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Chairman Sharon Bulova, Fire Chief Ronald Mastin and Police Chief David Rohrer participated in the laying of the wreath at the 9/11 Memorial Grove during a remembrance ceremony at the Fairfax County Government Center on Tuesday, Sept. 11.

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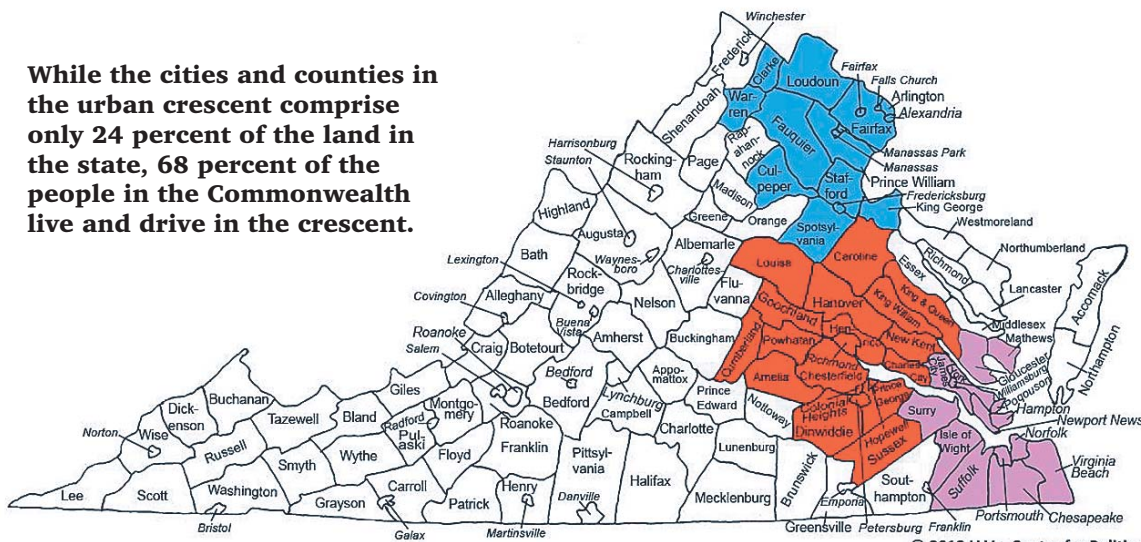
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Local Leaders to Virginia Governor: Time to Fund Transportation is 'Now'

Officials form historic 'Urban Crescent' coalition to press governor for transportation funding.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Local government leaders from urban centers across the state joined together last week in an unprecedented effort to pressure Governor Robert McDonnell and the General Assembly to head off the state's looming "transportation crisis."

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-at-large) led 54 mayors and county chairs of Virginia's "Urban Crescent"—the state's 46 most populous regions stretching from Northern Virginia to Richmond and Hampton Roads—in sending a letter to top Commonwealth leaders on Sept. 4, urging them to adequately fund Virginia's "crumbling" transportation system.

Bulova said state leaders were putting Virginia's business-friendly reputation at risk by failing to meet the state's responsibility to fund transportation.

"This is an economic issue, a jobs issue," Bulova said, referring to the recent CNBC rankings of America's "Top States for Business," which lowered the Commonwealth's overall ranking in state competitiveness from one to three, and dropped its ranking for infrastructure and transportation from 10 to 33.

"The cost of inaction will no doubt be higher than the cost of addressing this crisis now," Bulova said.

THE COALITION of Urban Crescent officials is bipartisan, broad and historic, according to county officials. It includes City of Fairfax Mayor Scott Silverthorne; Town of Vienna Mayor Jane Seeman; Herndon Mayor Lisa Merkel; Alexandria Mayor William D. Euille; Prince William County Chairman

Corey Stewart and Loudoun County Chairman Scott York.

"I don't think I've ever seen regional cooperation this broad," said Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee). "This is unprecedented."

McKay said elected leaders in Virginia's economic heartland formed the coalition this summer, specifically because they were tired of Governor McDonnell and state legislators "pitting regions against one another."

"We all have the same interests, and by presenting a united front, it forces the governor to realize that we can't be manipulated," McKay said. "We want the governor and General Assembly on the hook. We want results. This is a problem the state created and the state needs to fix."

"In a nutshell, the letter makes the case that crumbling transportation infrastructure is harmful to businesses and to commuters across Virginia," said Bulova. "Where the Urban Crescent goes, so goes the Commonwealth."

While the cities and counties in the urban crescent comprise only 24 percent of the land in the state, 68 percent of the people in the Commonwealth live and drive in the crescent. They provide nearly 72 percent of Virginia's employment, and generate nearly 80 percent of the state's gross product.

But the state's political clout rests with elected officials in Virginia's rural areas, which encompass a bigger swath of land—nearly 76 percent of the state.

On June 7, 2012, the urban crescent's top elected officials

met in Henrico County for the first and only time. They vowed to come together to leverage their considerable economic influence, and pressure state legislators to provide new, long-term funding for the state's aging highways and transit systems.

"The consensus at that meeting was that Virginia's transportation system is significantly underfunded and the situation continues to deteriorate, as evidenced by some startling facts," according to leaders in the Sept. 4 letter.

They painted a bleak picture of the state's trans

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PHOTOS BY LINDSEY SMITH

Supervisor John Cook and McGruff wave to Laurel Hill Elementary School students Monday morning after talking with children and their parents about safe driving.

Combating Speeding

McGruff leads anti-speeding effort as school year begins.

Laurel Ridge Elementary School students got a surprise Monday morning, when they were met by McGruff the Crime Dog, Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock) and Officer J.T. Frey of the Fairfax County Police Department (FCPD) in Kings Park West.

The trio was there to remind student and their parents of the importance of driving safely and especially following the posted speed limits in school zones. The outreach effort, in support of the police department's Operation Blue Guardian, is part of Supervisor Cook's ongoing campaign to combat speeding and unsafe driving in our communities.

"I have heard a high level of concern and anxiety from residents regarding unsafe driving through their neighborhoods," Cook said. "It is clearly an issue that deserves our full atten-

tion and requires especially heightened awareness now that our kids are back out walking to school."

Cook said the beginning of the school year is the perfect time to remind drivers to slow down on neighborhood streets.

"When our streets become raceways, people become hesitant to walk down the sidewalk, ride their bikes, or let their children play in the front yard, and that's just unacceptable," Cook said.

On June 19, the board of supervisors unanimously passed a measure to launch a public information campaign on traffic and safety concerns, particularly speeding in neighborhoods and school zones. The board's carryover package is expected to contain \$200,000 for traffic-calming measures.

—VICTORIA ROSS



(From left) Supervisor John Cook, Shirley Hanson, the Laurel Hill Elementary School crossing guard, McGruff and J.T. Frey of the West Springfield Police Station.

Willow Springs Parents Hoping for a Traffic Signal

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Parents describe transportation troubles.

the Police Department's Traffic Division.

It's not a done deal, yet. But if the traffic volume at the intersection of Braddock Road and Willow Springs School Road warrants it, a traffic signal will someday be installed there. And it can't come soon enough for Willow Springs El-

ementary parents and schoolbus drivers.

