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A cluster of new, upscale restaurants like Maggiano's and the Yard House will help attract shoppers and diners to Springfield Town Center from around and outside Springfield.



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Vastly improved lighting, both natural and artificial, was a major renovation consideration.

Changes in Store

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

Lee District supervisor Jeff McKay has been preparing for Friday's Springfield Town Center ribbon cutting since he was a kid.

"As someone who's spent my entire life here," said McKay, "I've been acutely aware of the decline over the years."

McKay knew the mall in its heyday, decades ago, when its prestige brought the likes of Princess Diana and Prince Charles through the doors of JCPenney. He saw what the retail center of Springfield could be. And as neglect and disinterest from the ownership in the late '90s and into the '00s saw the property fall into crime-ridden disrepair, he saw that prestigious community center of Springfield deteriorate.

The heavily renovated and rebranded Springfield Town Center that's set to open Friday is just the first of a multi-phase, multi-million dollar redevelopment effort set to play out over the next decade and a half. The goal is for the new mall to drive the future phases, which include residential and office space, as well as open air walking and biking connectivity.

"We talk a lot about revitalization projects and their value," said McKay. "This is one on steroids."

Vornado Realty Trust purchased the property in 2006 and had it rezoned in 2009, with the plan to redevelop the whole area as mixed use.

"All those phases are what really makes the Town Center such a benefit to our community," said Nancy-Jo Manney, executive director of the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce. "Live, work and play in that area, smack in the middle of transportation heaven."

WITH THE VAST OVERHAULS that took place with the Springfield interchange and infrastructure in the area, McKay believed the old mall was wasting his constituents' resources.

When Vornado said they wanted to move forward with redevelopment, McKay helped prioritize and organize the zoning and permitting processes.

"We made those investments as the public," he said. "We expect the private sector to repay on those investments."

So far, the surrounding community is supportive of the redevelopment that's been

years in the making.

"Patience is a virtue; in Springfield it can almost be a religion," said Bruce Waggoner, president of the Springfield Civic Association. "When these things finally occur, it renews your faith in why you live here. Otherwise, why would you? People are invested."

In June 2012, Vornado closed everything but the three main retailers and began reconstruction. They effectively gutted the existing structure and in the remodel paid special attention to safety features like lighting and dead-end hallways, negatives in the old mall.

To compete with the likes of Tysons and Dulles Town Centers, and to attract the clientele that would potentially drive the residential and corporate development phases, Vornado assembled a more upscale list of stores and restaurants, including J. Crew, Michael Kors, British retailer Top Shop, Maggiano's Little Italy and Yard House rock pub.

SHOPPERS CAN ALSO EXPECT lifestyle enhancements including a completely reimagined food court, movie theater complex and an LA Fitness gym, with swimming pool and basketball courts.

Vornado has invested around a quarter of a billion dollars, though earlier this year announced it was selling the mall for \$465 million to retail specialists Pennsylvania Real Estate Investment Trust (PREIT). The deal is set to close some time in spring 2015.

"The trade area, with density, high income, low unemployment and a growing population, and the location are unmatched in our minds," said Heather Crowell, PREIT Vice President Corporate Communications and Investor Relations. "We saw tremendous opportunity in what is currently a market that is underserved by retail."

Whether that opportunity is realized will depend on response to the new mall's upscale tenants.

"The impact is really going to be founded based on whether they can bring in high paying clientele," said George Mason University professor of finance Gerald A. Hanweck, "and get a volume into what was a sinking ship."

"The mall is going to be bigger, in what it can produce beyond itself," said Waggoner. "It's not just the mall, but what other people want to develop here and do business here because of the mall. It's the nucleus, and the center of gravity for the community."

'Net Positive' Home Under Construction in Springfield

Once completed, this house will generate more electricity than it requires to operate. More and more houses are employing grids of solar panels to supplement the electricity they draw from power companies. Forty panels on the roof of this Springfield residence will help generate 12 megawatts of electricity a year, 10 more than what the owner expects to need.

The house will run two Dominion electricity meters (input and output) and be part of the company's Solar Purchase Program. The homeowner will technically own the solar power system but sell the net positive energy, as well as the



PHOTO BY TIM PETERSON/THE CONNECTION

This Springfield house should generate more electricity than it needs.

solar Renewable Energy Certificates earned, back to Dominion.

To achieve such a difference, the solar panels have to work in concert with a host of energy-saving measures.

"There probably isn't another house like this on this planet," said John F Heltzel,

whose Manassas firm John F Heltzel AIA has been handling the design and implementation. "It's unbelievably complex."

Every inch of the roughly 4,000-square-foot home is custom, and literally lined with energy-saving features. Some of the most notable on a job site walk-through are a central courtyard (the numerous additional windows help spread more natural light throughout the house), single-sheet insulated wall panels (replacing the typical stud-foam-stud model), a geothermal heat pump (complete with three underground thermal wells) and a foundation of 12.5-inch thick thermomass insulated concrete.

"It's not uncommon that I get someone

who wants to do this type of foundation design, or thermal system, or roof framing," said Heltzel. "Maybe one or two gets sprinkled in. The owner wanted all of them."

Putting all these systems together in one place not only makes the design complex, but mucks up the county approval process as well. The project has been ongoing since the owner's family moved to Northern Virginia in 2010.

"I'm just so relieved for the family it's finally coming together and they can see it's actually happening," Heltzel said.

— TIM PETERSON

Marriage Equality in Fairfax and Beyond

County courthouse marries all couples.

BY REENA SINGH
THE CONNECTION

Wearing matching hot pink outerwear and short, spiky hair in front of the Fairfax County Government Center on Oct. 6, Yvonne Landis and Melodie Mayo of Falls Church were the first same sex couple to say “I do” in the county.

After nearly two decades of commitment, the couple was able to make their love official after the U.S. Supreme Court denied a writ of certiorari in the case that overturned the state’s gay marriage ban.

“On Sept. 30, I was diagnosed with breast cancer,” said Landis. “We felt that is was an important thing to have that legal status.”

She was lucky, she said, that it was caught early.

She was on the phone looking up marriage options in other states when she saw a newflash on her television stating that courthouses around the state were allowed to perform same-sex weddings, effective immediately.

