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Residents of Audubon Mobile Home Park gathered on June 16 to celebrate new fields in their community and to voice their concerns for future change.

Celebrating New Fields

Audubon residents also looking to make changes in the community.

> By Janelle Germanos The Gazette

or years, residents living right off of Richmond Highway, including those who live at Audubon Mobile Home Park located next to Costco, faced a lack of safe, quality places for their children to play.

Eager for change, the community came together with the help of Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement, or VOICE. VOICE worked with residents of Audubon, faith leaders in the area, and coaches from local schools to get momentum going towards the building of new

Now, residents are celebrating the opening of several new fields in the area. One is now in the Audubon community and was founded by its owner, Hometown America. Four fields at West Potomac High School and Mount Vernon High School are also being renovated with synthetic turf, thanks to \$3 million from Fairfax County and over \$200,000 in school fundraising.

At an event on June 16, residents of Audubon, as well as leaders from the community and VOICE, gathered at the mobile home park to celebrate

"This is the year for a state championship for West Potomac and Mount Vernon," said Rick Genaurio, co-president of the West Potomac High School booster club, who spoke at the event.

Audubon, a low-income community, primarily consists of Latino immigrants.

Yolanda Peña, a resident of Audubon Mobile Home Park, has two children and has been living in the community for six years.

She said that in 2012, some of the mothers in the community came together to voice their concerns over some of the issues the community was facing. Not only was there a lack of recreational area for their children, but also a dangerous side entrance from Walmart where some people were doing illicit activity. They decided that needed to be cleaned up.

Instead of complaining, the mothers decided to take mat

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Fairfax County Supervisor Gerry Hyland (D-Mount Vernon) asked Meals Task Force Referendum cochairs Kate Hanley and Tom Davis if they had any advice to persuade constituents to vote yes for the

more affected by the issue than Davis, the former Republican congressman who chaired the board during the last 1992 meals tax

"It got pretty ugly," he said of the factions in the 1992 referendum crusade. The measure was defeated 58 percent to 42 percent with approximately 102,000 votes cast during a special April election.

During Tuesday's presentation, Davis and Hanley noted the task force learned from the 1992 referendum failure, and came to a swift consensus on two points:

❖ If the board decides to put the tax to a referendum, the referendum should be held during a general election, not a special election.

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Children play on the new field at Audubon Mobile Home Park. For years, the children had no safe place to play outdoors in the neighborhood.

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Supervisors digest task force's final report on hot-button issue.

Or Revolting?

By Victoria Ross THE GAZETTE

fter hours of simmering debate, the Meals Tax Referendum Task Force's presentation to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Tuesday was a mere amuse-bouche, whetting the appetite of board the for the group's 170-page multi-course written report.

For the past two months, top chefs Kate Hanley (D) and Tom Davis (R), both former chairmen of the board, led a 44-member task force through four highly-charged and heated meetings.

But the group failed to come to a consensus about whether the supervisors should serve up a referendum to voters on the meals tax; instead it provided the board with an exhaustive menu of pros and cons for the supervisors to consider.

Commissioned by Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-At-Large), the task force was convened in April to consider whether Fairfax County should proceed with a referendum for a meals tax; if yes, what year should the referendum be held, and how should the revenue from the meals tax be used.

THE LAST TIME Fairfax County asked voters to approve a tax on restaurant meals, in 1992, the issue ignited a firestorm of protests, and threatened to melt down several political careers.

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Ways To Battle Area Homelessness

Northern Virginia jurisdictions use a variety of strategies to prevent homelessness.

> By Michael Lee Pope The Gazette

drian Pineda is worried. Scribbling on an empty sheet of paper with an orange crayon, the first grade student at William Ramsay Elementary School said he does not want to lose all his friends. He's lived in Alexandria all his life, and he doesn't want to move. But his parents have warned him over and over again that they may not be able to afford to stay in Alexandria, where the city government recently approved a zoning change that will open the door to a developer demolishing their apartment complex and replace it with high-end housing his parents will not be able to afford.

"I don't understand," said Adrian, who is 7 years old. "Why do we have to move?"

His father is a cook at a restaurant, and his mother is a housekeeper. Together they earn about \$34,000 a year in a city where the median household income is \$84,000. That's about 40 percent of the area median income, which means his family might be able to qualify for one of the 800 units of dedicated affordable housing members of the City Council included in the zoning change allowing the developer to move forward. But because the sprawling series of apartments that will be demolished have 2,500 market-rate affordable housing units, his parents feel the elected officials sold

"They don't care about us," said Hector Pineda, a native of El Salvador who helped organize his neighbors in an unsuccessful effort to oppose the zoning change in 2012. "We work hard, and we make money for this city. But they don't care."

AFFORDABLE HOUSING means different things to different people at different times. For government officials, it's a phrase that means that a family spends no more than 30 percent of its income on housing costs, including rent or mortgage as well as taxes and utilities. Sometimes that's a function of the free market, such as the rent paid by the Pineda family. Other times, residents live in dedicated affordable housing units that local governments set aside for limited periods of time to help offset the displacement created by gentrification and development. However affordable housing is calculated, it's clearly been vanishing from the region for some time — leading to a growing concern that the Northern Virginia is increasingly becoming an exclusive enclave



Adrian Pineda, center, is a first-grade student at William Ramsay Elementary School who is worried his parents may not be able to afford living in Alexandria when the apartment where his family lives is demolished.

for the wealthy. The Northern Virginia Affordable Housing Alliance estimates that 25,000 rental units are in areas slated for revitalization, which puts more than 11,000 low-cost units at risk.

"When you look at the communities that are getting pushed out, it's the communities of the most vulnerable," said Ross Kane, associate rector at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Alexandria, who is trying to organize a faith-based response to the affordable housing crisis in Northern Virginia. "That affects the most marginalized people in society the most, and so to me that makes it a moral issue from a Christian perspective"

ARLINGTON COUNTY has been the most successful in creating dedicated affordable

housing units over the last decade, increasing the stock by 30 percent over the last decade. Arlington now has almost 7,000 units of dedicated units, which represents 7 percent of the households in the county. By contrast, Alexandria has increased its stock of affordable housing units by only 7 percent over the last decade. That represents about 6 percent of households in the city. Although Fairfax County has increased its housing stock more than 30 percent over the last decade, the county's dedicated affordable housing units represents less than 4 percent of households in the county.

"Fairfax County does have both their affordable dwelling unit ordinance and what's called their workforce policy ordinance, which says that if you are redeveloping there's a requirement that you develop housing for the workforce," said Michelle Krocker, executive director of the Northern Virginia Affordable Housing Alliance. "The weakness I see in that is that these workforce units serve people from 80 percent to 120 percent of area median income, and that's a high level of income to be serving. We really need to be serving people at 60 percent of area median income."

Getting a dedicated unit is not easy, and local governments are struggling to deal with increasing demand as low-income residents find themselves living in an area where the cost of living is rising faster than their incomes. The lingering effects of the recession also make it difficult for those at the bottom end of the economic spectrum. In Fairfax County, for example, so many people have applied for federal Housing Choice vouchers administered by the public housing authority that the waiting list closed on March 1, 2007. It's been closed ever since, and more than 3,000 families are still waiting for help paying for housing.

"When an applicant's name comes to the top of the list, approved applicants receive a voucher which entitles them to look for housing in the private market," said Thomas Fleeetwood, associate director of the Fairfax County Department of Housing and Community Development. "Homeless families referred for vouchers do not have to be on the waiting list prior to receiving assistance."

BACK IN 2004, when the housing market was exploding and home values were skyrocketing, affordable housing was vanishing from Northern Virginia. Tenants were facing eviction as apartments were converted to condominiums and low-income people were being pushed to the out to the exurbs. Many people feared a sea change that would change the face of Northern Vir

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Landfill Decision Deferred

Bulova wants compromise.

By Janelle Germanos
The Gazette

he decision has already been delayed before, but the future of the Lorton landfill will remain uncertain as the Board of Supervisors voted Tuesday to defer the decision to July 29.

Last month, the decision was deferred to Tuesday after a seven-hour public hearing on the EnviroSolutions application, which originally sought to extend the life of the landfill until 2040. On June 16, EnviroSolutions announced it would reduce the landfill extension until 2032 and lower the height of the controversial berm from 70 feet to 52 feet.

"EnviroSolutions continues to respond to feedback on the Fairfax Green Energy Park proposal," said Conrad Mehan, director of government relations for EnviroSolutions. "This proposal provides the county long-term disposal and recycling capacity for construction debris, reduces greenhouse gas emissions by more than 3M tons over the life of the project and fosters renewable energy jobs and technologies in Fairfax County."

On Tuesday's Board of Supervisors meeting, Chairman Sharon Bulova motioned to defer the application in order for EnviroSolutions and those opposed to the application to reach a compromise.

"The landfill is important in helping the county to achieve our efforts to revitalize and redevelop our aging commercial and industrial areas, such as Tysons, Merrifield, Springfield and the Richmond Highway areas by providing a disposal site in close proximity to these areas," Bulova said at the meeting.

Bulova set a framework for compromise, which includes the reduction of the mechanically-stabilized earthen berm to a maximum height of 20 feet, or elimination of the berm, a date-certain closure of 2025, and the use of a mixed-waste recycling facility on Furnace road.

Bulova, along with Planning Commissioner Tim Sargeant and other community members, was part of a task force in March that also aimed to find a compromise.

"I have become concerned that the original application goes too far and would have too much of an impact on the surrounding community," Bulova said.

Of concern, Bulova said, is the 70-foot berm that is being proposed to surround the entire landfill.

"I am told that our county staff has never approved a structure of that size and magnitude. They, and I,



The decision on whether to approve an application extending the life of the Lorton construction debris landfill, pictured here, has once again been deferred, this time to July 29.

have concerns for the long-term integrity and liability of this structure, especially once the landfill is closed and absent an operator to ensure regular inspections and maintenance in perpetuity," Bulova said.

The wind turbines were also contested among many citizens, mainly because of their potential harm to bald eagles at nearby Mason Neck State Park. EnviroSolutions announced on June 16 that instead of windmills, solar panels will be installed.

The applicant is aware of the framework and willing to work with it, said Frank McDermott, a lawyer representing EnviroSolutions.

Many homeowners associations, including those represented in the South County Federation, voiced their disapproval to the landfill at public hearings in February and May.

"In response to today's deferral of SEA2 to be further amended by select members of the Board of Supervisors, the applicant, county staff and representatives from the community, we would like to express our thanks to Chairman Bulova and the Board of Supervisors for recognizing that this application has too many liabilities and problems for both the County and the community to be acceptable," Nick Firth, president of the South County Federation, stated in a press release.

Supervisor Gerry Hyland (D-Mount Vernon) will also join the compromise group. Hyland expressed interest in looking back at the 2007 approved application, which would require a park to be built at the closed landfill.

"As we go through this process of trying to negotiate something, I hope that staff looks at that and can be creative as to how we can possibly recreate this land as a park," Hyland said.



