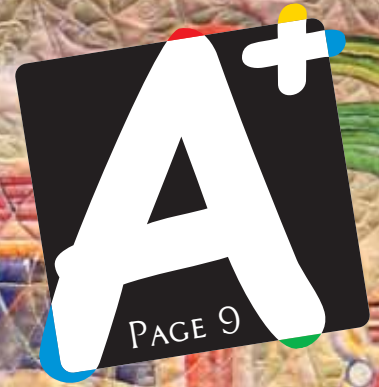


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# Sacred Threads

"It's a Crazy Life," by Gail Thomas, a cancer survivor illustrating her life before, during and after treatment, in the Healing category of the Sacred Threads quilts display at Oak Hill's Floris United Methodist Church.

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# Wegmans Grocery Store Proposed

Residents are pleased, but worry about traffic troubles.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he Wegmans grocery store in Fair Oaks has proved to be a hit with local residents. And now plans are afoot to bring a Wegmans to Chantilly, too.

It would go inside the Newbrook Drive loop road near Westfields Boulevard and would be part of a commercial complex including shops and a restaurant. First, though, Fairfax County must approve a Comprehensive Plan amendment for that 21-acre site.

"It was originally zoned I-3 [Industrial] as part of the Westfields Corporate Center," said land-use planner Susan Yantis, representing the developer. "Then in 2007, it was rezoned to Planned Development District to permit mixed-use development with hotels and low-rise offices."

Fast forward to 2015 and, on July 23, the county Planning Commission unanimously approved a new Plan amendment to more accurately reflect current economic conditions — in which large amounts of space previously approved for offices is going unused. This amendment replaces the approved 338,400 square feet of hotel, office and retail uses with 183,000 square feet of retail.

It goes next to the county Board of Supervisors on Sept. 22. Meanwhile, Regency Centers, a publicly traded REIT (real-estate investment trust), has a contract to purchase the 21 acres in hopes of building the Wegmans there.

"Regency has developed more than 200 shopping centers nationwide since 2000," said Devin Corini, vice president, investments, with Regency. "We care about the details and pay a lot of attention to the architecture and landscaping. We developed three Wegmans to date and own the Cen-



Artist's rendition of the Wegmans proposed for Westfields in Chantilly.

tre Ridge Marketplace shopping center."

"Westfields was great for Class A offices, but I felt it lacked a mix of uses such as retail," he continued. "Wegmans wants to serve the [Centreville-Chantilly] community and also help relieve the [Fair Oaks] store."

Yantis said the new grocery store would be 140,000 square feet and have the same amenities inside as the Fair Oaks Wegmans. Comprising the rest of the retail space on the same site would be 32,500 square feet of shops plus a 10,500-square-foot, full-service, sit-down restaurant.

"The idea is to provide an active environment along Westfields Boulevard," said Yantis. "There'll be a plaza area with seating and benches, walking trails and an exercise park near the Flatlick Stream Valley for the [nearby] office workers. We'll also provide new sidewalks and crosswalks. We're really excited about the opportunity to do this."

Kevin Fellin, with Wells & Associates transportation consultants, called Wegmans "advantageous" for this site. "Wegmans was a regional draw, but now is more community-serving," he said. "And it's already in a

commercial area with proffered infrastructure improvements."

These include: The construction of a raised median on eastbound Westfields Boulevard, separating the eastbound through lanes and the eastbound dual lefts; an additional westbound travel lane on Westfields Boulevard between Newbrook and Park Meadow drives; completion of the Newbrook Drive loop road; and pedestrian improvements. The goal is to improve traffic flow along Westfields Boulevard and at Westfields and Route 28, and to also better serve the site.

However, if the Wegmans is built there, county staff believes the following work will be necessary to mitigate the traffic:

- ❖ Signal re-timings, optimization and coordination, plus cycle-length changes.

- ❖ Re-striping the southbound approach at the Westfields Boulevard/Park Meadow Drive intersection for additional turn movements.

- ❖ Adding another northbound, left-turn lane on Park Meadow at the Westfields intersection. Doing so would create triple lefts and require modifications to the receiving lanes on westbound Westfields so more drivers could get through the intersection faster.

Corini said construction of the Wegmans would take 15 months, in addition to the time it takes for the application to go through the county approval process. So he doesn't expect it to open until 2017-18. And unlike the Fair Oaks store, he said this one will not have a parking garage because "we feel there's ample [surface] parking" on this site.

At a recent meeting of the West Fairfax County Citizens Assn. (WFCCA) Land-Use Committee, At-Large Planning Commissioner Jim Hart told the applicant, "Transportation will be your biggest challenge.

The intersection of Westfields and Stonecroft boulevards is already [operating at] level F, and Wegmans will bring in more vehicles to get there."

But, replied Fellin, "We're not adding traffic, but attracting traffic already on the road network. And there'll be two entrances

and exits to the site, off Westfields Boulevard."

Hart wondered if the new store would have a negative effect on the nearby Giant Foods store and other nearby shopping centers. But Corini said, "This type of retail and retailer will inject life back into Sully Station. It'll attract a different level of best-in-class, quality retail and restaurant with outdoor seating, plus plaza and amenity areas." He said people could also take food purchased at Wegmans and sit and eat it outside the Wegmans café.

At a follow-up meeting, WFCCA's Mark McConn also worried about the traffic impact on residents.

"Our communities won't be able to get out of their developments," he said. "This store will be a major hub of traffic. It's a great company, and we don't want them land-locked."

WFCCA's Steve Chulick asked how Wegmans traffic would compare with office traffic. "We're studying all the traffic during the peak morning and evening [rush]," answered Kristin Calkins, a transportation planner with the county's Department of Planning and Zoning. "And the proffered improvements would have to be built before the Wegmans goes in."

"A lot of people are looking forward to this Wegmans," said WFCCA's Chris Terpak-Malm. "I think it's a great place for it."

Still, said Hart, "I'm concerned about three lanes turning a half block before the exit, and some of the cars will be in the wrong lane. So we should also deal with what happens to these cars once they get onto Westfields Boulevard and are merging to take the exit."

Furthermore, he said, "There's not enough time to shift over into the right lane and there's going to be accidents. And I don't know that re-striping and lane changes are the answer. There's going to be a lot of traffic going into it where the traffic doesn't work now."

