and launched earlier this month. The website lists three members of its leadership team: Daniel Friberg, Jason Jorjani and Richard Spencer.

A post on AltRight.com said it looks to bring "together the best writers and analysts" from that sphere. The alt-right's core concept is that white people and their influence are being undermined by mass immigration and multiculturalism.

Nonprofit civil rights advocacy group the Southern Poverty Law Center describes the alt-right as "white supremacy rebranded for the digital age." Ryan Lenz, editor of the SPLC's Hatewatch blog, said they can express their views under the First Amendment and must be respected as such.

"That's the reality," Lenz

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we don't appear to be affected with regard to funding," Fifer said. "While it's hard to research a hypothetical, and we don't know what kind of scenarios are going to play out, what we can say overall is that it doesn't appear this executive order would implicate federal funding for Alexandria to the extent that it focuses on compliance with current federal immigration law."

Vice Mayor Justin Wilson said action by city council in 2007 codified that city police won't ask people that they interact with about their immigration status, but the city still complies with federal immigration law in that the sheriff's office hands over jail inmates when requested by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

"The context was in response to what Prince William County was doing, when they were taking their police officers and having them out stopping people on the street, inquiring about their status and detaining them," Wilson said. "We simply said, 'We're not going to do that.'"

But one directive from the Trump administration has provoked local worries. Wilson said the implications of a presidential memorandum ordering agencies to freeze hiring for 90 days until a study of federal spending can take place could hurt Alexandria and the entire D.C. region economically.

"If you just look at the numbers, the sequester was a cut of \$1.2 trillion over 10 years and everyone went nuts, but now we're talking about potentially \$1.2 trillion a year," Wilson said. "When you think about what that does to the region's GDP, and what it does to the real estate market, the potential is very, very dramatic."

Wilson said he wants city staff to develop an "emergency plan" in case the Trump administration advances a budget that dramatically cuts federal employment, which he said would have a clear impact

on Alexandria's economic activity and tax revenues.

"There's probably three areas I'd focus on: first, we have to deal with the fiscal piece and have appropriate financial contingencies, almost like how you prepare for a natural disaster, and that's the easy stuff," he said. "The second aspect would focus on economic development, developing incentive packages and things like that, basically accelerating what we're trying to do already with the diversification of the economy so that we have less dependency on federal spending.

"And then looking at our land use initiatives and efforts, we can accelerate that."

Mayor Allison Silberberg also noted that the change in government leadership is a reminder that Alexandria needs to become less reliant on government jobs.

"There will certainly be a potential impact, and we're still feeling the effects of sequestration," Silberberg said. "I'm certainly very focused on diversifying the economy so that we're not so tied to the ups and downs of the federal government. Having said that, I know that so many people have dedicated their lives to making a difference for our country ... and so I am concerned about the well being of the residents of our city and what it means in terms of their livelihood."

Dak Hardwick, board chairman of the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce, said he hasn't heard much from local businesses about the potential impact of the hiring freeze yet. But he said any cut in federal spending ends up having an impact on the local level.

"Any time when you have a reduction or elimination of jobs, you have less people wanting to come to the area and be a part of this region and Alexandria specifically, although it's a regional problem," he said. "The message we tell businesses is to stay the course, stay with your plan and function the best you can, and then adjust as the circumstances change. Because at this point, there's nothing tangible to

react to yet."


But Stephanie Landrum, president and CEO of the Alexandria Economic Development Partnership, said that while she worries about the economic impact of a cutback in federal spending, leaders should not jump to conclusions just yet.

"While I think we are defi-

nately watching all the different changes happening on the federal level as a community whose economy is certainly tied if not dependent on federal spending, whether it's households who are employed by the federal government or businesses here that also rely on the federal government, we're definitely watch-

ing," Landrum said.


"But when you look at history, when the federal government shrinks, the contracting industry tends to grow. So maybe the silver lining is that we might see some expansion in the contracting markets, and Alexandria businesses tend to be pretty well positioned on that front."



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Hoffman Town Center to see more redevelopment



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Under the plan by developer StonebridgeCarras, two blocks of the Hoffman Town Center would be transformed from parking lots into a mixed-use community containing retail space, residential units and a senior living facility, anchored by a grocery store.

Lot near AMC theater tapped for new mixed-use project

BY CHRIS TEALE

Another section of the Hoffman Town Center area near Eisenhower Avenue, north of the AMC movie theater, is slated for transformation into a mixed-use residential and retail community.

Developer StonebridgeCarras has put forward a plan to build an approximately 215,000-square-foot retail space anchored by a grocery store and health club, with another 750,000 square feet of residential space above. Approximately 1,590 parking spaces across multiple levels would be added for the project across all the uses.

It draws on similar so-called “town centers” across the region in places like Rockville, Md. and Reston, which combine retail, restaurant and residential space in walkable areas accessible via various transportation options.

Currently, the space is an empty parking lot bound by Mill Road and Mandeville Lane. The area used to be home to buildings owned by the U.S. Department of Defense.

“This will become the town center of Carlyle,” said Alexandria Economic Development Partnership president and CEO Stephanie Landrum

at an event hosted by city tourism authority Visit Alexandria last week.

The firm’s senior development manager Jeremy Lena said at a work session of the Carlyle/Eisenhower East Design Review Board last month that the residential units will be a mix of approximately 120 condominiums, 410 apartments and between 150 and 200 units in a senior living facility.

StonebridgeCarras has engaged city-based architecture firm Cooper Carry to design the project, which underwent a concept review with the board. Land-use attorney Duncan Blair of Land, Carroll and Blair, P.C., which represents the applicant, said the project is slated to come before city council and the planning commission in November.

For StonebridgeCarras, the project represents something of a continuation of its recent return to developing Alexandria sites. The firm is behind the recently approved Oakville Triangle redevelopment project on U.S. Route 1 near Potomac Yard, its first in 20 years after building offices in Carlyle. This new plan represents a strong opportunity for the area, officials said.

“I don’t know why we left Alexandria for 20 years, but we came back,” said StonebridgeCarras principal Doug

Firstenberg at the work session. “[There’s] a great movie theater, but the rest kind of never happened.”

Firstenberg told the board that the proposed town center has the potential to attract visitors from across the region given its location near an off-ramp from the Capital Beltway. He added that with varied uses — including an anchor grocery store, day care centers for children and animals as well as restaurants to add nightlife options — it

could be a real draw.

Board members appeared optimistic about filling the retail space with different uses, with an emphasis on offering options that may not be found elsewhere in the city.

“If you talk to them about what’s available in Alexandria and the region, they say there’s not much,” said design review board member Lee Quill. “There’s probably a good opportunity for modulation here in terms of uses.”

The proposal to add a se-

nior living facility gained special praise, with board member Roger Lewis pointing to a nationwide trend of seniors wanting to be in urban, walkable settings later in life.

But the board expressed some reservations about the location of the residential and senior living units on a 700-foot podium, with the apartments located in the center. Cooper Carry principal David Kitchens said it was by design

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SPORTS

Lady Titans maintain hot streak in conference play

TCW girls basketball stay unbeaten against Patriot opponents, 17-1 overall

BY CHRIS TEALE

The T.C. Williams girls basketball team's winning streak in Patriot Conference play showed no signs of slowing Tuesday with a comfortable 72-33 win against South County.

Now holding a 17-1 overall

record and a 11-0 clip in their conference, the Lady Titans are riding high with just three games left in the regular season. They return to action Friday at West Springfield.

And while the scoreboard reflected a comfortable win for T.C. on its home court, head coach Kesha Walton said she still expected more from



PHOTO/CHRIS TEALE

Lady Titans point guard Trinity Palacio (holding the ball) assesses her passing options against South County on Tuesday night. Palacio finished with 21 points as T.C. beat the Stallions 72-33.

her team, especially in a first half that ended with the Lady Titans ahead 36-16.

"Overall, I think it was OK," Walton said. "Just OK in the fact that we pride ourselves on holding teams to 10 points

or less a quarter. A couple of times, I don't think they really got over 10, but I have higher expectations. I think we had too many unforced turnovers.

"So yes, we won by a large margin, but I still have high ex-

pectations for our team. We set goals every game, and a couple of them we did not achieve. But I'm happy we won, I'm not taking the win away."