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PEOPLE

A Spiritual Beacon Shines after Prison

At Rising Hope, two ex-offenders embark on new life journeys.

By Ed Simmons, Jr. THE GAZETTE

is first day locked in solitary confinement, David Hudgens, 48, serving twoand-a-half years for four nonviolent felonies, discovered a Bible under his mattress.

Confused, raging, he hurled it against the wall. It fell to the floor of the narrow, cramped cell.

Three days later, his fury ebbing, with no one to talk to, nothing else to read, he picked it up. Looking back, he recalls his motivation, "I'm going to read this like a John Grisham novel just to pass the time ... but God had a whole different purpose."

He found himself identifying with Joseph in the Book of Genesis, whose misfortunes aligned with a destiny serving God. He realized in his own life, in his own discovery of the love of the Lord, "Everything had to happen just like it happened."



Former prisoner in solitary confinement David Hudgens, left, teaches Bible study on Sundays.

He read the Bible from cover-to-cover six times before his release in May 2013. Finding himself next at Kennedy Shelter on Route 1, he saw a church van pull up Sunday morning. The volunteer driver, Marlon White, urged him to come to Rising Hope. He's been attending ever since.

"My first impulse when I got there was 'I am home.' It was the true Word that they were bringing, the realness, the openness, the true compassion for the downtrodden," Hudgens said.

Another ex-offender who found a spiritual home at Rising Hope is Jeff Lisanick, 48, who served 20 years for drug-related involuntary manslaughter. Like Hudgens, fresh out of prison he too was picked up by the Rising

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Jeff Lisanick, who served 20 years in prison, is now a volunteer driving the church van.

Hope church van at Kennedy Shelter. He too found himself drawn to the ministry of the Rev. Keary Kincannon.

"I really like his inclusiveness, his reminding us that the love of God excludes no one. It's a very welcoming message, it's what people who are struggling need to hear," said Lisanick.

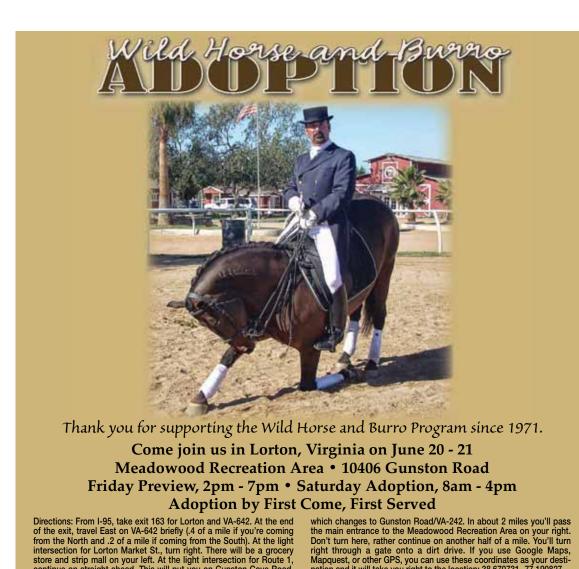
Today, both Hudgens and Lisanick find themselves drawn to helping others. Hudgens, who discovered he's a gifted speaker, is teaching Sunday morning Bible Study. Lisanick, who also finds himself en-

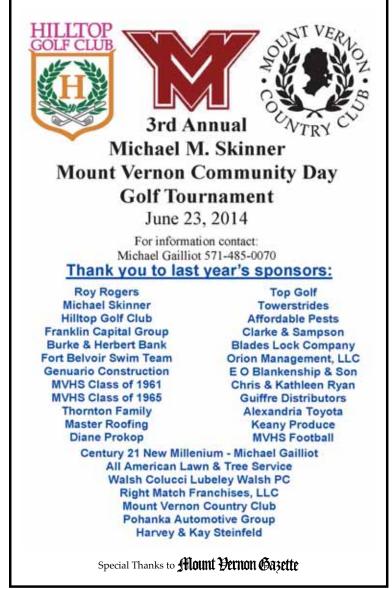
abled to talk about the Lord, is now the volunteer van driver making the Sunday trip to Kennedy Shelter.

"I believe when God blesses you, it's your responsibility to bless others in return," said

At Rising Hope, said Hudgens, the pastor, congregation and volunteers support "the true mission of Jesus — to seek and save the

Finding success at helping others at Rising Hope, Hudgens and Lisanick have reentered the world building new lives.





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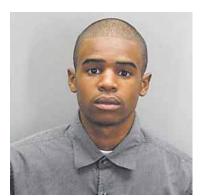
Leon Johnson Charged with Involuntary Manslaughter

Leon Malik Johnson, 18, of Pembrook Village Drive, was arrested June 12 and charged with involuntary manslaughter following the death of Kevin Johnson.

At 7:55 p.m. on the evening of June 9, police officers found two victims of a shooting. One of the victims, a 14-year-old, remained in stable condition. Kevin Johnson, 16, died at the hospital.

According to police, all were in the home together on Pembrook Drive when Leon Johnson discharged a gun, hitting Kevin Johnson and the 14-year-old.

According to Fairfax County Police, Kevin Johnson and Leon



Leon Malik Johnson

Johnson are not related. Both were students at Bryant Alternative School in Alexandria

CRIME REPORT

The following incidents were reported by the Mount Vernon District Police Station.

BURGLARY, 8000 block of Pantano Place, June 13. A resident reported someone entered the residence and took

BURGLARY, 7300 block of Richmond Highway, June 14. An employee reported someone entered the business and took property.

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8400 block of Madge Lane, purse from vehicle

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8400 block of Frye Road, merchandise from business

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credit cards from business 8300 block of Brockham Drive, medi-

cation from residence 6300 Richmond Highway, beer from

2200 block of Huntington Avenue, cell phone from residence

7800 block of Miday Lane, money from vehicle

6800 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business 8200 block of Riverside Road, jewelry

from residence 2600 block of Woodlawn Trail, items

from vehicle STOLEN VEHICLES

8300 block of Brockham Drive. Yamaha motorcycle

UCM Board Appoints Interim Executive Director

Katherine Morrison has been appointed as interim executive director of United Community Ministries effective July 1 to replace Shirley Marshall who is leaving the agency. UCM's board of directors has initiated a search for a permanent executive director. Morrison will serve until that person is hired later this year.

After 15 years as president and CEO of The Campagna Center in Alexandria, Morrison established Morrison Nonprofit Transitions to provide professional services to nonprofit organizations as an interim leader, coach, executive transition manager and consultant in fundraising, board assessment, development and strategic planning. She earned a B.A. in psychology at Duke University and an



Morrison

M.A. in public administration at George Washington University. She is a graduate of Leadership Washington, Class of 2005.

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News

Despite Low Unemployment, Veterans Need Assistance

"Supporting our Region's Veterans" report identifies suggestions for improvement.

By Janelle Germanos The Gazette

Ithough veterans in Northern Virginia are more educated than those nationwide and are less likely to live below the poverty line and be unemployed, a new report has found that individual anecdotes from veterans in the area demonstrate that there are still areas that need improvement.

The report, released by the Community Foundation of Northern Virginia, along with the United Way of the National Capital Area and Deloitte Consulting, found that some veterans face challenges navigating the services available to them.

According to the report, while findings at the macro-level show veterans in Northern Virginia doing much better than those nationwide, there are still issues at the micro-level that need to be improved.

KEY FINDINGS found that the Department of Veterans Affairs spends only 10.4 percent on medical care in Northern Virginia, while they spend 38 percent state-

wide. A previous study is also cited in the report that says veterans in Northern Virginia found that mental health services can be difficult to access in the region.

At an event presenting the report on June 13, Justin Obbagy of Deloitte Consulting said that many veterans face a stigma with facing care. The complicated system of services can often be confusing for veterans as well.

"The complex array of services can be difficult to navigate," he said.

The report cites access, cultural competency, and stigma as barriers to existing services.

Of the 743,000 veterans living in Virginia, 173,000 live in Northern Virginia, and 36,000 of these individuals are veterans of Afghanistan and Iraq.

Northern Virginia, especially the city of Alexandria and Prince William and Fairfax



Photo by Janelle Germanos/The Gazette

Eileen Ellsworth, president of the Community Foundation of Northern Virginia, Justin Obbagy and Kelly Waldron of Deloitte, and Rosie Allen-Herring of United Way pose after presenting "Supporting our Region's Veterans," a report looking at the needs of veterans in the area.

> counties, have a higher concentration of female veterans than found nationwide. Veterans in the region are also mostly white, more educated and less likely to live in poverty.

Nationwide, veterans between the ages of 18-34 face an unemployment rate of 13.7 percent, but in northern Virginia the unemployment rate is 3.7 percent.

From 2012 to 2013, the report states, homelessness among veterans decreased by 16 percent in Virginia. The report cites a

2010 Virginia Tech survey that says veterans and providers found the high living cost in Northern Virginia can make it difficult for veterans to find housing.

The population of veterans in the region is expected to grow in the next couple of years, Obbagy said.

Post-traumatic stress disorder continues to be an issue, as data has found that PTSD and traumatic brain disorder is more common among veterans of post 9/11 conflicts.

USING THIS DATA, the Community Foundation, along with other supporters, is issuing a grant to help support better coordination of services in the area. The Community Foundation is also giving to military families through its membership in the Philanthropy-Joining Forces Impact Pledge.

"Northern Virginia is home to one of the most densely populated veteran communities in America. We are investing in an initiative that supports veterans and their families in a very direct way," said Eileen Ellsworth, president of the foundation. "By partnering with government and nonprofit organizations and collaborating with funders in the region, we are fostering relationships amongst service providers and helping veterans navigate the rich support services available to them in Northern Virginia."



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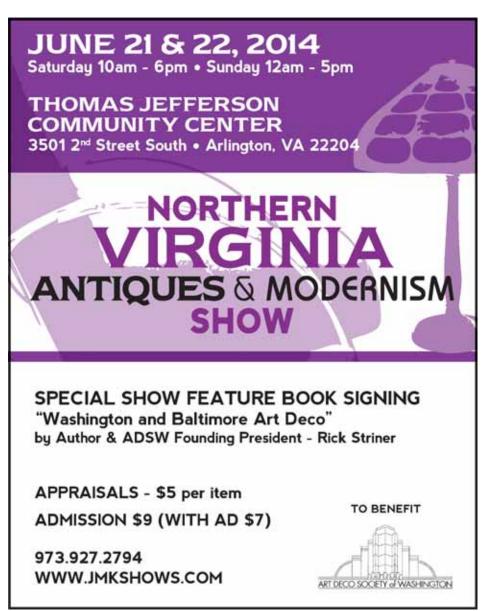


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OPINION

More Affordable Housing Needed

Anticipated job growth to exacerbate problem.

n Northern Virginia, affordable housing means more than human services or helping those who are less fortunate. It means more than housing the chronically homeless, although that is not optional.

