Michael Pratuch holds Branson the kitten at the NOVA Cat Fosters and Clinic booth during the annual Wags n' Whiskers event in Shirlington on Saturday, Aug. 23.

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The U.S Army Band marching to the wreath-laying ceremony.



The Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery.

Ceremony Honors Arlington Fire Department

Wreath-laying at Arlington National Cemetery.

> By Ross Sylvestri The Connection

arious guests and dignitaries gathered at the Tomb of the Unknown at Arlington National Cemetery on Aug. 20 for a wreath-laying ceremony in honor of the Arlington County Fire Department.

Department Chief Jim Schwartz was escorted to the ceremony by Maj. Gen. Jeffery S. Buchanan, who is the commanding general of the U.S. Army Military District of Washington and the Joint Force Headquarters-National Capital Region.

Buchanan said that the Military District of Washington, which was responsible for the event, tries to honor its partners from different government agencies who have contributed the most to the command by allowing them to lay a wreath at the tomb and felt that the Arlington County Fire Department was a partner worthy of recognition. "It comes from start-

ing with their long partnership, highlighted by their contributions on Sept. 11, 2001 ... and the [Arlington] County Fire Department responded at the horrific attacks at the Pentagon and did a phenomenal job. They brought calm to a very chaotic situation, they saved lives, [and] they took care of all us," said Buchanan. In addition to serving

Arlington County, the department responds to incidents at Arlington National Cemetery and Fort Myer.



Arlington County Fire Department Chief Jim Schwartz, left, Arlington County Fire Department Battalion Chief Bob Cornwell (ret.), center, and U.S. Army Sgt. Luke Porter, right, lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery.





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K-9 Lifesavers volunteer Dena Evans along with Dusty, a male Pomeranian mix, joins other volunteers at the festival.

Wags n' Whiskers 2014

Shirlington on Saturday, Aug. 23, as the annual Wags n' Whiskers activities got underway in the center of the village. More than 60 vendors offering canine products, ser-

t was a dog's day in vices and adoption information set up tents along Campbell Drive. Professional photographers were available to take portraits while musicians performed at the intersection with S. Randolph Street throughout the afternoon.

Рнотоѕ ву Louise Krafft The Connection

Sand, a cocker spaniel, poses for a photo in the cutout of one of Signature Theatre's "Dreamgirls."

Harold Dolf, a volunteer

Rescue of Old Dominion

scratches JZ's belly as Ross

with the Basset Hound

goes in for a kiss.



Magician Chuck Flayhart

entertains the children

at the annual Wags n'

OF HOMELESS ANIA

Amy Hardy, a volunteer at Friends of Homeless Animals and Roux. FOHA is a 40+ acre no-kill shelter in Aldie, Va. See www.foha.org



Harley, the beagle mix gets up close with Owen Collin Marquis.



Artist Pat Coates displays a group of her animal portraits.



Karla the Dog and writer C.Q. aka Cha Quan Wilder introduce visitors to the Karla the Dog book series at the canine festival. VIsit www.karlathedog.com.

Delegate Sullivan

Newley elected member of General Assembly heads into special session on Medicaid.

> By Michael Lee Pope The Connection

el. Rip Sullivan (D-48) will have no honeymoon as the newly elected member from Arlington and McLean. By the time he has an office staff in place at the General Assembly Building, legislators will be engaged in a special session on Medicaid, an issue that has members deeply divided. The Republican majority in the House and Senate are opposed to expanding health insurance coverage to 400,000 Virginians who live in poverty or with dis-

"Rip, I think, will be one of our most aggressive, exciting and dynamic members," says Del. Scott Surovell (D-44). "Rip makes his

Election Results

* Rip Sullivan: 5,978 votes; 62 percent

Dave Foster: 3,621 votes: 38 percent

living in a courtroom, and he knows how to advocate on behalf of people. He knows how to fight, and he knows how to persuade people, and I think that's going to make a big difference in terms of what we have to get done in Richmond."

Sullivan replaces longtime Del. Bob Brink, who resigned to take a position in the McAuliffe administration. He has now taken a position as deputy commissioner for aging services in Virginia, opening

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Down to Three

Arlington School Board on verge of filling vacancy.

By Michael Lee Pope The Connection

Arlington School Board members have scheduled an emergency public hearing next week to fill one of the two vacancies on the five-member policymaking body for Arlington Public Schools. The board is currently at an all-timelow of three members because of the resignations of Noah Simon and Sally Baird. So elected officials are eager to fill the vacancy, sched-

Nancy Van Doren

A native of New York City, Van Doren was raised in New York and Cornwall, Conn. She has a bachelor's degree in humanities and international affairs from the School of Foreign Service at Jeorgetown University and a ma degree in management from the Hartford Graduate Center, now known as Rensselaer Hartford Campus. She lives in the Ashton Heights neighborhood, and she votes at Clarendon United Methodist Church. She has four children, three at Washington-Lee High and one at Thomas Jefferson Middle School.





Van Doren

uling the Sept. 4 public hearing at the Arlington Education Center to provide an opportunity for

members of the public to comment

on whether Nancy Van Doren should be appointed to Baird's seat "All of us on the School Board

are thankful and appreciative of Sally's eight years of leadership and dedication as a board member," said School Board Chairman James Lander in a written statement. "She has worked diligently to ensure that Arlington Public Schools provides high quality educational opportunities for all of our students."

School leaders say the interim appointment will help to ensure fair and responsive leadership to citizens of Arlington County, ensuring decisions reflect support by at least three members of the fivemember body. With the new school

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Gravelly Point Questions What's that thing at Reagan National?

By Michael McMorrow The Connection

ravelly Point presents the perfect vantage to enjoy aircraft landing and taking off at Ronald Reagan National Airport's main runway, RWY 19. A signboard placed by the National Parks Service says so. Throughout the week, but especially on the weekend, people arrive to delight in the sight, sound and feel of aircraft passing a few feet directly overhead.Awaiting the next thrill,

spectators idly view the airport and questions arise. Why are there so many lights? What function is served by the "dish" pointing the other way? Is that a boathouse topped with orange and white squares? Mark Sprague, airport operations duty manager, and a commercial pilot for more than 10 years, provides the answers. See accompanying photograph. 1 - RADAR unit.

2 - VOR (VHF Omni Directional Range) – short-range radio navigation system telling aircrew the aircraft's location.

3 - House for crash boats crewed by airport firefighters

Aside: This house will be removed in 2014; the new boathouse is closer to the middle of the airport.)

4 - "Dish" incursion detector assures that nothing is on the runway (no aircraft, no ground vehicles, no persons, nothing).

5 - Solar panel powers the "dish" detector.
6 - VASI (Visual Approach Slope Indicator) – tells aircraft the glide angle to the spot for

wheels to touch down. 7 - Black structure supports a FAA lighting array.

8 - Medium intensity approach light system.
9 - "Localizer" – aids pilot to line up with center of runway.

10 - Original 1940 terminal and control tower (now Terminal A).

11 - Current terminal (Terminals B and C). 12 - "Blast fence" - diverts engine exhaust upward when an aircraft powers up on a taxi-

way. 13 - End of small boat channel at launching ramp.

(Aside: channel is the responsibility of D.C. harbor authorities.)

14 - Current control tower.

Christopher Paolino, manager, media relations, Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, said questions of the "what-is-that" variety arrive regularly. "There is no steady stream, but we notice an increase with the growth of social media." No matter the form of contact, he said, "We enjoy receiving such inquiries and do our best to provide the public with answers."



Master Gardeners at the Arlington County Fair

From left: Master Gardeners of Northern Virgininia — Kate Donohue, master gardener since 1996; Vice President Liz Pittleman, master gardene since 2012; Alice Russell, master gardener since 2010, and Mary Jane Kramer, current member. Russell joined the group to increase her knowledge and gardening skills. Her grandfather was a gardener and farmer, with both a pond and waterfall on his property. Her mom was a gardener, her uncle was a botanist. and the other side of her family were farmers and gardeners as well. These master gardeners were sharing their knowledge with passersby at the Arlington County Fair on Saturday Aug. 9. Visit www.arlingtoncountyfair.us for more information on their booth.



Master Gardener Alice Russell talks with her neighborhood friend, Joni Gallegos, a landscape architect.

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Sullivan Goes to Richmond

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a seat that has not been vacant since 1997. Brink was among those celebrating Sullivan's victory last week at O'Sullivans Irish pub in Clarendon on election night.

"I couldn't be happier. Rip's going to be an outstanding legislator," said Brink. "He's shown, in this campaign, the qualities that are going to make him a real star down in Richmond."

MOST NEWLY elected members of the General Assembly get a grace period to put together a legislate packet and pose for inaugural photographs. But Sullivan will be thrown directly into a contentious special session on Medicaid, which is expected this fall. During the campaign, Democrats supporting Sullivan were critical of Republicans for what they perceived to be a lack of planning for what kind of rules would be in place. On election night, Sullivan had little to say about it.

"I am hopeful and eager that the House of Delegates will find some solution to the problem," said Sullivan.

What kind of solution?

"I'm not going to prejudge anything at this point," he responded. "We'll wait until I get there, and then we'll see what happens."

Foster posed a serious challenge to Sullivan because he was a former elected official who won two



Rip Sullivan declares victory at O'Sullivan's pub in Clarendon.

separate countywide elections in Arlington, while Sullivan had run a previous unsuccessful campaign. But the Democrat was able to command 62 percent of the votes, a landslide 24 percent victory. His victory party included longtime supporters and family members, who were very enthusiastic about the latest representative to the oldest democratic institution in the New World.

"I would describe him as a cross between Mr. Miyagi from Karate Kid," boasted son Jack Sullivan, 22, "the brashness of James T. Kirk from Star Trek and the sheer heroic destiny of Luke Skywalker."

Board Weighs Filling Vacancy

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year approaching and major capital-spending plans now underway, board members are expected to consider adding capacity for a new elementary school at Thomas Jefferson Community center and where to expand capacity for the growing middle school student population.

"The reason I'm doing this now is that I have so much knowledge and spend a great deal of time advising School Board members," said Van Doren in an interview earlier this year. "It's time for me to

en camer and year. It's time

"Flourishing After 55"

"Flourishing After 55" from Arlington Office of Senior Adult Programs, Sept. 8-13.

Senior centers: Lee, 5722 Lee Hwy.; Langston-Brown, 2121 N. Culpeper St.; Culpepper Garden, 4435 N. Pershing Dr.; Walter Reed, 2909 S. 16th St.; Arlington Mill, 909 S. Dinwiddie St.; Aurora Hills, 735 S. 18th St.

Senior trips: Monday, Sept. 8, Washington Nationals vs Atlanta Braves, D.C., \$59; Tuesday, Sept. 9, Rehoboth Beach, Del., \$42;

Saturday, Sept. 13, Bel Air (Md.) Farmers Market, \$14. Call Arlington County 55+ Travel, 703-228-4748. Registration required.

Applying for Social Security, when and why, Monday, Sept. 8, 2 p.m., Langston-Brown. Free. Register 703-228-6300.

55 + Biking Group, 20-mile loop to all senior centers, Monday, Sept. 8, 10 a.m. Free. Register, 703-228-4771.

Create decorative plant makers, Monday, Sept. 8, 1 p.m., Lee. Free. Register, 703-228-0555. be at the table helping to make decisions rather than advising."

If School Board members fail to take action, the board will continue to be two members down and dangerously low on representation.

"If somebody is sick, they can't have a quorum," said Linda Lindberg, registrar of voters in Arlington. "That's why I think they would be compelled to appoint somebody in the interim. Because it makes it a little hard to do business when you only have three members and three is a quorum."

Lee Jammers, Monday, Sept. 8, 10:15 a.m., Lee. Free. Details, 703-228-0555.

Composting techniques, Tuesday, Sept. 9, 6:30 p.m., Walter Reed.

Free. Register, 703-228-0955. **Beginners bridge class** starts Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2 p.m., Walter Reed. Free. Register, 703-228-0955.

Effects of movies in history, Tuesday, Sept. 9, 11:15 a.m., Lee. Free. Register, 703-228-0555.

Register, 703-228-0555. Arlington Mill Trail Trekkers, Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. Free. Register, 703-228-7369.

