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**Joseph Johnston, representing the Sully District Council of Citizens Associations, disputes several points with Arthur Purves, who heads the Fairfax County Taxpayer's Alliance, during the May 29 meeting.**

## Eat. Drink. Pay?

**Fairfax County task force debates voters' appetite for another meals tax referendum.**

BY VICTORIA ROSS  
CENTRE VIEW

**I**t has been 22 years since Fairfax County asked voters to approve a tax on restaurant meals, an issue that ignited protests, caused deep divisions among community leaders and threatened to melt down several political careers.

The reverberations of that epic failure — what many consider the third rail of county politics — continue to echo in the ears of county politicians.

But after another punishing year of budget battles, and continuing shortfalls in revenue resulting from the recession, county leaders are once again eyeing the meals tax as a way to raise revenue for schools and other county services.

On April 22, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-at-large) convened a task force to consider the pros and cons of putting another meals tax referendum on the ballot — possibly

as early as this November.

Bulova said a four-percent tax on meals and beverages at the county's nearly 3,000 restaurants would generate approximately \$90 million in new revenue for schools, public safety, parks, libraries and human services.

She cited the fact that all of the cities and towns “around and within Fairfax County” have adopted a meals tax, and that there has been “a growing sentiment during recent years for our board to once again allow the voters to decide whether or not they wish to avail themselves of this additional source of revenue.”

In Northern Virginia, similar meals taxes have been implemented in Alexandria, Arlington County, the City of Fairfax and other smaller municipalities.

However, Loudoun and Prince William county officials recently rejected the idea of a meals tax after restaurant groups successfully argued the tax would unfairly target an industry that is facing pressure

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**Kate Hanley, former Democratic chair of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors co-chairs the Meals Tax Referendum Task Force with Tom Davis, a former Republican congressman who also chaired the Fairfax County Board during the 1992 meals tax battle.**

## Mixed-Used Project Proposed

**Multifamily homes, retail and restaurants considered in Westfields Corporate Center.**

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
CENTRE VIEW

**T**he Westfields Corporate Center has attracted top-quality firms — including the federal government — to its business park in Chantilly. So it's not surprising then that Akridge wants to join them.

And on May 20, the West Fairfax County Citizens Association (WFCCA) heard details of the plan from attorney Greg Riegler and Sarah Knutson, vice president, development, with Akridge.

The parcel Akridge wants to develop is directly across Stonecroft Boulevard from the Sully District Governmental Center. It's 60-some acres at the corner of Stonecroft and Westfields Boulevard, and Riegler called it a “front door” to the Westfields Corporate Center.

“Akridge has owned this property since 2012,” he said. “It could be developed by right with well over 1 million square feet of office [space], but we're giving it another look. We've been working

closely with the Westfields leadership and we plan a mixture of uses, amenities to the corporate park and a quality development.”

“Akridge is a full-service, real-estate firm involved in acquisition, construction, leasing, consulting, investing, managing and developing class-A space,” said Knutson. “We have unparalleled credibility and we've been making bold moves for 40 years.”

She said her company is rebranding the Chantilly parcel as

The Preserve at Westfields. “It's one of the last large, undeveloped sites in Westfields,” said Knutson. However, half of Akridge's property is environmentally sensitive land, so it'll be left undisturbed.

“We met with the stakeholders, and they told us they wanted quality design and planning, amenities, environmental protection and conservation, and something done about the traffic congestion,” said Knutson. She said 75 percent of the development would be multifamily homes and 25 percent

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**“It's a challenging site because of the way it's chopped up. And it's difficult to get in and out of there.”**

**— At-Large Planning Commissioner Jim Hart**

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# CRIME

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**BURGLARY**, 5400 block of Calamint Court, Jun 6. A resident reported someone entered the residence and took property.

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one entered the apartment and took property.

**BURGLARY**, 13600 block of Bent Tree Circle, June 8. An employee reported someone entered the business and took property.

**BURGLARY**, 14600 block of Olde Kent Road, June 4. A resident reported someone entered the residence and took property.

## STOLEN VEHICLES

1600 block of Belle View Boulevard, merchandise from business

4000 block of Medford Drive, gift cards from residence

8100 block of Tis Well Drive, medication from business

13800 block of Braddock Road, 2006 Ford pick-up

## LARCENIES

4300 block of Chantilly Shopping Center, merchandise from business

14100 block of Red River Drive, tools and bag from vehicle

4900 block of Stonecroft Boulevard, cell phone from business

13900 block of Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, items from vehicle

6400 block of McCoy Road, purse from vehicle

14500 block of Oak Mere Drive, electronic devices from residence

6500 block of Ryan Lynn Drive, wallet from business

## SCHOOL NOTES

Email announcements to [centreview@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:centreview@connectionnewspapers.com). Photos are welcome.

Baylor University student **Jeremy Blake Pepper**, of Centreville, was named to the dean's academic honor list for the 2014 spring semester.

**Justin Parker**, a student at Hampden-Sydney College, was named to the Dean's List for the spring semester of the 2014-2015 academic year.

**Christina Brooks** of Centreville has been inducted into Rochester Institute

of Technology's Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Society.

The Georgia Institute of Technology has presented **Emily Schulte** of Centreville with a Bachelor of Science in aerospace engineering.

Six students from Centreville have been named to the dean's list at the University of Mary Washington, including: **John M. Bentley, Mary C. Fesak, Caroline E. Filippone, Eun-Mi K. Ju, Corrina K. Kelliher** and **Jordan A. Shea**.



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## Braddock Park Mini-Golf Meeting

The Fairfax County Park Authority is evaluating options to re-open or re-purpose the closed, mini-golf course in Braddock Park and wants to hear the public's ideas. So it'll host a public meeting this Thursday, June 12, at 7 p.m., at the Mott Community Center, 12111 Braddock Road in Fairfax.

For more information, ways to participate or to speak at the meeting, see [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/braddock-park.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/braddock-park.htm) or contact the public information office at [parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov) or 703-324-8662.

## Farmers Market on Thursdays

Each Thursday, from 3-7 p.m., the Fairfax County Government Center hosts a farmers market in its parking lot. The Government Center is at 12000 Government Center Pkwy. in Fair Oaks, and the next markets are slated for June 12 and June 19.

## Fair Oaks Police Ribbon-Cutting

The Fair Oaks Public Safety Center's expansion – serving the police and firefighters of the Fair Oaks Station – will be celebrated with a ribbon-cutting Saturday, June 14, at 10 a.m. It's at 12300 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway in Chantilly. The THOR canine memorial will also be dedicated then.

