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TO RECUSE OR NOT TO RECUSE

By Percy Dunagin (continued on page 3)

Recusal is defined as follows: Recusal is the legal process by which a judge, juror, or other adjudicator steps aside from participating in a case due to potential bias, conflict of interest, or appearance of impropriety. The word comes to us from Latin, like most legal terms - recusare "make an objection against; decline, refuse, reject; be reluctant to." The concept is an old one, but one that is fundamental to any democratic and judicial proceeding. It demands the highest standards of ethics of those empowered with decisions that affect the people. That's why even the appearance of a conflict or bias can trigger a requirement to recuse.

But the weak point in this process is that it usually requires self-identification. I looked through historical town council minutes and found numerous cases of council members and the mayor volunteering to recuse themselves from a debate and subsequent vote, due to a conflict of interest. However, I also found at least one example where recusal wasn't agreeable to all parties. In a town council meeting from 1984, one councilmember stated that "he felt Mr Austin should recuse himself from the matter" because "he had prejudged it." Mr Austin's response was that "he would not be brow beaten by any attorney or developer and would make notice in any manner he deems fit in his responsibility as an elected official." In other words, I'm not recusing myself!

Most servants of the town are apparently willing to recuse themselves when necessary, but some are not. In the latter case, it may be necessary to force a recusal, and the town council certainly has the authority to do that by a vote.

From a citizen standpoint, recusal is what we expect when we elect you – we voters understand that you are involved in matters of business and life and at times you will

What should the Town do with the 18 Court St Historic Asset?



By Ike Milller

In 1973 The Town of Warrenton purchased 18 Court Street, (across from the former Warren Green Hotel) and used it for years as a Town office until the Town purchased and refurbished the present Town Hall at 21 Main Street. Though 18 Court Street has since been used by the Town sporadically, it has largely remained unused for more than five years. Architecturally, it is a grand structure inside with high ceilings and second story walkways overlooking the main hall.

The view of many in Warrenton that the Town residents should have a significant say in the retention or sale of this building. While the County is pursuing the sale of the Warren Green Building to a company qualified to remodel and restore it to function as a historic hotel again, 18 Court Street would be a fantastic addition with its main level of approximately 2400 square feet of open space. A ballroom, meeting or restaurant space for the Warren Green Hotel makes perfect sense for a potential developer. Other citizens envision a public space for concerts, an art gallery or other space for promoting Old Town Warrenton.

Ultimately, the Town Council should seek suggestions from citizens. listen and carefully consider the retention, sale or lease of this space. While the Town is in no financial position to continue to incur debt from a largely unused building, an ill-conceived plan for its use or a fire sale is indeed unwise. Let the voters and the Council jointly decide on this building's future and not rush to a poor decision.

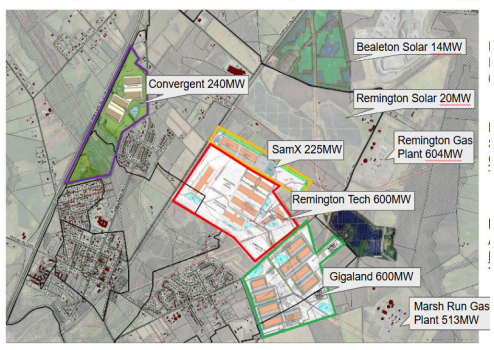


AMAZON DATA CENTER
Is it over yet?

By Patty Pratt (continued on page 3)

In this years-long exhaustive dramatic David and Goliath play-out between Town residents and business newcomers (Amazon), it presently appears the residents have won the battle. However, there are some legal proceedings coming up this year (March 9th) causing concerns that seem to indicate some residents still supporting an Amazon Data Center right here in Historic Old Town Warrenton. No, most residents do NOT want an Amazon data center flanking the gateway to our historic town. Most prefer historic old town charm, tranquility, and peaceful enjoyment of our rural homesteads like the thousands of Warrenton forefathers and residents dating back to the pioneer days that came before us and protected this rural oasis. In fact our Main Street businesses thrive on this idyllic imprint that invites thousands of nearby tourists to come enjoy hometown shops, restaurants, open air markets and art events escaping the hustle and bustle of nearby Washington DC and burgeoning cities that have

TRUTHS EMERGE
Happy about Gigaland?
WHO GETS LUCKY?



By Patty Pratt

"Gigaland," on 200 acres on Lucky Hill Road in Remington, VA, would include seven data center buildings with a square footage of over 2.2 million square feet, or roughly the equivalent of 12 Walmart Supercenters. The project also alarmingly includes four substations and a water tower."

"www.tinyurl.com/4jxn9ecs"

Seems Gigaland developers have a chummy disposition towards some Warrenton Town and Fauquier County Representatives including our very own Mayor, Carter Nevill. This is evidenced by recent emails from Gigaland developers with invitations to lavish dinners as revealed in a FOIA request.

Visit our wpac.blog to get the detailed email content.

Getting lucky may mean showing up at the right dinner at the right time. After all Remington many get a lucky 7 whopping whirling dervish buildings with constant (Gigaland front continued) vibrations, intermittent noise surges and spurious EMF spikes if they play their cards right. Who knows who may get perks or even a (continued on page 3)



Editors' Pick

WHERE'S WALDO? »»»

Look for Waldo in a different place in new publications. Waldo is one of the most spotted longtime residents and he loves to walk the streets of our beloved Historic Old Town of Warrenton. He especially wants to preserve the charm. There is a delightful article about Waldo on page 7. Waldo submits articles on **WPAC.blog** about recent sightings from his regular walks and strong opinions on Town matters. Each **W:TF** will feature a new Town resident.

«« The drawing of Main Street pictured on the left is a series of drawings by a local resident, Christopher Lambert. He draws mainly for fun, though you can occasionally 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 some of his drawings are hanging in Frame Craft at 64 Main Street where you can purchase a calendar with those drawings or the original drawings.



Waldo Ward, Warrenton Town Resident

About WPAC

The Warrenton Public Advisory Committee (WPAC) contains the group of local people who value truth and facts when making decisions to keep the Historic Old Town Charm of Warrenton Virginia and matters of concern with Town Council. We strive to bring subject matter expert inputs to a wide variety of small town issues and concerns and to inform our community of fact-based information, presented in a transparent forum. If you align with these values then you are part of the WPAC community. All are welcome in the discussion. Check out our blog **www.wpac.blog** for more information or to become a contributor.