Table tennis, Tuesdays-Thursdays, 10 a.m., -12 p.m., Walter Reed. Free. Register, 703-228-0955.

Register, 703-228-0955. **Email and internet basics**, Wednesday, Sept. 10, 6:30 p.m., Arlington Mill. Free. Register, 703-228-7369. **Drop-in basketball for women**

50+, Wednesday, Sept. 10, 7 p.m., Langston-Brown. Free. Register, 703-228-4771.

New Yarn Circle, Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m., Sundays, 1 p.m., Walter Reed. Free. Register, 703-228-0955.

Duplicate bridge, Wednesdays, 10

a.m. -10 p.m., Aurora Hills. Cost \$5. Register, 703-228-5722.

Music and Movement, Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m., Culpepper Garden. Free. Register, 703-228-4403.

Arlington Walking Club, Wednesdays, 9 a.m., \$4. Register, 703-228-4403.

Do-it-yourself home maintenance workshop, Thursday, Sept. 11, 10 a.m., Falls Church Home Depot. Free. Register, 703-228-0955.

Beginners class Spanish, culture, Thursday, Sept. 11, 10 a.m., Walter Reed. Free. Register, 703-228-0955.

Beyond the basics of investing, Thursday, Sept. 11, 1 p.m., Walter Reed. Free. Register, 703-228-0955.

Lee Woodcarvers, Thursdays, 1 p.m. Free. Register, 703-228-0555.

Spanish singer Elsa Riveros sings, Friday, Sept. 12, 11 a.m., Arlington Mill. Free. Register, 703-228-7369. Armchair tour of Uganda, Friday,

Sept. 12, 1:30 p.m., Aurora Hills. Free. Register, 703-228-5722. Scrabble, Fridays, 1 p.m., Walter

Reed. Free. Details, 703-228-4403.

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ONGOING

- LGBT & Straight Friends Social. Tuesdays. Happy Hour, 3 p.m.-7 p.m.; Mikey's "Bar A" Video Wall, 7 p.m.; start time at 8 p.m. IOTA Club & Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd. IOTA Club & Cafe has designated every Tuesday LGBT & Straight Friends Social Night for those 21 years and older. Free. Visitwww.iotaclubandcafe.com/ for more information.
- **Cool Off.** Through Labor Day. Several locations and various times. Bring the kids out to have a blast at Arlington's spraygrounds. Visit http:// parks.arlingtonva.us/parksfacilities/ spraygrounds/ for more.
- "Sunday in the Park With George." Through Sunday, Sept. 21 at Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave., in the MAX Theater. Tickets start at \$40. Single tickets are available in person at the Signature Box Office, by calling Ticketmaster at 703-573-SEAT, or online at www.signature-theatre.org.
- Art Exhibit. Focus Gallery presents "Left Out" juried show through Sept. 26. Each work in the show will include a short statement by the artist on the original inspiration and how it evolved as the work progressed. Located in Gallery Underground, 2100 Crystal Drive. Visit www.galleryunderground.org for more.
- Art Exhibit. See the August Members Show through Sept. 26. Features sculpture, glass, mixed media and more. Located in Gallery Underground, 2100 Crystal Drive. Visit www.galleryunderground.org for more.
- Theater Performance. See "Seven Guitars - Fate, Justice and the Blues" Sept. 10-28 in Signature Theatre's ARK, 4200 Campbell Ave. Visit www.signature-theatre.org/ for tickets and information.
- **REPRISE: 40 to the Fore.** Through Oct. 5 at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. REPRISE: 40 to the Fore rethinks, remixes, and re-presents exhibitions that Arlington Arts Center (AAC) created over the past 40 years. Free admission. Visit www.arlingtonartscenter.org/reprise for more.
- Organic Tales. Through Oct. 5, Wednesdays-Fridays. 1-7 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, noon-5 p.m. at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. Alice Whealin and Si Jae Byun present a two-person exhibition called "Organic Tales." Free Admission. Visit www.arlingtonartscenter.org for
- more. Color Landscape Photography. Through Oct. 6., Monday and Thursday 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday 1-9 p.m., Friday and Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Cherrydale Branch Library, 2190 Military Road. See "Yosemite and Beyond." Call 703-228-6330 for more.
- Yappy Hour. Fridays through Oct. 31, 6-8 p.m. at the Le Meridien, 1121 N 19th St. Le Meridien hotel, along with the Rosslyn BID, is hosting a Yappy Hour every Friday. This event will be held on the terrace outside of Amuse. Amuse will be serving specialty cocktails and appetizers for pet owners as well as a few treats for dogs. Free. Visit www.rosslynva.org/ do/yappy-
- hour#sthash.tuQQKjco.dpuf. Historic Home Tours at the Ball-Sellers House, 5620 S. 3rd St. The oldest surviving house in Arlington
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County opens for the season with free tours and refreshments. The house is open 1-4 p.m. Saturdays April through October. Visit

- www.arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org. **Children's Music.** 10:30 a.m on Fridays through Oct. 31. Market Common Clarendon, 2800 Clarendon Blvd. Mr. Knick Knack will perform music for children at the gazebo in The Loop at Market Common Clarendon. Call 703 476-9377 or visit www.marketcommonclarendon.com for more.
- Sparket: A Creative Market. Wednesdays, through Nov. 12, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at 1900 Crystal Drive. An electric and colorful shopping experience. Free admission; \$30 to be a vendor. Visit http://
- crystalcity.org/do/sparket for more. **Open Mic Comedy.** Wednesdays 8-10 p.m. at Ri Ra Irish Pub, 2915 Wilson Blvd. Doors open at 7 p.m. 21 and up only. Free show, \$25 cash prize for best joke. Call 703-248-9888 or visit www.RiRa.com/Arlington for more. **Invasive Plants Removal.** Work
- parties are held every month to keep the parks free of destructive invasive plants. Teens, adults and families welcome. Every second Sunday of the month 2-4:30 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road; call 703-228-3403. Every third Sunday of the month 2-5 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road; call 703-228-6535 or visit https:// registration.arlingtonva.us. Free, no
- registration required. **Comedy.** Every Saturday at 3 p.m. at Comedy Spot, in Ballston Common Mall, 4238 Wilson Blvd., children can enjoy ComedySportz for Kidz. \$10. Visit www.comedyindc.com or 703-294-LAFF.
- **Comedy.** Every Friday at 8 p.m. and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. is ComedySportz ("clean") and at 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday is the Blue Show ("adult"), both at Comedy Spot, in Ballston Common Mall, 4238 Wilson Blvd. \$15 each. Visit www.comedyindc.com or 703-294-
- LAFF. **Poetry Series.** 6-8 p.m. second Sunday of the month at IOTA Club & Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd. Hosted by poet Miles David Moore. Featured artists share their poetry followed by open readings. Free. Visit www.iotaclubandcafe.com or call 703-522-8340.
- Open Mic Nite. 8 p.m.-12:30 a.m. every Wednesday at IOTA Club & Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd. Sign-up times are 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Bring instruments, fans and friends. Featured musicians perform from 9:30-10 p.m. Visit www.iotaclubandcafe.com or call
- 703-522-8340. **Karaoke.** 8 p.m. on the first Sunday every month at Galaxy Hut, 2711 Wilson Blvd. Visit www.galaxyhut.com or call 703-525-
- 8646. **Pub Quiz.** 8 p.m. every Sunday at Whitlow's on Wilson, 2854 Wilson Blvd. Prizes for first place. Free. Visit www.whitlows.com or call 703-276-9693.
- Storytime. Mondays and Fridays, 10:30-11:00 a.m. at Kinder Haus Toys, 1220 N. Fillmore St. Storytime with Ms. Laura. Call 703-527-5929.
- **Lego Club.** Monthly on the first Wednesday. 4-5 p.m. Glencarlyn Branch Library, 300 South Kensington St. The library provides tubs of legos and a special challenge and after the program the creations are displayed for everyone to see. No registration required. Call 703-228-6548 for more.

CAMPS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS Theatre Classes. Encore Stage & Studio is holding classes and mini



Signature 'Sunday'

Brynn O'Malley (Dot) and Claybourne Elder (George) star in "Sunday in the Park with George" at Signature Theatre through Sept. 21 in the MAX Theater. Tickets start at \$40. Single tickets are available in person at the Signature Box Office at 4200 Campbell Ave., in Shirlington, or by calling Ticketmaster at 703-573-SEAT, and online at www.signature-theatre.org.

camps for children in grades K-8 at on Saturdays at Thomas Jefferson Community Theatre, 125 S. Old Glebe Road and Tuesdays and Wednesdays after-school at Theatre on the Run, 3700 S. Four Mile Run Drive. Visit www.encorestageva.org for a list of classes.

Synetic Theater. Synetic Studio, 2155 Crystal City Plaza Arcade T-19, Arlington. Synetic offers an introduction to the world of physical theater, acting and dance through energetic and athletic feats that inspire students to creativity. Classes include programs for elementary, middle and high school students, as well as adults. Discounted packages and payment plans are available. Visit www.synetictheater.org/studio or call 703-824-8060.

THURSDAY/AUG. 28

- Movie. 7:45 p.m. at Arlington Mill Community Center Plaza, 909 S Dinwiddie St. Watch "el estudiante." Visit http://www.columbia-pike.org/ events/ for more.
- Clarendon Truck Rally with Special Guests. 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Wells Fargo parking lot, 3140 N. Washington Blvd. Animals from Homeward Trails Animal Rescue will be available for adoption. Along with the food trucks, there will be businesses selling items. Visit Facebook.com/LinkLocale for more.

FRIDAY/AUG 29

Live Music. 8 p.m. at Air Force Memorial, One Air Force Memorial Drive. The U.S. Air Force Band and SInging Sergeants present for the summer concert series. Free. Visit www.usafband.af.mil for more.

SATURDAY/AUG. 30

Energerium. 11 a.m. at Potomac Overlook Regional Park, 2845 Marcey Road. Join a guided tour of the Energerium. Learn about energy and its impact of everything and how to be more energy efficient. Free. Call 703-528-5406 to make a reservation. **Summer Concert**. 7 p.m. at Potomac Overlook Regional Park, 2845 Marcey Road. A Performance by Four

- Star Combo, a country rock band. Free, \$5 donation requested. Picnics are welcome. No Alcohol. Call 703-528-5406 for more. **Music Performance.** 8:30 p.m. at
- IOTA, 2832 Wilson Blvd. Elikeh will perform. \$15. Visit www.iotaclubandcafe.com for more.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 3

Encore Chorale. 1:30-3 p.m., Wednesdays, for 15 weeks. Locations in northern Virginia. For singers 55 and older. There are no auditions, new singers are welcome, and singers may be seated for rehearsals and performances. Visit encorecreativity.org, or call 301-261-5747 for more.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 4

- Brown Bag Thursday. 1 p.m. in the Mead Lobby at Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave. Claybourne Elder, starring in Signatures "Sundays in the Park with George," is no stranger to Sondheim, having played Hollis in the original Off-Broadway production of "Road Show," the wolf in "Into the Woods" and performing in City Center's Sondheim 80th Birthday Celebration. Stop by to hear about his career and ask questions. Free, no reservation required. Visit www.signature-
- theatre.org for more. **"Now Playing on The Loop."** 7:30-9:30 p.m. Market Common Clarendon, 2700 Clarendon Blvd. Top Gun will be playing at Market Common Clarendon. Rain date for the show will be Sept. 11. Call 703-476-9377 or visit www.marketcommonclarendon.com for more.
- Fall Open House. 4:30-8 p.m. at Perfect Pointe Dance Studio, 2499 N. Harrison St., suite LL-1. Enjoy free

classes, tours, giveaways, refreshments and more. Visit www.perfectpointe.com or 703-533-8830.

