

FALL 2022

TAKE NOTICE

North Old Town Independent Civic Association Newsletter

Dear Neighbors

BY MACE CARPENTER, PRESIDENT

I hope everyone had a great summer and is looking toward a nice fall. It has been an active summer for many of us and autumn appears to be just as busy.

The city continues approving double density development with affordable housing and arts building bonuses. In addition to the power plant, we expect Montgomery Center, Tide Lock, and 901 North Pitt demolition/rebuilding in the next year. Please stay engaged for the opportunities that the new developments present.

Our calendar for the fall includes the annual meeting on November. We have retiring board members and I am soliciting new NOTICE members for our board. Eleanor has been our top-notch environmental expert and she will certainly be missed. Karen is also retiring! She performed perfectly as our treasurer and adroitly led membership efforts. Both leaders will be sorely missed.

To improve our outreach, Melissa is developing a contact list for all HOAs and apartment complexes in North Old Town. If you have time, please forward your organizational contact information to us at notice.communications@gmail.com

Time to Renew Your Membership!

NOTICE Membership for the 2021-2022 fiscal year expires October 31, 2022. It's time for members to pay their annual dues to keep their membership current for the upcoming year.

It is important that your membership is in good standing so that you can participate in Board Elections at the Annual Meeting on November 15. Membership benefits include: notification of association meetings; receipt of information about issues relating to Old Town North Alexandria; the right to vote on issues and nominations brought before NOTICE meetings; eligibility for nomination to the NOTICE Board; and availability of NOTICE as an educational and informational resource for individuals, local resident associations, and businesses.

Please note that although we talked about implementing automatic renewal of memberships on our payment portal, NOTICE will NOT be doing any automatic renewals this year and all renewals must be initiated this fall by the members.

Use this [LINK](#) to renew your membership today! It's easy – join now and support your neighborhood civic association!

Thanks for your support!

NOTICe Annual Member Meeting

BY MARY HARRIS, SECRETARY

It's high time we all get together again! I hope you plan to join the fun, meet new neighbors and connect with old friends on **Tuesday November 15h** at **The Gables** for our Annual Membership Meeting.

We'll have social hour refreshments before the meeting begins. After, we will hear from Special Guest Speaker **James Lewis**, NOTICe Member and Chair of the Alexandria Parking and Traffic Board.

Additional program details will be available in the coming weeks, but you don't want to miss out on the fun!

Current paid members will vote for the neighborhood civic association Board of Directors so be sure to renew your membership and support NOTICe with your annual dues at <http://www.notice-alexandria.org>

The current slate of 2023 NOTICe Board Candidates is:

Sumrein Ali, lives in Marina Towers
Agnes Artemel (emeritus), lives in Rivergate
Mace Carpenter, lives in Rivergate
Kathryn Condello lives in Alexandria House
Mary Harris, lives in Marina Towers
Steve Kreutter, lives in Liberty Row
Melissa Kuennen, lives in The Gables
Margaret Townsend, OTNCP President and owner of River's Edge Yoga.

Mega thanks to retiring NOTICe Board Members **Karen Branding** and **Eleanor Quigley**!

Interested in joining the Board of Directors? Reach out to us at notice.communications@gmail.com.





OTN History Walking Tours with Mike Kenny

BY MARY HARRIS, SECRETARY

NOTICE former Treasurer and Alexandria House resident, Mike Kenny, offered his popular Old Town North history tours in September and October for NOTICE neighbors. Mike's tours bring history to life in the Alexandria Seaport waterfront and along the route of the historic Alexandria Canal. We caught up with Mike and history walkers on October 8 at Canal Center on their way to learn about Virginia Knapper and her family in the post Civil War Cross Canal neighborhood.

Mike's next tour is scheduled for Encore Learning members on Monday, November 7, 10-12 pm. Visit Encore Learning to join the tour - it's wonderful. Thank you Mike!

HOA Directory

BY MELISSA KUENNEN, BOARD MEMBER

NOTICE is working hard to collect information from all communities in Old Town North to help spread the word about developments and activities in our neighborhood. And we need your help!

If you are a member of an HOA or live in an apartment complex, please send us the contact information for your President or Community Manager so we can introduce ourselves and make sure all residents are informed of current developments.

Not a member of an HOA? Share this newsletter and the NOTICE website with a neighbor or someone who isn't a member and encourage them to join!



Alexandria Climate Change Action

BY MARY HARRIS, SECRETARY

Alexandria's Energy and Climate Change Task Force is finalizing an Action Plan to implement specific climate mitigation and adaptation measures in the City with an emphasis on equity and inclusion and protecting Alexandria's natural resources and infrastructure. The Plan will be presented to the City Council in November. You can read about the impact on Alexandria of climate change and comment on the recommended Action steps [HERE](#).

In a related effort, Governor Youngkin is working to remove Virginia from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), a cap and trade program aiming to cut greenhouse gas emissions from power plants. Eleven states are part of the market based initiative that has led to significant emission reductions in the Mid Atlantic region. A public comment period on the repeal is open until October 26.

Since Virginia joined RGGI last year, program revenues have funded \$10M in Northern Virginia climate resilience projects, such as bigger stormwater pipes to prevent flooding and retrofitting low-income residents' homes to make them more energy efficient.

The City of Alexandria is the biggest recipient of RGGI flood prevention funding to-date, including a redesign of the Old Town waterfront to protect the neighborhood from sea-level rise. If you'd like to add a public comment on the repeal of RGGI you can do so here until October 26, 2022.

Congratulations and Thanks to our NOTICE Members in Action

Shout out to all our neighborhood volunteers! Please tell us more about what you're doing. Here's how some NOTICE members are spending their valuable time making Old Town North and Alexandria a great place to live, work and play:

Sumrein Ali serves on the Alexandria Arts Commission

Agnes Artemel is newly appointed to the Alexandria Waterfront Commission

Katherine Bingler and Tom Soapes serve on the OTN Urban Design Advisory Committee (UDAC)

Karen Branding is active with the Old Presbyterian Meeting House and serves on the Virginia State Finance Committee of P.E.O. International Philanthropy

Mace Carpenter and Erik Olson serve on the River Renew Stakeholder Committee - learn what's happening at Oronoco Bay waterfront!

Martha Harris serves on the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission and the Open Space Steering Committee

Mary Harris co chairs the Alexandria Energy and Climate Change Task Force and is on the Agenda Alexandria board

Nicole Heckman serves on the Alexandria Environmental Policy Commission

Ann Kaupp edits the Alexandria Historical Society periodical

Mike Kenny leads Old Town North History Walking Tours

Melissa Kuennen member of the Potomac Yards Design Advisory Committee

Penny Laporte and friends lend their voices to Encore Creativity's Encore Rocks Alexandria choral group

James Lewis chairs the Alexandria Traffic and Parking Board

Jan Macidull serves on the Alexandria Commission on Aging

Margaret Townsend leads the Old Town North Community Partnership, Taste of Old Town North and The Farmers Market at Montgomery Park

Eleanor Quigley serves on the Alexandria Beautification Commission

Trevor Riley Fun events & Happy Hour aficionado, manages social media and Newsletters for NOTICE.

Thank you to everyone serving on your Homeowner and Condo boards and committees (so important!) and giving back to Alexandria!