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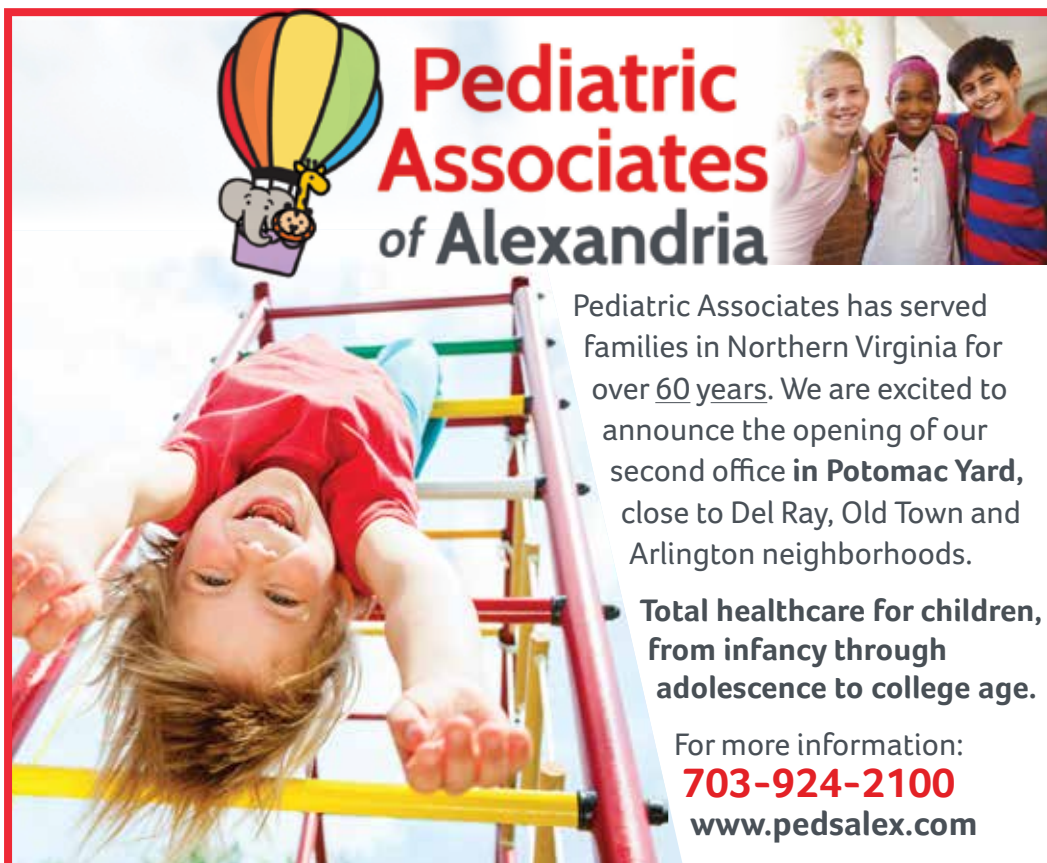
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Walton said after a frank conversation in the locker room at halftime, things improved for the Lady Titans. Senior forward Bhrandi Crenshaw set the tone as she nonchalantly blocked South County's first in-bounds pass of the third quarter back over the sideline.

It was another victory built on a strong defense, with the Stallions having to fend off an aggressive high press when in-bounding the ball from under their own hoop. That energetic defense helped spark a fast-paced offense, and the Lady Titans surged into the lead and cruised to victory.

"A lot of the teams in our conference play a slow game and pack it in with the zone [defense]," said sophomore point guard Trinity Palacio, who led T.C. with 21 points. "We just tried to push the ball ahead to get easy lay-ups on fast breaks."

Crenshaw added 16 points for the Lady Titans. Fresh-

man guard Gabriella San Diego scored 15 points for South County, which fell to 6-13 overall this season. And despite the win, Walton said she always demands more from her players, who remain the team to beat in the Patriot Conference.

"I just have higher expectations for our team, looking down the road and the bigger picture," she said. "We're going to play some even tougher teams coming up, and I look at details. For us, it doesn't matter who we play. I don't look at the score to be honest, I look at certain things that we look to achieve, and if we're not achieving them I'm upset. The score doesn't matter to me."

For the players, having coaches that demand excellence is helpful, especially in a long regular season that could stretch even longer with post-season play.

"It gives you a lot of motivation, and makes you want to work harder," Palacio said. "She helps us strive to be our best."

Walton said the team's first

“ For us, it’s game by game and day by day. I always tell them they are amongst the hunted. People are going to give you their best game, so we have to give them our best game every single night. Even in practice, we have a boys practice squad we play against every day. They’re a lot faster, they’re a lot stronger, so that’s who we compete against. And they don’t take it lightly on us, so that helps us come game night.”

- Keshia Walton,
Head coach, T.C. Williams
girls basketball

priority is to win its three remaining regular-season games, before looking ahead to post-season play in the Patriot Conference and a possible berth in the Virginia High School League's state tournament. It is important to not look too far ahead, especially as the teams below them jockey for position, Walton said.

"To be honest, our thing tonight was the quest to four," she said. "That means we had four games left, and we wanted to finish these last four with wins. For us, yes the bigger picture is there. But now our goal is to win the last three. We want to finish these three games 3-0, so that's what we've been doing. We won this game, then focus on Friday's game. Ours is one game at a time, then everything else will take care of itself."

"It's a lot of pressure," Palacio added. "You don't want to lose that one game. So we've just got to stay focused on the rest of the regular season."

Last season, the Lady Titans triumphed in the Patriot

Conference tournament but lost to Fairfax in the quarter-finals of the VHSL 6A North regional tournament. And this season, the team's only defeat came against Ridge View High School of Columbia, S.C. during the Carolina Invitational tournament on December 28.

But with an overarching goal of reaching the state tournament, Walton said it is imperative for her players to not let their guard down at any stage, especially with the post-season fast approaching.

"For us, it's game by game and day by day," Walton said. "I always tell them they are amongst the hunted. People are going to give you their best game, so we have to give them our best game every single night. Even in practice, we have a boys practice squad we play against every day. They're a lot faster, they're a lot stronger, so that's who we compete against. And they don't take it lightly on us, so that helps us come game night."

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said. “These are protected under the First Amendment, so long as there are not explicit calls for violence. It’s one of the unfortunate realities of the hate movement of the United States: that it

exists out there. It is in our neighborhoods, it is in our back yards — now more than ever — especially as a result of a pretty progressive trend to move these ideas from the margins to the mainstream of American culture.”

In recent days, protesting

the group has received support from some elected officials. Delegate Mark Levine (D-45) said at a town hall meeting Saturday that he would be happy to sign a letter to the building’s owner explaining the situation and some of the community’s opposition.



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- Karen Schwarz, resident

“He [Spencer] does have a legal right to be there, but we have a legal right to let him know how unwelcome he is,” Levine said at the event, hosted jointly with state Sen. Adam Ebbin (D-30) at Mount Vernon Community School in Del Ray.

The protest Sunday was a peaceful one, with traffic able to flow freely and pedestrians not affiliated with the march able to navigate the sidewalks. A number of cars showed their support by honking their horns as they drove past, and several King Street Trolleys rang their bells.

An officer from the Alexandria Police Department was posted nearby to monitor the situation, but was not called into action at any point. Police spokeswoman Crystal Nosal said the protestors had reached out to the department beforehand, primarily to seek advice on the legalities of their event and things to be aware of.

For some protestors, it was important to stand against what they saw as the return of extreme racist views to the mainstream.

“We’ve come too far to be doing this again in the United States,” said local resident Ellen Bowman. “I can’t believe how far the United States has gone down this road, but if we have to protest every day to stop it, we’ll protest every day to stop it.”

Others said it was troubling to see the movement not only in the mainstream, but also in

their neighborhood. Several cited city council’s statement of inclusiveness, issued in November to emphasize the city’s diversity as a strength.

“Then to have the juxtaposition of someone so full of hate, him leading that group of hate-filled people, does not sit well with me,” said Bridget Evans, a parishioner at Christ Church. “With our church coming over here, I was incredibly enthusiastic to join.”

“I’m aghast that what we thought was a fringe movement of white supremacy is right under our noses. It’s no longer what you hear about in the far West,” said resident Karen Schwarz, referring to Spencer’s previous residence in Montana. “It’s no longer these little groups. It’s right here under our noses and in our community. For me, that’s scary.”

Felicity Boyer of the local SURJ chapter said a number of initiatives are coming down the pike to fight against what she described as a “climate of hatred.” Boyer said that will include a future joint statement being worked on by faith and ethics groups on inclusivity and encouraging people to be their “best selves.”

And as for future work, Jonathan Krall of Grassroots Alexandria said the onus is on opponents in the community to keep making themselves heard on various issues.

“It’s not just a matter of pushing back, it’s a matter of pushing forward,” he said.

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PETS

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Help prevent pup's winter blues

BY KIM GILLIAM

This week's snowfall reminds us that winter is officially here. While some of us really enjoy this time of year and others see it as a nuisance, it requires pet owners to think about the safety and well being of our furry loved ones in the cold weather. Following are some things to think about.