In Northern Virginia, having enough affordable housing is critical to eco- **EDITORIALS** are climbing. nomic health, based on housing the

workers needed at a variety of income levels. It is also critical to traffic management. If workers on the lower end of the income scale can't afford to work near their jobs, those workers will have to drive longer distances, creating gridlock and air pollution.

Consider that in the Washington Metropolitan Region, the established median rent for a two-bedroom apartment, according to HUD, is \$1,589 monthly. To afford that rent, paying no more than 30 percent of gross income, requires an income of about \$60,000 annually. And it is obvious that rents in Northern Virginia are more expensive than the region.

Consider, that right now in Alexandria, there are more than 8,300 workers in the accommodations and food service industry who earn on average \$470 weekly, or less than \$25,000 a year. (Employment statistics from Virginia **Employment Commission.)**

In Arlington, there are more than 15,400

workers in accommodations and food service, with an average weekly wage of \$491, or \$25,500 annually.

In Fairfax County, in food service and accommodations, there are more than 48,400 workers with an average wage of \$426 weekly or an annual income of just over \$22,000.

These are people working full time in jobs that are important to our economy who cannot afford market rate rents, and rents

The George Mason University School of Public Policy Center for Regional Analysis forecasts that, based on predicted job growth, over the next 20 years this region will need an additional 344,624 single-family units and 203,674 multi-family units.

From the report:

"The region's new housing must be priced so that it is affordable to these new workers. Based on the housing need forecasts, 44.1 percent of rental units will need to have rents of less than \$1,250 a month, while only 2.4 percent of the rental demand will be for units priced at \$2,250 a month or more. About 16.4 percent of the owner-occupied units forecasted need to be valued at less than \$200,000 and only 13.5 percent at over \$600,000."

For example, the report predicts adding more than 71,000 health services workers with a median income of \$39,500; more than 45,000 hospitality workers with a median income of \$18,300; and 17,700 retail workers with a median income of \$22,500.

The units to house the current and future workforce will not materialize on their own. It will require a variety of incentives and interventions to make sure those units are part of new development.

As the Silver Line opens, it's important to remember that the coming years will bring the last great boom in building in Fairfax County. No matter what the immediate impediments, the local economy cannot thrive unless developing affordable housing is built into all of those development plans, current and future. —MARY KIMM

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Frustrating: No Medicaid and U.S. 1 Cut

BY SCOTT A. SUROVELL DELEGATE (D-44)

ast week was one of the most frustrating weeks in the General Assembly since my 2009 election.

First, on Sunday afternoon, we learned that Democratic state Sen. Phil Puckett from Southwest Virginia had announced his resignation to be considered for a job on the Vir-

ginia Tobacco Commission and clear the way for a judgeship for

his 33- year-old daughter. This effectively gave the Virginia State Senate a Republican majority

On Monday, 21 senators signed a letter requiring the Senate reconvene and the Speaker called the House of Delegates back for a session on Thursday.

When we arrived in Richmond on Thursday, we got more

COMMENTARY disappointing news. Apparently, the state's revenue projections for purposes of building the FY14-15 budget

were off because of incorrect as-

sumptions. The primary problem was that revenue collections were up last year because wealthy taxpayers recognized significant increased income from stock liquidations done in anticipation of increased capital gains tax rates. The budget experts did not consider this in preparing this year's revenue projections.

Secondly, income growth in Virginia has continued to be flat in the wake of last fall's federal government shutdown and reductions in federal spending due to the sequestration provisions passed two

our state budget was off by \$1.6 The House Appropriations

Chairman and new Senate Republican Finance Senate leader drafted several hundred amendments to cut the budget. The new budget includes a series of cuts including reducing nearly \$200 million from higher education, \$124 million from K-12 education (including millions for Fairfax County), eliminating a 2 percent pay raise for state employees, \$142 million of cuts in healthcare and \$8 million in cuts for affordable housing. It does not fully fund the need for judges in the state including needs in Fairfax County.

years ago. The bottom line is that

The budget also continues to fund some questionable priorities including \$10 million for motion picture production tax credits and \$400 million for a new General Assembly building.

Also, they cut the \$4 million amendment Sen. Toddy Puller had secured to continue the U.S. 1 improvement process. If this holds, it will delay continued progress on improvements on U.S. 1 for at least 12 months at the conclusion of the current study.

Most importantly, the budget SEE MEDICAID, PAGE 11

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Enjoy the Show

To the Editor:

Over Memorial Day weekend the two eggs hatched in our osprey nest and the chicks are growing fast. Their father brings fresh fish to the nest daily. The chicks will be flying by early July. the show www.littlehuntingcreek.org/ ospreycam.html

> H. Jay Spiegel Mount Vernon



OPINION

A Contentious Year

By Linda T. "Toddy" Puller State Senator (D-36)

014 has been a contentious year so far, with "the Virginia Way" looking more like an endangered species every day. On June 11, just before midnight, the Senate Chamber passed a budget and the House of Delegates passed our version minutes later. I am grateful that we have avoided a shut down and our localities and state employees will no longer worry about paying their bills after

July 1. We were informed by Secretary of Finance Ric Brown that with a newly estimated budget shortfall of about \$1.6 billion, we needed to pass a budget before June 30 to be able to tap into the "rainy day fund" and avoid draconian cuts to the budget. To see the final budget, visit: http://leg2.state.va.us/WebData/ 14amend5002.nsf/SenHB+List?OpenForm

However, the manner in which the budget was finally passed makes me frustrated. The Republicans kept shouting that they wanted "a clean budget" "voted up or down" with "no tricks." Calling us to Richmond with 48 hours notice and then keeping half the Senate chamber waiting for five hours while they argued about how severe a floor amendment they should offer doesn't pass the smell test for any of their goals.

I am pleased that, while hard choices had to be made, we did not sacrifice our commitment to our veterans. Funding for my bill, SB 481, to help more spouses and children of killed or 100 percent disabled soldiers get the college education they need will go forward, as will appropriations for the Wounded Warrior Project and the Lewis B. Puller, Jr. Veterans Benefits Clinic. We will continue to make Virginia the best place for veterans and their families.

The fight to cover 400,000 of our fellow Virginians in need of health insurance and provide up to 30,000 jobs will continue. As Sen. Chap Petersen said, "We are actually increasing taxes on our citizens by rejecting \$2 billion in federal money. Stupidest thing I ever heard of."

This summer will take me to Richmond several times for meetings including for new commission and study assignments, includ-

> ing the Joint Subcommittee to Study Mental Health Services in the 21st Century, the Governor's Com-

mission on Military Instillations & Defense Activities, the Joint Committee to Study Staffing Levels & Employment Conditions at the Department of Corrections, the Joint Commission on Health Care and the Board of Veteran Services. I usually get legislative ideas from these study commissions.

I will also spend time this summer working on the Route 1 Multimodal Alternatives Analysis Study Executive Committee. We are working through all the transportation options and analyzing the needs of the businesses and families along the Route 1 Corridor. If you have ideas, please visit our share: route1multimodalaa.com/share-yourideas/ There will be a public meeting this fall the date and location will be posted on

I will be traveling around the district meeting with people and finding out what they are interested in or concerned about for the next year. As always, if you are a constituent having difficulty with a state agency, please do not hesitate to contact my office for assistance. I can be reached by email: district36@senate.virginia.gov or by phone: 703-765-1150.

No Medicaid, U.S. 1 Cut

From Page 10

does not expand Medicaid as allowed under the federal Affordable Care Act. This will deny healthcare to 400,000 people statewide and about 7,000 people right here in the 44th District — in your community.

The legislature approved this "new" budget along party lines 69-31 in the House and 21-18 in the Senate. I voted "no." I cannot support a budget that denies healthcare to thousands of families right here in our community at no cost to Virginia taxpayers, forgoes jobs and causes Virginians to subsidize healthcare in other states.

A meeting I attended this week vividly illustrates the effect on our community. On Monday, I met with the Alexandria Neighborhood Health Services, Inc. They are preparing to open a full service clinic that will employee 100 people providing healthcare services to low-income customers on U.S. 1 right across the street from Beacon Mall. Their existing care is underwritten by federal grants. Medicaid expansion would have

brought them approximately \$900,000 per year of new funding and all of the new jobs that would come with that — 30,000 jobs statewide.

Expansion would also free up \$180 million of Virginia taxpayer money per biennium to fund other priorities like secondary education.

Also, the Affordable Care Act included several new taxes which Virginians are already paying. Expanding Medicaid would ensure that Virginia's federal taxpayer dollars return to Virginia instead of going to other states like New Jersey, Ohio or Ari-

This week, Governor McAuliffe is trying to decide whether to sign the budget, veto it or do a line item veto. Stay tuned because the battle is not over yet. This week, I and approximately a dozen other legislators urged him to use a veto or a line item veto.

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Entertainment



The Alexandria Singers, a high energy "Glee"-style show choir, will perform their "Road Trip"-themed spring concert June 20 and 21 at the First Baptist Church of Alexandria. For tickets or more information visit www.AlexandriaSingers.com.

The Sound of Music

Alexandria Singers to present 'Road Trip' concert June 20, 21.

he year was 1975, when gas was \$.57 a gallon, the top-selling car was the Oldsmobile Cutlass and The Captain and Tennille's "Love Will Keep Us Together" topped the Billboard charts. It was also the year that 16 Alexandria residents got together to form the group known today as The Alexandria Singers.

Over the decades, the group has grown to include 60 men and women of all ages and backgrounds. With their unique showstyle combination of music and choreography — think "Glee" without the teenage angst, they have entertained audiences from the Kennedy Center, Verizon Center, DAR Constitution Hall and the White House. On June 20 and 21, they return home to celebrate the great American road trip in their annual spring concert at the First Baptist Church of Alexandria.

Director Bill Colosimo and choreographer Karen Ready conceptualized the theme "Road Trip" based on the vast array of music that could be incorporated into one of their trademark toe-tapping performances. Songs and styles range from Disney classics to upbeat 60s jazz and rock & roll as a slate of choreographed numbers weave together musical selections based on the "road trip" theme.

Known over the years for their commitment to the Alexandria community through performances at local shopping malls, senior centers and community shelters, the group will be making a road trip of their own next summer as they travel to Salzburg, Austria, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of "The Sound of Music."

Slated for June of 2015, the trip will also serve to commemorate the organization's 40th anniversary. As part of the celebration, The Alexandria Singers will join with cho-

ruses from around the world in singing songs from the "The Sound of Music" in the settings where the musical numbers in the Academy Award-winning movie were filmed.

— Jeanne Theismann

Prepare to get your kicks on Route 66 and destinations unknown as The Alexandria Singers present a musical road trip June 20 (7:30 p.m.) and 21 (2:30 and 7:30 p.m.) at the First Baptist Church of Alexandria, 2932 King St. Tickets are \$25 for reserved seats, \$20 general admission, \$15 discount admission (Group/Student/Senior/Military), \$5 children under 6. Tickets may be purchased online at http://shop.alexandriasingers.com. Visit www.AlexandriaSingers.com or www.facebook.com/AlexandriaSingers.

