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Bruin Blast, Kick-off Picnic and More

Lake Braddock Secondary School is ready for the new beginning.

BY ARISA ISHITA
THE CONNECTION

Administrative staff, faculty and students at Lake Braddock Secondary School – home for the Bruins – started returning, as the first day of school is right around the corner.

With several events and activities scheduled ahead, Mike Clark, the director of student activities at the school, described the beginning of the semester – especially September – as “energetic.” Students go to different places during the summer, including overseas, and Clark said it is exciting to see them returning and sharing their stories.

“I look forward to the kids coming back,” he said. “That’s basically what our job is all about. Everything to do with children whether it’s academics or whether it’s athletics.”

Lake Braddock’s marching band members have also returned, practicing and getting



Mike Clark, director of student activities at Lake Braddock Secondary School in Burke said he is excited about the school’s events, new football season and school year starting on Sept. 8

ready for the new season. Once the semester begins, a variety of school clubs and activities hold meetings, becoming a place for the students to get together again.

One of the first major events was the welcome-back breakfast for faculty and staff held on Aug. 31, and more events to come in September at Lake Braddock Secondary School. Bruin Blast on Sept. 3 is the open house where students come in to get their schedules, lockers and buy their PE. uniforms.

What Clark called a “kick-off picnic” is another big day taking place on Sept. 4.



Lake Braddock Secondary School welcomes back their students.

PHOTOS BY ARISA ISHITA/THE CONNECTION

According to him, highlights include the marching band performance. This is the opportunity for students, parents and teachers to enjoy spending the time together before school starts.

The New Student Orientation – for both middle school and high school students – are also held in the morning and the varsity football game takes place in the evening at Robert E. Lee High School.

September 8 being the first day of school this year, Clark emphasized that the Lake Braddock school community commits to a “safe and healthy learning environment.”

This is a focus on their five core values: compassion, commitment, responsibility, respect and integrity, also known as “2Cs, 2Rs and an I.” In addition, it is important to know the school is committed to academics in the following way: “Our school curriculum is committed to helping our diverse student body discover talents, increase competence, develop imagination and expand academic and personal horizons.”

Back to School Nights are held on Sept. 9 for middle school and Sept. 16 for high school. For further information visit <http://www.fcps.edu/LakeBraddockSS/>.

Feeding Thousands

Capital Area Food Bank hosts Inaugural Northern Virginia Hunger Action Expo in Lorton.

BY MARISSA BEALE
THE CONNECTION

The numbers tell the story. Over 217,000 people across Northern Virginia are at risk of hunger, including 62,000 children under the age of 18, according to the Capital Area Food Bank (CAFB).

While September is often associated with the start of a new school year, it also marks the beginning of Hunger Action Month, created by the nationwide non-profit, Feeding America, and celebrated, this year, at the Capital Area Food Bank’s inaugural NOVA Hunger Action Expo held at their distribution center on Hill Park Drive in Lorton.

“Today’s event is to get neighbors to know that CAFB is here,” said director of marketing and communications, Kirsten Bourne. “Many people don’t know about hunger in Fairfax County.” Community

members and local government officials volunteered to fill bags for those in need, and to learn about some of CAFB’s local partners, including ALIVE!, Food for Others, Holiness Tabernacle Church of God in Christ’s food pantry, Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church, Bread of Life Food Pantry and United Community Ministries.

“We have about 25,000 volunteers, yearly. The number of volunteers depends on the need,” said Bourne. A number of public officials attended to volunteer, including Carrie Sienicki, councilmember for Vienna; William Euille, Mayor for the City of Alexandria; Del. Michael T. Futrell (D-2); Joseph McGuire; Michele Leith from the Office of Mark Herring, Virginia Attorney General; Supervisor Penelope Gross (D-Mason); and Del. Vivian Watts (D-39).

Donation shortages during the summer months affect the number of volunteers needed. In a year, 42 million pounds of food goes through the CAFB and is distributed to children, senior citizens, families, the working poor, homeless and victims of disaster. CAFB’s greatest need is funding, and they are challenging local businesses to help fill the bowl.

Fill the Bowl (#fillthebowl) is a chance for individuals and business to help by purchasing a custom-designed enamelware bowl designed for CAFB. Bowls are \$25 and are being marketed toward different companies and their employees. Each purchased



Ihamna Valencia, CAFB visual communications coordinator, holds one of the enamelware bowls that will sold from Sept. 1 to Oct. 16 as part of CAFB’s fundraising efforts. Businesses and individuals are invited to partake by purchasing bowls and spreading the word using the hashtag, #fillthebowl.



(From left) Grant writer Maria Booker and Customer Service Coordinator, Lisa Messerschmidt. Messerschmidt and her family received assistance from CAFB when her husband, a 12-year retired veteran, lost his job. She described their lives as being drastically changed, but through the help of CAFB they were able to rebuild. She now gives back at CAFB.

PHOTOS BY MARISSA BEALE/THE CONNECTION

bowl provides 62 meals for children, seniors and families struggling with food insecurity.

Any amount can also be donated online at <https://give.capitalareafoodbank.org/campaigns/take-hunger-action>. The goal is to raise \$16,000 during September, which is enough to provide meals to 40,000 neighbors in Washington, D.C.

On the evening of Sept. 1, the Ferris Wheel at National Harbor, called Capital Wheel, was lit in brightly orange lights to bring attention to Hunger Action Month and CAFB’s efforts. Later this year, on Oct. 29, CAFB will also host its second Empty Bowls fundraiser in Springfield at the Hilton Hotel on Loisdale Road from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Sign at Turner Farm Park. Many people in Great Falls would like to see Turner Farmhouse one of the first properties to be considered for the Resident Curator Program.



Lewinsville House at 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, Lewinsville Park.

Historic Sites: Resident Curators?

In exchange for rehabilitating the property, the curator gains use of the property and pays no rent.

The Virginia General Assembly enacted legislation in January 2011 to ensure that local jurisdictions establish a Resident Curator Project.

Fairfax County is the first Virginia locality to pursue establishing such a project.

