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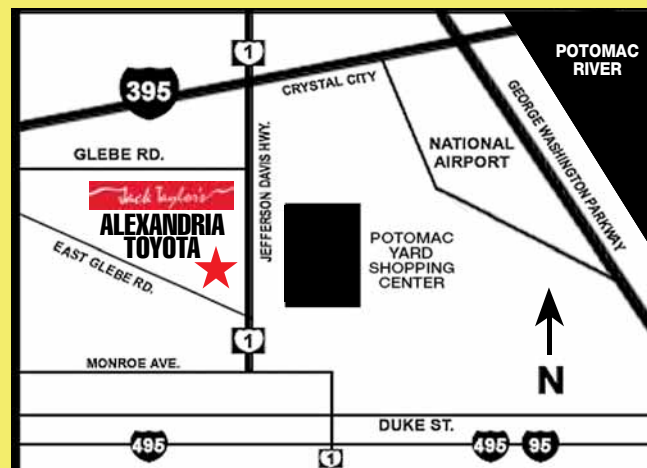
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Let's Go Places

Setting Priorities for Arlington Police

Arlington's new police chief talks national crisis and local challenges.

BY VERNON MILES
THE CONNECTION

For the most part, nothing changed. Jay Farr was doing what he'd normally been doing as acting police chief since Chief Doug Scott retired in March. But since he was selected by County Manager Barbara Donnellan to permanently fill the position on May 14, Farr says there's been a slight change in the atmosphere. According to Farr, being made the official police chief in Arlington settles questions about policy.



Police Chief Jay Farr.

Farr has previously served as deputy chief for 12 years, before that working in the department's Press Office and Systems Management. The Systems Management office oversees the police budget and staffing. Farr said it's the position most police officers like the least because it's the most removed from traditional police work, but Farr said it's the best position for understanding what life as chief of police entails.

As police chief, Farr said his primary goal is maintaining public trust in the police department.

"The police are under a microscope," said Farr. "I'm confident we have great police,

Demographics of the Arlington Police Force.

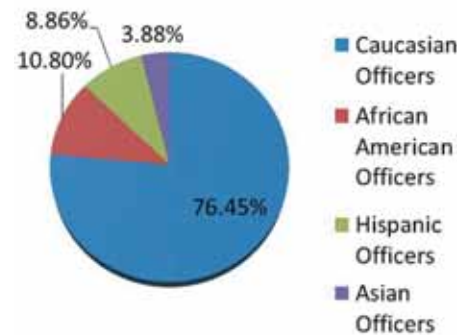
but we have to look at what's happening across the nation."

To this end, Farr laid out four priorities for the department to achieve over the next five years.

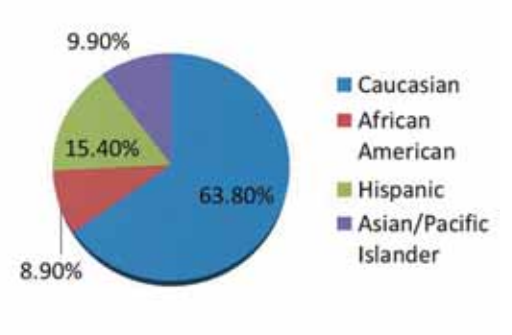
The first goal is to bridge the communication gap between the police and local citizen groups.

"We need captains and teams that deal with communities," said Farr. "The west end of Columbia Pike is not as well reached. We need to look at pushing our messages out

Arlington Police Demographics



Arlington County Demographics



and reaching new demographics."

But Farr said this communication push is proving to be a challenge.

"We usually say we're going to have a meeting Wednesday night," said Farr. "Instead, now we have to find out where and when this group is meeting and go to them. We have to contact the community organizers and talk about what it is the police do. Some residents from foreign countries have zero trust in the police."

Local community leaders praised the com-

munication outreach from the police, but said there was still work to be done.

"The police have been very responsive and willing to talk with [community] groups any time we ask," said Andrew Schneider, president of the Yorktown Civic Association. "I think what our citizens are looking for is communication."

Schneider described a situation that occurred last year, where there was a series of break-ins in the neighborhood, and said

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New Police Chief Stresses Community Outreach

Nauck Civic Association hosts discussion of local criminal justice system.

BY SHIRLEY RUHE
THE CONNECTION

Jay Farr, addressing the Nauck Civic Association community meeting June 1, said he was there to "put a face to a position." He emphasized the importance of community outreach and input. As the new Arlington County Police Chief, Farr talked about the importance of diversity in recruitment and retention. He said most officers are good until about the seven-year mark, then they leave for Federal jobs or move from the area because it is expensive to live here. Farr said, "We have a big investment in people; they understand more when they have been around for a while, and getting people to stay is important."

One of the meeting attendees asked how Farr plans to get better, more rounded people in the force. Farr replied they are getting better applicants and he enumerated the requirements for hiring including a college education, which brings "a little more free thought and reality. I can teach them to be an officer in the Academy but college gives them different skills." In addition, they take a test, have thorough employment, criminal and background checks, a polygraph and then an extensive medical and psychological evaluation followed by a "21 week fun-filled class at the Academy."

Farr said community engagement is im-

portant across all sections of Arlington. "If I can get people engaged in what we do, the first line people, guys who work on the street, the first line customer; that's my goal." He said that traffic safety is the number one issue in this city — traffic-related speeding, congestion and accidents. Farr said the department is doing a good job on crime prevention and control but, "we won't rest on our laurels. We want to stay ahead."

Portia A. Clark, president of the Nauck Civic Association, asked if Farr had plans to bring back any of the programs that had been discontinued due to budget cuts. Farr said with \$10,000 he could return the 12-week program that would allow any citizen to understand what "we do, how we make decisions, our challenges. We walk the entire criminal justice system." He said, "I plan to do this soon." The issue of how to have a real dialogue on race was raised. Farr said, "For me, community relationship is pretty simple, one relationship at a time."

Third District Commander Stu Ellis reported the news that crime is down in the Nauck area but there are a couple of trends including scams, particularly against the elderly and families from other countries demanding money. He urged people who have these residents as neighbors to help protect them. Another trend is the stealing of mostly unlocked autos.

