

The VillageCrier

Old Town Village, Alexandria, Virginia

From the OTVOA Board of Directors

Jill Eicher, President

The OTVOA Board of Directors will host its annual **Volunteer Appreciation Event** on **October 4**, thanking volunteers for their work in supporting our community. On October 17, the Activities Committee will host the annual Oktoberfest celebration at the Roundhouse.

OTVOA Annual Meeting/Elections - **The OTVOA Annual Meeting** will be held on Thursday, November 6 at the **'Residence Inn by Marriott** at **1456 Duke Street** beginning at **7:00 pm**. This year we will elect two new members to our Board of Directors. A Call for Candidates letter and form was mailed to all townhouse owners, as well as by a blast email, and we encourage interested owners to run for election.

OTVOA 2026 Budget - The OTVOA draft 2026 budget was sent to townhouse owners by blast email for review. Please send all comments or questions to the Board at otvboard@gmail.com before the next scheduled Board meeting on October 16. The budget will be approved at our annual meeting.

Access to the Roundhouse - Hopefully, the latest adjustment by Kastle Systems to the Roundhouse door has solved the access issues

experienced by many in the community. If you notice the door staying open before slowly closing, that is part of the remedy. No need to pull the door closed after entering. Please report any further problems to the Management Committee.

Resident Directory - The new 2025 OTV resident directory was distributed to half of the townhouse households on September 3.

Townhouse residents who were unable to pick one up on this date can receive one by contacting **Rose McHenry** at **703-717-9000**.

Townhouse community members with questions or comments may address the Board at otvboard@gmail.com.



Next Meeting

OTVOA Board Meeting
Thursday, October 16

7:00 pm - Roundhouse

All Townhouse members are welcome to attend.

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WELCOME to OldTownVillage Townhouses

Lisa Groover, Chair

The Welcome Committee is pleased to introduce you to our newest new neighbors...

Kevin Carr and **Michelle Mannella** are the new residents of **306 S. Fayette** and are moving to the OTV community from just ~ 6 blocks north. Kevin, originally from Annapolis, and Michelle, a Pittsburgh native, have both called the DMV area home for the past decade. After years of living nearby, they're excited to join the OTV community as they prepare for their biggest adventure yet, welcoming their first baby this December. Kevin works as a defense contractor, while Michelle is a clinical director at a children's behavioral health clinic. Both are looking forward to being so close to their favorite King Street spots and the waterfront. Thank you to **Aimee Kominiak, Nicole Winard,** and **Debbie Vitale** for making Kevin and Michelle feel welcome!

Save the date

Old Town Village Townhouse New Residents' Reception

Saturday, October 18, 2025

5:00 - 7:00 pm

Old Town Village Roundhouse

This event will be in honor of the new residents who have moved into the Old Town Village Townhomes since **October 19, 2024.**

We hope you will take this opportunity to meet your new neighbors, committee chairs, board members and the welcome committee.

Delicious hors d'oeuvres and refreshing beverages will be served.

Look for your invitation and RSVP request via email!

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Safety and Security

Jay Zanone, Chair

We had a productive safety and security seminar on Wednesday evening with a good crowd from OTV, along with **Sean Kanuck** from the Condos and **Officer Zachary Anderson** from the **Alexandria Police Department**. We had a wide-ranging discussion on crime, specifically on cybercrime and minimizing your risks of being a victim of online, and other scams. There was a lot of Q&A back and forth and I really appreciate Officer Anderson and Sean Kanuck for being so informative and engaged on the panel.



Main takeaways

1. Call the APD non-emergency number (703)746-4444 if you have been a victim of an online scam. Report them although honestly you have a very small chance of recovering your losses. APD also has an online support system. Go to alexandriava.gov/police for more information.
2. Warn your friends and neighbors of any new scams you encounter. Have a safe word with your immediate family members in case of emergency; fake hostage situations can be quickly revealed.
3. When strangers contact you, you need to wonder why and assume unsolicited calls, emails and texts are not in your best interest.
4. The IRS, Sheriff's Office and most other institutions will never call you to pressure you for money. They will mail and or/email you first.
5. Never click on links emailed to you unless you know 100% they are legit. Phishing scams pretending to be Microsoft, Amazon, Geek Squad, Comcast, etc. are continuing. They send out millions of emails hoping

someone is foolish enough to click on them so they can take over your computer. AI will only make this worse.

