

Burke CONNECTION

Governor Terry McAuliffe is presented with a 2015 World Police and Fire Games jersey on May 21. McAuliffe joined leaders from around the Northern Virginia region to begin the countdown to the 2015 World Police and Fire Games.

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Razan Abdurrahman Idris of Springfield, a graduate of United World College in Montezuma, N.M., and daughter of Noura Harra and Abdurrahman Idris, is among seven incoming freshmen at Duke University selected as winners of the Reginaldo Howard Memorial Scholarship.

The full value of each "Reggie" scholarship, which covers full tuition, room, board and mandatory fees, is more than \$240,000 over four years. Duke provides this award annually to first-year students of African heritage who have demonstrated outstanding leadership ability, academic achievement, community involvement and a serious commitment to social justice. The Reginaldo Howard Memorial Scholarship is named for the first black student body president at Duke, who died in a car

accident in 1976.

For more information about the incoming class of "Reggie" Scholars, visit the scholarship's website at reggies.duke.edu.

Jacob Augelli, an eighth grade student at Robinson Secondary, finished in fourth place overall in the 2014 United States Geography Olympiad, junior varsity division.

The competition consisted of two parts: a written exam and a

quiz bowl tournament; Augelli placed sixth in the exam and tied for seventh in the quiz bowl tournament; overall scores were compiled by averaging each competitor's ranking for each part. Over 70 junior varsity students from as far away as Guam competed in the written exam and in a preliminary quiz bowl round, while those with high scores advanced to the final quiz bowl round.

Questions ranged in difficulty from naming countries by their

capital to identifying obscure islets in the North Atlantic. The top four varsity students earned the right to represent the USA at the 2014 International Geography Olympiad in Krakow, Poland, this summer. The Geography Olympiad was sponsored by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt and HISTORY, commonly known as the History Channel, which also sponsors the National History Bee and Bowl. For more information on the competition, please visit www.geographyolympiad.com.

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Residents Learn the Ins and Outs of Fairfax County

BY JANELLE GERMANOS
THE CONNECTION

Braddock District residents came to Supervisor John Cook's Neighborhood College Program for a variety of reasons, from wanting to be better leaders of their civic associations to looking to refresh their knowledge of local government, but all will be better informed and more able to navigate Fairfax County after graduating from the class.

"I am a Neighborhood College graduate and know personally the tremendous value this program can bring to the community," said Supervisor Cook. "It has been several years since the last Braddock District Neighborhood College and it is time to train the next set of community leaders and volunteers."

THE SIX-WEEK CLASS helps citizens learn more about the people, organizations and government that make up Fairfax County. At the program's first class on May 15, participants learned about the county's budget and changing demographics.

"Learning about the demographics of Fairfax County was fascinating," said Braddock District resident Cindy Barer. "The diversity of our area is really changing."

The second class on May 22 gave students a look at emergency response in Fairfax County. First on the agenda was J.T. Frey of the West Springfield Police Department, who educated participants on all things police-related in the area.

"I pretty much know West Springfield like the back of my hand," Frey told the class.

According to Frey, the West Springfield District, which is as large as the District of Columbia and stretches from Interstate 95 in Lorton in the South to Fairfax City in the north, has seen changes as more people move into the area.

"Calls for service in West Springfield have gone up in the past five years," Frey said.

The Fairfax County Police Department is also facing decreasing enrollment in their police academy classes. The last class that started the second week of April only has 23 participants, short of the 55 desired students.

In the West Springfield District, there is a minimum staffing of ten officers per shift. In a district with 250,000 people, residents may sometimes experience a longer wait time when calling the police



Burke residents listen as Braddock Supervisor John Cook begins a class of his Neighborhood College Program on May 22.

Supervisor Cook's Neighborhood College Program helps citizens navigate County.

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— Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock)



MPO J.T. Frey teaches residents about the West Springfield Police Department and educates them on crime statistics in Fairfax County at Supervisor Cook's Neighborhood College Program.



David McKernan, Fairfax County's Emergency Management Coordinator, speaks to Burke residents about how to be prepared in an emergency.



Mike Forgy of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) tells Burke residents about the benefits of enrolling in CERT.

station, Frey said.

Frey encouraged participants to attend Neighborhood Watch Training, which will allow them to become more vigilant of crime in their neighborhood. Kings Park West has experienced success with this program with a very low crime rate.

Citizens also heard from Burke Resident David McKernan, Fairfax County's Emergency Management Coordinator.

"It is a personal responsibility to be prepared for an emergency," McKernan said.

In a county with over one million residents, firefighters and police officers are only stopping where it's really bad, McKernan said.

The Office of Emergency Management prepares for every disaster from hurricanes and earthquakes to nuclear attacks, and the government will not be there to help every citizen in these events.

"We have to be prepared for all of these," McKernan said, encouraging residents to make a kit, make a plan and stay informed. "If you need it to survive, you need it

in your kit." Residents are encouraged to sign up for the new Fairfax Alert system, which sends emergency messages to those within a certain vicinity of an incident.

THE CLASS ENDED with information from Mike Forgy, an instructor with Fairfax County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). CERT classes are taught year round at the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Academy as well as locations throughout the community and teach students not only how to prepare themselves

for a disaster, but also how to help their community after an incident.

Supervisor Cook said the Neighborhood College Program is great for residents interested in joining their civic association boards, or anyone looking to learn more about Fairfax County. According to Allison Schneider, the communications director in Supervisor Cook's office, a new round of classes is expected to begin in the fall. "It's a great way to familiarize myself with the county rules and regulations," said Braddock District resident Chris Barer.



Representatives from chambers throughout the area, including Holly Dougherty, president of the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce (far right) and Nancy-jo Manney, president of the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce (fourth from left) posed with project staff with a signed pledge to discourage distracted driving.

Distracted Driving Rising in Fairfax County, Interstate 95

Drivers are encouraged to avoid their phones.

BY JANELLE GERMANOS
THE CONNECTION

Although April was designated as National Distracted Driving Awareness Month, the issue continues to affect drivers in and around Fairfax County throughout the year.

According to the Fairfax County Police Department, distracted driving resulted in 1,175 crashes in 2013. In the Lee district, Franconia Road and South Van Dorn Street was a top location for crashes involving distracted drivers.

A recent survey has also found that distracted driving is on the rise along Interstate 95, although construction of the express lanes has kept the area busy with construction.

The report, released on May 8 by Transurban-Fluor and AAA Mid-Atlantic, found that distracted driving rose to 62 percent this year, up from 56 percent in 2013.

"Distracted driving is dangerous under the best conditions - it is even more dangerous in a work zone," said Aubrey Layne, Virginia Secretary of Transportation, in a press release on May 8. "Transportation safety and the safety of those who report to work each day to improve Virginia's infrastructure is our top priority. Drivers can make our roads significantly safer by taking one simple step - put down the phone while behind the wheel."



Police officers from jurisdictions around the area, including Fairfax County, stand next to the Fairfax County Police Department's police car that displays messages intended to prevent distracted driving.

THE REPORT surveyed 1,023 drivers who live in Northern Virginia and travel along the express lanes construction. The number of distracted drivers who have had an incident or a near-miss is now at 31 percent, up from 24 percent in 2013, the report says.

The survey also found that work-related demands could be a cause of distracted driving, as 54 percent of distracted drivers were found to have at some point responded to an issue relating to work. And, those who respond to work-related issues are more likely to respond to texts and emails.

"The issue of distracted driving in Virginia starts and ends with this: if you're driving distracted, you're dangerous to everyone on the road," Mahlon G. "Lon" Anderson, AAA Mid-Atlantic spokesman, stated in the May 8 press release. "Employers must actively work to change their culture and discourage employees from driving distracted by changing policy. When it comes to distracted driving, being passive won't work. Changing behavior to save lives demands aggressive action."

The Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce, and the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce joined other chambers throughout the area at the second annual "Orange Cones. No Phones." Distracted Driving Safety Campaign press conference to remind the public not to use their cell phones while driving and to avoid distracted driving.

IN MARCH, the Fairfax County Police Department held its first class on distracted driving to train officers on the dangers of this occurrence. Distracted driving is anything that causes drivers' eyes to leave the road, their hands to leave the wheel, or their mind to be taken off driving.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than nine people are killed every day in crashes involving a distracted driver. And since construction of the 95 Express Lanes is continuing from Stafford County into Fairfax County near Edsall Road in Springfield through the end of 2014, it may continue to be a problem for commuters in the area.



Governor Terry McAuliffe and Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41) at the bill signing event at Kiddie Country in Burke.

Expanding Background Check for Childcare Providers

Elly Lafkin's baby, Cami, died tragically two years ago in a home daycare center in Harrisonburg, Va. She and her family experienced firsthand the need for expanded legislation regarding Virginia's current background check process for childcare providers.

Last week, at Kiddie Country in Burke, Elly joined Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41) and Governor Terry McAuliffe for a ceremonial bill signing of new legislation inspired by the death of her infant baby, Cami.

Current Virginia law requires a background check for anyone responsible for caring for six or more unrelated children. Unfortunately, however, such background searches do not include a fingerprint check run through the Central Criminal Records Exchange and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), which access national databases of crimes committed in other states and the use aliases. Elly left the care of her newborn baby in the hands of woman who passed a background check, however a fingerprint check would have caught her five aliases and felony record.

"Let's be clear, Camden's death was preventable, if Elly had known about this woman's criminal record, of course she would never have trusted her to take care of her child," said

Governor McAuliffe.

The new legislation signed by the Governor on Wednesday directs a work group to review current state and federal laws and regulations with regard to criminal history background checks for child care providers and to make recommendations to implement a fingerprint check screening system.

This legislation, spearheaded by delegates Filler-Corn and Rich Anderson and state senator Emmett Hanger passed the General Assembly unanimously and calls for a report to the Governor by Nov. 1.

"As a mother of two, knowing how important it was for me to have someone trustworthy, qualified and responsible caring for my kids when they were young, I knew something had to be done. I am proud of this first step. The safety and care of children across the Commonwealth has always been among my highest priorities," said Del. Filler-Corn.

Virginia's neighbors, North Carolina, Tennessee, West Virginia, Maryland, and Washington, D.C. already require a fingerprint check for child care providers. Governor McAuliffe expressed his zero-tolerance attitude toward those who put children in danger and demanded a thorough report that can lead to expanded legislation in next year's General Assembly Session.

Day of Service in Support of Child Development Center

On May 8, 22 volunteers descended upon Main Street Child Development Center (Main Street) from Keller Williams Capital Properties' Fairfax offices. To celebrate RED Day 2014, Keller Williams' annual day of service, the firm's affiliates shut down worldwide so that employees can serve local organizations. This year Keller Williams coordinated its volunteer activities with Main Street, a Fairfax-based preschool that serves predominately low-income working families. In a reception following the day of service, Keller Williams' Philip Simon and Marriah Unruh presented Main Street Director Carol Lieske with a \$1,000 check to support emergency tuition assistance. The real estate company's representatives also surprised Main Street teachers with three brand new bookshelves and an easel for their classrooms. "We are so very appreciative of Keller Williams' hard work and generosity," said Lieske. "Of course you can tell by our children's smiles and hugs that they enjoyed working with you to plant their garden."

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OPINION

New Measure: More Living in Poverty

Many households living in poverty in our region, invisible to most of us most of the time.

Inside the Beltway, that is Alexandria, Arlington and parts of Fairfax, 32 percent of children are living in poverty or near poverty. In Fairfax County, 26 percent of children live in or near poverty.

This is according to the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service at the University of Virginia.

