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**Let's
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Places**



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

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 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 audience 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.

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— David Farris of South Riding

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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.



Trinity Wlaschin, 8, of Alexandria shows her violin playing skills to violinist Chelle Fulk at Burke Lake Park on Saturday, June 28.



Lisa Stevens with Nora, 3 and Erin 7, of Springfield attend Burke Lake Park's Arts in the Parks series on Saturday, June 28.



Amanda and Shane Wilkens, with Audrey, 5 months, of Springfield, attend Burke Lake Park's Arts in the Parks series on Saturday, June 28.



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



Flags were proudly hoisted in the air during highlights of the festivities.

Flag Day at Union Mill

BY VERONICA BRUNO
THE CONNECTION

Flags were hoisted in air as students marched to song onto the stage at Union Mill Elementary on Flag Day. The school hosted a grand old celebration of Red, White, and Blue on June 13. Kindergartners waved American flags and dressed in patriotic colors to celebrate the creation of our nation's banner.

Students began the celebrations by pledging allegiance to the flag and then joined in a rhythmic chant of "Red, White, and Blue." Various groups of 5-and 6-year-

olds came up to center stage to narrate parts of the program, which included many patriotic songs and poetry. Music teachers Lee Larsen and Ryan Holland designed the program. The program ended with fifth and sixth grade chorus students joining the kindergartners in song.

The program was performed in the morning by a few of the classes and then repeated throughout the day to include all the kindergartners of the school. As students proclaimed "there are so many amazing places and lands in our beautiful country, our nation is so grand," parents beamed with pride from the audience.



Flag Day participants Kayla, Alex, Dina, John, & Katherine (front row) as well as Charlotte, Colin, Hailey, Guy, Elanora, and Asher (back row) symbolized the "red" part of the American flag at Union Mill Elementary's Flag Day celebration.



Union Mill participants Gabriella, Allie, Noah, and Riley (front row) enthusiastically sang "Proud to be an American," "This Land is Your Land," and "God Bless the USA" to an audience of delighted parents.



Kindergartners Guy, Hailey, Asher, and Elanora told the audience "Hurray for the flag!" They further said, "Kindergartners love it too." Poems "The Flag" and "You're a Grand Old Flag" followed.

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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.

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Full-Day Mondays Start in September

Teachers promised planning time.

BY REENA SINGH
THE CONNECTION

Full-day Mondays for all. After 40 years, Fairfax County Public Schools will give all elementary students “full Mondays” for more learning time — and more recess. During a School Board meeting Thursday, June 26, Superintendent Karen Garza said Mondays were cut in half for elementary students since 1972.

“While not everyone tonight will embrace the change, we will engage the stakeholders,” she told the board.

Mondays were originally cut to give elementary teachers more planning time.

Garza said she promised teachers would still be given enough planning time.

“We will be ready in September,” Garza said.

When Monday was chopped in half, recess time was also cut. Students had 10 minute recess breaks to make up for lost time in the classroom.

Because the week will be more uniform, she said, it will also be easier on parents.

Sully district board member Kathy Smith was the only person to vote against the action. Lee district board member Tammy Derenak Kaufax was absent.

“There’s a lot of pressure on me to vote yes,” she said. “I need to be a voice for the teachers who are concerned.”

She said Kaufax would have voted against the action for the same reasons. Smith said she would feel more comfortable if the board voted to have full-day Mondays begin in fall 2015 to give teachers more time to adjust to the change.

Others felt like elementary students this year deserve to benefit from the extra time full-day Mondays would give back to them.

“We can’t continue to educate children in 2014 and beyond as we did in the 1970s,” said Springfield district board member Elizabeth Schultz.

Schultz was in the second grade when her family moved — resulting in her moving to a Fairfax County elementary school. She said she remembers not understanding why Mondays were cut in half. During the past two years, she asked administrators how the elementary schools were meeting accreditation standards with the hours missed and was dissatisfied with their answers.

She said 94 percent of parents who answered a recent survey about the topic said “do it and do it now.”

Dranesville district board member Jane Strauss said some members of the county Board of Supervisors — including Dranesville supervisor John Foust — promised to pour extra money into the school system to support the move.