6. If you have a landline, expect 99% of calls to be sales or scams. Beware, let it go to voicemail if you don't recognize the number and call back. If it's important they'll leave a message.
7. Elder Crime – In the US over 10% of folks over 65 years of age have been victims of elder abuse. We need to look out for elderly friends and neighbors. Are they still capable of using a computer/the web safely? Safeguarding their social security numbers and other info? Securing their financial records and who has access to them? Have a sibling, trusted friend/neighbor get involved to help prevent elder crime. At some point, power of attorney may be needed to have adult kids handle the finances. See elderjustice.gov for more information.

It was a great event, and we discussed much more. Reach out to other resources and get informed!



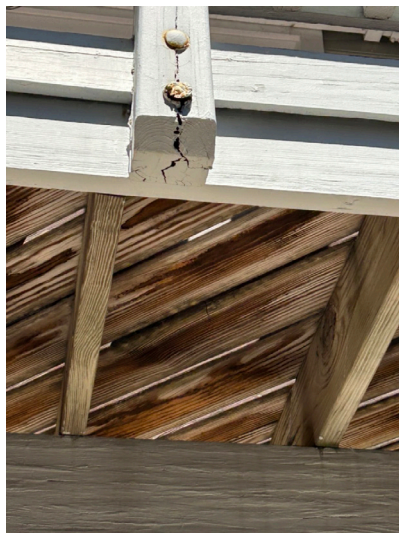
Architectural Review Board

Paul LaRuffa, Chair

SolaTubes Approved - The ARB approved by a 4-1 vote the application to install two SolaTube tubular skylights at 1109 Roundhouse Lane. The approval is contingent on obtaining a city building permit and verification of insurability. Thank you to everyone who emailed me comments or who attended the special ARB meeting on September 17th.

2025 Annual Home Inspections - The 2025 annual home inspections have been completed and violation notices emailed to owners. There were 73 properties with 93 violations this year. We also sent email reminders to several owners who still have not resolved their 2024 inspection violations. Please notify the ARB, preferably through HOALife, when repairs are completed so we can close out the violation.

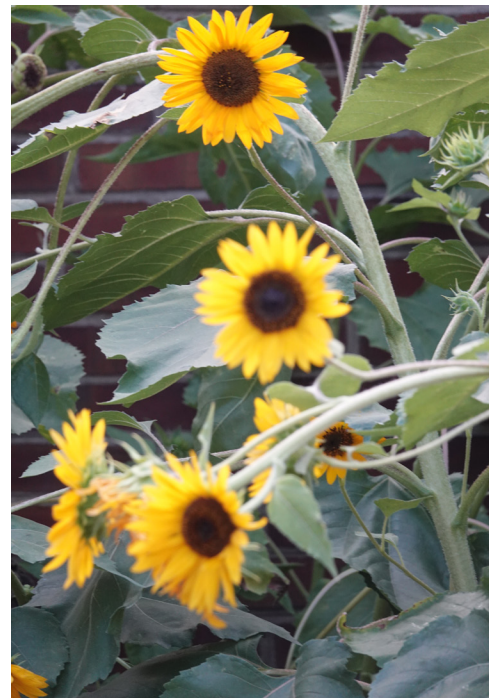
- Decks were by far the single biggest issue this year with 39 violations, 42% of the total. Following are some of the key problems we found.
- Many decks had numerous small cracks, known as checks, that form in wood as it loses moisture and dries out. These cracks are usually superficial and do not significantly compromise the structural integrity of the wood. However, minor cracks are unsightly and need to be sealed with an exterior grade wood filler to both maintain the appearance of the wood and to prevent further water penetration.
- We saw a fair number of decks with cracks in the support posts that extended through the width of the post – see picture below. These posts are likely structurally unsound and need to be replaced. The post pictured also has a badly corroded fastener which is another potential failure point.
- Several support beams had significant cracking and evidence of wood rot. These beams should be inspected by a qualified contractor to determine the proper remedy. In one case I'm aware of, the contractor has recommended that a second support beam be added.



- Many deck support beams had brown stains known as tannin bleed. To help prevent tannin bleed make sure your paint contractor uses a high-quality primer designed to block tannins, such as an oil-based or shellac-based primer, before applying the final topcoat.
- Deck repairs or installing composite flooring such as Trex do not require ARB approval. Full deck replacements do require ARB approval.

The members of the ARB are **Paul LaRuffa, Chair, Todd Moorman, and Jim Safran, Pam Verick, and George Shybut.**

Please reach out to us if you have any questions.



