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Meeting Wrap-Up. Thanks to all who attended our September meeting.

* Margaret Wohler, Chair of the **Alexandria Film Festival**, gave us a preview of the November 7-10 event. One of the films will be "Daddio" by Rosemont native and comedian Casey Wilson. For more information, please visit <https://alexfilmfest.com>.

* Ian Sterne of **Volunteer Alexandria** gave us some advice about how to be prepared for emergencies (flooding, hurricanes, etc.), as well as alerted us to volunteer opportunities available through the organization. For information about emergency planning, please visit <https://www.alexandriava.gov/Emergency#MakingaPlan>. For information about volunteering, please visit <https://www.volunteeralexandria.org>.

* Brian Rahal of the City's **Stormwater Management Division** provided us with some information about the loans that are available both to businesses and residents to aid recovery from the July flooding, but the October 7 deadline is rapidly approaching. See https://www.alexandriava.gov/news_display.aspx?id=110904 for more information.

Del Ray and Arlandia Planning. The City expect to start the process of updating its plans for these areas of the City – which have not been revisited since the mid-2000s – later this year. After community engagement, the formal revisions will be developed and submitted to Council in 2021. For information, please visit <https://www.alexandriava.gov/planning/info/default.aspx?id=110833>.

Upcoming Area Events. **Art on the Avenue** in Del Ray will be held on Saturday, October 5. See <http://artontheavenue.org> for more information. The **Turkey Trot** through Rosemont and Del Ray will be held on Thursday, November 28. See <https://www.alexandriaturkeytrot.com> for more information.

Keeping Informed. We try to provide regular updates on local news, Rosemont history, and general happenings in the neighborhood and Alexandria via our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/RosemontCitizensiation>), cross-posted to Twitter (<https://twitter.com/RosemontCitizen>) and our web page (<http://RosemontCitizens.org/facebook>). Please consider following one or another (as well as the independent Rosemont email list, <https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/rosemontva/info>, and the community forums at <https://nextdoor.com>).

Membership. Please renew! (See <http://RosemontCitizens.org/join/>.)

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Our next meeting will be at 7:30pm on Thursday, September 26 at the Commonwealth Baptist Church (700 Commonwealth Avenue).

We will be joined, first, by Eileen Bradley of the **Alexandria Film Festival**, to acquaint us with their 13th annual event, scheduled for Veterans' Day weekend (November 7-10); one of the films is by Casey Wilson, an actress who grew up in Rosemont (who appeared on Saturday Night Live in 2008-09, among other roles).

We also will be joined by Ian Sterne, the Emergency Preparedness Manager for Volunteer Alexandria, to discuss how to prepare for disasters (September is **National Preparedness Month**); as seen over the summer, parts of Rosemont are at risk of flooding by Hooff's Run, in addition to other risks such as hurricanes.

Finally, we will be joined by Brian Rahal, a City Engineer who has spoken to us previously about Hooff's Run – but last did so before the July flooding. **Low-interest loans** are available to repair damage from the flooding, but the deadline for applications is rapidly approaching.

We hope to see you there!

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