FRIDAY/SEPT.5

- Wine in the Water Park. 6-10 p.m. Crystal City Water Park, 1750 Crystal Drive. Combines sips and sounds to create an outdoor event featuring interesting wine varietals and music in the neighborhood's signature Crystal City Water Park. Every Friday in September. Visit crystalcity.org for
- more. Opening Reception. 5-8 p.m. meet the artists of "Left Out" juried show and the August Members Show. Located in Gallery Underground, 2100 Crystal Drive. Visit www.galleryunderground.org.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 6

- Arlington History Bike Tour. Meet at 9 a.m. at Ballston Metro Center. Visit sites including Fort Myer, Mount Vernon Bike Trail, Bon Air Rose Garden and more. Easy ride with many stops. Bring lunch, water and any type of bike. \$2. Visit
- www.centerhikingclub.org for more. Volunteer Work Party. 10 a.m. at Potomac Overlook Regional Park, 2845 Marcey Road. Spend the morning with park staff and help with indoor and outdoor projects. Free. Call 703-528-5406 for more. 24th Annual Rosslyn Jazz Festival.
- 1-7 p.m. Gateway Park, 1300 Lee Highway. Acclaimed artists to headline the festival include Corey Wallace DUBtet (1 p.m.), Ghost Train Orchestra (2:15 p.m.), Brooklyn eight-piece band Red Baraat (3:45 p.m.) and New Orleans Grammy winners Rebirth Brass Band (5:30 p.m.). Free to the public. Visit www.rosslynva.org/jazz for more.
- Memorial 5K. 6 p.m. in Crystal City. Honors the victims, firefighters, and public safety who responded on Sept. 11, 2001. \$35-40 entry fee. Arlington911race.com.

Summer Concert. 7 p.m. at Potomac Overlook Regional Park, 2845 Marcey Road. Performance by Second Wind, a southern rock band. Free, \$5 donations requested. Call 703-528-5406 for more.

MONDAY/SEPT. 8

Off Book. 7 p.m. in the Mead Lobby at Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave. Music director of Signature's 24 Sondheim productions and revues, over 30 Signature shows, seven Helen Hayes Awards and 23 nominations, Jon Kalfbfleisch will join us for the first Off Book of the season. Visit www.signaturetheatre.org for more.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 9

First Chorale Rehearsal. 7:30-9:30 p.m. at United Baptist Church, 7100 Columbia Pike, Annandale. The Wakefield Chorale is looking for new members. No audition required. \$25 includes winter session plus cost of sheet music. Call 703-255-3489.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 11 Applicants Wanted for

- "Arlington's Got Talent. Leadership Arlington is seeking talent applications from Arlington and the greater DC metropolitan region for its third annual "Arlington's Got Talent" event. Talent submission applications are due by 5 p.m. \$500 cash prize for first place winner. Talent applications and more information online at www.leadershiparlington.org/agt.
- Movie. 7:30 p.m. at Arlington Mill Community Center Plaza, 909 S Dinwiddie St. Watch "Avatar." Visit

http://www.columbia-pike.org/ events/ for more.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 12

Wine in the Water Park. 6-10 p.m. Crystal City Water Park, 1750 Crystal Drive. Combines sips and sounds to create an outdoor event featuring interesting wine varietals and music in the neighborhood's signature Crystal City Water Park. Visit crystalcity.org for more.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 13

- **Central Arlington History Tour.** Meet at 9 a.m. at Clarendon Metro Center. Visit sites including log cabins, historic library and springs, and more. Walk 1-12 miles. Bring lunch and water. Leisurely walk with
- many stops. \$2. Visit www.centerhikingclub.org for more. Acting Class. 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave. Michele Shay will use both monologues and scenes from August Wilson to challenge actors. Visit www.signature-theatre.org/ for
- tickets and information. **Fundraiser.** 10 a.m.-noon at the Carlin Hall Recreation Center, 5711 S. 4th Street. Antiques and jewelry appraisal event as a fundraiser for the Ball-Sellers House with Todd Peenstra, president of Peenstra Antiques and Steve Gouterman, a nationally known antiques and art appraiser and co-owner of NovaGold. Visit
- www.arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org. **Migration Madness**. 1 p.m. at Potomac Overlook Regional Park, 2845 Marcey Road. Learn how a variety of animals prepare for winter and about those who migrate south.

Food & Drink -

- **Rosslyn Farmers Market and Concert.** 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Thursdays, May 29-Sept. 25, 1401 Wilson Blvd. The market offers fresh foods and goods from regional vendors including bread and pastries, farm-fresh and organic produce, herbs and spices, exotic teas and specialty coffees, gourmet baked goods, and marinades and sauces. Visit www.rosslynva.org/do/rosslyn-farmers-market1.
- **Clarendon Farmers Market.** Year-round, has locally produced breads and pastries, organic vegetables, flowers, soap, sorbet and more. Saturdays and Sundays, 8 a.m.-noon at Courthouse Parking Lot, 3195 North Wilson Blvd. Also year-round on Wednesdays from 3-7 p.m. at Clarendon Metro Station. Visit www.Clarendon.org. Call 703-812-8881.
- **Arlington Farmers Market at Courthouse.** Adjacent to the Arlington County Courthouse Parking Lot, at the intersection of N. Courthouse Road and N. 14th Street. This is a 'producer only' market with more than 30 producers. From January through March, the market is open on Saturdays 9 a.m.-noon. Visit www.arlingtonfarmersmarket.com for a list of vendors.
- **The Crystal City FRESHFARM Market** is open April-November on Tuesdays, 3-7 p.m. with a selection of foods and goods from local producers, in front of 251 S. 18th St. Visit www.crystalcity.org for more.
- Arlington Mill Community Center Plaza. Wednesday, starting Aug. 13. 3-7 p.m. at 909 S Dinwiddie St., Arlington. A new farmers market will be open weekly. Visit www.columbia-pike.org/events/?event=1049 for more.

Free. Call 703-528-5406 to make a reservation.

Music Performance. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. at IOTA, 2832 Wilson Blvd. Lily & The Parlour Tricks will perform. Visit www.iotaclubandcafe.com for more

SUNDAY/SEPT. 14

Acting Class. 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave. Michele Shay will use both monologues and scenes from August Wilson to challenge actors. Visit www.signature-theatre.org/ for tickets and information.

SATURDAY-WEDNESDAY/SEPT.13-24 Northern Virginia Senior **Olympics.** Online registration open. Various venues around Northern Virginia. Events include badminton, volleyball, cycling, a 5k road race, and many more. \$12 per person. Visit www.nvso.us for more.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 14

- A Tour and Taste of the Garden. 1-4 p.m. at Potomac Overlook Regional Park, 2845 Marcey Road. Join master gardener volunteers for a late summer tour of the demonstration organic garden. Free. Call 703-528-5406 for more.
- Vintage Crystal: Sip and Salsa. 2-6 p.m. 220 20th St. Sip and Salsa brings wines from Spain, Portugal and Argentina together with tastes from restaurants in Crystal City and

the region. Live Latin jazz and salsa dancing and lessons round out the action for an afternoon outdoors. Tickets cost \$20 and include wine and food tastes. \$10 designated driver tickets are available and include food tastes. Visit crystalcity.org for more.

MONDAY/SEPT.15

- Regional Author Night. 6:30 p.m. One More Page Books, 2200 N. Westmoreland St. #101. Featuring local science fiction author Bill Gourgey and celebrating the release of the third book in his "Glide" trilogy. Visit http:// www.onemorepagebooks.com/ for
- more. Laughter Yoga. 7:30-8:30 p.m. St. George's Episcopal Church, 915 Oakland St. Use breathing clapping, and movement exercises to relax and boost creativity. Session ends with silent meditation. \$3. Contact alingtonlaughteryoga@yahoo.com for more.

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SATURDAY/SEPT. 20

Stories at the Museum. 1:30-3 p.m. at Hume School, 1805 S. Arlington Ridge Road. A reading of "Hindenburg." Free. Visit www.arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org.

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Sports



Georgia Allin is a senior captain for the Wakefield field hockey team.



Senior Alexis Campbell, center, and junior Bryana Ortiz (15) each scored a goal for Wakefield during a 2-1 win over Woodbridge on Monday.b

Wakefield Field Hockey Receives Confidence Boost

Warriors beat Woodbridge on first day of Under the Lights tourney.



Luci Grause is in her third season as head coach of the Wakefield field hockey program.

By Jon Roetman The Connection

eorgia Allin is well-versed in the struggles of the Wakefield field hockey program. As a freshman on the varsity in 2011, Allin was part of a Warriors team that won just twice. The following year, Wakefield failed to win a game. As a junior in 2012, the Warriors again won a pair of games.

On Monday, Aug. 25, the 2014 season started with more of the same. Despite having been competitive in a pair of preseason scrimmages, including a win against Falls Church, Wakefield's first game in the Under the Lights tournament at Lee High School ended with a 6-0 loss to the host Lancers.

Allin, a senior captain, said the loss brought the team down. Luckily for the Warriors, they had a chance to do something about it.

A few hours later, Wakefield defeated

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Woodbridge, 2-1. Bryana Ortiz and Alexis Campbell each scored a goal for the Warriors. Seniors Kiana Cauley and Allin each had an assist.

"The first game was a mess, and the second game was just so much better," Allin said. "... It's such a confidence boost. That first game was so rough and I feel like it really brought everybody down, but having this win ... all the girls are happy and smiling, it makes all the really hard practices worth it."

With a win under their belts, the Warriors are hoping for bigger and better things this season. They know it won't be easy, though. Many of the girls in the Wakefield program arrive at the high school level with little or no field hockey experience. From there, it's all about hard work to try and catch up.

"It's really hard when you're going up against [girls that] are ninth graders," Allin said, "but they've played for more years than you have as a senior."

While the Warriors have traveled a bumpy

road, third-year head coach Luci Grause has helped the program grow. In 2012, Wakefield did not have JV field hockey program, Grause said. This year, enough girls came out for field hockey that Grause had to make cuts.

"These girls are so amazing," Grause said. "I just can't say enough about them."

The feeling is mutual.

"She's amazing," Allin said of her head coach. "If girls can't afford cleats, she gets them for us. She's so great about organizing things. She organized parents to make lunches for us for the tournament. She's really hard on us. If we mess up, we know it."

Allin and Cauley are the team captains. Grause also said senior Amelia Wilt and junior goalkeeper Fifi Del Cid are standouts.

The Under the Lights tournament concluded Tuesday. Wakefield will travel to face Marshall at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 28.

"This is my last year here and I've watched us go from winning [two games] a season and then winning no games," Allin said. "The expectation now is that we really should be winning."

School Notes

Email announcements to arlington@connection newspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday at noon. Photos are welcome.

Ochgerel Galbaatar received a BA-Sociology degree from the University of Iowa.

Stephanie Ghent graduated from the University of Massachusetts Boston on May 30.

Benjamin Hubbert received the Bachelor of Arts degree in physics, Cum Laude, from Carleton College.

Mikaela Kelley completed a semester-long wilderness expedition traveling in the Southwest and Pacific Northwest with the National Outdoor Leadership School.

Jessica Neupane received a journalism medal during the Class Night Award Ceremony at Randolph-Macon Academy.

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METER DASH

At

Bowen Shuttleworth (far right), a rising Honor Roll 7th grader at Williamsburg Middle School, finished 7th in the boys 400 meter dash (11-12) at the Hershey's Track and Field Games North American Final on Aug. 2.



Celebrating 'Green Valley'

Hundreds of citizens, residents, friends and family, businesses and affiliates will come together for the annual Nauck Civic and Community Pride Day on Sept. 20.

Nauck, founded in 1844, will celebrate its 170 years by "Remembering Green Valley: Bridge Builders Past & Present." Nauck was originally an African American community established after Freedman's Village.

On Sept. 20, from 1-5 p.m. at Drew Model School and Community Center, 3500 S. 23rdSt., Arlington, the community will share stories from its past. Nauck Civic Association President Dr. Alfred O. Taylor, Jr. will discuss his new book about Nauck citizens. Some of those citizens will be remembered for their contributions and stories will be told about "Green Valley," past and present. There will be some historical moments shown in photos, oral history's captured and opportunities for networking with those from the past and those still active and willing to be part of the change that will continue.

This year's event is looking for sponsors, volunteers and participants as well as vendors and exhibitors. The event intends to provide its annual fish fry, concession stands, moon bounces, exhibits from the John Robinson and Joan Cooper collection, a health fair, staged events of gospel music, blues, jazz, hip hop, and more.

