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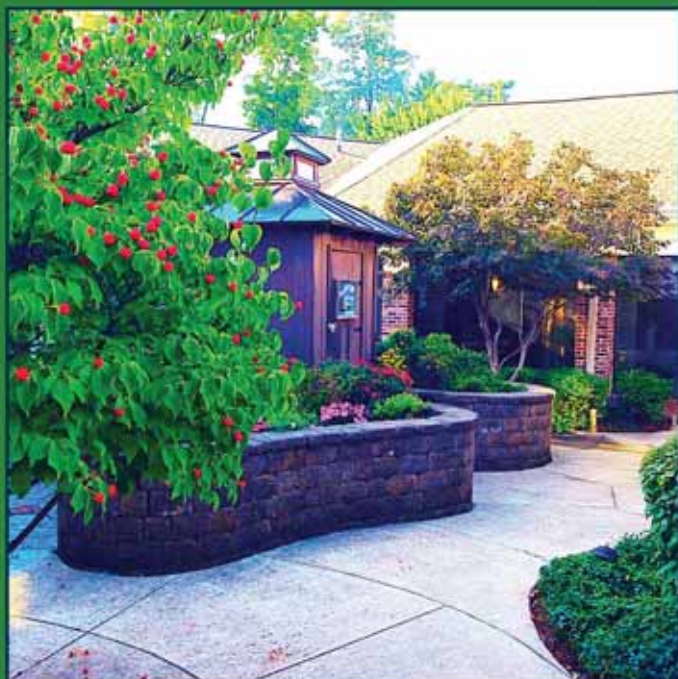
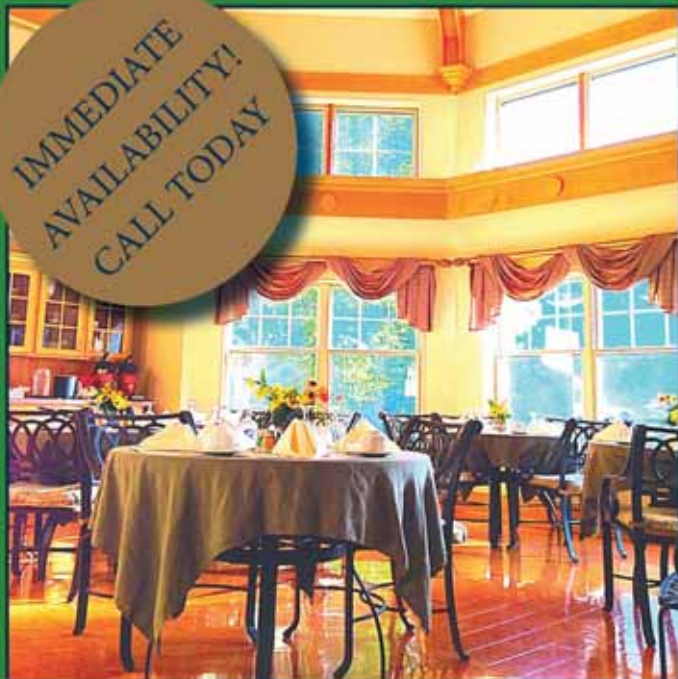
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Arlington's Michael Wardian, 40, is congratulated by race director Rick Nealis after taking fourth place in the 39<sup>th</sup> Marine Corps Marathon Oct. 26. Wardian completed the 26.2-mile course in 2 hours 25 minutes and 42 seconds.



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### Wardian leads local runners in 39<sup>th</sup> Marine Corps Marathon.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
THE CONNECTION

**I**t's been a busy month for Michael Wardian. The 40-year-old Arlington resident took to the starting line of the 39<sup>th</sup> Marine Corps Marathon to run his third marathon in 21 days with a 50-mile race added to the mix.

"I was running to win it," said Wardian, an ultramarathoner who completed the 26.2-mile course in 2 hours, 25 minutes and 42 seconds. "I felt solid and was happy with my effort but it just wasn't in the cards today."

Wardian, who finished fourth overall and first in the masters division, began the month of October by running the Twin Cities Marathon in 2:21:45 followed by the Hartford Marathon in 2:25:57. Less than seven days before Sunday's race, he took first place overall in a 50-mile race in State College, Pa., finishing in 5:46:33.

"My legs were just not fast enough today," said Wardian, who will head to Qatar on Halloween for the International Association of

Ultrarunners World 50K championships. "But it was an amazing day. It's always great to run in Arlington."

Close on Wardian's heels was Graham Tribble, 26, who finished in 2:25:52, putting two Arlington runners in the top 10 of the men's field.

Placing first overall in the men's division with a time of 2:22:11 was Army Spc. Samuel Kosgei. Army Capt. Meghan Curran was the first female finisher with a time of 2:51:46.

In the men's division, Army Spc. Laban Sialo finished second at 2:23:47 and Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Justin Turner finished third with a time of 2:25:04.

In the women's division, Arlington's Lindsay Wilkins placed second with a time of 2:51:46 with Navy Lt. Gina Slaby coming in third at 2:52:31.

Joining Wilkins in the top 10 of female finishers from Arlington was Erin Taylor, 32, (2:52:54) in fifth place, Stephanie Fulmer, 24, (2:29:14) in seventh place, and Kelly Swain, 29, (3:00:55) in 10<sup>th</sup>

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**"So many people showed up to cheer everyone on. The crowd support really helped me get through the last few miles."**

**— Arlington runner Max Krafft**



Runners take off at the start of the 39<sup>th</sup> Marine Corps Marathon Oct. 26 in Arlington.



Arlington's Erin Taylor, 32, completed the marathon in 2:52:54, placing fifth in the women's division.



Family members of Albert DiFederico, a state department employee killed in Afghanistan, gather for a photo after running in his honor as part of the TAPS Marine Corps Marathon team. Pictured are: Kayla Hall, 13, DiFederico's widow Mary Hall, son Nicholas DiFederico, sister Joy Hobbs, and Barbara Hobbs.

PHOTOS BY JOHN BORDNER



Army Spc. Samuel Kosgei greets the media after winning the men's division of the Marine Corps Marathon with a time of 2:22:11.



Arlington resident Max Krafft, 32, runs through Rock Creek Park during Sunday's Marine Corps Marathon. Krafft finished the race in 3:02:27.



Australian officers Lt. Col Phillip Hills, of Vienna, and Brig. Gen David Creagh, of Arlington, watch runners make their way to the start of the Marine Corps Marathon.



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**Bonds on the Ballot**

**Arlington puts \$200 million in bonds to a public vote.**

BY VERNON MILES  
THE CONNECTION

**T**his year, Arlington is putting the fate of \$219 million in the hands of its citizens. On the Nov. 4 ballot, residents will have a chance to vote on four major bonds. The proposed bonds would fund expenses and projects for Metro & Transportation, Parks & Recreation, Community Infrastructure and Arlington's Public Schools.

The Metro and Transportation bond for \$60.2 million funds the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) and various transportation projects. The largest part of this bond goes to fund WMATA/Metro's capital improvement plan.

"The biggest portion of the bond is \$39 million for the funding the metro," said Jason Friess, financial analyst at the Department of Management & Finance. "Arlington funds Washington metro transit, which is then worked out among Fairfax, Alexandria, Falls Church and others."

The percent of Metro costs Arlington pays each year is based on a formula that distributes the cost of the Metro based on ridership. This is paid with a combination of general obligation bonds and revenue from public transit. In 2012, the county passed a \$31.95 million bond for Metro and Transportation.