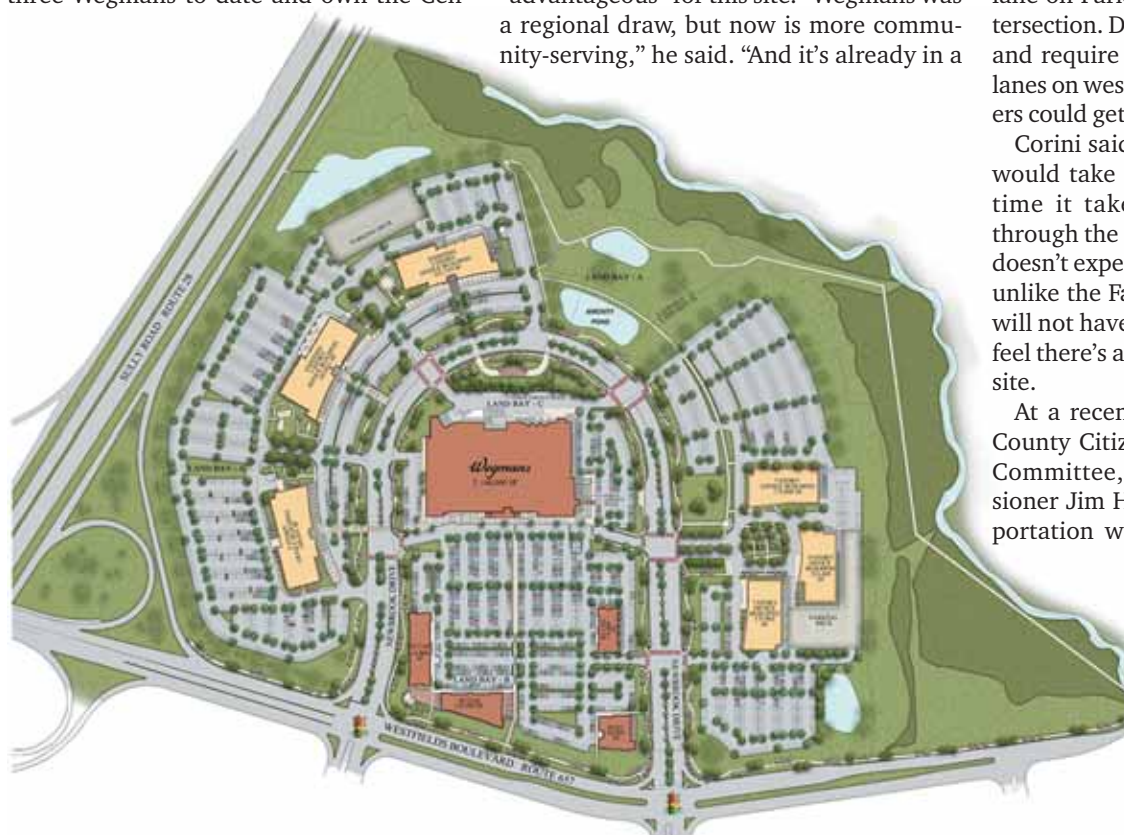
"We'd have to have very good signage," replied Calkins.

Fellin said the originally approved uses for that site would generate more trips than the Wegmans. And he noted that the Westfields/Stonecroft intersection would be improved to service-level E.

"A lot of the triple lefts would be taken by office people going home," he added. "And from eastbound Westfields to Route 28, there'll be more space for car stacking and dual lefts. And a lot of the traffic will divert and go straight, instead of taking a triple left. And the loop road will be finished when the Wegmans goes in."

Attorney Frank McDermott, representing the developer, said more vehicles will come there in the evening peak than now — and people already on the road "may come to the store on their way home. But people won't purposely shop there in the evening peak."

"The concept is to create a synergy and a very nice amenity for Westfields," he continued. "We're a mixed-use world today; it'll be an important component of Westfields."



Site plan of the Wegmans grocery store planned for Chantilly.

## ROUNDUPS

### 14 Reptiles Found in Home

Officers responded to a report of an unconscious adult male at a residence in the 4800 block of Walney Road on Aug. 12 at 6:26 p.m. The man was transported to a local hospital with a non-life threatening condition. While at the residence, officers located several venomous snakes and Animal Control officers responded. Staff from the Luray Zoo assisted with the removal of 14 reptiles to include a Gaboon Viper and a Mojave Rattle Snake, which are illegal to possess in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The case remains under investigation and there is no threat to the public at this time. The medical condition of the man transported to the hospital was not related to the reptiles recovered from the residence.

### Suspect Arrested Over Videotaping

A 33-year-old Centreville man was arrested on Thursday, Aug. 6 at the Reston District Station following an investigation of allegations against him earlier that week.

A woman who was grocery shopping at the Safeway on South Lakes Drive on Wednesday, Aug. 5 at around 1:15 p.m., reported that a man was following her around in the store.

The woman left the store and the person followed her to a location near Sunrise Valley Drive and Lakespray Way. The person appeared to be videotaping her and called out to her. She recognized that he was the person who had been following her in the store. Police said the man then reportedly exposed himself to her and ran away.

She contacted police and provided officers a description of the suspect. Officer's identified him and worked with store personnel to investigate further. Subsequently, the investigation determined that the suspect had filmed the woman under her clothing at the grocery store.

Officers interviewed him at the Reston Police District station and charged him with three offenses: filming nonconsensual nude (taking unlawful images of another without consent), simulated masturbation and indecent exposure. He was transported to the Fairfax Adult Detention Center.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers electronically by visiting [www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org](http://www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org) or text-a-tip by texting "TIP187" plus a message to CRIMES(274637) or by calling 1-866-411-TIPS(8477), or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.

### Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, Aug. 27, from 5-8:30 p.m., at the station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. No appointment is necessary. But residents should install the child safety seats themselves so technicians may properly inspect and adjust them, as needed.

Because of time constraints, only the first 35 vehicles arriving on each date will be inspected. That way, inspectors may have enough time to properly instruct the caregiver on the correct use of the child seat. Call 703-814-7000, ext. 5140, to confirm dates and times.

### Volunteer Opportunities at CLRC

The Centreville Labor Resource Center (CLRC) is currently seeking bi-lingual (English/Spanish) volunteers to help with the daily operations of the worker center, with its new labor-justice projects and with a worker-created community newsletter.

The CLRC also is seeking volunteers to serve on committees. The committees meet quarterly at the Labor Resource Center, 5956 Centreville Crest Lane, Centreville at the back side of the shopping center. Current committee opportunities include personnel, fundraising and communications. See the Volunteer Fairfax listings, <http://volunteerfairfax.org/> or email [volunteer@centrevilleLRC.org](mailto:volunteer@centrevilleLRC.org).

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## NEWS

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# Former Police Officer Charged With John Geer Murder

## Adam Torres indicted by special grand jury.

BY TIM PETERSON  
THE CONNECTION

**A**dam Torres has been charged with murdering John Geer. Though Torres shot the unarmed man once in the chest nearly two years ago, the then-Fairfax County Police officer remained on the department's payroll until being terminated July 31, 2015.

Commonwealth Attorney Raymond Morrogh had convened a special grand jury to hear testimony from officers and other witnesses to determine whether Torres had committed any criminal wrongdoing. It first met for a week beginning July 27 and resumed on Aug. 17. The indictment of second-degree murder was announced later in the day Aug. 17.

Fairfax County Chief of Police Edwin Roessler and Board of Supervisors chairman Sharon Bulova held a joint press conference to discuss the new charge.

