

In King's Honor

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The Chantilly Pyramid Minority Student Achievement Committee held its 20th annual Martin Luther King Festival, Jan. 12, at Westfield High. Lees Corner Elementary sixth-grader Ricky McGlothin reads excerpts from Martin Luther King's speeches during Sunday's festival in King's honor.



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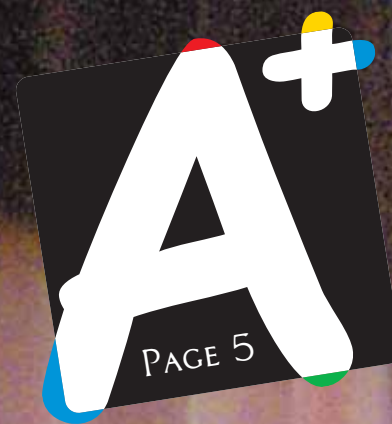
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Gerhard Honored as Officer of Month

As the Sully District Police Station's crime-prevention officer, PFC Tara Gerhard normally knows in advance who'll be honored as the station's Officer of the Month at Citizens Advisory Committee meetings.

But until the Jan. 8 meeting began, that name was kept under wraps. That's because the person honored last Wednesday was she. Capt. Ed O'Carroll, the station commander, presented a certificate to Gerhard and praised her while he did.

"There are several key positions that truly support the mission of a district station, and I'm fortunate to work with [such outstanding] staff here on a multitude of issues," he said. "One key player that makes this station truly excel is our crime-prevention officer."

O'Carroll said working with Gerhard is "truly remarkable. She's on the front line and has started unique initiatives for the station, such as the Touch a Truck program [for children]. She's also out engaging the community and involved in things such as Neighborhood Watch."

— BONNIE HOBBS



BONNIE HOBBS/CENTRE VIEW

PFC Tara Gerhard receives her award from Capt. Ed O'Carroll.

ROUNDUPS

Crime Solvers Needs Help

Fairfax County Crime Solvers is seeking the public's help in identifying whoever broke into a construction building and trailers in Chantilly and stole at least \$15,000 in copper wire and caused about \$60,000 in damage to the structures. Other items were also taken from inside the trailers.

According to police, the incident occurred during the overnight hours between Friday, Dec. 20, and Saturday, Dec. 21 at 6 a.m. An investigation determined that the suspect(s) forced entry into the construction building and three trailers in the 4300 block of Blue Spring Drive.

Anyone with information about these thefts is asked to contact Crime Solvers at 1-866-411-TIPS(8477), e-mail at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org or text "TIP187" plus a message to CRIMES(274637). A \$100 to \$1,000 cash reward will be paid for information leading to an arrest. Callers never have to give their names or appear in court.

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, Jan. 16, from 5-8:30 p.m., at the station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. No appointment is necessary. But residents should install the

child safety seats themselves so technicians may properly inspect and adjust them, as needed.

However, because of time constraints, only the first 35 vehicles arriving on each date will be inspected. That way, inspectors may have enough time to properly instruct the caregiver on the correct use of the child seat. Call 703-814-7000, ext. 5140, to confirm dates and times.

CORRECTION

In last week's publication of "Chantilly High Students Win State-wide Teen Stylin' Awards," the last two paragraphs were obscured. The story should have concluded with:

Mia Rickenbach was the winner of the Best Interpretation of a Work of Art and was awarded a trip to New York City as her prize. Diana Tsoy was runner-up in the Best Interpretation of a Work of Art and received a Fashion Designer Portfolio Kit. Both students' creations will remain on display at the VMFA through the end of January.

"It was all quite impressive," said Chantilly Art Department Chairman Donna Sinclair. "I was very proud of them both; they worked very hard to create their work and have it ready on time." In addition, Mia is a member and Diana is an officer of the National Art Honor Society."



Walney Road Bridge over Flatlick Branch Fairfax County

Environmental Document Available for Review

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has prepared an environmental document on the proposed bridge rehabilitation on Walney Rd, Rt 657, over Flatlick Branch.

A Categorical Exclusion (CE), National Environmental Policy Act document, has been prepared to evaluate the environmental impacts of replacing and widening the 70-foot-long Walney Road bridge over Flatlick Branch in Fairfax County.

Review the CE that was prepared in accordance with the Federal Highway Administration's Environmental Impact and Related Procedures (23 CFR 771). The CE is available for your review and comment at the VDOT Northern Virginia District Office located at 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, Virginia, 22030. Please call ahead at 800-FOR-ROAD (800-367-7623) or TTTY/TD 711 to ensure the availability of appropriate personnel to answer your questions.

In compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 and 36 CFR Part 800, information concerning the potential effects of the proposed improvements on properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places are included in the environmental documentation. In addition, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has made a *de minimis* finding for impacts to Flatlick Stream Valley Park.

Submit your comments to Mr. Steven Varner at the VDOT District Office address above on or prior to **February 3, 2014**. You may also e-mail comments to Steven.Varner@VDOT.Virginia.gov. Please reference "Walney Road Bridge Rehab" in the subject line. For additional information please contact Steve Varner at (703) 259-2424. Please view the proposed bridge plans, CE and Documentation of FHWA Review at www.virginiadot.org/projects.

