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News

Police Release Use of Force Review

Review explained at latest Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission meeting.

early a year ago, Fairfax
County sought an outside
opinion on its police
department's use of force.
That July 2014 commission went to the
Washington, D.C.-based Police Executive
Research Forum.

The organization gained access to unredacted files and case information going back ten years, as well as police academy training sessions and other areas of the department while conducting the review. While not pursuing cases currently under investigation, the review team did look at use of force cases and deadly force cases.

The concept then was to compare Fairfax County's policies and practices to other jurisdictions and best practices, and make recommendations for how the county could improve.

Fairfax County published the completed review report online the weekend immediately after they received it. The following Monday, June 22, Police Executive Research Forum executive director Chuck Wexler and director of applied research and management Tom Wilson attended the meeting of the Fairfax County Police Practices Review Commission to give an overview of the document.

THE REVIEW includes 71 recommendations, spanning 92 pages. It and Wexler are generally positive about Fairfax County's police.

"This is a good department that wants to be better," said Wexler, "not just good but one of the best in the country."

If the organization's recommendations are implemented, the review text states, it would "significantly enhance the [Fairfax County Police Department's] internal operations and its ability to serve the community in ways that build trust and cooperation, while increasing the professionalism with which use-of-force incidents are handled in the county."

Wexler chose five main areas for improvement to highlight in his presentation of the review. These included more comprehensive use of force training for police officers that is scenario-based, holistic and would be implemented department-wide.

The second area was a recommendation to explore implementing a policing practice called the Decision Making model, adopted from use in Scotland and across the United Kingdom.

"What they've done is designed a format for officers to look at any given situation," said Tom Wilson, and answer, "What is your threat?" This method, Wilson and Wexler said, is a crucial part of any effort to de-



Police Executive Research Forum executive director Chuck Wexler (right) and director of applied research and management Tom Wilson speak to the ad hoc commission on June 23.

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Commission chairman Michael Hershman asks Police Executive Research Forum executive director Chuck Wexler follow-up questions after his presentation over the forum's report on Fairfax County police use of force.

escalate a situation. It requires officers to slow down or take a step back.

Next were recommendations for police recruit training. The review organization found new Fairfax County officers were first given firearms training, rather than starting "with the most significant principles of policing," Wexler said.

"They ought to hear... about the sanctity of human life, those terms, before being handed firearms."

The fourth area was how Fairfax County responds to people who are emotionally disturbed or have mental illness. According to Lt. Col. and commission member Tom Ryan with the police department, 43 percent of officers have received Crisis Intervention Training to better handle such situations. Police Chief Edwin Roessler has stated his goal of having 100 percent of officers trained, which Wexler said the review fully supports.

On improving use of force policies, the Police Executive Research Forum recommendations include prohibiting officers from shooting at moving vehicles, investigating all cases where deadly force was used regardless of if the officer hit the target,

making sure electronically controlled weapons are used appropriately, prohibiting chokeholds and discontinuing the use of the "precision immobilization technique" for stopping moving vehicles.

"The department is already doing a lot," Wexler said, "and we have suggestions for how they can do more."

Commissioner Eric Clingan of the NOVA Law Firm asked how long Wexler expected it would take to "change the culture" with respect to the recommendations from the Police Executive Research Forum, and what kind of monitoring should be done.

Wexler responded that changes would have to come both from Fairfax County Police leadership and the training academy. "I don't think the leap is that far to go," he said. "The department is already going in that route."

Commissioners John Lovaas, a Reston resident, and Sal Culosi, father of Dr Salvatore "Sal" Culosi Jr., who was killed by a Fairfax County Police officer, asked if citizen oversight and use of Special Weapons and Tactics teams were covered in the review. Wexler said those topics were "not part of the scope" of the review.



Subcommittee member Jose Santos of Great Falls asks for the Police Executive Research Forum's opinion on how Fairfax County Police release information. "There's a kneejerk reaction," he said, "a reluctance to air out their dirty laundry."

In answering a commission member, Board of Supervisors chairman Sharon Bulova explained this review was separate from the outside review of police policies for releasing information, something the supervisors decided to move forward with earlier this year. That review, being a budget item for the new fiscal year in Fairfax County (July 1), has not moved forward much.

"I'm disappointed in the timing," Bulova said. "It's no excuse."

FOLLOWING THE PRESENTATION by Wexler and Wilson, Dr. Steve Band spoke to the commission on the "human element"

— the psychological and biochemical effects of being a police officer faced with lifethreatening situations.

"It's 'Oh sh-t, that awareness of extreme vulnerability," said Band. "Once you jump on that continuum, it's like deer in the headlights. Gaining control of that situation requires muscle memory and committing to action."

The meeting concluded with reports from each of the five subcommittees — Use of Force, Communications, Mental Health and Crisis Intervention Training, Recruitment, Diversity and Vetting, and Independent Oversight and Investigations — all of which have different deadlines for submitting recommendations to the full commission.

Monday, July 27 is the next date scheduled for the meeting of the full Ad Hoc commission at the Fairfax County Government Center. Chairman Hershman said county staff is working on securing an alternate location that would be convenient to residents that may have difficulty reaching the government center.

The full text of the Police Executive Research Forum review of Fairfax County police use of force and practice can be found through the county website's pages on the ad hoc commission, www.fairfaxcounty.gov/policecommission, or directly at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/policecommission/materials/fairfax-county-police-dept-final-report-june19.pdf. Dr. Band's presentation is also available on the commission website.







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News

Testifying Took Courage, But it was Important'

Matthew's victim explains how assault affected her.

> By Bonnie Hobbs THE CONNECTION

n Sept. 24, 2005, Jesse L. Matthew Jr. viciously attacked a young, City of Fairfax woman, leaving her beaten and bloody on the ground. But in court last week - and during his June 8 trial - she needed only words, not fists, to respond to him at last.

And the combination of his actions and her words could send him to prison for the rest of his life when he's sentenced in October. But she didn't speak on her behalf, alone.

"I'm just one of the victims of these kinds of crimes," she told the judge last Thursday in Fairfax County Circuit Court. "By the time I'm done talking, another woman will be a victim."

In fall 2005, the woman lived a few blocks from the Giant Foods store on Jermantown Road, in a townhouse on Rock Garden Drive. A native of India, she was 26 then and in the U.S. to study. And on the night of the crime, she'd gone to the grocery store for milk and was steps from her front door, around 8:30 p.m., when a man grabbed her from behind.

She said he carried her to a grassy area where he threw her down and began hitting, choking and sexually assaulting her. Then he suddenly fled, possibly scared off by a passing car's headlights, according to prosecutors, and ran





Ray Morrogh Matthew

toward Fairhaven Court.

Police investigated, but years passed and, although the case remained open, nothing significant happened until summer 2010, when a positive DNA match was made, tying the murder of a college student to the attack of Fairfax woman.

That student was 20-year-old Virginia Tech sophomore Morgan Harrington, who vanished outside Metallica concert in

Charlottesville in October 2009. Morgan's body was found in a pasture, three months later; and in summer 2010, authorities linked her killer's DNA to the person who'd abducted and sexually assaulted the Fairfax woman nearly five years earlier.

Those cases were connected to Matthew when he was arrested and charged in Charlottesville with the first-degree murder and abduction of UVA student Hannah Graham, a West Potomac High School graduate, found murdered on Oct. 18, 2014, after a monthlong search; Graham was reported missing on Sept. 13, 2014. Authorities say surveillance footage shows Matthew with her shortly before she disappeared.