## Children, Come Touch a Truck

The Sully District Police Station and the Chantilly Regional Library have teamed up to present the second annual Touch A Truck. This free event is set for Saturday, June 14, from 1-4 p.m., outside the library at 4000 Stringfellow Road in Chantilly. And these aren't toy trucks and cars – children can get an up-close look at the real thing.

They'll be able to climb, explore and learn about their favorite vehicles. More than 20 different vehicles will be on hand, including (weather permitting) Fairfax One, the Fairfax County Police Department helicopter. There'll also be live music and child fingerprinting. Parking is available across the street from the library at Chantilly High School.

## Cabaret for Reema, June 14

The annual Remembrance Cabaret for Westfield High grad/Virginia Tech victim Reema Samaha is this Saturday, June 14, at 7 p.m. at Westfield, 4700 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. Doors open at 6 p.m. for a silent auction and bake sale that continue during intermission.

It's an evening of singing, dancing, comedy and fun and is a free event, but donations are welcome. Attendees may contribute to The Reema J. Samaha Memorial Scholarships <http://www.cfnova.org/scholarships/other-scholarships/reema-j-samaha-memorial-scholarship> and/or to Angel Fund [www.angelfundva.org](http://www.angelfundva.org). Those unable to attend the Cabaret may still donate at <https://www.angelfundva.org/donate/>.

Angel Fund will also raffle off two tickets to the Nov. 28 VT home football game against UVA, including one night at Rockwood Manor. Raffle tickets are \$10 each at the Cabaret or at <https://www.angelfundva.org/raffle>.

## Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, June 19, from 5 p.m. to dusk, at the station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. No appointment is necessary. But residents should install the child safety seats themselves so technicians may properly inspect and adjust them, as needed.

Because of time constraints, only the first 35 vehicles arriving on each date will be inspected. That way, inspectors may have enough time to properly instruct the caregiver on the correct use of the child seat. (The inspection may be cancelled in the event

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# Mixed-Used Development Proposed

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would be commercial and “support retail.”

She also noted that this mix of uses would result in less traffic going to and from the site than if it were developed in all office space, as Fairfax County originally envisioned it in its Comprehensive Plan. With Akridge's proposal, she said, there'd be a 60-percent reduction in morning traffic going to the property and a 52-percent decrease in the afternoon traffic leaving it.

And to help further alleviate the already-existing traffic problem, Knutson said, “We've proposed moving the intersection slightly northeast for more stacking space for cars on Westfields Boulevard.”

She then presented more specifics about what Akridge currently plans to build on the site, and Riegler stressed that these are just preliminary ideas. “We're just in the first inning of a nine-inning ballgame,” he said.

Proposed are two, five-story, residential buildings, each 335,000 square feet and having 335 units. They're identified as C and D in the artist's rendition, and building C would also have 5,000 square feet of retail in its base. Building D would contain, for example, a leasing center, fitness center and community room.

Buildings G and F would have 280,000 square feet total of commercial office space. Building E would be a four-story, multifamily structure of 255,000 square feet. And pad sites A and B would feature 10,000 square feet of retail uses.

“The retail is an important part of making this a complete community,” said Riegler. “And as a team, we're very excited about it.”

The parcel also contains a lake and, said Knutson, “We want people to come see the lake, relax and eat lunch.” In addition, behind the residential area and next to the lake are planned a gazebo and a 100-seat amphitheater. And walking, jogging and hiking trails will be throughout the site.

WFCCA's Jim Neighbors asked, “Under the best scenario, when is the earliest construction could start?” Knutson said the rezoning process is expected to take 18 months, and site-plan approval could take a year or less. So, she said, in the best-case scenario, construction could start in two years, or so.

Riegler said they hadn't yet filed anything with Fairfax County, but hope to soon. He said there's “a lot of interest in Westfields in seeing these amenities [come to fruition] and having some of their employees not have to commute.”

A tad skeptical, WFCCA's Carol Hawn said similar promises were made, years ago, by the developers of The Trinity Centre in Centreville, which was touted as “Centreville's downtown” — complete with amenities around a lake and a real place for residents to gather for events. However, she said, things never panned out there as envisioned.

“But Westfields has top-tier, Fortune 500 companies,” said Riegler. “And we're going to draw upon their [strength and reputation] when we develop this.” Hawn then said she was looking forward to



Artist's rendition of the proposed, mixed-use development, The Preserve at Westfields.

seeing more of the plan for this site, once it's further refined.

WFCCA Land-Use Chairman Jim Katcham asked what type of retail is anticipated. Knutson didn't have any information about the specific retail businesses that might locate on the property, but said they plan on a “white-tablecloth restaurant,” a quick-serve restaurant and a bank.

Katcham also inquired whether any of the units would be “senior-oriented.” Riegler said none would be designated as such, but that the entire residential component would be “safe and secure, anyway, with amenities that would attract empty-nesters.”

“Are the amenities for the community, too?” asked WFCCA's Mark McConn?

“Yes,” replied Knutson. “And the restaurants would be open for lunch and dinner.”

“You aren't going to see 60-acre parcels here, with this many units, very often,” said At-Large Planning Commissioner Jim Hart. “And, as Greg said, this is just the ‘first inning.’” Hart also said he hopes the stream on site could be restored, if necessary. “It's a challenging site because of the way it's chopped up,” he said. “And it's difficult to get in and out of there.”

Knutson said there'd be right turns, in and out. But, noting the traffic congestion already at Stonecroft and Westfield boulevards, Hart said, “How that intersection functions is going to be a big question. If we start putting people there, it changes that area; we didn't anticipate a lot of residential.”

Besides that, he said, “No one on [Route] 28 or Westfields Boulevard will see the retail. Only the people driving on Stonecroft will — and they won't expect it. The shopping center here [on Westfields

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# Task Force Carves into Meals Tax Referendum

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to increase the minimum wage while still struggling to recover from the 2008 recession.

While much has changed in Fairfax County since 1992, the mere mention of a meals tax still stirs up vehement reactions.

“This is a charged issue,” said Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee) “The task force was set up deliberately to have a third-party group come to us with recommendations. We will have the benefit of public input from a fairly politically-balanced group. I think it’s brilliant that Sharon got both sides that would not necessarily talk to each other together in the same room ... That’s the Fairfax County way.”

“Keep an open mind. And, listen to each other,” Bulova urged the 40 members of the super committee during the first meeting on May 15.

Chaired by Kate Hanley, a former Democratic chairman of the board and Tom Davis, a former Republican congressman who chaired the Board of Supervisors during the 1992 meals tax battle, the task force was charged with answering three questions before delivering its final recommendation to the board on June 17:

❖ Whether or not to recommend the board put a meals tax referendum on the ballot

❖ If recommending going to referendum, when should that referendum take place; and

❖ If recommending going to referendum, should any revenues from a meals tax be dedicated to specific issues?

