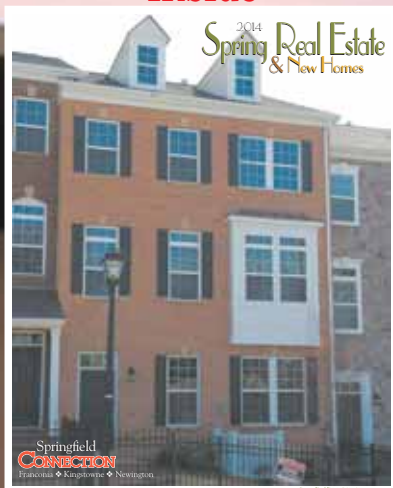


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Junior Barbara Lawson plays Catherine "Babe" Williams in the upcoming spring musical, "The Pajama Game," at West Springfield High School. Here, Lawson practices at one of many afterschool rehearsals.

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# 30 Years in Prison for Three Deaths

One of the victims was a young Fairfax woman.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

The man responsible for the heroin deaths of three people in Fairfax County will be spending the next three decades in prison. Eugene Asomani “Shine” Williams, 35, of Washington, D.C., was sentenced last week in federal court for con-

spiring to distribute heroin and possessing a firearm while doing so.

The three victims were Woodson High graduate Kara Schachinger, 22, of Fairfax; Joshua Pearson, 33, of Fairfax County and Timothy Huffman, 23, an active duty soldier who was serving in the Army at Fort Belvoir.

“Williams peddled a dangerous

drug and inflicted untold damage to the victims, their families, and our communities,” said Dana Boente, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia. “This case exemplifies the cooperative efforts of federal, state and local law enforcement to combat this pernicious crime.”

On Jan. 22 in U.S. District Court in Alexandria, Williams pleaded

guilty to conspiracy to distribute one kilogram or more of heroin and possession of a firearm during and in furtherance of a drug-trafficking crime. In a statement of facts filed with his plea agreement, he admitted to distributing more than one kilogram of heroin in Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia between 2004 and Sept. 26, 2013.

Williams further admitted that Pearson, Huffman and Schachinger all died as a result of their use of heroin distributed by him.

“I have heard firsthand from families about the devastation brought by the loss of a loved one in this wave of heroin-related deaths, and about the strain placed on law-enforcement and healthcare professionals as they work to respond to it,” said Attorney General Mark Herring. “Education, prevention and treatment will play a major part in dealing with this emerging threat, but I will also ensure that my office is doing all it can to keep these dangerous drugs, and those who distribute them, off the streets.”

Williams returned to court last Friday, April 18 and, at that time, U.S. District Court Judge Leonie Brinkema sentenced him to 30 years in prison.

“Today’s sentencing of Eugene Williams closes the book on a drug trafficker who was responsible for trafficking heroin that led to the death of three individuals in Fairfax County,” said Special Agent-in-Charge Karl C. Colder of the Drug Enforcement Administration, Washington Division. “Heroin is a drug that destroys lives and, tragically, sometimes takes them. This case clearly demonstrates DEA’s commitment, by working with our law-enforcement partners, to stop drug traffickers who profit from the harm – in this case deadly harm – they present to our community.”

Col. Ed Roessler Jr., Fairfax County Chief of Police, also weighed in on Williams’s punishment.

“Fairfax County is safer today thanks to the robust partnerships between local, state and federal law enforcement,” he said. “Today’s sentencing is proof positive these partnerships work against drug traffickers and others who set up criminal enterprises in our region.”

## FAITH NOTES

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

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## Attorney General Speaks About Fraud Prevention

Seniors learn tips for avoiding scams.

BY JANELLE GERMANOS  
THE CONNECTION

Senior citizens have increasingly been the victims of recent fraud and scams. Virginia Attorney General Mark Herring taught seniors how they can avoid these crimes at Greenspring's Fraud Prevention Expo on April 11 in Springfield.

Herring advised seniors to be suspicious of any cold calls or direct mail solicitations, as these are often fraudulent. The attorney general's office has a consumer protection division, which can help seniors or anyone who has a concern or dispute with a business or service.

"For Virginians who are 60 and older, you all are often specifically targeted for fraud. We're here to serve as a clearinghouse," Herring said.

**A NEW LAW** went into effect in Virginia in July that protects consumers from individuals trying to take advantage of them. Virginia's laws were among the weakest in the nation, Herring said. He mentioned a couple specific cases in which a group called "woodchuckers" targeted homeowners by telling them they needed to have a tree limb removed or someone would get hurt, and would overcharge for the service.

In another bizarre scam, individuals targeted homeowners by telling them there were reports of snakes in their basement. They would then pretend to look in the basement, and show them a bag of snakes that they had actually brought with them. The homeowners were then charged a large amount of money for the "removal" of the snakes.

Herring encouraged the seniors to call the Virginia consumer hotline if they ever have any questions as to the authenticity of an organization or service.

For example, if someone receives a call from a charity asking for money, they should be sure to call the hotline before donating to ensure the organization is legitimate.

The attorney general's office also investigates Medicaid fraud. This includes possible cases of elder abuse and taxpayer fraud protection.

Herring encouraged seniors who think an individual is being abused to call for medical attention for emergencies and Adult Protective Services for non-emergencies.

Unfortunately, many people abuse and exploit older citizens with health problems, Herring says. Family members may even take advantage of their relatives.

In some cases, Herring said, family member or others close to a senior may withhold medication until that senior goes to the ATM with them and gives them money.

In another case, a home health worker financially exploited an individual after only working with the senior for about a year.



PHOTOS BY JANELLE GERMANOS/THE CONNECTION  
**Pamela Glasner, producer of "Last Will and Embezzlement," and Jennifer Tomac, an attorney, speak about fraud at an expo in Springfield.**

Identity theft has also been a problem. Herring said that seniors should avoid unnecessarily writing their social security numbers on documents, and to rip up papers that have any personal information.

Pamela Glasner, producer of "Last Will and Embezzlement," which features Mickey Rooney, who was financially abused, shared her story with the seniors at the fraud expo. Glasner's father was exploited by a younger man who befriended her father in the later years of his life.

Glasner's father had Alzheimer's. An unrelated stranger came into the nursing home and was able to get Glasner's father to sign a paper that gave him power of attorney and access to his money. There was nothing anyone could do.



**Virginia Attorney General Mark Herring spoke to senior citizens at Greenspring's Fraud Prevention Expo in Springfield about best practices for avoiding fraud.**

UNFORTUNATELY, those who exploit the elderly often go unpunished, Glasner said. Seniors with dementia and depression can be easily affected by strangers who work their way into their lives. "If that little thing inside your gut says that something is wrong, then you're probably right, something probably is wrong," Glasner said.

On March 31, the Fairfax County Police Department issued a news release warning residents not to fall for a massive tax scam that had been made to several hundred residents in the county.

"These telephone scammers are described as demanding, aggressive, threatening, and easily angered when callers don't immediately agree to their demands of 'overdue tax balances.' Some complainants have described the suspect's as having a heavy accent. Typically, callers demand between \$4,000-\$6,000 in immediate payment of unpaid tax bills. These scams are sophisticated and involve false names, numbers and 'IRS' badge numbers," the release said.

Attorney Jennifer Tomac said that seniors should establish a support system with trusted people to prevent signing anything that could cause problems.

"One of the things that you can do is to have a support system around you, in which you don't agree to sign anything until you run it by your support system," Tomac said.

Important phone number: Virginia Consumer Protection Hotline 800-552-9963.

## Pit Bull Debate Sparked in Springfield

Resident supports breed-specific legislation as animal shelter removes criteria for pit bull adoption.

BY JANELLE GERMANOS  
THE CONNECTION

In Fairfax County, no dog, or any animal, is considered dangerous simply because of their breed.

In fact, any dog, regardless of breed, isn't considered dangerous until it has bitten, attacked, injured, or killed another animal.

Springfield resident John Whalen thinks that should change. When his daughter was visiting in early April, a neighbor's loose pit bull attacked and killed Oscar, a nine-pound Morkie terrier. While the pit bull that killed Oscar was euthanized, Whalen is worried about the owner's other pit bull and prevalence of other pit bulls in the neighborhood.

"There are many other jurisdictions in the U.S. that have a ban on pit bulls. But in Fairfax County, it's done on a case by case basis. There has to be an incident first," he said. "It's tragic for both the victim's owners and the killer dog's owners, because both pets are going to be lost."

More and more localities have moved towards lifting bans on specific breeds. In early April, Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley signed a bill which undoes a ruling that pit bulls are inherently dangerous.

And in Fairfax County, recent changes in rules have made it easier to adopt a pit bull from the animal shelter.

**PREVIOUSLY**, those interested in adopting a pit bull from the Fairfax County Animal Shelter had to meet certain requirements. For example, potential owners had to be 25 years or older, own a home, allow a home visit, pass a background check, and take their dog to training classes.

All of these restrictions were removed in February 2014, making the rules for adopting pit bulls the same as adopting any other canine breed.

"Because of the policy, countless potential adopters were turned away because they were



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**Oscar, a nine-pound Morkie terrier, died in early April after being attacked by a pit bull.**

not old enough to adopt or did not own a home. In addition, many adoptions fell through because adopters did not want to wait the days and sometimes weeks it took to complete a pit bull dog adoption. Finally, the policy enforced the incorrect idea, based on media hype, that there is something different or 'wrong' about pit bull type dogs," the Fairfax County Animal Shelter announced in their February 2014 newsletter.

Many people may not realize that pit bull is not actually a breed, but rather a category of certain types of dogs including the Staffordshire Bull Terrier, American Pit Bull Terrier, American Staffordshire Terrier, Bull Terrier, or any mix of those.

Several national organizations are opposed to breed-specific bans, including the American Veterinary Association, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the United States Department of Justice, among others.

