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Her Roots in the Piedmont Area Reach Deep to an 18th Century Clergyman: Town Council Candidate Patty Pratt Talks Family, Faith, and Warrenton



by Warrenton: The Flyer Staff

I feel that a tug of family roots brought me to this area, albeit on a very circular path. Born in Florida -- Seminole County, where the primary crops are citrus and celery -- I never planned to make Warrenton my home.

Early in life, I had a vague knowledge of Virginia because during my childhood and youth, family vacations were often at Camp Highroad along the northern side of Middleburg or at my Uncle David's nearby farm. That was my first brush with the Piedmont region. Not until after several decades of work and adventure would I return in earnest.

The early 2000's found me looking for a good place to start my career in Ocean Remote Sensing. I chose Virginia because of its strength in technology and research. With my three young children in tow, and a plan to pursue, I dug in. But 18 months later, I was offered a job too good to pass up in Redondo Beach, California. I stayed there for 13 years. My connection to the Piedmont region, however, was never farther than family picture albums and my recollection of family stories. My father's ancestors, for generations back, originated in the Piedmont. And now, it seems I have made a **full circle** back to my great grandfather.

In 2017, my uncle Reverend John David Pratt (David) became a resident at the Villa at Suffield Meadows here in Warrenton. I flew in from California to visit him. But he cried the whole day because the doctor had said he could not drive.

"Where do you want to drive to, Uncle David?" I asked, fighting back my own tears. "I want to go to church on Sunday," he said, "the Methodist Church on Church Street."

This small dialogue is etched in my memory, since my reply to him changed my life forever: "I am going to move here, Uncle David, and take you to church every Sunday."

I flew back to California, wrapped up my work and personal affairs, and bought my Warrenton house sight-unseen. The only thing I knew about this charming little town was that it was where Uncle David lived. Thus began the journey back to my

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More Details on Amazon Data Center Project Come Out:

The Case for Keeping the Open and Transparent Commission GOING + FUNDED!

By Percy Dunagin

Some recent reporting has suggested that the Town's Commission on Open and Transparent Government has been a waste of money and time, especially since they have yet to produce anything. However, the Commission did in fact release three documents on August 12, 2026, which bear some attention. You can view these documents by going to the blog for this news outlet (wpac.blog).

The three documents are: (1) A detailed timeline of the Amazon data center project, (2) a report, drawn from the timeline, covering potential process and ethics considerations related to the Amazon matter, and (3) a transcript of the exchange with Mr Jay Reinke, the Amazon representative, with Town Council members during the January 10, 2023 Town Council work session.

The timeline, a 16-page document, is very informative as background to remind everyone what has happened (from 2007 to

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‹‹‹ The drawing of a **popular wedding venue** inside the **History Museum at The Old Jail** pictured on the left is part of a series of drawings by a local resident, Christopher Lambert. He draws mainly for fun, though you can find his work for sale in local shops. You may have encountered him locally drawing pictures of people's pets. He doesn't charge for them, he uses drawing as a way to connect to people. Currently his drawings are hanging in **Frame Craft at 64 Main Street where you can purchase a calendar** with those drawings or the original drawings.



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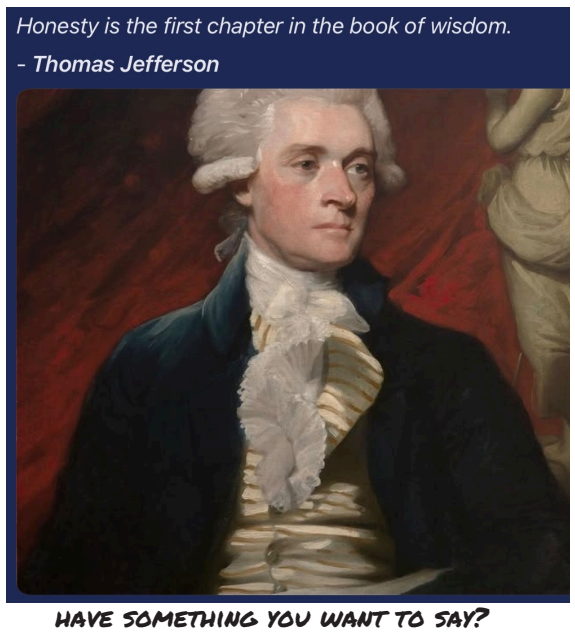




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What Do Town Councils Do?

By Sue J. Lowe

Maybe you, too, wonder what happens at a Town Council meeting. I decided to find out. First, I researched the basics: location (21 Main St.), day (second Tuesday each month), and time (6:30 pm). With that information on my calendar, however, I dragged my heels. Time passed as I transferred the info from one calendar month to the next.

Procrastination was about to morph into 'just forget it' when high-powered motivation hit me! It came in the form of a very strange news item out of Texas (TheBlaze.com, "A Huge Pagan Statue..." August 15, 2026). A fifty-foot tall bronze cast statue of pagan deity Prometheus is nearly complete adjacent to Starbase (SpaceX's rocket launch and development site). Stranger still, the thing was created in a town near Paris, France, by the group Atelier Missor founded by Missor Movahhed Ghaleh Nouri and Massoud Movahhed Ghaleh Nouri in 2021. They transported Prometheus piecemeal to its home a few miles from downtown Brownsville -- the southernmost city in Texas bordering the Rio Grande -- and assembled the pieces. Interesting.

Surely, experts have considered the potential surveillance-type security risk so close to Elon Musk's Starbase? Surely, the Brownsville town council debated whether Prometheus mixes well with Texan mores? Or, what if the townspeople had no say in the matter? I began to research ordinances, lawsuits, public outcry. Then it all got too complicated for me. And yet, the haunting image of giant pagan statues peering into the Warrenton Training Center bothered me so much that I almost attended a Town Council meeting.

It took one more news item before I got worried enough to go to the meeting at 21 Main St. I read that the town council of Danbury CT voted to amend an ordinance so that two categories of illegal aliens are now eligible to become policemen (TheGatewayPundit.com, "Shocker: ...Danbury votes to put noncitizens..." Sept. 6, 2026)

Determined to find out how -- or if -- I might have a voice in governance of the little town of Warrenton, I finally went to a Town Council meeting. On Tuesday, September 8, I sat quietly in the back row for 3 entire hours and observed the proceedings. I learned many things and did not fall asleep.

1. An invocation asking for God's gracious guidance can last a very, very long time -- even longer than the time it took to vote on an ordinance regarding E-bikes coming at me on the sidewalk.
Lesson Learned: Be patient. This too shall pass.
2. If I had wanted to critique the 'new Main Street', I was out of luck. A procedure for making comments and suggestions exists, but participating in it requires some homework.
Lesson Learned: Study the Town Council website (WarrentonVA.gov) and try to figure out the protocol for constructive input.
3. If installing a 50-foot pagan statue ever reached ordinance-stage, you might not even notice. It has something to do with aversion therapy: controversial topics are written in disappearing ink surrounded by gas light. Lesson Learned: Wrap up satire while you're ahead.

I have many more observations to share about my first visit to a Town Council meeting, but here is my advice to other newbies: Remember Proverbs 27:17 "Iron sharpeneth iron" and don't let Roberts Rules of Order muzzle a sharp tongue just so people achieve a pretend Kum Ba Ya.

My grassroots conclusion? Some landscape companies practice 'do your best and mulch the rest' but others actually do a good job.

The 'Phone in the Elevator' Snafu: When Copper Landlines Disappear, 'How' Ya Gonna Call?



Our New Town Manager Is Doing a Thorough Investigation

By Staff of Warrenton: The Flyer

Imagine this: Verizon discontinues copper-based landline services, but what about emergency landline phones that might still be running over old copper networks? Will any of those be overlooked? Just a little clerical error -- sorry, we didn't know about that one?

For example, all elevators must have an emergency phone that is independent of the elevator's power source. If that phone is not operational, the elevator no longer complies with state, county, and local safety codes. But maybe some elevators still have phones running over copper.

