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Being sworn in to the Fairfax City Council are (from left) Nancy Fry Loftus, Janice Miller, Michael DeMarco, Ellie Schmidt, David Meyer and Jeff Greenfield.



Clerk of the Court John Frey swears in (from left) Jon Buttram, Toby Sorensen and Mitch Sutterfield to the School Board.

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# Council, School Board Look to the Future

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

**B**efore friends, family, colleagues and guests, City of Fairfax Mayor Scott Silverthorne and members of the City Council and School Board were sworn in last Tuesday, June 24, in the Veterans Amphitheater outside City Hall.

Saying he was “deeply grateful and humbled” by the voters’ confidence in him, Silverthorne said he was proud of the new Council members and looked forward to working with them.

“As mayor, my top three priorities are strengthening our local economy, renewing civic and neighborhood pride, and enhancing our quality of life through expanding our parks, recreational and cultural activities,” he said.

“To keep our tax rates low, we must have a strong business community,” continued Silverthorne. “Our top priorities must remain the redevelopment of Fairfax Boulevard and continuing our progress in the City’s historic downtown. We’re pursuing opportunities to streamline City government and lessen the regulatory burdens for doing business and redevelopment in the City.”

This evening, I’m also proposing a complete review of our tax structure, including our Business and Professional Licensing (BPOL), meals and bank-franchise taxes,” he said. “It’s critical that our overall tax structure is competitive, or more favorable, than others in the metropolitan region. Even with this review, City residents will pay the second-lowest tax rates in Northern Virginia.”

This fall, Fairfax will partner with GMU and the Northern Virginia Regional Commission to explore ways to enhance its historic downtown. Quoting a former mayor, Silverthorne said, “The three R’s – restaurants, retail and residential – are critical to



New Councilwoman Janice Miller.

our downtown’s success.”

Believing “we owe it to future generations to preserve open space, protect our environment and expand outdoor opportunities for our residents,” he said the City’s newly approved Parks and Recreation Strategic Master Plan – its first ever – will serve as a blueprint to do so.

“Most impressive is that 23 percent of our community participated in this plan’s drafting,” said Silverthorne. “As we work to improve downtown to residents and visitors alike, we’ll host a series of events – including a monthly downtown event dubbed TGIF, ‘Thank God It’s Fairfax,’ and Rock the Block – beginning next month.”

Noting that Fairfax is a diverse community of hardworking people and close neighborhoods, he stressed the importance of civic pride and residents’ involvement in their communities and in the City as a whole. “We must enlist residents to help identify and prioritize neighborhood concerns,” he said. “Then [we can] engage our City departments and individual civic associations to help make our neighborhoods stronger.”

“I’m honored to serve as your mayor,” said



New Councilwoman Nancy Fry Loftus.

Silverthorne. “The City of Fairfax is rich in history, with unlimited possibilities for the future. With your help, anything is possible.”

## Council Members

Each Council and School Board member also addressed the crowd. Councilman Jeff Greenfield asked residents to contact City Hall to join him and Silverthorne as they conduct a task force to combat hunger in the City. “Fourteen percent of our kids experience hunger,” said Greenfield. “We live in one of the nation’s wealthiest areas, but people are still hungry.”

Saying “Democracy is a serious business,” Councilman David Meyer said, “Let us strive for unity of purpose. We all want to be heard and respected – then we’re citizens and neighbors committed to this place we call home.”

“It’s our job to represent all the citizens of the City and act in your best interests,” said Councilwoman Ellie Schmidt. “Maintaining a vibrant business community and growing our commercial base is vital, as is the preservation of our residential neigh-

borhoods.”

Councilman Michael DeMarco said he’s enjoyed making the City a better place “for us and future generations.” He, too, emphasized the importance of economic growth, strong neighborhoods, education and improving the quality of life for all the residents. And he encouraged both businesses and residents to “get involved in the governing process.”

Former School Board Chair Janice Miller, now a councilwoman, plans to “work hard, study decisions and listen to and learn from residents, City staff and my colleagues. We’ll continue to offer outstanding municipal services; you, as residents, deserve no less.”

New Councilwoman Nancy Fry Loftus said she’s “truly grateful for the opportunity to serve my hometown. I intend to do my best, work hard, ask tough questions and seek solutions. I look forward to serving all of you.”

## School Board

Robert Reinsel and Carolyn Pitches couldn’t attend the ceremony, but the other Board members did. Jon Buttram told how impressed he is with the City’s students. “I have faith that the future is in good hands,” he said. “This board will continue to nurture their growth and, hopefully, be around to celebrate their successes.”

“Thanks to the ethnic, religious and socioeconomic diversity in our schools, our children learn things they wouldn’t learn elsewhere,” said Toby Sorensen. “Because of this meeting of cultures, they come to know what it is to be a member of the world community and what an amazing role America plays in it.”

Mitch Sutterfield wished Godspeed to Miller as she joins the Council. He said the budget is behind everything the Board does, and “everything that happens affects it. But no matter what may come up, the key to our success is listening to others.”



# Candidates Speak at Lakeside Cookout

**Republican Senate, Congressional hopefuls woo locals during Annual Big Braddock BBQ.**

BY THOMAS FRIESTAD  
THE CONNECTION

U.S. Senate Candidate Ed Gillespie and Virginia 11<sup>th</sup> Congressional District candidate Suzanne Scholte found themselves on the receiving end of public grilling Sunday: they, along with several dozen local citizens, enjoyed an array of grilled dishes together at Supervisor John Cook's fourth Annual Big Braddock BBQ at Burke Lake Park.

"We try to do this every year, to get our team together and have a social occasion, and we talk about

whichever election is coming up and try to get the candidates here," Cook said. "The folks here tend to be the ones that do the legwork in campaigns, so we want to try to inspire them to come out and support the ticket in the fall, and stay as part of the team."

Gillespie said, as a Fairfax County resident, as well as a friend and supporter of Cook, he was happy to attend his BBQ to support him in return. He said his hope for the event was to address the economic portion of his platform with attendees.

"I've unveiled a five-point agenda for economic growth, creating jobs, raising take-home pay, holding down health care costs and reducing energy prices," Gillespie said. "Everywhere I go in the Commonwealth, I find that people are concerned about the direction of the country, with the lack of jobs and higher prices, and we've got policies that would address that; I think that will resonate here today."

Scholte said she attended the BBQ because she believes Cook to be "the epitome of a public ser-



U.S. Senate Candidate Ed Gillespie (second from right) and daughter Mollie chat with Braddock District Supervisor John Cook and Consultant Kevin Morse of Burke.

vant," and wished to support him while promoting her run for the 11<sup>th</sup> District Congressional seat.

"My whole life has been devoted to working with people across party lines and to advance principles through democracy; all the

work I've done in promoting freedom and democracy, I've always worked with Republicans, Democrats and Independents, which is why I have Democrats supporting me, actually," Scholte said. "I'm really concerned about the prob-



PHOTO BY THOMAS FRIESTAD

Suzanne Scholte, candidate for Virginia's 11<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, addresses the crowd, encouraging its members to focus on "out-reach to people who should be voting for [Republican candidates] but are not."

lems the country is facing right now; we need to be working together, and there's such partisanship in Washington right now that really harms us. That's one of the reasons I'm running: I can bring people together."