A 2012 American Veterinary Medical Association study concluded that "While some study authors suggest limiting ownership of specific breeds might reduce injuries (e.g., pit bull type, German Shepherd Dog) it has not been demonstrated that breed-specific bans affect the rate or severity of bite injuries occurring in the community."

In December 2013, the AVMA released a study demonstrating that a dog's breed doesn't determine whether it is more likely to bite. Spaying or neutering a dog and keeping it as a

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## First Easter

Amy Jackson, from Springfield and visiting friends in Arlington, brought Bryce Jackson along to meet the Easter Bunny at Upton Hill Park in Arlington on Thursday, April 17. At just 10 weeks old, this was his first Easter.

Calvin Dean Kennedy and Emily Louise Tomlinson



## Emily Louise Tomlinson and Calvin Dean Kennedy Engaged

Roxanne and Larry Tomlinson of Springfield announce the engagement of their daughter, Emily Louise, to Calvin Dean Kennedy, both of Pittsburgh, Pa. Calvin is the son of Sona Kennedy of Wexford, Pa., and Ronald Kennedy of Gibsonia, Pa.

The future bride is a 2005 graduate of West Springfield High School. She is a 2009 graduate Robert of Morris University and 2013 graduate of Carlow University, both in Pittsburgh. Emily received a Master of Science in Nursing and is currently a Nurse

Practitioner with Solano & Kokales Internal Medicine Associates at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.

The future groom is a 2005 graduate of Pine-Richland High School, Gibsonia, Pa., and 2009 graduate of Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio. He will graduate in May 2014 with a J.D. from University of Pittsburgh. He has accepted a job offer after graduation with K&L Gates Law Firm in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Their wedding is planned for September 2014 in Pittsburgh.

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## NEWS

# United Way Awards Community Impact Grants

**Fairfax/Falls Church nonprofits receive \$338,662.**

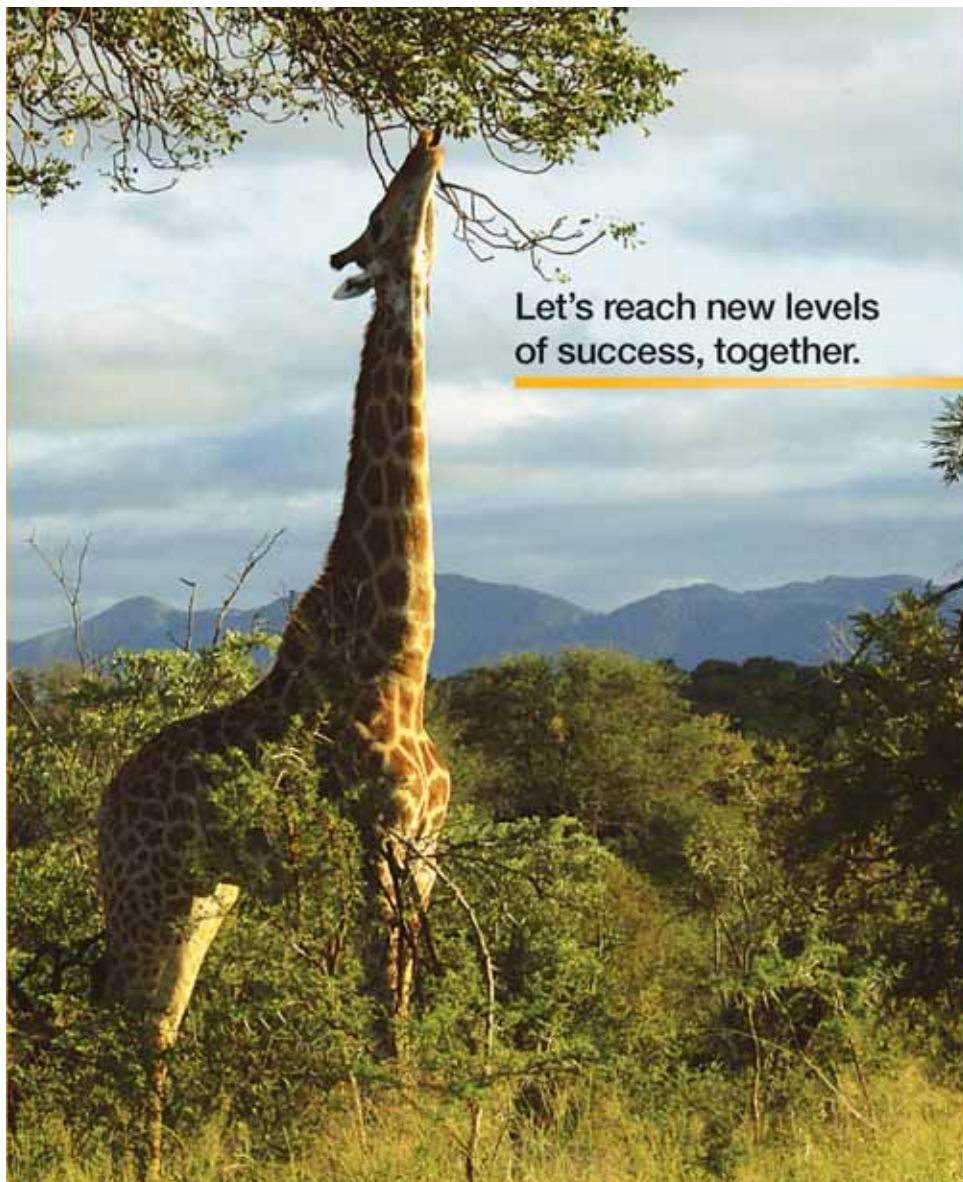
United Way of the National Capital Area (United Way NCA) announced that it is awarding 21 grants totaling \$338,662 to member organizations serving the Fairfax and Falls Church areas. The funds came through designations to the Fairfax/Falls Church Community Impact Fund in United Way NCA's annual workplace giving campaign. Each of the grants directly addresses programs that fall within United Way NCA's focus areas of education, financial stability and health. "United Way NCA is pleased to provide 21 nonprofit organizations serving the communities in Fairfax and Falls Church with funding to solve critical challenges," said Rosie Allen-Herring, President and CEO, United Way NCA. "United Way NCA's Community Impact Grants will help children have greater access to quality education programs; adults to get the job training and professional support they need to find and maintain lifelong careers."

Specifically, the Fairfax/Falls Church grantees are:

- ❖ ACCA, Inc. (Annandale Christian Community for Action)
- ❖ Alzheimer's Family Day Center
- ❖ American Red Cross in the National Capital Region
- ❖ Computer C.O.R.E.
- ❖ FACETS Cares, Inc.
- ❖ Falls Church-McLean Children's Center
- ❖ Food & Friends, Inc.
- ❖ Hispanics Against Child Abuse and Neglect, Inc.
- ❖ Homestretch, Inc.
- ❖ Jill's House, Inc.
- ❖ Literacy Council of Northern Virginia, Inc.
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- ❖ SCAN of Northern Virginia, Inc.
- ❖ Shelter House, Inc.
- ❖ Wesley Housing Development Corporation of Northern Virginia
- ❖ Western Fairfax Christian Ministries



**From left – first row: Claire Louis and Susan Davidson, Wesley Housing Development Corp, Ileana Arrieta, Hispanics Against Child Abuse and Neglect, Marie Markey, Annandale Christian Community for Action, Malinda Langford and Gail Coleman, Northern Virginia Family Service, Carrie Idol-Richards, Insight Memory Care Center, Melissa Jansen, Western Fairfax Christian Ministries, Rosie Allen-Herring, President and CEO, United Way of the National Capital Area (United Way NCA), Sharon Bulova, Chair, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Amanda Andere, Facets, Lisa Whetzel, Our Daily Bread, Ingrid Parris-Hicklin, Dana Lewis, United Way NCA Fairfax/Falls Church Regional Council, Tim Maples, United Way NCA Fairfax/Falls Church Regional Council; second row: Tammy De Martino, Kathy Banks, Falls Church/McLean Children Center, Sree Kumar, Literacy Council of Northern Virginia, Joe Meyer, Shelter House, Denise Daffron, Jill's House, Denise Miller, American Red Cross, Thomas Wilson, Northern Virginia Dental Clinic, Sonia Quiñónez, Stop Child Abuse Now of Northern Virginia, Patti Stevens, United Way NCA Fairfax/Falls Church Regional Council; top row :Supervisors Catherine M. Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill), Michael R. Frey (R-Sully District), John C. Cook (R-Braddock District), Gerald W. Hyland (D-Mount Vernon), Penelope A. Gross (D-Mason District, Vice Chairman), John W. Foust (D-Dranesville), Jeffrey C. McKay (D-Lee District), Pat Herrity (R-Springfield District), Linda Q. Smyth (D-Providence District).**



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## AREA ROUNDUPS

### Increased Tax Rate Approved In County Budget Markup

The FY 2015 budget markup passed 6-3 at the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors public hearing Tuesday.

Those who opposed it were Providence Supervisor Linda Q. Smyth, Springfield Supervisor Patrick Herry and Braddock Supervisor John Cook.

The markup includes an increase in the tax rate. "The package increases the tax rate from \$1.085 to \$1.090, a relatively modest half-cent," said board chairman Sharon Bulova. "It represents a \$25 an-

nual increase in the average residential taxpayer's bill. This would be on top of a \$332 average increase resulting from rising assessment bills."

The markup also proposed increasing the amount of money going into the School Transfer: \$17 million. This is a 3 percent increase than the current year's transfer fund.

The budget will be adopted after a public comment period at the next board meeting on Tuesday, April 29.

### Entrants Sought for Anti-Alcohol Awards

A Vienna-based, alcohol-education group wants to honor local, high school groups for their efforts in fighting underage drinking.

