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The authentic Thai food at Bangkok 54 is a must for any date night along Columbia Pike. Select appetizers are at a discount during happy hour, and the lounge bar is not to be missed. For more information visit bangkok54restaurant.com.



Enjoy discount movies, live comedy, restaurant fare and a full bar at the Arlington Cinema & Drafthouse on Columbia Pike. For upcoming shows and events visit arlingtondraffhouse.com.

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A fine finish to any date night in Columbia Pike includes a stop at P. Brennans Irish Pub and Restaurant. Listen to live Irish music Wednesdays starting at 8 p.m., and acoustic guitar every Friday starting at 9:30 p.m. For more information visit pbrennans.com.

Small-Town Metropolis

Importance of neighborhoods

BY MEGAN WENGER
THE CONNECTION

As the squeaking of sneakers on a basketball court and the rhythmic sounds of a competitive ping-pong game played in the background among the sounds of a busy Monday evening in the Gunston Community Center, Christopher Zimmerman, a member of the Arlington County Board, stated that his favorite part about the Arlington community was that it, indeed, was a community.

"It's a combination of what people talk about liking in small towns," Zimmerman said, "with one of the biggest metropolitan areas. It has a small-town feeling, with exposure to great diversity."

Zimmerman, an Arlington resident since 1979 and first elected to the county board in 1996, oversaw the board's "Open Door Monday" session last week as part of Chair

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Date Night Means Columbia Pike

Convenient location for an evening out.

BY MONTIE MARTIN
THE CONNECTION

For off-the-beaten-path fun in Arlington, consider an evening out at the 2900 block of Columbia Pike. With Thai food, film, comedy and live music all in one convenient location, make it a date night to remember.

Start your evening with Thai fare at Bangkok 54, where select appetizers are at a discount throughout happy hour. Make sure to have an authentic Thai beer with your meal, as the light taste of South East Asian brew pairs with menu items. Enjoy your time, but be aware the evening is only getting started.

The next destination is the Arlington Cinema & Drafthouse, where screenings of discounted films begin at 7:30 p.m. The experience includes table service with a full restaurant and drink menu. Stand up comedy

is a prominent feature, with amateur and professional comics only too happy to entertain. After the show, head across the street for a casual drink at P. Brennans Irish Pub. Live Irish music is a staple on Wednesday nights beginning at 8 p.m., and the live tunes of acoustic guitar complements an evening of merriment Fridays at 9:30 p.m.

Although street parking is available, with further spaces in the rear of Bangkok 54 and the Arlington Draft House, taxis patrol the area regularly — the best mode of transport if alcohol consumption is a part of the fun.

Enjoy the Music, Enjoy the Wine

Crystal City Water Park entertains Friday evenings in September.

BY MONTIE MARTIN
THE CONNECTION

Fine vintages, live music, tasty fare and friendly crowds, all in a scenic outdoor venue, make Friday evenings at the Crystal City Water Park one of Arlington's most entertaining hidden gems.

Nestled between 18th and 15th streets along Crystal Drive, the Crystal City Water Park Friday evening events are a fine way to relax after a long week.

"People are always looking for a nice place to sit outside. The water park is beautiful, there's a mellow sort of feel to it, it's very laid back," said Angela Fox, president and CEO of the Crystal City Business Improvement District. "Some people will have picnics, others just sip wine and relax."

Wine by the glass is available through the Washington Wine Academy, an Arlington-based organization dedicated to expanding an appreciation for all types of wine. Although Spanish light Chianti has been a popular style during the summer months, of particular interest to the academy is the promotion of Virginia wine.

"In terms of production, of all the wine consumed in Virginia only five-percent is from the state," said Jim Barker, president and founder

Cheers to Casual Classes

The Washington Wine Academy is dedicated to enhancing the appreciation of wine. The academy offers casual wine classes, which makes for a fun way to meet new people in a relaxed environment. For more information visit: washingtonwineacademy.org.

Wine Mixes with a Good Time

The wine and music events at the Crystal City Water Park are held every Friday in September, 6-10:30 p.m. The event is free, and sampling tickets can be purchased at the entrance. The Crystal City Water Park is located between 18th and 15th Streets along Crystal Drive, and is readily accessible by metro at the Crystal City station.

of the Washington Wine Academy. "I firmly believe Virginia wine will continue to grow."

Now in the second year running, the Friday evening wine nights are increasing in popularity. Organizers estimate 400 people attend the weekly events on average, which means there are plenty of opportunities to meet neighbors and make new friends. Nonetheless, the events remain far below the radar.

"It's a nice place to wind down, it's very relaxing because of the quietness and convenience," said John Broussard, an Arlington resident who regularly attends the Friday evening events. "It's a hidden gem."



Ken and Patrick Smith, of the group Small Town, perform live music at the Crystal City Water Park.

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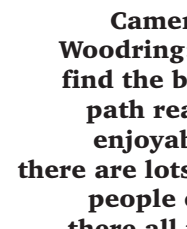
VIEWPOINTS

What do you like best about living in Arlington?

— MEGHAN MARVILLE



Lisa Ashley: "The restaurants, Cheese-cake Factory is my favorite."



Cameron Woodring: "I find the bike path really enjoyable, there are lots of people out there all the time."



Arthur Roach: "Arlington is so pet friendly. I have two Westies and they love to walk around town."



Nicole Floyd: "Shopping! I love the antique shops, and the Ballston Mall."



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Arlington Historical Museum

From pre-history relics to present days, the Arlington Historical Society's museum tells the complete "story of Arlington." Lodged in an old school-house which itself wears a historic marker, the entire Society and museum is run by volunteers from the community. Do not be fooled by that statement. With several colleges and many professional staffs in the Federal government nearby, some of those "volunteers" are respected historians,

librarians, journalists and actual participants in events of local and national history.



Located at 1805 South Arlington Ridge Road, the building is open for limited hours: 1 to 4 p.m., most Saturdays and Sundays. It is best to call and verify that the museum will be open on the day you

plan to visit: 703-892-4204. Free admission. For more information see www.arlingtonhistory.org.

— MICHAEL McMORROW

David M. Brown Planetarium

Over this summer, a \$500,000 modernization of the planetarium will be completed. Students and the general public have access to scientifically accurate programs in astronomy which are geared to several levels of knowledge. However, a bit of whimsy sometimes creeps in. For example, generations of children have delighted in the Christmas program that features a well-known sleigh driver and eight tiny reindeer. The planetarium looks

like a "flying saucer" on the front lawn of the Public Schools Headquarters at 1426 North Quincy Street. It is named to honor Capt. David M. Brown, MD, USN, a native Arlingtonian and astronaut who perished in the 2003 Space Shuttle Columbia disaster.



In September, full details about the facility, including a calendar of events, will be found on the public schools homepage at www.apsva.us.

— MICHAEL McMORROW

Who You Gonna Call? Arlington County Parks & Recreation!

Arlington County Department of Parks and Recreation welcomes you to Arlington and invites you to give us a call or visit us on the web for the latest information on upcoming events, class registration, programming for all ages, nature centers, volunteering and MUCH MORE!



General Information

Closures and Cancellations Hotline
Parks and Recreation General Line
Police/Fire Non-Emergency
Classes & Camps Registration
Volunteer Office
Sports
Community Canine Areas
Parks
Request Camp & Class Catalog
Teen Events and Happenings
Senior Programs
Therapeutic Recreation
TTY Service
After School Programs for Youth

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703-228-PLAY
703-558-2222
703-228-4747
703-228-4730
703-228-1801
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703-228-7780
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Community Centers

Barcroft Sport & Fitness Center
Carver Community Center
Dawson Terrace
Charles Drew Community Center
Fairlington Community Center
Gunston Community Center
Langston-Brown Community Center
Lee Community Center
Lubber Run Community Center
Madison Community Center
Thomas Jefferson Community Center
Walter Reed Community Center

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703-228-5706
703-228-4712
703-228-5725
703-228-6588
703-228-6980
703-228-5210
703-228-0550
703-228-4712
703-228-5310
703-228-5920
703-228-0935

Senior Centers

Arlington Mill Senior Center
at Fairlington Center
Aurora Hills Senior Center
Culpepper Garden Senior Center
Langston-Brown Senior Center
Lee Senior Center
Walter Reed Senior Center

703-228-7791
703-228-5722
703-228-4403
703-228-6300
703-228-0555
703-228-0949

Nature Centers

Gulf Branch
Long Branch
Potomac Overlook

703-228-3403
703-228-6535
703-528-5406

Pools (through Arlington Public Schools)

703-228-6264

Fitness

Personal Training
Drop In Fitness Classes at TJ
Fitness Center Memberships

703-228-5916
703-228-0944
703-228-4747

Rental Facilities and Birthday Parties

Community Rooms, Fields and Courts
Picnic Shelters
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Gulf Branch Nature Parties
Long Branch Nature Parties
Gymnastics Parties at Barcroft
ARTful Parties

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703-228-5918

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Master Gardeners
703-228-6414

703-228-6400
703-228-6417



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Meet the Arlington County Board

Since 1930, the county has been governed by a five-member County Board rather than a County Board of Supervisors. Board members are elected at-large for staggered four-year terms, and the chairmanship rotates annually.

MARY HYNES, CHAIRWOMAN

First elected to the Arlington County Board in 2007, Hynes was a member of the Arlington School Board for 12 years, serving as chairwoman on three occasions. She graduated from the College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph, Minnesota, which honored her in 2007 as a distinguished alumna.



Hynes is chairwoman of Council of Government's Region Forward Coalition, a public-private consortium created to pursue COG's vision for the region's future. She is also a member of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board, the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission's Executive and Legislative committees. As chairwoman in 2012, Hynes has created initiative she calls PLACE, Participation, Leadership and Civic Engagement – to build on community's valued tradition of civic engagement known as "the Arlington Way." Ms. Hynes and her husband Patrick have resided in Arlington for nearly 35 years and are the parents of five Arlington Public Schools graduates.

LIBBY GARVEY

First elected to the Arlington County Board in March 2012, Garvey was a member of the Arlington School board for 15 years, serving as chairwoman five times. She earned a bachelor's degree from Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts and has lived in Arlington since 1977. Garvey's professional career began as a teacher in the Central African Republic with the Peace Corps. She later served in parent-teacher associations of Abingdon and Dew elementary schools and the H-B Woodlawn program. She has been vice president of the County Council of PTAs, vice president of the Fairlington Civic Association and vice chairwoman of the Advisory Council on Instruction. Democratic Gov. Mark Warner appointed Garvey to serve on the Education Council, an appointment that was later continued by Democratic Gov. Tim Kaine. In memory of her late husband, she established the Kennan Garvey Memorial Fund for Phoenix Bikes and has served on their board. She has two daughters, both of whom are graduates of Arlington Public Schools, and four grandchildren.



JAY FISETTE

First elected to the Arlington County Board in 1997, Fisetete has been a resident of Arlington since 1983. He served as chair-



man in 2001, 2005 and 2010. A former GAO auditor, Fisetete is a member of the Ashton Heights Civic Association, Unitarian-Universalist Church of Arlington, Arlington Committee of 100, Arlington Gay and Lesbian Alliance, Washington Area Bicyclist Association, Equality Virginia, and Leadership Greater Washington. Fisetete served as a staff consultant to the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee from 1988 to 1989 and as the director of the Whitman-Walker Clinic of Northern Virginia from 1990 to 1998. He has a master's degree in Public and International Affairs from the University of Pittsburgh and received a bachelor's degree from Bucknell University. Fisetete and his partner, Bob Rosen, have been residents of the Ashton Heights neighborhood since 1987.

