

The VillageCrier

Old Town Village, Alexandria, Virginia

From the OTVOA Board of Directors

Jill Eicher, Vice President

Another pool season is over with OTV canines taking the final plunge during the second annual doggie swim day. The 22nd annual OTV Progressive Dinner this past weekend was a success. The OTVOA Board is sponsoring its Volunteer Appreciation event on October 5th to thank all our volunteers who keep the townhouse association running. Don't forget to put Friday, October 18 on your calendar for this year's Octoberfest, and the New Residents' Reception on October 19 sponsored by the Welcome Committee. Fun activities for OTV kids include pumpkin painting on October 20th and the annual Halloween parade on October 27 beginning at 4 p.m. in the condominium area.

Please take note of an earlier blast email from our Safety and Security Chair Jay Zanone regarding purses stolen by smashing a car window when it was parked in a townhouse garage. It is advisable not to leave anything of value in plain sight inside a car. And as the days get shorter, we'll need to be vigilant in lighting our homes front and back and keeping garage doors closed when not in use.

The townhouse community is seeking a volunteer to chair the

Communications Committee. For more information or to volunteer, please contact any member of the board.

OTVOA Board of Directors' Updates

Shared Facility Replacement Reserves and Operating Expenses: The OTVOA Board continues to work with the association's legal counsel for further legal analysis and guidance on the reserves for the shared facilities. A notice went with the invoice to the condominiums regarding levying interest on late payments of shared operating costs as per the Easement and Cost Sharing Agreement.

South Payne Street: The survey of South Payne Street was completed by R.C. Fields & Associates. The project included a title search and stake out of the portion of South Payne Street in OTV. This survey provided a definition of the property line clarifying the responsibilities of the townhouses, the condominiums, and the city.

Next Meeting

OTVOA BoD Meeting
Thursday, October 17
7:00 pm - Roundhouse

All Townhouse members are welcome to attend.

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Replacement of Roundhouse Patio Door: At its September meeting, the townhouse board reviewed an analysis by Cole & Denny Architects regarding replacement of the Roundhouse patio door. The townhouse board voted to approve a bid recommended by the Management Committee to replace the sliding door with a french door with the addition of energy saving E glass.

The Budget Process and Reserve Study: The reserve study is completed and once approved by the townhouse board it will be available to the townhouse community. The study is in two parts: one that examines townhouse only assets and one the examines shared facility assets. The townhouse Finance Committee received draft budgets from the committees and presented a draft 2025 budget to the townhouse board for approval. The board will share the draft budget in advance of the October board meeting and approve it at the annual meeting.

Finance

Mike Ramsey, Chair

We are nearing the end of both the 2025 Budget development cycle and the 5-year update to the Capital Reserve Studies. Once the board approves the draft budget and General and Shared reserve studies - they will be posted on the OTVA Resource Center for review and comment prior to the board meeting in October. Comments should be forwarded to Kevin McGinn (Board Treasurer) and Michael Ramsey (Finance Committee).

Hardscape

Graham Ruggie

As fall is upon us, the **Hardscape Committee** has had a busy year. With the paving of Wilkes Street by the City, our paving project was well timed. The last punch list item from our paving work is the replacement of the lamppost that was knocked over in the southeast quadrant. This has been delayed until spring of next year due to availability. A recent sidewalk survey revealed some work needed along **Roundhouse east of Fayette** due to tree root movement. A few other uneven sidewalk bricks also need attention. Quotes are being collected for board consideration later this year.



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Architectural Review Board

Paul LaRuffa, Chair

On behalf of the Architectural Review Board ("ARB"), I'm excited to share recent updates that help keep our community a great place to live!

New ARB Member: I'm pleased to announce that Rich Sikora has joined the ARB. You may know Rich as a member of OTV's Safety Committee. He and his wife, Yun-Ho, have been residents of OTV for six years and recently welcomed new puppy, Pedro. Rich has an engineering background that makes him a great fit for experienced insights on ARB matters. Thanks to Rich for sharing his time and talents!

Annual Home Inspection Update: The ARB completed OTV's annual home inspections the week of September 16. At the time of article submission, preparation of violation notices is underway for distribution to homeowners.

As a reminder, the ARB automated the annual OTV inspection process using HOALife software in 2024. Also, certain common elements within the OTV community were added to the scope of inspection including the Roundhouse and OTV mailboxes.

The 2024 Annual ARB Inspection resulted in a total of 131 violations involving 98 properties. Individual homes may have multiple violations due to the nature of infraction, resolution type, and cure period. For example, a house could have window trim with peeling/blistering paint and a faded kickplate. The HOALife system tracks these violations separately and generates a unique email or letter for each violation.