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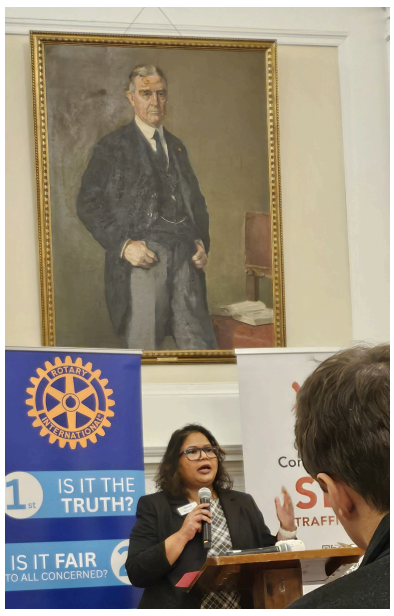


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Letters To The Editors

In this section **Warrenton: The Flyer** publishes Letters to the Editors (WPAC) and Community Event Reports for topics relevant to our town. Please submit to our publisher: **WeTheFlyers@protonmail.com** WPAC will curate articles based on interest, relevance, and space availability.

FASTA Key Note Speaker



Executive Director, Ester Daniel of Reset180 was the invited guest keynote speaker at the Candlelight Vigil held in the John Barton Payne building. Amelia Stansell (Fauquier Anti Sex Trafficking Alliance) considers Ester one of the FASTA partners. Paula Cruz from the Department of Social Services said that silence is a traffickers best ally. Traffickers and Domestic Violence takes place when a person is exploited by some vulnerability. Warrenton Police Chief Carter asked citizens to "trust your instincts;" Look for signs that a person is fearful or controlled. Ester says her mission involves a combination of all of these resources working together. You can report a suspicion and then let the proper agency do the investigation. Prevent, Disrupt and Restore are the 3 pieces to achieve success. Prevention involves community awareness while disruption often deals with crises. Multiple agencies support the trafficked person, most often a girl. They do interact with the perpetrators and implementibg a juxtaposition of justice and mercy. Even the pastor from Dayspring Mennonite Church will participate in an active intervention by talking with the perpetrators. Ultimately, to restore the women and victims back to good mental health, a variety of resource are needed. "It is not inexpensive." Recently Jennifer Wexton has gathered one million dollars for a dedicated shelter for supporting victims. The evening ended with lighting candles and singing I'll Fly Away and Amazing Grace and a closing prayer from Keith McCullough from the Mount Zion Baptist Church.

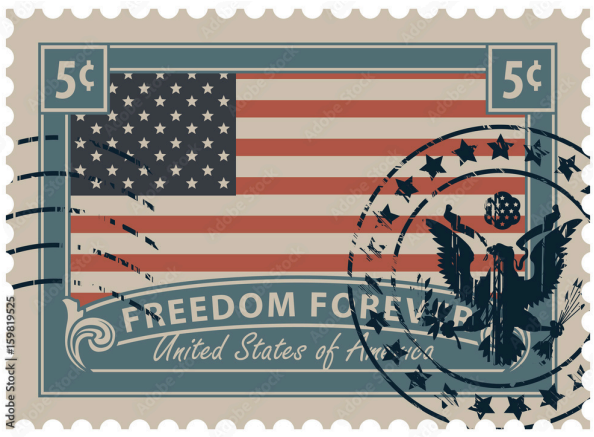
"It doesn't cost anything to be nice."
From Anthony Sippert
Several years ago, I listened to an interview in which Ryan Reynolds said his mother always taught him that it doesn't cost anything to be nice. So simple, so profound, yet lost in a deluge of rhetoric where the anonymity of social media and a general lack of civility has fostered contempt, hatred, and a polarization of political views in American politics. I lived in a time when political discourse allowed all parties to "agree to disagree" while still working out a compromise. While not getting exactly what each party wanted, an agreeable compromise could be reached, acceptable to both parties. A compromise that contributed to the greater good of society. Is there any way we can get back to that approach to political engagement?
When this nation's Founding Fathers crafted the Constitution, George Washington wrote a letter to the Congress of the Confederation of American States. He stated that the delegates had drafted a document that could unite the individual states into one nation:
"We kept steadily in our view, that which appears to us the greatest interest of every true American, the consolidation of our Union, in which is involved our prosperity, felicity, safety, perhaps our national existence. This important consideration, seriously and deeply impressed on our minds, led each state in the Convention to be less rigid on points of inferior magnitude, than might have been otherwise expected; and thus the Constitution, which we now present, is the result of a spirit of amity, and of that mutual deference and concession which the peculiarity of our political situation rendered indispensable." transmitting-the constitution. **tinyurl.com/bfmfmaw3**
Think about that the next time you have a political discussion. Can we please get back to civility in politics?



In May 1921, John Barton Payne pledged funds for the permanent structure for the Warrenton Library in Fauquier County, Virginia and a founder of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond in 1911

Candlelight Vigil for Anti-Human Trafficking Highlights

Ester Daniel of FASTA (Fauquier Anti Sex Trafficking Alliance) gave the keynote speech.The event was sponsored by Rotary Club of Warrenton. The candlelight Vigil Committee included Dave Furia and Amelia Stansell of Rotary and Josephine Gilbert, Town Resident. A proclamation from the Town was delivered by Mayor H. E. Carter Nevill underscoring the proclamation of the Chairman of the Fauquier County Board of Supervisors and adding a designation specific to the Town of Warrenton proclaiming February 1st, 2026 as **National Freedom Day.**



Cost of Free Speech Demonstrations

So Warrenton, what do you think about my testimony to the Town Council? December 9

From Josephine Gilbert
.....please consider stopping what appears to be virtue signaling. You are requiring our good men and women of the police department to stand and "protect BLM protestors" every Saturday for the past 5 and half years. That's correct, this has been going on since June 2020. Two years ago, I came to you and provided a rough draft analysis showing the town government had already spent over $200k. I'm guessing we're now up to half a million dollars. Most of you were not on this council 5 years ago. Aside from the morality and value system that protects their propaganda, can we afford it? Is this good use of our money.
How long is this propaganda and dehumanization going to continue? This town is not racist, and we don't need a group of grifters telling us otherwise. I urge you to make this tough decision. Stop this and give Chief Carter his deputies back for productive activities.