But the first meeting had barely begun before members began taking swipes at each other, arguing over marginal details and data, and delivering doomsday proclamations if their side did not prevail.

The Fairfax County Federation of Teachers launched a series of newspaper ads asking readers to “Save Our Starving Schools,” by supporting the meals tax. Steven Greenburg, president of the teachers union and a member of the task force, argued that the county’s school system — which recently

## Meals Taxes in Surrounding Areas

Local Jurisdiction	Year Enacted	Requirements for Levying the Meals Tax	Current Rate	Collector's Commission/Discount	Designated for Specific Purpose
Arlington	1991	Exempted from referendum requirement. Adopted by unanimous vote.	4.0%	None	No
Alexandria	1975	Has authority to levy without referendum	4.0%	None	No
Fairfax City	1985	Has authority to levy without referendum	4.0%	3.0%	No
Falls Church	1977	Has authority to levy referendum	4.0%	2.0%	No
Herndon	2003	Has authority to levy referendum	2.5%	6.0%	No
Manassas City	1988	as authority to levy Without referendum	4.0%	3.0%	
Manassas Park	at least since 1995	Has authority to levy without referendum	4.0%	2.0%	No
Vienna	1989	Has authority to levy without referendum	3.0%	3.0%	Debt Service
Fairfax County	Not levied	Referendum required. Referendum failed in 1992			Would have been used for school construction
Loudoun	Not levied	Referendum required. Referendum failed in 2008			
Prince William	Not levied	Referendum required. No referendum attempted			

An overview of meals taxes in surrounding areas.

approved a \$2.5 billion budget for FY 2015 — will be forced to lay off workers if the county does not transfer more money to the schools.

After the second meeting, Jim Corcoran, president of The Fairfax Chamber, issued a statement declaring the chamber’s opposition to the tax.

“We have been down this road before in Fairfax, and in almost every case, voters continue to oppose such measures,” Corcoran said. “This is not a time for rehashing failed policies of the past. County leaders, the business community, and citizens all need to work together to grow and diversify the economy in Fairfax County, not tax our way to a solution.”

Hanley and Davis moderated the next meeting on May 29 with humor, easing

some of the tension in the room.

“Kate and I come at this issue from different angles,” Davis joked during the meeting.

“Is that why I voted for it the first time,” Hanley said, pausing. “And you did too?”

“Hey, it passed in my precinct,” Davis shot back.

Rex Simmons, who represents the Fairfax County Democratic Committee, drew applause when he thanked Hanley and Davis for “doing an excellent job summarizing the views of the task force ...” in the draft report.

But the warm feelings dissipated when a heated discussion began over the image of the restaurant industry, and the perception that restaurants don’t support schools because the industry does not support a meals

tax. “It’s an overall fairness issue,” said Jim Wordsworth, owner of one of the county’s first steakhouses — JR Stockyards Inn steakhouse in Tysons Corner. He argued that meals tax would drive customers away and could keep large restaurants from relocating to Tysons.

“When you have a meals tax, you know what else happens? New restaurants are less likely to come to Fairfax County,” said Mark Tate, public affairs director for Restaurant Association of Metropolitan Washington.

“I don’t want to present the image that only restaurants are opposing this tax. In 1992, there was a lot of animosity among teachers and PTO organizations to restaurants over this issue,” Tate continued. “But if you look beyond this framework, local restaurants are incredibly generous to PTO groups and other county non-profits; they sponsor non-profit events and benefits; they care deeply about the community they live and work in.”

Davis agreed that the restaurant industry is not the “bad guy” for opposing the meals tax. “I can’t go to a school fair, a 5K race, or any other school event where local restaurants don’t contribute in some way ....”

“Can we say ‘restaurants are good corporate citizens?’” Tate asked, requesting a change in the task force document.

Greenburg and others who support the meals tax quickly took issue with Tate’s statement.

“I don’t feel like restaurants have supported us ...,” Greenburg said. “And we’re not here to write a polemic for the restaurant industry...”

“How about we try it this way,” Hanley said, offering to rewrite a statement in the draft report: “Resistance to a referendum may create a false assumption that food services don’t support government services.’ What do you think?”

After the group signaled approval, Hanley encouraged them to “hang on.

“We’re doing well folks, only 3 more pages to go ....”

For more information on the meals tax referendum task force, go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mealtax/>

## Task Force Members

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Fairfax County Democratic Committee  
Rex Simmons  
Fairfax County Republican Committee  
James Parmelee  
Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce  
Jim Corcoran  
Restaurant Association of Metropolitan Washington  
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## NEWS

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Boulevard] has struggled for 25 years, and we've just barely gotten another grocery store in there."

But, replied Riegle, "Westfields needs something like this to be a complete office park. And this is one of the last chances to do it here — and do it right."

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of inclement weather). Call 703-814-7000, ext. 5140, to confirm dates and times.

## 2014 Fairfax 50+ Plan

Fairfax County projects a dramatic increase in its older population. Between 2005 and 2030, the county expects the 50-and-over population to increase by 40 percent and the 70-and-over population by 88 percent. So the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, together with the Fairfax Area Commission on Aging and local residents, has been working with the community to create the 2014 Fairfax 50+ Plan.

What's proposed is at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/fairfax50plus.htm> under the topic headings of Safety & Health, Housing, Transportation, Community Engagement, Services for Older Adults & Caregivers, and Long-Range Planning & Trends Analysis. Comments may be emailed to [DFSCCommunity@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:DFSCCommunity@fairfaxcounty.gov) until June 30.

Pleased with the overall proposal, Sully District Planning Commissioner John Litzenberger also weighed in. "I think, once Westfields gets built out in three or four years, there'll be a demand for this retail," he said. "Plus I'm always happy to broaden the tax base."


## Food Donations For WFCM

Western Fairfax Christian Ministries' food pantry urgently needs donations of canned vegetables (no green beans), vegetable oil; dry pasta, flour, canned fruit and meat, white or brown rice (1- or 2-lb. bags), cold cereal, pancake mix, powdered and evaporated milk. Also needed are toilet paper, diapers, shampoo and baby wipes. (WFCM clients cannot purchase toiletries with food stamps).

Bring all items to WFCM's food pantry, weekdays, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m., at 13888 Metrotech Drive, near Papa John's Pizza and Kumon Learning Center, in Chantilly's Sully Place Shopping Center.