The ARB notes that many violations result from peeling or blistering paint, as well as evidence of wood rot. Similar to last year, faded kickplates are another common issue that requires homeowners' attention.

With maybe a couple of exceptions, the 131 violations do not include any for general cleanliness. We've decided to ask the board to send out an email reminding homeowners that it's their responsibility to maintain their property in a clean and sanitary manner.

ARB Approval Reminder: So far this year, there have been six instances of exterior projects undertaken by OTV homeowners who failed to obtain ARB approval prior to project commencement. Please note that homeowners must obtain ARB approval before making exterior modifications to their property or replacing certain exterior home components such as roof, windows, doors, fences, etc. Remediation of well-meaning fixes and improvements not aligned with ARB guidelines can prove to be costly. Please review the ARB guidelines and application on the OTV website as part of your project planning activities.

The members of the ARB are **Paul LaRuffa (Chair), Todd Moorman, Jim Safran, Paul Taylor, Pam Verick,** and **Rich Sikora.**

Please reach out to us if you have any questions.

Grounds and Services

Ralph Resch, Co-Chair

Summer is officially over, and the start of fall has brought significant rainfall, delaying our scheduled turf treatments. Chapel Valley will be out the first week of October to complete overseeding and soil aeration. Now that the heat has subsided, Ground & Services will focus on long-planned plantings to enhance our community's appearance throughout the fall and winter months. As mentioned last month, this is the ideal time to plant perennials and shrubs. Your local garden nursery can provide the best information for our specific area.

Ornamental Plant Recommendations

Perennials

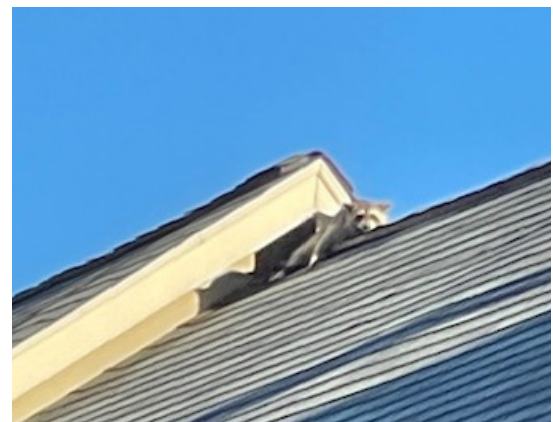
- **Hellebores:** Bloom in late winter to early spring, providing early color.
- **Sedum:** Hardy and add texture to winter gardens.

Shrubs

- **Boxwood:** Evergreen and provide structure throughout the winter.
- **Winterberry Holly:** Bright red berries add color and attract birds.

Administrative Update: The Ground & Services committee has integrated the cost of irrigation into the HOA reserve study. The committee is currently working on Requests for Proposals (RFPs) to compare the costs of repairing and upgrading our aging irrigation system. The last system upgrade was 12 years ago.

Thank you to the OTV residents who have reported issues. Your timely reports help us address problems efficiently. The Ground & Services Committee appreciates your commitment to our community.



WELCOME to OldTownVillage Townhouses

Lisa Groover, Chair

A belated, yet sincere, welcome to the following three households to move into the Old Town Village Townhomes...

Linda Safran welcomed **David** and **Maria Little**, new owners of **1211 Wilkes St.** They are excited to be returning to the area after over 6 years in Seattle, Washington. Moving back to the area means that they'll finally be close to family and friends again. They will be living in the community with their senior **Havanese, Kudzu**. David works in 'Big Data' for the Federal Government, and Maria, sometimes referred to as Mia, works as a Cybersecurity Litigator for Microsoft. David loves history and playing board games, and Maria is a diehard Orangetheory Fitness member! They are excited to join the OTV Community.

Freda Woolridge was happy to meet with **Patrick** and **Jacqueline Matlock**, the new residents of **303 S Henry St.** The Matlock's are an active duty Army family moving into OTVOA from Fort Myer, VA. Patrick is currently serving an assignment at the Pentagon. Jacqy is an educator working in Arlington Public Schools. They have 3 young adult children, and one WPG dog named **Godric**. Patrick and Jacqy enjoy this beautiful location with access to Old Town for food and weekend walks.