Sergeant Damon Washington pointed out



PHOTO BY SHIRLEY RUHE/THE CONNECTION

Chief of Police Jay Farr addresses the Nauck Civic Association General meeting June 1 to "put a face to a position," discuss local issues and to get community input.

an upcoming ACPD Safety and Community Awareness Event to increase citizen awareness of both their own actions and the sometimes complicated decisions required by an officer. The free event, to be held at

Kenmore Middle School July 18, also will offer a distracted driving course in which the driver can drive a golf cart wearing goggles simulating various alcohol levels to

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Making Power While the Sun Shines

153 homeowners qualify for program to add solar features to their homes within the next seven to nine months.

BY ARCHIT MANUJA
THE CONNECTION

Residents of Arlington are showing an increasing interest in solar power. Eighty-one residents have already installed solar panels and solar water heating systems in an attempt to go green, while 153 others are in a new program considering installing these features to their homes or businesses.

Joan Kelsch, green building programs manager at the Arlington County Department of Environmental Services and a resident of Arlington for 24 years, said, "Absolutely. I am a big fan." She installed solar panels on top of her home's flat roof five years ago. Now, 75 percent of her home's electricity comes from these solar panels.

Jim Egenrieder, STEM Education Outreach, Strategies, Research and Evaluation at Arlington, Alexandria and Falls Church public schools, installed an 18-panel system which produces between 3.4 kW and 3.6 kW during its peak hours. He said, "Of course it feels good to lead by example, watch your electric meter crediting your energy production, and spend the money you save on more enjoyable things."

Installing solar features can be seen as an investment. Kelsch's original system of 4kW has saved her more money than the \$25,000 she originally invested in installing the system. Scott Sklar, who installed solar features to his home in 1985 and upgraded them in 1998 and 2010, said that the solar panels paid for themselves in 2000 and he is essentially living on free electricity for the last 14 years. Jim Egenrieder, living in Arlington since 1987 and installed the solar panels in 2010, took advantage of all the federal and state incentives, including the tax rebates, to pay a little over one-third of the total price of \$28,000.

Kelsch says that her electricity bills have reduced to almost 25 percent of what they



PHOTO COURTESY OF JIM EGENRIEDER

This solar hot water heater was made by Jim Egenrieder and his friends in 1979 at Penn State's Youth Environmental Leadership Program.

were before as well. Kelsch added, "The cost now would be almost half of what it was five years ago."

Even though solar seems to be of great economic value, as well as environmentally friendly, not many Arlington residents are utilizing this resource. Aaron Sutch, Virginia Sun program director, said, "Definitely less than one percent" about the number of solar homes currently in Arlington.

Chris Somers, community energy specialist at the Arlington County Department of Environmental Services, confirmed a total of only 81 buildings in Arlington, as of 2014, have solar features, combining to generate only 411 kW. "A fair majority of these are residential," he said.

This number is growing with the assistance of various non-profit organizations, including but not limited to Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment (ACE), Arlington Initiative to Rethink Energy (AIRE), and Virginia Sun, working together to increase awareness about environmental issues and providing solutions as well as encouraging, educating, and engaging residents towards sustainability.

Elenor Hodges, executive director of ACE for over 15 years, describes her organization as a portal and a facilitator for every Arlington resident to help them answer the question "What are the best actions to make a difference?" and to support their decisions



PHOTO COURTESY OF JIM EGENRIEDER

Jim Egenrieder's electric truck and a view of his home's solar panels.

accordingly. "It is a responsibility in making sure that every Arlingtonian has access to these resources," Hodges said.

To increase the number of solar homes and increase energy efficiency locally, Virginia Sun, with its partners AIRE and ACE, have developed a program called Solar Cop for Arlington residents. Sutch described the program as "a community of neighbors going solar together." A total of 153 homeowners have been qualified within this program, and will be adding solar features to their homes within the next seven to nine months. This program allows local community members to install solar features to their home, through a single installer, and to interconnect the solar systems to the utility grid.

Within this program, a committee of 5 to 15 participants is formed who select the single installer and make all the major decisions for the group. The potential installers make open bids notifying the selection committee of the solar features they offer and the cost that they will charge.

According to Sutch, about to complete his first year at Virginia Sun in July, interconnecting with the utility grid allows the excess solar energy received by the solar panels — the energy not used by the house — to be sent through to the utility grid that allows the same electricity to be used by other households. This allows the homeowner to not buy the batteries, which would store the extra energy otherwise, that are more expensive and contain toxic chemicals that are harmful for the environment, according to Kelsch.

Sutch said that there are various advantages for the participants of this program. To overcome the two most important barriers, which are cost and not having the knowledge of the details of the process, Virginia Sun, a 501c non-profit organization, guides homeowners through the process. He added that this program saves each participant between 10 percent and 25 percent as the services provided by the installer are

being bought in bulk.

Egenrieder said, "Other than the savings, the biggest perk has been knowing that we contributed to the evolution of the solar home installation industry. And when we recently learned the U.S. has more jobs in solar than in coal mining, I like to pretend we were part of making that possible."

There are other benefits of adding solar panels as well. As Kelsch installed the solar panels on top of her flat roof, they do not affect the appearance of her home and are barely noticeable. "One way you would notice that we have solar panels is by seeing that the electricity bills are way lower," she said.

Similar to Kelsch, Egenrieder also has the solar panels arranged on his home's roof is such a way that "it takes a sophisticated eye for passersby to notice the panels, and therefore no one really knows they're there."

Sklar says that he is never engaged in any power outage problems and believes it is more comfortable, mentally and physically, to be living in a green home. His home allows him to have lowest possible electric utility cost and an extremely clean electric power quality. He also says that he has "a strong feeling you are helping your children and grandchildren move to a healthier world."

But solar is not a viable option for everyone. Hodges, a resident of Arlington for 19 years, could not add solar panels or the solar water heating system to her home as her roof does not receive enough sunlight to be able to generate enough electricity. There is an oak tree that significantly blocks the path for the sunrays to reach her house. But Hodges is still optimistic. She says that her home receives a lot of shade and is more efficient.

Though Kelsch did not have any major complaints about having solar features, one minor disappointment was that having solar energy does not allow the systems to

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Scott Sklar's house roof.

Scott Sklar with a solar trailer on his property.