The Resident Curator Project Team held its inaugural meeting Monday, Aug. 24 in the Fairfax County Government Center.

Nineteen county properties made at least an initial cut from a list of 340 sites on the Fairfax County Inventory of Historic Sites.

Resident Curator Project Team will hold public information meetings and issue requests for information as details of the program develop.

Possible properties include:

In Great Falls, there's the Turner Farm House on Georgetown Pike and the Purple House on Walker Road.

In McLean, the Pimmit Barn on Cherri Drive, Lewinsville House on Chain Bridge Road have potential for being considered.

In Vienna, Lahey Lost Valley House on Brookmeadow Drive, the Ashgrove House on Ashgrove Lane and Hunter House, on Courthouse Road, could qualify.

In Herndon, Leesburg Pike is home to the McDannald House and Dranesville Tavern that have historic qualifications.

In Oakton, there's the Gabrielson House on Leeds Road.

Lorton had the most properties of any town, including the Barrett House, Stepson House, and the Hannah P. Clark House, all three on Furnace Road, the Minnick House on Old Colchester Road, the Lipscomb House (Physician's House).

Most of the properties are owned by the Fairfax County Park Authority, with the ex-



Lahey Lost Valley House, 9750 Brookmeadow Drive, Vienna, in Lahey Lost Valley Park was ranked second on a list for consideration for the resident curator program.

ception of Physician's House in Lorton and Purple House in Great Falls, both owned by the Board of Supervisors.

"The end goal is to rehabilitate and maintain underutilized historic properties and provide periodic public access to appreciate the historical significance of the properties," according to county documents.

"EACH OF THESE properties is so unique," Cindy Walsh, of the Park Authority's Resource Management Division, said at the inaugural meeting on Monday, Aug. 24. Walsh said she had heard not only from individuals who would be interested in living and restoring historic sites, but nonprofits, citizens associations, wineries, restaurants, art galleries, and a beekeeper.

The group will meet in September to try to determine how to proceed.

For example, the group knows there's a lot of interest in Turner Farm House in Great Falls, including from Great Falls Citizens Association, but Turner Farm House could be a very complicated process with master plan process that needs to be followed.

"I have people who are really interested in Turner Farm," said project manager

Denice Dressel, Park Authority Resident Curator Project manager. On the other hand, starting with a historic house on the list that is already ready for residential use compatible with Planning and Zoning might quicken getting started, said Michael Thompson from the Fairfax County Park Authority Board. Request for information and proposals, part of the process, would be significantly different depending on which properties are considered, he said.

"It's critical knowing which properties are on the table," said Christopher Daniel, from the Architectural Review Board.

The next group meeting is scheduled for September, and more will be known by that time. The group already has compiled lists ranking properties in terms of historic and publicly owned prerequisites, whether properties have been underutilized, the conditions of the properties, the public interest, location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, if properties have electricity, water and sewer utilities in place.

RESIDENT CURATOR PROGRAMS identify publicly-owned historic properties with no immediate or practical public use

Possible Sites

A report commissioned by Fairfax County in 2014 ranked some of the possible properties for the Resident Curator Program in the order shown here. County staff caution that planning for the program is in its earliest stages and speculation about any particular property is premature.

- Name, Address, Park
- ❖ Barrett House, Furnace Road, Lorton, Laurel Hill Park
 - ❖ Lahey Lost Valley House, 9750 Brookmeadow Drive, Vienna, Lahey Lost Valley Park
 - ❖ Gabrielson House 2514 Leeds Road, Oakton, Difficult Run Stream Valley Park
 - ❖ Lamond House, 7509 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria, McCutcheon Park
 - ❖ Physician's House (Lipscomb House), Unnamed Service Road, Lorton
 - ❖ Stempson House, Furnace Road, Lorton, Laurel Hill Park
 - ❖ Ash Grove, 8881 Ashgrove House Lane, Vienna, Ash Grove Historic Site
 - ❖ Hannah P. Clark House (Enyedi House), 10605 Furnace Road, Lorton, Old Colchester Park and Preserve
 - ❖ Hunter House, 9537 Courthouse Road, Vienna, Nottoway Park
 - ❖ Minnick House, 10419 Old Colchester Road, Lorton, Mason Neck West Park
 - ❖ Turner Farm House, 10609 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls, Turner Farm Park
 - ❖ Banks Property, 7400 Old Telegraph Road, Alexandria, Olander and Margaret Banks Neighborhood Park
 - ❖ Lewinsville House, 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, Lewinsville Park
 - ❖ Pimmit Barn, 1845 Cherri Drive, McLean
 - ❖ Dranesville Tavern 11919 Leesburg Pike, Herndon, Dravesville Tavern Historic Site
 - ❖ Stone Mansion, 3900 Stoneybrooke Drive, Alexandria, Stoneybrooke Park
 - ❖ Clark House 6332 Bancroft Mews Drive, Falls Church, Clark House Park
 - ❖ Purple House, 720 Walker Road, Great Falls
 - ❖ McDannald House, 11903 Leesburg Pike, Herndon, Dranesville Tavern Historic Site

SOURCE: Fairfax County Resident Curator Program Study, 2014 Final Report by John Milner Associates Inc. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/downloads/resident-curator-program-final-report.pdf>

and through an open and competitive process, select outside parties with skills, resources and vision to rehabilitate a property in accordance with accepted preservation standards for historic buildings. In exchange for rehabilitating the property, the curator gains use of the property and pays no rent.

— KEN MOORE

NEWS

Suffragist Memorial in Lorton Will be a 'Site of Conscience'

Film brings to light torture, abuse suffragists suffered at Occoquan Workhouse.

BY ABIGAIL CONSTANTINO
THE CONNECTION

The Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Association held a viewing of the 2004 film "Iron Jawed Angels" directed by Katja von Garnier on Wednesday, Aug. 26 at Gunston Hall in Lorton. The 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote was ratified on this day 95 years ago in 1920. The date is designated as Women's Equality Day.