Freda also welcomed **Warren** and **Lori Stewart** to **305 S Henry Street**. The Stewarts moved from Fort Jackson, SC in June. Warren is active duty U.S. ARMY and will be taking command of Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Germany June '25. During their "gap year" here in the VA area, Warren is currently the Chief of Staff Medical Readiness Command, East. Lori stays at home and is taking advantage over the next several months to travel to NC to spend time with their daughter and her family (2 grandsons; 3 and 9 months) Warren & Lori have 1 dog (**Dixie**) and all are enjoying everything that Old Town Alexandria has to offer.

The Welcome Committee is looking forward to mingling with the new residents at the annual **Welcome Reception** on **October 19**.



Need something in the OTV?

Here is who to ask

Website for self service needs

Note: Log in to <https://otvtownhomes.net/>

- Viewing Calendar of events
- Meeting Minutes
- Directory
- Scale Map
- ARB Rules and Regulations
- Policies, Rules, and Regulations
- Governing Documents

Townhouse or Condo Mgmt Company

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- Parking Stickers / Tags
- Gate Remote
- Request a Roundhouse key fob
- Ask for access
- Setup fee payments
- Request to rent the Roundhouse

Management Committee Chair

- Pool or spa issues
- Roundhouse issues
- Tot Lot issues
- Gate issues
- Shared facilities policies

Grounds and Services Chair

- Trash and recycling
- Sprinklers
- Grass
- Landscaping
- Trees

Hardscape Committee Chair

- Roads
- Brick sidewalks, walls, columns, steps, and curbs
- Ground painting
- Benches
- Gas Lights
- Stormceptor and Sewer Mains
- Fire Hydrants
- Fences

Architectural Review Board Chair

- Requests approvals for exterior changes
- Inquiries about annual inspection

Communications Chair

- Getting an OTV Directory



The VillageCrier Condominiums

Old Town Village, Alexandria, Virginia



From the OTVCUOA President

Karl Kalbacher, President

Sliding Glass Door Replacement:

The long-anticipated sliding glass door replacement project will commence on September 23, 2024. The selected contractor, Katchmark, has requested that the replacement project occur one building at a time starting with Building 1; proceeding sequentially; and concluding with Building 5. Katchmark estimates that the smaller buildings (1 and 2) will take about 8 days to complete. The larger buildings (3, 4 and 5) will take approximately 16 days for each building. We expect the entire project will take about 60 to 80 days to complete.

Katchmark will be setting up a staging area in the parking lot island between buildings 1 and 2. The area will include a sea container that will store the sliding glass doors, a port-a-potty, and a trash bin.

Sentry Management will be contacting those Condo Owners in Building 1 who requested to have their sliding glass door(s) replaced to schedule the work. Owners should plan to either be home during the sliding glass door replacement, or have a designee (i.e., friend or family member) present during the construction.

Please note that Katchmark will repair/paint any molding damaged as a result of the sliding glass door replacement. Katchmark will apply semi-gloss white paint to the molding unless the owner has paint available for touchups. In this

case, Katchmark will use your paint to complete the touchups.

The Condo Board has also retained Carlson Structural Engineering to oversee the construction project. This is in keeping with the Condo Board's recognition that these projects need to be overseen by experts and not community members so that we get it right the first time!

During the construction Katchmark will be using the elevators. We ask for your patience during the construction. If you have any questions, please contact Christie Beruete of Sentry Management, Barbie Poole, OTVCUA Vice President, or Karl Kalbacher, OTVCUA President.

Electric Vehicle Charging Stations:

The Greenspot subcontractor for installation of the EV Charging Systems, (COIL), was on-site the week of 9/14 and completed a site survey. The four EV Charger Ports will be installed in the rear parking lot area between Buildings 1 and 2 near the trash enclosure.

Shared Facilities Reserve Fund: Much has been written about the Condo Board discontinuing funding into the Townhouse controlled Shared Facilities Reserve account. The Condo Board has redirected these monthly contributions to a Condo controlled **Shared Facility Reserve account**. Provided below is a summary of the contributions made into this account in 2024.

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Restricted Transfers To Reserves

9176 Shared Facilities Reserves	Monthly Budget	8 Month Period	Annual Budget
	\$1,679.33	\$13,434.68	\$20,152.00

The Condo Board continues to comply with the requirements in the 2003 Amended Easement and Cost Sharing Agreement to fully fund our portion of the Shared Facilities Replacement Reserve. The Condo Bylaws, however, do not permit the comingling of funds. Accordingly, the Condo Board is correcting a past mistake that allowed these funds to be comingled.

Payne Street Parking Spots: The Townhouse Board approved funding to complete a property survey of Payne Street to determine land ownership between the Condos and Townhouses. These costs were entirely borne by the Townhouse Board.