Finance

Tom Boudreau, OTVOA Treasurer

The OTVOA budget process for 2026 is going well. We have a draft budget that is balanced with no increase in fees slated for 2026. Committee budgets were funded at the requested levels, inclusive of the shared expenses and funding our reserves at the levels dictated by the 2024 reserve study. That said, please review the draft which was shared via email on Tuesday Sept 18. The board welcomes additional comments (please send to otvboard@gmail.com) prior or bring them to us in person at our October 16 board meeting. The general process is that we will produce a subsequent revision (if needed) and that revision is what will be approved at our OTVOA annual meeting on November 6, so please don't save your input until the last minute.



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

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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

Fall has officially arrived, and the trees are turning. I hope everyone enjoys the cooler weather.

Annual Budget - The Finance Committee has been working with Christie to develop the OTVCUOA's 2026 budget. A few final details are being worked out, then the Board will review and vote on the budget at a special meeting to be held on October 8th. The Budget is the only item that will be discussed that evening. The official notice of the Special Meeting should be in your in-box by the time you are reading this!

Annual Homeowners Meeting - We are just a month and a half away from our Annual Meeting, which is being held on November 18th. The Annual Homeowners' meeting will replace our normal November Board meeting. Details, the call for candidates, and proxies will be sent out in early October.

Glass Recycling - Thank you to everyone who responded to our survey about glass recycling. In total, 63 residents responded and provided insightful comments; more than 63% of the responses supported the glass recycling proposal. There were, however, concerns about the cost, the limited

space for the containers, and the very real potential for there to be broken glass around the containers. As a result, the Board tabled the proposal in its September meeting. We encourage all residents to recycle glass at nearby facilities. The closest glass recycling container is at the end of S. Royal Street; information about recycling is available in all of the building lobbies.

Please clean up after your pooch

- While this is not a major problem, dog waste was found in the picnic area at the end of Roundhouse Lane, by the trash enclosure. There is a **designated dog area** in the **northwest corner of the parking lot** at the **end of Roundhouse Lane** as well as another across from **Building 3**. Please do not let your dog relieve itself in an area where people go to eat or play. Thank you to our responsible dog owners!



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Don't Be Trashy!!!

Please neighbors, our trash enclosures are not a dumping ground for your unwanted items, as pictured below. Each building lobby has information about where your trash should be taken if it does not belong or does not fit into a trash or recycling receptacle.

Additionally, when you fail to break down your cardboard boxes, it becomes cumbersome, messy, and challenging to maneuver...especially when we get rain. Furthermore, your noncompliance translates to "It's someone else's job." If you need assistance, please ask! Cberuete@sentrymgt.com.





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.

Updated Directory

New Directories are here!

Condo residents who want a copy should email **Tim** at tim.mcgarvey@gmail.com



NextMeeting

OTVCUOA Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 21
6:30 pm, in the Roundhouse

All OTVCUOA residents are welcome to attend.

NextMeeting

OTVCUOA Finance Meeting
Wednesday, October 8
6:30 pm, in the Roundhouse

All OTVCUOA residents are welcome to attend.

NextMeeting

OTVCUOA Grounds Meeting
Wednesday, October 28
6:00 pm, in the Roundhouse

All OTVCUOA residents are welcome to attend.



**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!



OTVJoint Information

Management Committee

Old Town Village Owners Association

Old Town Condominium Unit Owners Association

Jim Safran, Chair

Following is an update on the **JMC's 2025** activities:

Roundhouse Front Door – Kastle Access System – We have experienced a significant amount of intermittent failures of the Kastle door security system since April 2025. Kastle has had 3-4 different technicians come to the RH to try to fix these problems. They have tried various things without success. A Kastle technician was on site on September 12, 2025. He made some changes to the Kastle equipment and system settings. We also arranged to have the RH front door closer adjusted consistent with the technician's request on September 15, 2025. The Kastle system was in full operation as of 1:20 PM on 9/15/25 – this is a "last chance" for Kastle to show us that their system can operate consistently. We have pricing and an installation timeframe to replace the Kastle system with a simple key pad system. We have secured authorization from both Boards of Directors to replace the Kastle system if it begins to malfunction again.

Pool Fence Repair – the pool fence needs repair and painting. The JMC is planning to repair the fence this Fall and then to have it painted before the pool opens in 2026. JMC member Dennis Seipp has made some repairs to the fence. We are grateful for Dennis's efforts!