Calendar

Email announcements to gazette@ connectionnewspapers.com. Include date, time, location, description and contact for event: phone, email and/or website. Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

ONGOING

Art Exhibit. Through Friday, June 20, see Alexandria artist Joan Ulrich's ceramics are on display in "Process as Inspiration: New Work" at the Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Galleries and studios are open Wednesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sundays noon-5 p.m. Meet the artist Sunday, June 8, 3-5 p.m. Visit www.joanulrich.com.

Art Exhibit. Through June 22, "Words and Letters" in the Athenaeum

gallery, 201 Prince St. This multimedia show from regional artists uses text as a component of visual art. Visit www.nvfaa.org.

Photography Exhibit. "Threesomes," photography by Maureen Minehan in sets of three standalone images. On display in the Multiple Exposures Gallery at the Torpedo Factory, 105 North Union St., Alexandria, May 13-June 22. Open daily 11 a.m.-5 p.m. except Thursday, 2-8 p.m. Opening reception Sunday, June 1, 2-4 p.m.

Art Exhibit. "Women Legends of Alexandria: 2007-2013" art exhibit will be on display at Prudential PenFed Realty, 300 N. Washington St., suite 100. The exhibit will showcase portraits from the Living Legends of Alexandria project with selected works from the Del Ray Artisans. Show runs through June 27. Hours are Mondays-Fridays 9 a.m.-5

p.m. Visit www.thedelrayartisans.org for more.

Art Exhibit. "Printed Painted Potted," Avis Fleming's show of etchings, lithographs, monotypes, paintings and ceramics features landscapes and birds, people and dogs. Through June 30 at Printmakers Inc., Studio #325 in Alexandria's Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Open daily 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Call 703-683-1342.

Beyond the Battlefield Exhibition.
Wednesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday 1-4 p.m. through June 30. Lee-Fendall House, 614 Oronoco St. Part of the commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, the House features a new exhibit on Civil War medical care with a hospital room setup. \$3. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org or call 703-548-1789 for more.

Photography Exhibit. Daily 11 a.m.-5

p.m., Thursdays 2-9 p.m. June 24-Aug. 3. Multiple Exposures Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center #312, 105 N. Union St. "Frozen Music," a photography exhibit featuring new works by Alan Sislen. Call 703-838-4565 for more.

Water. Through Aug. 3., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Studio 18 of the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St. Artists derive inspiration from water, the sea. lakes, rivers, taps, clouds, rain, snow, ice, the elemental liquids of life. Free. Call 703-838-4565 or visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

Historical Exhibit. Through August at the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. "Sit Down and Take a Stand" commemorates the 1939 library sit-in of five African American men and its mastermind, Samuel Tucker. One of the earliest occasions of individuals using the sitin as an act of civil disobedience in the modern civil rights movement. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 703-746-4356.

Blue Star Museums. More than 2,000 museums across America offer free admission to military personnel and their families this summer through Sept. 1. A complete list of museums is available at http://arts.gov/national/blue-star-museums. The museums in Alexandria participating in the program are Gadsby's Tavern Museum, the Lee-Fendall House Museum and Garden and Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum.

Doggy Happy Hours. 5-8 p.m. at Jackson 20 and Hotel Monaco Alexandria, 480 King St. Thursdays during the summer. Free, drinks sold separately. Treats and water for dogs, with pet boutique and service

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vendors. Portions of proceeds benefit People. Animals. Love. Visit www.Monaco-Alexandria.com/ alexandria-hotel/doggy-happy hour.html.

New Exhibit. Mount Vernon invites visitors to explore George Washington's design for the grounds of his estate, through a new exhibition, "Gardens & Groves: George Washington's Landscape" Mount Vernon through Jan. 12, 2016. Gardens & Groves is the first museum exhibition to focus specifically on Washington's landmark achievements as a landscape designer combining rarelyseen original documents, artwork, and books with period garden tools, landscape photography, and a scale model of the Mount Vernon estate. Included in admission \$18/adult; \$17/senior citizen; \$9/child age 6-11; children under 5 are free. Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.

Alexandria Cars & Coffee invites car enthusiasts to meet for coffee at Hollin Hall Shopping Center in front of Roseina's, 1307 Shenandoah Road. Classic cars, hot rods, exotic cars, motorcycles and more meet to share car stories and drink coffee. Group meets the first Sunday of every month. 8:30-11 a.m.

Songwriter's Showcase. Every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at The Old Town Theater, 815 1/2 King St. Features a different Songwriter's Association of Washington artist each week. Visit www.theoldtowntheater.com for

George Washington's Mount Vernon has joined Thomas Jefferson's Monticello and James Madison's Montpelier to expand the "Presidents Passport," Virginia's premier presidential trail. As an added bonus to this year's program, visitors to the Alexandria Visitors Center at 221 King St. showing or purchasing a ticket to any of the three presidential estates will, upon request, receive for free Alexandria's "Key to the City" pass, which grants access into nine historic sites and museums in Alexandria - a \$26 added value. Visit www.PresPassport.Monticello.org for

more. Singing. 7:30-10 p.m. at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 13421 Twin Lakes Drive, Clifton. The Fairfax Jubil-Aires rehearse every Wednesday which includes training by an awardwinning director. Visit www.fairfaxjubilaires.org for more.

Fifty Years of Collecting. Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sundays noon to 5 p.m. Fort Ward Museum 4301 West Braddock Road,, Alexandria. An anniversary exhibit of objects from the Fort Ward collection. Free. Visit www.fortward.org or call 703-746-

CAMPS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Summer Aquatics Classes. For youth and adults, including swimming lessons, aqua aerobics, Lifeguard Training, Swim Team Fundamentals and 2013 Gold Division Champions Wahoos Youth Swim Team. Register online at www.alexandriava.gov/Recreation or in person at the Registration and Reservations Office, 1108 Jefferson St. Contact Claudia Spencer at 703-74605414 or

claudia.spencer@alexandriava.gov. **History Camp.** The Lyceum, Alexandria's History Museum, is now registering for a camp for children ages 5-7. The camp runs Tuesday, July 29-Thursday, July 31, 9 a.m.noon at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Clio's Kids Mini-Camp engages children in American history and life in historic Alexandria through artifacts, storytelling, singing, crafts, old-fashioned games and visits to nearby historic places.

FARMERS MARKETS

Mount Vernon Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-noon, Wednesdays, May 7-Dec. 17. Fresh local food, artisan crafts. Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/ mtvernonmkt.htm for more.

Kingstowne Farmers Market. 4-7 p.m., Fridays, May 2-Oct. 31. Giant parking lot, 5955 Kingstowne Towne Center, Alexandria. Products include fresh organic honey, pies and rolls. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ farmersmarkets/kingstownemkt.htm for more.

Old Town Farmers Market. 7 a.m.-noon, Saturdays year round. Local farmers and artists have been selling products there since 1753. Located at Market Square, 301 King St. Call 703-746-3200 or email 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. Contact pmiller1806@comcast.net for more.

Four Mile Run Farmers & Artisans Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m, Sundays through 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 as well as sweet juicy berries, apples, pears, and seasonal peaches. Vendors also sell freshsqueezed orange juice, fresh-baked pastries, gourmet cheeses and more Located at Ben Brenman Park, 4800 Brenman Park Drive, Alexandria. Visit www.westendfarmersmarket.org/#FarmersMarket for more

Cost is \$105, which includes snacks and souvenirs. Advance registration is required. Call 703-746-4994 or visit www.alexandriahistory.org.

Youth Summer Classes. Beginning Monday, July 7, Metropolitan School of the Arts offers pre-professional summer dance, music theater and acting camps, as well as a wide variety of youth summer camps where students can explore and learn many facets of the performing and visual arts. Visit,

www.metropolitanarts.org.

Metro Club After-School Program. Through June, the Metropolitan School of Arts presents an afterschool program for grades 1-6. The program is located at both the Lorton studio at Workhouse Arts Center, 9517 Workhouse Way and in Alexandria at 5775 Barclay Drive Programs will focus on the arts, including music, dance, theatre, yoga and academics, as well as designated homework time. The program will run Mondays, 1-6 p.m., and Tuesday-Friday, 3-6 p.m. Tuition runs from \$130-150. Call 703-339-0444 or visit www.metropolitanarts.org.

Life Drawing. Del Ray Artisans offers a range of open life drawing sessions for anyone to develop life-drawing skills further. Just drop-in for the session and bring your supplies to draw or paint our live models. Fee ranges from \$8-\$12. All skill levels are welcome. Del Ray Artisans is located at 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org for

Photography Workshop. 10:30 a.m.noon at Multiple Exposures Gallery on 105 N. Union St. Photographers and enthusiasts of all skill levels are invited to share work, ideas, and questions at this free workshop held on the last Sunday of each month, except December. No reservations. Call 703-683-2205.

Theater Camp. Mount Vernon Community Children's Theatre will hold sessions starting June 30 to Aug. 22. There are two-week sessions with morning, afternoon or all day sessions, and one-week sessions that go all day. Visit www.mvcct.org to

Stop Motion Animation and

Cartooning. Aug. 18-21. 10 a.m.at the Center, 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. \$140 for cartooning and \$150 for stop-motion animation taught by Christine Stoddard. Visit www.artatthecenter.org/ classessummer14.htm for more.

Grown-Ups Art Camp. Monday, June 30-Friday, July 11. Times vary by

class. Del Ray Artisans gallery at the Nicholas A. Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Workshops and events include playing with resin, paper marbling, creating a mosaic or paper masterpiece, and learning how to tango. Gallery is accessible. \$10-

www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/GUAC or contact Tracy Wilkerson at GUAC@TheDelRayArtisans.org.

THURSDAY/JUNE 19

Live Music. 6-8 p.m. at Magnolia Terrace at the Carlyle House, 121 N Fairfax St. A part of the War of 1812 Bicentennial Commemoration. Scales and Crosstones will perform traditional Celtic music and sea shanties. Free. Call 703-549-2997 or email carlyle@nvrpa.org for more.

Fundraiser Gala. 7 p.m. at The Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle St. "A Night Among the Stars" at the Fostering the Future Gala. \$75+ buffet and drinks included. All proceeds benefit The Fund for Alexandria's Child. Visit www.stargala.eventbrite.com or www.alexandriava.gov/ thefundforalexchild for tickets. Contact 703-746-5663 or email thefundforalexchild@alexandriava.gov. Attire is Hollywood glamorous, black tie optional.

Confederates in Ivy Hill Cemetery. 7:30 p.m. Lloyd House, 220 North Washington St. This lecture will explore the stories of several famous confederates and others buried at Alexandria's Ivy Hill Cemetery. Presented by Don Hakenson. Free. Visit www.historicalexandria.org or call 703-746-4554.