In the meanwhile, the Wink-o-matic flashing lights on Braddock—telling drivers nearing that intersection to slow from 45 to 25 mph—have been reinstated after having been removed during

the summer.

The lights' removal both stunned and upset community residents, who contacted their local delegate, Tim Hugo (R-40). He then organized a meeting at the school, inviting VDOT, FCPS, FCDOT, Fairfax County police,

other elected officials and Willow Springs parents.

Attendees included Sen. Dave Marsden (D-37), Sup. Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) and Springfield District School Board representative Elizabeth Schultz, as well as Capt. Susan Culin, commander of

AT THE OUTSET of the meeting, last Thursday, Sept. 6, in the school cafeteria, Willow Springs PTA President Jean Naka explained the problem. "In the last two years, we've added 250 more students from communities east of the school. But turning left any time of day on Braddock is not pretty, so traffic backs up."

In fact, she said, since it's too dangerous for buses to attempt to turn left on Braddock, they haven't been allowed to do so for years. So the school counts on the Wink-o-matic lights in both directions to slow traffic a bit so parents and buses full of children can actually enter and exit the school.

"We started getting calls a couple weeks ago," Hugo told the 50 or so parents in the audience. "I know you believe the blinking lights are important—and they're now back in—but it's an interim solution."

Schultz said that, besides being a school board member, she was a Willow Springs parent, a year ago. "So I have a unique understanding, as a mom, of what it's like to get in and out of this school," she said. "I think this problem won't go away until we get the right solution."

Herrity said his office first got the school's request for a traffic light in 2010 and worked with VDOT to get a traffic study done. But at that time, the traffic level didn't warrant a signal there.

"Since then, the new students have come here and there's a potential for the removal of the Wink-o-matic lights," he said. "So my office will work hard to get to the long-term answer."

Marsden said he appreciated VDOT's willingness to find a solution. "It's good to have the professionals here to guide us through this," he said. "The bottom line is safety for our kids."

Then Culin explained that, from a police perspective, "We consider this a mobility and movement problem." Noting that the school has just one entrance, she said that when the blinking light slows approaching traffic on Braddock, "It causes the traffic to bunch up. So traffic coming from the school doesn't have a window of opportunity to pull out onto [Braddock]."

She also told the parents why that light was removed this summer. According to a county policy and an agreement between the

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Parents Ask for Traffic Signal

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County, FCPS and VDOT, such lights are actually intended for students crossing the roadway near a school. But, said Culin, "You don't have walkers crossing there."

Furthermore, she said, "There's a [traffic] code saying Wink-o-matics have to be within 600 feet of a school property line, and yours is 1,400 feet away. So having a Wink-o-matic there is not enforceable. I had Commonwealth's Attorney Ray Morrogh and the county attorney both look at the code, and they concurred."

Besides that, said Culin, "Some individuals will ignore [that light] and not slow down. So that's why we're looking at a better way of getting people in and out of here quicker—the school system's Department of Transportation has agreed to pay for a stoplight."

Schultz noted that, all along, FCPS has said it would fund a traffic signal there. Meanwhile, added Hugo, "We do think the Wink-o-matic is a safety improvement, so that's why it's back in for now. We're in the midst of a new traffic



PHOTO BY BONNIE HOBBS/THE CONNECTION

(From left) State Sen. Dave Marsden (D-37) and Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) listen while VDOT's Randy Dittberner talks. To his right is VDOT's Lauren Mollerup.

study now to check the traffic warrants, and we'll do whatever's possible to expedite a traffic light."

Lauren Mollerup, VDOT's transportation and land-use director for Fairfax County, was also at the meeting with VDOT traffic engineer Randy Dittberner. And school parent Jenny Rudo told them that VDOT should also study the traffic volumes in the nearby neighborhoods.

borhoods.

"Traffic is so bad that parents like me park in the neighborhoods and walk to the school to get their children," said Rudo. Agreeing, a father said he uses a different path than she does and wanted VDOT to know about it.

Schultz suggested the parents

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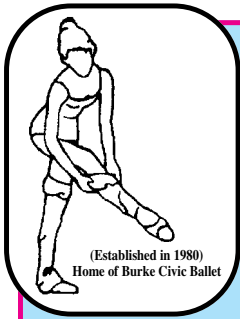
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Sergio Nava of Springfield, a volunteer firefighter with Station 422, stands with his 10-year-old son, Giomel, at the 9/11 Memorial Grove during a remembrance ceremony at the Fairfax County Government Center on Tuesday, Sept. 11.



Fairfax County Supervisors stood as the Fairfax County Carolers sang God Bless America at the 9/11 Memorial Grove during a remembrance ceremony at the Fairfax County Government Center on Tuesday.

PHOTO BY VICTORIA ROSS/THE CONNECTION

'A Morning Just Like This One'

Fairfax County pays tribute to victims of 9/11 attacks during ceremony.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

The somber tone of a single bell tolling three times—once for each site that was struck on Sept. 11, 2001—echoed in the Fairfax County Government Center as community leaders, police officers, firefighters and citizens gathered to pay tribute to 9/11 victims during Tuesday's Remembrance Ceremony.

"It was a morning just like this one," recalled Sharon Bulova, chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, as she spoke to nearly 100 guests during the Fairfax County 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony. "We had bright blue skies on a crisp fall day on the morning of our national tragedy."

Bulova said her most poignant memory was the day after, when she went for her morning run on Sept. 12, 2001. "I remember thinking how strange and empty the blue sky seemed, and I noticed people putting flags out...by the end of my run, it looked like the 4th of July, only more so."

Fairfax County Fire Chief Ronald Mastin and Fairfax County Police Chief David Rohrer also gave brief remarks during the ceremony, which began with Laura Redman of the FCPD singing the National Anthem.

"There are times I wish I didn't know what I know...We lost a sense of security that day," said Rohrer in his remarks. "But we became more resolute and more unified....My hope is that we have more respect for others, more tolerance and peace. We're an incredible tapestry of cultures and diversity in Fairfax County, and that's our strength."

After the ceremony, the Fairfax County public safety honor guard led a procession to the 9/11 Memorial Grove, where Rohrer, Mastin and Bulova participated in the laying of the wreath.

The site, located on a ridge above the lake behind the government center, is the first U.S. memorial commemorating the attacks on 9/11 built on public space.

"This is an area that provides an opportunity for



The Fairfax County public safety honor guard prepared for the Presentation of Colors during a 9/11 remembrance ceremony at the Fairfax County Government Center on Tuesday, Sept. 11.

contemplation and meditation," said Michael McMahon, a Fairfax County tree commissioner who designed the memorial.

Sergio Nava, a Springfield volunteer emergency medical technician with Fire Station 422, said he took his 10-year-old son, Giomel, out of school to attend the ceremony.

"This is the first ceremony we've attended, but I think it's important to remember what happened, the lives lost and what price we pay for our liberties," Nava said. Nava, a single parent, said he was going to school later this month to become a Fairfax County firefighter.

"I'm proud of my father," Giomel Nava said. "Firefighters always have to try to save people's lives, no matter what. I think I'd like to be one too."

Michael Buditus, who was working at Fairfax County's 911 center 11 years ago, said he always attends the ceremony to salute the "unsung heroes, the police officers, firefighters and first responders" of 9/11.