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From left — Chelle Fulk, Mr. Gabe, Holly Montgomery don pirate attire during a performance of their song "Pirates" from their album Play Date at Burke Lake Park on Saturday, June 28.

## Saturday Morning Live!

**Mr. Gabe kicks off Arts in the Parks at Burke Lake Park.**

BY ABIGAIL CONSTANTINO  
THE CONNECTION

Burke Lake Park started its summer entertainment series on Saturday, June 28, with a live and interactive performance by Mr. Gabe. The event is part of Fairfax County Park Authority

and Fairfax Park Foundation's Arts in the Parks.

"We came to check out the toddler songs. And Burke Lake is specially interesting to us because they have a train and a walking path, and we're going to check it out when we're done here," said Casey Nair, of Alexandria.

"It's an option to get out in the morning with the kids," said David Farris of South Riding. He and his family used to live in the Burke area and are familiar with Burke Lake Park. "There's a lot of recreational area we wouldn't otherwise have access to, like boats and a carousel...It's a way for us to



Burke Lake Park kicks off Arts in the Parks on Saturday, June 28, with a performance by Mr. Gabe.



Rob Hornfeck and Niki, of Fairfax City, looks forward to riding the train after the concert at Burke Lake Park on Saturday, June 28.

get into the woods," he said.

Children, and their parents, danced and bobbed to the catchy songs of Mr. Gabe who, along with violinist Chelle Fulk and bass player Holly Montgomery, also led the au-

dience to a rousing sing-a-long of familiar children's tunes.

Arts in the Parks continues at Burke Lake Park every Saturday at 10 a.m. until Aug. 23.



## July 4th Rides Home

WRAP will provide safe rides home during the Fourth of July holiday. Those needing one may call 1-800-200-TAXI (AT&T customers dial #WRAP) for a free ride home, up to a \$30 fare, from Friday July 4, at 10 p.m. through Saturday, July 5, at 4 a.m. People must be 21 or older to use this service. Some restrictions apply; see [www.soberride.com](http://www.soberride.com) for further details or call WRAP at 703-893-0461.

## Fairfax Seeks Crossing Guards

The City of Fairfax Police Department is seeking qualified applicants to fill multiple school crossing guard positions at the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year in September.

"Ensuring the safety of our children on their way to and from school is a vital function of the police department," said Major Carl R. Pardiny, Acting Chief of Police. "This year we're losing four dedicated crossing guards with a combined total of almost 100 years of service. We're hopeful that some of our local area residents will be interested in serving in these important positions."

"These are ideal part-time positions for persons wishing to make a real contribution to the safety of our community. When a crossing guard isn't available, it's necessary to divert a police officer from his or her regular duties to protect children at the crossing."

Applicants must have a high-school diploma or equivalent and an ability and willingness to work with children. A valid driver's license and good driving record are required. The selection process includes an interview, background investigation and a polygraph examination. Crossing guards normally work Monday through Friday for about two to four hours daily in split shifts between 6:45 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. The salary is \$13.52 an hour with limited benefits. Application forms may be accessed and submitted on the City Web site, [www.fairfaxva.gov](http://www.fairfaxva.gov) or picked up and submitted at the City of Fairfax personnel office in room 331 of City Hall, 10455 Armstrong St. For more information, contact Sgt. Michael Duncan at 703-273-2889.

## City Council Meets July 8

The next meeting of the Fairfax

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## Governor McAuliffe Signs into Law Legislation for Military

Governor Terry McAuliffe and Virginia Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs, Admiral John Harvey held a special ceremony to sign into law several pieces of legislation affecting the military community. Over ten pieces of legislation were signed into law during a ceremony held in Norfolk, Va. right outside of the USS Wisconsin. These pieces of legislation were passed during the 2014 General Assembly and took effect July 1.

Virginia has one of the largest active-military populations, second only to California and the most military civilians by state. Several of the bills focused on helping military families moving to the Commonwealth with their normal services and job transition. Among those were HB 1247 introduced by Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41). HB 1247 requires the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation to expedite the review process for temporary licenses for military spouses that already hold the equivalent license in another state.



A signing ceremony was held in Norfolk, Va. right outside of the USS Wisconsin.

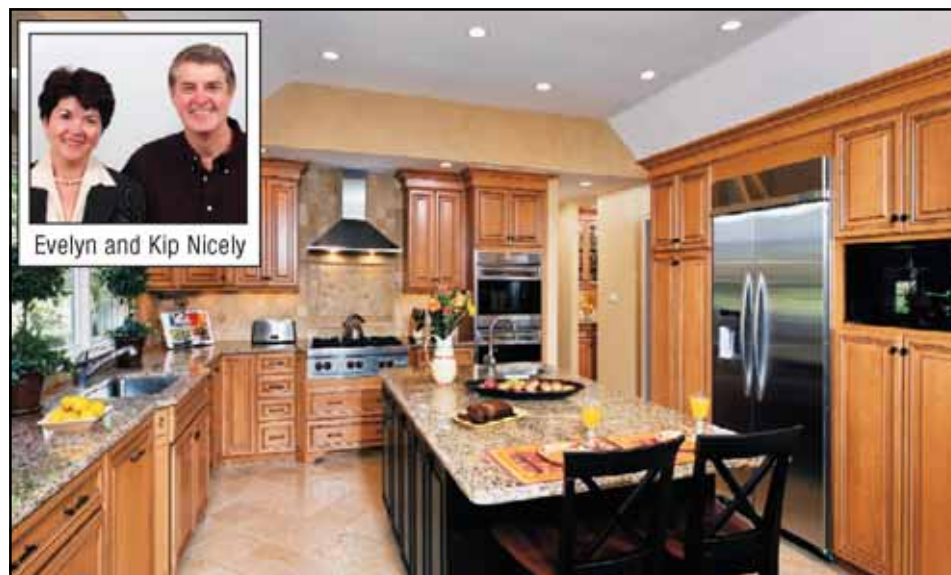
Other legislation aimed to help military families and spouses were HB 576, increasing eligibility into Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program, SB138, increasing the grace period of vehicle safety inspection approval for certain members of

armed services and SB18 which extends unemployment compensation to military spouses voluntarily leaving their job to accompany their spouse in reassignment.

"It was an honor to join my colleagues, the Governor and Admiral Harvey to sign these critically

important pieces of legislation into law. I look forward to continuing to advocate for military families and I hope my bill eases the burdens on military spouses associated with reassignment," said Delegate Filler-Corn.

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## County Falling Behind on Its Housing Goals

BY MICHELLE KROCKER  
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ALLIANCE

**O**n June 9, the Residential Studio Committee of the Fairfax County Planning Commission voted to recommend that the review of the Zoning Ordinance Amendment for Residential Studio Units be tabled. This recommendation will be voted on by the full Planning Commission at its July 24 meeting and it is almost certain that it will be adopted. After months of committee hearings and community meetings throughout the county, the RSU amendment will be quietly put to rest.