This is unfortunately a very old issue that I thought was resolved in 2019 when I was the President. Back then, the Townhouse Board told me that Condo cars were parking in Townhouse spots and Condo owners were being “ticketed” by the Townhouse Parking Authority – being an old regulator, I was pretty sure they didn’t have authority to ticket Condo owners on Condo parking spots.

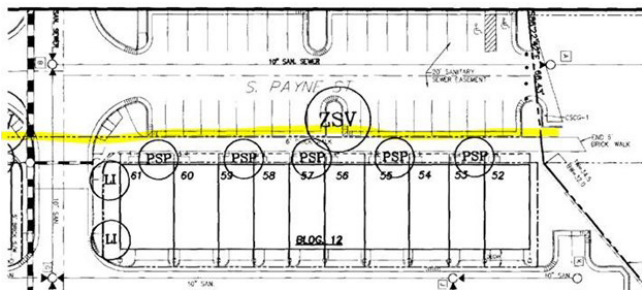
In response to these concerns, I raised the issue with the City of Alexandria Planning Department – the entity that regulates land use development. The city responded in an email – see below.

From: Michael Swidrak
 Sent: Thursday, September 5, 2019 3:33 PM
 To: Kevin Miller <KMiller@ghacm.com>
 Cc: Thomas Hamed <thomas.hamed@alexandriava.gov>
 Subject: RE: Old Town Village Condo

Kevin,

To clarify, you are determining if it is the responsibility of the Condo Board and the Townhouse Board to maintain this portion of S. Payne Street? If this is the case, then I do not think the City would get involved, this is something that is hopefully outlined in the COA or HOA docs for each board.

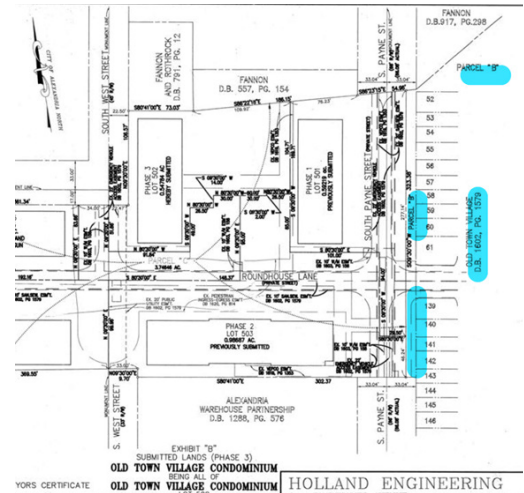
I can say that for this strip of S. Payne Street, the roadway and parking spots are within the Condo parcel, while everything east of the curb, including sidewalks and stoops, belongs to the HOA of the townhouses. The site plan appears to confirm this:



Mike,
 703.746.3813

The city’s plat graphic above shows the property division at the edge of the sidewalk in a straight line. The visual is cut off and does not show the yellow line extending south of the Payne Street and Roundhouse Lane. Provided below is the property plat that shows the property divisions further south.

The 2024 property survey completed by the Townhouse Board appears to agree with the property division as reported by the city in 2019. If you have time, inspect the survey stake at the bollards and Payne Street and the orange colored survey spray paint dots. These dots and the stake form a continuous line along the sidewalk edge.



Condo Financial Investments: We were doing too well!!! Our \$250K certificate of deposit (CD) was called because it was earning 5.7% in interest and as we all know interest rates are dropping. We made \$7K off this CD and have reinvested the profit into another callable CD at 4.65%. The balance of funds (\$250K) will be invested in a non-callable CD at 4.35%. Our financial advisor believes the FED will move to drop interest rates next week and so he suggested going with a non-callable CD



Feedback On Community Issues

We want to hear from you! We welcome your attendance and conversation at the monthly **Board of Directors** and **Committee meetings**. There are also other venues for information and your voice to be heard. You can contact the **members** of the **Board of Directors** via their emails, and you can tune into the virtual meetings offered by a link through **Sentry Management**, which appears in your email prior to the monthly meetings. Please refer to the *Crier* calendar for meeting dates and times.



**WELCOME to
OldTownVillage
Condominiums**

Sara Rosenbaum, Chair

Welcome New Residents!

Old Town Village Condos welcome new arrivals and are filled with longtime residents who value meeting new community friends. If you'd like to introduce yourself to the community, please email **Sara Rosenbaum** (sarar@gwu.edu). She will send you a copy of the Welcome Letter and will help you develop a brief introductory squib for the *Crier*.

And, residents, when you meet new neighbors, please encourage them to reach out to me so we can officially welcome them to the community!