CHRIS ZIMMERMAN

First elected to the Arlington County Board in 1996, Zimmerman has been a resident of the county since 1979. He served as chairman in 1998, 2002 and 2006 and 2011. Zimmerman has a master's degree Economics from the University of Maryland and a bachelor's degree in Political Science and Economics from The American University. A former civic association president and planning commissioner, Zimmerman was chief economist and committee director for Federal Budget and



Taxation at the National Conference of State Legislatures. He has been a member of the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority, the Transportation Planning Board for the National Capital Region, the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission and the Virginia Railway Express Operations Board. Zimmerman and his wife, Mary Beth, live in the Douglas Park neighborhood of south Arlington where they have raised three children, all graduates of Arlington Public Schools.

WALTER TEJADA

First elected to the Arlington County Board in a 2003 special election, Tejada served as chairman in 2008. Born in El Salvador, Tejada moved to the United States at the age of 13. He studied Government and Communication at George Mason University and has worked as an investigator, a business consultant and as an aide to U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8). Before his election to the County Board, he served on the Fiscal Affairs Advisory Commission, the Affordable Housing Task Force, the Sports Commission, the Neighborhood Day Organizing Committee and the Bicentennial Celebration Task Force. He is the founding chairman of the Virginia Coalition of Latino Organization, and the founding president of the American Salvadoran Association of Virginia and of the Latino Democrats of Virginia.



Meet the Arlington School Board

The Arlington School Board has five members who serve overlapping four-year terms.

CHAIRWOMAN EMMA VIOLAND-SÁNCHEZ

First elected to the Arlington School Board in 2008, Violand-Sánchez has lived in Arlington since 1978. She is a former supervisor school administration official, serving as supervisor of the office for English for Speakers of Other Languages and High Intensity Language Training until her retirement in 2007. She received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Radford University, and she has a doctorate in education from the George Washington University. She is currently an adjunct faculty at Georgetown University. Violand-Sánchez has two children, James and Julia, who are also educators and graduated from the Arlington Public Schools.



2009, Lander is a product of the Philadelphia Public Schools and the father of an Arlington County Public Schools student. He earned his bachelor's degree in Marine Engineering from the Massachusetts Maritime Academy and his Masters of Engineering from the University of Virginia. Lander is a veteran of the first Gulf War, serving in Saudi Arabia, and he continues to serve as an officer in the Naval Reserves, having been recalled after 9/11 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Lander, his wife, and their daughter live in the Oakcrest neighborhood of Arlington.

ABBY RAPHAEL

First elected to the Arlington School Board in 2007, Raphael has lived in Arlington since 1989. A former assistant commonwealth's attorney for Arlington County, Raphael earned her juris doctor from the University of Virginia School of Law and her bachelor's degree from Duke University. She has been an officer of the Bellevue Forest Citizens' Association and the Arlington County Bar Association.



On the School Board, she has served as the liaison to the Partnership for Children, Youth and Families, the Student Advisory Board and the Washington Area Boards of Education. She and her husband, Stuart, have two daughters who attend Williamsburg Middle School and Washington-Lee High School.

SALLY BAIRD

First elected to the Arlington School Board in 2006, Baird has lived in Arlington since 1988. A native of Ohio, she earned an undergraduate degree in political science from Kenyon College. Her professional management and business experience includes more than 25 years in the publishing industry. Before her election to the board, Baird was active in her neighborhood civic association as well serving on the board of the Arlington Gay and Lesbian Alliance. As a parent, she served as co-chair of the APS Early Childhood Advisory Committee and in PTA leadership roles with her children's elementary school. As a member of the board, Baird serves as liaison to the Facilities Advisory Council. She



lives in Arna Valley with her two sons, who are students at Drew Model School.

TODD McCracken

First appointed to the Arlington School Board on April 27, 2012 to fill the vacancy created by the election of Libby Garvey to the Arlington County Board, McCracken has lived in Arlington since 1988. A native of New Mexico, McCracken received his bachelor's degree in Economics from Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas. McCracken has served as chairman of the Advisory Council on School Facilities and Capital Programs, chairman of the FAC Projection and Capacity Subcommittee, co-Chairman of the 2010 School Bond Committee, representative to the Elementary Capacity and Crowding Committee, liaison to the County Council of PTAs and long-time PTA volunteer. McCracken also served on the board of the Tara-Leeway Heights Civic Association from 2006 to 2012. He and his wife Melissa have two sons, who currently attend Swanson Middle School and the H-B Woodlawn Secondary Program.



How To Register, Vote and Vote Early

Election Day is Nov. 6, but you can vote as early as Sept. 21.

BY MARY KIMM
THE CONNECTION

Why does it matter? How important is it for Virginia voters to turn out on or before Nov. 6? As a critical “battleground” state, Virginia will be key in determining who will be the next President of the United States. Who will represent Virginia in the U.S. Senate is also too close to call. Since polling shows that there are very few undecided voters in the Commonwealth, every eligible voter will want to be sure to cast a ballot.

This area has very high rates of voter registration. Consider that Fairfax County, with a population of just more than 1.1 million people, has 711,817 registered voters. And 24 percent of Fairfax County’s population is under 18, so not eligible to vote.

Arlington has a population of about 216,000 and 157,236 registered voters. Sixteen percent are under 18.

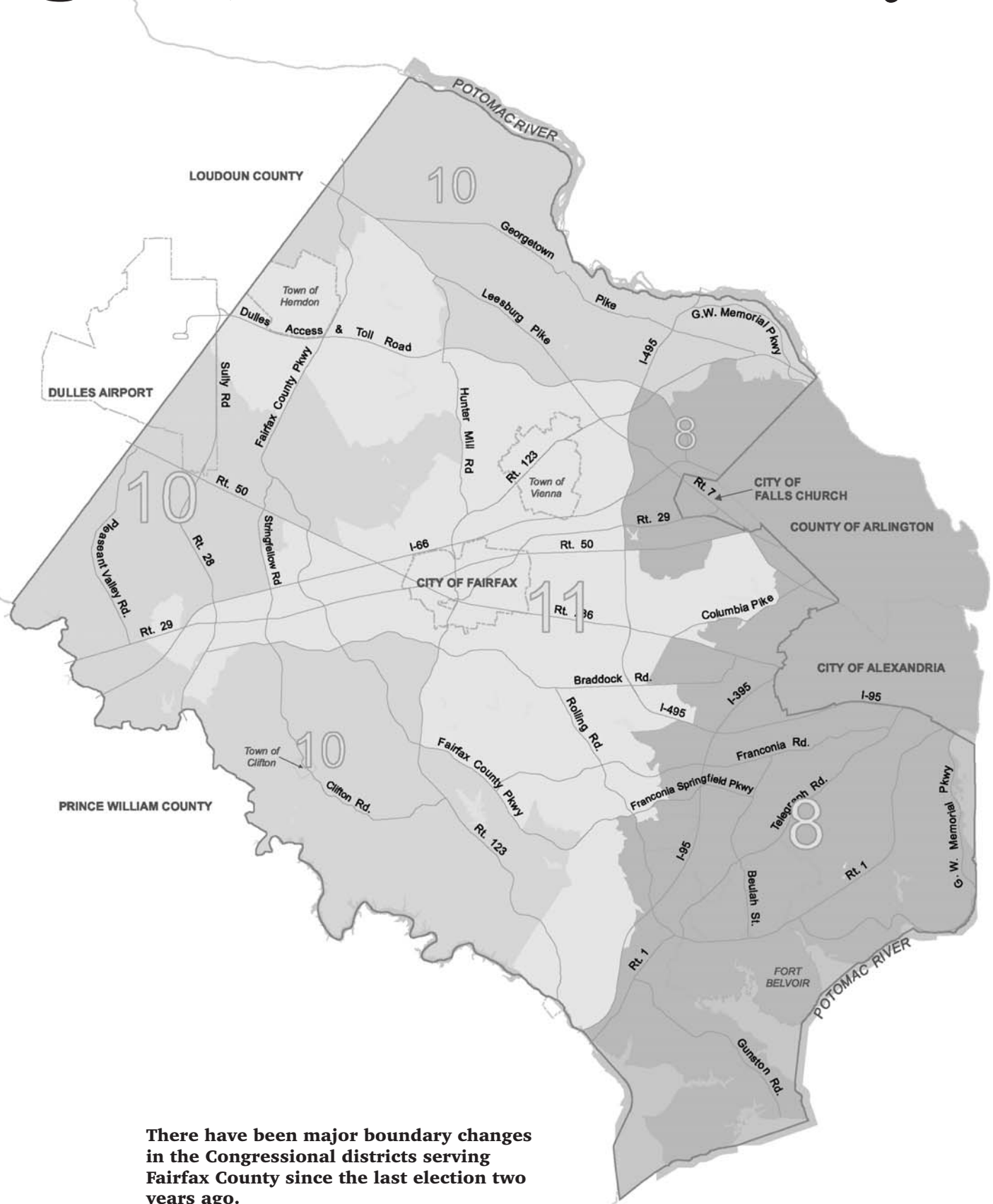
The City of Alexandria has a population of about 144,000 with 101,887 registered voters; 17 percent are under 18.

REGISTER, CHANGE OF ADDRESS: In order to vote on Election Day, you must be registered at your current address no later than Oct. 15, 2012. You can check your registration status online by going to www.sbe.virginia.gov. There you can also download a voter registration form and mail it to the elections office address, listed above.

Voter ID: New laws also affect what identification voters must bring with them to the polling place. Acceptable forms of identification include: Virginia voter identification card; valid Virginia driver’s license; military ID; any Federal, Virginia state or local government-issued ID; employer issued photo ID card; concealed handgun permit; valid student ID issued by any institution of higher education located in the Commonwealth of Virginia; current utility bill, bank statement, government check or paycheck indicating the name and address of the voter.

Voters arriving to the polls without ID will be required to vote a provisional ballot and will have until noon on the Friday after the election to deliver a copy of identification to their locality’s electoral board in order for their provisional ballot to be counted.

All Virginia active registered voters will be mailed a new Virginia voter identification card prior to the November 2012 General Election. Call 804-864-8901 or toll free 800-552-9745, TTY toll free: 800-260-3466. According to the State Board of Elections at presstime, some of the voter identification requirements listed are pending



There have been major boundary changes in the Congressional districts serving Fairfax County since the last election two years ago.

MAP PROVIDED BY FAIRFAX COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

preclearance from the Department of Justice.

VOTING EARLY, ABSENTEE

Virtually every voter in Virginia is eligible to vote absentee, which includes voting in-person absentee at a variety of locations between Sept. 21 and Nov. 2.

There are many reasons that voters are allowed to vote absentee, but the most

broad of these applies to almost anyone with a job: “Any person who, in the regular and orderly course of his business, profession, or occupation, will be at his place of work and commuting to and from his home to his place of work for 11 or more hours of the 13 that the polls are open (6 a.m. to 7 p.m.).”

See http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/absentee_voting/index.html for a complete

list of acceptable reasons to vote absentee, links to download a request for an absentee ballot and other instructions.

You can download an absentee ballot and mail it to your local voter registration office, or you can vote “absentee in person.”