BY THE TIME she got there with her now wife, Mayo, the minister was set up outside. The couple rushed into the courthouse, signed a marriage certificate, and asked the minister, Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax Rev. Laura Horton-Ludwig, to perform their marriage ceremony.

Fairfax County Government Public Information Officer Ellen O’Brien said she did not have a number of how many same-sex couples married at the government building last week.

“We cannot answer the question of how many ‘same-sex marriage’ licenses were issued on a given day, precisely because we



PHOTO BY UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF FAIRFAX

Yvonne Landis and Melodie Mayo of Falls Church were wed by Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax Rev. Laura Horton-Ludwig on Oct. 6, becoming the first same-sex couple wed legally in the county.

treat all people equally — we do not track that query,” she said.

However, she said a total of 24 couples received marriage licenses on Monday, Oct. 6 and 21 couples received them on Tuesday, Oct. 7.

“This is a historic and long overdue moment for our Commonwealth and our country,” said Gov. Terry McAuliffe in a statement issued on Oct. 6. “On issues ranging from recognizing same-sex marriages to extending health care benefits to same-sex spouses of state employees, Virginia is already well-prepared to implement this historic decision. Going forward we will act quickly to continue to bring all of our policies and practices into compliance so that we can give marriages between same-sex

partners the full faith and credit they deserve.”

U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine issued a statement on the eve of his arrival to India to meet with defense and foreign affair officials saying that he is celebrating alongside Virginians during the historic day.

“Today, we have taken a major step toward Jefferson’s ideal that ‘all men are created equal,’” he said.

Landis said she met Mayo in 1991 at a New Year’s Eve party and had a commitment ceremony in 1995. Two decades later, with Landis at 50 and Mayo at 58 years old, they finally were wed legally in their home state.

“It was a little surreal,” she said. “It was a bit overwhelming, but we were really

Free Ceremonies

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax (UUCF), a leading advocate for marriage equality in Fairfax County, is celebrating the Oct. 6 legalization of same-sex marriage in Virginia. To help make marriage a reality for the many Fairfax-area couples who have long dreamed of this opportunity, UUCF will offer clergy and facilities for brief religious marriage ceremonies free of charge through the end of the year. For more information on available dates and clergy, contact 703-281-4230 or uucf@uucf.org.

happy for the state to recognize equality.”

Even more so, she was overwhelmed with support when her family and neighbors found out about their courthouse union. When they first came out about 40 years ago, she said, it was taboo to even talk about, she said.

“That’s probably brought more tears than the whole thing,” she said.

According to NOVA Pride Vice President Kyle Rohen, many of the organization’s members had already married in other states because they were not expecting the opportunity to marry in Virginia to happen so soon.

He said he heard about the news as he was driving.

“I had to immediately pull the car over and tell my husband we were finally married in Virginia,” he said.

HIS WEDDING WAS in August 2011 in Washington D.C. to a Herndon resident.

“At the time, we didn’t think that Virginia would have marriage equality for another decade,” he said. “As a transplant from Louisiana, I found that Virginia was surprisingly accepting of me and my husband.”

Although marriage equality is a reality for Virginians, he said the fight for gay rights are not over.

“While I am very thankful that Virginia has marriage equality, we still don’t have equality in many states, and they won’t have that equality for the foreseeable future.”

Springfield Girl Scouts Earn Bronze

Girl Scout Troop 5552 of Springfield discovered there was a neglected historic cemetery beside their school and decided the integrity of the area should be restored. The cemetery dates back to the early 1800s when a Civil War battle was fought beside it. After two weekends battling rain and weeds, the girls transformed the cemetery in time for the school’s 50th anniversary and earned their Bronze Award in the process.



AREA ROUNDUPS

Farmers Markets

❖ Each Thursday, from 3-7 p.m., the Fairfax County Government Center hosts a farmers market in its parking lot. The Government Center is at 12000 Government Center Pkwy., in Fair Oaks, and the next markets are slated for Oct. 16 and Oct. 23.

❖ Two farmers markets are still open in the City of Fairfax. They’ll run through Nov. 1 at the corner of West and Main streets. The Downtown Fairfax Coalition Community Market is held Saturdays, from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. The Sunday Farmers Market will run from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information, call 703-642-0128.

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AREA ROUNDUPS

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Election Officers are Sought

Fairfax County needs 2,700 election officers, particularly bilingual citizens. Election officers must be registered voters in Virginia and complete required training and forms. People may choose to accept the \$175 payment for a full day or volunteer their time.

For more information, go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections and click the "training and education" button or call 703-324-4735, TTY 711. Sign up at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/working.htm>.

K-9 Krawl 5K is Oct. 18

The Fairfax County Police Department's annual K-9 Krawl 5K is set for Saturday, Oct. 18, at the county Government Center's parking lot C. Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m., followed by a K-9 demonstration at 8:45 a.m. and the 5K walk at 9 a.m.

This event was created to bring awareness to the connection between animal cruelty and the link to domestic violence, and dogs are welcome in the walk. Register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FCPD2014K9KRAWL>.

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OPINION

Coming: Children's Connection

During the last week of each year, The Connection devotes its entire issue to the creativity of local students and children. The results are always remarkable. It is a keepsake edition for many families.

The annual Children's Connection is a tradition of well over a decade, and we begin getting inquiries from teachers and parents about submitting artwork and writing almost as soon as summer is over.

We publish artwork, poetry, essays, creative writing, opinion pieces, short stories, photography, photos of sculpture or gardens or other creative efforts.

We ask that all submissions be digital so they can be sent through email or delivered on CD or flash drive. Writing should be submitted in rich text format (.rtf). Artwork should be photographed or scanned and provided in .jpeg format.

Some suggestions:

- ❖ Drawings or paintings or photographs of your family, friends, pets or some favorite activity. These should be photographed or scanned and submitted in jpeg format. Photos of sculpture or larger art projects are also welcome.

- ❖ Short answers (50 to 100 words) to some of the following questions: If you could give your parents any gift that didn't cost money what would that gift be? What are you most looking forward to in the upcoming year? What is one thing that you would change about school? What do you want to be when you grow up? What is your favorite animal? What is your favorite toy? What makes a good parent? What makes a good friend? What is the

best or worst thing that ever happened to you? What is the best gift you've ever given? Ever received?