What were the factors that defeated this proposal? They were many and varied, including:

- ❖ virulent community opposition;
- ❖ fear of overcrowding, which is a real issue in some parts of the county;
- ❖ an abject lack of knowledge by the larger community about the issue of housing affordability — who needs it, current housing costs, income levels of the workforce, the impacts on our quality of life;
- ❖ a zoning ordinance that didn't allow the flexibility needed to develop these units;
- ❖ absence of leadership from the Board of Supervisors in communicating the county's growing unmet housing needs and helping to shepherd a community discussion that was balanced and respectful.

Is Fairfax County committed to providing housing that is affordable for all its residents?

While the Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness in 2007 and the Blueprint for Housing in 2010, they have done very little in the ensuing years to provide the resources needed to implement these plans. In 2009, when the county reduced

the Penny Fund for Housing to a half cent, the financial resources to leverage private capital to preserve and develop new affordable housing were lost (the remaining half cent is used to pay the debt service on the bonds issued for the Wedgewood Apartments acquisition). From 2005 to 2009, the One Penny Fund preserved over 2,200 units of affordable housing. Since 2009, the number of new or preserved units serving households earning less than \$64,000 or 60 percent of area median income has declined significantly.

### COMMENTARY

The FY2015 Housing and Community Development budget provides \$5 million for new construction or a preservation project of 120 units, and approximately \$3 million for Bridging Affordability, a rental subsidy for households moving out of homelessness. This is a paltry amount of funding for a county of this size and wealth. As has been famously said, "show me your budget and I'll show you your priorities."

Other policies to provide funding for housing have been studied and tabled by the Board of Supervisors, the most recent being the "3-2-1 policy" which would secure a contribution from commercial development in transit and high density areas of the county to support the development of workforce housing. This policy is currently in place for the Tysons redevelopment area, but board members felt that if applied to other areas of the county, it could deter new commercial development which has slowed down in the last few years. However, both Arlington and Alexandria have commercial development fee policies in place, and the result has been a significant increase in resources for affordable housing with no apparent impact on commercial development.

The unwillingness to adopt new, proven funding strategies, combined with minimal local investment in housing programs means that the county is falling farther and farther

behind in meeting the goals for the 10 Year Plan and the Blueprint for Housing. How can homelessness be addressed in a meaningful way if the stock of affordable housing isn't growing? How does Fairfax County ensure that there is housing in its communities for the workforce in the retail, hospitality, health care, public sector and entry level jobs? How does the county promote the development of stable, affordable housing for homeless children, youth aging out of foster care, persons with special needs, seniors on fixed incomes and low wage working people?

The final motion on the RSU amendment at the June 9 meeting included a recommendation stating that "there be a broader community dialogue about affordable housing, including a discussion on how best to provide for a range of housing opportunities .... that will serve the county's current and future residents at all income levels." The Alliance enthusiastically endorses this recommendation, and believes the time for discussion is now. An honest community discussion would hopefully break down some of the barriers of mistrust and misunderstanding surrounding housing, and engage more members of the community in building consensus for solutions.

The growing shortage of affordable housing and the severe cost burden for an increasing percentage of the county's population is not unique to Fairfax County. This is a challenge that threatens the vitality and sustainability of the entire region, and some jurisdictions have made progress in increasing their affordable housing stock through a variety of financial and land use tools. As the largest jurisdiction and the engine of job growth for the region, Fairfax County should be the leader in addressing the housing issue. Instead, they are lagging far behind due to negligible investments and the absence of vision to address the unmet housing needs of its residents both today and in the future.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Later Start Times Can Benefit Community

To the Editor:

To set the record straight, there is nothing worse for traffic than a car crash, and sleepy teen drivers are like drunk drivers in terms of performance behind the wheel. Later high school start times are safer for teens and also for the rest of us as they have been shown to significantly decrease car crashes in young drivers.

When you read letters opposing this effort, please ask yourself whether the letter-writer has a personal vested interest in retaining the status quo. Last week's letter, "Later Start Times Affect Commuters," was filled with misinformation and scare tactics.

The letter made it sound as if there are only a small number of children impacted by the morning start times that are among the earliest in the nation. Fairfax high schools start classes at 7:20 a.m. Only 10 percent of schools in the

nation start before 7:30 in the morning! Seventy-two of 95 counties in Virginia start high schools at 8 a.m. or later. Perhaps the letter writer would prefer that FCPS start school at 5 a.m. to ensure that our children are all out of the way before his morning commute? The reality is that Fairfax County Public Schools are a massive part of the traffic flow for the entire morning commute. It will remain that way with any of the new schedules as well.

The majority of FCPS high school students are sleep deficient. Only 15.5 percent of seniors get 8 hours of sleep per night on school nights and medical experts recommend about 9 hours for adolescents. In 10th grade, only 25 percent are getting at least 8 hours of sleep per night. The letter writer seems to be suggesting that 75 percent or more of our students pay for unnecessary medical tests

and ask doctors to write medical excuses for a problem that is the norm, not the exception to the rule. Perhaps he is unaware that there is compelling medical and educational evidence that very early school start times are a problem and that the Virginia Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics has a position in favor of later high school start times for students in Virginia as does the Medical Society of Virginia and the Medical Society of Northern Virginia.

For more than a year, FCPS has partnered with Children's National Medical Center and has met with stakeholder leaders from more than 45 different organizations, agencies, and community groups. Transportation experts and stakeholder leaders studied about 20 scenarios before the school board selected four potential scenarios to bring to the community for input.

The School Board has been extremely slow and deliberate in this process. Children's National Medical Center has been working to include input from all stakeholders, including principals, social workers, leaders from the teacher organizations, PTA's, the athletic council, the Park Authority, School Aged Child Care providers, the middle school after school program, Safe Routes to School, and others. In July, there will be a work session with a report to the board. School board members have suggested that the Blueprint for Change may be one of the four options or it may be a hybrid based on the community input.

Montgomery County's Superintendent delayed implementation of any high school start time changes, but he will not be able to close the door on the need for later morning schedules because it is

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# WEEK IN FAIRFAX

FROM PAGE 5

City Council is Tuesday, July 8, at 7 p.m., at City Hall, 10455 Armstrong St. in Fairfax.

## Fairfax City Farmers Markets

Two farmers markets are open for the season in the City of Fairfax. They'll run through Nov. 1 at the corner of West and Main streets. The Downtown Fairfax Coalition Community Market is held Saturdays, from 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

The Sunday Farmers Market will run from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information, call 703-642-0128.

## Board and Commission Vacancies

The City of Fairfax has vacancies on many of its boards and commissions.

The complete list is at <http://www.fairfaxva.gov/government/city-clerk/serving-on-boards-commissions>. For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at 703-385-7935.

## FCPS Launches Collect For Kids School Supply Drive

To ensure that every child in the school district is prepared for school, Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) will launch Collect for Kids, a coordinated school supply drive to benefit needy FCPS students, on Monday, July 7.

The drive will provide school supplies for the 2014-15 school year for students who qualify for free and reduced-price meals; donors may contribute backpacks, calculators, or cash that will be used to purchase as many supplies as possible. Approximately 27.8 percent of FCPS students receive free and reduced-price meals.