"This is a little larger than typical," said Friess of the \$28.3 million increase over the 2012 Metro and Transportation bonds. Friess said much of that is going to replace the 1000-series Metro car, respon-

sible for the 2009 rail line accident that resulted in nine deaths. "Approximately \$20 million ... is currently projected to be for the 7000 series railcars."

The Parks and Recreation bond for \$13 million funds capital projects for local parks and land acquisition; \$2 million is expected to be allocated for park acquisitions. The bond also funds maintenance of playgrounds, courts, and parks throughout Arlington. The 2014 bond is smaller than 2012's \$50.5 million bond, which included funding for the Long Bridge Park Aquatics, Health and Fitness Facility.

The Community Infrastructure bond for \$39.9 million funds projects for county facilities, information technology and infrastructure. The Community Infrastructure bond funds various general street improvements, like drainage, paving roads and street lighting. The 2014 Community Infrastructure bond is costlier than the 2012 bond for \$28.3 million.

The most expensive is a \$105.8 million bond for Arlington's Public Schools and related projects. This increase over the \$42.6 million bond in 2012 is mostly from the cost of a new elementary school. While the other bonds are allocated according to Arlington County's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), the Public School bond is divided according to the School Board's CIP plan. Some Alexandria residents are unhappy with how the county has handled the bond issues, specifically the Public School bond.

"The bond question ... gives very broad authority for 'capital purposes,'" said John Reeder, chair of the

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Mark R. Warner - D	Donald S. Beyer, Jr. - D	
Robert C. Sarvis - L	Jeffrey S. Carson - L	
Write In	Gerard C. "Gerry" Blais III - IG	
	Gwendolyn J. Beck - I	
	Write In	Yes
		No

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Carla F. de la Pava	Audrey R. Clement	Question: Shall Arlington County contract a debt and issue its general obligation bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$60,240,000 to finance, together with other available funds, the cost of various capital projects for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority and other transit, pedestrian, road or transportation projects?
Write In	Barbara J. Kanninen	
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Alan E. Howze	Nancy Van Doren	
John E. Vihstadt	Write In	Yes
Write In		No



## NEWS

# 'Property Genealogy'

Researching the life of a house.

By MICHAEL MCMORROW  
THE CONNECTION

When "a house" becomes "my home" it assumes a unique identity. According to George Combs, manager, Special Collections Branch, Alexandria Public Library, that transformation explains the steady stream of visitors, be they "retirees with time on their hands or new homeowners once they have settled in," seeking what Combs calls "property genealogy."

The same inquiries surface in Arlington, both to county staffs and to others interested in local history. The Arlington Historical Society (AHS) saw an opportunity to be of service. It joined with the county's Historic Preservation Office, the Public

## Bad News, Good News

Bad — All seats for the Arlington Historical Society's inaugural "House History Workshop" on Wednesday, Nov. 5, are filled.

Good — The society has established a "wait list" and continues to accept requests to attend while it considers plans for future workshops. A second event could be held as early as next March. To register, visit [www.arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org).



By MICHAEL MCMORROW/THE CONNECTION  
"Broadview"

Library's Center for Local History and Preservation Arlington. The result is an inaugural "House History Workshop," to be held in the Central Library on Wednesday evening, Nov. 5. (Since all seats are filled for this event, see the adjacent box for further information.)

Participants will be shown how to research the history of their own houses, beginning with a guide to resources in the Local History Center and the county's Historic Preservation Office. Instruction will rely on actual research case studies, followed by hands-on experience in the Local History Center.

One of the cases to be considered is that of "Broadview." Close by the intersection of Washington Boulevard and George Mason

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— MARY KIMM

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## LETTERS

## Paying It Forward

To the Editor:

I wanted to extend a big thank you to all the folks in Arlington who take the time, effort, and expense to decorate their homes for Halloween and who pass out candy to eager trick-or-treaters.

Our first two years in Arlington were spent in an apartment in Clarendon, and after realizing that trying to trick-or-treat in an apartment building was an exercise in futility, we would take our two children out on Halloween to explore the nearby neighborhoods of single family homes.

I wished I could thank people individually at the time, but my kids were just too fast. Now we are homeowners in Arlington and are eager to pay it forward this Halloween, and for years to come.

**Ami Foster**  
Arlington

## Supporting Streetcar

To the Editor:

*The following open letter was addressed to Aubrey L. Layne, Jr. Secretary of Transportation Commonwealth of Virginia.*

As members of the Arlington County General Assembly delegation, we strongly support the Commonwealth of Virginia's commitment to provide funding for the regional streetcar system that the

# The Real Cancer Heroes

BY JON GOULD

"I didn't have a choice." Nine years later, after three surgeries, chemotherapy and radiation, my wife and I are still having the same conversation. Diagnosed with aggressive breast cancer at the age of 37, with two young kids and an anxious husband, she "sucked it up," as she would say, and put herself through a year of debilitating and painful treatment all to eliminate the creeping disease that threatened her life.

I contend, and still do, that it was a choice. She could have given up, taken to her bed, or allowed the fear of the cancer's spread to overwhelm her ability to make medical decisions. She tells me I'm wrong. "There was no valor in this," she explains, "no other option. I did what was necessary to get through." My wife is tough, one of the best copers I know, and yet she still resists the badge of strong or brave.

How can this be? Virtually every profile of a cancer patient speaks of her "brave fight." Especially now in October, during Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we are reminded that multiple women will get and eventually "beat" the disease. Shouldn't we celebrate them as brave heroes of a marathon battle?

The truth is that it hardly feels like a valiant fight when you're in the middle of cancer treatment. No one I've encountered wakes up the middle of the night thinking, "I'm really brave to be doing this." The reality is more like a soul-sucking fear. Fears, really. Fear of losing the battle, of course, but also fear of lost normalcy, of wondering whether a partner will still find her attractive once the scars heal, or whether a muscle ache, bump or bruise will ever be seen as a minor annoyance again instead of a warning sign of recurrence. There are also the smaller fears that exhaust the spirit — whether the nausea from chemo

will ever stop or if the absolute exhaustion from radiation will ever end. When many days feel like walking through water wearing leaden boots, it is easy to be consumed by fear. Meanwhile, family members are dealing with their own fears. Fear of holding the household together, of keeping a job while tending to a sick loved one, and the worst fear of all — the image of a life without the patient in it. As much as we try to push these thoughts out of our minds, they are an ever-present reminder of the stakes of the battle.

People handle those fears any number of ways. For my wife it was to put her head down and get through the treatment. A lifelong country music fan, she lived the line of that song, "If you're going through hell, keep on going." But what she doesn't see is how strong and brave she really was. How many of us can confront our worst fears, can live with them for months on end, and emerge intact, if not more buoyant, at the end? It's that daily struggle with fear, a personal, emotional and vulnerable match, that makes cancer treatment a true battle. Resilience in the face of such adversity is altogether a rare gift.

So, yes, let's celebrate breast cancer survivors as brave and strong, for surviving means much more than outliving the disease. Choice or not, they confronted life's greatest fears at a time of intense vulnerability.

That's as courageous and brave as the superheroes we glorify in the movies, and yet they live among us. So, if you truly wish to honor Breast Cancer Awareness Month, tell the survivor you know that she is strong and gutsy, that she is your hero. My hero may not feel that she had a choice, but what she did saved her life — and our family's as well.

