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Shirlington is an unincorporated urban area in the southern part of Arlington County. Today it has a traditional main street with shops, an celebrated bakery, a local brewery, a variety of ethnic restaurants and a small town feel. A public library, small post office, grocery and theatre are just around the corner. See inside for the annual Newcomers and Community Guide.

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CRIME REPORTS

The following incidents were reported by the Arlington Police Department.

SEXUAL ASSAULT & BATTERY, 2000 block of S. Columbia Pike. At approximately 9:35 p.m. on Aug. 24, a male subject approached a 31-year-old female victim and asked her for directions. When the victim looked down at her phone the male subject touched her inappropriately and kissed her on the cheek. The suspect fled the scene. The suspect is described as a Middle Eastern male in his 20s, approximately 5'4" tall with a thin build. He was wearing a grey t-shirt and blue jeans at the time of the incident.

MALICIOUS WOUNDING, 3100 block of N. Clarendon Boulevard. At approximately 1:57 a.m. on Aug. 23, a fight ensued following a verbal altercation where a subject struck a 27-year-old victim with a beer bottle. The victim sustained several cuts and lacerations on his face and head. A 26-year-old man from Woodbridge was arrested and charged with malicious wounding and drunk in public. A 27-year-old man from Arlington was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct.

SEXUAL BATTERY, 400 block of George Mason Drive. At approximately 8:07 p.m. on Aug. 21, a female victim was walking in a park area with her young child when a male subject touched her inappropriately. The victim was able to scream causing the suspect to flee. The suspect is described as a Hispanic male in his 20s, approximately 5'7" tall with a medium build. He was wearing a solid grey t-shirt, black shorts, and black tennis shoes at the time of the incident.

MALICIOUS WOUNDING, 2200 block of N. Fairfax Drive. At 3:46 p.m. on Aug. 20, a subject entered his brother's bedroom and locked the door before stabbing him several times. The victim was transported to George Washington Hospital with stab wounds and is expected to survive. A 21-year-old man from Arlington was arrested and charged with malicious wounding and abduction. He was held without bond.

BURGLARY, 900 block of S. 17th Street. Between 9:45 a.m. and 12:20 p.m. on Aug. 20, an unknown subject(s) entered a residence and stole numerous items to include electronics. There is no suspect(s) description.

ROBBERY/CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT ROBBERY, 1400-block of N Veitch St. A male victim reported Aug. 20 to police he was assaulted by a male juvenile while walking home. His iPad and wallet were taken from him and given to a juvenile female who fled the scene. A juvenile male and adult female were subsequently arrested and charged accordingly. Most of the victim's items were returned to him.

BURGLARY, 5600-block of Lee Hwy. The victim/owner called police and

stated he found the front glass door to the business shattered upon his arrival for work this morning at 6:15 a.m., Aug. 20. Surveillance video shows at 5:57 a.m., an unknown black male with dreadlocks, athletic build, wearing a dark head cover, black v-neck tshirt, dark colored denim jeans and dark sneakers with white markings, throw a small metal object through the glass door, take several cartons of Newport cigarettes and cigars, and exit the business.

BURGLARY, 5400-block of N Carlin Springs Road. The manager called police Aug. 20 to report a door had been broken sometime between 9 p.m. the night before and 7:50 a.m. and stole money from the register. There is no suspect information at this time.

MALICIOUS WOUNDING/ GRAND LARCENY, 2800-block of Jefferson Davis Hwy. The male victim told police Aug. 20 the suspect entered a parked work van, which the victim was using to transport area tourists, and took the keys. The suspect then attempted to flee the scene in his personal vehicle when the victim tried to retrieve the keys. The victim hung on the fleeing vehicle before falling to the ground sustaining minor injuries. The suspect is believed to be a part-time temporary employee. The investigation is ongoing.

PEEPING TOM, 1800 block of N. Quinn Street. At approximately 12 a.m. on Aug. 19, an unknown male subject was seen looking through the window of a residence. There is no suspect(s) description.

AUG. 25
LARCENY FROM AUTO, 2900 block of S. Woodstock Street
GRAND LARCENY, 1100 block of S. Hayes Street

DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY, 1600 block of N. McKinley Road
GRAND LARCENY, 2600 block of S. Arlington Mill Drive

AUG. 24
IDENTITY THEFT, 2100 block of N. Wilson Boulevard
UNLAWFUL ENTRY, 5600 block of N. 7th Street

ASSAULT & BATTERY, 3100 block of S. 13th Street
GRAND LARCENY, 1100 block of S. Hayes Street

LARCENY, 1400 block of S. Crystal Drive
ASSAULT, 800 block of S. Harrison Street

VANDALISM, 2100 block of N. Quebec Street

ELECTRONIC THREATS, 1000 block of N. Quincy Street
LARCENY FROM AUTO, 1900 block of N. Kirkwood Road

PETIT LARCENY, 4200 block of N. Wilson Boulevard
GRAND LARCENY, 4700 block of N. 20th Road

STOLEN LICENSE PLATE, 1200 block

of S. Courthouse Road
ATTEMPTED GRAND LARCENY, 1500 block of S. Glebe Road
STOLEN LICENSE PLATE, 3500 block of S. 15th Street

GRAND LARCENY, 1300 block of S. Crystal Drive

ASSAULT & BATTERY, 2800 block of S. Meade Street

LARCENY FROM AUTO, 1000 block of N. Liberty Street

GRAND LARCENY, 1100 block of S. Hayes Street

GRAND LARCENY, 1100 block of S. Hayes Street

DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY, 300 block of S. Army Navy Drive

ATTEMPTED LARCENY FROM AUTO, 1000 block of N. Larrimore Street

DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY, 2900 block of S. Glebe Road

ASSAULT & BATTERY, 2700 block of N. Washington Boulevard

AUG. 21
LARCENY, 150819021, 700 block of S. Army Navy Drive

GRAND LARCENY, 150820016, 1100 block of S. Hayes Street

LARCENY FROM AUTO, 150820017, 1000 block of N. Manchester Street

LARCENY FROM AUTO, 150820018, 900 block of N. Patrick Henry Drive

PETIT LARCENY, 150820031, 1000 block of S. Hayes Street

PETIT LARCENY, 150820033, 1100 block of S. Hayes Street

LARCENY FROM AUTO, 150820036, 1300 block of S. Joyce Street

ASSAULT, 150820039, 2100 block of S. Shirlington Road

GRAND LARCENY, 150820040, 5000 block of N. Wilson Boulevard

GRAND LARCENY, 150820041, 1700 block of S. Bell Street

TAMPERING WITH AUTO, 150820043, 1700 block of N. Jackson Street

TAMPERING WITH AUTO, 150820046, 1800 block of N. Jackson Street

PETIT LARCENY, 150820048, 5000 block of N. Wilson Boulevard

DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY, 150820049, 4600 block of S. 36th Street

GRAND LARCENY, 150820056, 1000 block of S. Hayes Street

AUG. 20
LARCENY FROM AUTO/CREDIT CARD FRAUD, 1800-block of N. Highland St

ASSAULT AND BATTERY, 1400-block of Wilson Blvd

LARCENY OF A LICENSE PLATE, 1200-block of N. Courthouse Rd

GRAND LARCENY, 2400-block of S. Joyce St

GRAND LARCENY, 1600-block of S. Eads St

TRESPASS, 300-block of N. Glebe Rd

ASSAULT AND BATTERY, 4400-block of Fairfax Dr

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Shifting Boundaries

Navy Annex land exchange includes straightening Columbia Pike.

BY VERNON MILES
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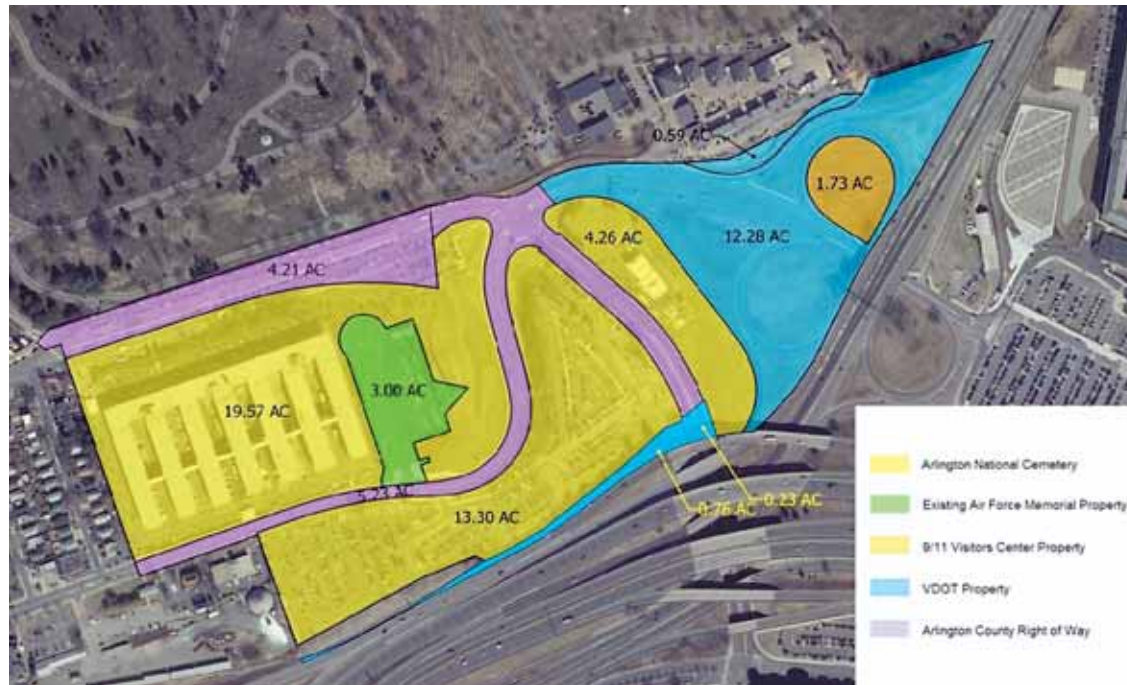
A land exchange between Arlington County and Arlington National Cemetery could lead to a new historic memorial in Arlington. After nearly 15 years of negotiations, through several different County Boards and Arlington Cemetery management, on Aug. 14, Acting County Manager Mark Schwartz announced that all parties had agreed to a plan to adjust the border between Arlington County and Arlington National Cemetery.

The Navy Annex building was torn down in 2013, but the portion of the cemetery in that area has colloquially retained its name. Currently, the area is broken into three parcels: a 20-acre piece, a 12-acre piece, and a 4-acre piece. They're divided by a bend in the Columbia Pike that cuts through the center of area. With the new agreement, however, the bend in Columbia Pike will be straightened out, uniting the cemetery into one continuous 38-acre plot.

