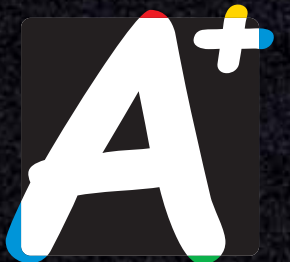


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Aaron Hollins, left, Ryan Antonellis and the Lake Braddock football team defeated Robinson, 32-7, on Oct. 12.



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Last year's Scary Clowns on the Haunted Trail were (from left) Steve Parrott, R.J. Carey, Eric Hencken and Rick Layfield.

## Are You Ready to Be Scared?

### Frights abound along the Clifton Haunted Trail.

By Bonnie Hobbs  
The Connection

**S**creams pierce the night in the middle of a dark and spooky forest, while scary creatures frighten all those brave enough to enter. "It's only eight acres—what could possibly happen to you?" That's the slogan of the Clifton Haunted Trail, and the bloody mayhem is once again ready to be unleashed.

The annual event is set for Saturday, Oct. 27, from 7-10 p.m., in the Town of Clifton's Eight-Acre Park. (Rain date is Oct. 28). Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10, children; there are no advance sales. Sturdy shoes are recommended; snacks and beverages are available.

"It's the scariest trail around," said Haunted Trail Chairman John Powell. "Many people have told me they go to other haunted houses and trails every year, and ours is the best, by far."

Since the fright level is so intense, parents should accompany children along the trail, and it's not recommended for those under eight. However, children not wanting to go on the trail, plus parents waiting for teens to emerge from it, will be able to watch Movies under the Stars on a large screen at the park's entrance.

Flashlights are not allowed on the trail. Free parking is available at Clifton Elementary and in the flood plain, and hayrides will take trail-goers to and from the park. For more information, see [www.cliftonhauntedtrail.com](http://www.cliftonhauntedtrail.com).

More than two dozen spine-tingling scenarios will fill the forest, with zombies, ghouls, ghosts and all manner of undead and angry creatures ready to pounce on unsuspecting visitors who dare to disturb



Beware of Boris Populoh as the Bunnyman.

them. And they're deadly serious.

"Our trail is just a one-night affair, so the actors go all out," said Powell. "They're really invested and immersed in it. They think up their skits and costumes, get the appropriate props, rehearse and really get into character."

Some 200 Clifton-area volunteers put on the Haunted Trail and act in the scenarios which include everything from vampires to witches, pirates, skeletons and dangerous men wielding chainsaws. Powell oversees the whole event, with help from Clifton's

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Michael McDonald, (left) a GMU professor and political analyst, moderated a panel discussion Monday, Oct. 13 on the impact of Latino voters in Virginia. The panel included Vanessa Cárdenas, executive director of Progress 2050 Action, Center for American Progress Action Fund; Del. Alfonso Lopez (D-49); and Frank Sharry, executive director of America's Voice.

## The Politics of Immigration

### GMU panel addresses the impact of Latino vote in Northern Virginia.

By Victoria Ross  
The Connection

**D**el. Alfonso Lopez (D-49) became visibly emotional talking about "the decidedly anti-immigrant sentiments" held by his conservative peers in the Republican-controlled Virginia General Assembly.

Speaking before a group of political analysts, Latino advocates and community leaders at George Mason University Monday, Lopez—the

Commonwealth's first Latino elected to the state legislature—said that several bills are on the table this GA session that would "demonize" immigrants.

"The Mac-Daddy (of the proposed bills) which has made Arizona and Alabama look pretty bad, requires carrying an ID with you everywhere," Lopez said, referring to the commonwealth's Arizona-style anti-immigration policies requiring all law enforcement officers in the state to inquire about the immigration status of anyone stopped or arrested. "The fact is...what would be the basis for stopping someone and asking for ID?"

In Venezuela, where Lopez's family is from, "random police would go up to anyone and say 'give me your ID.' If someone came up to me and I'm wearing a suit, and looking like my mom, instead of actually my dad, they'd think my name was Al Smith, not Alfonso Lopez. This is a slippery slope to racial profiling, and this is going to be

proposed next session."

Lopez said the increasing percentage of Virginia's Latinos and immigrant voters make him hopeful that the political polarization regarding immigration reform will diminish.

**HE POINTED OUT** that, since 2000, Latino voter participation in the Commonwealth of Virginia has gone up between 1 and 3 percent every election cycle. Currently, there are 683,000 Latinos in Virginia, and approximately 183,000 of those are eligible voters, according to the State Board of Elections.

The rising impact of the Latino vote is well documented.

Earlier this month, the Pew Hispanic Center reported a record 23.7 million Latinos will be eligible to vote in the 2012 election—representing roughly 11 percent of the country's electorate, and that 17 percent reside in presumptive battleground states.

"There's something huge about what's happening in the Commonwealth," Lopez said. "The demographic shifts coming to Virginia will wipe out the effects of the short-sighted anti-immigrant politicking we see now."

In Virginia and at the national level, Latino voters are changing the political landscape in unprecedented ways, and hold increasing influence on the 2012 campaigns, according to Lopez and other panelists at

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Photo by Alex McVeigh/The Connection



**Employees of EnviroSolutions receive the Arts Philanthropy Award for their contributions to the Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton. They were given the award by the Arts Council of Fairfax County at their awards luncheon Friday, Oct. 12.**

## EnviroSolutions Awarded for Contributions

### Waste disposal company recognized for support of Workhouse Arts Center.

By Alex McVeigh  
The Connection

**T**he Arts Council of Fairfax County presented their Arts Philanthropy Award to EnviroSolutions for its extensive financial support of the Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton. EnviroSolutions committed approximately \$750,000 in cash donations, more than \$100,000 in in-kind donations and hundreds of staff hours.

"We focused on art philanthropy for a couple reasons. First and foremost it gave us a channel to cover everyone from children to retirees," said Conrad Mehan, vice president with EnviroSolutions and board member at the workhouse. "We saw it as a way to give back that would touch almost every

nearby resident."

The center is part of the former Lorton Prison, which was purchased by Fairfax County in 2002. In 2004, 55 acres of the portion was designated for the center.

"Arts is about a strong economic base. When companies want to relocate, they look at a thing like this," Mehan said. "Arts are an opportunity to build a relationship with the community."

The workhouse center consists of seven studio buildings, a main gallery and a youth arts center. More than 100 artists work at the center, which also includes the performing arts such as theater, film, music and dance.

An event center, amphitheater, Workhouse Theatre, apartments, restaurants and more are being planned.

EnviroSolutions is a solid waste collection, transfer, disposal and recycling company. In addition to the Arts Council, they support organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust, the Lorton Community Action Center, Fairfax Partnership for Youth and the Lorton Arts Foundation.

### Bulletin Board

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#### FRIDAY/OCT. 19

**Dog Adoptions.** 6:30-8:30 p.m. PetSmart, 12971 Fair Lakes Center, Fairfax. Every Friday. Sponsored by Lost Dog & Cat Rescue Foundation. [www.lostdogrescue.org](http://www.lostdogrescue.org).