- ❖ Your opinion (50 to 100 words) about traffic, sports, restaurants, video games, toys, trends, politics, etc.

- ❖ Poetry or other creative writing.

- ❖ News stories from school newspapers.

- ❖ Photos and text about activities or events.

We welcome contributions from public and private schools, individuals and homeschoolers.

Email submissions for the Children's Connection to editors@connectionnewspapers.com.

Identify each piece of writing or art, including the student's full name, age, grade and town of residence, plus the name of the school, name of teacher and town of school location. Please provide the submissions by Monday, Dec. 8.

To send CDs or flash drives containing artwork and typed, electronic submissions, mark them clearly by school and hometown and mail the CD to Children's Connection, 1606 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

Please send all submissions by Dec. 8. The Children's Connection will publish the week of Dec. 27, 2012.

Halloween Parties, SoberRide

Halloween is now as much of an adult party as a children's festival. Along with the Fourth of July, the holiday period including New Year's Eve and a few other dates, Halloween stands

out as a holiday connected to increases in drinking and driving.

If you will be out celebrating with alcohol, you can plan ahead. Assign a designated driver. Celebrate at home. Take public transportation. But if these plans fall through, the nonprofit Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP) Halloween SoberRide program provides a safety net.

For six hours from 10 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 31 until 4 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 1, SoberRide serves as a way to keep impaired drivers off the road. During this six-hour period, area residents ages 21 and older celebrating with alcohol may call the toll-free SoberRide phone number 1-800-200-TAXI and be afforded a no-cost (up to a \$30 fare), safe way home.

For more information visit www.wrap.org

Last Call for Letters

Letters to the editor from local residents about the upcoming election should be received by Friday, Oct. 24 to be considered for publication ahead of Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 4. Letters on candidates, bond questions, election procedure or any other local, election related topics are welcome and encouraged. Letters should be original, and include the writer's full name and address; we will print your town name, not your full address. Letters will be under 200 words and convey opinion with civility. Send letters to editors@connectionnewspapers.com

— MARY KIMM,

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Responding to Domestic Violence in Fairfax County

BY JOE MEYER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
SHELTER HOUSE, INC.

Domestic violence is a prevalent issue in Fairfax County and in some cases, too many cases, even result in fatalities. In fact, approximately 50 percent of the homicides occurring in the community are a direct result of domestic violence.

Relatively low homicide rates in the community overall prove that proactive public safety efforts are effective, but the presence of any domestic violence, regardless of the outcome, can not and should not be tolerated.

Shelter House, Inc. is a community-based non-profit organization that operates Artemis House, Fairfax County's only 24-hour emergency shelter for families and individuals fleeing domestic and sexual violence and human trafficking.

In a community comprising more than 1 million members,

with just 34 beds, Artemis House regularly stretches beyond capacity to accommodate those in need. Shelter House, Inc. also provides transitional housing and supportive services for survivors of domestic violence through the Community Housing Resources Program and NOVACO.

Shelter House also operates the Katherine Hanley and Patrick Henry Family Shelters where 33 percent of the homeless population experienced domestic violence.

The recently trending hashtag, #WhyIStayed, illustrates the complexities a victim faces when leaving the abuser and these programs are crucial in ensuring safe housing is available. However, these programs alone are not enough to eradicate domestic violence in our community.

Shelter House works alongside law enforcement, prosecutors, victim advocates, probation officers, courts, judges, offender service providers, mental health provid-

ers, homeless services and other human service providers to implement a coordinated community response orchestrated by Fairfax County's Office for Women & Domestic and Sexual Violence Services, and the Office to Prevent and End Homelessness. Each service component contributes to meeting the unique needs of those fleeing domestic violence.

Measuring the effectiveness of a collaborative response such as this can be challenging, but studies have shown that combining approaches in a coordinated effort reduces future incidents of violence. Collaboration is the solution to increasing victim safety and decreasing future violence in our community and your help is needed to continue our efforts.

Shelter House is participating in The Allstate Foundation's "Purple Purse Challenge," a project that is aimed at raising awareness and building the financial empowerment of domestic violence survivors. The Allstate Foundation part-

ners with leading national and local nonprofits to expand their efforts and Shelter House is honored to have been selected to participate. To learn more about the Purple Purse Challenge and to make a donation, visit www.shelterhouse.org. Contributions go directly to supporting our programs serving survivors of domestic violence. With 1-in-4 women estimated to have experienced domestic violence in her lifetime, expansion is needed to adequately serve those fleeing domestic violence in our community and ultimately work towards ending the occurrence domestic violence altogether. We hope you'll join us in the "Purple Purse Challenge" to help raise funds and awareness as we change the conversation from #WhyIStayed to #HowIHelped."

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence, contact the 24-hour hotline or Artemis House to discuss: 24 hour hotline/helpline: 703-360-7273, TTY: 703-435-1235 Artemis House: 703-435-4940

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Bulova Urges Action on Geer Shooting Investigation

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors decided they've exercised enough patience with U.S. Attorney Dana Boente's office. Now more than 13 months after Fairfax County police shot and killed John Geer, standing unarmed in the doorway of his Springfield home, Board chairman Sharon Bulova addressed the silence from Boente. Police have still not named the officer who shot Geer.

In a letter to Boente, dated Sept. 19 and released last week, Bulova first acknowledged the Board's understanding that the attorney's office has had the Geer case and been supposedly investigating it since January 2014.

"Since the shooting occurred," Bulova said in the letter, "our citizens have regularly contacted various members of the Board to communicate their concern and at times displeasure that the criminal investigation into this incident has not yet been completed."

After the shooting on Aug. 29, 2013, the initial investigation by the Fairfax County Police Department was handed off to Fairfax County Commonwealth Attorney Raymond Morrogh. Several months and a pair of conflicts of interest (cited by Morrogh) later, the case was transferred to Boente's office.

Fairfax County Police have yet to release any information to the Geer family or the



John Geer standing in his doorway, minutes before he was shot by a Fairfax County Police officer.

PHOTO COURTESY OF MICHAEL LIEBERMAN

public regarding details of the shooting or their own internal investigation. The Department of Justice has been just as forthcoming.