As he stood reading the memorial inscription, he shook his head. "The most real piece is the weather today. It takes me back to that day...it's a day you never forget."

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C3C Stephanie Ann Marris of Fairfax has been named to the dean's list and the commandant's list at the United States Air Force Academy. The 2009 graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School for Math Science and Technology is majoring in environmental engineering with a minor in Spanish.

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Taehee Han of Fairfax has been named to the Dean's List at New River Community College, located in Dublin, Virginia.

Fairfax residents **Cara Bialek** and **David Hixon** have been named to the fall 2011 dean's list at the Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah, Ga.

Austin Lee has been named to the fall 2011 dean's list at Randolph-Macon Academy. He is the son of Leah Lee of Fairfax and Seung Kyu of Arlington.

Brittney Ransdell has been named to the fall 2011 dean's list at Randolph-Macon Academy. She is the daughter of Denise Ralls of Fairfax.

Nathan Warren of Fairfax has been named to the fall 2011 honor roll at Loomis Chaffee School, Windsor, Ct.

Paul Anthony Polanski of Fairfax has earned a bachelor of science from Excelsior College of Albany, N.Y.

Marine Corps Pvt. Cameron T. Harshfield completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C. He studied first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training, close order drill and operating as a small infantry unit during field training. Harshfield is a 2011 graduate of Fairfax High School.

Elena Nadolinski of Fairfax was one of six young women invited to the White House as a winner in the National Council for Women in Information Technology Award for Aspirations in Computing. Nadolinski was the vice president of Woodson's Computer Science Club, and president of its Robotics Club. While she was president of the latter group, her team placed second internationally in the Botball Robotics Tournament.



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The following list of people who lived in Connection Newspapers coverage area and died in the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks is compiled from multiple sources, including news reports, and is likely not complete. The Pentagon Memorial website offers photos and biographies of most people who died at the Pentagon. <http://pentagonmemorial.org/explore/biographies>.

- ❖ Spc. Craig Amundson, 28, Fort Belvoir, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Lt. Col. Canfield D. Boone, 54, Clifton, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Charles Burlingame, 51, Herndon, employed by American Airlines, died on AA Flight 77
- ❖ Rosa Maria Chapa, 64, Springfield, employed by Defense Intelligence Agency, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Eddie A. Dillard, Alexandria, employed by Philip Morris, died on AA Flight 77
- ❖ Capt. Robert Edward Dolan, 43, Alexandria, employed by U.S. Navy, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Charles A. Droz III, 52, Springfield, employed by EM Solutions Inc., died on AA Flight 77

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- ❖ Gerald P. Fisher, 57, Potomac, Md., employed by Booz Allen Hamilton, died in Pentagon
- ❖ 1st Lt. (Ret.) Richard P. Gabriel Sr., 54, Great Falls, employed by Stratin Consulting, died on AA Flight 77
- ❖ Diane M. Hale-McKinzy, 38, Alexandria, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Stanley R. Hall, 68, Centreville, employed by Raytheon, died on AA Flight 77
- ❖ Brady K. Howell, 26, Arlington, employed by U.S. Navy, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Lt. Col. Stephen Neil Hyland Jr., 45, Burke, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Bryan C. Jack, 48, Alexandria, employed by Department of Defense, died on AA Flight 77
- ❖ Steven D. Jacoby, 43, Alexandria, employed by Metrocall, died on AA Flight 77
- ❖ Ann Judge, 49, Great Falls, employed by National Geographic Society, died on AA Flight 77
- ❖ Norma Cruz Khan, 45, Reston, Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors Assn., died on AA Flight 77
- ❖ Terence M. Lynch, 49, Alexandria, employed by Booz Allen Hamilton, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Ada L. Mason-Acker, 50, Springfield, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Lt. Gen. Timothy J. Maude, 53, Fort Myer, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Mark McGinly, 26, Vienna, employed by Carr Futures, died in World Trade Center
- ❖ Patricia E. Mickley, 41, Springfield, employed by Department of Defense, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Khang Ngoc Nguyen, 41, Fairfax, employed by Navy contractor, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Barbara K. Olson, 45, Great Falls, attorney, died on AA Flight 77
- ❖ Maj. Clifford L. Patterson Jr., 33, Alexandria, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Capt. Jack D. Panches, 51, Clifton, retired

- from U.S. Navy, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Lisa J. Raines, 42, Great Falls, employed by Genzyme Corp., died on AA Flight 77
- ❖ Todd H. Reuben, 40, Potomac, Md., attorney, died on AA Flight 77
- ❖ Charles E. Sabin, 54, Burke, employed by Department of Defense, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Marjorie C. Salamone, 53, Springfield, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Cmdr. Robert Allan Schlegel, 38, Alexandria, employed by U.S. Navy, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Mark E. Schurmeier, 44, McLean, employed by Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., died in World Trade Center
- ❖ Janice M. Scott, 46, Springfield, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Michael L. Selves, 53, Fairfax, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Diane M. Simmons, Great Falls, died on AA Flight 77
- ❖ George W. Simmons, Great Falls, retired from Xerox, died on AA Flight 77
- ❖ Lt. Col. Gary F. Smith, 55, Alexandria, retired U.S. Army, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Norma Lang Steuerle, 54, Alexandria, died on AA Flight 77
- ❖ Lt. Col. Kip P. Taylor, 38, McLean, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Leonard E. Taylor, 44, Reston, employed by XonTech Inc., died on AA Flight 77
- ❖ Sandra C. Taylor, 50, Alexandria, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Sandra D. Teague, 31, Fairfax, employed by Georgetown University Hospital, died on AA Flight 77
- ❖ Karl W. Teepe, 57, Centreville, employed by Defense Information Agency, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Meta L. Waller, 60, Alexandria, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Ernest M. Willcher, 62, North Potomac, Md., employed by Booz-Allen Hamilton Inc. died in Pentagon
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- ❖ Vicki C. Yancey, 43, Springfield, employed by Vredenburg Co., died on AA Flight 77.

County Seeks Citizen Input on Transportation

If Fairfax County is going to pay for the roads, we ought to own and control them.

BY SUPERVISOR JOHN COOK
(R-BRADDOCK)



CONTRIBUTOR

This fall, residents of Fairfax County will have an unprecedented opportunity to offer input on one of the principal policy issues facing the County—whether we should assume a greater role in secondary road maintenance and construction. I urge all County residents to

take advantage of this important opportunity. The state owns almost every road in Fairfax County, and every one of us has seen what years of state cutbacks in road maintenance have wrought. Our already awful congestion will get worse as the state has stopped, permanently, all secondary road construction. Secondary roads are those like Braddock and Guinea (not interstates or

those with route numbers under 600, such as Little River Turnpike and Ox Road). With a quarter of a million new residents expected in the coming 20 to 30 years, continuing to ignore our road maintenance and construction needs will have a devastating impact on our County.

County staff believes we need \$8 billion to meet our principal transportation needs in the coming decade (this includes items like new construction, road widening and

transit—but not maintenance). At current rates, state and federal funding will cover about \$5 billion, leaving a gap of \$3 billion, or \$300 million per year. Should the County ask the General Assembly for authority to raise new funds for transportation? That is the question before us.