Here's some local proactive work being done to ward off a 'phone in the elevator' snafu.

The office manager of the Warrenton Presbyterian Church heard about Verizon's plans to stop servicing copper-based installations if they have a reliable alternative. The church switched from Verizon to Comcast a couple of years ago and the former landlines now come into a modem. So the issue did not apply to the church. But she brought it up at the church's annual elevator inspection just to ask inspectors what was being done for folks who have landline service to their elevators. Citizens are concerned and doing what they can to help each other understand what's going on.

Warrenton's new Town Manager, Judson Rex, is also concerned that none of the elevators in Warrenton, business or residential, should be inadvertently without emergency phone service. He and a team of building inspectors have taken on the project of identifying the address of each and every elevator in town. They will leave no elevator unturned, so to speak! The type of phone service at each elevator will be analyzed. Basically, at least in Warrenton, it is safe to assume that the town experts have this one under control.

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roots in the Piedmont.

I had seven Great Uncles, one Great Aunt and a grandmother who trace back to my Great Grandfather Reverend



Top: Family handprints on clay plate (Patty = green, older son = blue younger son = purple & daughter = yellow, 2005)
Large Oval: Emma Virginia Bishop Giles
Bottom: Patty in the early 2000s
Left Oval: Rev.John Franklin Giles

John Franklin Giles, so our family reunions were huge. We would take up the entire conference center plus lodge at Camp Highroad. He was a circuit rider for the Methodist Church and served rural farm towns. Back in the late 1800's your church might not hold Sunday service but, instead, wait for the clergy to ride into town. Upon his arrival, the church bell would ring -- the signal for farmers and kids to finish work early and be at church that evening.

According to family stories, Reverend Giles followed the Great Wagon Trail in the Piedmont region and likely frequented Rogues Road. I recently found out that he met his bride, Emma Virginia Bishop Giles, in Little Washington. For sure, he would have provisioned in Warrenton!

My Great Granny Emma died in 1969, when she was 88 years old. Her children were still quite young when her husband (Reverend J.F. Giles) passed. But she was a strong pioneering woman who survived by learning to sew. She and her daughter Margaret Grace Giles Pratt (my grandmother) made a living sewing custom home decor. My aunt later would teach me that skill set, and I have sewn thousands of pieces for people over the years. Granny Maggie earned a Bachelor's degree in Education, as did my maternal grandmother in the 1930's.

Despite struggles and challenges, I have used my education (Bachelor's in Fine Arts and teaching credentials plus Master's in Ocean Remote Sensing, followed by three years with a NASA Fellowship studying Theoretical Optics) to thrive no matter what happens in life. Granny Maggie used to say that life is what happens while you're busy making other plans. And that's exactly how I circled back to my ancestors' roots.

One of the greatest joys in my life was taking Uncle David to church on Sundays during his final three years. He is buried in the Eco-Eternity Forest at Camp Highroad. He was the family thread that drew me to Warrenton. When I finally walked through the door of my own house, it was like my life-long dream coming true. I especially like that it happened organically.

To the extent that I had had a plan for making a home, it was to return to Florida and buy a house built circa 1913 by the founder of small-town Longwood. My maternal grandmother lived there, not far from where I grew up. My father had the old hotel in town for a while. His office was in the former schoolhouse and firehouse.

Today, the charm of Longwood, Florida, is gone. It doesn't really have a genuine main street anymore. Relics of the old buildings are visible here and there. In Warrenton, however, we still have a chance to retain the charm and character of Old Town. As Town Council Member At Large with roots in a small agricultural county and rural town, I will work hard to preserve Warrenton's small-town charm. Vote for me on or before November 3.

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Case for Transparency Commission (continued)

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How did this unpopular deal unfold? Do Tell!



present). It was compiled from Town records, FOIA releases, meeting minutes, correspondence, contemporaneous news reporting, court opinions, and Commission analysis. Each entry carries a footnote with a short excerpt from its source. This factual account of events is a potent reminder to all interested in the Amazon matter that this is not a "nothing-burger" but a complex series of events involving many players, some of whom would rather forget (or obscure) the past.

The second document is a product of the Commission, something substantive that we would expect to justify their existence. The report identifies specific provisions of the Town of Warrenton Code of Ethics, the Town Council Handbook, and the Code of Virginia that may bear on the process followed at each stage, together with a brief, non-accusatory justification for why each provision is potentially relevant to the documented facts. This report (Commission update) does not conclude that any law, ordinance, or ethical standard was violated, but merely states that certain provisions are potentially relevant; to identify a breach of ethics, more fact-finding would be necessary, that are beyond the current scope of the Commission. Finally, the third document, the partial transcript of a Town Council working session conversation with Mr Jay Reinke of Amazon Services, was released as one example of the reason the Commission found that there are potential ethical issues. This transcript (see wpac.blog) is enlightening because it may shed light on the internal decision making of Amazon to purchase the land for the data center. As the records indicate, Amazon purchased the land on 9/27/21, which was long before they had secured the necessary SUP (special use permit) to build a data center. The council members (McGuire and Semple specifically) asked about the "business need" Amazon had for building in Warrenton. Mr Reinke declined to explain that, instead stating that it was "a business decision." In a follow up question, Mr Semple asked specifically "why did Amazon decide to go ahead and purchase the land before knowing the SUP was even approved?" Mr Reinke answered by claiming the purchase was a "business risk," especially given that they paid 10 times its value. This clearly raised the eyebrows of Mr Semple, who pressed on to ask why Amazon would purchase land in a small town that required an SUP, when other land options in northern Virginia (not requiring an SUP) existed. This evoked a curious response, one that requires the reader to use their common sense, human intuition and experience in evaluating the true meaning. Here it goes: **REINKE** – "We understood that there was a..we had rumors out there was a phenomenal Town Council to deal with, that made it attractive, partly, um, I say that tongue in cheek. It was..there are business needs at times to move quickly— **M**R SEMPLE attempts to clarify by interrupting – "Excuse me, you said a phenomenal Town Council?" **REINKE:** Yea, I was trying to give you a compliment, but.. **SEMPLE:** Why was the Town Council "phenomenal?" **REINKE:** It..was tongue in cheek..purely tongue in cheek ...yea. Purely a business decision to be here in this area.

I provided the actual transcript here so that you, the reader, can see for yourself what to make of this exchange. Some might interpret this to mean that Amazon had a legitimate business decision making process that we are not privy to, and that we should leave it at that. No foul play. But others might read this conversation as the attempt by Mr Reinke to first suggest (perhaps jokingly) that Amazon was assured of a Town Council that would be favorable to approving the SUP (which did in fact occur the next month in February 2023); and then (for some reason) switch to provide Amazon's actual (and more ethical) reason as "purely a business decision".

Human nature is often very transparent, despite attempts to disguise true intentions. It is also noteworthy from the timeline that the then-Town Manager, Brandie Schaeffer, resigned her position on 7/17/22 and immediately took a position at Amazon Web Services (as Town liaison). A curious reader may want to further investigate the details on her and others involved in this complex matter.

You be the judge. Many facts are coming out now that you can read in these documents (and more to come). We will all be able to make our assessment of what happened in Warrenton (transparency?), which should inform us of what we should do in the future, and even for whom to vote in the upcoming election. I think that's what the Commission was chartered to do.This case, number CL23000128-00, is trackable at https: // eapps.courts.state.va.us / CJISWeb / CaseDetail.do. Stay tuned to this publication for more updates.

WPAC calls your attention to page 14 of the 'Detailed Timeline' footnote 85 found on our blog and Facebook page. It seems there are only a few dozen emails between Town officials rather than the expected 1000's over a 3 month period. Hmmm.