*Jon Gould, an Arlington resident, is a professor at American University*

## COMMENTARY

Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) has included in its six-year improvement program.

We are particularly pleased to see that Jennifer Mitchell, director of the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, confirmed in response to a press inquiry that the Commonwealth remains fully committed to providing Arlington and Fairfax counties with \$65 million over the course of the six-year improvement program in addition to other state funding.

We concur with Director Mitchell that this "project is an important regional priority and a key part of the economic redevelopment along Columbia Pike and the Pentagon City and Crystal City corridors."

We strongly disagree with the efforts of Libby Garvey and John Vihstadt to deprive Arlington of those state funds dedicated to the streetcar project. In testimony before the CTB, Libby Garvey noted that although she and John

Vihstadt are Arlington County Board members, she was speaking in her individual capacity and on behalf of Mr. Vihstadt in his individual capacity.

The reason for that distinction is that it is official County policy to support the planning, development, construction and operation of the streetcar system and the majority of County Board members in Arlington and supervisors in Fairfax remain strongly supportive of the streetcar project.

We urge you and Gov. Terry McAuliffe to keep this critical funding for the streetcar project in place. We agree with Director Mitchell that the addition of the streetcar is vital to the economic growth and redevelopment of the corridor served by the streetcar system. And we agree with you and Governor McAuliffe about the importance of diversifying and strengthening the Virginia economy — and the importance of key transit projects to that effort.

An independent study confirmed that the streetcar will generate \$3.2 billion to \$4.4 billion in new real estate value (compared to \$1 - \$1.4 billion generated by additional bus service), nearly \$1 billion in new tax revenues and create 6,600 jobs for the region. It is simply irresponsible to request the removal of state funding for a project with such a strong impact on jobs and the economy.

Your July 10, 2014 letter to local officials indicated that "implementation of a seamless streetcar system between Columbia Pike and Crystal City will provide significantly more mobility benefits than enhanced bus service." The Commonwealth's recent pledge of up to \$65 million in additional state transportation funds to the streetcar project reflects the importance of well-planned, fiscally prudent transit solutions for our region.

Modern streetcar systems have consistently shown around the

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## Marathon

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place.

"It was a perfect day for a marathon," said Max Krafft, an Army veteran and Arlington resident who finished the race in 3:02:27. "The Marines put on a great event and so many people showed up to cheer everyone on. The crowd support really helped me get through the last few miles."

The top three in the push rim division consisted of Timothy Conner Jr., of Hilliard, Fla., with a time of 1:34:56, Peter Park of Champaign, Ill., at 1:59:52 and Lance Benson at 3:10:55.

Tom Davis of New York City won the hand crank division with a time of 1:11:28, followed by Alfredo Delos Santos of Hopewell Junction, N.Y. at 1:20:12 and Ludovic Narce of France at 1:20:15.

Among the 30,000 runners participating in the race was Kyle Carpenter, a medically-retired Marine who was awarded the Medal of Honor in June for diving on a grenade to save a fellow Marine in Afghanistan in 2011. Carpenter parachuted as part of a skydiving team that floated a 7,800 square-foot American flag to the starting line then went on to finish the race in 5:07.

"You can get injured and go through a lot and still come out on top," said Carpenter, who has endured several operations on his road to recovery, including multiple skin grafts, a new jaw, teeth and prosthetic eye. "You can run a marathon or compete in things you want to, even if you have physical limitations or disabilities. If there's a will, there's a way."



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**Olympic gold medalists Mohamed Gammoudi (5000-meters in 1968) and Billy Mills (10,000-meters in 1964) pose for a photo at the finish line of the Marine Corps Marathon.**

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## ONGOING

**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](http://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](http://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](http://www.marketcommonclarendon.com) for more.

**Gallery Underground October Shows.** Runs through Nov. 1. In the Focus Gallery, a new exhibit "World Aesthetic" will be featured. This is an all-media national juried landscape show spotlighting the creative inspiration provided by travel near or far. The opening reception will be held Friday, Oct. 3, 5-8 p.m. The gallery will be open Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. - 2p.m. Visit [www.galleryunderground.org](http://www.galleryunderground.org) for more.

**"The Island of Dr. Moreau."** Through Saturday, Nov. 1, Monday-Saturday at 8 p.m.; Sunday at 2 p.m. Synetic Theater, 2611 Jefferson Davis Highway. The Synetic Theater presents "The Island of Dr. Moreau" with Paata Tsikurishvili as a director and star in the production. Purchasing individual tickets for the show are \$55 and a subscription to the Synetic Theater is \$140. Call 703-824-8060 or visit [www.synetictheater.org/](http://www.synetictheater.org/) for more.

**"Elmer Gantry."** Runs through Nov. 9. Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave. The second show of Signature Theatre's 25th Anniversary season. Tickets now on sale. Visit [www.signature-theatre.org/shows/elmer-gantry](http://www.signature-theatre.org/shows/elmer-gantry) for more.

**Theater Performance.** Runs through Nov. 2 at 1800 S. Bell St. Synthetic Theater presents a new adaptation of HG Wells' novel "The Island of Dr. Moreau." The Oct. 9 show will feature American Sign Language interpretation. All performances begin at 6:30 p.m. Visit [www.synetictheater.org](http://www.synetictheater.org) 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 [crystalcity.org/do/sparket](http://crystalcity.org/do/sparket) for more.

**Art Exhibit.** Through Sunday, Nov. 30 at Terrace Gallery. Artist talk is Saturday, Sept. 20, 2 p.m. at Terrace Gallery. Artsphere, Terrace Gallery, 1101 Wilson Blvd., Suite 932. Think With Your Hands: Illustrated Journals Come to Life Through Augmented Reality. Free Admission. Visit [www.artsphere.com](http://www.artsphere.com) for more.

**"Sex with Strangers."** At Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave.,

Shirlington. The play by Laura Eason runs through Sunday, Dec. 7. Tickets go on sale July 1 and performances are Tuesday-Sunday evenings with matinees on Saturdays and Sundays. \$40 and up. Visit [www.signature-theatre.org](http://www.signature-theatre.org) for more.

**Fall SOLOS.** Through Saturday, Dec. 20, artists from across the Mid-Atlantic region are selected for solo exhibitions to take place in one of AAC's seven separate gallery spaces, or outside on the grounds. Visit [www.arlingtonartscenter.org/solos/](http://www.arlingtonartscenter.org/solos/) apply for more.

**Art Exhibit.** Runs through Jan. 5. at Cherrydale Branch Library, 2190 Military Road. "We Are Arlington," an exhibit of vintage photographs and memorabilia. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Tuesday - Wednesday, 1-9 p.m. Friday - Saturday, 10 a.m.-5p.m. Call 703-228-6330 for more.

**Family and Teen Skate Nights.** Through March 28 at The Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 300 N. Park Drive. The evenings start with Family Skating from 6:30-9 p.m. and close with Teen Nights from 9-10:45 p.m., for middle and high school students. \$2 per person/\$3 skate rental. Visit [parks.arlingtonva.us/kids-events/roller-skating-nights-skate-parties-thomas-jefferson](http://parks.arlingtonva.us/kids-events/roller-skating-nights-skate-parties-thomas-jefferson) for more.

**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. Visit [www.iotaclubandcafe.com/](http://www.iotaclubandcafe.com/) for more information.

**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](http://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 [registration.arlingtonva.us](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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



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Charlie Pollock (Elmer Gantry) and company in "Elmer Gantry" at Signature Theatre.