"While Northern Virginia counties and cities enjoy some of the highest median incomes in the nation, the Virginia Poverty Measure shows that the extent of economic deprivation in the region is significantly greater than suggested by official poverty statistics."

Taking into consideration the high cost of

housing and other necessary goods, poverty rates for Northern Virginia residents are surprising. Inside the Beltway, the Virginia Poverty Measure showing a poverty rate of 12.3 percent, much higher than the official rate of 7.4 percent. In Fairfax, the Virginia Poverty Measure shows a poverty rate of nearly 10 percent (9.7 percent).

In Fairfax, that's more than 100,000 individuals living in poverty.

But for the most part, the affluent residents in our area do not see any of this poverty. Our schools and neighborhoods are economically segregated.

When thinking about affordable housing, about funding for schools, about expanding health coverage, it's important to hold these numbers, these children, these families in mind.

Father's Day Photos

Father's Day is June 15, and as in years past, The Connection will publish a gallery of photos of fathers, grandfathers, great grandfathers and sons and daughters. Send your photos, including names of everyone in the photo, ages of children, town of residence and a brief description of what is happening to editors@connectionnewspapers.com

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EDITORIALS

COMMENTARY

BY KENNETH R. "KEN"
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Recently the New York Times editorial board wrote about the "health care showdown in Virginia." Their comments were not favorable. "In Virginia, there are 400,000 low-income people who can't afford health care coverage but don't qualify for federal subsidies," they wrote. "If they lived across the state line in Maryland, West Virginia or Kentucky, which have expanded their Medicaid programs, they could get the coverage they

need." The reason they cannot; "a group of recalcitrant Republicans in the House of Delegates" have blocked Medicaid expansion at every opportunity. Highly regarded retired editorial writer for the Virginia Pilot, Margaret Edds, wrote about the current impasse in Virginia two weeks ago. Drawing on her extensive command of Virginia's history, Edds points out that Virginia was the last state to join Social Security in the 1930s. She argues that there is a moral imperative that "we cannot afford to take this risk" of not expanding Medicaid. She writes that "design-

ing a health care system that embraces everyone is the right thing to do." Reston resident, Elliot Wicks, in a recent letter to the editor makes the same argument that closing the coverage gap morally is the right thing to do.

In an unprecedented move, the Virginia Chapter of the American Association of Retired People (AARP) called a press conference to announce that letters sent by the Speaker of the House and other Republican lawmakers to their constituents over age 60 contained "inaccurate information about changes in Medicare." These letters from Speaker Howell and other lawmakers im-

plied that expanding Medicaid in Virginia would hurt Medicare beneficiaries. "Expanding Medicaid to uninsured Virginians won't harm the Medicare program or its beneficiaries," the AARP spokesperson said.

Revenues for the Commonwealth are expected to fall short of projection for this year by as much as \$300 million. Ironically, Virginia is losing \$5 million a day amounting now to three-fourths of a billion dollars paid by Virginians that could be returned to the state through Medicaid expansion. The money could not be used to balance the budget in the current year, but in future years more than \$200 million that Virginia pays for indigent care from its general tax revenue could be paid by Medicaid.

State and local chambers of commerce, medical and health care associations, and editorial boards of the major newspapers in the state have endorsed Medicaid expansion. A major compromise in the form of Marketplace Virginia, proposed by three Republican senators and endorsed by all Democratic legislators, has been introduced. The compromise proposed in Marketplace Virginia addresses the Republicans' stated concerns by including a provision to discontinue the program if the federal government reneges on its commitments. It is time for Republicans in the House of Delegates to agree to the compromise. Their insistence on separating Medicaid from the state budget is a costly stalling tactic that is hurting a large number of Virginians and threatens to hurt even more if the budget stalemate continues.

A Moral Imperative



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Olivet Episcopal Church (at the corner of Franconia & Beulah) invites the community to help them celebrate their 160 years in the Franconia community. Our Heritage Day & Homecoming event on Sunday, June 1, from 12-2:30 p.m. will include the history of the church and notable families, a photo quiz, a light meal, strawberry shortcake and a silent auction. All auction proceeds will be given to non-profit organizations in the Franconia community.

Graduates' Recognition Sunday. Greater Little Zion Baptist Church, 10185 Zion Drive in Fairfax, will host Dr. James A. Williams, Assistant Professor at James Madison University and author of "From Thug to Scholar: An Odyssey to Unmask My True Potential," as the guest speaker for their Graduates' Recognition Sunday. Sunday, June 8, at the 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. The event is free and the service is open to the public. For additional information, contact the church Admin Staff at 703-764-9111.

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Countdown to World Police And Fire Games Begins

The event will bring 12,000 athletes from 70 countries to region in Summer 2015.

BY JANELLE GERMANOS
THE CONNECTION

Even though the opening ceremony is still a little over a year away, Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe joined officials from Fairfax County last week to announce the countdown to the 2015 World Police and Fire Games.

"This is great for Fairfax, but most importantly, this is great for the Commonwealth of Virginia," McAuliffe said at the May 21 event in Vienna.

The games, which will take place in 2015 from June 26 to July 5, will bring 12,000 police and fire athletes from 70 countries to Fairfax County, more athletes than the 2012 London Olympics. Anywhere from 15,000 to 30,000 visitors are also expected.

"What a unique opportunity we have to show the world what Fairfax County, the National Capital Region, the commonwealth of Virginia, can do and what it's like to live, work and play here," said Bill Knight, CEO of Fairfax 2015.

McAuliffe has been named the chairperson of the Honorary Board of the games, along with leaders across Fairfax County. The Fairfax 2015 Honorary Board includes former U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell, Virginia Senators Tim Kaine and Mark Warner, Virginia Congressional Representatives Jim Moran, Gerry Connolly and Frank Wolf, George Mason University President Angel Cabrera, Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce President Jim Corcoran, and Cal Ripken, among others.

"This is all about public safety, and I'm so proud of the men and women in public safety, including police, fire, EMS, and the sheriff's office," said Sharon Bulova, chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

The games are expected to bring between \$60 and \$80 million in economic impact to the area. They



Sharon Bulova, Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, speaks at an event that begins the countdown to the World Police and Fire Games.



Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe joined leaders from around the Northern Virginia region to begin the countdown to the 2015 World Police and Fire Games.

are open to any public officer, and will include events such as a half marathon, ultimate firefighter, bodybuilding, toughest alive, and dozens of other competitive events. "Yes, this is bigger than the London Olympics," said Kevin Reynolds, chairman of the Fairfax 2015 Board of Directors and president of Cardinal Bank. "Most of the competitors will pay for themselves to come here, so our job is to make this a world-class experience."

McAuliffe said the games will increase tourism and encourage people to bring their businesses here. He also announced that \$10 million needs to be raised before the games begin.

"We are putting in a bid for the region to get the Olympics that are coming up. This will be a great warm-up for us in order to be com-



Jim Corcoran, president of the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, joined Governor Terry McAuliffe and others from the region to raise excitement for the 2015 World Police and Fire Games.

petitive," McAuliffe said. "These world games are really going to be a set-up for us as we try to bring the Olympics here to this region, which would be another gigantic economic boom."

The games promote fitness and readiness, and provide a sense of family and community for public safety personnel.

"These competitions are so vital in honing these skills. They're also a lot of fun to run, as we'll find out next year," Bulova said.

The Athlete's Village will be at the Reston Town Center, with many of the events taking place at George Mason University.

"It's going to be all over Fairfax County," said Jim Corcoran, president and CEO of the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce. "We're really looking forward to it, and we're all in."

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Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe vetoed a bipartisan ethics bill last week.

McAuliffe Vetoes Bipartisan Ethics Bill

Bill was co-sponsored by Del. Scott Surovell (D-44).

BY JANELLE GERMANOS
THE GAZETTE

After Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe vetoed a bipartisan ethics bill last week, the bill's co-sponsors, Del. Scott Surovell (D-44) and Del. David Ramadan (R-87) and Del. Jim LeMunyon (R-67), joined other lawmakers throughout the state in expressing their disapproval of the decision.

Surovell and LeMunyon's bill, House Bill 1212, also had a Senate counterpart, Senate Bill 650, which was vetoed by the Governor.

The bills concerned the Governor's Development Opportunity Fund and would prohibit the governor from seeking or accepting gifts over \$50 from those seeking money from the fund.

The law would also apply to the governor's campaign committee and political action committees established on behalf of the governor.

"The Governor's Office is already prohibited from soliciting contributions while negotiating public-private partnerships. I saw this as a logical extension of that prohibition," said Del. Surovell in a statement on May 23.

BOTH BILLS were passed unanimously by the General Assembly. The senate version was sponsored by a majority of the Senate, including Sen. Richard Saslaw (D-35).

"The Governor's veto is disappointing. The concerns that

were raised by representatives of the Fund during committee consideration of the bills were reflected in amendments made in committee to accommodate those concerns," Del. LeMunyon said in a statement on May 23.

McAuliffe's veto comes after his proposed amendments to place that same limit on legislators were rejected by the General Assembly on April 23.

"First, while grants are awarded by the Governor from the GOF, the General Assembly approves and votes on its funding; therefore the provisions and protections for ethical standards associated with these awards should also apply to legislators," McAuliffe wrote in an explanation of the veto.

"Additionally, requiring the 2015 Session of the General Assembly to reenact this bill would allow appropriate time to determine the best means for review and implementation. These measures would avoid unintended consequences and protect confidentiality for ongoing economic development projects. These recommendations were not adopted," he wrote.

THE GOVERNOR'S Development Opportunity Fund provides loans or grants to businesses as an incentive for moving or expanding in Virginia. The fund is currently valued at \$35 million.

"I had hoped the Governor would sign this legislation, given its overwhelming support."

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Some Good News and a Lot of Uncertainty

Realtors discuss the mortgage market at finance summit.

BY ANDREA WORKER
THE CONNECTION

The Northern Virginia Association of Realtors (NVAR) hosted Finance Summit 2014 at their Fairfax Headquarters on Wednesday, May 21. The event brought together a panel of speakers with an impressive collection of credentials and expertise. Moderator Ken Harney's "Nation's Housing" column is nationally syndicated. Harney is also a member of the Federal Reserve Board Consumer Advisory Council, an author and commentator on real estate and mortgage issues, and the host of CNBC's "Real Estate Magazine" weekly television program.

Tony Porto, Regional Manager from event sponsor Access National Bank, opened the program. "There are some 11,000 members in your organization," he said, "and more than 50 choices of lenders. Service is what will differentiate one from the other." Porto had pens flying across notepaper when he explained the key features of a new lending product being offered by Access for loans up to 760K with no PMI and only 5 percent down required.

Joseph Minarik, Sr. V.P. and Director of Research – Committee for Economic Development, was the first presenter to address the gathering. With multiple degrees from Yale and Georgetown, and a background that includes a post as the Chief Economist of the Office of Management and Budget during the Clinton administration, Minarik warned that the financial "crystal ball" was cloudier than ever, particularly since "there is no real history for a downturn such as we have experience over that last seven years." Minarik spoke of the "Shadow Labor Force" – those who had virtually quit looking for work during this time – and the fact that no one could truly predict how many of them would come back into the workforce, and at what levels of productivity and income.

A FORMER COLLEAGUE of current Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen, Minarik expressed faith in the Fed and its monetary

VIEWPOINTS

What are your thoughts about the current mortgage environment: How is it affecting real estate market in Northern Virginia?"

— ANDREA WORKER

Margaret Ireland, Associate Broker, Weichert

"Interest rates are actually pretty good, especially compared to where they've been in the past. But the public doesn't see that. I agree that there needs to be a bit of a let up in all of the rules and regulations and challenges to the buying process, still keeping the risks in mind to avoid a repeat of this collapse."