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Board of Supervisors OKs Roundabout

VDOT can proceed with plans for controversial intersection.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

It's a go for the controversial roundabout planned for construction at the Braddock/Pleasant Valley roads intersection next to Cox Farms in Centreville. Tuesday morning, Jan. 14, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors endorsed Supervisor Michael R. Frey's (R-Sully) motion of "no opposition" to it, by an 8-2 vote.

"I know this hasn't been an easy project," said Board Chairman Sharon Bulova. "And I know the majority of the folks in favor of [it] are coming from Loudoun County but they're just trying to get to work."

Near the Fairfax/Loudoun border, that intersection regularly backs up at rush hour. So, at Loudoun's urging, VDOT plans to build a 105-foot circle to move vehicles through there more quickly. The \$4.1 million project is funded by Loudoun, state and federal money.

But many residents in nearby Centreville communities are adamantly opposed to it. Those living along Braddock and Pleasant Valley roads say they won't be able to get out of their streets due to the steady stream of Loudoun drivers on both roads. They say a roundabout would dramatically favor Loudoun residents, to the detriment of Fairfax drivers.

However, Frey says other Sully District residents have wanted that intersection



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VDOT's latest diagram of the proposed Braddock Valley/Pleasant Valley roads roundabout.

fixed for years. "At some point, you've got to build roads," he said. "More traffic's going to come on Braddock, no matter what — Loudoun County development plans call for it."

Still many local residents have a slew of concerns. "Just east of Braddock Road is the notorious S-curve," said Virginia Run's Ted

Trosciancki. "Improving that intersection puts more pressure on the other standard roads there, as well as on that curve."

He and others also believe this roundabout won't be needed, anyway, once the Route 50 widening is completed. And in recent months, they've made their feelings known to the supervisors.

In a Sept. 23, 2013 letter, Stella Koch, chairman of the county's Environmental Quality Advisory Council (EQAC), worried that a roundabout would affect the Rock Hill District Park, Mountain Road District Park and Ellick Preserve. She noted that wetlands are present in all three parks and that Rock Hill contains a "globally rare forested wetland community, plus two rare plant species that could be adversely affected by the project." She also expressed concern that "a receiving stream south of the proposed project could be negatively impacted by increased flows."

Residents also sent numerous e-mails to the supervisors this week, urging them to delay their decision until they had all the facts. On Jan. 11, engineer Cynthia Shang of the Pleasant Valley community explained why a roundabout would be a waste of money, contending that, by 2020, it would be overwhelmed by the traffic volume.

On Jan. 10, Trosciancki called the entire, public-information process "a fiasco," with information provided by VDOT "at the last minute and with a significant lack of transparency." He then implored the board to delay its decision and conduct a formal public hearing to "review all available information, ask questions and hear firsthand the concerns of your constituents." Only then will you be in a position to make an informed decision.

And on Jan. 12, speaking on behalf of more than 1,400 residents, Joseph Johnston, president of the Virginia Run

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Caring for People with Alzheimers, Dementia

Assisted-living facility proposed for Chantilly.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

As the number of senior citizens in Fairfax County continues to rise, so does the need for assisted-living facilities — and especially those focusing on people with Alzheimer's and dementia. That's why Artisan Land Group LLC wants to build just that in Chantilly.

It would be at 13622 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, off Downs Drive which runs alongside the Sunoco gas station on Route 50 west. And since assisted-living facilities require a special-exception permit, Artisan is seeking one from Fairfax County.

"I'm a big advocate for Alzheimer's and dementia care," said Artisan President and owner Sean Ambrose. "And I thought this would make an excellent site because I know the demographics and the tremendous need for senior care within Fairfax County."

He and land-use planner Lisa Chiblow presented details of the proposal during the Dec. 17 meeting of the West Fairfax County Citizens Association (WFCCA) Land-Use Committee. The six-and-one-half-acre site is zoned residential and is currently a vacant lot.

Planned is a one-story, residential-looking building that would face Route 50. Chiblow said traffic counts for this 48-unit facility would be less than if that site were developed with the 13 homes that could be constructed on it by right.

"We project the facility would generate 132 vehicle trips per day, but the houses would generate 161, so this would have a lower traffic impact," she said. "And the residents won't be traveling, so the only traffic will come from the employees."

Considered a "memory-care home," this one would be called The Arbors of Chantilly. Sully District Planning Commissioner John Litzenberger said it's "the third, senior-living application the county's gotten in the past year."

Added Ambrose: "It's staggering how many people are diagnosed with Alzheimer's or dementia, throughout the



Land-use planner Lisa Chiblow points out the entrance a fire engine would use, if necessary.

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county, every day."

Chiblow said the 35,000-square-foot facility would be compatible with the surrounding land uses, plus the abutting residential area. It'll have 69-percent open space and a large rain garden. But, she said, "We want a waiver to the transitional-screening requirement to the rear because

there'll be plantings within a 15-foot easement that's already there."