Kim Gilliam

careful with dogs that are short-legged or elderly.

FOOD AND DRINK: It takes more energy for your pet to stay warm and active outside in the winter, so likewise they may eat more.

Indoor animals likely will sleep more to conserve energy, so they may actually need to be fed less so they don't gain

weight. Either way, they should have access to plenty of fresh, running water; they cannot hydrate from a frozen water bowl.

WELLNESS CHECK: The cold can make some medical conditions like arthritis act up, and pets with diabetes, hormonal imbalances or heart and kidney disease have a harder time regulating their body temperature. Schedule an exam with your vet so that



OUTSIDE TIME: Does your pet typically spend a lot of time outside exploring the backyard or going on walks? Reduce that time drastically during the months with freezing temperatures.

Stay attuned to your pet's tolerance to the cold, which can differ based on coat, body fat stores, activity level and health. Reduce the length of walks or outside time, being especially

you know how best to keep your pet healthy this winter.

WINTER GEAR: Paws, tips of tails and ears are vulnerable to frostbite, so it is important

to protect these and keep your dog warm on walks. Those with shorter coats can wear a water-resistant sweater or a coat with a high collar that covers them

from the base of the tail to the belly to stay warm.

Consider putting booties on

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WHY DO OLD PLACES MATTER? A historic Old Town home plays host to a salon featuring preservationists to benefit the Athenaeum.

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A DOG'S PURPOSE Not as uplifting as hoped, this movie about a purposeful dog reincarnated does feature a few bright spots.

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GREAT EVENTS NO MATTER THE WEATHER The month of February is chock full of fun Alexandria events and happenings.

“Why do old places matter?”

Historic home plays host to salon benefitting the Athenaeum

BY JENNIFER POWELL

Ashley and George Wilson’s recently renovated home on Prince Street has no fewer than two front doors and bears the distinct legacy of being a daily landmark for three centuries of Alexandrians. Prior to the elegant building becoming a home in 1986, it served as five sequential incarnations of business then government and municipal offices dating back to 1806.

The Wilsons opened their home to visitors last weekend, through their left front door, for a professional salon-style

discussion about the importance of historic preservation.

After a social hour held on the ground floor, Ashley Wilson led guests upstairs to the salon room. Guests were treated to Wilson’s vivacious retelling of how she and George met and came to own their home.

For Ashley, the Graham Gund architect for the Historic Sites at the National Trust for Historic Preservation, it was a perfectly logical condition for marriage that “that she absolutely had to live in a historic house.”

The house they bought and then extensively renovated was first constructed as the Bank of Potomac building and appeared



PHOTO/JENNIFER POWELL
Guests mingle on the first floor of Ashley and George Wilson’s home, once the Bank of Potomac.

on bank notes that the Wilsons said might have been the earliest visual print of any structure in Alexandria. The three and one-half-story building with Flemish bond brickwork and stone trim had four bays, two arched doorways — one private and one public — and a single dormer, all of which still exist.

Wilson shared that the Bank of the Potomac could be considered “an early American skyscraper” in the 1800s.

In 1847, the Bank of Potomac merged with the Farmers Bank. Bank operations ended in the fall of 1861 during Alexandria’s Civil War occu-

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HOME OF THE WEEK

Unique opportunity in southeastern Old Town

This beautiful 19th century home is ideally located, just a block from the Potomac riverfront and Lee Street Park.

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floors on three levels and custom built-ins.

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This circa 1820 brick residence (right) sits just steps from Lee Street Park, and has been expanded (left) with a 2 story addition.



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Tom Mayes, vice president and general counsel for the National Trust for Historic Preservation, discusses "Why Do Old Places Matter?" with the Wilsons' guests in the 2nd floor salon.



George Wilson (above) greets guests as they descend from the second floor salon to the basement, a spacious treasure of brick arches and stone walls unearthed in 1986 after years of being filled in. The centuries old home (right) at 415 Prince St. features many of the original architectural details of its construction in 1806, namely the two arched entry doors for The Bank of the Potomac's public and private use respectively.



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patation. In 1862, Union officers used part of the building for offices and in 1863 it became the headquarters of the Restored Government of Virginia.

After western Virginia counties loyal to the Union became the state of West Virginia, Governor Francis Pierpont relocated the capitol of restored Virginia to 415 Prince St., making it the capital building for all of Virginia and West Virginia.

After the war, it became an insurance office, then the offices for the Alexandria Water Company. Sold in the early 20th century, the property was converted to apartments and called The Virginia. In 1959, after undergoing exten-

sive renovations, it became known as The Statehouse, a reference to its days as a seat of government.

In 1986 the building became a private residence, and in 1987 the owner obtained a preservation easement with the Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission.

Wilson said that around this time, the expansive and filled-in basement was cleared of clay to reveal the incredible bricks made by slaves and mortar work that can be seen today. The basement served as the home's kitchen, with food being sent up via a dumbwaiter to the dining room on the second floor. Two changes of owners later and the Wilsons

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The 'purpose' of this film is unclear

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Dennis Quaid stars in "A Dog's Purpose," a film about canine reincarnation that intends to be uplifting, but mostly comes across as melancholy.



A movie intended to uplift is merely grim

BY RICHARD ROEPER

All the best dog movies make you cry — but it's usually because by the time we say goodbye to the beloved canine, we've shared an amazing journey with the pup and it's a "happy sadness" we feel at the end of the story.

"A Dog's Purpose" just wears you down.

Sure, we get the obligatory slapstick dog shtick in the form of overturned food carts, disastrous dinner scenes and wacky chases, and there are some uplifting moments, but the overall mood of Lasse Hallstrom's pup-point-of-view film is melancholy, sometimes even grim.

Let's put it this way. In the middle of a relatively family-friendly, PG-rated story, we get a story about a German Shepherd in the K-9 unit of the Chicago Police Department, who accompanies his sad and lonely human on a chase to rescue a 12-year-old girl who has been kidnapped by an armed and dangerous relative.

Even the dog tells us that particular life wasn't much fun.

"A Dog's Purpose" is based

on W. Bruce Cameron's novel, which spent nearly a year on the New York Times bestseller list. Director Hallstrom and the five screenwriters, including Cameron, adhere to the basic theme, which is to follow one dog living several lives through reincarnation. Through life and death and changes of breed and gender, the dog still retains his original identity, but of course the various human owners have no idea their new pup has been around the block.

The first indication of the surprisingly dark side of "A Dog's Purpose" comes early on, and let's just leave it at that and move on to the story of Bailey, a retriever who is rescued from the back of a hot pickup truck by a boy named Ethan (Bryce Gheisar) and his mom (Juliet Rylance).

Josh Gad voices Bailey and continues to do the narration for the various reincarnations of the pup throughout the story, and what a marvelous job he does. In fact, Gad's voice work is more interesting than many of the performances by the earnest but not particularly memorable cast.

When Ethan and Bailey

first team up, Ethan appears to be about 11 and it's 1961. They have a great old time together, but there's a heavy cloud lurking over Ethan's childhood, as his father (Luke Kirby) is an alcoholic with a frightening temper.

Cut to about a half-dozen years later, with the teenage Ethan (K.J. Apa) now a star on the football team and in love with the lovely Hannah (Britt Robertson). It should be the late 1960s by now, but it still looks and feels like it's about 1962. This is one of a handful of times when the timeline (and the actors playing certain characters) seems a bit askew.

The relationship between Ethan and Bailey is sweet but a little ridiculous, what with Ethan taking Bailey everywhere, including on apparently every single date and even to his football games.

Bailey's life span with Ethan is bittersweet at best. And that's not even the most depressing section of the film. Remember the whole German Shepherd K-9 unit thread?

Not to mention the time Bailey is reincarnated as a Labrador retriever who is sold in a shopping mall parking lot to a girl

who appears to be on meth. She takes him home to a rundown shack, where her menacing boyfriend insists the dog be kept chained in the yard, where he is neglected to the point of abuse.

To be fair, there are some happier interludes, and it all builds up to what is supposed to be an emotional crescendo, where certain humans get closure and Bailey finally understands his purpose. But even the "happy ending" is soaked in regret and what if's.

"A Dog's Purpose" isn't reincarnation propaganda. We're just asked to go with the premise of a dog living a life, and then waking up as a puppy and somehow remembering its past life, and off we go.

It's not the worst storytelling vehicle for a series of vignettes about dogs and their humans. It's just that if you add up all of Bailey/Buddy/Tino/Ellie's dog days, a higher percentage of moments lying in the sun and being asked, "Who's a good boy?" would seem to be in order.