FRIDAY/JUNE 20

Live Music. 8 p.m. at The Old Town Theater, 815 1/2 King St. Lauren Mitchell and her band perform a combination of blues and soul. \$12-\$20. Visit www.theoldtowntheater.com for

Comedy Improv. 8 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Retrosessionists improv group will take suggestions and turn them into scenes and games. Cash bar opens at visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/JUNE 20-21 **Alexandria Singers Spring**

Concert. 7:30 p.m. Friday; 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday. First Baptist Church of Alexandria, 2932 King St.

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Friday, June 20,

between 9:30 p.m. and 9:45 p.m. (5 minutes)

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SATURDAY/JUNE 21

Hands on History Tent: War of

1812. 10 a.m. 1 p.m. Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 North Fairfax St. Pick a side: Privateer or Pirate, but beware the consequences, for your choice may put you on the wrong side of the war effort and cost America her freedom. Learn why while enjoying activities for all ages: candle dipping, flag making, archaeology puzzles, boat building, and more. Ages 3-12. Free admission, Sailboat Craft \$8. Visit www.carlylehouse.org or call 703-

3rd Annual Alexandria's Food & **Wine Festival.** Noon-5 p.m. Old Town Alexandria's Carlyle District. Promotes local businesses and the benefits of living, working, and playing in the carlyle district. Free to attend, \$20 tickets need for food and wine tastings. http://alexandriafoodandwine.com.

Night of the Templar. 6 p.m. at The Old Town Theater, 815 1/2 King St. Premiere screening of an indie film weaving together murder, mystery, horror, drama, suspense and more. Features Norman Reedus of "The Walking Dead" and other stars. \$75. Visit www.theoldtowntheater.com

Live music. 7 p.m. St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. Focus Music in Mount Vernon presents the folk/Celtic/jazz duo Acoustic Eidolon, with special guest Nicole Belanus. Tickets \$15-\$18. Discounts available for Focus members. Visit www.focusmusic.org, or contact Herb Cooper-Levy at 703-380-3151 or herb@focusmusic.org.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 21-23

Live Music. 7:30 at the Birchmere. 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Cindy Alexander performs, opens for The Bacon Brothers. Visit www.cindyalexander.com or www.birchmere.com for more.

SUNDAY/JUNE 22

Civil War Sunday. 1-5 p.m.

Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 North Union St. #327. See an original May 26, 1861, edition of The New-York Tribune detailing Colonel Elmer Ellsworth's death in Alexandria, a Peeps diorama illustrating Ellsworth's death, a TimeTravelers Passport exhibit featuring the Civil War drummer boy, a diorama of a heating system constructed in Alexandria to warm Civil War hospital tents during the winter of 1861, a cocked and loaded Wickham musket discarded in a privy during the 1860s, and an exhibit on a Lee Street archaeological site during the Civil War. Free admission. Visit www.alexandriaarchaeology.org or call 703-746-4399.

Presidential Salon. 3-4:30 p.m. Main Dining Room, Gadsby's Tavern Restaurant, 134 North Royal St. President James Madison discusses unfolding events in the context of his own time, 1814. \$10-\$15. Visit www.gadsbystavern.org or call 703.746.4242 for more information or to purchase tickets.

Lyceum Summer Chamber Series. 3 p.m. The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Piano trios perform Beethoven and Schubert. Free

donations accepted at the door. Visit www.wmpamusic.org or call 703-799-8229 for more.

MONDAY/JUNE 23

Blues Benefit. All day. King Street Blues, 112 N. St. Asaph St. Raise funds to support ongoing activities and archaeological work in the city of Alexandria. Free admission. Call 703 836-8800 or 703-746-4399.

Piano Trios. 3 p.m. The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria. The Chamber series continues to provide stimulating and diverse classical music in an intimate setting. Free, donations welcomed. For more, visit www.wmpamusic.org. **Herbal Medicine Workshops.** 7-8

p.m. at the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105-107 South Fairfax St. A series of workshops, "Herbal Medicine and Stress: Past and Present." Professional therapeutic herbalist Lin Porter teaches how herbs were and still are used to relieve stress-related symptoms while exploring practical options for controlling stress in modern life. \$8 per person, reservations required. Visit http:// shop.alexandriava.gov or call 703-746-3852.

Ballroom Dancing. 7-9 p.m.The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Learn the foxtrot, waltz, tango, swing, salsa, merengue, rumba, cha-cha and samba. Come with or without a partner. \$15. Call 703-548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. The Bacon Brothers perform. \$39.50. Visit http:// baconbros.com or www.Birchmere.com for more.
Old Town Days: Celebrity

Impersonators Showcase. 7:30 p.m. The Old Town Theater, 815 1/2 King St. A 90 minute review of the world's top female legends with a Las Vegas/Atlantic City feel featuring impersonations of Tina Turner, Beyonce and more. \$20-\$30. Visit www.theoldtowntheater.com for more.

MONDAY-TUESDAY/JUNE 23-24

Open House for the Public Art

Master Plan. Monday, 6-8 p.m. at the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Tuesday, noon-2 p.m at the Beatley Branch Library, 5005 Duke St. The City of Alexandria invites the public to attend an informal Open House for the Public Art Master Plan. Contact Diane Ruggiero at 703 746-

diane.ruggiero@alexandriava.gov.

TUESDAY/JUNE 24

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Joe Henry. \$25. Visit www.joehenrylovesyoumadly.com, www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 25

Author Discussion. 7:30 p.m. at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. The Alexandria Historical Society will host authors Char McCargo Bah, Christa Watters, Audrey P. Davis, Gwendolyn Brown-Henderson and James E. Henson Sr. who will discuss their book "African Americans of Alexandria, Virginia: Beacons of Light in the Twentieth Century." Visit www.alexandriahistorical.org.

WEDNESDAYS/JUNE 25-AUG. 27

Cool Yoga. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Del Ray, 1900 Mt. Vernon Ave. Outdoor yoga classes. Free. Call Maureen Clyne at 703-967-8884 or visit www.prasadayoga.com for more.

THURSDAY/JUNE 26

Live Music. 6-8 p.m. at Magnolia Terrace at the Carlyle House, 121 N Fairfax St. A part of the War of 1812 Bicentennial Commemoration, The Ship's Company Chantevmen will perform sailor songs from the 18th and 19th centuries. Free. Call 703549-2997 or email carlyle@nvrpa.org for more.

THURSDAY-SATURDAY/JUNE 26-28

Chamber Dance Project. 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday; 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday. The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, 2700 F Street NW, Washington, D.C. Mount Vernon resident Diane Coburn Bruning, Arts Council of Fairfax County and Arts Commission of Virginia award-winning choreographer, and her Chamber Dance Project will be performing "Contemporary Ballet with an Edge." Tickets \$40-\$50. Visit kennedycenter.org or call 202-467-4600.

FRIDAY/JUNE 27

Live Music. 8 p.m. at The Old Town Theater, 815 1/2 King St. Blues guitar player and singer Bob Margolin performs original music. \$14-\$20. Visit www.theoldtown theater.com for more.

SATURDAY/JUNE 28

Alexandria Archaeology's Family **Dig Days.** 1:30-3 p.m. Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 N. Union St., #327. Help archaeologists screen

excavated soil from a real dig on the grounds of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. Space is limited and reservations are required. All necessary equipment will be provided. \$5 per person. Contact archaeology@alexandriava.gov to register, or call 703-746-4399.

SUNDAY/JUNE 29

Photography Reception. 2-4 p.m. Multiple Exposures Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center #312, 105 N. Union St. The opening reception for "Frozen Music," a photography exhibit featuring new works by Alan Sislen. Call 703-838-4565 for more.

Lyceum Summer Chamber Series. 3 p.m. The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Violinist and pianist perform Beethoven. Free, donations accepted at the door. Visit www.wmpamusic.org or call 703-799-8229 for more.

Anita King. 4 p.m. Meade Memorial Episcopal Church, 322 North Alfred St. Anita King and her jazz quartet. \$15, parking is free. Call 703-549-1334 or email jazzatmeade@meadechurch.org.

Art Reception. 4-6 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Mixed media artist Francie Hester opens her gallery featuring pieces that draw from the ordering principles of mathematics and science. Exhibition continues through Aug. 3. Call 703-548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org.

MONDAY/JUNE 30

History Lecture. 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Learn how to distinguish between "the good, the bad and the ugly" of historical films and TV shows from 'Gladiator" to "Cleopatra." Call 703-548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org for

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Andrew Ripp and Brendan James will open for Andy Grammer. \$20. Visit www.andrewripp.com, www.brendaniames.com. or www.Birchmere.com for more.

THURSDAY/JULY 3

Live Music. 6-9 p.m. Mount Vernon Inn restaurant, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. The Kevin Kline Band performs covers of many familiar Billy Joel, Elton John and Bruce Hornsby tunes. Free. Visit www.mountvernon.org/Inn for more.

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Entertainment

Lyceum Summer Chamber Series. 7:30 p.m. The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. The Kalorama trio performs. Free, donations accepted at the door. Visit www.wmpamusic.org

or call 703-799-8229 for more. **Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Delbert McClinton performs. Rescheduled from April 25; tickets honored and refunds available at place of purchase. \$45. Visit www.delbert.com, www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

FRIDAY/JULY 4

Independence Day Event. 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Features fireworks, naturalization ceremony for 100 new citizens, military reenactments, wreathlaying ceremony, and birthday cake (while supplies last.) Events included in Mount Vernon ticket price. Tickets \$8-\$17. Visit mountvernon.org.

SATURDAY/JULY 5

Burlesque-a-pades Star Spangled Revue.

7:30 p.m. The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. The Pontani Sisters perform a patriotic burlesque and variety revue. \$29.50. Call 703-549-7500 or visit www.birchmere.com for more.

SUNDAY/JULY 6

Lyceum Summer Chamber Series, 3 p.m. The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. The Rusticway Chamber Ensemble performs. Free, donations accepted at the door. Visit www.wmpamusic.org or call 703-799-8229 for more.

MONDAY/JULY 7

Ballroom Dancing. 7-9 p.m.The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Learn the foxtrot, waltz, tango, swing, salsa, merengue, rumba, cha-cha and samba. Come with or without a partner. \$15. Call 703-548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org for more

WEDNESDAY/JULY 9

Live Music. 7:30 at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Leela James performs. \$35. Visit www.leelajames.com/ or www.birchmere.com.

THURSDAY/JULY 10

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria Pokey Lafarge. \$20. Visit www.pokeylafarge.net or www.Birchmere.com for more.

SATURDAY/JULY 12

Alexandria Art Market. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in Colasanto Park, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Local artists will perform. Browse artwork by local artists and more. Visit www.TheDelRay Artisans.org/ArtMarket 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. Saturday

10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Fort Ward Museum and Historic Site, 4301 W. Braddock Road. Reenactment weekend will commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Fort Stevens, the only battle fought in the Defenses of Washington. Suggested donation \$2 adults, \$5 families. Call 703-746-4848 or visit www.AlexandriaVA.gov/FortWard.