Citizens can support FCPS students in one of three ways:

- ❖ Cash donations. By partnering with Office Depot and Kitz for Kids, Collect for Kids purchases school supplies in bulk, translating a \$1 donation into \$3 worth of school supplies. A \$10 donation can fill a backpack with FCPS-approved supplies. Donations are accepted online or at any Apple Federal Credit Union (Apple FCU) or Northwest Federal Credit Union branch (Northwest FCU).

- ❖ Backpack donations. Donations of new backpacks can be brought to any Apple FCU or Northwest FCU branch, or to any affiliated organization. Visit Apple FCU or Northwest FCU for branch locations.

- ❖ Calculator donations. Calculators, which will help support students in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) subjects, can be donated to Apple FCU or any affiliated organization. Preferred models are the TI 30Xa Solar School Edition or TI-84 Series calculators, but other models may be donated.

The Collect for Kids program runs from July 7 through Sept. 2.

## Supervisor Cook Honored For Fighting Domestic Violence

Supervisor John C. Cook (R-Braddock) was named Shelter House, Inc.'s Community Champion for his work to prevent and end domestic violence.

"I am honored to receive Shelter House's Community Champion award," said Cook. "One of the things we do best in Fairfax County is creating partnerships, and the partnership between community volunteers, caring organizations like Shelter House, and the Board of Supervisors is an example of how we accomplish more working together than on our own. I know that together we can end domestic violence and homelessness in Fairfax County."

Supervisor Cook serves as the Board of Supervisor's representative to the Domestic Violence Prevention, Policy and Coordinating Council of Fairfax County.

Shelter House, Inc., a community-based, non-profit organization assisting homeless families in Fairfax County presented the award at its volunteer awards ceremony June 24 in Tysons Corner.

Shelter House, Inc. runs three family shelters throughout Fairfax County including Artemis House, the County's only emergency domestic violence shelter. In addition to helping the homeless in Fairfax County, Shelter House, Inc. works with at-risk families to keep them in stable housing. Last year Shelter House, Inc. was able to keep forty-five at-risk families from becoming homeless.



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**Resolution presentation: (From left) are Del. David Bulova, Dan Drummond, Steve Stombres and Sen. Chap Petersen, while City Electoral Board Chairman Rick Herrington and the City band applaud.**



**The City Fire and Police Department Joint Color Guard opens the program.**

PHOTOS BY BONNIE HOBBS/THE CONNECTION

## ‘Thank You for Your Time and Dedication’

### City bids farewell to Councilmen Drummond and Stombres.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

The City of Fairfax bid farewell last week to outgoing City Councilmen Dan Drummond and Steve Stombres in a special ceremony on the City Hall lawn. Each has served for six years, and the June 24 event included Boy Scouts, the City of Fairfax band, and the City Police and Fire Department Joint Honor Guard.

“Both Dan and Steve brought a sense of commitment, purpose and humor to the job,” said Mayor Scott Silverthorne. “There are no finer individuals.”

“Dan was an excellent communicator,” continued Silverthorne. “He helped re-engage his community, Southeast Fairfax, Green Acres in particular. And Steve had the unique ability to diffuse any tense situation with one witty comment. He brought a vigor and a renewed interest in environmental issues and our recycling program.”

State Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34) and Del. David Bulova (D-37) presented General Assembly resolutions to Stombres and Drummond, both of whom chose not to run for re-election. They also praised the two Councilmen.

“They represent all the best of why people get involved in public service,” said Bulova. “They first became involved in activities such as church and Little League in their communities, and they brought that spirit and dedication to the City Council. They’ve made a difference



**Dan Drummond bids farewell.**

and have left the City in better shape than they found it.”  
“We’ll miss them,” added Petersen. “They did a great job.”

Drummond thanked his wife and three children for their support and said he and his Council colleagues made a positive impact on the lives of the City’s 23,000 residents. And while the mayor and Council ultimately cast the votes, said Drummond, “It’s the people of this community who really make change happen and move us forward.”

He recalled how it was a resident’s idea that Fairfax officially celebrate Veterans Day and that the members of the City’s boards and commissions collectively advocated for the new Downtown Park. And, he said, “It was my daughter, Sadie, who told me we needed to make sure anyone could live in our City – prompting our City’s first-ever, affordable-housing policy and a long-overdue discussion about the cost of housing in the City.”

Drummond said he knows the mayor, Council members and School Board will continue to listen to the residents and respond to the community’s will, “doing what’s right and maintaining Fairfax’s sense of place.” He then told each of his fellow Council members how their



**Outgoing Councilman Steve Stombres.**

individual talents bring something special to the City.

He also thanked Silverthorne for being a mentor, friend and big brother to him, and City Manager Bob Sisson and the City staff for all they do. “You are the reason for the City’s success,” said Drummond. “Without you, nothing gets done.” Finally, he thanked the community for the opportunity to serve, adding, “It truly has been an honor.”

Stombres expressed his appreciation to Silverthorne, Sisson and City staff, as well, plus former Councilman and Mayor Rob Lederer. He thanked Silverthorne for his leadership and guidance, and Lederer for his service. And he also thanked his wife and three children for their unconditional love and support.

“I welcome the new members of the City Council and School Board to the close-knit fraternity of men and women who’ve been elected to public office in the City of Fairfax,” said Stombres. “I encourage you to listen to the City residents, your colleagues and your heart. Do what you think is the right thing to do when it’s easy and everyone agrees with you – but also when it’s difficult and you feel like a solitary voice alone in the wilderness.”

He also let City staff know that the

work they do every day really matters. “Your efforts are noticed and appreciated by everyone who lives, learns, works, grows, eats, walks, rides or recycles here,” said Stombres. “You’ve impacted more lives in this community than you could ever comprehend.”

Furthermore, he encouraged the residents to get involved in their City. “Find a way to help make your City a better place,” said Stombres. “I can assure you that every minute you spend, every ounce of energy you provide, every bit of experience you offer to our community will come back to you tenfold. The City of Fairfax is truly a place where everyone gets more than they give.”

At Drummond and Stombres’s last City Council meeting, just prior to the evening’s ceremony, they were part of the unanimous vote approving Fairfax’s strategic master plan for parks, recreation and cultural arts. Councilman Michael DeMarco thanked them both for their service and said they’ll be missed.

Councilman Jeff Greenfield said how much he enjoyed serving with them. “When we talk about City issues, it’s not about partisan politics, but what’s best for the City,” he said.

“It’s been great working with you all,” added Councilwoman Ellie Schmidt. “Thank you for your time and dedication.”

Drummond said he considered them all friends, first, and colleagues, second. “There were a lot of late nights and long hours,” said Stombres. “We argued, debated difficult issues, listened to and learned from each other; and ultimately, we grew together and accomplished a lot of great things.”

“You’re two of the finest people I’ve served with, the past 21 years,” added Silverthorne. “The City’s a better place for it, and I wish you both all the very best.”