Noting that he's been in the assisted-living business for nearly 20 years, including as senior vice president of development with Sunrise Senior Living, Ambrose told the

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Supervisors Approve Roundabout

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Board of Trustees, said the “overwhelming majority of the western Fairfax County communities and residents affected by the roundabout are opposed to it.” He then listed several transportation, environmental and transparency concerns.

But the supervisors don’t hold public hearings on VDOT projects and, Tuesday morning, this one was greenlighted; It’s slated to begin in June and be finished in May 2016. Frey said he’ll follow it closely and “work with any impacted motorists and communities to address problems or issues that may arise during construction and once it’s operational.”

He told the board that intersection is “extremely substandard. There are no turn lanes, and the four-way stop signs have been failing for 10 years now. And to put in a traffic signal, you’d have to raise the road to solve the drainage problems.”

Frey said Loudoun drivers are trying to reach their jobs in the Westfields Corporate Center through Braddock. “I can’t tell Loudoun commuters to use Route 50, instead,” he said. “People use whatever road they can.”

He said all VDOT’s information has been made public and VDOT representative Bud Siegel and his staff have answered residents’ questions. And he said there’ve been “numerous redesign efforts” to minimize the impacts on the environment and on Cox Farms.

“It’s unfortunately become an ‘us against Loudoun County’ approach, but traffic knows no jurisdictional lines,” said Frey. He also said waiting to see how the widened Route 50 impacts Loudoun traffic would be “sticking our heads in the sand” — and all three other approaches [to Fairfax County] are still congested.” Additionally, since Paul VI High will be relocated to that area in the near future, he said, waiting makes no

sense.

County staff also weighed in. Jane Rosenbaum from the Department of Transportation listed items staff wants added to the project, in response to community comments. She said they’d coordinate with VDOT to develop a pedestrian and bicycle connection to Cox Farms from the neighborhood east of that intersection.

“Fixing the S-curve is a huge, separate project with many obstacles, but VDOT is looking into it — it’s very much needed,” said Rosenbaum. Noting residents’ concerns about being able to access Braddock, she said, “We’ll conduct a traffic study after the roundabout’s constructed.”

Co-worker Tom Bishadny said a traffic signal and turn lanes would take much more land and impact the surrounding parkland more, so the roundabout’s a “reasonable compromise.”

Frey said the county’s Comprehensive Plan recommends Braddock and Pleasant Valley be four-laned, so “this is a way to improve the intersection” without doing that.” He said the S-curve is solid rock, so “blasting it is a huge and expensive undertaking, but we can put it off for some time by fixing the intersection.”

Supervisor Linda Smyth (D-Providence) wondered where the increased stormwater runoff would go, with the addition of more pavement, but Siegel said it would be piped to an “adequate outfall.” And Frey said stormwater from the Mountain Road District Park, planned for active recreation, would be incorporated into this project.

Supervisor Penny Gross (D-Mason) was “troubled by the effects to the wetlands. Once they’re gone, they’re gone.” Both she and Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) voted against Frey’s motion.

Following the vote, Frey said, “Don’t build it and they won’t come’ has been proven wrong in this county for 40 years, and we’re not going to change it today.”

Assisted-living Facility Proposed

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panel, “I think this is a great opportunity for us here. We had the chance to go to two stories, but we kept it small. And we’re only using two out of the six acres.” Furthermore, he said, “The Arbors is a great company. It’s from Atlanta and has a very good reputation. The Arbor Company is focused on patient care and is on the cutting edge of technology to monitor the senior citizens’ conditions and help the staff take care of them. Locally, they’re managing a 120-unit project in Herndon, so I’m looking forward to working with them.”

Ambrose said the garden would be secured and so would the doors and windows. For example, he said, “When a window’s opened, a silent alarm will go off for the caregivers. And we’ll also have fencing going all around the property.” He also said the home’s atmosphere would be cheerful and pleasant. The kitchen, dining room and activity areas would all be open spaces “with lots of windows letting in sunlight.”

Remarking that English isn’t the first language for many health-care workers nowadays, the WFCCA’s Judy Heisinger was concerned about the staff’s training and “their ability to speak English and be understood by the residents.”

But, replied Ambrose, “I know the Arbor team, and what really matters to them is the care the residents and families get. They realize that communication is important.”

Land-Use Chairman Jim Katcham asked about the patient-to-employee ratio. “In this field, it typically averages seven to nine patients to staff and more [staff] for memory-care patients,” said Ambrose. “Generally, there are 18 staff members — including an RN and an LPN — working staggered hours, but not all of them are caregivers. There’s a full- and part-time activities director, with five to six activities every day.”

If the facility has 100-percent occupancy,

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Chantilly Robotics Student Testifies Before Congress

Explains value of STEM program.

Chantilly High senior Brian Morris, CEO of Chantilly Robotics Team 612, testified in Washington, D.C., last Thursday, Jan. 9. He spoke before the Committee on Science, Space and Technology, Subcommittee on Research and Technology, of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Robotics Team 612 is a Chantilly Academy competitive team that inspires and prepares students to become the technological leaders of tomorrow. Morris was invited to testify at the hearing titled "Private Sector Programs that Engage Students in STEM."