ABOUT THAT TAPE: A controversy erupted last month when footage was leaked showing a trainer on the set of "A Dog's Purpose" trying to push

a German Shepherd into a tank of water, and then the dog under water for a few seconds.

The footage was shot in Canada in the fall of 2015, as part of the sequence in the film involving the Chicago K-9 unit dog. It's upsetting to watch and it should never have happened, but it should be noted the dog in question, Hercules, was not harmed and is doing just fine.

"A Dog's Purpose" producer Gavin Polone wrote a piece in *The Hollywood Reporter* in which he condemned the dog handler's actions, but also said that in rehearsal footage of the scene, the dog actually had to be held back from jumping into the water. A change in the starting point of the scene apparently spooked the dog.

"When the dog didn't want to do the scene from the new position, they cut, though not soon enough, and then went back to the original position," writes Polone. "The dog was comfortable and went in on his own, and they shot the scene."

Polone also notes there was a safety diver and a trainer in the pool, and two trainers, a stunt coordinator and a safety officer on the deck of the pool.

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February 6

COMMUNITY LODGINGS OPEN HOUSE An open house hosted by local nonprofit Community Lodgings where potential mentors can observe the program, talk to mentors and mentees, and apply with the mentor coordinator.
Time: 6:30 to 8 p.m.
Location: New Brookside Learning Center, 601 Four Mile Road
Information: www.alexandriava.gov/mentoring

February 11

"LOVE AND ROMANCE BETWEEN THE LINES" OPEN HOUSE Taste a special historic chocolate treat and come meet "Mercy Street" characters Frank Stringfellow and Emma Green to hear about their love and romance that took place between the lines of the North and South in Alexandria during the Civil War.
Time: Noon to 4 p.m.
Location: Carlyle House, 121 N.

Fairfax St.
Information: www.carlylehouse.org

SENIOR SERVICES SPEAKER SERIES A forum to explore the current and future situation of affordable housing as it relates to the senior population. There will also be a discussion about staying in one's home and how to adapt it to make it "age friendly." There will be experts from AARP, ACHSO, the city housing office and commission on aging as well as non-profits including Rebuilding Together and At Home in Alexandria.
Time: 10 a.m. to noon
Location: Beth El Hebrew Congregation, 3830 Seminary Road
Information: www.seniorservicesalex.org or 703-836-4414, ext. 110.

February 18

BIRTHNIGHT BANQUET AND BALL Set in the year 1799, enjoy the recreation of this famous celebration of George Washington's birthday. The evening includes an 18th-century banquet, English country dancing, dessert collation, character re-enactors and General and Mrs. George Washington. Period costume optional, "after-five" attire encouraged. Admission starts at \$125 per person.
Time: 5:30 to 11 p.m.
Location: Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St.
Information: shop.alexandriava.gov

February 18 and 19

PRESIDENTS DAY WEEKEND CELEBRATION Join George and Martha Washington for breakfast, mingle with costumed characters, take part in an 18th-century dancing demonstration, hear free stories while enjoying birthday cake.
Time: All day
Location: George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Ver-



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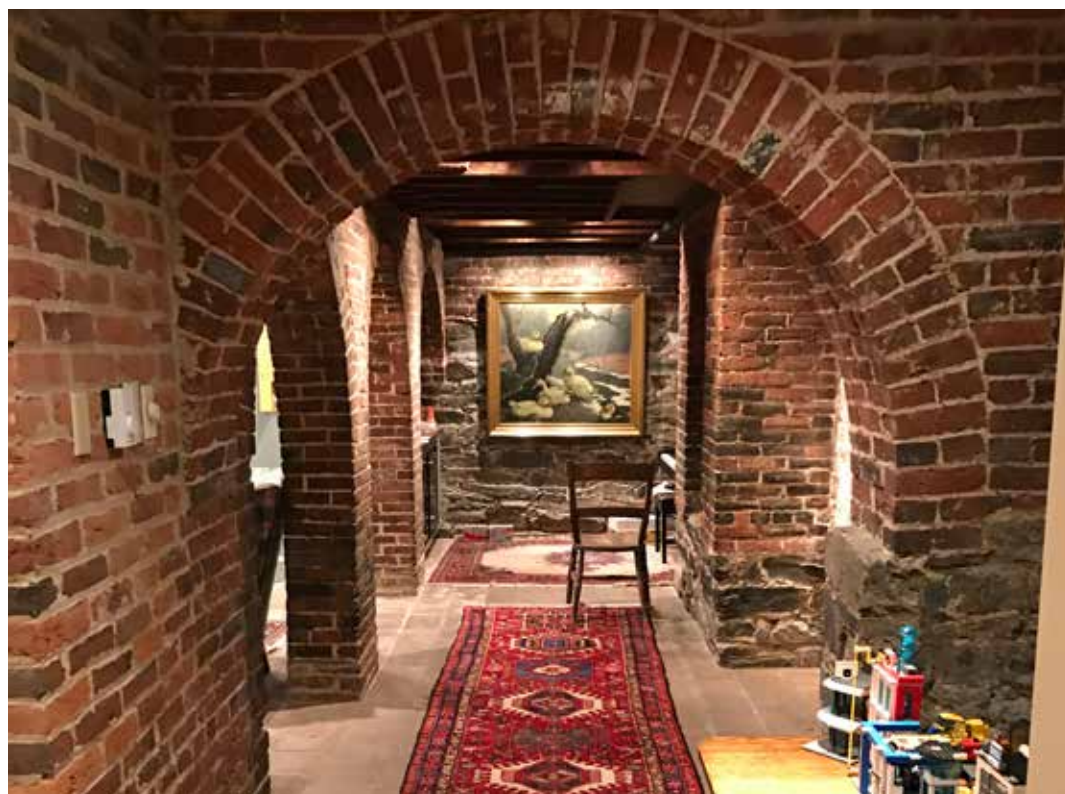
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Visitors enjoy the raw beauty of the Wilsons' expansive basement with original rafters, brick archways and stone in mortar walls. The beauty and history of the enclave of rooms was buried under fill until purchased and cleared by a residential owner in 1986.

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bought the home in 2010.

Tom Mayes, vice president and general counsel for the National Trust for Historic Preservation, has 30 years of experience in historic preservation and received the prestigious Rome Prize from the American Academy in Rome in 2013.

Mayes said while in Rome, he saw the need for stronger policies on historic preservation, and came to understand what

drives the impulse to care and protect old sites and buildings.

Concepts like architecture, history, creativity, identity, memory and community all play a part in why we feel the need to preserve the old. Mayes said architecture in particular embodies the ideas of proportion, harmony and symmetry, with principles of pressure, expansion and contraction or light and shadows.

The ideas and feelings from architecture lead people

to anthropomorphize buildings. They see a face, and they see structures as safe or dangerous. People also see their own timeline in the history of buildings. Much like a student who vividly remembers a field trip, historic properties have a way of giving the viewer a vivid immersion into their own past or history overall. It is simply the power of place.

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to protect their feet — just be sure they fit properly and do not cut off circulation. Have multiple sets of clothes if possible to ensure dryness, since wet clothes can make your pup colder.

WIPE DOWNS: Each time you come in from a walk, wipe down or wash and dry your pet's feet, legs and belly to remove deicers, antifreeze or other toxic chemicals that they may have picked up so they don't lick these off their fur and get sick. Also, be sure to use pet-friendly deicers on your property, avail-

able from local pet stores.

SKIN AND PAWS: Repeatedly going between the dry heat of your home and the wet cold outside can cause itchy, flaking skin. Consider using an in-home humidifier and limit how often you bathe your pet or use waterless shampoo to avoid removing essential oils.

Check paws frequently to see if they are cracked or irritated. Sudden lameness on a walk may be due to ice accumulation between toes; reduce this risk by clipping the hair between their toes. You can massage petroleum jelly or

paw protectants into paw pads before going outside.

The most important thing is to pay attention to your pet in the cold and watch for any changes in behavior. If they show signs of discomfort such as whining, shivering, shallow breathing, or anxiety, get them back inside quickly to warm up. It doesn't take much to keep your pet safe when things get frosty, plus it's a great excuse for extra snuggle time!

The writer is the co-owner of Frolick Dogs, an indoor dog gym in the Eisenhower Valley.

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non Memorial Highway
Information: 703-780-2000

February 19

WONDERS OF SCIENCE The program includes a tour of the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum and hands-on demonstrations of the scientific interests of George Washington, including period medicine, inventions, and espionage. Tickets cost \$6 per person.

Time: 1 to 4 p.m.

Location: Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105 S. Fairfax St.