## News

# Fairfax Prepares to Celebrate the 4th

### Parade, music, fireworks and fun.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

The City of Fairfax will celebrate the Fourth of July, this Friday, starting with a 10 a.m. parade that travels through the downtown Fairfax Historic District. It’ll go on, rain or shine, starting at the Massey Building at 4100 Chain Bridge Road. Participants will march in a loop past the old courthouse, along Main Street and University Drive and past the reviewing stand in front of City Hall on Armstrong Street.

There’ll be eight, high-school marching bands, including the City’s own Fairfax High Marching Rebels, plus bands from

Woodson and West Springfield. The Washington Redskins Marching Band will also participate, as will the Northern Virginia Firefighters’ Emerald Society Pipe Band.

The parade will also feature horses, clowns, color guards, firefighters, police, Scouts, dance groups, musicians, barbershop singers, and the Grand Marshal, Uncle Sam. Other highlights will be the Rough Riders Junior Buffalo Soldiers Drill Team, City of Fairfax Theatre Co., large inflatable balloons, and the City Of Fairfax Regional Library Precision Book Cart Drill Team.

Streets on the parade route will close at 7:30 a.m., but shuttle buses will run from 8:30-10:30 a.m. from parking areas at George Mason University (GMU), Woodson High and Fairfax United Methodist Church and return again from



12:30-1:30 p.m. GMU is at 4400 University Drive; Woodson, 9525 Main Street; and Fairfax UMC, 10300 Stratford Avenue.

Following the parade, visitors may watch area fire companies compete in a variety of events during an old-fashioned Fireman’s Day. It’ll be held from 12:30-3 p.m. at Fire Station 3 at 4081 University Drive, and the event includes food, beverages and games.

The Fairfax Museum and Visi-

tors Center, 10209 Main St., 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; and the Ratcliffe-Allison House, 10386 Main St., 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.; will both be open to visitors.

In the evening, the festivities shift to Fairfax High, 3501 Rebel Run. There, starting at 7 p.m. in the football stadium, the band Leggz will perform everything from Motown favorites to classic rock & roll to hits of the 1970s and ’80s.

Later on, the City of Fairfax Band will play the “1812 Overture” to mark the start of the spectacular fireworks display slated for 9:30 p.m. The fireworks will be shot off from the baseball field; afterward, Leggz will perform a grand finale. Rain date for the fireworks only is July 5 at 9:30 p.m. For more information or to volunteer, call 703-385-7858 or see [www.fairfaxva.gov](http://www.fairfaxva.gov).



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### Miss Poppy will be in Friday’s Parade

**Paul VI grad Maya White with Fairfax Mayor Scott Silverthorne at a recent City Council meeting. She represented the American Legion and he declared May as “Poppy Month” in honor of America’s veterans. As “Miss Poppy,” White will also participate in this Friday’s big Fourth of July parade, starting at 10 a.m. in downtown Fairfax.**



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### Fairfax Sailor Comes Home

Lt. Jonathan Baugh, a navigation officer from Fairfax, is serving aboard the USS Pennsylvania (SSBN 735) Gold Crew in the U.S. Navy protecting and defending America on the world’s oceans aboard one of the world’s most advanced submarines. The crew returned home to Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor June 14 following a 140-day strategic deterrent patrol, setting a new record for the longest patrol completed by an Ohio-class ballistic missile submarine. The Navy’s

ballistic missile submarines, often referred to as “boomers,” serve as an undetectable launch platform for intercontinental ballistic missiles. They are designed specifically for stealth, extended patrols and the precise delivery of missiles if directed by the President. The Ohio-class design allows the submarines to operate for 15 or more years between major overhauls. On average, the submarines spend 77 days at sea followed by 35 days in-port for maintenance.

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# Summer Health and Safety Hazards

Keeping danger at bay during warm weather months.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE CONNECTION

Summer comes but once a year. From picnics and days at the pool to backyard barbecues and day-long hikes, many of us spend the season outdoors. Danger, from water-related illnesses to heat stroke, often comes with the fun, however. Public safety officials say people can prevent accidents and illnesses by taking safety measures and staying informed.

"One of the core messages with public health is that we can't be everywhere all the time," said Glen Barbour, public safety information officer for the Fairfax County Health Department. "It is really in the hands of the public to take precautionary measures and protect themselves."

Celebratory sparklers are popular during the summer, but they're a source of danger. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) reports that 60 percent of fireworks injuries occur around July 4th. Hand, eye and face injuries are among the most common.

"The first thing that we recommend is viewing fireworks displays in a public place that has been permitted and checked for safety," said Dan Schmidt, spokesman for the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department. "It saves them money and provides a safe environment to view fireworks."

Other safety officials agree. In fact, fireworks are banned in the City of Alexandria. "We have close to 100 percent compliance, so we don't see many injuries," said Tony Washington, spokesman for the City of Alexandria Fire Department.

For those who decide to use consumer fireworks, there are a few safety considerations to keep in mind: "Fire them from a flat surface and make sure there are no combustible materials near the fireworks," said Schmidt. "Have bystanders at least 25 feet away, read the directions and don't let children handle or light fireworks."

**OTHER SUMMER HEALTH HAZARDS** are equally preventable. From recreational water illnesses to sunburns, staying informed about potential hazards and strategies for keeping them at bay can lead to a more fun and relaxing summer for everyone.

"The best way to prevent recreational water illnesses is to keep germs, pee and poop out of the water," said Kurt Larrick, spokesman for the Arlington County Department of Human Service. "Check diapers frequently and take a shower with soap before going into the water."

Fairfax County issues the same message. "The main thing that we at the health department emphasize is gastrointestinal ill-



PHOTO BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

**Water-related injuries and illnesses increase during the summer. Among the best defenses against such hazards are awareness and good safety practices like teaching children how to swim.**

ness caused by feces in the water," said Barbour. "We encourage people, especially the parents of small children, to not go to a public pool when they have diarrhea."

Barbour warns of factors that might give the public a false sense of security. "We want parents to be mindful that not all germs are killed right away, even in chlorinated water, and that leak-proof diapers don't always keep feces out of the water."

Other preventative measures include frequent hand washing, taking a shower before entering a public pool, discouraging children from drinking water that is used for swimming and giving young children bathroom breaks at least every 60 minutes.

In addition to illnesses, other water-related dangers spike during the summer. "They are a lot of accidents like drowning," said Barbour. "Teach their kids how to swim, watch young children very carefully when they are near water."

Swimming with a partner and wearing a life vest when boating are also important. "Should someone fall in the water and injure their head, the life vest will keep them floating," said Barbour.

Heat-induced ailments like sunburns, heat rashes, heat exhaustion and heat stroke are other hot-weather culprits. "The three most important things to do to prevent them are drink enough fluids, wear proper cloth-

ing and choose the best times to be outside," said Caroline Sutter, RN DNP-BC, assistant professor of nursing, George Mason University. "Avoid the extreme heat of mid-day."

Wearing sunscreen, staying hydrated and avoiding alcohol when in the heat are also good ideas. "Most of the research shows that you should drink water before going out into the heat, even if you don't feel thirsty."

Thirst is the last warning sign of dehydration," said Sutter. "After you come in you can add back water with sports drinks that have electrolytes."