Roessler opened by sharing that he had reached out to the Geer family to again offer them "my personal condolences and sympathy." But he didn't stop there. "To the men and women of Fairfax County Police Department and our great community, my heartfelt sympathy to everybody, because the loss of life in this case impacts the Geer family and all of us."

**TORRES** was in the process of surrendering himself and being processed at the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center while the press conference was taking place. He's currently being held without bond, a police report said.

On Aug. 29, 2013, Geer had been standing in the doorway of his Springfield home for around 40 minutes, talking with officers who had their guns trained on his chest. Geer's longtime partner Maura Harrington called the police earlier because Geer had been throwing her belongings out of the house after she previously told him she was planning to move out of the residence and he became upset.

In police reports of the incident, Torres claimed to see Geer quickly lower his arms, presenting a threat. The other officers present provided contradicting accounts, that Geer's movements were slower and nonthreatening. Torres fired once, striking Geer in the chest.

Roessler said he decided to terminate Torres because after reviewing the incident investigation, "the use of force was not reasonably necessary in this matter" and violated police general order 540.1.

**Board of Supervisors chairman Sharon Bulova called Monday "a sad day" for the Geer family and police department, with one of their own being charged with murder.**



PHOTOS BY TIM PETERSON/  
THE CONNECTION

Despite the tragedy of the incident itself, Geer's case drew public and media attention because it highlighted a perceived lack of transparency and accountability in the way Fairfax County and the police department handled communication and other policies such as use of force.

One response to the criticism was Board of Supervisors chairman Sharon Bulova's creation of an ad hoc commission to review police policies.

"Fairfax County has learned a lot through this very difficult process," Bulova said at the press conference, "learned a lot about sharing information in a timely way."

Though Geer was killed Aug. 29, 2013, very little information about the case was made public, much less released to Geer's family following the incident. Ongoing investigations by the police department, Commonwealth Attorney's Office and Department of Justice were cited as reasons why information such as the name of the officer who shot Geer was withheld for a year and a half.



**Fairfax County Chief of Police Edwin Roessler expressed his sympathy for the Geer family, police officers and the community at a press conference announcing the indictment of former officer Adam Torres for second degree murder of John Geer.**

Geer's family finally filed a \$12 million civil suit against the county, including the request for information. Fairfax County settled out of court, paying nearly \$3 million, and released over 11,000 pages of documents from the incident investigation.

"This is the first time we've had a situation like this where there has not been a relatively fast resolution to a police-involved shooting," Bulova said. The chairman referred to the situation as a "convoluted" one that "held things up in a way that frustrated the Board of Supervisors. We were not happy that things ended up not moving forward to resolution, that instead it wound up at the fed level."

**THE AD HOC COMMISSION** is scheduled to present its final recommendations to the Board of Supervisors in October, however Bulova and Roessler said the county hasn't waited to begin already implementing some of the suggestions that have already been put forward by the commission.

"I have every confidence a scenario like this won't happen again," Bulova said.



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**Adam Torres was fired by Fairfax County Police on July 31 and indicted for the second-degree murder of John Geer on Aug. 17.**



**"Peace Portal" by Nelda McComb, in the Peace/Brotherhood category.**



**"New Perspective" by Willa Ayres; Inspiration category.**



**"My Mother's Spirit Guides Me Still" by Sara Sharp; Inspiration category.**



**"Dance of Joy" by Margaret Filiatrault, Joy category.**

# Sharing Stories and Emotions in Quilts



**"Winter Oaks" by Susan Price, Inspiration category.**



**"Toucans" by Lucinda Graber; Joy category.**

**T**he Sacred Threads quilts exhibition comes every two years to Oak Hill's Floris United Methodist Church. Within each work, the artists tell stories of love, loss, joy, hope, healing and inspiration. The display ran July 10-26.



**"Living the Seasons" by Lin Schiffner, Inspiration category.**



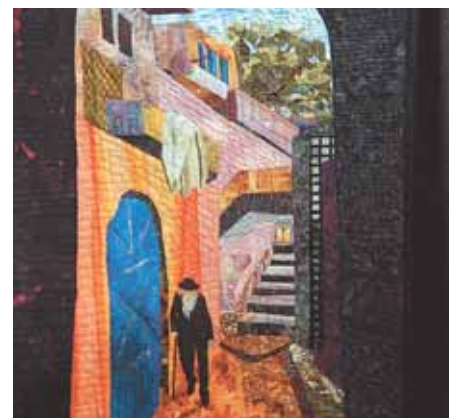
**"Creation of the Sun and Stars" by Vikki Pignatelli, Spirituality category.**



**"Colorful Chaos" by Sandra Small Proudfoot, after her husband's early death. Their children symbolize hope in the midst of adversity; Healing category.**



**"Joy" by Judy Warner about her special-needs, adopted granddaughter's first exposure to snow; Joy category.**



**"The Blue Door" by Phyllis Cullen. According to the Kabbalah, blue symbolizes heaven, and this door's in the holy city of Sfat. Spirituality category.**



PHOTO COURTESY OF SUPERVISOR JOHN COOK'S (R-BRADDOCK) OFFICE.

From left, Board of Supervisors chairman Sharon Bulova, supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock), 2nd Lt. Michael Messier with the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office, Burke Centre Target assistant manager Nathan Cooke and Fairfax County Sheriff Stacey Kincaid.

## Shopping with the Sheriff

The Fairfax County Sheriff's Office continued an annual tradition of collaborating with Target Department Store to provide back-to-school shopping opportunities for children in homeless families.

At the "Shop With a Sheriff" which took place at the Burke Centre Target Aug. 13, assistant store manager Nathan Cooke was joined in a ceremony by Board of Supervisors chairman Sharon Bulova, Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock), Sheriff Stacey Kincaid and

deputies and members of the Sheriff's Office.

The program benefits school-age children temporarily living at the Katherine K. Hanley shelter in Fairfax, Patrick Henry Family Shelter in Falls Church and Next Steps Family Shelter in the Mount Vernon area of Alexandria.

Last year, "Shop With a Sheriff" provided 36 students with backpacks and Target gift cards.

— TIM PETERSON

### ROUNDUPS

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The next volunteer orientation and information session will be Sept. 10, 6:30-9: p.m. at the CLRC. RSVP to [volunteer@centrevilleLRC.org](mailto:volunteer@centrevilleLRC.org).

## Help Labor Resource Center

The Centreville Labor Resource Center (CLRC) is seeking a Spanish speaking electrician to teach home electricity to enhance workers' job skills.

A Wednesday morning ESOL instructor is also needed; contact Molly Maddra at [director@centrevilleLRC.org](mailto:director@centrevilleLRC.org) for more information.

## Food Donations For WFCM

Western Fairfax Christian Ministries' food pantry needs donations of 1-2 pound bags of rice, canned fruit (all types), canned pastas, canned meats (tuna, ham, chicken), cold and hot cereals, spaghetti and sauces, peanut butter, canned vegetables (including spinach, collar greens, beets) and cooking oil.