#### SATURDAY/OCT. 20

**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](http://www.hart90.org).

#### SUNDAY/OCT. 21

The Democratic Women of Clifton (DWC). 3-5 p.m., in the Clifton Town Meeting Hall, 12641 Chapel Road in Clifton. A life coach and public speaker who's worked as a lawyer, led a congregation and raised a family gives a talk, "From Distressed to De-Stressed: Wellness Wisdom for Women,"; she'll discuss the top stressors for women and offer practical strategies to cope. [cliftonwomendems@aol.com](mailto:cliftonwomendems@aol.com) or [www.democraticwomenofclifton.org](http://www.democraticwomenofclifton.org).

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**Community Shred Event.** 9 a.m.-noon, West Springfield District Police Station, 6140 Rolling Road, Springfield. Protect your identity and support local Crime Solvers. \$5 per bag or box. [www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org](http://www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org).

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#### WEDNESDAY/NOV. 14

**NARFE Springfield Chapter Meeting.** 1 p.m., at the American Legion Post 176, 6520 Amherst Ave., Springfield. The monthly meeting offers a presentation on 10 Warnings Signs of Alzheimer's Disease. 703-313-9387 or [jkadelg@yahoo.com](mailto:jkadelg@yahoo.com).

#### ONGOING

**VolunteerFest Open Registration.** Registration is open for the Oct. 27 event; register anytime for projects at

schools, libraries, parks and nonprofit organizations. The 18th annual area-wide community service day's full list of projects beginning mid-morning and around lunchtime is available at <http://www.volunteerfairfax.org/individuals/volunteerfest.php>.

#### VolunteerFest Registration Open.

Various times, at [www.volunteerfairfax.org/individuals/volunteerfest.php](http://www.volunteerfairfax.org/individuals/volunteerfest.php). Register for a project throughout Northern Virginia; most projects begin mid-morning and end at noon—volunteer in ways you wouldn't ordinarily have the time or resources to. 703-246-3533 or [memery@volunteerfairfax.org](mailto:memery@volunteerfairfax.org).

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Various times, at 2720 State Route 699, Suite 200, Fairfax. One-year certification, digital or print materials and continued education on Mondays through Thursday and Saturday. \$70-110. [www.redcrossna.org](http://www.redcrossna.org).



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## GOP Women of Lorton Host Former Congressman

Artur Davis addressed a Republican Women of Clifton (RWC) gathering at the home of one of its members in Lorton. The former Congressman from Alabama explained why he left the Democratic Party and joined the GOP. Davis said that the Democratic Party of today is nothing like the one he became part of many years ago. Instead, it has become a group that promotes big government involvement in all areas of our lives. He sees that the Republicans' support for a limited government and freedom is the correct path, therefore giving his support to GOP candidates in this election.

The RWC's charter is to support local GOP candidates, and the club is backing retired Col. Chris Perkins for Congress in District 11 and Congressman Frank Wolf for re-election in District 10.



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**Giant Food Store Manager Kevin Timmons (second from left) cuts the ribbon along with Giant Food District Director Mike Greller (left), Clifton Mayor William Hollaway (second from right) and Virginia State Senator David W. Marsden (right) to celebrate the grand re-opening of the Clifton Giant. Joining them are several Giant associates.**

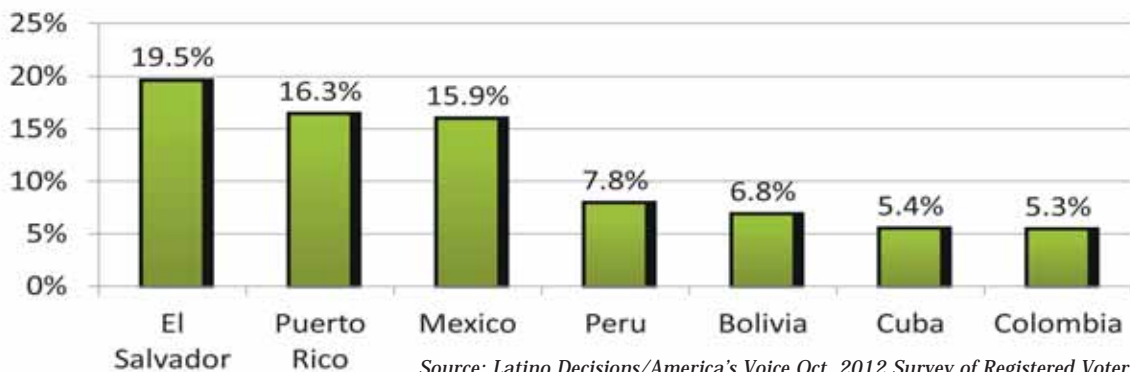
## Giant Food Celebrates Re-Opening in Clifton

The Clifton Giant Food located at 5740 Union Mill Road in the Colonnade celebrated a re-opening Friday, Sept. 21 with community members, Giant associates and shoppers. The Colonnade Giant now features a brand new bakery offering a full array of fresh baked goods including Giant's exclusive line of Madelyn cakes and lattice pies and a new gourmet cheese selection with expanded grab and go options. Customers will also enjoy an expanded assortment of natural, organic, gluten free and natural dairy options, including a full assortment of Giant Nature's Promise items.

## Virginia Latino Population

Total Population	8.0%
Non-citizen	36.0%
Citizen Population	5.6%

Source: Census Bureau's 2011 American Community Survey



Source: Latino Decisions/America's Voice Oct. 2012 Survey of Registered Voters

# Immigration Issue High On Latino Voters' Agenda

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Monday's forum, which was co-sponsored by the GMU Department of Public and International Affairs and America's Voice, a Washington, D.C.-based immigration organization advocating for comprehensive immigration reform.

"There does seem to be an awareness that tectonic plates are shifting," said Frank Sharry, executive director of America's Voice.

While Virginia isn't traditionally a state where Latino voters have held a lot of sway, Sharry said that may change in 2012. "These voters are poised to play a decisive role in both races," Sharry said, pointing out that despite Mitt Romney's surge in national polls in recent weeks, his numbers with Latino voters are at "a dismal 22 percent."

During the panel discussion, moderator Michael McDonald, a professor of government and politics at GMU, released fresh polling of Latino voters in Virginia, from a poll conducted by Latino Decisions for America's Voice.

The bottom line: candidates' immigration positions matter to Virginia Latinos.

## More on Poll Findings

❖ In the presidential race, 66 percent of Virginia Latinos said they will vote for President Obama, while 22 percent said they will vote for Romney and 7 percent are undecided.

❖ In the U.S. Senate race, 64 percent of Virginia Latinos said they will vote for Tim Kaine, while 24 percent said they will vote for George Allen and 12 percent are undecided.

❖ After hearing about Senate candidate Tim Kaine's support for the DREAM Act, 65 percent of Latinos said they were "more enthusiastic" about Kaine and 6 percent said they were "less enthusiastic."

❖ After hearing about George Allen's opposition to the DREAM Act and proposal to build a fence along the border, 8 percent of respondents said they were "more enthusiastic" about Allen and 49 percent said they were "less enthusiastic."

❖ 48 percent of Virginia Latinos said that immigration was the most important issue facing the Latino community that Congress and the president should address, while 47 percent said the same about the economy, jobs and unemployment.

❖ When asked how enthusiastic they are about voting in the election this year, 73 percent of respondents said that they were "very enthusiastic" about voting in the upcoming election.

**SIXTY-FOUR PERCENT** of respondents said that immigration was "the most important issue" or "one of the most important issues" in their voting decisions this year.