"The Board, however, would like to express to you the importance of a resolution of this matter," Bulova wrote in the letter, "as that will go a long way towards allowing our citizens to have faith in the process

by which police shooting incidents are investigated."

In an Oct. 10 response, a spokesman from the U.S. Attorney's Office said they have no additional comment in light of Bulova's letter.

John Geer's father Don Geer recently penned a letter of his own, not to Boente, but to Nicholas Beltrante, executive direc-

tor and founder of the Virginia Citizens Coalition for Police Accountability. Beltrante was inspired to begin petitioning the Board of Supervisors to appoint a citizens' police oversight board after the 2010 police shooting of David Masters.

"We have now spent 13 frustrating months trying to acquire information as to who, why, etc. John was killed," Don Geer said in the letter. "The Police Department policy of investigating a case, then hiding behind internal rules to avoid releasing information while working to exonerate the shooter is unacceptable. This does not provide justice for the victim, satisfaction for the public or closure for the family."

Geer summarized his account of what happened to his son, and the timeline that followed. "I fully support the appointment of a Citizens Complaint Review Board that would report to the County Board of Supervisors to provide transparency and accountability for the actions of the Police Department," wrote Geer.

Last month, the Geer family filed a \$12 million wrongful death and gross negligence suit against the Fairfax County Police Department.

For more information on the Citizens Coalition for Police Accountability, visit www.virginiaccpa.com.

— TIM PETERSON



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Dig Pink Returns Home for 10th Anniversary

West Springfield HS volleyball raises breast cancer awareness.

By ABIGAIL CONSTANTINO
THE CONNECTION

The West Springfield High School Spartans' usual orange and blue were replaced by a sea of pink during the girls' volleyball game against Centreville on Tuesday, Oct. 14 at West Springfield High School.

The team organized a Dig Pink event to raise awareness for breast cancer. The Spartans and their supporters donned sartorial pink shirts and outfits and organized a raffle and bake sale themed with the emblematic color for breast cancer awareness.

Dig Pink is the fundraising event of The Side-Out Foundation, whose mission is to make significant and identifiable difference to breast cancer patients and families by supporting clinical trials, increasing patient support services, and educating communities.

Freshman coach Bruce Stewart, of Springfield, extolled the girls' charitable efforts in decorating the school and contributing to the bake sale. He wore a bright pink shirt and garland. "It's for the girls," he said.

The team did a lot of legwork for the event, from making posters to having a carwash and to spreading the word through the team's Twitter account, said varsity player senior Taylor Betts.

Varsity player Sophie Stonelake said that the Dig Pink event gets players to think outside of themselves. "It raises awareness. It draws a really large crowd in all



The Spartans Girls Varsity Volleyball team don pink uniforms for the Dig Pink event on Tuesday, Oct. 14 to raise awareness for breast cancer.

the schools that do it."

The team also presented flowers to members of the audience whose lives were touched by cancer. Michelle Peters, of Arlington, wiped away tears after receiving a bouquet from her goddaughter Sydney Trotto, who plays on the Spartan JV squad. Peters lost her mother to breast cancer in 1994. She said events like this raise awareness and morale. "When it affects the woman, it affects the family," and everyone should be aware, she said.

Dig Pink and the Side-Out Foundation started at West Springfield High School in 2004. Founder Rick Dunetz suddenly found himself the head coach of the Spartans volleyball team after its previous coach abruptly resigned. Meanwhile, he was dealing with the recurrence of his mother Gloria's breast cancer.

Former Spartans co-captain Jessica Slezak remembered the time Dunetz pulled the team aside back in 2004 in her junior year. "He was wearing a Livestrong bracelet and



West Springfield High School Spartans Freshman volleyball team staff the bake sale table during the Dig Pink event on Tuesday, Oct. 14 in Springfield.

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Rick Dunetz, former Spartans Volleyball head coach and founder of The Side-Out Foundation, returns to West Springfield High School for the 10th anniversary of Dig Pink on Tuesday, Oct. 14.

he explained to us what that meant to him," she said.

Amanda Hayes was a sophomore in 2004. "At first I didn't think we really understood the sig-

nificance of it," she said. It was more a fun thing they did for their coach and his family. "And now to

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Spartans Raise Breast Cancer Awareness

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see it turn into a large nationwide event, it's been really cool to just continue to see it grow throughout the years," she said.

Dunetz, who came back for the 10th anniversary, addressed the crowd and thanked the 2004 team and the entire West Springfield High School community. He said 2004 changed his life and the life of his fam-

ily. "You're my heroes."

Dunetz said that in 2004 he felt that the team did not need him to teach them to play. Being suddenly without a coach, "They just needed to know somebody was behind them," he said. The mutual support between team and coach led to winning the district championship during his first year as head coach.

The money raised by the event, \$1,654.10, will be donated in full to breast cancer charities.



Michelle Petters, of Arlington, receives a rose from the Spartans volleyball team, to honor her mother who passed away from breast cancer.

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THROUGH SUNDAY/OCT. 19

Earth and Fire Ceramics Exhibition. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, 22079 Lorton. An exhibition featuring the works of 35 leading ceramic artists from the nine nations: Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Laos, Vietnam, Cambodia and Myanmar. <http://workhousearts.org>

THROUGH SUNDAY/OCT. 12

Edgar Allan Poe's Nevermore. Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 5 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Rd, Lorton. Take a musical journey into the heart and soul of Edgar Allan Poe, America's first truly visionary poet. Lyrics are adapted from Poe's writings. Admissions: \$15. www.workhousearts.org 703-584-2900.

THROUGH SATURDAY/OCT. 25

40 Years of Potomac Valley Watercolorists Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, 22079 Lorton. This exhibit of 100 watercolor painting celebrates the 40 year anniversary of the Potomac Valley Watercolorists. <http://workhousearts.org>

THROUGH FRIDAY/OCT. 31

Pumpkin Patch. 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Messiah United Methodist Church, 6215 Rolling Road, Springfield. Pumpkins are available from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. daily until Oct. 31, when the patch closes at 6 p.m. 703-569-9862.