Next Meeting

OTVCUOA Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 15
6:30 pm, in the Roundhouse
All OTVCUOA residents are welcome to attend.

Next Meeting

OTVCUOA Grounds Meeting
Wednesday, October 30
6:30 pm, in the Roundhouse
All OTVCUOA residents are welcome to attend.

Next Meeting

OTVCUOA Finance Meeting
Wednesday, October 9
6:30 pm, in the Roundhouse
All OTVCUOA residents are welcome to attend.



OTV Joint Information

Young Families

Brianna Boudreau, Chair

Save the date for Fall Fun in OTV!

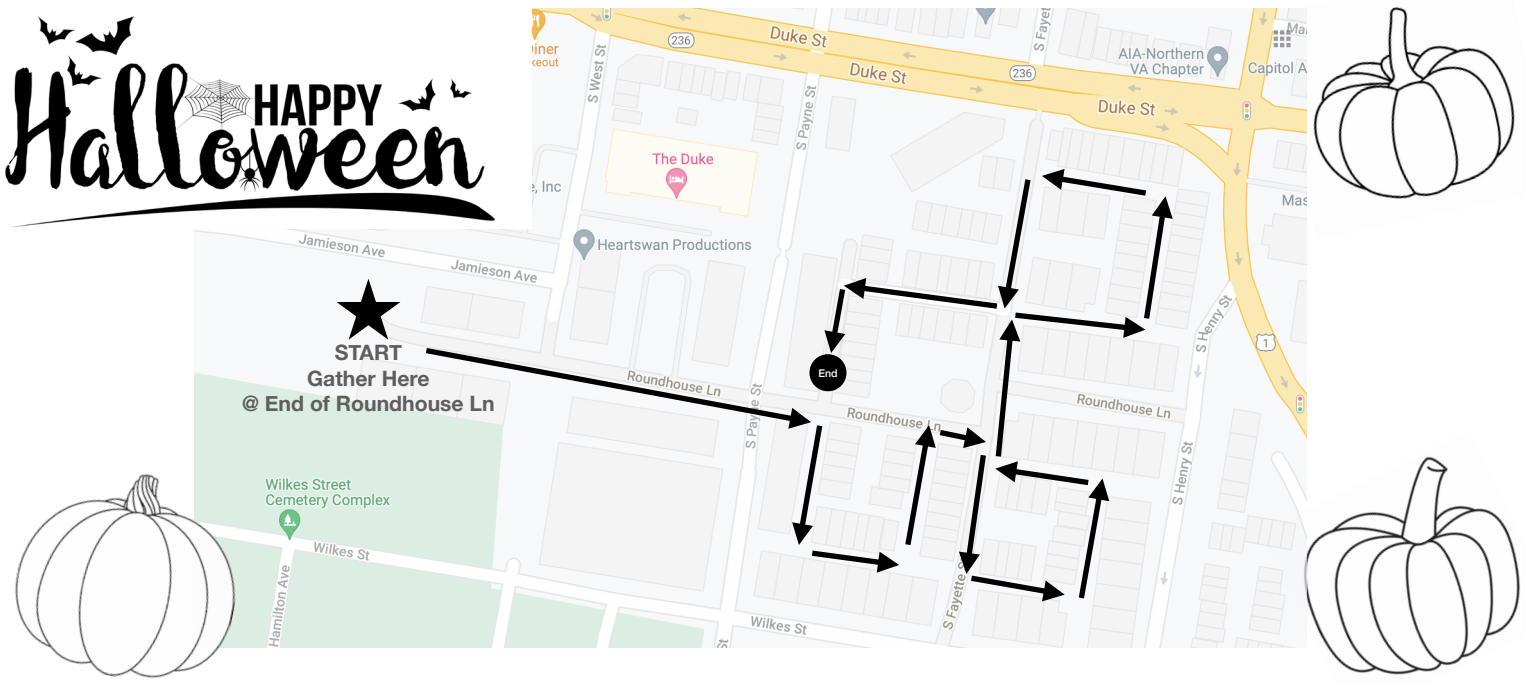
Join us for a pumpkin painting party on **Sunday, October 20 at 3:30pm** on the Roundhouse patio. Please **RSVP** to brianna.boudreau@gmail.com by October 10 so we can make sure to have enough supplies for everyone.

And...

Get your costumes ready for the annual **OTV Halloween Parade** and trick or treat! Any kids, pets, and adults who would like to join are welcome. We will be gathering at **4pm** on **Sunday, October 27** at the end of Roundhouse Lane by the far condo parking lot and making our way through the neighborhood (*see attached route map*). As always, we'd love to see the support of neighbors along the parade route so be sure to spread the word!