Matthew is now slated to stand trial in Charlottesville in the Hannah Graham case before returning to Fairfax County in October to learn his punishment for the Fairfax assault

Matthew, 33 of Charlottesville,

was charged with attempted capital murder, abduction with intent to defile and object sexual penetration in connection with the Fairfax case. During his trial, a forensics expert testified that DNA evidence obtained from one of the Fairfax woman's fingernails after her attack matches Matthew's DNA.

After the crime, she returned to India, but came back to Virginia to testify against him at his trial. (The Connection is not identifying her because she's a victim of a sexual assault.)

Commonwealth's Attorney Ray Morrogh is the prosecutor; public defender Dawn Butorac represents

Matthew's jury trial began June 8 before Circuit Court Judge David Schell, with the Fairfax victim recalling the harrowing details of her attack. The prosecution presented its entire case.

In a surprise move, instead of the defense portion beginning, Matthew instead entered an Alford plea. In so doing, he didn't admit guilt, but acknowledged the existence of enough evidence to convict him. The court may then impose a sentence as if the defendant has been convicted of the crime.

Schell then dismissed the jury and set Matthew's sentencing for Oct. 2. He also ordered both sides to return last Thursday, June 18, so the victim could tell the court the impacts the crime has had on her life. Afterward, she was free to return to India.

Morrogh was the only one who questioned her. He began by asking the dark-haired woman how she was feeling, that Saturday, before she was assaulted. She said she was happy and relaxed. He then asked her thoughts during

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Victim Testifies in Matthew's Case

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her ordeal.

"Panic, a state of shock, like it was unreal," she replied. "It was like when you're unable to wake yourself up from a bad dream."

"And when you were taken back into the darkness?" asked Morrogh.

"I felt utterly helpless," she said. "I was screaming and I felt nobody was going to come. I feared I would be killed – that this would be the end of my life."

Describing her physical injuries, she said, "I was dropped, so my back, hands and neck were hurting. I had a black-and-blue face and my nose was bleeding. The next few days, I was having trouble walking; everything was hurting."

Morrogh then asked her to tell the judge the longterm effects on her psychologically. First, though, she thanked him for giving her the opportunity to do so.

"I'm depressed and in denial, like this didn't happen to me," said the woman. "Coming so close to death, I'd basically stopped living. I didn't want to get up. You feel humiliated and in a vicious cycle of anger and self-hatred."

She also said she still carries Fairfax City Police Det. Mike Boone's business card in her purse. "He told me, 'Whenever you remember something about this incident to capture this guy,' to call him. I guess I can give it back to him now."

Morrogh also asked her to explain how it affected her to return to Virginia again and "have to testify about these things that were done to you."

"It was hard reliving those moments," she replied. "You're reliving them every day, but they went into cold storage for awhile. But coming back to that re-

ality, my first instinct was to run away. It took courage, but it was important. If I don't testify, the person wouldn't be charged and it might happen to someone else."

Afterward, outside the courthouse, Morrogh called her an "amazing and wonderful woman to come from so far and speak, not just for her, but for all women faced with the scourge of sexual abuse. It was difficult for her to be on the stand, but I was proud to be in the same courtroom with her. She never lost faith in the system ... and we feel gratitude toward her."

He said it was "the victim's day to tell the judge, face to face, what happened to her. And I believe it was an important part – if not *the* most important part – of the trial. Even after 30-some years in this business, I still believe people are good. But some are very bad – and [Matthew is] one of them."

Also there, on behalf of her own daughter, plus the victim, was Harrington's mother, Gil. "There are a lot of missing and murdered girls who don't get to a trial," she explained. "That we have a suspect [in Morgan's case] and will get to a trial eventually is encouraging. There's this case, Hannah's and then Morgan's; each pushes the others like dominoes. But we have patience and we know Matthew will be in jail and won't be able to hurt anyone else."

"For me, it's always been about saving the next girl," continued Harrington. "You don't want another family to go through this pain." Toward that end, she created HelpSavetheNextGirl.com, alerting young women to predatory danger. Calling the Fairfax victim a hero, she said, "I applaud her courage and determination in finding justice."



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Condos Proposed Instead of Offices

Mantua Professional Center planned for redevelopment.

By Bonnie Hobbs The Connection

f all goes well, the IDI Group Cos. plans to change 3.8 acres of woods into a residential development called The Enclave. Proposed at the Mantua Professional Center are two, four-story buildings containing 80 condos.

The Fairfax City Council and Planning Commission received updates on the proposal at a recent, joint work session. Paul Nabti, the City's senior planner, presented the details.

He said the applicant wants to construct the condos instead of the 55,000 square feet of office space currently earmarked for that site. Sixteen of the condos would be onebedroom; 48, two-bedroom; and 16, threebedroom.

"A residential use would generate less peak traffic than an office development," said Nabti. "Staff believes a traffic signal may be needed at the Silver King Court and Pickett Road intersection, the site's south entrance, and the applicant said it would pay for half [the cost]."

Planned are contemporary-style buildings with pitched roofs, brick masonry and cement panels. IDI wants a maximum building height of 75 feet, although the City height limit is 60 feet.

The site's zoned commercial planned development, meaning both office and condo uses may exist there. It currently has 181 parking spaces, plus some office buildings and the New School of Northern Virginia. Councilwoman Janice Miller asked if the school would have room to expand, and Nabti said they'd have to look into it.

FOR THIS DEVELOPMENT, he

said, "There'd be about 45-percent open space [on the property] and 128 parking spaces, or 1.6 spaces/unit. City Code requires two spaces/unit." Seventy parking spaces would be in the parking structure below each building, 16 spaces would be in the circular drive between the two buildings, 30 on Silver King Court and 12 in the parking lot near the existing office complex.

Although the site was previously approved for five other office buildings, they're no longer economically feasible. So the two condo buildings would be constructed on the area formerly envisioned for three of the office buildings. The land on which the other two office buildings would have been constructed will, instead, be preserved as open space for a village green enjoyed by the residents, school and existing-office community.



NORTH BLDG - FRONT - SOUTH



The north condo building: (top) view from the front; (bottom) view from the rear.



Artist's rendition of the proposed site layout showing the two, new condo buildings.

Mayor Scott Silverthorne wondered whether commercial uses "are even viable" there. He also noted that multifamily homes "typically produce less children" than single-family houses and would, therefore, have less impact on the schools.

Although the City's Comprehensive Plan recommends retail, office and hotel or mixed uses there, Pickett Road has recently become more residential. Still, before it can build there, IDI needs City Council's approval for needed General Development Plan and Comprehensive Plan amendments, plus a potential zoning-text amendment.

Because the multifamily housing would be owner-occupied, rather than rental, staff said IDI "indicated an interest" in making a voluntary, financial contribution toward affordable housing in the City. The applicant also proposes a \$40,000 contribution to City schools to mitigate impacts from potential new students generated by the condos.

A Planning Commission member wondered if there'd be "enough room for people to come and go," and Nabti said, "I, too, am concerned about access in and out of the property, considering the speed of the cars on Pickett Road. And the sight lines there could also create future safety issues."

Councilwoman Ellie Schmidt said she had some worries about the stormwater management and parking. Councilwoman Nancy Loftus liked the tree cover and quality of the building materials proposed. She also asked how much the applicant would pay for the traffic light. Nabti said the anticipated cost is about \$400,000, but IDI

hasn't yet reacted to that figure.

"I'm concerned about the 30 parking spaces on the street that they're counting as their parking," said Loftus. "And is there existing parking on that street, or are they adding it? People would have to open their car doors into narrow streets. And stormwater management will be key, because that area already has some flooding problems."