THURSDAY/OCT. 16

Messiah Church's 30th Annual Bazaar. 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Messiah Methodist Church, 6215 Rolling Road, Springfield. Craft and business vendors, vintage items, pumpkin patch, Christmas shop, bake sale, chili luncheon, used book, toy and yard sale. 703-569-9862. www.messiahumc.org.

Garden Stroll & Tea. 1-3 p.m. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Rd, Alexandria. Admissions: \$29/person. Register at www.fairfaxcountygov/parks/greenspring using code 290 484 5501 or call 703-941-7987. Ages 13+.

Afternoon Reading Group. 1 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Molok'ai by Alan Brennert. Adults. 703-293-6227.

Springfield Writers' Group. 7 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Share your work, give and receive feedback in a supportive setting. Adults. 703-451-8055.

FRIDAY/OCT. 17

Springfield Town Center Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. 10 a.m. Music, character artists, and more. Springfield Town Center, 6500 Springfield Mall, Springfield.

Genealogy Help Desk. 2 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Bring family history stumpers to the experts. Accomplished genealogists and library staff will be on hand to assist. Adults. 703-293-6227.

SATURDAY/OCT. 18

Taking Care of Heirloom Textiles. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Rd, Alexandria. Learn how to clean, store and display a range of fibers with artist and collector Caroline Hottenstein. View a selection of fine Victorian clothing, linens and lace. Admissions: \$22/person. Register at www.fairfaxcountygov/parks/

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greenspring using code 290 402 4001 or call 703-642-5173. Ages 13+.

Teen Fan Fiction Writing Group. 10:30 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Group of teens who write and share original fan fiction. Teen volunteer facilitates. Age 13-18. 703-249-1520.

Great Books and Great Times: 75 Years at Our Library. 10:30 a.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Join storyteller Gary Lloyd for a walk through the history of the Fairfax County Public Library over the past 75 years with an emphasis on Springfield. All Ages. Please register. 703-451-8055.

Wag a Tale. 11 or 11:15 a.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Center, Alexandria. Need a little practice reading or just love dogs?

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Family Fun: Geocaching. 1-3 p.m. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Rd, Alexandria. Find out what geocaching is all about and then seek out a few caches yourself.

Admissions: \$15/person. Register at www.fairfaxcountygov/parks/greenspring using code 290 471 4101 or call 703-642-5173. Ages 10+ with registered adult.

Dog Adoption. 12-3 p.m. Petco, Greenbriar Towncenter, 13053 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax. Call 703-817-9444 or visit www.hart90.org/

"On Air: Music through the Decades." 2 & 7:30 p.m. Northern Virginia Community College, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Vienna-Falls Chorus presents a concert with an all-out feast for the senses with lights, stage decorations, dancing and humor. For tickets call 703-242-SING or go to www.viennafalls.ticketleap.com/ONAIR. General admission is \$22, \$17 for seniors, groups and children.

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Annual Children's Concert. 2 p.m. Lake Braddock Little Theatre, 9200 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Admission: \$2 donation or two canned food items per person. Donations benefit ECHO, a local organization serving families in need. Come in costume. Visit lakebraddockchorus.squarespace.com.

Springfield Town Center Childrens' Court Opening. 1 p.m. Springfield Town Center, 6500 Springfield Mall, Springfield. Entertainment for children provided by World Girl, Scholastic representatives and PREIT and Vornado will accompany ribbon cutting.

A Toast to the Animals. 1:30-5:30 p.m. Award-winning wine, music, silent auction and more. Supporting the Humane Society of Fairfax County. Friendly, leashed dogs welcome. Paradise Springs Winery, 13219 Yates Ford Road, Clifton. Tickets: \$40 in advance or \$50 at the door, available online: <http://hsfc.org/>

SUNDAY/OCT. 19

Food and Jane Austen. 1-3 p.m. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Rd, Alexandria. Explore the Regency Era's culinary and dining conventions through Jane Austen's

novels and letters. Hear about dress code, etiquette and more followed by a traditional English tea. Admissions: \$29/person. Call 703-941-7987 to make reservations. Ages 13+.

Autumn Harvest Tea Party. 1:30-3 p.m. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Rd, Alexandria. Create a mini floral bouquet using natural materials from our gardens and see the changes autumn brings to our garden landscape. Admissions: \$15/person. Register at www.fairfaxcountygov/parks/greenspring using code 290 482 4001 or call 703-642-5173. Ages 5+ with registered adult.

NTRAK Scale Model Train Show. 1-4 p.m. Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Museum members, free; adults 16 and over, \$4; children 5-15, \$2; under 4, free. Information on the museum and shows is at www.fairfax-station.org or call 703-425-9225.

MONDAY/OCT. 20

PJ Library Book Buddies. 10:30 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Please join us to read selections from the PJ Library and make a craft to take home. PJ Library provides families with a free treasury of Jewish books and music each month. Age 6 months to 5 years. 703-249-1520.

Tales for Twos: Alphabet Antics. 10:30 a.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Join us for stories, songs and activities about the alphabet. Age 24-35 months with adult. 703-644-7333.

Magic Tree House Club. 4 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Read the eighth story in the series Midnight on the Moon by Mary Pope Osborne and discuss. Print copies are available at the library service desk. Age 6-8. 703-249-1520.

Chess Club. 4 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Learn openings, strategy, tactics and more. Players paired with others of similar skill. Drop in anytime. Age 8-16. 703-644-7333.

Hidden Pond Monday: Reptiles. 4:30 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Age 6-12. 703-451-8055.

TUESDAY/OCT. 21

Zinio: EMagazines at Your Local Library. 2 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Learn how to use Zinio to access free digital magazines. Age 13-adult. 703-644-7333.

Tales to Tails. 4:30 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Read to a therapy dog. Ages 6-12 with adult. 703-293-6227.

Classics Book Club. 7 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. "The Good Earth" by Pearl Buck. Adults. 703-451-8055.

Lyme Disease. 7-9 p.m. Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax. Lyme disease experts will present a free educational program about Lyme and associated disease.

Pohick Evening Book Discussion Group. 7 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Moloka'i by Alan Brennert. Adults. 703-644-7333.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 22

My Gym-Babies. 10:30 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Develop a child's large motor skills. Age 12-23 months with adult. 703-249-1520.