Absentee Voting in Person, Fairfax County:

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* = incumbent

U.S. SENATE



Tim Kaine
(D)



George Allen
(R)

8TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT



Jim Moran
(D)*



Patrick Murray
(R)

10TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT



Kristin A. Cabral
(D)



Frank Wolf
(R)*

11TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT



Gerry Connolly
(D)*



Chris Perkins
(R)

Election Day Is Nov. 6; Absentee Voting Begins Sept. 21

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❖ Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 323, Fairfax, VA 22035

Absentee voting hours, Sept. 21-Oct. 16, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Thursdays: 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Oct. 17-Nov. 2, Monday-Friday: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Saturday Hours: Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27, Nov. 3: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Office Closed On: Monday, Oct. 8, 2012 (Columbus Day)

Last Day to Vote In-Person: Saturday, Nov. 3

Absentee Voting in Person, Fairfax County Satellite Locations

Voting in the following seven locations is available Oct. 17 - Nov. 3, Monday - Friday, 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.:

❖ Franconia Governmental Center, 6121 Franconia Road, Alexandria, VA 22310

❖ Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Avenue, McLean, VA 22101

❖ North County Human Services Building, 1850 Cameron Glen Drive, Reston, VA

For More Election Information

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

804 864-8901 Toll Free: 800 552-9745 FAX: 804 371-0194

email: info@sbe.virginia.gov
http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/Voter_Information/Index.htm

FAIRFAX COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

703-222-0776, www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Suite 232, Fairfax, 22035; FAX 703-324-2205; email voting@fairfaxcounty.gov

CITY OF FAIRFAX GENERAL REGISTRAR

703-385-7890, http://www.fairfaxva.gov/Registrar/GeneralRegistrar.asp
10455 Armstrong Street, Sisson House, Fairfax, 22030; FAX 703-591-8364; email kevin.linehan@fairfaxva.gov

ALEXANDRIA BOARD OF ELECTIONS

703-746-4050, http://alexandriava.gov/Elections
132 North Royal Street, Alexandria, 22314; FAX 703-838-6449; email tom.parkins@alexandriava.gov

ARLINGTON BOARD OF ELECTIONS

703-228-3456, http://www.arlingtonva.us/vote,
2100 Clarendon Blvd. Suite 320, Arlington, 22201; FAX 703-228-3659; email voters@arlingtonva.us

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❖ West Springfield Governmental Center, 6140 Rolling Road, Springfield, VA 22152

❖ Mason Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003

❖ Mount Vernon Governmental Center, 2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306

❖ Sully Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151

Absentee In-person Voting in the City of Alexandria:

In-person absentee voting starts Friday, Sept. 21 at 8 a.m. and ends Saturday, Nov. 3 at 5 p.m.

Regular hours for in-person absentee voting are Monday - Friday, from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Office of Voter Registration and Elections, 132 North Royal Street, Suite 100 (the office is closed on Monday, Oct. 8).

Beatley Library will be used as a second absentee voting site beginning Thursday, Oct. 25.

More details, including dates of extended hours at <http://alexandriava.gov/elections/info/default.aspx?id=1720>

Arlington In-person Absentee Voting:

Will be available starting Sept. 21 and ending 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 3 at 2100 Clarendon Blvd., Lobby Level, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday, (closed Oct. 8) with some extended hours, and Saturdays beginning Sept. 29.

Two satellite locations, Barcroft Sport and Fitness Center, 4200 S. Four Mile Run Drive and Madison Community Center, 3829 N. Stafford St., will have in-person absentee voting from Oct. 6 - Nov. 3. For hours, visit <http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/voterregistration/voterregistrationabsenteevoting.aspx>

WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT?

Every voter in Virginia will vote for U.S. senator and their member in the U.S. House of Representatives, in addition to President of the United States and two constitutional questions.

For Senate, Tim Kaine (D), former governor will face George Allen (R), also former governor and former U.S. senator, to replace U.S. Sen. Jim Webb (D) who is retiring from the Senate after a single term. Webb defeated George Allen six years ago. Connection coverage of the U.S. Senate race is available at <http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/Election/National/Senate/>

Two constitutional questions will appear

on all Virginia ballots, one about the use of eminent domain and one about the timing of a particular session of the General Assembly to consider overriding vetoes by the governor of legislation that was passed by the assembly. See <http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/webdocs/201211ConstitutionalAmendmentsPoster.pdf>.

In the races for U.S. House of Representatives, it's worth noting that redistricting resulted in significant changes in Northern Virginia in terms of who your U.S. representative will be. If you live in Reston, for example, while last election you were represented by Jim Moran and the 8th district, now you are in the 11th district where the incumbent is Gerry Connolly. See the map for details. Fairfax County is represented by three Congressional Districts, 8, 10 and 11. Connection coverage of congressional races is available at <http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/Election/National/Representatives>.

In the 8th District, incumbent Rep. Jim Moran (D), seeking his 12th term since being elected in 1990, will face Patrick Murray (R), and two independent candidates, Janet Murphy and Jason Howell. The 8th district includes all of Alexandria and Arlington, plus parts of Fairfax County including Mount Vernon, Lorton and parts of McLean, Tysons and Falls Church.

In the 10th District, Frank Wolf (R), elected to office in 1982, will face Democrat Kristin A. Cabral and independent J. Kevin Chisholm. The 10th district sprawls from McLean to Winchester, and includes Great Falls, Chantilly, parts of Fairfax Station, the Town of Clifton, part of Burke and Springfield.

In the 11th District, Gerry Connolly (D), former chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, elected to Congress in 2008, will face Republican Chris Perkins and Independents Joe Galdo and Peter M. Marchetti. The 10th district now includes the City of Fairfax, the Town of Herndon, Reston, central Fairfax County including parts of Burke, Springfield and Lorton.

IN FAIRFAX COUNTY, voters will also decide whether to invest in infrastructure based on four bond questions, answering yes or no to supporting \$75 million for parks, \$55 million for public safety facilities, \$25 million for library facilities and \$30 million for stormwater and sewer improvements. http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/nov_2012_county_bond_issues.pdf

IN THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, voters will also choose a mayor, members of the city council and school board.

The Alexandria City Council is composed of a Mayor and six Council members who are elected at-large for three-year terms. Incumbent mayor Bill Euille (D) will face Andrew H. Macdonald (I) in the race for mayor.

Voters will choose six City Council members from the list of 12: Frank H. Fannon IV (R)*, Alicia R. Hughes (R)*, John R. "Bob" Wood (R), John Taylor Chapman (D), Timothy Lovain (D), Del Pepper *(D), Allison Silberberg (D), Paul C. Smedberg❖ (D), Justin M. Wilson (D), Glenda B. Davis (I), Robert Krause (L), Jermaine A. Mincey (I). ❖ means incumbent.

The Alexandria City School Board is a nine-member elected body that adopts policy for the daily operation of schools and sees that school laws are properly explained, enforced, and observed. The city is divided into three voting districts, and three Board members are elected from each district. Each member serves a three-year term. Incumbents marked *.

School Board District A: Stephanie Amann Kapsis, William E. "Bill" Campbell*, Karen A. Graf, Helen F. Morris*, Joyce D. Rawlings, Heath E. Wells

School Board District B: Michael A. Brookbank, Chyrell D. Bucksell, Kelly Carmichael Booz, Justin P. Keating, Marc Williams❖

School Board District C: Ronnie M. Campbell*, Patricia A. "Pat" Hennig, Christopher J. Lewis, Jeff N. Zack.

IN ARLINGTON, voters will choose one member of the County Board and one member of the School Board. Both Arlington boards are made up entirely of at-large members, so both races will appear on all Arlington ballots.

Incumbent Libby Garvey (D) will face Matthew A. Wavro (R) and Audrey R. Clement (I) for the seat on the County Board.

For School Board, incumbent Emma N. Violand-Sanchez will face Noah L. Simon.

Arlington voters will also decide yes or no on four bond questions, whether to authorize raising \$32 million public schools, \$28 million for community infrastructure, \$50 million for local parks and recreation, and \$32 million for Metro and transportation. <http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/voterregistration/forms/Bonds2012ENG.pdf>

OPINION

About the Connection

Newcomers and Community Guide 2012-2013

The paper you're reading, the Arlington Connection is one of 15 papers published by the independent, locally owned Local Media Connection LLC, serving the suburbs of Metropolitan Washington, D.C., in Northern Virginia and Potomac, Md.

Our flagship paper, the Alexandria Gazette Packet, is one of the oldest continuously publishing papers in the country, beginning publication in 1784.

This spring, our papers won some very special awards, including the Virginia Press Association Award for Journalistic Integrity and Community Service and the Fairfax County Media Partnership Award, along with dozens of others.

We're proud of our commitment to community service, and delighted when it results in awards. We have staff and contributors here at the Connection with remarkable talent and experience, far greater than one might expect. While the last few years have brought many challenges to the newspaper business everywhere, affecting us as well, we continue to publish 15 distinct papers every week that serve their communities in distinct ways.

As local, weekly newspapers, the Connection's mission is to bring the local news you need, to gather information about the best things in and near your community, to advocate for community good, to provide a forum for dialogue on local concerns and to celebrate and record milestones and events in community and people's lives.

Here in our Newcomers and Community Guide, we've included an insider's look at the parks, plus details of how to vote in the upcoming elections. Many voters will be surprised when they look at the map on our elections page and discover that their Congressional district has changed.

We invite newcomers and long-time residents alike to let us know how we're doing and let us know what is going on in your part of the community. If you have questions or ideas, send us an e-mail, contact us on Facebook or send us a tweet. You can even call.

We invite you to send letters to the editor or to send an e-mail with feedback about our coverage. You can read and comment on our stories online at www.ConnectionNewspapers.com.

We want to know if someone in your family or your community published a book, started a business, became an Eagle Scout, raised money for a good cause, accomplished some feat like running a marathon or having art included in an art show. We publish photos and notes of a variety of personal milestones and community events, including births, engagements, weddings, anniversaries, awards and obituaries. We are also interested in events at your church, mosque, synagogue, community center, pool, school, club, etc. Email us a photo and a note about the event. Be sure to include the names of all the people who are in a photo, and say when and where the photo was taken. We also publish notes about news and events from local businesses. Notes about openings, new employees, anniversaries are welcome. It is especially important to us to let people know about events ahead of time in our calendar of events. We appreciate getting notice at least two weeks ahead of the event, and we encourage photos.

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CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES

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at Columbia Pike Branch Library
Sponsor: Arlington Public Library
Location: Arlington, VA 22201
Help make sure the library has the items you want on the shelf as soon as possible. Sort AV items by call number or genre, shelve them, and straighten the shelves to make it easier to find what you want.
Contact: Barbara Dean, 703-228-7688

Computer Lab (CyberCenter) coaches at Columbia Pike Branch Library
Sponsor: Arlington Public Library
Location: Arlington, VA 22204
Do you like working with computers? Columbia Pike Branch Library is looking for people to staff our computer help desk near the computers available to the public for Internet, and, Microsoft Word, Excel, and Powerpoint.
Contact: Barbara Dean, 703-228-7688

Volunteer ESL Teacher
Sponsor: ESL & Immigrant Ministries
Location: Arlington, VA 22204



Volunteers are needed to teach English in small classroom settings to adult immigrants starting in September 2012. Commitment is one 2-hour class a week for 10 weeks. Prior teaching experience is not required. Second language skill is not necessary.
Contact: Dorothy Hettmann, 703-841-0292

ESL Computer Lab Volunteer
Sponsor: ESL & Immigrant Ministries
Location: Arlington, VA 22204
Volunteer needed to assist in computer lab in an ESL program. Volunteer must be comfortable using a PC; specialized computer knowledge and technical expertise are not required. ESL students rotate through the computer lab to reinforce the English.
Contact: Dorothy Hettmann, 703-841-0292

Summer Reading Program
Sponsor: Nauck Community Services Center, BAJCDC | Location: Arlington, VA 22206

We are looking for volunteers to read to our youth in the community each Wednesday evening in shifts of 30 minutes. The time starts at 5 p.m. and ends at 8 p.m. The children range from Pre-K level to 5th grade.
Contact: Brayani Sheffey, 703-229-5650

Hotline Crisis Counselors
Needed: Weekdays
Sponsor: CrisisLink
Location: Arlington, VA 22204
CrisisLink is looking for empathetic, non-judgmental and caring volunteers to answer our suicide and crisis prevention hotline calls during the weekday daytime hours. Our volunteers are committed to saving lives and preventing tragedies.
Contact: Michelle Short, 703-516-6778

Hotline Crisis Counselors
Needed: Evenings and Weekends
Sponsor: CrisisLink
Location: Arlington, VA 22204

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Contact: Michelle Short, 703-516-6778

Arlington Villages Project Team
Sponsor: Department Of Parks & Recreation
Location: Arlington, VA 22207
The Arlington Villages Project Team is working to create a network of villages in Arlington. Members of these neighborhood-based villages work together with the goal of staying in their own homes as they age, while enjoying active, healthy and safe lifestyle.
Contact: Milada Weaver, 703-228-4730

Vertical Villages Activity Leaders
Sponsor: Department Of Parks & Recreation
Location: Arlington, VA 22207
Arlington Wisdom Works needs volunteers to assist in planning a program to provide recreational and social opportunities to seniors in a high rise apartment building setting.
Contact: Milada Weaver, 703-228-4730

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NEWCOMERS & COMMUNITY GUIDE 2012~13

What's on November's Ballot?