IDI Vice-President and counsel, Enrico Cecchi, said the office park has more than 100 additional parking spaces available to the residents in the evening. And project consultant Eric Spencer said they'll install a new, underground system that'll release less water than now.

Councilman Michael DeMarco said pedestrian and transportation enhancements "may be needed as Picket Road becomes more residential."

PEOPLE FROM THIS AREA may walk to a developed Fairfax Circle and restaurants and need to be safe as they walk along Pickett Road." He also recommended the

applicant meet with the City's Board of Architectural Review "because we want the buildings to have high-quality materials, and the visuals didn't jump out at me."

Loftus also asked about the tax revenue this project would yield, and Cecchi replied, "Our fiscal benefit to the City would be over \$150,000/ year." He also noted that they'll provide a bus shelter on Pickett Road near the south condo building.

He said the buildings would have interior amenities including spacious lobbies, a fitness center, spa and a community club room. And he said the exteriors would be modern and have enclosed balconies. Councilman Jeff Greenfield said the buildings might be a bit too modern-looking and should be more in keeping with the nearby Pickett's Reserve. Yet Councilman David Meyer said the roof design "complements the site's topography."

Miller asked who the target market is and how much the condos would cost. "Approximately twothirds empty nesters and one-third young professionals," answered Cecchi. "There's been a shift in more rentals for the younger

He said the one-bedroom condos would range in price from the high \$200,000s to the low \$300,000s. The two-bedrooms, around 1,200 square feet, would be in the \$400,000s; and the three-bedrooms, 1,500 to 1,600 square feet, would go for more

than \$500,000."

While asking the applicant to "think about the parking again," Silverthorne told Cecchi, "You've done some great work around the region – such as the Watergate and Leisure World – and I think it's incredibly important to have a reputable, credible developer. And this would complement what's along that corridor."

NEWS

Becoming an Eagle Scout

Bright and early on Saturday morning, May 30, Nico Marucci, a Woodson HS junior gathered with a group of young scouts at **Aarondale Retirement and** Assisted Living, Springfield, to carry out his Eagle Scout **Project. Marucci worked** with the Aarondale Activity director, Heidi Travis, to build and implement a raised garden bed for the residents as part of their new gardening program which implements the theories of horticulture therapy. Marucci was mentored by his eagle coach, Mercedes Baker. Marucci is not only an accomplished scout and student, but also a coxswain for the Woodson





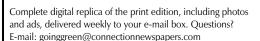


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OPINION

Safe Planning for Independence

Talking and planning about celebrating July 4, and throughout the summer months.

ndependence Day is a national celebration, and for many, that celebration includes alcohol. The summer overall and July 4 in particular are times of greater risk for drinking and driving.

This is true for the young adults over 21 living with you, and unfortunately also for many teens who are under 21. More on that below.

For all revelers in independence: Make a plan. Plan to celebrate with access to public transportation. Plan to have a designated driver. Plan to celebrate in a place safe and comfortable to spend the night.

But in case those plans go awry, here is an alternative safety net.

On the night of Saturday, July 4, the Washington Regional Alcohol Program will offer free taxi rides home (up to \$30), beginning at 10 p.m. for six hours until 4 a.m. the morning of July 5. Participants must be at least 21. Call 1-800-200-TAXI.

On July 4, 2014, more than 150 people used WRAP's SoberRide service rather than possibly driving home impaired.

In summer, 44 percent of all U.S. traffic deaths are caused by alcohol-impaired drivers, according to statistics provided by WRAP. SoberRide is a way to help keep local roads safe from impaired drivers during this traditionally high-risk holiday.

On July 4, historically, nearly 40 percent of traffic deaths in the U.S. are caused by drunk drivers; more than 20 percent of the drunk drivers involved in those deaths during the 2013 July 4 holiday had blood alcohol concentrations of nearly twice the legal limit, said Kurt Erickson of WRAP.

For parents of young adults who may be living at home and parents of those under 21,

this is time to talk. Ask about plans, ask specifically about getting home. Remind those over 21 to take the WRAP phone number with them.

While you hope that young adults under 21 aren't drinking — because there are lots of dangers to binge drinking beyond drinking and driving — you know that many of them will be drinking. Talk with your teens about the problems of binge drinking. Let your younger family members know that you would much rather pay for a cab or come get them yourself than run the risk of losing them.

This is a message important for the tail end of graduation season and good for the whole summer, which is the time of the highest risk for teen drivers.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

How to Pay for Medicaid Expansion?

To the Editor:

State Delegate Ken Plum's latest commentary on Medicaid expansion ("Political Prospects for Medicaid Expansion," The Connection, June 4) is not the first time he has written on the subject, but he has yet to explain how Virginia would pay for this.

If one understands the proposal correctly, the federal government will fund the program using "federal funds" (a euphemism for taxpayer dollars) the first two years, with Virginia then starting to pick

up increasingly larger shares of the program in out years. Virginia's tab would start with 10 percent of the cost after the first two "teaser" years paid by those Federal funds and then progressively increase.

Given Governor McAuliffe's own previously announced multi-year deficit of \$2.4 billion, \$882 million over the next two years, and potential state employee lay-offs, where would that money come from—even for the ten percent? Law enforcement? Education? Transportation? Higher taxes? What happens when the Medicaid expansion becomes a line item in the Virginia budget for perpetuity?

As a delegate, Del. Plum has fiduciary and fiscal responsibility to manage the budget for all Virgin-

Those favoring a Medicaid expansion in the State-predominantly Democrats-who write such commentaries, do not discuss cost specifics—i.e., how to pay for it-when it would become a permanent line item in the Virginia budget. Currently, commendable altruism exceeds the reality of the balance in the state's checkbookas confirmed by Governor McAuliffe's own projections. Republican-led fiscal prudence and fiduciary responsibility on this issue is the correct course of action for Virginia.

> Chris J. Krisinger Colonel, USAF (Ret)

Editor's note: Virginia's contribution would be capped at 10 percent.

A Huge Step for Virginia Healthcare

I would like to graciously thank everyone involved in making The Commonwealth of Virginia the 30th state to screen all newborns for Severe Combined Immune Deficiency (SCID), commonly known as the bubble boy disease. Babies with SCID appear healthy at birth, from a healthy donor, these infants cannot survive. It has taken the efforts of many to finally reach this historic moment for the Common-

been involved richly deserve to be applauded.

The Virginia Genetic Advisory Committee and its subcommittee, the Virginia Newborn Screening Committee, approved the addition of SCID in 2011, subsequently sending the recommendation to the Commissioner of Health. A but without early treatment, most SCID Planning Workgroup began often by bone marrow transplant preparing all additional facts required by the Commissioner in 2012 after which a Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA) was signed by the Comwealth, and all those who have missioner and approved by the

Board of Health. The progression for the NOIRA was, by statute, a lengthy and arduous process which required that it be reviewed by the Offices of Planning and Budget, the Attorney General, the Secretary of Health, the Cabinet Secretary and the Governor on 3 different occasions.

During this time, the NOIRA had to cross the desks of two different governors, requiring a new approval each time.

Mandating screening for SCID will prevent infant fatalities and avoid potential expensive lifelong care that places an enormous burden on families and society. This law takes a huge step forward for Virginia healthcare policies, and I am grateful that all Virginia babies will now have the chance at a healthy life.

It is my hope that every state includes SCID on their newborn screening panel immediately to save lives. Thank you all for making this day a reality here in the Commonwealth.

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OPINION

I-66: Who Pays the Price?