Thrift-store needs include spring and summer clothing, quality shoes and like-new houseware. The store is at 13939 Metrotech Drive. In addition, food-pantry volunteers are needed Tuesdays, 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m., and Wednesdays, 4-6 p.m. Contact Annette Bosley at 703-988-9656, ext. 110, or [abosley@wfcma.org](mailto:abosley@wfcma.org).

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## Clearing the Air on New Carbon Standards

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**T**he EPA's new proposal to safeguard the air we breathe and contain a primary driver of climate change by reducing carbon emissions from existing power plants is the lynchpin to reducing our carbon footprint. As co-chairs of the House Sustainable Energy and Environmental Coalition, we welcome action on carbon pollution and look forward to working with all stakeholders in a responsible manner to advance a 21st century energy economy for America.

Power plants are responsible for 40 percent of U.S. carbon pollution. Without addressing this source of pollution our efforts fade in significance. Similar safeguards already exist for other hazardous pollutants such as lead, arsenic, and mercury. And they have worked. Why shouldn't the same apply for carbon? By targeting this source of pollution, we protect public health, the economy, and national security.

Unfortunately, there are those who would have us believe that these and other EPA safeguards threaten our shared national priorities. Just as they did when Congress, in a biparti-

san fashion, adopted the Clean Air and Clean Water acts a generation ago, these critics offer the same hackneyed arguments they always make: they contend the public does not want these protections, they will kill jobs, bankrupt the economy, and cause electricity rates to double. This is the same crowd that waged deceitful campaigns warning of death panels, a government-run takeover of healthcare, and socialized medicine in the hopes of distracting us from the urgent need for the Affordable Care Act.

Such false and misleading claims were shameful then, and if repeated, will jeopardize the tremendous strides we've made in protecting public health. Unfortunately, some took to attacking the EPA's latest proposal even before it was released. Last week, Speaker Boehner said the EPA is "hurting our economy" with such proposals, though he did note he was no expert on climate change and had not yet seen the proposed regulation. Let's move beyond such rhetoric and look at the facts.

Take the first claim that carbon pollution restrictions will kill jobs and devastate the economy. Evidence tells us that we can have both a clean environment and a strong economy. In a recent op-ed, Christine Todd Whitman, a Republican, who is the former Governor of New Jersey and was EPA Administrator under President George W. Bush, highlighted that "... between 1970 and 2006, U.S.

GDP grew by 195 percent, yet thanks to regulatory changes annual emissions of carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxide, sulfur dioxide, and lead all decreased significantly." In other words, economic growth and regulation can and do intertwine successfully.

Investing in new energy standards actually has helped fuel that economic growth. For example, since the Clean Air Act was passed in 1970, every dollar spent on compliance standards has yielded \$4-\$8 in economic return on that investment. The fact is that these standards have been a catalyst for a new generation of clean energy, new investment in plants and equipment, and the creation of thousands of domestic jobs. Employment in the American solar industry, for example, grew 10 times faster than the national employment average rate last year.

Another tired but predictable claim opponents will make is that electricity rates will increase. The Washington Post's fact checker, who does not take a position on EPA rules, debunked this allegation noting that "this [claim] does not pass the laugh test." The Clean Air Act amendments of 1990 also were assailed by similar attacks. So what happened to electricity rates? They decreased. Between 1990 and 2006, electricity rates fell by 47 percent in Arkansas, 64 percent in Illinois, 28 percent

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Truly Educating

To the Editor:

The lessons my daughter is learning at Rocky Run Middle School are life lessons that will help her so much more in life than any SOL studies or high school history text notes. Today was World War II Day at RRMS, something they have been doing for 14 years now. There were more than 80 veterans at the school today giving oral history lessons to the students. The students learned firsthand from eye witnesses what happened during and after the war. They were able to interview the veterans, hear their stories and see the memorabilia they brought. While learning about history they also learned such important life lessons about sacrifice for others, patriotism, standing up for what you believe in and supporting those in need. These traits are so important for our children, who are growing up in the "me generation" to learn about.

RRMS also took their students on a field trip to DC to welcome honor flights from Oklahoma to the WWII memorial. The students stood two different days in the pouring rain (some schools might have cancelled the trip) to thank

and honor these veterans who gave so much for our freedom. They also connected with them on a personal level. My daughter now has a veteran buddy, Lloyd Hobbs from Oklahoma who sends her emails and letters and pictures of his time in the war all because she stood in the rain with a sign thanking him for his service. He writes her letters about his war experience, but more importantly how his education helped him during his military career and after. He reinforces the importance of why she is spending hours learning "all this hard stuff" now.

Putting WWII day together is an entire school activity headed by Mr. Sawatzky, chair of the History Department. I am constantly amazed at the dedication and commitment to the students at RRMS that I see. The countless, selfless hours that teachers and staff put in to do these extra activities for the students, to engage them in learning. This commitment comes from the top down starting with Mr. Terrell who encourages students to show him work with an "A" grade for a chance to win a prize in a weekly drawing. They can enter as many times as they get "A's". The history teacher's quirky, funny videos they produce to help the students learn and remember history. (So much

more interesting than copying the text book (text notes) which my high school student does in her honors history class.) Teachers are being given less and less freedom in how and what to teach in class, which in most schools means losing these types of activities. I just wanted to say "Thank you" to all the RRMS staff, teachers and administration who every day strive to make learning fun, cool and meaningful for our children.

Jodi LeBlanc  
Clifton

## Late Start Affects Commuters

To the Editor:

A small group of ideologues has been successful in convincing the FCPS School Board to significantly change start times of all schools, without taking steps to properly anticipate problems such as traffic impact and without directly polling parents, students, employees or community members. The citizens of Fairfax County need to contact the School Board and tell them that this may help a small group who need more morning sleep, but will hurt others includ-

ing teens, parents, employees and younger children. Action is needed, as the School Board is voting on this issue in July. Those in favor of significantly altering start times offer evidence from the Children's National Medical Center (CNMC) to support their position, but the current start times of our schools in place for decades, provides practical evidence to counter their claims, and should there be a medical need, high school students can opt out of early morning classes and get instruction on-line.

Right now high school start times coincide with the lowest commuter traffic times on our roads. Opening high schools 30 minutes to an hour later would result in large increases of traffic at the heaviest commuter times on I-395, 495 and 66, Telegraph and Braddock Roads, the Fairfax County Parkway, Routes 1, 7, 28, 29 and 50, and secondary roads as well. With sports practices and activities pushed to later in the day, student and parent drivers would be greatly inconvenienced and commuting times would be extended. Our roads are travelled by not only Fairfax County residents, but those from Loudoun, Prince William, Montgomery counties and others farther out.