2026 Projects – The JMC has started planning for several projects for 2026 in addition to the pool fence painting:

- Roundhouse (RH) Roof Repair – the RH roof needs repairs, maintenance and painting. Cheryl has done a great job soliciting pricing and warranty information for various project alternatives. The JMC will be developing an RFP for the repair, maintenance and repainting of the existing RH roof and solicit proposals.
- RH Carpet Replacement – the carpet in the RH lounge needs replacement. The JMC will review replacement alternatives for the lounge and stairway carpet.

Next Meeting

Management Committee

Tuesday, October 14

6:30 pm, in the Roundhouse

All Old Town Village community members are welcome to attend.



Activities

Marjorie Cole, Co-Chair

Autumn is officially here, and the Activities committee is ready with fun fall events!

Oktoberfest is on **Friday, October 17!** This is a specialty TGIF with the Activities Committee sponsoring the event and providing the sausages and our Oktoberfest Chef, **Dan McGuan**, once again preparing them. Come join us in eating them on Friday, October 17 at 6:30pm in the Roundhouse. Please contribute to this event by bringing a side dish or appetizer if your address ends in an odd number or a dessert if it ends in an even number. As with any TGIF, bring your own beverage.

First Friday TGIF is **October 3.** TGIFs are every **Friday** at **6:30pm** at the Roundhouse and an opportunity to informally socialize with other neighborhood residents. It is always BYOB and many choose to bring food to share - not a requirement, but if you do want to take part, be sure to bring something to share.

Be on the lookout for information about **Halloween** events, like pumpkin decorating and the annual neighborhood parade, sponsored by the **Young Families Group.**

Finally, many thanks to **Gail Bentkover** and her committee for all their work on the **Progressive dinner** in September. They did a lot of planning and there were a lot of moving parts, and we appreciate them!

Next Meeting

Activities Committee
Wednesday, October 8
5:00 pm, in the Roundhouse

All Old Town Village community members are welcome to attend.

WiFi at the Roundhouse



Name: OTVRH

Password: RoundHouse343

Young Families

Mina Wu, Chair

Halloween Decorating Party at the Roundhouse - Sunday, October 19 from 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Please RSVP by emailing Mina Wu (mina.kim213@gmail.com) with how many kids will attend before October 7 if you plan to attend so I can make sure to get enough supplies!

OTV Halloween Parade Sunday, October 26
at **4:00 pm**



Get your costumes ready for the annual OTV Halloween Parade! Any kids, pets, and adults who would like to join are welcome. We will be gathering at 4pm on Sunday, October 26 at the end of Roundhouse Lane by the far condo parking lot and making our way through the neighborhood. As always, we'd love to see the support of neighbors along the parade route so be sure to spread the word!

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

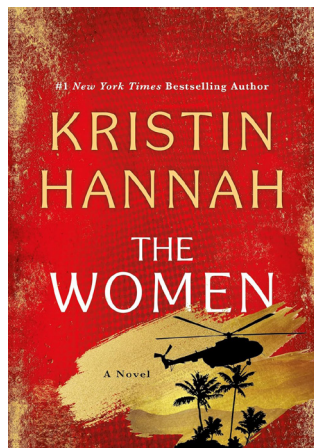
Hope to see you soon!





BookClub

Heidi Plott, Club Co-Chair



The book for September was *The Women* by Kristin Hannah. This historical fiction novel tells the story of Frances "Frankie" McGrath, a privileged young woman who volunteers for the Army Nurse Corps at the height of the Vietnam war, 1967/68. Thrust into the chaos of a combat hospital, the naive and inexperienced Frankie is quickly transformed into a skilled surgical nurse. She relies on the powerful bonds of friendship with her fellow nurses, Ethel and Barb, to cope with the immense trauma and daily devastation she witnesses. When Frankie returns to the U.S., she is met with anger and indifference from a country that wants to forget the war. Civilians often refuse to believe that women served in Vietnam, and she struggles with untreated PTSD and alcoholism, and is repeatedly denied help from the VA, which insists she was not in combat. After a breaking point, Frankie seeks treatment and begins her long road to recovery. And if all of that isn't enough, Frankie falls in love multiple times and must deal with additional death and betrayal. The novel explores her challenging experiences during the war and her difficult return to a divided, hostile America that largely ignores the sacrifices of its female veterans.