Toiletries needed, which WFCM clients cannot purchase with food stamps, include facial tissues, toothpaste, shampoo and solid deodorant.

Bring all items to WFCM's food pantry, weekdays, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m., at 13888 Metrotech Drive, near Papa John's Pizza and Kumon Learning Center, in Chantilly's Sully Place Shopping Center. A volunteer stocker/bagger is needed Wednesdays, 4-6 p.m. Contact Annette Bosley at 703-988-9656, ext. 110, or [abosley@wfcma.org](mailto:abosley@wfcma.org).

## Learn about Police Department

Throughout the year, the Fairfax County Police Department will host a series of lectures as part of its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

❖ Sept. 16 – Helicopter Division, 10 a.m. at the Criminal Justice Academy <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fcpd-helicopter-division-tickets-15374129435>

❖ Oct. 2 – Early days of Diversity, 11 a.m. at the Massey Building A Level conference room <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/early-days-of-diversity-tickets-15374156516>

❖ Nov. 4 – Criminal Justice Academy, 11 a.m. at the Criminal Justice Academy <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/criminal-justice-academy-tickets-15374248792>

❖ Dec. 14 – Crisis Negotiations Team, 11 a.m. at the Criminal Justice Academy <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fcpd-crisis-negotiations-team-tickets-15374274870>

## Meals on Wheels Volunteers

Fairfax County needs Meals on Wheels drivers in Chantilly and group Meals on Wheels coordinators in both Chantilly and Fairfax.

Contact Volunteer Solutions at 703-324-5406, TTY 711, [VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov) or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/volunteer-solutions.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/volunteer-solutions.htm).

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# OPINION

## Sea Changes in Policing?

Report offers blueprint for transforming aspects of policing, jail and services for people with mental illness.

**Y**esterday, for the first time in the history of Fairfax County Police Department, a Fairfax County Police officer was charged in a shooting death.

On Monday, Aug. 17, former Fairfax County Police officer Adam Torres was charged with the second-degree murder of John Geer, following an indictment returned by a special grand jury convened by Fairfax County Commonwealth's Attorney Ray Morrogh. It appears to be only the second time in history that the Commonwealth's Attorney has convened a grand jury in an officer-involved shooting.

John Geer was shot dead in the doorway to his own home on Aug. 29, 2013 after police were called in a domestic dispute. Torres was fired in July 2015, almost two years later.

FCPD began by releasing almost no information. It took a year-and-a-half, a judge's order, a U.S. senator's probing, and public outrage (the most important of these being the court order) to get information about the investigation.

But the public outrage led the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to form the Fairfax County Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission, which has been meeting since April both as a commission and five subcommittees involving thousands of hours of work by about 70 people. Areas of focus by committee include Use of Force; Communications; Mental Health; Re-

cruitment, Diversity and Vetting; and Independent Investigations and Oversight.

Communications recommendations came out last month, well worth reading on the commission website.

Police and county officials recognize that the world is changing around them, and have engaged in the process. The kind of changes needed represent a massive change in culture and approach, and none of it will happen overnight, but the process has started.

Several developments, beyond the indictment of Torres, mark progress and opportunity for change.

Last week, FCPD Chief Edwin Roessler posted a website summary of all officer involved shootings, a major step and a work in progress. The department is wrestling with communications initiatives on many levels.

This week, the report released from the Mental Health and Crisis Intervention Training Committee marks a remarkable opportunity for Fairfax County to transform the way it provides services to people with mental illness. Recommendations reach beyond the police department to the county jail and the Community Services Board, which provides mental health services in the county.

Police are often the first responders in a mental health crisis. The jail is the county's largest facility for people with mental illness. The costs, financial and human, of dealing with

### Get Involved

The public is invited to speak at the next meeting of the Fairfax County Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission:

Monday, Sept. 14, 7:30 p.m.

Walt Whitman Middle School

2500 Parkers Lane, Alexandria VA 22306

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/policecommission/>

❖ Read the Mental Health Subcommittee's final report and recommendations:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/policecommission/materials/mhct-draft-report-august14.pdf>

❖ See Fairfax County Police Department website on Officer Involved Shootings

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/inside-fcpd/063015ois.htm>

mental health in this way are enormous. The 26 recommendations of the Mental Health Subcommittee, presented by committee chair and state delegate Marcus Simon, offer the county a path to getting it right.

Recommendations including fully implementing the "Memphis model" of crisis intervention, which provides for response teams including officers specially trained in de-escalating situations with people in mental health crisis; creating a system of getting treatment rather than incarceration for people with mental illness; creating a mental health docket in the courts; funding a second Mobile Crisis Unit under the Community Services Board; establish strategically located, 24-hour crisis intervention sites where police can safely transfer custody of person in crisis without taking them to jail.

How much will it cost? It will require upfront money, but it costs \$50,000 annually to house someone in the Fairfax County Detention Center. To provide intensive therapy in the community costs \$7,500 a year.

— MARY KIMM

### EDITORIAL

### COMMENTARY

## Some Recommendations To Improve Law Enforcement

BY CLAIRE GUTHRIE GASTAÑAGA  
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*The following open letter was addressed to Michael Hershman, chair of the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission.*

**W**e commend the members of the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission for their work to ensure that the Fairfax County Police Department encourages a culture of public trust in law enforcement. As you know, this trust is key to ensuring a safe community.

Ensuring public trust in the FCPD will require a shift in its culture and mindset and the reassertion of civilian authority over the policies that guide policing in the county. At the foundation of this shift are the concepts and values of constitutional policing and respect for the sanctity of human life — concepts and values that should be in the DNA of all law enforcement personnel. As such, these concepts and values should provide the foundation for the Commission's recommendations and should guide all policies and procedures adopted and implemented by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and the FCPD.

We believe the following recommendations, if implemented, will help achieve the needed shift in the FCPD's culture and mindset. These recommendations, many of which outline policies that the supervisors should adopt as elected officials responsible to the residents they serve, include:

❖ Understanding Policing in a Democratic Society – Law enforcement are the guardians of the U.S. Constitution, thus the FCPD should initiate department-wide training to ensure its personnel understand the mission and role of police in protecting constitutional rights and the sanctity of human life, prioritizing de-escalation, and ensuring a duty to intervene if another officer uses excessive force.

❖ Emphasizing Mental Health Training – Embracing the sanctity of human life requires law enforcement to differentiate between a person who needs mental health care and a criminal offender who poses a serious threat. Training FCPD officers to distinguish between criminal offenders and individuals in need of mental health services will also better ensure that the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center does not also serve as a mental health facility.

❖ Establishing a Civilian Review Board – The

establishment of a civilian review board with investigatory and discipline authority can be an effective tool for enhancing trust between the FCPD and Fairfax residents. It does so by making the FCPD more transparent and accountable to the people.

❖ Funding and Mandating Police Body Worn Cameras – If, and only if, proper policies and procedures are in place for their use, body cams can be a win-win. They can both protect the public from police misconduct and protect the police from false allegations of abuse.

