



Mark Your Calendar

SEPTEMBER

Every Thursday - Old Town North Farmers Market, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Montgomery Park, 901 N. Royal Street. <https://oldtownnorth.org/farmers-market/>

7 - Prohibition in Alexandria Walking Tour, 10 a.m. Lee-Fendall House Museum & Gardens, 614 Oronoco Street. www.leefendallhouse.org

11 - Alexandria's North Old Town Walking Tour: 400 Years of History, 10 a.m. Meet at Pendleton and N. Union Street. Contact Mike Kenny at GITRMsG@gmail.com to register.

14 - The General's Tour: Robert E. Lee in Alexandria, 10 a.m. Lee-Fendall House Museum & Gardens, 614 Oronoco Street. www.leefendallhouse.org

19 - A Taste of Old Town North, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. - a free community event featuring food samples from neighborhood restaurants, concerts, wellness demonstrations, and participatory art. Montgomery Park. <https://oldtownnorth.org>

23 - Fall classes begin at The Art League School- Madison Annex 305 Madison Street. www.theartleague.org


26 - NOTICE meeting: North Old Town - New Town, Old Town. 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Open to all! ARHA Community Room, 401 Wythe Street. www.notice-alexandria.org

28 - War of 1812 Walking Tour, 10 a.m. Downton Abbey: The Movie Release Party, 1 p.m. Lee-Fendall House Museum & Gardens, 614 Oronoco Street. www.leefendallhouse.org

OCTOBER

Daily through November 24 - The New Woman: Life in Progressive Era Alexandria 1890-1920. Lee-Fendall House Museum & Gardens, 614 Oronoco Street. www.leefendallhouse.org

5 and 12 - Alexandria's North Old Town Walking Tour: 400 Years of History, 10 a.m. Meet at Pendleton and N. Union Street. Contact Mike Kenny at GITRMsG@gmail.com to register.

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Message from Mary Harris, President of NOTICE END OF SUMMER IN NORTH OLD TOWN!

Summer's almost over. North Old Town has been buzzing since May. There's so much to do and enjoy, especially along our Waterfront.

Our May NOTICE members' meeting at Alexandria House attracted over 50 people for a beautiful presentation of the history, ecology, and plans for our Potomac River Waterfront and the Mount Vernon Trail. Thanks to Dean Naujoks, the Potomac Riverkeeper; Erik Olson for River ReNew; Ben Skolnik of Alexandria Archeology; and Christa Watters, Waterfront Commission member.

This summer, NOTICE members took action to ensure that Oronoco Bay Park remains open and undisturbed during the tunnel construction, scheduled to begin this Fall, to stop sewage run off into the Bay. We can report that River ReNew and the City have come to an agreement with Robinson Terminal North developers to use the Terminal site for construction staging - keeping Oronoco Bay Park open for the enjoyment of all. This is a big win for the neighborhood.

Beautiful Oronoco Bay Park is also the starting point for NOTICE Treasurer Mike Kenny's North Old Town History Walking Tour. Tours meet at the intersection of Pendleton Street and North Union Street. Contact Mike Kenny at GITRMsG@gmail.com to register. The next tour is scheduled for September 11. You don't want to miss it!



The Old Town North Small Area Plan envisions over 1,000 new residents in our area in the coming years. We want to welcome all our new neighbors including our newest Gables residents and shops on Montgomery Street.

Come join your friends and neighbors at North Old Town's weekly Happy Hours at the following North Old Town eateries. Check their websites for updates and details:

Café 44, Hank's Pasta Bar, Sunday in Saigon, T.J. Stone's, Zento Japanese Restaurant

In August, one of our new neighbors, Jim Lewis, volunteered and joined the NOTICE Board. Jim lives at the Port Royal, works in D.C., and is Vice Chair of Alexandria's Traffic and Parking Board. Welcome, Jim!

We would love for you to participate in NOTICE, too. We need your help. NOTICE needs volunteers for communications and outreach, organizing neighborhood events and outings, and serving on the NOTICE Board. We encourage you to get involved in continuing to make our neighborhood a great place to live, work, and play! Join us at the September 26th NOTICE meeting and volunteer.

As always, our September meeting is OPEN TO EVERYONE. City officials will join us at ARHA Community Room, 401 Wythe Street, for a discussion of *North Old Town: New Town, Old Town!*

We look forward to seeing you there on September 26!



