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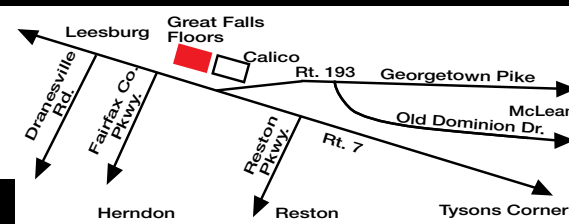
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**Oakton East, a Stanley Martin townhome development, is billed as a “downsizer’s dream.” The 35 “large, luxury townhomes” begin at \$700,000 for 2,700 to 3,800 square feet of finished living space. On Friday, construction crews began work early on the development, which is almost sold out. For more information, go to [www.stanleymartin.com](http://www.stanleymartin.com).**



**A construction worker frames the second story of a townhome in Pulte’s MetroWest development, a new Fairfax infill development of 50 homes that includes luxury condos and townhomes in the \$550,000 to \$800,000 range. For more information, go to [www.pulte.com/communities/va/fairfax/metrowest](http://www.pulte.com/communities/va/fairfax/metrowest).**

# Housing’s Roaring Rebound?

**Pent-up demand creates seller’s market for Northern Virginia real estate.**

BY VICTORIA ROSS  
THE CONNECTION NEWSPAPERS

**I**n February, Patricia Stack, a broker with Weichert Realtors, held an open house for a single-family home for sale in Vienna just listed for \$739,000. Within three hours, more than 70 people toured the home.

“The home went under contract substantially above list price, Stack said. “2013 has started with a bang in Northern Virginia real estate. In fact, it appears to be a market more like 2005-2006 than anything we’ve seen since, Stack said.

“Buyers seem finally to be realizing that prices have bottomed out and the current combination of low prices and historically low interest rates will likely not be repeated in our lifetimes, Stack said.

Alison Sherman, an agent with Keller-Williams in McLean, is seeing the same trend. In the spring, she sold a home in Vienna in three days with multiple offers.

The 5-bedroom Colonial, built in 1976 on Ferol Drive, listed for just under \$1 million, and sold \$132,000 above list price.

“It’s a great time to sell your home. Statistics show the average sales price is up and the average days on market are down, Sherman said.

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Buoyed by low mortgage rates, low regional unemployment, growth in the number of households and rising consumer confidence, the residential real estate market in Fairfax County and the rest of Northern Virginia has rebounded in a big way.

Unlike the last five years, demand is up and supply is down. In fact, in some particularly desirable neighborhoods, the transition from a buyer’s market to a seller’s market is all but complete.

Call it the new “reality in realty.”

“There is an oversupply of buyers and less inventory right now in the market, said Anil Khanna, a real estate broker with Champion Homes Realty in Chantilly. “I have seen it to be a seller’s market based on the number of offers I have seen with the properties that I have bid on for buyers.

Khanna added that low interest rates are beginning to rise, and that has created a sense of urgency with buyers.

According to Freddie Mac, the rate for a 30-year, conventional, fixed-rate mortgage rose to 3.54 percent in May from 3.45 percent in April.

“Many buyers are trying to purchase something this year rather than next, due to the anticipated increase in interest rates, Khanna said.

Despite some similarities to the boom period in housing nearly a decade ago, market conditions that led to the housing bust are vastly different, according to national housing experts.

“The boom period was marked by easy credit and overbuilding, but today we have tight mortgage credit and widespread shortages of homes for sale,

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**Local developer John Sekas created Oakcrest Farms, an “ensemble of seven high-end single-family homes selling for more than \$1.5 million with at least 5,000 square feet. The development is embedded in the original Oakcrest Farms community, which has 54 colonial-style homes built in the 1980s. Located off Hunter Mill Road between Vale Road and Route 123, the development has sold four of the seven homes, which feature gourmet kitchens, stone fireplaces and two-story family rooms, and optional media rooms. For more information, go to [www.sekashomes.com](http://www.sekashomes.com).**





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The NVTa members listen to one of about 20 speakers who took to the floor to comment on the transportation projects proposed for Northern Virginia in Fiscal Year 2014.

## Paving 'Virginia's Road to the Future'

Transportation Authority solicits public input on first year of proposed projects.

BY ANDREA WORKER  
THE CONNECTION

City Hall in the City of Fairfax was the location of the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTa) June 20 Open House and Public Hearing, seeking public opinion on proposed regional transportation projects. The Authority was created by the Virginia General Assembly in 2002 to provide a common voice for all Northern Virginia stakeholders on transportation and related issues. The Authority is made up of representatives from the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William, the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas and Manassas Park, and one representative for the towns of Herndon, Leesburg, Purcellville, Dumfries and Vienna. The group also includes several members of the Virginia Assembly, governor appointees and non-voting representatives from the Virginia Department of Transportation and the Department of Rail and Public Transportation.

The NVTa's mandate includes developing both immediate and long-range transportation plans, the most recent being the TransAction 2040 Plan. They advocate for regional transportation needs before both state and federal governments, and support initiatives to relieve congestion

and improve air quality in the region. With all the affected jurisdictions working together, the Authority helps coordinate transportation plans among them and helps to streamline the process for garnering and allocating federal funds.

In the 11 years since its creation, the NVTa has been studying, planning, advocating and combining their strengths and nonfinancial resources, but the impact of the Authority's efforts were limited by lack

of state funds. Then came "Virginia's Road to the Future"—HB 2313. During the 2013 session the Virginia General Assembly approved HB 2313—the state's first comprehensive transportation funding plan in 27 years. In what Governor McDonnell described as "technically a transportation bill, but at the end of the day, it's a jobs bill, HB 2313 will provide more than \$3.4 billion in statewide transportation funding, with an estimated \$1.9 billion to be dedicated to the needs of Northern Virginia over the next six years. The bi-partisan legislation is designed to be a sustainable revenue source for tackling the state's transportation challenges, but according to McDonnell, in addition it will ultimately sustain 13,000-plus new jobs and have more than \$9.5 billion in economic impact.

Seventy percent of the funds collected from a variety of new or modified tax revenue streams will go to the NVTa to be used on regional projects. The other 30 percent will go directly to the individual jurisdictions. With the fiscal year about to begin on July 1st, the Authority is pulling out all the stops to educate the public on HB 2313, on the Authority's structure and its decision-making process, and on the projects being proposed. In addition to the educational component of the Open House, the NVTa put out the call for public commentary and input.

The event began with an opportunity to examine the 33 projects proposed for funding in the first year. Twelve are classified as roadway projects and 21 as transit/multimodal endeavors, with a cost

split of 58 percent to the roads and 42 percent to the transit/multimodal. Divided into "corridors, written material was provided on each project, and maps showing location and impact on each corridor were on display. Members of the NVTa and the JACC (Jurisdictional Agency Coordinating Committee who serve as the staff for the NVTa) were on hand at each display to explain the projects, answer questions and listen to comments. The projects range from adding buses to widening roads, adding a second platform at the VRE Lorton station to providing pedestrian



Rob Whitfield with the Dulles Corridor Users Group based in Reston.