To recognize high-school students for "doing the right thing," the nonprofit Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP) will present its 2014 GEICO Student Awards at a May 16 ceremony in Washington, D.C., and is accepting applications for the honors through Monday, April 28, at <http://www.wrap.org/files/youthOutreach.htm>. Entry is free.

The GEICO Student Awards, now in their 22nd year, are presented each year to high-school student groups promoting alcohol and drug-free lifestyles to their peers. The awards, including cash prizes up to

\$ 1,000, are judged by a panel of area substance-abuse prevention professionals including representatives from local traffic safety organizations and prevention coalitions.

Student groups are judged on their leadership, effectiveness, innovation and involvement of both the student body and community in their efforts to prevent underage drinking.

The winners will receive plaques and monetary awards.

Founded in 1982, WRAP is an award-winning, public private partnership working to prevent drunk driving and underage drinking in the Washington Metropolitan area. For more information, go to [www.wrap.org](http://www.wrap.org).

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## News

# Pit Bull Debate Goes On

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family pet, rather than in isolation, decreases the likelihood of dog bites.

In Maryland's Prince George's County, where breed-specific laws were in place, a 2003 study conducted by the county concluded that public safety did not improve because of the ban and that "there is no transgression committed by owner or animal that is not covered by another, non-breed specific portion of the Animal Control Code (i.e., vicious animal, nuisance animal, leash laws)."

And the National Animal Control Association has stated that "Dangerous and/or vicious animals should be labeled as such as a result of their actions or behavior and not because of their breed."

According to the ASPCA, pit bulls are dogs that have been bred to fight with other dogs. The ASPCA advises that pit bulls should not be left alone with other animals.

In Fairfax County, there are 35 dogs listed as dangerous on the Virginia Department of Agriculture

and Consumer Service's Dangerous Dog Registry. Residents can view the address and names of both the dog and its owner.

**THERE ARE A COUPLE OWNERS** who have two or more dangerous dogs recorded on the site. In one case, a single owner's three dogs, all lab and pit bull mixes, "attacked and repeatedly bit a child while running unrestricted."

There is currently a lawsuit pending against the owners of the pit bull who attacked Oscar for Whalen's daughter's trauma and emotional damage, so the owners could not be reached for comment.

Fairfax County laws require that dogs be on a leash. Leash laws may help, but Whalen says he still thinks a pit bull ban is necessary.

"I don't have anything against any breed of dog, but I don't think there's a place for them in an area with kids. What would have happened if there was a little kid there?" Whalen asked.

As more and more jurisdictions move away from breed-specific bans, it remains likely that incidents will still be treated on a case-by-case basis.



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## Past Time for Later Start Times

**It's possible that, finally, high school will begin the day a time healthier for teens.**

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But for decades, literally, Fairfax County Public Schools (and Montgomery County, Md.) have let a combination of reactionary blabber ("buck up and get moving;" "just tell them to go to bed earlier") and organizational resistance prevent implementing a solution to this very real problem.

Getting up at 5:30 or 6 a.m. to hop on a school bus at 5:45 a.m. or even as late at 6:30 a.m. to get to school by 7:20 a.m. is not healthy for teenagers. It is nearly impossible for teenagers to go to sleep before 11 p.m. or midnight.

Fairfax County high school students average six hours of sleep a night on weeknights. Re-

search shows they need nine hours of sleep. Research has also quantified the costs of sleep deprivation.

That level of sleep deprivation contributes to depression and suicidal thoughts.

Driving-while-teen is challenging by itself; driving with sleep deprivation is like driving under the influence, and contributes to car accidents both minor and major.

Sleep deprivation is also associated with lack of impulse control, another aspect of teenage life that needs no augmentation.

It's hard to learn when sleep deprived, and harder still to get excited about what one is learning.

Children's National Medical Center was contracted more than a year ago by Fairfax County Public Schools to develop proposals for starting high schools after 8 a.m. Specific proposals will be presented shortly, and those specific proposals are sure to bring out specific objections.

Yes, changing start times will cost money. Yes, changing start times will require changing a lot of other things that many will find inconvenient. It's going to require significant will on the part of supporters of teen health, supporters of later high school start times to push

this proposal across the finish line. Kudos to SLEEP in Fairfax advocates who have been pushing for so long.

How much would you spend, how much would you be willing to be inconvenienced, to prevent a single suicide? To prevent a single serious car crash? These are genuinely the things that are at stake.

— MARY KIMM,

MKIMM@CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM

## Mother's Day Photos

Mother's Day is May 11 and every year at this time, we call for submissions to our Mother's Day photo gallery. Send photos of mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, with children or without children. Please name everyone in the photo, the approximate date, describe what is happening in the photo and include your name, address, email address and phone number. (We will not print your full address or contact information.) You can upload photos and information directly to our website at [www.connectionnewspapers.com/mothersday/](http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/mothersday/) or email to [editor@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:editor@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Friday, May 2.

### COMMENTARY

## The Richmond Hostage Crisis

BY PAT HERRITY  
SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT SUPERVISOR

**T**he ongoing Medicaid expansion political chokehold that has seized control of Richmond is both frustrating and frightening. As the birthplace of our nation, we Virginians hold our elected officials to a higher standard. We expect our leaders to guide the Commonwealth forward on a path of common sense governance and prudent fiscal responsibility. We expect our leaders to be able to hold a conversation on the pressing matters of the day without it devolving into name-calling and Washington-style politics. And we expect our leaders to know the difference between a principled fight and politics as usual. Unfortunately, the very real issue of whether or not to commit the Commonwealth to significant future financial constraints has shown that many of our leaders are unable to live up to our expectations.

As a member of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, I was the lone vote against our board's endorsement of Medicaid expansion in Virginia. I made that vote after I attempted to amend our endorsement to call for the passage of a clean budget bill; that



Fairfax County and our public schools; a fact affirmed by our staff. I cannot begin to imagine the disastrous impacts to our Commonwealth's smaller jurisdictions should aid from Richmond be delayed. Everything would be affected from public safety to schools to the human services safety net provided by the Commonwealth and its localities.

Every spring, local governments around the Commonwealth advertise, debate, and adopt a budget. However, not a single local government in Virginia would be as reckless as Richmond and set out on a course of government shutdown because of an ideological difference of opinion. As elected officials we know how to move from the rough and tumble of political campaigning to leading and engaging in solutions for our constituent's best interests. Contrary to Governor McAuliffe's recent campaign promise to not play

failed 2-7 with one abstention. In my comments, I pointed out that this Medicaid fight could directly jeopardize \$500 million

in state aid to

politics with the budget, he and his fellow Senate Democrats have repeatedly threatened that they will shut down the not only the state government, but also many local governments who rely on significant funding from Richmond, if not given their way on Medicaid expansion. This is the sad state in which we find ourselves when just a few short months ago Governor McAuliffe used his inaugural address to call for Virginians to find "common ground" to solve our most pressing problem.

The Medicaid expansion issue

has been thrust upon Virginians in an effort to sharply divide our leaders in Richmond. Clearly there are opinions on both sides but the sad reality is that the people of Virginia are pawns in this political game of brinksmanship. Governor McAuliffe should use his position as Virginia's chief executive officer to walk us back from this disaster, to settle the future for the coming year in our counties, cities and towns and take the Washington-style politics out of Virginia. Then we can find common ground.

## Emergency Response Classes Begin in Springfield

This Saturday, April 26, Fire and Rescue Department is beginning a basic Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) class at the LDS Church in Springfield. There is still plenty of room if you'd like to attend. The class will meet on four Saturdays and run each day from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.; tentative class dates are April 26, May 3, May 10 and May 24.

Fire and Rescue also has added a new CERT Class at the Fire and Rescue Academy beginning Monday, May 5. This class will meet on every Monday from 7-10:30 p.m. (except for May 26) and will finish on June 23. To sign up for either class, you first must register as a volunteer at [www.fairfaxcert.com](http://www.fairfaxcert.com) to receive reg-

istration information on the classes. If you have trouble registering, or have any questions, email [fire.cert@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:fire.cert@fairfaxcounty.gov).

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## Meeting the Easter Bunny

Siblings Ian, 5, and Katrina, 11, of Springfield visit the Easter Bunny during the Vienna Egg Roll event last Saturday, April 12.

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## Availability of Environmental Assessment (EA) and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) for Construction of Skills Training Facility U.S. Army Garrison Fort Belvoir, Virginia

The Army has prepared an EA that considers the proposed construction of a Skills Training Facility at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. This facility will enable consolidation of existing training activities at Fort Belvoir into a new 96,000 square foot building on a 10-acre parcel at the Davison Army Airfield area of the garrison. The proposed development activity includes surface parking for up to 180 vehicles and internal site improvements required to support 190 personnel at the facility. The EA considered the effects of the project on land use, plans, coastal zone management, natural resources, socio-economic factors, traffic and transportation, air quality, and utility systems and concluded that the project is not expected to result in significant adverse environmental impacts. Therefore, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, preparation of an environmental impact statement is not required. The EA and FNSI may be viewed online at: [www.belvoir.army.mil/envirodocssection2.asp](http://www.belvoir.army.mil/envirodocssection2.asp). Paper copies of the EA and draft FNSI are available for review and comment at the Fort Belvoir Van Noy Library and the following Fairfax County, Virginia libraries: John Marshall Branch, Kingstowne Branch, Lorton Branch, and Sherwood Regional Branch. Comments on the EA and draft FNSI should be submitted to: Commander, U.S. Army Garrison Fort Belvoir, ATTN: Public Works, 9430 Jackson Loop, Suite 100, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-5116; or by e-mail to: [imcom.fortbelvoir.dpw.environmental@us.army.mil](mailto:imcom.fortbelvoir.dpw.environmental@us.army.mil). Comments must be received no later than 30 days after publication of this Notice of Availability. Subject to review and consideration of comments submitted by individuals, organizations, or agencies during the comment period, the Army intends to issue the final FNSI at the conclusion of the comment period and to proceed with the proposed action.