VDOT plan makes Fairfax commuters and neighbors pay for I-66 construction.

BY CHAP PETERSEN STATE SENATOR (D-34)

ver the past weekends, I've been knocking on doors in Vienna, next to the I-66 sound walls. A few quiet, tall maple trees stand over top traditional ranch-style houses. Kids ride bikes down the



Welcome to the I-66 corridor.

Sixteen years ago, I was a freshman Councilman representing Fairfax City at the NOVA Regional Commission. I was young, oblivious and surrounded by the leading minds in local government.

One day, we were reviewing the issue of I-66. VDOT had an ambitious plan for adding four new lanes from the Beltway to Gainesville. I listened to the presentation, then asked a question befitting my lack of sophistication:

"What's the point in widening I-66 outside the Beltway, if it's still four lanes inside the Beltway? Where will these cars go?"

Sixteen years later and I'm still waiting for that answer.

The latest VDOT I-66 plan adds more pavement from Dunn Loring to Centreville but again fails to add capacity inside the Beltway.

What's even more grating is the idea apparently originating in Richmond - that this plan, including "multi-modal" improvements, will be financed by lucrative new tolls inside the Beltway. (This may be the motivating force behind VDOT funding the



State Sen. Chap Petersen

project itself rather than bringing in a private investor).

In other words, my Fairfax County constituents will be paying \$10 a trip to the District, so there can be new bike racks in

Last week, I talked to a VDOT representative about this tolling plan - and when it would be matched with inner Beltway ca-

I was told that those new lanes were planned for 2040. Yes, that's correct, 25 years from now.

This is a bad idea and it's time to start calling it out publicly.

Nobody in Fairfax County supports the tolling of a highway that's currently free to the public. If you want to create tolls inside the Beltway, then create new lanes. Don't take away the existing lanes which are open to the public.

All friendly kidding aside, I am in awe of my Arlington colleagues who have lobbied to keep I-66 narrowed to four lanes inside their jurisdiction. So why are Fairfax County homeowners not given the same deference? Why do we have to accommodate ten lanes, plus a bike lane?

We need to get I-66 right. Yes, the solution should be multi-modal, with buses and trains playing a major role. But we have to drop the mindset of ONLY making improvements outside the Beltway.

Otherwise, to cite David Byrne and the Talking Heads, we will truly be on a Road to Nowhere.

Correction

In the May 28 Fairfax Connection, in the story on page 5, "City Doubles Money Allocated for FRHC," the organization provides home-improvement loans up to \$250,000.

- Faith Notes -

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

The Guhyasamaja Buddhist Center, 10875 Main St., Fairfax City provides free classes to both newcomers and advanced practitioners of Tibetan Buddhism. The center emphasizes working with the mind and learning how to understand the workings of the mind, overcoming innner causes of suffering, while cultivating causes of happiness. Under the direction of Lama Zopa Rinpoche, the center is a place of study, contemplation and meditation. Visit http://www.guhyasamaja.org for more in-

Lord of Life Lutheran offers services at

two locations, in Fairfax at 5114 Twinbrook Road and in Clifton at 13421 Twin Lakes Drive. Services in Fairfax are held on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. and Sundays at 8:30 and 10 a.m. Services in Clifton are held on Sundays at 8:15 and 703-323-9500 a.m. www.Lordoflifeva.org.

First Baptist Church of Springfield offers Sunday school at 9:15 a.m., followed by a 10:30 a.m. worship service at 7300 Gary St., Springfield. 703-451-1500 www.fbcspringfield.org.

Clifton Presbyterian Church, 12748 Richards Lane, Clifton, offers Sunday worship services at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Nursery care is provided.

Christian education for all ages is at 9:45 a.m. 703-830-3175.

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, 6720 Union Mill Road, Clifton, conducts Sunday masses at 7:30 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. It also offers a Saturday vigil at 5:30 p.m. and a Thursday Latin mass at 7 p.m. 703-817-1770 or www.st-



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GRADUATION 2015



The band included some of the graduating seniors.



Donald Hickerson and his mother, Shirley Hickerson.

'You Can and Will Make a Difference'

Nearly 700 graduate from Fairfax High.

By Bonnie Hobbs THE CONNECTION

ainted on a wall inside Fairfax High's field house are the words, "Rebel Pride." And Principal Dave Goldfarb embodied that spirit during the school's graduation there, last Tuesday, June 16.

He acknowledged the 98 honor grads with 4.0 or higher GPA and their willingness to take on and stick with challenges. He also recognized the students who enlisted in the armed forces, received military scholarships or were admitted into an armed-service academy. But it was evident that he was proud of all the graduating seniors.

"Good afternoon, young scholars," said Goldfarb. "You've come so far. Today you'll leave this building knowing what kind of person you want to become and what pathways will help you reach those goals."

He had them applaud their parents who "were always there for you when you needed them, even when you constantly looked to your phones for advice." They then gave a loud, standing ovation after Goldfarb said, "Seniors, the Fairfax High staff also supported you, helped you overcome challenges and modeled important things to you, including serving others and patience.'

He said the positive impacts they've made on their school "will continue to ripple and make us stronger." And he quoted President John F. Kennedy telling a journalist what advice he'd give a future president.

"Kennedy said, 'You'll face problems and crises you can't foresee, but practice discipline and vigorous, unremitting effort," said Goldfarb. "So don't panic, ask for help and [realize that] success is almost always the byproduct of hard work."

Noting Kennedy's belief that "the most im-

mility, confidence and the ability to listen to others," Goldfarb told the students to "believe in yourself, dare to be great, but don't think you're better than other people."

Furthermore, he said, "When you face challenges, you don't face them alone. People will follow you if they feel you're listening to them and understand them. You don't have to be a president to be a leader; you can be extraordinary by helping others. You can and you will make a difference."

GOLDFARB quoted Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, who said, "Each time a man stands up for an ideal, acts to improve the lot of others or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope – and those ripples build

a current which can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance.'

He then told the seniors, "I believe our world will be better because of you. So go in peace and make your ripples, and God-

Next, honor grad Eric Carlson, who'll attend the University of Notre Dame this fall, addressed his classmates. He shared some of his favorite memories at Fairfax High, including Goldfarb telling them, "We are

"We don't always have it all together, but portant qualities of leadership include hu- we can lean on our friends in the face of

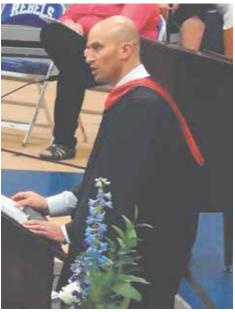


New graduate Angeli Cruz and her father, Elmer Cruz.

adversity," said Carlson. "Being a family is about supporting and being supported by others. We've experienced great tragedy, but we've come together in the spirit of family when it mattered most." He said that ability will make them all "better members of the human family. And I hope the spirit of community we've encountered here will always touch our lives."

Then four students received special awards. Honored as the Most Outstanding Senior was Kevin Puri for his loyalty and dedication to the school. He was vice president of the Indian Student Association and

Photos by Bonnie Hobbs/The Connection



Principal Dave Goldfarb addresses the senior class.

was on the varsity cheerleading team, including the 2013 state champions. A member of the Air Force JROTC program, he was accepted to the Air Force Academy.

Lexie Rummel received the Service Award for loyalty and service to Fairfax High and the community. She revived the school's Interact Club, which did numerous volunteer projects for the community and various organizations, such as the Lamb Center. She'll be attending Tulane University.