P is for Pumpkin. 10:30 a.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Join for Autumn stories and activities. Age 3-5 with adult. 703-451-8055.

My Gym-Toddlers. 11:30 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Age 2 years with adult. 703-249-1520.

The Private School Admissions Process

Local educators offer insider tips on how to select and get your child admitted to the perfect school.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

While this school year might still feel new, some parents are already thinking about next fall. Or if they're not, they should be. For parents who are considering sending their children to one of the area's private schools for the 2015-2016 school year, the application process should be underway.

"Now is the time to begin the independent school admission process for the 2015-2016 academic year," said Diane Dunning, director of admission and financial aid at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School in Alexandria. "Application deadlines vary by school, but generally fall between mid-December and late January."

"Parents often start the process by exploring school websites and speaking with trusted friends who have personal experience with specific schools. Doing your research may be time-consuming, but what

could be more important than finding the right educational fit for your child?"

Use this time to peruse school websites and get to know the schools you think might be a good fit for your child. "Go beyond the admission [web] pages," said Mimi Mulligan, assistant head and director of admission and enrollment management at Norwood School in Bethesda, Md. "Read a school's magazine or its weekly parent memo. Follow a school's Facebook page or Twitter feed. Looking at a school through varied lenses will provide a better sense of culture at the school."

"Talk as a family about what would be the best kind of school for your child," she continued. "Coed versus single gender, traditional versus progressive, suburban versus urban, no uniform versus uniform, kindergarten through second versus kindergarten through eighth versus kindergarten through 12th."



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Visiting prospective schools will give parents and students a sense of the institution's atmosphere and culture.

Consider your child's strengths and weaknesses, and what they need to be happy and successful in school. "Keep your mind open," said Mulligan. "The spectrum of excellent schools in our area is broad, enabling parents to think beyond name recognition and focus on right fit when selecting a school."

There are a few factors for parents to consider: "Does a school's mission resonate with your family's values?" asks Dunning. "Will the curriculum challenge your child's strengths and support him or her in other areas?"

PARENTS AND STUDENTS should begin by creating a list of schools where they plan to apply and start contacting their top choices. "The most important piece of advice for a family is to visit the school website often. That is full of interesting stories about a school," said Ann Richardson Miller, director of admission and financial aid at The Madeira School in McLean.

"Once you've narrowed down your choices, make plans to visit the schools. Tours have started, and there will be additional opportunities such as open houses, student visiting days, and curriculum nights," said Dunning. "It is important to experience the culture of the school to get an accurate picture. Each independent school has its own distinctive mission, and you will feel it as soon as you step onto campus."

Miller says open houses can help reduce the potential anxiety a student might have about other parts of the application process, such as an interview or standardized test, which are often requirements for private school admissions. She also suggests attending a school play or athletic event. "Those are great ways to see a school community."

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SPORTS

Successful Switch

Woodson's Reed thriving at outside hitter following change in approach.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

The Woodson volleyball team was in control of Monday's match against Oakton when Cavalier head coach Len Palaschak took out some of his starters, including senior outside hitter Mackenzie Reed, in order to give playing time to some of his reserves.

Oakton, which trailed 21-9 at one point during the fourth set, started to creep back into the contest. When the Cougars cut the deficit to 22-16, Palaschak called timeout and put Reed, a team captain, back on the floor. Reed promptly put away a cross-court kill to stop the bleeding.

Reed's hitting talents produced a team-high 12 kills, a .407 attack percentage and helped the Cavaliers to a 3-1 (25-18, 17-25, 25-11, 25-20) victory on Oct. 13 at Oakton High School. Reed also had four aces on a night when Woodson totaled 18.

REED'S AGGRESSION at the net helped the Cavaliers bounce back from a rough stretch that included three losses in four matches. Reed, however, hasn't always possessed an offensive mentality. Following a position switch as a junior, she maintained a defensive approach when Woodson needed her to attack. As time passed, Reed became an aggressor and the Cavaliers have benefited since.

Reed was Woodson's libero during her freshman and sophomore seasons, twice earning second-team all-district honors. When Reed was a junior, Palaschak asked her to move from her defensive position to outside hitter. Reed wasn't happy about the idea, but the Cavaliers needed some help with their attack.

"We had a problem a couple years ago with outside hitters not being able to hit balls on the court and [not] placing the ball well," Palaschak said. "... [Reed and I] had a long talk about it because as a freshman and a sophomore, she was second-team all-district as a libero. She would have been [a] first-team [libero], probably, last year, [but] she did this for the team."

Along with a lack of experience playing outside hitter, Reed had to overcome her lack of size. At 5 feet 6, Reed is short for a net player. However, Reed said her focus on conditioning and experience playing beach volleyball boosts her endurance and increases her jumping ability.

"Without [beach volleyball]," Reed said, "I don't think I could have made the transition at all."

While Reed had the physical ability to



Woodson outside hitter Mackenzie Reed had 12 kills against Oakton on Oct. 13.

PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

"Without [beach volleyball], I don't think I could have made the transition at all."

— Woodson senior outside hitter Mackenzie Reed

succeed at outside hitter, she lacked the aggression needed to reach her potential. She still had a defensive mentality while playing an offensive position.

"I was more of a defensive player in the front row," Reed said. "I didn't really want to transition to hit. I wanted to take every ball."

While beach volleyball helped Reed with certain elements of playing outside hitter, it hindered, in a way, her approach to attacking. The kind of well-placed finesse shots that succeed in 2-on-2 beach volleyball don't work as often in a game of 6-on-6 inside a gymnasium.

"Every year, we have a little transition she has to make from playing beach to coming back to the court," Palaschak said. "On the beach, you're used to placing balls a lot and you can see that sometimes when she'll do her approach. She'll do her last two steps and try to place balls and it's hard to do with six players on the court. We have to get her to do that transition and rip the ball, which she was doing very nicely [against Oakton on Monday]."

Reed would eventually figure out her new position, earning first-team all-conference honors as an outside hitter during her junior season in 2013.

"Last year, we had teams setting up their defense just to play her," Palaschak said. "They'd come out and watch her play and they'd set up their defense against her."