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## OPINION

# Clearing

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in Indiana, 35 percent in Michigan, 30 percent in North Carolina, 18 percent in Ohio, 36 percent in Pennsylvania, 40 percent in Utah, and 36 percent in Virginia. Even the power companies agree. The CEO of American Electric Power, one of our nation's largest utilities, said that with enough time to prepare, the transition to a cleaner energy future can occur "without a major impact to customers or the economy."

Finally, these perennial alarmists will argue that the American public does not want the "boot of government regulation on their neck." To the contrary, when it comes to basic health protections, the American public overwhelmingly has said it doesn't want the threat of pollution on its neck. A 2012 American Lung Association report found that Americans support the Clean Air Act by a 2-to-1 margin. The same report found nearly 3 out of 4 respondents believe we shouldn't have to choose between health and safety standards and promoting the economy. They understand that the opponents are presenting them with a false choice and that we can and must do both. And when it comes to setting limits on carbon pollution from power plants, a February 2014 poll found seven out of 10 Americans support these safeguards. Seventy percent!

But you won't hear the House majority reminding the public of these inconvenient truths. They prefer reckless rhetorical arguments and irresponsible inaction. Reducing carbon emissions poses a significant challenge, and we look forward to working with industry, the environmental community, and stakeholders at the local, state, and federal levels to address this challenge. But first we must be willing to move beyond these campaigns of fear and deception.

Thankfully, there are indications that industry and the public understand this. For example, use of solar power by American companies increased by 40 percent last year. Those businesses, and their customers, understand the value of investing in American ingenuity and innovation — a healthier environment, a sustainable source of domestic energy, creating new high-skilled jobs.

The Obama Administration has taken a bold step in proposing a 30 percent reduction from 2005 levels in carbon emissions from power plants. We support that effort and know that America's health and economic wellbeing will benefit immeasurably.

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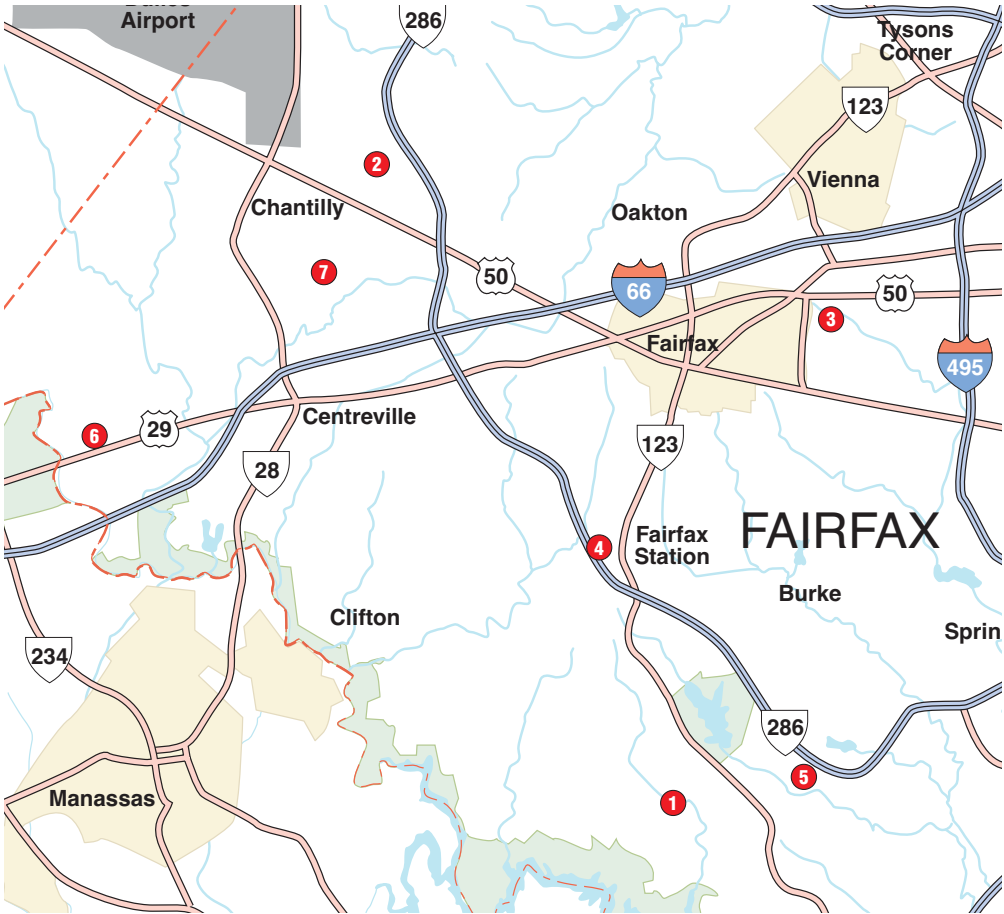
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# Creating Private, Restful Retreat

## Designers offer suggestions for decorating the perfect bedroom.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
CENTRE VIEW

**W**hile most people crave a good night's sleep, it remains a dream for many. A bedroom that is both chic and comfortable can help the overworked find that restful slumber.

"A bedroom should be a retreat from the hectic lives so many of us live," said Sharon Kleinman of Transitions by Sharon Kleinman in Potomac, Md.

Local interior designers like Kleinman say accessories and tweaks can turn a bedroom into a luxurious retreat. These changes, tastemakers say, don't require major overhauls, just a few design ideas.

Seating in the bedroom offers a place to relax other than the bed. "Everything depends on the size of the room," said Julie Sproules, an interior design faculty member at The Art Institute of Washington in Arlington. "A nice option is have a reading nook with comfortable seats, good lighting and perhaps a small table."

Kleinman said, "If you have the room, it's always nice to have a seating area — even if it's just one comfortable chair and ottoman," she said. "Create yourself a place to kick back and read or relax without having to be in bed."



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**When coordinated well, pillows can create an inviting bedroom. Too many pillows however, can be cumbersome.**

Accessorize the bedroom seating with a cozy throw. "They add a splash of color to a chair or chaise," said Victoria Sanchez of Victoria Sanchez Interiors and Victoria at Home in Old Town Alexandria. "You can use a throw to take the chill off."

A place to get dressed is also ideal. "A bedroom with a dressing area and good lighting is very convenient," said Sproules. "I have a closet in my bedroom with two doors that open, so when I open my doors I have my clothes, jewelry and mirror in a place where I can see them. I can get

dressed in the morning without disturbing my boyfriend."

If there is enough space in the bedroom, Sproules also recommends a vanity with a mirror, proper lighting and a stool without arms so it's easy to turn from one side to the other when getting ready.