HONORED with the Faculty Award was Ruby Rim. She was captain of the varsity golf team and will be going to Randolph-Macon College. And John Nicopoulos received the Fairfax Award. He was Student Council president, captain of the tennis team and representative to the City cil. He'll be attending Virginia Tech.

After that came the awarding of diplomas to the 680 seniors. They then turned their tassels, tossed their caps into the air and walked out into the daylight, ready to face the world as brand-new graduates.

GRADUATION 2015



Robinson's Executive Council poses together on stage before the ceremony.



Photos by Caroline Alkire/The Connection

Danzan Delgertsogt's family cheers him on with large cutouts of his face. Delgertosgt's family sat at the top of the stadium to avoid blocking the view of others.

Clanking Into the Future

Robinson student speaker Katherine Wilson celebrates "the generation of hope and change."

By Caroline Alkire
The Connection

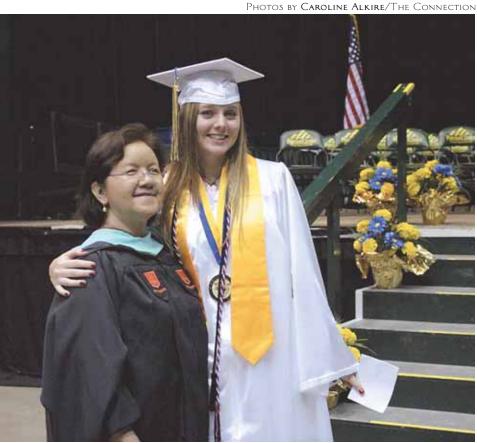
rom a fire to a One Direction break up (in the words of student speaker Katherine Wilson), the Robinson class of 2015 survived it all. With a district championship, two state championships and a Cappies Award, this graduating class had so much to celebrate.

Decked out in hues of white, royal blue and yellow, 740 students gathered at the Patriot Center on June 16 at 9:30 a.m. to say goodbye to high school and hello to bright futures.

"Our class is unique in that we're very diverse activities-wise. Almost everyone is involved at Robinson, whether it be in sports, music, art or a club," said Brent Yantis, member of the Robinson senior class Executive Council and future Virginia Tech Hokie. "Everyone in the class of 2015 was willing to get out there and participate. We upheld what Robinson is all about."

Athletes, scholars, leaders and future military members marched across the stage to accept their high school diplomas: 212 Robinson students graduated with a 4.0 GPA or higher, their gold honor medals jangling as they walked across the stage. "Keep clanking into the future!" Principal Matthew Eline urged.

Of the vast number of graduates, one student, Katherine Wilson, was chosen to give a speech at the beginning of the ceremony. After moving around for most of her childhood—Wilson lived in Detroit, Maryland,



Class speaker Katherine Wilson poses with a mentor before her speech.

Africa and Egypt—she finally settled in Northern Virginia at Robinson Secondary halfway through her sophomore year of high school and found her home.

"We are the generation of hope and change," Wilson told her classmates during her speech.

After competing with 16 other applicants and presenting her speech in front of a panel of teachers at Robinson, Wilson was given the honor of addressing her peers on stage at graduation. She told her class that at Robinson she learned "we' is much stronger than "I."

"These kids brought me in when I was the new girl from Africa," said Wilson. "They were so kind and accepting, so I was honored to speak on their behalf." Other students also spoke about the accepting nature of Robinson's 2015 graduating class.

"Our class is special because we all support each other," said Katie Pearson, also a member of the Executive Council, and a future Hokie. "Sports teams go to music events, and everyone supports each other no matter what anyone is involved in."

With diplomas in hand and tassels turned to the left, the graduating class of 2015 stood and threw their blue caps into the air, and Principal Eline's note of advice rang true

"Don't ever forget where you come from," he said. "You are a Robinson Ram, and you will always be a Robinson ram. It is your time to change the world."

VIEWPOINTS

Where do you go next; where do you see yourself in 10 years from now?

—CAROLINE ALKIRE



Sabrina Lingeman
"I will be attending the
University of Virginia. In
five or 10 years, I hope to
be in medical school or
finishing up medical school.
I want to be a doctor for
infectious diseases and
tropical medicine."

Kayla Mathews "I'm very excited to go James Madison University in the fall. I hope to be out of college with a job in five years. I'm going to major in business and environmental science, so hopefully my job will have something to do with those subjects."





William Barlow
"I'll be at Virginia Tech
next year, and I'll be
majoring in chemical
engineering. After college I
hope to be interning or
working for an engineering

ompany, possibly Audi."

Roxana Modhha

"I'll be at George Mason University in the fall. In five to 10 years I'll hopefully be in medical school and getting my doctorate degree so I can become a pediatrician."





Marcus Denham

"I will be going to West Point. After that I expect to be a commissioned officer in the army for my entire career, and location wise I'll be happy to serve wherever the army takes me."

Failure to Help

Pino and Clark, subjects of "The Hunting Ground," answer questions at GMU.

Abigail Constantino
The Connection

ndrea Pino and Annie Clark answered questions from the audience after a showing of "The Hunting Ground" on Wednesday, June 10 at George Mason University in Fairfax. Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41) introduced the film and Pino and Clark. "I saw the film during session...[It's] the perfect opportunity to educate the community" about this issue." She contacted Pino and Clark, two of the main subjects of the film and who both recently moved to the area, about a screening.

The opening scene showed high school seniors waiting for their college acceptance notification while Pomp and Circumstance played in the background. Following the elation of the students were sobering tales of sexual assault experienced by the subjects.

Pino was assaulted in 2012 at party when she was pulled into a bathroom and her attacker slammed her head against the wall. She was attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Clark is also a graduate of UNC.

"When you're scared and you don't know what's happening to you, you just stay there and hope that you don't die. And, that's when I was hoping that I had more than just 20 years to live," said Pino, as she told her story.

After the sexual assault, the victims faced another violation—that of their trust. The colleges they attended and law enforcement refused to take action against their attackers and even refused to believe that they were raped. The systems that are supposed

to protect victims are now barriers to action, said Clark.

During the question-and-answer panel with Clark, Pino, Filler-Corn, Aviva Kurash of the International Association of Chiefs of Police and domestic violence coordinator for Fairfax County Sandy Bromley, Clark said that there is a lack of leadership from college presidents. There is a "collective problem of no one getting up and saying this happened," she said.

Pino and Clark filed a Title IX complaint against UNC after its continued indifference to known sexual harassment on campus. The U.S. Department of Education launched an investigation against UNC. As of January, there are 95 postsecondary institutions with open Title IX sexual violence investigations.

Pino and Clark traveled the country helping university activists and survivors file Title IX, Clery and other federal complaints against their colleges. They founded End Rape on Campus to help with their activities.

In Virginia, there were 322 sexual offenses reported by universities and colleges in 2013—9,531 nationwide, 18 at GMU and 7 at the NVCC Alexandria Campus.*

During the winter session Filler-Corn was co-patron, along with Del. James Massie III (R-72), of the bipartisan HB 1785, which was signed by Gov. Terry McAuliffe in March. It requires that an agreement between campus police force and law enforcement agency to notify the local attorney for the Commonwealth within 48 hours of beginning any investigation involving felony criminal sexual assault occurring on campus property or other property related to the institution of higher education.



From left, Andrea Pino, Annie Clark, Sandy Bromley, Aviva Kurash, and Del. Eileen Filler-Corn, take questions from the audience after a screening of "The Hunting Ground" on June 10 at George Mason University in Fairfax



From left, Andrea Pino and Annie Clark, two of the main subjects of "The Hunting Ground," take questions from the audience after a screening on June 10 at George Mason University in Fairfax.