Know the warning signs that it is time to get out of the heat: "Heat cramps are the first thing that you'll feel," said Sutter. "Your muscles will get tired and cramp easily because they aren't getting enough blood flow."

Nausea, vomiting and headaches are also clues. "Your body is good about giving you warning signs," said Sutter. "If you listen to your body you can avoid some of these major complications."

The elderly and very young children are at greatest risk of heat illnesses.

"Children in sports camps or outdoor camps should wear sunscreen and have regular rest breaks in the shade," said Rosemarie Berman, RN, Ph.D., chair, B.S.N. program; assistant professor of nursing, Marymount University in Arlington. "A well-

regulated camp will have regulated rest periods."

Barbour said, "Parents of infants and small children should be aware because a baby can't tell you when they're sick. Check on elderly neighbors who don't have air conditioning."

Avoid leaving the elderly, young children and pets in small, enclosed spaces like cars. "They could die even after a short period of time like when you're running to get gas," said Sutter.

Stay informed about potentially dangerous weather like heat waves. "We have cooling centers open on really hot days," said Barbour. "You can also go into an air conditioned public space like a library."

## BITES FROM MOSQUITOES

and ticks can also pose health threats. "People should be mindful that we do have West Nile Virus and Lyme disease in our area," said Barbour. "When summer comes people are outside and are exposed to insects that cause people to get sick."

Heavily foliated spaces, like those with tall grass, are where such bugs hide. "If you're in an area where the grass is high, on the fringes of a park or even your backyard, be aware," said Barbour.

When hiking or working outside, wear light-colored, loose fitting clothing, long sleeves and long pants. "Ticks are sneaky," said Barbour. "They will crawl up your leg without you knowing it."

Other precautionary measures include checking your body carefully for ticks after coming inside and eliminating standing water from around a home. "At least once a week, we encourage people to walk around their house and dump water from places like bird baths and your dog's water bowl."

Health and safety officials say that most summer hazards are avoidable. "Summer safety pretty much all boils down to common sense and reducing your exposure to risks," said Larrick.

## More on Summer Safety

**Fairfax County Emergency Information Blog**  
[fairfaxcountyemergency.wordpress.com/](http://fairfaxcountyemergency.wordpress.com/)

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**The Bodzin Art Gallery "Fine Arts Open Exhibition."** Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. This annual show spotlights the many talents our own members, staff and creative community through the display of a variety of media. www.jccnvarts.org.

## THURSDAY/JULY 3

**Workhouse Farmers Market.** 3-6 p.m., at the Workhouse, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Every Thursday on the quad is a producer-only market for discerning shoppers featuring locally grown fruits and vegetables, locally raised meats and poultry and local foods from breads to salsas and sausages. www.smartmarkets.org.

**Chairman Sharon Bulova's Evenings on the Ellipse Summer Concert Series.** 5:30-7:30 p.m. Fairfax County Government Center "Ellipse" (green lawn behind the building), 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. No matter what kind of music you like, bring your lawn chairs, blankets, families and dates. 703-324-7329.

## FRIDAY/JULY 4

**City of Fairfax Independence Day Parade.** 10 a.m.-12 p.m. 4100 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, around Historic Old Town Fairfax and passing the Reviewing stand on Armstrong Street. Come see eight high school marching, large inflatable parade balloons, horses and clowns. http://www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/independence-day-celebration.

**Old Fashioned Fireman's Day.** 12:30-3 p.m. Fire Station 3, 4081 University Drive, Fairfax. Enjoy watching area fire companies compete. http://www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/independence-day-celebration.

**Evening Show and Fireworks.** 7 p.m. Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax. Music and dancing to rock & roll favorites; the City of Fairfax Band will play the 1812 during the fireworks display at 9:30 p.m. Rain date: July 5. http://www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/independence-day-celebration.

**Historic Open Houses.** 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Come see the Fairfax Museum and Visitors Center, 10209 Main Street, Fairfax and Ratcliffe-Allison House, 10386 Main Street, Fairfax. http://www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/independence-day-celebration.

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

**4th of July at Paradise Springs.** 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Paradise Springs Winery, 13219 Yates Ford Road, Clifton. Navi Singh performs at 2 p.m.

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## SATURDAY/JULY 5

**Homeless Animals Rescue Team Dog Adoption.** 12-3 p.m. PETCO, Greenbriar Towncenter, 13053 Lee Jackson Mem. Hwy., Fairfax. Come adopt a dog. hart90.org.

**Saturday Farmers Market.** 8 a.m.-1 p.m., at the parking lot at the intersection of West and Main Streets behind Wells Fargo Bank in Fairfax. Every Saturday there is fresh produce, goods and wares at the market. church@sovgracefairfax.org or www.FairfaxSaturdayMarket.com.

## SATURDAYS/JULY 5-AUG. 23

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

## SUNDAY/JULY 6

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## FRIDAY/JULY 11

**Annandale Brass Concert, "A Slice of Americana".** 7:30 p.m. Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mt. Vernon Memorial Highway, Alexandria. Hear your favorites from movies, video games and jazz, plus special music to honor the 70th anniversary of D-Day. 571-214-5738.

## FRIDAY/JULY 11-SUNDAY/JULY 13

**Trummer's on Main 5th**

# Examining a Stressed-out Teen's Life

## Hub Theatre brings world premiere of "Abominable."

BY DAVID SIEGEL  
THE CONNECTION



PHOTO COURTESY OF HUB THEATER

Life as a teenager can be fraught with anxiety. Now Fairfax's Hub Theatre is bringing a premiere production inspired by "the regularly escalating violence that is being perpetrated in and on our schools" said Hub artistic director and playwright Helen Pafumi. The play is "Abominable."

Pafumi wanted to explore "what makes someone bully another, what makes them snap and go to a much larger scale of violence? I wanted to tackle these questions in a Hub way - with comedy, magical realism and hope."

"Abominable" focuses on a character named Sam. He is growing rapidly. Life is a hassle. At times he doesn't feel quite himself. Then a mysterious, beast-like footprint is found in town. Gossip and turmoil ensue as people try to understand what may be behind the unexpected footprints. Sam's mother becomes involved trying to find out what is terrifying her community, and what is happening

## "Abominable" playwright Helen Pafumi.

to her son.

The six-member cast is directed by two time Helen Hayes nominee Kirsten Kelly. Kelly was intrigued by "Abominable's" mixture of "magic realism and exploring the moments of magic, connectedness and even humor which surge out of tragedy."

In describing "Abominable" Kelly said "this play will give us all a deeper understanding to a very complex issue...and with generosity, humor, fierceness and heart-break, it examines so many of the human questions surrounding the cruelty that young people can face as they grow up."

Chris Stinson plays the teenaged Sam who is "facing a confusing and often painful transition into adulthood," said Stinson. The show's sharp writing about bullying with "universal themes and mystery will really connect with

## Where and When

Hub Theatre presents the premiere of "Abominable" at the John Swayze Theatre, The New School, 9431 Silver King Court, Fairfax. Performances: July 11-Aug. 3. Friday-Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets: \$20-\$30. Visit www.hubtheatre.org or call 1.800.494.8497. Note: Recommended for those 12 and up. Dedicated performances with talk backs for teens and their parents on July 12, 19 and 27 after the matinee shows.

grown-ups, and with those growing up too."