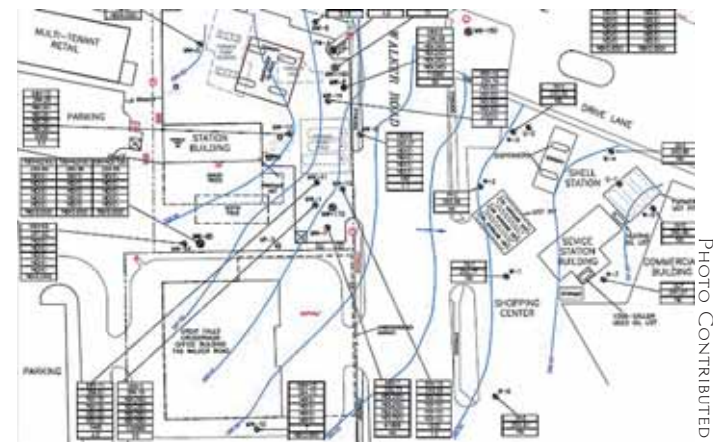


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An engineering report showing the levels of MTBE, among other chemicals, as tested from various wells on and around the site of the former Great Falls Exxon Station at Georgetown Pike and Walker Road.

## GFCA Hosts MTBE Discussion

Lawyer speaks on experiences with groundwater contamination.

BY ALEX MCVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

The Great Falls Citizens Association hosted Matt Pawa, an attorney with experience dealing with groundwater contamination Thursday, June 20. Pawa has worked on behalf of the New Hampshire Attorney General's office for the past 10 years trying to hold oil companies liable for gasoline byproducts in groundwater.

The former Exxon station at the corner of Georgetown Pike and Walker Road, which ceased to be an operating gas station late last year, was found to have gasoline remnants onsite. A TD Bank branch has been proposed for the location.

Pawa's primary concern is methyl tertiary butyl ether, or MTBE, an additive that was put into gasoline until 2006. It made up about 15 percent of the fuel that was put into automobiles. The EPA has tentatively classified MTBE as a "possible human carcinogen."

In New Hampshire, MTBE was found in a number of private and public wells and most petroleum companies settled for \$136.5 million. ExxonMobil did not settle, and the trial resulted in a \$236 million judgment against them in April of this year.

The problem, Pawa said, is that MTBE travels farther and faster than other gasoline constituents, "essentially at the speed of groundwater," he said, and it resists biodegradation.

"The fact that there has been no contamination found outside

the site is very good news," Pawa said. "But scientifically speaking, that doesn't mean that Great Falls is out of the woods."

According to a report by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, there have been high levels reported in monitoring wells on the site of the Exxon station.

The June 1, 2012 data shows levels ranging from 140,000 parts per billion to as low as .8. The potable well onsite, which was previously used by the station for the restroom and other uses, has three depths, and has registered numbers of 1,400, 1,600 and 860 parts per billion, with the latter number coming from a depth of 65 feet.

"Most people can taste MTBE in their water at around 20, 30, 40 parts per billion, it has sort of a turpentine taste and smell," he said. "Private wells are more susceptible for MTBE, because they are shallower, usually around 15-20 feet, and because they are not monitored by the government, just voluntarily by the owners."

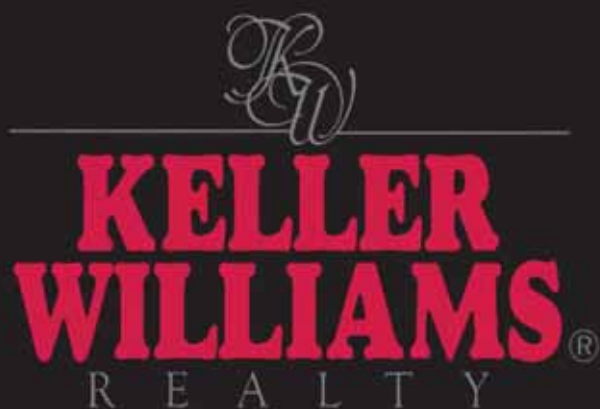
There is no maximum limit of MTBE in Virginia, but Pawa said New Hampshire's threshold is 13 parts per billion.

GFCA Board Member Amy Stephan said that Pawa's appearance in Great Falls is not a precursor for any kind of legal action.

"He's not here to encourage legal action, but to share his knowledge and experience with us," she said.

Jackie Taylor, GFCA president, says that the presentation will not directly lead to action as of yet.





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## SCHOOLS

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**Claire Baker**, daughter of Mark Baker and Ellen Lokker of Great Falls, graduated with highest honors from The Holton-Arms School on June 6. Among other activities, Claire was a four-time MVP pitcher on the Varsity Softball Team and two-time ISL all-conference player. This season, Claire helped lead her team to ISL-A regular season and tournament championships. Claire will be attending the University of Virginia School of Engineering and Applied Science.



**Claire Baker**

**Margherita T. Scott**, daughter of Thomas and Betsy Sue Scott of Great Falls, received a Bachelor of Arts degree, with a degree in government, from Hamilton College on Sunday, May 26.

**Mary Watson** of Great Falls has been awarded a scholarship to attend Space Camp in Huntsville, Ala. Mary was one of 71 students selected for a full tuition scholarship. Scholarship applicants must submit an application with a de-

tailed description of a science experiment, an essay, a mission patch design and three letters of recommendation. Only 30 percent of students received full scholarships this year.

The following students received Merit Scholarship Awards from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC): **Julia L. Keller** of the Potomac School, National Merit Washington University in St.

Louis Scholarship; **Stacey Y. Chiu** of the Potomac School, National Merit University of Chicago Scholarship; **Ryan Austin Barrett** of George C. Marshall High School, National Merit University of Alabama Scholarship; and **Annmarie K. Brinza** of George C. Marshall High School, National Merit Washington University in St. Louis Scholarship.

**Katherine Fitzgerald, Alex LaBelle** and **Sierra Webb**, both of Great Falls, have been appointed to the 10th District's Class of 2017 service academies. Katherine will attend the United States Air Force Academy and Sierra and Alex will attend the United States Coast Guard Academy.

**Maggie Kovacs** of Great Falls, a 2009 graduate of Langley High School, was awarded the Dean's Award for Service at the University of Oregon Awards Presentation on May 18. This award is given to students who have made exceptional contributions of service to the university community, fellow students, and the larger community. Maggie, a member of

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# SCHOOLS

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the school's lacrosse team, has been co-director of O Heroes, the student-athlete community service organization, for two years.

She developed O Heroes from a small loosely organized community service group for student-athletes that lacked any brand into a significant community brand that is recognized for providing thousands of hours of community service by Oregon student-athletes. She manages over 200 volunteers completing 5000 service hours in 2012, coordinates volunteer opportunities with local partners, and continuously expands opportunities such as the collection and delivery of Thanksgiving baskets throughout Lane County, Oregon. She is a weekly volunteer at the Boys & Girls Club of the Emerald Valley and is involved in the mentoring program there. She is a member of the Warsaw Sports Business Club and participates as the Assistant Event Coordinator for the NAYA Field Day 2013.

She graduates in June with a degree in Sports Business/Marketing from the Lunquist College of Business and is a member of Chi Alpha Sigma, the National Honor Society for Athletes.



## Towlston Road Fairfax County

**Find out** about plans to replace the Towlston Road bridge over Rocky Run in Great Falls.

**Review** project information at [www.virginiadot.org/projects](http://www.virginiadot.org/projects) or at VDOT's District Office at 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, Virginia 22030. Please call ahead at 703-259-1940, 800-367-7623 or TTY/TDD 711 to ensure appropriate personnel are available to answer your questions.

If your concerns cannot be satisfied, VDOT is willing to hold a public hearing. You may request that a public hearing be held by sending a written request to Mr. Leonard Siegel, P.E., Virginia Department of Transportation, at the above address on or prior to **July 12, 2013**. If a request for a public hearing is received, notice of date, time and place of the hearing will be posted.

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act and 23 CFR 771, an environmental document in the form of a Programmatic Categorical Exclusion was prepared and is available for review. In compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 and 36 CFR Part 800, information concerning the potential effects of the proposed project on properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places is also available.