Tracey Barrett, Barrett & Associates, LLC, Elite Group Realtors

"Whatever is going on, with proper coaching I can set up expectations to meet goals and deadlines. It's still a good time to buy, and a good time to sell. Rates are historically low, sellers can still get excellent prices. We all may have to work a little harder, but good business is there."



Andy Krumholz, Keller Williams Reston

"For most buyers the mortgage marketplace has not impacted their ability to obtain financing. The loan underwriters remain conservative in their analysis and are requiring more documentation from the borrowers than ever before. This often will elongate the loan approval process a bit, but typically does not hinder the borrowers ability to obtain financing. Borrowers need to be prepared to respond quickly to lenders questions and provide comprehensive information when asked."



policies, but less in the country's fiscal policy. "We are still at risk," he said. "We are not pre-destined to have a happy ending."

Steve Farbstein, Chairman, Virginia Bankers Association Mortgage Executives Committee and Richard Owen, VP Community Bank Division & Government Relations – Atlantic Bay Mortgage Group, did a combined presentation that spoke to some of the changes brought to the lending market by the 2,319 pages of the Dodd Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. Most realtors in the room acknowledged that they had not as of yet felt any

real negative effects from the legislation, even though it kicked in on Jan. 11 of this year. Farbstein credited much of the smoothness to the start up to the "Dodd Frank checklists that banks, brokers and other lenders have been working on for months." Both Farbstein and Owen reminded their audience that a strong realtor/lender partnership was still the best way for both to succeed, and to best satisfy their mutual customer – the homebuyer. The duo projected an overall positive outlook on the current mortgage market, saying that credit availability is getting better, homeownership in the region is up, while

delinquencies and foreclosures are down. "Yes, rates are rising a bit," said Owen, "but maybe we should use the times of the Savings and Loans crisis as a reminder. Compared to 17, 18, even 21 percent, 4 percent looks pretty good to me."

When it was his turn to present, Ken Harney took some time to chastise the lending policies that demand "a too high credit score, keeping many qualified people out of the buying process." Harney is also critical of the high, layered fees that he sees as "blocking growth." "There have been five increases in FHA lean fees in the last several years." Harney sees the mortgage market in something of a "vicious circle." Although he strongly agrees that no one wants to see a return to the boom/bust housing market, "too many people are afraid to let one (risky loan) through."

THE PROGRAM'S FINAL SPEAKER

apologized in advance of his remarks. "Sorry," said Stan Collender, Exec. VP, Qorvis/MSLGroup. "I don't have a PowerPoint. And I really only have a few things to say, starting with 'get use to it.'" Collender, who has worked for the House and Senate Budget Committees as well as three U.S. representatives on the House Budget and Ways and Means Committee thinks the way things are right now is the new normal for at least the rest of the decade. Providing numerous firsthand anecdotes of what he sees as fairly entrenched partisan politics on the Hill, Collender's prediction is that this Congress "will name some new post offices, but that's about it. There will not be any new Federal dollars, nothing new in the Federal budget arena, certainly no tax reform before 2019 at the earliest. "Describing a continued "tight and difficult period," Collender thinks that this will translate into people less likely to sell, even those ready to downsize. Many realtors in the room nodded in agreement, some commenting that the lack of inventory in some of the price ranges is definitely a barrier to their business.

The 2014 Finance Summit is just one of the many forums, seminars, networking events and educational programs offered by the NVAR at both their Fairfax headquarters, at the NVAR Herndon Center and elsewhere. More information is available on their website at www.nvar.com and on their Facebook page.

AREA ROUNDUPS

Be Prepared for Hurricanes

Since hurricane season begins June 1, Gov. Terry McAuliffe has recognized May 25-31 as Hurricane and Flooding Preparedness Week across Virginia. Accordingly, Fairfax County emergency-management officials encourage all residents to have an emergency kit of supplies on hand. It should start with three days of bottled water and non-perishable food, plus a battery-powered and/or hand-crank radio with extra batteries to hear emergency information. Other items to include are flashlights and extra batteries, a first-aid kit and an extra supply of prescription medicines.

Teen Girls May Explore Law-Enforcement

Rising 10th through 12th grade girls are invited to consider a career in law-enforcement by attending a week-long class this summer.

A select group of young girls will learn firsthand about core police functions, such as patrol, K9 and crime-scene investigations.

They'll also discover the importance of having leadership skills, will meet today's female law-enforcement leaders in Fairfax County and explore what it takes to become

a police officer.

This unique opportunity is free but, to be selected, girls must first complete and submit an application and medical form by June 25. In return, they'll either receive an acceptance letter or be notified that they're on a wait list.

This class will be held Monday, Aug. 11, through Saturday, Aug. 16, at the Gatehouse Administration Building, 8115 Gatehouse Road in Falls Church. Participants are expected to attend the entire session. For more information, call 703-280-0713 or email CPA@fairfaxcounty.gov. Download an application and medical form at <http://www>

The Fairfax Education Association appears before the board's budget decision.



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School Board Passes Budget

Schools to cut out more than 700 positions countywide.

BY REENA SINGH
THE CONNECTION

Fairfax County Public Schools' 2.5 billion budget passed during a six hour meeting Thursday.

The School Board approved the fiscal year 2015 budget 9-3 after debating through a list of amendments, approving a step increase for employees in November but cuts out more than 700 positions countywide.

Mount Vernon representative Dan Storck, Braddock District representative Megan McLaughlin and Springfield representative Elizabeth Schultz opposed both the adjusted budget and the two amendments that passed during the meeting.

"We knew we were going to have to cut things that we cared about, and that \$97 million is full of things we cared about," said Hunter Mill representative Pat Hynes. "The money is not there. We have combed through our budget and it is not there."

Reductions totaling \$97 million represent not only employee positions, but also the reduction of \$3.9 million in health and retirement benefit costs.

THE BOARD also eliminated the fees for International Baccalaureate and Advanced Placement exams, taking on the \$4 million burden in the budget. Some board members felt that money could have gone towards other line



The Fairfax County School Board voted on the final budget modifications at the last meeting.

items, like more Head Start and pre-kindergarten classrooms than the two that were approved at the meeting.

Storck prefaced his vote hours earlier by stating he would not be able to approve of a budget that had not gone through the democratic process. He felt the modifications presented after the county Board of Supervisors approved the school transfer did not represent the board's wishes.

He made a motion to divide the budget motion to allow board members to vote on each budget modification. "The purpose of dividing the motion is for the board to approve of something rather than to accept it at default," he said.

However, the motion failed.

"If it takes until 5 a.m., I really don't care," said Schultz, who agreed with Storck. "That's what we were elected for."

She said that "if we didn't start from a place of principle, I don't think I'll be able to agree on the whole thing."

The two amendments that passed during the six-hour session

included reducing funding for out-of-school support due to the savings projected by a partial in-school suspension position lost at Thomas Jefferson School of Science and Technology and increasing the staff reserves by 3.0 positions.

Fairfax Education Association president Kimberly Adams brought a group from the FEA during the public comment period to let the board know before they voted what teachers will face if compensation is kept low with the increasing demand on hours and students. "This budget is definitely full of furious cuts," she said after the meeting. "When you cut 731 positions, you increase the workload for everyone else."

She noted that the money being spent to pay for IB and AP exams could have been spent on moving the step increase in pay to October rather than November.

ON THE COUNTY'S END, Adams said an \$11.5 million increase could have been "doable," and would have only cost taxpayers another half cent.



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From left — Mark Johnson, service and parts director, Farrish Subaru; Kevin Farrish, owner, Farrish Subaru; Tony Burchard, president, Inova Health Foundation, and Ralph Perkins, general manager, Farrish Subaru.

Farrish Subaru Supports Inova Health Foundation

On May 15, Inova Health Foundation received a \$3,395.54 donation from the team at Farrish Subaru, 10407 Fairfax Blvd, Fairfax, as part of Subaru's national "Share the Love" event.

From Nov. 21, 2013 to Jan. 2, 2014, customers who purchased or leased a new Subaru vehicle could select from a list of charities to receive a donation of \$250 from SOA. This year, Subaru of America, Inc. donated \$10 million to partici-

pating charities. Over the last six years SOA has donated \$35 million to a number of worthy causes through the "Share the Love" event.

SOA selected the five national charities: ASPCA, Make-A-Wish, Meals On Wheels Association of America, National Park Foundation and Teach for America.

Subaru retailers could also elect to add a sixth, local charity and Farrish Subaru selected Inova Health System Foundation as its local partner.

Governor Vetoes Ethics Bill

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port. According to Virginia's Constitution, there is not an opportunity to override the veto at this point in the legislative process. However, I look forward to re-introducing the bill next year and working in a bipartisan way to enact it into law," LeMunyon said.

Ramadan also said he was disappointed with McAuliffe's veto.

"Our Ethics bill would have added a level of trust of the ad-

ministration which will be negotiating public-private partnerships with millions of dollars of taxpayers' money from the Fund," he wrote in a statement on May 23.

The General Assembly has passed ethics legislation this year in response to the indictment of former Republican Governor Bob McDonnell and his wife for accepting gifts from businessman Jonnie Williams in exchange for promoting dietary supplement products.

However, she was happy that there is already a proposed full step increase and 1 percent increase in cost of living wages on the table for the FY 2016 budget. School Board Chair Ilryong Moon adjourned the meeting at 1 a.m. before the consent agenda could be voted on, due to the time. The items will be voted on at the next board meeting.

His comments echoed Adams' thoughts on hoping the county would have done more for the

schools. "We appreciate the Board of Supervisors' efforts to increase the transfer this year although we remain disappointed that the board did not fully fund our transfer request," he said in a press release. "We are committed to continuing the cooperative, collaborative process that was established during this budget cycle in future years." Additional budget information can be found at <http://www.fcps.edu/news/fy2015.shtml>.

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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/MAY 30-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/ MAY 30

Gardening on a Shoestring. 1:30-2:30 p.m. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Rd, Alexandria. Economical, beautiful landscapes and gardens for beginning gardeners. \$10. RSVP fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring. 703-642-5173.

SATURDAY/MAY31-SATURDAY/JUNE 14

Children's Theatre: Princess and the Pea. 1 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Rd, Lorton. This original musical adaptation of the Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale is presented by Pandemonium Theatrical Productions. Admissions: \$9-\$12. www.workhousearts.org. 703-584-2900.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 31-JUNE 1

Springfield Days Festival 2014. Loisdale Rd, Springfield. Annual community festival in the heart of greater Springfield area. Activities for all ages, with 5K, Farmer's Market, PetFest, Cardboard Boat Regatta and Car Show. Free. Detailed information at www.springfielddays.com and www.runspringfield.org.

Tournaments for Turf: Moonlight Madness. 6 p.m.-10 a.m. Braddock Park, Braddock Rd, Clifton. All night, co-ed adult softball extravaganza includes three-game, 55-minute game guarantee. \$275-\$300. Registration deadline: May 28. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/tournaments-for-turf. 703-324-8759.

SATURDAY/ MAY 31

Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War. 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m., George Mason University, 4400 University Drive MS 3A2 Fairfax. The conference will juxtapose the Civil War with other internal conflicts during the same period; refreshments included. \$25. http://www.VirginiaCivilWar.org

Silent Auction & Fashion Show. 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Springfield Golf and Country Club, 8301 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. Silent auction and accessories until noon; lunch and fashion show after noon. Bring gently-used work attire to donate to Dress for Success. All proceeds benefit the missions of Messiah UMC. \$25. 703-569-9862. giggles.foryou@verizon.net for tickets.