Jennifer Lynch, public affairs officer at Arlington National Cemetery, said that the current divided status of the area makes much of the property unsuitable for interment. Bringing that land into one continuous property, Lynch said, will help allow Arlington Cemetery to extend its burials until 2050.

"We want to work with all parties so that everyone gets what they want," said Lynch. "We need the most burial space we can with appropriate land use."

Brian Stout, federal liaison for the Arlington County Manager's office, said the exchange also fits in with the county's plans for Columbia Pike. "We are making significant investments in the Columbia Pike corridor," said Stout. "We have a streetscape and roadway improve-



Current layout of Columbia Pike and Arlington National Cemetery.



Proposed realignment of Columbia Pike and new Arlington land.

ment plan in that area. Being a geographically small county, we are trying to maximize use of public land."

The exchange gives Arlington County a 7.3 acre parcel south of Columbia Pike. It's a small parcel compared to the cemetery's 38-parcel plot, but it comes with a lot of history. The site was originally the location of Freedman's Village, a self-sufficient community of 1,100 former-slaves built in 1862. The town overcame adversity and assaults from white neighbors to become a thriving town before it was torn down in 1900 to make way for a development. Today, all that remains of the town are a few simple graves and a plaque.

"The park service has an exhibit at the Arlington House [on the village], but we've been looking for some way to acknowledge and celebrate that history," said Stout.

According to Stout, once Freedman's Village was torn down, many of the former residents travelled down Columbia Pike and resettled. No plans for the site have been approved, and Stout says every concept would still need to go through the full planning process. The Freedman's Village memorial is one of several ideas being considered, alongside an Arlington Heritage Center that tells the history of the county. Some questions remain about federal funding. In the CIP budget, Stout says Arlington County already set aside \$10 million in construction funds to realign Columbia Pike. Other costs, like tearing down the existing roadway and an interchange modification, are paid by federal funds to Arlington Cemetery and the U.S. Army. The \$30 million interchange modification, Stout noted, is approved in a House bill but not the Senate appropriations bill, and will have to be settled when the House gets back into session.

Preparing for the Start of School in the Fall

Middle School principals oversee putting all of the puzzle pieces together.

BY SHIRLEY RUHE
THE CONNECTION

Boxes filled with Swanson Middle School assignment books and text books are stacked high in the main office while the roar of the waxing machine is heard down the hall. A skeleton still sits in the health room covered with plastic. Cleaned lockers line the hallway and sup-

plies have been ordered. Principal Bridget Loft says, "Along with big thinking, there is a lot of cleaning."

Gordon Laurie, new principal at Williamsburg Middle School says, "We have over a dozen custodial employees who work from 5:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. in shifts emptying every classroom of everything and giving the room a deep cleaning, as well as every piece of furniture before they put it back.

The gym floor was resealed and polished."

"It is a misnomer to think summer exists," Loft says. She said they start building their master schedule for the next school year in March-April and start having interviews for hiring.

Keisha Boggan, principal at Thomas Jefferson Middle School, agrees the school year really begins the previous spring to create the master schedule so that students

get their electives or the academic requirements and there are no overlaps or traffic jams. In addition, they start meeting with families about what the school offers, and the counselors visit elementary schools to meet with the staff and students. This all feeds into the master plan.

Loft says, at Swanson, "Building this schedule takes all summer." There has to

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Preparing for First Day

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be a plan for every classroom, student and teacher.

"Much goes on behind the scenes at Williamsburg," according to Laurie. "The decisions that we make in a heartbeat can affect the teacher for the next 180 days." He says for example they would want to prevent having a teacher move from Classroom A to Classroom B without enough time to get from one to the other, check in and begin the class. "The teacher has to live with these decisions all year."

The schedules for students are sent out in mid-August. Special consideration is given "to the incoming families of sixth- graders who are anxious and don't know what to expect by providing them timely information on what they will need to know," according to Lori Wiggins, principal of Gunston Middle School.

Interviews for new teachers and the hiring process begin in the spring before the next school year. Loft says at Swanson this year she has 10 new teachers and is counting herself lucky to have all positions filled.

Wiggins said she still has a number of vacant positions at Gunston: "Teachers have life changes in the middle of the summer and don't return in the fall."

Boggan says she has her fingers crossed at Thomas Jefferson. She has 15 new teachers, 10 new to Arlington; she thinks they have what they need but things change.

Laurie has 102 teachers with 17 new this year at Williamsburg. Like Boggan, he knocks his knuckles on his desk because things are in shape today.

Teacher orientation is a part of each school's preparation for the new year. "We just sent out welcoming letters on Monday to the new teachers with the agenda and details on what they have to do to comply with the county requirements," said Loft. Each teacher is required to take county-wide orientation and each school adds on its own tailored orientation for new teachers.

Part of this is giving them time in their classrooms to get used to their space and to organize and part is giving them specific information about the school, "getting them used to the culture at Thomas Jefferson" as Boggan puts it. At Williamsburg, the new teachers work with a mentor for the year.

There are a lot of mechanics to clean the lockers, wax the floors, order the supplies and new furniture for new classrooms. Furniture takes weeks," according to Boggan. But Wiggins says there is another larger goal, which is to look at the data, and determine what went well and what they need to do differently this year. Loft says they do a lot of thinking, taking the SOL results to determine needed changes in instructional practices. For instance, she says limited English proficient students scores declined at Swanson. "I didn't understand. It was a



As Arlington Middle Schools approach the beginning of school Sept. 8, chairs line the halls, boxes are stacked in the office, and tech ed chairs are stacked high while a skeleton waits to be unveiled for the fall school term.



PHOTOS BY SHIRLEY RUHE/
THE CONNECTION

changes, "we don't know where you live and can't plan the number of buses." It is a massive logistical exercise and he cautions patience the first days of school as "we look at overcapacity and shuffle bus stops or alter the time of the stop. There is no way to make this an exact science." McCrea said the transportation letters will go out next week.

There is a balance with a rolling number of students and "you can't send the letters out too early; you've got to pick the optimal moment to do it."

McCrea says they have 165 buses in the fleet which includes spares, "but we're running pretty tight." Buses are required by the state to have a maintenance check every 45 days. McCrea has had 15 years of experience in transportation and prior to that 15 years with major sports event like the Olympics. McCrea says his goal is to start the day "as best we can" since the school bus is the first thing students experience in the morning.

ANOTHER KEY component of opening the schools in the fall is the meal plan for about 12,000 students each day.

Amy Maclosky, director of food services, says specific planning starts in June, and they spend the year looking for new items and recipes. They look at the data on what the students like, bring in new food so they don't get bored, look at what local restaurants are doing and balance it with the cost. "We track what the students buy every day, what worked well and what didn't." They look at things that are trendy. "We used to do meatless Mondays and we offer more vegetable dishes, more humus and pita."

Maclosky said she has a cycle of three seasonal menus that feature what is fresh that season such as strawberries in the spring. Maclosky has worked six years in Arlington and previously spent six years in Falls Church. She has noticed some differences — today's students eat more healthy food with smaller portions, and they are more adventuresome. "They will try purple carrots for instance." She said they bring in a farmer every Friday and students sample what is growing and talk to the farmer. The students even eat beet soup in the winter. She remembers a funny day in the winter when they featured three kinds of cabbage and some students came back for a second or third helpings.

The meals follow the Healthy Hunger Free Act that requires 2 ounces of meat or protein substitute, two whole grains, fresh fruit and a variety of different vegetables. She says pitas are popular and some of the salads. "Fish tacos are surprisingly popular. The fish bites are a treat. We make them from trout, and the kids really like them." New this year will be a Thai salad, a Southwest salad and a white French bread pizza. Maclosky said the meals include free and reduced price lunches and she reminds people who qualify that they need to reapply each year in September.

shock." The solution was so simple but they weren't doing it. They created a posting in the computer and put in every student, struggling or not, and highlighted the ones who were struggling so the teachers saw it every day. They worked with the reading specialist to strategize for each student. Scores went from 46 percent to 69 percent passage. She said she doesn't know if they found the solution yet, but she is hopeful.

Laurie agrees that in addition to the mechanics there is the larger goal and vision about running the school. He says, "I'm brand new at Williamsburg this year and I have to think about how to deliver my message to my staff about my vision that every child has an educational birthright and less than 100 percent is unacceptable." He said a number of parents want to meet with the principal to talk about their child and "that is their right." Projected enrollment at Williamsburg this year is 1,132 "and I should know every child."

All schools have space challenges with the growing enrollment. Gunston enrollment is projected at 940, "up like everywhere else." Wiggins speculates it is because residents who used to leave are staying to raise their families and also there are a number of children in multiple family dwellings. She says they have to come up with creative space solutions such as dividing one room into two classrooms. A learning disabilities teacher stops Wiggins in the hall to tell her she has just seen her new classroom transformed from a storage area. "I just can't believe it," she said.

Loft said at Swanson they had repurposed the computer lab by turning in into a classroom and putting the computers on moveable carts.

Boggan says that they have reconfigured

the computer labs as well and have been able to add some additional classrooms. "We are fortunate to have oddly configured space at Thomas Jefferson since this school used to have the open classroom concept with temporary walls.

Laurie says at Williamsburg they have also repurposed some space. "For instance, my office used to be over there," he says pointing down the hall, "but now it has been divided into three offices and I've moved here. We're all in this together." In addition, they have had the delivery of four relocatables that arrive like an empty box. When they receive them, the relocatables have to be assembled and finished with plumbing and electricity with furniture added. He thinks teachers and students like the relocatables because they feel like they have their own special space. Enrollment is growing, he speculates, because people look for an excellent educational system.

Added to this mix there are the 15,000 students in Arlington County eligible to ride a school bus. An elementary school student must live over a mile from school and middle school and high school students over a mile and a half to be eligible. Last year actual rides on a regular basis were just under 10,000 students. David McCrea, director of transportation, said, "The devil is in the details." Some school buses are able to do an elementary school, middle school, and high school route but he said, "Schools have different bell times. For instance, Claremont starts at 8, Barrett at 8:25 and Drew at 9.

And one change can ripple through the system and alter the logistics. McCrea says they try to plan effectively but not go over capacity. The county has all of the students in a data system, but if people don't report

NEWS

Inmate Dies in County Jail

A 48-year-old man with a history of medical issues died in the early hours of Aug. 22 after being found unconscious in a medical unit cell of the Arlington County Detention Facility, according to the Sheriff's Office.

Arlington County Sheriff's Deputies and nurses began resuscitation efforts before Fire Department rescue units arrived and transported the man to Vir-

ginia Hospital Center. He was pronounced dead at 3:41 a.m. His family was informed the morning of his death.

The man was convicted last year of assault and battery - family member third offense, and was sentenced to five years.

An autopsy will be conducted by the Medical Examiner's Office and the death is being investigated by the Arlington County Police Department.

"FLOURISHING AFTER 55"

"Flourishing After 55" from Arlington Office of Senior Adult Programs for Aug. 31- Sept. 4.