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If you have driven on the new 495 Express Lanes, you might wonder if the people who decided to raise the speed limit to 65 have driven on them. At the current prices, the Express Lanes are appealing whenever you really need to get somewhere and you have doubts about the flow of traffic.

But the first few times you drive on the Express Lanes, they are confusing. Which Tysons' exit do I take for the Ritz Carlton? Will it be on the left or the right? When I get off, will I have to deal with a stop light, a stop sign or a merge? What on earth is the

driver next to me doing?

The Express Lanes are not attracting as many drivers as predicted, so now there is the added incentive of being able to go faster in those lanes than on the rest of the Beltway where the speed limit is 55 even if there isn't backed up traffic on the other lanes.

## Changes July 1

Many actions of the 2013 General Assembly go into effect July 1.

Here are three things to know that kick in July 1:

- ♦ Sales tax increases to 6 percent in Northern Virginia to help pay for transportation.

- ♦ Texting while driving becomes a primary offense, meaning that you can be pulled over if an officer sees you using your phone or thinks you are texting because you are looking down.

- ♦ Mandatory minimum sentence of one year in jail for those repeatedly convicted of driving (or boating) under the influence. (Repeatedly in this case means the third time.)

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Foster Care Training Offered This July

To the Editor:

Every day, children come into the foster care system and need a temporary home. To ease the burden of moving and change, foster care programs make it a priority to place children within their own school system. With this goal in mind, Northern Virginia Family Service (NVFS) is recruiting adults from every community in Northern Virginia to participate in its next foster parent training, July 13, 20 and 27, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the NVFS office in Oakton. Coffee and a light lunch will be provided.

The training is the first step into becoming a certified foster parent, and is also required for families interested in providing short-term weekend foster care. Trainees will learn about the foster care system; how NVFS supports foster parents, including round-the-clock access to case managers; and best practices in foster care. Families must complete a home study, and foster parents must be at least 21 years old.

To register or for more information about becoming a foster parent through NVFS, visit [www.nvfs.org/fostercare](http://www.nvfs.org/fostercare), or contact Ginny Snaider, LCSW, NVFS training and placement supervisor, at 571-748-2557 or [gsnaider@nvfs.org](mailto:gsnaider@nvfs.org).

Northern Virginia Family Service is a private, nonprofit organization

dedicated to helping vulnerable families and children. Each year, NVFS helps nearly 30,000 people find safe and stable housing, children and youth services, affordable health care, workforce development programs and emergency services through a variety of community-funded programs and initiatives. NVFS is an innovator of efficient and comprehensive service methods, and has been recognized nationally for its effectiveness in creating sustained financial and social independence for its clients.

**Jacqueline Pujol**  
Oakton

## Train To Help In Emergencies

To the Editor:

The National Capital Region's 3rd annual Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Convention, hosted by the Fairfax County CERT Team, will take place June 28-29 at the Northern Virginia Community College, Annandale Campus.

CERTCon 2013 is a two-day seminar/functional exercise that offers training, networking and sharing of best practices to CERT members in the National Capital Region.

Saturday, June 29, will feature a lecture series from practicing professionals in the fields of emergency management, public health preparedness and disaster psychology. The speakers are drawn from

a variety of organizations and agencies, including FEMA, NOAA, Virginia Task Force-1 (TF-1), and the National Association for Search & Rescue. Topics will include Stress and Trauma Management for First Responders, Pet First Aid, WMD & IED threat picture, Communications during a disaster, People with disabilities and disasters, Search and Rescue, Wilderness First Aid, Hazmat, and how to conduct Windshield Surveys.

Sunday, June 30, will feature a hands-on drill at the former Lorton reformatory which is now used as a disaster training site. This exercise will give the participants an opportunity to sharpen and advance their skills and work together as a multijurisdictional team.

CERT members go through 36 hours of training at their local Fire and Rescue academies. Training provides a basic understanding of fire suppression, search and rescue, disaster medical operations and team organization.

The CERT program began in 1985 in Los Angeles, Calif., after recognizing that large-scale disasters overwhelmed emergency response teams. Through FEMA grants to local jurisdictions civilians are trained to respond to emergencies or assist emergency responders arriving on the scene. All training and equipment is provided free of charge to the CERT participant.

This year CERTCon 2013 will host teams from Alexandria, Fairfax County and Fairfax City, Arlington, Manassas and Manassas

Park and Prince William County. Montgomery County and Prince George County team members will be attending and other Maryland CERTs as far away as Baltimore are expected. The District of Columbia is sending representatives from their team in addition to Georgetown University, American University and Gallaudet University CERT team members.

If you are interested in participating at CERTCon as an actor victim or a rescuer, visit <http://certcon2013.eventbrite.com>, to register.

To contact any of the Fairfax County CERT leadership, send the email directly to [fire.CERT@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:fire.CERT@fairfaxcounty.gov).

**Mike Piccione**  
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Concerts on the Green: Bad Habits on Display

To the Editor:

I'd like to open a community conversation about the Concerts on the Green in Great Falls. As an artist and music lover, perhaps my perspective is unique; but it may reflect the sentiments of a majority of adults in our community.

We are fortunate to have a lovely green at the center of our village, and businesses and individuals generous enough to support summer concerts there. In my opinion, those concerts should be able to be enjoyed by people of all ages.

On the few occasions we have attended, the adults situated themselves on the perimeter, leaving the large central swath around

the performance stand for young children to run wild. Was there a conscious decision made by the community that unruly children would dominate the concerts? I've witnessed running and screaming, behaviors suited to a playground, not a concert. We no longer attend Great Falls concerts.

Other communities in which we have lived or have visited concerts welcome children, but never have we witnessed this level of disrespect and bad behavior. Certainly silence isn't mandatory at an outdoor concert, but quiet conversation during the performance would be much more appropriate than shrieking and running.

The message the parents seem to be sending to their children is that music is not important, the feelings of the performers are not important, and the enjoyment of the others in attendance is not important. Parents, is that what you really mean to teach your children?

Hopefully this is a bad habit that became entrenched, but can be changed. There are many playtime opportunities for the children of this community, but not many cultural activities.

**Jan S. Heginbotham**  
Sculptor, Great Falls

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#### THURSDAY/JUNE 27

**Full Recovery, Chronic Pain and Depression Lecture.** 7 p.m., Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. Dr. Gary Kaplan, DO will discuss depression and pain from a neurophysiology perspective and why people stay in pain. 703-356-0770.

**Dr. Gary Kaplan Lecture: "Central Pain Sensitization Syndrome."** 7-8 p.m., Dolley Madison Library Meeting Room, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. The lecture will introduce a new conceptualization of chronic pain and depression as mediated by the central nervous system.

#### MONDAY/JULY 8

**Life Line Screening.** Various times at 11321 Beach Mill Road, Great Falls. Smith Chapel United Methodist Church will host Life Line Screening, which identify potential cardiovascular conditions such as

blocked arteries and other signs that could predict heart disease. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes. Starting at \$159. Pre-registration is required. 877-237-1287 or [www.lifelinescreening.com](http://www.lifelinescreening.com).

#### MONDAY-THURSDAY/JULY 8-11

**Cougar Baseball Summer Camps.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at Oakton High School, 2900 Sutton Road, Vienna. The Cougar Baseball Summer Camps will be hosted by the Oakton High School coaching staff at the school for players aged 6-11. \$150. [JRJanis@fcps.edu](mailto:JRJanis@fcps.edu).

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# Demand Drives Northern Virginia Market

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said Gary Thomas, president of the National Association of Realtors.

"The issue now is pent-up demand and strong growth in the number of households, with buyer traffic 29 percent above a year ago, Thomas said.