Workshop: Crafted Flowering Allium. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Rd, Alexandria. Craft a painted, flowering allium for your garden using simple supplies. \$45. RSVP fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring. 703-642-5173.

Community Science Day. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Lee High School, 6540 Franconia Road, Springfield. IB Science Students at Lee HS invite the community to the third annual Community Science Day. Lee scientists have created thoughtful lessons to engage visitors of all ages. Event is open to all and drop in style.

Open Mic Coffee House. 7 - 9:30 pm. Calvary Hill Baptist Church,



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Oak View Elementary School SACC, or School Aged Child Care, built this "Lobster" boat for the Cardboard Boat Regatta held at Lake Accotink Park on June 3, 2013. This year's Springfield Days Cardboard Boat Regatta will be June 1, 2 p.m. at Lake Accotink Park, as part of the Springfield Days Festival 2014.

9301 Little Turnpike, Fairfax. Bring your axe, and play your favorite tunes! Amps and keyboard provided. If you would like to come and share your talent, please call Pete at 703-955-2039.

Workshop: Crafted Flowering Allium. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Green Spring Garden, 4601 Green Spring Rd, Alexandria. Craft a painted, flowering allium for your garden out of surprisingly simple craft supplies at Green Spring Gardens from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$45 per person. Register online. For information, call 703-642-5173. http://parktakes.fairfaxcounty.gov/rev1_locdetail.asp?l

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SUNDAY/JUNE 1

Olivet Heritage Day & Homecoming. 12-2:30 p.m. Olivet Episcopal Church (at the corner of Franconia & Beulah). Come help us celebrate our 160 years in the Franconia community. Our Heritage Day & Homecoming event will include the history of the church and notable families, a photo quiz, a light meal, strawberry shortcake and a silent auction. All auction proceeds will be given to non-profit organizations in the Franconia community.

South Boundary A Capella Ensemble. 5-6 p.m. Fairfax Baptist Church, 10830 Main St, Fairfax. From Aiken, SC, South Boundary presents a range of genres, from Renaissance to Broadway. Free.

Unmentionables: 19th Century Undergarments. 1-3:30 p.m. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Rd, Alexandria. By popular request, artist/collector Carolina Hottenstein returns to display and discuss her extensive collection of Victorian undergarments. Learn about and view the outrageous hidden paraphernalia that women were obliged to wear! \$15-\$35. 703-642-5173.

THURSDAY/JUNE 5-SUNDAY JUNE 8

Celebrate Fairfax! Celebrate Fairfax!, Northern Virginia's largest community-wide celebration, arrives June 6-8 to the Fairfax County Government Center. Twenty-five acres of vendors, exhibitors, rides, and nightly fireworks. 703-324-FAIR (3247) for all details.

THURSDAY/JUNE 5

Summer Used Book Sale. 1- 9 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Over 8,000 books in every genre - kids, history, mystery, romance, popular fiction and more on sale.

FRIDAY/JUNE 6

Cool Cow Comedy Presents: Jared Logan and Kara Klenk. 8 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Rd, Lorton. Headliner Jared Logan appears with Kara Klenk for a night of comedy. Due to material, all patrons must be 18 years old to attend the performance. Admissions: \$15-\$20. www.workhousearts.org. 703-584-2900.

Summer Used Book Sale. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Over 8,000 books in every genre - kids, history, mystery, romance, popular fiction and more on sale.

FRIDAY/JUNE 6-SUNDAY/JUNE 8

Cabaret Series: One Night at the Moulin Rouge. Friday-Saturday 8 p.m. Sunday at 1 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Rd, Lorton. Our vocalists celebrate the music and humor of the famed Parisian hot-spot with songs from inspired by the cabaret style. Although performers are fully costumed, it is recommended for adult audiences due to suggestive humor and some language. Admissions: \$25-\$30. www.workhousearts.org. 703-584-2900.

SATURDAY/JUNE 7

Spring Festival. 12 - 4 p.m. Fellowship Baptist Church, 5936 Rolling Road, Springfield. Activities will include a petting zoo, moon bounce, obstacle course, RC race course, games for all ages, crafts, cake walk, prizes and refreshments.

Bukas Loob sa Diyos of Washington presents Leyte Dance Theater Philippines in "Bayan Ko". 3-5 p.m. Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax. Proceeds with benefit the various programs and outreach projects of BLD Washington and the Leyte Typhoon Victims. \$20-\$50. 703-203-2822.

Mount Vernon Nights: April Verch (Bluegrass). 7-8 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Internationally touring Canadian fiddler, step dancer and singer-songwriter April Verch will be performing on the quad. Picnic baskets, lawn chairs and blankets are welcome, but outside alcohol is not permitted. www.workhousearts.org. 703-584-2900.

Dog Adoption. 12 -3 p.m. at PETCO, Greenbriar Towncenter, 13053 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax. 703-817-9444. hart90.org.

Summer Used Book Sale. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Over 8,000 books in every genre - kids, history, mystery, romance, popular fiction and more on sale.

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West Springfield Baseball Wins Conference Final

Spartans capture first conference/district title since 2009.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

West Springfield senior Matt Meinhofer looked over at head coach Jason Olms, who returned a nod of acknowledgement. West Potomac pitcher Michael Barnes had been using a slow windup and the Spartan duo saw an opportunity to capitalize.

Meinhofer, who reached base via bunt single and was now at third, took a lead and broke toward the plate. The all-conference catcher arrived safely with a successful steal of home, extending West Springfield's lead to five runs in the bottom of the sixth inning while tying the program's single-season record for stolen bases (25) in the process.

The West Springfield Spartans defeated the West Potomac Wolverines 8-5 on May 23 in the Conference 7 baseball tournament championship game at Tugwell Yards. In a meeting of the conference's top two seeds, No. 1 West Springfield spent the evening making things happen while No. 2 West Potomac suffered through mental lapses.

The Spartans bunted runners over. Their pitchers worked out of jams. Meinhofer stole home.

Meanwhile, two Wolverine base runners got picked off and another ran into a tag for the third out of an inning. An infielder forgot to cover a base, turning a West Springfield sacrifice bunt attempt into a hit. West Potomac pitchers hit four Spartan batters.

The result was a West Springfield celebratory dog pile near the mound and the program's first conference/district championship since 2009. The Spartans won a state title in 2010 and a region championship in 2012.

"In our locker room, we believed in each other and we knew we had a pretty good squad and we knew we had a lot of talent," Olms said. "We just had to put it all together and go out and compete."

The victory was also the next step in redemption for a decorated



The West Springfield baseball team celebrates winning the Conference 7 tournament on May 23.



West Springfield senior catcher Matt Meinhofer stole home in the sixth inning of the Spartans' 8-5 victory over West Potomac in the Conference 7 final on May 23.

program that finished the 2013 season on a sour note. Last season, the Spartans failed to qualify for regionals after losing to Lee, a program that has struggled in recent years, 5-4 in the opening round of the Patriot District tournament. West Springfield finished the 2013 campaign with a 9-12 record.

"It definitely weighs a lot," Meinhofer said of last year's season-ending loss. "It was the first time, I think, in 30-something years we didn't make it to the region tournament. We definitely had that in our minds."

After earning the top seed and receiving a first-round bye in the 2014 Conference 7 tournament, West Springfield's pitchers were well rested for the championship game. Staff ace and all-conference performer Brandon Padgett, who pitched three innings in the Spartans' semifinal victory over Annandale on Wednesday, got the start against West Potomac and earned the win. Padgett allowed one run and six hits over five innings. He walked two, hit one batter and struck out four.

"Brandon did an outstanding job just throwing strikes [and] pitching through some tough spots," Olms said. "When he's on the

mound, I think we're comfortable [and] relaxed."

Padgett said having a pitching-to-contact approach requires trust in one's teammates.

"[It's about] just relying on everyone else, realizing we're a team, just [coming] together and then just [relaxing]," Padgett said. "That's the biggest thing: just have fun. That's what our coaches have been preaching to us this whole year: just have fun out there and don't make it like last year, because last year was so stressful."

West Springfield right fielder Joseph Basse went 2-for-3 with three RBIs. All-conference designated hitter Blake Bird was 3-for-4 with a double.

Meinhofer, Timothy Yonkers, Louis Perez, Adham Nabhan, and Thomas Meiller each had a hit for the Spartans. "We have played three bad games this year — [all against West Springfield]," Sullivan said. "As long as we're not playing them, we seem to play a good game. Right now, they've got our number for some reason."

West Springfield (16-6) will host Osbourn in the first round of the 6A North region tournament at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 30. West Potomac (14-8) will host Patriot at 4 p.m.

South County senior Darwin Vasquez (22) scored a goal against T.C. Williams in the Conference 7 championship match on May 22.



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFT/THE CONNECTION

South County Falls In Championship Match

Stallions prove resilient in defeat against T.C. Williams.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

The South County boys' soccer team had a chance to take control of the Conference 7 championship match when senior Darwin Vasquez scored in the 57th minute on a windy evening at T.C. Williams High School.

Vasquez's goal tied the score at 1 and the Stallions would have the wind at their back for the remainder of the second half. South County failed to capitalize on the opportunity, however, rendering the Stallions' next goal a show of resiliency rather than a potential game-winner.

Top-seeded T.C. Williams defeated No. 7 South County 3-2 on May 22 to capture the Conference 7 title. After Vasquez netted the equalizer, TC sophomore Kevin Nunez's second goal gave the Titans a 2-1 advantage in the 60th minute. TC junior Eryk Williamson added an insurance goal in the 64th.

What happened after South County tied the match?

"The difference there is, 'Hey, we got one back,' and we ease off the gas a little bit," South County head coach Erich Gunderman said. "We've done that a lot."

Trailing 3-1, the Stallions didn't quit. With 6 minutes remaining, Darren Roe served the ball in with a corner kick and Diego Bermudez finished with a header, cutting the TC lead to 3-2. By then, however, it was

too little, too late.

"A lot of teams would have folded and it could have been [4-1] or 5-1, but 3-2 says a lot for the kids," Gunderman said. "They work hard, we just needed a little bit more in the first half."

Nunez gave TC a 1-0 lead with a goal in the 27th minute.

South County reached the conference championship game despite finishing the regular season with a 2-9-2 record and entering the tournament as the last-place No. 7 seed. The Stallions upset West Springfield in the opening round and beat West Potomac in the semifinals before falling to TC.

"Hats off to South County," TC head coach Martin Nickley said. "What a thing for them to have been able to regroup in this sort of second season and really march into the finals. What a great job and I think they'll do well in regionals next week, as well. They played with a lot of heart. They didn't stop attacking and they kept believing."

South County entered the 6A North region tournament with a 4-10-2 record. The Stallions hosted Stonewall Jackson, the No. 3 seed from Conference 8, on Wednesday, after The Connection's deadline.

"There are a lot of teams that would have loved to have been in the [conference final], and we sent two of them home," Gunderman said. "They're happy about that."

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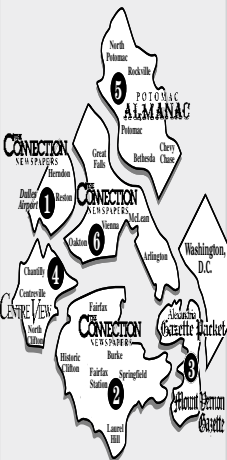
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Bernacki, Michael William

Mike, 61, passed away at home in Anthem, AZ from pancreatic cancer on March 19th, 2014. Mike was born in Philadelphia, PA on Aug. 28, 1952. Growing up he would spend summers in Long Island Beach on the Jersey Shore. He graduated from St. Vincent's College in Latrobe, PA. Mike had a 30-year distinguished career in the FBI working in NYC and Quantico, VA. After retirement, he helped form Tactical Operations Support Services (TOSS) and served as an instructor for the company. He was an avid sports lover and a huge Philadelphia Eagles fan. He is survived by his mother Anne, wife Shira, daughter Heather (Matt) Wilkey and step-daughters Jessi and Amanda Calkins. He is predeceased by his wife of almost 20 years, Sherry Swank Bernacki. He was a kind, compassionate man and a loving father. A graveside service will be held on Saturday, June 7th at 10:30 in the morning at Fairfax Memorial Park, 4401 Burke Station Road in Fairfax, VA (GPS address). In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests a donation be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, <http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/>.