A dish or bowl for storing personal items is also helpful on a nightstand or dresser. "I have a bowl for my earrings when I forget to take them off before going to bed," said Sanchez. "For men, it could be a place to drop keys instead of dropping them on the dresser and possibly damaging the wood."

When it comes to lighting, Sanchez recommends keeping it soft. "A beautiful lamp next to the bed with a nice shade that will filter light is the first thing I would recommend," she said.

To create a restful retreat, Kleinman often forgoes patterns, "but maximizes lots of different textures like linen, silk, mohair, velvet and chenille."

Preferred color palettes are warm but not too bright or glaring. "I like soft bronze with powdery blues, silvery grey and creams or varying shades of brown and beige punctuated by accents of light teal," she said.

When it comes to accessorizing a bed, Kleinman says less is more. "Don't overdo it on the pillows. I layer the bed with no more than three rows of pillows. You want

the bed to look inviting. Too many pillows just become a hassle and the bed loses its elegance."

Kleinman's ideal bed includes a row of bolsters or extra-large king shams followed by three Euro shams and then one long rectangular accent pillow or two smaller square accent pillows. "Either store the sleeping pillows or make them the first row up against the headboard," she said. "Rows of sleeping pillows plus all the decorative pillows are just too much."

The decorative accent pillows help create a polished look. "It could be lumbar, a bolster, to unify the whole look," said Sanchez. "It could be monogrammed or beaded. It could be the one fancy pillow that you splurge on, but also a decorative pillow that will never have a head on it."

When it's time to turn down the bed at night, Kleinman suggests storing the decorative pillows in an upholstered storage bench near the bed.

Finally, control the amount of light that filters through the windows. "I prefer floor-length draperies that are lined with 'bump,' which is a heavy felt-like lining, or blackout lining," said Kleinman. "Most of my clients prefer blackout lining. Keep the drapes simple and not too fussy. Heavy cornices or valances are distracting and they dilute that feeling of calm."

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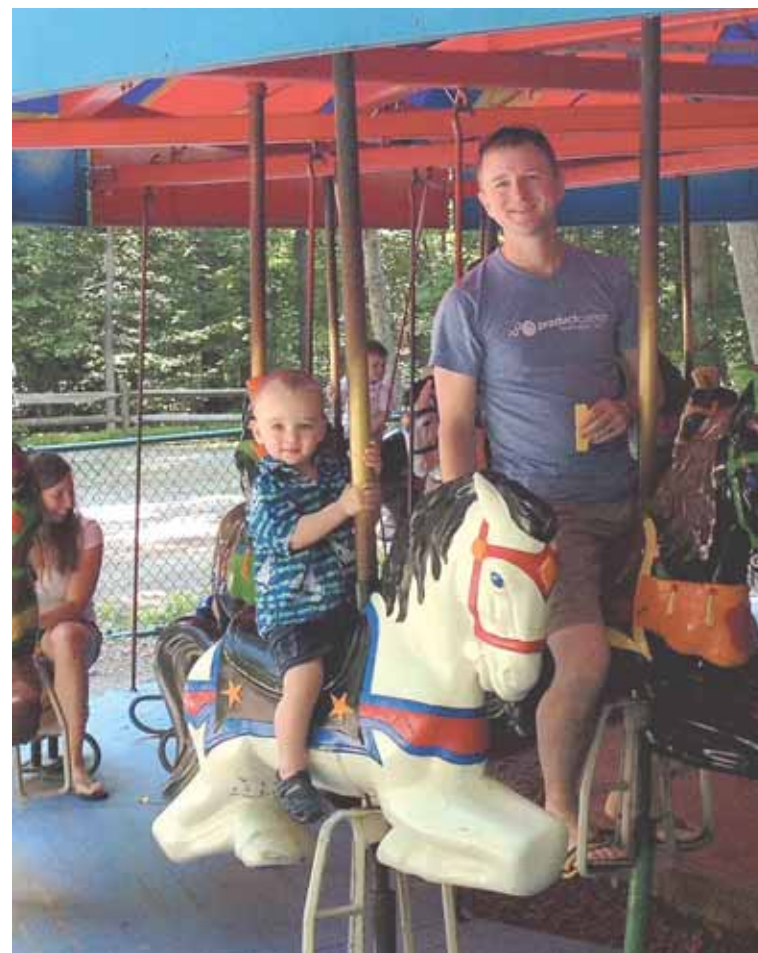
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# ME & MY DAD



From left: James (12), Scott, and Sean (15) Pogorelc of Centreville jog around the Rose Bowl on a Spring Break trip to Pasadena, Calif.



Joe Harvey of Clifton with his son Nathan (27 months old) on the carousel at Burke Lake Park on June 8, 2014.



Grace with her Dad, Russell Ramey of Centreville, at Bull Run in Manassas.

Little Rocky Run resident Rob Pewett with sons, Sam and Chris, traveling to Florida in March to see the Washington Nationals at spring training.



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## Cappies Awarded for High School Theater

The 15th Annual Cappies Awards Gala for high school theater was held Sunday, June 8 at The Kennedy Center. Nine Cappies went to West Potomac High School for "Spamalot," including the coveted Best Musical award. The Best Play award went to Langley High School for "The Children's Hour." The Cappies' show season extended from October 2013 to May 2014, and Cappies shows were attended, on average, by 45 student critics. This year's event included 58 public and private high schools from Arlington, Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun, Montgomery and Prince William counties, the cities of Falls Church, Alexandria and Manassas, and Washington, D.C. The event was hosted by Judy Bowns, Janie Strauss and Ed Monk.

— STEVE HIBBARD

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The award for Featured Actor went to Julian Sanchez of Centreville for "Little Shop of Horrors" at Westfield High School.



The award for Special Effects and Technology went to the Chantilly Tech Team for "The Front Page" at Chantilly High School. From left: Madison Kambic, Sydney Kendrick, Mia Rickenbach and Devon Cahill.



The award for Best Lighting went to Allison Tickner and Kristen Chiamia for "Little Shop of Horrors" at Westfield High School.



The award for Best Props went to Stephen Cox, Sarah Dickenson, David Koenigsberg and Emily Tobin for "Little Shop of Horrors" at Westfield High School.



The award for Lead Actress in a Musical went to Samantha Dempsey of Centreville for "Little Shop of Horrors" at Westfield High School.



The award for Comic Actor in a Play went to Patrick Moore, formerly of Clifton (attended Fairfax High), for "The Importance of Being Earnest" at Wakefield School.