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

Senior trips: Monday, Aug. 31, Maryland State Fair, Timonium, \$17; Wednesday, Sept. 2, Capt. Billy's Restaurant, Newburg, Md., \$6 (transportation only); Thursday, Sept. 3, Paradise, Pa., Rainbow's Comedy Playhouse, \$57 (meal included). Call Arlington County 55+ Travel, 703-228-4748. Registration required.

Senior housing options, Monday, Aug. 31, 2 p.m., Lee. Free. Register, 703-228-0555.

Pickleball games and instruction, Mondays, 11 a.m., Arlington Mill. Free. Register, 703-228-7369.

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

Madison Chess Club, Mondays, 9:30 a.m. Games and strategies. Free.

Details, 703-534-6232.

Table tennis, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Arlington Mill. Free. Register, 703-228-7369.

Spanish book club, Tuesday, Sept. 1, 10:30 a.m., Culpepper Garden. Free. Register, 703-228-4403.

Volleyball, Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m., Langston-Brown. Free. Register, 703-228-6300.

Belly dance class, Tuesdays and Fridays, 10 a.m., Lee. Free. Register, 703-228-0555.

Beginners full fitness exercise, Tuesdays, 10 a.m., Lee. \$60/15 sessions or \$4 per class. Details, 703-228-0555.

Arlington Mill Trekkers, Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. Free. Register, 703-228-7369.

Table tennis, Tuesdays, 10 a.m., -12 p.m., Walter Reed. Free. Register, 703-228-0955.

Poker games, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Lee. Register, 703-228-0555.

The Rocking Chairs, in-house

band at Lee, Wednesday, Sept. 2, 10 a.m. Free. Details, 703-228-0555.

Duplicate bridge, ACBL sanctioned, Wednesdays, 10 a.m., Aurora Hills. \$5. Register, 703-228-5722.

Great historical events, Thursday, Sept. 3, 1 p.m., Culpepper Garden. Free. Register, 703-228-4403.

Lee Woodcarvers share woodcarving tips, Thursdays, 1 p.m. Free. Details, 703-228-0555.

Scrabble games, Thursdays, 1 p.m., Culpepper Garden. Free. Details, 703-228-4403.

Deadline to register for Northern Virginia Senior Olympics, online, Sept. 4, www.nvso.us. Details, 703-228-4721.

Getting a good night's sleep, Friday, Sept. 4, 11 a.m., Langston-Brown. Free. Register, 703-228-6300.

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

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

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ENTERTAINMENT

Signature Stages ‘The Fix’

Political musical comedy runs now through Sept. 20.

BY STEVE HIBBARD
THE CONNECTION

Signature Theater in Arlington is staging the musical comedy, “The Fix” by John Dempsey and Dana P. Rowe, from now through Sept. 20.

When a popular presidential candidate dies in his mistress’s arms, his ambitious wife, Violet, immediately declares that if she can’t be the wife of the president, then she’ll be the mother of the president — and thrusts their son Cal into the spotlight. With the help of her strategic brother-in-law, Violet transforms her son into the perfect citizen and ideal politician. Together, they create one of the most dysfunctional, yet brutally entertaining, almost-first families.

With a rock-laced, eclectic score and scandalous lyrics, the team behind “The Witches of Eastwick” and “Brother Russia” skewers the American bureaucratic machine. It’s “The Manchurian Candidate” meets “Caligula,” with a voice all its own.

Larry Redmond plays the role of Grahame Chandler, the older of two brothers in a political family headed towards the White House. “Grahame is the political strategist, as well as polio survivor, and he’s in the closet as well; two things that keep him out of the public eye in the setting of the 1960s,” said Redmond.

As far as challenges, he said he needed to find a role model for the 1960s for both look and style and even voice. “I found him in Washington Post columnist Joe Alsop. Very Patrician, an elder brother, and also closeted, but immensely powerful,” he said. “Grahame is a polio survivor growing up in a world where you still had ‘ugly laws’ that banned people with disabilities from public places. It resonates in a huge production number called ‘Mercy Me.’”



Signature’s “The Fix” is a toss between “The Manchurian Candidate” and “Caligula,” with a voice all its own.

He hopes the audience takes away that the political world they show on stage may not be as sophisticated as today’s emphasis on money and data analytics, but it’s still about people. “Raw naked ambition paired with family dysfunction,” he said.

“We’ve been satirizing politicians in this country since its founding. Our show is an editorial cartoon turned into a graphic novel with a musical score,” he said. He added that director Eric Schaeffer calls it, “The Manchurian Candidate meets Caligula.”

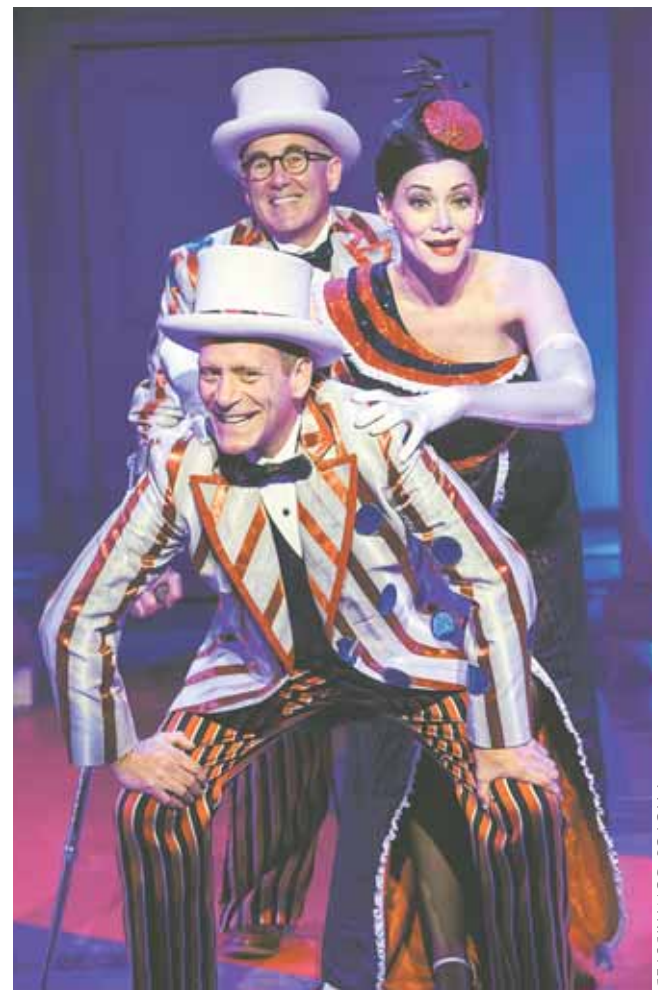
Rachel Zampelli plays the role of Tina McCoy, an ex-stripper and a junkie who now does a little lounge singing and also works in “sales.”

As far as challenges, she said that because she only appears twice in the first act, and her first entrance comes 40 pages in, it was important to be clear and as detailed as possible in creating her connection with Cal and the audience. “It seemed to me that in the world of ‘The Fix,’ everything is so huge,

heightened, polished and hard-edged except for Tina and the relationship between Cal and Tina,” she said.

Her second challenge was her number called ‘Mistress of Deception’ in Act II. “My challenge was making sense of and developing an emotional connection to a fantastic, yet extremely abstract song.” During the first week of rehearsals, she hashed it out with writer John Dempsey. “It was such a blessing that, as a writer, he is so open to collaboration. He listened to the thoughts and ideas I brought to the table and added his own insight, which was extremely helpful.”

She added: “As we got deeper into the rehearsal process the collaboration continued as both Eric Schaeffer and Matthew Gardiner offered invaluable insight to get



“The Fix” is playing through Sept. 20.

me to the very detailed, very solid, very truthful place I needed to be to do good work.”

Signature Theatre is staging “The Fix” now through Sept. 20. Specialty Nights include Discussion Nights on Aug. 26 and Sept. 8, 2015; Pride Night on Sept. 11, 2015; and Open Captioned Performances on Aug. 30, 2015 at 2 p.m. and Sept. 15, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$96 to \$40. The venue is located at 4200 Campbell Ave., Arlington. Visit the website at www.sigtheatre.org.

CALENDAR

Email announcements to arlington@connectionnewspapers.com. Include date, time, location, description and contact for event: phone, email and/or website. Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

ONGOING

Rosslyn Outdoor Film Festival.

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

Art Show. Through Aug. 29, 5-8 p.m. at Gallery Underground, 2100 Crystal Drive. “Hiding in Plain Sight,” includes paintings that have concealed images. Free. Visit www.galleryunderground.org/events/.

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

Nauck Community Portrait Exhibition. Various times at Gallery

3700, 3700 S Four Mile Run Drive. Students from Drew Model Elementary School display “visual biographies.” Admission to the gallery is free. Visit www.arlingtonarts.org for more.

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

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

Summer Movies @Penrose Square. Saturdays, through Sept. 19. Sundown at Penrose Square, 2597 Columbia Pike. Free. Visit www.columbia-pike.org.

“The Fix.” Through Sept. 20, at various times at Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave. The scorned

widow of the dead president transforms her son into an ideal candidate. Ticket prices vary. Visit www.sigtheatre.org for more.

“PLAY: Tinker, Tech & Toy” Art Exhibit. Through Oct. 11, Wednesday-Sunday, 12-5 p.m. at the Arlington Arts Center, 3500 Wilson Blvd. “PLAY” is an exhibition that examines games and play through the lens of contemporary art. Free. Visit www.arlingtonartscenter.org/exhibitions/play for more.

“Metropolis: Perspectives of Two Cities” Exhibition. Through Oct. 25, gallery hours at the Jenkins Community Gallery on the Lower Level at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. The “Metropolis: Perspectives of Two Cities” exhibition displays the work of teenage photographers in partnership with CHAW (Capitol Hill Arts Workshop) after learning the aspects of creativity and marketing. Free. Visit www.arlingtonartscenter.org/exhibitions.

“Ice and Sky: Photographs of Antarctica by Robin Kent.” Through Nov. 2 Monday-Thursday 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Tuesday-Wednesday 1-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

at Cherrydale Branch Library, 2190 Military Road. Local landscape and landmark photographer displays work from Antarctica. Admission is free. Call 703-228-6330 for more.

Arlington’s Historical Museum to open on First Wednesdays. The Arlington Historical Museum, which until now was only open on weekends, will now be open to the public on the first Wednesday of every month from 12:30-3:30 p.m. The museum consists of exhibits chronicling Arlington County’s history from its original Native American settlements up to the present day. The museum will continue to be open on Saturdays and Sundays from 1-4 p.m. Admission is free. The museum is located in the former 1891 Hume School building at 1805 S Arlington Ridge Road. Contact Garrett Peck at 571-243-1113 or at garrett.peck@arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org.