From municipal bond initiatives to a hotly contested race for the United States Senate, the Arlington ballot has a wide range of items on the Nov. 6 ballot.

Here's a look at what voters will see when they head to the polls.

President, Vice President of the United States

- ❖ Mitt Romney, Republican
- ❖ Barack Obama, Democrat

U.S. Senate

- ❖ George Allen, Republican
- ❖ Tim Kaine, Democrat

U.S. House of Representatives, 8th District

- ❖ Patrick Murray, Republican
- ❖ Jim Moran, Democrat
- ❖ Janet Howell, Independent
- ❖ Janet Murphy, Independent Green

Arlington County Board

- ❖ Matt Warvo, Republican
- ❖ Libby Garvey, Democrat
- ❖ Audrey Clement, Green

School Board (two seats)

- ❖ Noah Simon
- ❖ Emma Violand-Sanchez

BALLOT QUESTIONS

❖ **Legislative Sessions:** Shall Section 6 of Article IV (Legislature) of the Constitution of Virginia concerning legislative sessions be amended to allow the General Assembly to delay by no more than one week the fixed starting date for the reconvened or "veto" session when the General Assembly meets after a session to consider the bills returned to it by the Governor with vetoes or amendments?

❖ **Bill of Rights:** Shall Section 11 of Article I (Bill of Rights) of the Constitution of Virginia be amended (i) to require that eminent domain only be exercised where the property taken or damaged is for public use and, except for utilities or the elimination of a public nuisance, not where the primary use is for private gain, private benefit, private enterprise, increasing jobs, increasing tax revenue, or economic development; (ii) to define what is included in just compensation for such taking or damaging of property; and (iii) to prohibit the taking or damaging of more private property than is necessary for the public use?

BOND REFERENDA QUESTIONS

❖ **Metro and Transportation:** Shall Arlington County contract a debt and issue its general obligation bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$31,946,000 to finance, together with other available funds, the cost of various capital projects for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority and other transit, pedestrian, road or transportation projects?

❖ **Local Parks and Recreation:** Shall Arlington County contract a debt and issue its general obligation bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$50,553,000 to finance, together with other available funds, the cost of various capital projects for local parks & recreation, and land acquisition for parks and open space?

❖ **Community Infrastructure:** Shall Arlington County contract a debt and issue its general obligation bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$28,306,000 to finance, together with other available funds, the cost of various capital projects for County facilities, information technology, and infrastructure?

❖ **Arlington Public Schools:** Shall Arlington County contract a debt and issue its general obligation bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$42,620,000 to finance, together with other available funds, the costs of various capital projects for Arlington Public Schools?

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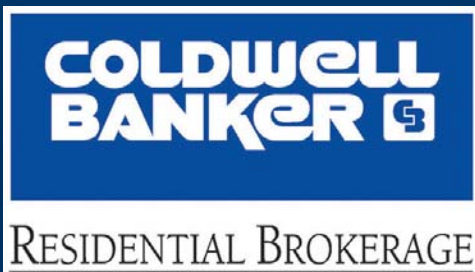
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SENIOR CITIZENS

Seniors Bike
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Eleven members of the Arlington 55+ Biking Group made an 80 mile roundtrip ride from Rosslyn to Leesburg, on June 8. Jennifer Collins, sports coordinator for the Office of Senior Adult Programs, said the ride was scheduled to take 10 hours from start to finish and included pedaling on hilly two-lane roads in Montgomery County, Md. and many miles on the W&OD bike trail. For more information about the 55+ Biking Group, email, 55plusbikinggroup@arlingtonva.us or call 703-228-4771.

“FLOURISHING AFTER 55”

“Flourishing After 55” from Arlington’s Office of Senior Adult Programs for Sept. 4-8.

Arlington senior centers: Aurora Hills, 735 S. 18th St.; Walter Reed, 2909 S. 16th St.; Culpepper Garden, 4435 N. Pershing Dr.; Langston-Brown, 2121 N. Culpepper St.; Lee, 5722 Lee Hwy.; Arlington Mill at Fairlington, 3308 S. Stafford St.; also Madison Community Center, 3829 N. Stafford St.; TJ Comm. Center, 3501 S. 2nd St.

Senior trips: George Washington Masonic Memorial, Alexandria, \$20, Wednesday, Sept. 5; WV BBQ and Bluegrass Festival, Back Creek Valley, W.Va., \$42; Liberty ship cruise on Chesapeake Bay, food, entertainment, \$160, Saturday, Sept. 8. Call Arlington County 55+ Travel, 703-228-4748. Registration required.

Encore Chorale rehearsals begin, no auditions, Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2 p.m., Langston-Brown. Details, 703-228-6300.

Piano lessons, half hour sessions, \$20, Tuesdays, 12 p.m.- 3 p.m., Culpepper Garden. Call for appt., 703-228-4303.

Northern Virginia Senior Olympics information weekdays, 703-228-4721 or email NVSO1982@gmail.com.

Beginners full fitness exercise class, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m., Lee. \$4 per class. Register, 703-228-0555.

55+ Biking Group, 20 mile loop to visit senior centers, Wednesday, Sept. 5, 10 a.m. Details, 703-228-4745.

Duplicate bridge players welcome, singles or partners, Wednesdays, 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Aurora Hills. \$5 flat fee. Details, 703-243-7714.

Microsoft’s new Senior Surfer program details, Wednesday, Sept. 5, 1 p.m., Aurora Hills. Register, 703-228-5722.

The art of clay building classes begin Thursday, Sept. 6, 1 p.m., Langston-Brown. \$48/6 sessions. Register, 703-228-6300.

Community Health Fair, Friday, Sept. 7, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Aurora Hills. Free. Details, 703-228-5722.

Pickleball demonstration, Friday, Sept. 7, 12 p.m. – 2 p.m., Walter Reed. Free. Register, 703-228-0955.

Leadership Recognition Luncheon

At the Leadership Recognition Luncheon on June 6 are, from left, Dinesh Tiwari, director of



parcs and recreation; Betty Hayes; Laura Lazour, division chief for parks and recreation; Dr. Merton Bland, and Cheryl Johnson, Office of Senior Adult Programs manager. The luncheon, organized annually by OSAP, also highlighted the installation of new officers of the Senior Adult Council. The 2012-2013 officers are chair, Jerilyn Andrews; co-chair, Vera Libeau; vice chair, Virginia Blake; secretary, Daena Kluegel, and treasurer, Milton Nelson. Johnson presented special awards to three volunteers who are “committed and dedicated stalwarts of senior programs:” Hayes from Culpepper Garden Senior Center, Bland from Langston-Brown Senior Center and Ken Milow, past chair of the Senior Adult Council and founding member of the Arlington Alliance for Senior Programs. For more information about OSAP and senior center programs, call 703-228-4744 or check the website at www.arlingtonva.us, click on 55+ Guide.

NEWCOMERS GUIDE

For Young and Old

Arlington offers range of activities.

BY ASHLEY CLAIRE SIMPSON
THE CONNECTION

Arlington County is bustling with activities, events and places to socialize.

Roberta Banning, communications and public relations coordinator for Arlington's Department of Parks and Recreation, said there are plenty of things to do in Arlington in the upcoming months.

Banning said the parks and recreation is currently getting ready for the Festival Latina Americano, to name one event.

"This is our celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month in Arlington," Banning said. "It will take place on Sept. 30. There will be dancers and musicians representing a variety of different countries. It will be great for the families."

There is no charge to attend this event either.

"It is a free event at Kenmore Middle School," she said.

Another upcoming, free event in Arlington is Family Fun Day in the Park, which Banning said will be at Bluemont Park on Sept. 22 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"It will be a great way to bring the family out," Banning said. "There will be family and kids' games. We are also encouraging people to ride their bikes or walk because Bluemont is a bike friendly park."

She added that attendees are encouraged to bring their own picnic lunch and there will be grills at the park for people to cook their food.

There are also ongoing activities for Arlington's residents, both old and new, according to Banning.

"On Aug. 15, fall registration began for classes starting Sept. 17," Banning said. "There are classes throughout the county and they are a great way for newcomers to get involved, active and to meet new people."

All of parks and recreation

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Free concerts every Thursday (Wilson Blvd. and N. Oak Street) in Rosslyn, at 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. through Oct. 25. Call 703-522-6628 or visit www.rosslynva.org.

U.S. Army Band Free Concerts. Held 7:30 p.m. at Kenmore Auditorium through Aug. 24. Visit usarmyband.com for show dates.

Volunteer Work Day at Potomac Overlook Regional Park, 2845 N. Marcey Road, from 10 a.m.-noon, on the first Saturday of each month. Help with the gardens or trails. Call 703-528-5406.

The Horticulture Hotline is available from 9 a.m.-noon, Monday-Friday, year-round at 703-228-6414. Home gardeners are also welcome to visit the Virginia Cooperative Extension Office at the Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St., during these hours.

Exhibition of works by local painters. Showings sponsored by the Arlington Artists Alliance, a nonprofit organization in support of art and artists in Arlington. Visit www.arlingtonartistsalliance.org for location and dates.

The Big Red Caboose at Bluemont is open to visitors during the summer on Saturdays from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sundays from 1-5 p.m. Free for all ages. The caboose is located at 601 N. Manchester St. Call 703-525-0168.

The Ballston Art Market returns to Welburn Square offering original creations for home decor, gifts and personal use, including handmade jewelry, pottery, quilts, wearable art, giftware, watercolors, oil paintings and photography through October. The second Saturday of every month. Different artists exhibit each month, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. A select panel juries the artists. Welburn Square is adjacent to the Metro station at 9th and N. Stuart streets near Ballston Common Mall. Call 202-536-9714.

Ballston hosts a weekly Farmers Market in Welburn Square, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Fridays, May through October. Welburn Square is located between N. Stuart and N. Taylor streets, across from the Ballston Metro Station. Call 703-528-3527 or e-mail ballstonvasquare.org/farmersmarket.

Clarendon Farmer's Market has locally produced breads and pastries, organic vegetables, flowers, soap, sorbet and more. Held Saturdays and Sundays from 8 a.m. to noon at Courthouse Parking Lot, 3195 North Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Also year-round on Wednesdays from 3-7 p.m. at Clarendon Metro Station. Visit www.Clarendon.org. Call 703-812-8881.