FOIA'd EMAILS, REPORTS, AND STUDIES RELATING TO DATA CENTERS, TRANSPARENCY, CAN BE FOUND AT
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Data Center mis-Communications vs Truth -- Time to Sound the Infrasound Alarm?

by Patty Pratt

FOIA'd records for the frequent AWS submissions to the town between 2022 and 2023 show a lengthy chronological history of "mis-communications," especially when presenting the topics of noise studies. While firmly representing that the AWS noise studies of the data center were valid and final and typical of well-developed engineering, the developers later admitted the status had been **miscommunicated** to the Town. So what other half-truths or "missing comms" might there still be?

What strikes me as suspicious is the fact that **INFRASOUND** is ***never mentioned***. Surely, if the proposed AWS centers are reproductions of many existing similar facilities, then AWS and the developers must know of the 1000s of complaints from residents on infrasound vibrations.

The presenter indicated that the Town of Warrenton has extremely strict standards for noise ordinances. Is that another case of Duper's Delight? AWS must know that these vibrations (inaudible sounds) exist and have extremely bad health outcomes. Perhaps the fact that the Town staff and Council are unaware of such intrusive vibrations made the "Phenomenal" Town Council of Warrenton an easy target? It is expensive to measure background levels. If they aren't measured a-priori, then no one can ever have a legal stance and evidence to make a case.

But the history of Physics is well-vetted, especially on topics of this nature. Fundamental and rudimentary experiments consistently validate the causal dependency of vibration waves and their sources and how fast they travel through various media. Additionally, these waves can resonate and re-amplify based on the shape of a crest and subsequently resonate with wooden two-by-fours or vibrate and loosen mortar. This might be a reason residents would need to have clear and accurate communications. If all of the conversations about noise with the Town by the AWS engineer were conducted under the precedent that there was known miscommunications at the start, then how could a developer be held accountable? There's much discord of this type in the recordings of the meetings.

It is time to sound the alarm! Data centers built on hard rock WILL transmit ALL infrasound to any and all adjacent rocks. If you build your data center on a rock you are **INVOKING THE TUNING FORK EFFECT** -- which will emanate up through the ground into your house and body, alarming you every day.

Thoughts on Truth & Wisdom

submitted by Veronique Dunagin

In the Egyptian Paterikon two elders lived together for years and never quarreled. One day one of them said:

“Brother, let us quarrel just once, the way all people do.”

The other answered: “I don’t know how a quarrel is made.”

“Look: we put a brick between us. I say, ‘It’s mine.’ You say, ‘No, it’s mine.’ That’s how a quarrel begins.”

They put the brick down.

The first said: “It’s mine.”

The second: “No, it’s mine.”

The first said: “If it’s yours, take it and go.”

And they could no longer quarrel.

This is the secret of peace: the one who yields.

The strongest does not win.

The one who no longer needs to be right wins.

Christ did not say, “Win the argument.”

He said: “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.” (Matthew 5:9)

The Apostle Paul is even clearer:

“Avoid foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they generate strife. And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all.” (2 Timothy 2:23–24)

And St. Seraphim of Sarov left the word that should be taped to the mirror:

“Acquire the Spirit of peace, and a thousand souls around you will be saved.”

Not “win the argument.”

Not “teach him a lesson.”

Not “make sure he sees that you were right.”

Acquire peace.

St. John Climacus says something that stings and heals:

“If a bitter word arises between you and another and he denies it, do not provoke him. Let the word go, and great peace is made. For peace is four times greater than justice.”

Four times greater.

Not twice. Four.

Better to lose an argument than to lose your heart.

St. Isaac the Syrian adds:

“If you cannot be a peacemaker, at least be one who does not love disturbance.”

&: “Let yourself be wronged & do not wrong. Let yourself be slandered & do not slander.”

Peace does not mean you are weak.

Peace means you are so strong in Christ that you no longer need to defend yourself at every provocation. In daily life the “brick” looks like this:

— the sharp message in the group chat

— the cutting remark at the table

— “just let me explain why you’re wrong”

— the need to have the last word

— the comment that “has to” be posted so injustice doesn’t hang in the air

Every time you feel that fire in the chest - “I have to answer” - remember the two elders.

One said: “If it’s yours, take it.”

Not because he had no right.

But because he had something more precious: peace.

“A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.” (Proverbs 15:1)

“If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.” (Romans 12:18)

As much as depends on you.

Not as much as depends on the other.

Peace is not made by two people who are right.

It is made by one who is silent out of love.

Today, before you answer:

1. Ask yourself: do I want the truth, or do I want to win?
2. Remember that the devil loves a quarrel more than a mistake.
3. Say in secret: “Lord Jesus Christ, give me Your peace, not my being right.”
4. If you can, yield the brick.
5. If you cannot yet, be silent. Silence is also a form of victory.

The strongest person in the room is not the one who shouts.

It is the one who can say: “Take it. It isn’t worth losing my peace over a brick.”

The brick passes. The quarrel stays in the heart. Peace, once lost, is hard to regain.

Acquire peace; not because the world deserves it.But because Christ deserves a clean place in you.

And perhaps, without your knowing, someone around you will be saved simply because you did not answer.

Lord, teach us to yield the brick - and keep heaven.

If this spoke to your heart, pass it on. Someone may be about to enter a quarrel they do not need.

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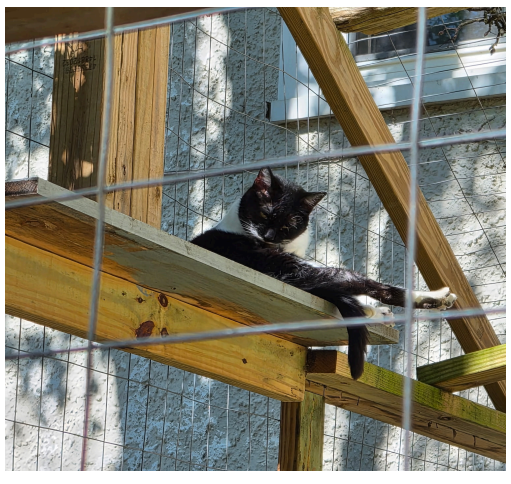
By Warrenton: The Flyer Staff

A lovely cat named Moonlight got into something yummy but toxic. The emergency vet clinic treated her neurological symptoms and blindness. The bill was $4,000. Moonlight came home with a good prognosis for recovery. But would she be able to see again?

The babysitter sat cuddling with Moonlight. The chair happened to face a plant stand on which was draped a linen cloth -- on which just happened to be a screen print of the following poem:

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night;
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great Father, I thy dear child;
Thou in me dwelling, with thee reconciled.
Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight.
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower;
Raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.
Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always.
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.
High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.
Trad. Irish 8th Century

The babysitter repeated these lovely words to Moonlight all week long. Moonlight recovered completely & was back on her favorite roost 14 feet high; her sight returned!. Praise God!



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Patty Pratt for Town Council

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Hi, I am Patty Pratt. I'm your neighbor. **I've been door knocking and listening to you!** Thank you to everyone who provided feedback and listened to my ideas and concerns. I appreciate the opportunity. I have learned a lot and have been on many streets that are new to me..

We already have an **abundance of households with shared walls** (townhomes, apartments, and condos) apparently built in the last 30 years. The more **recent home builds have exceptionally low side setbacks and small yards** relative to the huge square footage of the first floor footprint and sometimes 3 stories in height above ground. **You can borrow a cup of sugar through the kitchen window.**

This is what current zoning density looks like.

Often they are built between the 40 to 100 year-old small starter or retirement homes with traditional old-town charm. These homes have expansive front and back yards, side driveways and garages. **Small homes are the new-growth gap to fill.** I see gentle density (appropriate side setback minimums of approximately 15ft and larger lot size minimums for homes with large footprints or multi-storied) as a way to protect the small-town charm. Longtime homeowners are disappointed with the sudden crowding, and new buyers are forced into shared walls with tiny or no yards to raise a family in or enjoy a retirement gardening project or to simply sit in their yards at sunset to enjoy a meal outside.