SUNDAY/JULY 13

Lyceum Summer Chamber Series. 3 p.m. The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Synergy, a group composed of a flutist, clarinetist, oboist and pianist perform. Free, donations accepted at the door. Visit www.wmpamusic.org or call 703-799-8229 for more.

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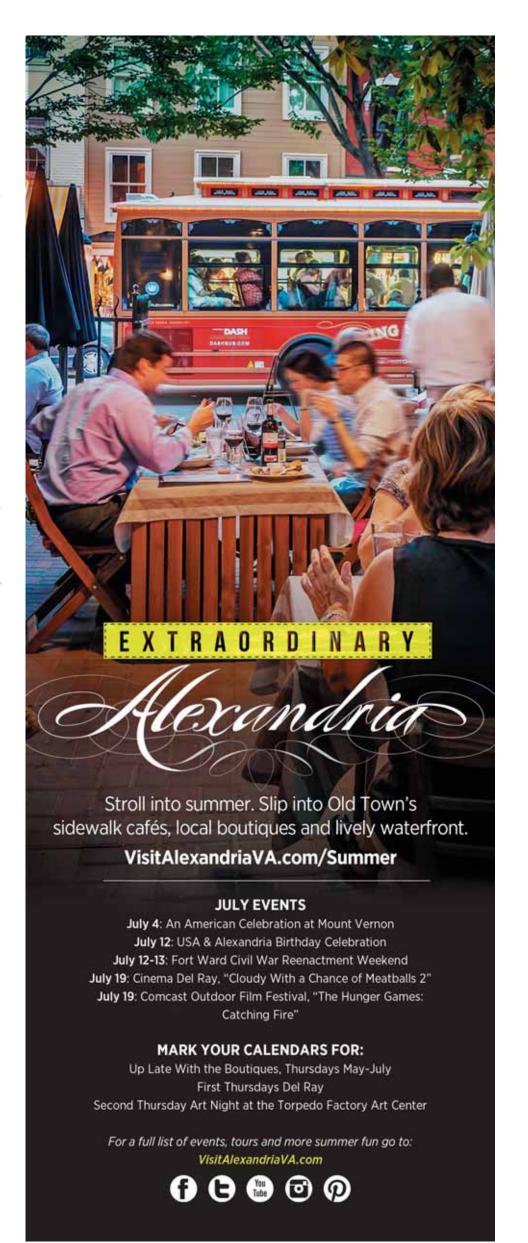


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Multiple Strategies Address Homelessness

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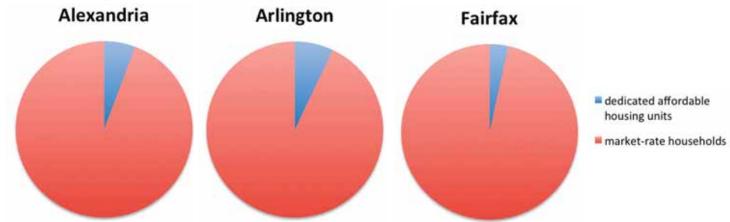
ginia forever. That's why the Arlington County Board started requiring developers to set aside at least 10 percent of their floor space for affordable housing. Developers sued, and the program was declared unconstitutional.

"The way Northern Virginia jurisdictions have gotten around this is by creating conditions for redevelopment," said Krocker "So if you come in for a rezoning, there are expectations that you will address certain community benefits, affordable housing being one of them."

The boom and bust of the housing market set the stage for the patchwork of approaches taken by jurisdictions in Northern Virginia, where elected officials and government leaders have taken a variety of strategies to work against losing its racial and ethnic diversity. Nowhere has the shift been more dramatic than Fairfax County. At the height of the bubble in 2005, members of the Board of Supervisors created a dedicated source of revenue for affordable housing — one penny out of the tax rate, essentially setting aside about \$20 million every year. But when the market came crashing down, they slashed the program in half to balance the budget. Critics say elected officials in Fairfax chose to prioritize redeveloping Tysons Corner over preserving affordable housing.

"The politics is huge," said Mel Jones, research associate at the Virginia Center for Housing Research at Virginia Tech. "If you can't get the politics behind doing this stuff, it's not going to happen."

DEDICATED SOURCES of revenue have been a controversial tool for raising money to preserve affordable housing. In May 2005, members of the Alexandria City Council passed an ordinance dedicating one cent of the property tax value to develop and preserve affordable housing in the city. Since that time, the political will to maintain that funding has been steadily diminishing. Council members voted to reduce the dedicated source of funding to 0.7 cents in 2009, and then sliced it again to 0.6 cents in 2008. Last year, City Manager Rashad Young removed it altogether when the budget was adopted although several council members later said they didn't know that



was part of the final budget agreement.

"It was not an accidental thing in my opinion," said Smedberg, who has argued against using a dedicated source of funding. "People need to start paying attention and listening."

Council members later went back and added the dedicated source of funding back, restoring the 0.6 cents out of the tax rate for affordable housing. A few months later, the city manager found himself in the midst of yet another firestorm over affordable housing, this time when he waived a \$1 million contribution to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to lure the National Science Foundation from Arlington. City Council members later said they didn't know the incentive was part of the package until it was too late.

"It was my oversight," said Deputy City Manager Mark Jinks. "I take full responsibility."

TAKING RESPONSIBILITY

for affordable housing has been a risky proposition in recent years. Since the global economic crisis brought home values crashing down in most of Northern Virginia, the political will to fund affordable housing programs has steadily diminished. When budgets got tight in Fairfax and Alexandria, leaders in both commu-

nities cut back on their dedicated source of revenue for affordable housing. And some elected officials in Alexandria are still calling for an end to setting aside any portion of the tax rate for affordable housing or any other priority. Advocates for affordable

nities cut back on their dedicated source of housing say that would undermine the conrevenue for affordable housing. And some cept of having a trust fund in the first place.

"If we commit an ongoing revenue source, then we can be creative and consistent in addressing those needs and it just fits better with how development happens," said

Mary Brooks, director of the Center for Community Change. "And to have a consistent and reliable source of revenue enables the development community to be smarter about how they invest that."

Many affordable housing advocates in Northern Virginia see Arlington as a model that other local governments should emulate. Despite that fact that Arlington does not have a dedicated source of revenue for affordable housing, elected leaders there have shown a consistent willingness to invest in the Affordable Housing Investment Fund. Last week, County Manager Barbara Donnellan identified several county-owned parcels that could be considered for future affordable housing and public school developments within the next several years.

"Their political leadership has identified that as a strong priority just like the leadership in Alexandria has identified building a Metro station at Potomac Yard as a strong priority," said Krocker. "The main answer is money, but the money flows from the priorities of the leadership and the vision of the leaders."

Patchwork of Approaches

❖ The City of Alexandria has the Housing Opportunities Fund, which was created in 1992 and is administered by the Office of Housing. Most of the fund comes from developer contributions, although it also includes some money from the city's general fund as well as federal funds from the HOME Investment Partnership Program of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. City officials estimate that the fund will receive \$3.1 million in developer contributions over the next three years, which is expected to create or preserve about 25 units of affordable housing each year. In addition to money in the fund, the City Council also dedicates six-tenths of one cent of the tax rate for affordable housing. That produces about \$2.1 million a year, most of which is used to pay for debt service bonds. The remaining funds generate about 10 units each year.

♦ Arlington has the Affordable Housing Investment Fund, which was created in 1988 and is administered by the Department of Community Planning, Housing and Development. The fund is made up of local and federal money as well as loan repayments and developer contributions, all of which totaled about \$20 million in 2013. Since it was created, the fund has produced about 6,500 affordable rental units and more than \$200 million in loans have been granted. In conjunction with the county's Affordable Housing Ordinance, the revolving loan fund provides incentives for developers through low-interest, secondary loans for new construction, acquisition and rehabilitation of affordable housing. For every \$1 of public funds, \$3 in private funds are invested.

❖ Fairfax County has the Penny for Affordable Housing Fund, created in 2005 to replace the Housing Flexibility Fund, which was created in 1990. The fund, which is administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development, is composed of county contributions, developer contributions and federal funding. In 2005, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors adopted a budget that dedicated one penny of the real estate tax to preserving existing affordable housing, which produced about \$20 million a year. The fund raised \$80 million and preserved 2,500 units of affordable housing until 2009. When the global economic crisis created a scramble for money, the Board of Supervisors voted to reduce funding to the program by 50 percent. Since that time, the fund has provided \$154 million for affordable housing in Fairfax County. On average, for every \$1 of Housing Trust Fund money, \$7 is leveraged from outside sources to create and preserve affordable housing.

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NOVA SENIOR OLYMPICS

Registration for the senior

olympics will open in mid-June for the 10 day of competition from Sept. 13-24. Events include track and field, tennis, handball, dominoes and more. Registration is \$12 which covers multiple events. Participants must be 50 by Dec. 31, 2014. Online

registration opens July 1 at www.nvso.us. Call 703-228-4721.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Fairfax County needs **volunteers to drive older adults** to medical appointments and wellness programs. Call 703-324-5406, TTY 711, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and link to Volunteer Solutions or e- mail VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov.

The **Kingstowne Senior Center**needs instructors for classes in art
and bridge as well as an experienced
boater to discuss boating. Call 703324-5406, TTY 711, visit

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and link to Volunteer Solutions or e-mail VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov.

The Mount Vernon Adult Day

volunteer assistant from 11 a.m.noon. on Tuesdays to assist with activities and on Wednesdays from 11 a.m.-noon. Call 703-324-5406, TTY 711, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults

and link to Volunteer Solutions or email

VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov. The **Wakefield Senior Center** in Annandale needs Spanish speaking interpreters, Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Call 703-324-5406, TTY

711,visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ olderadults and link to Volunteer Solutions or e-mail

VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov. **Respite Care volunteers** give family caregivers of a frail older adult a well-deserved break so they can go shopping, attend a doctor's appointment or just have coffee with a friend. Volunteers visit and oversee the safety of the older adult for a few hours each month. Support and training are provided. Contact Kristin Martin at 703-324-7577, TTY 711, or Kristin.Martin@fairfaxcounty.gov.

The Mount Vernon Adult Day
Health Care Program needs a
volunteer to greet people and answer

phones Mondays-Fridays from 9:15-9:30 a.m. to start as soon as possible. Contact Fairfax County's Volunteer Solutions at 703-324-5406, TTY 703-449-1186,

VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov, or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/ olderadultservices and click on volunteers.

Fairfax County's Meals on Wheels

needs drivers and a coordinator. Contact Fairfax County's Volunteer Solutions at 703-324-5406, TTY 703-449-1186

VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices and click on volunteers.



Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay and Rick Genaurio speak in front of over 200 residents of Audubon Mobile Home Park celebrating the installation of new fields for their children at an event on June 16.



At a gathering celebrating new fields in their community residents of Audubon Mobile Home Park also advocated for no towing during the day time and for rent to stop increasing.

Audubon Residents Celebrate New Athletic Fields

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ters into their own hands to create a better environment for their children, Peña said. Thus began the journey with VOICE.