Solar Power

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continue running when the power goes out. Though she says this can be corrected simply by buying and installing batteries for storing the extra electricity, batteries are expensive and full of toxic chemicals.

Yet, Kelsch encourages other homeowners to add some solar features to their homes to make their homes more energy efficient. She also encourages homeowners to take the energy audit for their homes to reduce energy load as much as possible and to be the most energy efficient.

Egenrieder said, "Sometimes I feel bad for my neighbors Doug or Scott, who can see my panels from their upper windows. I'm guessing they spend a lot of time thinking, 'Man, that guy Jim is the coolest guy on the planet.' That kind of jealousy can take years off your life, and they're both great guys, so sometimes I worry about them while I sit on my porch sipping on a martini. Otherwise, I can think of no other disadvantages of a grid-tied solar home."

He also advised other homeowners to invest in solar features for their homes as he believes they are more inclined to receive more benefits through better technology. According to Egenrieder, "New systems allow for both grid-tied benefits plus options for on-site battery storage, even including backup generator options. Micro-inverter



The top view of Joan Kelsch's home with the solar panels visible.



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Solar Panels do not change the appearance of Joan Kelsch's house.

PHOTO COURTESY OF JOAN KELSCH

technology also provides for more flexibility."

Sklar encourages other homeowners, living in Arlington and its surrounding areas, to invest in converting their houses into solar homes, for it "would reduce utility bills, reduce pollution, and have absolute electric reliability." He also believes that solar systems will increase the re-sale value of the homes. Sklar has already created The Stella Group, a firm facilitating for a cleaner and greener environment through utilizing energy efficiency, fuel cells, heat engines, etc. He has also co-authored a book titled "Consumer Guide to Solar Energy" and published a paper on clean energy technologies in 2013 to promote the use of solar features in residences and public buildings.

Arlington Tech will initiate a new Engineering, Energy and Sustainable Technologies program for high school students in the 2016-2017 school year. Egenrieder said, "I believe it will greatly enhance options for young people wanting to learn about, participate in, or be employed in alternative energy."

If solar may not seem to be the best option for a home, AIRE and ACE have vari-

ous other programs for residents of Arlington to go green. By joining ACE, residents would be added to a mailing list that encourages members of the community to participate in new programs and volunteer opportunities.

Through this mailing list, Hodges is able to inform ACE's members about local companies involved in making financially viable options available for Arlington residents. ACE is adding an online directory by the end of next year, to allow all its members to have a list of all local companies and installers available.

To find more information on the Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment, visit www.arlingtonenvironment.org/.

To find more information about Virginia Sun and the solar co-op, visit www.vasun.org/arlington-solar-co-op/.

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THURSDAY/JUNE 4

Arlington Neighborhood Villages Anniversary Party. 6-8 p.m. at National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Conference Center, 4301 Wilson Blvd. Arlington Neighborhood Villages will celebrate a year of helping seniors live independently. Free. RSVP by emailing register@arlnvil.org.

MONDAY/JUNE 8

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Arlington County erected a marker commemorating the strong and beneficial presence of generations of mostly African-American men in the Nauck community.

Masonic Story Memorialized

African-American Lodge honored.

BY MICHAEL MCMORROW
THE CONNECTION

History finally caught up with Arlington Lodge #58 F&AM, Prince Hall on Saturday, June 6. Arlington County erected a marker commemorating the strong and beneficial presence of generations of mostly African-American men in the Nauck community.

The main speaker was Grand Master Roger C. Brown of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia.

His words of praise for the past and of encouragement for the future were heard by the members, their families and guests. However, Brown's presence was overshadowed, slightly, by someone in the audience.

Emma Moorman is the granddaughter of Henry L. Holmes, the first leader of Lodge #58 at its founding in 1888. Holmes exemplified the standard of civic service for all county residents during his



Past Master Earl Valentine observes Past Master Robert Reed offering personal memories of Lodge #58

lifetime and down through the years. He served as Commissioner of Revenue from 1876 to 1903, was a developer of neighborhoods in Central Arlington and held membership in numerous fraternal and religious organizations. Born in Arlington, Moorman is proud of her grandfather and his accomplishments, but not nearly as proud as Lodge #58 in having her at home nearby. Moorman expressed pleasure at assisting to unveil the history marker and seeing, again, the commitment of local Masons to serving the commu-



Emma Moorman, encircled by, left to right, Grand Master Roger C. Brown, Past Master Elmer L. H. Lowe, Sr., and Worshipful Master Julius D. Spain, Sr.

nity. "Everything is just wonderful," she said.

Currently, Julius D. Spain, Sr. is Worshipful Master of Lodge #58. An active duty military officer stationed in The Pentagon, Spain entered the local Masonic scene about six years ago. He appreciated its history, but quickly realized that the story of Lodge #58 and its good works were unknown outside the confines of the meeting hall.

Spain also was concerned over the erroneous image of Lodge #58 being only for African-Americans. To the contrary, membership is open to anyone subscribing to the principles of the Masonic movement. Spain noted that Lodge #58, a few years ago, had a Caucasian serving as Worshipful Master.

Cynthia Liccese-Torres and John Liebertz work in the county's Department of Community Planning, Housing and Development. Recovering Arlington's past and telling about the county's many and diverse communities is part of their jobs; it also is the main reason they love their jobs.

In short order, the independent goals of Spain and of Liccese-Torres and Liebertz turned out to be but one, and the result is an educational display standing at 2222 South Shirlington Road not far from the Glebe Road and I-395 intersection.

Dr. Alfred Taylor, Jr., community historian, noted that "nobody can tell your story like you," but the sidewalk plaque will serve the purpose of leading people to better understand their past.

"FLOURISHING AFTER 55"

"Flourishing After 55" from Arlington Office of Senior Adult Programs for June 14-20.

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

Senior trips: Tuesday, June 16, A Day in Lewes, Del., plus lunch, \$58;

Thursday, June 18, Rocky Gap Casino & Resort, Cumberland, Md., \$10; Friday, June 19, Washington Nationals vs Pittsburgh Pirates, \$58; Saturday, June 20, Signature Theatre, "Cabaret," \$73. Call Arlington County 55+ Travel, 703-228-4748. Registration required

Ballroom dancing class, Monday, June 15, 6:45 p.m., Walter Reed. Free. Register, 703-228-0955.