I also have **heard endlessly about the threat of the data center issue coming back**.. To be fair, a few residents are enticed by the potential profit. They ask me why I am opposed, and point to potential huge million dollar revenues. This is a good question. **There is a right way to build data centers and a wrong way and a right location and a wrong location for them.** The fact is that our entire 4.5 sq mile town (except for a few low lying areas) is built on the Piedmont rock outcropping with noteable Greenstone. As a scientist, I understand that Greenstone is exceptionally dense rock and transmits vibrations at very high speeds. Vibrations travel through dense material quite rapidly. See "Put it in Perspective" (page 12) and Infrasound Alarm (page 4). One must first **understand the geological substrate to determine if (inaudible) vibrations are likely to cause problems from a data center built on the rock where all Town of Warrenton Residents live**. The negative impacts of subtle constant vibrations on the human body and the buildings are not worth the revenue. **continued >>>**



Speaking of revenue, **EVERYONE noticed the 23% hike in their water bill ... don't dare try to tell them it is not a "tax".** Many already knew the Town spent its sewer maintenance tax money on the WARF and now they have to pay the new $93M loan plus interest. **We must live within our means and be creative about revenue growth.** I have some fresh ideas.

A VOICE FOR YOU — We Pick PATTY PRATT

by **WPAC** Warrenton: The Flyer Staff Editors

One reason we formed the Warrenton Public Advisory Committee was to ensure that changes to the Town of Warrenton would be positive not negative. We seek pathways to sustain our rural cultural neighborhood as a permanent place of historical charm where we can all live and enjoy the peaceful tranquility of rural life with friendly old-town neighbors and unique vibrant restaurants and shops. Our goal is to steer the town governance away from allowing large high-density growth projects and joltingly out - of - place industries, such as the controversial AWS data center, by creatively managing lower impact growth projects inside a well-thought-out town budget.

WPAC started talking about vulnerable components of our community that we want to bolster and support, such as our local small shops and our visual and performing arts communities, along with identifying impediments to preserving our small town. How can we preserve our small town and turn it into a strong town? We started by creating a blog to stir the conversation, a Facebook page to broaden our reach, and this local newspaper to literally put the ideas into the hands of the town's residents and give them an easy platform to join in the conversation.

WPAC learned of an open seat for Town Council At-Large and we all hit the street to source a good candidate. We then learned we needed two. Running out of options, we looked inward and are proud to announce that Patty stepped up to the plate to serve the interests of WPAC and hence preserve our small-town charm by running for the seat.



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Who Represents YOUR Ward?

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Paul Mooney AT-LARGE Term **Expires 12/31/2026**
Councilman Paul Mooney is a husband and father of four, a local small business owner, and a Marine Corps reservist. Paul says he's passionate about his community and wants to ensure it stays a place where families, individuals, and democracy can thrive.



David McGuire AT-LARGE Term **Expires 12/31/2026**
David McGuire has a Master's Degree in History. As a fiscal conservative he believes in the transparency of government. The primary responsibility of being a Town Council Member is "to have integrity in all your actions both public and private."



Eric Gagnon WARD 5 Term Expires 12/31/2028
Councilman Eric Gagnon is a retired publisher, training professional, consultant, and inventor, with experience as an entrepreneur, business owner, and technology patent litigation & licensing specialist. Eric often says he believes in truth, transparency and standing behind your word.



Michele O'Halloran, WARD 4 Term Expires 12/31/2028
Councilmember O'Halloran originally from the Republic of Panama, immigrated to the United States in her early 20s. She has resided in Arizona and Florida, employed in both private and public sectors as a Human Resource Manager before moving to Warrenton 20 years ago.



Larry Kovalik WARD 3 Term Expires 12/31/2028
Councilman Kovalik is a Senior Field Service Engineer for medical laser systems.. As a 25-year resident Larry fully supports our town's Vision and Values statement regarding the preservation of Warrenton's small-town character. Respect, Protect, & Preserve are his priorities.



William Semple II WARD 2 Term Expires 12/31/2028
Bill, Vice Mayor and Councilman is a retired entrepreneur, businessman and Navy veteran best known for inventing and successfully licensing mapping programs for common electronics. Bill says he has an avid commitment to preserving the Warrenton he loves.



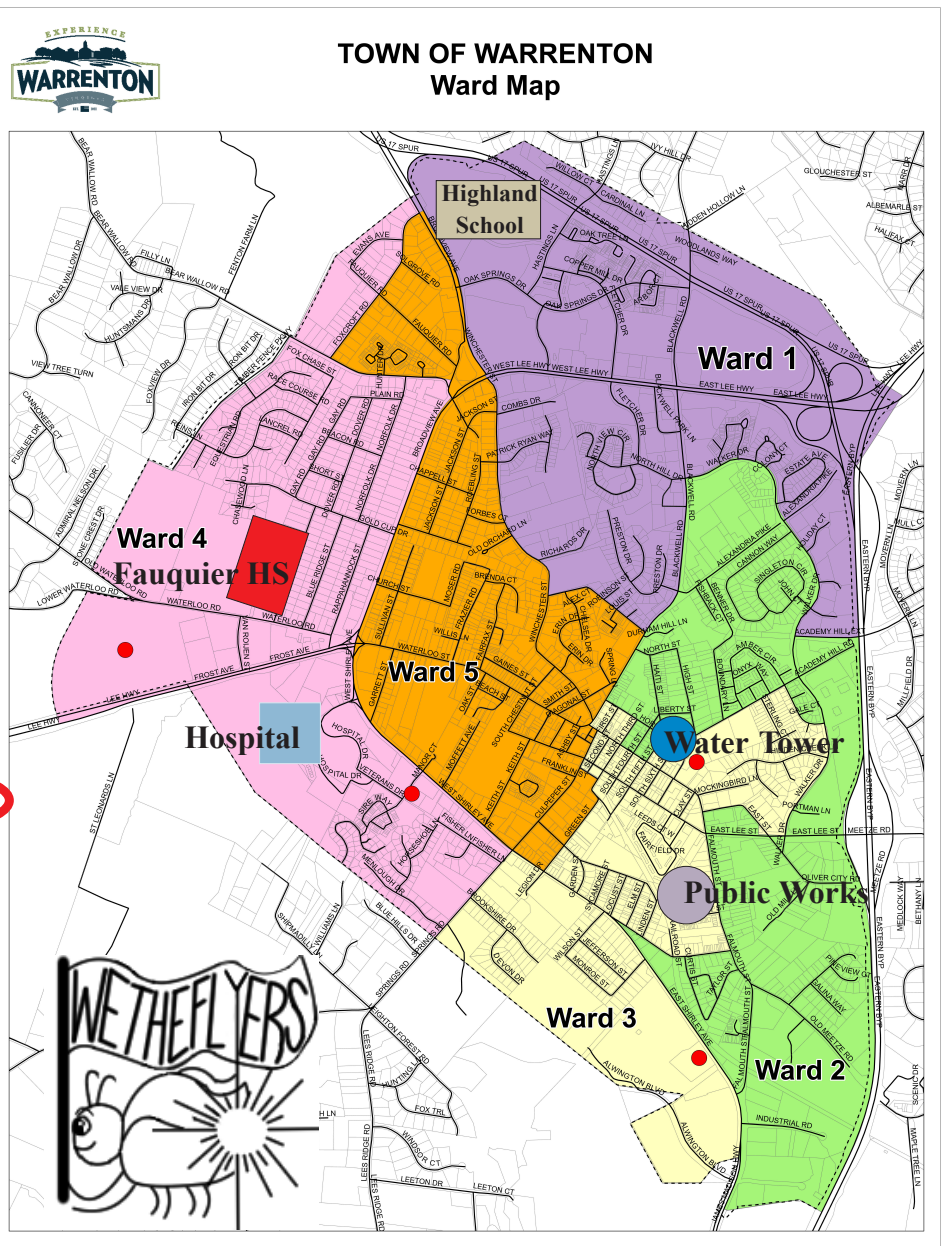
Roy Francis WARD 1 Term Expires 12/31/2028
Roy retired from the Federal Government where he served as the Departmental Printing Officer for the Department of the Interior. A fiscal conservative, he says he believes in supporting representative government, listening to the people, openness, and transparency.