Now a senior, Reed continues to improve. "[I'm] more comfortable, definitely," she said. "I've embraced the position this year. I like it because it's more exciting getting kills."

Senior libero and North Carolina A&T State commit Keniah Rivera, also a team

captain, said she notices a change in Reed. "She's a great player," Rivera said. "She's very smart. She knows where to put the ball. ... There's a huge difference [from last season]. She hits harder, she's more confident in herself. Last year, as the transition went she was kind of nervous, she didn't want to make a mistake."

REED'S 12-KILL PERFORMANCE against Oakton on Monday helped Woodson improve its overall record to 9-6. Woodson's Jen Sabolsky finished with nine kills against the Cougars. Mary Ellen Gill had eight and Lenna Roman finished with seven. Leah Farmer dished 17 assists and Sophia Mackin finished with 11.

Reed, Angelica Jennin and Sarah Mueller each had four aces. Sabolsky and Mackin each had three.

"We needed this," Palaschak said. "We just have not found a chemistry on the floor yet. It was nice to watch that tonight. We know that this is the lineup we need to use, but they just need to get that chemistry going. ... We just need to find that groove on the floor. This is the first time we've really had some excitement playing like this."

The Cavaliers faced Lake Braddock on Wednesday, after The Connection's deadline. Woodson will travel to face West Potomac at 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 20, and Robinson on Tuesday.

Woodson has its sights set on competing for a Conference 7 championship. When the Cavaliers need a kill along the way, they will likely look to their converted libero.

"She was getting good, long, four-step approaches here [against Oakton] and getting a lot of power behind the ball," Palaschak said. "She was crushing balls."



CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

Robinson senior Patrick Myers placed 13th in the boys' varsity race at the Glory Days Invitational on Oct. 11 at Bull Run Regional Park.

Top 15

Robinson's Myers places 13th hours after taking SATs.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Taking the SATs can be a nerve-racking time in a student's life as he/she prepares for life after high school. It would be understandable if someone wanted to spend the rest of the day relaxing after experiencing a heavy dose of pressure.

On the other hand, there are student/athletes like Robinson senior Patrick Myers. His post-SAT activities included a brief nap and running a personal-best time at Bull Run Regional Park.

Myers placed 13th at the Glory Days Invitational on Oct. 11, earning a medal with a top-15 finish. He posted a course-PR time of 16:38 while battling muddy conditions.

"It wasn't my best race today," Myers said. "I think it's partially because of the mud, partially because I didn't have my teammates out there running with me today. Other than that, I think I did OK."

Myers' Saturday started with taking the SATs at Westfield High School, which lasted from 8:30-10:30 a.m. From there, Myers started preparing for the race.

"I went home and took a short nap, sort of got myself ready," he said. "[I] had a quick snack, and then got on out here to watch my teammates a little bit and get ready."

Loudoun Valley's Andrew Hunter won the event with a time of 15:44. Millbrook's Tyler Cox-Philyaw finished runner-up with a time of 16:05, followed by Chantilly's Ryan McGorty (16:11).

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TOWN OF CLIFTON TOWN COUNCIL AND TOWN OF CLIFTON PLANNING COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 4, 2014

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Clifton Town Council and the Town of Clifton Planning Commission will hold a joint Public Hearing on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 at 7:30 P.M. at the Town Meeting Hall, 12641 Chapel Road, Clifton, VA 20124 to consider the amendment of the Town of Clifton's Zoning Ordinance, resulting from the requirements of the Virginia Stormwater Management Program Regulations, to adopt Fairfax County's Chapter 124 of the Code of the County of Fairfax, Stormwater Management Ordinance, into the Town Code, as Chapter 13 of the Town of Clifton Code. The proposed revision to the Town Code by the addition of Chapter 13 of the Zoning Ordinance is available for review and downloading on the Town's website at www.cliftonva.us and a hard copy of the proposed Chapter 13, Stormwater Management Ordinance Zoning Ordinance may be examined at the Clifton Post Office, 12644 Chapel Road, Clifton VA, 20124. All interested parties are invited to attend and express their views with respect to the proposed adoption of Chapter 13 to the Town of Clifton Zoning Ordinance of the Stormwater Management Ordinance.

LEGAL NOTICE

According to the Lease by and between (1130) Michelle Smith and TKG-StorageMart and its related parties, assigns and affiliates in order to perfect the Lien on the goods contained in their storage unit, the manager has cut the lock on their unit and upon cursory inspection the unit was found to contain: chairs, totes, blankets, ect. Items will be sold or otherwise disposed of on Friday October 24, 2014 @ 12:00pm at 11325 Lee Hwy Fairfax VA 22030 to satisfy owner's lien in accordance with state statutes.

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Obituary

Randolph "Randy" Brooks, age 94, died Tues., Oct. 7, 2014, at Integris Hospice House in Okla. City, OK. He was born June 28, 1920 in Rogers, N.M. to Thomas Harvey and Effie May (Marshall) Brooks. Randy graduated from Rogers High School in 1938. Soon after graduation, Randy began his lifelong career in aviation by enrolling in Spartan School of Aeronautics in Tulsa, OK. He received his A & P license and an offer to teach while he earned his single-engine and helicopter ratings at Spartan School in Tulsa, OK.