County transportation staff has already begun conducting a number of town hall meetings to lay out our needs and the options before us, and to solicit input. Braddock's meeting will be held on Oct. 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the Kings Park Library Meeting room and

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WEEK IN FAIRFAX

Fairfax to Host Small Business Summit

The Virginia Small Business Partnership announced that the third annual Virginia Small Business Summit will be held on Friday, Sept. 21, 2012 at the Mason Inn Conference Center & Hotel in Fairfax.

"Continuing our long tradition of hosting the Virginia Small Business Summit in September, we chose to honor the distinction made by the Virginia General Assembly in naming Sept. 21 Small Business Day in Virginia. We believe it is fitting and proper to honor that distinction and highlight the important role small businesses play in Virginia's economy," said M. David Skiles, chairman, Virginia Small Business Partnership.

The Virginia Small Business Summit is the first event of its kind in the Commonwealth of Virginia and marks the third straight year the Virginia Small Business Partnership has hosted the summit. The purpose of this event is to provide small business

owners and entrepreneurs with the opportunity to discuss commonsense business friendly ideas to help improve Virginia's small business climate.

The 2012 Virginia Small Business Summit will focus on five issues important to the small business community: healthcare, education, energy, contracting and procurement, and small business manufacturing.

Best-Buddies Fundraiser

Piero's Corner Italian Restaurant will host a Best Buddies fundraiser Sunday, Sept. 16, at 5 p.m. for its busboy, Eric Latcheran of Chantilly, and his friend Ryan Gutkowski of Clifton. The restaurant is at 9959 Main St. in Fairfax. Eric, 25, and Ryan, 24, have intellectual disabilities and are raising money so they may participate in the fun run at the annual Best Buddies Challenge, Oct. 20, in Washington, D.C. Piero's will donate a percentage of its Sept. 16 food proceeds toward the cause.

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will also serve as the first quarterly meeting of my new Transportation Policy Advisory Forum. The public is welcomed and encouraged to attend.

There is not a consensus on the board. While some members have expressed a preference for continuing to "demand" a state

solution, they ignore the fact that such "demands" have failed for 25 years. The political reality in Richmond is that the rest of the state is not going to send their money up here for our roads. In addition, as I have repeatedly pointed out, a state solution means our money goes to Richmond first, where much of it will be passed around, with only pennies returning back home. Consequently, I have sug-

gested we consider taking control of the roads. If Fairfax County is going to pay for the roads, we ought to own and control them. Most board members, however, would prefer not to have that responsibility.

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The wine cellar in this McLean home opens to the adjacent billiard room. Designers say homeowners should create a style for the cellar that is consistent with the rest of the home.

Uncorking the Possibilities

Local builders say wine storage options are almost limitless.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

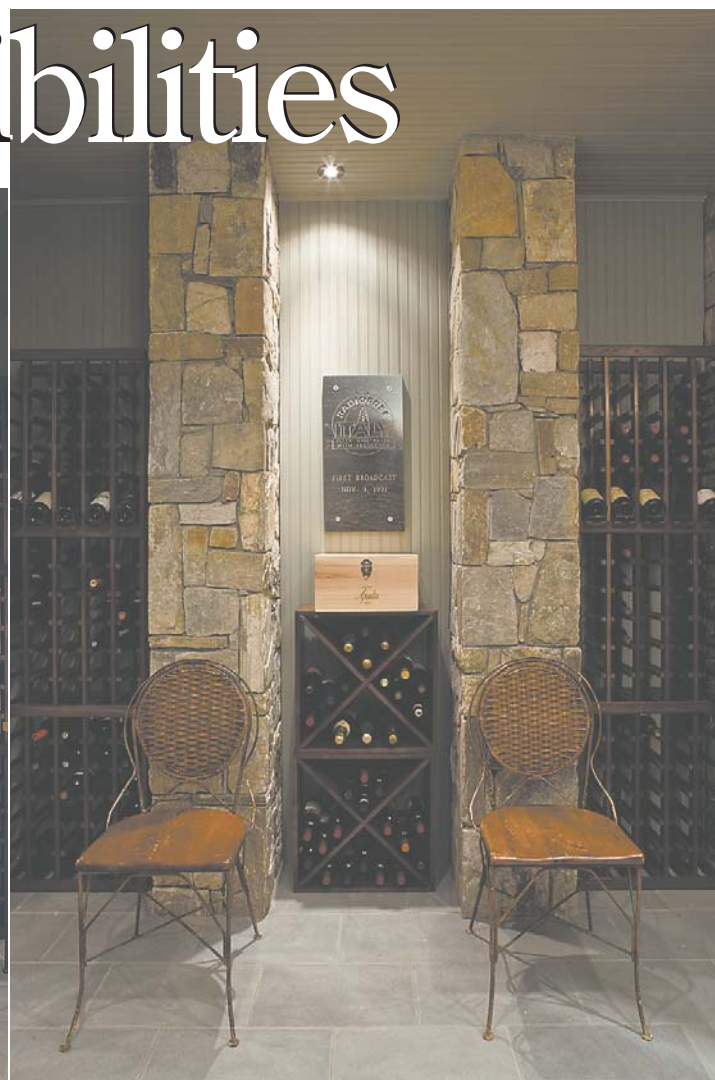
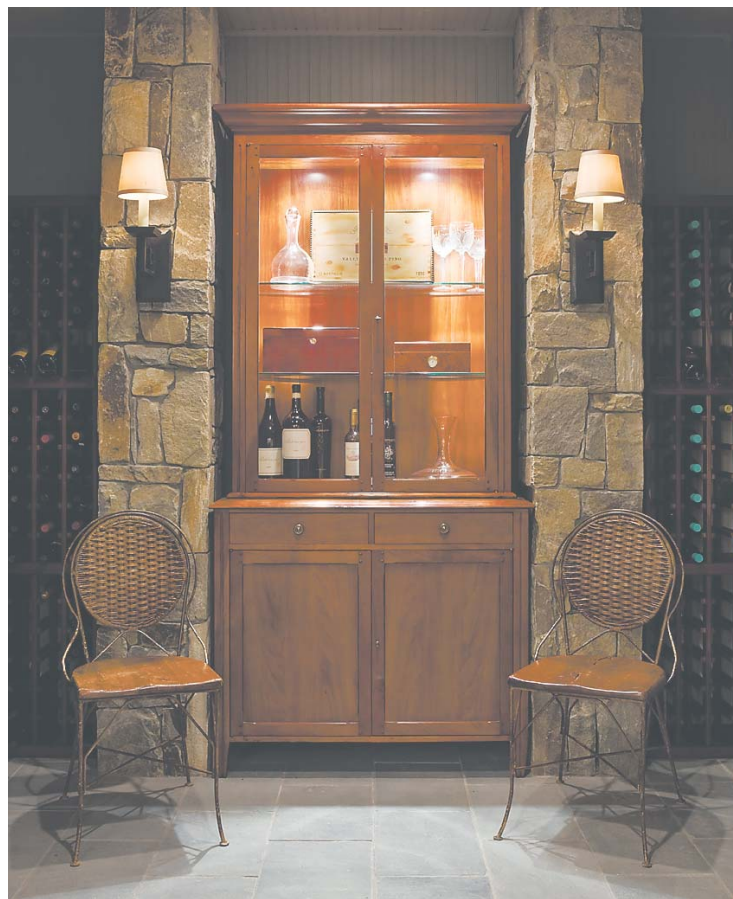
From those who sip an occasional glass of Chianti with friends to enthusiastic oenophiles, the notion of owning a wine cellar is fascinating to many people. In fact, a recent U.S. Luxury-Home Market survey by Wine Trends, a wine-consulting firm, showed that 67 percent of respondents were interested in incorporating wine storage into their homes.