"This is clearly an epidemic. It's an issue that needs to be resolved," said Filler-Corn.

"We can't talk about rape till we talk about sex," said Pino, who advocates for more sex education. "How are we raising young boys? Are we teaching them about consent?"

"The frame of orientation should be from

'Don't get raped' to 'Don't rape," said Clark.

"The Hunting Ground" is being shown in college campuses and is not currently on wide release.

*Four- and two-year, nonprofit, postsecondary institutions. Statistics from http://ope.ed.gov/security/.

Fairfax's Company Danzante to Perform at Jacob's Pillow Festival

ompany Danzante (City of Fairfax) will perform at the prestigious Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival on June 26. Company Danzante will perform repertory by co-directors, Katherine Horrigan and Arturo Garcia. Directors Horrigan and Garcia were recently awarded a 2015 Strauss Artist Grant through the Arts Council of Fairfax County, honoring their dance work as contemporary artists.

The Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival presents diverse dance styles. For the Festival, Company Danzante will present Horrigan's "Collected Remnants and Garcia's "Here and Now" commissioned by the

ompany Danzante John F. Kennedy Center for the Per-(City of Fairfax) will forming Arts.

The performance will be on Friday, June 26, at 6:15 p.m. at 358 George Carter Road, Becket, Massachusetts. Tickets are free. For information call 937-508-6283 or visit www.companydanzante.org.

— DAVID SIEGEL

Company Danzante at John F. Kennedy Performing Arts Center.

Photo by Natalie Terry Courtesy Company Danzante



Academic Achievers Awarded

FACETS hosts dinner in celebration of A, B-earning K-12 youth.

> BY THOMAS FRIESTAD The Connection

miles flashed in between bites of dinner at the Sherwood Community Center, where over one hundred students in grades K-12 gathered with their families to receive certificates for A-B report cards Wednesday, June 3. These students were beneficiaries of the FACETS nonprofit's Education and Community Development program, which offers enrichment programs to students living in four local low-income, subsidized communities

ECD Team Leader Erin Hansen said the event was to recognize both students who excelled in classes and those who required more concentration to succeed.

"This is not only the culmination of the hard work of students, but



ECD Team Leader Erin Hansen congratulates students, parents and **FACETS staff for their work** over the school year to begin the Academic Achievement Party. "FAC-ETS' mission is to open doors for youth and families," Hansen said.

also the parents, volunteers, certainly FACETS staff and the community as a whole," Hansen said. "Just being able to see the development of these kids through their report cards and being able to celebrate that is a great connection for the community to come together and say 'we did this together."

Maura Williams, FACETS deputy



Graduating senior **Shanquelle Marshall offers** a message of encouragement to her fellow students near the event's end. "Being at the top of your class is awesome, but trying your hardest and getting the grades you worked for is just as great," Marshall said.

executive director, said the nonprofit, founded in 1988, encompasses multiple programs to serve homeless individuals and families or those at risk of homelessness. She said the Academic Achievement Party has taken place for the past four years, and has grown so much since its inception that the nonprofit had to seek out a larger venue for this year.



Advocate Melanie Santiago and ECD Team Leader Erin Hansen stand with a collection of elementary age students from the Barros Circle community. Each received a certificate for their academic performances over the past school year.

"We're working toward breaking a cycle of poverty in Fairfax County," Williams said. "If we see youth and adults making achievements that will eventually help them and their families get out of poverty, that's something we really want to honor and make a big deal out of it, so that's why we hold this event each year."

Graduating senior Shanquelle Marshall was the first student to speak at the event in lieu of FAC-ETS' executive director in its history. Marshall, who will be attending Old Dominion University in the fall, encouraged her peers to always try their hardest and to set goals during their academic careers. "Don't let one bad grade get you down, because there will always be five more opportunities for good grades to take its place," Marshall said. "There are many hard days and hard tests in high school, but keep pushing forward until you reach your ultimate goal, whatever that may be."

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Stars on Sunday Concert Series. 3 p.m.
Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way,
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Summer Reading Program. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Fairfax Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Come to the library all summer for books and events. http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/fx/.

THURSDAY/ JUNE 25

Preschool Science 123. 2:30 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Mad Science presents fun experiments. Ages 3-6 with adult. Sign up each child and adult separately. http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/ branches/bc/

Preschool Story Time. 10:30 a.m. Fairfax Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Children can stop in with an adult and learn early literacy skills while enjoying stories, songs and activities. http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/ branches/fx/.

Brain Games at the Library. 2 p.m. Fairfax Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Children 8-12 can stop in and have fun and win prizes with board games and card games that challenge thinking and build skills. http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/fx/.

Chapter Book Chat: Storytime for Bigger Kids. 4 p.m. Pohick Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Come listen to a chapter book read aloud. Ages 8-12. http://wwww.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/po/

Author Event: Martha Jefferson Randolph.
7 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake
Road, Burke. Author Dr. Billy Wayson will
discuss the world of Martha Jefferson Randolph
and her famous father, Thomas Jefferson.
Wayson illuminates life at Monticello via family
correspondence. Book sale and sign. Teens and
adults. http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/
branches/kp/

FRIDAY/ JUNE 26

Classic Tails. 10:30 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Develop children's early literacy skills with stories, song and activities. Ages 3-5 with adult. http://

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/bc/ **Fun Flicks.** 10:30 a.m. Pohick Library, 6450
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Creative Writers Club. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Join for sharing, discussion and feedback on fiction, poetry and non-fiction works. Teen volunteer facilitates. Ages 13-18. http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/bc/

Burke Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-noon. Saturdays, May 2-Nov. 21. 5671 Roberts Parkway, Burke. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/ burkemkt.htm

Springfield Farmers Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Springfield Town Center, 6699 Spring Mall Drive, Springfield. www.smartmarkets.org.

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SATURDAYS/JUNE 27-AUG. 22

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Railroad Artifacts Photography Workshop.

1:30-3:30 p.m. Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road. Volunteers will offer tips on editing and photo composition of railroad artifacts. Workshop is free but regular Museum admission rates apply. Museum members and children 4 and under, free; 5-15, \$2; 16 and older, \$4. Space is limited. Register by sending your name to events@fairfax-station.org.

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Fairfax Farmers Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
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Fairfax. www.fairfaxsaturdaymarket.com/

Fair Lakes Farmers Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 4501 Market Commons Drive, Fairfax.www.greentowns.com/initiative/farmers-market/fair-lakes-farmers-market-fairfax-va.

Lorton Farmers Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays, May 3-Nov. 8. Featuring fresh produce, a Swiss bakery and potted plants and herbs. VRE Parking Lot, 8990 Lorton Station Boulevard, Lorton. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ farmersmarkets/lortonmkt.htm

MONDAY/JUNE 29

Uno, Dos, Tres Con Andres. 10:30 a.m. Fairfax Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Sing and move with music and dance from Latin America with Andres Salguero. All ages. http://

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/fx/. **The Kindercise Show.** 10:30 a.m. Kings Park
Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Sing and
dance with Wolf Trap teaching artist John
Taylor. All ages. Sign up each adult and child
separately. http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/
library/branches/kp/

Sheep Dog Detectives. 10:30 a.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Kaydee Puppets presents Dudley Dog and friends, who solve crimes in a fun show. http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/kn/Gymboree: Infants! 10:30 a.m.- 11:15 a.m.