Randy met and married Thelma Swanson in 1942. During WWII he served in the U.S. Army Air Corp. After serving his country, Randy returned to Tulsa, OK, and Spartan School of Aeronautics. Later he joined Sinclair Oil Company's Aviation Department. After they merged with Atlantic Richfield, Randy chose not to transfer to California but went with FAA as an Aviation Inspector in the southwest region. In 1983 he transferred to FAA Academy where he was a course manager on Helicopters, Compliance and Enforcement. Randy retired from FAA in 1990 but worked as a consultant for the Department of Energy until 2004. Randy was a recipient of the Charles Taylor Master Mechanic Award and the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award. Each award category requires a minimum of 50 years documented distinguished service. He was a lifetime member of EAA and a charter member of EAA Chapter 10 in Tulsa, OK. Since 1983, Randy has lived in Yukon, OK, and served his Lord and Savior as a member of Canadian Valley Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, parents, brothers, Cecil and Britt Brooks, baby daughter Debbie and two wives, Thelma and Shirley. Survivors include his wife Margette, son Larry Brooks and wife Judy of Fairfax, VA; grandson, Matt Brooks of Fairfax, VA; daughter Marilynne Robertson and husband Ron (who Randy considered a son more than a son-in-law) of Flower Mound, TX; granddaughter Stephanie Kirkham and husband Scott and their children Slade and Sophie Kirkham of Dallas, TX; stepson Steven Balch and wife Lisa of Garner, N.C.; grandchildren Stephen and Stephanie Balch, Aaron, Stephen, and Zach Taylor; stepdaughter Barbara Balch-Hernandez of Van Buren, AR, and granddaughters Marissa, Myriah, Malia and Maelle; sisters-in-law Margaret Pinion of Winslow, AR, Helen Deal and husband Herb of West Pittsburgh, PA, Anita Tidwell of Del City, OK, Karen Perkins and husband Jim of Bonanza, AR, and Joyce Holt and husband James of Hackett, AR, as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins in New Mexico and Texas.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Integris Hospice House, 13920 Quailbrook Dr., Okla. City, OK 73112. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Fri., Oct. 10, 2014, at the Yanda & Son Funeral Home Chapel, with interment following at the Yukon Cemetery, Yukon. Online condolences may be signed at www.yandafuneral.com. Arrangements are under the direction of Yanda & Son Funeral Home, Yukon, OK.



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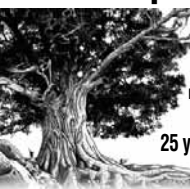
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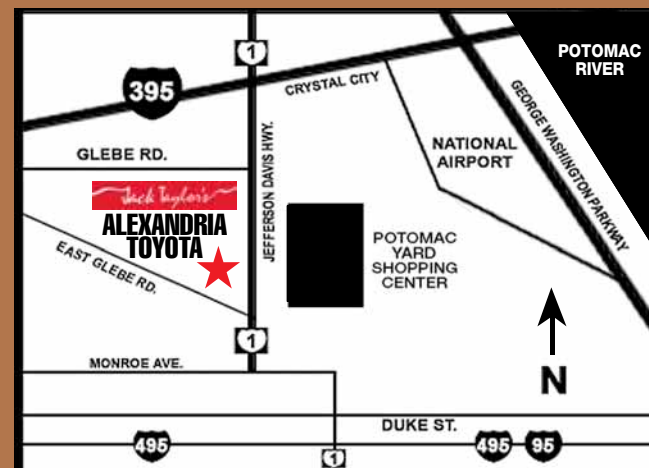
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This town home has 3 finished levels, 3 bedrooms, and 3.5 bathrooms. The home has been updated, new HVAC and over 1,500 square feet of living space.
Richard Esposito 703-503-4035



Burke Centre **\$615,000**
Long-time owners have babied this lovely home! Nothing left to do but move in. Stunning rear sunroom addition overlooking park-like setting. So many improvements to incl remodeled kitchen, baths, roof, windows, siding, HVAC, HWH, carpet, paint & more. Expansive eat-in kitchen w/adjoining family room. Grand MBR suite w/custom W/I closet. Gorgeous Hwdws. Fin Bsmt. Green space galore. A "10."
Jim Fox 703-503-1800



Clifton **\$798,000**
Charming brick home with 4 BRs, 3.5 BAs sited on 5 acres with majestic views. Lovingly remodeled with attention to details showing in every room-beautiful crown moulding, sparkling hardwoods, grand dining room, mahogany built-ins in the living room and custom cabinetry in the kitchen and baths.
Carol Hermandorfer 703-216-4949



Gainesville **\$599,900**
Heritage Hunt 55+ (50+ ok). Pristine 3 lvl 'Yardley' - water & mountain views! 3BR, 3.5 BA, HDWDS, Main lvl MBR, Grmt Kit w island & Silestone, Liv, Din, Brkfst, Fam, Scrnd porch, Storage, wrp/ arnd Deck, 2 car Gar, HOA inc PH/Intnt/Cable/Trash & Fitness.
Amanda Scott 703-772-9190



Fairfax/Kings Park West **\$685,000**
Spacious center-hall Colonial with quality finishes! Well-designed addition creates open floor plan. Kitchen is fully remodeled with a breakfast room & opens to amazing family room w/cathedral ceilings. UL has four large BRs + a den Master & hall bath have been expanded, both w/dual sinks. Great finishes on LL with legal egress. Close to schools, VRE & Metrobus.
Mary Hovland 703-946-1775
Cathy DeLoach 571-276-9421



Clifton **\$679,000**
Perfectly sited on 1 acre, this brick home has been beautifully remodeled and updated throughout! Open floor plan, gorgeous kitchen and baths, sparkling hardwood floors, 2 fireplaces, fully finished walk-out lower level and fabulous landscaping including deck and stone patio are just a few of the features.
Carol Hermandorfer 703-216-4949



Fairfax Station **\$675,000**
Bright, shiny 4 BR Det with 2 car garage on quiet cul-de-sac. Superb condition new hardwood floors, granite, and tile main. Fresh WW carpet bedroom level & paint throughout. Ready for the new owner.
Steve Wharton 703-627-0103



Sterling **\$306,000**
Terrific End Unit Townhouse in Parkside at Dulles. 1500 sq. ft. in this 3 BR/3 BA home.
Jon Sampson 703-307-4357



Lorton **\$725,000**
Former Model Home with Extensive Upgrades. New Designer Gourmet Kitchen with top-of-the-line Stainless Steel Appliances, 2 Ovens & Custom Cabinetry. Open Floor Plan makes entertaining effortless. Two Beautiful Gas Fireplaces. Rear Covered Porch, Slate Patio & Kitchen Deck along with incredible Privacy make this home a solid 10!
John & Jen Boyce 703-425-5646



Fairfax **\$535,000**
Nicely updated 4BR/2.5BA Colonial in sought after Kings Park West. Kitchen has attractive cabinetry w/granite, stainless appliances, gas cooking & breakfast bar adjoining dining room. Patio off Kitchen & DR makes for some great outdoor meals! Upgraded baths, hardwoods, sitting room with access to patio & quiet backyard. Close to VRE, Metrobus, schools & shopping.
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