Information: www.alexandriava.gov/apothecary

February 20

GEORGE WASHINGTON BIRTHDAY PARADE

The nation's largest George Washington Birthday parade marches a one-mile route through the streets of Old Town Alexandria. With nearly 3,500 participants, this community parade honors one of the Alexandria's favorite sons. This year's grand marshal is retired Police Chief Earl Cook, joined by special guest Shakur Stevenson, boxing Olympic silver medal winner.

Time: 1 to 3 p.m.

Location: Old Town

Information: 703-829-6640 or www.washingtonbirthday.net

February 22

GEORGE WASHINGTON,

AMERICA'S FOREMOST

ENTREPRENEUR Using George Washington's extensive but often overlooked financial papers, Edward G. Lengel, chief historian of the White House Historical Association, chronicles the fascinating and inspiring story of how this self-educated man built the Mount Vernon estate into a vast, multilayered enterprise and prudently managed meager resources to win the war of independence.

Time: 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Location: Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St.

Information: shop.alexandriava.gov

February 24

CENTER FOR ALEXANDRIA'S CHILDREN GALA — HATS OFF!

Celebrate special awardees former Commonwealth's Attorney S. Randolph Sengel and ACT for Alexandria, alongside countless community members who have made the Center for Alexandria's Children's past 10 years of service possible. The festivities include live music, open bar and other fun with friends to help child abuse victims and vulnerable families in the city.

Time: 7 to 10 p.m.

Location: Hilton Old Town, 1767 King St.

Information: 703-746-6043, www.centerforalexandriaschildren.org or danielle.johnson@alexandriava.gov

BLESSED SACRAMENT

CONCERT Director of music John McCrary will conduct the Blessed

Sacrament Festival Chorus and Orchestra with soprano Michelle Kunz, alto Sally Monson, tenor Phil Pickens, bass Joshua Hong in a performance of Arthur Sullivan's sacred oratorio "The Prodigal Son." The concert is free but donations to support the concerts given at Blessed Sacrament are welcome.

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 1427 W. Braddock Road

Information: jmccrary@blessedsacramentcc.org or 703-998-6100 x103

February 25

CIVIL WAR WINTER DRILL DAY

Reenactors from the 3rd U.S. Regular Infantry, Company K, will interpret the military life of the Union soldier. Members will present drill demonstrations, explain the unit's uniform and equipment and talk about the popular field of Civil War reenacting. The program is free with no advance registration required.

Time: 1 to 4 p.m.

Location: Fort Ward Park Museum, 4301 W. Braddock Road

Information: www.alexandriava.gov/fortward

GEORGE WASHINGTON SYMPOSIUM

The theme of the 2017 George Washington Symposium is George Washington and the Northern Virginia Frontier, 1732 to 1775, as part of the memorial's celebration of Washington's birthday. The George Washington Symposium is held annually on Washington's birthday to provide the public with enlightening contemporary research on the life of George

Washington. Mark Tabbert, the memorial's director of collections, serves as the symposium's master of ceremonies. Admission is free, and free parking is available.

Time: 1 to 3 p.m.

Location: George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive

Information: http://bit.ly/101callahan

ANNUAL BIRTHDAY GALA

A black tie celebration of George Washington's birthday. The evening will also include the presentation of the George Washington Memorial Award. Tickets cost \$125 per person, reservations required.

Time: 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Location: George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive

Information: www.washington-birthday.net

February 28

HOMESCHOOL DAY: 17TH AND 18TH CENTURY MUSIC AND DANCE

Enjoy a special interactive presentation of instruments and dances from Colonial and early American music. Tickets are \$8 per child, adults free. Pre-registration is required.

Time: 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Location: Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St.

Information: 703-746-4242

March 5

WOMEN'S HISTORY TOUR In honor of Women's History Month, tours of Gadsby's Tavern Museum will highlight the many roles women played in tavern life — from owners to enslaved workers and overnight guests to event participants.

Time: 1 to 4 p.m.

Location: Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St.

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Our View

It's elementary: Redistricting will improve capacity crunch, foster community

Growth of any kind can be unpredictable and sporadic. Teenagers may have one big spurt, or several mini-growth bursts before reaching their final height. Even the hair on our heads doesn't always grow in evenly — it has to be reshaped from time to time.

So it is with school populations. Alexandria last redrew its boundaries in 1999. Since then, our school district has seen a tremendous influx of new students, growing enrollment in Alexandria City Public Schools to more than 15,000.

This surge has created a capacity crunch across the school district — we simply don't have enough classrooms to house all of our current and projected students. The uneven growth has also led to problems of disparity. Some schools, particularly at the elementary level, are more crowded than others.

Fortunately, our school officials are trying to address both capacity and redistricting needs at once to minimize disruption to families.

Their solution is essentially three pronged. First, preschool is going to become centralized in one location in Alexandria's West End, freeing up about 20 elementary classrooms. While this is an intriguing idea, we remain concerned about the practicality of busing 4-year-olds across town. But there's no denying it will help with overcrowding.

Second, a new elementary school planned for the West End — to be located within a retrofitted office building — will provide 638 new elementary seats and ease overcrowding throughout the city.

Finally, new school boundary districts, approved by the school board last week, will take effect simultaneously with the opening of the new schools in fall 2018. This redistricting effort has taken two years and involved a team of 35 volunteers. There were also numerous opportunities for public input and multiple community meetings. We think the final plan seems reasonable.

Yes, some families are going to have to move from one school to another and there is no denying that this change will be both inconvenient and possibly disruptive for them. And some who volunteered their time and opinions on redistricting are going to be frustrated that their advice was not heeded. This happens with any big undertaking that involves many "cooks."

As new school board chairwoman Ramee Gentry said, currently more than 1,000 elementary school children, about one out of every eight students, reside outside the boundary for their school. This means too few students are currently able to walk to school and more busing is required, which takes more time out of students' days and costs the city more money.

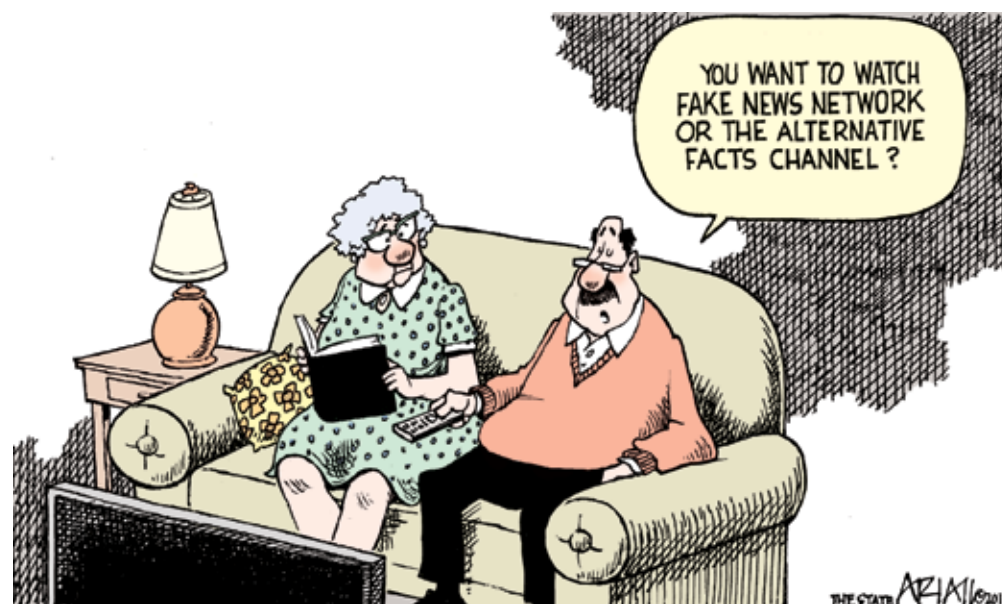
Significantly, under the new districting plan and coupled with the new West End elementary school, almost 5,000 students will be within walking distance of their school, compared to the current 3,380.

Walkable schools are good for numerous reasons. In addition to the obvious benefit of exercise for students, a greater sense of community is built when students live close to the schools they attend. Money saved on transportation is also money that can be spent elsewhere — or returned to taxpayers.

No undertaking of this magnitude is going to please everyone. But we think the process was inclusive and the end result is admirable. Now let's just hope there isn't another unexpected growth spurt.

Opinion

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



Your Views

White nationalists have right to free speech, but so do we

To the editor:

So we have new neighbors in Old Town. Leaders of the "alt-right," including Richard Spencer — he of "Hail Trump" fame, who organized a "March on Jews" in his Montana hometown — have set up shop on King Street ("The 'alt-right' arrives in Alexandria," January 26).