The free viewing is part of an effort by the association to raise funds for a suffragist memorial that will be located in Occoquan Regional Park. The site is in close proximity to the former Occoquan Workhouse where protesting suffragists were held in 1917. The Frederick P. Griffith Water Treatment Plant now sits on the old workhouse location.

There is a hidden history of the place, said Nancy Sargeant of Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Association. The film illuminates the imprisonment, abuse and torture Lucy Burns, Alice Paul and other suffragists endured while protesting outside the White House in 1917.

On Nov. 14, 1917, Burns and 32 other members of the National Woman's Party were beaten and tortured under the orders of workhouse superintendent W.H. Whittaker. Burns was manacled in her cell with her hands over her head, while other women were knocked out, kicked, grabbed and beaten, one even suffering a heart attack, on the "Night of Terror," as it came to be known.

THE FILM takes several artistic licenses. To separate fact from Hollywood, the association arranged a "tweet-along" with the viewing. Using the tag #ijawithtpsm, association members added facts about the events corresponding to the movie's scenes. People were also encouraged to tweet their comments using the tag.

Sargeant said it is a way to stay engaged while watching the movie. The tweets included "interesting facts, what's real, what really happened," she said, but the history in the story is pretty accurate.

Social media is an effective way to reach younger audiences who might be less likely to know about the history of women's suffrage," said Lauriane Lebrun, the association's social media intern.

The Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Association hopes to raise \$1 million by fall to start on the first phase of the garden memorial. Architect Robert Beach said that it will be a "site of conscience." Design elements include a front entrance reminiscent of the 1917-era White House entrance where the women protested, a waterfall, footbridge and 19 different information stations representing the 19th Amendment.

Board member Candice Bennett, of Lorton, said that memorializing and recognizing the suffrage



PHOTOS BY ABIGAIL CONSTANTINO/THE CONNECTION

From left, Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Association members Kathleen Pablo and Nancy Sargeant wear sashes that honor the suffragists who fought to ratify the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote.



From left, Erin Ryan, of Fairfax Station, and Marty Beach, of Fairfax, attend a viewing of "Iron Jawed Angels" at Gunston Hall in Lorton on Wednesday, Aug. 26, Women's Equality Day.

movement is an incredible, important issue. "We would not be where we are today if it hadn't been for these women. We can't forget about it," she said.

"The fight is not over," said association board member Kathleen Pablo, who attended the viewing dressed in period clothing of the film's era.

"[It's] the 95th anniversary of having the right to vote but our choices of who we're gonna vote for are people who call us bimbos or want to claim ownership over what we do with our own bodies," said Erin Ryan, of Fairfax Station.

Pablo and Bennett said that it is important to be aware and informed of the issues when casting one's vote. "A lot of major decisions that affect women's lives and families happen at the local level," said Bennett. It is "critical" to stay abreast with state delegate and senate races, she said.

IN FAIRFAX COUNTY, the offices of chairman of the board of supervisors, clerk of court, sheriff, as well as positions on the board of supervisors and the school board are on the ballot in the general election in November.

The League of Women Voters of Fairfax Area will hold several county-wide meet-and-greet events with the candidates. Schedule and information is posted on its website, <http://www.lwv-fairfax.org/2015MeetandGreet.html>.

For more information about the proposed suffragist memorial in Occoquan Regional Park, visit <http://suffragistmemorial.org/>.



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On Election Day, Nov. 3, polls are open from 6 a.m. - 7 p.m.

To vote on Election Day, you must be registered at your current address no later than Oct. 13, 2015.

You can check your registration status online by going to www.sbe.virginia.gov.

It’s also worth noting that new, more restrictive voter identification regulations took effect last year.

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As of last summer, there are new requirements for voter identification that voters must bring with them to the polling place.

Virginia law requires all voters to provide an acceptable form of photo identification at the polls. Voters arriving to the polls without photo ID will be allowed to vote a provisional ballot and will have until noon on the Friday after the election to deliver a copy of identification to their locality’s electoral board in order for their provisional ballot to be counted.

Virginia’s photo ID requirements also apply to absentee voters who vote in-person in all elections.

Here are the “acceptable” forms of identification: Valid Virginia Driver’s License or Identification Card; Valid Virginia DMV issued Veteran’s ID card; Valid United States Passport; Other government-issued photo identification cards (must be issued by U.S. Government, the Commonwealth of Virginia, or a political sub-

division of the Commonwealth; Valid college or university student photo identification card, must be from an institution of higher education located in Virginia; Employee identification card containing a photograph of the voter and issued by an employer of the voter in the ordinary course of the employer’s business; Virginia Voter Photo ID Card obtained through any local general registrar’s office. “Valid” is defined as a genuine document, bearing the photograph of the voter, and is not expired for more than 12 months.

Any registered voter may apply for a free Virginia Voter Photo Identification from any general registrar’s office in the Commonwealth. Voters applying for the Virginia Voter Photo ID Card will have to complete the Virginia Voter Photo Identification Card Application, have their picture taken, and sign the digital signature pad.

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EDITORIAL

Mystery of a Hitchhiker

Helping a defeated figure in a pretty beach dress and flip-flops.

By JOAN BRADY

My mother told me never to pick up hitchhikers. Or maybe she told me never to hitchhike. Probably both. But I did hitchhike twice in a single day, I was desperate, alone and needed help. I was 20 years old.

The first guy who picked me up had one hand on the wheel and the other down his pants. And the second told me that he was a burlesque cleaner and told me that women hired him to vacuum their homes and then vacuum off his clothes. I’m lucky I made it back to college without incident.

All of that ran quickly through my head a few weeks ago as I was driving home from dinner with my husband and saw a young woman, walking and crying, with her thumb stuck tentatively out.

I turned around and we passed her again in an attempt to assess the situation. Her need vs. our safety and the time it would take if we got involved. Her thumb wasn’t out anymore, but she was still crying. I u-turned again and we pulled over.

Jim rolled down his window, and asked, “Are you ok?”

“I’ve had better nights,” she sobbed.

