



The VillageCrier

Old Town Village, Alexandria, Virginia

From the OTVOA Board of Directors

Jill Eicher, President

We hope that the winter snowfall is finished for the season as it is a costly endeavor to keep OTVOA streets, alleys and sidewalks clear. Many thanks to OTVOA's Grounds and Services co-chair Ralph Resch for being on top of Chapel Valley's snow removal efforts.

Our Grounds and Services Committee is welcoming a new co-chair, Leslie Silkworth, who takes over for Skip Allison. The Board is grateful for the years of service Skip devoted as an OTVOA volunteer, as he continues to work on a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a new irrigation system. The Board also welcomes volunteer Linda Gormsen to the Grounds and Services Committee.

The Board appreciates every volunteer in our townhouse community, especially those who join our committee and governance structure. As we are the stewards of the buildings where we reside, we depend on volunteers to oversee our common areas, and shared facilities and activities.

Many thanks to Board Secretary Jim Larocco working with Safety and Security Chair Jay Zanone to invite a representative of the Alexandria Police Department to attend Board meetings. At our February meeting, **Officer Bennie Evans** of the **Community Engagement Division** gave a comprehensive overview of issues

affecting our community.

The Board has scheduled a work session **March 6 at 7 pm** to discuss issues requiring time and attention not available at a regularly scheduled Board meeting. These work sessions are public townhouse meetings in which any townhouse resident may attend.

Townhouse community members with questions or comments may address the Board at otvboard@gmail.com. The next scheduled Board meeting is on **Thursday, March 20**, and every third Thursday of the month thereafter beginning at **7 p.m.** at the Roundhouse.

Treasurer Update by **Tom Boudreau**, Treasurer

A separate reserve account for the **Shared Facilities ("Split Reserve Account")** was established and funded with the OTVOA's full 2024 and January 2025 Shared Reserve contributions (including associated interest). Going forward, the OTVOA's contributions will go into this Split Reserve Account instead of the Joint Reserve Account.

The Joint Reserve Account remains a separate account that continues to earn interest which is reinvested into that account. With both the Joint Reserve Account and Split Reserve Account we maximize interest earned by investing in Treasury Bills that mature in a rolling fashion to allow liquidity opportunities every three months. Recently matured Treasury Bills were reinvested in new Treasury Bills for six months at a four percent (4%) interest rate.

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Next Meeting

OTVOA Board Meeting
 Thursday, March 20
 7:00 pm - Roundhouse

All Townhouse members are welcome to attend.

Communications

Jillian Asseff, Chair

As we relayed in the last newsletter, the Communications Committee will be updating the printed copy of the OTVOA Resident Directory this year. Once we receive the quote from the printer, we will include instructions in a future Crier for how to check that your contact information on the OTVOA website is current and, if necessary, how to update it. The Directory is then printed from that information.

Along with the Board, the Communications Committee is in the early stages of discussing changes to the OTVOA website. The changes are twofold: (1) navigational improvements to make information easier and quicker to find, and (2) creating a repository of past documentation so the community has a more comprehensive archive of material. If you have ideas to share for the website, we want your input. Please send them along to me at jillianasseff@gmail.com.

As a reminder to all committee chairs, please update your committee meeting minutes on the OTVOA website to keep all informed with the latest information on committee activity.

Thank you to the Communications Committee volunteers that make the *Crier*, our website and the **Resident Directory** possible.

Hardscape

Graham Ruggie, Chair

Hardscape is in planning mode during the winter but the mantles of the gas lamps at Fayette and Wilkes (as mentioned in the last Crier) have been replaced for the third time in six months. They usually last through the year until the annual maintenance, so they were replaced this time with a "hardier" version. All seems well at this point.