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Amazon Data Center (continued)

sprawled to the point of chaotic congestion.

So has David emerged victorious? Where can residents learn about any additional litigation and contribute to the overall goals of preserving old town historic charm? How can we support our Town Council in their noble efforts of keeping our town free from urban and industry creep? After all, the successful economic stability of our Main Street and Side Street establishments are built on the ambiance of small town intrigue. New facts and truths are emerging along with some assumptions and half-truths. Wouldn't a large historically designed hotel and conference buildings be a better marker on Hwy 29 at the Gateway to our Old Town? Please join the discussion at **www.WPAC.blog** to find out what your neighbors are saying.

WARRENTON BUDGET 101

By Anthony Sippert

I've lived in Warrenton for 29 years. I've loved living here. I've enjoyed raising my children here, and now I enjoy spoiling some of my grandchildren here. Warrenton has so much to offer, a rural 'small town' feel. It's safe, clean, and full of life. But as I am at a point where I am thinking about retirement, I am considering what I might do with the extra time I expect to have. I also find myself thinking about my children and grandchildren. What will Warrenton be like for them as we move toward the future?

I have not participated much in local government. I have not felt compelled to engage in the debates over budgetary matters. I generally felt that common sense would prevail among the leaders of the Town of Warrenton and decisions would be made that served the greater good.

I've recently taken more interest in the workings of this town that I've enjoyed living in for nearly 30 years. So I decided to learn more. I also spoke with a Councilman about the basics of how it all works. And I've learned that a lot of it revolves around the town budget.

Did you know that the town's budget is easy to find? Both past budgets, the current budget, and the proposed future budget are all here
www.warrentonva.gov/177/Budget

Did you know that there are two basic funds in the Town of Warrenton budget? The General Fund covers the town's operating costs, personnel, and overhead. There is also an Enterprise Fund that covers capital expenditures, such as replacing the water and sewer systems.

We all know we pay taxes designed to cover those expenses. But do you know how the budget is generated and how you can be involved, how you can participate in how your tax dollars are spent?

I've also learned that there are resources we can use to compare Warrenton to other towns and cities across the commonwealth. We can compare ratios that show Warrenton costs around 30% more to operate than the average. Why is that? If we are getting 30% better services than the average, and it is for the greater good of our society, then I am fine with it. But if there are inefficiencies that contribute to the additional costs, wouldn't you like to know where they are and provide feedback to leadership to improve efficiency and possibly reduce taxes?
I will follow up with a series of articles that will flesh out these details. As I learn more about how the Warrenton budget works, I will write more articles that will culminate in a "Warrenton Budget 101" that I hope will facilitate involvement of Warrenton's tax-paying citizens.

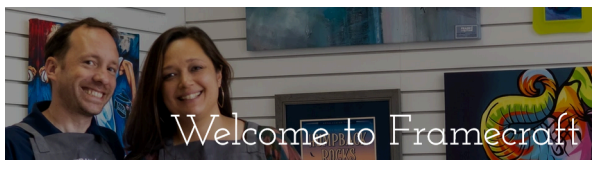
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Brandie former Town Hall Manager

(Is it Over? continued from front page)

6 figure job for participating? Recently, Ms. Brandie Schaefer helped rezone the AMAZON data center on Hwy 29 and Broadview Avenue in Warrenton. Brandie was the former Warrenton Town Manager and quickly resigned her post to accept a position at Amazon Web Services. In a Prince William Times article from August 5th 2022 entitled, **"Fauquier County Board Chair to resign after his spouse, the former Warrenton town manager, takes a job with Amazon"** tinyurl.com/bdfaykks

Coy Ferrell Fauquier Times Staff Writer Aug 5, 2022, writes Brandie is stepping down due to "strain". Ironically, on the same page, a link has been inserted to take you to an article titled, **"Data centers' secrecy often keeps residents in the dark"** by Peter Cary Piedmont Journalism Foundation. Perhaps this is the strain Brandie was talking about? Under the notorious lock down, Warrenton residents were kept in the dark until after the deal was done. This caused a backlash of outrage causing the public speaker session to rise to 400 Old Town Warrenton residents and had to be moved to Fauquier High School lasting until 3am the next morning.

She was replaced by Chris Martino as Interim Town Manager back then and uh oh...he's baaack! See article on page 5 to learn what he's been up to since then. If you support preserving the Historic Old Town Warrenton charm, you'd better keep a flashlight handy as Data Centers seemingly arise from darkness under his watch. Warrenton residents must stay vigilant.

WPAC is a group of Warrenton residents and business owners that see Data Centers as troublesome (well-known health and crippling vibration problems) and want to keep them in the areas that Fauquier County already has designated for them. This excludes the Town of Warrenton.

Remington, now toying with a Data Center Hub, is nothing to giggle at. Who is slated for a cushy Gigaland role? Take heed Remington residents. Learn from the Warrenton residents. Maybe we will both get lucky and stay Data Center free. Hopefully the small town charm of Warrenton remains just that -charmingly small without a Data Center. Concerned citizens should KEEP AN EYE on the Town Managers to make sure they aren't keeping us in the dark.

"The Frost Diner makes more money for the town in a year than a data center ever will," was a recent comment made by a decades long Warrenton resident and council member from 30 years ago to me at the grocery store. I told him that I'd like to see a 4-star hotel with architectural designs that match the town's character with conference rooms and wedding venues. He said he suggested that for the very spot the AWS data center was slated for. This would bring well needed tourists to visit our town and businesses.

Data centers present a pretty package with shiny bows but the values are never realized and they leave an ugly mark. Put the data centers in already designated zones and stop trying to enter small towns with nefarious secretive dealings that reward favors to those who bend the rules. The mayor's actions are shameful and at best varying the lead. He pretends to have one explanation but then it changes up. See email exchange, jpegs & a google link to the FOIA's content at www.wpac.blog

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Our Town Council Members



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 is 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.



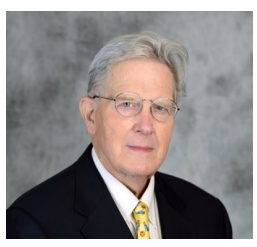
Eric Gagnon WARD 5 Term Expires 12/31/2028
Councilman Eric Gagnon is a retired publisher, training professional, consultant, and inventor, with of experience as an entrepreneur, business owner, and technology patent litigation and licensing specialist. Eric believes in truth, transparency and standing 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, and Preserve are his virtues.