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Fairfax **\$597,000**
This sparkling home in a terrific community offers so many recent updates including windows, hardwoods, kitchen cabinets, granite counters, tile floors, updated baths & new carpet. Gas utilities & walkout lower level - light bright and move in ready!
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Fairfax **\$1,395,000**
Elegant 5,000SF home, 5BR, 4.5 BA, with pond view in sought-after Oak Hill Reserve. Gourmet kitchen, octagonal sunroom, office, dramatic 2 story FR, dual staircases plus finished walkout LL. Hardwoods on main, slate patio & fenced rear yard on .83 acre lot. Oakton HS pyramid. See photos & video <http://13102-belle-cote.lflisting.com>.
Mary LaRoche 703-919-0747



Lorton **\$829,000**
This expanded Westford model features 6 bedrooms, 5.5 baths, spacious kitchen, light-filled morning room that opens to a private deck overlooking woods. Newly finished basement with recreation room, sixth bedroom, full bath and walks-out to a patio with hot tub.
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Burke Centre **\$614,900**
Beautifully maintained, quiet cul de sac location! Room for everyone with 3 finished levels, 5 upstairs bedrooms, new carpet throughout and freshly painted! Updated granite kitchen! You will love the spacious and private back yard, complete with irrigation system! Burke Centre amenities and Robinson schools.
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Gainesville **\$324,900**
Heritage Hunt 55+. Gorgeous 2 level patio home, close to clubhouse & entry gate. 3BR, 2.5BA, kitchen with 42" cabinets, living, dining, family room with gas fireplace, sunroom, loft, built ins, storage, 1 car garage.
Amanda Scott 703-772-9190



Fairfax Station **\$629,900**
Beautiful corner lot in Timber Ridge. 4 BR, 3 1/2 BA Colonial. Tailored exterior, 2-car side loading garage, open floor plan, large rooms, hardwoods on main level, finished basement.
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Lake Anna **\$499,000**
Blue Ridge Shores. You can have it all in one location! An entertainer's dream, world class bass fishing, perfect waterside entertainment patio, outdoor grilling/dining area, and a quiet peaceful setting! 3 bedrooms, 2 baths in a gated lake community.
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Clifton **\$950,000**
Stately exterior with impeccable landscaping on almost 5.5 acres. 3 fin levels, 4 BR, 3 car garage. Features making this home so appealing: Gourmet Kitchen, finished walk out lower level, family room stone fireplace, grand master suite, walls of windows.
Carol Hermandorfer 703-503-1812



Woodbridge **\$719,000**
This magnificent home in sought after Beaver Creek offers over 6,500 square feet of living area featuring 4 bedrooms, 4.5 baths, a gourmet kitchen, two-story family room and finished basement with media room, exercise room, full bath, and fifth bedroom/Den.
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Burke **\$590,000**
Beautiful 4 BR, 2.5 BA Colonial w/HW in LR, DR, Kitchen & Bkfst. Kit updated with granite and SS range & micro. Family Room w/FP & SGD to patio. Extra large MBR could be divided into 5th BR.
Barbara Nowak 703-473-1803
Gerry Staudte 703-309-8948



Woodbridge **\$269,000**
This newly updated 3 level townhome is sited in a premium section of Lake Ridge that offers water views and tranquil settings. The open floor plan features 3 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, walk-out basement with fireplace, full bath and fourth bedroom/Den.
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Lake Anna **\$637,900**
Waterfront! Beautiful 4BR, 3BA home located on public side of lake. Owner financing available. Must see!
Jamie Brown 540-903-2500



Clifton **\$715,000**
Welcoming wrap-around porch leads you into the bright, open floor plan of this lovely home! Features an AMAZING gourmet Kit, large MBR with Lux MBA and huge closets, stunning family room with fireplace, spacious lower level, deck & gazebo.
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Lorton **\$1,095,000**
This magnificent colonial is located on a gorgeous 3 acre estate backing to parkland. Featuring 6 bedrooms, 5.5 baths, a finished basement and 3-car garage. Also offers abundant outdoor living with a custom patio, guest house, pool and hot tub.
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Gainesville **\$599,900**
Heritage Hunt 55+. Stunning former model! 3 finished levels, gourmet Kitchen with 42" cherry/Corian, Living, Family with Gas Fireplace, Breakfast, Loft, 4BR, 3.5BA, W/O LL with Rec, Dinette, In-law suite, Den, Store room, Trex deck, Irrigation system & landscaped yard. 2 car garage.
Amanda Scott 703-772-9190



Lorton **\$839,000**
This expanded Briarwood model features 5 bedroom, 4.5 baths, hardwood flooring throughout the main and upper level, two-story family room with fireplace, spacious kitchen, florida room and walk-out basement with recreation room wet bar, bedroom, full bath and game room.
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Springfield Glen **\$739,000**
Former model loaded with extras in 3,240 sq ft home with fin. LL walkout plus deck, patio, gazebo on 1/3rd acre backing to trees & common area. Extended 4/3/1 Barron - hardwoods, updated kitchen, sunroom, library, skylights & more. Walk to Metrobus & Rideshare. See photos www.CallMaryNow.com.
Mary LaRoche 703-919-0747



Clifton **\$775,000**
Priced Reduced! 4.14 Acres and a Pond! Charming contemporary style home is perfectly suited for country living! 4 BRs, 2.5 BAs, family room addition with vaulted ceiling & floor to ceiling windows, huge living room and two wood-burning fireplaces. Country kitchen has plenty of room for an extra dining table & lots of chairs. Deck off family room overlooks sweeping lawn, trees, and a large private pond.
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Summer 2014 Fun

Food Arts Entertainment



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The "Battleship" armed with video cameras instead of guns, and crewed by friends from Country Club Hills in Fairfax, prepares to compete in the 23rd Cardboard Boat Regatta at Lake Accotink Park on June 3, 2013. The popular event, part of Springfield Days, will be held on June 1 this year.

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The driving range at Burke Lake Park includes 40 hitting stations and a putting green.

Summer Fun at Burke Lake Park

Have a classic good time with mini golf, train rides, ice cream and more.

There's no question that Burke Lake Park, on the border of Burke and Fairfax Station, is a top summer fun destination in the area. From the miniature golf course to the train to the ice cream parlor, the park has something to offer for everyone. Entrance is free for Fairfax County residents, making it an affordable way to spend a summer day.

Start the visit off with a walk near the lake. For those looking for exercise, the 4.7-mile fitness trail that goes around the lake has been named one of the top ten in the United States. Burke Lake Park also features camping for a great stay-cation.

Next to the park is a golf course appropriate for golfers of any skill. There's also a driving range for those looking to practice.

But no visit to Burke Lake Park is complete without a ride on the miniature train. The ten-minute ride takes park visitors through the woods on over 1.75 miles of track. Nearby is the carousel and ice cream parlor, which opens at 11 a.m.

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Fee: \$1.75
May 26 through April 1, open daily 11:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m.

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May 26 through April 1, open daily 11:15 a.m. 5:45 p.m.

MINI-GOLF FEES

Adults \$7

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Burke Lake Park features a 4.7-mile trail that goes around the lake. The trail features fitness stations and boosts great views of the lake.



Right next to Burke Lake Park is an 18-hole, par three course appropriate for golfers of all levels.

Juniors/Seniors \$6
Group Rate - Adults \$6
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May 26- Sep 1, open daily from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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Summer Fun Fairs & Festival 2014

May

THURSDAYS THROUGH JULY

Alexandria Boutiques Up Late.

Times vary by location. Accompanied by special block parties with in-store events emphasizing different sections of Alexandria's King Street, from 6-8 p.m. Thursdays from May 8-June 5, 2014. Boutiques will continue to remain open until 8 p.m. throughout July. Check website for specific hours and block party locations. Free. Visit www.OldTownBoutiqueDistrict.com for more.

THROUGH JUNE 16

Arlington National Cemetery 150th Anniversary Observation.

Join the 150th anniversary commemoration of the establishment as a National Cemetery. Features guided tours, lectures, and ceremonies. Ticketed and free. Check www.arlingtoncemetery.mil for details.

THURSDAY-SUNDAY/ MAY 29-JUNE 1

34th Annual Herndon Festival. The Town of Herndon's Parks and Recreation Department hosts the annual Herndon Festival. This is a town-wide event and attracts more than 80,000 people from the greater Washington, D.C. Metropolitan area. There is no admission fee to enter the Herndon Festival. Visit www.herndonfestival.net for more.

SATURDAY/MAY 31

Spring into Summer. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Tysons West, 1500 Cornerside Blvd., Tysons Corner. Activities for all ages, plus goggles, sidewalk chalking, hopscotch, and a bouncy house. Bring bikes for donation to Bikes for the World. Free. Rain or shine. 703-476-9377.

Vintage VA Winefest Bus Trip. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Clyde's, Reston Town Center, 11905 Market St., Reston. Hop on the All-Inclusive Vintage VA Winefest Bus, including VIP admission ticket, amenities and souvenirs. \$49.99+. Call 703-251-4800.

SATURDAY/MAY 31-SUNDAY/JUNE 1

Great Tastes of Tysons. 1-6 p.m. Lerner Town Square at Tysons II, 8025 Galleria Drive, at the Tysons Corner Metro Stop (between Tysons Corner Mall and the Galleria). Enjoy a festival of all sorts of food. Visit www.tastetysons.com for more.

Vintage Wine and Food Festival. Bull Run Regional Park, 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centerville. A fun-filled day with food, musical entertainment and more. Visit www.vintagevirginia.com for more.

Clifton, Tournaments for Turf:

Moonlight Madness. 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Braddock Park, Braddock Road, Clifton. All night (begins 6 p.m., Sunday, May 31 and wraps up Sunday morning), co-ed adult softball extravaganza includes three-game, 55-minute game guarantee. \$275-\$300. Registration deadline: May 28. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/tournaments-for-turf or call 703-324-8759.

Great Falls Studios Spring Art Show & Sale. Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. 790 Walker Road, Great Falls. Twenty-five Great Falls Studios member artists – painters in oil acrylic, watercolor and mixed media, potters, photographers, jewelers, fiber artists, a weaver and one who works in glass – are participating. Visit www.greatfallsstudios.com/calendar.php for more.

Springfield Days/Party in the Park. 8 a.m.-8:30 p.m., South Run Park,

7550 Reservation Drive, Springfield. Springfield Days is a community wide celebration that includes a 5K run, "Pet Fest," car show and more. Movie in the Park begins at dusk. Visit www.springfielddays.com for more.

June

SUNDAY/JUNE 1

Cardboard Boat Regatta. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Witness the cardboard boat creations race along Lake Accotink's shoreline at 2 p.m. \$4 vehicle fee. Call 703-569-0285 or email julie.tahan@fairfaxcounty.gov. Visit www.springfielddays.com for more.

SUNDAYS/JUNE 1 -AUG. 17

Concerts on the Green. 6-8 p.m. Great Falls Village Green. Sundays in June, July and August. Visit www.gfcca.com/concerts.htm for more.