Lawrence Yun, chief economist for the National Association of Realtors, said existing-home sales are at the highest level since November 2009, when the market jumped to 5.44 million as buyers took advantage of tax stimulus.

Sales have stayed above year-ago levels for 23 months, while the national median price shows 15 consecutive months of year-over-year increases.

"The housing numbers are overwhelmingly positive, especially in markets such as Northern Virginia, where employment is strong, Yun said.

## New Construction Key Indicator of Housing Rebound

Adding to the good news about the housing market is the increasing number of infill developments and new construction, "housing starts, in Fairfax County. According to real estate economists, housing starts are one of the leading predictors of overall economic stability and growth.

A June 6 report released by Metrostudy, a national housing data and consulting firm, reports that housing starts are up sharply in Fairfax County: This year, there were 386 starts in the first quarter of 2013 compared to 143 in the first quarter of 2012, a 170 percent increase.

In addition to housing starts, almost every other housing indicator has trended up from May 2012 to May 2013 in Fairfax County, according to Real Estate Building Intelligence (RBI)—a company that analyzes market trends and statistics from the Multiple Listing Service.

In Fairfax County in the past year:

- ❖ The total volume of homes sold jumped 32 percent, from \$729 million to more than \$950 million.

- ❖ The average price for a home increased nearly 10 percent, from \$469,000 to nearly \$550,000.

- ❖ Average days on market dropped a steep 30 percent from 39 days to 27 days.

- ❖ New "under contracts jumped 31.56 percent, from 450 to 592.

## "Buy Land. They Aren't Making Anymore.

This famous quote could not be more apt for Fairfax County.

In the past decade, while new housing developments were being built in Prince William and Loudoun counties, Fairfax County was pretty much built out. If buy-



**Local developer John Sekas created Oakcrest Farms, an "ensemble of seven high-end single-family homes selling for more than \$1.5 million with at least 5,000 square feet." The development is embedded in the original Oakcrest Farms community, which has 54 colonial-style homes built in the 1980s. Located off Hunter Mill Road between Vale Road and Route 123, the development has sold four of the seven homes, which feature gourmet kitchens, stone fireplaces and two-story family rooms, and optional media rooms. For more information, go to [www.sekashomes.com](http://www.sekashomes.com).**



Anil Khanna



Patricia Stack



Alison Sherman

ers wanted a newly-built home, they had to tear down an old one.

While land is still at a premium in Fairfax County, new infill developments have been springing up in unlikely areas such as Vienna, Oakton, Burke and the City of Fairfax.

"Demand for housing is up, and so are development applications, said Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock), who noticed the trend last year and formed a land use development advisory committee in his district in response to the rise in applications.

"Fairfax County is pretty much 'built out' and infill projects are more challenging to execute, Cook said.

Any existing pockets of land are small, and homes are often shoehorned into tight

spaces, and sometimes squeezed into existing neighborhoods. Storm water, setback, density, parking and other zoning issues become more challenging for builders.

"So, we are seeing more going on, but they are usually very difficult projects, Cook said.

Difficult, yes, but not impossible. The persistent demand for brand new housing, coupled with buyers willing to spend, has spurred high-end builders such as Pulte and

Stanley Martin to create luxury townhomes and condominiums project throughout the county.

In January, Stanley Martin Homes announced the opening of 35 luxury townhomes in Oakton.

"Stanley Martin is reaffirming the old

adage that in real estate it's all about 'location, location, location,' as it's tough to find a better Northern Virginia location than the charming and convenient town of Oakton, said Lauri Chastain, vice president of marketing for Stanley Martin.

Within weeks of news about the new Oakton East, there were more than 300 people on the "wait list for the homes that range in price from \$600,000 to nearly \$800,000.

Targeting empty-nesters who are looking for less square footage and less yard, but larger than the typical townhome, Oakton East offers 3,700-3,800 square feet of finished living space, a two-car garage and gourmet kitchens.

The homes "look and feel like single family homes—minus the yard work," Chastain said.

"Oakton is one of the premiere areas for brand new construction. Buyers prefer new homes over resale, but they are not easy to find, Realtor Pat Stack said.

MetroWest in Fairfax, a Pulte development, is one of the largest luxury townhome, condominium and apartment communities in Fairfax County, with a total of 2,248 residential units slated for development on 56 acres near the Vienna/Fairfax Metro.

In addition, plans call for 300,000-plus square feet of office space and 125,000 square feet of retail, service, institutional and governmental space. MetroWest will also feature community parks, courtyards, a rec center and at least 30 percent will be preserved as green space. Sales of the \$600,000 and up homes have been brisk.

While townhomes, condos and apartments are typical for infill developments—both because of their small footprint and the higher price per square foot builders can charge—there are several new single-family infill developments in the county.

Local developer John Sekas has created Oakcrest Farms, located off Hunter Mill Road near Vale Road, a development of seven high-end single-family homes selling for more than \$1.5 million with at least 5,000 square feet.

The development is embedded in the original Oakcrest Farms community, which has 54 colonial-style homes built in the 1980s. Construction began last year, and already four of the seven homes are sold.

Grant Johnson, a real estate broker for Sekas, said he has seen two types of buyers for the homes, which feature gourmet kitchens, stone fireplaces and two-story family rooms, and optional media rooms.

"We have transfers, who are coming here for the high-paying tech jobs, and buyers who live in the area who want to move up, Johnson said. "This is an attractive location. The schools are great, we're near Wolf Trap and Tysons, and people like it here and don't want to leave.