Carter Nevill Town Mayor Term **Expires 12/31/2026**
After graduating he remained in Charlottesville working in restaurants until he became a Southeast Regional Sales Manager for the leading importer of South African wines. In 2004 he opened Carter and Spence, Ltd. He is active in Old Town, greater Warrenton & Fauquier organizations.

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Town Council Meetings

Regular Meetings of the Town of Warrenton Town Council are held in the Council Chambers, Town Hall, 21 Main Street on the **second Tuesday** of each month **Working Session** at 9 AM and **Regular Meeting with Public Speaking Session** 6:30 PM.

Suggestion: Prepare about 400 words and make TWELVE copies for the town council and staff or submit online to comments to townclerk@warrentonva.gov

Town Council Live Stream <<

Planning Commission Regular Meetings are held on the **third Tuesday** of the month at 7 PM in the Town Council Chambers at 21 Main Street.

The **Architectural Review Board** will meet on the **fourth Thursday** of every month at 21 Main Street.

Planning Commission Work Sessions are held on the **fourth Tuesday** of the month, as needed, at 7 PM in the Town Council Chambers at 21 Main Street.

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to fund BUDGET? DOA!

By Patty Pratt

No town council or county government hikes a tax rate BEFORE setting the budget, EXCEPT May 12th in THE TOWN OF WARRENTON. ARGH! Thank you to the two council members voting against the hike Gagnon and McGuire. This hike is only for the first year. The plans for the following 3 years in the proposed budget show more to come. All DOA when presented in 2027. Apparently, the only way to afford our budget desires is through raising taxes, so the huge increases to offset the "nice to haves" are yet to come, or we can purchase more debt.

Either way the town residents lose. Many residents are on fixed incomes and do NOT fall into the area of need to apply for an exception. They are already stretched due to economic stressors. I am a proponent of looking through the budget to find ways to responsibly cut. It is the fiduciary requirement of Town Council to live within its own means. There are many ways to address shortfalls before hiking property taxes.

Town Truths -- Small-Town Makeover?

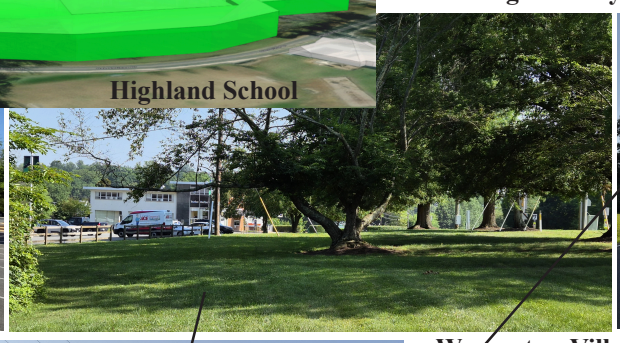
Do you know about these 4 high-density projects around Old Town?

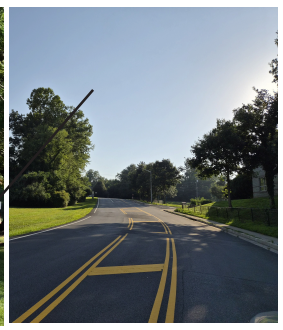
UDA + VDOT = high density housing + roundabouts



White = existing retail
Green = high density housing







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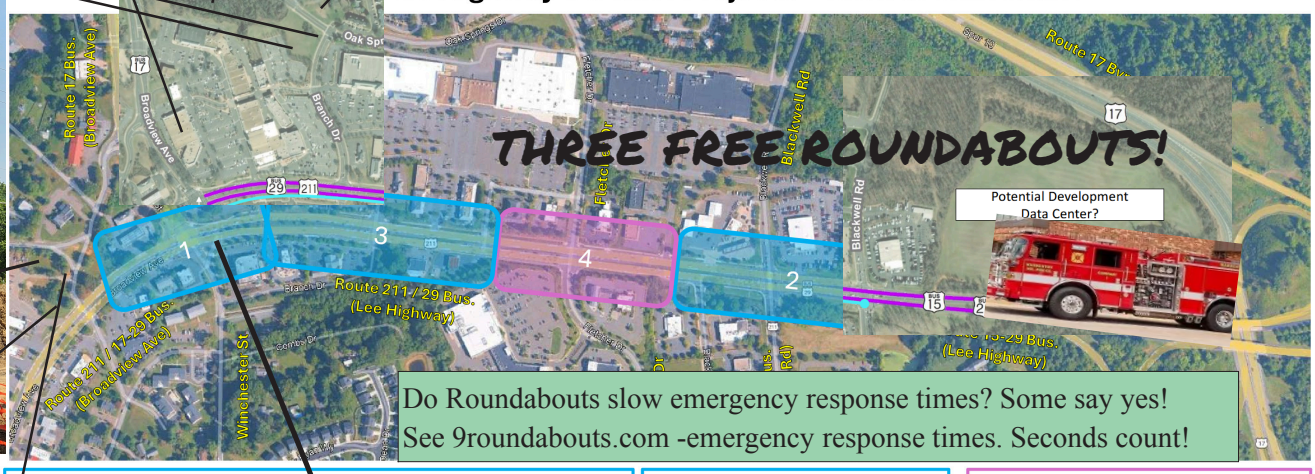


Warrenton Village by New Castle Development Clockwise Top Left: Old banks on Broadview-Bus17 will become 3-story condos & apartments stretching back to Oak Springs Rd, then turn the corner on Branch Dr & near Highlands school entrance, a 4-story parking garage, then more condos ending up near Taj Palace (stop sign). **With its 4-story parking garage, 386 housing units, and 507 total parking spaces, this project will have much higher density than currently zoned for this site (290 units max).** Rent now projected at $1,650 to $3,200 per month, though likely to be $2,062 to $4,000 when built.

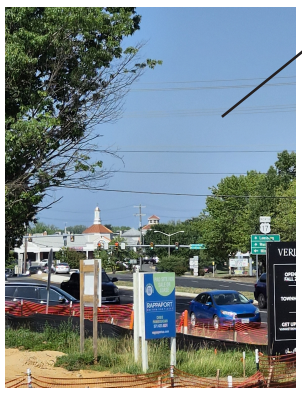


Apartments near 0'Briens already broken ground.
~**113 people in 53 housing units** planned.

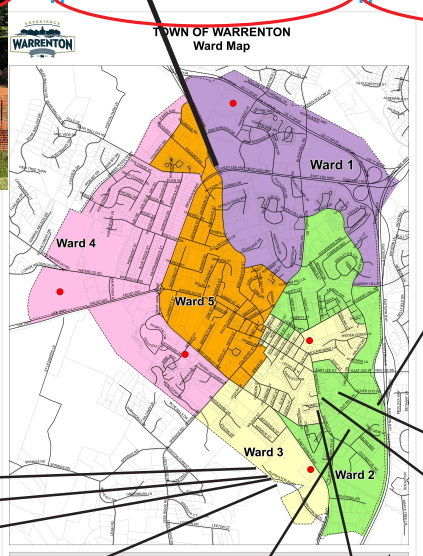
Lee Highway Corridor Projects – Town of Warrenton



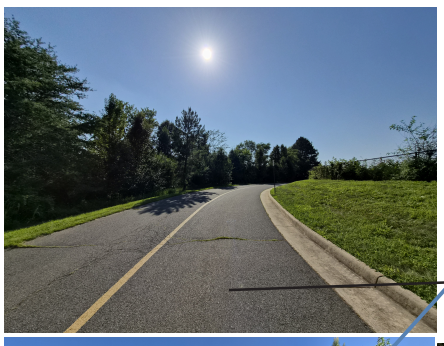
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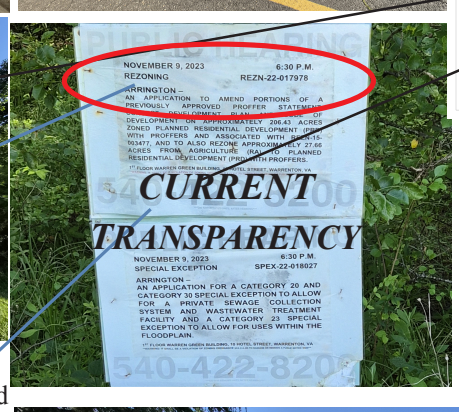










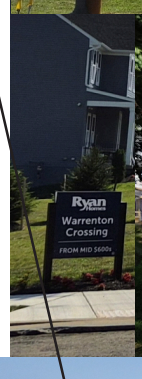


~Public Hearing Notice~
Coming Soon 250 housing units Mixed Use Residence-Retail (240 acres)
Did you know? The sign was clearly posted -- on a road nobody drives behind Home Depot in 2023, still there -- Meet The Arrington Project.