Visit www.ncaarlington.org or call 703-486-0058 for more information.

News



Yorktown High School Marching Band, practicing under the direction of Brian Bersh.

Marchers Make Music

High school bands already in practice.

By Michael McMorrow The Connection

veryone pictures the high school football team practicing and drilling in the waning weeks of summer vacation. Few give a moment's thought to the marching band which practices and drills with the same dedication in those weeks before the school year begins.

Two of the most successful band programs are found in Alexandria's T. C. Williams High School and Arlington's Yorktown High School, the former under Director Carlos Gonzalez and the latter under Director Brian Bersh.

Bersh and Gonzalez reject the idea that performances at school football games and at off-campus events are merely "dress rehearsals" for more serious musical affairs, such as the competitions organized by the Virginia Band and Orchestra Directors Association. To look on half-time concerts that way, according to Bersh, "would be doing a disservice to the students."

Both directors expressed agreement on the benefits of a school marching band. The students gain

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campfire evening magic, nature hikes or sign up for a seashell workshop. There are classes for children of all ages. Visit arlingtonparks.us/snag/ #p=1 for a list of classes SEE BULLETIN, PAGE II

love of music and the arts, proficiency on an instrument, the meanings of teamwork and discipline, and

the importance of accepting responsibility. For the school, the marching band is a focal point of unity and pride on the part of students, faculty and ad-

ministrators. The school band also is an ambassador

to the community. Most neighbors and the public at

large do not have children in the local high school,

and rarely have reason to visit. A parade or other

event featuring the marching band may be the only

contact nearby residents have with the school, but

once seen and heard the young musicians generate

Bersh said that "Northern Virginia is known for the

quality of its music programs" including bands.

Gonzalez explains that the area is "rich in resources"

for bands, pointing to the several military service

bands and to their numerous current and retired

number of school marching bands in Northern Vir-

ginia. However, both observe a growing difficulty in

maintaining competitive units. The cost of transpor-

tation, buses for students and trucks for equipment,

has risen sharply. Bands also must pay for arrangers,

staff, uniforms, instruments and copyright permits.

Quality has been maintained only through "the strong

support that comes from our booster programs and

community donations," said Bersh.

Neither Gonzalez nor Bersh sense a decline in the

a reservoir of goodwill.

members residing here.







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Registration to Arlington's full guide

And Another Thing I'm "Righting" On

By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Not only did last week's CT Scan indicate shrinkage, where necessary – and stability, where hoped for – it also accomplished these hoped-for goals after only two months of chemotherapy (still infused every three weeks) rather than the normal three months of chemotherapy. So depending on how the calendar/treatment schedule actually fell, I probably received two fewer infusions than usual, yet all the radiological indications – and interpretations – continue to be encouraging; after five and a half years, no less. I think I'm entitled to use the word amazing – and lucky, too.

Certainly I've made lifestyle changes, as you regular readers know, though I'm hardly the poster child for outliving-yourterminal-stage-IV-non-small-cell-lungcancer-diagnosis. I haven't incorporated all the suggestions made to me, but I have listened – and learned, of course. Still, I'm proud of the path I've traveled, which wouldn't have happened without the help and guidance of friends and family who I trusted, and who I know had my best interests at heart. And I have survived, thrived almost, because of their persistence.

But change is not, and has not been easy for me. In fact, "change" might as well be a four-letter word, although I do use my share; never in print, and less frequently in public probably wouldn't kill me. But I'm also good at rationalizing my behavior both good and bad, so doing/not doing and providing plausible, semi-defensible explanations (maybe even denials) has become one of my best mechanisms. Ultimately, my bottom line in all of these attempts at modifying my behavior is stress reduction which equates to self-preservation, if you want to know the truth - and doing so in a way that is consistent with my personality, allowing me to maintain the effort. I don't suppose starting and stopping would solve much. It's sort of like a placebo effect. If I think something I'm doing is working, then maybe it is. The mind is a terrible thing to waste and I want to give it every opportunity to bring me back to "normal" health. For all I know, some new pill I've started, some new behavior I've assimilated, something (like sugar) I've reduced is all working together to make me whole again. And since I generally don't look for trouble considering that trouble has already found me, I try to leave well enough alone until a little birdie tells me otherwise (anybody, anywhere; any source, anyhow; any medium, any way). Now I don't want to knee-jerk myself into a decision. I'll make a few inquiries, I'll do a little research, but overall, I won't make the pursuit my life's work.

In spite of it all, and in spite of me and my peculiarities, I approach this week's five-and-a-half-year, post-diagnosis anniversary with less fear and trepidation than perhaps I should. But as I've said many times previously, and again in this column: "What do I know?" Enough to keep me up and at 'em and alive and reasonably well, I suppose. And way more than I had a right to expect and almost too much to understand. I've never asked "why me?" but I've always thought "why not me?" And so it goes – and has gone; maybe my level of ignorance has been a sort of bliss. However, if I really understood what ails me, I might not be so glib about it.

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



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WEDNESDAY-MONDAY/AUG. 27- SEPT. 1

2014 Feldenkrais Method Conference. Renaissance Arlington Capital View Hotel, 2800 South Potomac Ave. The Annual Feldenkrais Method Conference has occurred every year since 1978, and brings together experts in the fields of physical therapy, movement science, the arts, sports, senior wellness, transpersonal psychology and childhood movement development. This year, a workshop, lecture and Awareness Through Movement classes take place on Aug. 28, 29 and 30, and will be open to the public in an ongoing effort to extend the Feldenkrais Method to a larger audience. Visit http://www.feldenkrais.com/events/ conference/2014/.

MONDAY/SEPT. 1

Become an Officer. Applications accepted, online, until Sept. 1 to become an Arlington County Auxiliary Police Officer. Joining the Auxiliary Police Unit offers an exciting chance to learn new skills and serve a critical need. Visit http://sites.arlingtonva.us/policejobs/auxiliarypolice/ for responsibilities and requirements, as well as how to apply.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 4

Vegetable Gardening. 7-8:30 p.m. at Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St. Learn about crops that can and should be grown in the fall, tasks to help prepare for next year's spring and summer gardens and more. Free. Registration is requested, e-mail mgarlalex@gmail.com or 703-228-6414.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 6

- Fall Course Preview. 9 a.m. at GMU–Arlington, Founders Hall, 3351 N. Fairfax Drive. Encore Learning instructors will present short talks about their upcoming courses from 9:30 a.m.noon; information on membership, clubs and special events will be available. Open to members and those interested in joining who meet the minimum age of 50. Refreshments provided, discounted parking is available. Call 703-228-2144 or visit www.EncoreLearning.net.
- **Fall Lawn Care Basics**. 1:30-3 p.m. at Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St. Topics will include how to aerate and improve a lawn, when and how to seed and feed and more. Free. Registration is requested, e-mail mgarlalex@gmail.com or 703-228-6414.
- **Volunteer at Rosslyn Jazz Festival.** 1-7 p.m. at Gateway Park, 1300 Lee Highway. Spend two hours helping with event tasks such as t-shirt and beverage sales. To sign up, contact Mallory Wall at mwall@rosslynva.org.

MONDAY/SEPT. 8

Planning Commision. County Board Room, 2100 Clarendon Blvd. A public hearing to consider the update to the Stormwater Master Plan. Followed by County Board meeting Sept. 20. Visit http://news.arlingtonva.us/releases.

TUESDAY-FRIDAY/SEPT. 16-19

Angel Tree Registration. Families living in zip code 22041 with children up to age 12 can register for assistance with gifts on Tuesday and Thursday from 1-7 p.m., or Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Salvation Army- Arlington Corps, 518 S. Glebe Road. Must bring a picture ID, birth certificate for children, proof of residency or if you live in a shelter, a letter stating what fees are paid. First come, first served. Don't bring children. Visit www.salvationarmynca.org/angel-tree/helparlington/ or call 703-979-3380 for more.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 19

Leckey Forum. 2-4:30 p.m. at NRECA Conference Center, 4301 Wilson Blvd #803, Arlington. A forum on affordable housing, followed by a wine reception. Free. RSVP to StephanieBAhs@ gmail.com. Visit www.AllianceForHousingSolutions.org for more.

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Ryan Burkle rides the side of the bowl in the Powhatan Springs Skate Board Park. Arlington Connection

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Newcomers & Community Guide A Haven in Arlington

Clarendon neighborhood offers multitude of options for residents.

> By Veronica Bruno The Connection

he Clarendon section of Arlington seems to be constantly changing and buzzing with energy. Clarendon, a pedestrian-friendly neighborhood, offers a lively nightlife scene as well as a bustling residential area. With new restaurants and residences cropping up all the time, navigating through constructions zones seems to be a continuous challenge. But the demand seems to justify the activity.

"I have been living in Ballston for a few years, but I'm looking for a change in scenery," said Jessica Zachar, a 28 year-old consultant for Deloitte Consulting in White Oak, Md.

Dr. J. Reilly Lewis, a native of the area, has seen the many transformations first-hand. "Of course the big change was when the Metro came to Arlington." Lewis, founding director for the Washington Bach Consort and the music director for the Cathedral Choral Society in Washington, D.C., also directs music for the Clarendon United Methodist Church right in the heart of the neighborhood.

Zachar cites the various modes of transportation as well as convenience as incentives for moving there. "It's a 10-minute walk to anything. The majority of my friends live there. Clarendon is the easiest spot for us to get to."

Transit choices also appeal to Jason Benya, a Salesforce IT consultant who works in Old Town but is moving to Clarendon. "I walk, I can do Capital Bikeshare, can do Uber. I have the option." There are lots of possibilities for pedestrians. "I can get to anything within 15 minutes."

"It's a great walking area for sure," agreed Lewis. One of his favorite eating spots is Silver Diner, which is family-friendly restaurant that offers its own convenient parking lot.

Emma Grandstaff appreciates the travel choices as well. "I like that there is easy access via the metro to D.C. as I work in the city. I do not have a car so I walk a lot, and Clarendon makes it easy to do that with grocery stores, restaurants, and gyms. You can easily hop on the metro and have anything you need.

> Clarendon has bars, shops, grocery stores... it's its own little city for sure," she said. Granstaff is a professional as-

> Jason Benya works for as an IT Salesforce consultant in Old Town Alexandria. He resides in Clarendon along with his roommates.

Northside Social is both a coffee and wine
bar and offers seating upstairs as well as
the ground level and outside. The wine
bar opens at 5 pm.Sistant at Keller and Heckman LLP.
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mentioned among the young pro-

The bar scene is one frequently mentioned among the young professionals who live and work there. Liberty Tavern is mentioned a lot as well as Clarendon Grill, and O'Sullivans.

"Every two or three days I try to catch up with friends," said Zachar. "Clarendon is the easiest spot for us to get to. I like Liberty Tavern a lot." Grandstaff added, "We are the typical 'let's get drinks after work' crowd. We often go to Liberty Tavern, Arlington Taproom, O'Sullivans, Four Courts for some drinks and a bite to eat."

In addition to a vibrant night scene, Clarendon's coffee shop options also appeal to Jason Benya. "The Starbucks on Wilson is my go to place. I love working from home at the coffee shop." Benya also frequents Northside Social, just across from the street from family-friendly Silver Diner. Northside Social, a popular coffee and wine bar, often has a long line any time of day.

Zachar notes that sometimes it feels a bit too "yuppie." "I would like to see more diversity. It's a lot of young people with a lot of money. There's not a lot out there

besides bars and restaurants."

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What's on the Ballot, Vote, Vote Early

Election Day is Nov. 4, but you can vote as early as Sept. 19.

very year is election year in Virginia. This year, every Virginia voter will choose one member of the U.S. Senate and their member of the U.S. House of Representatives. Two of Northern Virginia's three house seats are open seats with the retirement of two longstanding members, Jim Moran (D-8) and Frank Wolf (R-10).

This area has very high rates of voter registration, but voter turnout varies significantly from year to year. For example, two years ago in 2012, a presidential election year, 71.78 percent of Virginia registered voters turned out to vote. But in 2010, more comparable to this year, only 44.01 percent of Virginia registered voters turned out to vote.

in Arlington, with a population of about 224,900, there are 162,100 total registered voters as of July 1, 2014, up from 157, 236 on July 2, 2012.