MONDAY/JUNE 2

Reston, Annual Golf Tournament. 7:30 a.m. Hidden Creek Country Club, 1711 Clubhouse Road, Reston. Proceeds to benefit local elementary schools. Register online at www.celebrategreatfalls.org.

WEDNESDAYS/JUNE 4- AUG. 27

Lee District Nights Concert Series. 7:30 p.m. Lee District Park Amphitheater, 6601 Telegraph Road, Franconia. Enjoy a wide variety of acts from The Nighthawks to The U.S. Air Force Band. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance/.

FRIDAY/JUNE 6

Go West! Alexandria West End Food Truck Rodeo. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Parking lot of Southern Towers Apartments, 4901 Seminary Road, Alexandria. Visitors can look forward to favorite trucks like the popular Red Hook Lobster truck, sips from local Port City Brewing Co. as well as non-food vendors and children's activities. Free admission. Visit www.AlexandriaWEBA.com for more.

FRIDAY/JUNE 6-SUNDAY/JUNE 8

Celebrate Fairfax! Festival. Friday: 6 p.m.-midnight; Saturday: 10 a.m.-midnight; and Sunday: 11 a.m.-7p.m. Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Musical performances, rides, games and food. Call 703-324-3247 or visit www.celebratefairfax.com/.

FRIDAYS/JUNE 6-AUG. 22

Herndon Friday Night Live! 6:30 p.m. 777 Lynn Street, Herndon. Listen to great music on Friday nights during the summer. Visit herndonrocks.com/schedule.php for more.

SATURDAY/JUNE 7

Alexandria, Canine Cruise. 11 a.m. Also July 19 and Aug. 9. Alexandria City Marina, 1 Cameron St., Alexandria. Tour the Alexandria Seaport on this 60-minute waterfront excursion. Dogs must be on 6 ft. flat leash at all times. \$15/adults; \$9/children; dogs ride free. Call 703-684-0580 or visit www.PotomacRiverboatCo.com/canine-cruise.php.

SATURDAY/JUNE 7

Historic Fairfax City Walking Tours. 11 a.m. Ratcliffe-Allison House, 10386 Main St., Fairfax. Join

a seasoned tour guide for a walk through the historic section of Fairfax, featuring the Old Courthouse and other historic sites. Approximately 90 minutes, weather permitting. \$3-\$15. Call 703-385-8414.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/ JUNE 7-8

Lake Anne Plaza's Chalk on the Water Festival. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Lake Anne Plaza Waterfront, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. If you ever wanted to paint the bricks without getting in trouble, all ages are welcome to paint Lake Anne Plaza in a Technicolor hue as participants turns the plaza into a chalk art gallery. \$5-\$15. Register at www.chalkonthewater.com for more.

SUNDAY JUNE 8

Lake Anne Summer Film Festival. 8 p.m. (sundown). Recurring monthly on the 2nd Sunday (July 13, Aug. 10 and Sept. 14). Lake Anne Plaza, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. For a full list of films shown, visit <http://lakeanneplaza.com/event/lake-anne-summer-film-festival/>.

THURSDAYS/JUNE 12-26

Garden Stroll & Tea. 1-3 p.m. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Tour some of the glorious demonstration gardens with a master gardener docent who will inspire you with stories of Green Spring past and present. Afterwards, traditional English afternoon tea served in 1784 historic house. Register online. \$29. Call 703-941-7987 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring for more.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/JUNE 13-14

Taste of Reston. Friday: 3-11 p.m.; Saturday: noon-11 p.m. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Carnival games and rides with a family fun zone. Visit www.restontaste.com for more.

SATURDAY/JUNE 14

War of 1812 Commemoration Boat Cruise. Boarding at 6:45 p.m., cruise 7-10 p.m. Alexandria City Marina, 1 Cameron St. This tour includes period-inspired food, accounts of the Battle of the White House at Fort Belvoir and Fort Washington. \$75; \$100/sponsor-level. 703-746-4242. Visit www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com/ 1812 for more.

Art in the Courtyard. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Lorton Station Town Center. Artists from the Workhouse Arts Center, the Torpedo Art Factory and Historic Occoquan will be featuring their works including paintings, jewelry, sculpture, photography, blown glass, pottery, wood work, and digital artwork. Visit www.lortonstationtowncenter.com/calendar-of-events.html for more.

Once Upon a Time...(Costume Ball Fundraiser). 7:30-10 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Rd, Lorton. The evening includes music, dancing, silent auction, food, and performances by cabaret vocalists. Costumes with a fairy-tale theme are not required for entry, but there will be door prizes for the most imaginative costumes. Admission is limited, so early reservations are strongly recommended. \$40. Visit www.workhousearts.org or call 703-584-2900.

Tasting Party: Teas of Korea. 10:30 a.m.- 12 p.m. Green Spring Gardens, Green Springs Road, Alexandria. Korean teas reflect the country's rich forest landscapes. Sample and access some of these delicious tisanes served with traditional Korean foods. \$25. Call 703-941-7987.

The F.E.C. Caporales Universitarios de San Simon provides a lively and energetic performance at the 2013 Celebrate Fairfax Festival.



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When & Where

Celebrate Fairfax takes place Friday, June 6 - Sunday, June 8, at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Friday, June 6: 6 p.m.-midnight; Saturday, June 7: 10 a.m.-midnight; and Sunday, June 8: 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Visit <http://celebratefairfax.com/> for details.



Emma and Jack Carey with mom Tara Carey, of Centreville, meet one of the donkeys at the petting zoo at the three-day 2013 Celebrate Fairfax Festival.



Alex Childs, of Springfield, tests his agility in the midway game Wipeout at the three-day 2013 Celebrate Fairfax Festival

Become a Pilot Family Day and Aviation Display. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. National Air & Space Museum, 14390 Air & Space Museum Parkway, Chantilly. See 50 visiting vintage, recreational, military, and homebuilt aircraft, on display outside the Center for one day only. Talk to pilots and find out what skills are needed to fly. Inside the Center, test your piloting skills in flight simulators, talk to aviation experts, and enjoy story time and hands-on activities with the kids. Visit <http://becomeapilot.si.edu> for more.

Father's Day Golf Tournament. Burke Lake Golf Center, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Teams of two compete in an 18-hole scramble format in three divisions: Father/Jr. 7-12; Father/Jr. 13-17; Father/Adult partner. Closest to the pin contests. Prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place in all three divisions. Limited to first 48 teams. Registration begins two weeks prior to event. \$65/team. Fee due at time of registration, includes lunch. Call 703-323-1641.

SATURDAY/JUNE 14

The Old Town Arts and Crafts Fair in collaboration with ArtsFEST. 2-8 p.m. Market Square, 301 King St., Alexandria and the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Visitors can browse artisan stalls and purchase handmade pieces while enjoying live entertainment, or watch performances and participate in special activities.

Free. Call 703-838-4565 or visit www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com/arts2014 for more.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/ JUNE 14-15 Engine #62 Trackless Train Rides at Lake Fairfax. 1400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston. Hit the pool and hitch a ride on the trackless train, running on the second week of June, July, and Aug. Special runs also May 31, June 1, and July 4. Watermine park opens May 24. \$3. Call 703-471-5416.

SUNDAY/JUNE 15

Free Father's Day Museum Tours. 1-5 p.m. Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St., Alexandria. Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105-107 S. Fairfax St., Alexandria. Free for visiting fathers. Call 703-746-4242 or visit www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com/calendar-of-events/summer.

Sully Antique Car Show. Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Up to 400 cars on show field, restoration displays, tour the historic house, music and food, kid's tent, flea market, cars for sale. \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, and \$6 per child. Historic house will be open at no additional cost. Visit ww.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site.

5th Annual Father's Day Pig Roast. 2 p.m. Paradise Springs Winery, 13219 Yates Ford Road, Clifton. Join us for our 5th annual Father's Day

gourmet Cuban Lechug Pig Roast. Call to RSVP 703-830-9463.

SATURDAY/JUNE 21

Clifton Wine Festival. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Children's Park, 7140 Main St., Clifton. Visit historic Clifton, with wine, food, music and arts and crafts to make it a celebration. Rain or shine. Visit www.cliftonwine.com for more.

3rd Annual Alexandria Food & Wine Festival. Noon-5 p.m. John Carlyle Square, 300 John Carlyle St., Alexandria. At this event enjoy live entertainment, children's activities, food and wine tasting and a food and dessert competition between local restaurants. Free (tickets required for food and wine samples). 703-746-5592. Visit www.AlexandriaFoodandWine.com.

Strawberry Festival. 2 p.m. Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. Play croquet, savor strawberry ice cream and learn school lessons about Machens grove. Visit www.parktakes.fairfaxcounty.gov for more.

Ballroom Social Dance. 7:30-10:30 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Put on your dancing shoes and come out to the Workhouse for an evening of social ballroom dance. Bring a friend, a date or a group and enjoy a casual, fun night out. Visit www.workhousearts.org for more.

Celebrate Fairfax

Celebrate Fairfax!, Northern Virginia's largest community-wide celebration, takes place June 6-8 at the Fairfax County Government Center. Presented by Celebrate Fairfax, Inc, the annual festival hosts tens of thousands of visitors during the three-day run.

The 25-acre site is filled with more than 300 exhibitors, food vendors, crafters and interactive activities. Celebrate Fairfax! showcases live concerts on eight stages, ExxonMobil Children's Avenue, a petting zoo, the Fairfax County Karaoke Championship, carnival rides, and great festival foods. Another fun activity for children is the Inova Train Ride.

Nightly fireworks, presented by Leidos, are a highlight of the festival, and one of many great family programs. This year's Bud Light Main Stage features top national headline performers: The All American Rejects, Cheap Trick and The Hunts.

For more information on any of the festival's programs, or to become a part of the festival as a volunteer, sponsor, performing artist, or simply to attend, visit <http://celebratefairfax.com/>, or contact the Celebrate Fairfax, Inc. office at 703-324-3247.

SUNDAY/JUNE 22

Herndon Centennial Golf Course Short Game Challenge. 8 a.m. 909 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. 703-471-5769. Visit www.herdongolf.com for more.

Sundaes in the Park. 1 p.m. Hidden Oaks Nature Center, 7701 Royce St., Annandale. Bring the family for a Sunday stroll along the paths around Hidden Oaks Nature Center and stop by the campfire area for a ice cream sundae before or after your visit. Create your own confection with the toppings and enjoy a scoop of farm fresh vanilla ice cream while it lasts. Sundaes \$2. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/hidden-oaks for more.

WEDNESDAYS/JUNE 25-AUG. 20

Frying Pan Farm Arts in the Parks. 10-11 a.m. Frying Pan Farm Park Amphitheater, 2739 West Ox Road, Herndon. Entertain children, teach them the importance of protecting our natural resources, introduce them to live entertainment in an informal kid-friendly atmosphere, and forge a connection between kids and parks. Call 703-437-9101.

FRIDAYS/JUNE 27-AUG. 29

Braddock Nights Concert Series. 7:30-8:30 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield or Royal Lake Park, 5344

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Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax. Listen to musical performances in the great outdoors. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance/ for location and schedule.

SATURDAY/JUNE 28

Del Ray Music Festival. Noon-9 p.m. 2701 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria. This event will feature local food vendors, children's activities and a variety of live music, ranging in genre from reggae to jazz, blues to rock. Free. Visit www.DelRayMusicFestival.com for more.

SATURDAYS/JUNE 28-AUG. 23

Burke Arts in the Parks. 10-11 a.m. Burke Lake Park Amphitheater, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Entertain children, teach them the importance of protecting our natural resources, introduce them to live entertainment in an informal kid friendly atmosphere, and forge a connection between kids and parks. Call 703-323-6601.