❖ Ending the War on Drugs - Drug use is a public health issue, and the Commonwealth, the County Board, and FCPD should implement policies and procedures to deal with it as such. Drug policies must be evidence-based and incorporate prevention, treatment, and public safety elements. The end of the war on drugs should begin with a policing policy that deprioritizes enforcement of marijuana possession and includes supervisors' advocacy for decriminalization of possession by the Commonwealth.

❖ Mandating Data Collection – To ensure that the FCPD is not engaged in racially biased policing, the supervisors should adopt a policy requiring the FCPD to collect, analyze,

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# CRIME REPORTS

The following incidents were reported by the Fair Oaks District Police Station.

**ASSAULT,** 13000 block of Fair Lakes Shopping Center, Aug. 14, at about 8:35 p.m. The victim was driving behind a green-colored Volkswagen sedan in the parking lot of the Walmart. The victim alleged the driver of the Volkswagen discharged pepper spray at his vehicle and struck him as his window was rolled down as he pulled along side. The suspect drove away and was described as a white male, 30s, wearing a red and green collar-shirt with stripes. The victim incurred non-life threatening injuries.

**TRAFFIC PURSUIT WITH APPREHENSION,** Stringfellow Road/Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Aug. 15 at about 2:28 a.m. Officers were called for a report of a man asleep behind the wheel of a vehicle with the engine running on the roadway. The man awoke when officers made contact with him and drove off. The man did not yield to officer's signal to stop and attempted to elude officers. After a brief pursuit, the vehicle came to a stop and the driver was arrested. A 29-year-old man from Centreville was charged with DWI; fail to stop for police, and refusal of blood/breath test.

**BURGLARY,** 13800 block of Metrotech Drive, Aug. 14. An employee reported someone entered the business and took property.

**PEEPING:** 12100 block of Green Ledge Court, Aug. 12 at about 7:43 a.m. A woman observed a man looking into her kitchen window. The suspect fled prior to police arrival. The suspect was described as a Hispanic male, 20 to 30 years of age, wearing a white T-shirt.

**VEHICLE TRESPASS:** 2900 block of Palmer Street, Aug. 7 at about 1:35

a.m. An alert resident saw a man rummaging through a vehicle. When he shouted to the man, the suspect ran off and it was determined that he was attempting to steal items from inside the vehicle. The suspect was described as a black male, about 6 feet tall, 20's, wearing a white T-shirt, blue jeans and had dreadlocks.

**PURSUIT WITH APPREHENSION,** Melville Lane near Stringfellow Road, Aug. 6 at about 8:33 a.m. An officer attempted to stop a vehicle for a traffic violation on Stringfellow Road near Melville Lane. The driver disregarded the officer's signal to stop and continued to travel on Stringfellow Road. The vehicle stopped on Singletons Way near Federation Drive and the driver was arrested. The driver, from Falls Church, was charged with felony speed to elude, driving on a revoked license for DWI, and possession of marijuana.

**INDECENT EXPOSURE,** 13300 block of Franklin Farm Road, Aug. 2 at 4:25 p.m. The victim was driving through the parking lot of a shopping center and saw a man standing partially on the roadway. The suspect exposed himself to the victim then fled. Officers checked the area but the suspect was not located. The suspect was described as a Hispanic male, about 5 feet 8 inches tall, 140 pounds and wearing a T-shirt and blue jeans.

**LARCENIES**  
11700 block of Fair Oaks Shopping Center, merchandise from business.

11700 block of Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, property from business.

11300 block of Fieldstone Lane, cash from residence.

12300 block of Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, gasoline from business.

11700 block of Fair Oaks Shopping

Center, property from business.

2800 block of Gretina Plaza, jewelry from residence.

4900 block of Pheasant Ridge Road, mailbox from residence.

12200 block of Price Club Plaza, tools from vehicle.

13100 block of Quail Creek Lane, property from vehicle.

12300 block of Price Club Plaza, wallet from business.

11900 block of Matthews Court, property from residence.

4600 block of Carisbrooke Lane, wallet from vehicle.

12000 block of Fair Lakes Shopping Center, beverage from business.

13000 block of Fair Lakes Shopping Center, wallet from business.

12100 block of Greenwood Court, property from residence.

13800 block of Metrotech Drive, merchandise from business.

13000 block of Fair Lakes Shopping Center, wallet from business.

11200 block of Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, license plates from vehicle.

13000 block of Fair Lakes Shopping Center, cash from business.

2600 block of Glengyle Drive, property from park.

12200 block of Pender Creek Circle, license plate from vehicle.

4400 block of Altura Court, electronic equipment from vehicle.

11600 block of Lee Highway, property from vehicle.

4800 block of Annamohr Drive, property from vehicle

## STOLEN VEHICLES

100 block of Maple Avenue, Ford SUV.

4400 block of Dixie Hill Road, 2015 Suzuki GSXR600 motorcycle.

2500 block of Chain Bridge Road, 2001 Aprilia RS50 scooter.

## SYA Schedules Annual Board Meeting

The Southwestern Youth Association will hold its annual Executive Board of Directors Election Meeting on Thursday, Sept. 3. The meeting will be held at the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The SYA Executive Board of Directors positions are for a one-year term and include the

following positions: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Nominations are currently being accepted and may be submitted to the SYA Office at syaboard@verizon.net. Applicants must be in good standing with SYA and at least 21 years of age. This meeting is open to the community. For more information, contact the SYA Office at 703-815-3362 or admin@syayouthsports.org.

## BULLETIN BOARD

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**Meet the Candidates.** 7-9 p.m. at Fairfax County Public Access Television, 2929 S. Eskridge Road, Fairfax. Meet Virginia state Senate candidate JC "Chap" Petersen and House of Delegates candidates, David Bulova and Sang H. Yi before the upcoming election and ask questions. Free. Email insidescoop@NoVa.org or league@lww-fairfax.org.

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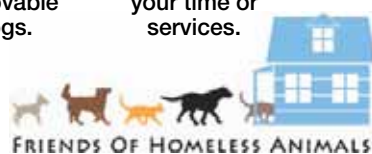


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Rising eighth graders at Rachel Carson Middle School, Kinsey Clements (bottom left) and Kirsten Clements (top left) work with their partners, Monica Saraf (top right) from Nysmith middle school and Paola Henriquez (bottom right) from Chantilly High School to prepare for the mock cyberpatriot competition. More than half the camp attendees this year were girls.



Working with their teams comprising both advanced and beginner students, camp attendees practice the skills they acquired during the week.

## A Summer of Cybersecurity

Chantilly High School partners up with Northrop Grumman to educate students about the field of cybersecurity.

BY ELZA THOMAS  
THE CONNECTION

Some students walked into the Chantilly High School cafeteria thinking the camp would be easy. Others walked in because their parents made them. The room slowly grew in size as both groups of youths converged. Every day for one week, these students, grades 7-12, were given the opportunity to learn about computer vulnerabilities, internet ethics, and types of software. Welcome to the world of cybersecurity.