"The play tackles very difficult issues with a sense of humor and a little magic," notes Liz Osborn who plays Sam's mom, Gia. "Gia is just a mom trying to navigate the difficult task of raising a teen." Carla Briscoe is neighbor, Primavera. "I love how the play examines those things which are beyond our control and understanding...the shifting of a landscape...the hormonal overthrow that we call puberty," said Briscoe.

The Hub production of "Abominable" includes original music and sound design by Helen Hayes Awardee Matthew Nielson with scenic design by Hub veteran Kristen Morgan.

"The teenagers in this show drive the story," added Pafumi. "This is a unique perspective" that Pafumi hopes will open a conversation on "growing up and the changing landscape of school violence."

## Anniversary Celebration.

Trummer's on Main, 7134 Main St., Clifton. Beverage tasting, cocktail special, and a "Swine & Brine" event mark the fifth anniversary of Trummer's. Ticket prices vary for specials. Call for information. 703-266-1623.

## SATURDAY, JULY 12

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

## Historic Fairfax City Walking

**Tours.** 11 a.m. Ratcliffe-Allison House, 10386 Main St., Fairfax. Join a seasoned tour guide for a walk through the historic section of Fairfax and featuring the Old Courthouse and other historic sites. Tickets \$5, \$3 for children 6-12 years old, free for children under 6. 703-385-8414.

## Dog Adoption by Homeless

**Animals Rescue Team.** 12-3 p.m. PETCO, Greenbriar Towncenter, 13053 Lee Jackson Mem. Hwy., Fairfax. Come adopt a furry friend! 703-817-9444.

## TUESDAY/JULY 15

**Read Yourself Silly with Flow Circus.** 7 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Take a trip to the circus with juggling, magic and more. Age 6-12.

## WEDNESDAY/JULY 16

**My Gym - Babies.** 10:30 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Develop your child's large motor skills with physical exercise designed for babies. Age 12-23 months with adult.

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# SPORTS



**Wilson Friestad, 14, of Robinson Secondary competes in the 13-14 boys' 50m Backstroke.**



**Wyatt Weston, 16, of Robinson Secondary competes in the Breaststroke leg of the 15-18 boys' 200m Medley Relay.**

## Spellbinding Swimmers

BY THOMAS FRIESTAD  
THE CONNECTION

Coming off of a 3-2 winning 2013 season, the Kings Ridge Water Wizards have been treading water thus far, currently sporting an 0-2 record. The team's rise from Northern Virginia Swimming League Division 13 to the more difficult Division 12 has left its members in need of additional swim practice, and perhaps a bit of Felix Felicis (the luck potion from "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince").

"Final score-wise, we're not where we expected, but hopefully at these next couple meets, we can turn it around and try to get some victories," Coach Chris Burns said. "Our 9-10 boys and girls are doing phenomenal right now and really kicking butt. I feel like we could improve on our flip turns especially, and I really do wish we had more older kids in the 13-14 and 15-18 age groups. We're lacking in numbers, and if we had numbers, I think we'd be a little more competitive."

Coach Tim White said his strategy to help his swimmers' performances is to focus on their underwater dolphin kick, a form of full body undulation used to propel oneself after a dive or a flip turn.

"Nowadays, many swim races are won and lost at the start, turn and underwater portions," White said. "If we emphasize this part of a race, we can gain an advantage. However, it is an extremely difficult technique to master. We tell our swimmers to watch videos of Olympic-level swimmers to see how they perform this kick, because it is truly hard to achieve."

Mason Izadpanah, 14, of Robinson Secondary said he enjoys swimming for Kings Ridge mainly because of the competition of the sport.

"My favorite part about swim team would have to be the focus and competitiveness," Izadpanah said. "It's great just getting out there and competing in something that's



**Coaches Chris Burns, Tim White and Brittany Henry, carrying Emma Fleck, 8, congregate at the side of the pool, ready to congratulate swimmers after their races.**



**Swimmer Sarah Gaulke competes in the 15-18 girls' 50m Breaststroke event.**

interesting to me. I also like making new friends and seeing old friends every summer."

White also emphasized the infectious sense of spirit inherent in being a Water Wizard, even detailing a story from the pre-

**Kings Ridge Water Wizards work their magic during swim meets.**



**Team Rep Kris Bondanella cheers from the side of the pool.**

vious summer about a time when the team's spirit became too much for some to handle.

"Last year, before a swim meet, the former head coach and I dressed up; he wore a morph suit with our team colors, black and gold, while I wore the costume of our mascot, the Wizard," White said. "We stood on the sidewalk in the neighborhood to wave to swimmers and pump them up as they drove to the pool. However, one lady came outside, yelled at us, and called 9-1-1 to report 'a [male contraceptive product] and a hobbit on her lawn' before driving off. Surprisingly, the police never showed up, but everyone on the team still got a great laugh out of the story when we told it."

Coach Brittany Henry said her hope for the future of the team this season is that they will win each remaining meet, thus tying the team's record from last year.

"For the rest of the season, I'm hoping that we can win our remaining meets," Henry said. "All the swimmers are improving and the team is coming together very nicely. As long as that continues, we should do pretty well in our next three meets. Then, all of the kids will see that their hard work in practice is paying off."



## NEWS

# Food Truck Changes Considered in Fairfax County

**Public Hearings are July 30 and Sept. 9.**

BY JANELLE GERMANOS  
THE CONNECTION

Instead of bringing a brown-bag lunch to work or venturing out for fast food, Fairfax County residents may soon have a different option. On June 17, the Board of Supervisors voted to move forward with a proposal to make changes to food truck regulations.

The proposal will allow food trucks to operate at office buildings, construction sites, and commercial and industrial properties. Public hearings on the proposal will be held in front of the Planning Commission on July 30 and Sept. 9 in front of the Board of Supervisors.

"Food trucks are becoming a popular venue as an alternative to traditional sit-down and fast food restaurants," said Sharon Bulova, chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. "I've enjoyed working with the food truck industry and Fairfax County's hospitality industries to find ways to accommodate this use."

Supervisor Lynda Smith (D-Providence) said at the meeting that food trucks need to continue to be kept away from residential neighborhoods.

"There is a needle to be threaded here. Yes, food trucks are popular in the right place, but we all know they can be in the wrong place at the wrong time, and residential



PHOTO BY JANELLE GERMANOS/THE CONNECTION

**Food trucks like this one in Washington, D.C. could be popping up around areas in Fairfax County.**

neighborhoods are not the right place at any time. There have been some issues with that in some of the neighborhoods, and this is something that we need to be sure is clearly written and very enforceable," Smyth said.

The previous rules for food trucks zone them as free-standing fast-food restaurants, requiring two public hearings and a \$16,375 fee. In Arlington, food truck vendors pay \$500 per year.

"Food trucks are popular and something that people are already enjoying in the county, but also in other jurisdictions where legislation exists for how they are permitted," Bulova said.

The new proposal would require a \$100 annual zoning permit, as well as permission from property owners.