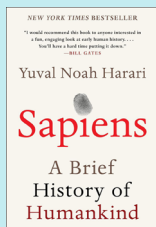
The group had a great discussion, often recounting our own relevant memories and experiences of the times. We found the chapters covering Frankie's time in the MASH units to be very authentic and particularly good at portraying the medical aspects and strong bonds of the women nurses. Many appreciated how the author's references to the counterculture and the popular music of the era (now known as classic rock) made the times come alive on the page. Some found the romantic plot lines too contrived and took up too much of the narrative. We agreed the author did a good job of raising issues about class and race divisions and how the era began a revolution of cynicism about the Federal government.

The group rated the book 4 out of 5 stars.



BookClub

The October meeting will be held on Thursday, October 9 at 7:00 pm in the Roundhouse.



The book for October is *Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind* by Yuval Noah Harari.

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.

2025 Reading List



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



1	Wednesday	17	Friday	Oktoberfest Condo & TH 6:30 pm
2	Thursday	18	Saturday	New Residents' Reception 5:00 PM
3	Friday	19	Sunday	First Friday TGIF Condo & TH 6:30 pm
4	Saturday	20	Monday	Volunteer Appreciation Event
5	Sunday	21	Tuesday	Mah Jong 1:30 pm OTVCUOA Board of Directors 6:30 pm
6	Monday	22	Wednesday	
7	Tuesday	23	Thursday	Mah Jong 1:30 pm
8	Wednesday	24	Friday	Activities 5:00 pm OTVCUOA Finance 6:30 pm
9	Thursday	25	Saturday	Book Club
10	Friday	26	Sunday	TGIF Condo & TH 6:30 pm
11	Saturday	27	Monday	
12	Sunday	28	Tuesday	Mah Jong 1:30 pm OTVCUOA Grounds 6:30 pm
13	Monday	29	Wednesday	
14	Tuesday	30	Thursday	Mah Jong 1:30 pm Management 6:30 pm
15	Wednesday	31	Friday	TGIF Condo & TH 6:30 pm
16	Thursday	OTVOA Board Meeting		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
11/6 - OTVOA Annual Meeting
11/30 - Roundhouse Holiday Decorating
12/5 - OTV Holiday Party
12/7 - Kids Holiday Party
12/12 - Santa 4 Seniors

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END Notes

FALL Cemetery Clean-up Day

**Join Us and Have Fun
With Your Neighbors!**

The annual Fall Cemetery Cleanup will happen on Saturday, October 4th from 9:00AM to 11AM. OTV volunteers should meet at the corner of Wilkes and Hamilton Street at 9:00AM for sign-up (this intersection is inside the cemetery complex)

Please pass this information to anyone you believe may want to assist!

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

OTV will be working alongside partners from the neighborhood, Christ Church, and Trinity United parishes.

OTV will be focusing on the Douglas cemetery, which is directly behind 1404 Roundhouse, and most of the work will be clearing out wood debris, dead plants, ivy and trash. We will also lay mulch along the path from OTV parking to Jameson St.

Water bottles and garbage bags will be provided.

It is recommended you wear long sleeve shirt, long pants, comfortable shoes, sun protective hat, and working gloves. There is a ditch and some poison ivy to be protected from, as well as pulling grass weeds and wood out with your hands, work gloves are recommended.

Bring these tools if you have them:

Shovels, Pitch Forks, Rakes, Hedge Trimmers, Pruning Shears, Hand Saws

Specifically, to complete the trail mulching, I will need someone with a truck, 2 pitch forks, and one extra helper to assist. Please let me know if you can assist with this!

The impact OTV has made over the last 18 years in maintaining these abandoned cemeteries can not be overstated. Please pass on to anyone who may be interested in volunteering to help.

Contact: Tim McGarvey

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Old Town Village

Oktoberfest



Friday, October 17, 2025
6:30 pm

The Activities Committee will provide brats and rolls

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

Dan McGuan will be our chef

Bring your own beverage



OTV Doggie Pool Party



From AquaFit to AquaSmitten!

Dana Williams

The **2025 AquaFit program** by **Sandy** was a success! It was a 45-minute class at 11:00 am on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday (weather permitting of course!). Sandy offers reasonably priced session packages as well as individual walk-in rates. She brings her best work-out playlist as well as her best “adult water workout toys”! These included resistance boards, paddles, clubs, noodles, belts, and gloves available for both group and individual workouts.