The Rosslyn Business Improvement District's Farmers Market, Thursdays through October, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Wilson Boulevard and North Oak Street in Arlington. Bread, farm-fresh fruits and vegetables, herbs,



Columbia Pike Farmers Market is open Sundays at the corner of Walter Reed Drive and Columbia Pike.

exotic teas, gourmet baked goods, specialty coffee, and Italian marinades and sauces will be available during the market. Visit <http://www.rosslynva.org/play/markets>.

Columbia Pike Homegrown Farmers Market. Located at Pike Park on Columbia Pike at S. Walter Reed Drive. Market is open every Sunday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Call 703-892-2776.

Flea Market and Community Garage Sale. Run by the Arlington Civitan Club, the market is held the first Saturday of every month from 7 a.m.-1:30 p.m., April-November. The event is held at the I-66 parking garage at the corner of N. 15th and N. Quincy streets. Call 703-534-9268 or visit www.rosslynva.org/play/markets.

Arlington Farmer's Market. Fruits and vegetables, cut flowers, plants, meats, cheeses, milk, eggs, wine, honey, Christmas trees and more from as many as 30 producers. Located at the corner of N. 14th Street and N. Courthouse Road, near Courthouse Metro Station. Saturdays, 8 a.m.-noon. Call 703-228-6426 or visit <http://arlingtonfarmersmarket.com>.

SEPTEMBER 2012
22th Annual Rosslyn Jazz Fest.

Saturday, Sept. 8 from 1-7 p.m. Free. Features Joshua Redman, Afro Blue, Rene Marie, The Don Byron New Gospel Quintet and more. In Rosslyn's Gateway Park, North Lynn Street and Lee Highway, Arlington. Visit <http://www.rosslynva.org/play/calendar/jazz-festival> or call 703-228-1850.

Vintage Crystal. The Fourth Annual Vintage Crystal - A Taste of Wine and Jazz. Sept. 16 from 2-6 p.m. Event fee: \$20 includes wine sips, food tastes, entertainment and commemorative glass. Vintage is held in the courtyard at 220 20th Street. The event will feature 30 wineries, 25 restaurants, Latin jazz, salsa dancing, wine tasting classes, tequila, and more.

Clarendon Day. The annual street party held Saturday, Sept. 22 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Clarendon Day features the cuisine of local restaurants, the music of local bands, antiques and collectibles markets, and the art of area craft makers and artists. Visit www.clarendonday.org.



Joel "JoMo" Newman on bass with Moondog Medicine Show at the annual Columbia Pike Blues Festival.

Mail on second Wednesday in October. Visit www.Ballston-common.com.

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Maura Reiley as Clara admires her Christmas present of the Nutcracker during the Kenmore Middle School rehearsal for the Nutcracker.



Karen Acevedo of Alexandria Children's Dentistry makes bubbles at the Taste of Arlington.

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Washington Post begins and ends in Arlington at the Iwo Jima Memorial after running its course past Washington's monuments on Oct. 28, beginning at 7:55 a.m. for wheelchair and handcycle participants and 8 a.m. for runners. Call 800-RUN-USMC or visit www.marinemarathon.com/.

Arlington House. Free ticket entry system. Arlington House was the home of Robert E. Lee and his family for 30 years. The house is now a memorial to Lee and is open all year from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Robert E. Lee Museum and the grounds around the house are also open to the public. On the first Friday in October, the Arlington House opens its doors, giving visitors a chance to see the Arlington House and National Cemetery at night. Call 703-235-1530.

FEBRUARY 2013

The annual **Clarendon-Courthouse Mardi Gras Parade** kicks off on Fat Tuesday — along Wilson Boulevard. The event, known as "the Washington area's largest Mardi Gras celebration," is free and includes floats, beads, music, and many more Mardi Gras celebrations. The parade route runs along Wilson from North Barton to North Irving Street.

MAY 2013

Neighborhood Day in Arlington includes countywide events, including neighborhood fairs and street festivals in mid-May. Call 703-228-3155, TTY: 703-228-4611.

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Taste of Arlington on May 19, Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. in Ballston Common Mall. Amazing food from 40 Arlington restaurants. It is held on 4238 Wilson Blvd. Street festival with restaurants, entertainment, crafts, auction and more. Free admission. Visit www.TasteofArlington.com.

SUMMER 2013

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JULY 2013

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AUGUST 2013

National Night Out. An annual event observed in all 50 states, including several communities throughout Arlington. Arlington County Police sponsors the event to speak out against community crimes, and encourages residents to turn on their porch lights and hold cookouts, ice-cream socials, flashlight walks and other activities that provide opportunities to get to know neighbors. Call 703-228-4123 for more information about a specific date.

Arlington County Fair. The annual Arlington County Fair takes place in mid-August at the Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 Second Street South. The fair features exhibits, family entertainment, rides for children, food and entertainment. Shuttle buses leave from the designated Park and Ride areas regularly. Visit www.arlingtoncountyfair.org.



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See details at www.apsva.us/aquatics and at www.arlingtonva.us.

— MICHAEL MCMORROW

True or False?

- 1) Arlington County's written history goes back to Captain John Smith's voyage up the Potomac in 1608.
- 2) Arlington House was built by Robert E. Lee.
- 3) Arlington's own, Sandra Bullock is fluent in German.
- 4) Katie Couric, American Journalist and special correspondent for ABC News, attended Washington-Lee High school as a student.
- 5) The Iwo Jima Memorial was officially dedicated by President John F. Kennedy on Nov. 10, 1954, it honors the men of the United States Marine Corps who have given their lives to their county since Nov. 10, 1775.
- 6) A private cemetery can be found at the Army-Navy County Club golf course.
- 7) The earliest road in Arlington County followed a route much like that of present-day Shirley Highway from near Glebe Road to the Arlington Ridge cut-off. It was referred to in the early 1700s as a "wood's path."
- 8) Roosevelt Island was referred to as "Mason's Island" during the 1800s.
- 9) Hidden beneath Griffith Consumers' coal yard in Rosslyn is an old tunnel of historical interest and architectural value.
- 10) The Pentagon building in Arlington is the largest office building in the world. The Pentagon has 6 zip codes. To walk around the outside takes an average 15-20 minutes. It is designed to get from any one office to another in 7 minutes.

(1) TRUE. (2) FALSE: Arlington House was not built by Robert E. Lee nor was it ever his legal property, but he considered it his home from 1831 to 1861. (3) TRUE (4) FALSE: Attended Yorktown High school as a student. (5) FALSE: Dedicated by President Dwight D. Eisenhower. John F. Kennedy issued a proclamation that a flag of the United States should fly from the memorial 24 hours a day. (6) TRUE: In a grove of trees near the 26th green are a number of tombstones enclosed by an iron fence. This plot was on the plantation of the Fraser family. (7) TRUE (8) TRUE: John Mason inherited the land from father George Mason in 1792. (9) TRUE: Its arched ceiling is a fine piece of masonry engineering. The exact explanation of its construction has remained undocumented. (10) TRUE

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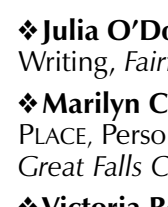
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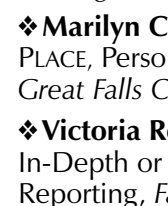
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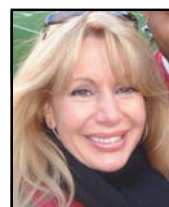
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Getting To Know Wakefield Sports

Wrestler Henry Majano finished state runner-up, again.

School: Wakefield High School.

Mascot: Warriors.

School Colors: Kelly green and black.

Athletic Director: Noel Deskins, 703-228-6733.

Football Coach: Keith Powell, (sixth year)

The Warriors in 2011 finished 1-9 for the third consecutive season. Their lone victory came against Falls Church. The Wakefield football program hasn't had a winning season since 1983.

Boys' Basketball Coach: Tony Bentley
Girls' Basketball Coach: Marcia Richardson

Baseball Coach: George Baker

What happened last season: Wrestler Henry Majano finished state runner-up for the second consecutive season. Seniors Justin Glenn and Corey Aldrich represented the boys' basketball program at the Northern Region all-star game, hosted by Wakefield. The baseball team qualified for

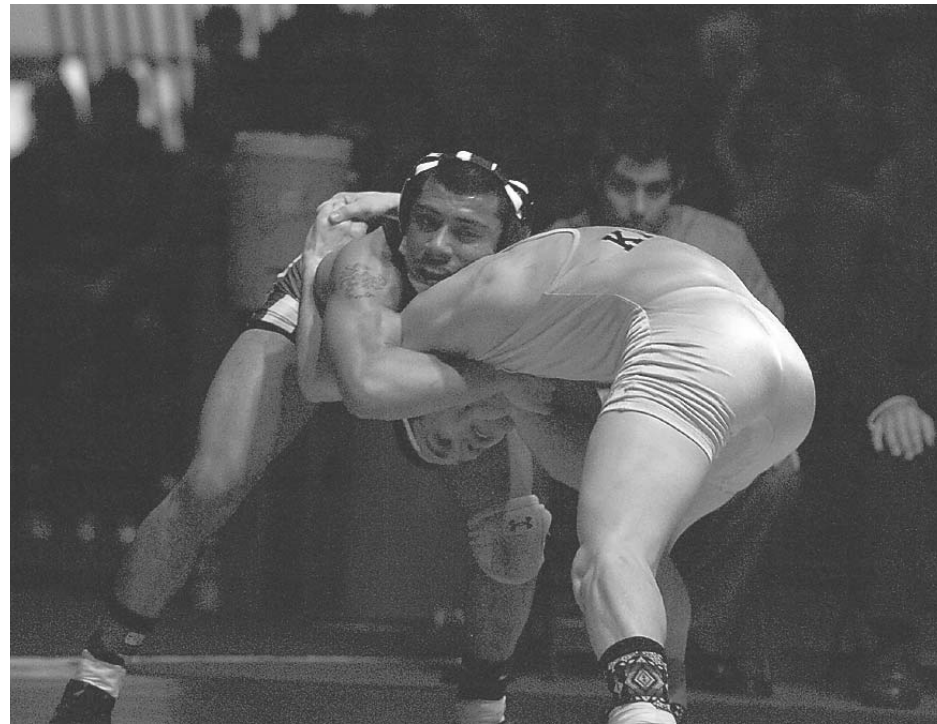


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Former Wakefield wrestler Henry Majano finished state runner-up in 2012 for the second straight year in.

the region tournament. The boys' lacrosse program snapped its 99-game losing streak with a victory against Park View.

Historic Achievements: The

Wakefield boys' basketball program has eight region championships to its credit since 1951 and a state championship in 1961, led by head coach Maynard Haithcock and co-captain Henry "Ric" Duques. The

Warriors posted a single-season record 28 wins under coach Tony Bentley during the 2004-05 campaign.

Famous Graduates: Donna Floyd Fales (1958 graduate) was ranked in the United States Tennis Association top 10 from 1960-63 and 1965-66 and was the U.S. clay court singles champion in 1962. She was inducted into the Virginia All Sports Hall of Fame in 1997. Former Denver Broncos strength and conditioning coach Rich Tuten (1972) participated in football, wrestling and track for the Warriors. He was with the Broncos for 17 seasons, from 1995-2011. Michelle Duhart (1996 graduate) played on the 1998-99 Purdue women's basketball national championship team, averaging 3.7 points, 5.7 rebounds and more than 30 minutes per game for the Boilermakers. The six-foot Duhart is Wakefield's all-time leading scorer with more than 1,000 points, and her No. 33 jersey is retired.