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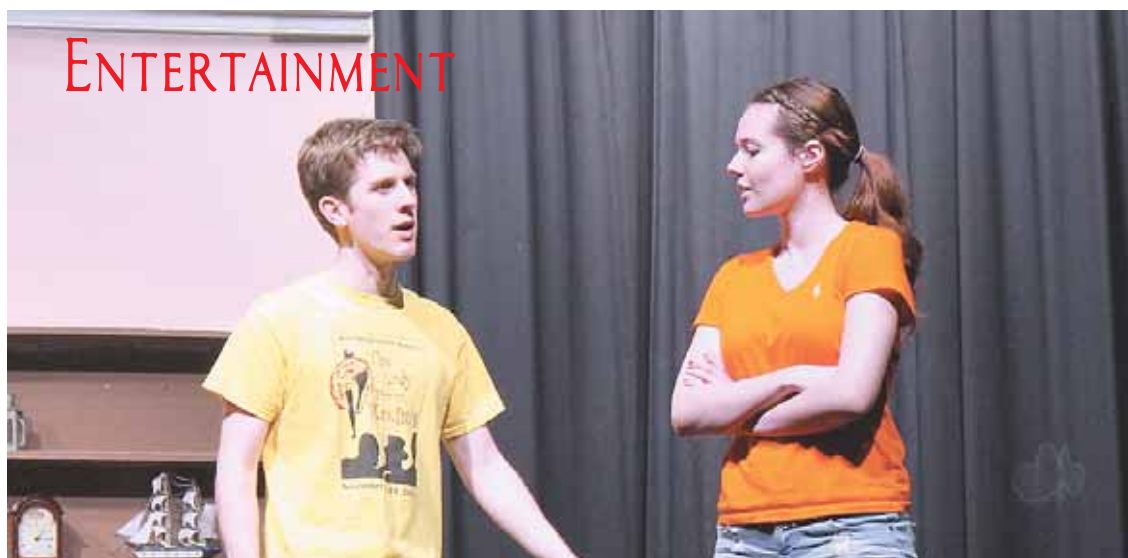
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Juniors Alex Shipley and Barbara Lawson rehearse for West Springfield High School's spring musical, "The Pajama Game."

# Audience Will Have a Blast

West Springfield presents "The Pajama Game" from May 1-4.

BY JANELLE GERMANOS  
THE CONNECTION

The West Springfield High School drama department is hard at work preparing for their spring musical, "The Pajama Game," which lead cast member and junior Barbara Lawson says is a lively show with talented performers.

"There are a lot of popular songs in it that you may not know are in the musical but that you've heard before," Lawson said. "It'll be a really fun show."

Lawson is playing Catherine "Babe" Williams, who leads the Union Grievance Committee at a pajama factory. A relationship blossoms between her and Sid Sorokin, the factory's new super-intendent, played by junior Will Shipley.

"The Pajama Game," based on the book "7 1/2 Cents" by Richard Bissell, is Tony award-winning musical about workers demanding a seven-and-a-half cent raise at a pajama factory. It's filled with festive song and dance numbers, including "Steam Heat" and "Hernando's Hideaway," that West Springfield cast members say the audience will enjoy.

"It's cheesy, but what musical isn't? It's really a lot of fun," Shipley said.

Lawson describes her character as a woman who isn't looking for a guy and who doesn't let her guard down. She's different from the other women, she says.

"She's not just a pretty, innocent, naive girl. She's smart and independent. I think that sets it apart from other musicals," Lawson said.

Gladys Hotchkiss is played by senior Ellen Abood, who also choreographed dance for the musical. This is her fourth musical at West Springfield, and she says it'll be an exciting one.

"I love this musical because there's a lot of dance, and I love dance," Abood said. "The fifties are a fun time. The audience is going to have a blast."

Bernie DeLeo, the West Springfield Drama director who led the school to win third place at the Vir-



Alex Shipley, a junior who plays Sid Sorokin in West Springfield's spring musical, "The Pajama Game," rehearses for the musical after school in late April. "The Pajama Game" will be May 1-4 at West Springfield High School.

ginia state championships this March with his play "Nerdicus (My Brother with Autism)," chose "The Pajama Game" as the spring musical because of its great music.

He first saw the musical as a student in high school, and has loved it ever since.

"I'm a sucker for the golden-age musicals," DeLeo said.

The cast is a talented group of students, DeLeo says. Lawson, Abood and Shipley all plan on pursuing theater in college, and a great deal of that, they say, is because DeLeo encouraged them to follow their dreams.

"Mr. DeLeo and Mr. Brandt [the choral director] are very talented and knowledgeable. They take time to work specifically with a person if they need it and they do a lot of coaching. If you ask for help they will give it to you," Lawson said.

The cast has been practicing over 15 hours per week, in addition to practicing lines at home, and is looking forward to sharing their fun with audiences.

"If you want to have a fun time, you should come to this musical," Shipley said.

Performances are May 1-3 at 7 p.m. and May 4 at 2 p.m. at West Springfield High School. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the box office.



"The Fantasticks" rehearsal, from left: John Hollinger, Jonathan Litalien and Mary Anne Furey.

# Disarming Musical

'The Fantasticks' comes to the Workhouse.

Where and When

"The Fantasticks" at the Workhouse, Theatre #3, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Performances April 25-May 31. Fridays & Saturday at 8 p.m. Tickets \$15. Call Workhouse Arts Center at 703-584-2900 or visit [www.workhousearts.org](http://www.workhousearts.org). Note: A la carte cash bar available in venue.

BY DAVID SIEGEL  
THE CONNECTION

With over 20,000 performances in New York City since it opened in 1960 and countless numbers of regional, community and school-based productions, the melodic and oh, so mellow musical, "The Fantasticks" is coming to the Workhouse.

The production is by Northern Virginia's Pandemonium Theatrical Productions. Pandemonium has made the Workhouse its theatrical home for the past year. It is under the artistic direction of Mary Omohundro (Springfield) and Jeff Davis.

"The Fantasticks" is a funny, romantic musical about two neighboring families separated by a wall; a boy, a girl, two fathers. The narrator, El Gallo, asks the audience to use their imagination and follow him into a world of moonlight and magic. The boy and the girl fall in love, become disillusioned, grow apart, but find their way back to love's renewal after realizing that "without a hurt, the heart is hollow."

"The Fantasticks" is surrounded by a timeless score. Many will easily remember the songs since they grew up humming "Try to Remember" and later singing "Plant a Radish" to their children and grandchildren.

"We love the simplicity of the

story," said Omohundro. "Falling in love, having life lead you in different adventurous directions, only to find that your true love was with you all along is a universal and always a current theme that everyone can identify with. This theme along with the beautiful music makes for a memorable evening of theatre for all ages," said Davis.

Both Jonathan Litalien and Mary Anne Furey described their roles as "dreamer roles." Litalien plays Matt, a lovesick 19-year-old boy, undone by his first love, Luisa. "As much as he thinks he is not, he is still an impressionable young man wanting to find out what the world has in store."

Furey plays Luisa. "She's a little crazy, wants to be special, and wants to have adventure. Everything about her is over the top and dramatic. She wants to experience all of life before she is too old."

John Hollinger is Louisa's father. He has a long relationship with "The Fantasticks." He performed the role of Matt as a student in the mid 1970s. Hollinger is now a father with his own daughter. He called "The Fantasticks" a "treat...there is a beautiful simplicity about it."

Kathleen McCormack, "The Mute," invited audiences to the show describing the music as "incredibly beautiful and witty and makes you want to fall in love."



# ENTERTAINMENT

Send notes to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416. The deadline is the Friday prior to the next paper's publication. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

## FRIDAY/APRIL 25, 26 & MAY 2, 3

**"Pride & Prejudice."** Woodson High School, 9525 Main St., Fairfax. www.wtwdrama.org to purchase tickets.

## FRIDAY/APRIL 25-SUNDAY/JUNE 1

**The Fantasticks.** Fridays & Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 1 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, Lorton. The Fantasticks is a funny and romantic musical about a boy, a girl, two fathers and a wall. Tickets : \$15.

## FRIDAY/APRIL 25-SUNDAY/MAY 18

**"Failure, A Love Story" Play.** Performances: April 25-May 18. Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays 2 p.m. & 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. John Swayze Theatre at the New School of Northern Virginia, 9431 Silver King Court, Fairfax. Tickets: \$20-\$30. Call 1-800-494-8497 or www.thehubtheatre.org. Note: For ages 10 and up.

## FRIDAY/APRIL 25

**"The Sixth Generation" – Spring 1960s Sock Hop Series.** 7:30 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, Lorton. Attention all Baby Boomers and Bobby Soxers! Join The Sixth Generation for a special concert in 60's Dance Hall Style. \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door.

**Robinson Crew Team Annual Plant Sale.** 10 a.m.-8 p.m. at Burke



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**From left: Tia, Shearer, Carolyn Kasner, Maggie Erwin in Hub Theatre's production of "Failure: A Love Story," which traces the lives and departure of three sisters in the Fall Family in 1920s Chicago. The play starts April 26-May 18 at John Swayze Theatre at the New School of Northern Virginia, 9431 Silver King Court, Fairfax.**

Nursery and Garden Center at 9401 Burke Road, Burke. The entire nursery inventory is for sale, including annuals, perennials, stones, hanging baskets, shrubs, trees, and master gardener/landscaping design. www.robinsoncrew.org or plantsale4crew@gmail.com or 703-980-8725.

**22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards.** 8- 10 a.m. The Waterford Springfield, 6715 Commerce Street, Springfield. Honoring real-life superheroes at the Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards. Tickets: www.volunteerfairfax.org.