It was held to review STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) education initiatives developed and conducted by private organizations to learn what these organizations, plus industry, is doing to support STEM education and to ensure the federal government can leverage, not duplicate, these initiatives.

Morris spoke to the committee about his experience participating in FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) programs. "It has challenged and trained me in ways normal classroom



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Chantilly Robotics Team 612 members talking with FIRST founder Dean Kamen at the House Research and Technology Subcommittee hearings. (From left) are Team 612 Mentor Dave Masters, FIRST founder Dean Kamen, Chantilly Robotics CEO Brian Morris and Joe Franke.

schooling never has," he said. "And because of FIRST, I feel more prepared to face the challenges and obstacles of the 'real world' than I ever imagined I would."

"FIRST isn't just about the competition," continued Morris. "It's also about the learning and life experiences of being on a team,

working with technology, solving problems and inspiring others to do the same. I've learned invaluable technical skills, as well as how to manage and lead large groups."

Fellow senior Elanna Crew, who's legally blind, told the committee, "I could never play sports and I never seemed to fit in with



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Brian Morris, CEO of Chantilly Robotics Team 612, testifying before the U.S. House Subcommittee on Research and Technology.

any other groups, clubs or teams. Because of the confidence that robotics gave me, I'm now looking to go to college to become a teacher at a school for blind students. It's the best thing I've ever done for myself, and it's a decision I will never regret."

Chantilly's Robotics Team 612 is student-run and has more than 150 members. As a FIRST Robotics team, it vies with high-school students nationwide to design, build, program and test a robot in only six weeks and then compete in a three-day tournament. Besides being team CEO, Morris also participates in technical theater and is a math and science tutor.

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OPINION

From Late Night Comedy to Your Bedroom

Why the General Assembly matters more in Virginia than most states.

The Virginia General Assembly began its annual session last week on Jan. 8. The actions of the Virginia General Assembly matter more to localities than it would in many other states. In Virginia, localities have only the power specifically granted by the General Assembly, the Dillon rule.

So, for example, Montgomery County and Prince Georges County in Maryland recently voted to increase the minimum wage in those localities. They didn't need permission from Maryland General Assembly to do so. Arlington and Alexandria might be inclined to follow suit (the District government also voted to increase the minimum wage) but do not have that power.

The General Assembly limits how localities can raise revenue, what kinds of traffic regulations they can implement, whether they can control where guns are allowed, whether school districts can begin classes before Labor Day, and much more.

Fairfax, Arlington and Alexandria sent their members of the Northern Virginia delegation of state senators, all Democrats, and delegates, overwhelmingly Democrats (13-5), to Richmond, where the House of Delegates is overwhelming Republican and control of the Senate is still up in the air pending special elections.

Del. Ken Plum (D-36) filed HB536 which would "increase the minimum wage from its current federally mandated level of \$7.25 per hour to \$8.25 per hour effective July 1, 2014, and to \$9.25 per hour effective July 1, 2015, unless a higher minimum wage is required by the federal Fair Labor Standards Act." It isn't likely to see the light of day.

Anyone can watch the Virginia House of Delegates or Senate on streaming video when either is in session, and the Virginia General Assembly proved last year that it can be worthy of national attention for entertainment. It

is in fact well worth tuning in once or twice or more. Visit <http://viriniageneralassembly.gov/> and click on "members and session," and see the "quick links" section for video links.

Legislators will consider literally thousands of bills between now and March 8.

Some quite random examples of proposed legislation from local delegates and senators:

❖ Del. Dave Albo (R-42): Driving while intoxicated; refusal of blood or breath tests. This bill would allow a person who has been arrested for driving while intoxicated and who has refused to submit to a blood or breath test be given another opportunity to consent to testing after the arresting officer has advised the person of the consequences of his refusal.

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❖ Del. David Bulova (D-37): One bill would allow the employment of lights for the observation of deer (spotlighting) for certain activities authorized by the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. Another would provide that property used in connection with certain crimes associated with human trafficking is subject to forfeiture to the Commonwealth.

❖ Del. Scott Surovell (D-44) has propose the repeal of last year's hybrid tax, plus a bill that would place a cap on the compensation that may be paid to a special counsel appointed to handle certain legal matters where it would be improper or uneconomical for the Attorney General, or the Attorney General is unable, to handle such matters. That cap would be the same as allowed for a court appointed attorney, a very small amount.

❖ Del Barbara Comstock (R-34) proposes to allow local school districts to set their own calendars. Another bill would include non-motor vehicles including bicycles among vehicles that any driver must not tailgate. Another would require most state colleges and universities to allocate 75 percent of their slots for in-state students by 2019-2020 school year.

❖ Del. Patrick Hope (D-47) proposes to prohibit firearms on the floor of the House of Delegates. Another bill would require public institutions of higher learning in Virginia to provide a dedicated page on its website to information on mental health resources available to students.

❖ Del. Rob Krupicka (D-45) proposes that

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an unexpired Virginia driver's license remains valid for purposes of voter identification at the polls notwithstanding the fact that it has been suspended or revoked under certain circumstances. Another bill would clarify that vehicles must stop to allow pedestrians to cross highways at marked crosswalks.