“Do you have an address where you want to go?”

She was able to provide an address, albeit in the opposite direction of the way she was walking. It was about a 10-minute drive away. Jim unlocked the car door and she slipped inside.

We rode in an uncomfortable silence, punctuated only by her sobs, as I ran through a mental checklist. What happened to her? Where is her purse? Should we ask if we should call the police? She didn’t appear injured, but maybe there were injuries that we could not see? Is the address we are going to a safe place to drop her off? The questions ran in circles in my head.

I suggested she check the back seat for a box of tissues. Her sobs slowed as she grabbed a handful.

I asked if she was a student. She said no, and half laughed through her tears. “I’m 30, which makes it even more ridiculous that I am in this situation.”

What situation? What happened? I wanted to ask. But didn’t.

She didn’t have a trace of an



PHOTO BY JOAN BRADY

The hitchhiker

accent, so we were surprised when she told us she was was not American-born. Her father was U.S. military and her mother had been unwilling to move to the U.S. After years of trying to convince her mother to emigrate, this young woman had come on her own.

As we talked, her tears stopped to an intermittent sniffle.

“Can I ask you why you stopped?” she asked.

“Joan saw you as we drove by,” Jim answered. “We turned around because she said you looked like you were in trouble.” The tears returned.

“We’ve all been in your shoes at some point or another. And hitchhiking isn’t safe. We thought it was better if we picked you up than

someone else.”

Silence and then: “I’m not religious. I don’t even believe in God. But I think God put you in my path for a reason. Things have been really bad lately.”

“Everyone goes through bad stretches. You have to figure out how to focus on the positive, but also to learn from times like these and remember them. It’s what you do with these experiences that matters,” Jim counseled her.

I watched in the rear view mirror as she nodded tearfully.

There were so many questions destined to be unasked and unanswered as we pulled up at the address she had given us.

She thanked us again, told us she would pay-it-forward and walked into the apartment building, a defeated figure in a pretty beach dress and flip-flops.

Her story will likely remain a mystery that will haunt us for a long time to come.

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OPINION

Running for County Board Chairman

Arthur G. Purves (R), who was on vacation and missed the deadline for the candidates' profiles for Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman in the Connection's Newcomers & Community Guide last week, has submitted the following responses to our questions:

Q: What should newcomers know about the impact the Board of Supervisors has on their daily lives?

A: The Board of Supervisors determines real estate taxes. Since 2000 real estate taxes for the typical Fairfax homeowner have increased from \$2,400 to \$5,700, an increase about 140 percent or three times faster than household income. See graph at votepurves.org



Arthur Purves

Q: To make newcomers feel like "insiders," what's a "must-see" place or event you recommend they check out in your district?

A: Gunston Hall (George Mason's plantation), and while you're there Mason Neck National Wildlife Refuge, where you can see eagles at dawn and dusk.

Q: What is your favorite sports team?

A: No favorite team.

Q: Trending hashtag for Fairfax County: #HighPayingJobs

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

INOVA Bloodmobile Comes to Burke Festival

The Burke Festival is coming up on Sept. 12 and not only is it a community festival with food and games, but across the street you can donate blood in the INOVA bloodmobile. The INOVA blood-

mobile will be in the Knollwood Community Church parking lot across the street from the festival. For each donation a person can save three lives. Our com-

munity has a history of giving to others and I hope people will consider this opportunity.

Carson Florence

Burke

Seventh grader at Robinson Secondary.

AREA ROUNDUPS

County Offers Emergency Response Classes

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and also trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations. With this training, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available. Fairfax County is offering four CERT train-

ing classes this fall.

♦CERT Class 100 at the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Academy (Monday, Wednesday, Sept. 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30 and Oct. 5 — 7-10:30 p.m.)

♦CERT Class 101 at the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Academy (Monday, Wednesday, Oct. 14, 19, 21, 26, 28, Nov. 2 and 4 — 7-10:30 p.m.)

♦CERT Class 102 at the Old Firehouse Teen Center (Tuesday, Sept. 22, 29, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27 and Nov. 3 — 7-10 p.m.)

♦CERT Class 103 at the Lorton Volunteer Fire

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SCHOOL NOTES

Send notes to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416. Deadline is Friday. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

Raymond J. King, of Clifton, earned his Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering, with a focus on Robotics, from the Mechanical Engineering Department of the University of Utah at the close of the Fall 2014 semester. An NSF - IGERT grant helped fund his post-graduate studies there. A 2003 graduate of Robinson Secondary School, Raymond went on to receive both his B.S. and M.S. degrees from the College of Engineering at Virginia Tech before marrying fellow VT engineering

graduate, Amelia Davis. He is the son of Clifton residents Dr. Graham and Jane King.

Ava Lakmazaheri from Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST) won the Best of Category Award and a first award in Robotics and Intelligent Machines at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair, held in Pittsburgh. Lakmazaheri earned the awards for her project, Brain-Actuated Robotics: Controlling and Programming a Humanoid Using Electroencephalography. Lakmazaheri also won several special awards.

Katie Bershadsky, born and raised in Burke, has been selected to the Delta Epsilon Iota Academic Honor Society in the local chapter at Kennesaw State

University. Delta Epsilon Iota was established to recognize and encourage academic excellence in all fields of study. Bershadsky is expected to graduate in 2018 with a major in public relations. Her parents are Scott and Kim Bershadsky. Her grandparents Malcolm and Marcia have lived in Burke for more than 30 years.

Jacob M. Sage, of Burke, Junior, Pre-Construction Engr Mgt. has made the Scholastic Honor Roll Fall term at the Oregon State University. A total of 861 students earned straight-A (4.0). Another 3,598 earned a B-plus (3.5) or better to make the listing. To be on the Honor Roll, students must carry at least 12 graded hours of coursework.



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Employer-based health and wellness programs are good for business.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

It's Wednesday afternoon and a cohort of George Mason University staff, students and faculty hit the pavement.