Quotable: "[I told them], 'You got the first win, you got the monkey off your back, let's keep the pedal down to the floor. Just because we got the first win doesn't mean it's going to be easy to get the second or the third.'" — Wakefield boys' lacrosse coach Brian Gilman about the Warriors snapping their 99-game losing streak.

Getting To Know Washington-Lee Sports

Girls' gymnastics team had historic 2011-12 season.

School: Washington-Lee High School.

Mascot: Generals.

School Colors: Blue and Gray.

Athletic Director: Carol Callaway, 703-228-6207.

Football Coach: Josh Shapiro (sixth season).

The Generals finished 2-8 in 2011, with wins against Wakefield and Falls Church.

Field Hockey Coach: Beth Prange.

Boys' Basketball Coach: Bobby Dobson.

Girls' Basketball Coach: Angie Kelly.

Baseball Coach: Doug Grove.

Rival School: Yorktown.

What Happened Last Season: The field hockey team won the National District championship. The girls' cross country team won a district title. The gymnastics team won its third consecutive district title, captured the program's first region title and finished state runner-up. The wrestling team finished district runner-up.

Historic Achievement: The girls' gymnastics team's 2011-12 Northern Region championship was believed to be the first region championship for any W-L athletic team since 1977.

Famous Graduates: Former Miami Dolphins and Washington Redskins safety Jake Scott graduated from W-L in 1963. Scott won two Super Bowls with the Dolphins (VII and VIII), intercepting a pair of passes in Super Bowl VII en route to game MVP honors. He totaled 49 interceptions during his nine-year career. Running back Reggie Harrison (1969 graduate) won a pair of Super Bowls (IX and X) with the Pittsburgh Steelers. He also played for the St. Louis Cardinals and Green Bay Packers during his six-year career. Actor Warren Beatty (1955) and actress Sandra Bullock (1982) also attended W-L.

Quotable: "It's so rewarding. I can't even describe it with words. I'm so happy. The past two years were so frustrating. Me, Maia [Mandel] and [Madeleine Sendek], we would go to states individually, but it's not the same without a team. We're just going to have so much fun and we deserve it. We've worked so hard this year." — W-L gymnast Mary Lynn Clark after the Generals won the 2012 Northern Region title, qualifying them for states as a team. W-L had just missed qualifying as a team in 2010 and 2011.

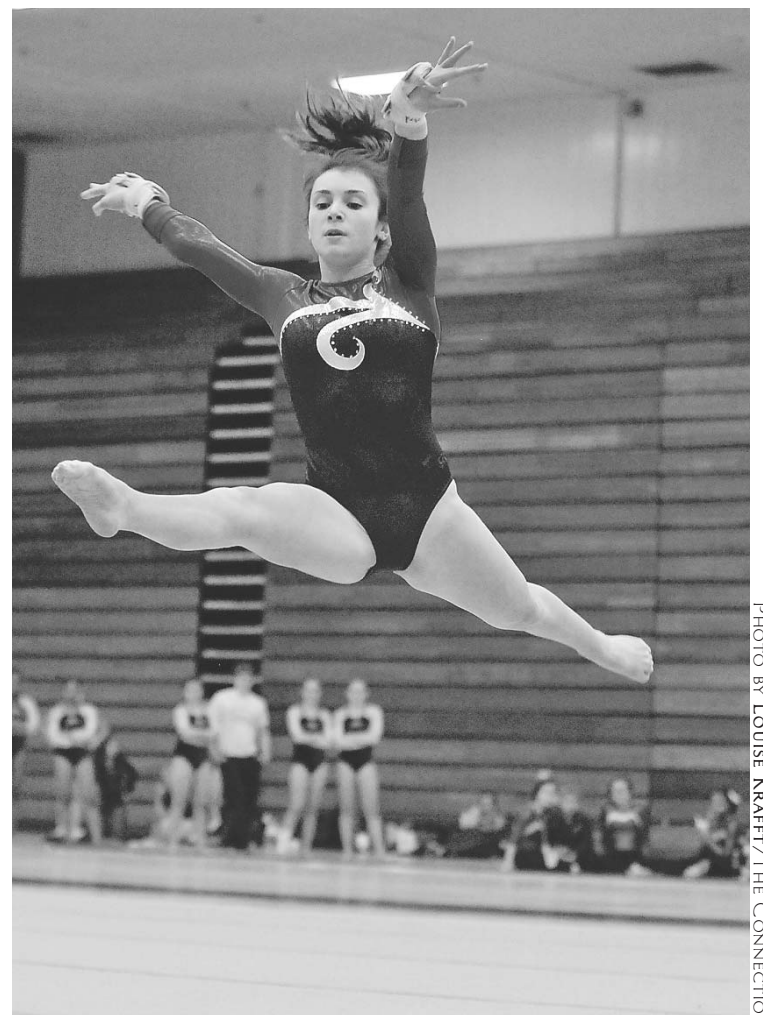


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Mary Lynn Clark helped the Washington-Lee girls' gymnastics team finish state runner-up in 2012.

Getting To Know Yorktown Sports

Football team has first undefeated regular season under Coach Hanson.

School: Yorktown High School.

Mascot: Patriots.

School Colors: Columbia blue and white.

Athletic Director: Mike Krulfeld, 703-228-5388.

Football Coach: Bruce Hanson (28th year).

The Patriots won their second consecutive National District championship and finished Division 5 Northern Region runner-up with a 12-1 record. Yorktown finished with its first undefeated regular season in 27 years under Hanson.

Volleyball Coach: Brittanie Behar.

Boys' Basketball Coach: Rich Avila.

Girls' Basketball Coach: David Garrison.

Baseball Coach: Mike Ruck.



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M.J. Stewart and the Yorktown football team reached the Division 5 Northern Region championship game in 2011.

Rival School: Washington-Lee.

The football team defeated W-L, 55-33, to wrap up the program's first undefeated regular season under Hanson. The baseball and softball teams defeated W-L in the district tournament semifinals.

What Happened Last Season: The

volleyball team won its first district championship since 2008 and reached the region semifinals. The girls' swim team won its 15th consecutive National District title and placed 10th at states. The girls' basketball team finished district runner-up. The boys' basketball team reached the regional quarterfinals. The baseball team won a dis-

trict title and advanced to the regional quarterfinals. The girls' soccer team won a second consecutive district title and advanced to the region semifinals. The girls' lacrosse team won its seventh consecutive district championship. The softball and boys' soccer teams finished district runner-up.

Famous Graduates: Swimmer Tom Dolan (1993 graduate) won two Olympic gold medals despite dealing with exercise-induced asthma. He won gold in the 400-meter individual medley at the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta and at the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney. Google Executive Chairman Eric E. Schmidt (1972) and television journalist Katie Couric (1975) attended Yorktown.

Quotable: "It's an amazing feeling. We've worked so hard to maintain this and keep up our tradition — the Yorktown legacy of winning the district championship each year." — Girls' lacrosse head coach Crystal Morgan after the Patriots defeated Hayfield to win their seventh consecutive district title.

Getting To Know Bishop O'Connell Sports

All-Americans led Knights softball to nation's No. 5 ranking.

School: Bishop Denis J. O'Connell High School.

Mascot: Knights.

School Colors: Blue and silver.

Athletic Director: Joe Wootten, 703-237-1455.

Football Coach: Del Smith (first year).

The Knights went 1-9 in 2011 after the offseason death of head coach Steve Trimble. O'Connell's lone win came against St. Mary's Ryken.

Boys' Basketball Coach: Joe Wootten.

Girls' Basketball Coach: Aggie McCormick-Dix.

Baseball Coach: Rick Hart.

Softball Coach: Tommy Orndorff.

Rival Schools: Paul VI, Bishop Ireton.

What happened last year: The girls' cross country team won Washington Catholic Athletic Conference and state championships. The boys' cross country team finished third in the WCAC and fourth at states. The girls' tennis team finished second in the conference. The boys' tennis team finished third in the WCAC. The softball team went 27-1, winning its ninth consecutive conference championship and 17th state championship in the 19 seasons O'Connell has competed in the VISSAA state tournament. The Knights finished the year ranked No. 5 in the nation. Pitcher Tori Finucane and catcher Jillian Ferraro were named first-team All-Americans.

Famous Athletic Graduates: Eric Metcalf (1985 graduate) played football at the University of

Texas and was a first-round draft choice of the Cleveland Browns in 1989. Metcalf played running back and receiver but was most known for his efforts on special teams. He has the second-most punt return touchdowns in NFL history, totaling 10 during his 14-year career. He was a three-time Pro Bowler and was selected first-team all-pro twice. He also played for the Atlanta Falcons, San Diego Chargers, Arizona Cardinals, Carolina Panthers, Washington Redskins and Green Bay Packers. Metcalf was also a track standout at O'Connell, setting school records in the long jump, triple jump, 100, 200 and 400. Former Indianapolis Colts wide receiver and punt returner Terrance Wilkins graduated from O'Connell in 1994. Marcus Ginyard (2005) was the Gatorade Player of the Year and Mr. Basketball in the state of Virginia before playing at North Carolina. Swimmer Kate Ziegler (2006) competed for the U.S. in the 2008 and 2012 Olympic Games. Point guard Kendall Marshall (2010) was a McDonald's All-American and played two seasons at the University of North Carolina before the Phoenix Suns selected him in the first round of the 2012 NBA Draft.

Quotable: "They play with passion and they have a love of the game, and those two qualities are very hard to find. A lot of people have the skill set and abilities, but they don't play for the right reasons." — Bishop O'Connell softball coach Tommy Orndorff about All-Americans Tori Finucane and Jillian Ferraro.



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Catcher Jillian Ferraro, left, and pitcher Tori Finucane led the Bishop O'Connell softball team to the nation's No. 5 ranking in 2012.

Small-Town Feeling

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Mary Hynes' Participation, Leadership and Civic Engagement, or PLACE, initiative. Each week, these sessions are held to welcome and encourage county residents to discuss any issues or concerns they might see in their own neighborhoods, or simply to learn what's going on within their community.

In Zimmerman's opinion, the board's greatest accomplishments this year included the continuation of the Columbia Pike Plan, an effort that combines both public and private development to create a vibrant place to live and work, and creating a broader landscape for housing availability, while ensuring that no current residents would have to move. Zimmerman was also proud of the newly adopted regulations to the county's sign ordinance, eliminating distracting signs considered to be hazardous or a public nuisance, and creating a more effective use of them.

While discussing the matter of a potential high-rise being built in her community, one attendee of Monday's session expressed concern that it could potentially change the feel of the community. Zimmerman expressed his belief that no matter what would be constructed in these places, Arlington's main goal would be to create a neighborhood. "That," he said, "is the heart of the whole thing."

ARLINGTON IS ESTIMATED to have a population of more than 200,000 people, with a forecasted population of over 250,000 for the year 2040. This growing urban community prides itself on the basis of diversity, providing homes, jobs, and last, but not least, fun, for residents from all different walks of life.

The 36th Arlington County Fair was held at the Thomas Jefferson Community Center this year from Aug. 8-12. The event hosted both indoor entertainment and vendors, and outdoor events including rides, sporting events, a magician, performances by the Harlem Wizards, pony rides and racing piglets.

"We were really proud to have more local programming on the outdoor stage, on the turf field, from WalkArlington (a youth-focused mini-walk), and the Animal Welfare League of Arlington," said Tiffany Kudravetz, chairperson of the Arlington County Fair Board of Directors.

Kudravetz has been a member of the Fair Board since 2008, after volunteering at the event for the three years prior. She was elected chairperson in 2010.

"When I was growing up, I really enjoyed going to the fair held at my elementary school," Kudravetz said. "As a volunteer, it's great to give back to my community in a fun and meaningful way."