Helping Paws helping seniors, Monday, June 15, 1:30 p.m., Aurora Hills. Free. Register, 703-228-5722.

Priorities for Arlington Police

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in situations like that it's important to be very open and responsive to the local community.

"They need to keep us in the loop," said Schneider. Stefanie Pryor, president of the Arlington County Civic Federation, similarly expressed satisfaction with recent police outreach efforts.

"They've been very willing to speak with us and have offered to meet with various community organizations," said Pryor. "We're expecting open communication from them. Keep open communication."

Like Schneider, Pryor said that open lines of communications with the police can help local citizens be aware of suspicious activity.

The department's second priority is to diversify the Arlington Police demographics. Farr said the department struggles to recruit Hispanic or Latino officers from the local community.

"The biggest challenge is what's happening nationally: the police misuse of force," said Farr. "A young guy or woman will be thinking twice about joining because there's an erosion of trust."

Farr identified a few tools to help police recruitment. One was school resource officers, who can assist students and keep them from paths that would exclude them from a career in law enforcement.

"The job pays well, but it's costly to live here. Most officers live in neighboring counties. Without affordable housing, it's a struggle to get folks to come here."

— Jay Farr, Arlington Police Chief

But Arlington still has to compete for qualified hires with Fairfax and Montgomery counties. Farr said the best way for his department to get the upper hand is to have satisfied police officers on the street who are happy to recommend their work. The other incentive, though, is outside of the police's hands and back on the county's.

"The job pays well, but it's costly to live here," said Farr. "Most officers live in neighboring counties. Without affordable housing, it's a struggle to get folks to come here." Farr also said the police will maintain transportation and traffic safety as a priority.

According to Farr, the department also needs to plan for changes in technology.

"Body cameras are going to come," said Farr. "My main concern is that the tech is ahead of the law, so we're going to have a lot of policy and legal issues."

One potential conflict, Farr noted, was that police would keep their body cameras on when entering a private residence. Therefore, video footage inside a private residence would then become part of a public record.

"We will probably institute a pilot program in this year, in June or July, but I'm not looking to be the first one out the door on this," said Farr. "We haven't heard a big push for this yet from the community."

Stressing Community Outreach

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assess their driving ability under those circumstances. It will also allow a citizen to experience "15 Minutes Behind the Badge" in which they can see police interactions by accompanying them in simulated real life scenarios. They can wear the equipment, go to a roll call and get dispatched on a call. A canine demonstration directed at children is also part of the program as well as VIN etching in which a VIN number is etched into the glass windows of a vehicle, which helps prevent auto theft.

Matt Foley, Arlington County chief public defender, rounded out the explanation of the criminal justice system by explaining the responsibility of his office to represent people charged with an offense but un-

able to afford representation. Foley said a lot of them suffer from bipolar or schizophrenia that result in disorderly conduct, and they end up in jail as a result. The theme of community outreach was reiterated, the importance to let people know about the services available. "They need to know us and trust us. If they have a contact with police, they have a lot of questions about how they know their rights, can a policeman search my pockets, my auto. We can help them navigate the system," Foley said.

The outreach involves churches, regular hours at the community center, distribution of flyers and attending community association meetings. "We'll go anywhere," Foley said, "to spread the information. We need to know what you need."

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ONGOING

“A Tale of Two Cities.” Through June 21 at various times at Syntetic Theater, 1800 S. Bell St. A drag queen finds an abandoned baby at his door. To calm the child down, he enacts the entirety of Charles Dickens’ “A Tale of Two Cities” – playing all the characters himself. Tickets start at \$35. Visit www.syntetictheater.org.

“Fragments of Everyday Life.” Through June 27, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday at Gallery Underground, 2100 Crystal Drive. Artist Dennis Crayon uses classical painting techniques, trompe l’oeil, and contemporary composition to paint “fragments.” Free. Visit www.galleryunderground.com.

June Members Show. Through June 27, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday at Gallery Underground, 2100 Crystal Drive. Gallery Underground’s members will present an exhibit of sculpture, glass, ceramics, etc. Free. Visit www.galleryunderground.com.

“Current.” Through June 28, 4-8 p.m. on Wednesday and Friday; 12-5 p.m. on Sunday at Artisphere’s Artist in Residence Studio, 1101 Wilson Blvd. Sculptor and installation artist Brian Davis will have open studio hours. Free. Visit www.artisphere.com.

Spring SOLOs. Through June 28, 12-5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. Arlington Arts Center hosts several solo exhibits each season. This spring, they welcome Bradley Chriss, Nichola Kinch, Kate Kretz, A. Gray Lamb, Nate Larson, Dan Perkins, and Paul Shortt. Admission to the gallery is free. Visit www.arlingtonartscenter.org.

The Madwoman of Chaillot. Through June 28 at various times at Gunston Theatre Two, 2700 South Lang St. The WSC Avant Bard presents a comedy translated from French about four women attempting to save the world from capitalism. Tickets start at \$10. Visit www.wscavantbard.org.

“Holoscenes/Quaternary Suite.” Through June 28, Gallery hours at Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd. Media artists, design, director, write and artistic director of Early Morning Opera Lars Jan presents a performance, video, photographic and print comprised work. Free. Visit www.artisphere.com.

“Cabaret.” Through June 28 at various times at Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave. This musical is set in 1931 Berlin and revolves about a young cabaret performer and her love interest. Tickets start at \$40. Visit www.signaturetheatre.org.

Crystal Screen. Mondays through Aug. 31 at sunset at 1851 S Bell St. Courtyard. Watch a projected film under the stars. This year’s theme is espionage. Free. Visit www.crystalcity.org.

Blues, Brews and Barks. Wednesdays in June, 5-8 p.m. at 2121 Crystal Drive. Hear local music, visit the beer garden, or relax in the courtyard with your dog. Free to attend. Visit www.crystalcity.org.

ArtJamz. Fridays in June from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at 1750 Crystal Drive. Create an original work of art while being inspired by the beauty of water, multiple wine varietals and live music. Customers get their choice of canvas, paint and art materials, easel, as well as helpful tips and guidance from art-trained team of creative enablers. Tickets are \$40-45. Visit www.artjamzdc.com/wine-in-the-water-park-artjamz-crystal-city.