Sponsored by Northrop Grumman, the Chantilly Summer Cybersecurity Camp allowed students from various schools in the region to explore the field of cybersecurity and other engineering careers.

"There is a critical shortage in this [cybersecurity] field because it is so new every day ... there is always going to be a need for people to secure cyberspace," said Bonnie Wannett, career experience specialist and coordinator of the camp.

Due to the shortage of workers in cybersecurity and other STEM-related jobs, the camp worked to educate and interest the younger generation in such fields. However, that was not the sole priority of the camp's existence.

"We want them [camp attendees] to leave with an understanding of how this [cybersecurity] impacts us globally and down to individually. So we want them to have the whole range ... whether it is encrypting a file or learning to secure your

Xbox," Wannett said.

Many of the students who attended had never considered pursuing a job in cybersecurity. Some wanted to focus on just programing while others still needed more time to figure themselves out.

"I program a lot and I really enjoy it. But as I got older I learned that on the internet, nothing is really yours ... and that's really freaky," said Rajshri Dakshinamoorthy, a rising sophomore at McLean High School.

To teach students about internet safety effectively, cybersecurity instructors presented case studies, where students looked at real-life cyber ethics scenarios. Cases included the debates of Hollywood movie makers and edited clean flicks, Microsoft paying YouTube personalities for positive Xbox One endorsements, and whether or not vulgar comments from students on social media can be a reflection of freedom of speech.

"I like the camp because it is interactive. We get to do a lot of hands-on activities," said Shweta Radhakrishnan, a rising sophomore at Oakton High School.

By the end of the week, camp attendees had to display the knowledge they learned in their classes through a mock-cyberpatriot competition. Cyberpatriot is the National Youth Cyber Education Program that holds competitions for schools throughout the country.

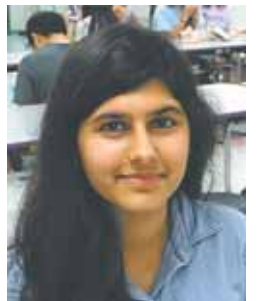
Advanced and beginner students worked together to fix computer vulnerabilities and viruses, encrypt important files, and update old systems.

### VIEWPOINTS



"I joined [cybersecurity camp] to see if I liked it or not. It is definitely a challenge but the skills have helped me out a lot even though I am not that interested in getting a job in the field." — **Daniel Manik** from Chantilly High School

"I had the choice of either becoming a doctor or engineer ... I chose engineering because I think it is constantly developing so there is always going to be a need for people in the field. I think [the camp] has been beneficial because I have learned a lot about computer vulnerabilities," — rising sophomore at Oakton High School, **Shweta Radhakrishnan**



"I think it is great when people get into the STEM field ... especially girls. I think it is important to break the stereotype of how only men get into the field. I have really enjoyed the camp because a lot of the activities are hands-on and the instructors are really passionate about what they do," — rising eighth grader at Nysmith Middle School, **Monica Saraf**

"I joined [cybersecurity camp] because I wanted to gain experience in the engineering field. I recently heard about some of the glitches the stock market has had ... so I think it is very important to get educated with computers," — rising eighth grader at Nysmith Middle School, **Ethan Yu**



# Checking the Back-to-School Healthcare Blocks

**County and clinics offer free immunizations for all and physical exams for uninsured.**

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE CONNECTION

**A**s the lazy days of summer wind down, beach trips, lemonade stands and lax bedtimes give way to alarm clocks, textbooks and backpacks. Public health officials say that a back-to-school list should include more than pencils and paper. For many, the first order of business is a well-child physical, a dental exam and required immunizations.

During a physical exam, parents should double check that immunizations are up to date, ask if their child's growth is on target and what normal developmental changes they should expect during the next year. Parents should also be prepared to answer questions about their child's sleep patterns and eating habits.

"Vision checks are an important part of a routine school entry physical so make sure to ask for one," said Caroline Sutter, a family nurse practitioner, DNP-BC, co-director of Mason and Partners (MAP) clinics and an assistant professor of nursing at George Mason University in Fairfax. "Dental exams are important to maintain health. Ask for a referral

for a dental visit."

George Mason University's College of Health and Human Services runs MAP clinics, which offers school entry physicals at no cost.

The Fairfax County Health Department provides free school-required immunizations at five locations in the county. "We are offering some special extended hours in August and September to accommodate the back-to-school rush, but we recommend that parents make the appointment now," said John Silcox, public safety information officer, Fairfax County Health Department.

In conjunction with Inova Health System's Partnership for Healthier Kids, the Fairfax County health department also offers free physicals for school entry to uninsured children. The health department also operates three dental clinics that provide services to children based on eligibility.

"We operate three health centers in Falls Church, Alexandria and Reston that provide primary health services for low income, uninsured residents who cannot afford primary medical care services for themselves and their families," said Silcox.

Sutter says proper sleep and physical activity are also part of the pediatric health care

## Health Care Resources

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### Fairfax County Immunizations

[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/immun/immunupdate.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/immun/immunupdate.htm)

picture and should not be overlooked. Transitioning from a summer of sleeping late to a school year of early wake-up calls can be challenging if children are not prepared. "Establish a sleep schedule now," said Sutter. "With summer coming to an end, it is important to get kids on a regular sleep schedule before school starts.

"Stress the importance of routine physical activity with your child," she continued. "Talk about sports they might be interested in during the school year or other ways to stay physically fit but most important set a good example. Exercise regularly yourself or with your children."

For those experiencing anxiety about returning to school, Sutter suggests addressing the issue before the first day of school. "Come up with a good plan to address them," she said. "Talk to your children about kindness and what to do if he or she is a victim of bullying and how to ask for help if needed."



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## Accommodate or Exacerbate

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



As a diagnosed-as-“terminal” cancer patient (is that better, Rebecca?), I feel I am due some accommodations. However, when offered or given, I am hesitant to accept (not always, though; I’ll be honest). I don’t want to weaken my resolve or stoke the internal fires that burn inside many of us cancer patients: Why me? Why now? When am I going to die? Is there something I did/didn’t do that caused the cancer? Am I being a compliant patient? Or am I being stubborn and stupid and rationalizing my behavior way too much? Am I one of the 17 percent of non-small cell lung cancer patients to survive beyond five years for a reason, or am I akin to a blind squirrel who sometimes finds an acorn? Am I closer to the end of my life or merely further from the beginning? Yet sometimes I do feel as if I’m entitled. Let an able-bodied person not undergoing chemotherapy every three weeks do the heavy lifting, literally and figuratively. It’s not my job to prove myself up to the task any more than dying while trying is somehow beneficial. I don’t want to be remembered fondly for pushing myself to an early grave. I’d rather be alive and pulling myself forward to a longer life. Until I know otherwise, I’d prefer to see how the movie ends rather than walk out early and read my obituary in the paper. As Curly Howard of The Three Stooges once said in an episode, while admiring himself in the mirror: “I’m too young to die, too handsome; well, too young anyway.”