The site is meant to serve as a headquarters for the group, where they'll run a website, create videos and host events. There are many words to describe this undertaking. Odious is one. Despicable is another. Horrifying. Abhorrent. Loathsome. Repulsive. All apply.

I was an English major, and I firmly believe in the power of words. So let's use them correctly — these are white supremacists, not the "alt-right." "Alternative" describes the bad music that I listened to in high school, not the views of someone who

believes in the superiority of Europeans and white Americans. To describe these views as "alt-right" is an insult to everyone on the right side of the political spectrum. It's white supremacy — an ugly term for an ugly philosophy.

Unfortunately, white supremacists have as much right to rent space on King Street as anyone else does. The First Amendment protects their right to speak freely, even to create an online hub to spread hate.

However, the First Amendment also protects my right to express my disgust at white supremacists headquartering themselves in my city. As Delegate Mark Levine (D-45) said at a town hall this weekend, "He does have a legal right to be here, but we have an equal right to make [them] feel unwelcome."

It's a weird time. But one thing we can't do is get complacent. It is important to

remember that none of this is normal — it is not normal for white supremacists to establish a hub for hate speech above a neighborhood chocolate shop.

It's not normal for them to move so close to Washington, D.C. in hopes of influencing mainstream politics. In fact, it's terrifying. In the immortal words of Mad-Eye Moody from the "Harry Potter" series, it's a time for constant vigilance.

Put up a sign welcoming everyone. Support the local businesses that didn't ask for these new neighbors. Get in touch with City Manager Mark Jinks. Picket.

Ask city council what they're doing to stand by their statement on inclusiveness, issued last November. Reach out to groups who may feel vulnerable right now. Make it known that hate has no place in Alexandria.

- Holly Bowers
Alexandria

Who we are and who we should be

To the editor:

For most city residents, the Alexandria Department of Community and Human Services is something that enters awareness a few times a year, like when driving past its brick building on Mount Vernon Avenue or as we drop off donations for the annual holiday sharing program.

But for 22,000 city residents, the programs and services DCHS provides are a lifeline to health and wellbeing, whether in terms of avoiding hunger, ensuring access to Medicaid and health services, or supporting employment, re-skilling, and job placement.

City council faces a spring full of difficult budget choices. Estimates from November 2016 show a potential \$15.9 million shortfall for fiscal 2018, excluding the additional needs requested by Alexandria City Public Schools. Even with tax adjustments, most departments are likely to face cuts to programs and services, on top of the cuts implemented over the past several years.

The next several months will see arguments across the city over what we can afford, what we can afford to lose, and what we can't afford to ignore. But we can't answer these questions without addressing two deeper questions:

Where will cuts do the least harm to city residents? Programs and services like those provided by DCHS can be invisible to many of us. It is when they're invisible that they're most successful, in that they mitigate the worst effects of issues, like poverty among senior citizens or prevent the long term consequences of issues like child welfare neglect.

Budget choices around these issues are not a matter of where taxpayer dollars can do

the most visible good, but about who is likely to suffer, and by how much.

What kind of city do we want to be? The question of doing the "least harm" with budget cuts can't provide guidance, however, in the absence of vision around who we want to be as a community.

The city's vision for 2022 frames Alexandria as "a historic, inclusive city," with, among other things, "...a strong economy, thriving children and youth, ... healthy residents."

True inclusion means that this vision cannot, and should not, be limited to the 90 percent of residents who live above the poverty line. It means recognizing who we are today, which includes those who depend on essential social services to thrive, and who we should be in the future — a city in which all residents have the opportunity to thrive.

Alexandria is fortunate to have both vision and choice. Our economic strength, even amid difficult budget years, affords us the opportunity to consider how we continue to grow and strengthen our city, its people and its values.

The consideration that city council gives should begin with reflection on who we are as a city: both those thriving and those needing the opportunity to thrive.

Who we should be is a city that recognizes this, and takes care to protect the most vulnerable against harm, even in difficult times. For a glimpse into who we are as a city, visit the DCHS website at www.alexandriava.gov/dchs/info/default.aspx?id=93909 and select the "Who We Are" video produced by the city's social services advisory board.

- Mark Tonsetic
Member, Alexandria social services advisory board



Filling in the blanks | with Ramee Gentry

The role of space in ACPS' capital budget

Last week, the Alexandria City School Board completed a redistricting process, which began nearly two years ago, with the adoption of revised school boundary lines.

Alexandria has not redistricted its school zones since 1999. This is an unusually long time between boundary adjustments for any school division, and particularly in contrast to our neighboring jurisdictions, which have made multiple changes to their school boundaries in the past 16 years.

Like the entire region, Alexandria has experienced significant growth in our student population, and shifts in the areas of our city that produced the highest numbers of students. As a result, significant imbalances in capacity have grown across our schools.

Currently, more than 1,000 of our elementary students have been reassigned to a school other than their current boundary school, requiring multiple bus runs to various schools. Realignment of our boundaries was the only way to address this issue.

The school board's approach to redistricting was to seek the highest level of community engagement and feedback. After establishing a set of goals and criteria for redistricting, the school board engaged an outside consultant to provide geographic information system data analysis and mapping options.

It appointed a redistricting review committee composed of 35 volunteer community members, including representatives from each school as well as at-large members. It also established multiple forms of community engagement and feedback, including a phone line, email notifications and response forms and a series of community forums that allowed residents to give feedback as the review committee considered various map options for boundary adjustments.

As the process continued through the fall, maps were re-

vised based on updated data, response from the community and deliberations from the review committee.

All of these efforts culminated last month, with a final map recommendation from the review committee, a public hearing before the school board and a final vote by school board members. While not everyone will be pleased with certain elements of the revised boundaries, the process led to a strong majority consensus that the approved map provides the best balance of all of the redistricting criteria across the school district.

The final map achieves the goals of redistricting while at the same time minimizing the number of students impacted. Once fully implemented, the new school zone boundaries will significantly increase the numbers of students who are able to walk to school, while at the same time maintaining and in some cases improving the level of diversity that is seen in our schools.

The increase in walkers is due not only to shifts in boundaries, but also from ending the extreme imbalances in capacity levels seen in our schools. Through this process, Alexandria City Public Schools will be able to reduce and ultimately all but eliminate the need to transfer students away from their neighborhood school, ending years of uncertainty for incoming families as to where their children will attend school.

While every effort has been made to minimize impacts, redistricting efforts inevitably require the movement of some students to different schools, and we know and understand why affected families do not welcome this.

Throughout the redistricting process, we heard from families at each of our schools, and their preference was clear — they wanted to remain at their current school.

While it was impossible to avoid moving students, it is a wonderful testament to the strong, thriving communities that exist at each of our schools.

Clearly, whatever school you attend in ACPS, you find a warm, caring environment that fosters student success. Each of these school communities is ready to welcome the new students and their families that will be joining them when redistricting is implemented in the fall of 2018.

In the meantime, ACPS has already begun work on a series of programs and events designed to give affected families multiple opportunities to visit and learn about their new school.

One of the most important takeaways from this redistricting process is that 15 years is too long to wait for another redistricting discussion. We are all aware of the many new developments occurring throughout the city.

A regular schedule of analysis will allow us to monitor these developments and consider smaller, more incremental adjustments to boundaries that will reduce impacts and the need for a redistricting process as long and challenging as this has been.

On behalf of the school board, I wish to thank all of the members of the redistricting review committee for their efforts, and the community at large for the passionate engagement they brought to this process. Such robust community engagement is one of the greatest strengths of our city and our school district.

We look forward to continuing this conversation with our community as we move forward not only with redistricting implementation, but also with all of our efforts to ensure that every child succeeds in ACPS.



Ramee Gentry

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OUT OF THE ATTIC

A dyed-in-the-wool Alexandrian

William Gregory III, the eldest son of a respected wool factory owner of Kilmarnock, Scotland, was born in that city in March 1789.

He came to Alexandria in 1807 to work as a clerk in the King Street dry goods store of merchant Robert McCrea, a fellow Scot and local importer of carpets and woolen goods from the Kilmarnock factory known as Gregory, Thompson and Co.

During the War of 1812, the young Gregory enlisted in the Alexandria Blues and in 1814 participated in the Battle of the White House on the Potomac, which played out below Mount Vernon. By that time, Gregory had been elevated as a partner with McCrea. In 1827, he succeeded the elder Scot in the dry goods business.

By February 1829, Gregory had acquired a three-quarter-ownership interest in the lot at 400-406 King St., then owned by Presley Jacobs, on the southwest corner of South Royal Street. At the time, Gregory's portion of the lot comprised 400-402 King St. while Jacobs retained ownership of one-quarter of the lot at 404-406 King St. as well as an adjacent property at 113 S. Royal St.