Halloween Parade Route

Start by Condos then head down Roundhouse heading *East* then *counter clockwise* thru each of the OTV quadrant alleys



Activities

Marjorie Cole, Co-Chair

The Progressive Dinner was a big success with approximately 70 residents of the townhouses and condominiums participating. Many thanks to Progressive Dinner organizers **Gail Bentkover** and **Joan Buckley** and a special thank you to **Sheila Gordner** for all her work with the caterer, including receiving the orders for dinner hosts to pick up, and all else she did to make the evening enjoyable for all.

Thank you also to all who participated, especially those who opened their homes to host happy hour and dinner.

The next special event is the **Oktoberfest TGIF** on **October 18 at 6:30 pm** at the **Roundhouse**. See the flyer in this issue for more information. Speaking of the flyer, we thank Steven Winard for creating it. Steven also creates the various TGIF flyers in the Crier every month and we are so appreciative of his work!

TGIF is held each **Friday** at the **Roundhouse** at **6:30 pm** as an informal gathering time. Attendance can vary week to week, and we emphasize the **First Friday** of the month as a standard time for those who might not be able to attend every week.

Our next **Activities** meeting will be **Wednesday, October 9 at 5:00 pm** at the Roundhouse.

Mah Jong Club!

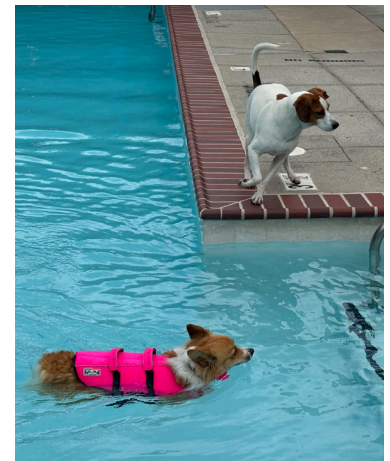
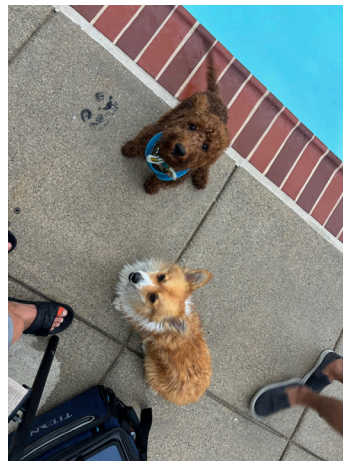
Even if you've never played before, we'll be happy to teach you the ins and outs. We're very easy-going and enjoy chatting as we play, so don't worry about a high-stress situation.

We play Tuesdays at 1:30 pm in the Roundhouse. You can just show up or if you have questions, email Shannon Collins shannon.g.collins@gmail.com

Hope to see you soon!



Doggie Pool Party



WiFi at the Roundhouse



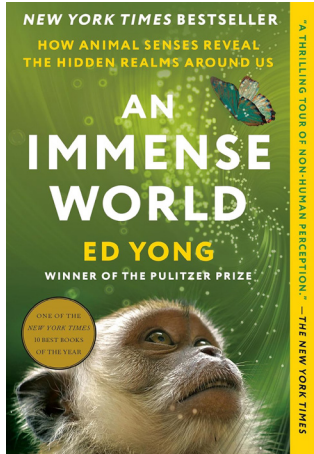
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BookClub

Heidi Plott, Club Co-Chair



The book for September was *An Immense World: How Animal Senses Reveal the Hidden Realms Around Us* by Ed Yong. The author tries to illuminate the reader's understanding of how other animals experience their surroundings. Humans as well as animals live within their own "sensory bubble" or Umwelt as the author refers to it. He leads us through explanations of how humans and animals have different capacities and capabilities of vision, sound, touch, smell, taste and the like. The book is filled with amazing and fun facts about the animal world and how humans may have limited ability to accurately imagine how animals use their senses to experience the world.

Very few in the group made it past the first couple of chapters. Most felt it was too in depth and overloaded on science. However, for those of us who did finish, there were lots of amazing things to learn.

For example, most animals can see ultraviolet light, but humans cannot; this makes it very difficult for us to perceive what animals actually see. The author suggests if we better understood animals' "sensory bubble" we could change our built environment to prevent harm to them. Many examples are provided of the comparison of what human capabilities are in relation to animals.