"Immigration is a personal issue that affects Latinos' attitudes toward candidates even if they don't explicitly name immigration as one of the most important issues facing the country," McDonald said. For more information on the poll, go to: [www.latinodecisions.com/files/7213/5028/2350/Virginia\\_Toplines.pdf](http://www.latinodecisions.com/files/7213/5028/2350/Virginia_Toplines.pdf).

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**Kristin Cabral**

Kristin Cabral is a native of New Jersey, and moved to Northern Virginia in 1995. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and her law degree from Harvard.

She has worked as federal prosecutor for the Department of Justice, a clerk for a federal judge and a law professor teaching legal writing at George Washington University. She also serves on the board of trustees on the Fairfax County Public Library Board.

She lives in McLean and is married to her husband Joe. They have a son and a daughter.



**Kevin Chisholm**

Kevin Chisholm grew up in a small town near Albany, N.Y. He attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, where he received a degree in engineering. He moved to Northern Virginia in 1981, and has served as an environmental consultant in energy efficiency and conservation solutions, for private companies and governments.

From 2003 to 2010, he was in charge of energy and utilities for Arlington County Public Schools.

He is 55, is based in Leesburg and has two daughters.



**Frank Wolf**

Frank Wolf is originally from Philadelphia, Penn., and attended Penn State for his undergraduate degree in Political Science in 1961 and received his law degree from Georgetown University in 1965. He also served in the Army Reserve from 1962-63.

He became a legislative assistant to Pennsylvania Rep. Edward Biester from 1968 to 1971, and from 1971 to 1975, he was an assistant to Secretary of the Interior Rogers Morton. He was first elected to Congress in 1980.

He lives in Vienna with his wife Carolyn, with whom he has five children.

## Three-Way Race in 10th

**Kristin Cabral, Kevin Chisholm oppose Frank Wolf in new-look 10th district.**

By Alex McVeigh  
The Connection

**R**ep. Frank Wolf (R-10) is attempting to be re-elected for a 16th term come Nov. 6, but he will face two challengers in Kristin Cabral (Democrat) and Kevin Chisholm (Independent).

The 10th district was altered due to 2010's redistricting, with large areas adjacent to Route 66 lost from Gainesville to Strasburg. Closer to Fairfax County, areas east of Manassas to West Springfield were added to the district, including sections of Fairfax Station.

The district also lost sections of McLean south of Dolley Madison Boulevard to East Falls Church, but gained sections of Oak Hill east of Chantilly and bordering Oakton.

**CABRAL** is a Harvard-trained attorney, who was the first in her family to attend college. She says she is running to "cut through the partisan gridlock" in Congress and plans to focus on strengthening education, economic growth and women's rights.

"To think that Congressman Wolf was elected during the same election as Ronald Reagan, and still oversees such an important district that has seen tremendous changes, it's time for a new voice," said Edward Blume, a Cabral supporter from Great Falls. "I don't think he's a bad guy, and he's done some good things, but I think it's time the 10th district take a step into this century."

Cabral credits her development from involvement at a young age in her school district's Head

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**The new 10th Congressional District, which will see incumbent Rep. Frank Wolf (R) face off against Kristin Cabral (D) and Kevin Chisholm (I) Nov. 6.**

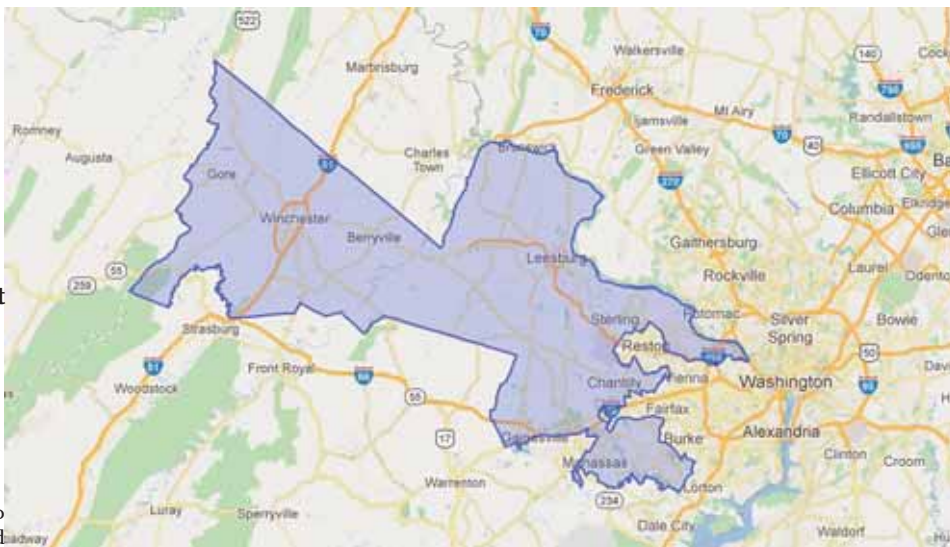


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**Students from Silverbrook Elementary School carry the Lorton Community Action Center (LCAC) banner during the school's mini-walk on Sept. 24, 2012.**

## LCAC partners with local schools on Help the Homeless Mini-Walks

The Lorton Community Action Center (LCAC) partnered with several area schools as well as some local faith-based organizations for Help the Homeless Mini-Walks—walks that raise awareness about homelessness in Fairfax County and the Greater Washington, D.C. area and generate funds to support local nonprofits throughout the region, including LCAC, a local 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization. The following organizations are hosting Mini-Walks during the month of October to benefit LCAC: Christ Church, Gunston Elementary, Laurel Hill Elementary, Lorton Station Elementary, Newington Forest Elementary, Saint James United Methodist Church, Silverbrook Elementary and William Halley Elementary.

There are many families with children struggling each month to afford to stay in their home or apartment. In the Fairfax County-Falls Church area, more than 75 percent of children in homeless families are under the age of 11 and the majority of the homeless are families with adults that work full time (Fairfax-Falls Church Community Partnership). Families and children "live" in emergency shelters, motels, parks, hospitals, public stations, abandoned buildings and even cars. The combination of low-income levels and expensive housing is the main reason for homelessness in this area. An unstable home life not only negatively impacts a child's performance and behavior in school, but also all other areas of their life.

The local schools participate in a Help the Homeless Mini-Walk in order to help ensure that LCAC remains a vital resource for children and families in local schools and the surrounding area. LCAC collaborates with school officials on a regular basis to connect students and their families to resources for a myriad of needs and situations. Individuals and families in southeast Fairfax County can turn to LCAC as a confidential source of information, limited emergency financial assistance for rent, mortgage and utility bills as well as a myriad of other self-sufficiency tools.

The Help the Homeless Program raises funds to support organizations working to prevent and end homelessness in the Washington metropolitan area and beyond. In 2012, the program has expanded to five additional markets, including Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, Los Angeles, and Philadelphia.

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# Opinion

## Be Prepared: What's on the Ballot?

**E**arly voting (technically voting absentee-in-person) is already underway in Virginia, so you can go out and vote this week.

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

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, you were represented by Jim Moran and the 8th district, now you are in the 11th district where the incumbent is Gerry Connolly. Fairfax County is represented by three Congressional Districts, 8, 10 and 11.

In Fairfax County, voters will also decide whether to invest in infrastructure based on

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Fairfax County needs 3,000 election officers in its 239 precincts for Election Day. Call 703-324-4735.

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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](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/nov_2012_county_bond_issues.pdf).