❖ Del. Jim LeMunyon (R-67) proposes an amendment to the U.S. Constitution; "Makes application to the U.S. Congress to call a constitutional convention for the purpose of proposing a constitutional amendment that pertains to the subject of balancing the federal budget."

❖ Del. Kaye Kory (D-38) also proposes to allow local school districts to set their own calendar and to repeal the hybrid tax. Another bill would clarify a law which prohibits a person from overtaking or passing another vehicle stopped at a marked or unmarked crosswalk at an intersection when a pedestrian is present.

❖ Del. Alfonso Lopez (D-49) proposes a Virginia version of the Dream Act, allowing in-state tuition for students who came to the U.S. as children without documentation when certain conditions are met.

❖ Del. Mark Sickles (D-43) proposes to create the Virginia Health Benefit Exchange, which will be established and operated by a new division within the State Corporation Commission.

❖ Sen. Adam Ebbin (D-30) proposes the repeal of the constitutional amendment dealing with marriage that was approved by referendum at the November 2006 election.

❖ Sen. Dave Marsden (D-37) would make it a Class 1 misdemeanor for the owner of a website to both post an arrest photo and solicit, request, or accept money for removing the photograph.

❖ Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34) proposes to require drivers and passengers to wait for a reasonable opportunity to open vehicle doors on the side adjacent to moving traffic, an effort to prevent the "dooring" of bicyclists.

Offended By Comments

To the Editor:

The following open letter was addressed to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

First, I would like to thank (most of) you for your consideration in this matter. Special thanks to Supervisors Gross and Hudgins for opposing the motion, presumably because they recognized that there are still outstanding questions and issues regarding the project and they lacked sufficient information to support the motion. I also wish

to acknowledge Supervisor Smyth for seeking clarification on the question of storm water management.

I watched the video stream of the meeting in real time and feel compelled to share my observations of the proceedings.

First, I found Supervisor Frey's comments generally dismissive of the opposing concerns and viewpoints of his constituents. I found his remarks offensive regarding the comment in a letter from the board president of the Sully Station HOA - "Route 50 is the designated route for Loudoun com-

muter traffic." Although the phraseology used in the letter may have been incorrect, VDOT is spending \$100 million on the Route 50 widening project and the primary purpose for the project is to improve east-west traffic flow to/from Loudoun County and the arteries and work centers to the east, so one could conclude that the intent is to channel Loudoun traffic through this improved corridor. Supervisor Frey elected to make a joke out of it. I can assure you sir that we don't think any of this is particularly funny. We take protecting the quality of life in

western Fairfax very seriously. To call out and treat this item in this fashion was very inappropriate.

Second, I was particularly offended with remarks that were made regarding Mr. Jim Hart. No one works harder for this community (to the benefit of all of Fairfax County) than Jim Hart. To single him out, in a public forum with no opportunity for rebuttal was extremely inappropriate.

Finally, Supervisor Frey continues to minimize the volume of residents that oppose this project as well as their viewpoint and

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Super Science Saturdays. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. the second Saturday of each month at the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center, 14390 Air & Space Museum Parkway. Visit <http://airandspace.si.edu/udvarhazy>.

Exhibit. See an array of colorful nesting dolls on display at Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Exhibit runs through Jan. 31. Enjoy a guided tour of the 1794 home of Northern Virginia's first congressman, Richard Bland Lee. \$7/adult; \$6/student; \$5/senior and child. Hours are daily, except Tuesdays, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. 703-437-1794.

Art Exhibit. See "Songs of the Shore," archival inkjet prints by Chantilly resident Peter Toth in the Margaret W. and Joseph L. Fisher Art Gallery, of the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St. Runs Feb. 7 through March 16. Visit www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/gallery.html for more.

THURSDAY/JAN. 16

Book Club. 7:30 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. For children in grades 5-6. Call for title. Free. 703-502-3883.

FRIDAY/JAN. 17

Ready for School Storytime. 1:30 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children ages 4-5 can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-502-3883.

Home & Remodeling Show. 10 a.m.-9 p.m. at Dulles Expo Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center Drive, Chantilly. More than 300 companies will be on hand to showcase the latest products and services in home remodeling, redesign and renovations. There will be seminars and more. \$7/online or \$10/door for adults; \$3/child age 6-12; children 5 and under are free. Visit www.homeandremodelingshow.com for more.

SATURDAY/JAN. 18

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Garden Talk. 10 a.m. at Merrifield Garden Center. Discuss orchids with Jonathan Kavalier. Free. Visit www.merrifieldgardencenter.com/Gardening-Seminars for more.

SUNDAY/JAN. 19

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MONDAY/JAN. 20

Fairfax County Libraries Closed.

Asian American Day of Service.

4:30-7 p.m. at Clay Cafe Chantilly, 13894 Metrotech Drive, Chantilly. Help decorate a ceramic bowl that will be donated to Our Daily Bread of Fairfax's annual Empty Bowls event. Hosted by Jade Philanthropy Society. Visit www.jadephilanthropy.org or www.odbfairfax.org for more.