Reminder: The Book Club maintains the OTV library. We accept books that have been published in the last 10 years. We do not have room for cookbooks, travel books or self-help books. Books that we do not have room for can be donated to The Alexandria Library, 717 Queen Street, Discover Books which has a bin in the parking lot of Safeway, 500 S Royal St, or any thrift shop.

The group rated the book 1 out of 5 stars.

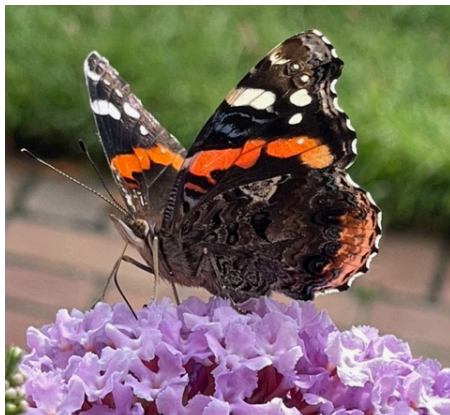


BookClub

The October meeting will be held on Thursday, October 10 at 7:00 pm in the Roundhouse.



The book for October is *Trust* by Hernan Diaz.



The **full** reading list for 2024 is posted on the community website: [Book Club Reading List for 2024](https://www.otvtownhomes.net/)

www.otvtownhomes.net/

October

1	Tuesday	Mah Jong 1:30 pm	17	Thursday	OTVOA Board Meeting
2	Wednesday		18	Friday	Oktoberfest 6:30 pm
3	Thursday		19	Saturday	New Residents' Reception 5:00 pm - 7:00 PM
4	Friday	First Friday TGIF Condo & TH 6:30 pm	20	Sunday	Pumpkin Painting Party 3:30 pm RH Patio
5	Saturday	Volunteer Appreciation Event 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	21	Monday	OTVOA Finance 6:30 pm
6	Sunday		22	Tuesday	Mah Jong 1:30 pm
7	Monday		23	Wednesday	
8	Tuesday	Mah Jong 1:30 pm Management 6:30 pm	24	Thursday	
9	Wednesday	Activities 5:00 pm OTVCUOA Finance 6:30 pm	25	Friday	TGIF Condo & TH 6:30 pm
10	Thursday	Book Club	26	Saturday	
11	Friday	TGIF Condo & TH 6:30 pm	27	Sunday	Halloween Parade 3:30 pm
12	Saturday		28	Monday	
13	Sunday		29	Tuesday	Mah Jong 1:30 pm
14	Monday		30	Wednesday	OTVCUOA Grounds 6:30 pm
15	Tuesday	Safety Meeting 6:00pm OTVCUOA Board of Directors 6:30 pm	31	Thursday	
16	Wednesday	All events are at 7 pm in the Roundhouse unless otherwise noted.			

Celebrate Socialize in OTV with First Friday of the Month!

Join your neighbors at the Roundhouse on any Friday night—but especially on the **First Friday** of the Month!

Please bring your own beverage. Bring a dish to share if you'd like to join a potluck and come to the Roundhouse at 6:30 pm.



All OTV Condo & Townhome Residents Are Invited!

This relaxed get-together is the perfect opportunity to become better acquainted with our neighbors!

Weekly

First Friday TGIF Condo & TH - Oct. 4
TGIF Condo & TH - every Friday
Mah Jong - every Tuesday

Future

12/62 **Holiday Party**
12/13 **Santa for Seniors**

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END Notes



Oktoberfest
Friday
October 18 6:30 pm

The “Boys Night Out Gang”
will provide the brats as well as
their excellent cooking talents

Bring a side or appetizer if your address
ends in an even number, a dessert if
you’re odd-you know who you are!



Bring your own
beverage



FALL Cemetery Clean-up Day

Join Us and Have Fun With Your Neighbors!

The annual **Fall Cemetery Cleanup** will be held on **Saturday, October 19** from **9:00 AM to 11:00 AM**. We will meet at the corner of **Wilkes** and **Hamilton Street** at 9:00AM for sign-up (this intersection is inside the cemetery complex, see photo)

Everyone will have to sign an Alexandria City Volunteer waiver form.

Old Town Village (OTV) will be working alongside partners from the neighborhood and Christ Church parish. OTV volunteers will focus on the Douglass Cemetery, which is directly behind 1404 Roundhouse (Building 4). Most of our work will consist of clearing out the wood debris, dead plants, ivy, and trash from the Cemetery. We will also lay new mulch along the path from OTV parking to Jameson Street.



Water and garbage bags will be provided.