## SATURDAY/APRIL 26

**Singles Dinner and Movie Night.** 5 p.m. PF Chang's in Fairfax Corner, 4250 Fairfax Corner Avenue, Fairfax. Cost of \$30 at door includes dinner, soda, tip and movie ticket. RSVP required. Sponsored by New Beginnings, a support group for separated/divorced men and women. Call 301-924-4101 or visit www.newbeginningsusa.org.

**2014 Healthy Strides Community 5K/10K.** 7:30 a.m. Burke Lake Park. The 10k runs along a wooded path and takes runners around the lake. While the 5k follows a scenic tree-lined road through the park. Register here: http://pracing.racebx.com/events/register/5224ef94-365c-408a-b417-7f46c0a86524.

**Spring Faire.** 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Kirkwood Presbyterian Church, 8336 Carleigh Parkway, Springfield. There's something for everyone - jewelry, fashion, home decor, kitchen, garden, gourmet, and more. Free admission and door prizes. Proceeds will be donated to Bethany House to help victims of domestic abuse.

www.womansclubofspringfield.org.

## Gustav Mahler's Fifth Symphony.

8 p.m. GMU Center for the Performing Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra (FSO) and music director Christopher Zimmerman present Gustav Mahler's Fifth Symphony.

## SpringFest 2014.

10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, Lorton.

www.springfestfairfax.org.

## Spotlight International Children's Festival.

4-10 p.m. The Sherwood Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Fairfax Spotlight on the Arts and Pinnacle Academy are proud to invite students, staff, and international organizations from our metro DC community to represent their national heritages, share their national costumes, music, and folklore dances.

## SUNDAY/APRIL 27

**Beau Totale Salon & Spa Cut-A-Thon.** 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Beau Totale Salon & Spa, 5765-T Burke Centre Pkwy, Burke. In honor of Earth Month, Beau Totale Salon & Spa is conducting its 7th Annual Cut-A-Thon with all proceeds benefiting for clean water. From 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., haircuts are \$50, facials are \$40 and make-up applications are \$20. All are by appointment only. 703-250-0495.

**Jeffrey Siegel, "Mistresses and Masterpieces."** 7 p.m., George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, MS 2F5, Fairfax. The pianist performs music inspired by composers' major love interests. \$19-\$38, Mason ID permits 1 free ticket on April 15.

cfa.gmu.edu.

**Young Artists Musicales.** 6 p.m., George Mason University Center for the Arts lobby, 4400 University Drive, MS 2F5, Fairfax. Piano students and winners of the Northern Virginia Music Teachers Association Honors Recitals perform short pieces. Free admission. cfa.gmu.edu.

## Break a Sweat for a Homeless Pet.

9 a.m. Giles Run Meadow Park, 8400 Lorton Road, Lorton. Registration is \$15 at www.metrorunwalkspringfield.com/. This is the second annual Break a Sweat For A Homeless Pet, the area's premier running event for people and their dogs, featuring a five mile, 5K and one mile race to benefit The Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter. Racers are encouraged to run with their dogs in the 5K and one-mile races. The five-mile race is for human runners only.

## WEDNESDAY/APRIL 30

**A Fragile Trust: Plagiarism, Power, and Jayson Blair at The New York Times.** 4:30 p.m.

Johnson Center Cinema, George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. A Fragile Trust is a fascinating documentary that explores power and ethics, corporate and office politics, race politics, representation, and accountability in the mainstream media. Free admission. http://fams.gmu.edu/

## American Women: The Long and Winding Road.

7:30 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, Lorton. Join a discussion with three panelists about the differing ways men and women now think and feel about their work and home life. Should there still be gender-specific roles in contemporary society?

**International Jazz Day Concert.** 8 p.m. George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Tickets: \$10 for adults, \$5 for senior citizens and free for Mason students with a valid Mason ID.

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# South County Boys' Lax Beats State Champion Chantilly

Stallions have sights set on competing for state title.

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE CONNECTION

The South County boys' lacrosse team still has plenty of work to do in order to fulfill its hopes of winning a state championship. On Tuesday evening, however, the Stallions proved they deserve to be mentioned as a title contender.

South County jumped out to a 4-0 lead and never trailed during an 8-6 victory over defending state champion Chantilly on April 22 at South County High School. Both teams entered the contest undefeated, but it was the Stallions who took control early.

"It means a lot, but you can't let it get to your head," senior midfielder David Symmes said. "... It's just a statement win. It shows we're contenders."

Junior midfielder Kevin Quigley scored with 2:40 remaining in the third quarter, giving South County an 8-4 lead. Chantilly answered with a goal by sophomore attackman Colin Zimmerman late in the third and another by senior midfielder/attackman Conor Kelly with 5:49 remaining in the fourth, but the Chargers got no closer.

**SOUTH COUNTY** handed Chantilly its first loss since the Chargers fell to Madison in last season's AAA Northern Region championship game on May 24, 2013.

"I think it just puts us in the conversation right now as one of the best teams in the region," said first-year South County head coach Dale Nalls, who spent last year away from coaching after leading the Mount Vernon boys' program from 1994-2012. "That's where we want to be; we want to be in the conversation as a team that's going to be a tough out, hopefully, when we get to the playoffs."

Players on both teams struggled with footing after first-half rain-fall left the grass playing surface slick. South County managed to build an early lead, however, starting with Symmes' first goal less than 2 minutes into the contest. Sophomore midfielder Nate Cho and junior attackman Austin



South County senior attackman David Krein shoots against the Chantilly defense during the teams' April 22 contest at South County High School.

Fitzmaurice also scored in the first quarter, giving the Stallions a 3-0 advantage.

Quigley scored in the opening minute of the second quarter, extending the Stallions' lead to 4-0.

"With our physical abilities, we use it to our advantage," Symmes said. "I think we have a faster tempo than any team out there, in my opinion. We really beat people into the ground. We're relentless."

Chantilly junior midfielder Colin Meehan got the Chargers on the board with a goal at the 9:08 mark of the second quarter and senior attackman Jonathan Popham added a goal with 6:33 remaining in the first half, cutting the South County lead in half. Fitzmaurice responded with his second goal in the final minute of the second quarter, giving South County a 5-2 halftime lead.

**SYMME'S SECOND GOAL** gave South County a 6-2 advantage with 8:21 remaining in the third.

Symmes, who will play college lacrosse at West Point, broke the shaft of his stick while contacting a Chantilly player in the second quarter. Symmes used the shaft of a teammates' stick to fix his own and returned to the field to score his second goal.

"He's vital to our offensive success," Nalls said. "He draws shutoffs — they were shutting him off for a lot of the game. Other teams have to game plan for him so that sometimes throws their own players out of sync a little bit.

"I think it just puts us in the conversation right now as one of the best teams in the region. That's where we want to be; we want to be in the conversation as a team that's going to be a tough out, hopefully, when we get to the playoffs."

— South County boys' lacrosse coach Dale Nalls



South County junior midfielder Kevin Quigley, right, scored two goals against Chantilly on April 22.

When that happens, then other players on our offense benefit and reap the rewards. ... It wasn't just David, but David creates mismatches for other guys and that opens things up for Nate Cho and Kevin Quigley and Austin Fitzmaurice and David Krein and

Tyler Alexander."

Goals by Chantilly's Zach Gilbert and Nick Jung cut the South County lead to 6-4 in the third, but the Stallions extended the lead back to four with goals by Krein and Quigley.

With the win, South County im-

proved to 9-0. The Stallions hosted Osbourn Park on Wednesday, after The Connection's deadline, and will host Lake Braddock at 7:15 p.m. on Friday, April 25.

South County won the Patriot District championship last season. This year, Symmes said the Stallions have their sights set on greater accomplishments.

"Really, the district is sort of looking at the small picture to us," he said. "We're looking for something bigger — state championship. If you're going to go to the state championship, you have to compete with teams like Chantilly."

Chantilly dropped to 9-1. The Chargers faced Yorktown on Wednesday, after The Connection's deadline, and will travel to face Woodson at 7:15 p.m. on Friday, April 25.

## SPORTS ROUNDUPS

### Robinson Baseball Improves to 10-2

The Robinson baseball team defeated Chantilly 2-1 on Tuesday, improving its record to 10-2.

The Rams have won three straight and four of their last five, including a 6-5 win over McLean on April 17.

Robinson will travel to face Westfield at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, April 25 before hosing Lake Braddock at 6:30 p.m. the following evening.

### Lake Braddock Baseball Wins Fourth Straight

The Lake Braddock baseball team defeated T.C. Williams 16-15 on Tuesday, giving the Bruins four straight wins while improving their record to 7-5. Lake Braddock defeated Woodson 13-2 on April 21 and won the final two games of its spring break trip to Charleston, S.C. The Bruins will travel to face Robinson at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 26 and will host South County at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 29.