And given that I’ll be 61 in September, and both my parents lived into their mid to late 80s, with minimal health problems – AND NO HISTORY OF CANCER, I feel succumbing now to my disease would be inappropriate somehow – and rather disappointing. Not that I feel any twinges or tweaks of late that have given me pause to refresh my thinking and constant self-assessing/self-evaluating, but let’s be realistic here: mortality matters, no more than after you receive the kind of “13 month to two year” prognosis that I did back in early ‘09. And just like Radar said to Captain Pierce (in a M\*A\*S\*H episode) about the nickname “Stinky” tending to stick with a fella, so too does a diagnosis of inoperable/metastasized stage IV non-small cell lung cancer stick with you. As much as you want to shake free of its hold (you’ll note I didn’t say grip), it’s sort of an itch you can’t really scratch – or scratch enough so that you forget it.

Constant reminders you don’t need, so you try – at least I do, to live my life as normally as possible. However, as a cancer patient undergoing chemotherapy, there are many challenges, and unless certain compromises or acceptances to reality are accepted, you’ll never make it the movie to even buy the ticket. But giving in to the disease doesn’t seem prudent either. Most of all though, I want to remain alive. Pushing, pulling, overdoing it, “underdoing” it; when to stop, when to go? Is accepting help a sign of weakness or a sign of maturity? Unfortunately, there’s no handbook. There’s only your own life’s experiences, your own instincts and your own wishes/preferences concerning how you want to live the rest of your life under the most difficult of circumstances. Even more complicated: days are different. Some days, I want help. Other days, I don’t. I wish there were some regularity/predictability to it, but there isn’t. There’s only the ups-and-downs-and-all-arounds all us terminal patients have to accept and maybe even understand. It’s not perfect. But I’ll take alive and perplexed over dead and buried any time.

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## News

# Community To Honor Frey

**A**rmando Trull will be the featured speaker on Sept. 18 when Centreville Immigration Forum sponsors a dinner to honor retiring Supervisor Michael R. Frey.

Tickets for the event, at International Country Club on Lee Highway, Fairfax, are available at [www.centrevilleimmigrationforum.org](http://www.centrevilleimmigrationforum.org). For information, email [freyevent@centrevillelrc.org](mailto:freyevent@centrevillelrc.org).

During the past five years, Frey has been a strong supporter of Centreville Immigration Forum, incorporated in 2010 to support a local solution to the local questions surrounding fast-paced demographic change in the community. Frey encouraged a private business-community solution to the question.

CIF partners with local leaders including AJ Dwoskin, owner of Centreville Square Shopping Center, to support a community partnership.

The Sept. 18 event will honor Frey's 24



**Supervisor Michael R. Frey**

years of service to Sully District and Fairfax County, and will include a "Roast and Boast" with leaders from across the county, including present and former members of the Board of Supervisors.

Trull is a Latino communications expert with 25 years experience covering international, national and local news. He is a senior reporter at WAMU 88.5 FM, the metro D.C. area's NPR news station.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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and publish an annual statistical report covering all FCPD stops, frisks, citations, arrests, and use-of-force incidents.

❖ Restricting the Use of SWAT – The supervisors should adopt a policy limiting use of SWAT to scenarios in which there is a likelihood that the situation for which the FCPD deploys a SWAT team presents an imminent threat to the lives of civilians and/or police personnel.

❖ Reforming Civil Asset Forfeiture – Policing should be based on public safety, not supplementing the FCPD's budget. The supervisors should determine as a matter of policy that the FCPD should use asset forfeiture only when: 1) a person has been found guilty of a crime; 2) the convicted person is the owner of the property; and 3) the government has proved by clear and

convincing evidence that the owner/offender either used the property in the commission of the crime or received the property as a result of the crime.

❖ Enhancing Existing Policies, Practices, and Laws Regarding Police-involved Incidents – Law enforcement should focus on de-escalation techniques and ensure that any use of force tool used is the least severe for the situation at hand, including a recognition that some less-lethal force options are less severe than others are.

While there is no silver bullet to ensuring a safe and effective police force, with restoration of effective civilian oversight the recommendations we have made will help restore public trust by making the FCPD a model for what policing in a democratic society should look like. We urge their adoption.

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#### SUNDAY/AUG. 23

**Red Cross Blood Drive.** 12-4 p.m. at The Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Donors will receive free admission to Summer Activities Day at the museum. Donors may sign up in advance by calling 1-800-REDCROSS. Visit [www.fairfaxstation.org](http://www.fairfaxstation.org) for more.

#### SATURDAY/AUG. 29

**"Navigating the Caregivers Maze: Finding Support and Planning for Your Caregiving Journey."** 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. in the Board Auditorium of the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway. AARP and the Philippine American Foundation for Charities will present a program geared toward educating people about options for senior caregiving. Listen to a lecture, participate in a discussion and have questions answered by experts from Fairfax County Services for Older Adults. Free. RSVP requested but not required. Call 1-877-926-8300 or sign up online at [aarp.cvent.com/Fairfax829VA](http://aarp.cvent.com/Fairfax829VA).

#### SUNDAY/AUG. 30

**Blood Drive.** 8:30 a.m.- 1 p.m. at St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, 6720 Union Mill Road, Clifton. Visit [www.inovabloodsaves.org/index.cfm?group=op&step=2&opid=15209](http://www.inovabloodsaves.org/index.cfm?group=op&step=2&opid=15209) to register.

#### MONDAY/AUG. 31

**Meet the Candidates.** 7-10 p.m. at Fairfax County Public Access Television, 2929 S. Eskridge Road, Fairfax. Meet Virginia State Senate candidate JC "Chap" Petersen and House of Delegates candidates, David Bulova and Sang H. Yi before the upcoming election and ask questions. Free. Email [insidescoop@NoVa.org](mailto:insidescoop@NoVa.org) or [league@lwv-fairfax.org](mailto:league@lwv-fairfax.org).

#### THURSDAY/SEPT. 10

**Registration For ESL Classes.** 7 p.m. at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Fairfax Campus, 5114 Twinbrook Road, Fairfax; or Clifton Campus, 13421 Twin Lakes Drive, Clifton. Register for beginning, intermediate or advanced ESL classes starting on Sept. 15 and running through Nov. 19. Classes will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7-9 p.m. There is a \$15 registration fee and the textbook costs \$25. Visit [www.lordoflifeva.org](http://www.lordoflifeva.org).

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## ONGOING

**“Evenings on the Ellipse” Concert Series.** Thursdays, 5:30-7 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center Ellipse (Backyard), 12000 Government Center Parkway. Chairman Sharon Bulova of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors hosts weekly live music events. Relax to the music and enjoy complimentary samples of local wines. Free. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks).

**Sully District Starlight Cinema.** Saturdays through Aug. 29, gates open at 6 p.m. at 5860 Trinity Parkway, Centreville. Evenings begin with programs for children provided by New Life Christian Church and movies start at dusk. Find “How to Train Your Dragon 2,” “Frozen,” “Big Hero 6” and “Paddington.” Admission is free.