Clad in attire ranging from running shorts and brightly colored sneakers to neutral walking shoes and business suits, the group takes part in "Who's Walking Wednesdays," part of an initiative to get moving for health and wellness.

"It's really important to connect faculty and staff into well-being

and wellness practices," said Janet Walker, life/work connections manager at George Mason University. "It benefits everybody in terms of their own personal health and wellness. It creates a community where people interact over more than just work."

The effort underscores the role of workplace health and fitness programs can play in decreasing stress and improving overall well-being. A National Institutes of Health study of more than 29,000 employees who participated in comprehensive workplace health programs that included components such as fitness, weight con-

and wellness practices," said Janet Walker, life/work connections manager at George Mason University.

Workplace health programs can also consist of health education, fitness programs, health coaching and screenings.

"There's all sorts of research about how time spent outdoors and taking walking breaks at work fosters creativity and problem solving," said Jeanne Bliss, director of marketing, Center for the Advancement of Well-being at George Mason.

Bliss says university officials hope to impact the well-being of 10 million people within the next four years through the center. "We

want to be a replicable model for well-being," she said. "That has been one of our strategic 10-year goals."

"We're in a position to help the next generation in terms of how they

connect with their own workforce in terms of health and well-being," said Brandice Valentino, director of

trol and smoking cessation, showed a 14-percent decline in illness over a two-year period, as well

"It's really important to connect faculty and staff into well-being and wellness practices. It benefits everybody."

— Janet Walker, life/work connections manager, George Mason University



Staff, students and faculty at George Mason University take part in "Who's Walking Wednesdays," an effort to increase physical activity and well-being. Research shows that workplace health programs can lead to increased productivity.

well-being programs and mindful living coordinator at the Center for

the Advancement of Well-being. "Our programs focus on topics for

well-being and integrating mindfulness practices."

Amy K. Turner, executive director of Innovation Health, a North-

ern Virginia health insurance company formed as a result of a partnership between Aetna and Inova, says her company has improved the health of its workforce through tailored employee wellness programs.

Innovation Health has also created corporate wellness programs for its corporate clients. In fact, the company received the Loudon Chamber of Commerce Healthy Business Award, which honors the winners of the Loudon Healthy Business Challenge, a competition designed to recognize Northern Virginia businesses that have improved the health of their workforce through tailored employee wellness programs.

A group mentality is one of the keys. Group fitness activity can lead to success, say experts. "I feel like when you do it in a group and you're part of a group, you're more committed," said Turner. "It holds people accountable and promotes success."

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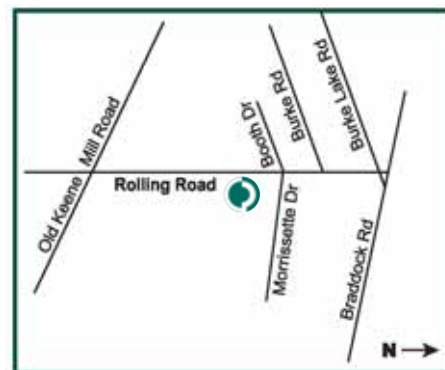
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Former Washington Redskin Ricky Ervins (second from left) joins WRAP's Gary Cohen, Lieutenant Rudy Landon, Liz Tobin, Kurt Erickson and Todd Heavner.

SoberRide Hosts Fundraiser at Glory Days Grill

The Northern Virginia-based nonprofit organization behind the region's free cab ride service to prevent drunk driving, SoberRide, hosted a fundraiser on Aug. 18 at Glory Days Grill in Fairfax.

The Washington Regional Alcohol Program's (WRAP) inaugural "Football & Fundraising" event was opened to the public and featured former Washington Redskin Ricky Ervins, a sports memorabilia silent auction and door prizes. Glory Days Grill do-

nated the hors d'oeuvres buffet for the event.

Ervins played for the Washington Redskins from 1991 to 1994 as a running back. He was the leading rusher in the Redskins' 1992 Super Bowl victory over the Buffalo Bills.

Items featured as part of the evening's silent auction included sports memorabilia from the Washington Capitals, Nationals, Redskins and Wizards most notably: an NHL hockey stick signed by Capitals' Nicklas Backstrom; a MLB baseball signed by Nationals' Ryan

Zimmerman; an NFL jersey signed by Redskins great John Riggins; and an NBA basketball signed by the Wizards' John Wall, amongst other items.

Door prizes that evening included gift cards from Fleming's Steakhouse, Glory Days Grill, Mad Fox Brewing Company and Paladar Latin Kitchen, amongst others. Funds raised support WRAP's fight against drunk driving and underage drinking in Greater Washington. For more information, visit WRAP's website at www.wrap.org.

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ENTERTAINMENT



A couple dances to the traditional music of the Kings Park German Band.

Free Oktoberfest Walk, Concert Sept. 12

Oompah! Join walkers of all ages for the annual Oktoberfest Volksmarch Saturday, Sept. 12. The walk starts at the Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church in Burke.

A volksmarch, literally translated “people’s walk,” is a leisurely walk through a scenic, historic or interesting area over a

pre-determined route.

The free walk passes through lush forests and around Burke Lake.

Choose from a five or 10-kilometer route (three or six miles) and walk, jog or run at your own pace. German food and drinks will be available to purchase, and the Kings Park German Band will play from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



The Burke-based Kings Park German Band, featuring traditional instruments like this alpenhorn, will perform at the Oktoberfest Volksmarch and Biketoberfest at Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church in Burke, Sept. 12.

Walkers may begin any time between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. but must finish by 3 p.m. The trail is probably suitable for sturdy strollers but not wheelchairs. An adult must accompany children under 12. Leashed dogs are welcome. There is no charge to participate in the event. International volksmarch credit is \$3 for those who track their IVV walks.



Children investigate Bob Westin's stumpf fiddle. Westin's band, the Kings Park German Band, will play for free from 11:30-12:30, Sept. 12, at the Oktoberfest Volksmarch and Bike at Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church in Burke.

The event is co-sponsored by AUUC and the Northern Virginia Volksmarchers.