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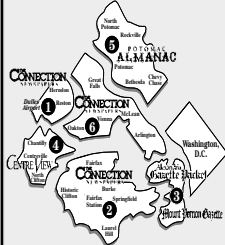
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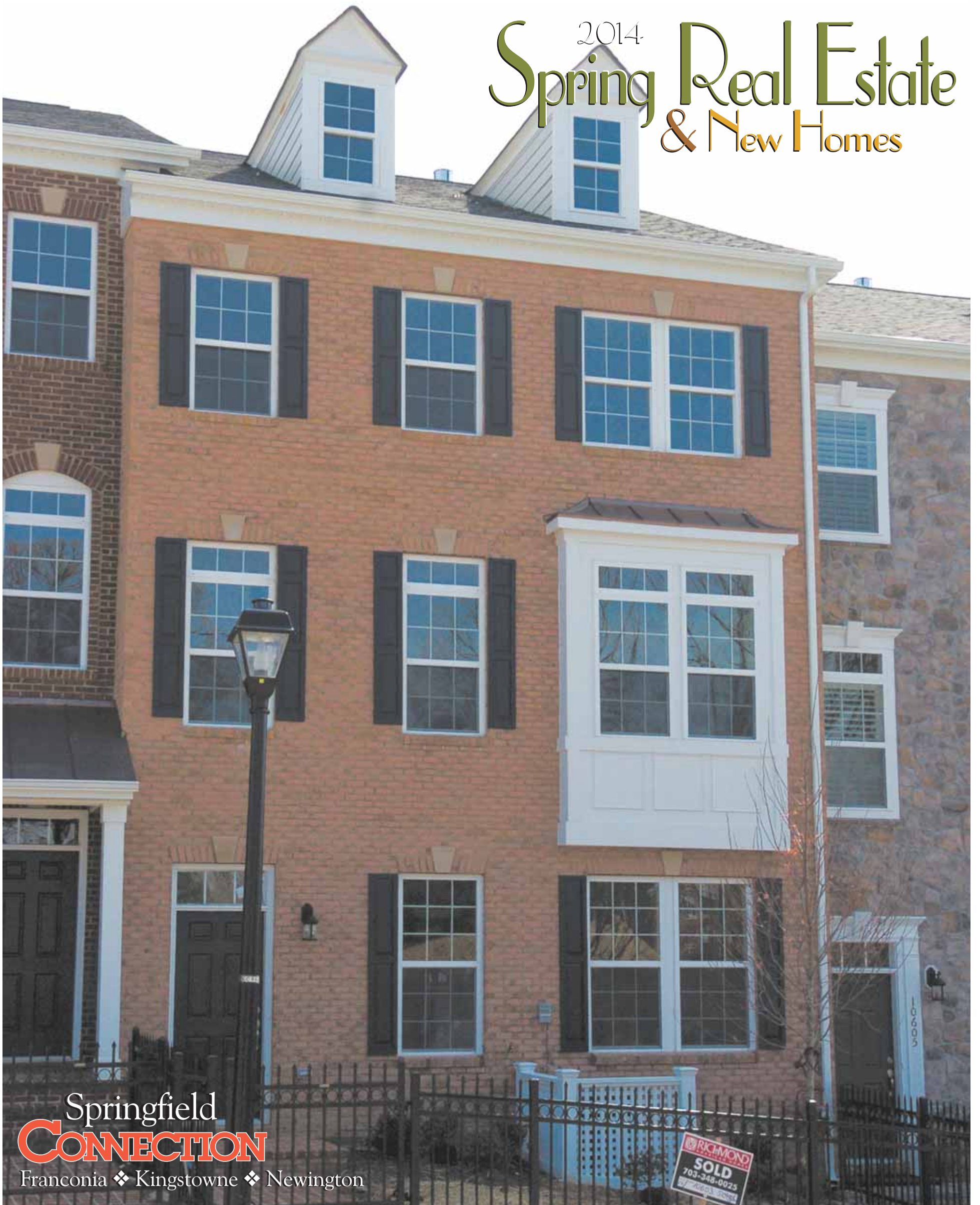


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# Realtors: Great Kitchens Help Sell Homes

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
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**D**esigner Jacquelin Llyu, of Nicely Done Kitchens and Baths in Springfield, recently transformed the kitchen of a home in Mantua, in Fairfax, from a small, dark space to a light-filled, free-flowing culinary oasis.

"The kitchen was built in the 70s with a small, dark eat-in kitchen table for four," Llyu. "The family wanted a view of their expansive wooded lot and an island built for entertaining and family meals with their young boys."

The new kitchen includes an island made of maple. "The two-height island has a 'truffle' finish [and] was designed for game nights, football watching, entertaining friends on the higher level while the lower level is used for quick weekday meals and easy clean up with sink, trash/recycle and dishwasher located there."

**BEFORE PUTTING ONE'S HOME** on the market, real estate agents encourage homeowners to

spruce up the kitchen. Well-designed, free-flowing kitchens like Llyu's can often make or break the sale of a home say some local Realtors.

"I think a kitchen is one of the top things that a buyer looks at," said Arlington Realtor Michelle Sagatov of the Michelle Sagatov group at McEneaney Associates.

Alexandria-based Realtor Elizabeth Lucchesi of the LizLuke Team at McEneaney Associates said, "Kitchens are the nucleus of the house. It is where everybody hangs out. The kitchen has to look good and feel good."

Ken Nies, of Two Poor Teachers in Annandale, recently remodeled the kitchen in a Falls Church home adding "custom window millwork, lighting, a backsplash, a large center entertainment island and farm sink." Nies advises using "different materials on your island to give a custom look."

Realtors suggest investing in quality cabinetry and countertops. "Granite is something people look for but there are other materials that people can use like caesarstone and quartz," said

Sagatov. "Choose nice, solid counter tops that compliment the cabinetry."

**FOR THOSE WHO WANT** to update a kitchen and think they will be selling their home within five to seven years, Sagatov suggests that homeowners think about the resale value before remodeling. "Make the kitchen timeless," she said. "Don't put too much of your personality into the kitchen. If you want to show off your personality, do that with paint or kitchen decorations, but make the things that cost a lot of money neutral and timeless, so when you go to sell your home, it appeals to a much broader audience."

If you plan on renovating the kitchen, do it early, "not when you're about to sell so that you can enjoy it too," continued Sagatov.

**HOWEVER, ONE DOESN'T** need to remodel an entire kitchen before putting a home on the market. Real estate agents say there are a few changes that homeowners can make to help their kitchen sparkle.

"If you don't have an updated kitchen there are things that you can do to make it look updated, clean and fresh," said Sagatov.

Make sure the kitchen has matching appliances that are in good working order. "It doesn't matter if they are stainless steel, black or white as long as they match," said Lucchesi.

An open kitchen appeals to buyers. "Having a kitchen area where you can cook while spending time with family, is important," said Lucchesi. "Having it open into a living area allows the cook to be connected to others."

Don't underestimate the power of lighting. "Under-counter mounted lighting makes all the difference in the world," said Lucchesi. "It gives the illusion that you have a lot of countertop space when in reality maybe you don't."

Spruce up dated cabinetry. "Painting cabinets a crisp white goes a long way," said Sagatov. "A lot of older kitchens have dark wood. Putting a coat of fresh paint and new hardware goes a long way and is an investment that gives you so much money back."

Sagatov said, "Another easy fix would be painting the walls. Taupe or grey paint on the walls in the kitchen would be soothing and go well with the white cabinets. Those fixes don't cost a lot of money."

Fixtures are another minor element that can make a big impression.

"Make sure that cabinet pulls are updated with materials like glass or brushed nickel," said Lucchesi. "Great faucets are like a nice pair of shoes or a good belt."

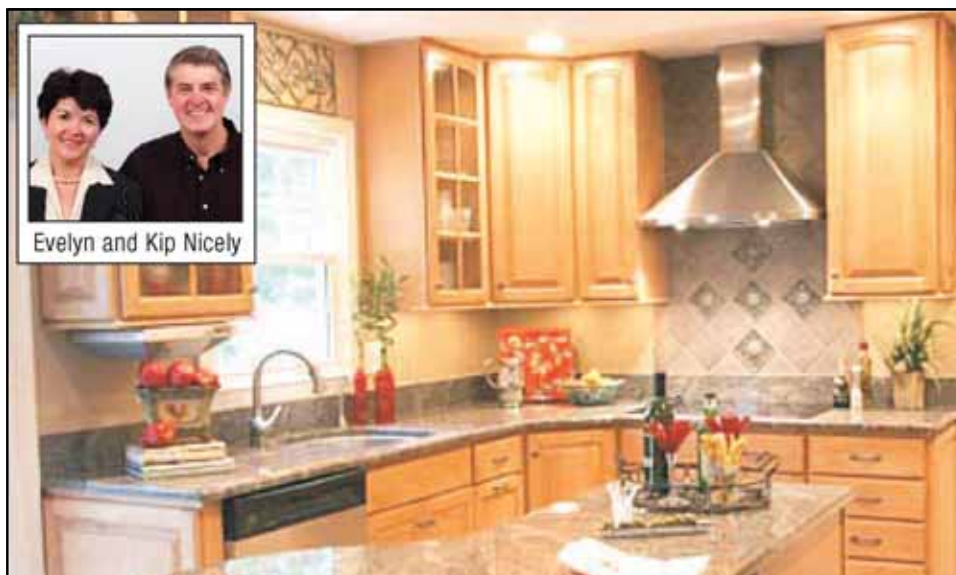
Lucchesi speaks from experience. "We sold a 1940s house recently with a small kitchen," she said. "We added new appliances, a new faucet, new cabinets and it sold for \$24,000 above the list price in four days with seven offers."

"When enhancing a house for sale, you want to appeal to the broadest audience," said Lucchesi.

Polished and updated kitchens create appealing pictures.

"Sexy kitchens photograph well," said Lucchesi. "When people are looking at kitchens in online photos, we don't want to give them a reason to tell their agent, 'No I don't want to see that house.'"

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## What to Expect Buying or Selling

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE CONNECTION

**R**eal estate agent Joan Caton Cromwell says she lost a home bidding war last week in Falls Church even though her client was a strong contestant.

"We were one of five contracts and we even waived the appraisal," said Cromwell of McEneaney Associates. "Any house that is close-in [to Washington, D.C.] and that is in nice condition, is going to attract a lot of attention."

Real estate agents say spring is one of the busiest times of the year for home sales and there is dearth of available homes in popular neighborhoods. "The lack of inventory in sought-after communities like Arlington and McLean has already ushered in the return of bidding wars for move-in ready properties," said John Eric, Vice President TTR Sotheby's International Realty in Arlington. "I expect all sectors of the market to see price gains and demand to remain high."

**HOME PRICES** are on the rise. "If you put a home on the market and it gets multiple offers, the eight other people who didn't get the house will bid on another house," said Cromwell. "In a market where there are multiple offers it definitely drives the prices up and it drives them up quickly."