TUESDAY/JAN. 21

Toddlin' Twos. 10:30 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children age 2 can enjoy stories and activities. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

Storytime for Three to Fives. 1:30 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children age 3-5 can enjoy stories and more. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

Starlight Storytime. 7 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Children of all ages can wear pajamas and bring a favorite stuffed friend and enjoy stories and fun. Free. Registration required. 703-830-2223.

WEDNESDAY/JAN. 22

Read, Build, Play. Duplo Story Time. 10:30 a.m. at Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children ages 18-36 months can enjoy stories and more. Free. Registration required, 703-502-3883.

Time for Tots. 11 a.m. at Centreville Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Children ages 2-3 can enjoy stories and activities. Free. 703-830-2223.

Bouncin' Babies. 3 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Babies up to 11 months can enjoy rhymes, songs, stories and more. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

Small Wonders. 4 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children ages 12-23 months can enjoy rhymes, songs and more. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

THURSDAY/JAN. 23

Toddlin' Twos. 10:30 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children age 2 can enjoy stories and activities. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

Storytime for Three to Fives. 2 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children age 3-5 can enjoy stories and more. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

Magic and Mayhem. 7 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Girls and boys in grades 6-8 can participate in this sci-fi/fantasy book group. Call for title. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

Preview Party. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Mrs. Green's Natural Market, 12995 Fair Lakes Shopping Center, Fairfax. Enjoy free tastings, live music, giveaways and children's activities. Free. Visit mrsgreens.com for more.

FRIDAY/JAN. 24

Sugarloaf Crafts Festival. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Dulles Expo Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center Drive, Chantilly. Browse sculpture, glass, fashion, wood, leather and more from more than 250 American artists. There will also be music,

demonstrations, food vendors, children's activities and more. \$8/online or \$10/door for adults; children under 12 are free; parking is free. Admission is valid all three days. Visit www.sugarloafcrafter.com or 800-210-9900.

Bouncin' Babies. 3 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Babies up to 11 months can enjoy rhymes, songs, stories and more. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

Small Wonders. 4 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children ages 12-23 months can enjoy rhymes, songs and more. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

SATURDAY/JAN. 25

Sugarloaf Crafts Festival. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Dulles Expo Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center Drive, Chantilly. Browse sculpture, glass, fashion, wood, leather and more from more than 250 American artists. There will also be music, demonstrations, food vendors, children's activities and more. \$8/online or \$10/door for adults; children under 12 are free; parking is free. Admission is valid all three days. Visit www.sugarloafcrafter.com or 800-210-9900.

SUNDAY/JAN. 26

Sugarloaf Crafts Festival. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Dulles Expo Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center Drive, Chantilly. Browse sculpture, glass, fashion, wood, leather and more from more than 250 American artists. There will also be music, demonstrations, food vendors, children's activities and more. \$8/online or \$10/door for adults; children under 12 are free; parking is free. Admission is valid all three days. Visit www.sugarloafcrafter.com or 800-210-9900.

Peaceful Paws. 10:30 a.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children on the autism spectrum or with other developmental challenges meet and read to a trained therapy dog Dakota, a gentle giant Bernese Mountain dog. Reading is not required, but can read from a library book or already owned one. Free. Registration required, 703-502-3883.

Paws for Reading. 3 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children ages 5-12 can meet and read to a trained therapy dog. They can read from a library book or already owned one. Free. Registration required, 703-502-3883.

MONDAY/JAN. 27

Bouncin' Babies. 10:30 a.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Babies up to 11 months can enjoy rhymes, songs, stories and more. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

Small Wonders. 11:30 a.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children ages 12-23 months can enjoy rhymes, songs and more. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

Sully Book Club. 1 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Discuss "An American Hero" by Michael Korda. Free. 703-830-2223.

Book Buddies. 2:15 p.m. at Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children in grades 1-2 can discuss a book. Free. 703-502-3883 for title.

Afternoon Adventures: Celebrate the Chinese New Year. 3 p.m. at Centreville Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Children ages 6-12 enjoy food and crafts about the Chinese New Year. Free. Registration required, 703-830-2223.

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Westfield High's Step team performs.

Honoring Martin Luther King Jr.

The Chantilly Pyramid Minority Student Achievement Committee (CPMSAC) held its 20th annual Martin Luther King Festival, Jan. 12, at Westfield High. "This is a celebration of talent, diversity, unity and peace," said Westfield Principal Tim Thomas. CPMSAC President Johnny Nelson hoped it would inspire audience members to live King's dream.



Chantilly High grad and gospel singer Edward Brient sings "Amazing Grace."



Naomi Schick directs Franklin Middle's Advanced Women's Choir, singing "I Dream a World."



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Greenbriar East's Charles Wolfer, also of the Children's Chorus of Washington, sings, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel."



Praise in Movement dances to "Break Every Chain."



Colin Powell Elementary's Puma Choir sings, "It Starts with Me."



Siblings Sophia and James Mau, of Rocky Run Middle and Greenbriar East Elementary, respectively, perform "We Shall Overcome."



Evan Ayars directs Chantilly High chorus members singing "Ashokan Farewell."

SPORTS

Chantilly Gymnastics Places Second At Oakton Meet

The Chantilly gymnastics team finished runner-up during a Jan. 9 meet at Oakton High School.