LGBT & Straight Friends Social. Tuesdays. Happy Hour, 3 p.m.-7 p.m.; Mikey’s “Bar A” Video Wall, 7 p.m.; start time at 8 p.m. IOTA Club & Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd. For 21 years and older. Free. Visit www.iotaclubandcafe.com for more

information.

Open Mic Comedy. Wednesdays 8-10 p.m. at Ri Ra Irish Pub, 2915 Wilson Blvd. Doors open at 7 p.m. 21 and up only. Free show, \$25 cash prize for best joke. Call 703-248-9888 or visit www.RiRa.com/Arlington for more.

Food Truck Thursdays. 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the corner of North Irving St., and Washington Blvd. Find a round-up of regional food trucks. Free to attend. Visit www.dmvfta.org.

Invasive Plants Removal. Work parties are held every month to keep the parks free of destructive invasive plants. Teens, adults and families welcome. Every second Sunday of the month 2-4:30 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road; call 703-228-3403. Every third Sunday of the month 2-5 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road; call 703-228-6535 or visit registration.arlingtonva.us. Free, no registration required.

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

ENTERTAINMENT

www.iotaclubandcafe.com or call 703-522-8340.

Open Mic Nite. 8 p.m.-12:30 a.m. every Wednesday at IOTA Club & Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd. Sign-up times are 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Bring instruments, fans and friends. Visit www.iotaclubandcafe.com or call 703-522-8340.

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

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 26

Open Mic Night. 8 p.m. Sign up to perform from 7:30-10 p.m. at Iota Club & Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd. Guests are welcome to perform poetry or music. Visit www.iotaclubandcafe.com or call 703-522-2354.

THURSDAY/AUG. 27

Outdoor Movie. 8:45 p.m. at Columbia Pike Branch Library, 816 S Walter Reed Drive. Watch “A Man Most Wanted” (2013), Rated R. Free. Visit www.library.arlingtonva.us/eventscalendar.

Book Club. 10:30-12 p.m. at Central Library, Second Floor Meeting Room, 1015 N Quincy St. Discuss “All Quiet on the Western Front” by Erich Maria Remarque. Free. Visit www.library.arlingtonva.us/eventscalendar.

FRIDAY/AUG. 28

Music Performance. 8 p.m. at Air Force Memorial, 1 Air Force Memorial Dr. Music performances from the United States Air Force Concert-Band and Singing Sergeants with “The Sounds of the Screen”. Free. Visit www.usafband.af.mil/

Live Music. 9 p.m. at Iota Club & Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd. The band Lighting Fires with is performing with Clones of Clones. Free. Visit www.iotaclubandcafe.com or call 703-522-2354.

Open Mic & Talent Showcase. 10 p.m.-12 a.m. at Busboys and Poets, 4251 S Campbell Ave. Hosted by Benny Blaq. All performers welcome. Tickets are \$5. Visit www.busboysandpoets.com.

SATURDAY/AUG. 29

Central Arlington History Tour. 9 a.m. at Clarendon Metro Station (top of escalator), SW Corner of Wilson Boulevard and N Highland Street. Tour historic locations dating from colonial times to the early 20th century. Tickets are \$2 for non-members. Contact Bernie Berne at 703-243-0719 or at bhberne@yahoo.com.

Fall & Winter Vegetable Gardening: Extending Your Harvest. 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St. Learn how to have a successful fall and winter harvest. Free. Visit www.arlingtonva.us/events/.

Music Festival. 4-7 p.m. at High View Park Playground, 1945 N. Dinwiddie St. Listen to Christian music artists and celebrate another season of Calloway’s Community Kickball Nights. Free. Visit www.callowayumc.org/youth-music-festival.html.

Opening Reception: “Yes, and.” 6-8 p.m. at Wyatt Resident Artists Gallery on the Upper Level at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. Celebrate the launch of “Yes, and,” a group show featuring Arlington Art Center residents curated by Caitlin Tucker-Melvin.

The exhibition runs from Saturday, Aug. 29 until Sunday, Oct. 11. Free. Visit www.arlingtonartscenter.org/exhibitions.

AUG. 29-OCT. 11

“Yes, and.” During gallery hours at Wyatt Resident Artists Gallery on the Upper Level at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. “Yes, and” is a group show featuring Arlington Art Center residents curated by Caitlin Tucker-Melvin. Free. Visit www.arlingtonartscenter.org/exhibitions.

SUNDAY/AUG. 30

Homeward Trails Adoption Event. 12-2 p.m. at Kinder Haus Toys, 1220 N Fillmore St. Dogs and cats will be available for adoption. Free. Visit www.kinderhaus.com for more.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 3

Live Music. 8:30 p.m. at Iota Club & Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd. The Sidleys with Caz are performing. \$12. Visit www.iotaclubandcafe.com or call 703-522-8340.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 5

Audition for Teen Production of “Romeo and Juliet.” 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Synetic Studio, 2155 Crystal Plaza Arcade. Teens are invited to audition for an eight-week theatre education program resulting in a fully stage, full-length production. Free. Schedule an audition by emailing education@synetictheatre.org.

Live Music. 8-9:30p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, 4444 Arlington Blvd., Falls Church. Soul and blues musician Sam Allen will perform. Tickets are \$20. Visit www.stoneroomconcerts.com.

Live Music. 9 p.m. at Fireworks American Pizza and Bar, 2350 Clarendon Blvd. Mike Mondiodis will perform. Free. Visit www.fireworkspizza.com or call 703-527-8700.

MONDAY/SEPT. 7

Live Music. 2-4 p.m. at Netherlands Carillon, Arlington Boulevard. and Meade Street. Classical music artist Edward Nassor will be performing. Free. Visit www.nps.gov or call 703-289-2555.

Fleetwood Mac Tribute. 7:30 p.m. at Iota Club & Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd. Featuring many performers. \$12. Visit www.iotaclubandcafe.com or call 703-522-8340.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 8

Author Talk. 7 p.m. at One More Page Books, 2200 N. Westmoreland St. Co-author of “Tiny Pretty Things” Dhonielle Clayton will be available for questions and discussion. Free. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com/.

Author Event. 7 p.m. at Arlington Central Library auditorium, 1015 N Quincy St. Helaine Mario will discuss her latest book, “The Lost Concerto.” Free. Visit www.library.arlingtonva.us/eventscalendar.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 9

Author Talk and Book Signing. 7 p.m. at One More Page Books, 2200 N. Westmoreland St. Avraham Azrieli will discuss and sign his latest book, “The Bookstrap Ultimatum.” Free. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 10

Author Talk. 7 p.m. at One More Page Books, 2200 N. Westmoreland St., Arlington. Brad Parks will discuss his

latest book, “The Fraud,” another title in his Carter Ross mystery series. Free. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 11

Kickoff Jazz Concert. 6-9 p.m. at 1812 N. Moore St., 33rd Floor. Celebrate the start of Rosslyn’s Jazz Festival by tuning into Troker, an energetic jazz/rock band. Free, but registration required. Visit www.rosslynjazz.com.

Wine Tasting. 6:30 p.m. at One More Page Books, 2200 N. Westmoreland St. One More Page Books will host a wine tasting in celebration of the coming of fall. Free. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com.

Live Music. 9 p.m. at Iota Club & Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd. Attend a concert featuring The Bobby Thompson Project with Laura Cheadle. \$12. Visit www.iotaclubandcafe.com or call 703-522-8340.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 12

Bike Tour. 9 a.m. at the top of escalator at Ballston Metro Station, 4230 Fairfax Drive. Visit Arlington parks and historic sites through a leisurely bike tour. The tour costs \$2 to participate. Visit www.centerhikingclub.org.

Audition for Teen Production of “Romeo and Juliet.” 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Synetic Studio, 2155 Crystal Plaza Arcade. Teens are invited to audition for an eight-week theatre education program resulting in a fully stage, full-length production. Free. Schedule an audition by emailing education@synetictheatre.org.

Rosslyn Jazz Festival. 1-7 p.m. at Gateway Park, 1300 Lee Highway. Free admission. See www.rosslynva.org/events.

Author Event. 3 p.m. at Shirlington Branch Library, 4200 Campbell Ave. Mike Maggio will read excerpts from his poetry collection, “Garden of Rain” and from his novel, “The Wizard in the White House.” Free. Visit www.library.arlingtonva.us/eventscalendar.

Woodstock Park Festival. 4-7 p.m. at Woodstock Park, 2049 N. Woodstock St. Hosted by the Waverly Hills Civic Association, the festival will have food, activities, and entertainment for the whole family. Free. Visit www.waverlyhillscivic.com or call 502-452-4311.

Author Meeting and Signing. 7-8 p.m. at One More Page Books, 2200 N. Westmoreland St. Richard Peabody will sign and discuss “The Richard Peabody Reader,” a collection of his poetry and prose. Free. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com.

Memorial 5K. 6 p.m. in Crystal City. This race was organized to honor the victims, firefighters, and public safety who responded on Sept. 11, 2001. Registration fees are \$35-40. Visit www.arlington911race.com.

Live Music. 8 p.m. Iota Club & Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd. Listen to the Chess Club Romeos. \$12. Visit www.iotaclubandcafe.com or call 703-522-8340.

Live Music. 9:30p.m. at Fireworks American Pizza and Bar, 2350



Ayreheart's style combines Renaissance and modern. The band will perform Sept. 19 at Unitarian Universalist Church, 4444 Arlington Blvd. at 8 p.m. Visit www.stonerroomconcerts.com.

Clarendon Blvd. James Stevens will perform. Free. Visit www.fireworkspizza.com or call 703-527-8700.

SEPT. 12-25

33rd Annual Senior Olympics. Various times at various locations. Participants over 50 years old will participate in track and field, swimming, diving, tennis, table tennis, golf, miniature golf, ten pin bowling, Wii bowling, scrabble, duplicate bridge, cribbage, Mexican train dominoes, pickleball, racquetball, handball, volleyball, badminton, bocce, eight ball pool, cycling, horseshoes, yo-yo tricks, American style Mah Jongg, 5K run and more. Admission varies based on event. Visit www.nvso.us.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 13

Vintage Crystal: Sip and Salsa. 2-6 p.m. at 1900 Crystal Drive. Wine from Spain Portugal, and Argentina and food from local latin restaurants come together at this annual event. Also find live Latin music and salsa lessons. Tickets are \$25 at the the door, \$20 in advance and, and designated drivers tickets are also available for \$10. Visit www.crystalcity.org.

Author Talk. 3 p.m. at One More Page Books, 2200 N. Westmoreland St. Amy Stewart will discuss her book “Girl Waits with Gun.” Free. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com.