## Builders Are Optimistic

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# NEW HOMES

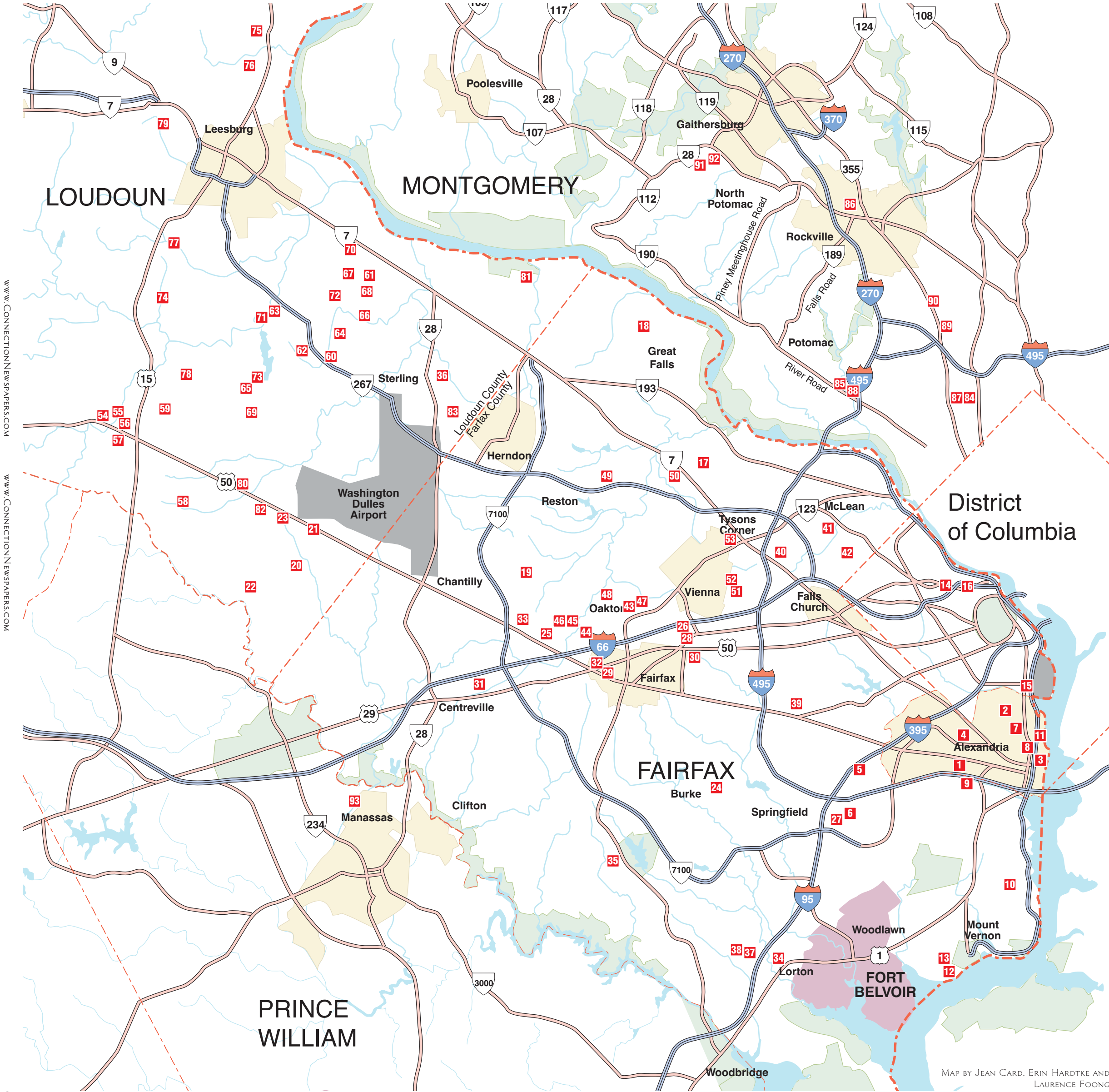


26 Metrowest, Fairfax, VA 22031 — From \$542,890 — PULTE HOMES



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| 6 Potters Glen                    | EVERGREENE HOMES      | From \$500,000     | Alexandria  | 22310 |
| 7 Potomac Yard                    | PULTE HOMES           | From \$638,580     | Alexandria  | 22301 |
| 8 Old Town Commons                | EYA                   | From \$700,000     | Alexandria  | 22314 |
| 9 Burgundy Woods                  | NV HOMES              | From \$720,000     | Alexandria  | 22310 |
| 10 Hollin Hill Village            | EVERGREENE HOMES      | From \$900,000     | Alexandria  | 22308 |
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| 21 Villas at East Gate            | COMSTOCK HOMES        | From \$300,000     | Chantilly   | 20152 |
| 22 Dawson's Corner                | NV HOMES              | From \$650,000     | Chantilly   | 20152 |
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| 67 One Loudoun                     | CAMBERLY HOMES          | From \$450,000   | Ashburn        | 20147 |
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| 70 One Loudoun: Downtown           | MILLER AND SMITH        | From \$550,000   | Ashburn        | 20147 |
| 71 Belmont Glen Village            | CRAFTMARK HOMES         | From \$600,000   | Ashburn        | 20148 |
| 72 Ashburn Place                   | M/I HOMES               | From \$600,000   | Ashburn        | 20147 |
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| 85 Quarry Springs                  | Can't determine builder | From \$1,800,000 | Bethesda       | 20817 |
| 86 Symphony Park at Strathmore     | KOITZGROUP              | From \$1,250,000 | Bethesda, MD   | 20817 |
| 87 Little Falls Place              | EYA                     | From \$1,349,900 | Bethesda, MD   | 20817 |
| 88 River Quarry in Bethesda        | CARTER BUILDERS         | From \$1,390,000 | Bethesda, MD   | 20817 |
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| 90 White Flint Station             | TOLL BROTHERS           | From \$422,995   | N Bethesda, MD | 20852 |
| 91 Hallman Grove                   | WINCHESTER HOMES        | From \$692,900   | N Potomac, MD  | 20878 |
| 92 Quince Trace                    | PULTE HOMES             | From \$565,900   | N Potomac, MD  | 20878 |
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# Housing's Rebound

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the market as the rest of us. There is more confidence in the economy locally than we've seen in the past several years, said Stack.

A gauge of confidence among home builders jumped in June, hitting the highest level since 2006, according to data released June 17.

The National Association of Home Builders/Wells Fargo housing-market index rose to 52 in June—the first time the index has reached above a key reading of 50 since 2006—from 44 in May. Readings above 50 signal that builders, generally, are optimistic about sales trends.

"Builders are seeing better market conditions as demand for new homes increases, said Rick Judson, NAHB's chairman in the news release. "With the low inventory of existing homes, an increasing number of buyers are gravitating toward new homes.

That confidence doesn't surprise Gerald Gordon, president and CEO of the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority (FCEDA).

"The economic base of Fairfax County has been sufficiently diversified over the years that declining revenues in federal contracting will not be devastating to the economy as a whole, Gordon said. "Corporate additions to Fairfax County in recent years give us balance.



**Location, location, location. Pulte's new MetroWest development in Fairfax boasts location as a draw for buyers. The 50-plus townhome development is next to the Vienna Metro and "two minutes from I-66."**

## Weichert Realtors Recognize McLean/Dolley Madison Office

**B**ruce L. Green, regional vice president of Weichert Realtors, was honored along with the entire McLean/Dolley Madison office by Weichert for outstanding performance in May. The office led the entire company in sales, the company and the region in resale sales, as well as the region, which comprises offices throughout Fairfax, Loudoun, Fauquier and Delaware counties, for new home sales, resales and resale revenue units.

Additionally, Sales Associate J.D. Callander of the McLean/Dolley Madison office was individually recognized for her exceptional industry success during the month of May. A top producer, Callander led the entire company for dollar volume and the company and the region for resale dollar volume.

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# OPEN HOUSES

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## News

# Public Comments Sought On Transportation Projects

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access to transit stations.

At 6:30 p.m., NVTa Chairman (and Prince William County Supervisor for Coles District) Martin Nohe began a 30-minute presentation to the packed Council Chambers. Nohe highlighted the Authority's history, make-up and voting process. "It's complex by design, he said. "Our voting system forces us to work together, and ensures no one jurisdiction gets railroaded into an action that they don't think best for their constituents. Nohe explained that for any vote to pass, two-thirds of the members must be present and voting, two-thirds of those present and voting must include at least two-thirds of the populations embraced by the Authority, and for any project to be approved, it must receive an affirmative vote by the jurisdiction in which the project is located.

Nohe also gave a brief summary of HB 2313 and then touched on the selection process for the projects being considered for the upcoming fiscal year, saying that the list could be amended following this and other public hearings, as well as after review of public comments submitted by written or electronic formats. "What are the projects we can bring to bear quickly? Get the most bang for the buck, asked Nohe. Some of the criteria used for selecting the first round of projects included how quickly the project would reduce congestion relative to cost and how ready the project was for implementation with needed studies and regulatory reviews completed or able to be completed prior to selection. Nohe also made mention of the need to include consideration of emergency evacuation strategies in any plans, citing the gridlock of 2010's "snowmageddon and the 2011 earthquake.

Following his presentation, Chairman Nohe opened the Public Hearing, and speakers lined up to use their allotted three minutes. The speakers covered a wide range of interests, from private citizens to those officially representing a group, like Jana Lynott, Senior Strategic Policy Advisor with the AARP who read the organization's statement, offering their assistance toward planning that considers older adults and persons with disabilities "who are currently trapped in their homes because of inadequate transportation ... as well as provide relief to caretakers ... because their loved ones depend solely on them for transportation. Lynott also provided the Authority with her publication highlighting case studies of model senior transportation programs around the country, including how these programs are regionally coordinated and funded.