“Parents have been hoping for the change for a long time,” said Hunter Mill district board member Pat Hynes.

“We’re asking for a leap of faith from the teachers, which is absolutely true,” she said. “With every conversation, we get closer and closer to their comfort level.”



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Superintendent Karen Garza talks to the School Board about why full-day Monday is needed for the upcoming school year.



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County Falling Behind on Its Housing Goals

BY MICHELLE KROCKER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
NORTHERN VIRGINIA AFFORDABLE HOUSING
ALLIANCE

On 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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Unsolved Landfill Issues

To the Editor:

Your article "Landfill Decision Deferred to July 29" [Connection, June 19-25, 2014] reporting on the controversial Lorton landfill extension proposed by EnviroSolutions (ESI) omits two strategic facts that pertain to the discussion. The first is that developers are tending increasingly to recycle construction waste, rather than send it to landfills. This will undoubtedly impact a planned closure date, plus any projected revenues the County plans to obtain from ESI landfill operations should be reduced accordingly.

The second is that any green energy project at the site would need a distribution grid to deliver the power output to consumers. No grid currently exists, yet this fundamental aspect of planning is conveniently left out of the discussion. Who would build this and who would pay for it? What additional impact would this have on the area?

One has to wonder what is so compelling

about the relationship between ESI and the Board of Supervisors to warrant one deferral after another. As early as 2006 ESI sought special treatment from the County, but couldn't deliver on their promises. Plans for the park they promised to develop when the landfill closes have been scrapped. More recently they have been allowed to revise their proposal time and again, for reasons understood only by the Board of Supervisors.

Some County Commissioners, including Chairman Sharon Bulova, favor compromise with ESI; but the community distrusts ESI based on their past performance, and does not want their project to go forward. Chairman Bulova, it's well past time to deny ESI's application and look at other resident-friendly options for the use of this land, prominently located within an R-1 (Residential) zone.

Nancy Piotter
Fairfax Station

FAITH NOTES

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

Fairfax Baptist Temple, at the corner of Fairfax County Parkway and Burke Lake Roads, holds a bible study fellowship at 9 a.m. Sundays followed by a 10 a.m. worship service. Nursery care and children's church also provided. 6401 Missionary Lane, Fairfax Station, 703-323-8100 or www.fbtministries.org.



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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 people spend the season outdoors. Danger, from water-related illnesses to heat stroke, often comes with the fun. 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 reports that 60 percent of fireworks injuries occur around July 4. 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. 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 illness 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 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



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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.

proper clothing 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 midday."

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 your 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 out-

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door 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.

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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 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 per-



PHOTO BY JANELLE GERMANOS/THE CONNECTION

mitted," 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 operation in mostly commercial areas.

The Virginia Department of Transportation and county code prohibits food trucks from operat-

ing 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

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THURSDAY/JULY 3

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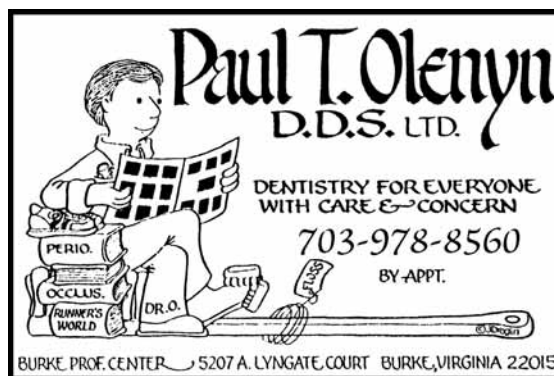
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Evening Show and Fireworks. 7 p.m. Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax. Music and dancing to rock & roll favorites; the City of Fairfax Band will play the 1812 during the fireworks display at 9:30 p.m. Rain date: July 5. <http://www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/independence-day-celebration>.

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.

Clifton's 4th of July Parade. 4:30 p.m. Main Street, Chapel Road, Clifton Road and Aire Square. clifton-va.com

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.

Independence Day at Gunston Hall. 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Gunston Hall, 10709 Gunston Road, Mason Neck. Celebrate Independence Day at Gunston hall. Converse with Colonel Mason, take a mansion tour, enjoy the grounds or bring a picnic lunch. Free. 703-550-9220.