## 'Elmer Gantry'

Musical about charismatic preacher/salesman plays through Nov. 9 at Signature Theatre.

BY STEVE HIBBARD  
THE CONNECTION

Signature Theatre in Arlington is staging the musical, "Elmer Gantry," through Nov. 9. The play centers on charismatic, but completely broke salesman Elmer Gantry, who stumbles upon a struggling religious tour, led by evangelist Sister Sharon Falconer.

Falling for Falconer, the conman Gantry joins the troupe as a preacher and transforms the revival into the hottest ticket in town. Inspired by Falconer's earnestness and his reawakened spirit, Gantry inserts one spectacle too many and risks blowing up the entire operation.

The show stars Charlie Pollock (Broadway's "Violet") and Mary Kate Morrissey ("Hair" — International Tour) as Elmer Gantry and Sharon Falconer and Nova Y. Payton ("Dreamgirls") as Mary Washington.

Pollock plays the role of Elmer Gantry, a failed preacher, itinerant salesman and grifter. "He is a guy who is always looking for a mark," said Pollock, who is required to sing 2.5 octaves for the production. "He is also an alcoholic sex addict, which makes him the perfect hero for a musical."

"The real challenge with Elmer was to find a

way into the character without judging or commenting on him. It is always a trap for an actor to deem his character's behavior or actions as 'bad' or 'immoral'," said Pollock. "So the challenge for me was to just embrace Gantry as Gantry. Check myself at the door and dive in 100 percent."

Pollock said he thinks the play is ultimately a tale about the dangers of fanaticism. "Fanatic love, fanatic faith, fanatic lust for money — can all be very dangerous. I hope the audience walks away thinking about what they are fanatical about and that they take stock to see that they have the right checks and balances built into their lives."

The play is based on the 1927 novel by the same name by Sinclair Lewis. It was made into a 1960 film starring Burt Lancaster, Jean Simmons, Arthur Kennedy and Shirley Jones. It won three Academy Awards in 1961, but the movie presents fewer than 100 pages of the novel.

Show times are Tuesday and Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., Thursday and Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$47.55-\$96.25. For tickets, call Ticketmaster at 703-573-SEAT or the Signature Box Office at 703-820-9771 or visit [www.signature-theatre.org](http://www.signature-theatre.org). Discussion nights Oct. 28 and Nov. 5.



Charlie Pollock and Mary Kate Morrissey in "Elmer Gantry" at Signature Theatre.



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**Pub Quiz.** 8 p.m. every Sunday at Whitlow's on Wilson, 2854 Wilson Blvd. Prizes for first place. Free. Visit [www.whitlows.com](http://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.

**Family Nights.** 7-9 p.m. on the first Friday of the month at Arlington Mill Community Center. E-mail DPR-YouthandFamily@arlingtonva.us. or call Emily Thrasher at 703-228-4773 for more.

## CAMPS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

**Theatre Classes.** Encore Stage & Studio is holding classes and mini 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](http://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](http://www.synetictheater.org/studio) or call 703-824-8060.

Class registration is now open at **Arlington Arts Center**, 3550 Wilson Blvd. This fall Arlington Arts Center is offering after school classes for children, weekend sessions for teens and evening classes for adults — not to mention special workshops like Day of the Dead, Art's Cool! Art School and Gift Mania. Visit [www.arlingtonartscenter.org](http://www.arlingtonartscenter.org) or call 703-248-6800.

❖ **Ages 4-6**  
Tuesday/Nov. 4: Art's Cool! Art School — school holiday workshop  
Saturday/Dec. 13: Gift Mania — weekend workshop

❖ **Ages 7-10**  
Saturday/Nov. 1: Day of the Dead Workshop (\$10) — weekend workshop  
Tuesday/Nov. 4: Art's Cool! Art School — school holiday workshop  
Saturday/Dec. 13: Gift Mania — weekend workshop

## FOOD & DRINK

**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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.columbia-pike.org/events/?event=1049) for more.

❖ **Ages 11-14**  
Saturday/Nov. 1: Day of the Dead Workshop (\$10) — weekend workshop  
Tuesday/Nov. 4: Art's Cool! Art School — school holiday workshop  
Saturday/Dec. 13: Gift Mania — weekend workshop

❖ **Ages 14-18**  
Pre-College Weekend Workshops  
Saturdays/Nov. 8 & 15: Ink & the Figure

❖ **Ages 18 and Older**  
Thursday/Dec. 4: Golden Acrylics Lecture & Demo (free, RSVP required)

## THURSDAY/OCT. 30

**Author Reading.** 7 p.m. One More Page Books, 2200 North Westmoreland St. Ghost hunter and author Stacey Graham will put customers in the mood for Halloween with her book, "Haunted Stuff: Demonic Dolls, Screaming Skulls & Other Creepy Collectibles." Call 703-300-9746 or visit [www.onemorepagebooks.com](http://www.onemorepagebooks.com) for more.

## FRIDAY/OCT. 31

**Mall Trick or Treating.** 5 p.m. at The Fashion Centre at Pentagon City, 1100 S Hayes St. Families are invited to celebrate Halloween with mall-wide trick or treating. Participating stores will have signs in their windows. Call 703-415-2401 for more.

**Vampire Ball.** 8 p.m. at Synetic Theater, 1800 S. Bell St. This year, the annual Vampire's Ball will follow another creepy and supernatural Synetic offering, "The Island of Dr. Moreau." The event will also include an open bar, light appetizers and a costume contest. Call 866-811-4111 or visit [www.synetictheater.org](http://www.synetictheater.org) for more.

## SATURDAY/NOV. 1

**Annual Soup and Pie Bazaar.** 9 a.m.

- 2 p.m. at The Arlington Church of the Brethren, 300 N. Montague St. Enjoy featured homemade soups, pies, a large variety of yard sale items, crafts and baked goods. Call 703-524-4100 for more.

**Volunteer Work Party.** 10 a.m. at Potomac Overlook Regional Park, 2845 N Marcey Road. Spend a morning with park staff and volunteers helping with indoor and outdoor projects. Visit [www.nvrpa.org/park/potomac\\_overlook](http://www.nvrpa.org/park/potomac_overlook) for more.

**Harvest Festival.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Michael's Episcopal Church, 1132 North Ivanhoe St. Featuring award-winning BBQ, baked goods, handcrafted items, live music and children's activities. Visit [www.stmichaelsarlington.org](http://www.stmichaelsarlington.org) or call 703-241-2474 for more.

**Fall Family Festival.** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Rocky Run Park, 1109 N. Barton St. Bring the whole family to enjoy the crisp air with fitness activities, arts and crafts, games and moonbounces. Entry is free. Call 703-228-4773 for more.

**Animal Feeding.** 1 p.m. at Potomac Overlook Regional Park, 2845 N Marcey Road, Arlington. Come learn about snake feeding and hunting habits, and see our program and exhibit snakes get fed. This program will feature feeding a live mouse to a snake. Visit [www.nvrpa.org/park/potomac\\_overlook](http://www.nvrpa.org/park/potomac_overlook) for more.

**Candy Fueled Hike.** 2-4 p.m. at the Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road, Arlington. Enjoy a candy fueled fall hike, to see what critters are playing trick or treat in the woods of Gulf Branch and Donaldson Run. Call 703-228-3403 for more.