The fair is a non-profit organization and all volunteer run. Sponsors for this year's event included BB&T, Comcast, the Virginia Hospital Center, Dominion Virginia Power and many more. Participating vendors included a diverse combination of products and services, such as the Arlington Food Assistance Center, the sheriff's department, "Flourishing After 50," voter registration tables, jewelry booths and home improvement tables.

Awaiting the pony ride, resident Edina Komlodi, with her daughter, explained what she considered to be her favorite part of living in Arlington. "There are many," she said. "We love living here. It's a great location. We can metro everywhere, and my husband can even bike to work."

EVENTS LIKE THIS, as well as the Central Library's Movies by Midnight, attract residents and visitors to the Arlington hot spots.

For two nights, the Central Library promoted their "Dream Big" Summer Reading theme by playing a movie on the field facing Washington Boulevard, encouraging families and friends to bring a picnic and blanket and enjoy a movie under the stars.

Rachel Harlen, a library staff member, explained that although these movie nights were just a trial run, she felt as though they had been a successful way to promote the 2012 summer reading program.

Even with the threat of rain, movie watchers filed in, covering the grass with blankets and enjoying their complimentary popcorn.

D.C. resident Abby Litzer, along with out-of-state guest, Michael Bilancione, attended the event and snagged a front row seat. "Events like this bring people from the district," Litzer said. She and Bilancione agreed that the slightly slower pace and smaller crowds of Arlington were a welcomed change to the hustle of D.C.

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Life in the Cancer Lane



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Not to look a reasonably good result from my anti-cancer oral medication in the mouth, but however good I feel, however asymptomatic I am (other than the dry skin and pimply rash on my face), the results from my next CT Scan in early September will tell me how I should really feel. If the tumors (one in particular) have not grown or moved – or have even shrunk, I will feel Tony-the-Tiger “Great!” If on the contrary, the tumors have grown again, as they had in June – after my two previous chemotherapy infusions, then whatever I think I feel now will be replaced by what I don’t want to think about ever: the presumably inevitable, now-what?

“Now what” as in “what next,” has rarely been a discussion I’ve had with my oncologist, the scenario question as I refer to it. Whenever I would ask the perfectly logical question – to me, about what we might do if so and so happens or if such and such occurs (medically speaking relating to the cancer, that is) my doctor would always defer, and advise patience and caution, not wanting to get too far ahead of where we were but rather wait until we got there – considering that “there” is hardly a straight line. As difficult as it was for me to not always have clear options and strategies outlined for the future, what did become clear to me was that trying to anticipate such outcomes and plan treatment protocols accordingly, was not something my oncologist was comfortable doing, given the variability and unpredictability of how my body (cancer) would respond to whatever we had been doing. In a professional way, sort of, it was kind of a waste of his time to discuss treatment for eventualities which had not yet manifested themselves. The plan/his thinking was – as I soon learned, preempt what we could, treat what we knew, and wait for results to know what, or what not to do, next.

Presuming facts not yet in evidence and/or reactions not yet diagnosed/confirmed was natural for me – as a salesman. For an oncologist however, it would be unethical almost, to tell me things which are not yet true but might be or might not be, depending on... And so I’ve come to accept that (for awhile, I continued to ask except-type scenario/what if questions). Eventually, I grew comfortable with these perimeters and knew that waiting – and hoping – and wondering, was going to be the currency with which I was going to pay my emotional dues. Once having assimilated these dos and don’ts into my understanding and expectations, the planning of my present and future life became less stressful, oddly enough. Once I knew the limitations of our conversations projecting medically (into a very uncertain future), I could work it into my head and better manage the emotional roller coaster which had/became my life. Oh sure, we had general discussions about treatment options, and there was a road map of sorts, but specifically visiting and discussing scenarios A, B and C either in person or electronically was rarely how our time together has been spent.

If I hadn’t learned to sit tight and wait for results – and then discuss those results and future treatment options, I might have driven myself and all those around me crazy. Now I’m waiting again – until September. Having been there and done that now for three and a half years certainly helps. And however familiar it may be and/or has become, it doesn’t exactly help to pass the time or affect the results, unfortunately. Cancer sucks! That much is clear. Now and in the future.

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Potomac Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.

NEWCOMERS & COMMUNITY GUIDE



The Rice Building, home to six apartments, Gawen Realty, and the Lebanese Taverna. Built in 1940 by Perry Gawen's Grandfather James E. Rice, Sr.



Perry Gawen standing in front of the business his father started as a one man office in 1969, he joined full time in 1973 and retired in 1998.

For All Ages

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events are open to those new to the community as well as those who have lived here for years. The online class catalog are on the Department of Parks and Recreation's website, www.arlingtonva.us.

Maria Hurley, who has lived in Arlington with her husband Marvin since 1966, said she loves living in Arlington for several reasons.

"The traffic isn't as bad as in other parts of Northern Virginia," she said. "I love the convenience and how close it is to D.C. I love not being completely in suburbia, too. There are also so many nice restaurants in the Wilson Corridor."

As a former real estate agent with Coldwell Banker, Hurley said Arlington is a great place to own property. "Properties don't lose their value like in other counties because of location, location, location," Hurley said.

Marvin Hurley said he has also loved living in Arlington throughout the decades. "[I like] living in Arlington because I am able to walk to so many places close by. I can walk to the Ballston metro. I am so close to Clarendon, the Courthouse and Rosslyn," he said.

He said he has seen Arlington transform since 1960s. "It has become more cosmopolitan," Hurley said. "There are all types of ethnic restaurants and it had changed because there are so many interesting and diverse people now."

In addition to the diversity, Maria Hurley said Arlington's population now is much younger than it was in earlier decades.

"It is partly because of the construction of several new apartment buildings," she said. "Because of this, there has been a rise in the number of restaurants and bars. Years ago, Arlington was more family-oriented. Now it's too expensive for families to own property."

Arlington resident Michelle DeBuck is one of those 20-something year olds who rents a unit in a Courthouse high-rise apartment. She said she also loves living in Arlington.

"Everyone around me is young and friendly and it is so easy to get into D.C.," DeBuck said. "It is also really safe."

She agreed with the Hurleys that there are plenty of options for diving into the social scene. "If you live in Arlington, you can walk to dozens of great restaurants and bars," DeBuck said.

She added that the bars and restaurants surrounding the Clarendon metro station are her favorite establishments in the area.

The only downside to living in Arlington, DeBuck said, is that it is a rather expensive place to live.

In addition to a rise in a younger population, Marvin Hurley said Arlington County has seen a transformation in public school buildings through reconstruction and modernization.

"Washington and Lee, Yorktown and Williamsburg High School are beautiful buildings now," Hurley said.

Maria Hurley added that Virginia Hospital Center, the former Arlington Hospital, "is now a modern facility with the most advanced technologies and equipment and wonderful single rooms for patients."

Both Marvin and Maria Hurley said they are never going to move away from Arlington.

"We have access to everything," Marvin Hurley said. "For both the elderly and for young adults, Arlington is an exciting place to live."

Appreciating Neighborliness of Westover

**Small-town living
midst Arlington's
urban growth.**

BY MEGHAN MARVILLE
THE CONNECTION

INT. PETE'S BARBER SHOP – DAY

Piles of magazines are strewn across the large front window sill. The low light, old fashioned décor and quiet atmosphere create a peaceful setting. Local resident Orod Ashegh seats himself in a swivel chair as barber Chris Hewitt drapes a cape around his neck.

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This scene seems stolen from the pages of a script set in a 1950s-era small town, but this slice of life is right here — a neighborhood nestled beside the hustle and bustle of the budding and hectic metropolitan area of Arlington. The neighborhood is Westover.

"Many of the businesses in the neighborhood have been here forever. Pete says the barber shop's been here 80 years. It's a family-oriented area with a small town feel. There's no McDonalds, no Starbucks," Hewitt said.



The hub of Westover, the intersection of Washington and McKinley.

Fellow barber Gerard Nezet chimes in that, "It's a very walkable neighborhood, families can come with strollers and dogs, you can get whatever you need right here, and likely see someone you know."

Within a two block radius of Westover's hub, the intersection of Washington Boulevard and North McKinley Road, you'll find charming homes, cozy apartments, a slew of enticing restaurants, famed hardware store (Ayer's – an Arlington institution), barbershops, a grocery store, consignment shop, real estate office, florist, dry cleaners, tailor, record store, coffee shop, library, bank, post office and a beer garden. And let's not forget the "Sleddin' Hill" at the field beside the old Reed school.

"The outdoor patio at The Westover Beer Garden draws a great crowd with live music on weekend evenings," said Westover Civic Association President Bob

Orttung. "It provides opportunity to have conversations with people you might not normally have; it's an opportunity to get involved and grow as a community."

Jenny Donnella works at the bank behind the post office, "I was in Safeway once and overheard two fellas talking about buying beer. One asked the other, 'should we pick up some beer?' to which the other replied, 'No man, everyone knows the place to get beer is the Westover Beer Garden, they have everything.'" Indeed, checkout the Westover Market for the Great Wall of Beer.

Every Wednesday morning the front lot of the Lebanese Taverna turns into Strollerville as the restaurant is packed inside with tiny tots enjoying live music just for them. And now every Sunday local residents enjoy a brand new Farmer's Market featuring fresh produce. On any given day one could take a walk about and stop at Toby's Ice Cream for a pint, or pop into the Lost Dog restaurant ... for a pint.

Perry Gawen, whose father Perry F. Gawen Sr. started Gawen Realty in an apartment in the Rice Building in 1969 said, "Not a lot has changed a great deal since the '50s, the commercial character of the Westover area is essentially the same as it's always been. Of course there have been some proprietor and façade changes but for the most part things have remained pretty much as they were and for me, this area has always been unique."

Keith Kaplin of Ayers Hardware store, a store where one can find just about anything, said, "We've got grandparents coming in showing their grandchildren where they used to shop, and it hasn't changed much."

The village of Westover touts all the benefits of a big city with a suburban serenity all its own. While Arlington has grown up around it, it has remained the same quiet hamlet, relatively unknown to the younger populations of more municipal neighborhoods like Ballston or Clarendon. It provides an inimitable experience of neighborly affection and a sense of community not always found inside the beltway.



Resident Joe Daclouche: "When I was a boy in the '60s, this was an Esso gas station."

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FRIDAY/AUG. 24

Summer Concert Series. 8 p.m. Free. The United States Air Force Concert Band and Singing Sergeants. Air Force Memorial, One Air Force Memorial Drive.

SATURDAY/AUG. 25

Central Arlington History Tour. 9 a.m. \$2. Tour parks and historic sites in Clarendon, Ballston, Glencarlyn and surrounding areas dating from colonial times to early 20th century. Bring lunch and water. Tour starts at the Clarendon Metro station, on the southwest corner of Wilson Boulevard and N. Highland Street.

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MONDAY/AUG. 27

Crystal Screen Gets Romantic: When Harry Met Sally. Free. The courtyard along S. Bell Street will be transformed into a free outdoor movie theater. The ROM COM theme makes it the perfect (and affordable) date night in the heart of Crystal City. 1800 South Bell St. (near Crystal City Metro).

TUESDAY/AUG. 28

Insect and Plant Invaders in Our Landscape. 7-8:30 p.m. Find out about what to look for and what you can do about "exotic invasives," including using native plants as substitutes for commonly used invasives. Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St. Call 703-228-6414 or email mgarlalex@gmail.com.