“With wine cellar design, the sky is the limit. In fact, the sky is actually the starting point.”

— Jason Kirkpatrick

Local designers say they are now catering to a new breed of wine collector and are creating cellars equipped with perks ranging from full kitchen and dining spaces to rare art and LED lighting. Jason Kirkpatrick, of Kirkpatrick’s Construction in Centreville, says creative options are virtually boundless.

“With wine cellar design, the sky is



PHOTOS COURTESY OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE REMODELING INDUSTRY

Jason Kirkpatrick of Centreville-based Kirkpatrick’s Construction won a Contractor of the Year Award from the National Association of the Remodeling Industry for a McLean project that included a wine cellar with a tasting area.

the limit. In fact, the sky is actually the starting point,” he said. “There are so many neat things that you can do with architecture, racking and lighting. You can turn a relatively small space into a gorgeous wine cellar.”

DESIGNERS SAY that when planning a wine cellar, there are a few basic factors to consider.

The first item that those who want to build a wine cellar should think about is a system of organization. “You have to not

only think about how many bottles you have in your collection, but also how much you think your collection will grow over the next five to 10 years,” said Kirkpatrick, who lives

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Limitless Options for Wine Storage

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in Clifton. “You don’t want to make this kind of investment in your home and then a year or two later say, ‘Gosh, we need to make an addition onto our wine cellar.’”

Local interior designer Marika Meyer of Marika Meyer Interiors says homeowners should create a style for the cellar that will be consistent with the rest of the home, something she and the design team did when creating the cellar in a McLean home.

“We ... developed a sophisticated space that was reflective of the home and the collection,” she said. “For example, the flooring is the same slate that is used in the exterior patio. We wanted to use the cherry cabinet that is featured in the center of the two front columns, so we designed the room around this piece. Each stone column was designed to work around the room based on the proportion established by this piece of furniture. We also wanted the space to feel open to the billiard room, which is attached. To that end, we widened the door enclosure and added side-lights to make the space open.”

HOW THE SPACE WILL BE used is another important consideration. “Are you planning to use it for strictly for utilitarian storage or would you like for there to be a space for entertaining in it as well?” said Kirkpatrick, who won a Contractor of the Year Award from the National Association of the Remodeling Industry for a McLean project that included a wine cellar with a tasting area. “Which do you drink more of: White or red? Do you prefer large format bottles or standard-sized bottles?”

Designers say the style and features of the rest of the home should be factored into the cellar’s design: “What are the spaces that are adjacent to the wine cellar? You can incorporate them into the design for a better flow,” said Kirkpatrick.

Kirkpatrick says he integrated a wine bar into the design of a south Arlington kitchen during a recent renovation. “We used interesting frosted glass cabinets and really designed the space for wine tasting, there was even a space for tasting cheese or chocolate. The plan was integrated into the de-

sign of the kitchen and the whole space flowed.”

When remodeling a kitchen in Alexandria, Kirkpatrick created two spaces for wine. “We used open storage where wine can be stored for easy accessibility and built-in wine storage under the cabinets. But one of the most cost-effective things you can do is to buy a glass-front refrigerator that is specifically designed for holding wine with so you can display the wine nicely,” said Kirkpatrick.

In fact, Potomac, Md.-based designer Susan Matus of Case Design/ Remodeling says that there are budget-friendly options for wine storage. “[Kitchen] cabinet-makers are now making cabinets that incorporate wine storage in base cabinets or wall cabinets. There are also wine refrigerators that have two cooling zones that are appropriate for red and white wine, but are not outrageous in terms of price.”

According to National Association of the Remodeling Industry spokesperson Nikki Golden, “Wine cellars are still very popular for people to put into their home during a remodel.”



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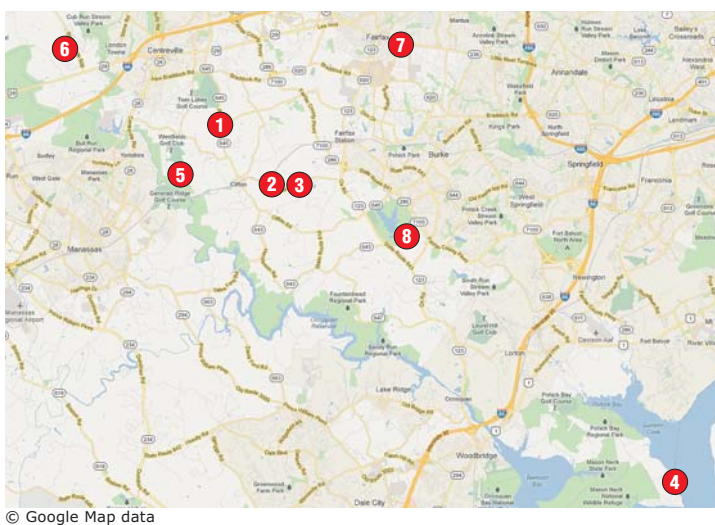


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Alarm Over Transportation Funding

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portation crisis, pointing out that:

❖Within five years, no state funds will be available for highway construction, and the Commonwealth will be unable to fully match federal funds.

❖Approximately 26 percent of roadways statewide are in poor condition, according to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), which maintains the roads. However, that number jumps to 34 percent for the Urban Crescent, including 39 percent in Northern Virginia, 36 percent in Hampton Roads and 31 percent in Richmond.

❖State secondary and urban system construction funds have been eliminated.

❖Only 66 percent of Virginia's secondary roads currently meet pavement performance targets. Using VDOT's estimates, the cost of meeting VDOT's goal of 82 percent of secondary roads in fair or better condition could be \$1.3 billion to \$1.8 billion.

❖In the Richmond area, commuters waste

20 hours per year stuck in traffic; in Hampton Roads, commuters waste 34 hours; in Northern Virginia, commuters waste 74 hours per year.

❖The morning and evening rush hours in the Urban Crescent last as long as two and a half to seven hours each day.

With nearly 58,000 miles of roads, Virginia currently operates the nation's third-largest state highway network, and the state government is responsible for virtually all Virginia's main and local roadways.

The Virginia Department of Transportation's annual budget for 2012 is nearly \$4.8 billion. However, almost \$1.3 billion of that money is borrowed, according to state officials.

State Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34) said state funds for transportation have disappeared in the past 10 years due to a number of factors.

"The most obvious is the fact that we have a fixed 17.5 cents per gallon tax on gasoline," Petersen said.

According to state officials, every 1-cent increase in Virginia's gasoline tax would generate about \$50 million for transportation. But state legislators historically have been reluctant to propose new taxes or new funding mechanisms.

THE LAST MAJOR INFUSION to the state's transportation funding stream was in 1987.