Virginia Delegate James LeMunyon (R-67) used his time to urge the Authority to consider fewer projects in the first year. "Let's use how many hours can be put back into the lives of Virginians for each dollar spent as part of the criteria, he proposed. LeMunyon also reminded the Authority that none of the money collected could be spent on staff or administration according to the bill.

The majority of the speakers praised the NVTa members for their work and acknowledged the enormity of the task and the challenges ahead, like Dou-



**NVTa Chairman Martin Nohe welcomes the crowd and highlights the Authority's history, mandate, make-up and process.**

## More Information

Additional local community meetings will be held in several of the NVTa's jurisdictions during the next several weeks and a second full NVTa Public Hearing is planned for July. "We want to hear from you, and we want you to know what's on the table," said Nohe. The public may email comments on the proposed projects to the NVTa at [fy14projects@thenovaauthority.org](mailto:fy14projects@thenovaauthority.org). NVTa's website, [www.thenovaauthority.org](http://www.thenovaauthority.org), provides full details of the projects for this fiscal year, the projects proposed for the next six year cycle, the full TransAction 2040 Plan and information on HB 2313 and dates for future meetings.

glas Stewart of Fairfax City. "I applaud the balanced list of projects, he stated, even if some of their comments were less than positive.

"There's a plethora of plans for transportation. There is also a crying need for connection and coordination of all these plans, said private citizen Gary O'Brien, addressing in particular the Route 28 corridor. "This area needs relief now, not in 2035, and the plans I am seeing appear to simply move the bottlenecks further up the road, not relieve them.

Congestion on Route 28 was also a hot topic for several other speakers. Audrey Clement, co-chair of the Green Party of Virginia, pointed out that "of over \$186 million in proposed new projects for Northern Virginia, only \$13 million is targeted for street improvements and \$12 million of that is for Columbia Pike in Arlington County. None of it is for Fairfax County, she noted. "The NVTa ought to scrap its current project list and start all over with a new vision, one that emphasizes transit over cars and people over pavement.

Gail Parker of Alexandria recommended that rail projects be moved to the top of the list. "It costs less money to build 80 miles of track than 3 miles of road along Route 1. Parker also expressed concerns about emergency evacuation capabilities in such congested areas.

Less emphasis on roads and more on transit systems and bike and walk paths seemed to be a frequent recommendation from the almost 20 citizens who addressed the Authority, while the proposed Bi-County Parkway to connect I-66 in western Prince William County to Route 50 in Loudoun County appeared to bring out the most heat from proponents and opponents alike. Jeanine Lawson of Prince William County said, "We are fired up about this Parkway proposal ... and disappointed in HB 2313. I am a fiscal conservative and this is a massive tax hike.





# 4th of July Hometown Celebration & Parade

Thursday, July 4th



## Schedule of Events

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| 8am-9am         | <b>5K Walk/Run</b><br><i>Great Falls Freedom Memorial</i>                                       |
| 8am-1:30pm      | <b>INOVA Blood Drive</b><br><i>Great Falls Fire Station</i>                                     |
| 9am-9:45am      | <b>Little Patriot Parade</b><br><i>Great Falls Village Centre Green</i>                         |
| 10am-10:45am    | <b>Main Parade</b><br><i>Starts on Columbine and proceeds around Great Falls Village Centre</i> |
| 10:30am-12:30pm | <b>Festivities, Food, Games &amp; Fun</b><br><i>Great Falls Village Centre Green</i>            |



## Little Patriot Parade

*Great Falls Village Centre Green*

Babies and children up to age 5 are welcome to parade around the Green. Awards for "Young George Washington," "Little Miss Betsy Ross," and "The Star Spangled Family."

9am Registration at the Gazebo ~ 9:15am Start

Questions? Contact Shannon Snow  
[smsnow@hotmail.com](mailto:smsnow@hotmail.com)

## Main Parade Information

### Registration

To be in the parade, all floats, cars, entertainers & others need to register online at [www.CelebrateGreatFalls.org](http://www.CelebrateGreatFalls.org). Parade staging will take place at 9:30am on Lunenburg Rd. between Minburn and Columbine Streets.

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We encourage neighborhoods, local businesses, or any group to make a float for the parade!

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Bring your friendly dog on a leash to walk in the parade!

Dress your dog up and meet at the corner of Lunenburg and Columbine Street at 9:40am.

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### Young Bike Riders Welcome!

Young bike riders will join the parade once it reaches the Village Centre. A space for riders and their parents to gather and view the parade before joining it will be reserved in the large Wells Fargo parking lot.

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### !! PLEASE NOTE !!

Fireworks will be held at dusk, Saturday, July 6th at Turner Farm Park

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## Volunteers Needed for this Event!

The Hometown Celebration is run entirely by community volunteers. We still need 20 people for food sales, popcorn making, snow cone making or helping kids with games. Shifts are 10:30-11:30 or 11:30-12:30. Please sign up online at [www.signupgenius.com/find/signup](http://www.signupgenius.com/find/signup) and enter email [mcasso@msn.com](mailto:mcasso@msn.com).

This is a great place for middle schoolers or older to help the community!

## 5K Walk/Run with Great Falls Trail Blazers

Again this year, the Great Falls Trail Blazers are hosting The Annual 5K Walk/Run on our local trails. Join us for an 8am start at the Freedom Memorial on the Library grounds. Any questions, contact Mary Anger at

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## WEDNESDAY/JUNE 26

**Creole for Kidz and the History of Zydeco.** 10:30 a.m., at the Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Grammy-winning artist Terrance Simien and his six-member band celebrate Mardi Gras style, introducing audiences to history of Louisiana Creole culture and zydeco music. \$10. <http://www.wolftrap.org/>

**Jerry Garcia Symphonic Celebration.** 8:15 p.m., at Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Warren Haynes and the NSO celebrate the life and work of Jerry Garcia, founding member, singer, songwriter, and lead guitarist of Grateful Dead. \$22. [http://www.wolftrap.org/Home/Find\\_Performances\\_and\\_Events/Performance/13Filene/0626show13.aspx](http://www.wolftrap.org/Home/Find_Performances_and_Events/Performance/13Filene/0626show13.aspx)

## THURSDAY/JUNE 27

**Elizabeth Mitchell & You Are My Flower.** 10:30 a.m., at Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna.

Elizabeth Mitchell and her family band sing folk melodies to acoustic chords and multilingual lyrics. \$10. [http://www.wolftrap.org/Filene\\_Center.aspx](http://www.wolftrap.org/Filene_Center.aspx)

**Aztec Two-Step.** 7:30-8:30 p.m., at Nottoway Park, 9537 Courthouse Road, Vienna. Aztec Two Step has been described as the bridge to the Beat Generation and instrumental in ushering the music of the sixties into the 1970's and beyond. [www.aztectwostep.com](http://www.aztectwostep.com).

**The Temptations and The Four Tops.** 8 p.m., at Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. The Temptations and The Four Tops perform hit songs, including "My Girl," "Ain't Too Proud to Beg" and "Baby I Need Your Loving." \$25-\$40. 1-877-965-3872 or <http://www.wolftrap.org>.

## FRIDAY/JUNE 28

**Elizabeth Mitchell & You Are My Flower.** 10:30 a.m., at Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Elizabeth Mitchell and her family band sing folk melodies to acoustic chords and multilingual lyrics. \$10. [http://www.wolftrap.org/Filene\\_Center.aspx](http://www.wolftrap.org/Filene_Center.aspx)

**Sarah Swanner.** 6:30 p.m., at 144 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Sarah Swanner performs soulful blues music. <http://www.viennava.gov>.