The workouts were both vigorous and fun! Neighbors from all sides of the tracks (big homes, townhouses, and condos) engaged in the class from week to week. There were regulars and newbies and even onlookers, who probably will join in the fun in 2026! We worked out, we chatted, we laughed, we planned, we learned, and we of course, complained, too! It was everything a community pool adult summer program should be ... and then some! Water shoes are required—get some on sale at Summer’s end and be ready for 2026!

I, for one, am now both
AquaFit and **AQUASMITTEN!**





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Saturday, October 18, 2025, 10 AM - 4 PM

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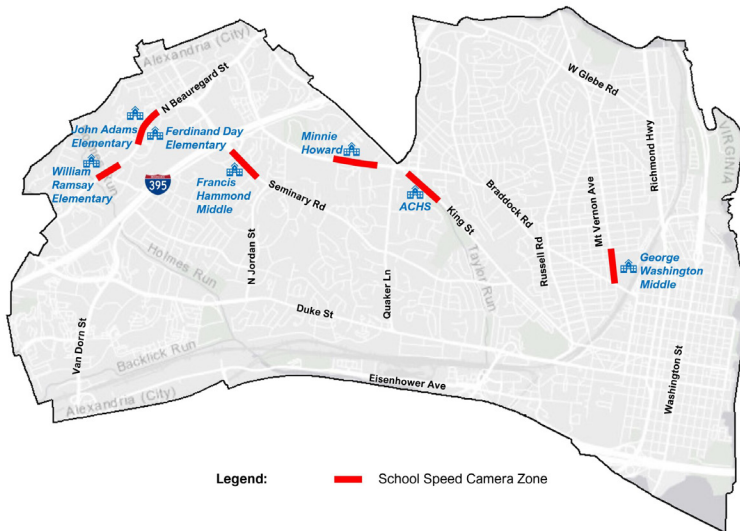


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Alexandria, Virginia

Alexandria expands school zone speed camera program to 6 locations

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School Zone Speed Camera Program to Expand in 2025-26 School Year (Credit: City of Alexandria)

Alexandria will add three new school zone speed camera locations this fall, bringing the total number of monitored zones to six as the city works toward its Vision Zero goal of eliminating fatal and severe crashes by 2028.

The new cameras were installed at Alexandria City High School's King Street campus on King Street between Quaker Lane and Scroggins Road, the school's Minnie Howard campus on Braddock Road between Marlee Way and Marlboro Drive, and William Ramsay Elementary School on North Beauregard Street between North Morgan Street and Roanoke Avenue.

The cameras will begin a 30-day warning period Monday and will start issuing citations Nov. 3, according to the city's website updated Wednesday.

Three existing camera locations will continue operating at Francis Hammond Middle School on Seminary Road, John Adams Elementary and Ferdinand T. Day Elementary schools on North Beauregard Street, and George Washington Middle School on Mount Vernon Avenue.

Alexandria City Council approved the speed camera program as part of the fiscal year 2023 budget. The city selected locations using data on crash history, traffic volumes, vehicle speeds, and student demographics, working with Alexandria City Public Schools, police, and transportation officials.

Each school zone spans approximately one-quarter mile and has a 15 mph speed limit when school signs are flashing. The cameras will also enforce midday speed limits at both Alexandria City High School campuses during student transitions between locations.

Speed cameras can reduce crashes by more than 50%, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation. The automated enforcement allows police to focus resources on other priorities while providing better citywide coverage, city officials said.

Violations are not considered moving violations and do not add points to driving records or affect insurance rates. Citations carry a maximum fine of \$100 under state law and are mailed to vehicle owners after a sworn officer reviews violations captured by radar technology.

Clear signage and flashing beacons notify drivers when they enter speed camera zones and when cameras are active.

Alexandria joins Arlington County, Fairfax County, and the City of Fairfax in implementing speed cameras after Virginia authorized their use in school zones and work zones in 2020.

More information about Alexandria's speed camera program is available at alexandriava.gov/go/3785.

New locations

- Alexandria City High School – King Street Campus (King Street, between Quaker Lane and Scroggins Road)
- Alexandria City High School – Minnie Howard Campus (Braddock Road, between Marlee Way and Marlboro Drive)
- William Ramsay Elementary School – North Beauregard Street, between North Morgan Street and Roanoke Avenue

Existing locations

- Francis Hammond Middle School – Seminary Road, between Kenmore Avenue and North Jordan Street
- John Adams Elementary School and Ferdinand T. Day Elementary School – North Beauregard Street, between North Highview Lane and Reading Avenue
- George Washington Middle School – Mount Vernon Avenue, between Braddock Road and Luray Avenue