That reluctance, Petersen said, is unacceptable.

"Now that cars are far more efficient, less gasoline is purchased at the pump. So less revenue is collected, even though more cars are on the road. It's a vicious cycle that won't be solved until we go to an indexed tax—or simply replace all taxes with tolling," Petersen said.

Though various efforts have been made in recent years to address the Commonwealth's transportation needs, adequate and sustainable solutions have not been achieved, according to Urban Crescent

officials.

"We believe that the time for action is now, and that inaction is a 'traffic tax' on our localities, our residents, our visitors, and our businesses through decreased productivity, diminished quality of life, higher fuel costs, higher maintenance costs, and increased pollution," the leaders wrote.

The letter isn't the final product of the Urban Crescent efforts. Bulova said it is part of a sustained effort and a "call to action" for the General Assembly and the administration to provide the funding Urban Crescent leaders say is needed in the Commonwealth to address the backlog of road and infrastructure maintenance needs, and funding for transit and road construction.

"Transportation is one of the state's fundamental responsibilities," Bulova added. "By shifting the responsibility to local government, it is essentially a tax increase on localities. When the state doesn't invest in transportation improvements, it costs the commuting public lost time and productivity."

FAITH NOTES

Send notes to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416. Deadline is Friday. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

Living Water Jubilee. On Friday, Sept. 14 at 7 p.m., at Silverbrook United Methodist Church w, 8616 Silverbrook Road, Lorton. Free bluegrass concert, dinner and a special worship service lead by the Rev. Pat Watkins of Creation Care. 703-690-4159 or www.silverbrook-umc.org.

Homecoming Celebration. On Sunday, Sept. 16 at Silverbrook United Methodist Church, 8616 Silverbrook Road, Lorton. A potluck luncheon with Rev. Kenneth Jackson; all are invited to be a part of this celebration. 703-690-4159 or www.silverbrook-umc.org.

Divine Blessing Celebration. On Sunday, Sept. 16 from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Fairfax Church, 4280 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. Special service with Reverend Johnson A. Edosomwan. Apostle@OneGodMinistry.org or 703-591-6161.

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Homeless Animals Rescue Team Dog Adoptions. 12-3 p.m. Petco, 13053 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax. Every Saturday. 703-817-9444 or www.hart90.org.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 18

Franconia United Methodist Church Fall Bible Studies. Various times, beginning Monday, Sept. 17 at 6037 Franconia Road, Alexandria. Check website for full listing. <http://www.franconiaumc.org>.

Adat Reyim Tashlich Service and Ice Cream Social. On Monday, Sept. 17, 4 p.m., at Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Join on Rosh Hashanah to cast off sins. Ice cream treats to follow. RSVP to religiouspractices@adatreyim.org.

"Under the Tent" Chicken BBQ, Bake Sale and Yard Sale. On Saturday, Sept. 15 at 10 a.m., at Silverbrook United Methodist Church w, 8616 Silverbrook Road, Lorton. Proceeds go to send needy children to summer camps. Enjoy face painting, cake walk, games, moon bounce, music, environmental workshops and hands-on water mission project.

Clifton Presbyterian Church, 12748 Richards Lane, Clifton, offers Sunday worship services at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Nursery care is provided. Christian education for all ages is at 9:45 a.m. 703-830-3175.

Free Parents Seminar. 6-7:30 p.m., at Power Brain Training Center, 3903 Fair Ridge Drive, Suite 217, Fairfax. Learn how to help your child build confidence, creativity and focus using brain and fitness exercises to improve mental and physical health. Also on Sept. 25 and Oct. 2. Reserve a spot at 703-359-7282.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 20

Senior Fall Prevention Classes. 1:30 p.m. The Woodlands Retirement Community, 4320 Forest Hill Drive, Fairfax. Classes designed to work on balance and core muscles to prevent injuries and falls; Instructor certified in back and hip rehab. Every Tuesday and Thursday in a heated indoor pool. \$10. Registration required at 703-667-9800.

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, 6720 Union Mill Road, Clifton, conducts Sunday masses at 7:30 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. It also offers a Saturday vigil at 5:30 p.m. and a Thursday Latin mass at 7 p.m. 703-817-1770 or www.st-andrew.org.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 8304 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield, offers casual worship services on Saturday evenings at 5:30 p.m. featuring contemporary music. More traditional services take place on Sunday mornings at 8:15 and 11 a.m. Sunday School is at 9:45-10:45 a.m. for children and adults. The church also offers discussion groups for adults. 703-451-5855 or www.poplc.org.

Kirkwood Presbyterian Church, 8336 Carrleigh Parkway in Springfield, supports a Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) program on the first and third Wednesday of each month, 9:30-11:30 a.m. All mothers and children are welcome. The program provides mothers an opportunity to get to know other mothers through discussions and craft activities. Register at 703-451-5320.

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THURSDAY/SEPT. 13

Play Trails Ribbon Cutting

Ceremony. 1 p.m., at Van Dyck Park, 3720 Old Lee Hwy., Fairfax. The City of Fairfax Parks and Recreation Play Trails consists of playful hands-on exhibits that engage children and families while using the trails with playful activities about plants and insects. 703-273-6097.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 14

Fall Kickoff Breakfast. 9:30 a.m., at the American Legion Post 177 3939 Oak Street, Fairfax. Make friends and visit with old ones at the Fairfax County Senior Citizens' Council (FCSSC). <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ncs/news/ni2012/sccrm.htm>.

"We Bought a Zoo." 7 p.m., at Performance Space at Sherwood Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Family friendly PG rated movie at a free showing. www.fairfaxva.gov.

Sinbad, Israel Houghton and The New Breed. 7:30 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Grace Covenant Church celebrates their 30th anniversary with the concert. \$28. www.ticketmaster.com or 1-800-745-3000.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 15

OGM Annual Fall Festival. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at Fairfax Church, 4280 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. Free food, games, bouncy, music and fellowship. www.onegodministry.org.

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SUNDAY/SEPT. 16

Open House. TBA, at Potomac Arts Academy, 4260 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. Events for families and children to age 12 include class demonstrations and activities in visual art, music, theater and more. 703-993-9889.

MONDAY/SEPT. 17

Children's Music Performance Series. 10:30 a.m. Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. First and third Mondays of each month. Free admission. 703-352-2787 or www.fairfaxarts.org.

Screening of Pink Smoke Over the Vatican. 7-9 p.m. George Mason University, Johnson Center Cinema 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. A screening of the award-winning documentary by the GMU Department of Women and Gender studies and WOC followed by discussion and reception by women's ordination activists. Free and welcome to all. 202-675-1006 or <https://www.facebook.com/events/>



A couple dances to the traditional music of the Kings Park German Band at the 2nd Annual Oktoberfest Volksmarch at Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church in Burke, September 2011.

3rd Annual Oktoberfest Volksmarch

On Saturday, Sept. 15 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church, 10125 Lakehaven Court, Burke, hosts a free Oktoberfest walk. A volksmarch, literally translated "people's walk," is a leisurely walk through a scenic, historic, or interesting area over a pre-determined route. German foods and drinks will be available to purchase; the Kings Park German Band will play from 11 a.m. to noon. 703-644-0189 or nicebrowns@verizon.net.