IT'S NOT THAT THE TOWN GOVERNANCE IS NOT TRANSPARENT, IT'S THAT SO MUCH OF THE TRANSPARENCY IS OUT OF SIGHT OR HIDDEN OUT OF VIEW!

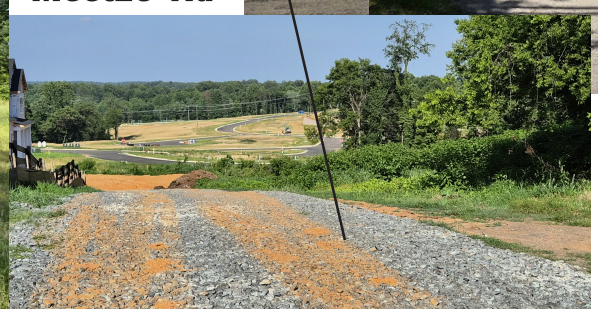
Warrenton Crossings Construction is well underway with roads and infrastructure already in place **for 142** single-family detached homes, with skinny side setbacks on 47 acres, listed as starting in the mid $600's.

Warrenton Crossings Meetze Rd











Our Town Comic: Glen Latham -Special Collection



WPAC Top Pick -Most Loved









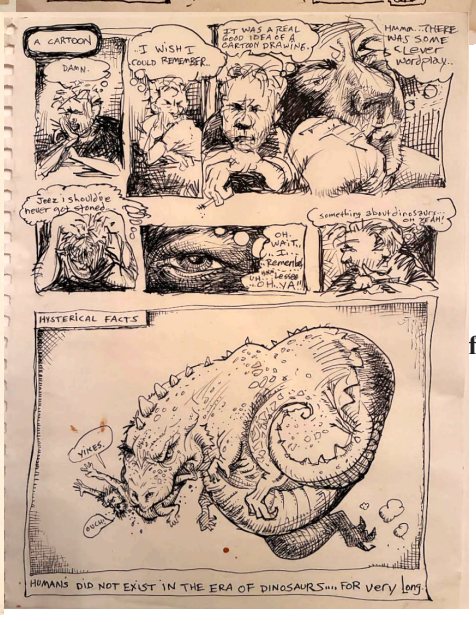












Warrenton: The Flyers crowd-sourced writers. We WANT

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Glen is a well-known comic artist, with a sense of humor and style that is unique and entertaining. He has published many books in limited edition. For instance, *100 Ways to Kill a Stink Bug*. Intentionally ironic, it has fewer than 100 drawings. Glen is a longtime local and his sense of humor is loved by the residents. Here we celebrate his talent with a collection of archived (juxtaposed with newer) drawings that cause one to ponder.

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AROUND TOWN GOOD LIVING

Special Book Review Page

Alzheimer's & the 'Amyloid Mafia'

DOCTORED: FRAUD, ARROGANCE, and TRAGEDY in the QUEST to CURE ALZHEIMER'S

by Charles Piller

A review by Sue J. Lowe

The spectre of Alzheimer's walks amongst us. We all know someone who knows someone who.... Trying to comprehend my sister's incarceration in a New England so-called memory care unit, I happened upon "Doctored: Fraud, Arrogance, and Tragedy in the Quest to Cure Alzheimer's," by Charles Piller.

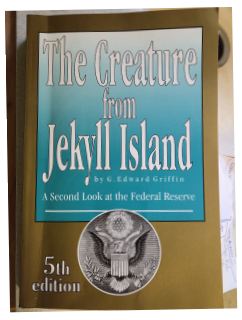
He is an investigative journalist for Science magazine, experienced in sorting through the dross. When did amyloid plaque become a defining trait of Alzheimer's? Why was it the centerpiece of pharmaceutical research and development? Which university labs and scientists focusing on amyloid plaque were so influential that grant money flowed easily to them? Piller not only explores all of this, but even calls out the bully in the room: The "Amyloid Mafia" (see chapter 12).

Deeply poignant, however, is the cruel fact that seminal research regarding amyloid plaque--upon which all subsequent work hinged--was fraudulent! Piller names the culprits and describes the image-doctoring techniques that snookered the entire research community. If rearranging a few pixels in a drawing sounds benign to you, then reading the section "A Reckoning" in Chapter 20 (Brain Games) will be a humbling exercise.

Certainly the decades-long lucrative obsession with amyloid plaque based on doctored images and falsified data was not a victimless crime. Actual drugs were developed, prescribed, and introduced to the bodies of trusting, hopeful souls with results that Piller does not shy away from describing. And speaking of souls, Piller notes that prior to the 1800s doctors defined senile dementia as "...a mysterious affliction of the brain and soul...." It was Alois Alzheimer (1864-1915) who observed plaque in the autopsied brain of just one subject: a 50-year-old woman who had been his psychiatric patient.

Does it matter that Alzheimer, perhaps squirrely in his own right, was "...an early member of the German Racial Hygiene Society.... [an organization that] became a leading and powerful supporter of eugenics...." (Doctored, p. 52)? Or that "Alzheimer's mentor, Emil Kraepelin, gained fame as a leading figure in the history of classifying psychiatric syndromes.... [and that] antisemitism suffused his teaching" (Doctored, p. 53)? Or that "A doctor at the heart of Alzheimer's great namesake discovery, Hermann Paul Nitsche, was executed for war crimes in 1948. Under Hitler, he had overseen the 'euthanasia' of thousands of psychiatric patients" (Doctored, p. 54)? Yes, every thread in this tapestry matters. Because 200 years later, we still don't know much about 'the mysterious affliction of the brain and soul.'





"The Creature from Jekyll Island:

A Second Look at the Federal Reserve"

by Sue J. Lowe

In 1994, G. Edward Griffin published a very scary book about money, politicians, and war. Sixteen years later, in 2010, the Fifth Edition of "The Creature from Jekyll Island: A Second Look at the Federal Reserve" (Creature) continued to offer a Halloween chill. "This is a murder mystery about the financial 'murder' of the middle class," wrote Robert Kiyosaki (author of "Rich Dad, Poor Dad") in Creature's jacket ad.

Today, as 2026 draws to a close, Creature is in its 51st printing. Reader comments on the Internet range from 'conspiracy nonsense' to praise and gratitude for exposing 'the most blatant scam in history'. Griffin himself calls Creature a "who-dunit" (p. 587) and warns in the preface that "every detail of what follows is true" (p. iii). The villain? The Federal Reserve System (the Fed). This spoiler alert does not diminish the thrill of the read.