**Public Reading.** 4 p.m. at One More Page Books, 2200 North Westmoreland St., Arlington. Winners of the Kids Love to Write contest will read their work. Call 703-300-9746 or visit [www.onemorepagebooks.com](http://www.onemorepagebooks.com) for more.

**Golden Paw Gala.** 6 p.m. Westin

  
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Advertising Deadlines are the previous Thursday unless noted.

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Election Preview II .....	10/29/14

### NOVEMBER

Election Day is Tuesday, November 4.	
Wellbeing.....	11/5/14
HomeLifeStyle.....	11/12/14
Holiday Entertainment & Gift Guide I.....	11/19/14
A+ .....	11/25/14

Thanksgiving is November 27.

### DECEMBER

Wellbeing.....	12/3/14
HomeLifeStyle: Home for the Holidays.....	12/10/14
Hanukkah begins December 16.	
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## ENTERTAINMENT

Arlington Gateway, Ballston. The evening will include a cocktail reception, dinner, dancing, silent and live auctions. Individual tickets are \$150 and VIP tickets are \$200. Proceeds will directly support shelter animals, as well as community programs and services supported by The Animal Welfare League of Arlington. Visit [www.awla.org](http://www.awla.org) for more.

**Holiday Dance Showcase.** 7 p.m. at Thomas Jefferson Auditorium, 125 South Old Glebe Road. This year's program features eleven groups and more than 100 performers. Admission is free. Visit [www.danceasia.me](http://www.danceasia.me) for more.

### SUNDAY/NOV. 2

**Concert.** 7 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Arlington, 601 N. Vermont St., Arlington. Hear some of the metropolitan area's finest musicians in a concert benefitting the Wounded Warrior Project. Visit [www.fpcarlington.org/directions.htm](http://www.fpcarlington.org/directions.htm) for more.

### FRIDAY/NOV. 4

**Book Club Discussion.** 7 p.m. at One More Page Books, 2200 North Westmoreland St., Arlington. The fiction book club will meet and discuss "Affinity" by Sarah Waters. Call 703-300-9746 or visit [www.onemorepagebooks.com](http://www.onemorepagebooks.com) for more.

### WEDNESDAY/NOV. 5

**Panel Discussion.** 7 p.m. at Arlington Central Library, 1015 N Quincy St., Arlington. This series of panel discussions on writing young adult fiction moderated by author Jon Skovron will be hosted by One More Page Books. Call 703-300-9746 or visit [www.onemorepagebooks.com](http://www.onemorepagebooks.com) for more.

### THURSDAY/NOV. 6

**Sponsored Lunch.** 11:30 a.m. at Temple Rodef Shalom, 2100 Westmoreland St. Jane Hampton Cook, award-winning author who makes history and biographies relevant to today's news, current events, issues of faith and modern day life, will be the guest speaker at the luncheon. Call 703 506-2199 for more.

### FRIDAY/NOV. 7

**Meet The Artist.** 6-9 p.m. at Trade Roots, 5852 Washington Blvd. Susan will discuss her work being featured through the month of November. Call 571-335-4274 for more.

**"ARTrageous."** 5-9 p.m. in the Crystal City Shops at 2100 Crystal Drive, Arlington. A first-ever Arlington

Artists Alliance silent auction featuring art (including framed original paintings, jewelry, pottery and sculpture), music and food for a good cause. Also available for bid: luxury vacation homes, pet portraits, unique commissions, art lessons, and more. Come by for an in-person preview of all the art to be auctioned, on view at Gallery Underground from Monday, Nov. 3- Friday, Nov. 7, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Visit [www.arlingtonartistsalliance.org](http://www.arlingtonartistsalliance.org) for more.

**Wine Tasting.** 6:30 p.m. at One More Page Books, 2200 North Westmoreland St., Arlington. Enjoy wine tasting features wines perfect for the holiday season. Call 703-300-9746 or visit [www.onemorepagebooks.com](http://www.onemorepagebooks.com) for more.

**Family Night.** 7-9 p.m. at Arlington Mill Community Center, 909 S Dinwiddie St., Arlington. Enjoy traditional board games and interactive game stations for the whole family. Visit [parks.arlingtonva.us/programs/kids/family-nights-mill/](http://parks.arlingtonva.us/programs/kids/family-nights-mill/) for more.

### SATURDAY/NOV. 8

**Field Guide Applications.** 2 p.m. at Potomac Overlook Regional Park, 2845 N Marcey Road, Arlington. Join naturalist staff for a new program all about field guide applications available on smartphones and tablets. This program will mostly focus on iPhones and iPads. Visit [www.nvrpa.org/park/potomac\\_overlook](http://www.nvrpa.org/park/potomac_overlook) for more.

**Documentary Screening.** 7 p.m. at Regal Cinema's Ballston, 671 North Glebe Road, Arlington. Volunteers of America Chesapeake is hosting an exclusive, free screening of the Glen Campbell film "I'll Be Me" with a VIP reception after. Includes Q&A with Director James Keach and Producer Trevor Albert. RSVP is required: [www.voachesapeake.org/GetInvolved/Upcoming-Events/Glen-Campbell-Ill-Be-Me](http://www.voachesapeake.org/GetInvolved/Upcoming-Events/Glen-Campbell-Ill-Be-Me).

### SATURDAY/NOV. 9

**Remove Invasive plants.** 2:00 - 4:30 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road, Arlington. Work parties are held every month to keep the park clean. Call 703-228-3403 for more.

**Notable Nature.** 3-4 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road, Arlington. The whole family is invited for a lesson in nature journaling. Call 703-228-3403 for more.

**Book Club Discussion.** 4 p.m. at One More Page Books, 2200 North Westmoreland St., Arlington. The Mother-Daughter Book Club will meet and discuss "A Wrinkle in Time" by Madeleine L'Engle. Call 703-300-

9746 or visit [www.onemorepagebooks.com](http://www.onemorepagebooks.com) for more.

### 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](http://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil).

**Veterans Day Memorial Service.** 11 a.m. at the Rocky Versace Memorial at Mount Vernon Community Center, 2701 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria.

**Book Signing.** 6:30 p.m. at One More Page Books, 2200 North Westmoreland St., Arlington. Author Maya Corrigan will discuss and sign the first in a new mystery series, "By Cook or by Crook (A Five-Ingredient Mystery)." Call 703-300-9746 or visit [www.onemorepagebooks.com](http://www.onemorepagebooks.com) for more.

**Golden Paw Gala.** 5:30-10 p.m. at Westin Arlington Gateway 801 N Glebe Road, Arlington. The Animal Welfare League of Arlington will roll out the red carpet to honor shelter animals during its 2nd Annual Golden Paw Gala. Pawparazzi and guests alike will mix and mingle with VIPs (Very Important Pooch) shelter celebrities as they strut and pose on the red carpet. Proceeds will directly support shelter animals, as well as community programs and services supported by The Animal Welfare League of Arlington. \$150-\$200. Visit [awla.org](http://awla.org) for more.

### WEDNESDAY/NOV. 12

**Book Club Discussion.** 5 p.m. at One More Page Books, 2200 North Westmoreland St., Arlington. The Teen Book Group will meet and discuss "I'll Give You the Sun" by Jandy Nelson. Call 703-300-9746 or visit [www.onemorepagebooks.com](http://www.onemorepagebooks.com) for more.