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 has an avid commitment to preserving the Warrenton he loves.



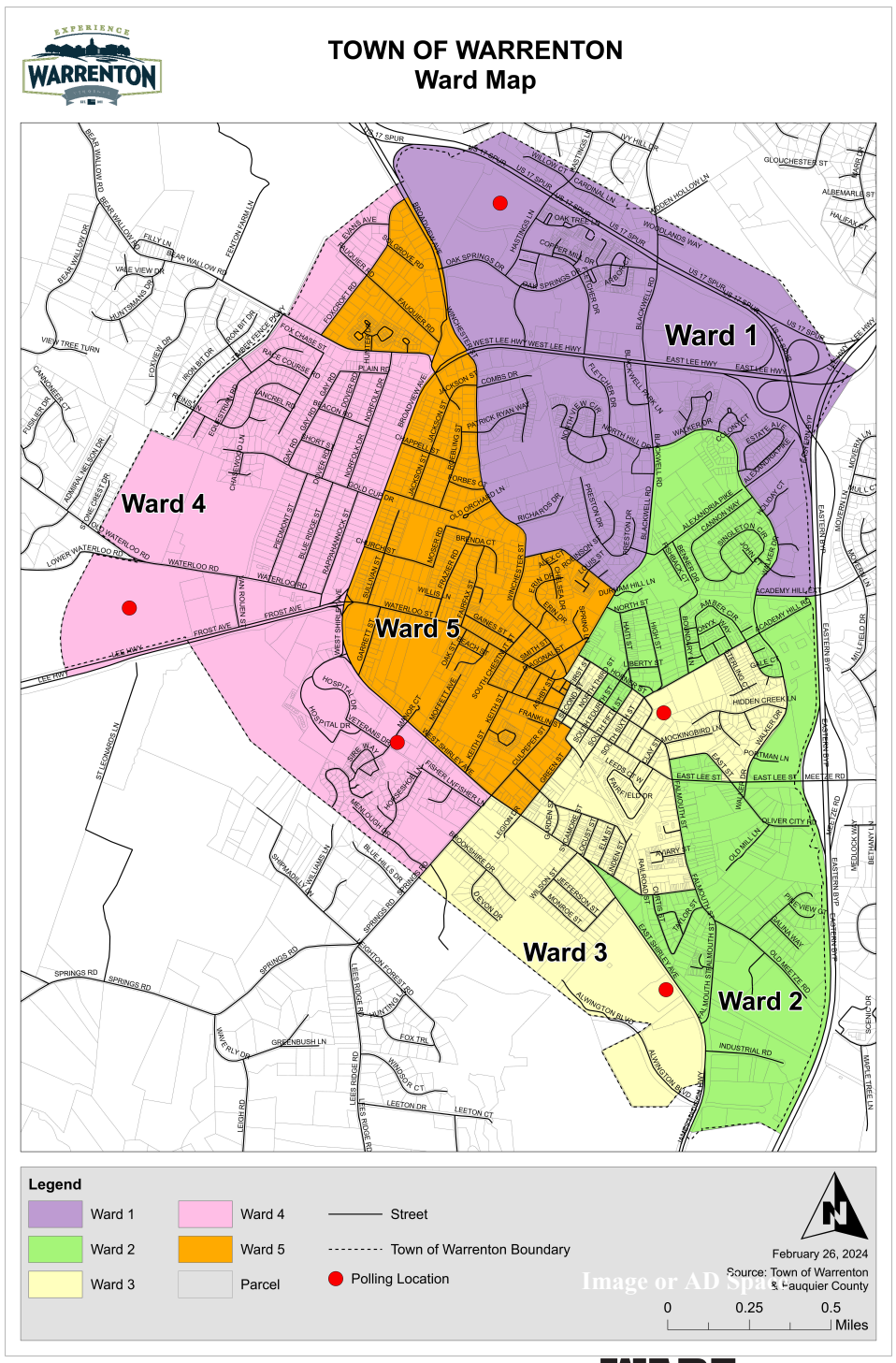
Roy Francis WARD 1 Term Expires 12/31/2028
Roy retired from the Federal Government where he served as the Departmental Printing Officer for the Department of the Interior. A fiscal conservative, he believes in supporting representative government, listening to the people, openness, and transparency.



Carter Nevill Town Mayor Term Expires 12/31/2026
After graduating he remained in Charlottesville working in restaurants until a departure into the wine world led him to become the 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 preservation 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 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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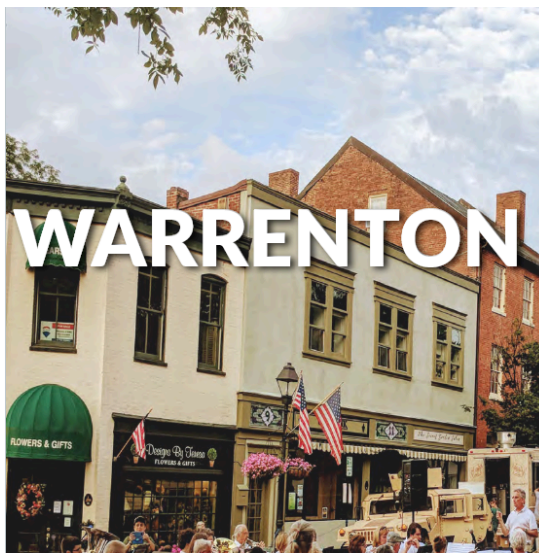
WARF Budget Deficit: who pays?



By Patty Pratt (continued on page 5)
Recently, at the December 2025 Regular Meeting of the Town Council, a topic regarding the operational budget became a little convoluted and resulted in pointing fingers and misdirected accusations. The bottom line is "who pays" for the WARF negative budget bottom line. Further, who has been covering the deficit for the last 14 years; tax payers, neighbors, WARF members, docents, bank loans? Regardless of how much we love and want this asset in our small town, we must be responsible in how it gets accounted for as a Town of Warrenton expense.