We recommended that you wear a long-sleeved shirt, long pants, comfortable shoes, a sun-protective hat, and work gloves. There is poison ivy in the area, and we will be pulling grass weeds and wood out with our hands, which is why we recommend the work gloves. In addition, please bring these tools if you have them: Shovels, Pitch Forks, Rakes, Hedge Trimmers, Pruning Shears, Hand Saws.

The impact OTV has made over the last 18 years in maintaining the complex and the abandoned cemeteries cannot be overstated. Please pass this information on to anyone who may be interested in volunteering to help us.

Contact: Tim McGarvey
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858-444-6692
Hope to see you there!!!



The condominium board association has invited the City Of Alexandria fire department to provide a brief 30 minute presentation on safety measures that residents can take in the event of emergency. We extend this invitation to townhome and condo residents and owners to visit with the Alexandria fire department on **October 15** at **6 PM** in the **Roundhouse**.

Groundbreaking for Inova Alexandria Hospital at Landmark announced for Sept. 30

James Cullum | September 19, 2024 at 3:15PM



The proposed Inova Alexandria Hospital campus on the former Landmark Mall site (via City of Alexandria)

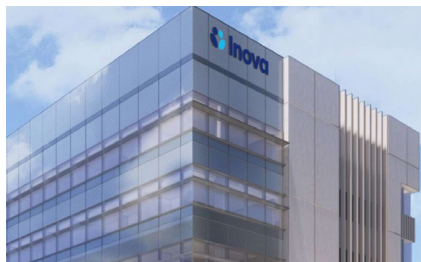
Inova Alexandria Hospital at Landmark will break ground on Monday, Sept. 30.

Today the hospital system announced the groundbreaking for the 1.1 million-square-foot project located at the former Landmark Mall.

Inova at Landmark includes a 569,000 square-foot hospital center, a 111,000 square-foot cancer center, an 83,000 square-foot specialty care center and a retrofitted 550-space parking garage. A 1,488-space below-grade parking garage is also planned with at least 19 parking spaces set aside for electric vehicle charging.

City Council unanimously approved the project last year, and Inova wants construction of the four-building hospital campus finished by 2028.

The groundbreaking event will begin at 2:30 p.m.



Proposed signage at Inova at Landmark (via City of Alexandria)

Zebra

Alexandria's New Waterfront Art Installation Will Flood With Crowds

Kevin Dauray | September 19, 2024



Break Water takes inspiration from both the environmental challenges and the deeply layered Black history of the site. Much like the water that relentlessly rushes in, the histories of Black people who lived, labored, and lost their lives here cannot be contained—they persist, demanding recognition.

Artwork for "Break Water" (Image via Nekisha Durrett/City of Alexandria)

ALEXANDRIA, VA—A new waterfront art project is in the works, and early designs have a familiar theme: flooding. "Break Water" by Nekisha Durrett will be the seventh installation at Waterfront Park. It will be on view from March to November 2025. ALX Now first reported the news.

The Commission for the Arts approved the project in a unanimous vote. At a presentation last evening, the group showed various computer-generated images of how the project will look on the waterfront.

The centerpiece of the installation is a crafted steamboat wheel meant to represent the sidewheel from the River Queen. The vessel was commissioned for service in the Civil War and later became a passenger ferry. It was a recreational ship in the early 20th century. Its history will be reflected in the piece, with a shuffleboard court or other games of that time on a mural nearby.

Sandbags, real and/or fake, will support the wheel, and they could feature a number of symbolic images. These have multiple meanings, including preparation prior to flooding in this city and the sandbags covering the Duc de Richelieu Monument in Odessa, Ukraine, to prevent the landmark from being destroyed.

ART ON THE AVENUE

Saturday, October 5th 2024

10 am – 6 pm | Mt. Vernon Avenue • del ray • alexandria VA



Our festival is held on the first Saturday in October in the heart of the historic Del Ray neighborhood in Alexandria, Virginia.

Animal Welfare League of Alexandria



PAWS in the Park 2024

Sunday, October 13

11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Oronoco Bay Park, Old Town Alexandria

Paws in the Park brings together shopping and vendors, live music and entertainment, food and drink, kids' activities, and adoptable animals.

The event is FREE to attend and leashed, well-behaved dogs are welcome!

Additional activities include a silent auction, Family Fun Tent, and dog and human costume contest for prizes.

Event proceeds benefit the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria (AWLA). Find more details, including how to register as a vendor or sponsor, at www.pawsintheparkva.com.

Paws in the Park, presented by Amazon, benefits the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria and its mission to inspire compassion for all living things, to provide shelter to animals in need, and to promote adoptions, animal welfare and responsible pet ownerships in our community.