**"We see a new trend in all price ranges where buyers want to buy where they can walk to amenities, restaurants and shops. Buyers are satisfied with smaller houses that are conveniently located."**

— Marsha Schuman,  
Washington Fine Properties

Anthony B. Sanders, Ph.D., Distinguished Professor of Real Estate Finance at George Mason University said, "Very simply, this is still an area that is growing, so housing home sales will continue to rise, but more slowly than during the real estate bubble."

Still, agents are optimistic as they enter the spring buying season. "The state of the real estate market is great," said Marsha Schuman of the Washington Fine Properties' Schuman Team. "The weather is behind us and there is a momentum going into the spring market that feels very positive."

The spring market in the Washington, D.C. area is aligned with academic calendars. "It starts in April and May in the suburbs," says Cromwell. "Those in the military or who work for the World Bank for example, put their homes on the market in spring to prepare to relocate during the summer."

Proximity to public transportation increases desirability. "For example, Reston

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### Fairfax County Real Estate Overview

- ❖ In February, 789 homes were sold in Fairfax County, an increase of 2.1 percent from the 773 homes sold in February 2013.
- ❖ On average, homes that sold in Fairfax County in February were on the market for 60 days, 8 days longer than the 52-day average in February 2013.
- ❖ The average home sales price of all homes that sold in February 2014 in Fairfax County was \$499,765, an increase of 4.8 percent over the February 2013 average sales price of \$476,735. Compared to the annual 2013 average home sales price of \$531,136, the February price decreased 5.9 percent.
- ❖ The average sales price for detached homes that sold in February 2014 was \$677,199, an increase of 7.4 percent over the February 2013 average of \$630,557.
- ❖ The average sales price of attached homes increased 6.9 percent in the same time period, to \$352,384 from \$329,534 the year before.
- ❖ In February, the number of active listings in the County was 1,814, an increase of 26.3 percent over the 1,436 listed in February 2013. Based on the February 2014 listings and the current sales rate, there is a 2.3 month supply of homes for sale in the County, up from the 1.9 month supply a year ago.

SOURCE: Fairfax County  
Office of Management and Budget

## A Picture Perfect Home

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE CONNECTION

**W**hen Realtors Marsha Schuman and Betsy Schuman Dodek drive up to a home to show it to a prospective buyer, they know that they have only one chance to make a good first impression. Potomac-based Dodek and Schuman of the Schuman Team of Washington Fine Properties say a home's curb appeal matters.

"When we think of curb appeal we think of the lawn and landscaping, front door, windows, roof and how it all looks," said Dodek. "Buyers want to buy from someone who has taken really good care of their home and that translates in to curb appeal."



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**Realtors say this Oakton home exemplifies ideal curb appeal, a critical factor when selling a home.**

Schuman added, "If things are not nice on the outside, then [potential buyers] wonder what the house will be like on the inside."

**REAL ESTATE AGENTS SAY** buyers want to purchase a well-cared for home, and the exterior aesthetic of a home creates that impression. Whether you're planning to put your house on the market or would just like a clean and fresh exterior to welcome you home each day, local real estate experts offer advice on enhancing a home's exterior.

McLean-based realtor Chris Pritchard of McEneaney Associates suggests starting by

**"The sense of arrival is very important — you never get a second chance to make a first impression."**

— Chris Pritchard

critiquing your own home. "Stand in front of your house and take a look," she said. "Walk up the driveway, ask yourself what

you would want to see if you were shopping for a house."

The yard should be pristine and vibrant. "Trimming, mulching and planting some colorful plants are key," said Pritchard.

"Add color with flowers, pots with plants, choosing things like geraniums and pansies," said Dodek. "Adding color just makes such a difference. It makes the yard pop."

Consider safety. "Is the yard hazard-free?" asks Dodek. "It needs to be freshly mowed and mulched with dark mulch because that makes the greenery pop. Make sure your bushes are trimmed and proportionate. Look at trees to make sure they aren't blocking the size of the house."

"One of the next areas we look at are patios, walkways and fences," continued Dodek. "Do they need repairs? Is there loose mortar?"

McLean Realtor Ann McClure of McEneaney Associates says that a home's exterior should be well-lit. "You need good looking and functional lighting which should be on in the evening."

Examine the entrance. "Take a look at the front door," said Dodek. "Does it need painting? We had a recent listing and we painted the door red and added new hardware and a kick plate and that made it stand out. That is something that is very cost effective to do."

A clean appearance is critical. "There should be no algae stains on the roof," said McClure. "The homeowner should make sure that if they have siding that it doesn't

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# Local Designers Help Unveil DC Design House

Area tastemakers dream home, currently on the market for \$3.85 million.

By MARILYN CAMPBELL  
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Local designers showed off their master work when the 2014 DC Design House was unveiled recently. From Arlington to Burke, and Alexandria to Potomac, Md., the area's top designers competed for an opportunity to donate their talent to transform a local, grand home into a showcase home.

The home, which is on the market for \$3.85 million, is now open to the public for tours. It features six-bedrooms, five full-and two half-baths. Built in 1929, the home features a three-car garage and a pool. The stone house offers three levels and nearly 8,000 square feet of living space, which local designers transformed.

**THE HOME'S FRONT FAÇADE** was designed by David Benton and Jim Rill of Potomac's Rill Architects. Inspired by the stately stone home, the duo decided to add a bit of detail and interest in the form of "style appropriate light fixtures, shutters, furniture and accent colors." When choosing a paint color for the front door, they wanted a hue that was traditional, but unexpected. Their choice: a "high-gloss verdigris green-blue [that] immediately catches your eye from the street. They replaced the existing solid wood single door with a glass-paned French door that "pulls outside views and daylight into the entry hall."

Victoria Sanchez of Victoria At Home in Old Town, Alexandria, designed the family breakfast room. "I wanted to create a room with a casual and cozy feel," she said. The room, which has large picture windows that offer uninterrupted views of nature, connects the kitchen with butler's pantry/wine tasting room. Sanchez choose woven rattan furniture to fill the space.

Jeff Akseizer and Jamie Brown of Akseizer Design Group in Alexandria designed the family room, which overlooks the pool and patio. The design duo created a room with French doors that open to the pool area when the weather is mild, but added a linear, modern fireplace to create a warm and cozy space during cooler months. They created "cascading light down the hand-woven wall covering..." The room is filled with organic textures, tone-on-tone colors and "nods to both a mid-century flair and modernism."

One of the home's guest bathrooms was created by Arlington-based Allie Mann of Case Design/Remodeling Inc. Mann describes the small space as "chic, classic and timeless ... a jewel box bath." The room features Calcutta marble flooring in a herringbone pattern and the acoustic "Moxie" showering system that allows one to listen to music while bathing. Mann was able to preserve and refinish the home's original iron bathtub.

Susan Donelson and Sharon Bubenhofer, of Cleveland Hall Design created a guest



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bedroom in the home. In an effort to create a light and airy space, the duo selected wall paper in a pink floral pattern. "We choose streamlined furniture and fabrics to accent the Asian feeling of the wallpaper." The room, designed whimsically in pink and green, features twin beds. The art in the room was painted by Donelson's mother,



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Janice Donelson, a classically trained artist.

**THE MASTER BEDROOM** was designed by Nancy Colbert of Design Partners in McLean. The space was repurposed to al-

low for a larger master bathroom and a walk-in closet with built-in shelving. Colbert discovered a painting that she thought would be perfect for a master bedroom, and designed the room around it. She chose an ivory turned-post king bed that she furnished with silk bedding in parchment and seafoam

green. Colbert added crown molding for additional detail. "One of the room's multi-purpose features is a silver toned gilded butterfly side table that was created by a newly discovered artist. It is a work of art and a table."

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**Jeff Akseizer and Jamie Brown, of Akseizer Design Group in Alexandria, designed the family room of the DC Design House. The room is filled with organic textures, tone-on-tone colors and "nods to both a mid-century flair and modernism."**

Parmelee of C2 Paint, Potomac Paint & Design with locations in Alexandria, Arlington and Chantilly, added color to the back staircase. The team chose paintable wallpaper in shades of plum, lilac, and spring green. Paintable wall paper "conveniently camouflages old plaster wall cracks, provides durability for high-traffic use and creates a

striking textured design."

Now in its seventh year, the annual event is a fundraiser for Children's National Health System, formerly Children's National Medical Center. The D.C. Design House has raised more than \$1 million and attracted more than 55,000 visitors over the past six years.



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**Jeff Akseizer and Jamie Brown, of Akseizer Design Group in Alexandria, designed the family room of the DC Design House. The duo created a room with French doors that open to the pool area when the weather is mild, but added a linear, modern fireplace to create a warm and cozy space during cooler months.**



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**The master bedroom was designed by Nancy Colbert, of Design Partners in McLean. The space was repurposed to allow for a larger master bathroom and a walk-in closet with built-in shelving.**



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**The home's front façade was designed by Rill Architects' David Benton and Jim Rill of Potomac.**



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**Susan Donelson and Sharon Bubenhofer, of Cleveland Hall Design created a light and airy guest bedroom in the DC Design House. The room, designed whimsically in pink and green, features twin beds. Art in the room was painted by Donelson's mother, Janice Donelson, a classically trained artist.**



## Sampler of New Homes Offerings



VAN METRE DESIGN STUDIO

**The Van Metre Portsmouth Model at Brambleton includes 3,692 square feet with five bedrooms and three baths with a main level bedroom and full bath. Van Metre homes operates an award-winning new homes design center at 24600 Mill Stream Drive #400, Stone Ridge, VA 20105.**



### Ryan Homes — Hampton Reserve, Fairfax Station

Ryan Homes is offering several models of single family homes up to 6,000 square feet at Hampton Reserve in Fairfax Station. Homes at Hampton Re-

serve sit on lots of at least one acre and have three-car garages. Located at 8830 Chrisanth Court, Fairfax Station, VA, 22039. Call 540-940-9397.