**Book Signing.** 7 p.m. at Arlington Central Library, 1015 N Quincy St., Arlington. Author, plant curator and photographer Rick Darke will discuss and sign "The Living Landscape: Designing for Beauty and Biodiversity in the Home Garden." This event is hosted by One More Page Books. Call 703-300-9746 or visit [www.onemorepagebooks.com](http://www.onemorepagebooks.com).

### THURSDAY/NOV. 13

**Doggie Half Mile.** 1:30 p.m. at Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 2nd St. Visit [www.pvtc.org/welcome#dogdash](http://www.pvtc.org/welcome#dogdash) for more.

**Author Talk.** 7 p.m. at One More Page Books, 2200 North Westmoreland St. Author Barbara Bonner will share from her collection of stories and poems, "Inspiring Generosity." Call 703-300-9746 or visit [www.onemorepagebooks.com](http://www.onemorepagebooks.com).

### FRIDAY/NOV. 14

**Book Club Discussion.** 11 a.m. at One More Page Books, 2200 North Westmoreland St., Arlington. The Daytime Book Group will meet and discuss "The Rosie Project" by Graeme Simsion. Call 703-300-9746 or visit [www.onemorepagebooks.com](http://www.onemorepagebooks.com) for more.

### SATURDAY/NOV. 15

**Native American History.** 10:30 a.m. at Potomac Overlook Regional Park, 2845 N Marcey Road, Arlington. Learn about the history of the Native Americans who lived in Arlington centuries ago through a slide show, hands-on activities and a visit to a Native American encampment site. Visit [www.nvrpa.org/park/potomac\\_overlook](http://www.nvrpa.org/park/potomac_overlook) for more.

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## ELECTION '14

# \$200 Million in Bonds Up for Vote

FROM PAGE 4

Arlington Green Party. "There's no specification on what they do with it and where. They [should] specify to the voters where they will spend the money, and for what purpose .... But they're making it up as they go along."

Reeder took issue with the School Board's lack of clarity on where the investments will go. The School Board approved of a CIP in June for 2015 through 2024. Nearly half of the bond's funding goes into a new elementary school at an undetermined location. The School Board's main choice for the location would be the county-owned land adjacent to Thomas Jefferson Middle School. On Nov 18, the School Board will vote to finalize the location of the school.

"They want to build a school next to Thomas Jefferson Middle School on park land," said Reeder. "Well, there goes the park."

Audrey Clement, a candidate running for Arlington School Board, also opposes the School Bond.

"Half of [the bond] is for an elementary school with a location that has not been determined," said Clement. "An uninformed vote is worse than no vote at all. In the past, the county has asked to approve bonds, but not to this magnitude ... Do you think it's intelligent to vote for a congressman without knowing who they are?"

According to the School Board's Motion for the Adoption of the 2015-2024 CIP, the elemen-

Local Parks and Recreation	Community Infrastructure	Arlington Public Schools
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 Arlington 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

tary school at the Jefferson site will cost a maximum of \$50.3 million, funded entirely by the 2014 bond. The school would add an additional 725 elementary school seats to Arlington, which would help alleviate the projected 1,900 additional elementary school seats the county will need.

Reeder hopes Arlington will follow the example of Fairfax, which recently converted the office building at Bailey's Crossroads into an elementary school.

"Look at the office buildings in Rosslyn and

Crystal City, offices that are empty," said Reeder. "There's not a lot of open land, not inside the beltway. We don't have a lot of green space, so people get upset when what little we have is taken away."

Currently, Arlington is one of only 39 counties in the U.S. with a AAA rating from three major rating agencies. This allows Arlington to borrow bonds at a low interest rate. The bonds on the ballot have been selected to allow Arlington to maintain public infrastructure without losing that rating.



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# RB Young Helps Wakefield to First Winning Season Since 1983

Junior has rushed for more than 1,000 yards in eight games.

Wakefield junior Leon Young's love for Krispy Kreme doughnuts is so strong that he enjoys spending time looking at the delightful desserts as well as eating them.

Young's passion for the sugary snack hasn't slowed his production on the field, though. On the contrary, Young is one of the most potent playmakers on a Wakefield football team in the midst of a historic season.

Young, a junior running back and defensive back, has carried 144 times for 1,008 yards and seven touchdowns in eight games this season. He also has six receptions for 119 yards and two scores.

On Oct. 24, Young rushed for 124 yards, added 18 receiving yards, scored three touchdowns and snagged a pair of interceptions during a 42-0 victory over Stuart. The win improved Wakefield's record to 6-2 and clinched the Warriors' first winning season since 1983.

Young is in his second season as a varsity starter. As a sophomore, he ran for 881 yards and eight touchdowns as the Warriors finished 3-7 under then-first-year head coach Wayne Hogwood, the leader of the Wakefield resurgence. It was the first time the Warriors had won at least three games in a season since 2008.

The 5-foot-6, 160-pound Young is a lifelong Arlington resident who wants to one day play college football.

Young recently participated in a Q&A via



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFT/THE CONNECTION

**Junior running back Leon Young has helped the Wakefield football team to a 6-2 record this season.**

email with The Connection.

**Q: At what age did you start playing football? Have you always been a running back?**

Young: I started playing football at the age of 6. I started off with flag football. I have played everything in my lifetime from center to quarterback. I became more of a running back when I realized I was faster than most people and just used speed to run away from you and score.

**Q: The win over Stuart improved your record to 6-2 and clinched Wakefield's first winning season since 1983. What does it feel like**

**to be part of that accomplishment?**

Young: It feels awesome. A lot of people never get to cherish this moment because they leave to winning schools instead of ironing out the wrinkles in your home school and making it a good program, but I'm glad that I get the opportunity to do it and give life to Wakefield.

**Q: What are some of the main differences between this year's Wakefield team and last year's?**

Young: Commitment and effort! Last year, we had guys that wanted to work and win, but when things got hard, some put their head down and it's hard to stop a snowball when it's already rolling. We now expect to win every single game we suit up for. We no longer have the [mentality] of "Oh, we're Wakefield. If we don't lose by 50, were improving." We now have the mindset of winning no matter who we play."

**Q: Have you noticed a difference this year in the way football players are treated by their peers at Wakefield High School?**

Young: We get more love and support from everyone, lose or win. Everybody is behind us now and wants to see us succeed.

**Q: What is your favorite football moment during your time at Wakefield?**

Young: [Choosing] my favorite football moment is hard. Believe it or not, I think we have one of the funniest teams in America. All of the moments are my favorite. It's too hard to choose.

**Q: Who is your favorite music artist? Why?**

Young: My favorite music artist would be Nico & Vinz. They have this one great song called "Am I wrong" and I love it. It's a nice, soft tune, but at the same time it has a nice base drop.

**Q: What is your favorite movie? Why?**

Young: "Rush Hour 2" is my favorite movie of all time, no doubt. I love the humor they use all throughout the movie. If it can make me laugh, it gets a thumbs up in my book.

**Q: What is your favorite food?**

Young: My favorite food is Ramen Noodles, because they are easy to make and they hit the spot when I make them. I think I make the best ones in the world.

**Q: What is your favorite video game?**

Young: My favorite video game is of course Madden 15. My Steelers are nasty on the field and play like hungry dogs.

**Q: What is your favorite hobby?**

Young: I like to train and get better for football when I have free time, or maybe some basketball. Anything active. I love Krispy Kreme donuts [and] I also spend some time in there just watching the donuts come off the belt.