The Chargers posted a score of 128.375, finishing behind first-place Oakton (129.625). South County finished third (118.225), followed by Langley (114.65), Hayfield (102.575) and West Springfield (97.55).

SPORTS BRIEFS Chantilly's Elise Mazzone placed second in the all-around with a score of 33.4.

Oakton's Natalie Weaver won the competition with a score of 34.625.

Mazzone finished first on floor (9.4), placed second on vault (8.625), third on beam (8.45) and 11th on bars (6.925).

Chantilly's Sara Laiti placed third on bars (8.4) and fourth on beam (8.3). Lucy Klene tied for third on vault (8.6).

Chantilly will host a meet on Jan. 22.



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/CENTRE VIEW

The Chantilly gymnastics team placed second at a Jan. 9 meet at Oakton High School.

Chantilly Girls' Basketball Edges Centreville

The Chantilly girls' basketball team beat Centreville 46-45 on Jan. 10. Chantilly defeated Herndon 51-29 on Jan. 14, improving its record to 10-2.

The Chargers will host Robinson at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 17.

Centreville beat West Potomac on Monday and Westfield on Tuesday to improve to 12-2.

The Wildcats will host Oakton at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 17.

Chantilly Boys' Basketball Beats Centreville

The Chantilly boys' basketball team thumped Centreville 66-41 on Jan. 10.

Chantilly lost to Herndon on Tuesday, dropping its record to 6-6.

The Chargers will host Yorktown at 7:45 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 16.

NEWS

Assisted-living Facility Proposed

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he said, it would have 54 patients. "But typically, it would be less," said Ambrose. "The ratio [of staff to residents] will depend on the acuity of the residents. But this is The Arbors's reputation and how they've continued to grow, so patient care is very important to them." "I don't think you'll have trouble filling it," said Heisinger.

Agreeing, Ambrose said, "I'm already trying to find another good site right now because the need seems to be incredible."

As part of the special-exception process, Chiblow said the applicant will go before the county's Health Advisory Board. She also disclosed that the Chantilly property contains an unmarked grave and that investigation revealed it to be of a man named James Davis who died in 1863. "We don't know if he's been relocated," she said. "We did an archaeological study and an archaeologist will make sure the grave's not disturbed during construction."

However, At-Large Planning Commissioner Jim Hart won-



An artist's rendition of the assisted-living facility proposed for construction in Chantilly.

dered, "If one grave was found, if there might be other ones that haven't yet been found."

Chiblow said they already notified the neighbors about their plans to build an assisted-living facility. Ambrose said it'll be raised up a little higher than Route 50 and "we're going to try to buffer

the noise. We'll also landscape it so it'll look nice."

He said the proposal hadn't yet been submitted to county staff. "We wanted to come and present this to you first," he told the WFCCA. "We plan to file in January and will return here after we get some feedback from staff."

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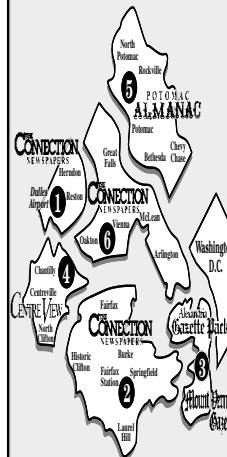
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The proposed revision is available for review on the Town website at <http://clifton-va.com/TownCode.pdf> under the Town Council/Legislation drop-down menu. A hard copy may be examined at the Clifton Post Office, 12644 Chapel Road, Clifton, Virginia. All interested parties are encouraged to attend the Public Hearing to express their views with respect to the proposed amendment and revision of the Signs section of the Zoning Ordinance.

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Change in Owners



NAI KLNБ, in conjunction with C-III Realty Services, LLC, has brokered the sale of Wynwood I and II, a two-building portfolio containing approximately 88,000 square feet of office space

within the Chantilly sub-market of Fairfax County for \$5.62 million. Kevin Goeller, Chris Kubler and Josh Simon of NAI KLNБ represented the seller, US Bank National Association, Trustee for Series 2007-C4 and Larry Fitzgerald of Newmark Knight Grubb Frank represented the buyer, Chalmers Property Company. The property consists of Wynwood I, located at 5160 Parkstone Drive and is comprised of nearly 47,000 square feet of space, and Wynwood II, which contains approximately 41,000 square feet of space and is located at 5180 Parkstone Drive. Both structures were constructed in 1991. A parking lot is positioned adjacent to the portfolio which offers nearly 400 surface parking spaces. 5160 Parkstone Drive was designed with a central atrium and sky lights, with floor plates that can easily be multi-tenanted or leased to a corporate user looking for their own building.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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chooses to share information and spin the facts to suit his agenda (and we are still trying to figure out what that is). The fact that he was given the floor to deliver his perspective on the project with no opportunity for others to deliver opposing viewpoints is the reason why there was an outcry for a public hearing. The handling of this item in this fashion by the Board of Supervisors was a disservice to the residents of western Fairfax and a disservice to Fairfax County residents as a whole.

I've lived in Fairfax County for the better part of 25 years and I love it here (not moving anytime soon) but the entire process associated with this project — the political motivation, the lack of transparency, the total disregard of the concerns of the residents of western Fairfax County by its elected supervisor — has shaken my confidence in the public process.