### Richmond American Homes

Townhomes and duplexes in the City of Fairfax, from the mid \$600,000s, at approximately 2,200-2,300 square feet with 3-5 bedrooms. Located at 10623 School Street, Fairfax, VA 22030. Call 703-348-0025



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**New homes in Vienna in the Maymont community, built by Basheer & Edgemoore.**

### Basheer & Edgemoore Wins Silver

The Maymont community in Vienna, Va. won a Silver Award for Basheer & Edgemoore at the National Sales and Marketing Awards for 2014. Hosted by the National Association of Home Builders, Basheer & Edgemoore took silver in the Community of the Year category.

The 5,000-8,000-square-foot homes at Maymont feature amenities such as hardwood flooring, granite countertops and brick and stone exteriors.

Since its founding, Basheer & Edgemoore has emerged as a leading developer and builder of

luxury estates and communities. The company selects and develops each property based on its natural beauty, convenience and potential, with a sense of respect for preservation and history.

Over the years, Basheer & Edgemoore used technological advances and improvements in construction and design, and these efforts have garnered industry recognition for leadership and innovation.

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### Pulte Homes

**Metro West** — with prices from \$454,990-\$831,845, Pulte has 1,256-1,942 square-foot condominiums and townhomes next to the Vienna Metro with 2-4 bedrooms, 2-3.5 baths, located at 2952 Rittenhouse Circle, Fairfax. Call 888-817-2201 or visit [www.pulte.com](http://www.pulte.com).

**Potomac Yard** — 1,736-4,167-square-foot condominiums and townhomes priced from \$619,990-\$1,133,845. Located at 2400 Main Line Blvd, Alexandria, VA 22301. Call 888-617-8583 or 800-665-4161, or visit [www.pulte.com](http://www.pulte.com).

### Evergreene Homes

**Columbia Place** — 1100 S Edgewood St., Arlington, VA 22204, Condos From the Mid 500s - Towns from the 800s. Call 703-868-8196.

**Vale Oakton** — 11797 Stuart Mill Road, Oakton, VA 22124. Single Family, \$2,313,925. Call 703-466-5411.

**Wolf Trap Woods** — 9518 Leemay St., Vienna, VA 22182. Single family-\$1,449,900. Call 703-466-5411.

**Oakton Heights** — 10412 Miller Road Oakton, VA 22124. Single family homes from \$1.3 million. Call 888-925-7411.

**Westover Place** — 1009 North Kensington St., Arlington, VA 22205. Townhouses from the \$800,000s. Call 703-652-2949.

### Stanley Martin

**Summit Oaks** — a community of new single family homes in Lorton, within seven miles of Lorton Station Town Center, Kingstowne Wegmans (coming in 2014), Kingstowne Center, Springfield Target and the Springfield Town Center project. Summit Oaks will offer two floorplans: The Carey (3,331-5,849 square feet) and The Davidson (3,492-4,917 square feet). Prices start in the low \$700,000s. Contact Lisa Sullivan at 703-339-9670.

**Cameron Glen** — new homes located just off Judicial Drive in the City of Fairfax, with the benefits of new construction amidst the charm and conveniences of Old Town Fairfax. Prices start at \$639,900. 4092 Sutherland Place, Fairfax, VA 22030.

**Callaway** — a community of new single family homes in Annandale, with three single family floor plans ranging from 3,037-4,363 square feet. Prices start in the upper \$700,000s. Contact Rhonda Shapiro at 571-266-9172 or Lisa Chapel at 703-994-3780.



# What to Expect

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is popular because of the Silver Line,” said Cromwell. “North Arlington and Falls Church are popular. Anything that offers a decent commuting experience for someone who can’t afford what they want in the city will be sought after.”

Schuman said, “We see a new trend in all price ranges where buyers want to buy where they can walk to amenities, restaurants and shops. Buyers are satisfied with smaller houses that are conveniently located. They want an easier life. Convenience is the new real estate buzzword. Property becomes compelling when buyers see value.”

Sanders said some communities are especially competitive. “Virginia has two of the wealthiest counties in the country, Loudoun and Fairfax counties, so those communities should see a fairly short turn over.”

**NOT EVERYONE IS KEEPING** with the trend. “We’re not seeing middle class families buying homes through the mortgage market,” said Sanders, the GMU professor. “Their income was devastated during the housing bubble burst due to foreclosures. Real household income has fallen since 2007. So the American middle class is worse off than it was in 2007. It’s more high-income families with cash or investors who are buying homes.”



PHOTO COURTESY OF TTR SOTHEBY’S INTERNATIONAL REALTY

**John Eric, Vice President TTR Sotheby’s International Realty says lack of inventory in sought-after communities like Arlington and McLean has already ushered in the return of bidding wars for move-in ready properties like this Arlington home.**

Schuman says that homes priced below \$1.3 million “are being snapped off the market if they are well conditioned and fairly priced. The ultra-luxury market, homes over \$2 million, is a little bit slower paced at

present, but there are signs that these buyers are out there and wanting to buy.”

Cromwell agrees, “The 600-900K price point is very busy for a house in good condition.”

# A Picture Perfect Home

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need power washing.”

“Power wash driveways, walkways and even the house sometimes,” said Pritchard. “The house should be washed before it is painted. Do any kind of painting or touch up painting of siding trim and doors that needs to be done. Sometimes you don’t have to paint at all if you do power washing. All homes get dusty. Sometimes paint fades and needs repainting.”

“Another easy thing is the windows,” said Dodek. “Remove screens and wash the windows. You want your house to sparkle inside and out.”

Pritchard said, “Curb appeal also goes to having a fence in good shape: washed and painted or washed and sealed. The home’s deck should be in good shape. More often than not a deck should be power washed and painted or stained or sealed or whatever the appropriate finish is.”

Minor touches can make a major impact. “Take a look at your mailbox,” said Dodek. “Is it upright? Is it tilted? Does it need to be painted?”

Don’t hide your amenities. “If you have a swimming pool, we get them to remove the cover,” said Dodek. “There’s nothing more beautiful than a beautiful blue swimming pool.”

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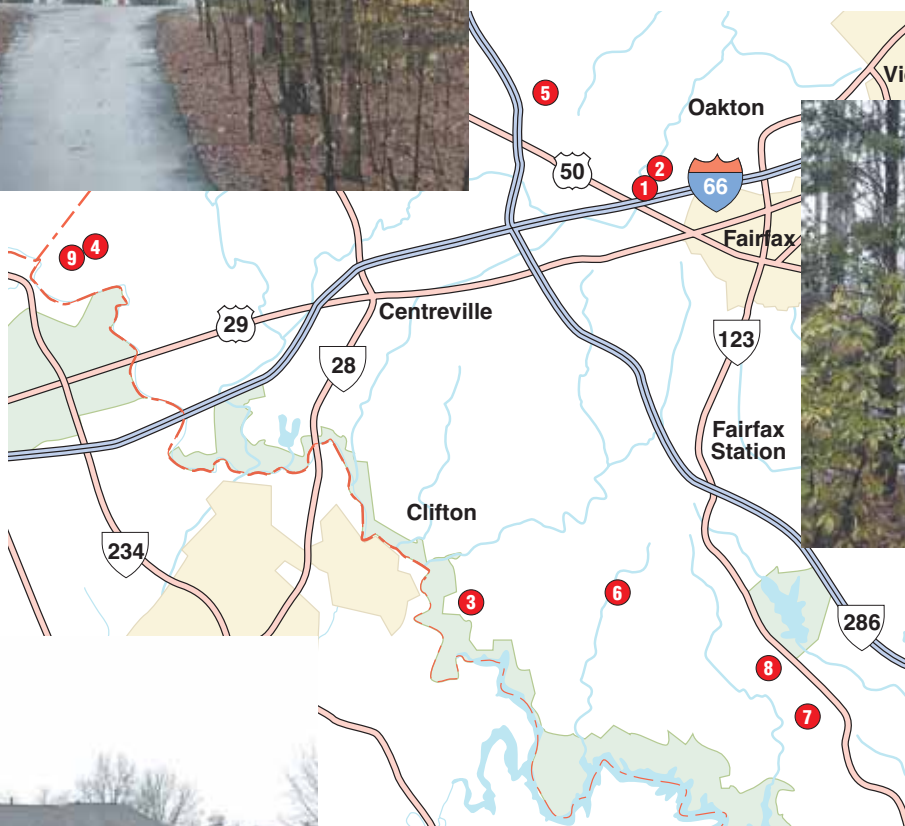
## Top Sales in February, 2014



❶ 3802 Millard Way, Fairfax — \$1,700,000



❸ 7840 Gold Flint Drive, Clifton — \$1,237,522



❻ 11418 Lilting Lane, Fairfax Station — \$1,165,000



❾ 16700 Cedar Post Court, Centreville — \$1,045,000

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❶ 3802 MILLARD WAY .....	5	..	5	..	1	FAIRFAX .....	\$1,700,000	Detached ...	1.21	22033	THE OAKS	02/18/14
❷ 11389 AMBER HILLS CT .....	5	..	5	..	2	FAIRFAX .....	\$1,423,061	Detached ...	0.83	22033	ESTATES AT FAIR OAKS	02/27/14
❸ 7840 GOLD FLINT DR .....	6	..	6	..	2	CLIFTON .....	\$1,237,522	Detached ...	5.00	20124	WYCKLAND	02/21/14
❹ 6212 SUDLEY FOREST CT .....	4	..	5	..	1	CENTREVILLE ..	\$1,235,140	Detached ...	5.02	20120	FAIRFAX NATIONAL ESTATES	02/14/14
❺ 12489 FALKIRK DR .....	5	..	4	..	1	FAIRFAX .....	\$1,199,000	Detached ...	0.51	22033	DARTMOOR WOODS	02/12/14
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