### At Carnegie Hall

Maggie Kirtley (above), a current Rocky Run Middle School 8th grader and a rising ninth grader to Thomas Jefferson High School, and Eli Kirtley (below), a current Bull Run Elementary sixth grader, played piano at Carnegie Hall, N.Y. last weekend as winners of a national audition. Maggie played Chopin's Nocturne in B Major, Op72. Eli played Kabalevsky's Sonatina in G Minor, Op3. This was Maggie's second appearance at Carnegie Hall and Eli's first appearance. They are Virginia Run residents.

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## 10u State Champions

Xplosion 10u, an SYA travel softball team out of Centreville, became the state 10u champions on May 31 following the Mad Hat/ Virginia State Tournament in Sterling. The team was formed in October 2013 and trained two to three nights each week from December through March. None of the players had played travel ball before. The team includes Morgan Estabrooke, Megan Furr, Morgan Smith, Kristen Blee, Olivia Stinchcomb, Olivia Southerly, Kate McKay, Grace Paredes, Savannah Pierce, Nicole Roberts and Nola Jinnah. The coaching staff includes Head Coach Robert Estabrooke, Assistant Coach Anna Munizza, Assistant Coach Darrell Furr and Assistant Coach Greg Kozy.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Westfield Girls' Lax Reaches State Final

The Westfield girls' lacrosse team defeated Battlefield 18-6 on Tuesday in the 6A state semifinals. The Bulldogs will face Conference 5 foe Oakton in the state championship game at 6 p.m. on Saturday, June 14 at Lake Braddock Secondary School.

Westfield and Oakton faced one another in the 6A North region final on June 6, with Oakton winning 14-11. Oakton also defeated Westfield 13-7 in the conference tournament championship game on May 23, but the Bulldogs got the best of the Cougars during the regular season, 13-10, on April 4.

Westfield qualified for the state tournament with a 17-16 win over defending state champion Madison in the region semifinals on June 4.

Madison had not lost to a Virginia public school since 2012.

### Centreville Girls' Soccer to Face Cosby

The Centreville girls' soccer team will face Cosby in the 6A

state semifinals at 4 p.m. on Friday, June 13 at Robinson Secondary School.

Centreville finished runner-up in the 6A North region, losing to Battlefield 2-0 in the championship match on June 5.

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## Something New – or Old, to Consider



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

And therein lies the anxiety. Although, all things considered – and as you regular readers know, I like, maybe even need, to consider all things – the medical assessment of the most recent CT scan of my upper torso and thorax/lungs showed a new object in my left lung, “approximately the size of a silver dollar,” according to my oncologist. What this object is, exactly, cannot be determined at this juncture; technology prevents such clarity, unfortunately. Nevertheless, its appearance and location are possibly cause for concern, possibly not.

The context for this confusion is that the chemotherapy drug, Alimta, with which I’ve been infused every three weeks since last September, seems to be working. The main tumor we’ve been tracking has shrunk, as has the fluid level (which as you may recall is what landed me in the hospital for a week last August); both of which are positive and exciting developments, and news, as I’m fond of saying, with which I can live. And live I shall, unencumbered emotionally by this as-yet-to-be-determined growth for the next two months until my next CT scan, when the tomography will provide another assessment – and comparison to the scan just completed.

The considerations, according to my oncologist, are as follows: the chemotherapy drug I’m taking is having the desired effect – shrinkage of both tumor and fluid. Moreover, my recurring, every-three-week lab work is good, indicating my body continues to tolerate the drug; ergo, treatment can continue. Secondly, because the largest tumor in my lung is smaller and the fluid build-up has reduced, more of the lung is visible, for lack of a better description. Combined with the not-perfect technology, there may be more to see now than ever before, and/or more to see from a different angle. Sort of like the warning printed on side view mirrors, except in this case, objects are not closer than they appear; rather they’re seen where they were never seen before. And since the object has never been seen before, my oncologist doesn’t know if the growth is new – and possibly malignant, or old, and smaller even than it was because the Alimta is shrinking it, too. In summary, it’s a definite maybe. Cause for concern? Sure. Cause for alarm? Not by me. And since my attitude is “it’s nothing until it’s something,” for the moment, for the next two months, I intend to live my life as per usual.

My oncologist is not ignoring this new finding, nor is he overreacting to it however, and stopping treatment which seems to be working. He wants me to return for a follow-up CT scan one month ahead of my normal three-month interval, and of course, see him the following week to discuss the results. After that next scan, at that next appointment, we’ll know more definitively how best to proceed. At present, I continue to be asymptomatic and relatively pain-free; yet another good sign, and circumstances for which I am extremely grateful. Nothing is forever in the cancer world, though. Things can change, and their significance can change. Still, I don’t want to be naive; cancer is a killer, especially lung cancer. But I’ve survived five-plus years now since my diagnosis, balancing the known with the unknown. I see no reason to stop now.

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Potomac Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.

## LETTERS

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There is also an increased safety issue with inexperienced 16 and 17-year old drivers on the road at heaviest traffic times. Custodians, cafeteria workers and bus drivers, some of the lowest paid employees, often live farther out, and later start times will increase their commute times, creating a burden.

Parents could be impacted by higher day care costs.

Finally, high school students would not necessarily get an extra hour’s sleep, but only about 20 to 30 minutes, because of having to commute during higher-density traffic times. We need to take care of our children, but lengthier and more dangerous commutes, and later afternoon sports and activity practice times is not the way to do it, not to mention the burden on parents and Fairfax County commuters.

Before this change is finalized, the state and Fairfax County should be asked to do a comprehensive traffic study on the impact of this proposal on our main and secondary commuter roads. Second, all Fairfax County Public School employees need to be polled.

Reportedly, the faculty at one high school was polled and 92 percent were against the proposal.

A committee was formed to look into the impact, but was dominated by board members and others who advocate change, and was not neutral. Town hall meetings were recently conducted to sense the pulse of the community, but again advocates game-planned the system, and by having people sit in small round table groups, they were able to minimize the opposition of the community by preventing all attendees from hearing others who brought up very cogent reasons for not changing the current start times.

Call the School Board at 571-423-1075 or contact them by email at fairfaxcountyschoolboard@fcps.edu. Express opposition to all four options on the table. There is an on-line survey on the FCPS webpage about later openings but it lacks a “continue with the status quo” option. Only strong opposition from residents, commuters and households of Fairfax County will prevent the School Board from precipitously choosing one of these four options without further study including actual polling of all stakeholders so there can be careful weighing of all the facts by residents of Fairfax County.

The Montgomery County Public Schools School Superintendent Joshua Starr decided on June 10 to recommend staying with their current bell schedules after directly soliciting the opinions of all school employees, surveying parents and students, holding both large forum and 77 neighborhood meetings, and hearing from thousands of community members.