Fauquier Leaks and Fauquier Forward social media sites had posted information that seemed to lead people to believe that specific Town Council Members wanted to close the WARF. Wanting a low cost recreational facility is much different than budgeting for it. The truth behind

Town Truths & Council Consequences News



Main Street

Town of Warrenton Biannual FY24-FY25 Strategic Plan

Mission Statement

In Cooperation With And For Our Citizens...

...The Mayor, Town Council and the Staff of Warrenton are dedicated to providing public safety, economic opportunity, and quality public services in an attractive, well-planned community with historic character for the benefit, enjoyment and accessibility of all.

Vision & Value Statement

Provide high level services in a cost-effective manner; display honesty, respectfulness, and fairness in all relationships; support the health and economic well-being of our citizens and businesses; preserve our historic small-town character; encourage opportunities, services and infrastructure that allow people of all means to live, work and visit here; and address public concerns and opportunities promptly and effectively.

We recognize our Mission can be achieved only by the exchange of information and that through teamwork we can maintain an environment in which we can maximize our potential.

Strategic Plan Goals and Focus Areas:

Goal 1: Resiliency Goal Statement: Identify key actions and initiatives that will protect and promote a successful future for Warrenton in the areas of financial and workforce resources.

- **Financial** Objective 1: Review current fiscal policies to determine if they are in the best interest of financial resiliency for Town operations.

▪ Action Strategy: Following review, bring forward recommended policy changes for Council review.

o Objective 2: Create an economic development marketing strategy that includes a detailed retail retention and recruitment strategy.

▪ Action Strategy: Evaluate the ability to hire an Economic Development Manager and Communications Manager to support this objective and bring it to fruition.

- **Workforce** Objective 1: Conduct a Compensation and Classification Study for all Town Staff.

▪ Action Strategy: Report to Council the details and recommendations associated with the study conducted so that they may decide upon the best way to address identified weaknesses in the current structure.

o Objective 2: Conduct an Organizational Study of all town departments.

▪ Action Strategy: Report to Council the details and recommendations associated with the study conducted so that they may decide upon the best way to address identified weaknesses in the current structure.

Goal 2: Preparedness Goal Statement: Identifying key actions and initiatives that will protect and promote a successful future for Warrenton in the areas of technology and utility investments.

- **Technology** Objective 1: Implement owned community facilities.

▪ Action Strategy: Evaluate our current IT infrastructure and initiate the process of addressing deferred maintenance.

- **Utilities** Objective 1: Maintain a reliable and sufficient quantity of wastewater treatment capacity and a sufficient quantity and quality of public water supply to meet the needs of expected long term residential and commercial growth.

▪ Action Strategy: Utilize the Capital Improvement Program to address deferred maintenance issues.

o Objective 2: Implement robust maintenance schedules on community facilities to extend the life of investments.

▪ Action Strategy: Develop a facility master plan for Town facilities to determine viable maintenance schedules that support their longevity.

This strategic plan is found on page 27 in the Town Council Handbook and describes ethics and roles of Mayor & council. warrentonva.gov

TOWN BUSINESS -Of Note

Phillip Carter Strother is named Interim Town Attorney

Mr. Strother (pronounced Strawther) attended his first Town Council Meeting Tuesday January 13th 2026. Philip Carter Strother is the founder and managing partner of Strother Law Offices, PLC. Mr. Strother has extensive experience with complex litigation. His litigation experience has been acquired in administrative tribunals, and federal and state trial and appellate courts, including the Virginia Supreme Court and the U.S. Court for Appeals for the 4th Circuit. Mr. Strother is also duly admitted and qualified as an Attorney and Counselor of the Supreme Court of the United States.

As lead counsel in three land use cases before the Virginia Supreme Court, Mr. Strother successfully represented the interests of clients in complex land use litigation. He handles a wide variety of land use and zoning transactions and has successfully represented clients before the Board of Supervisors and Board of Zoning Appeals in multiple jurisdictions in the Commonwealth.

The Town Council Approves Christopher Martino as Interim Town Manager

Chris has executive experience in Prince William County where he created the path for a "Digital Gateway" that amounted to **~10 Million square feet** of Data Center land use permits in 2016-2019. When he retired in 2021 there were over 35 data centers operating and permits granted for even more. There are currently about 44 data centers operating or near operation. Beginning in Gainesville and traveling through Manassas via I-66 or any other major road, there is no doubt you have noticed these exceptionally large and aesthetically unappealing monster buildings. Let's hope his Data Center affinity stays outside of the Town of Warrenton and the Fauquier County line. Comments on this article or Data Centers in general? **www.WPAC.blog** to join the discussion



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this contentious incident brings us to the same page...the balance sheet. Warrenton residents deserve to know the facts in order to formulate solutions and understand the implications and subsequent impacts of each solution.

A *SEMPLE* Request from the Town Council to Town Residents

By Patty Pratt

As of the January Town council meeting several topics were discussed that are directly related to the Warrenton Town budget; including the passing of a debt-funded water and sewer infrastructure which involves Bonds to total **90 MILLION** dollars with the first "tranche" of money set at 16 Million dollars. Additional discussion of the WARF annual budget shortfall is concerning. In closing remarks Town Council Member, Bill Semple, asked all residents to familiarize themselves with the Warrenton Town Budget right now. He explained that often people start participating too late in the process or after it is passed. Town Council member, Eric Gagnon, after written attacks on social media by anonymous contributors that Eric was trying to shutdown the WARF, explained his actions at the December meeting. Following an angry scolding and outcry from people who read this information, Eric stated that he doesn't have a side on how to pay for the deficit, but has a duty to be transparent to the residents regarding the budget; raise property taxes, take out annual loans, or alternatives.