### Last Week to Register to Vote

To vote on Election Day, you must be registered at your current address no later than Oct. 15, 2012. Registered voters should have received a new voter card in the mail by now. You can check your registration status online by visiting the State Board of Elections website at [www.sbe.virginia.gov](http://www.sbe.virginia.gov). There you can also download a voter registration form and mail or fax it to your elections office address.

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### Letters to the Editor

### Vote Yes for Area Parks

To the Editor:

As Connection readers know, the upcoming election is a pivotal one. What readers may not be aware of is that a park bond referendum question is on the ballot for Fairfax County residents. I'm writing to ask readers to vote YES for the 2012 park bond.

The Fairfax County Park Authority's operating budget is almost 60 percent funded by revenue generating park activities. The remaining 40 percent is covered by appropriations from the County's General Fund derived from taxpayer contributions. This total contribution to parks amounts to less than 1 percent of the entire County operating budget. However, the operating funds do not include capital improvements such as renovations, new facilities, land acquisitions and the like. The funds for those endeavors are primarily funded through general obligation bonds. These types of bonds require the approval of the County constituency. This is just one of the bond questions on this year's ballot.

I know in our troubled economy some will argue that taking on debt is not a smart decision. How-

ever, I would argue that right now is the best time to embark on projects this bond will fund. Fairfax County maintains their debt payments at 10 percent or below tax revenue. The current bond request is projected to remain below that limit. With the current economic climate, purchases and construction costs are significantly lower so the funds can stretch further. Fairfax County's outstanding credit rating also enables it to obtain lower interest rates. Please visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/2012bond.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/2012bond.htm) for more detailed information about projects funded by the bond and more about the bond process.

I live in a neighborhood near the recently completed section of Pohick Stream Valley Trail in Burke. This project was paid for with park bond funds and I am so pleased with the results. Living in the suburbs outside the beltway, it is rare that you can easily walk or bike to shopping centers or commuter hubs. I can now easily and beautifully do both. Fairfax is such a family friendly and great place to live primarily because of its dedication to green, historic, and recreational spaces. My hope is the County continues to add more of these gems throughout the region with your help on Nov.

6. Please remember to vote YES for our parks.

**Beth Gamble**  
Burke

### Protecting Visitors to Clemyjontri Park

To the Editor:

Clemyjontri Park captures memories. My grandchildren and I swing, climb, balance, run, jump, go through the maze and ride the carousel horses. On the weekends, we park in the overflow lot and have to make our way across Route 193. The street curves right

before the point of crossing so we have to be extremely cautious. And when I drive by Clemyjontri and see families pushing strollers and waiting to cross, I slow down and stop. Unfortunately, I am one of very few.

Before something really tragic happens and we lose a child, it would be wonderful if our community were to join together to request a pedestrian bridge or, at the very least, seriously high speed bumps on either side of the walkway across Route 193.

I'm absolutely certain that we would all prefer happy memories to a terribly sad memorial.

**Penny Morrill**  
McLean

### Write

The Connection welcomes views on any public issue. The deadline for all material is noon Friday. Letters must be signed. Include home address and home and business numbers. Letters are routinely edited for libel, grammar, good taste and factual errors. Send to:

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## People

### Allison Joanna Hansen and Brian Christopher Turner Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Hansen of Burke are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Allison Joanna to Brian Christopher Turner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen F. Turner of Fairfax Station. An April wedding is planned.



Brian Christopher Turner and Allison Joanna Hansen

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## Elections Come to Area Schools

**Educators use current election to teach students about campaigns and elections.**

By Marilyn Campbell  
The Connection

**H**ow would you change the current tax situation and, at the same time, address the larger issue of our national debt? Do you believe it is the government's job to provide health care for all citizens? Why or why not?

Would you approve the Keystone pipeline and what other changes would you make to help make the U.S. energy independent, while also protecting the environment?

Sound like questions that belong in a presidential debate? These are inquiries written by Advanced Placement government students at Alexandra's St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School, and they're just some of the local students getting involved in this year's election. From mock debates to in-school voter registration, some local educators are using the upcoming election to bring American government books to life.

"[Students in] ninth through 12th grade are holding a student debate between the Peoples' Democratic Front and the Young Conservatives, and then will hold a mock election after the debate," said Linda Stratton, St. Stephen's and St. Agnes' director of communications. Stratton said the students prepared questions to introduce the four debate topics: health care, the economy, foreign policy, and energy and environment.

"The AP government class will be predicting the Electoral College result of the presidential race and the overall make-up of the House and Senate," she added.

Students at the Potomac School in McLean used social media to simulate a real campaign. "Students put together a mock Facebook profile for a selected candidate," said Jenni Ashley, an intermediate school humanities teacher at the school. "To explore the issues, students researched the two candidates, particularly their websites and their positions on the issues."

"The majority of my students are 12. I would say that all of the students knew the candidates and had some idea of who they are. However, they were quite uninformed on the issues," she added, saying the election provides an opportunity to explore these issues.

Her students are learning about campaign issues in preparation for a pre-Election Day mock debate. "We will start to explore how the candidates are trying to win the election," said Ashley. "We are going to discuss the effectiveness of yard signs and create our own signs. And we will explore TV ads, both current and from past elections."



Photo courtesy of Norwood School

**Fourth graders at Norwood School in Bethesda, Md., gather around the school's lower school election table to answer the "Question of the Day."**

**IN FACT, TEACHERS SAY** mock debates are a way to teach students about elections and current events in way that keeps them engaged.

"A few days before the election, the [middle school] history department is hosting a mock debate that will lay out all of the issues of the election," said Stratton of students at St. Stephen's and St. Agnes. "On Election Day, they will set up polling places throughout the school where students will vote on issues." While the students will not vote on actual candidates, they will receive "I voted" stickers.

At Norwood School in Bethesda, Md., even kindergarten students are becoming politically active. "Students in kindergarten through fourth grade will be asked a 'Question of the Day' relating to the election process in general and the presidential election specifically," said Leanne Gill, Norwood's director of communications. "The questions will be on display on an election table situated at the entrance to the lower school library."

Students write their answer on a piece of paper and place them in a box. The number of correct answers is posted each morning. "The goal ... is to provoke discussion and provide new information about the election process for our younger students," she said.

The school is holding a "Norwood School Voter Registration Week" prior to the Nov. 6 election. "As students attend library class, they will be given the opportunity to register as citizens of Norwood School," said Gill. "On Tuesday, Nov. 6, we will hold our own Norwood presidential election."

Students will also receive an "I voted" sticker after casting their ballots and teachers hope to announce the results of the Norwood election before the end of Election Day. "Throughout the weeks leading up to the election, the library will showcase a display of books about elections, presidents, and government," she added.

In addition, teachers asked Norwood seventh and eighth grade students to watch at least 20 minutes of each presidential debate. "The school is holding 'Election Days' after each debate when we discuss the debate and other issues related to the election," said Gill.

**SOME STUDENTS SAY** the lessons on political culture and good citizenship can extend beyond the election. "When you are running for president, it doesn't matter who you are—black or white, man or woman—it just matters that you work hard and do a good job," said Julius Camper, a fourth grade student at Norwood School.

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# Halloween Happenings

## Springfield

### Haunted Pond Jr. at Hidden Pond Nature Center

This program—Friday, Oct. 19 & Oct. 26 at 7 p.m.—covers nocturnal wildlife and local lore features live animals, a walk into the forest at night, a campfire with spell-binding stories, s'mores, and who knows what other happenings! This session will have only mild stories, but the Oct. 26 Haunted Pond will have scary stories. To register, go to [http://parktakes.fairfaxcounty.gov/rev1\\_coursedetail.asp?](http://parktakes.fairfaxcounty.gov/rev1_coursedetail.asp?)