THURSDAY/AUG. 30

American Soldiers in Civil, Revolutionary, and World Wars Lecture. 7 p.m. Comparison lecture by George Mason University professor, Christopher Hamner. Book



Wags n' Whiskers

Federal Realty Investment Trust's Village at Shirlington presents the Fifth Annual Wags n' Whiskers, a community-oriented event for animal enthusiasts and their four-legged friends on Saturday, Aug. 25, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. The event will feature pet adoptions, pet contests, demonstrations, exhibitions, pet portraits, live music and children's activities. The merchants at Village at Shirlington will also host in-store specials, promotions and free giveaways. Visit www.villageatshirlington.com.

sale and signing at 6:30 p.m. Arlington Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St.

Wine Academy. Tickets available day of event. Courtyard at 220 20th St.

FRIDAY/AUG. 31

Celtic Aire, the United States Air Force Band is having a Summer Concert Series at the Air Force Memorial. It starts at 8 p.m. and is free to the public, tickets are not required. Air Force Memorial is located at One Air Force Memorial Drive.

THURSDAY/ SEPT. 6

Leukemia/Lymphoma. 7:30 p.m. Make a difference in the fight against blood cancer. Team In Training will hold a free information session at Marymount University's Lee Center to discuss upcoming races, registration and training tips. Visit www.teamintraining.org/nca/ or on Facebook www.facebook.com/TNTNCA.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 16

A Taste of Wine and Jazz. 2-6 p.m. \$20 food and wine, \$10 food only. Enjoy sips of wine from Spain and South America provided by Jaleo and tempting tapas from local restaurants. Free salsa dancing lessons from The Salsa Room, Latin jazz from Trio Caliente and wine tasting classes from the Washington

SUNDAY/SEPT. 23

Pups and Pilsners. 2-6 p.m. Free admission, additional fee for beer. This dog-friendly festival features a beer garden with 10 stations - each with a different craft brew, including offerings from local breweries. Crystal City restaurants will serve up food to satisfy appetites. Festival grounds at 1405 Crystal Dr.

Reading Rally Two. 2 p.m. held by the Opera Guild of Northern Virginia. Open to the general public. Free program has authors, including Lesley Lee Francis, American poet Robert Frost's granddaughter, discussing 'Please Look After Mom' by Korean author Kyung-Sook Shin. At the Arlington Central Library, 1015 North Quincy St. Visit www.operaguiltnova.org

MONDAY/SEPT. 24

Northern Virginia Mineral Club. 7:45 p.m. The Northern Virginia Mineral Club promotes, educates and encourages interest in geology, mineralogy, lapidary arts and related sciences. Meetings are held at 7:45 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 Carlin Springs Rd. Call 703-228-6535. Visitors welcome at Club Meetings.

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Ed Dixon: One Night Only at Signature

Signature Theatre will host a one-night performance and book-signing featuring Broadway star and Helen Hayes Award-winner Ed Dixon. On Monday, Aug. 27 at 8 p.m., Dixon will perform original compositions as well narrate behind-the-scenes stories from his recent memoir *Secrets of A Life On Stage...And Off*. Copies of the book will be available to purchase, and a book-signing will take place following the performance in Signature's intimate ARK Theatre. Tickets are \$20 at the Signature Box Office and at www.ticketmaster.com.

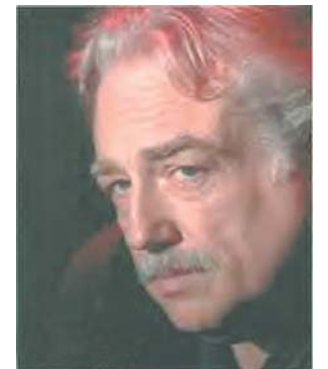
The memoir *Secrets of A Life On Stage...And Off* is the story of Dixon's 42-year career on Broadway including more than a dozen Broadway shows. Along the way he has worked with Ruby Keeler, Busby Berkeley, Leonard Bernstein, Alvin Ailey, Stephen Schwartz, Ben Vereen, Bob Fosse, Ann-

Margret, Kevin Spacey, Tony Danza, Kathie Lee Gifford, Bebe Neuwirth, Christine Ebersole, Christine Baranski, Stephen Sondheim and a host of others.

Details

Signature Theatre
4200 Campbell Avenue
571-527-1860
www.signature-theatre.org

His act, which bears the same name as his book, includes personal stories punctuated by songs from the many musicals he has written plus original material composed specifically for the evening. *Secrets of A Life On Stage...And Off* is available at amazon.com and barnesandnoble.com in hard copy and e-book format.



Ed Dixon



Richard Crozier's Empty Lot, 2011, oil on Masonite — 20"x72"

'Beyond The Parking Lot' Opening at Artisphere

Inspired by the Joni Mitchell song, "Big Yellow Taxi" where "they paved paradise and they put up a parking lot," Artisphere's visual art exhibition *Beyond the Parking Lot* will motivate the viewer to think how we have used and deserted the land that surrounds us in our everyday life. These scarred landscapes covered in pavement — be it vacated buildings, parking lots and roadways — are found across the United States.

Curated by Artisphere Visual Arts Curator Cynthia Connolly, this exhibit shows contemporary landscapes by nine artists from throughout the U.S. who are observing these changes, exposing the use of the environment in compromising ways through a variety of mediums. Exhibiting artists include:

- ❖ Amanda Burnham makes drawings and drawing installations based on her explorations of and encounters with the city. She lives in Baltimore and is an Assistant Professor at Towson University.

- ❖ Maya Ciarrochi, of New York City, is a video artist who held an onsite residency in Artisphere's Works In Progress Gallery last fall, filming her new media work *I'm Nobody, Who Are You?*

- ❖ Julia Christensen is an artist who works in video, photography, networked media, writing, sound arts, sculpture, installation and perfor-

mance. She is currently the Assistant Professor of Integrated Media in the Studio Art Department at Oberlin College.

- ❖ Richard Crozier is an Emeritus Professor for the University of Virginia's McIntire Department of Art. He first began teaching at the University of Virginia in 1974 and tenured in 1980.

- ❖ Frank Hallam Day, of Washington, D.C., is the 2012 winner of the Leica Oskar Barnack Prize and the 2006 Bader Prize, as well as numerous other grants, prizes and commissions. His work is in domestic and international museum collections, including the Berlin State Museum, the Corcoran Gallery of Art, the Portland Art Museum, the Baltimore Museum of Art, and the San Diego Museum of Photographic Arts.

- ❖ Gregory Euclide is an artist and teacher living in the Minnesota River Valley. His work has recently been featured at MASS MoCA, the Museum of Arts and Design, the Toledo Museum of Art, and is currently on view in the solo exhibition *Nature Out There* at the Nevada Museum of Art.

- ❖ Alex Lukas, of Philadelphia, creates highly detailed drawings and intricate 'zines, booklets and prints. He is a graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design.

- ❖ Rachel Sitkin's, of Baltimore, work revolves around the evolving relationship between humans and the landscape.

- ❖ Trevor Young, of Washington, D.C., is a painter whose images of transient "non-places" are uneasy amalgamations. He cobbles together these paintings from his own memories of road trips, photographs, and pure invention.

Artisphere Visual Arts Curator Cynthia Connolly is an American photographer, letterpress printer and artist. Connolly was born in Los Angeles and moved to Washington, D.C. at 16, where she attended the Corcoran School of Art, receiving her BFA in Graphic Design in 1985. In 2003, she received a certificate from Auburn University's design/build architecture program, *The Rural Studio*, where she extensively photographed the land and its people.

Details

Beyond the Parking Lot

Free public opening reception on Thursday, Sept. 6, 7-10 p.m. The exhibition is on view from Friday, Aug. 24 – Sunday, Nov. 4

Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Boulevard
703-875-1100, TTY: 703-228-1855
Visit www.artisphere.com.

Wednesday-Friday: 4-11 p.m., Saturday: Noon-11 p.m., Sunday: Noon-5 p.m., Monday-Tuesday: Closed
Open later pending programmed events.

ORANGE LINE CALENDAR

Email announcements to arlington@connectionnewspapers.com. Photos, artwork are welcome. Deadline is noon Thursday.

Gateway Park on Lee Highway near Key Bridge. Visit www.rosslynva.org.

Bar & Grill at 2854 Wilson Blvd. 10 p.m. Visit whitlows.com/music.html.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 22

Open Mic w/ Guest Hosts Todd and James. 8 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. Todd and James will play at 9:30 p.m. and two new sign-up times: 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Admission free. 2832 Wilson Blvd. Visit iotaclubandcafe.com.

THURSDAY/AUG. 23

Jeff From Accounting will be performing party/rock music at Whitlow's Bar & Grill at 2854 Wilson Blvd. 9:30 p.m. Visit whitlows.com/music.html

FRIDAY/AUG. 24

Dyverse City will be performing rock/funk/party music at Whitlow's Bar & Grill at 2854 Wilson Blvd. 10 p.m. Visit whitlows.com/music.html

Rosslyn Outdoor Film Festival. Dusk. Free films featuring political comedies. Blankets and chairs encouraged. Pre-show game and prizes. Located at

SATURDAY/AUG. 25

Justin Jones performing at Iota Club and Cafe. 9 p.m. Washington, D.C.-based singer and songwriter will perform. \$12. 2832 Wilson Blvd. Visit iotaclubandcafe.com.

DJ's Pork & Beans will be performing Top 40/hip hop music at Whitlow's Bar & Grill at 2854 Wilson Blvd. 10 p.m. Visit whitlows.com/music.html

SUNDAY/AUG. 26

You Won't to perform at Iota Club and Cafe. 8:30 p.m. \$10. 2832 Wilson Blvd. Visit iotaclubandcafe.com.

THURSDAY/AUG. 30

50 Man Machine will be performing reggae/ska music at Whitlow's Bar & Grill at 2854 Wilson Blvd. 9:30 p.m. Visit whitlows.com/music.html

FRIDAY/AUG. 31

Flow in the Dark will be performing rock/hip hop/party music at Whitlow's

MONDAY/AUG. 27

T-Shirt Nation Camp. Spend the week exploring everything T-shirt, including various methods of creating unique and fashion-forward tees. Each participant will walk away with four or five personally designed pieces. Contact Lisa Marie Thalhammer at 703-875-1137 or lthhammer@arlingtonva.us.

Beaver Nelson to perform at Iota Club & Cafe. 8:30 p.m. Austin-based singer and songwriter Beaver will be touring in support of his new album. \$12. 2832 Wilson Blvd. Visit iotaclubandcafe.com.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 4

The Sweater Set w/ Star FK Radium w/ Addieville to perform at Iota Club & Cafe. 8 p.m. \$10. 2832 Wilson Blvd. Visit iotaclubandcafe.com.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 7

Justin Trawick Group w/ Buster Brown to perform at Iota Club & Cafe. 9 p.m. \$12. 2832 Wilson Blvd. Visit iotaclubandcafe.com.

Ongoing

WEDNESDAYS THROUGH AUG. 29

Twilight Tattoo. 7 p.m. An hour-long military pageant featuring Soldiers from the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) and The U.S. Army Band "Pershing's Own." Free, open to the public. On Whipple Field on Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall. Visit <http://twilight.mdw.army.mil/>

THROUGH AUG. 31

Rosslyn Area Toastmasters- First Edition. Fridays 12-1 p.m. First Edition Toastmasters in Rosslyn invites members to improve public speaking skills. Visitors welcome. 1616 N. Fort Myer Dr. Visit <http://www.firsteditiontm.org/>

MONDAYS AND FRIDAYS

Storytime at Kinder Haus Toys. Storytime will begin at 10:30 a.m. Children attending events must be accompanied by adults. 1220 N. Fillmore. Visit kinderhaus.com or call 703-527-5929.

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