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Dupers Delight? @ 2/10 Town Council

By Patty Pratt

The Town Council meeting had some unusual contentious moments when a motion that was presented during the working session (closed and open sessions) was re-hashed in front of the public in the evening session. The motion begins at 36:17 (see video) and goes awry when Ms O'Halloran presented a jumbled word salad of a motion that included the words adopt and develop a new resolution for 2026. The Mayor Nevill at 37:20 stated the commission "fell off the rails" and added more contention with phrases like "no longer relevant with change in Town Attorney," "needs to redefine how its going to find discovery", "if we rush in", "unprofessional" dancing around the true issue at hand. At 40:00 Mr Kovalik, said to the Mayor "off the rails in front of the public... is disparaging...". At this moment, I and others of the public saw the mayor smile and laugh sheepishly. Is this a case of "Duper's Delight?" The Town Attorney clarified that this was only a motion to renew the motion that was stayed. Mr McGuire claimed that this was a "fast ball" and not what was hashed out earlier..."a curve ball". SO what is going on in the background? The mayor said the re-establishment of the resolution was necessary to continue the Commission on Open and Transparent Government so that it doesn't reflect "one member's whim". What are the Mayor's whims and hidden objectives? Why did the Mayor invite Renard Carlos back to the microphone after his comments were over during citizens time? -to make sure he addressed the timing of the New Business on the agenda?. Mr Carlos complained that motions drawn in the same day of a Town Council meeting should be postponed to the following month to give citizens more time. Hmmm ...the commission has been "stayed" for months ....not allowed to work! Another month drawing this out benefits who? Did the the mayor know what Carlos was going to say? All, including the Mayor should follow the rules of conduct. Is the Mayor trying to run out the clock? What is lurking in the background ... ? The Town residents demand a transparent government now.

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ART TOWN?

Warrenton Emerges as the Next NOVA Art Community?

Through the Purple Door...



The 81 Art Collective is a vibrant community-driven art space located at 81 Main Street (side entrance), Warrenton, VA. It aims to connect local artists with the community and provide a venue for them to display and sell their art. The collective also offers classes and workshops, fostering the appreciation of the arts through an open-to-the-public shared art studio. The space is filled with displays of vivid, expressive local art, including works from nationally known artists, all with a connection to Warrenton.

The collective's mission is to create a destination for homeowners to acquire original local art at an affordable price and to elevate the arts throughout the Warrenton community.

Look around the Main Street shops and you'll discover dozens of studios and artists. Not only will you find paintings, mixed media, crafts, jewelry, sculptures and drawings, you will find musical and



Angel Tighe; Colorful and Commissioned Designs and Themes of all sizes

venues for both performance, instruction and ballet and theatre types. Warrenton is long known for the theatrical outdoor street walks at various times of the year such as Halloween Ghost stories that come to life on our streets. Warrenton businesses and restaurants also support several arts and crafts fairs that are quite popular from the vast attendance of visitors especially from nearby counties and Northern Virginia and Washington DC.

Based on these cursory facts, yes Warrenton is becoming the next and likely the best Northern Virginia Art Town. Come out and visit us and be sure to ***find and go through the purple door (side entrance) at Studio 81.***

Hey, Where did the Remnant Farms Tomato Stand Go?

Warrenton residents are lamenting the sudden closing of the Remnant Farms Healthy Produce and Products stand. So what happened and where did they go? Well the beat on the street has it that the lease was not renewed and that fact has been verified with Stephanie Taylor, the owner and operator. But before you start throwing rotten tomatoes at that fact, take comfort in the new info that she is nearby in Hume at 5047 Leeds Manor Road. And speaking of comfort, she is now specializing in creating very healthy recipes and has an emerging nutritional emphasis now present on the shelf and ready to buy in the new location. Stephanie misses her Warrenton friends and hopes you will take the time to drop by her new location. You'll find the same warmth and new recipes.





Photo of Oil Painting by Benjamin Allen, art resident at Studio 8, Art Collective (see article on this page for more information.) Benjamin accepts commissioned work. Inquire at Studio 81.

Dog-Friendliest Town in Fauquier County

Our town has all the hallmarks of being the most friendly town around. The miles long Greenway begins with a dog park with fresh water and off-leash possibilities. Many businesses and restaurants allow dogs to enter if they are well behaved of course. Additionally along Main Street, you can find a dozen water bowls left out for our furry residents. Step inside one of the retail stores and you are likely to find doggy accessories and pet friendly treats.

Through the efforts and recent improvements on many main arteries, evidenced by the Town Council Approved Strategic Plan for Walkability, residents with their dogs are seen happily dotting the sidewalks. This gives an impression of a warm, welcoming and friendly town certainly warrants the title of the Dog-Friendliest Town in Fauquier County. Hopefully, Governor Spanberger doesn't spoil dog ownership in the state -dog walking taxes are NOT dog friendly.

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Meet A Warrentonian Waldo Ward

By Veronique Dunagin

Did you know that the town of Warrenton has its very own Waldo — yes, it's true! His name is Waldo Ward. You have probably seen him walking around our historic town but he is not sporting a red and white striped shirt and hat. Our Waldo can be found with a long walking stick, straw hat, lively southern accent and smile that would make anyone smile back. Some folks around town have fondly appointed him as our walking Town Mayor.

Waldo grew up in Oxon Hill, Maryland and when he married his wife (recently celebrated 40 years of marriage) they moved to Bowie, Maryland. In 2005 the Wards came upon the town of Warrenton and were attracted to its beauty and small-town atmosphere. They soon moved in with the 2 youngest kids and are now blessed with four grandchildren.

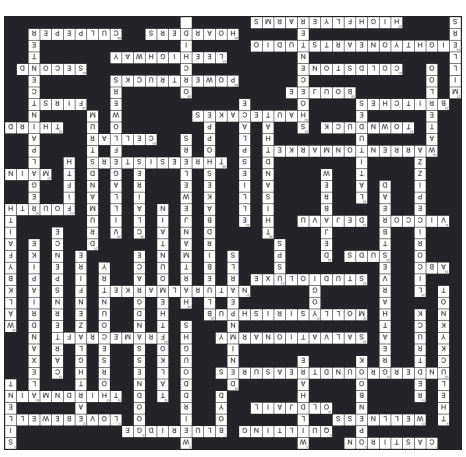
He spent his working life as a Union Ironworker in the Washington DC area, doing renovations on the US Capitol, the White House, and even the Pentagon both before and after 9/11. Retiring in 2008 at the age of 55, he started walking every day around Warrenton, getting around three miles in if the weather is good.

Waldo enjoys meeting people, many of whom have become his friends. They often stop to talk to him and ask him about his walking. Others who spot him simply give him a friendly honk on their car horn or exchange waves while driving by. When he isn't chatting or waving, he is thinking but he delights in the physical exercise also. His favorite route to walk is on Main Street — popping into the shops or resting at Denim and Pearls for their $5 mussels on Monday.