**Frozen Planet in Concert.** 8:30 p.m., at Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. The NSO, conducted by George Fenton, features an original score alongside images of whales, penguins and other wildlife projected onto huge screens in-house and on the lawn. \$22-\$55. [http://www.wolftrap.org/Filene\\_Center.aspx](http://www.wolftrap.org/Filene_Center.aspx)



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**Iris, Gelatin Silver Photographic Print, by Jan Bender.**

## Old Fashioned Photography at Library: "Looking With Film"

Longtime Northern Virginia photographer Jan Bender exhibits new work, different from her black-and-white landscapes seen in recent years. Using an old-fashioned camera with bellows, a dark cloth, and sheets of film, she isolates subjects on a white background by adjusting photographic lights and then develops prints by hand in her darkroom. The exhibit is open daily through June at Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. See <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/gf/> for hours or [www.JanBenderPhotography.com](http://www.JanBenderPhotography.com).

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The services are: a 7:45 a.m. worship service without music; 9 a.m. worship service, children's chapel and children's choirs; 10 a.m.

Sunday school and adult forum; and 11 a.m. worship service with adult choir. 703-759-2082.

**Redeemer Lutheran Church,** 1545 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, has started new summer schedule June 23 with a 9 a.m. traditional service and a 10:30 a.m. contemporary service.

Starting July 14 and continuing to Sept. 1, the contemporary service will be held at 9 a.m. and the traditional worship service will be at 10:30 a.m.

**Trinity United Methodist Church,** 1205 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean, Sunday worship services are at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for adults is at 9:30 a.m. and for children during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Youth Group for grades 7-12 meets Sundays at 6 p.m. A 20-minute service of Holy Communion is held each Wednesday at noon. 703-356-3312 or [umtrinity.org](http://umtrinity.org).







**Shannon Keating and her father, Bob Keating of Fairfax, help make homemade ice cream.**



**Austin, Tara, Amelia, Roshni and Bennet Lauber of Fairfax smile as they leave the mill tour.**

## Making Ice Cream at Colvin Run Mill

For over 20 years, Colvin Run Mill has organized a special Father's Day program for children and their fathers. "A day of fun on a kid's budget," is their motto for the event. On Sunday, June 16, from noon to 4 p.m., the park welcomed Northern Virginia Carvers to the park to teach free wood carving lessons. When the fathers come they are given a tour of the mill, and can watch the mill's grinding process. Along with the free wood-carving there was also a chance to watch the blacksmith and give a hand at Colvin Run's homemade ice cream that they make with a hand crank which they can then eat for \$1.50 a cup. The Colvin Run Mill Historic Site is located at 10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls.

—CAROLINE BURR



**Catherine Edge and Amanda Rutledge watch Mike of Arlington from the Northern Virginia Carvers, as he teaches them the basics of woodcarving.**

PHOTOS BY CAROLINE BURR/THE CONNECTION

## ENTERTAINMENT

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### SATURDAY/JUNE 29

**DinoRock Productions.** 10:30 a.m. at 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Life-sized, dinosaurs sing and dance while sharing stories that introduce children to the world of science, nature and history. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

**The Journey to Reims.** 7 p.m., The Barns, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. Rossini's comedy is about a group of international travelers who converge on one tiny spa hotel en route to the coronation of Charles X; performed in Italian with English supertitles. \$35-\$85. <http://www.wolftrap.org/Barns.aspx>.

**Anita Baker.** 8 p.m., at Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Grammy Award-winner Anita Baker comes to perform hits like "Sweet Love" and "Giving You the Best That I Got," as well as tracks from her newest album, *Only Forever*. \$25-\$48. 1-877-965-3872 or <http://www.wolftrap.org>.

### SUNDAY/JUNE 30

**GFFFTA Artist Going Away Party.** 10 a.m.-8 p.m., at the Artists Atelier, 1144 Walker Road, Suite G, Great Falls. A reception for Michela Mansuino to update guests on her acceptance to Studio Incamminati and plans to relocate to Philadelphia full time; 30 of Mansuino's pieces will be on display. [www.studioincamminati.org](http://www.studioincamminati.org).

**Richard Walton Group.** 6:30 p.m., at 144 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. The Richard Walton Group performs jazz music for all ages. <http://www.viennava.gov>.

**Straight No Chaser.** 8 p.m., at Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Straight No Chaser performs creative arrangements of pop songs ranging from Lady Gaga to Oasis. \$25-\$42. 1-877-965-3872 or <http://www.wolftrap.org>.

### MONDAY/JULY 1

**Pink Martini.** 8 p.m., at Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Pink Martini has evolved into a 10-12 musician ensemble that showcases a blend of classical, jazz, old-fashioned pop, and multilingual music. \$28-\$45. 1-877-965-3872 or <http://www.wolftrap.org>.

### TUESDAY/JULY 2

**Aaron Nigel Smith.** 10:30 a.m., at Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Aaron Nigel Smith performs versions of children's classics in an interactive performance. \$8. [http://www.wolftrap.org/Filene\\_Center.aspx](http://www.wolftrap.org/Filene_Center.aspx).

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### FRIDAY/JULY 5

**Bari Koral Family Rock Band.** 10:30 a.m., at Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Joined by her Family Rock Band, Bari Koral sings with themes about cupcakes, a gingerbread man and rocket ships. \$8. [http://www.wolftrap.org/Filene\\_Center.aspx](http://www.wolftrap.org/Filene_Center.aspx).  
**Harry Connick, Jr.** 8 p.m., at Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Harry Connick, Jr. showcases his piano technique and vocals in a performance of standards, swing, pop and New Orleans-inspired jazz. \$35-\$65. 1-877-965-3872 or <http://www.wolftrap.org>.

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**Wonders To Wander To.** 3 p.m., The Barns, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. Steven Blier and four Filene Young Artists will present musical fables by Porter, Bolcom, Coward, Schumann and others. \$45. <http://www.wolftrap.org/Barns.aspx>.  
**Doobie Brothers.** 8 p.m., at Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. These '70s pop/rock Grammy winners from California play hits "What a Fool Believes," "Black Water" and "China Grove." \$25-\$42. 1-877-965-3872 or <http://www.wolftrap.org>.

### SUNDAY/JULY 7

**Golden Dragon Acrobats from China.** 2 p.m., at Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. The Golden Dragon Acrobats carry on a Chinese performance tradition that includes juggling, inventive acrobatics, balancing acts and colorful costumes. \$20-\$38. 1-877-965-3872 or <http://www.wolftrap.org>.

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# River Bend Stingrays Break 32-year-old Record

In Dominion Country Club League action, the River Bend Stingrays scored a season opening win over Springfield Golf and Country Club, 385-123. The Stingrays won 40 of 48 individual events and 10 out of 11 relays.

Haley Smith, Ryan Bond, Will Koeppen, Micaela Grassi and Ryan Windus each won four events. Pearce Bloom won three events, while Jake Geoghegan, Aiden Bond, Connor Smith and Sarah Allen each won two events.

Other winners included: Sophia Ambrose, Davis Riffe, Olivia McDonnell, Anna Takis, Delaney Bond, Julian Villacorta, Carter Bennett and Anna Phillips.

River Bend also defeated Trump National, 312-204.

The boys' 15-18 200 medley relay team of Julian Villacorta, Tommy Rogers, Pearce Bloom and Carter Bennett broke a 32-year-old River Bend record at last week's meet against Springfield Country Club with a time of 2:07.82, and they broke their own record at Saturday's meet against Trump National, dropping the time to 2:05.25.