The scheduled work for the year has been planned:

- Storm scepter cleaning in spring
- Gas lamps servicing in summer
- Brick sidewalk survey and repair late summer
- Hydrant flushing in the fall

The Committee has requested that the board consider a proposal from last fall for mailbox painting, so that work can take place this calendar year. The decision is pending board review

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Safety and Security

Jay Zanone, Chair

Hello OTV:

We had an excellent visit with our new police liaison Bennie Evans from APD at the recent OTV Board meeting. A lot of good news in terms of the police department engaging again directly with the communities in Alexandria, and we may be the first to have Officer Evans visit in this new program. He will come to our meetings quarterly now at a minimum unless there are some urgent matters to address. The good news is the crime report he had for us was very small, primarily due to traffic incidents surrounding our neighborhood on S. Patrick Street as well as an identity theft issue.

Some key points from Officer Evans

1. Please call 311 if you have any nonemergency issues to report. These can be things such as packages stolen well after the fact. They do arrest package thieves. They caught one recently, so police reports and Ring camera and other evidence are important for them to connect the dots to find the perpetrators. They do review this information and follow up.
2. He had a reminder to never leave spare keys or FOBs in your vehicle, as well as anything else visible that might lead to quick cash.
3. He will request increased patrols and more police vehicles hanging out overnight in OTV while they write their reports from time to time.
4. Traffic Safety in Old Town and other areas is a big focus but staffing for this and other police work is extremely limited. Please voice concerns about the staffing to local politicians and any other police leaders.
5. Keep your property well lit outside of your home and leave inside lights on when traveling or even away for the evening.
6. Please look out for your neighbors by reporting strange activity, people wandering through at night with backpacks, strange cars driving through, and open garages. If you are unsure of anything, report it.
7. If a crime happens, please report to the police ASAP as well as our Safety Committee and/or the OTV Board.

Parking Reminder: Please continue to keep your vehicles under your deck if you cannot park in your garage. We are still seeing too many vehicles sticking out into the alley, and this is a problem for first responders and snow plows. We are also seeing large

pickups and SUV's that will never fit under the deck properly and should be parked on our adjacent streets outside of OTV property if you can't find a visitor spot for temporary use. You can request a permit from the City. We've spent some time recently trying to track down residents to inform them of their violation. Vehicles are subject to towing if not any easy fix. Thank you for your cooperation.

Reminders from Diane Devendorf, Safety Committee member

Hello OTV: It's almost time for the salt trucks to disappear and for the first of the crocuses to arrive on the median of Duke Street. For many of us, it's also time to take care of the household safety chores that are often overlooked but can save you money, time and more if you keep up with your maintenance. Here is a helpful March list to get you ready for a carefree Spring/Summer in the Village:

1. **Check the dates** on your fire extinguishers and replace them as needed: https://www.amazon.com/dp/B01LTICQYE?ref=cm_sw_r_apin_dp_NRMCAKTBAPYCS7KQ7EMF&th=1
- Please Don't Flush Your Prescriptions!**
2. **Clean out your medicine cabinets.** Many local drug stores (including Neighborhood Pharmacy) and Alexandria Hospital will dispose of your drugs for you. Additionally, there are regular collection days that will be advertised here: <https://www.dea.gov/takebackday>
3. **Have your laundry lint vents** professionally cleaned.
4. **Check the dates** on your Carbon Monoxide detectors, which is usually on the back or side of the device. Most Carbon monoxide detectors last between 5-10 years but lose sensitivity over time. Replace your batteries as well.
5. **Check the dates** on your smoke detectors. Remove the smoke detector from the wall or ceiling. Look at the back or side of the alarm for the date of manufacture. If only the manufacturer date is provided, add 10 years to calculate the expiration date. Replace batteries.
6. **Secure your personal documents** and other identifying information by shredding your personal paperwork during one of the local community Shred Days. At the time of this writing, there are none scheduled. However, the Baptist Street Church and Beatley library routinely have them in the spring so keep an eye out for ads. Also, the UPS store on West Street will handle it for a fee if you don't have a shredder.

Be kind to each other – See you in April!

Architectural Review Board

David Burnett, Resident

The Latest Solar Panels Installation in OTV

My name is **David Burnett**. I live at **321 South Fayette** with my wife Taylor. We recently had 17 solar panels installed on our roof. I offered to write this piece to educate neighbors about why we've gotten solar panels and what the process was like.