**Summer Reading Program.** Through Sept. 5 at all regional libraries. Come to the library for books and other fun events. All ages welcome. Free. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov).

**Toddlin’ Twos.** Tuesdays, 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Early literacy storytime with songs and activities included. Age 2 with caregiver, free. Call 703-502-3883.

**Storytime for Three to Fives.** Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road.

Stories and activities for children age 3-5 with caregiver. Free. Call 703-502-3883 to reserve a spot.

## FRIDAY/AUG. 21

**Summer Wine Pairing Dinner.** 6:30 p.m. at The Winery at Bull Run, 15950 Lee Highway, Chantilly. Enjoy a three-course wine pairing dinner. Tickets are \$71.99-79.99. Visit [www.wineryatbullrun.com](http://www.wineryatbullrun.com).

## SATURDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 22-23

**Greenberg’s Train and Toy Show.** 10-4 p.m. at Dulles Expo Center, 4320 Chantilly Center, Chantilly. Take workshops, admire displays and shop at vendors at this model railroading expo. \$7-9 admission for adults. Visit [www.greenbergshows.com/](http://www.greenbergshows.com/).

## SATURDAY/AUG. 22

**Astronaut Academy.** 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at Claude Moore Education Center-Udvar-Hazy Center, 14390 Air and Space Museum Parkway, Chantilly. Smithsonian TechQuest: Astronaut Academy is a free alternate reality game that will challenge participants to become an astronaut-in-training for a future trip to Mars. Instructions and guidance are given via a special webpage accessed on a mobile device. Players should bring their own phones or devices equipped with an internet browser and a camera. The game is aimed at upper elementary and middle school visitors and their families. Admission is free. Parking is \$15. Visit [www.airandspace.si.edu](http://www.airandspace.si.edu) for more.

## SUNDAY/AUG. 23

**Summer Activities Day.** 1-4 p.m. at

the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road. Find crafts and other hands-on activities. Tickets are \$4 for age 16 and older; \$2 for ages 5-15, and free museum members and children younger than 5. Visit [www.fairfax-station.org](http://www.fairfax-station.org) for more.

## MONDAY/AUG. 24

**Sully Book Club.** 1 p.m. at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Book title is “My Beloved World” by Sonia Sotomayor. Adults. Free. Call 703-830-2223 with questions and to reserve a spot.

## TUESDAY/AUG. 25

**Ravenous Readers.** 7 p.m. at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. A book club for seventh and eighth graders. Copies of book available. Free. Call 703-830-2223 with questions and to reserve a space.

## FRIDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 26-30

**Discover the Dinosaurs.** Friday, 12-9 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-8 p.m., and Sunday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. at Dulles Expo Center, 4320 Chantilly Center, Chantilly. Come with the whole family to this dinosaur show that includes rides, games, displays and a Dino theater. \$16-25 admission. Call 703-378-0910.

## WEDNESDAY/AUG. 26

**A Novel Society Book Discussion.** 7 p.m. at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Book title “One Plus One” by Jojo Moyes. Adults. Free. Call 703-830-2223.

## FRIDAY/AUG. 28

**Ice Cream and Butter Making.** 1-3 p.m. at Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Churn butter, crank ice cream and play historic games. There is a \$7 fee. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov) for more.

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## SUNDAY/AUG. 30

**First Responders Day.** 1-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road. Guests are invited to commemorate the evacuation efforts at Fairfax Station during the battles of Second Manassas and Ox Hill in 1862. Re-enactors and modern practitioners will demonstrate life-saving techniques. Tickets are \$4 for adults 16 and older; \$2 for children 5-15, and free museum members and children younger than 5. Visit

[www.fairfax-station.org](http://www.fairfax-station.org) for more.

**Pakistan Festival.** 2-10 p.m. at Bull Run Regional Park, 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville. Attend a festival celebrating Pakistani culture. The event will showcase traditional music, food, dance and more. Admission to the event is free. Visit [www.pakistanifestivalusa.com](http://www.pakistanifestivalusa.com).

**Living History Performance.** 3 p.m. at The Winery at Bull Run, 15950 Lee Highway, Centreville. The Benson-Rice story will be presented The Benson-Rice story is about Amos Benson, a farmer near Sudley Church, and John Rice, a Yankee private with the New Hampshire Volunteers who was mortally wounded on Henry Hill and left for dead near Sudley Church during the First Battle of Manassas. Taste the red wine blend “Reconciliation” in honor of Benson and Rice. Free. Visit [www.wineryatbullrun.com](http://www.wineryatbullrun.com) for more.

## FRIDAY/SEPT. 4

**The IAI Foundation Golf Classic.** 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Bull Run Golf Club, 3520 James Madison Highway, Haymarket. The Integrity Applications Incorporated (IAI) Foundation, based in Chantilly, is hosting a charity golf tournament to raise fund for IAI’s many programs including Diving With Heroes, a nonprofit that helps injured service members and veterans participate in rehabilitative scuba. Tickets are \$130 per player. Visit [www.iaifoundation.org](http://www.iaifoundation.org) for more.

**Country Line Dancing.** 6 p.m. at The Winery at Bull Run, 15950 Lee Highway, Centreville. Learn to line dance on the main lawn. Free. Visit [www.wineryatbullrun.com](http://www.wineryatbullrun.com) for more.

## SUNDAY-MONDAY/SEPT. 6-7

**HO And LEGO Model Train Show.** 12-5 p.m. on Sunday and 12-4 p.m. on Monday at Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. The Potomac Module Crew and LEGO modeler Monty Smith join forces for a special two-day exhibit at Fairfax Station. Admission is free for museum members and children under 4, \$4 for adults, \$2 for children 5-15. Visit [www.fairfax-station.org](http://www.fairfax-station.org) for more.

## MONDAY/SEPT. 7

**Labor Day Picnic.** 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at St. Mary’s Church, 5612 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Following a 10:20 a.m. Mass and blessing of tools, find carnival rides, games, a rummage sale and more. Admission is free and open to the public. Call 703-978-4141 for more.

## SATURDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 12-13

**National Capital Cat Show.** 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday, 9-4:30 p.m. at Dulles Expo Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly. Cats will compete in championship, premiership, kitten and household pet classes; find pet product vendors; adopt pedigreed and rescued cats; and attend a Cat Fashion Show. Admission to the show is \$10 for adults, \$6 for children, and \$30 for families of five or more. Visit [www.nationalcapitalshow.com](http://www.nationalcapitalshow.com) for more.

## SATURDAY/SEPT. 19

**Ride to Thrive Polo Classic.** 1 p.m. at Chetwood Park, 6429 Clifton Road, Clifton. Northern Virginia Therapeutic Riding Program is hosting an afternoon of polo-watching, food, auctions, live music and more. Individual tickets are \$75. Visit [www.nvtrp.org/polo](http://www.nvtrp.org/polo).

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