MONDAY/SEPT. 14

Author Talk and Greeting. 7 p.m. at Saint Ann Roman Catholic Church, 5300 N. 10th St. One More Page Books will co-host Father Michael Collins as he speaks about his book, “Pope Francis: A Photographic Portrait of the People’s Pope.” Free. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 15

Bingo Happy Hour. 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Arlington Rooftop Bar and Grill, 2424 Wilson Blvd. Arlington Thrive’s Young Professional Group is hosting a bingo night to raise money to prevent homelessness in Arlington. Admission and the first bingo card is free. Visit www.arlingtonthrive.org for more.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 16

10th Annual Scholar’s Cup. 3:30-7 p.m. at Upton Hill Regional Park, 6060 Wilson Blvd. Attend the Arlington Chamber of Commerce’s mini golf tournament to raise funds

for its scholarship programs. Visit www.arlingtonchamber.org.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 17

Author Reception and Panel Discussion. 7:30 p.m. at One More Page Books, 2200 N. Westmoreland St. Author Adam Lazarus will discuss his book “Hail to the Redskins: Gibbs, the Diesel, the Hogs, and the Glory Days of D.C.’s Football Dynasty,” including a panel discussion with former players and staff. Free. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 18

Nick Jaina. 8 p.m. at One More Page Books, 2200 N. Westmoreland St., Arlington. Composer and author Nick Jaina will perform and share his collection of stories, “Get It While You Can.” Free. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com.

Live Music. 9 p.m. at Iota Club & Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd. Tommy Keene performs with with Dot Dash. \$15. Visit www.iotaclubandcafe.com or call 703-522-8340.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 19

Backyard Beer Festival. 12-10 p.m. at Gateway Park, 1300 Lee Highway. Unlimited beer tasting featuring entertainment, food trucks, and backyard games and activities. Admission is \$35. Visit www.backyardbeerfest.com for tickets.

Book Launch. 5 p.m. at One More Page Books, 2200. Westmoreland St. Author Art Taylor will celebrate the launch his new book “On the Road with Del & Louise.” Free. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com.

Live Music. 7:30-9 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, 4444 Arlington Blvd., Falls Church. Ayehart will perform. Tickets are \$20. Visit www.stonerroomconcerts.com to purchase tickets.

Live Music. 9:30 p.m. at Fireworks American Pizza and Bar, 2350 Clarendon Blvd. Ken Fischer will perform. Free. Visit www.fireworkspizza.com or call 703-527-8700.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 20

Vintage Crystal: Pups and Pilsners. 2-6 p.m. at 12th and Crystal Drive. This dog-friendly festival will feature a beer garden with 10 stations—each featuring a different brew. Visit www.crystalcity.org for more.

The Hills of Arlington

By Jay Roy Sims

There was a house, there on the corner,
That I heard was built in 1901;
But now that house is gone forever,
Destroyed by that son-of-a-builder's son.

That house was one of a few remaining
From an earlier time, and a much simpler one,
When only horses, drays, and buggies
Strolled among the hills of Arlington.

There wasn't always malls or traffic,
Or a parking lot where that brook had once run;
Or a tinseled high-rise grown from a graveyard,
Planted by that son-of-a-builder's son.

There aren't too many symbols standing,
Of man or nature's yesteryear's run;
Too few left to be rashly plucking,
Out from the hills of Arlington.

There's the campsite upon the river,
Where the Indians', and man's, life here begun.
400 years ago, they lived there;
And the trees, or ground, or streams they spoiled?
Not one.

A primitive and idyllic life they led,
With respect for nature's and life's origins begun;
They beheld the past and earth as sacred,
Here among the hills of Arlington.

There's the spring and house adjoining,
A sylvan place, shaded by the sun;
Where a colonial farmer helped join a nation,
From where our present liberties begun.

That house has seen its finer moments,
Though, today, it's even called an "eyesore" by some;
It still had helped start this nation going,
Out from the hills of Arlington.

There's the fort, that was built here for the city;
Just earthworks, and weedy, and a trash heap for some.
Now, someone wants to put a townhouse on it;
Doesn't he realize the wrong that'd be done?

It's where the issues of slavery and country,
Where the Blue and the Gray had shed their lives' blood;
It's hallowed ground that we've been mistreating,
Here among the hills of Arlington.

There's a cemetery in one yard's clearing,
Behind the house of a forefather's son,
Who've been on the land for generations,
Whose titles to the land seem finally done.

His house and land were here forbearing;
They've set the standard, where his neighborhood's begun;
That plot possesses a preeminent position,
In among the hills of Arlington.

And what about that old, weathered barn?
Its boards are cracked, faded by the sun;
Many folks wonder when it'll be leveled;
It can serve no purpose to anyone.

What of the milk, and eggs, and chickens
That the barn provided, through rain and through sun?
It helped to nourish many and countless settlers,
Here among the hills of Arlington.

They're about to close that old theater,
In that old strip mall, from 1910 and 1;
Though its signs are dim, and paint is peeling,
And it seems as if its day is done.

It provided hope and grand diversion
During war and depression, and our own post-war run;

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THROUGH NOVEMBER

Borrow Gardening Tools. Wednesdays: 5-7 p.m., Fridays: 3-5 p.m., Saturdays: 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Arlington Central Library, 1015 N Quincy St. "The Shed" at Arlington Central Library is open and lending gardening tools to Arlington residents and property owners. Free. See library.arlingtonva.us for more.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 2

Open House. 8-8:45 a.m. at Columbia Grove Apartments, 1010 S. Frederick St. The Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing welcomes the community to learn more about affordable housing in honor of Affordable Housing Month. Free. Visit www.apah.org/events or call 703-276-7444 ext. 109.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 5

Race Relations: Educating to End Racism and Build Solidarity. 9 a.m. mass with Bishop Loverde, program begins at 10 a.m. at Marymount University, 2807 N. Glebe Road. Join a conversation about the role that race and diversity play in our society, in light of recent race-related events, topics, and discussions. Free. Email peace@arlingtondiocese.org for more information.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 8

Master Gardener Volunteer Training. Begins on Tuesday, Sept. 8, and continues every Tuesday 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. until Nov. 19 at Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St. Free. Application is available at mgnv.org.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 9

Open House. 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. at Parc Rosslyn Apartments, 1531 N. Pierce St. The Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing welcomes the community to learn more about affordable housing. Free. Visit www.apah.org/events or call 703-276-7444 ext. 109.

It has earned its right to stand unencumbered,
Here among the hills of Arlington.

Here and there, o'er hill and through valley,
An ox-path, or train track, or trolley did run,
And though it's now black-topped, or just plain plowed under,
What a wondrous thing those right-of-ways had done.

They helped to tie each hamlet together,
From Barcroft to Nauck, Bon Air and Clarendon;
With trolley and wire, with auto and train,
They united the hills of Arlington.

But it's been too late for many relics;
In the name of "progress", deceased, they'd become.
They've gone by the wayside, erased from existence,
By that greedy son-of-a-builder's son.

Too many folks have chased the "fast dollar",
Or they couldn't pay taxes, too high they'd become.
So they gave up their birthright, took off for new places,
Away from the hills of Arlington.

Those homes that they left, made of hard oak and maple,
Were built to stand proud, two hundred years and some;
Unlike today's brand, built only for profit,
And not to survive, even their first five-year run.

So, even as now, we look towards the future,
We should revere and respect, the past we come from.
'Cause it's only through the past that, we can reach the future,
Here among the hills of Arlington.

The author lives in Arlington.
The poem was written on Aug. 18, 1995.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 10

Application Deadline. Arlington County's Neighborhood College Program is accepting applications through Sept. 10. Lessons will focus on neighborhood advocacy and leadership development. Visit www.projects.arlingtonva.us/neighborhood-conservation/college.

Foster Care/Adoption Program. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Department of Human Services, 2100 Washington Blvd. Learn about what it takes become a foster parent, and how you can help children in need of adoption. Free. Visit www.family.arlingtonva.us/foster-care.

Medicaid Expansion: Who Benefits? 7-9 p.m. at Arlington County Department of Human Services Auditorium (lower-level), 2100 Washington Blvd. Panel hosted by the Virginia League of Women Voters featuring speakers, state Senator Barbara Favola, Fairfax Chamber of Commerce Vice President, Joe Vidulch, and many more. Free. RSVP to LWVArlingtonVA@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 16

Healing Hands for Arthritis. 8 a.m.-10 p.m. at 1180 N Garfield St. As a fundraiser for the Arthritis Foundation, all Massage Envy spas will donate \$10 for massage and facial services and 10 percent of product purchases to the organization. Service prices vary. Visit www.massageenvy.com/healing-hands-for-arthritis.

Open House. 8-8:45 a.m. at Anna Valley View Apartments, 2300 S 25th St. The Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing welcomes the community to learn more about affordable housing. Free. Visitwww.apah.org/events.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 18

"Healthy Vision, Healthy Eyes." 11 a.m.-12 p.m. at Carlin Springs Health Pavilion, 601 S Carlin Springs Road. Dr. Amy Kotecha, of Capital Vision, will give a seminar on good eye health and hygiene for senior citizens. Free. Call 703-558-6859 to RSVP.

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"Bulky Boy"



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Although this title invokes the nickname of one of my three male cats - Andrew, to be specific - he is in fact not the point of this column. No, the "bulky boy" to whom I jokingly refer is yours truly, the shopper/consumer in our family. For as long as I've been married, and it's been since 1978, I have been the buyer of most of our household products, paper goods, pet supplies, food, drink and assorted sundries familiar to us all; this list does not include hardware, lawn and garden and automobile, however - items with which I have minimal interest and even less aptitude. As such, I pay attention to sales and circulars and yes, coupons too (although I am not "extreme"). Accordingly, I try to buy low and buy in bulk/quantity. Still, with just two adults for whom to provide, some of the Costco-sized containers are simply too big, even for me/us, despite their super value. I could utilize 96 rolls of toilet paper - over time, but a 64 oz. tub of mayonnaise, as an example, would likely go to waist.

Nevertheless, I do try to buy in bulk, especially when non-perishables are involved. Recently, I made a few such purchases without thinking beyond their need and usefulness (and by "without thinking" I mean not thinking about having cancer and dying before I ever use all the quantity, and in turn feeling as if I've wasted the money on a benefit I'll never realize). What I bought was a five-pack of rubber gloves for washing dishes - we don't have a dishwasher - actually, I don't have a dishwasher. My wife Dina, however, does have a dishwasher: me. Given the inevitable wear and most-definitely tear, this six pack will probably last six months at a minimum. Secondly, I bought a 240-count of dryer sheets. Considering that I occasionally we probably average two laundry loads a week, we now have enough dryer sheets (at one per dryer cycle) for 120 weeks, over two years! Now I don't want to sound morbid, but I was given a "13-month to two-year" prognosis six and a half years ago by my oncologist when he initially told me that he "could treat me but he couldn't cure me." Which meant to me that I had quite unexpectedly drawn the short straw and long-range planning was probably a part of my past and that living forward, my life was forever changed.