But like I said, I'm not going anywhere so instead I will work to affect change so that this doesn't happen again without reasonable and proper public involvement.

Ted Troscianeki
Centreville

and blessings be upon him) too explained, "All of you are equal ... an Arab possesses no superiority over the non-Arab, nor does a non-Arab over an Arab."

It is quite a beautiful thing to see equality being fought for throughout the past by different people. Equality is a universal principle that is demanded by all no matter what your race or religion may be. What is sad is that some of us may not remember the message of equality brought to us. The message is still the same no matter who you hear it from. Brotherhood and equality for all mankind is what will keep humanity as one. As spoken by Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him), we are all one and equal. But in case you may forget, the time to remember equality and brotherhood is now. In the words of Dr. King, "Now is the time to make justice a reality for all of God's children."

Saira Bhatti
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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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Reflecting on Martin Luther King Day

To the Editor:

The concepts of brotherhood and equality were ones Martin Luther King Jr. fought for as a civil rights activist. These fights for racial equality and brotherhood have been fought for throughout history, like apartheid in South Africa. However, many may not know that around 1500 years ago in the dusty deserts of Arabia, an edict had already been raised promoting racial equality and brotherhood. Prophet Muhammad (peace

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MONDAYS/JAN. 13-MARCH 31

Conversational English. 7:30-9 p.m. at Chantilly Bible Church, 4390 Pleasant Valley Road, Chantilly. There are four levels: beginning, basic, intermediate, and advanced. There is also a citizenship class. This is the eighth year church members have offered this free program. Childcare provided. Call 703-263-1188, ext. 15.

THURSDAY/JAN. 16

Food Assistance. 10 a.m. at Dominion Virginia Power, 3072 Centreville Rd., Herndon. Assistance League of Northern Virginia will pack food its Weekend Food for Kids Program. Help package food for children who need nutritious food on weekends. Email ALNorthernVA@yahoo.com or visit www.northernvirginia.assistanceleague.org.

Support Group. 7-8:30 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germaine Drive. For people who have lost a loved one within the past two years. Free. E-mail kttyner@capitalcaring.org

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SUNDAY/JAN. 19

Program. 3-5 p.m. at Clifton Community Hall, 12641 Chapel Road, Clifton. "Our Children: Fostering, Mentoring and Adoption in Virginia." Visit <http://www.democraticwomenofclifton.org>.

MONDAY/JAN. 20

Centreville Garden Club Meeting. 7 p.m. at Sully Government Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. "Bugs, the Good, the Bad and the Ugly" by Robin Jenks. Learn more at centrevillegardenclub.blogspot.com or email centrevillegardenclub@gmail.com. 703-830-2942.

WEDNESDAY/JAN. 22

Fairfax County Park Authority Board Meeting. 7:30 p.m. in the Herrity Building, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Free. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/boardagn2.htm for meeting materials, archives and more. For more information contact the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662.

Meeting. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Wyndham Garden Hotel, 10800 Vandor Lane, Manassas. Learn about the proposed

expansion of I-66 from the Beltway to Prince William County. Free. Visit www.virginiadot.org/projects/northernvirginia/i66_eis.asp for more.

SATURDAY/JAN. 25

Coffee at the Barre. 9-10:30 a.m. at Studio BE Pilates, 11881 Grand Commons Ave., Fairfax. Take a Booty Barre class, followed by a meet and greet coffee break. Register by e-mailing info@studiobepilates.com or 703-222-0122.

FRIDAY/JAN. 31

Application Deadline. Juniors at Herndon, Chantilly and Westfield high schools who are in good standing and have an interest in history are encouraged to apply for this paid nine-month internship that runs April through December 2014. Up to three interns will be hired. Participants will gain experience in museum operations, public speaking, historic object collections, event programming and museum store and visitor center operations. Sully Historic Site, which is owned and operated by the Fairfax County Park Authority, will begin accepting applications for this internship program in December 2013.

Candidates will be asked to provide a completed application, written essay, and teacher recommendations by January 31, 2014 for panel review. Email Carol McDonnell, site manager at Sully Historic Site (carol.mcdonnell@fairfaxcounty.gov) or Noreen McCann, visitor services manager (noreen.mccann@fairfaxcounty.gov). 703-437-1794.

SATURDAY/FEB. 1

Safe Sitter Course. Children 11-13 years old can learn how to handle crises, how to keep their charges secure and how to nurture and guide a young child. Located at Temple Beth Torah, 4212-C Technology Court, Chantilly. Pre-registration required. E-mail safesitter@gmail.com or visit tysonscornerkiwanis.org to register.

THURSDAY/FEB. 6

Support Group. 7-8:30 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germaine Drive. For people who have lost a loved one within the past two years. Free. E-mail kttyner@capitalcaring.org or 703-396-6198.

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SATURDAY/FEB. 22

Free Parent Education Seminar. 9-1:30 a.m. at Montessori of Chantilly - Casa Dei Bambini, 4212F Technology Court, Chantilly. Learn about the impact of screen-time and technology on children. Visit www.mcdcb.com or 703-961-0211.

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