SATURDAY/JULY 5

Yoga with Marilyn. 8 a.m. Workhouse Arts Center Quad, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Enjoy free, drop-in Art of Movement classes featuring Yoga, Mat Pilates, Tai Chi and Hula. www.workhousearts.org.

Mount Vernon Nights: Caravan of Thieves. 7-8 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center Quad, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Bring your picnic, comfy lawn chair or blanket to enjoy gypsy jazz rhythms, acoustic guitars, upright bass and violin as they lay the foundation for vocal harmonies and fantastic stories. Visit www.caravanofthieves.com and www.workhousearts.org for more information.

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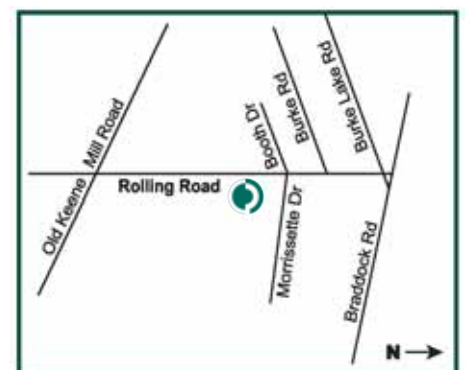
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SATURDAYS/JULY 5-AUG. 23

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SATURDAY/JULY 5- AUGUST 9

Children's Theatre: The Ice Queen. 1 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Rd, Lorton. This original fairytale follows the Ice Queen's search for the love of her life. Will the Ice Queen and Jack Frost make the perfect pair and live happily ever after? Admissions: \$9-\$12. www.workhousearts.org. 703-584-2900.

THURSDAY/JULY 10

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 11-SUNDAY/JULY 13

Trummer's on Main 5th 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. 703-266-1623.

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Mount Vernon Nights: The Duhks (Folk/Rock). 7-8 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Rd, Lorton. The Duhks is a Canadian fusion folk band whose music covers a blend of Canadian and American soul, gospel, folk, Brazilian samba, old-time country string, Cajun zydeco, and Irish dance music. Picnic baskets, lawn chairs and blankets are welcome are permitted. www.workhousearts.org. 703-584-2900.

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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."

SPORTS



Abigail Glaser Selected to National Lacrosse Academy

Abbie Glaser, daughter of BG David and Susan Glaser of Lorton, a seventh grader at South County Middle School has been named as a 2014 Brine National All-Star and has been selected to represent the Commonwealth of Virginia at the 2014 Brine National Lacrosse Academy and Brine National Lacrosse Classic in Boyds, Md., June 30-July 3. Abbie has been a member of Cardinal Girls Lacrosse of Vienna for three years. The Brine National Lacrosse Academy brings the top middle school lacrosse players in the country to one venue, where regional teams will compete to become the 2014 National Champion and regional teams are coached by NCAA lacrosse coaches. For additional details, visit <http://www.nationallacrosseclassic.com>

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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.

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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.

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The Supplemental Programmatic Environmental Assessment
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of No Significant Impact (FNSI) are available for review and
comment.

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-
an Tribes, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiian groups, federal,
state, and local agencies are invited to review and provide
comments. A copy of the SPEA and Draft FNSI is available at:

http://aec.army.mil/Services/Support/NEPA/Documents.aspx

and in the following local libraries: Fairfax County Public Li-
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Regional Branch, Alexandria; Fairfax County Public Library –
Lorton Branch, Lorton; Fairfax County Public Library – City of
Fairfax Regional Branch, Fairfax; Van Noy Library, Fort Bel-
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The Army will accept comments until August 25. Please submit
written comments or additional information to: U.S. Army Envi-
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There has been a release from an underground storage tank
system at:

Fairfax County Department of Vehicle Services
Newington Maintenance Facility
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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
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You may also contact:

Kenneth Lim, Project Manager or Christopher Elliot
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VDEQ Northern Regional Office will consider written comments
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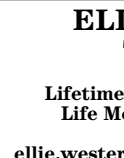
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