### Howl-O-Ween at PetSmart

An annual favorite for pet-lovers, the PetSmart Howl-O-Ween on Saturday, Oct. 20 from 3-5 p.m. at 6535 Frontier Drive gives your pets a chance to trick-or-treat. Dress up your pet in costume, and bring them in for fun activities, including a costume contest. You will also be able to purchase a photo of your pet with commemorative frame. For more information, call 703-922-4990.

### Tricks & Treats at Petco

Get in the Halloween spirit and take it to Petco, 8070 Rolling Road, Saturday, Oct. 27 from 2-3 p.m. Petco is holding costume competitions this month, and you know your pet is the perfect candidate in that Harry Potter costume. Prizes include Petco gift cards and lots of treats. For more information, call 703-440-6782.

### Goblin Golf and Bonfire at Lake Accotink Park Marina

Dare yourself to venture onto the haunted golf course to play a round of miniature golf with glow-in-the-dark golf balls, ride the spooky carousel, and join in storytelling over a cup of hot chocolate around a beach bonfire on Saturday, Oct. 27 from 6-9 p.m. Fun for all ages. Cost is \$8 per person. Costumes welcome but not required. Advance registration requested: Call 703-569-0285 to pay by Visa or Mastercard.

### Annual 'Howloween' Dog Costume Contest & Boneyard Hunt

Ready for some howlin' good Halloween fun? Show off your furry family member's unique personality and compete for special prizes on Saturday, Oct. 27, from 2-4 p.m. at Lake Accotink Park. The contest is followed by a walk through the "boneyard" to sniff out well-earned treats. All dogs must be leashed and friendly toward other dogs, children and people of all ages. Cost is \$6 per dog. Advance payment and registration requested: Call 703-569-0285 to pay by Visa or Mastercard.

## Burke

### Halloween Rocks & More!

Celebrating its 40th anniversary, Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, is hosting a Halloween party and interactive music show for the entire family on Saturday, Oct. 20, from 1-2 p.m. Dance, sing and play in the band! Spooky or kooky costumes are welcome. This event, for all ages, is cosponsored by the Friends of the Kings Park Library. The library is located at 9000 Burke Lake Road in Burke. To register, go to <https://va.evanced.info/fairfaxcounty/lib/events/signup.asp>



Photo courtesy of Liz Downing

### Clifton's Haunted Trail

### 6th Annual Halloween Costume Run

South Run RECenter teams up with Burke Lake Park on Saturday, Oct. 20 at 9 a.m. to host the annual Halloween Costume Run at Burke Lake Park. Register by calling South Run at 703-866-0566.

### Take a Ride on the Ghost Train at Burke Lake Park

Take a ride through the haunted forest decorated for Halloween with ghosts, goblins, witches and more on Saturday, Oct. 27 and Sunday, Oct. 28 from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Meet costumed characters along the way. The carousel will also be running. The Ghost Train is a joint venture between Northern Virginia Community College and the Fairfax County Park Authority. The cost is \$4 per person. For information, call Burke Lake Park at 703-323-6600.

### Tricks & Treat at Petco

Get in the Halloween spirit and take it to Petco, 9230B Old Keene Mill Rd, Saturday, Oct. 27 from 2-3 p.m. Petco is holding costume competitions this month, and you know your pet is the perfect candidate in that Harry Potter costume. Prizes include Petco gift cards and lots of treats. For more information, call 703-455-2007.

## Lorton

### Super-Natural Hayride at Laurel Hill Park

Journey into the past at Laurel Hill Park, site of the former Lorton Prison on Saturday, Oct. 27 at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. Discover its secrets and the stories of its past while enjoying an old-fashioned hayride. Be prepared for spooky stops at various locations along the way. To get everyone in the mood, Elvis Presley's Jailhouse Rock will be played at the start of the ride. To register, go to [http://parktakes.fairfaxcounty.gov/rev1\\_coursedetail.asp?](http://parktakes.fairfaxcounty.gov/rev1_coursedetail.asp?)

## Clifton

### The Clifton Haunted Trail Buckley Park in Clifton

It's back! This year's haunted trail winds through Clifton's eight-acre Buckley

Park on Saturday, Oct. 27 from 7-10 p.m. This year will include several new terrifying skits including re-enactments, popular scary movie scenes and plenty of frightening lighting and props. Parents should accompany children along the Trail. This year the Haunted Trail features several new and scarier skits from zombie land and the legendary headless horseman may ride by on his stallion from time to time.

No flashlights allowed in the park.

Arrive early since this popular event tends to get crowded during the later hours. Hardy shoes are recommended.

Also new this year, look out for the new Clifton Haunted Trail t-shirts for sale at the concessions stand. Hot apple cider, fresh pizza by Domino's, cookies and snacks will be available for sale. Parking is free of charge and will be available at the Clifton Floodplain, Clifton Elementary School and Clifton House Shops where hayrides will take and pick-up trail-goers to the event. For more information, go to [www.cliftonhauntedtrail.com](http://www.cliftonhauntedtrail.com).

## Fairfax

### 19th Annual Valvoline Instant Oil Change Goblin Gallop

Sunday, Oct. 28, Fairfax Corner Shopping Center, 1K Fun Run at 8:30 a.m.—5K Run, at 9 a.m.—5K Walk at 9:10 a.m. The Goblin Gallop is a competitive 5 K chip race over a USATF certified course. Prizes for first, second and third place, male and female, are awarded in all group categories from 14 and under to 80 and older. Prizes to the top 3 male and female finishers in the Overall and Masters categories will also be awarded. The Goblin Gallop is also a 1K Fun Run, which annually draws more than 450 youngsters, from teenagers to toddlers. Glow-in-the-dark t-shirts are given to all 5K and 1K runners. Many run in costume, some accompanied by their parents. Every 1K participant receives a runner's medallion! For more information, call 301-840-2042. All proceeds from the Goblin Gallop support the John Quadrino Foundation to Benefit Children with Cancer.

## Area Roundups

### Meet the Mayor

At his swearing-in ceremony in June, City of Fairfax Mayor R. Scott Silverthorne promised to give every resident an equal opportunity to participate in government.

This month, Silverthorne will host a series of "drop-in" meetings for residents to come by and discuss any issue. "Clearly they can still email, call or set up an individual appointment, but I thought it would be helpful to develop a new open door policy without needing an appointment," Silverthorne said.

Silverthorne announced the following dates and times

for the drop-in meetings, which will be held on the third floor across from the city manager's office in the City Hall building, 10455 Armstrong Street.

- ❖ Friday, Oct. 26 from 2 to 5 p.m.
- ❖ Monday, Oct. 29 from 6:30 to 9p.m.
- ❖ Friday, Nov. 9 from 2 to 5 p.m.