In short, I highly recommend it! The upfront cost is a lot, but it will pay for itself within a decade, and we'll have free electricity going forward, eliminating those tough \$250 mid-summer Dominion Energy bills. Given the high temperatures and ample sun of our climate, it seemed like a no-brainer. The panels also help us do our part in combatting climate change by generating our own renewable energy. They give us the satisfaction and security of having our own power source.

Our neighbor Aaron Shepard had panels installed in 2023. He researched providers and chose **Solar Energy World**. I was able to piggyback off his research and chose the same provider. They are local: their headquarters are in **Laurel, MD** and they have an office in Alexandria. Their salesperson Eric Winkler is very knowledgeable, he gave both me and Aaron a referral discount, they do their own engineering and installation in-house (whereas some other providers subcontract the work), they're a local company, and they have lots of good reviews. The company's installation team told me they're working every day, and the company has a couple dozen installation crews. They can't find enough qualified people to keep up with the demand. I'm not advocating for this company specifically, and encourage folks to research others, I'm just saying what my reasoning was. My goal is just to encourage people to consider solar panels and to demystify the process.

The company developed an engineering plan, which was approved by the OTV Architectural Review Board before installation. The plan had to comply with the ARB's guidelines for solar panels. Thanks to Paul LaRuffa and the team for the quick turnaround!

We had 17 panels installed on our south-facing roof. Because the roof is unobstructed by trees, it faces directly south, and the slope of the roof is optimal, our roof is in the top 5% for energy generation. Each panel is 400 watts. The wattage has been increasing steadily over the years, meaning more power from the same size. These panels generate 50% more power than those from a decade ago. The panels will generate energy even on cloudy or rainy days! And the panels are three inches above the roof, providing shade to the roof surface, which reduces the ambient temperature of the roof from 150 to 100 degrees on hot sunny days to provide further cooling.

Each panel has 16 small screws that drill through the shingles into the plywood underneath. The screws are coated in silicone to seal the holes and prevent leaks. The system has a

30-year warranty. An aluminum pipe carrying the wires runs from the roof, down the side of the house, to a new breaker panel and master shutoff box, which are connected to our existing breaker box in the garage. The solar system does not directly connect to our air conditioners, and it does not require changing the thermostats or anything else indoors.

It was less than 60 days from my first conversation with the salesperson to the installation. The installation was all done in a day, 10 am to 6 pm. The installers had to use a boom lift because their 40-foot ladders couldn't reach the roof. The city inspector came and signed off on the installation. The final step is for Dominion Energy to replace the standard meter with one that runs backwards, and then we can flip the switch on the solar array and start generating electricity. I have an app from Enphase where I can track the generation and usage.

The total cost was \$19,500, which sounds like a lot. But there is a 30% tax credit, nearly \$6,000 (i.e. that amount is subtracted from our next tax bill), and an estimated Alexandria five-year property tax credit of \$1,100. I paid a 30% deposit. The balance will be paid over time, interest-free. Given the free electricity and being paid to send money back to the grid, the panel should pay for itself within a decade.

In fact, the panel may have already paid for itself: the company cites studies which show that property values increase by a few percent with solar panels. As well they should, since buyers will benefit from free electricity and the 30-year warranty.

Based on our household's past energy usage, the company estimates that 17 panels will result in free electricity and a surplus, averaged out over the year. In spring and fall, when there is sunshine and temperatures are not as high, it should generate a daily surplus. In mid-summer we may still need energy from the grid to cool the house. (Though we've found our green shade over the balcony makes a huge difference in protecting the house against the hot sun). Once a year in April, Dominion will tally how much energy we have used versus how much surplus we've sent back to the grid, and we should get paid \$500 to \$1000 for our surplus. The surplus means we could get an electric car and power it (at least in part) from our grid, too. The one catch is that when we sell back to the grid, Dominion will only pay us for the supply cost, which is 60% of the total cost of electricity. Dominion won't give us credit for the 40% delivery cost.

One other consideration: our roof has been replaced recently, so it was fine to install the panels as is. Aaron combined his solar installation with a new roof, and he said the solar company gave a good price on the new roof.

In short, I recommend getting solar panels!