Huge Sewer Tunnel to Proceed; Oronoco Bay Park Spared *Erik Olson*

The Alexandria City Council and Planning Commission have approved the city's project to address the periodic overflow of combined sewer into the Potomac and local streams. Construction is slated to begin in late 2020, including boring a tunnel over 100 feet below the surface.

The plan as approved will **not** use a portion of Oronoco Bay Park as a construction staging area, as was previously considered. NOTICe has been actively engaged in the planning of the project and has been supportive of addressing the combined sewer problem, but lodged strong objections to using the park as a staging area. Instead of using the park, the underground infrastructure and equipment used during construction will be located on the site of the Robinson Terminal North warehouses at Pendleton and North Union Street.

Some residents of the Tobacco Quay community have expressed concerns about how contaminated soil dug up under the Robinson Terminal North site will be handled as it is removed and trucked to a landfill, likely in central Virginia. AlexRenew and its consultants have tested and evaluated the soils and found the contamination levels to be below thresholds considered hazardous, and has committed to careful handling, monitoring, and removal of any contaminated soil.

The National Park Service, which oversees the riverbed under which some of the tunnel will be bored, has preliminarily found that the project will have no significant environmental impact and will not damage historical or cultural resources.

What Can We Do To Cool Off?

Hint: We Need Trees

Preserving, planting, and giving trees space to grow cools off urban areas and lessens the risk of floods. Data shows a mature, well-managed "urban forest" with over-arching canopy creates a "sense of space" and well-being, and gets the highest consumer ratings: assessed property values are 10-20% higher if near a park; there is a 7% increase in rental rates when an office building has quality landscaping, is aesthetically pleasing, and has shade. For economic, environmental, and health reasons, preserving trees and open space is important.

With all the new construction in North Old Town, it is important to consider the amount and type of tree-filled urban space included in site plans. NOTICe encourages you to attend meetings about development and get involved when plans are in the early stage. Join NOTICe to learn about upcoming developments, and come to our public meetings.

NOTICe is for you

We Inquire: *Staying connected with changes and issues that affect North Old Town.*

We Inform: *Circulate information to our members through newsletters and circulars, email and our website.*

We Are Open: *Welcoming varying views of our role in North Old Town.*

We Discuss: *Remaining involved in finding alternative solutions and being tolerant of our neighbor's perspectives.*

We Meet: *Membership meeting three times a year, and a winter party.*

Insights On Sites

- **Crowne Plaza** and **Old Colony** hotels have closed. Townhouses and condominiums are planned for the Crowne Plaza site; townhouses are proposed for the Old Colony site.
- **Oak Steakhouse**, **The Shade Store**, **Virginia ABC**, and **Row House** are now open at the Edens/Gables building.
- TCR (Trammell Crow Residential) has purchased the **WMATA Bus Barn** at 600 N. Royal Street and is mobilizing for construction of a 287 unit multi-family building.
- The owner of the **Robinson Terminal North** site on North Union Street has submitted a new site plan for townhouses.
- **Old Town North Farmers Market** is circulating a petition to support a weekly Saturday market in addition to the current Thursday market at 901 N. Royal Street (Montgomery Park). The Farmers Market is also seeking permission to become a **Compost Drop Off** site. Petitions will be available to sign at the community table on Thursdays.

Membership - Join NOTICe

Single \$15, Family \$25, Sponsor \$50, Angel \$150+

NOTICe is a 501-C3 organization. Dues are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law.

NAME: _____

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Mail this form and payment to:

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5 - TEDxOronocoBayPark, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Locally organized TED Talk videos and live speakers. Tickets on sale September 6. Mary Gates Learning Center, United Way Worldwide. <https://www.tedxoronocobaypark.com/>

25 and 26 - Grief and Ghost Tours, 7:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m. Lee-Fendall House Museum & Gardens, 614 Oronoco Street. www.leefendallhouse.org

NOVEMBER

1 and 2 - Grief and Ghost Tours, 7:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m. Lee-Fendall House Museum & Gardens, 614 Oronoco Street. www.leefendallhouse.org

7 to 10 - Alexandria Film Festival. Multiple times & locations. www.alexfilmfest.com

14 - NOTICe Annual Meeting and Election 7 p.m. ARHA Community Room, 401 Wythe Street. www.notice-alexandria.org

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