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highlights objects added to the collection since 1992; the exhibit is open through Jan. 29, 2013. 703-385-8414.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 18

All Fairfax Reads Book Discussion.

7:30 p.m., City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Join writer Wendi Kaufman to learn more about Waldman's novel and share your thoughts on the book. Cosponsored by the Fairfax Library Foundation. 703-293-6227.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 22

Fairfax Symphony Orchestra: Masterworks I. 8 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Conductor Christopher Zimmerman and pianist Jeffrey Biegel perform Adams' *The Chairman Dances*, Zwilich's *Shadows for Piano and Orchestra*, Bernstein's *Three Dance Episodes* from "On the Town" and Gershwin's *Piano Concerto in F Major*. \$25-\$55. 703-563-1990 or www.fairfaxsymphony.org.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 23

Solo Guitarist David Rogers. 8 p.m. Epicure Cafe 11213-A Lee Highway, Fairfax. 703-352-9193.

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SATURDAY/NOV. 17

Fairfax Symphony Orchestra: **Masterworks II.** 8 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Conductor Ken Woods and violinist Benjamin Beilman perform Beethoven's *Overture to Coriolan*, Op. 62, *Symphony No. 2* and *Violin Concerto*. \$25-\$55. 703-563-1990 or www.fairfaxsymphony.org.

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SATURDAY/DEC. 8

Fairfax Symphony Orchestra: **Masterworks III.** 8 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Conductor Christopher Zimmerman and pianist James Dick perform Rossini's *Overture to La Gazza Ladra* plus Tchaikovsky's *Piano Concerto No. 1* and *Symphony No. 6*, "Pathétique." \$25-\$55. 703-563-1990 or www.fairfaxsymphony.org.



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Police Capt. Susan Culin

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Traffic Signal Sought

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keep records of how often and at what times they do these things, and also take photos of their routes. Still another dad said that, recently, “Some 55 to 65 cars” went down another neighborhood street to both drop off and pick up their children “because they can’t get to the kiss-and-ride. So this street has turned into a de-facto kiss-and-ride.” And a mom suggested VDOT talk to bus drivers about how long it takes to get the children home after school and following after-school activities.

Herrity said some relief will also come in another way because FCPS “has agreed to pay for a right-turn lane” so there can be a continuous traffic flow out of the school. And Dittberner said VDOT would support it.

Rudo asked the VDOT representatives for a timeline. “How long does the study take?” she asked. “And when can we expect to see a traffic light?”

“We want to finish the study by mid-October,” said Dittberner. “Then we’d turn over the reins to the school system to design the light, decide where to put the pole and integrate the right-turn lane into the project. But generally, from warrants to finish, we can put in a typical traffic signal in nine to 12 months.”

“That’s why we wanted the Wink-o-matic back in, and that’s why I put together this meeting,” said Hugo. “You’ve got Senate and House leadership, a county supervisor, a school board member, Democrats, Republicans, VDOT and about 50 parents here. You’ve got all the sled dogs pulling in the right direction.”

However, advised Mollerup, “The turn lane has to be designed, too, so you’re probably looking at a year—potentially, next summer. It could involve right-of-way acquisition and utility relocation.”

Meanwhile, Dittberner said VDOT would set up a video camera from 6 a.m.-6 p.m. at the school entrance for the traffic study. But mom Wendy Everard said it should run until 8 p.m. because of “soccer practice, Wednesday night chess club and other af-

ter-school activities.” Basically, added another mom, “We have three soccer fields, two baseball fields and one exit.”

Hugo said all the parents’ comments were helpful because they detailed “the magnitude of the problem.” Mollerup then told them that VDOT already put “school” markings on Braddock and will erect yellow “school” signs in both directions.

Rudo asked if a police officer could help the buses leave after school, but Culin replied that, “With budget cuts, there’s not the staff to do it.”

A PARENT who lives east of the school, off Pheasant Ridge Road, said her children are on the bus about 40 minutes each way. So she asked the bus routes be examined so drivers could reach her neighborhood and others more directly. “The kids would be on the bus less and home sooner,” she said.

Agreeing, PTA Treasurer Christine McDonald added, “We have kindergartners sitting on that bus for 45 minutes—and we live two miles away.” Herrity said that’s one reason FCPS wanted to fund the traffic light, “because of the cost of the buses.”

School Principal Liz Rhein then thanked everyone for attending the meeting, saying, “I can sleep better tonight, knowing we’re moving forward with this.”



VDOT traffic engineer Randy Dittberner

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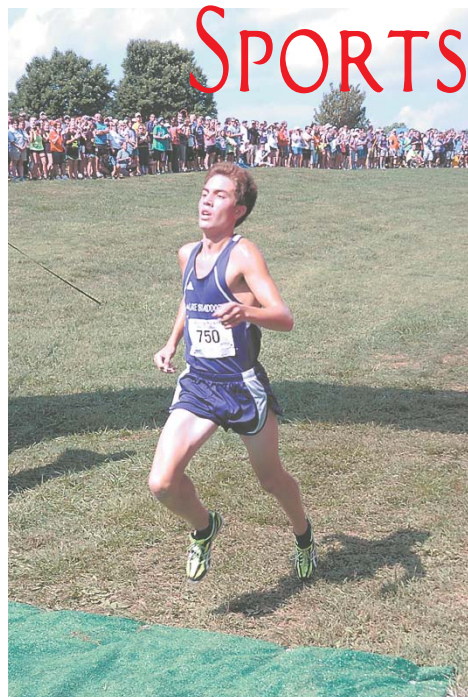
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West Springfield's Caroline Alcorta finished second at the Monroe Parker Invitational on Sept. 8 at Burke Lake Park.



Lake Braddock's Nick Tuck finished second at the Monroe Parker Invitational on Sept. 8 at Burke Lake Park.



Lake Braddock senior Sophie Chase, right, pulled out midway through the Monroe Parker Invitational on Sept. 8 due to lower body discomfort. Chase is the defending AAA state girls' cross country champion.



Hannah Christen's individual championship led the Lake Braddock girls' cross country team to a first-place finish at the Monroe Parker Invitational on Sept. 8 at Burke Lake Park.

Christen, Lake Braddock Girls' XC Win at Monroe Parker

Defending state champ Chase withdraws due to lower-body pain.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Hannah Christen and the Lake Braddock girls' cross country team overcame the loss of defending state champion Sophie Chase and a strong effort by West Springfield's Caroline Alcorta to take home top honors at the Monroe Parker Invitational on Sept. 8 at Burke Lake Park.

Chase, ranked among the nation's top 10 high school harriers by milesplit.com, pulled out midway through the race due to lower body discomfort. Despite the loss of their top runner, the Bruins won the team competition with a score of 83. Battlefield (108) placed second and Madison (120) finished third.

Christen, ranked in the top 15 nationally by milesplit.com, held off Alcorta to win the individual title with a time of 17 minutes, 40 seconds, 6 seconds faster than her Spartan opponent. Alcorta led toward the end of the race, but Christen battled back.

"It felt really good, especially because I had to fight for it at the end, which made it seem more worthwhile," Christen said about finishing first as an individual. "... I was actually surprised [we won the team title] in a good way because Sophie didn't have her best day today, and so it made me happy that we can still win as a team even though we don't have our top runner, which looks good for in the future."