ARB Note: Two other companies have had solar projects approved in OTV: **Freedom Forever (Henrico, VA)** has completed an installation and **American Home Contractors (Fulton, MD)** has an installation pending.

Grounds and Services

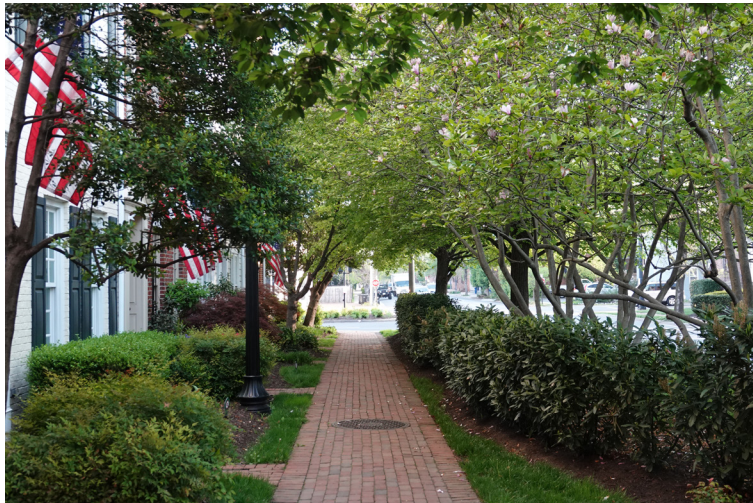
Linda Gormsen, Member

We had a busy February with significant snowfall, and Chapel Valley provided prompt and thorough storm clean-up for our community. As we move into March, we're gearing up for Spring activities and hope for warmer temps. Leslie Silkworth will replace Skip Allison as Co-chair on the committee. Thank you Skip, for your many years of service on our committee. We wish you all the best with your move North!

We are working on a statement of work for the community irrigation system upgrade. The current system is 16 years old and requires increased maintenance each year. The cost of upgrading will require significant capital investment. The committee is working with the Board and is targeting November 2025 to have it replaced.

As Spring approaches and we begin tree and shrub pesticide and lawn care treatments, we will continue to notify the community of scheduled treatments through email blasts in addition to the warning signs the contractors will place in the treated areas on the day of treatment. However, please be advised that we will be placing only one billboard sign in the community which will be located outside the Roundhouse.

We are also busy working on summer flower selections with Chapel Valley and getting estimates for grass re-seeding/aerating and possible sodding of the grass strips along the sidewalks which border our community.



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

Barbie Frank, President

Here's hoping we've seen the last of any snow, although March has surprised us on occasion.

The gate: We have identified the owner of the car that damaged the gate and operator base, and he has agreed to cooperate. Christie sent him the pictures and the proposal for him to share with his insurance company. In the interest of stopping all the traffic that is taking advantage of the open access, we have placed an order for the replacement parts and repairs. Our assumption is that the owner or his insurance company will cover the rather high expense. If that does not happen, we will pursue further action.

The EV charging stations: The stations have been installed. Greenspot is now waiting for Dominion Power to connect the charging stations to the transformer, so we are at the mercy of Dominion Power. We will communicate the next steps when the stations are live.

The bike repair station: It was brought to our attention that the air pump was not working. Christie contacted the manufacturer, and a replacement part is being provided.

The Frederick Douglass Cemetery: Several members of the community met with the City about the

Douglass Cemetery, including **Karl Kalbacher, James Sinnette, Dana Williams**, and myself. **Jim Sinnette** has graciously agreed to be our primary contact with the City due to his engineering knowledge. I truly appreciate his participation on this project.

We have had concerns about the volume and flows of water as well as damage to OTVC property during the construction process. We believe that we are headed in the right direction with the City. From the beginning of learning about this project, Board members and concerned residents have been attending meetings with the City and expressing our serious concerns. While Building 4 would be the most impacted by water outflows, improper grading and lack of reinforcement of the entire drainage ditch could cause erosion and problems for our new wall, the trash enclosure, and the steps into the cemetery.

Below are some results of all the meetings that have occurred so far. The City realized that its base modeling is not valid; the attendees did not dispute our position.