In Alexandria, with a population of about 148,900, there are 97,883 total registered voters as of July 1, 2014. That's down from 101,887 total registered voters as of July 2, 2012.

In Fairfax County, with a population around 1,130,900, there are 713,025 registered voters as of July 1, 2014, up from 676,802 in 2012.

(Population data from U.S. Census and voter data from Virginia Department of Elections.)

REGISTER, CHANGE OF ADDRESS: In

order to vote on Election Day, you must be registered at your current address no later than Oct. 13, 2014. You can check your registration status online by going to www.sbe.virginia.gov.

Voting Early, Absentee

Virtually every voter in Virginia is eligible to vote absentee, which includes voting inperson absentee at a variety of locations between Sept. 19 and Nov. 1.

There are many reasons that voters are allowed to vote absentee, but the most broad of these applies to almost anyone with a job: "Any person who, in the regular and orderly course of his business, profession, or occupation, will be at his place of

For More Election Information

Arlington Board of Elections 703-228-3456, http://www.arlingtonva.us/vote 2100 Clarendon Blvd. Suite 320, Arlington, 22201 FAX 703-228-3659; email voters@arlingtonva.us

State Board of Elections 804 864-8901 Toll Free: 800 552-9745 FAX: 804 371-0194

email: info@sbe.virginia.gov http://www.sbe.virginia.gov

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work and commuting to and from his home to his place of work for 11 or more hours of the 13 that the polls are open (6 a.m. to 7 p.m.)."

You can download an absentee ballot and mail it to your local voter registration office, or you can vote "absentee in person."

Arlington In-person absentee voting will be available starting Friday, Sept. 19 and ending on Saturday, Nov. 1, 5 p.m., at Courthouse Plaza, 2100 Clarendon Blvd., Suite 320, Arlington, VA 22201. Hours: Monday – Friday: 8 a.m.-5 p.m. except Thursdays, Oct. 23 and 30 hours are 8 a.m.-7 p.m. and Saturdays, Oct. 25 and Nov. 1 hours are 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. More at http:// vote.arlingtonva.us/absentee/

What's on the Ballot In Arlington?

Every voter in Virginia will vote for one U.S senator and their member in the U.S. House of Representatives.

U.S. Senate

One-term incumbent Sen. Mark R. Warner (D) is challenged by Republican Ed W. Gillespie and Libertarian Robert C. Sarvis. Republican Ed W. Gillespie.

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www.edforsenate	e.com		
Democrat	Mark	R.	Warner
www.markwarne	erva.com		

Libertarian Robert C. Sarvis, www.robertsarvis.com

The 8th District Congressional seat is open seat because of the retirement of incumbent Rep. Jim Moran (D), who was elected in 1990. Democrat Donald S. Beyer Jr. will face Republican Micah K. Edmond plus three independent candidates. The 8th district includes all of Alexandria and Arlington, plus parts of Fairfax County including Mount Vernon, Lorton and parts of McLean, Tysons and Falls Church. Republican Micah K. Edmond,

www.micahedmond.com Democrat Donald S. Beyer Jr.,

www.friendsofdonbeyer.com Libertarian Jeffrey S. Carson, jeffreycarson.com/ Independent Green Gerard C. "Gerry" Blais III,

www.votejoinrun.us Independent Gwendolyn J. Beck,

www.gwendolynbeck.com

In Arlington, voters will also choose one member of the County Board and two members of the School Board (one a special election). Both Arlington boards are made up entirely of at-large members, so both races will appear on all Arlington ballots. There is also a special elections for treasurer, plus four bond questions on the ballot.

Treasurer (Special Election to fill unexpired term ending Dec. 31, 2015), Carla F. de la Pava (D), incumbent – appointed until special election is held, running unopposed

County Board

Alan E. Howze (D), www.**alanhowze**.com John E. Vihstadt (I), incumbent, www.votefor**vihstadt**.com

School Board

Audrey R. Clement (I), **audreyclement**.org Barbara J. Kanninen (I), www.**barbara**kfor**schoolboard**.com

School Board (Special Election to fill unexpired term ending Dec. 31, 2016), Nancy Van

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 Alan E. Howze
 For unerginal term to and December 37, 2015 (Vote for only one)
 Yes

 John E. Vihstadt
 Nancy Van Doren
 No

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 No

Question: Shall Arlington County contract a debt and issue its general obligation bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$13,070,000 to finance, together with other available funds, the cost of various capital projects for local parks & recreation, and land acquisition for parks and open space?	Question: Shall Artington County contract a debt and issue its general obligation bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$39,900,000 to finance, together with other available funds, the cost of various capital projects for County facilities, information technology, and infrastructure?	QUESTION: Shall Arlington County contract a debt and issue its general obligation bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$105,780,000 to finance, together with other available funds, the costs of various capital projects for Arlington Public Schools
Yes	Yes	Yes
No	No	No
No	No	No

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Who's In Charge

Arlington **County Board**

* Chairman Jay Fisette: First elected to the Arlington County Board in 1998, Fisette has served the board's chairman in 2001, 2005, 2010 and 2014. This year, Fisette is focused on making Arling-



ton a hub for the innovation economy, continuing strategic investments in infrastructure. Before his election to the County Board, Fisette served as the director of the Whitman-Walker Clinic of Northern Virginia from 1990 to 1998. He also worked as a staff consultant to the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee from 1988 to 1989. He has a master's degree in Public and International Affairs from the University of Pittsburgh, and he received his bachelor's degree in political science from Bucknell University. An Arlington resident since 1983, Fisette and his husband Bob Rosen, have been residents of the Ashton Heights neighborhood since 1987.

* Vice Chairwoman Mary Hynes: First elected to the Arlington County Board in 2007, Hynes is a civic activist and public servant. Before join-



ton Public School graduates. Hynes graduated from the College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph, Minnesota, which honored her in 2007 as a distinguished alumna.

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as a teacher in the Peace Corps in the Central African Republic. She worked as a legislative aide to U.S. Rep. Lee Hamilton and as an associate director of the Mount Holyoke College Washington Internship Program. An Arlington resident since 1977, Garvey earned her bachelor's degree from Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts. She has two



years and are the parents of five Arling-





election, Tejada served as chairman to the board in 2008 and 2013. Born in El Salvador, Tejada moved to the U.S. at the age of

13. He studied Government and Com-

munication at George Mason University and has worked as an investigator, a business consultant and as an aide to U.S. Rep. Jim Moran. ٠



lington more than 30 years ago. He has a bachelor's degree and a master's degree from the University of Nebraska. He also has a member of the American, District of Columbia, Nebraska and Iowa Bar Associations. He has lived with his wife and two sons in the Tara-Leeway Heights neighborhood since 1989.

Arlington School Board

* Chairman James Lander: A member of the School Board 2010, since Lander is serving his second term on the board. He works at the Consumer Federation of

America as the

Military Saves Director. He is a Gulf War veteran, and was recalled to active service after 9/11 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He now is a retired officer, having ascended to the rank of lieutenant commander during his service and completing more than 25 years of combined active and reserve experience

✤ Emma Violand-Sánchez: A member of the School Board since 2009. Violand-Sánchez received her

bachelor's degree and master's degree from Radford University. She

also has a doctorate in education from

George Washington University. She is currently an adjunct faculty at Georgetown University. She has two children, James and Julia, who are also educators and graduated from the Ar-lington Public Schools.



 Abby
 Raphael: A member of the School Board 2008, Raphael served

and



became chairwoman of the Washington Area Boards of Education. She also is a member of the board of directors of the Arlington YMCA and a member of the advisory board of UrbanArias, a local opera company. In 2013, she was selected to serve on the Virginia Governor-elect's PreK-12 Education Policy Transition Council.

Note: Due to two recent resignations from the Arlington School Board, board members approved a process for considering and appointing an interim member to fill the vacancy for the School Board seat previously held by Noah Simon. The interim appointment will help make certain that decisions made during this period of transition reflect support by at least three members of the five-member body. The School Board will hold a special meeting on Friday, Sept. 12 at 8 a.m. to take action on the interim appointment.



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PARKS A SAMPLING OF ARLINGTON PARKS

1 Alcova Heights Park

901 S. George Mason Drive Size: 13 acres. Features: picnic shelter and tables, public restrooms, playground, baseball field, basketball court, volleyball court and grill.

2 Allie S. Freed Park

- 2465 Culpeper St. Size: 5 acres. Features: running trail, bridge, stream, open space.
- **3** Andrew Ellicott Park at the West Cornerstone

2824 N. Arizona St.

Size: 0.25 acres. Features: the boundary markers of the original District of Columbia, picnic tables and benches.

4 Arlington Hall West Park

290 S. Taylor St. Size: 7 acres. Features: playground, multi-use rectangular field, picnic area and grill.

5 Bailey's Branch Park 990 S. Columbus St.

Size: 2 acres. Features: playground, benches and open green space.

6 Ballston Pond Park

4747 N. Fairfax Drive Size: 4 acres. Features: a great spot to observe wildlife.

7 Barcroft Park

4200 S. Four Mile Run Drive Size: 65 acres. Features: lighted handball, basketball and tennis courts, lighted baseball and softball fields, batting cages, volleyball courts, a drop-in rectangular field, horseshoe pit, fishing at the stream, scenic running/walking/biking trail, sheltered picnic areas, charcoal grills and playgrounds.

8 Barton Park

2401 10th St. N. Size: 3 acres. Features: healing garden, labyrinth and seating.

9 Benjamin Banneker Park

6620 N. 18th St. Size: 11 acres. Features: trail access, picnic tables, charcoal grills, playground, multi-use field and dog park

10Big Walnut Park

1915 N. Harrison St. Size: 2 acres. Features: open space, playground and picnic area.

11 Bluemont Junction Park 744 N. Emerson St.

Size: 15 acres. Features: paved walking trail, Bermuda grass rectangular field and the retired Bluemont Junction Caboose.





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Size: 70 acres. Features: biking/run-

ning/hiking trails, basketball, tennis

and volleyball courts, baseball, soft-

ball, soccer, lacrosse and football

fields, a playground, picnic areas and

nature areas with streams for fishing.

garden, azalea and ornamental tree

gardens, playgrounds, volleyball and

basketball courts, picnic areas and

12 Bluemont Park

601 N. Manchester St

13 Bon Air Park

850 N. Lexington St.

charcoal grills.

2400 N. Underwood St.

15 Cherrydale Park

half court.

2176 N. Pollard St.

3140 Wilson Blvd.

sional concerts.

17 Dark Star Park

1655 Fort Myer Drive

18 Doctor's Run Park

court and path.

1301 S. George Mason Drive

14 Charles A. Stewart Park

16 Clarendon Central Park

Size: 4 acres. Features: woods, fields,

gazebo, playground and basketball

Size: 0.8 acres. Features: open green

Size: 1 acre. Features: War memorial

Size: 0.4 acres. Features: sculptures by

artist Nancy Holt and a fountain.

Size: 6 acres. Features: picnic tables,

charcoal grills, playground, volleyball

dedicated to Arlington citizens, hosts

seasonal farmers market and occa-

space, benches, playground and path.

on Air Memorial Rose Garden GTON COURTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS LATION AND COMMUNITY RESOLNCES



19Donaldson Run Park

4020 30th St. N. Size: 8 acres. Features: forested area, trail and stream.

20 Douglas Park 1718 S. Quincy St. Size: 5 acres. Features: playground, na-

ture trails, stream, picnic shelter, volleyball court and stone fireplace.

Size: 24 acres. Features: memorial rose 21 Drew Park 3500 23rd S. Features: basketball court, baseball field, playground and "sprayground."

22 Eads Park 2730 S. Eads St. Size: 4 acres. Features: gazebo, charcoal grills, playground and multi-use field.

23 Fields Park 825 N. George Mason Drive Size: 4 acres. Features: multi-use field

with bleachers, path and ornamental garden

24 Fillmore Park 33 N. Fillmore St.

Size: 1 acre. Features: playground, picnic area and baseball and softball fields.

25 Fort Barnard Park

2101 S. Pollard St. Size: 5 acres. Features: dog exercise area, playground, diamond field with backstop and bleachers, basketball court and a path

26Fort C.F. Smith Park 2411 24th St. N.