The start is located at 10125 Lakehaven Ct., Burke, Va., just south of the Fairfax County Parkway and Burke Lake Road intersection.

For more information, contact Susan or Steve Brown at 703-644-0189 or nicebrowns@verizon.net.

Fairfax Symphony Orchestra to Celebrate Beethoven

Season opening performance on Saturday, Sept. 19.

BY DAVID SIEGEL
THE CONNECTION

Plenty of reasons to celebrate the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra (FSO) about to begin its 59th season as Fairfax County's flagship orchestra. This year, under the baton of music director Christopher Zimmerman, the FSO will celebrate the genius of Beethoven's masterpieces while featuring the coming generation of virtuoso classical pianists. Why feature Beethoven piano concertos? “I have designed most of our past seasons with some kind of binding thread, be it focusing on a composer, or a topic,” said Zimmerman. “This year I thought both a composer and an instrumental medium would provide the focus for an interesting musical exploration as well as be a strong attraction in themselves.

“The audience will hear, and be fascinated by, how Beethoven's compositional style changes and evolves from concerto

Christopher Zimmerman conducting the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra.

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to concerto,” said Zimmerman. “I hope also that their enjoyment of these works will be enhanced by the fact that we will be performing other orchestral works of his alongside these predecessors, and also those of his immediate predecessor, Mozart, and successor, Brahms.”

The pianists will include Alon Goldstein, already known to FSO audiences. He will be featured in the season opener on Sept. 19 at the Center for the Arts, George Mason University. Awadagin Pratt, performing later in the season, “has developed an extremely distinguished career and is a ma-

jor figure, particularly in this country.” Sean Chen, George Li and Andrew Tysons each has had “a spectacular kick-off, all having won significant prizes at the world's most prestigious piano competitions,” Zimmerman pointed-out.

Each artist will provide audiences “with their tremendous gifts and convey to the audience their own fresh perspective.”

As for celebrating the 59th season, Zimmerman acknowledged that “it is a major accomplishment”. When asked about the upcoming, anticipated 60th season, now just a year away, it “is of course a milestone

Where and When

Fairfax Symphony Orchestra performs at the Center for the Arts, George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Season opening performance Beethoven: “Coriolanus” Overture, Beethoven: Piano Concerto No.5 “Emperor” with Alon Goldstein, piano and Beethoven: Symphony No. 5. Performance on Saturday, Sept. 19 at 8 p.m. Tickets: \$34-\$58. Ticket information call 703-563-1990 or visit www.fairfaxsymphony.org

which we will hold as something special, but I will give nothing away at this point.” “In the coming years the orchestra will continue to perform at the level that the audience expects and is proud of and excited about. We will continue to collaborate with great instrumentalists and artists of the highest stature, and we will continue to present programs of the greatest and most beautiful (in all aspects of that term) music in combinations that hopefully will delight, stimulate and fulfill the audience in the way that this great legacy of orchestral music—past and present—can,” said Zimmerman.

Note: Read a bio of accomplishments of the five pianists online FSO at:

http://www.fairfaxsymphony.org/images/2015-2016/PDF/FSO%2015_16%20flyer.pdf

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ONGOING

Summer Reading Program. Friday-Saturday, through Sept. 5. 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/>.

SATURDAY/AUG. 1-SUNDAY/SEPT 13

Annual Workhouse Clay National Ceramics Exhibition. Workhouse Arts Center, W-16 Vulcan Gallery, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. This exhibition represents the depth and breadth of contemporary functional and sculptural ceramic artworks being created throughout the country. Visit <http://www.workhousearts.org/events/visual-arts/workhouse-clay-national-2015>.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 3

Preschool Storytime. 10:30 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Build your child's early literacy skills while enjoying stories, songs and activities. Age 3-5 with adult.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 4

Kingstowne Farmers Market. 4-7 p.m. Fridays, May 1-Oct. 30. Giant Parking Lot, 5955 Kingstowne Towne Center, Alexandria. Vendors products include fresh organic honey and hand held pies and



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Burke Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-noon. Saturdays, May 2-Nov. 21. 5671 Roberts Parkway, Burke.

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TUESDAY/SEPT. 8

Pohick Daytime Discussion Group.

1 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. "The Storyteller" by Jodi Picoult. Adults.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 10

Storytime Yoga. 4:30 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Stories, stretching and simple yoga poses. Bring a mat or towel and wear comfortable clothing.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 11

S.T.E.A.M Storytime. 2 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM). Each month focus on one of these subjects with stories and activities appropriate for preschoolers. Age 4-5

with adult.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 12

Oktoberfest Volksmarch. 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church, 10125 Lakehaven Court, Burke. A volksmarch, literally translated "people's walk." The free walk passes through lush forests and around Burke Lake. Choose from a five or 10-kilometer route (three or six miles) and walk, jog or run at your own pace. German food and drinks will be available to purchase, and the Kings Park German Band will play from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 12-13

38th Annual Burke Centre Festival.

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TUESDAY/SEPT. 15

Tai Chi. 10 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Come experience the benefits of Tai Chi led by Dante Gilmer of Still Water Tai Chi Center. Wear comfortable clothes that allow movement. Adult.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 16

PJ Library Book Buddies. 10:30 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Hear selections from the PJ Library and make a craft to take home. Age 6 months to 5 years.

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Robinson Finds Early Success Despite Inexperienced Defense

Rams go 2-1-1 during Lake Braddock tournament.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

The Robinson field hockey program returns six starters from last year's team that went 16-5 and qualified for the region tournament.

None of those starters played defense for the Rams in 2014.

"The biggest issue that we've had this year," head coach Lindsay Arnsmeyer said, "is we graduated our whole defensive line, including our goalie."

So far, the "issue" hasn't hindered the Rams.

Robinson defeated South County 3-2 on Tuesday, improving its record to 5-1-1. The Rams ran into trouble during the second day of the Blast ALS tournament on Aug. 27 at Lake Braddock Secondary School, when the team played its fourth and fifth games in a three-day period, but Robinson has otherwise experienced early-season success.