Photo by Victoria Ross

**R. Scott Silverthorne becomes the City of Fairfax's 10th mayor during his swearing-in ceremony in June 27 at the City Hall Veteran's Amphitheater. The oath of office was administered by Clerk of the Court John Frey.**

## Herrity Holds Town Hall Meeting

Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) in conjunction with the Springfield District Council, the Virginia Department of Transportation, and the Fairfax County Department of Transportation, will be hosting a Town Hall meeting on the future of the Fairfax County Parkway on Tuesday, Oct. 23 at 7 p.m. at Robinson Secondary School, 5035 Sideburn Road in Fairfax. "There have been some successes in improving parts of the parkway, such as the extension project, repaving and the Fair Lakes Interchange project currently underway," Herrity said, "but even with these improvements, the parkway is experiencing significant congestion. We need to establish a vision for its long-term future before we wake up and find the parkway as congested as I-66."

## Area Companies Dominate List of 50 Fastest Growing Companies

Thirty-three companies from Fairfax County are on this year's Washington Business Journal list of the 50 fastest growing companies in the Washington region. To see the companies listed in the WBJ ranking, go to <http://www.bizjournals.com/washington/feature/fastest-growing-companies-2012.html>.

Five of the top 10 companies on the list hail from Fairfax County. No other county or city is represented by more than five companies on the list. Seven companies are from Maryland and two are from the District of Columbia.

"Fairfax County has gained a lot of notoriety for being the home of 10 Fortune 500 companies, but being home to two-thirds of the companies on the Business Journal list points out Fairfax County's strength with newer, smaller companies that are growing quickly in this marketplace," said Gerald L. Gordon, president and CEO of the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority (FCEDA). "It also shows the value that companies of all sizes put on the kinds of business assets and quality of life that Fairfax County offers."

—Victoria Ross

## The County Line

# What Would \$155 Million Bond Package Buy?

**New fire stations, library renovations, park improvements and more on Nov. 6 ballot.**

By Victoria Ross  
The Connection

**O**n a recent Saturday afternoon, Monique Bell of Oakton helped her 5-year-old daughter McKenzie sort through a dozen Halloween craft books at the Reston Regional Library.

The library, one of the busiest branches in Fairfax County, has a collection of more than 215,000 volumes and circulates more than a million books a year.

For children, there is a separate wing with everything from board books for infants to chapter books for school-age readers; special events such as Spiderella's Spooktacular Tales, and a full-service children's information desk.

"We're new to the area," Bell said, "but this has already become one of our favorite places. It's where a lot of moms spend time. We love all the story-time events."

Built in 1985, the 30,000-square-foot library is located north of the Reston Town Center and near the planned Reston Parkway Metro station. Because that area may be redeveloped into a more urban, mixed-use center, the library may be relocated.

The \$10 million project, which includes site studies, design and construction of a new library, is just part of Fairfax County's \$155 million bond package on the ballot Nov. 6. Specifically, the ballot will include four bond referendums for parks, public safety facilities and storm water projects.

"I didn't know about the project, but I can't imagine not supporting library projects," Bell said. "They're important for our children, like good schools, and one of the reasons we moved here."

**IF MOST VOTERS** think like Bell, their approval of the bond package would allow the County to borrow \$25 million to redesign the Reston library, as well as renovate three other libraries: Pohick Regional, Tysons-Pimmit Regional and John Marshall Community libraries.

The public safety bond would raise \$55 million, including \$35 million to replace three fire stations—Baileys Crossroads, Jefferson and Herndon—and \$20 million to renovate 22 courtrooms in the Jennings Judicial Center.

The \$75 million park bond for local and regional parks, according to County officials, would generate \$63 million toward a 10-year, \$435 million capital improvement plan and \$12 million to renew a four-year plan to contribute capital funds to the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority. Another \$30 million is earmarked for a levee and other storm-water improvements in the Huntington community.

"The projects the bond referenda will pay for are community priorities that essentially enhance our quality of life," said Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-at-large). She said Fairfax County's triple-A credit rating—one of only 39 counties in the country to earn the rating—allows

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the County to borrow money at a low cost to pay for public facilities and infrastructure. She said the County has a fiscally-conservative policy of rapid debt retirement and strong debt management. Since 1978, the County has saved more than \$543.28 million on bond and refunding sales as a result of the triple-A ratings. Bulova said none of the bonds are expected to raise tax rates for residents.

"The County has benefited from the low cost of construction to make these kinds of improvement to our parks, libraries and public safety facilities. It's the silver lining, so to speak, in the economic downturn," she said.

In Fairfax County, bonds typically have a high rate of passage and, for the most part, have bipartisan support from the Board of Supervisors.

"All residents benefit from parks, libraries and, of course, the courthouse renovations. Efficient handling of court cases come from better facilities. Park and library funds are spent in an order established based on needs. Over time that covers the whole County," said Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock).

However, a partisan divide separated supervisors on the \$30 million storm water bond referendum, which would provide flood-prevention measures such as a new levee for residents in Mount Vernon's flood-prone Huntington community.

In April, Huntington residents appeared before the board, asking the County to support measures that would protect their community from continued flooding along Cameron Run. On Sept. 8, 2011, during Tropical Storm Lee, Cameron Run peaked at 15 feet and flooded homes, causing the evacuation of more than 200 residents.

"We have 1,341 signatures from people who support our request. By our count, 1,193 of them are Fairfax County residents," said Huntington Community Association (HCA) secretary David Coon, who spoke about the community's "Stop the Floods" campaign at the April 12 board meeting.

During the May 22 board meeting, Supervisor Gerry Hyland (D-Mount Vernon) urged the board to include a \$30 million bond referendum for flood-prevention measures in Huntington, arguing that the county should fulfill a 40-year-old promise to protect the neighborhood.

**THE BOARD'S THREE** Republican supervisors—John C. Cook (Braddock), Michael R. Frey (Sully) and Patrick S. Herrity (Springfield)—opposed the extra bond referendum for flooding.

"I voted against the storm water bond because it only helps about 200 households in Huntington," Cook said. "It will significantly increase the value of those homes, which is good for them, but at others' expense." Cook said supervisors should have explored the option of a private developer who had expressed an interest in buying the homes and building an apartment building, which would meet current FEMA floodplain regulations.



**The Community Blueprint will connect volunteers with nonprofits like Veterans Service Initiative and Final Salute Inc., which had a group of students who are veterans, service members, military family members and ROTC cadets, prepare a group home for Final Salute, Inc.; the house will not only provide safe and secure shelter for six female veterans and their children, but Final Salute will also assist the women in establishing their independence.**

## Volunteer Fairfax Supports Veterans

**Community blueprint allows communities to help.**

**V**olunteer Fairfax, along with the help of The Fairfax County Office of Public Private Partnerships and the United Way, launched a program to support nonprofits serving military and veteran communities. The program, called The Community Blueprint, supports nonprofits that help veterans in numerous ways by connecting them with ready and willing volunteers. Among the organizations to connect with The Community Blueprint are those that address issues for veterans and military community members like training/employment, help veterans and their families access county and federal assistance programs, support the military community through care packages and temporary assistance, address child care and family issues, and serve veterans facing homelessness, PTSD and disabilities.

The Community Blueprint aims to support such efforts through marketing these services to the community, increasing awareness about the work being done and connecting community members with volunteering opportunities.

By connecting military and veteran community nonprofits with the volunteer community, The Community Blueprint can

draw from Volunteer Fairfax's already sizeable volunteer base.

At the project launch event, held on Tuesday, Oct. 9, William C. Basl of the Corporation for National and Community Service inducted 30 AmeriCorps members—many of them veterans themselves—who will be deployed in Community Blueprint cities across the country.