Size: 19 acres. Features: tree canopy, open meadow, the Hendry House, preserved earthworks of a Civl War Fort and more.

27Fort Ethan Allen Park

3829 N. Stafford St. Size: 15 acres. Features: gazebo, playground, basketball court, multi-use field and a dog park.

28Fort Scott Park

2800 S. Fort Scott Drive Size: 12 acres. Features: picnic area. playground, baseball and softball fields, tennis court wall and a basketball court.

29 Fraser Park

1800 28th St. S. Size: 2 acres. Features: grills, picnic tables and open green space.

30 Gateway Park

1300 Lee Highway Size: 3 acres. Features: ornamental garden, fountain and amphitheater.



31 Glebe and Randolph

-3 Park N. Glebe Road and Randolph (29) Street. Features: bocce ball courts, benches and green space.

32 Glebe Road Park

4211 N. Old Glebe Road Size: 4 acres. Features: playground, tennis courts, basketball court, nature trails, drinking fountains and picnic tables.

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33 Glencarlyn Park 301 S. Harrison St.

Size: 95.5 acres. Features: picnic shelters, fishing, nature trails, playground, amphitheater and dog park

34 Greenbrier Park 2700 N. Greenbrier St.

Size: 18 acres. Features: basketball and tennis courts, diamond fields, multiuse synthetic turf field and a track with high jump and shot put discus area

35 Gulf Branch Nature Center and Park

3608 Military Road Features: exhibits, classroom, discovery room, pollinator garden, restored log cabin and observation bee hive.

36 Gunston Park

2700 Lang St. S. Size: 10 acres. Features: picnic shelter, playground, tennis courts, multi-use rectangular field, baseball/softball field and basketball court.

37 Hayes Park

1516 N. Lincoln St. Size: 3 acres. Features: tennis courts, basketball court, picnic shelter, playground and "sprayground."

38Henry Clay Park

3011 7th St. N. Size: 1 acre. Features: gazebo, playground and basketball court

39Henry Wright Park 4350 4th St. N.

Size: 0./ acres. Features: gazebo, play ground and picnic tables.

40 High View Park 1945 N. Dinwiddie St.

Size: 3 acres. Features: picnic area, charcoal grills, playground, baseball/ softball field, lighted basketball courts and an amphitheater.

(50) 41 J a m e s **Hunter Park** 1299 N. Herndon St. Features: plaza terrace,

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Village

1800 N. Highland

6225 12th Road N.

and "sprayground."

49 Madison Manor Park

Features: restrooms, drinking fountain,

Size: 3 acres. Features: tennis and bas

ketball courts and access to Potomac

ghted basketball court.

50 Marcey Road Park

Overlook Regional Park.

wall and bocce ball courts.

Size: 0.8 acres. Features: playground,

landscaped open green space and

2722 N. Marcey Road.

52 Nelly Custis Park

701 24th St. S.

benches.

picnic shelter and tables, charcoal

softball field, tennis courts and a

grills, stream, playground, baseball/

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open lawn, gardens, water feature and community canine area.

42 James W. Haley Park 2400 S. Meade St.

Size: 5 acres. Features: charcoal grills, gazebo and nature trail.

43 Jamestown Park 3618 N. Dickerson St.

Size: 6 acres. Features: diamond field, rectangular grass field, tennis courts and a basketball court. Great for sledding in the winter.

44 Jennie Dean Park 3630 27th St. S.

Size: 22 acres. Features: picnic shelter, playground, baseball/softball fields, tennis courts, basketball court and open field.

1200 N. George Mason Drive Size: 14 acres. Features: picnic shelter, a fire ring.

Features: three rectangular synthetic turf **51 Mosaic Park** fields, walkways, art features and picnic areas.

47Lubber Run Park 200 N. Columbus St

Features: basketball and volleyball courts, picnic shelter, charcoal grills, gazebo, amphitheater, nature paths, playground and grassy multi-use

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45 Lacey Woods Park

lighted basketball court, charcoal grills, playground, multi-use field, na ture trails, ornamental garden, wooded areas, open green space and

46Long Bridge Park 475 Long Bridge Drive

544 N. Pollard St











53 Nina Park 800 S. 24th St.

Features: sand pit, picnic area and wave wall

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54 Oakgrove Park 1606 N. Quincy St.

Features: picnic tables, gazebo, playground, rectangular fields and paved walking trail.

55 Parkhurst Park

5820 20th Road N. Features: play area for toddlers, sand area, playground and gazebo.

56 Penrose Park

2200 6th St. S. Size: 2 acres. Features: picnic tables, charcoal grills, playground and basketball court

57 Powhatan Springs Park 6020 Wilson Blvd

Features: skatepark, drinking fountains, ass field, ori and fountain.

58 Quincy Park

1021 N. Quincy St. Size: 4 acres. Features: tennis, basketball and vollevball courts: baseball and softball fields; picnic area and playground.

59 Rocky Run Park 1109 N. Barton St.

Size: 2 acres. Features: picnic shelter, playgrounds and a lighted oval field.

60 Rosslyn Highlands Park

1529 Wilson Blvd. Size: 2 acres. Features: basketball court and playground.

61 Shirlington Park

2601 S. Arlington Mill Drive Size: 29 acres. Features: drinking fountain, s stream, walking path, benches and dog park.

62 Slater Park

1837 N. Culpeper St. Size: 3 acres. Features: playground, picnic tables, charcoal grills and a path.

63 Stratford Park

4321 Old Dominion Drive concessions, stream, rectangular Size: 5 acres. Features: baseball/softball field, picnic tables, lighted ten courts, rectangular multi-use field and a lighted basketball court.

64 Thomas Jefferson Park

3501 S. 2nd St. Features: lighted basketball and tennis courts, diamond field, lighted multiuse rectangular field and fitness trail.

65 Towers Park

801 S. Scott St. Size: 4 acres. Features: playground, lighted tennis and basketball courts, sand volleyball court, community garden, lighted dog park, picnic tables, charcoal grills and gazebo

66 Troy Park 2629 S. Troy St.

Size: 2 acres. Features: picnic tables, horseshoe pit, stream, playground and basketball courts.

67 Tuckahoe Park

2400 N. Sycamore St. Size: 12 acres. Features: playground,

baseball/softball fields, lighted tennis courts, rectangular grass field, nature trails, ornamental garden, amphitheater and picnic tables.

68 Tyrol Hill Park 5101 7th Road S.

Size: 2 acres. Features: playground, picnic shelter and tables, charcoal grills. basketball and volleyball court, open drop-in field and nature trails

69Utah Park

3191 S. Utah St. Size: 4 acres. Features: baseball/softball field, volleyball court, dog park with water hook-up and picnic tables.

70 Virginia Highlands Park 1600 S. Hayes St.

Size: 18 acres. Features: lighted baseball/softball fields, lighted tennis and basketball courts, volleyball court, "sprayground," rectangular drop-in fields and petanque courts.

71 Westover Park 1001 N. Kennebec St.

Size: 4 acres. Features: picnic shelter and tables, playground, baseball/softball fields, lighted basketball courts, vollevball courts, rectangular grass field, path and ornamental garden.

72 Windy Run Park

2420 N. Kenmore St. Size: 14 acres. Features: stream, nature paths and wooded areas.

73 Woodlawn Park

1325N. Buchanan St. Size: 1 acre. Features: stream, playground, half basketball court, open green space and picnic tables.

74 Woodstock Park

2049 N. Woodstock St. Size: 1 acre. Features: water fountains pinic tables, gazebo, playground and basketball court.

75 Zachary Taylor Park

2900 Military Road. Size: 44 acres. Features: nature trails, stream and baseball/softball fieldsp.

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ENTERTAINMENT

September 2014

Wine in the Water Park. 6-10 p.m. Crystal City Water Park, 1750 Crystal Drive. Combines sips and sounds to create an outdoor event featuring interesting wine varietals and music in the neighborhood's signature Crystal City Water Park. Every Friday in September. Visit crystalcity.org.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 6

- 24th Annual Rosslyn Jazz Festival. 1-7 p.m. Gateway Park. 1300 Lee Highway, Arlington. Artists to headline the festival include Corey Wallace DUBtet (1 p.m.), Ghost Train Orchestra (2:15 p.m.), Brooklyn eight-piece band Red Baraat (3:45 p.m.) and New Orleans Grammy winners Rebirth Brass Band (5:30 p.m.). Free to the public. Visit www.rosslynva.org/jazz for more. Memorial 5K. 6 p.m. in Crystal City,
- Arlington. Honors the victims, firefighters, and public safety who responded on Sept. 11, 2001. \$35-40 entry fee. Arlington911race.com.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 11-18

16th Annual Fall for the Book **Festival.** George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. A week-long, multiple-venue, regional festival that brings together people of all ages and interests. Some events also take place in Arlington. Visit www.fallforthebook.org.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 13

Silver Live Music and Food Truck Festival. 12-10 p.m. 1800 Tysons Blvd., McLean. Listen to performances from renowned local and national acts and find displays of fine arts and a variety of refreshments to benefit the Spirit of Hope Children's Foundation. Visit http://tysonspartnership.org/eventcalendar/tysons-world-musicfestival/.

SATURDAY-WEDNESDAY/SEPT.13-24 Northern Virginia Senior

Olympics. Online registration open. Various venues around Northern Virginia. Events include badminton, volleyball, cycling, a 5k road race, and many more. \$12 per person. Visit www.nvso.us for more.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 14

Vintage Crystal: Sip and Salsa. 2-6 p.m. 220 20th St. Sip and Salsa brings wines from Spain, Portugal and Argentina together with tastes from restaurants in Crystal City and the region. Live Latin jazz and salsa dancing and lessons round out the action for an afternoon outdoors. Tickets cost \$20 and include wine and food tastes. \$10 designated driver tickets are available and include food tastes. Visit crystalcity.org for more.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 20-21

- 2nd Annual Arlington Festival of the Arts. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Highland Street in the Clarendon District, Arlington. More than 100 artists will showcase their work including paintings, jewelry, pottery, glass, and much more. Visit artfestival.com. Mount Vernon Marketplace. 9 a.m.
- 5 p.m. 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. Visit a recreation of an early American marketplace with crafts, entertainment and more. Try your hand at 18th century cricket and enjoy evening programs. Children \$9, adults \$18. Call 703-780-2000; 703-799-8697 or visit

SUNDAY/SEPT. 21

Pups and Pilsners. 2-6 p.m. 1400 Crystal Drive, Arlington. Fly solo or bring Fido to the Pups and Pilsners outdoor beer festival. This dogfriendly festival features a beer garden with multiple stations. Visit www.crystalcity.org/do for more.

www.MountVernon.org for more.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 27

Clarendon Day. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Near Clarendon Metro station, 3100 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. A celebration of the Clarendon neighborhood and a showcase for the people who make the neighborhood great with activities, live entertainment and food. Visit www.clarendon.org/clarendon-day.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 24

Blues and Brews. 5-8 p.m. 2121 Crystal Drive. Come to Blues & Brews and enjoy beverages from the Beer Garden, not to mention drinks handselected by experts at Crystal City's Washington Wine Academy and Crystal City Wine Shop. Visit crystalcity.org for more.