- The City went back and resurveyed the land and building and, in the staff's words, confirmed that the deck piers would not be inundated. We said that we wanted this new survey and narrative in the revised report.

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- The City agreed to armor the entire length of Building 4 and continue this into the Christ Church area.
- The City agreed to raise the armor around Building 4 and to backfill the area.
- The City agreed to increase the grade in the ditch.
- The City agreed to work with the Board to have an easement for the City to maintain the armoring.

We are waiting for an updated presentation and will be providing access to that information to our community. We will also continue to work with the City to ensure this project benefits both the Cemetery and Old Town Village.

OTVC's Shared Facilities Reserve Account: I want to remind our homeowners why we established a **Shared Facilities Reserve** account that is separate from the Joint Reserve Account maintained and controlled by the Townhouse Board. The OTVC took this action after being made aware that our own by-laws (*Article III, Section 3(c)(3)*) state that we are prohibited from co-mingling funds with another organization. We notified the OTVUA of this mandate and began depositing our shared reserve responsibilities into an account controlled by the OTVCUOA effective in January 2024. You are probably wondering why it took 25 years to discover this. That is a good question and one that I cannot answer. I can only say that it was discovered in late 2023 and your Board took the appropriate action. If you have any questions regarding this action, please feel free to contact me, **Barbie Frank**, at poolefrank@comcast.net.

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!

NextMeeting

OTVCUOA Board Meeting
 Tuesday, March 18
 6:30 pm, in the Roundhouse
 All OTVCUOA residents are welcome to attend.

NextMeeting

OTVCUOA Finance Meeting
 Wednesday, March 12
 6:30 pm, in the Roundhouse
 All OTVCUOA residents are welcome to attend.

NextMeeting

OTVCUOA Grounds Meeting
 Tuesday, March 25
 6:30 pm, in the Roundhouse
 All OTVCUOA residents are welcome to attend.



OTV Joint Information

Management Committee

Old Town Village Owners Association

Old Town Condominium Unit Owners Association

Jim Safran Chair

The following are some of the Roundhouse/pool projects that the JMC is working on for 2025

Installation of new French doors – The new doors and crash rail hardware have been received by the installation contractor. There is some preparatory work that the contractor is performing. Installation will be scheduled as soon as the weather gets a little warmer (above 32 degrees F).

Pool Fence – The pool fence has some structural issues and certain parts are rusted. A scope of work to address the structural issues and paint the fence will be developed and competitive proposals solicited. We are looking to have this project completed before the pool opens.

Power wash patio and pool deck – We have a volunteer who is going to power wash these two areas prior to the opening of the pool.

Front door kick plate and sconces – The front door kick plate is faded and the sconces are damaged. We plan to replace the kick plate and repair/replace the sconces this Spring.

Roundhouse Roof – Last year a leak was discovered in the roundhouse roof around one of the vent penetrations for a restroom. This leak was repaired at that time and before the restroom remodeling was done. We are exploring the possibility of doing some preventative maintenance on the roof as well as the much needed painting. The JMC will develop a maintenance and painting plan for the roof. The objective of this plan to maximize the useful life of the roof.

I just wanted to express my appreciation for all of the members of the JMC. These volunteers are fully engaged in managing the OTVOA and OTVCA shared facilities. We are lucky to have them!

Next Meeting

Management Committee

Tuesday, March 11

6:30 pm, in the Roundhouse

All Old Town Village community members are welcome to attend.



Activities

Marjorie Cole, Co-Chair

The Activities Committee has set the dates for the 2025 events - please mark your calendar so you don't miss any of the fun!

First up is the First Friday TGIF on Friday, March 7 at the Roundhouse, beginning at 6:30 p.m. TGIFs are weekly informal gatherings at the Roundhouse (every Friday there is a TGIF at the Roundhouse!). Those who attend may choose to bring a potluck item to share but there is no requirement to bring or participate in a potluck; you can simply show up and hang out. BYOB if you would like to sip and socialize. Also, since this is informal, we cannot guarantee what attendance will be like - it might be very small. This is why we emphasize the first Friday.