Gymboree: Intants! 10:30 a.m.- 11:15 a.m.
Pohick Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke.
Gymboree instructor presents play-based
activities. 4-8 months with adult. http://
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/po/

MONDAY/JUNE 29 - FRIDAY/JULY 3

Bond: An Unauthorized Parody. 8 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. A typical adventure, yet an original story, Gavin Robertson plays a variety of characters with minimum staging and maximum effect. With original music by collaborator Danny Bright, this is one spy story you won't see on the big screen... Run, don't walk to this fantastic show. Tickets: \$10-\$30.

TUESDAY/ JUNE 30

Sheep Dog Detectives. 10:30 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Kaydee Puppets presents Dudley Dog and friends, who solve crimes in fun a fun and fast paced show. All ages. http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/ branches/bc/

Paper Mache Art Workshop. 2:30 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Create a unique form from gooey paper in this unique workshop that celebrates the traditional art of mache, from making a mirror form to a hollow sculpture. Teens. http://

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Burke Lake Road, Burke. Bring your Pokemon
trading cards to trade or play the Pokemon
game. Age 6-12. http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/
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WEDNESDAY/JULY 1

Fair Lakes Farmers Market. 3:30-7 p.m. 4501



Woodson High School's Color Guard marches in last year's Fairfax City Independence Day parade.

July 4th in Fairfax County

SATURDAY/JULY 4

Historic Pohick Church 4th of July Tours. 1-3 p.m. Pohick Church, 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Costumed history docents will give free guided tours of the historic colonial church. http://www.pohick.org

July 4th in Paradise. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Paradise Springs Winery, 13219 Yates Ford Road, Clifton. Open for normal business hours with live music and food available throughout the day. http://www.paradisespringswinery.com

Fairfax's Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks. 10 a.m.-10:30 p.m. in the Downtown Fairfax Historic District. Independence day parade, historical tours, games, entertainment and fireworks begins at 7 p.m. www.fairfaxva.gov.

Mount Vernon's An American Celebration. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. Daytime fireworks in patriotic colors fired over the Potomac River at 1 p.m. The event also includes an inspirational naturalization ceremony for 100 new citizens, military re-enactments, a special wreath-laying ceremony, free birthday cake for all and a visit from the "first" first couple, "General and Mrs. Washington." www.mountvernon.org.

Vienna 4th of July Festival and Fireworks Show. 12-9 p.m. Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Avenue, East, Vienna. Free event with food and drink, music, family games, children's entertainment and more. Fireworks show begins at 9:15 p.m. http://www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?nid=894

McLean 4th **of July Fireworks Celebration.** 8 p.m. Cooper Middle School, 977 Balls Hill Road, McLean. Food and music. Shuttle buses will be available at St. John's Episcopal Church at the McLean Community Center, http://www.mcleancenter.org/special-events

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Great Falls 4th of July Celebration & Parade. 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Village Centre Green, 776

Walker Road, Great Falls. 5K walk/run, blood drive, Little Patriot Parade, and floats, horses, antique cars and pets making a loop in the Main Parade. Fireworks start after dusk at Turner Farm Park. http://www.celebrategreatfalls.org.

Herndon 4th of July Celebration. 6:30 p.m. Bready Park, Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Avenue, Herndon. A family-fun event featuring games, arts and craft activities, bingo, food face painting, balloon artists, and fireworks. Fireworks show is choreographed to music and begins at dark, approximately 9:30 p.m. www.herndon-va.gov.

Lake Fairfax Fireworks Spectacular. 4-8 p.m. Lake Fairfax, 1400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston. Live music, enjoy the Water Mine park and more. http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lakefairfax/

Firecracker 5K for the Troops. 8 a.m. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market Street, Reston. A 3.1 mile race, live music, face painting, waving flags, and free massages. prraces.com/firecracker/

Fairfax.www.greentowns.com/initiative/ farmers-market/fair-lakes-farmers-marketfairfax-va.

THURSDAY/JULY 2

Patriotic Floral Design Workshop. 1:30-3:30 p.m. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Create a centerpiece in red, white and blue just in time for your Fourth of July holiday picnic. The centerpiece includes flowers, flags and patriotic trim. \$35/person plus \$25 supply fee. Register at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring.

FRIDAY/JULY 3

Independence Day Fireworks & Concerts.

5:30 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. This year's event features "The Sixth Generation;" fireworks; games and children's activities; a variety of food trucks and beer and wine garden; and extended evening gallery hours. "The Sixth Generation" is an authentic 1960s rock band that never fails to

delight audiences with their family-friendly, fun and upbeat performances.

Youth Jazz Concert. 8-9:30 p.m. Little River United Church of Christ, 8410 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. The concert will showcase the veritable talent of these Monterey-based high school honor ensembles.

SATURDAY/JULY 4

Free Art of Movement Classes on the Quad: Pilates. 8 a.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Enjoy free, drop-in Art of Movement classes featuring pilates. No experience is necessary, bring your own mat.

SUNDAY/JULY 5

Northern Virginia.

Stars on Sunday Concert Series: Just Wingin' It Bluegrass Band. 3 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Featuring a lineup of performances that showcase the diversity of talent and culture in

City of Fairfax Readies for Fourth

Huge parade, fireworks and music are on tap.

By Bonnie Hobbs THE CONNECTION

s the Fourth of July draws near, so does anticipation in the City of Fairfax. That's because the fun starts early, goes all day long and lasts well into the night.

"This promises to be our best Independence Day celebration ever, all leading up to next year, our 50th parade and fireworks display," said Fairfax Mayor Scott Silverthorne. "As we are also celebrating the World Police & Fire Games, we are expecting record crowds and record enthusiasm. One of my personal favorite tribute bands, Almost Journey/2U, will be capping off our evening show at Fairfax High School."

The festivities begin at 10 a.m. with the 49th annual Independence Day parade. The two-hour event is one of the largest anywhere and is filled with music, marching and entertainment.

Rain or shine, parade participants will start at the Massey Building at 4100 Chain Bridge Road and travel in a loop around Historic Old Town Fairfax. They'll go past the old courthouse and wend their way along Main Street and University Drive before passing the reviewing stand in front of City Hall on Armstrong Street. Except for service animals, parade attendees are asked to leave their pets at home, and tents won't be allowed along the parade route.

This year's event features seven, high-school marching bands from as far west as California to the City's own Fairfax High Marching Rebels. Also sure to please the cheering crowd will be a variety of colorful floats, horses, big balloons and clowns. Local dignitaries and politicians also ride in the parade, and the grand marshal will be none other than Uncle Sam, himself.

Streets on the parade route will close at 7:30 a.m., but shuttle buses will run from 8:30-10:30 a.m. from parking areas at George Mason University (GMU), Woodson High and Fairfax United Methodist Church. They'll return again following the parade. GMU is at 4400 University Drive; Woodson, 9525 Main St.; and Fairfax UMC, 10300 Stratford Ave.

AFTER THE PARADE, people may enjoy the Firefighters Muster which, this year, is a World Police & Fire Games event. Firefighters



Uncle Sam visits with children along the parade route.

from around the world will compete in activities including an oldfashioned, hose cart and bucket brigade. It'll be held from 12:30-5 p.m. in front of Fire Station 3 at 4081 University Drive. Some 140 firefighters are expected to participate and, while they do, University Drive will be closed to traffic between Armstrong Street and Sager Avenue.