"As part of VOICE, we have learned to have a voice in our community," Peña said through a translator.

In addition to celebrating new recreation space for their children, residents also spoke about other issues in their community. Community members held signs with messages such as "more respectful treatment from the office staff," "no towing during the daytime" and "no rent increases."

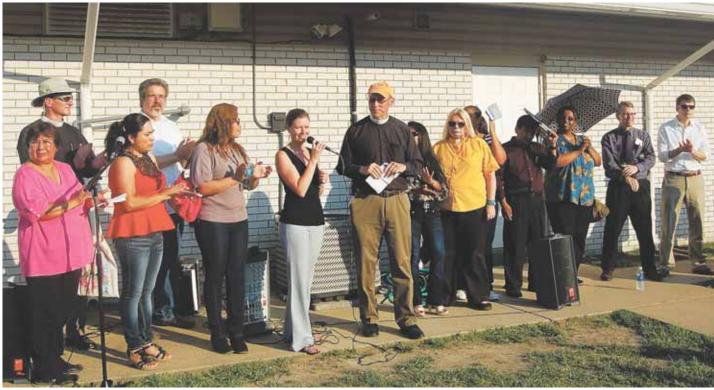
The neighborhood is quite large, Peña said, with 711 trailers and more than 1,500 children, one of the most densely populated areas with children in Fairfax County. Each family owns their own trailer in the Audubon community.

"In addition to paying the price of the trailers, we also pay rent for the land, and utilities on the side," Peña said.

Peña and other community leaders say rent prices have continued to increase, and they're hoping management will put a stop to it. Tara Edmonds, regional manager of Hometown America, the company that owns Audubon, was scheduled to speak at the event, but VOICE leaders said she had to cancel when she found out media would be there, as she said it is against company policy to speak in front of the media.

Still, residents are pushing for continued change. Carla Claure, a resident of Audubon, told the audience gathered at the event that management is open to talking about some of the issues continually faced by those in the community.

This includes the issue of towing. According to Claure and other leaders, the towing company is often predatory and is towing cars 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Residents hope this will change, as they cannot afford the fees associated with this



VOICE advocates gather at Audubon Mobile Home Park on June 16.

towing.

There's also a concern that some areas of the neighborhood are still somewhat dangerous, but leaders recently met with the Mount Vernon Police Station and there will now be a greater effort by police to patrol the neighborhood.

Despite some of the obstacles, residents say Audubon is a nice place to live. The speakers were optimistic about the future of the Richmond Highway corridor.

Before, the Mount Vernon and Lee districts didn't have any synthetic turf fields, Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay said at the event. McKay helped the community secure funding for the turf fields.

"Now, we have four, and will be in the double digits soon," he said.

Children of
Audubon
Mobile
Home Park
say thank
you for the
community
support
regarding
new fields
in the community.



News

Supervisors Digest Task Force's Final Report

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* If the board decided to approve a referendum, the money should be dedicated, meaning that voters should know how the money will be spent.

Bulova has said that 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.

After the short presentation by Hanley and Davis, Bulova made it clear to that she

would be \$2

About a Meals Tax

Who would pay the meals tax?

eating out in Fairfax County annually.

pected to be about \$25.3 million annually.

non-county residents.

\$17.6 million in 2014.

What effect would the meals tax have on

an average resident at a 4 percent tax rate?

❖ On a \$5 "fast food" meal, tax would be 20

❖ On a \$50 meal at a "nice restaurant," tax

* County residents who choose to dine out.

What about tourists? How much do tour-

ists spend on dining out in Fairfax County?

tion, tourists spend an estimated \$631.4 million

tures in Fairfax County are generated by

Who else has a meals tax in Northern Vir-

ginia, and how much revenue does it raise?

rate) that is expected to generate an estimated

to generate an estimated \$34.7 million in 2014.

* Alexandria has a 4 percent MTR (meals tax

❖ Arlington has a 4 percent MTR that is expected

* Falls Church has a 4 percent MTR that is ex-

* Fairfax City has a 4 percent MTR that is ex-

❖ Herndon has a 2.5 percent MTR that is ex-

❖ Vienna has a 3 percent MTR that is expected to generate an estimated \$1.9 million in 2014.

The District of Columbia has a 10 percent MTR

that is expected to generate \$331.31 million in

pected to generate an estimated \$2 million in 2014.

pected to generate an estimated \$2.7 million in

pected to generate an estimated \$5.4 million in

* According to the Virginia Tourism Corpora-

* Approximately 28 percent of meals expendi-

❖ If Fairfax County voters approve a 4 percent meals tax, revenue generated from tourists is ex-

Commuters, travelers and tourists who visit

would "not entertain motions" on the reduring port Tuesday's meeting.

"The board just received the report, and we need time to digest it," she said, opening up the issue for brief comments and questions from the board.

"Is it persuasive to voters, in your opinion, that we are not treated as cities in our ability to raise revenue?" asked Supervisor Gerald Hyland (D-Mount Vernon). "Do you think we should raise the issue that this tax will get us away from the reliance of real estate tax? Will that be persuasive to voters?"

Hanley and Davis said the task force did not provide advice on how to sell the tax to voter.

"Many issues here continue to confuse voters," Hanley said.

Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) said she was

concerned about the "enormous lack of information regarding what our constituents know about (our taxing authority)."

"Our legislative agenda has always been that we need the authority to tax in this situation. And that piece is not often discussed," Hudgins said.

Counties in Virginia are historically restricted in their authority to levy many local taxes, including a meals tax, without a referendum. Cities and towns, on the other hand,

are given more leeway by the Virginia state code.

The City

Alexandria (1975), the City of Fairfax (1985), the City of Falls Church (1977), the Town Herndon (2003), the City Manassas (1988) and the Town of Vienna (1989) have all enacted a meals tax by local ordinance. Meanwhile, Arlington County is one of the few counties that has received authority from the Virginia General Assembly to enact a meals tax by unanimous vote of its County Board.

That's something that won't happen in Fairfax County, said Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield), who declared Tuesday there would be no "unanimous" deci-

Fairfax County board casts its vote on a meals tax referendum.

> "It's a tax that targets a single industry," Herrity said in explaining why he would not consider voting to put a referendum on the ballot. "It would increase the tax on prepared foods by 67 percent, and Fairfax County residents will overwhelmingly shoulder this burden, the same county residents that have seen their homeowner taxes rise by 14 percent in the last three years alone.'

> Across the state, a meals tax has met with mixed reaction from voters. 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 to increase the minimum wage while still struggling to recover from the 2008 recession.

> But voters in Henrico County, which surrounds the City of Richmond, narrowly approved a 4 percent meals tax last Novem-

> Political analysis's concluded the success of that referendum was due, in large part, to an avid public awareness campaign that reminded voters funds generated from the tax — about \$18 million each year — were dedicated to Henrico County Public Schools.

While much has changed in Fairfax sion when the County since 1992, the mere mention of a www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mealstax/

meals tax still stirs up vehement reactions.

"I think it is a bit disingenuous to suggest libraries, schools and parks would be the primary beneficiaries of meals tax revenues," said Herndon resident Walter Hadlock in an email regarding the tax. "There are those of us, i.e., retirees, people with no children at home ... who don't get any direct benefit from the bulk of county services"

"The board has once again put off making a decision on whether to place this burden on our residents, caterers, grocery stores, and restaurants," Herrity said.

ON THE OTHER SIDE of the debate, Josh Israel of Fairfax said that,

although he has no children, he would be "absolutely fine with paying more to make sure that our county has even better schools, sufficient funds for infrastructure, and is able to offer more programs to make our county a better place for everyone to live."

Therese and Bernard Martin of Reston agreed with Israel.

"Fairfax County has tried, without success, to find sources other than the property tax to pay for schools, public safety and other services desired by its citizens," the couple wrote in a June 6 email to the task

"I bet that the long lines of people waiting to get into restaurants at places like the Reston Town Center won't be tempted to get back in their cars and drive to Loudoun or Prince William County to save 4 cents on every dollar that they spend. I think the restaurant industry is 'crying wolf," Therese Martin said.

After the report by Hanley and Davis, Bulova thanked the task force but did not say when the board would vote on the re-

"What's missing (in the report) is how we discuss this with the community," added Hudgins.

"This is still in our lap and we have to decide what we want to do with it."

view the report, visit



Meals Task Force Referendum co-chairs Kate Hanley (left) and Tom Davis (right) discuss talking points with James Parmelee (far right), with the Fairfax County Republican Committee and one of the 44 members of the task force.

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THRIFT STORE MOVE Due to United Community

Ministries' Back Porch Thrift **Store** moving to a new location by early July, there are special donation instructions for the month of June. Now through Monday, June 16, the store will not be accepting any donation drop-offs or picking up large donations, Beginning Tuesday, June 17, donations will be accepted at the new location at Sacramento Shopping Center on a limited schedule of Thursday-Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Once the new location

opens, donation hours will resume as usual Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5

THURSDAY/JUNE 19

Health Screenings. 4-8 p.m., at West Potomac High School, 6500 Ouander Road. Free heart health screenings for high school students. Visit www.ryanlopynski.org.

THURSDAY-FRIDAY/JUNE 19-20 Mental Health First Aid. 8:30 a.m.-

1:30 p.m. at the South County Center, 8350 Richmond Hwy., Alexandria. Public education program from the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board Wellness and Health Promotion. Over a two-day course, certified instructors help people learn to assist someone developing or experiencing a mental health problem or crisis. \$25. Visit

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hscode/ ereg/Registration.aspx?groupID=47.

TUESDAY/JUNE 24

Blood Drive. 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. General Fund Enterprise Business System, 5911 Kingstowne Village Parkway, Alexandria. Visit www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS for more or to make an appointment.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 25

Fairfax County Extra School Day

The Fairfax County School Board has voted to add a day to the end of the 2013-14 school calendar as a makeup day for a missed day due to weather. This is the last day of the 2013-14 school year.

THURSDAY/JUNE 26

Bone Marrow Donor Drive. 9 a.m.-6 p.m. at Inova Fairfax Hospital, Inova

Fairfax Medical Campus, Heart and Vascular Institute Atrium, 3300 Gallows Road, Falls Church. Register to be a potential donor for someone in need - a simple cheek swab can help save a life. Young people of

diverse racial and ethnic heritage are needed to help patients searching for a match. Doctors request donors in the 18-44 age group more than 90 percent of the time. For more information and transplant stories, visit www.inova.org/bonemarrow or contact Donna Eichna at donna.eichna@inova.org or 703-970-

– Sports Brief –

Upcoming NVSL Meets

The Mount Vernon Park Gators swim team will open the Northern Virginia Swim League season with a Division 3 meet at Donaldson Run at 9 a.m. on Saturday, June 21.

In Division 7, Mansion House will travel to Great Falls, and Waynewood will host Greenbriar.