They also conducted a transportation and cost analysis and came to the conclusion that there was not a clear consensus on the issue and a huge expense would be incurred at a time when vital funds should be spent elsewhere for the benefit of all students.

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**D-Day: Normandy 1944.** Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center, 14390 Air and Space Museum Pkwy., Chantilly. A movie about D-Day and those who gave their lives. Free. For info and showtimes, visit [www.si.edu/Imax/Movie/133](http://www.si.edu/Imax/Movie/133).

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## FRIDAY/JUNE 13

**Union Mill Elementary Flag Day.** 9 a.m., 1:45 p.m. and 2:15 p.m. Union Mill Elementary, 13611 Springstone Drive, Clifton. Kindergarten students at Union Mill Elementary host a Flag Day celebration. Kindergarteners will perform patriotic songs, narration and poetry, as well as join 5th and 6th grade chorus students for a performance. Contact Jackye Toth at [jstoth@fcps.edu](mailto:jstoth@fcps.edu) for more.

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**Plant Clinic.** 10:30 a.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Master gardeners with provide horticultural tips, information, techniques and advice to home gardeners. Call 703-502-3883.

**Anniversary Car Wash.** 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Parking lot at the Sully Station pool, 5101 Sequoia Farms Drive, Centreville. A car wash to kick of the 2014 NVSL swim season, and the 25th anniversary of Sully Station.

**Book Signings of Aviation and Space Related Books.** 12-5 p.m. Udvar-Hazy Center in Chantilly. Admission is free, parking is \$15. Visit <http://airandspace.si.edu/events/book-signings> for more.

**Touch a Truck.** 1-6 p.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Educational public safety event with a variety of vehicles for children to explore and learn about. Mr. KnickKnack performs, along with the jazz band and robotics team from Chantilly High School. Call 703-502-3883.

**PAWS for Reading.** 3 p.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Read aloud for a 15-minute session with a therapy dog. Bring a book or choose one from the library. For ages 5-12. Call 703-502-3883.

**Remembrance Cabaret for Reema.** 7 p.m. at Westfield High School, 4700 Stonecroft Blvd. Doors open at 6 p.m. for silent auction and bake sale. Performance is free, but donations are welcome to support the Angel Fund, [www.angelfundva.org](http://www.angelfundva.org), or the Reema J. Samaha Memorial Scholarships.

## SUNDAY/JUNE 15

**Antique Car Show.** 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. More than 400 classic vehicles fill the grounds including cars available for purchase. Enjoy live music from the New Old Time String Band and old-fashioned toys and games are available for kids. \$6-\$10. For more call 703-437-1794.

**Book Signings of Aviation and Space Related Books.** 12-5 p.m. Boeing Aviation Hangar Udvar-Hazy Center in Chantilly. Author Don Thomas signing "Orbit of Discovery." Admission is free, parking is \$15. Visit <http://airandspace.si.edu/events/book-signings> for more.

**Fathers Day Barbeque.** Noon-6 p.m. Westfield Marriott Washington Dulles, 14750 Conference Center Drive, Chantilly. The whole family will enjoy all-you-care-to-eat grilled steaks, chicken, draft beer and other picnic favorites along with fun lawn games such as bean bag toss and ladder ball. \$55 for adults, \$19 for children 10 and under. To make reservations call 703-818-3520 or visit [opentable.com](http://opentable.com).

## MONDAY/JUNE 16

**Hidden Pond Nature.** 2 p.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Discover and

explore local nature. Live animals may be present. Presented by the staff of Hidden Pond Nature Center. For grades 1-6. Call 703-502-3883.

**Writers of Chantilly.** 6:45 p.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Share work and give and receive feedback in a supportive setting. Call 703-502-3883.

## TUESDAY/JUNE 17

**"Flights of Fancy" — Stories for Children.** 11 a.m. Udvar-Hazy Center, 14390 Air and Space Museum Pkwy., Chantilly. A reading from "Sally's Great Balloon Adventure," presented by Stephen Huneck. Free. Visit <http://airandspace.si.edu/visit/udvar-hazy-center/things-to-do/story-times.cfm>.

**Storytime.** 1:30 p.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Early literacy program with stories and activities for children age 3-5 with adult. Call 703-502-3883.

**Pajama Party.** 7 p.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Wear pajamas, bring a stuffed animal and a blanket for storytime. For ages 3-5 with adult. Call 703-502-3883.

## WEDNESDAY/JUNE 18

**"Flights of Fancy" — Stories for Children.** 11 a.m. Udvar-Hazy Center, 14390 Air and Space Museum Pkwy., Chantilly. A reading from "Astronaut Handbook," presented by Megan McCarthy. Free. Visit <http://airandspace.si.edu/visit/udvar-hazy-center/things-to-do/story-times.cfm> for more.

**Book Signings of Aviation and Space Related Books.** 12-5 p.m. Boeing Aviation Hangar Udvar-Hazy Center in Chantilly. Author Craig Duehring and Others signing "The Ravens." Admission is free, parking is \$15. Visit <http://airandspace.si.edu/events/book-signings> for more.

**Bouncin' Babies.** 3 p.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Rhymes, songs, stories and activities for babies up to 11 months with adult. Call 703-502-3883.

**Small Wonders.** 4 p.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Rhymes, songs, stories and activities for children 12-23 months with adult. Call 703-502-3883.

## THURSDAY/JUNE 19

**"Flights of Fancy" — Stories for Children.** 11 a.m. Udvar-Hazy Center, 14390 Air and Space Museum Pkwy., Chantilly. A reading from "Astronaut Handbook," presented by Megan McCarthy. Free. Visit <http://airandspace.si.edu/visit/udvar-hazy-center/things-to-do/story-times.cfm> for more.

**PJ Library Book Buddies.** 2 p.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Stories and fun that relate to Jewish culture, traditions and holidays. Enjoy movement and crafts along with stories. Age 2.5-5 with adult, siblings welcome. Contact [Jennifer.DeAngelis@jccnv.org](mailto:Jennifer.DeAngelis@jccnv.org) of the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia for more.

**Lego Block Party.** 7 p.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Legos provided; come show off building skills. For children in grades 3-6. Call 703-502-3883.

## FRIDAY/JUNE 20

**Opera Performance.** 7:30 p.m. Providence Presbyterian Church, 9019 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Umberto Giordano's Andrea Chénier, set in the late 18th century. Riverbend Opera's production has more than 35 singers, accompanied by a small orchestra, with projected English surtitles. \$25, \$15 students. Visit <http://riverbendopera.com>.

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