Speaking of TGIF, please join us to celebrate St. Patrick's Day March 14th at 6:30 p.m. at the Roundhouse. This is a specialty potluck TGIF, for which the Committee will provide Corned Beef, and residents will provide appetizers or desserts. Come join us for this festive event! Come as you are or don the green! Okay, you can wear any color you want, but if you want to stick with the theme, green is probably the way to go.

Now, back to marking your calendar:

Summer Picnic - Sunday, July 13

Progressive Dinner - Saturday, September 27

Oktoberfest - Friday, October 17

Holiday Party – Friday, December 5

And stay tuned for the December date for the annual Santa for Seniors event



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!



Next Meeting

Activities Committee
Wednesday, March 12
5:00 pm, in the Roundhouse

All Old Town Village community members are welcome to attend.

WiFi at the Roundhouse



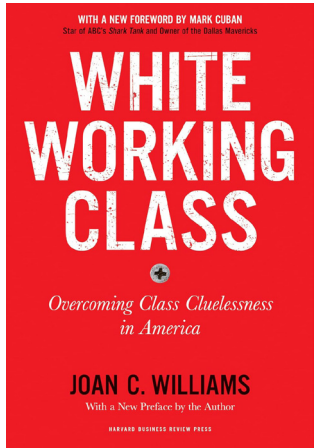
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BookClub

Heidi Plott, Club Co-Chair



The book for February was *White Working Class* by Joan Williams. Published in 2017 fresh off of the 2016 election, this book attempts to explain the misconceptions and generalizations which have clouded the understanding of the white working class. The author revealed the multifaceted realities of the white working class, highlighting their values, struggles, and aspirations, which have often been overlooked in the mainstream narrative. Williams starts with how to define the economic classes, especially the traditional terminology used to label them. She further investigates the groups and delves into the cultural values they hold. Through research she concludes how there is a cultural divide in the nation, and a cultural divide that maps onto class divisions. In her early post-election analysis, she focuses much of her discussion on the white working class since they were a pivotal voting bloc in the 2016 election.

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 had a really great discussion of this book. We pondered what it means today to consider oneself part of the middle class. Is one really an "elite" – we really disliked this term – do we identify with the values of the middle class or the "elite"? We agreed that the author presented perspectives with their underlying complexities which some had not previously understood or identified. We delved into much discussion of Williams's explanations of the worldviews, anxieties, and political choices of economically precarious white voters.

The group rated the book 3.5 out of 5 stars.



BookClub

The March meeting will be held on Thursday, March 13 at 7:00 pm in the Roundhouse.



The book for March is *The Reading List: A Novel* by Sara Nisha Adams.

The **full** reading list for 2025 is posted on the community website: [Book Club Reading List for 2025](https://www.otvtownhomes.net/)

March

1	Saturday		17	Monday	
2	Sunday		18	Tuesday	Mah Jong 1:30 pm OTVCUOA Board of Directors 6:30 pm
3	Monday		19	Wednesday	
4	Tuesday	Mah Jong 1:30 pm	20	Thursday	OTVOA Board Meeting 7:30 pm
5	Wednesday		21	Friday	TGIF Condo & TH 6:30 pm
6	Thursday	OTVOA Board Special Work Session 7:00 pm	22	Saturday	
7	Friday	First Friday TGIF Condo & TH 6:30 pm	23	Sunday	
8	Saturday		24	Monday	Communications 6:30 pm
9	Sunday		25	Tuesday	Mah Jong 1:30 pm OTVCUOA Grounds 6:30 pm
10	Monday		26	Wednesday	
11	Tuesday	Mah Jong 1:30 pm Management 6:30 pm	27	Thursday	
12	Wednesday	Activities 5:00 pm OTVCUOA Finance 6:30 pm	28	Friday	TGIF Condo & TH 6:30 pm
13	Thursday	Book Club	29	Saturday	
14	Friday	TGIF Condo & TH 6:30 pm	30	Sunday	
15	Saturday		31	Monday	
16	Sunday	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
TGIF Condo & TH - every Friday
Mah Jong - every Tuesday

Future

3/14 - St. Patrick's Day party RH 6:30PM
7/13 - Summer Picnic Sunday
9/27 - Progressive Dinner
10/17 - Oktoberfest
12/5 - Holiday Party

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*Let's Celebrate
St. Patrick's Day*

Friday, March 14
6:30 PM
in the Roundhouse

The Activities Committee
will provide the Corned Beef

Bring a side or appetizer if your
address ends in an even number or
a dessert if it ends in an odd number

Bring your own beverages
We look forward to seeing you there!