Barre in the Park. Wednesdays through July, 6-7 p.m. at Gateway Park, 1300 Lee Highway. Lava Barre provides an outdoor fitness class focused on the ballet barre. Free. Visit www.rosslynva.org.

Fashion Truck Fridays. Last Friday of the month through September, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the corner of Lynn St. and Wilson Blvd. or the Plaza at 19th and N Moore St. Fashion trucks The G Truck, Curvy Chix Chariot, Tin Lizzy Mobile Boutique, Zoe’s Shoe Bar, The Board Bus, TNTN Unique Designs, Sheyla’s Boutique, and The Pink Armoire will rotate their schedules to appear. Free to attend. Visit www.rosslynva.org for more.

Shirlala Music Festival. Thursdays, June 4-Aug. 27. 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at Village at Shirlington, 4200 Campbell Drive. The third annual Shirlala Music Festival features three months of live music. This event series is free and open to the public. See www.villageatshirlington.com.

Rosslyn Outdoor Film Festival. Fridays, through Aug. 28. 8:30 p.m. at Gateway Park, 1300 Lee Highway. The theme this year is “Quotable Comedies.” Free admission. See www.rosslynva.org/events.

Sizzlin’ Summer Nights Series. July 8-25 at Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave. Christine Pedi, Natascia Diaz, Sherri L. Edelen, Will Gartshore and the Revenge of the Understudies Mitchell Jarvis (The Threepenny Opera), Kevin McAllister and more are scheduled to perform. Call box office at 703-820-9771.

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 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 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. Free, no registration required.

Poetry Series. 6-8 p.m. second Sunday of the month at IOTA Club & Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd. Hosted by poet Miles David Moore. Featured artists share their poetry followed by open readings. Free. Visit www.iotaclubandcafe.com or call 703-522-8340.

Open Mic Nite. 8 p.m.-12:30 a.m. every Wednesday at IOTA Club & Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd. Sign-up times are 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m.



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Last year’s participants

Children’s Bike Race to Benefit Tay Sachs Research

On Saturday and Sunday, June 13-14, hundreds of adults will be competing in the Air Force Association (AFA) Cycling Classic to benefit the AFA Wounded Airman Program. More than 300 children aged 9 and under are expected to race as well, but with another cause in mind. For the second year, the Kids Bike Race is dedicated to Ethan Klancnik.

Ethan was born on June 12, 2012 and shortly thereafter was diagnosed with Tay Sachs, an incurable genetic disease. After his diagnosis, his mother Michelle Klancnik formed the Tay Sachs Awareness & Prevention Organization (TSAPO) to bring awareness to the disease and to prevent similar genetic diseases by supporting affected families who would like to have additional, healthy children. The Kids Bike Race came about when Klancnik, Ethan’s mother, decided to organize an event that Ethan and her twin daughters could be a part of.

“I wanted something [my children] could be involved in. The idea that children can give back and be involved in the commu-

nity is something I want to instill in my children,” she said. Unfortunately, Ethan died before the first race in his honor.

Now, “I just want to be able to help educate people,” she said. She has taken an online Georgetown University genetics course, has attended several conferences and will attend the Illumina “Understand Your Genome” conference in the fall to learn more about the disease and genetics in general. A portion of the proceeds for the Kids Race will benefit TSAPO.

Her mission is to bring awareness to the disease with what Robert Laybourn of Arlington Sports, the event’s organizer, calls a “crowd favorite.”

“[I want children] to enjoy the satisfaction and the accomplishment of completing the race. As a kid, distances can sometimes be daunting. To complete a lap is a significant accomplishment,” he added.

To learn more about the Kids Bike Race, visit www.cyclingclassic.org/kids-races. To learn more about TSAPO, visit www.tsapo.org.

— SARAI JOHNSON

Bring instruments, fans and friends. Featured musicians perform from 9:30-10 p.m. Visit www.iotaclubandcafe.com or call 703-522-8340.

Karaoke. 8 p.m. on the first Sunday every month at Galaxy Hut, 2711 Wilson Blvd. Visit www.galaxyhut.com or call 703-525-8646.

Pub Quiz. 8 p.m. every Sunday at Whitlow’s on Wilson, 2854 Wilson Blvd. Prizes for first place. Free. Visit www.whitlows.com or call 703-276-9693.

Storytime. Mondays and Fridays, 10:30-11:00 a.m. at Kinder Haus Toys, 1220 N. Fillmore St. Storytime with Ms. Laura. Call 703-527-5929.

Lego Club. Monthly on the first Wednesday, 4-5 p.m. Glencarlyn Branch Library, 300 South Kensington St. The library provides tubs of legos and a special challenge and after the program the creations are displayed for everyone to see. No registration required. Call 703-228-6548 for more.

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

Ball-Sellers House Tours. 1-4 p.m. at The Ball-Sellers House, 1015 N. Quincy St. This year marks the 40th anniversary of the Arlington Historical Society receiving the house from Marian Sellers in 1975 for \$1. Free. Visit www.arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org.

Crystal City Sparket. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. on Wednesdays at 1900 Crystal Drive. Sparket — A Creative Market is an extension of DC’s Eastern Market complete with arts, crafts, and other handmade goods. Free to attend. Visit www.crystalcity.org.

Art for Life. Third Thursday of each month. The Hyatt Regency Crystal City’s “Art for Life” Partnership with National Kidney Foundation brings a new artist each month to The Hyatt for a reception. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.com.

THURSDAY/JUNE 11

Garden of the Year Awards. 11 a.m. at Little Falls Presbyterian Church Friendship Hall, 6025 Little Falls Road. Find a slideshow of 12 nominated homes and hear the winner be announced for the Rock Spring Garden Club 2015 Arlington Garden of the Year Award.

Awards ceremony is free, following luncheon is \$5. Call 703-532-1959.

ECNV Annual Awards Reception. 6:30-9 p.m. at Clarendon Ballroom, 3185 Wilson Blvd. ENDependence Center of Northern Virginia is a resource center that works to empower people with disabilities to live independently. The 2015 Lifetime Award Recipient will be Virginia state Sen. Toddy Puller. Tickets are \$50. Visit www.ecnv.org.