Several historic buildings will also welcome visitors that day. They include the Fairfax Museum and Visitors Center, 10209 Main St., from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., and the Ratcliffe-Allison House, 10386 Main St., from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

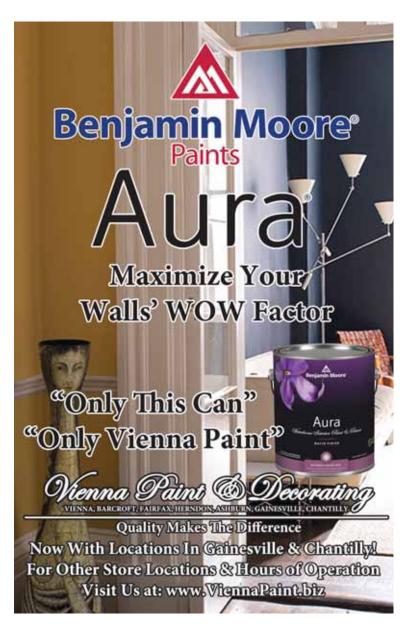
In the evening, families will flock to Fairfax High, at 3501 Rebel Run, for music and fireworks. The show starts at 7 p.m. on the football field. On tap are music and dancing to Almost Journey/2U (a Journey and U2 tribute band). The City of Fairfax Band will perform the "1812 Overture"

to signal the spectacular fireworks display at 9:30 p.m. Then afterward, the tribute band will entertain again.

Shuttle buses will run from 6-9 p.m. from Woodson High to Fairfax High. Following the fireworks, buses will return spectators to Woodson until 11 p.m. Only limited public parking will be available at Fairfax High. However, it will offer some handicapped parking.

RAIN DATE SCHEDULE: If necessary, the fireworks will be July 5 at 9:30 p.m. Shuttle buses will run from 7-9 p.m. from Woodson to Fairfax High, returning to Woodson until 10:30 p.m.

July festivities include Fair City Mall and 97.1 WASH-FM. For more information on the Independence Day activities or to volunteer, call 703-385-7858 or go to www.fairfaxva.gov/July4.



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Sports

Volunteers have been registering to assist at the 2015 Fairfax World Police and Fire Games at 1800 Cameron Glen Drive in Reston. More than 10,000 police and fire rescue personnel from all over the world will compete in the games, which run from June 26 to July 5 at locations in Fairfax County.



World Police and Fire Games Coming to Fairfax County

he World Police and Fire Games are coming to Fairfax County June 26-July 5.

Athletes will compete in more than 60 different events in locations around the county and surrounding areas. Events include archery, basketball, dodgeball, tug of war, wrist wrestling and many others. All events are open to the public free of charge, though boxing and bodybuilding require a complimentary ticket due to space restrictions at George Mason University Center for the Arts.

The opening ceremony will be held at 6 p.m. on Friday, June 26 at RFK Stadium. Seating tickets are required. Complimentary tickets are available at fairfax2015.com.

The Athletes Village will be held in Reston Town Center and offers food, games and live music, among other forms of entertainment, for both credentialed athletes and the general public.

On Friday, competition will begin with the police motorcycle street competition (7 a.m. at Dulles Expo Center in Chantilly), tennis (8:30 a.m. at George Mason University and Robinson Secondary School in Fairfax), and 5-on-5 basketball (10 a.m.-1 p.m. at George Mason University).

The closing ceremony will be held in Vienna at 6 p.m. on July 5 at Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts.

For a schedule of events and more information, visit fairfax2015.com.



At Reston Town Center, preparations are being made for the 2015 Fairfax World Police and Fire Games. The games will take place Friday, June 26, through July 5 at 53 venues, and Reston Town Center will host the Athletes Village.

Lake Braddock Football Qualifies for National 7on7 Tournament

yle Edwards helped the Lake Braddock football team reach the 2014 6A North region semifinals in his first season as the Bruins' starting quarterback.

Now a rising senior, Edwards said he feels comfortable and confident as he prepares for his second season at the helm. On June 21, he led the Bruins to the semifinals of the 7on7 University Bulldog Classic at Westfield High School. Reaching the tournament final four earned Lake Braddock a berth in the 7on7 University National Championship Tournament on July 10 and 11 at Oakton High School.

"It's good," Edwards said, "but we wanted to win this last one."

Lake Braddock lost to Chantilly in the semifinals. The Chargers finished runnerup, falling to John Champe in the tournament final.

The Bruins finished 2-1 in pool play, outscoring opponents 79-63.

Edwards, a dual-threat quarterback, led Lake Braddock to a 10-3 record in 2014.



Photo by Craig Sterbutzel/The Connection

Rising senior quarterback Kyle Edwards helped Lake Braddock reach the 7on7 University Bulldog Classic semifinals on June 21 at Westfield High School, and earn a spot in the national tournament on July 10 and 11 at Oakton High School.

"I just feel comfortable," said Edwards, a three-sport athlete at Lake Braddock. "I just feel confident. Last year was sort of a grow-

ing process and this year it's like, OK, I've been here before. ... It feels more like a leadership role."

Greg Quigley is entering his eighth season as a member of the Lake Braddock coaching staff. During his time with the Bruins, he said he has seen quarterbacks thrive with multiple seasons in the team's offensive system.

"I see [Edwards'] reads and progressions on the field are better," Quigley said. "... Everybody that's played in this system two years, their first year they struggled a little bit or did OK. The second year is really their coming-out year. They're able to pick it up, they see the field better, they know where the receivers should be, they know what the routes are, they know what the defense is and what routes are going to beat that defense, and I think that's what Kyle is starting to figure out now."

Quigley said rising senior receiver Trey Stephens also performed well Sunday.

"He did great," Quigley said. "He stepped up. He's a physical kid. If somebody tries to push him around, he's right back with them. ... He'll do real well for us this year."

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MONDAY/JUNE 29

English Conversation. 7 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Practice speaking English with others. Adults. http:// www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/bc/

Library Tech Help. 11 a.m. 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Get library-related electronic resource questions answered for eBooks and compatible devices. http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/ branches/fx/.

TUESDAY/JUNE 30

Tuesday Morning English Conversation Group.

10:30 a.m. 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Practice English with others to improve speaking skills. http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/ branches/fx/.

THURSDAY/JULY 9

Person Centered Dementia Care. 3 p.m. Insight Memory Care Center, 3953 Pender Drive, Suite 100, Fairfax.It's hard to keep individuals with dementia active and engaged; learn to gear activities to them to make your time together enjoyable, frustration free, and memorable. Call 703-204-4664 to RSVP or visit InsightMCC.org for more information.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 15

Are They Doing That On Purpose?

Understanding Behaviors. 1:30 p.m. Insight Memory Care Center, 3953 Pender Drive, Suite 100, Fairfax. Join us for this free program at 1:30 pm. Come and learn strategies for communication and dealing with difficult behaviors, Call 703-204-4664 to RSVP or visit InsightMCC.org for more information.

ONGOING

Senior Outdoor Pickleball, April-October, Wednesdays 8-10 a.m. Audrey Moore Wakefield Park Fairfax County, Courts 9 & 10, Beginners welcome. No cost. Email Gerald Rhoads at geraldrhoads 6701@gmail.com.

Volunteer Fairfax seeks individuals, families, youth and corporate groups for service opportunities at a variety of nonprofit agencies. One-time special events or ongoing activities are available at www.volunteerfairfax.org or call 703-246-3460.

Singers Wanted for the Celebration Singers. The women's show choir is interested in new talent to perform at various Northern Virginia

community sites. Practices are Wednesdays 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. in Burke. Contact Gayle Parsons, 703-644-4485 or email

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 $\textbf{Senior Fall Prevention Classes}.\ 1:30\text{-}2:30$ p.m., at the Woodlands Retirement Community, 4320 Forest Hill Drive, Fairfax.
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