Mason District Arts in the Parks. 10-11 a.m. Mason District Park Amphitheater, 6621 Columbia Pike, Annandale. Entertain children, teach them the importance of protecting our natural resources, introduce them to live entertainment in an informal kid friendly atmosphere, and forge a connection between kids and parks. 703-941-1730.

E.C. Lawrence Arts in the Parks. 10-11 a.m. E.C. Lawrence Park Amphitheater, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. Entertain children, teach them the importance of protecting our natural resources, introduce them to live entertainment in an informal kid friendly atmosphere, and forge a connection between kids and parks. 703-631-0013.

SUNDAY/JUNE 29

2nd Annual Tour de Tysons Bicycle Races. 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Jones Branch Drive, Tysons Corner. Ten bicycle races, food trucks and vendors. The Tour de Tysons is a fun experience for the whole family — compete or simply enjoy. Visit www.tysonspartnership.com for more.

Summer Concert Series: The United States Navy Band, The Commodores. 6-7 p.m. 14390 Air & Space Museum Parkway, Chantilly. Listen to a free musical performance on the Museum's lawn. Visit <http://airandspace.si.edu/events/detail.cfm?id=10362> for more.

July

FRIDAY/JULY 4

Great Falls Fourth of July Celebration. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Great Falls Village Centre, 776 Walker Road, Great Falls. Walk/run, parades, festivities, fun and food. Fireworks at Turner Farm Park on Saturday, July 6. Visit www.celebrategreatfalls.org for more.

Lorton's Fourth of July Parade. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. VRE Parking Lot, 8990 Lorton Station Blvd., Lorton. Lorton's fourth annual Independence Day parade.

Mount Vernon's An American Celebration. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. Fireworks in patriotic colors fired over the Potomac River. The event also includes an inspirational naturalization ceremony for 100 new citizens, military reenactments, a special wreath-laying ceremony, free birthday cake for all and a visit from the "first" first

START SUMMER OFF AT WOLF TRAP

As America's National Park for the Performing Arts, Wolf Trap plays a valuable leadership role in both the local and national performing arts communities. A typical season at Wolf Trap includes theatre, and musical performances ranging from country to pop to orchestra. Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road in Vienna, is accessible from the Metro and parking is free. Visit www.wolftrap.org for more.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 6-8

Disney's Beauty and the Beast. "Be Our Guest!" Belle and her enchanted entourage prove love conquers all in this family-favorite musical with an Oscar-winning score featuring "Something There" and "If I Can't Love Her." Tickets: \$22-\$80.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 11

Trey McIntyre Project. 8:30 p.m. In their final DC performance, this inventive and bold contemporary ballet company performs to Queen's glam-rock stylings. Tickets: \$10-\$44.

THURSDAY/JUNE 12

Ringo Starr & His All Starr Band. 8 p.m. Celebrate an era with a band of rock 'n' roll virtuosos from the Beatles, Santana, Toto, and more. Tickets: \$35-\$65.

FRIDAY/JUNE 13

Il Volo. 8 p.m. Pop-opera trio of Italian teen heartthrobs combines soaring voices with playful charm. Tickets: \$30-\$65.

SATURDAY/JUNE 14

Louisiana Swamp Romp. 2 p.m. The Big Easy party is back! Dance to Louisiana's hottest Cajun, zydeco, and brass bands and jump in the second line parade. Tickets: \$30.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 18

John Butler Trio. 7:30 p.m. There's nothing "Better Than" acoustically driven roots-rock and reggae ballads from heartfelt Australian multi-instrumentalists. Tickets: \$32-\$40.

THURSDAY/JUNE 19

Daryl Hall & John Oates. 8 p.m. Still making your dreams come true with unforgettable soul and rock anthems, these Rock and Roll Hall of Famers are the most successful pop duo of all time. Tickets: \$35-\$60.

FRIDAY/JUNE 20

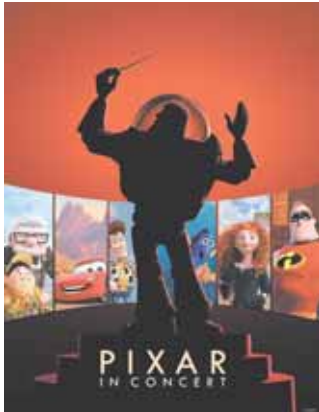
Pixar in Concert. 8:30 p.m. All your favorite animated Pixar films on the big screen including Finding Nemo, Up, Toy Story, and Monsters, Inc., paired with memorable scores played by the National Symphony Orchestra. Tickets: \$30-\$58.

SATURDAY/JUNE 21

Grease Sing-A-Long. 8:30 p.m. Rev up your vocal chords for an ultimate summer night with the Rydell High gang and sing-a-long with the hits you're hopelessly devoted to as the original 1978 film is projected in-house and on the lawn with lyrics on screen. Tickets: \$25-\$38.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 25

Ben Folds. 8:15 p.m. Front man of Ben Folds Five and judge of NBC's



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Pixar in Concert: Watch all your favorite animated Pixar films on the big screen including Finding Nemo, Up, Toy Story, and Monsters, Inc., paired with memorable scores played by the National Symphony Orchestra June 20.

The Sing-Off showcases his new piano concerto and orchestral arrangements of pop hits with the National Symphony Orchestra. Tickets: \$25-\$60.

FRIDAY/JUNE 27

Handel Giulio Cesare. Check website for exact showtimes (also on Sunday, June 29 and Tuesday, July 1). New production, sung in Italian with English superlites. Inside the Opera preshow talk begins one hour before curtain. Tickets: \$36-\$88.

SATURDAY/JUNE 28

Beethoven's 9th. 8:15 p.m. Triumphant performance of Beethoven's "Ode to Joy" masterpiece and more by preeminent singers and one of the world's leading orchestras in its only 2014 DC-area appearance. Tickets: \$25-\$65.

SUNDAY/JUNE 29

Diana Ross. 8 p.m. Motown's supreme legend has inspired generations of singers with an endless stream of No. 1 hits from "You Can't Hurry Love" to "I'm Coming Out." Tickets: \$35-\$60. **Handel Giulio Cesare.** Check website for exact showtimes (also on Tuesday, July 1). New production, sung in Italian with English superlites. Inside the Opera preshow talk begins one hour before curtain. Tickets: \$36-\$88.

TUESDAY/JULY 1

Pilobolus. 8:30 p.m. Wild creativity and daring, athletic modern dance. Tickets: \$10-\$48. **Handel Giulio Cesare.** Check website for exact showtime. New production, sung in Italian with English superlites. Inside the Opera preshow talk begins one hour before curtain. Tickets: \$36-\$88.

FARMERS MARKETS



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couple, “General and Mrs. Washington.” Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.

Herndon 4th of July Celebration. 6:30 p.m. Bready Park at the Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. A family-fun event featuring games, arts and craft activities, bingo, food face painting, balloon artists, and fireworks. Visit www.herndon-va.gov for more.

Fairfax’s Independence Day Celebration. 10 a.m.-10:30 p.m. in the Downtown Fairfax Historic District. Independence day parade, historical tours, games, entertainment and fireworks. Visit www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/independence-day-celebration for more.

Vienna 4th of July Festival and Fireworks Show. 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Live musical entertainment, arts and crafts for kids, antique and classic car show and fireworks. Visit www.viennava.gov for more.

SATURDAY/JULY 12

Obon Festival. 5:30 -9 p.m. Highlighting Japanese culture at Ekoji Buddhist Temple, 6500 Lakehaven Lane, Fairfax Station. Visit www.ekoji.org for more.

USA & Alexandria Birthday Celebration. 7:30-10 p.m. at Oronoco Bay Park, 100 Madison St., Alexandria. Enjoy a concert by the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra, birthday cake, food and fireworks. The evening culminates in Tchaikovsky’s “1812 Overture.” Free. Visit www.alexandriava.gov for more.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/JULY 12-13

Fort Ward Civil War Reenactment Weekend. Saturday: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Fort Ward Museum & Historic Site, 4301 W. Braddock Road, Alexandria. To commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Fort Stevens, Fort Ward Museum & Historic Site will feature an interpretation of the historic battle, highlights of Union and Confederate camps, military and civilian living history activities and a President Lincoln interpreter. Suggested donation \$2/adults, \$5/families. Call 703-746-4848 or visit www.AlexandriaVA.gov/FortWard for more.

SATURDAY/JULY 19

Clifton Film Festival. 4 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Clifton Film Fest is an award winning indoor and outdoor film festival. Original films made by the surrounding community are showcased. Visit www.cliftonfilmfest.com/index.html for more.

August

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 2- SEPT. 7

4th Annual Workhouse Clay National Ceramics Exhibition. at McGuireWoods Gallery, 9601 Ox Rd, Lorton. View the breadth of contemporary ceramic artwork being created throughout the USA during the Workhouse Clay National Ceramics Exhibition. Visit www.workhousearts.org for more.

SUNDAY/AUG. 3

Bolivian Independence Day Children’s Festival. 4:30 p.m. GMU, Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. A Bolivian Independence Day celebration complete with dance, music and singing. Tickets: \$10-\$15. Visit www.proboliviausa.org for more.

TUESDAY/AUG. 5

National Night Out. 6- 9 p.m. Strengthen community connections and heighten crime-prevention awareness in the City of Fairfax. Visit www.bonniebrae.net for more.

WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 6-10

Arlington County Fair. Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 Second St. South. Indoor and outdoor activities. Visit arlingtoncountyfair.us for more.

SATURDAY/AUG. 23

Wags ‘N Whiskers. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The Village at Shirlington, 2700 S Quincy Street, Arlington. Wags n’ Whiskers is a community-oriented event for animal-loving shoppers of all ages to spend an afternoon at The Village at Shirlington with their pet. The event features 50+ onsite exhibitors ranging from pet services and accessories to onsite adoptions. In addition to the onsite exhibitors, Wags n’ Whiskers hosts pet photos (\$5), live music, demonstrations and children’s activities such as face painting, balloon art, strolling entertainment and more. Visit villageatshirlington.com for more.

SUNDAY/AUG. 24

27th Annual Pakistan Independence Day Festival USA. Noon at Bull Run Regional Park, 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville. The Pakistan Independence Day Festival includes musical performances, rides and games. Visit www.pakistanfestivalusa.com for more.

September

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT.6-7

37th Annual Burke Centre Festival. Saturday: 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday: 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Conservancy Festival Grounds, 6060 Burke Centre Parkway, Burke. Enjoy face painting, food, rides, and other amusements. Visit www.burkecentreweb.com for more.

SATURDAY/SEPT 6-SUNDAY/SEPT 28

Live Onstage: Alice in Wonderland. 1 p.m. at Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Featuring songs based on the poetry from the original text, the Cheshire Cat, the Red Queen, the White Rabbit and the rest of the cast will be on hand as Alice adventures through Wonderland. \$8-\$12. Visit www.workhousearts.org or call 703-584-2900.

THURSDAY/SEPT11-THURSDAY/SEPT18

Fairfax’s Fall for the Book Festival. 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Enjoy literature and hear authors give readings at the Fall for the Book Festival. Visit www.fallforthebook.org for more.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 20

Dulles Day Plane Pull. 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at Dulles International Airport, Dulles. The 2014 Dulles Day Family Festival & Plane Pull is a full day of excitement with airplane and auto exhibits, the children’s zone and bus pull, varied displays and activities, vendors, food and entertainment. Visit www.planepull.com for more.