Book Signing. 6:30-7:30 p.m. at One More Page Books, 2200 N Westmoreland St. Sam Kean discusses and shares from his book, “The Tale of the Dueling Neurosurgeons: The History of the Human Brain as Revealed by True Stories of Trauma, Madness, and Recovery.” Free. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com.

Historical Society. 7-9 p.m. at Arlington Central Library Auditorium, 1015 N Quincy St., Arlington. “The Procession Has Arrived at the Gates: The Significance of Arlington Memorial Bridge & Memorial Avenue” with David Lassman. Visit www.arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org for more.

“Office Space” Screening. 8:30 p.m. at Arlington Cinema and Drafthouse, 2903 Columbia Pike. Watch the dark comedy, play trivia, watch or participate in impersonation and costume contests. Tickets are \$12. Visit info@arlingtondrafthouse.com for more.

FRIDAY/JUNE 12

Singles Scavenger Hunt & Live Music. 6:30-9 p.m. at Ireland’s Four Courts, 2051 Wilson Blvd. Singles 21-39 will be guided through a series of challenges and trivia to uncover information about potential matches. Live music will follow. Tickets are \$30 in advance, \$40 at the door. Visit www.thrillscaavengerhunt.com.

Hal Sparks Comedy Show. 7 p.m. and 10:15 p.m. at Arlington Drafthouse, 2903 Columbia Pike. Watch Hal Sparks comedy show. Tickets are \$20. Visit info@arlingtondrafthouse.com for more.

SATURDAY/JUNE 13

Flower Show, Garden Tour, and Faire. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Vienna Town Green and the

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Freeman Store, 131 Church Street NE, Vienna. The Rock Spring Garden Club of Arlington has teamed up with the District III National Capital Area Garden Clubs for a Flower show, and tour of five gardens in Vienna and Great Falls. The Flower show is free. Tour tickets are \$20. Visit www.rockspringgardenclub.com.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 13-14

2015 Air Force Association Cycling Classic. 8 a.m. at the corner of Wilson Blvd. and N Herndon St. Join active duty, reserve and retired military and compete. The branch of service whose participants completes the most laps will be honored and recognized on stage during Sunday's Men's Pro race. The US Air Force was the winner in 2014. All proceeds from fundraising activities will support the Air Force Association's Wounded Airman Program. Registration starts at \$40. Visit www.cyclingclassic.org for more.

SATURDAYS/JUNE 13-JULY 25

Saturday Morning Footy. 9-10:30 a.m. at Bluemont Park, 601 N Manchester St. Youth Australian football program for boys and girls aged 5-15. The program teaches the rules and skills of Australian football through fun and safe games and activities. Players 9-15 will participate in an introductory house league. Free. Visit www.satmorningfooty.com/ for more information and to register. High schoolers are also encouraged to participate in the free Eagles Academy, which teaches the Australian football to girls and boys aged 14-19. For more information about the Eagles Academy visit www.satmorningfooty.com/hs-program.html.

MONDAY/JUNE 15

"Meet the Author." 3 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. at Arlington Central Library, 1015 Quincy Street. Dr. Tyler Anbinder will speak on "Five Points, the 19th Century Neighborhood that invented tap dance, stole elections, and became the world's most notorious slum." Free. Call Encore Learning at 703-228-2144 for more.

The Shocking Story: "Rawhide Down." 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Arlington Central Library Auditorium, 1015 N Quincy St. Join Bloomberg News journalist and author of the bestseller "Rawhide Down: The Near Assassination of Ronald Reagan." Refreshments will be served. Free. Visit www.library.arlingtonva.us.

Open House for Master Gardener Trainees. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St. VCE Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia have scheduled an open house for people interested in participating in this fall's Master Gardener training program. Those planning to attend should send an email to the VCE Horticulture Help Desk at mgaralalex@vt.edu.

Asana and Ale at Cap City. 7 p.m. at Capital City Brewing Company in Shirlington, 4001 Campbell Ave., Outdoor Streetscape. Participate in a 60-minute Vinayasa flow session taught by local instructor Beth Wolfe and enjoy a pint of beer afterwards. Bring a yoga mat, towel, and bottle of water. Registration fee is \$15, which covers the session and the pint. To register call the Capital City general manager Al Chadsey at 703-578-3888.

THURSDAY/JUNE 18

"Bridge Builders of Nauck/Green Valley: Past and Present." 7 p.m. at Arlington Central Library

Auditorium, 1015 N Quincy St. Educator and Arlington native and civic leader Alfred O. Taylor will discuss the local and national contributions of residents from Arlington's oldest African American community. Free. See www.library.arlingtonva.us.

FRIDAY/JUNE 19

Astronomy Night on the Mall. 6-11 p.m. at 15th street NW and Constitution Ave. Guided tour of the sky by astronomers sponsored by Arlington Planetarium. Free. Visit www.hofstra.edu/Academics/Colleges/HCLAS/PHYSIC/phys-nationalmall.html for more details.

Full Dome Show at the Arlington Planetarium. 7:30 p.m., Arlington Planetarium, 1426 N Quincy St. Liam Neeson narrates "Black Holes: the Other Side of Infinity." Hosted by Arlington Public Schools. Admission for all programs is \$3 for children (up to age 12), \$5 for members and seniors (60+), and \$7 for non-member teens and adults. Purchase tickets at www.apsva.us/planetarium.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/JUNE 19-20

Comedy Show with Finesse Mitchell. 10 p.m. at Arlington Cinema and Drafthouse, 2903 Columbia Pike. Finesse Mitchell, from Shaq All-Star Comedy Jam tour and Live from SNL performs a comedy show. Tickets are \$20. Visit info@arlingtondrafthouse.com for more.

SATURDAY/JUNE 20

Hawaiian Cultural Festival. 12-4 p.m. at Gunston Theatre One, 2700 S Lang St. Learn about the Hawaiian and Maori cultures with hands-on cultural activities. Find kanikapila, a style of Hawaiian music and performances. \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Children and under are free. Visit www.halauoaulani.org.