But when I bought these two "bulky" items, I didn't think cancer, life expectancy or time-value of money spent on purchases/quantities I'll likely never use. I simply saw value and a presumptive need based on non-cancer considerations - and of course, I had some extra money. I'm not a consumer addict though; I buy for need, not misuse and abuse (although my wife might disagree. However, I didn't hear any objections when I bought 10 cans of Bumble Bee Fancy Albacore All White tuna fish for \$8.80). Necessary? That's the question. But is it also the answer?

Now that I've had some time to rethink my purchases, I am beginning to think that maybe I did overbuy. Two hundred and forty dryer sheets! Two-plus years! Rubber gloves for six months? Do I live in the sink? Did I really need to spend money to plan for washing dishes and drying laundry for the next six to 24 months? What was I thinking? Six months is an eternity in the "terminal" cancer world. Twenty-four months? A quadruple eternity. I want to live in the future but not at the expense of my present. Have I let my consuming ways get in the way of common sense? After all, rubber gloves and dryer sheets are not exactly staples (neither are staples, which I have not bought), they're just basic supplies, not life-saving or life-affirming in the least. So far as I know, anyway.

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

SPORTS



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The Wakefield field hockey team opened the season with a 6-0 victory over Hylton on Aug. 24.

New Style of Field Hockey

Warriors produce two mercy-rule wins at Lee tournament.

By JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

First-year Wakefield head field hockey coach Mike Wisniewski spent the pre-season teaching the team a new style of play focused on passing and spacing.

It took just one game for the Warriors to experience a new - and exciting - result.

Wakefield opened the 2015 season with a 6-0, mercy-rule victory over Hylton on Monday at the Under the Lights tournament at Lee High School. Senior Bryana Ortiz led the Warriors with four goals, and senior Inge Nealis each had one.

Wins have been scarce for Wakefield in recent seasons. Last year, the Warriors finished 4-12 and actually doubled their win total from 2013. Wakefield failed to win a game in 2012, and won just two in 2011.

The Warriors did more than win their season opener Monday. They produced a morale-boosting blowout.

"The feeling of winning is sort of different for us," Jacobsen said. "It's a really good feeling to come in and be someone that people have to worry about."

What changed for the Warriors?

"This year, we really changed the program around in terms of teaching them a different style of field hockey," said Wisniewski, who was an assistant with the team last season. "[We're] introducing them to just what field hockey actually looks like and they've not really seen that in their prior history." Wisniewski said he wanted the Warriors to stop playing "huddle-ball hockey" and focus more on passing and spacing. Wakefield spent ample time work-

ing on drills in the preseason and it paid off with a convincing first win.

"This," Wisniewski said about Wakefield's 6-0 win over Hylton, "for [the players] cemented the fact that what I'm teaching them works."

Along with the lopsided final score, Jacobsen had an individual experience in the opener that helped prove the value of what the Warriors have been practicing.

"Me and my midfield line have been practicing our shots from the 16-yard circle," she said, "and I got a pass and I drilled it right in and I scored right off of what I've been practicing hundreds of times the past few weeks. Everything is working out the way we've been practicing."

Ortiz, whose four goals were a career high, praised Wisniewski.

"I think he's a very good coach," she said.

"He's really changed the team. He's made us a lot better and he's really fun to be around."

It turned out that the Warriors were just getting started. In Wakefield's second game of the day, the Warriors produced another lopsided win, mercy-ruling Gar-Field, 6-0.

Six different players scored a goal against Gar-Field, including Ortiz, who totaled five during the first day of the tournament. Seniors Skylar List and Kacy Tucker, junior Christina Schneider, sophomore Ana Sofia De Leon and freshman Madison Holt each scored one goal.

Wisniewski said senior midfielder Amelia Wilt "could play Division I if she wants to."

Senior Fifi Del Cid and sophomore Lente Huiskens are Wakefield's goalkeepers.

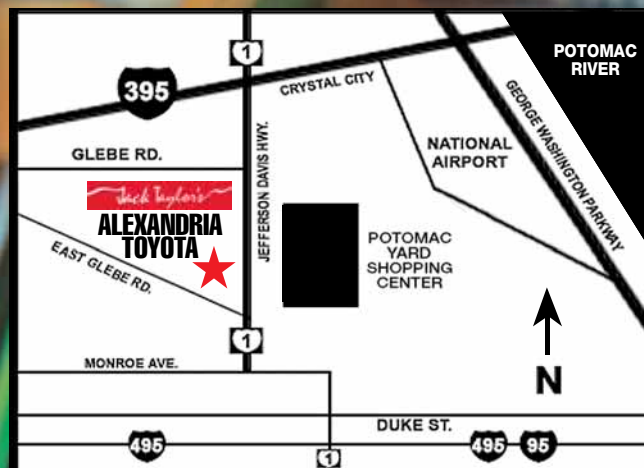
"It's incredible," Wilt said after Wakefield beat Hylton. "My friend Julia [Rogers] and I are two of the seniors who have been on varsity all four years, and our freshman year we were losing games 8-0, sometimes. To go from that to this, it feels amazing. Some of the newer girls are like, 'Oh yeah, it's exciting,' but to us it means so much."

"The feeling of winning is sort of different for us. It's a really good feeling to come in and be someone that people have to worry about."

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As your local, weekly newspaper, the Connection's mission is to deliver the local news you need, to try to make sense of what is happening in your community, to gather information about the best things in and around your community, to advocate for community good, to provide a forum for dialogue on local concerns, and to celebrate and record achievements, milestones and events in the community and people's lives.

Here in our Newcomers and Community Guide, we've included an expanded and updated version of our award-winning Insider's Guide to the Parks, plus details of how to vote in the upcoming elections, information on local government, nonprofits and business organizations, plus tips and tidbits from the community.

We invite newcomers and long-time residents alike to let us know how we're doing and let us know what is going on in your part of the community. If you have questions or ideas, send us an e-mail or call us, contact us on Facebook or send us a tweet. We invite you to send letters to the editor or to send an email with feedback about our coverage.

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The Arlington Post Office located at 3118 Washington Blvd., was built in 1937 as the first federal building constructed in the county. Lobby murals depict scenes about Arlington history and today the building is a designated Arlington County landmark and listed on the National Register of Historic places.



Columbia Pike stretches for more than three miles across Arlington from Arlington Cemetery in the east to Arlington's western border with Fairfax County. It is the busiest bus transit corridor in Virginia. It reflects Arlington's diversity with a blend of housing, local shops and a large variety of ethnic restaurants.

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The Ballston Corridor



Jesse Fonkert, a member of the Crystal City Civic Association, and one of the millennials changing the culture of Crystal City



View of Rosslyn from the Key Bridge.

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Undergoing ‘Reinvention and Transition’

BY VERNON MILES
THE CONNECTION

Despite the colorful banners and lively street life, Crystal City’s a shell of its former economic powerhouse. While Arlington overall faces a high office vacancy of 20 percent, at 28.7 percent, Crystal City is hit the worst. But in the middle of this devastation, something new has sprung up. Crystal City is becoming the leading face of Arlington’s more youth-oriented shift. Young professionals are moving into the neighborhood to commute to jobs in D.C., and the county is beginning to recognize, even rely on, this demographic as the future of the neighborhood.

NEIGHBORHOOD OUTLOOK

“Crystal City is also undergoing reinvention and transition,” said Alex Iams, assistant director of Arlington Economic Development. “This area was most impacted by BRAC, which took 13,000 jobs.”

According to Iams, Crystal City faces the added difficulty that many of these former government or contractor offices are unsuitable for newer tenants. While Crystal City has seen the addition of new tech companies, like 1776 and Eastern Foundry, it has hardly put a dent in the office vacancy numbers, which continue to rise.

“With the rise of teleworking, big office spaces aren’t as necessary as they once were,” said Iams. “You can feel that transition most acutely in Crystal City. [The county is] working on transitioning office buildings to other spaces, including residential.”

According to Iams, the new residences, some in converted office space, is part of what’s bringing younger populations to the area.

“Crystal City is also good landing spot for people who are new to the area because of its access to transportation amenities,” said Iams. “It’s an easy commute into D.C., it’s right next to the airport. The new stores in

adjacent Pentagon City will be [a major source of] employment.”

At 23, Jesse Fonkert stands out from most of Arlington’s Civic Association leadership. Fonkert is the membership liaison for the Crystal City Civic Association, and in many ways is emblematic of the changes happening in the neighborhood. Fonkert moved to Crystal City in January from rural South Dakota. He said that he and his girlfriend were looking for a safe place for their first real urban experience, but close enough to the city for his job working in the Federal government. It didn’t hurt that Virginia generally has lower taxes than D.C. or Maryland. Fonkert also appreciated that Crystal City was equidistant from D.C. and Old Town Alexandria.

Fonkert is quickly learning that Crystal City is very different from South Dakota. At the same time, the two areas share surprising similarities. Back in South Dakota, Fonkert said that everyone in an area gets to know each other through years of living together. In Crystal City, most residents are renters who typically stay for a year or two. But Fonkert also noted that there’s a certain level of community in that.

Fonkert praised the Crystal City Business Improvement District for its efforts in making these temporary residents feel at home. His personal favorite event is the “Brew, Blues, and Barks,” a dog-friendly event with beer and live music hosted every Wednesday in June.

But Fonkert says Crystal City faces its share of challenges. The majority of complaints center around the area’s transportation. Fonkert says the local streets can be extremely confusing and progress on road construction seems almost non-existent. Instead of addressing these issues, Fonkert says the county focuses more on adding more bus transit and forcing Crystal City to become more connected with the rest of Arlington.

“Honestly, most of us just use the metro to get into D.C.,” said Fonkert, “We don’t use the buses to get around Arlington.”

Fonkert said Crystal City’s coolest feature

is the tunnels that run under the neighborhood. The pedestrian tunnels run underneath the entire neighborhood and connect to both the metro and many of the storefronts. Fonkert said the tunnels are a relief from both freezing temperatures and heat waves. Fonkert also recommended most newcomers to Crystal City visit the ethnic restaurants and other entertainment venues on 23rd Street.

“There’s something there for everyone,” Fonkert said, in particular referencing his love of “Kabob Palace”, calling it the best kabobs in all of Arlington.

With its millennial-oriented lifestyle and greater-D.C. area access, Fonkert says he thinks he made the right decision about where to move.

“For newcomers to the area,” said Fonkert, “Crystal City is a great place to start.”

The Ballston Tightrope

After losing one of its largest economic drivers, business and county leadership remain optimistic about the neighborhood’s chances of recovery. Many of these hopes pin on the impending transformation of the Ballston Common Mall.

“Ballston is predicated on balance between commercial and residential,” said Iams. “It has a stability and a diversity of uses that give it a balance.”

For Tina Leone, the CEO of the Ballston Business Improvement District, that balance is the result of careful planning for decades.

“Ballston is a 50-50 mix of residential and commercial,” said Leone. “It’s the community Arlington has been trying to achieve since it created the sector plan in 1980.”