October 2014

Clarendon Truck Rally. 6:30-9 p.m. 3140 N. Washington Blvd., Arlington. The Clarendon Truck Rally will be

Ongoing: Arlington -

- Yappy Hour. Fridays through Oct. 31, 6-8 p.m. at the Le Meridien, 1121 N 19th St. Le Meridien hotel, along with the Rosslyn BID, is hosting a Yappy Hour every Friday. This event will be held on the terrace outside of Amuse. Amuse will be serving specialty cocktails and appetizers for pet owners as well as a few treats for dogs. Free. Visit www.rosslynva.org/do/yappy hour#sthash.tuQQKjco.dpuf.
- Historic Home Tours at the Ball-Sellers House, 5620 S. 3rd St. The oldest surviving house in Arlington County opens for the season with free tours and refreshments. The house is open 1-4 p.m. Saturdays April through October. Visit www.arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org.
 Children's Music. 10:30 a.m on Fridays through Oct. 31. Market Common of County of the product of the
- Clarendon, 2800 Clarendon Blvd. Mr. Knick Knack will perform music for children at the gazebo in The Loop at Market Common Clarendon. Call 703 476-9377 or visit www.marketcommonclarendon.com for more.
- Sparket: A Creative Market. Wednesdays, through Nov. 12, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at 1900 Crystal Drive. An electric and colorful shopping experience. Free admission; \$30 to be a vendor. Visit http://crystalcity.org/do/sparket. **Open Mic Comedy.** Wednesdays 8-10 p.m. at Ri Ra Irish Pub, 2915 Wilson Blvd. Doors open at 7 p.m. 21 and up only. Free show, \$25 cash prize for
- best joke. Call 703-248-9888 or visit www.RiRa.com/Arlington for more. Invasive Plants Removal. Work parties are held every month to keep the
- parks free of destructive invasive plants. Teens, adults and families welcome. Every second Sunday of the month 2-4:30 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road; call 703-228-3403. Every third Sunday of the month 2-5 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road; call 703-228-6535 or visit https://registration.arlingtonva.us. Free, no registration required.
- **Comedy.** Every Saturday at 3 p.m. at Comedy Spot, in Ballston Common Mall, 4238 Wilson Blvd., children can enjoy ComedySportz for Kidz. \$10. Visit www.comedyindc.com or 703-294-LAFF.
- **Comedy.** Every Friday at 8 p.m. and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. is ComedySportz ("clean") and at 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday is the Blue Show "adult"), both at Comedy Spot, in Ballston Common Mall, 4238 Wilson Blvd. \$15 each. Visit www.comedyindc.com or 703-294-LAFF.
- Poetry Series. 6-8 p.m. second Sunday of the month at IOTA Club & Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd. Hosted by poet Miles David Moore. Featured artists share their poetry followed by open readings. Free. Visit www.iotaclubandcafe.com or call 703-522-8340.
- Open Mic Nite. 8 p.m.-12:30 a.m. every Wednesday at IOTA Club & Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd. Sign-up times are 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Bring instruments, fans and friends. Featured musicians perform from 9:30-10 p.m. Visit www.iotaclubandcafe.com or call 703-522-8340.
- Karaoke. 8 p.m. on the first Sunday every month at Galaxy Hut, 2711 Wilson Blvd. Visit www.galaxyhut.com or call 703-525-8646.
- LGBT & Straight Friends Social. Tuesdays. Happy Hour, 3 p.m.-7 p.m.; Mikey's "Bar A" Video Wall, 7 p.m.; start time at 8 p.m. IOTA Club & Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd. IOTA Club & Cafe has designated every Tuesday LGBT & Straight Friends Social Night for those 21 years and older. Free. Visitwww.iotaclubandcafe.com/ for more information.
- Pub Quiz. 8 p.m. every Sunday at Whitlow's on Wilson, 2854 Wilson Blvd. Prizes for first place. Free. Visit www.whitlows.com or call 703-276-9693. Storytime. Mondays and Fridays, 10:30-11:00 a.m. at Kinder Haus Toys,
- 1220 N. Fillmore St. Storytime with Ms. Laura. Call 703-527-5929. Lego Club. Monthly on the first Wednesday. 4-5 p.m. Glencarlyn Branch Library, 300 South Kensington St. The library provides tubs of legos and a special challenge and after the program the creations are displayed for everyone to see. No registration required. Call 703-228-6548 for more.

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Art on the Avenue. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
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- Ray neighborhood in Alexandria. Virginia. Visit www.artonthe avenue.org for more. 15th Annual Mid-Atlantic **Oktoberfest.** Noon-7 p.m. at The Village at Shirlington, 4001 Campbell Ave., Arlington. More than 60 breweries giving out 4 ounce
 - samples, local food vendors, an
- authentic German band and authentic Oktoberfest food. \$30 for those who sample beer, includes a tasting glass and 10 tickets. Additional tickets will be sold for \$1 each; free to others. Oktoberfest 2014 will be held rain or shine. Visit www.capcitybrew.com/ oktoberfest14.php for more.

SUNDAY/OCT. 5

- Woodrow Wilson Bridge Marathon. 7 a.m. Starts at Washington's Mount Vernon Estate, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway and ends at National Harbor, Md. Packet pick up Oct. 3, 4-8:30 p.m. and Oct. 4, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the U.S. Patents and Trade Office, 600 Dulany St. Minimum age is 13. Half marathon: \$105, for military: \$95. 6K: \$45, For police, fire and EMTs: \$40. After Aug. 31, prices will increase by \$10. Visit register.wilson bridgehalf.com for more.
- **McLean Project for the Arts** ArtFest. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. McLean Central Park, 468 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean. The park is transformed into a lively landscape of mini art galleries showcasing and offering for sale the work of a diverse group of 50 juried artists. Visit www.mpaart.org.

THURSDAY-SATURDAY/OCT. 16-NOV.1

Great Pumpkin Gathering. 6-10 p.m. 1800 Tysons Blvd., McLean. Artisan pumpkin carvers showcase a dazzling display of pumpkin art beyond your wildest imagining. Visit www.tysonspartnership.org.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 17-19

Freedomwalk Festival. The US FreedomWalk Festival is a weekend long, non-competitive, social walking challenge bringing participants of all ages and abilities together for fun, fitness, and international friendship. Different trails will be offered each day, and a variety of distances ranging from 3-27 miles (5-43 kilometers) starting at the Holiday Inn Rosslyn, 1900 N Fort Myer Drive. Visit www.rosslynva.org/do for more.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 18-19 **Claude Moore Colonial Farm 1771** Market Fair. 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Warm yourself by the fires and enjoy the splendor of autumn with crisp local apples, warm savory meat pies and hearty breads, or let Market Fair entertainers, tradesmen and the militia amuse and educate you. Visit www.1771.org.

THURSDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 23-26

Marine Corps Marathon. Arlington. Various times and locations through the weekend. A weekend of events leading up to the race. Visit www.marinemarathon.com/ to register and for more.

SATURDAY/OCT. 25

Volunteer Fest 2014. A region-wide day of community service that mobilizes hundreds of volunteers to help nonprofits accomplish tasks that they would not have the time or resources to do on their own. Visit www.volunteerfairfax.org/nonprofits/volunteerfest.php for times . and locations.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 29

"Arlington's Got Talent." Clarendon Ballroom, 3185 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, Social at 6:30 p.m. and talent show at 7:30. Proceeds benefit the Leadership Arlington Young Professionals Program scholarship fund. Tickets are \$30 in advance or \$40 at the door. To register for this event, please visit the Leadership Arlington website at www.leadershiparlington.org.

November 2014

TUESDAY/NOV. 4

Election Day. General Election. Visit www.sbe.virginia.gov/ and www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/ upcoming.htm

TUESDAY/NOV. 11

Arlington National Cemetery Veterans Day Ceremony. Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington. About 5,000 visitors attend the annual remembrance ceremonies in the Memorial Amphitheater. Visit www.arlingtoncemetery.mil.

December 2014

WEDNESDAY/DEC. 31

First Night Alexandria. Events take place through out the day at numerous venues around the City of Alexandria. Visit www.firstnightalexandria.org.

February 2015

MID-FEBRUARY

Community Tax Assistance Day. Fairfax SkillSource Center, 7611 www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

A sampling of annual COMMUNITY EVENTS.



"Bluesman" Turner, Cathy Ponton King and G.E. Smith.

The Columbia Pike Blues Festival is scheduled for June 13, 2015. At the 2013 festival, The Chris Polk Band performed along with BG and the Mojo Hands, Clarence

2301 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. A multicultural arts festival celebrating the community's diversity through the arts in the Del

offering sampling of some of the area food trucks Thursdays in October.

Each week will feature a few meal

trucks, a sweet dessert truck along

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with a boutique truck. Visit

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 3-5

Fall Wine Festival and Sunset Tour. 6-9 p.m. Mount Vernon Estate, 3200 George Washington

Memorial Pkwy., Mount Vernon. Enjoy live blues and spectacular

views of the Potomac River while

sampling wine from 16 Virginia

wineries. Visitors learn about the successes and failures of our

enjoy live blues music, and meet

the Mansion's piazza. Visit

www.mountvernon.org.

SATURDAY/OCT. 4

Founding Father's wine endeavors,

"George and Martha Washington" on

events.

ENTERTAINMENT

Little River Turnpike, Suite 300 West, Annandalem. The IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program offers free assistance with 2015 Federal and state tax returns for households with a total income of \$52,000 or less. Visit www.volunteerfairfax.org/ individuals/vita.php.

March 2015

SECOND TUESDAY IN MARCH

Clarendon Mardi Gras Parade. Annual parade to celebrating Fat Tuesday. Visit www.clarendon.org/ mardi-gras/

April 2015

APRIL - JUNE

Relay for Life. Fundraise participate in all-night-long events to help those affected by cancer through the American Cancer Society. Visit www.relayforlife.org for specific events and details.

SATURDAY/APRIL 18-25

Historic Garden Week. This eight day statewide event provides visitors a unique opportunity to see gardens, as well as houses with over 2,000 flower arrangements created by Garden Club of Virginia members. Visit www.vagardenweek.org.

May 2015

SUNDAY/MAY 17 Taste of Arlington. A festival

showcasing Arlington's food scene and benefitting the Arlington Food Assistance Center. More than 50 restaurants participate in this community event, outside the Ballston Mall on Wilson Blvd. Rain or shine. Visit www.ballstonbid.com/ taste for more.

June 2015

MONDAYS, JUNE-AUGUST

Crystal Screen. 1851 S. Bell St., Arlington. A free outdoor film every Monday at sunset in the summer. Visit www.crystalcity.org/do.

FRIDAYS IN JUNE

Vintage Crystal: Wine in the Water Park. 10 p.m. Crystal City Water Park, 1750 Crystal Drive, Arlington Live music and wine-sipping every Friday in June. Visit www.crystalcity.org/do/wine-in-thewater-park21.

July 2015

SECOND SATURDAY IN JULY

USA and Alexandria Birthday Celebration. Oronoco Bay Park. 100 Madison Street, Alexandria. Celebrate Alexandria's 265th birthday along the Potomac waterfront with fireworks, cake and live music. Visit www.visitalexandriava.com/events/ USA-Alexandria-Birthday-Celebration/6607.

August 2015

Summer Restaurant Week. Mid-August, in neighborhoods throughout Alexandria, including Old Town, Del Ray, Carlyle and West End. Menu

Bowen McCauley Dance presents their Annual Move Me Festival, in April, at Kenmore Middle School, 200 S. Carlin Springs Road, Arlington. At the 2013 festival Raedha Zanan watches and waits for her turn to take the stage with the Shristee Nrittyangon. The school offers classes in Banglashi folk dance, Bangla Modern Dance, **Indian Classical Dance and** Bharatnatyam.

> options vary by location. Visit www.AlexandriaRestaurantWeek.com or call 703-746-3301 for more.

TUESDAY/AUG. 4

National Night Out. A celebration across America to heighten police awareness and enhance community relations. Visit www.natw.org for local events.

WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 5-9 Arlington County Fair. Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 Second St. S., Arlington. One of the



largest free events on the East Coast with competitive exhibits, midway rides and games, entertainment, vendors and more. Visit arlingtoncountyfair.us.

THIRD SUNDAY IN AUGUST

Pakistan Independence Day Festival. Bull Run Regional Park, 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville. A fun filled day for all ages, cultural performances by popular artists from Pakistan, Pakistani cuisine, handicrafts, boutiques, sports and kite flying. Visit www.pakistanfestivalusa.com.

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Sports Getting To Know Wakefield Sports

School: Wakefield High School. Mascot: Warriors

School Colors: Kelly green and black. Athletic Director: Noel Deskins, 703-228-

6733. Football coach: Wayne Hogwood, (second

year) The Warriors finished the 2013 season with a 3-

7 record. After following back-to-back wins with seven straight losses, Wakefield won its finale against Mount Vernon, giving the struggling program its first three-win season since 2008.