"The Good Lie" Film Screening and Discussion. 1 p.m. at Columbia Pike Branch Library, 816 S Walter Reed Drive. Watch a screening of the 2014 film "The Good Lie" about a group of "Lost Boys" from South Sudan who were resettled in the United States in the 1990s followed by a panel discussion about refugee resettlement featuring two "Lost Boys," who will share their personal experiences. Admission is free. See www.library.arlingtonva.us.

Columbia Pike Blues Festival. 1-8 p.m. on Columbia Pike. Spend the day on one of Arlington's most diverse corridors listening to Blues. Free admission. See www.stayarlington.com.

5th Annual "Fabulous" Event. 5-9 p.m. at Clarendon Ballroom, 3185 Wilson Blvd. Chris4Life and Never Too Young host an evening of fashion and food for colon cancer awareness. Tickets are \$30-100. Visit www.chris4life.org/nevertotooyoung.

Award Ceremony. 7:30 p.m. at Arlington Planetarium, 1426 N Quincy St. Announcement of the 2014 recipient of the David M. Brown Memorial Scholarship. Admission for all programs is \$3 for children (up to age 12), \$5 for members and seniors (60+), and \$7 for non-member teens and adults. Visit www.friendsoftheplanetarium.org for more.

Lecture by Beth Tatum. 7:30 p.m. at the Arlington Planetarium, 1426 N Quincy St. Lecture on "Hydrogen Alpha: Unlocking the Sun's Chromosphere." Admission for all programs is \$3 for children (up to age 12), \$5 for members and seniors (60+), and \$7 for non-member teens and adults. Visit www.friendsoftheplanetarium.org.

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Full Dome Show. 7:30 p.m. at the Arlington Planetarium, 1426 N Quincy St. Learn about the lives of stars. Admission for all programs is \$3 for children (up to age 12), \$5 for members and seniors (60+), and \$7 for non-member teens and adults. Visit www.friendsoftheplanetarium.org for more.

SUNDAY/JUNE 21

"Life and Death: The Earth-Sun Connection." 1:30 p.m. at the Arlington Planetarium, 1426 N Quincy St. Professor from George Washington University Dr. Bethany Cobb Kung talks about the influence the sun has on earth. Admission for all programs is \$3 for children (up to age 12), \$5 for members and seniors (60+), and \$7 for non-member teens and adults. Visit www.friendsoftheplanetarium.org for more.

Crystal Car. 2-6 p.m. at 220 S 20th St. The Crystal City Business Improvement District in partnership with Vornado/Charles E. Smith, and the Washington Wine Academy, is hosting a Father's Day Auto Festival. Patrons may bring their cars to be showcased, and families may participate in live music, beer garden, and activities for children. Admission is free for guests and vehicles. Visit www.crystalcity.org.

Full Dome Show. 3 p.m. at the Arlington Planetarium, 1426 N Quincy St. Watch animated characters Cy, Annie and their dog Armstrong travel through space. Admission for all programs is \$3 for children (up to age 12), \$5 for members and seniors (60+), and \$7 for non-member teens and adults. Visit www.friendsoftheplanetarium.org for more.

MONDAY/JUNE 22

Laughter Yoga. 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Arlington Central Library Auditorium, 1015 N. Quincy St., Arlington. Use breathing, clapping and movement exercises to relax and boost creativity. Session ends with silent meditation. Free. arlingtonlaughteryoga@yahoo.com

JUNE 25-28

The Amazing Acro-cats. 2, 4, and 8 p.m. at The Syntetic Theatre in Crystal City, 1800 S. Bell St. Samantha Martin and her Amazing Acro-Cats will perform a series of agile feats including walking tightropes, skateboarding, etc. Tickets are \$20. Visit www.circuscats.com.

JUNE 27, 28, AND 30

Historic Wedding Celebration. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, 1-4 p.m. on Sunday and 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Tuesday at the Arlington House, 321 Sherman Drive, Fort Myer. In honor of the 184th wedding anniversary of of Robert E. Lee and Mary Anna Randolph Custis, The National Park Service is hosting three days of educational events about wedding customs and traditions. The wedding will be reenacted on June 30. Admission is free. Visit www.nps.gov for more.

SATURDAY/JUNE 27

Blue Cedar with Annika. 8-10 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, 4444 Arlington Blvd. Folk musician Michelle Lockey and Nathan Nasby share the stage with singer/songwriter Annika. Tickets are \$20, \$10 for students and seniors. Visit www.stonerroomconcerts.com.

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Arlington Eagles Red U15 won the 36th Annual Potomac Memorial Tournament May 23-24. Pictured are: (first row) Adam Luncher, Derrick David, Marcel Guzman, Jayson Carbajal-Hernandez, Edison Giron, Nelson Flores Blanco, Paul Bangura, Alexon Saravia, Nick Mitchell, Sam Goodkind, Garrett Lusk, (back row) Paul Bangura, Johnny Eberle, Coach Tony Damiani, Tate Rusby-Wood, Hugh Curran, Will Socas, Ahmed Allen, Giovanni Reyes, Giacomo Mecagni, Alex Craig, Gabriel Chirino and Marty Hockey.

Arlington Eagles Red U15 Boys Win Tournament

Arlington Eagles Red U15 Boys won the 36th Annual Potomac Memorial Tournament May 23-24. Of 16 teams competing in the top bracket, Arlington Eagles bested Pachuca FC 1-0 in the semi-finals and went on to beat Loudoun 99B Red in the championship match 3-0.

The team has qualified to go to US Youth Soccer

National Championship in Tulsa, Okla., July 20-25. They will also be competing in the US Youth Soccer Region 1 Championships in West Virginia, June 25-30. The team is returning to both competitions for the second year in a row as the Virginia State Cup champions and one of the US National League finalists.

Fundraising efforts are underway to cover the significant costs for the team. All donations go 100 percent to support the boys and can be made at edbacker.com.

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Colorful blooms can help create an elegant summer landscape.



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Hydrangeas are a low-maintenance, flowering shrub.

Trending in the Garden

Local landscape architects offer suggestions for updating.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

As summer gets underway, so does time spent outside. The American Society of Landscape Architects recently released the results of its 2015 Residential Landscape Architecture Survey, a list of trends in outdoor design that yields a bounty of backyard design ideas. From adding a pond to planting a garden, local landscape gurus explain how these trends can be used to transform an outdoor space into a favorite escape.