During the event, ITT Exelis, a global aerospace, defense and information solutions company based in McLean announced its investment of \$5 million over five years for the expansion of The Community Blueprint and deployment of AmeriCorps members in communities of need nationwide. As part of its commitment to this initiative, the company recently launched the Exelis Action Corps ([www.exelisactioncorps.com](http://www.exelisactioncorps.com)), which will engage its 21,000 employees in supporting returning service members, veterans and their families through large-scale, team and individual volunteer and skills-based projects in communities across the U.S.

For more information about supporting military and veteran support organizations or if you are a member of this community and would like to continue to serve, visit [www.volunteerfairfax.org](http://www.volunteerfairfax.org).

# Home Sales

In August 2012, 93 homes sold between \$2,050,000-\$110,000 in the Clifton, Fairfax Station and Lorton area. This week's list represents those homes sold in the \$289,000-\$110,000 range. For the complete list, visit [www.ConnectionNewspapers.com](http://www.ConnectionNewspapers.com)

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8562 KOLUDER CT	2	2	0		LORTON	\$260,000	Townhouse	0.02	22079	NEWINGTON HEIGHTS
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6926 HAMILTON CT	3	1	1		LORTON	\$255,000	Townhouse	0.03	22079	PINEWOOD STATION
8767 KANAWHA CT	2	1	1		LORTON	\$250,000	Townhouse	0.03	22079	NEWINGTON COMMONS
7717 WOLFORD WAY	2	2	1		LORTON	\$250,000	Townhouse	0.06	22079	WASHINGTON SQUARE
8325 GREEN HERON WAY #27	3	2	1		LORTON	\$240,000	Townhouse		22079	GABLES AT GUNSTON
13581 ORCHARD DR #3581	3	2	0		CLIFTON	\$228,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		20124	PONDS AT CENTREVILLE
9861 HAGEL CIR	3	2	0		LORTON	\$162,500	Townhouse	0.01	22079	THE HIGHLANDS
5819 ORCHARD HILL CT #5819	1	1	0		CLIFTON	\$157,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		20124	PONDS AT CENTREVILLE
9562 INVERARY CT	3	2	0		LORTON	\$140,100	Townhouse	0.04	22079	POHICK SQUARE
9616 HAGEL CIR #23/D	3	2	0		LORTON	\$130,000	Townhouse		22079	TERRACE TOWNE HOMES OF G
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## Haunted Trail Set for Oct. 27

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Ester Pline. "She's really carrying the brunt of the workload this year," he said. "She's managing all the skits and doing a lot of the co-ordination, and she's also in charge of all the volunteers."

Eager to unleash all these terrors of the night, Pline says this year's Haunted Trail is nothing short of "spooktacular. Striking terror into the hearts of trail-goers will be Eric Hencken and his clan of creepy clowns, plus Boris Populoh lurking under the Bunnyman Bridge."

Karen Gentry will ensnare visitors in her spidery webwork and Julie Thompson will host a sinister soiree with ghoulish dinner guests. Meanwhile, Jeff Harper will hold a boogie of the bones. Witchy woman Jacquie Lambertson will lead the witches' coven while vampiress Erin Tengesdal bares her fangs.

Swashbuckling Stephanie Ryan will sail the Ship of Dread while Sara Holbrook and Pline haunt the spirit vortex. Lanette Shea Waite and Patrick Pline will hang out with the Creepers, and John Kinter will innocently ask trail-goers if they want to play a "game."

Peril also awaits all those summoning enough courage to enter Scarecrow Alley led by Rick Peterson, Geri Yantis and Carter Wyant; the land of the undead led by Fred Ansick; or the twisted thicket of the Mossmen headed by Steve Goetzinger.

"Be careful not to disturb local artist Palmer Smith as he works on his 'Kill Life,'" warns Ester Pline. "And hold tight to your wallets when you pass afterlife saleswoman Deb Dillard." But that's not all. Taylor Williams and John Peterman will also provide chills and thrills, and musician Erich Russekrobbins will play eerie organ music near the entrance to the bridge.

The Town of Clifton sponsors the Haunted Trail and receives the proceeds. "The money helps fund the town," said Powell. "And this year, for the first time, we have additional sponsors—the Clifton Wine Shop and Tasting Room, Anthony Reid and Associates, plus an anonymous donor."

Last year's Haunted Trail was snowed out, but about 1,700 people went through the next night. So



Julie Thompson as Medusa.

Photo Courtesy of Jeff Harper

if the weather holds out, Powell expects a much larger turnout this time (photos of past trails may be seen on the Clifton Haunted Trail Facebook page).

Proceeds from sales of hot cider, baked goods, soda, candy and popcorn will benefit the Northern Virginia Therapeutic Riding Program. In addition, Domino's will be on hand to sell pizza. "We'll also have T-shirts for sale this year," said Powell. "They're black with a picture of scary woods on them."

It's a great deal of work putting on the Haunted Trail, and comprising this year's core committee are Powell, Pline, Jeff Harper, Steve Bittner, Kathy Hertz and Eric Hencken.

And since the forest has no electricity, some 10 generators and thousands of feet of wire are needed for the special effects. So Bittner plus John Neyland are responsible for everything being in place and working properly on the big night. Local Boy Scouts will help with the clean up.

"It's a wonderful event because it brings the community together," said Powell. "More Clifton residents participate in the Haunted Trail than in any other town event. It's a bonding thing for the community as the residents prepare for the skits and participate in them—they have a good time."

And with all those eerie things lurking in the darkness, the trail is definitely frightening. "One of the scariest components is done by John Peterman, who's in the finale," said Powell. "He keeps it a surprise from us until a few days beforehand. But it's elaborate and always scares the heck out of people. So if you just go to one Haunted House or Haunted Trail, this season, this is it."

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# Sports



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Lake Braddock linebacker Dwight Lomax wraps up Robinson running back Joe Wilson on Oct. 13.



Lake Braddock running back Aaron Hollins carried 17 times for 95 yards and two touchdowns during the Bruins' 32-7 victory against Robinson on Oct. 12.

## Defense, Running Game Lead Lake Braddock Past Robinson

### Bruins have won four straight after 1-2 start.

By Jon Roetman  
The Connection

**T**he Robinson Rams had the ball on the Lake Braddock two-yard line in the closing moments of the teams' rivalry football matchup on Oct. 12 when Bruins defensive back Rory Renzi shouted encouragement to his teammates.

"Twelve seconds!" Renzi said. "Don't give them anything!"

The outcome was all but decided as Lake Braddock held a 25-point lead. That didn't matter. This was about pride.

Lake Braddock stuffed Robinson standout running back Joe Wilson at the one-yard line on the game's final play and the Bruins ended a lengthy regular-season losing streak against the Rams with a 32-7 homecoming victory at Lake Braddock Secondary School.

**WILSON CARRIED 12 TIMES** for 72 yards and a touchdown on Robinson's opening drive as the Rams jumped out to a 7-0 lead. From that point, however, the Lake Braddock defense stymied Robinson's ground-oriented offense, limiting Wilson to 49 yards on his final 20 carries.

"I thought [defensive coordinator Eric] Henderson did a good job mixing the front up and kind of changing the scheme," Lake Braddock head coach Jim Poythress said. "He had a back-up plan.... I thought that we played smart. Joe Wilson is a heck of a football player. In the beginning, you saw us running up field and he'd cut and we'd miss and we'd look silly. Then we kind of built walls and tried to [force] him [to] run through the walls and to dominate up front and we were able to do that, and that kind of changed the course of the game."