Last year, 14 permits were given to food truck vendors for opera-

tion in mostly commercial areas.

The Virginia Department of Transportation and county code prohibits food trucks from operating on public roads. This would not change under the new proposal. The proposed amendment defines food trucks as "any readily movable mobile food service establishment, to include vehicles that are self-propelled, pushed or pulled to a specific location."

Trucks can only sell at industrial or commercial properties with a 25,000 to 30,000 minimum square feet of gross floor area, making residential neighborhoods out of the question.

"I hope that excludes ice cream trucks," Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) joked at the meeting.

Fortunately for residents looking for a break from the summer heat, ice cream trucks are excluded from that restriction.

## CFTC Offers Children's Summer Theater Camp

The City of Fairfax Theatre Company (CFTC) hopes to replace children's summertime blues with a chance to not only learn about acting, but perform onstage.

"CFTC's annual Summer Camp indulges the inherent creativity and imagination of each child through a unique experience where campers create their own theatrical performance," said CFTC Creative Director and Music Director Kirsten Boyd.

To enroll, go to

[www.fairfaxva.gov/parksrec](http://www.fairfaxva.gov/parksrec) and click on "online registration." Campers may enroll in just one session or receive a discount for enrolling in multiple sessions. Discounts are also available for siblings enrolled in the same camp. The camp is held at Lanier Middle School in July and Truro Anglican Church in August.

The camp is geared to creative, enthusiastic children, ages 5-14, and will run in three, two-week sessions from July 7-Aug. 15. Each session is offered for ages 5-7, 8-9, 10-11 and 12-14. Parents and friends are invited to perform-

ances created by campers at the end of each session.

"This camp accommodates both first-timers and experienced theater participants and each session is different," said CFTC Board Chair Sharon Petersen. "CFTC's summer camp helps children expand their artistic talents while simultaneously developing critical thinking skills, exercising both sides of the brain."

"In our technologically isolated world, so many people are looking for community, as well as a creative outlet," she said.

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## SATURDAY/JULY 5

**Teen Advisory Board Meeting.** 10:30 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. TAB is a group of young adult volunteers between the age of 13 to 18 years who meet twice a month to plan and implement projects that will benefit the library and the community.

## MONDAY/JULY 7

**Red Cross Blood Drive.** 2:30-7 p.m. Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Donate blood for those in need. Make an appointment at 1-800-733-2767.

**English Conversation Group.** 7 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Practice English with other and improve your skills.

## TUESDAY/JULY 8

**English Conversation Group.** 7 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce Street, Springfield. Practice English with others and improve your skills.

## FRIDAY/JULY 11

**Red Cross Blood Drive.** 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Massey Building, 4100 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. Donate blood for those in need. Make an appointment at 1-800-733-2767.

## SATURDAY/JULY 12

**Red Cross Blood Drive.** 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Kinder Care, 6025 Burke Commons Road, Burke. Donate blood for those in need. Make an appointment at 1-800-733-2767.

## LETTER

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critical to his desire to close the achievement gap. Seventy-eight percent of the parents polled in Montgomery County supported the change despite what seems to be an inflated cost estimate. Dr. Starr made the mistake of wrapping the later start time proposal into a wish-list idea to extend the length of the elementary school day and combined the cost estimates making both look more expensive.

Abundant research on this topic is clear: When schools have delayed the start of the school day, students have shown improved physical and mental health, less depression, reduced car crashes and improved performance in the classroom and on the field. Schools also report reduced tardiness and sleeping in class, as well as improved attendance, graduation rates, and standardized test scores.

Thankfully, Fairfax has also been able to find solutions that are less than a third of the cost of Montgomery County's plan, including more efficient bus routing that may reduce commute times for some students.

Multiple organizations have studied and support this change and community members who care about child health and safety as well as their own commutes should support this change as well by signing the petition at sleepinfairfax.org.

As Dr. Owens from Children's National Medical Center says, "To do nothing is to do harm." I firmly believe that.

**Phyllis Payne**  
Fairfax

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The Army's proposed action is to reduce the Army's Active  
Component end-strength from 562,000, as of the end of fiscal  
year 2012, to 420,000. Installations that were included in the  
SPEA are those that could experience a change in Soldiers  
and civilians that exceeds 1,000 personnel. Fort Belvoir was  
one of the 30 analyzed in the SPEA. No significant environ-  
mental impacts are anticipated as a result of implementing Ar-  
my 2020 alternatives, though socioeconomic impacts at most  
installations could be significant.

Alternatives considered in the SPEA evaluate the greatest  
force reduction scenarios that could occur as a result of Army  
force drawdown. Final decisions as to which installations will  
see reductions or unit realignments have not been made.

All interested members of the public, federally recognized Indi-  
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The Army will accept comments until August 25. Please submit  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION FOR**  
**AN UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK (UST) SITE**  
**JUNE 23, 2014**

There has been a release from an underground storage tank  
system at:

Fairfax County Department of Vehicle Services  
Newington Maintenance Facility  
6900 Newington Road  
Lorton, Virginia, 22079

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ) has  
worked with Fairfax County to develop and implement a  
Corrective Action Plan to address cleanup of petroleum hydro-  
carbons at the site. If you have any questions regarding the  
cleanup please contact:

Randy Chapman, Environmental Specialist Senior Project  
Manager Virginia Department of Environmental Quality  
Northern Regional Office  
13901 Crown Court  
Woodbridge, VA 22193  
703-583-3808  
Randy.chapman@deq.virginia.gov  
www.deq.virginia.gov

As part of the corrective action process a Corrective Action  
Plan was submitted to the Northern Regional Office of VDEQ  
on September 6, 2013. The Corrective Action Plan consisted of  
measures to be undertaken during the installation of storm  
sewers and other utility structures associated with site renova-  
tion activities at the Newington bus maintenance  
facility in Lorton, Virginia. The Corrective Action Plan was  
essentially composed of the following measures:

1. Petroleum-impacted soil encountered during site  
development activities was excavated, removed from the site,  
and properly disposed of;
2. Utility trenches located within petroleum impacted soils  
were lined with a polyethylene barrier to prevent petroleum  
migration into the utility trench or bedding gravel;
3. Confirmatory soil samples were collected at the base of the  
utility trench excavations and submitted to the VDEQ for  
review.

The Corrective Action Plan implementation was carried out  
between September 7, 2013 and December 7, 2013. If you  
would like to review or discuss the implementation of this  
Corrective Action Plan with the staff of VDEQ, please feel free  
to contact Randy Chapman who is listed above.  
You may also contact:

Kenneth Lim, Project Manager or Christopher Elliot  
Department of Public Works and ECS Mid-Atlantic, LLC,  
Environmental Services Consultant for Fairfax County  
12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 449 703-471-8400  
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Kenneth.lim@fairfaxcounty.gov

VDEQ Northern Regional Office will consider written comments  
for a period of thirty days from the first date of this notice re-  
garding the Corrective Action Plan implementation and may  
decide to hold a public meeting if there is a significant public in-  
terest. Written comments should be sent to the VDEQ at the  
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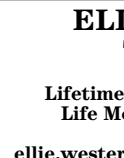
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