The top landscape and garden elements include native plants, vegetable gardens and low-maintenance landscapes. "Since native trees and shrubs are meant to grow here, they're easier to take care of and they're lower maintenance," said Janet Darab of Cravens Nursery in Fairfax.

"I think there is an increased awareness of the benefit in planting native," said Patrick Lawver of Nature By Design in Alexandria. "If you are planting natives, they should be able to maintain themselves. If they are planted in the right area and planted correctly, you don't have to water them once they get established, so you won't have to rely on water that much."

Dogwoods, redbuds and magnolias are native trees that Lawver says are among the most popular in the Washington, D.C., region. Iris, milkweed and butterfly weed are some of the most popular native flowers. "A lot of people are liking butterfly weed because it's great for attracting monarch butterflies."

Experts also recommend amateur gardeners think

about what type of plants are appropriate for their yards. "For example, if someone has a small backyard garden, there are some plants that grow aggressively that we don't recommend because you'd have to constantly cut them back to keep them under control," said Lawver. "There are some plants that grow better if you have wet soil and some that do better in dryer soil. The bottom line is that they're all low maintenance as long as you're planting them into the right situation."

Raised garden beds are also popular. "One of the advantages of raised beds is that they discourage critters like rabbits from getting in and digging stuff," said Lawver. "Raised beds often hold moisture really so well there is not as much maintenance with the plant."

Among the most popular outdoor design elements, as reported in the American Society of Landscape Architects survey, are fire pits and fireplaces, lighting and grills. One pavilion, built by Rill Architects for a Potomac, Md., home, incorporates the three elements and can serve as inspiration for those who want to create an outdoor oasis.

The space was created as a place to enjoy nature while relishing the comforts of home. "[It] creates a seamless transition between the house and yard," said James F. Rill, AIA of Rill Architects.

A ceiling fan cools the space during warm weather and a stone fireplace warms it when the temperature drops. A mahogany pergola hovers above the terrace. Outdoor chairs, along with low walls that are made of stone, provide seating for entertaining. The floor of the pavilion is made of flagstone.

The pavilion offers a view of the home's English garden, including a pond and walking bridge, and its terrace overlooks a saltwater pool. A gatehouse connects the updated rear porch to the expanded garage. "Now the outbuildings offer an oasis to enjoy nature from both inside and outside the home," said Rill.



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One of the top landscaping trends is an interest in native plants.



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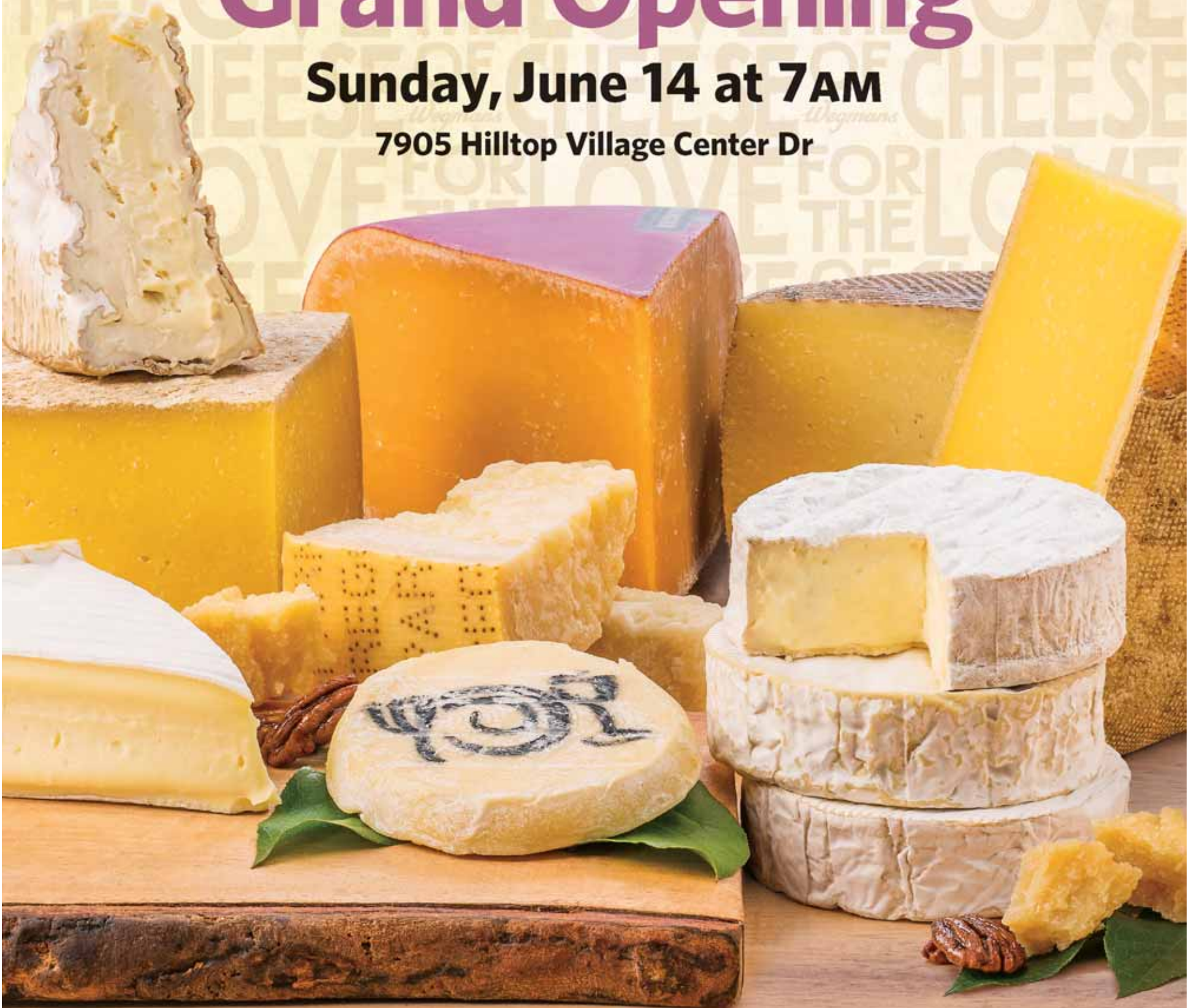
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