Lake Braddock coach Michael Mangan said it was his choice for Chase to withdraw from the race and "it's not a big deal." He said Chase's stride looked off and he told her to stop.

"I'm a bad coach if I let her keep going," Mangan said. "Had she not listened to me, I'm not very fast anymore, but I probably could have summoned 25 [or] 30 meters of a sprint and I would have hooked her."

AN EMOTIONAL CHASE was disappointed she wasn't able to finish.

"I'm not really injured, I just was not feeling good at all," Chase said. "The top part of my [right] hip was really, really hurting ... so coming up that hill I really had an option whether to try to gut it through and possibly ... irritate my legs more [or] stop."

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— Lake Braddock's Hannah Christen

It was definitely a really difficult thing to decide because I'm a fighter and I want to do well, but at the end, I have a really long season and I just have to stay focused for the long run."

Along with Christen's first-place finish, Lake Braddock's Katie Roche finished 12th (18:49), Katie Kunc was 19th (19:46), Anne Johnson finished 25th (20:06) and Misha Suresh was 30th (20:16).

West Springfield's Alcorta placed second with a time of 17:46, helping the Spartans to a sixth-place finish (200).

"I didn't think I'd be anywhere near [Christen]," said Alcorta, who placed eighth at states in 2011, her first season competing in cross country. "... [Christen is] really one of the greatest runners in the state. It's really hard trying to fight somebody that's so good. A couple times I thought I could get her, but she's really quick."

Maddie Wittich placed ninth (18:40) for the Spartans, Katie Kennedy finished 38th

(20:28), Abbie Walker was 77th (21:15) and Erin Falk finished 89th (21:28).

Robinson's Macey Schweikert placed fourth (18:04), followed by Chantilly's Alexa Cowne (18:04), Edison's Jennifer Flack (18:08), Robinson's Lauren Berman (18:17), Lee's Bailey Kolonich (18:18), Battlefield's Nicole Carter (18:40), West Springfield's Wittich and West Potomac's

Katie Genuario (18:41). Bishop O'Connell's Devin Nihill finished 11th (18:48), followed by Lake Braddock's Roche, Madison's Amanda Swaak (19:07) and Anna Stone (19:14) and Battlefield's Becca Howe (19:24).

Robinson finished eighth (258) as a team, Woodson was 11th (282) and South County finished 16th (408).

IN BOYS' ACTION, Lake Braddock's Nick Tuck placed second with a time of 15:16, helping the Bruins to a sixth-place team finish. Mangan said Tuck's time was one of the best in school history for the Burke Lake course.

Chantilly senior Sean McGorty cruised to victory, posting a time of 14:50, 26 seconds ahead of second-place Tuck. McGorty placed fourth in the state as a sophomore, second last season, and was ranked in the 2012 preseason national top 10 by milesplit.com. He battled with Annandale's Ahmed Bile the

last two seasons, but Bile came out on top, winning back-to-back state championships. Now that Bile is a freshman at Georgetown, McGorty is focusing on self-motivation.

"You have to be very mentally strong," McGorty said of running with no competitors around him. "I've been working on that coming into this year because I really want to be able to motivate myself during races and not rely on other people or other events. ... It will be a little different not having someone right there with you. Mentally, last year I had to focus on staying with [Bile] or pushing the pace, trying to beat him. This year, it's more pushing myself, keeping myself motivated ..."

McGorty praised Northern Region harriers after the race, but none posed a threat on this day. Edison's Louis Colson placed third (15:18), followed by Battlefield's Haben Zemichael (15:54) and Chantilly's Peter Malander (15:55). Madison's Matthew Calem (15:56) finished sixth, followed by Stone Bridge's Brady Guertin (15:56), Chantilly's Faris Sakallah (15:57), South Lakes' Ashkan Mohammadi (15:58), Marshall's MacKenzie Haight (16:05), Battlefield's Aaron Hill (16:05), Bishop O'Connell's J.J. LaPointe (16:05), Yorktown's Ryan Hart (16:07), Lake Braddock's Alex Corbett (16:07) and T.C. Williams' Anteneh Girma (16:08).

Chantilly finished first as a team with a score of 57. Battlefield finished second (122) and Robinson placed third (134).

Nathan Schulte finished 19th (16:15) for Robinson. John Tolbert was 25th (16:20), Dustin Jutras finished 30th (16:29), Luke Sharkey was 32nd (16:38) and Leif Van Acker finished 33rd (16:38).

West Springfield finished fourth (227), South County was 16th (468), Woodson finished 18th (492) and Lee was 26th (628).

Multiple harriers needed medical attention due to the warm temperature.

"It was really, really hot," Wittich said. "It was brutal."

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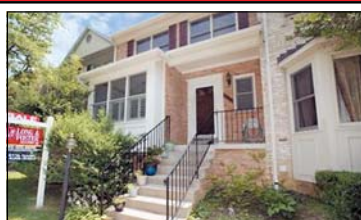


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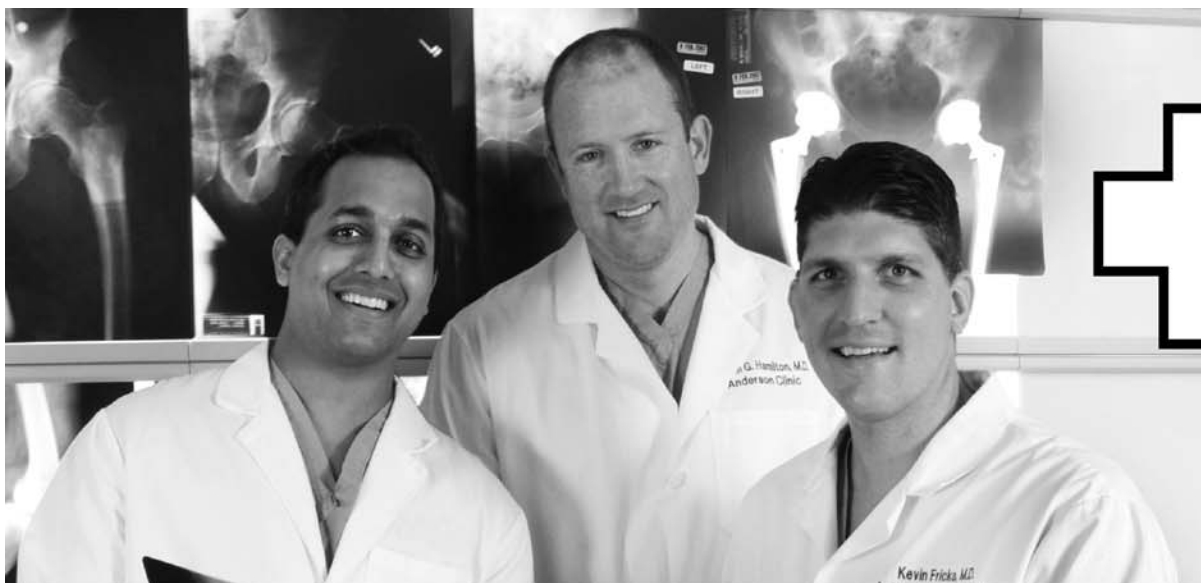


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