Gregory immediately built a three-story, four-bay commercial building — complete with fine Federal-style details — with three apartments



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in the rear. Two were for his use with the other for Jacobs. After the large building was completed in 1830, two of Gregory's brothers joined him in Alexandria. But each died shortly after their arrival.

Despite these setbacks, the family business continued to thrive in Virginia. In 1841, Gregory finally acquired the Jacobs' lot to the west. There he constructed a second structure, designed to look like an extension of its eastern counterpart.

Gregory later assumed control of his father's factory

in Scotland. But he finally retired from life as a merchant and factory owner on two continents in 1847. He remained in the Old Dominion and was elected president of the local branch of the Farmer's Bank of Virginia that same year. He retained that title until 1866.

During his lifetime he was married to two women: Margaret Bartleman, daughter of an Alexandria merchant, and Mary Long, daughter of a Nantucket sea captain. He had five children with each of his wives and died in Alexandria

in 1875 at the age of 87.

This photograph of the two Gregory buildings shows them just before their demolition in 1968 as part of the Gadsby's urban renewal project. Although the first floors of both buildings had been marred by inappropriate alteration and neon signage, the upper stories still retained the prominent features that proclaimed Gregory's confidence and commitment to Alexandria.

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

Weekly Poll

Last Week

Do you support the move to adjust how city council receives public comment at its hearings?

● **62% Yes.**

● **38% No.**

84 Votes

This Week

Are you satisfied with the results of the ACPS redistricting effort?

A. Yes.

B. No.

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tion of attending their newly zoned school or remaining at the previously zoned school until the older sibling transitions to middle school.

Families wishing for their fourth- or fifth-grade student or their siblings to remain at their current school must submit a written notice of intent to stay by January 15, 2018.

Nolan offered her apologies to those families negatively impacted by the new boundaries, and promised ACPS would do all it can to help the transition.

"I understand that frustration, I understand that these were children involved, and I want to apologize to anyone who is very frustrated with the process and disappointed with the end result," she said.

ACPS officials said the transition process will include open houses at elementary schools, opportunities to meet new teachers, staff and PTA representatives as well as other activities. Crawley said he plans to activate a system-wide planning team to work on a transition plan to be shared with principals.

In April, that plan would be brought to the board and the community, with activities to be hosted from May until August 2018.



We know that we have to have multiple strategies in addition to a redistricting process that allows us to look at the distribution of our students."

- Schools Superintendent Alvin Crawley

SALON

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Mayes stressed that regulations governing historic properties should not be governed by mere aesthetics. He said beauty is too subjective and a matter of taste.

He noted that his hometown in North Carolina rallied to save a mall from his childhood from being razed by getting it put on a historical registry. Although not aesthetically beautiful, the mall represented a key piece of the community and its history.

"How far back do you go when you consider a property historically significant?" asked Nancy Marzilli.

"Laws matter, but there are differences of thought," Mayes said. "The Archaeological Resources Protection Act requires 100 years, the National Register of Historic Places generally [requires properties to be] 50 years [old] and some local historic preservation ordinances accept 30 years. I think it only takes 30 years for memory to give places their sense of community."

"How does cultural identity and changes in immigration — like the Irish moving out of Boston or African Americans in Alexandria not wanting the reminder of the Ramsey Homes — how does that change sense of community?" asked city preservation manager Al Cox.

"Identity changes over time," Mayes said. "Old places override historic change. People think, 'I did not remember this until I saw this place.' For instance, African American [slaves], if referred to if at all, did not have a pleasant experience at many mid-century historical places that for them were houses of brutality.

"Monticello is unchanged but allows for unpleasant history to be revised, reinterpreted, a trigger to remember and allow shifts in changes to history."

Harry Mahon questioned the economic decisions of a city that benefits greatly from the historic properties through tourism while the actual cost of main-



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taining historic homes falls on residents and homeowners.

Mayes argued that maintaining a city's historic district is simply good economics.

"A thriving historic section is one of the best investments a city can make," he said. "There is a whole intangible quality that draws visitors to a city. You all are lucky that you live in this beautiful and valuable historical section.

"Remnants of old places support community. A sense of identity is provided to the city, which always shows the historic section on their website when promoting itself."

Mayes said the trickiest thing about historic districts and communities is that they can only occur organically, citing the juxtaposition between Charleston, S.C. and the new nearby suburb of I'On Mount Pleasant.

"I applaud these efforts [to foster a sense of community]," he said. "Yet something critically important is often overlooked, and that is the idea that the development of a real community takes time. Community develops through the interaction between people and place over time. We cannot build a community — we can only foster the conditions in which communities can grow and thrive."



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The proposed redevelopment of the Hoffman Town Center would take place to the north of the AMC movie theater, with the structures located at the rear and center of this architectural plan.

"If you talk to them about what's available in Alexandria and the region, they say there's not much. There's probably a good opportunity for modulation here in terms of uses."

- Lee Quill, Member, Carlyle/Eisenhower East Design Review Board

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to have the building's lobby in the center of the location's retail and restaurant activity.

Kitchens added that the apartment building is the largest of the three, with 100 feet of separation between the various structures to provide privacy to residents.

Lewis suggested having the taller buildings as "architectural problem" that comes from such podiums.

But Firstenberg said the location of the building's loading dock dictated where the buildings sit, especially as the loading dock is above street level at certain points because of the change in grade across the whole site.

The plan also calls for open space at the end of Swamp Fox Road, which Firstenberg said could become an activity center. He added that discussions were being had around a possible water feature in the open space, but City Coun-

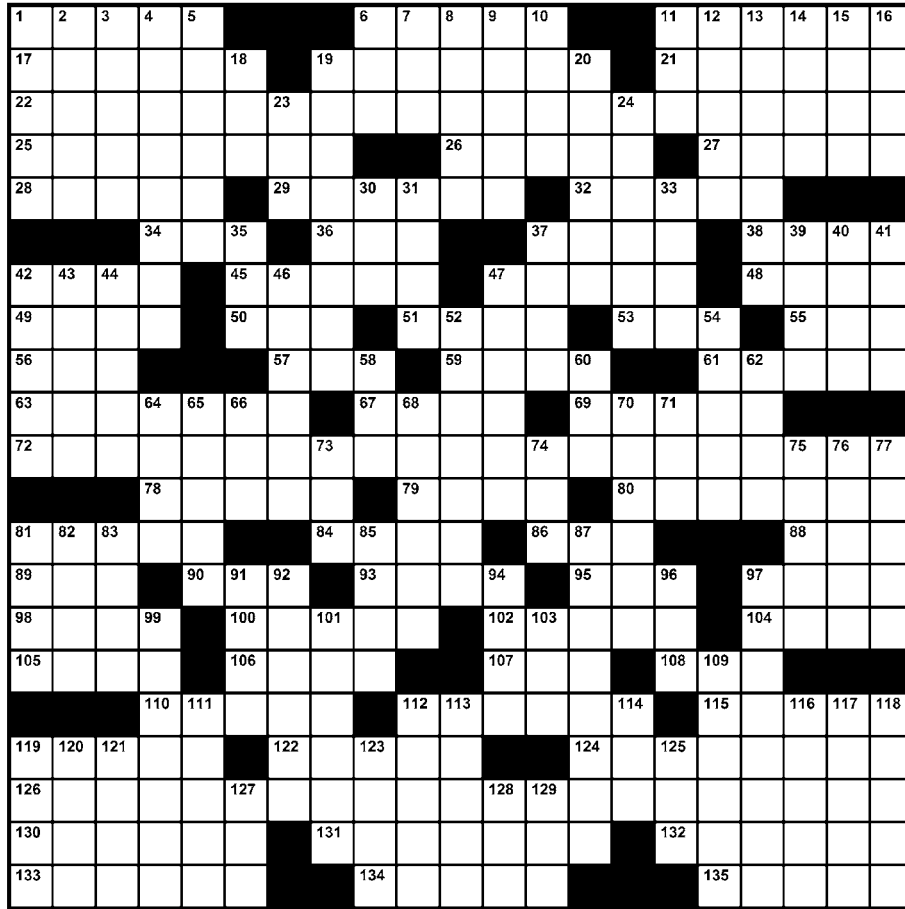
cilior John Chapman, a board member, expressed some reluctance on the inclusion of a fountain.

Rob Kerns, development division chief in the city's department of planning and zoning, said conversations would be had with staff in transportation and environmental services about activating Swamp Fox Road. Often, he said officers from the Alexandria Police Department close the road for security reasons.