Field Hockey Coach: Lucienne Grause Boys' Basketball Coach: Tony Bentley Girls' Basketball Coach: Marcia Richardson Baseball Coach: Mike Ruck

What happened last season: The boys' bas ketball team won Conference 13 and 5A North region championships en route to its second con-

secutive state tournament appearance. The boys' soccer team qualified for regionals by defeating defending state champion Mount Vernon in the opening round of the conference tournament

Quotable: "My last two years here were great. ... I feel like we can do it all over again because they've got [Dominique Tham], Marqua [Walton], Xavier [Cooper], [and head coach Tony Bentley] has another group coming in, too. I feel like Bentley's going to have another good couple of years here." - Then-senior Re'Quan Hopson, after the boys' basketball team ended its 2013-14 season with a loss in the state semifinals.



Wakefield's Dominique Tham blocks an opponent's shot attempt during the 2013-14 season. Tham, then a junior, helped the Warriors win the 5A North region title.

Washington-Lee Sports

School: Washington-Lee High School. Mascot: Generals.

School Colors: Blue and Gray. Athletic Director: Carol Callaway, 703-228-6207.

Football Coach: Josh Shapiro (eighth season).

The Generals in 2013 won the program's first district championship since 1975 and defeated Yorktown for the second time since 1982. W-L finished the season with an 8-3 record, losing to Stonewall Jackson in the opening round of the 6A North playoffs.

Cross Country Coach: Matt Przydzial. Field Hockey Coach: Beth Prange. Boys' Basketball: Bobby Dobson. Girls' Basketball: Angie Kelly. Baseball: Doug Grove. Rival School: Yorktown

What Happened Last Season: The girls cross country team produced the best season in program history, finishing 6A state runner-up. The gymnastics team won its third consecutive region championship. The boys' soccer team had an undefeated regular season, won the Conference 6 title, finished region and state runner-up, and sophomore striker Maycol Nunez scored 37 goals. The girls' soccer team won the conference championship.

Quotable: "It's been a fantastic run. ... It's always fun when you're winning and get this far, and then you lose ... two games to the same team. it's tough. It's a hard pill to swallow, but what can you — Boys' soccer coach Jimmy Carrasquillo. do? after the Generals lost to T.C. Williams in the region and state championship matches.

... Yorktown Sports

School: Yorktown High School.

Mascot: Patriots School Colors: Columbia blue and white. Athletic Director: Mike Krulfeld, 703-228-

5388 Football Coach: Bruce Hanson (30th year).

The Patriots went 8-2 during the 2013 regular season and beat Fairfax in the opening round of the 6A North region playoffs before ending their season with a loss to Lake Braddock in the quarterfinals.

Volleyball Coach: Sheena Eldred. Boys' Basketball Coach: Rich Avila. Girls' Basketball Coach: Devaughn Drayton. Baseball Coach: John Skaggs. Rival School: Washington-Lee.

What Happened Last Season: The gymnastics team won the National District championship. The boys' lacrosse team reached the region semifinals for the first time in program history. The girls' vollevball, lacrosse and soccer teams finished Conference 6 runners-up.

Quotable: "It's huge. We came out here with a chip on our shoulder. I think we were just so hyped up and so ready to play this game. None of the seniors wanted their season to end. I couldn't be prouder of my team right now." - Then-senior Cason Liles, after the boys' lacrosse team defeated South County to secure the program's first trip to the region semifinals.

VISC runner-up. The girls' soccer team finished

WCAC runner-up. The boys' basketball team went

20-12 and reached the state semifinals. The base

ball and softball teams finished WCAC runners-up.

O'Connell baseball program and, despite the fact

that we fell short in the WCAC championship se-

ries, it has still been an historic and

won a WCAC playoff game in nine years and hadn't

finished as the 1 or 2 seed in 30 years, so those are

two things we're very proud of. We have a very

voung team in that on most days we've got six

sophomores in our starting lineup, so these guys

grew up by leaps and bounds as the year pro-

gressed and the future is very bright." - Baseball

coach Kyle Padgett

successful season O'Connell baseball hadn'

Quotable: "It's been a great year for the

Bishop O'Connell Sports

School: Bishop Denis J. O'Connell High School. Mascot: Knights.

School Colors: Blue and silver. Athletic Director: Joe Wootten, 703-237-1455

Football Coach: Del Smith (third year). The Knights won four of their first five games, but ended the season with a 5-5 record.

Girls' Soccer Coach: Alberto Starace. Reverse Backethall Coach. Joe Wooth

Girls' Basketball Coach: Aggie McCormick-Dix Baseball Coach: Kyle Padgett.

Softball Coach: Tommy Orndorff. Rival Schools: Paul VI, Bishop Ireton.

What happened last year: The girls' cross country team won the WCAC title and finished

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for the first time in program history.

Burch and O'Connell



Washington-Lee striker Maycol Nunez scored 37 goals during his sophomore season in 2014.

The 2014 Yorktown boys' lacrosse team reached the region semifinals

Corey the baseball team finished

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Doren (I), running unopposed, www.nancyvandoren.org County Bond Referendum Questions

Arlington voters will vote yes or not

to the following questions: Metro and Transportation QUESTION: Shall Arlington County contract a debt and issue its general obligation bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$60,240,000 to finance, along with other available funds, the cost of various capital projects for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transport Authority and other transit, pedestrian, road or transportation projects?

Local Parks and Recreation QUESTION: Shall Arlington County contract a debt and issue its general obligation bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$13,070,000 to finance,

along with other available funds, the cost of various capital projects for local parks & recreation, and land acquisition for parks and open spaces?

Community Infrastructure QUESTION: Shall Arlington County contract a debt and issue its general obligation bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$39,000,000 to finance, along with other available funds, the cost of various capital projects for County facilities, information technology, and infrastructure?

Arlington Public Schools QUES-TION: Shall Arlington County contract a debt and issue its general obligation bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$105,780,000 to finance, along with other available funds, the costs of various capital projects for Arlington Public Schools? http://vote.arlingtonva.us/

New Voter ID Requirements

As of this summer, there are new requirements for voter identification that voters must bring with them to the polling place.

Virginia law requires all voters to provide an acceptable form of photo identification at the polls. Voters arriving to the polls without photo ID will be allowed to vote a provisional ballot and will have until noon on the Friday after the election to deliver a copy of identification to their locality's electoral board in order for their provisional ballot to be counted.

Virginia's photo ID requirements also apply to absentee voters who vote in-person in all elections.

Here are the "acceptable" forms of identification:

- Valid Virginia Driver's License or
- Identification Card Valid Virginia DMV issued Veteran's ÷ ID card
- Valid United States Passport Other government-issued photo identification cards (must be issued by US Government, the Commonwealth of Virginia, or a political subdivision of the Commonwealth
- Valid college or university student photo identification card, must be from an institution of higher education located in Virginia.
- Employee identification card containing a photograph of the voter and issued by an employer of the voter in the ordinary course of the employer's business
- or a Virginia Voter Photo ID Card obtained through any local general
- registrar's office "Valid" is defined as a genuine document, bearing the photograph of
- the voter, and is not expired for more than 12 months. A voter who does not bring an

acceptable photo ID to the polls will be offered a provisional ballot.

Don't Have One of These? Any registered voter who does

not possess one of the above mentioned forms of photo ID, may apply for a free Virginia Voter Photo Identification from any general registrar's office in the Commonwealth. Voters applying for the Virginia Voter Photo ID Card will have to complete the Virginia www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

Voter Photo Identification Card Application, have their picture taken, and sign the digital signature pad. Once the application is processed, the card will be mailed directly to the voter.

Provisional Ballot Process

A voter who arrives at the polling place without an acceptable form of photo identification will be given the opportunity to vote a provisional ballot. After completing the provisional ballot, the individual voting will be given written instructions from the election officials on how to submit a copy of his/her identification so that his/her vote can be counted.

A voter will have until noon on the Friday following the election to deliver a copy of the identification to the local electoral board. Voters may submit a copy of their ID via fax, email, in-person submission, or through USPS or commercial delivery service. Please note that the copy of the ID must be delivered to the electoral board by noon on Friday, or the provisional ballot cannot be counted. A Friday postmark will not be sufficient. Written notice given to the voter will provide the necessary information, including email, fax, and address of where the ID should be delivered.

If you vote a provisional ballot but don't have one an "acceptable ID," you can appear in-person in the office of the general registrar in the locality in which the provisional ballot was cast by noon on Friday following the election and apply for a Virginia Voter Photo ID Card. At the completion of the application process, the voter may request a Temporary Identification Document. This document can be provided to the electoral board as acceptable identification and the voter's provisional ballot will be counted.

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Looking Ahead At Arlington Issues

Columbia Pike Streetcar: No issue has divided Arlington so dramatically in recent years as the Columbia Pike Streetcar, a \$333 million project that is expected to connect the Skyline neighborhood of Fairfax County to the Pentagon. Opposition to the project has been steadily growing over the last few years, as people have increasingly questioned the return on investment. Critics say enhanced bus service, which some people call bus-rapid transit, would be a better idea for the pike. Others say the streetcar would be good for economic development and increase the county's tax revenues.

New Delegate: After longtime Del. Bob Brink (D-48) resigned to take a position in the McAuliffe administration, Democrats and Republicans scrambled to fill the void. Democrat Rip Sullivan beat out a crowded field of challengers to get his party's nomination and then faced Republican David Foster.

Sullivan becomes a member of the House of Delegates just as legislators prepare for a special session to consider expanding Medicaid health insurance for 400,000 Virginians who live in poverty or with disabilities.

◆ Aquatics Center: A proposal to build an aquatics center at Long Bridge Park has been put on hold after Arlington County officials determined that the cost of the project had spiraled out of control. After county officials received bids that ranged from \$81.9 million to \$82.8 million, County Manager Barbara Donnellan put the process on hold and said she would try to find partnerships and sponsorships including naming rights opportunities.

Park or School: The clash between the need for more schools and the desire to retain county parks is creating an ongoing conflict in the Arlington Heights neighborhood.

That's where officials from Arlington County Schools want to build a new elementary school on part of T.J. Park. Neighbors up and down Columbia Pike say the development boom is creating a dwindling amount of open space as developers try to maximize profits by filling every available square foot of density allowed. A task force is now working to strike a compromise.

Elections, General and Special: Voters in Arlington are facing an unprecedented number of special elections this fall, aside from the House of Delegates that was recently filled in a special election. This November, voters will make selections in two separate special elections that will be on the same ballot as the regular general election. One will be for the position of treasurer, which was vacated by Frank O'Leary this summer so he could let his deputy take the position in an interim role in advance of the election. The other will be for the School Board seat vacated by Noah Simon, who resigned to be with his family after the death of his wife.

– Michael Lee Pope



Central Library



Arlington Career Center and Columbia Pike Branch Library

More Than Books in the Libraries

By Ross Sylvestri e The Connection b

n addition to lending books and movies, Arlington Public Library offers a variety of other services and activities for all ages from storytelling for youngsters, college prep advice and tshirt decorating for teenagers, and an after-hours game night for young adults. Arlington Public Library also hosts many authors and guest speakers throughout the vear. See http:// library.arlingtonva.us for more details, including the hours of op-



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 300 S. Kensington St.
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 2100 Clarendon Blvd.
 1st Floor Lobby
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Shirlington Branch Library
 4200 Campbell Ave.
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 Suite 3 Arlington, VA 22205



Columbia Pike Library

Clarendon: A Haven in Arlington

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Benya also cites the cost of living there: "The downside is you pay for what you get." However, he also notes the many types of housing options in the area. There are mixed-use buildings that offer housing assistance, residential homes, and apartment availability. "You have every option available to you."

Lewis lived in the first high-rise apartment building Arlington. "I remember when they built Hyde Park and it just looked so out of place." He also renovated the home where he grew up in Ashton Heights. "Many of the houses have been remodeled, including ours. What's nice about where we live, in Ashton Heights, is that most of them have kept their character. Ashton Heights is like a little hamlet in between all of this development."

Lewis describes an area that has changed but kept much of its character as well. "Change is inevitable," said Lewis, "but I like to think it still blends in. Clarendon is a young professional's haven, but I've seen it in my lifetime come full circle, with more families."

> Bikeshare is one of the many options available to residents in Clarendon. Bikeshare spots frequent the densely populated streets.