Micaela Grassi broke three River Bend records, setting marks in the 13-14 girls' 50 free (29.18), 50 back (33.34) and 50 fly (31.19). Pearce Bloom broke the 15-18 boys' 50M fly record (28.15).

Winning four events each for River Bend: Micaela Grassi, Will Koeppen and Ryan Windus.

Haley Smith and Sarah Allen each won three events. Pearce Bloom, Jake Geoghegan and Aiden Bond each won two events.

Other first-place finishers for River Bend include: Davis Riffe, Faith O'Connor, Ryan Bond, Eliza Pastore, Anna Takis and Connor Smith.

## Langley Wildthings



**The River Bend Stingrays boys' 15-18 200 medley relay team of Julian Villacorta, Tommy Rogers, Pearce Bloom and Carter Bennett (pictured left) broke a 32-year-old River Bend record — and then broke it again in Dominion Country Club League action.**

## Start 2013 Season Strong

The Langley Wildthings went into the 2013 NVSL swim team season with high expectations, having moved to Division 4 this year following an undefeated season in 2012. A decisive first meet win over Sully Station II, 235.5-184.5, proved that the Wildthings are contenders in this new division.

Langley double first-place ribbons went to: Luke Watson for boys' 8&Under 25M freestyle and butterfly; Vincent Watson for boys' 9-10 50M freestyle and 25M butterfly; Maggie Bellaschi for girls' 11-12 50M freestyle and butterfly; Jinwon Bailar for boys' 13-14 50M freestyle and breaststroke; and Schuyler Bailar for girls' 50M breast-

stroke and butterfly.

Individual race winners were: Emily Wallach (girls' 13-14 freestyle); Peter Kaldes (boys' 8&Under 25M backstroke); Anna Derringer (girls' 8&Under 25M backstroke); Matthew Buchanan boys' 9-10 50M backstroke); Audrey Wallach (girls' 9-10 50M backstroke); Adair Sand (girls' 11-12 50M backstroke); Kelly Crittenden (boys' 8&Under 25M breaststroke); Ellie Ryan (girls' 11-12 50M backstroke); Jack Reilly (boys' 15&Up 50M breaststroke) and Addison Collins (girls' 9-10 25M butterfly).

Wildthings relay team winners were: Luke Watson, Ryan Jones, Tavian Jones, Brady Quinn (Boys 8&Under 100M freestyle); Matthew Buchanan, Sean Mullery, Vincent Watson, Kevin Kaldes (boys' 9-10 100M medley); Kate Walter, Liliana Schone, Audrey Wallach, Izzy Schone (girls' 9-10

100M medley); Adair Sand, Ellie Ryan, Maggie Bellaschi, Lucy DuBois (girls' 11-12 100M medley); Derrick Proxmire, Jinwon Bailar, Duncan Proxmire, Zach's Thompson (boys' 13-14 100M medley); Katie Robinson, Schuyler Bailar, Kat Owczarski, Megan McCreary (girls' 15&Up 200M medley); Jack Hoeymans, Vincent Watson, Jinwon Bailar, Jack Reilly (boys' 18&Under 200M freestyle mixed age); and Bellaschi, Audrey Wallach, Emily Wallach, Schuyler Bailar (girls' 18& Under 200M freestyle mixed age).

One Langley Club record was broken by Nathan Johnson. His time of 30.18 seconds in the boys' 15&Up 50M backstroke broke the previous record of 30.40, set in 2006.

The Langley Wildthings are thrilled to welcome back last year's coaches, Mason Walsh, Sam Speers and Will Brumas, who were the driving force behind last year's success.

## Kent Gardens Beats Mill Estates

The Kent Gardens Dolphins hosted the Fox Mill Estates Foxes in a Division 11 matchup in McLean Saturday morning, with the Dolphins coming out on top, 233-187.

Kent Gardens' 10-year-old Flavia Carcani set two pool records this opening weekend, shaving 2 seconds off her own record in the 50 freestyle and breaking a record that had stood for 10 years in the 50-yard backstroke.

Other multiple-event winners on Saturday included Carcani's older sister, Fiona Carcani, 11 (free and 13&14 fly), Connor Carroll, 12 (free and fly), Louis Tucker, 12 (back and breast), Niko Woltman, 14 (free and fly), and Marek Bauer, 15 (breaststroke and fly).

# Rapids Challenged to Continue Success in 2013

**Great Falls' move to NVSL Division 5 presents new challenges for last year's undefeated squad.**

BY ANDREW MINER  
THE CONNECTION

The opening meet of the Northern Virginia Swim League season for the Great Falls Rapids provided the adversity that they never faced once last year. A 280-140 loss to the Cardinal Hill Cardinals has put an early blemish to the season; however, Great Falls expects to come back strong.

The Rapids finished the 2012 NVSL season as Division 8 champions. They achieved perfection, piling up five wins through the average grueling schedule against some of the best competition in the state.

Then they were moved up three divisions to Division 5 for this 2013 NVSL season due to last year's success. Their

undefeated record, however, was far from unprecedented. The Rapids also went 5-0 in Division 13 in 2009.

Their Division 5 competition put up strong records from a year ago, which includes Cardinal Hill, 3-2 in Division 5, Sully Station, 2-3 in Division 5, Popular Heights, 5-0 in Division 7, and both Pinecrest and Mosby Woods moved down from Division 4, going 2-3 and 1-4 respectively. Great Falls has yet another challenge via league scheduling as only two of those five meets are at home.

The Rapids accomplishments last season were largely in part due to the relays: both the medleys as well as mixed aged. Great Falls won the carnival relay in 2011 and nearly repeated last year. In order to have success again in a far superior division, the Rapids will need to find success in the re-

lay portions of their A meets.

The jump in divisions is not the only change that the Rapids will experience this season as the new season brings about the annual age group changes from the year prior. These changes are usually met with anticipation as swimmers aging up look forward to compete with the older swimmers with faster times, while those staying the same expect to dominate their field. The coaches are expected and responsible to help their kids adjust to the changes.

Last years' head coach Alex Williams will not return for another Rapid run after graduating from George Mason University this past spring. Instead, assistant coach James Cutler returns alongside new head coach Brittany Volke, who previously swam for the Machine Aquatics national

team. Allie Zeidan is also back as an assistant coach this year after her freshman year swimming for Rhodes University, a Division III school in Memphis, Tenn.

The main swimmer to watch for the Rapids is Will Kemmerer, a rising senior who also swims for the Langley Saxons. Kemmerer shattered Great Falls' records last season, yet there is a drop off in Great Falls' boys' 15-18 age group after him. The next-fastest swimmer, depending on which event, is potentially rising Langley sophomore Nick Omsberg, who ages up into the high school group this summer. Other fast swimmers who were double-event winners on a regular basis last year are: Steven and Megan Jungers, Paige Hall, Will Long and Sophie and Charlotte Smith.



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| • Summer Company I (Ballet and Contemporary) |            | M-F    | July 8-12     | 5-8pm   | Rouiller     |
| • Summer Co II (Modern Intro.)               |            | M-F    | July 15-19    | 4-7pm   | Beery        |
| • Summer Co.III (Ballet and Contemporary)    |            | M-F    | July 22- 26   | 5-8pm   | Rouiller     |
| • Summer Co. IV (Ballet and Contemporary)    |            | M-F    | July 29-Aug 2 | 11-2pm  | D'Alessandro |
| • Summer Company V (Broadway)                |            | M-F    | Aug. 5-9      | 11-2pm  | D'Alessandro |
| • Summer Company VI (Pointe and Variations)  |            | M-F    | Aug. 12-16    | 11-2 pm | O'Banion     |
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