After Graduation: Dorm Room Set-Up

Local organizers show how to maximize storage in small spaces.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL The Gazette

fter graduation comes off-to-college season. Often this means parents making design choices for their children or parents and their soon-to-be-college freshmen search-

ing for supplies that will serve "Only take what you absolutely dual purposes, particularly when think you need for two it comes to stor- months, not nine months, and age.

For those who figure out whether or not you find themselves in a dorm room de- can live with those items." sign conundrum, local organizers offer tips and

tools for creating stylish yet space-saving designs for new college students.

"Most kids will have a roommate or roommates," said professional organizer Paula Lettice, owner of Gal Friday Associates in Mount Vernon. "The first thing to do is to contact your roommate to find out what you can share. You don't want to show up with duplicates. You can cut down on the amount of space and the cost of things that have to be purchased."

"First of all, when packing for college, since there is in most cases very limited space, students should really think seriously about what they will actually need and only

> take those items," said Susan Unger of ClutterSOS, LLC in Vienna. "However, there are items and things to consider to maximize the space when arranging the room."

Lettice also suggests taking only the essentials and leaving everything else at home. "Only take what you absolutely think you need for two months, not for the entire school year, and then figure out what you can live with or can't live without," she said.

—Paula Lettice

Because space is limited in dorm rooms, organizers say to bring items that serve mul-



Under-bed storage is a great solution for extra linens and out of season clothing.

tiple purposes: "Choose something that can be used as a table, but can also be used as a storage space," said Lettice.

Organizers also advise being creative when it comes to finding storage. "Behind the desk [put] a multi-function message board that is cork to tack things up, dry erase to write notes, magnetic or ribbon to display photos," said Arlington-based professional organizer Jody Al-Saigh of Picture Perfect Organizing.

Unger suggests thinking vertically rather than horizontally: "Buy a taller laundry basket rather than a short wide one," she said. "Consider the backs of doors as useable storage areas. Over-the-door hanging shoe organizers can be used not only for shoes, but for toiletries, school supplies or snacks."

"Use [an] over-the-door shoe bag for things other than shoes [like] scarves, electronic devices, school supplies, dry goods/ packaged snacks," Al-Saigh said.

Also use the storage space under the bed. "Putting the bed up on risers, if that is allowed, is the best way to maximize storage space," Al-Saigh said.

Unger said, "Bed risers also allow for deeper storage bins to be put under the bed for items such as extra linens and off-season clothing that don't need to be accessed on a daily basis."

Unger also advises using "a double hanging closet rod that can give you twice the amount of hanging space."

When buying supplies, downsize as much as possible. "Consider a small steamer instead of an ironing board and iron," said Unger. "Magnetic storage bins can be placed on the refrigerator for pens, pencils and other office supplies.

"A shower caddy can house all your bathing products in one place when sharing a bathroom with others," Unger continued. "A clip-on bed lamp will not take up any table space and should also not interfere with your roommate's sleep."

Gifts for New Grads Local tastemakers offer suggestions from the sentimental to the practical.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL THE GAZETTE

fter the tassels have been turned and the diplomas received, it is usually time for a graduation celebration. Whether you're shopping for someone who is heading to college or venturing out into the workforce, choosing a present for the graduate in your life can be perplexing, but local tastemakers are here to help, offering suggestions for graduation presents that range from the practical to the sentimen-

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or family photos that remind graduates of home can make great gifts. "We have gorgeous, heirloom-quality frames by Elias Artmetal that are made in the U.S.A. by an old established company," said John Brown, owner of J. Brown and Company in Old Town Alexandria.

Leather goods, such as a well-made key chain, journal or passport holder are also gifts that will not only be treasured, but will come in handy long after the pomp and circumstance of the big day are over.

Reminders of the college the graduate

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TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$30,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the sale price, whichever amount is less, in the form of cash or its equivalent will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale; the balance of the purchase money being due and payable within fifteen (15) days after sale, time expressly being of the essence, with interest at the rate of 2.875 percent per annum from date of sale to date of settlement Provided, however, that if the holder of the secured promissor note is the successful bidder at the sale, no cash deposit shall be required, and part of or the entire indebtedness, including interest and costs, secured by the Deed of Trust, may be set off against the purchase price.

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OBITUARY

Barbara Jean Rice, 83, passed away on June 9, 2014, in Shallotte, North Carolina. A native of Alexandria, Virginia, Barbara (Bobbie) was born to Archie J. and Lillian V. Millan on February 25, 1931. She was a graduate George Washington High School and retired from the Alexandria Gazette with more than 15 years of service. Barbara was preceded in death by her beloved son Paul Wayne Rice. She is survived by her daughter Donna Gaulke and son-in-law Gary Gaulke of Redmond, Washington, her devoted son David Rice and daughter-in-law Karen Rice of Holden Beach, North Carolina, three grandsons and their wives, Ian and Kristin Freret, Kevin and Nicole Rice and Keith and Brigid Rice and seven great grandchildren, Cole, Sam, Anna, Noah and Brennan Rice, Peyton and

Cole, Sam, Arina, Noan and Brennan Rice, Peyton and Collins Freret.

Grave site service and burial was at Mount Comfort Cemetery. Donations may be made to SECU Hospice House of Brunswick/Lower Cape Fear Hospice & Life Care center, 955 Mercy Lane SE, Bolivia, NC 28422.

OBITUARY Dr. Robert Adeson

assed away on May 31, 2014 at the Cohen-Rosen House in Rockville, MD. Dr. Adeson was born in Pittsfield Massachusetts in 1931. He attended Pittsfield high school

Massachusetts in 1931. He attended Pittsfield nigh school where he played baseball and basketball as a sophomore then transferred to Berkshire Preparatory School in Sheffield, Massachusetts where he played baseball, football and basketball until graduation in 1948. In 1949 he played first base and pitched for the Pittsfield Brass Rail baseball team, which won the All-American Amateur Baseball Association championship in Johnstown Pennsylvania. He pitched the

semifinal game against Pittsburgh. He attended Yale Col-lege where he was allowed to select a curriculum, unusual in those days, which included constitutional law, religion, American studies and premedical courses. He remained grateful to great teachers at Berkshire and Yale who taught him. He played freshman baseball and varsity basketball at Yale until he dropped sports his junior year to concentrate on

his studies nis studies.

After graduation in 1952 he enrolled at Tufts University School of Medicine and graduated in 1956. He interned at the graduate hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and then did his surgical residency at the New England Medical Center hospital and the Floating Hospital for Infants and children. He continued to work there until he enlisted in the Navy in October 1961 where he oversaw the dependents.

Navy in October 1961 where he oversaw the dependents wing (women and children's surgery) at the Portsmouth Virginia Naval Hospital. He was one of the first to do repairs of omphalocele (a fetal abnormality where part or all of the baby's abdominal organs are contained in a membrane that protrudes outside the baby's abdomen at the naval) using successive closures with mesh to close the abdominal wall. Dr. Adeson was assigned to the aircraft carrier Independence on which he served as a general surgeon during the Cuban missile crisis in 1962. He gained great respect for the Navy, for its officers and men, who fly on and off the

Navy, for its officers and men, who it you and on the carriers and he loved the experience.

Dr. Adeson started his surgical practice in Alexandria, Virginia in October 1963 where he did pediatric and adult general surgery. He served as Chief of the Section of General Surgery, as Chief of the Department of Surgery, as President of the Medical Staff, as a member of the Board of Directors, and of the Parent Board of Directors of the Alexandria Hospital.

He was a member of the American College of Surgeons and served as an examiner for admittance to that body of surgeons in Virginia. He brought into his practice Dr. Alan Deutsch and Dr. Michael Nigro with whom he practiced until his retirement in 1997.

Dr. Adeson was a strong supporter of the Alexandria Hospital Nursing School and was pleased to deliver commencement.

Nursing School and was pleased to deliver commencement addresses to three classes of graduates. He strongly opposed closure of these nursing programs around the country. Dr. Adeson valued the excellent clinically oriented

nurses who graduated from these programs. It appears now that the nursing profession may have finally seen the light as some of these programs were reinstated. In 1984 with State Senator Richard Saslaw, Dr. Adeson wrote and testified for passage of the bill which codified nformed consent for breast cancer patients. The law was designed to ensure that valuable information was nmunicated to women and to ensure that no procedure

was done without the patient's consent.

Dr. Adeson remained an avid lover of sports through his adult years. He won singles and doubles tennis champion-ships at Westwood Country Club and enjoyed golf since 1968. He hit three holes in one and after several near miss es shot one under his age with a 75 at the Highland golf course in Massachusetts on Cape Cod in 2007

Dr. Adeson loved music, played the clarinet and was diligently learning to play the violin. He enjoyed trips to Italy and Spain with friends and family, and to Eastern Europe for a

Jewish studies program.

In 1999 he worked with others to develop the learning center at Beth El Hebrew Congregation in Alexandria and enjoyed seeing and helping this project come to fruition.

Dr. Adeson's wife of 57 years Andrea passed away in 2012.

They went to Cape Cod for many years and since 1995 had a summer home there. He leaves daughter Jodi Morrocco and her husband lack of Framingham Massachusetts son and her husband Jack of Framingham, Massachusetts, son Peter Adeson and his wife Beth of Fairfax, Virginia, daughter Amy Bernhard and her husband Darren of Potomac, Maryland and daughter Gretchen Haimes and her husband Yosi of West Hartford, Connecticut, and nine wonderful grandchildren (Casey, Michael, Julie, Jane, Lewis, Emily, Gabriel, Zachary and Rachel). He had a helluva good life!

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Education Learning Fun

Photo courtesy of J. Brown and Company Heirloom-quality frames, such as these by Elias Artmetal, can make ideal graduation presents.

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attended or will attend can make cheerful presents. "Collegiate products make great gifts," said Randyl Fabian, manager of The Dandelion Patch in Reston Town Center and Vienna. "There are platters, wine glasses and koozies for not only Virginia colleges, but a lot of schools outside of Virginia. They could be a commemorative item for a college graduate or a gift for someone who is heading off to college."

Another option is a scented candle or diffuser, which can add a touch of elegance to adorm room. "Nest Fragrances has line of scents that young people love ... especially beach and bamboo," said Brown.

Backpacks, overnight bags and totes make practical gifts for new graduates, perfect for a quick trip home or a first business trip. "Fun graphic totes are a great gift for grads," said Courtney Thomas of The Picket Fence in Burke. "Perfect for travel, the gym or toting things around campus, they are something every grad can use."

Fabian said that Scout bags (www.scoutbags.com), which come in an array of colors, sizes and styles, are easy to clean and appropriate for a wide variety of

Don't forget jewelry, which can last for a lifetime: "Personalized items like our initial pendant necklaces make a great gift and can serve as a remembrance of the graduate's special day," said Thomas.

For high school graduates, consider warm pajamas or cozy throws for chilly dorm rooms. Also, "Kate Spade makes nice desk sets that are a bit jazzier than your average desk, and would add a nice touch to a dorm room," said Fabian.

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