But according to Leone, it’s time to give that sector plan a review. There have been substantial changes in Ballston over recent years, like the April demolition of the “Blue Goose” building at the corner of Fairfax Drive and N. Glebe Road. The building will be replaced by a nine-story office building

and a 15-story residential building. One of the biggest hits Ballston has suffered, though, is the loss of the National Science Foundation (NSF). With the departure of the NSF to a new home in Alexandria, Ballston will not only be losing 2,400 employees, but over 200,000 visitors to the site every year. Construction continues at the new headquarters in Alexandria, and the NSF is expected to move into its new home in 2017.

“We’ve got that vacancy to absorb,” said Leone. “In Ballston, the strategy needs to be not chasing after [government] tenants but focus on a commercial base. These spaces aren’t being backfilled with more government tenants, it’s more private companies.”

After the NSF leaves, only 8 percent of the commercial space in Ballston will be leased by the government. As bad for Ballston as the loss is though, Iams says that the situation isn’t as bad as it could have been.

“Ballston has the advantage over other parts of Arlington in that it never had as much federal tenancy and it’s more diversified,” said Iams.

Another visible loss in Ballston has been the slow decline of the Ballston Common Mall. In June, the Arlington County Board announced that it would be looking into a public-private partnership with mall owner Forest City Enterprises for a \$300 million redevelopment. The new Ballston Mall would have a more open-air design and would include 365,000 square feet of retail space as well as 400 new residential units.

“[The thing] we’re most excited about is the Ballston Mall redesign,” said Leone. “The Mall design is set to be approved in November The mall redevelopment should help spur more development and bring people back into that vacancy.”

For new residents to Arlington, Iams said Ballston is ideal for its variety of local jobs available.

“There’s an enormous opportunity there,”

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Chain Bridge was first constructed in 1797 as a wooden covered bridge by Georgetown merchants. The eighth and present version of today's bridge crosses the Potomac River connecting Washington with Arlington and carries close to 22,000 cars a day. It has three lanes with the middle one reversible.



Weenie Beenie is a local institution, the last of a small Washington-area chain of drive-ins specializing in half-smokes. The Fearless Critic says, "The thing to have is a half-smoke with chili and cheese. It's beautifully charred, served on a super-absorbent white hot-dog roll and has in every sense mastered the delicate balance of fat, salt, sugar and starch that's required for all-out straight-up pleasure."

Arlington Quick Facts

Arlington County is a diverse, professional community located across the Potomac River from Washington D.C. It is the smallest self-governing county in the United States.

Area: 26 Square Miles

Population: 216,700

Median Household Income: \$106,400

Residents' Highest Level of Education:

Bachelor Degrees-71.7%

Graduate Degrees-37.4%

School Divisions: 13th largest among Virginia's 132 school divisions

School Enrollment: Projected PreK-12 25,678

Public Schools: 4 high schools, 5 middle schools, 22 elementary schools, 4 alternative programs.

Largest Employers: Department of Defense (24,000), Arlington County (7,555), Department of Homeland Security (7,300), Deloitte (7,000), Department of Justice (5,300), Accenture (4,500) as well as other Federal agencies and private companies.

Bicycle Trails: More than 100 miles of on-street and paved off-road bicycle trails. Off-road trails travel along the Potomac River, abandoned railroad beds or major highways.

Public Transport: Reagan National Airport serving the metropolitan area is located in Arlington. Served by the Orange, Blue, Yellow and Silver lines of the Washington Metro. Also Virginia Railway Express commuter rail, Metrobus (regional public bus), Fairfax Connector (regional public bus), Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (regional public bus) and a county public bus system as well as Capital Bikeshare, a bicycle sharing system that began in September 2010 with 14 rental locations.



Theodore Roosevelt Island is in the Potomac River near the Key Bridge. The only way to reach the island by land is from the Arlington side of the river but the island is actually part of D.C. It was turned from forgotten farmland into this memorial to America's 26th President in the 1930s. Miles of trails wind through wooded uplands and swampy bottomlands.



Arlington Hospital Center, located at 1701 N. George Mason Drive, has been named one of America's 100 Top Hospitals for the third year in a row. It specializes in the areas of oncology, neuroscience and urology. It performs general, colorectal, orthopedic, pelvic and cardiovascular surgeries. In addition, it offers intensive care, laboratory, radiology and medical imaging services. The center was founded in 1933.



The 40-45 block Clarendon area of Arlington is a neighborhood between the Rosslyn area and the Ballston area. Surrounding the Clarendon metro station are a mix of shops, trendy bars, small restaurants as well as apartments, office buildings and townhouses. There is a Farmer's Market on Wednesday afternoons outside the metro during the summer.



Arlington County's Central Library is located at 1015 N. Quincy Street. In addition to the Central Library, the County Library system includes 7 branch libraries at Aurora Hills, Cherrydale, Columbia Pike, Glencarlyn, Plaza Branch, Shirlington and Westover as well as the Center for Local History and the Shed: Garden Tool Lending Library open March-November.



Fire station number 3 is Arlington's newest fire station, completed in 2011. It houses one engine with four people, a battalion chief, and 1 fire marshal 24 hours a day as well as a bomb unit and a deputy chief during the day. Other Arlington Fire Stations include: 1 (Glebe Road), 2 (Ballston), 4 (Clarendon), 5 (Jefferson District/Aurora Highlands), 6 (Falls Church), 7 (Fairlington), 8 (Cherrydale/Military Road), 9 (Walter Reed), 10 (Rosslyn).

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The Governmental Center is located at 2100 Clarendon Blvd. It houses a number of county services including environmental works, streets, sewer, taxes, Department of the Revenue, and County Board officials.

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A Farmer's Market is set up outside the Clarendon metro station on Wednesday afternoons in the summer. Other Farmer's Markets in Arlington include: Arlington at N. Courthouse Road (Saturday), Ballston at 901 N. Taylor St. (Thursday), Columbia Pike at Columbia Pike and Walter Reed (Sunday), Crystal City at Crystal Drive (Tuesday), Fairlington at 3308 S. Stafford (Sunday), Westover at Washington Blvd. and McKinley (Sunday).



The David M. Brown Planetarium at 1426 N. Quincy St. is the sole freestanding school planetarium open to the public in the metro area. It is named after Captain David M. Brown, a Yorktown High School graduate, who died while serving as a mission specialist on the NASA Space Shuttle Columbia mission in 2003. The planetarium offers weekend programs on a variety of space-related topics for the public, and more than 20,000 students visit it each year.



Arlington County operates and manages a permanent year-round Household Hazardous Materials (HHM) Collection and Recycling Center at 530 South 31st St. where residents can drop off hazardous materials on Saturdays between 9 a.m.-3 p.m. or by appointment during the week. Hazardous products are flammable, corrosive, poisonous or potentially hazardous. Emmanuel Nocon collects household products from a recent resident drop off.

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Libby Garvey (D), Board Member
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Barbara Kanninen, Member
James Lander, Member
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Candidates for November 2015 General Election

Senate of Virginia, 30th District
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James R. Fisher (IG)

Senate of Virginia, 31st District
Barbara A. Favola (D), incumbent
George V. Forakis (R)

Senate of Virginia, 32nd District
Janet D. Howell (D), incumbent

House of Delegates, 45th District
Mark H. Levine (D)

House of Delegates, 47th District
Patrick A. Hope (D), incumbent
Janet H. Murphy (IG)

House of Delegates, 48th District
R. C. "Rip" Sullivan (D), incumbent

House of Delegates, 49th District
Alfonso H. Lopez (D), incumbent

Clerk of Circuit Court
Paul F. Ferguson (D), incumbent

Commonwealth's Attorney
Theo K. Stamos (D), incumbent

Sheriff
Elizabeth F. "Beth" Arthur (D), incumbent

Commissioner of Revenue
Ingrid H. Morroy (D), incumbent

Treasurer
Carla F. De La Pava (D), incumbent

County Board (two seats up for election)

Kate A. "Katie" Cristol (D)
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PARKS

A SAMPLING OF ARLINGTON PARKS

1 Alcova Heights Park

901 S. George Mason Drive; 13 acres. Features: picnic shelter and tables, public restrooms, playground, baseball field, basketball court, volleyball court and grill.

2 Allie S. Freed Park

2465 Culpeper St.; 5 acres. Features: running trail, bridge, stream, open space.

3 Andrew Ellicott Park at the West Cornerstone

2824 N. Arizona St.; 0.25 acres. Features: the boundary markers of the original District of Columbia, picnic tables and benches.

4 Arlington Hall West Park

290 S. Taylor St.; 7 acres. Features: playground, multi-use rectangular field, picnic area and grill.

5 Bailey's Branch Park

990 S. Columbus St.; 2 acres. Features: playground, benches and open green space.

6 Ballston Pond Park

4747 N. Fairfax Drive; 4 acres. Features: a great spot to observe wildlife.

7 Barcroft Park

4200 S. Four Mile Run Drive; 65 acres. Features: lighted handball, basketball and tennis courts, lighted baseball and softball fields, batting cages, volleyball courts, a drop-in rectangular field, horseshoe pit, fishing at the stream, scenic running/walking/biking trail, sheltered picnic areas, charcoal grills and playgrounds.

8 Barton Park

2401 10th St. N.; 3 acres. Features: healing garden, labyrinth and seating.

9 Benjamin Banneker Park

6620 N. 18th St.; 11 acres. Features: trail access, picnic tables, charcoal grills, playground, multi-use field and dog park.

10 Big Walnut Park

1915 N. Harrison St.; 2 acres. Features: open space, playground and picnic area.

11 Bluemont Junction Park

744 N. Emerson St.; 15 acres. Features: paved walking trail, Bermuda grass rectangular field and the retired Bluemont Junction Caboose.



Bluemont Park covers 70 acres. This park features trails, sporting fields, basketball and volleyball courts, healthy vending machines, a professional grade disk golf course, and fishable streams.

12 Bluemont Park

601 N. Manchester St.; 70 acres. Features: biking/running/hiking trails, basketball, tennis and volleyball courts, baseball, softball, soccer, lacrosse and football fields, a playground, picnic areas and nature areas with streams for fishing.

13 Bon Air Park

850 N. Lexington St.; 24 acres. Features: memorial rose garden, azalea and ornamental tree gardens, playgrounds, volleyball and basketball courts, picnic areas and charcoal grills.

14 Charles A. Stewart Park

2400 N. Underwood St.; 4 acres. Features: woods, fields, gazebo, playground and basketball half court.

15 Cherrydale Park

2176 N. Pollard St.; 0.8 acres. Features: open green space, benches, playground and path.

16 Clarendon Central Park

3140 Wilson Blvd.; 1 acre. Features: War memorial dedicated to Arlington citizens, hosts seasonal farmers market and occasional concerts.