In Creature, Griffin goes beyond describing the Fed and how it works. He builds a case for abolishing it, and he posits seven reasons to do so (pp. iii and 588). The Fed, he asserts:. is incapable of accomplishing its stated objectives (chapter 1: The Journey to Jekyll Island). is a cartel operating against the public interest (chapter 3: Protectors of the Public) is the supreme instrument of usury (chapter 10: The Mandrake Mechanism). generates our most unfair tax (chapter 10: The Mandrake Mechanism). encourages war (chapter 14: The Best Enemy Money Can Buy) destabilizes the economy (chapter 23: The Great Duck Dinner) . is an instrument of totalitarianism (chapters 5 Nearer to the Heart's Desire and 26: A Realistic Scenario) So, what is Jekyll Island? And who spawned the Creature? Griffin begins his who-dunit with a meeting in the fall of 1910 at the private resort of J.P. Morgan on Jekyll Island off the coast of Georgia. The six men who attended the secret meeting represented, Griffin explains, an estimated one-fourth of the total wealth of the entire world. Together, Nelson Aldrich, Henry Davison, Abraham Andrew, Frank Vanderlip, Benjamin Strong, and Paul Warburg drafted the basic plan for the Federal Reserve System.

An example of the way Griffin creates tension throughout this alarming who-dunit is how he uses quotes from experts :

"Warburg's revolutionary plan to get American Society to go to work for Wall Street was astonishingly simple.... The Federal Reserve is a legal private monopoly of the money supply operated for the benefit of the few under the guise of protecting and promoting the public interest" (Antony Sutton, Wall Street and F.D.R., p. 94).

Depressing and disillusioning material abounds throughout the 595 pages of Creature. For example, chapter 12 (Sink the Lusitania) tells of "...the sacrifice of American passengers as a stratagem to bring America into the war [World War I]." As Griffin chronicles the Fed's financial history from 1910 up to 2026 he also gives history, political, and economic context. In summing up Creature, Griffin offers the following in the section "What Will Be Required for Victory: "Defeating the global powers of collectivism is a big order, and we must be very clear on what will be required...." He goes on to pose a plan and cautions that

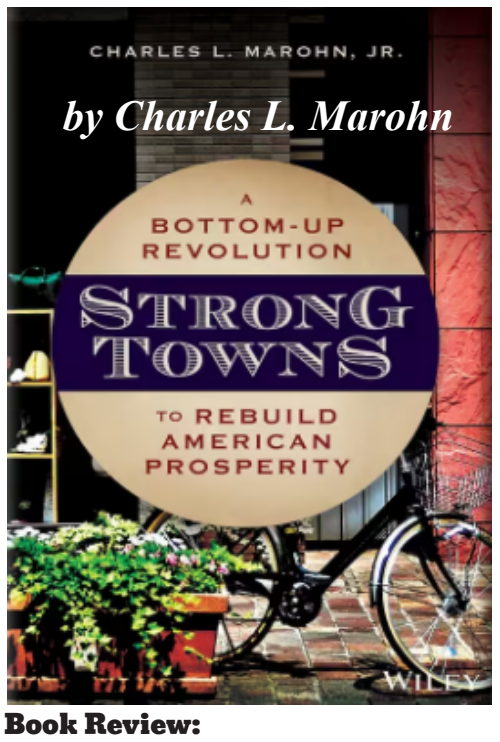
"The Creature has grown large and powerful since its conception on Jekyll Island. It now roams across every continent and compels the masses to serve it, feed it, obey it, worship it. If it is not slain, it will become our eternal lord and master" (p. 588).

On the next page, Griffin prints an invitation to the reader:

An Invitation to Change the World

'.... much more needs to be done than abolishing the Fed. Although that would be a great victory ... there are many other fronts and issues that need our attention. It is for that reason I have launched an aggressive action program ... called Freedom Force International ....' www.freedomforceinternational.org.

Thus Griffin exposes the fraud etc. of one powerful society (the Fed) and introduces a brand new international society to counteract it.



Book Review:

Strong Towns: A Bottom-Up Revolution to Rebuild American Prosperity,

by WPAC Staff Contributor

This book reflects the key principles of the Strong Towns movement, founded by Charles Marohn, a civil engineer. The Strong Towns methodology helps citizens who live in small towns like Warrenton take proactive steps to preserve and enhance our Town's small Town character, introducing alternative approaches that combat the suburban sprawl and uncontrolled housing development that has wrecked so many small communities such as ours.

Strong Towns principles emphasize a return to local government as the most significant influence on local development decisions, instead of catering to outside, high-risk conventional housing developers whose large-scale suburban developments never pay for themselves in terms of a town's infrastructure investment. Instead, Marohn endorses a return to smaller-scale planning and development that makes the most of existing Town land and housing, to enhance the small-town quality of life for local residents, among other compelling initiatives. Strongly recommended for anyone who wants to preserve small town Warrenton, and seeks actionable advice for making this happen!



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Protecting the Warrenton That Raised Me

The Mayor must do more than preside over meetings. Warrenton deserves a mayor who understands its character, respects its history, and will fight to protect the community we call home. This commitment is personal.

I have called Warrenton home for all 37 years of my life. This community helped raise me. Its families encouraged me. Its leaders helped shape my values and helped me become an Eagle Scout. Its small-business owners gave me employment and growth opportunities. They taught me to work hard, value every opportunity, and contribute to something larger than myself.

In 2018, this community elected me as an at-large member of the Warrenton Town Council, making me the youngest person ever to serve on the Council. The people of Warrenton knew my character, my work ethic, and my willingness to listen. Most importantly, they knew that I understood whom I worked for: the residents. Today, many residents fear that Warrenton faces a threat to its long-held identity and values. They see development moving too quickly, decisions being made without enough public involvement, and the cost of living continuing to rise. I share those concerns.

My government-reform plan includes strict limits and legal reviews such as **1) stronger public records and e-mail transparency**, disallowing staff nondisclosure agreements, an independent process for ethics complaints, annual performance reviews for the Town Manager, and moving Council Member Time after Citizens' Time so residents receive meaningful responses.

I will **2) oppose new tax increases** and pursue economic growth that respects Warrenton's values. I will work with Fauquier County to establish a strategic economic development plan for Warrenton which is in Fauquier County's Center Services District. I will recruit right-fit employers in defense contracting, information technology, cybersecurity, professional services and appropriately-scaled light industry. We can strengthen our opportunity to recruit these employers by increasing workforce job training programs at our local Community College. *My experience in non-profit grant acquisition is a skillset that I will bring to the table for all Town endeavors.*

I will **3) advocate for responsible gentle density growth** and to develop policies for public-private partnerships that encourage attainable housing opportunities for teachers, service workers and working families. However, *I do not support government-run housing programs*, which I do not believe are appropriate for Warrenton.

I will also **4) eliminate underused unnecessary Town-owned property** and invest in tourism and existing businesses. I will oppose data centers in Warrenton. We must **5) consider combined effects of large developments on traffic, infrastructure, public safety, and taxpayers before approving them.**

To the community that raised me, believed in me and gave me opportunity: As your Mayor I will **6) fight to preserve our small town way of life that has meant so much to me and my wife,** just as it has to your family. Together we will shape a future worthy of the generations who will call it home.



I respectfully ask for your vote to hire me as Mayor of Warrenton on Nov. 3 to work for you for the next 4 years.