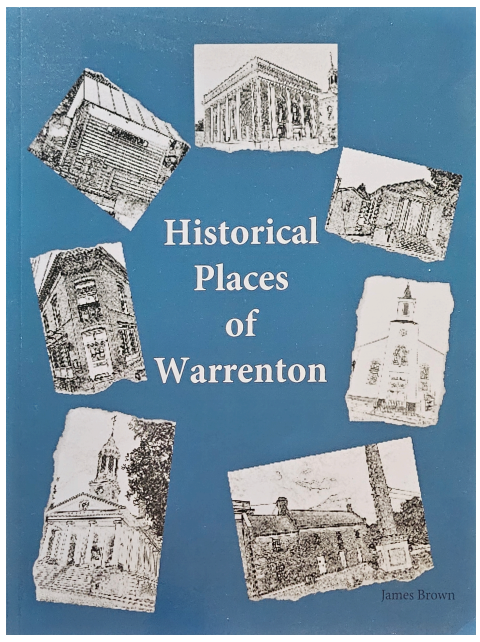
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I asked Waldo to share what he has learned from the local folks that have grown up in and around Warrenton. Some folks want bigger stores and more restaurants but others don't want to see it grow. The folks that move here from populated crowded areas though, universally oppose more growth. Surprisingly though, many who don't work in Warrenton or Fauquier County don't pay attention to the town politics. When Waldo first moved to town, he didn't get involved in town politics either, until the Amazon debacle. Of course there are always good and bad points on both sides of this issue but how it has been handled is disgraceful.

We have an election for a new town Mayor this year. Would Waldo, our walking town Mayor, put in his hat for consideration for the job? Most certainly not, but he would love to see a candidate get voted in who doesn't alienate large parts of the population, because that fuels tension and hostility in our town. He's a man who sees both sides to the issues, and the good in all of us – a rare treasure of a person. Warrenton should be proud to have our Waldo!



» Book Review «



Author James Brown see Book Review »

VERY CRAFTY CREATIONS

Near the caboose and Love Train sculpture at the entrance to the Greenway and Dog Park, there is a very crafty place that offers a plethora of crafts along with a teaching studio! Veronica Morales has been crafting since she was twelve years old and the abundance of crafts is evidence of just that. Her space is filled with all sorts of bright, colorful and cheerful items for sale; however, there are plenty of open large spaces for people to come and learn.

Who is behind this crafty creative space?

Verónica, a creative soul, lover of bright colors and all forms of art. Her artistic uniqueness is revealed when observing the way she combines unusual patterns to make beautifully, harmonious pieces of original art to wear or collect.

Verónica has no fear in exploring new ways of expressing her artistic vein. She has been making art since she was 11 years old, flowing from nail art to making jewelry, clothes, digital artwork and watercolors.

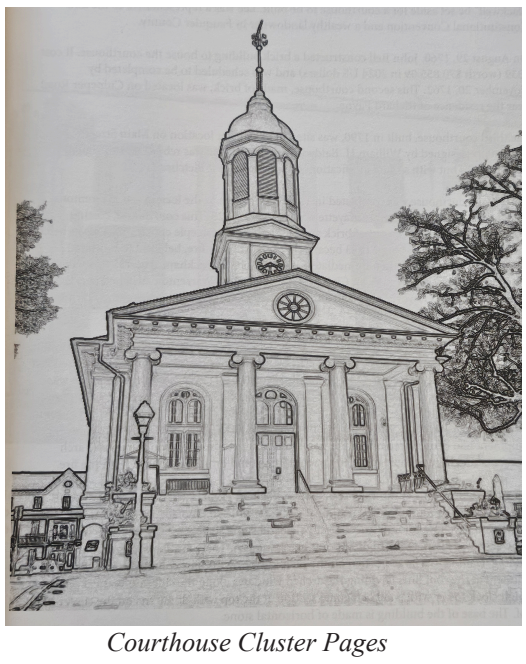
It should be noted that producing art is something Verónica does for fun. She is an accomplished physicist and Engineer, with a B.S. in Physics and a M.S. in Electrical Engineering from the University of Puerto Rico. One of Veronica's most beautiful creations is her son, who is already showing signs of strong creativity inherited from his mom.

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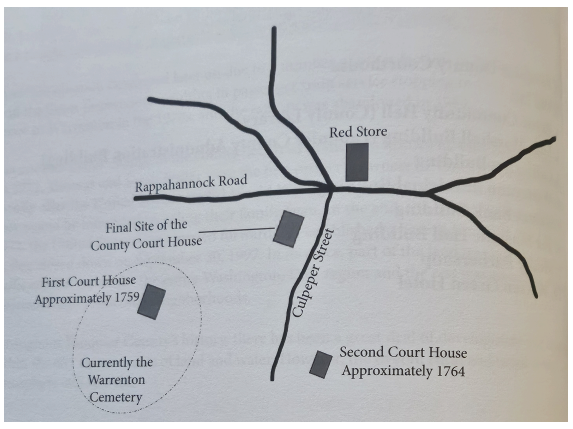


Courthouse Cluster Pages

Historical Places of Warrenton

"A living museum" is how the author describes our Town of Warrenton. "This book Historical Places of Warrenton is designed as a self-guided walking tour. Explore "historical and architectural treasures hidden in plain sight...". The book is filled with stunning graphical illustrations and each page is packed with historical facts and interesting stories including John Barton Payne Community Center, the original County Library. You can buy a copy at the Warrenton Market on Main Street which features carefully curated collections with an emphasis on locally made goods and crafts. You can also contact the publisher directly at TinyThymePress@gmail.com.

About the Author: James Brown describes himself as a father, husband and Navy Veteran who loves Christmas. He also enjoys speaking with historians.



Historical Map: Evolution of Court House site

SCIENCE and MATH FUN: Check the FACTS

Is the planet overpopulated???

By Patty Pratt

Divide the number of people on the planet into the square-feet of the state of Texas and you will see how much space EVERY LIVING PERSON IN THE WORLD would get if crammed into the Texas border.

2,423,716,000,000 = approximately 323 sqft
7,500,000,000 or a square with sides 18 feet long

CONCLUSION: NO, THE PLANET IS VAST!

Now try the same kind of division for the size of Texas compared to the rest of the planet. No cheating with AI! Hint: The answer is less than a percent.