**Q: Who are your favorite pro sports teams? Who are your favorite pro athletes?**

Young: Pittsburgh Steelers are my favorite NFL team. J.J. Watt, Troy Polamalu and Lawrence Timmons are my favorite defensive players. Ben Roethlisberger, Peyton Manning, Antonio Brown and Demarco Murray for offense.

**Q: Do you want to play college football?**

Young: Yes! I would love to play college football.

I really hope that the fact I'm in a smaller school and not really in a "football" community [doesn't] hide the fact that there is college-ready talent in Arlington, Va.

— JON ROETMAN

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Yorktown Football Beats Chantilly

The Yorktown football team defeated Concorde District opponent Chantilly 17-14 on Oct. 24 at Chantilly High School, improving its record to 5-3.

The Patriots have won three of their last four games.

Yorktown will host Mount Vernon at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 31, and close the regular season with a road game against rival Washington-Lee on Nov. 7.

### W-L Falls to Defending Champion

The Washington-Lee football team lost to defending 6A state champion Centreville 35-7 on Oct. 24 at Centreville High School.

The Generals dropped to 5-3 after winning three in a row and five of their last six.

W-L will close the regular season with a

pair of home games against Arlington opponents.

The Generals will host Wakefield at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 24, and will face Yorktown on Nov. 7.

### All-Conference 6 Field Hockey Teams

Several players from Arlington schools were named to the All-Conference 6 field hockey teams.

Yorktown senior midfielder Margaret Doyle, senior defender Katherine Pitcher, and senior goalkeeper Ally Cedrone-Ricks earned first-team honors, along with Washington-Lee junior defender Kara Fox.

Earning second-team honors: Yorktown junior forward Kathleen Herrlein, senior forward Lexi Peck, junior midfielder Kate Rita, W-L senior forward Kesh Mullen, and senior defender Betty Engida.

Yorktown earned a regional berth and will travel to face defending state champion Westfield at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 29.

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### WEDNESDAY/OCT. 29

**Arlington's Annual Community Meeting on Homelessness.** 7-8:30 p.m. NRECA Conference Center, 4301 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Free parking in garage, enter on North Taylor Street. Learn about Arlington families, individuals and veterans who are homeless and discover ways to help end homelessness in Arlington. Visit [www.arlingtonva.us](http://www.arlingtonva.us) for more.

### THURSDAY/OCT. 30

**Fireside Chat.** 6-7:30 p.m. at Amuse, 1121 19th St., Arlington. Join trend analyst and MSNBC guest commentator Lauren DeLisa Coleman for a fireside chat on tech, popular culture and emerging consumer sentiment trends. Visit [www.rosslynva.org/do](http://www.rosslynva.org/do) for more.

### SATURDAY/NOV. 1

**4th Annual Community Health Fair.** 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Walter Reed Community/Senior Center, 2909 South 16th St., Arlington. Fair will include free blood pressure, diabetes,

glaucoma, HIV/AIDS and hearing screenings. Free dental screenings for children, fitness demonstrations, flu shots and speakers regarding heart disease, nutrition, cancer awareness, health care referral resources and the future of social security. Call 703-228-0955.

### TUESDAY/NOV. 4

**Operation Christmas Child Collection.** Chick-fil-A Crystal City, 2200 Crystal Drive and Ballston Commons Mall, 4238 Wilson Blvd. A special collection day with participating Arlington area Chick-fil-A's and Operation Christmas Child, a project that sends millions of gift-filled shoe boxes to needy children overseas will be offered. Visit [www.samaritanaspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/drop-off-locations](http://www.samaritanaspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/drop-off-locations) for more.

### FRIDAY/NOV. 7

**Meet Local State Legislators.** 9:45-11:30 a.m. Fairlington Community Center, 3304 South Stafford St., Arlington. Senators and Delegates representing Arlington and Alexandria have been invited to participate to provide an opportunity for the public to discuss aging issues with them prior to the General Assembly Session that begins in January 2015. Visit [www.commissions.arlingtonva.us/coa](http://www.commissions.arlingtonva.us/coa), email [arlaaa@arlingtonva.us](mailto:arlaaa@arlingtonva.us) or call 703-228-1700.



# 'FLOURISHING AFTER 55'

"Flourishing After 55" from Arlington Office of Senior Adult Programs for Nov. 10-15.

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

**Senior trips:** Mon., Nov. 10, University of Virginia, Charlottesville and lunch at Monticello, \$46; Wednesday, Nov. 12, tour Annapolis, MD, \$9; Thursday, Nov. 13, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond, lunch, \$77; Friday, Nov. 14, Baltimore Basilica, MD, \$9; Saturday, Nov. 15, Barnes Foundation, Philadelphia, \$78. Call Arlington County 55+ Travel, 703-228-4748. Registration required.

**Nutrition and arthritis,** Monday, Nov. 10, 11 a.m., Langston-Brown. Free. Register, 703-228-6300.

**Oil and acrylic painting classes** begin Monday, Nov. 10, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., \$49/7 sessions. Register, 703-228-0555.

**Informal mixed arts,** Monday, Nov. 10, 12:30 p.m., Culpepper Garden. Free. Register, 703-228-4403.

**Tennis,** Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m., Bluemont Courts. Details, 703-228-4745.

**Seated exercise,** Monday-Wednesday-Friday, 9 a.m., Madison. \$60/15 sessions; \$4 drop-in. Details, 703-228-4878.

**Madison Chess Club,** Mondays, 9:30 a.m., Madison Comm. Center. Free. Details, 703-228-0555.

**Ice skating,** Mondays, 8:10 a.m. – 9:20 a.m., Kettler Capitals Iceplex, Ballston Mall, \$1. Register, 703-228-4745.

**Seniors-only weight room hours,** Langston-Brown, \$60/15 sessions. Details, 703-228-6300.

**Foreign language conversation groups,** free. Details, 703-228-4721.

**Arlington Mill 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.

**Sackler Gallery,** intern-led tour and discussion, Wednesday, Nov. 12, 10 a.m. Free. Register, 703-228-0555.

**Watercolor classes** begin Wednesday, Nov. 12, 10 a.m., Arlington Mill. \$61/6 sessions. Register, 703-228-7369.

**Coping with hearing loss,** Wednesday, Nov. 12, 10 a.m., Lee. Free. Register, 703-228-0555.

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

**Line dancing class,** Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m., Walter Reed. Register, 703-228-0955.

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

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**One-on-one memory screenings,** Thursday, Nov. 13, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., by PPT, Langston-Brown. Free. Call for appt., 703-232-9048

**Travelogue on the Middle East,** Thursday, Nov. 13, 10:30 a.m., Arlington Mill. Free. Register, 703-228-7369.

**Bird-watching discussion,** Thursday, Nov. 13, 1 p.m., Arlington Mill. Free. Register, 703-228-7369.

**Advanced line dancing,** Thursdays, 1:30 p.m., Lee. Details, 703-228-0555.

**Solving Sudoku puzzles,** Thursdays, 1 p.m., Lee. Free. Details, 703-228-0555.

**Finding music on the Internet,** Friday, Nov. 14, 1 p.m., Arlington Mill. Free. Register, 703-228-7369.

**Classic radio and TV shows,** Friday, Nov. 14, 10:30 a.m., Aurora Hills. Free. Register, 703-228-5722.

**Belly Dance workshops,** Fridays, 10a.m., Lee. Free. Register, 703-228-0555.

**Lee Walkers,** Fridays, 10 a.m., \$3. Register, 703-228-0555.

**Fast-paced walking group,** Fridays, 8 a.m., Aurora Hills. Free. Register, 703-228-5722.

**Tai Chi practice,** Saturdays, 9:15 a.m. – 10 a.m., Langston-Brown. Free. Register, 703-228-6300.



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**From left: Jay Fisette, chair, Arlington County Board; Cindy Miller, chair, Senior Adult Council, and Cheryl Johnson, manager, Office of Senior Adult Programs, at the 60th anniversary celebration of Arlington's Office of Senior Adult Programs on Friday, Oct. 24 at the NRECA building in Ballston. The first senior citizens group was organized in 1954 by the Department of Parks and Recreation.**

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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country to reduce congestion, move people, promote regional connectivity, enhance capacity, reduce environmental impact and foster economic development. Studies of the proposed streetcar system in Arlington show that we can expect all of those benefits to occur here once the system is operational.