Robinson senior Katie O'Loughlin, middle, moved from forward to defensive midfielder this season.

After beating Falls Church 7-0 in the season opener on Aug. 25, Robinson came back the following day and beat Mount Vernon 5-0 and Woodson 1-0 during the first day of the Lake Braddock tournament. The next day, the Rams fell behind the host Bruins but managed to earn a 1-1 tie thanks to a second-half goal by senior Gwen Carsten.

Arnsmeyer said she could tell the Rams

were tired.

"Towards the end is how we've been playing — [with] pressure," Arnsmeyer said. "The last 10 minutes was how they're expected to play. The first 40 minutes was not. ... I think we showed bits and pieces throughout the whole game that we were able to dominate."

Robinson lost its final game of the tour-

namment to West Springfield 2-1.

With the Rams lacking experience in the back, Arnsmeyer moved senior Katie O'Loughlin from forward to defensive center midfielder.

"Last year I played her as a forward and this year, just because she's very defensive minded and very calm in the back, I've had to move her to defensive mid," Arnsmeyer said. "... She's calm, she's a leader, she communicates really well and she's very good at seeing the field, so she can switch the ball back and forth. She's good not only on offense, but defense, which is what we really need."

O'Loughlin said she plays defense for her club team, so the transition wasn't difficult, but she feels pressure to help some of her teammates.

"A lot of the girls, it's either they don't have a lot confidence in themselves or they're still learning how to play defense," O'Loughlin said, "so I feel a lot of pressure to not only play well myself, but also support my teammates."

Senior forward Charlotte Clark, senior midfielder Anna Turner and Carsten are also expected to be significant contributors for the Rams.

Robinson will travel to face Lee at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 8.

Lake Braddock Finishes Strong At Blast ALS Tournament

The host Lake Braddock field hockey team struggled during the first day of the Blast ALS tournament on Aug. 26, suffering shut-out losses against Fairfax and Centreville. On the second day, the Bruins responded with a 1-all tie against rival Robinson and a 1-0 victory over Oakton.

"I feel that we didn't start out playing our best, but improved our play significantly each game," head coach Marie Bounds Bullock wrote in an email. "The girls worked hard to make the needed improvements and it showed; the results of each game got better and better."

After opening the season with a 3-0 loss to Fairfax and a 1-0 defeat against Centreville, Lake Braddock tied Robinson, 1-1, on Aug. 27. Senior midfielder Emily Berst scored the Bruins' goal, with an assist by sophomore forward Allison Ormsby. Lake Braddock's final game of the tournament was a 1-0 win over Oakton, with a goal by Ormsby. The assist went to senior midfielder Annina Zelkin.

Zelkin is "highly skilled and has a powerful shot," Bullock wrote. The senior is committed to Yale.

Junior midfielder Haley Hopkins, a first-team all-conference and second-team all-region selection last season, is also expected to be a key contributor for Lake Braddock.

"Haley is an extremely talented player," Bullock wrote.

"She will be a distributor and one of our main ball handlers in the midfield and on the forward line."

Lake Braddock defeated Langley in overtime on Monday, improving its record to 2-2-1. The Bruins faced Westfield on Wednesday, after The Connection's deadline.

Lake Braddock will open Conference 7 play against Mount Vernon at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 10.

"One of our goals is to win our conference," Bul-



Senior midfielder Annina Zelkin and the Lake Braddock field hockey team tied Robinson and beat Oakton during the second day of the Blast ALS tournament on Aug. 27 at Lake Braddock.

lock wrote. "There is some great competition in our conference so it will be a challenge, but one that I think we are up for."

— JON ROETMAN

Junior midfielder Marie Laverdiere, right, and the West Springfield field hockey team went 2-1-1 during the Blast ALS tournament at Lake Braddock Aug. 26-27.



Spartans Winning

After a rough start to the second day of the Blast ALS field hockey tournament at Lake Braddock Secondary School, West Springfield increased its defensive effort and showed what can happen when the Spartans are on the same page. West Springfield closed its appearance at the two-day tournament with a 2-1 victory over Robinson on Aug. 27. The Rams scored their lone goal during a penalty corner with time expired in the second half.

"We were playing defense as a whole team rather than just our defenders," West Springfield head coach Tina Nham said. "That was our major problem in the beginning: our forwards need to come back a little bit more, so they put in the extra effort." Earlier in the day, West Springfield lost to Centreville 2-0, but the Spartans responded

by handing Robinson its first loss of the season.

"Our first game today wasn't that great," junior midfielder Marie Laverdiere said. "We were all really tired and we were playing slowly. We all stepped it up. We really wanted to beat Robinson."

West Springfield finished the tournament with a 2-1-1 record, including a 3-3 tie against Woodson and a 2-0 win over Mount Vernon on Aug. 26.

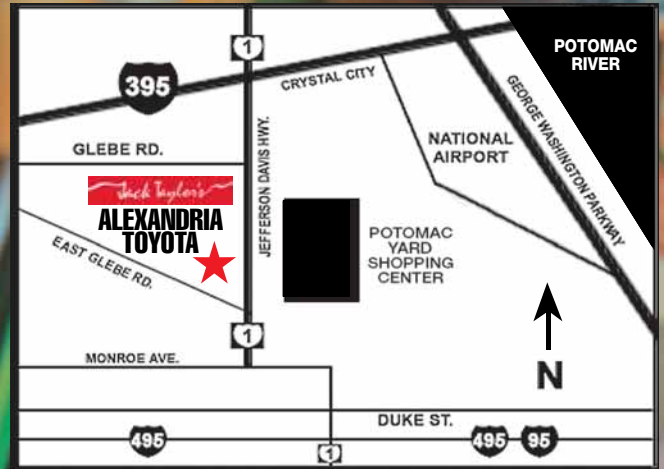
WEST SPRINGFIELD defeated Oakton 1-0 on Aug. 31, improving its record to 3-1-1. The Spartans faced Lee on Wednesday, after The Connection's deadline.

West Springfield will travel to face Chantilly at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 8.