Kerns added that this project is a pretext to a wider conversation about the Carlyle area of the city, which includes other nearby projects as well as an update to the Eisenhower East/Carlyle small area plan, slated to begin in fiscal 2020 in staff's long-range work plan.

The project will receive another concept review before the board before heading to the planning commission and city council for the development special use permit process. Under that timeline, construction would be slated to start in 2019 and be completed by 2021.

Weekly Words



WELL-SPOKEN ANIMALS By Timothy E. Parker

ACROSS

- 1 Set of beliefs
- 6 Bits of laughter?
- 11 Radiator protector between the headlights
- 17 Zeroing (in on)
- 19 More qualified to pass a Breathalyzer test
- 21 More minuscule
- 22 Part of a Shakespearean recipe
- 25 College purveyor
- 26 Helicopter feature
- 27 Is nearly erect, but not quite
- 28 Like the one born first
- 29 One who died for a cause
- 32 More factual
- 34 D.C. big wheel, briefly
- 36 "___ funny for words"
- 37 Treat well?
- 38 Sparrow's abode
- 42 Schoolyard recess activity
- 45 Aspen visitor, often
- 47 Ticker outlet
- 48 Vegetable-based spread
- 49 History 101 subjects
- 50 "Phooey!"
- 51 Questionable
- 53 Santa ___, California
- 55 "___ you nuts?"
- 56 Supply weapons to
- 57 Sphere
- 59 "Regrettably ..."
- 61 Hair on the necks of critters
- 63 Compels by force
- 67 Words before "no good" or "par"
- 69 Hymn of joy

72 Very short period of time, colloquially

- 78 The "16" of John 3:16
- 79 Word with "room" or "team"
- 80 Watch closely
- 81 Kids' summer getaway places
- 84 Blacken, as a steak
- 86 When the IRS gets a lot of mail (Abbr.)
- 88 End of some URLs
- 89 Tankard contents
- 90 Cul-de-___
- 93 Topmost point
- 95 British WWII fliers
- 97 You sweat through it
- 98 Lighting a cigarette while pumping gas, e.g.
- 100 Fabric similar to felt
- 102 Berate
- 104 Eyelid irritant
- 105 Part of a ticket or check
- 106 Sea eagle found over coasts
- 107 Jean of the Dada art movement
- 108 Whichever one
- 110 Part of a healthy lunch
- 112 More sharp, as pain
- 115 Emulated Charlton Heston
- 119 Glasses, colloquially
- 122 Slangy guy
- 124 Southwestern cowboy
- 126 Face difficulty head-on
- 130 Kitchen can appliance
- 131 San Francisco transportation
- 132 Dinner segment
- 133 Anglers' boots
- 134 Myanmar monetary units
- 135 Box score data

DOWN

- 1 Type of therapy
- 2 Fit for a queen
- 3 Change text
- 4 Bishops' concerns
- 5 In need of a dousing
- 6 Like August
- 7 Grp. of lawyers
- 8 Winkler of "Happy Days"
- 9 Emotional warmth
- 10 Paving stone
- 11 Old Pontiac muscle car
- 12 Wild West weapon
- 13 Conflagration
- 14 Previous Italian currency
- 15 Singer Redbone
- 16 Energy output units
- 18 Measure of a country's economy
- 19 Perspiring more
- 20 Avid fan, at times
- 23 Massachusetts' state tree
- 24 Book boo-boos
- 30 Small, quick deer
- 31 Spelling or Amos
- 33 ___ Bator
- 35 Letters on a returned check
- 37 Georgetown athlete
- 39 Distinctive and stylish elegance
- 40 Dry to the bone, as land
- 41 Digits warmed in winter
- 42 Respond
- 43 Cupid's projectile
- 44 Small appearance by a big star
- 46 Mall stalls
- 47 Bobbing on the waves
- 52 Health spa, crudely

- 54 Squirrel away
- 58 Transportation around a city
- 60 Whirlpool locale
- 62 Pay to purchase a poker hand
- 64 "Let me know," on an invitation (Abbr.)
- 65 Game with knights
- 66 Big elephant feature
- 68 Cider-making residue
- 70 Lacking in scruples
- 71 Flow back, as a tide
- 73 Brussels-based trade grp.
- 74 Poetic word for pasture
- 75 Shoptalk
- 76 Color of some piano keys
- 77 Bank of a sort
- 81 Six-pack units
- 82 "Thanks ___!"
- 83 Dish describer in a restaurant
- 85 "Purple ___" (Hendrix classic)
- 87 Target of some taxes
- 91 Cain's brother
- 92 Fancy wine server
- 94 Rebecca's son
- 96 Cosmetics-testing org.
- 97 Intimidate, as before competition
- 99 Filthy, as language
- 101 With outstanding bills
- 103 PC monitor
- 109 Chips choice
- 111 Late bloomer?
- 112 Steel or pewter, e.g.
- 113 Kind of lily
- 114 Part of a cheerleader's cheer
- 116 Cotta or firma lead-in
- 117 Young accounting partner
- 118 Portions, to a doctor
- 119 Put away for storage
- 120 Father, informally
- 121 Scraped (out), as a living
- 123 Hang around in the shadows
- 125 Japanese rival of IBM
- 127 Many mins.
- 128 Sandwich letters
- 129 "Certainly"

Obituaries

JOSEPH F. ANDERSON (85), of Alexandria, January 29, 2017

MARGARET A. BRIER (84), formerly of Alexandria, January 22, 2017

CYNTHIA A. CASSIL (59), of Alexandria, January 27, 2017

EVA A. COLLINS (93), of Alexandria, January 17, 2017

GLENN E. COURTNEY (60), of Alexandria, January 26, 2017

LYNWOOD K. ELKINS (80), formerly of Alexandria, January 24, 2017

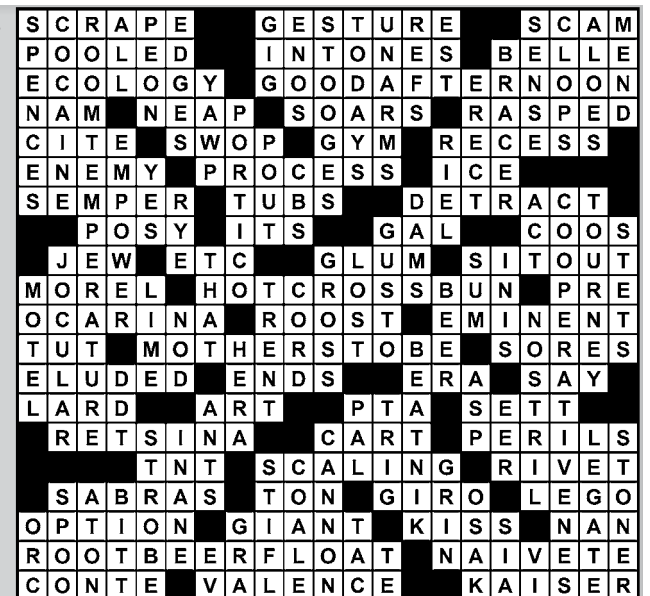
WARREN L. JACKSON, of Alexandria, January 15, 2017

THOMAS L. JENKINS, of Alexandria, January 23, 2017

HOWARD L. KITZMILLER (86), of Alexandria, January 22, 2017

WALLACE L. SMITH (92), formerly of Alexandria, January 14, 2017

Last Week's Solution:



LEGAL NOTICE



**ALEXANDRIA BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW
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**LEGAL NOTICE OF
A PUBLIC HEARING**

A public hearing will be held by the Alexandria Board of Architectural Review on WEDNESDAY, February 15, 2017 beginning at 7:30 PM in the City Hall Council Chambers, second floor of City Hall, 301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia on the following applications:

CASE BAR #2017-00019

Request for alterations at 313 N Royal Street
APPLICANT: Daniel and Ann Horowitz

CASE BAR #2017-00020

Request for partial demolition at 106 N Lee Street
APPLICANT: William Scott Shaw

CASE BAR #2017-00021

Request for alterations at 106 N Lee Street
APPLICANT: William Scott Shaw

CASE BAR #2016-00324

Informal work session for a concept review of proposed development at 301 S Alfred Street.

This item is open for public comment.
APPLICANT: Alfred Street Baptist Church

Board of Architectural Review Training on Standards and Guidelines

Information about the above item(s) may be obtained from the Department of Planning and Zoning, City Hall, 301 King Street, Room 2100, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, telephone: (703) 746-4666.



The Alexandria City School Board will hold a public hearing on the FY 2018 Combined Funds Budget during the Special Called School Board Meeting held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, February 16, 2017, in the School Board Meeting Room located 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 email boardclerk@acps.k12.va.us.

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