We concur with numerous experts that have concluded that bus rapid transit does not work well without dedicated lanes — which are not possible along Columbia Pike — and that buses cannot match the capacity that a streetcar system affords. There simply cannot be enough bus traffic along the Pike to accommodate the ridership expected over the next 25 years. No buses that match the streetcar's capacity have been ap-

proved for use in the United States because of the heavy damage such buses would inflict on roadways. Only a rail-based solution can be safely and effectively operated to meet the projected demand for rides along Columbia Pike.

We cannot allow the Garvey-Vihstadt position to affect the Commonwealth's commitment without jeopardizing the careful plans adopted by Arlington County based on the Columbia Pike Neighborhood Plan and Crystal City Sector Plan. These reflect years of sound planning and wise transit-oriented development that promise to create jobs, move people, protect neighborhoods, develop our economy, and protect the substantial affordable housing that exists along these corridors.

Their flawed strategy would not save any taxpayer dollars, but

would instead move funding to other transit projects around the state that would not match the economic development and diversification that the streetcar would promote along the Pike, in Pentagon City, in Crystal City and in neighboring jurisdictions.

We call on you, Governor McAuliffe, and the Commonwealth Transportation Board to keep the dedicated funding for the Arlington streetcar project in place, because we know it is the best investment for the future of Arlington and the Northern Virginia region.

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# Running Out of Efficacy

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



Not that I'm the least bit worried (actually, I'm the most bit worried), but surviving a terminal cancer diagnosis years beyond one's original prognosis does present its own unique set of problems. Most notably, and most personally for me, they concern treatment options. Specifically, what drugs, targeted or otherwise, can be infused and/or swallowed (when in pill form, like Tarceva) and for how long, when signs of internal organ damage are indicated on regular lab tests? The answer is, generally speaking, so long as your body – as indicated by lab work and any physical symptoms/diagnostic scans – tolerates it. Once the results turn negative, however, and the drug no longer appears to be working, change – in the form of new medicine – is warranted, according to my oncologist. Cancer cells figure it out eventually, and the drugs become ineffective. Moreover, going back to previous drugs – infused or orally (first line, second line, etc.) – that were likewise once effective and then no longer were, is also rarely advisable since the drugs don't magically become re-effective with non-use. Apparently, the cancer cells don't forget, either.

The problem then becomes/has become, for me, given some of the now pre-existing internal organ damage nearly six years of non-stop chemotherapy can cause, is that a patient can run out of treatment options. In fact, I'm on the last oncologist-recommended one, of those with acceptable risks and side effects. Barring any new drug making it out of the research/FDA-approval pipeline, my next option is experimental/a clinical-type study (N.I.H./Johns Hopkins come to mind) or alternatively, a 100-percent non-Western approach. Fortunately, I'm not quite there yet; I was almost there last September after a week-long stay in a hospital due to fluid build-up in my lungs, when after my release, my oncologist took a bit of a chance and prescribed Alimta (an infused chemotherapy drug, the one he characterizes as "the last miracle drug" on the market) for me, which has been miraculous. I'm not cancer-free, but neither am I curled up in a fetal position. Alimta has become my new best friend.

I can't say I worry about "what next" every minute of every day, but I certainly worry about it most days, and most definitely worry about it every third Thursday while I await the results from my every-three-week, pre-chemotherapy lab work. Once my creatinine and bilirubin (kidney, liver respectively), exceed acceptable levels, my chemotherapy stops (and if my next CT Scan shows tumor growth and/or movement, likewise the chemotherapy stops) and the "what next" question rears its ugly head. Quality of life, quality of treatment. I'll have entered the land of the unknown. No more FDA-approved protocols, no more drugs whose efficacy can be measured. No more predictability. Life as I've come to I know and love it will likely take a turn for the scary.

So far, my body – and my mind, have mostly withstood the chemical and emotional onslaught that almost six years of chemotherapy can exact. I don't imagine, given my original "13 month to two-year prognosis" back in late February, 2009, that this routine goes on forever. As much as I want to believe and live like I have a future, sometimes it's difficult not to live day-to-day, or at most, every-three-weeks-to-every-three-weeks.

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

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# Researching One's House

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Drive, the house was dated to the 1880s and built by a Civil War veteran who operated a large farm in surrounding fields. Title to the land itself was traced to colonial times. As an example of surprises that happen when pursuing a house history, it was the rented home of a famous author during the 1930s. Margaret Leighton's initial children's book, "The Secret of the Old House," was based on the years her family resided in "Broadview."

Jennifer Jablonsky, program coordinator for AHS, admits that this event is aligned with AHS's outreach efforts to expand membership, specifically by attracting younger residents. However, it also is a service offered to the large number of new Arlingtonians. "While a newcomer is not rooted here, his or her house is. It becomes the means for establishing a connection with the local community," she said.

Cynthia Liccese-Torres, coordinator of Arlington's Historic Preservation Office, is a workshop panelist who has researched dozens of properties in the county. While such work is job-related, she and her staff "do whatever we can when inquiries arrive in the office." Liccese-Torres sees the workshop as an opportunity to spread knowledge of available resources to a larger audience in the community. A semi-personal topic she has pursued for years is finding and verifying "Sears Roebuck" houses in Arlington.

One speaker in the Nov. 5 workshop is Matthew Gilmore, a professional house history hunter in the District of Columbia. He has heard countless reasons for "why people like to know who slept in the place before" and accepts each as valid for the individual.

Archivist Heather Crocetto, Arlington Community Archives, with a decade of experience, echoes Combs' comment: "Certainly not a 'parade,'" but just as surely there is a constant flow of people here [the Local History Center] searching for information on their houses."

A poll of those involved gave evidence of the need for the workshop: Jablonsky, Liccese-Torres and Gilmore — joined by Alexandria's Combs — knew of no professional "property genealogists" operating in Northern Virginia. The first — and for the time being, the last — was Ruth Lincoln Kaye, who died earlier this year. In an article published some months ago, Kaye was said to be "best known for being the author of almost 400 histories" in the City of Alexandria.

## Resources

"Researching Your Historic Arlington Property," a publication of the Arlington Heritage Alliance, is Appendix F to "Ashton Heights Style Guide" at <http://ashtonheights.org/about/styleguide>.

Since Arlington County was born out of Alexandria County in 1920, much historical data may be found in the Alexandria Public Library (Barrett Branch).

A starting point is the brochure "Alexandria House Histories: A Research Guide." This text is online at [www.alexandria.lib.va.us](http://www.alexandria.lib.va.us) under the heading "Subject Guides."

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