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Suzanne Fry Harsel

Suzanne Fry Harsel of Fairfax, Virginia and Venice, Florida passed away peacefully after a short illness on August 27th, joining her beloved late husband of 49 years, Leonard Wallace Harsel. Born April 25, 1935 in Gary, Indiana, Sue was a proud graduate of Indiana University (1957), where she was a member of the Alpha Omicron Pi sorority. A lifelong educator and traveler, she taught in Germany, as well as in the US. Sue also spent nearly three decades on the Fairfax County Planning Commission, serving as its secretary several times, representing what is now known as the Braddock District. Upon retiring as an educator and a Planning Commissioner, she continued to be very involved with numerous volunteer, civic and church activities. She is survived by her devoted children and their spouses: Kari and James Gray of San Francisco, California; Joseph and Carol Harsel of Cockeysville, Maryland; and Karla and Tim Fink of Centerville, Virginia. She is also survived by her beloved eight grandchildren: Ben, Luke, Sean, Henry, Sam, Fiona, Kayla, and Lauryn; and her sister, Lynda Lou Vackar of Illinois. The family will be receiving visitors at Fairfax Memorial Funeral Home at 9902 Braddock Road, Fairfax, VA 22032 on Friday September 4th, between 5-8pm and will hold a Celebration of Life service on Saturday September 5th at 10 am. Mrs. Harsel will ultimately be laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery. Online condolences may be shared on Suzanne's page at www.fmfh.com In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in memory of Suzanne Harsel, to Habitat for Humanity or Annandale Christian Community for Action ("ACCA, Inc")

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Gorgeously updated, immaculate home on private 1 acre wooded lot in serene community. Gourmet Kitchen with top of the line upgrades: Counters, Cabinetry, Stainless Steel Appliances & Lighting. Fully Finished Walk-Up Basement with Den, Full Bath, Wetbar & new Carpet. 3 year old Roof, new HVAC & new Gutter Guards.
John & Jennifer Boyce 703-425-5646



Fairfax City **\$599,000**
Lovely classic 4 BR, 2.5 BA colonial on cul-de-sac backs to woods & walking path. Hardwoods & many updates throughout, includes a garage & workshop.
Betsy Rutkowski 703-229-3368



Alexandria **\$469,900**
Next Door to Van Dorn Metro! Lovely 3 BR + Loft, Garage Townhome, hardwood floors thru-out except kitchen, GSD's step you out to private deck, perfect for entertaining. Finished lower level with fireplace.
Sheila Adams 703-503-1895



Fairfax Station/Canterbury Estates **\$749,500**
1.5 beautiful, landscaped acres sited on a cul-de-sac! Elegant home featuring 4 bedrooms, 3 full baths - kitchen & all baths updated - possible (true) 5th BR with bath on main floor - large custom screen porch with adjacent deck - butler's pantry - MBR with sitting room + dressing area - ample closet space - many built-ins - many surprises!
Ann Witherspoon 703-503-1836



Centreville **\$749,900**
This spacious colonial has 3 finished levels, 4 bedrooms, and 3 1/2 baths. Gourmet kitchen, master suite is more of a spa, and walk up lower level.
Richard Esposito 703-503-4035



Alexandria **\$359,999**
1 BR, 1 BA condo steps from metro. Hardwood floors, jetted tub, granite counters, great view. 825 sq. ft.
Janice Clark 703-400-1995



Centreville **\$629,000**
The rest of your life. Enjoy it to the fullest in this wonderfully designed open & airy home. You'll love the hardwoods and cathedral ceilings on the main level, the charming eat-in kitchen, the delightful family room with 2-way fireplace, the wonderful front porch, & the superb master bedroom suite with luxury bath. Gorgeous lot! Act fast & buy it today.
Catie & Steve Morales 703-278-9313



Gainesville **\$598,900**
Immaculate 3BR/4BA home in 55+ Heritage Hunt. Sweeping view of the golf course from screened porch & deck. Hardwoods, spacious kitchen, built-ins, 2 gas FPs, finished walkout LL-rec room, wet bar & office. See video at: <http://13740-Charismatic.LFlisting.com>
Mary LaRoche 703-919-0747



Lake Anna Access **\$569,900**
Immaculate custom built 4 bedroom, 3 bath home with lots of upgrades. Park like setting.
David Lewis 703-980-3090



Clifton **\$1,175,000**
Fantastic 5 bedroom, 7 bath home on 5 acres on one of the most desirable streets in historic Clifton. Custom details throughout, spacious rooms, 3 fireplaces, professionally landscaped yard and pool, great for entertaining.
Kathy O'Donnell 703-338-7696



Alexandria **\$660,000**
Unique Opportunity to Own Large Home in Alexandria. 8 Bedrooms, 4 1/2 Baths. Over 5000 square feet of living space. Many upgrades including hardwood flooring, 3 zone HVAC system, granite counter tops, cherry cabinets, huge master bedroom, gorgeous master bath, & much more. Must see to fully appreciate. Lots of possibilities!
David Levent 703-338-1388



Burke **\$409,500**
Lovely 3 bedroom home on quiet .3 acre cul-de-sac lot in sought-after Rolling Valley West. Open floor plan with beautiful hardwood floors. Large eat-in kitchen has upgraded stainless steel appliances. Close to shopping, restaurants, VRE, and commuter routes.
Kathy O'Donnell 703-338-7696



Burke **\$389,900**
End Unit TH finished on all 3 levels, 3 Bedrooms, 2 and 1/2 Baths, single car garage, walk-out lower level, w/main level deck. Hardwoods throughout main level. Lawn maintenance included in HOA/Condo fees. Located in Walden at Burke Centre subdivision. Backs to common area woods, close to shopping in Burke Centre.
John Astorino 703-503-1819



Lake Anna **\$739,000**
Family Lake House. Lots of rooms for everyone! 6 bedrooms, 3 full baths. Open floor plan. Lots of outdoor entertaining space. Many updates & upgrades. Has everything you could ask for!
Toni McQuair 703-795-2697

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