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Alexandria Canal Remains To Be Relocated, Prompting Road Closures

Emily Leayman, Patch Staff
Posted Thu, Feb 20, 2025 at 10:42 am ET



Temporary road closure for canal stones relocation (image via City of Alexandria)

ALEXANDRIA, VA — Following the discovery of Alexandria Canal remains at a development site, the City of Alexandria said parts will be temporarily relocated. That will require road closures in the coming days.

City staff and developer Carr Properties are collaborating to relocate the historic Alexandria Canal stones found at 425 Montgomery Street, where an office-to-residential conversion is underway. Excavations have revealed almost an entire length of the north wall of a lock and basin, part of the south wall, and the lock and basin's floor. The remains were preserved under fill and previous development.

The stones will be temporarily relocated to Montgomery Park. They will ultimately be placed along the Potomac River as part of the Waterfront Flood Mitigation Project.

The relocation schedule will be weather dependent. During the relocation, N. Royal Street between First Street and Montgomery Street may be closed to vehicles, parking, pedestrians and cyclists, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily. Through traffic will be detoured

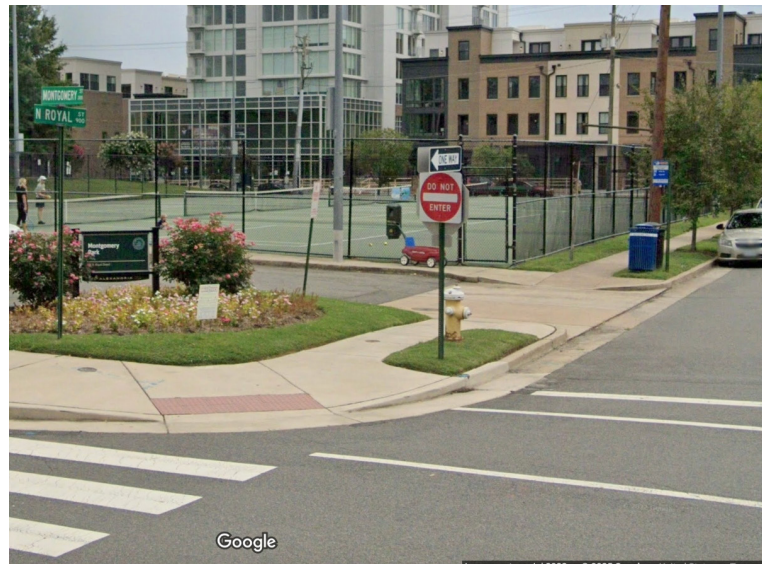
around Montgomery Park along First Street, N Fairfax Street and Montgomery Street. Signage will direct pedestrians to safe routes and crosswalks within the work zone.

The tentative schedule for road closures is:

- Friday, Feb. 21
- Monday, Feb. 24, through Friday, Feb. 28
- Monday, March 3, through Friday, March 7

The Alexandria Canal dates back to 1845, when it was a route for trade and navigation from the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal in Georgetown. Historic maps confirmed a fourth lock and third basin of the Alexandria Canal were present in the 900 block of North Pitt Street. The locks at the south end of the canal raised and lowered boats by about 40 feet, according to the city. The canal was abandoned in 1886 when railroad transportation took over.

The Alexandria Archaeological Protection Code requires an archaeological monitoring plan with an archaeologist on site to monitor ground disturbances. Carr Properties had recruited professional archaeologists from Thunderbird Archeology on the plan. A one-day public viewing of the canal remains was held on Jan. 19.



Alexandria Canal remains found at a development site will be temporarily moved to Montgomery Park. (Google Maps)