According to stats from the Washington Post's Web site, Wilson leads the Washington, D.C. metro area in rushing yards (1,548) and touchdowns (22) through seven games. He rushed for at least 230 yards against four opponents and twice scored six touchdowns in a single game. Wilson carried 31 times for 413 yards, caught one pass for 34 yards and scored six touchdowns against T.C. Williams on Sept. 14. He rushed 31 times for 262 yards and six scores against South County on Sept. 28.

While Wilson got off to a strong start against Lake Braddock, the Bruins made the necessary adjustments to contain No. 32. Wilson finished with 32 carries for 121 yards and a touchdown.

"[Opposing defenses] know who the ball is going to most of the time," Wilson said after the game, "so it's hard for me to find the holes."

While Lake Braddock bottled up Wilson, the Bruins offense got things going on the ground. Senior Aaron Hollins, who moved from receiver to running back earlier in the season, carried 17 times for 95 yards and two touchdowns. His 32-yard scoring scamper gave the Bruins a 19-7 lead with 5:57 remaining in the second quarter.

"This whole day, everyone was talking about Joe Wilson, Joe Wilson," Hollins said. "That didn't even put me down. I stayed focused and that motivated me."

Hollins also scored on an 11-yard run in the fourth quarter.

"I don't know if there's a quicker kid around," Poythress said. "Here's a kid who just can stop on a dime and get going. He's a difference-maker for us. It's opening up our running attack. We're a much different football team with him playing there and some of the other personnel changes that we made."

Poythress also said Jason Hoskins, who moved from running back to defensive back earlier in the year, played well against Robinson. Hoskins had four tackles.

Lake Braddock quarterback Caleb Henderson completed 14 of 21 passes for 95 yards a touchdown. He carried 12 times for 51 yards, including an 11-yard, game-tying touchdown run early in the second quarter.

**THREE PLAYS LATER**, Renzi intercepted a Robinson pass and returned it 21 yards for a touchdown, giving the Bruins a 13-7 lead they wouldn't relinquish.

"We just knew we were going to win the whole time," Renzi said. "We believed it. We didn't think; we believed it."

Defensive lineman Joseph Achour led Lake Braddock with 11 tackles and one sack. Achour attended Robinson as a freshman.

"This is my old school, so it's the best feeling in the world," he said.

"This is the most important game in my high school career, my senior year, especially homecoming. This meant the world to me."

The Lake Braddock defense also benefited from the return of lineman Romario Peart,

who had four tackles and a 1/2 sack while playing in his first full game coming off an injury.

"It felt great," Peart said. "I missed my teammates so much."

Linebacker Patrick Farrell had 10 tackles for Lake Braddock and linebacker Kevin Hankton had eight. Linebacker Dwight Lomax had seven tackles, including a team-high four solos, and a 1/2 sack.

On offense, receiver Austin Wolfe had eight receptions for 60 yards and a touchdown.

Robinson (3-4 overall, 1-1 Concorde District) will host Herndon for homecoming at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 19. Lake Braddock (5-2, 4-0 Patriot District) has won four in a row and will travel to face Lee at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 19.

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## Langley Football Falls to Yorktown

The Langley football team lost to Yorktown, 24-14, on Oct. 12. It was the Saxons' third consecutive loss and fourth in the last five games.

Langley (3-4) will close the regular season with Liberty District contests

against South Lakes (home, Oct. 19), Fairfax (away, Oct. 26) and McLean (home, Nov. 2). The Saxons are 2-2 in the district, with wins against Thomas Jefferson and Marshall, and losses against Madison and Stone Bridge.

## Sports

# Alcorta Breaks Glory Days Record

**Spartans win girls' team championship**

By Jon Roetman  
The Connection

**W**est Springfield's Caroline Alcorta added an element of difficulty to the 20th Annual Glory Days Invitational when she accidentally ran the wrong way on the course at Bull Run Regional Park. As it turned out, a little adversity didn't derail Alcorta as the Spartan harrier's record-setting performance rendered all opponents—including wrong-way turns—irrelevant.

Alcorta won the event, setting a course record with a personal-best time of 17 minutes, 42 seconds on Oct. 13. Alcorta's effort helped the West Springfield girls' cross country team finish first with a total of 112, followed by Washington-Lee (119) and Chantilly (124).

"I'm kind of mad because at one point I actually ended up going the wrong way," Alcorta said, "so I feel like that may have cost me a couple seconds."

The previous course record of 17:49 was set in 2007 by James River's Kristen Wolfe. The meet record is held by Centreville's Laura Heiner, who posted a time of 17:23 in 1997. In 2005, the Glory Days meet underwent a course change.

Alcorta finished 22 seconds ahead of her closest competitor. Georgetown Visitation's Emily Kaplan finished second (18:04) and Lee's Bailey Kolonich was third (18:15). Robinson teammates Lauren Berman (18:18) and Macey Schweikert (18:21) finished fourth and sixth, respectively.

"It was really odd. I was expecting [in] the first mile everybody would be right here," Alcorta said. "I think the fear of somebody coming back up on you when you go out so fast is probably the worst part. I wanted to look back so many times. The fear of being caught is definitely the worst."

West Springfield's Maddie Wittich placed seventh (18:33), Katie Kennedy was 17th (19:12), Erin Falk finished 42nd (19:49) and Ana Suarez was 63rd (20:18).

In boys' action, West Springfield finished fifth with a total of 234. Chantilly won the event with a score of 31, followed by Severna Park (91) and Georgetown Day School (163).

William Rabil (16:25) was West Springfield's top finisher, placing 26th.

## Chantilly's McGorty Breaks Record

On Sept. 29, Chantilly senior Sean McGorty won the Great American Invita-



Photo by Craig Stenbutzel/The Connection

**West Springfield's Caroline Alcorta (3020) won the 20th Annual Glory Days Invitational with a course-record time of 17:42 on Oct. 13.**

tional in Cary, N.C., by producing the nation's fastest high school time, 14:43.6, a performance that would land him in Sports Illustrated's "Faces in the Crowd."

Two weeks later at the 20th Annual Glory Days Invitational, McGorty again produced a sub-15-minute time, missing his Great American mark by two seconds. He had to "settle" for a meet record and a pair of first-place finishes.

McGorty set a meet record with a time of 14:45 at the Glory Days Invitational, breaking the previous mark of 15:03, set in 2001 by Handley's Bobby Lockhart. McGorty's effort helped the Chantilly boys' cross country team win the team title with a score of 31, well ahead of second place Severna Park (91).

"I felt very strong," McGorty said after the race. "This course has been known to be fast.... I was hoping for sub-15. [To run] 14:45, I'm thrilled with that. That's a great time."

At the Great American Invitational, McGorty had competition pushing him until the end as he edged the second-place finisher by three-tenths of a second. On Saturday, McGorty ran unchallenged, finishing 18 seconds faster than his closest competitor.

"This one was a lot more mental, so I'm thrilled with being able to get that time," he said. "... I'm a lot more mentally stronger than I was at the beginning of the season."

McGorty's effort earned him mention in the Oct. 15 issue of Sports Illustrated.

"That was a huge honor. That was amazing to see myself in a magazine that I've been looking at my entire childhood."

McGorty said the team has hopes of winning championships at the district, region and state levels.

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