Irish Folk Festival. 12-6 p.m. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Traditional Irish dancing and music. Visit www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/fairfax-irish-folk-festival

SATURDAYS

Arlington Farmers Market at Courthouse. Adjacent to the Arlington County Courthouse Parking Lot, at the intersection of N. Courthouse Road and N. 14th Street. This is a ‘producer only’ market with more than 30 producers. From January through March, the market is open on Saturdays 9 a.m.-noon. Visit www.arlingtonfarmersmarket.com for a list of vendors.

Clarendon Farmers Market. Year-round, has locally produced breads and pastries, organic vegetables, flowers, soap, sorbet and more. Saturdays and Sundays, 8 a.m.-noon at Courthouse Parking Lot, 3195 North Wilson Blvd, Arlington. Also year round on Wednesdays from 3-7 p.m. at Clarendon Metro Station. Visit www.Clarendon.org. Call 703-812-8881.

Old Town Farmers Market. 7 a.m.-noon Saturdays, year round. Sells meat, dairy, fish, fruits and vegetables. Local farmers and artists have been selling products there since 1753. Market Square, 301 King St., Alexandria. Call 703-746-3200 or contact oldtownfarmersmarket@alexandriava.gov.

Del Ray Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-noon Saturdays, year round. Features fresh vegetables and fruits in season, meats, eggs, fresh pasta and sauces, Amish cheese, yogurt, bakery goods and more. Located at the corner of East Oxford and Mount Vernon avenues, Alexandria. Contact pmiller1806@comcast.net.

Mount Vernon Farmers Market. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays, May 31-Oct. 18. Fresh local food, artisan crafts, live music, kids activities, cooking demonstrations and special events. Corner of Cleveland Ave. and Snoqualmie St., Mount Vernon. Visit www.mountvernonfarmersmarket.org.

Burke Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-noon. Saturdays, May 3-Nov. 22. 5671 Roberts Parkway, Burke. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/burkemkt.htm

Reston Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-noon. Saturdays, May 3-Nov. 9. Named the best farmers market in Northern Virginia by Virginia Living Magazine. Lake Anne Village Center, 11401 North Shore Drive, Reston. www.restonfarmersmarket.com.

Oakton Farmers Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Year round. Unity of Fairfax Church, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. www.smartmarkets.org/FarmersMarket.html

Springfield Farmers Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Springfield Mall, 6417 Loisdale Road, Springfield. www.smartmarkets.org.

Great Falls Farmers Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Year round. Great Falls Village Centre, 778 Walker Road, Great Falls. www.celebrategreatfalls.org/FarmersMarket.html

Vienna Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Faith Baptist Church Parking Lot, 301 Center Street South, Vienna. www.viennafarmersmarket.com.

Fairfax Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays, May 10-Nov. 1. 10500 Page Avenue, Fairfax. www.fairfaxsaturdaymarket.com.

SUNDAYS

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The Open Air Market in the Lake Anne Plaza features artisans, global imports and health products

8 a.m.-noon at Courthouse Parking Lot, 3195 North Wilson Blvd. Visit www.Clarendon.org. 703-812-8881.

Four Mile Run Farmers & Artisans Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays from April 27-November. Brings fresh nutritious foods to people of all income levels. Located at the entrance to Four Mile Run Park at 4109 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit www.4mrmarket.org/ for more.

West End Farmers Market. 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays from May-November. Fresh, locally grown, in-season vegetables. Vendors also sell fresh-squeezed orange juice, fresh-baked pastries and more. Located at Ben Brenman Park, 4800 Brenman Park Drive, Alexandria. Visit www.westendfarmersmarket.org.

Lorton Farmers Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays, May 4-Nov. 2. Featuring fresh produce, a Swiss bakery and potted plants and herbs. VRE Parking Lot, 8990 Lorton Station Boulevard, Lorton. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/lortonmkt.htm

McLean Farmers Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Parking lot of the National Automobile Dealers Association 8400 Westpark Drive, McLean. www.smartmarkets.org/

Tyson’s Farmers Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. NADA Campus, Greensboro & Westpark Drive. www.tysonspartnership.org

Fairfax Farmers Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sundays, May 11-Oct. 26. 10500 Page Avenue, Fairfax. www.fairfaxsaturdaymarket.com/

Fair Lakes Farmers Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 4501 Market Commons Drive, Fairfax. www.greentowns.com/initiative/farmers-market/fair-lakes-farmers-market-fairfax-va.

TUESDAYS

The Crystal City FRESHFARM Market is open April-November on Tuesdays, 3-7 p.m. with a selection of foods and goods from local producers, in front of 251 S. 18th St, Arlington. Visit www.crystalcity.org.

WEDNESDAYS

Mount Vernon Farmers Market. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesdays, June 4-Sept. 24. Fresh local food, artisan crafts, live music, kids activities, cooking demonstrations and special events. 415 E Kincaid St., Mount Vernon. www.mountvernonfarmersmarket.org/

Wakefield Farmers Market. 2-6 p.m. Wednesdays, May 7-Oct. 29. Features an average of 21 vendors including a fish vendor, knife sharpener and soap vendor. Cooking demonstrations and live music some weeks. 8100 Braddock Road, Annandale. www.wakefieldfarmersmarket.com/

Reston Farmers Market. 3-7 p.m. 12001 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston. www.smartmarkets.org.

Frying Pan Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon.

www.farmersmarketfryingpan.nova-antiques.com.

Fair Lakes Farmers Market. 3:30-7 p.m. 4501 Market Commons Drive, Fairfax. www.greentowns.com/initiative/farmers-market/fair-lakes-farmers-market-fairfax-va.

THURSDAYS

Rosslyn Farmers Market and Concert. 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Thursdays, May 29-Sept. 25, across the street from Cupid’s Garden Sculpture, 1401 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. The market offers fresh foods and goods from regional vendors including bread and pastries, farm-fresh and organic produce, herbs and spices, exotic teas and specialty coffees. Visit www.rosslynva.org/do/rosslyn-farmers-market1.

Annandale Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Thursdays, May 2-Nov. 7. Featuring a master gardener plant clinic on site to answer questions about plants and landscaping. Mason District Park, 6621 Columbia Pike, Annandale. 703-941-1730. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/annandalemkt.htm

Herndon Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Thursdays, May 1-Nov. 13. Twelve Vendors sell a variety of products including kettle corn and fresh made Italian pasta. Old Town Herndon, 700 Block of Lynn St, Herndon. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/herndonmkt.htm

Fairfax’s Government Center Farmers Market. 3-7 p.m. Thursdays, May 1-Oct. 30. Ten vendors including a Middle Eastern delicacy bakery and custom organic ice cream shop. Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/governmentcentr-mrkt.htm

Lorton Farmers Market. 3-7 p.m. Thursdays. New Hope Church, 8905 Ox Road, Lorton. www.smartmarkets.org.

FRIDAYS

McLean Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Fridays, May 2-Nov. 21. Vendors include an orchard and winery company and specialty berry farm. 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/mcleanmkt.htm

Kingstowne Farmers Market. 4-7 p.m. Fridays, May 2-Oct. 31. Giant Parking Lot, 5955 Kingstowne Towne Center, Alexandria. Vendors products include fresh organic honey, pies and rolls. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/kingstownemkt.htm

This year's Springfield Days Cardboard Boat Regatta will be June 1, 2 p.m. at Lake Accotink Park. The event, now in its 25th year, is part of Springfield Days.



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Top Ten ... and More Summer Fun Events

BY RACHEL STONE
THE CONNECTION

Here's your top ten list of events to check out this summer.

Springfield Days/Party in the Park. May 31. 8-10 a.m. South Run Park, 7550 Reservation Drive, Springfield. Springfield Days is a community wide celebration that includes a 5K run, "Pet Fest" and car show. This is an event your summer calendar won't want to miss. www.springfielddays.com.

Cardboard Boat Regatta. June 1. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Witness cardboard boat creations race along Lake Accotink's shoreline. This is the family event of the season! \$4 vehicle fee. 703-569-0285 or

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Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova says that the Cardboard Boat Regatta, part of Springfield Days, that took place June 3, 2012 at Lake Accotink Park "...is my absolute favorite thing that I do all year round."

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2014 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, May 31

Springfield 5K: 8 a.m.

at Springfield Town Center

Small Business Expo: After the race
at Springfield Town Center

Farmers Market: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
at Springfield Town Center

PetFest: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
at South Run Park

Car Show: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
at American Legion Post 176
On-site registration begins at 8 a.m.

Movie in the Park

Featuring Disney's **FROZEN**
at South Run Park: Show starts at dusk

Sunday, June 1

Cardboard Boat Regatta:
Races begin at 2 p.m.
at Lake Accotink Park

For more information and to plan your day, visit

SpringfieldDays.com

or engage on Facebook or Twitter

Summer Fun Food Arts Entertainment

Top Summer Fun Events in the Area

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http://www.springfielddays.com.

Celebrate Fairfax! Festival. June 6, 6 p.m. – 12 a.m.; June 7, 10 a.m. – 12 a.m.; June 8, 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. This is your community-wide summer festival with musical performances, rides, games and food. Come one, come all. 703-324-3247 or http://www.celebratefairfax.com/

Historic Fairfax City Walking Tours. June 7, 11 a.m. Ratcliffe-Allison House, 10386 Main St, Fairfax. Join a seasoned tour guide for a walk through the historic section of Fairfax and featuring the Old Courthouse and other historic sites! Approx. 90 min, weather permitting. \$3-\$15. 703-385-8414.

Father's Day Golf Tournament. June 14, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. Burke Lake Golf Center, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Gather on the course with dad for the golf event of the summer! Teams of 2 will compete in all divisions. \$65/team. Registration includes lunch: 703-323-1641.

Engine #62 Trackless Train Rides at Lake Fairfax. 1400 Lake Fairfax Dr., Reston. Hit the pool and hitch a ride on the trackless train! Come ride on the second week of June, July, and Aug. Special runs also May 31, June 1, and July 4. Watermine park opens May 24. \$3. 703-471-5416.

Braddock Nights Concert Series. Fridays, June 27- Aug. 29. 7:30-8:30 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield; or Royal Lake Park, 5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax. Listen to musical performances in the great outdoors! http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance/

Burke Arts in the Parks. Saturdays, June 28- Aug. 23. 10 - 11 a.m. Burke Lake Park Amphitheater, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Entertain children, teach them the importance of protecting our natural resources, introduce them to live entertainment in an informal kid friendly atmosphere, and forge a connection between kids and parks! Fun for all ages. 703-323-6601.

Fairfax's Independence Day Celebration. July 4, 10 a.m. – 10:30 p.m.



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Miss Liberty in the Fairfax 4th of July parade.

Downtown Fairfax Historic District. Celebrate with our Independence Day parade, historical tours, games, entertainment and fireworks! http://www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/independence-day-celebration

Fort Ward Civil War Reenactment Weekend. July 12, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; July 13, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Fort Ward Museum & Historic Site, 4301 W. Braddock Rd., Alexandria. To commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Fort Stevens, Fort Ward Museum & Historic Site will feature an interpretation of the historic battle, highlights of Union and Confederate camps, military and civilian living history activities and a President Lincoln interpreter. \$2-\$5. 703-746-4848. www.AlexandriaVA.gov/FortWard

37th Annual Burke Centre Festival. Sept. 6, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sept. 7, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Conservancy Festival Grounds, 6060 Burke Centre Parkway. Enjoy face painting, food, rides, and other amusements at the Burke Centre Festival at the close of the summer! http://www.burkecentreweb.com/sub_category_list.asp?category=37&title=Annual+Festival

Fairfax's Fall for the Book Festival. Sept. 11-18. 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Whether you enjoy nonfiction or fantasy, enjoy literature and hear authors give readings at the Fall for the Book Festival! www.fallforthebook.org