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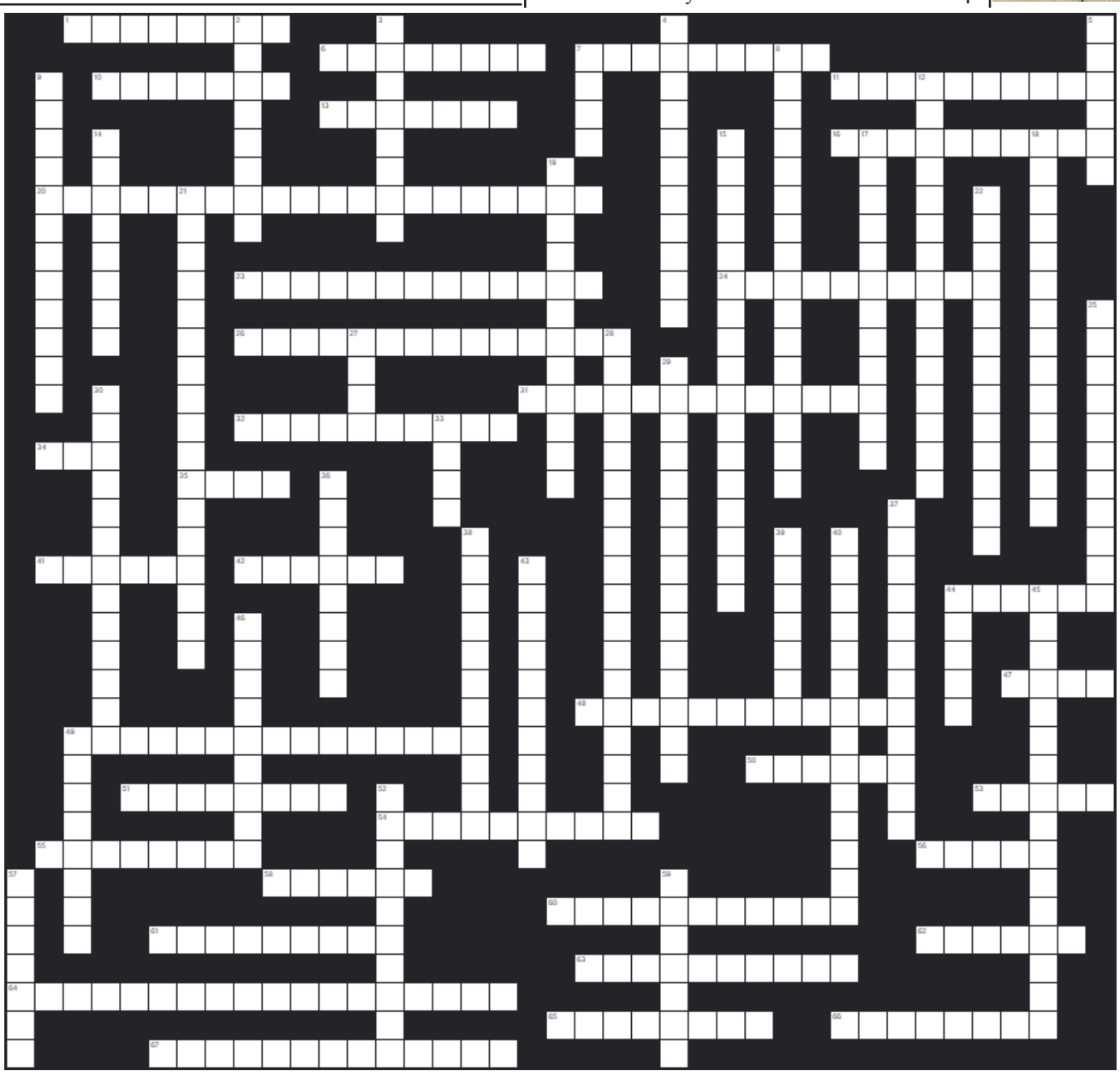
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6 1 of 2 interior shops; wife's essentials
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11 healthy beauty products
13 historical museum gift shop
16 best gourmet eat in or take out
20 new rocks and minerals shop
23 always a good bargain
24 filled and unfilled frames
26 known as local living room & kitchen
31 all healthy things here plus; kitchen
32 Ladies, please
34 liquid packages
35 think Altered, then live altered
41 elegant jewelry shop
42 consignment treasures
44 intersects main
47 Old Town Street
48 clothing boutique
49 home decor and local crafters
50 need a bargain book?
51 fancy country decor, imported treats, wines, and Friday fish
53 intersects main
54 tasty colorful treats
55 outdoor
56 intersects main
58 a Bakers boutique
60 accessories for 4-wheels
61 always freezing here
62 intersects main
63 parallel to main
64 studio artists; upstairs-side entrance
65 unusual finds for a second time
66 intersects main near the courthouse
67 1 of 2 interior stores; husband's side

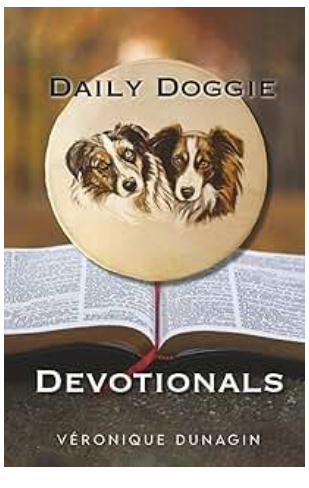
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2 books and more
3 hard cider good times
4 best bagels is the rumor
5 best partner in crime; prevention
7 Taylor-made paintings
8 Tea or Coffee anyone?
9 3 sisters share the space
12 paint a ware
14 easy to spot bakery
15 crabs from where?
17 tack and not so tacky gifts
18 one way to get to main street
19 fancy kitchen with a "poplar" chef
21 breads and sweets
22 bonafide gifts from the Mayor
25 religious gifts
27 of the frozen kind
28 come in a sit a spell
29 gold & silver sales now in the old pharmacy
30 LP retro themed brick oven
33 need to send a quick card; get it here and the stamp too
36 casual coffee, foods and couches
37 instruments and supplies
38 of the Amish
39 Fine food at the old depot
40 send a gift that's alive
43 food and scoops
44 intersects with main
45 colorwheel crafts and supplies
46 fair market traders
49 turns into main
52 fix a pair or buy em new
57 roll out the red carpet
59 I wanna clay all day studio & gallery



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