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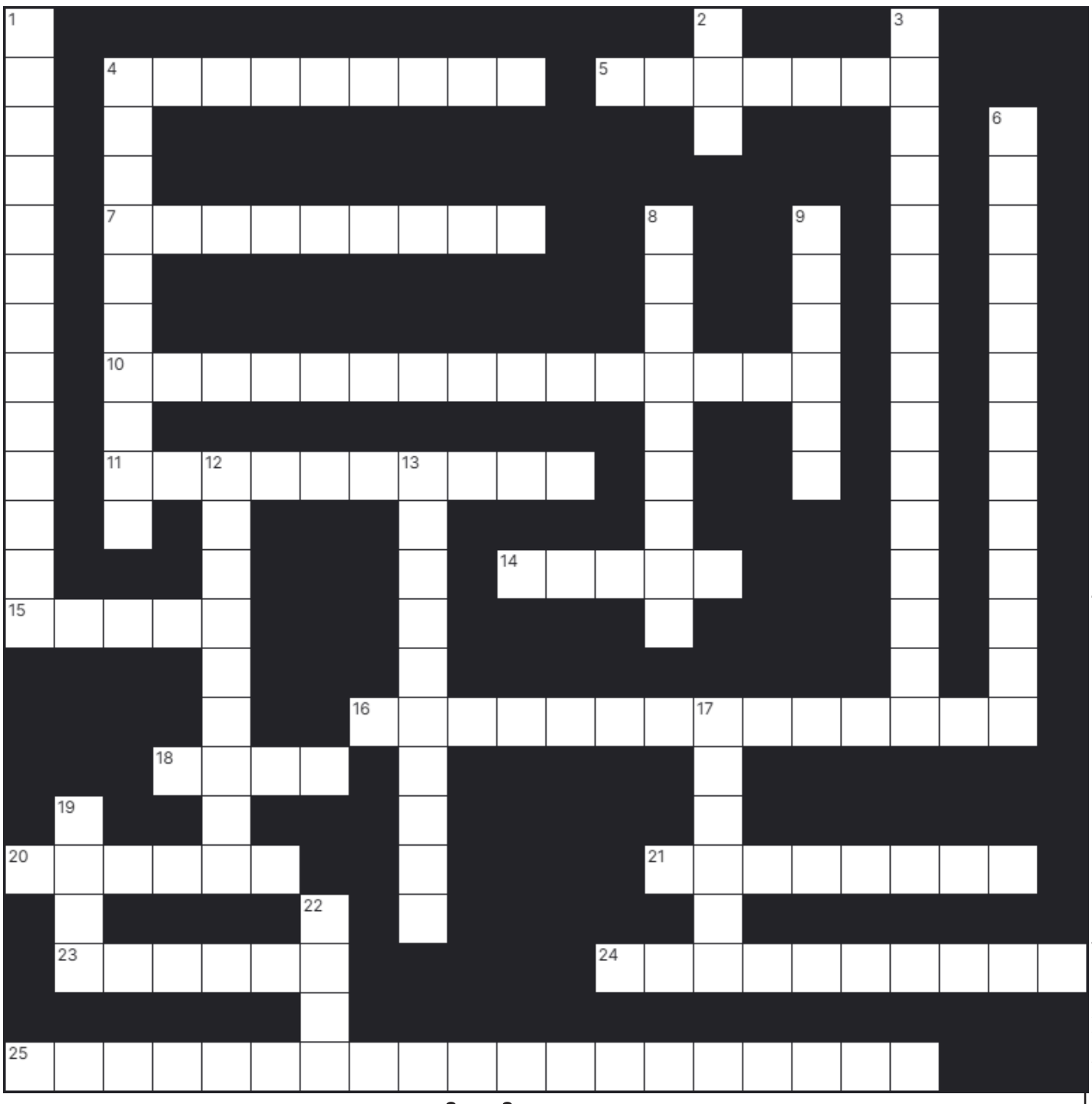
WHERE'S WALDO? »»»

Look for Waldo in a different place in new publications. Waldo is one of the most spotted longtime residents. He loves to walk the streets of our Historic Old Town of Warrenton. Waldo cares about small-town charm.

The **History Museum at the Old Jail** is commonly used for small weddings. Ciao Bella across the street from the Museum can arrange this for you easily as they have done for many couples. See Ciao Bella ad this page. For getting hitched in fun way; you also help support the history museum!

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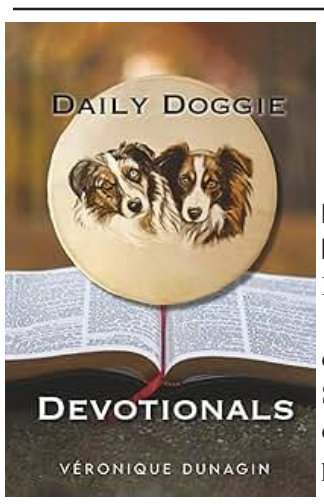
4 Sweet & Simple Weddings Venue in the Central Business District
5 an unexpected popular local venue to "lock in" forever
7 a magical local salon to ready a guest's hair for a wedding
10 our local bridal shoppe for all things wedding fashion
11 a local salon ready to provide bridal services
14 the common wedding flower meaning true love and passion
15 a tropical star-shaped flower worn on the left ear to show the wearer is engaged
16 a local classy restaurant popular for wedding engagement celebrations
18 the emotion that ties 2 together
20 spontaneous spot to see brides and grooms in after the rehearsal
21 our local jewelers ready to help begin your journey of forever with "the one"
23 after the wedding you have one of these
24 local bakery ready to customize a beautiful, delectable dessert for a wedding
25 the unexpected venue for the biggest celebrity wedding tying a superstar and a football player together forever

DOWN

1 popular wedding reception room upstairs
2 the words that get sealed with a kiss
3 a historic warrenton located estate that hosts weddings and welcomes their tired guests upstairs to sleep off the celebrations
4 first stop before the aisle
6 "poplar" historic & elegant venue perfect for bringing wedding visions to life
8 local shop that could point you in the direction of a well crafted wedding gift
9 hotel known for its picturesque and elegant countryside wedding venues
12 common popular Taylor Swift song to walk down the aisle to, or first dance
13 All ladies can find custom nail treatments to match their dresses here
17 great for wedding guest wardrobe shopping
19 the spoken promises of a lifetime
22 what a father's wallet may be after wedding costs

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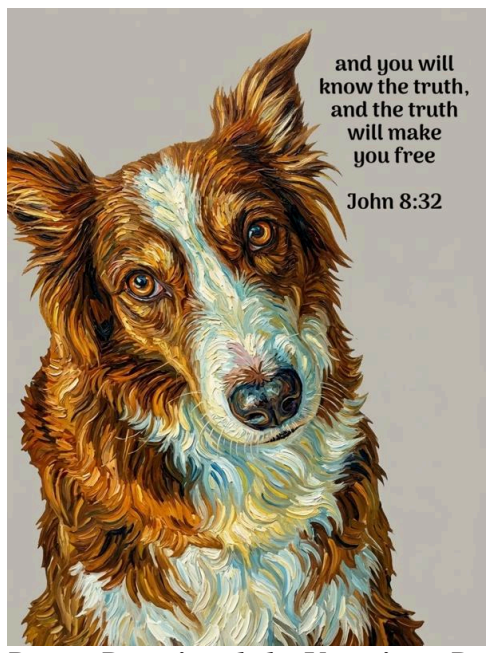
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THE TUNING FORK EFFECT

By Patty Pratt

A 20-Hz sound wave is inaudible, yet animals (including humans) can actually feel these waves as vibrations as they travel through solid material. Thunder covers the 10 to 30-Hz span between audible and inaudible. Therefore, you both hear the vibrations above 20Hz traveling in air and feel those below as they rumble in the earth below your feet. It makes your skin crawl because the size of infrasound waves jiggle your bodily tissues. So how far and how fast can infrasonic (sound below 20Hz) vibrations travel? A tuning fork tone above 20 Hz is audible when you strike it. Place the stem on a hard surface such as steel or rock. Strong vibrations radiate in all directions.

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The speed of sound is 343 meters per second in air. In water, it is 1480 m / s and in rock 3500 m / s. If a mile is 1609 meters, how far does a single 20 Hz wave travel in air, water, or rock? How long would it take to reach across the diameter of Warrenton, a circle with a 4.5-mile diameter? Compute for a 10-Hz wave.

WHY DOES THIS MATTER?

In industrial buildings, such as data centers, the whirling of the engines, fans, cooling liquids and servers anchored to hard rock surfaces cause vibrations (10-20Hz) to travel rapidly. The data center acts like a tuning fork vibrating a countertop. Nearly all Warrenton homes, especially those at the top of old-town hills, would vibrate 365 days a year: 24 hours, 7 days a week. You'd feel it in your tissue but wouldn't hear a sound. Foundations and mortar between bricks or stones can crack. Common data center "noise" problems are different from vibration problems requiring special regulations.