17 Dark Star Park

1655 Fort Myer Drive; 0.4 acres. Features: sculptures by artist Nancy Holt and a fountain.



18 Doctor's Run Park

1301 S. George Mason Drive; 6 acres. Features: picnic tables, charcoal grills, playground, volleyball court and path.

19 Donaldson Run Park

4020 30th St. N.; 8 acres. Features: forested area, trail and stream.

20 Douglas Park

1718 S. Quincy St.; 5 acres. Features: playground, nature trails, stream, picnic shelter, volleyball court and stone fireplace.

21 Drew Park

3500 23rd S. Features: basketball court, baseball field, playground and "sprayground."

22 Eads Park

2730 S. Eads St.; 4 acres. Features: gazebo, charcoal grills, playground and multi-use field.

23 Fields Park

825 N. George Mason Drive; 4 acres. Features: multi-use field with bleachers, path and ornamental garden.

24 Fillmore Park

33 N. Fillmore St.; 1 acre. Features: playground, picnic area and baseball and softball fields.

25 Fort Barnard Park

2101 S. Pollard St.; 5 acres. Features: dog exercise area, playground, diamond field with backstop and bleachers, basketball court and a path.

26 Fort C.F. Smith Park

2411 24th St. N.; 19 acres. Features: tree canopy, open meadow, the Hendry House, preserved earthworks of a Civil War Fort and more.

27 Fort Ethan Allen Park

3829 N. Stafford St.; 15 acres. Features: gazebo, playground, basketball court, multi-use field and a dog park.

28 Fort Scott Park

2800 S. Fort Scott Drive; 12 acres. Features: picnic area, playground, baseball and softball fields, tennis court wall and a basketball court.

Julia R. and Juan D., of Washington, D.C., came to the park, with their parents, to ride bikes. Bluemont Park offers extensive trails that connect with the W&OD and Four Mile trails, popular with bikers, hikers, and joggers.



Parker Smith, of Arlington, tries some old-fashioned rock skipping, as his parents look on.



Martha Boshnick, of Bethesda, came to walk her dog Little Man. The large park offers multiple trails, suitable for walking.



Dagoberto, of Arlington, sets up his next shot on the park's basketball court. Along with basketball, the park offers a volleyball court, open green space for casual play, and fields for several sports.



At the center of the Bluemont Park playground is a large play structure, designed to look like a train. There are also three smaller structures, for younger children, that look like western farm buildings, a theme which makes it stand out.

47 Lubber Run Park

200 N. Columbus St. Features: basketball and volleyball courts, picnic shelter, charcoal grills, gazebo, amphitheater, nature paths, playground and grassy multi-use fields.

48 Lyon Village Park

1800 N. Highland St.; 2 acres. Features: picnic area, tennis courts, basketball court and "sprayground."

49 Madison Manor Park

6225 12th Road N. Features: restrooms, drinking fountain, picnic shelter and tables, charcoal grills, stream, playground, baseball/softball field, tennis courts and a lighted basketball court.

50 Marcey Road Park

2722 N. Marcey Road; 3 acres. Features: tennis and basketball courts and access to Potomac Overlook Regional Park.

51 Mosaic Park

544 N. Pollard St. Features: playground, small climbing wall and bocce ball courts.

52 Nelly Custis Park

701 24th St. S.; 0.8 acres. Features: playground, landscaped open green space and benches.

53 Nina Park

800 S. 24th St. Features: sand pit, picnic area and wave wall.

54 Oakgrove Park

1606 N. Quincy St. Features: picnic tables, gazebo, playground, rectangular fields and paved walking trail.

55 Parkhurst Park

5820 20th Road N. Features: play area for toddlers, sand area, playground and gazebo.

56 Penrose Park

2200 6th St. S.; 2 acres. Features: picnic tables, charcoal grills, playground and basketball court.

57 Powhatan Springs Park

6020 Wilson Blvd. Features: skatepark, drinking fountains, concessions, stream, rectangular grass field, ornamental rain garden and fountain.

58 Quincy Park

1021 N. Quincy St.; 4 acres. Features: tennis, basketball and volleyball courts; baseball and softball fields; picnic area and playground.

65 Towers Park

801 S. Scott St.; 4 acres. Features: playground, lighted tennis and basketball courts, sand volleyball court, community garden, lighted dog park, picnic tables, charcoal grills and gazebo.

66 Troy Park

2629 S. Troy St.; 2 acres. Features: picnic tables, horseshoe pit, stream, playground and basketball courts.

67 Tuckahoe Park

2400 N. Sycamore St.; 12 acres. Features: playground, baseball/softball fields, lighted tennis courts, rectangular grass field, nature trails, ornamental garden, amphitheater and picnic tables.

68 Tyrol Hill Park

5101 7th Road S.; 2 acres. Features: playground, picnic shelter and tables, charcoal grills, basketball and volleyball court, open drop-in field and nature trails.

69 Utah Park

3191 S. Utah St.; 4 acres. Features: baseball/softball field, volleyball court, dog park with water hook-up and picnic tables.

70 Virginia Highlands Park

1600 S. Hayes St.; 18 acres. Features: lighted baseball/softball fields, lighted tennis and basketball courts, volleyball court, "sprayground," rectangular drop-in fields and petanque courts.

71 Westover Park

1001 N. Kennebec St.; 4 acres. Features: picnic shelter and tables, playground, baseball/softball fields, lighted basketball courts, volleyball courts, rectangular grass field, path and ornamental garden.

72 Windy Run Park

2420 N. Kenmore St.; 14 acres. Features: stream, nature paths and wooded areas.

73 Woodlawn Park

1325N. Buchanan St.; 1 acre. Features: stream, playground, half basketball court, open green space and picnic tables.

74 Woodstock Park

2049 N. Woodstock St.; 1 acre. Features: water fountains, picnic tables, gazebo, playground and basketball court.

75 Zachary Taylor Park

2900 Military Road; 44 acres. Features: nature trails, stream and baseball/softball fields.

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ENTERTAINMENT

A SAMPLING OF ANNUAL
COMMUNITY EVENTS

September 2015

SATURDAY/SEPT. 11-12

Rosslyn Jazz Festival. 6-9 p.m. on Friday, 1-7 p.m. on Saturday, at Gateway Park, 1300 Lee Highway. The Jazz Festival kick-off event will feature Mexico's fusion band Troker and DJ G-Flux on the 33rd floor of the 1812 North Moore building. The Funk Ark, Sonny Knight & The Lakers, Debo Band, and The Dirty Dozen Brass Band will headline the main event. Free admission—registration required for kickoff. See www.rosslynva.org/events.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 12

Memorial 5K. 6 p.m. in Crystal City. This race was organized to honor the victims, firefighters, and public safety who responded on Sept. 11, 2001. Registration fees are \$35-40. Visit www.arlington911race.com.

SEPT. 12-25

33rd Annual Senior Olympics. Various times at various locations. Participants over 50 years old will participate in track and field, swimming, diving, tennis, table tennis, golf, miniature golf, ten pin bowling, Wii bowling, scrabble, duplicate bridge, cribbage, Mexican train dominoes, pickleball, racquetball, handball, volleyball, badminton, bocce, eight ball pool, cycling, horseshoes, yo-yo tricks, American style Mah Jongg, 5K run and more. Admission varies based on event. Visit www.nvso.us.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 13

Vintage Crystal: Sip and Salsa. 2-6 p.m. at 1900 Crystal Drive. Wine from Spain Portugal, and Argentina and food from local latin restaurants come together at this annual event. Also find live Latin music and salsa lessons. Tickets are \$25 at the the door, \$20 in advance; designated drivers tickets are also available for \$10. Visit www.crystalcity.org for more.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 19

Backyard Beer Festival. 12-10 p.m. at Gateway Park, 1300 Lee Highway. Unlimited beer tasting featuring entertainment, food trucks, and backyard games and activities. Admission is \$35. Visit www.backyardbeerfest.com for tickets.



PHOTOS BY AMINA LUQMAN

The 2015 Arlington County Fair featured all of the traditional trappings—carnival rides, games, piglet races—and for the first time, a parade featuring reenactors (above) and other local entertainment. The 2016 Arlington County Fair has been scheduled for Aug. 17-21. Admission to the fair is free; prices vary for other activities. Visit www.arlingtoncountyfair.us for more.



SUNDAY/SEPT. 20

Vintage Crystal: Pups and Pilsners. 2-6 p.m. at 12th and Crystal Drive. This dog-friendly festival will feature a beer garden with 10 stations—each featuring a different brew. Visit www.crystalcity.org for more.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 26

Clarendon Day. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. On Clarendon Blvd. and Wilson Blvd. between Washington and Highland. Find all the traditional trappings of a street fair plus an International Chili Cookoff, arts and crafts promenade and more. Free to attend. Visit www.clarendon.org/clarendon-day.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 27

Latinoamerican Festival. 1-5 p.m. at Kenmore Middle School, 200 S Carlin Springs Road. Celebrate Hispanic Heritage month by learning more about the folk traditions, music, food and dance of several Latin-American

countries. Free. Visit www.parks.arlingtonva.us/events/latinoamerican-festival.

SEPT. 27-OCT. 3

Fall For The Book Festival. Select locations throughout Northern Virginia, D.C., and Maryland. This week-long regional celebration of literature and the arts connects readers and authors at all levels. Offering bookworms the chance to meet their favorite writers. Free and open to the public. Visit www.fallforthebook.org.

October 2015

SATURDAY/OCT. 3

16th Annual Mid-Atlantic Oktoberfest. 12-7 p.m. at The Village at Shirlington, 4000 Campbell Ave. Breweries bring 4 oz. samples to accompany a day of authentic German food, music, and more. Tickets are \$30. Visit www.facebook.com/CapCityOktoberfest.

SATURDAY/OCT. 16-18

US FreedomWalk Festival. 3-6 p.m. on Friday, 7 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday, 7 a.m.-4 p.m. at 1900 N Fort Myer Drive. The FreedomWalk Festival is a three-day long social walking challenge meant to bring together people of different backgrounds. Different trails are offered each day at a variety of distances from 3-27 miles starting at the Holiday Inn. Costs vary. Visit www.usfreedomwalk.org for more.

FRIDAYSUNDAY/OCT 23-25

Marine Corps Marathon Weekend. Events like the Health & Fitness Expo, First Timers Pep Rally, Runners bRUNch, and more, lead up to the main event—The 40th Annual Marine Corps Marathon—on Sunday at 7:55

a.m. and the MCM Finish Festival. Visit www.marine-marathon.com for more.

SATURDAY/OCT. 24

VolunteerFest. A region-wide day of community service helps nonprofits accomplish tasks they would not have time or resources to do on their own. Visit www.volunteerfairfax.org/individuals/volunteerfest.php for more.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 28

Chiefs vs. Chefs. 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Clarendon Ballroom, 3185 Wilson Blvd. The Arlington Food Assistance Center is hosting it's 4th annual "Chiefs vs. Chefs" live cooking competition. Three professionals chefs will compete against three firehouse cooks for the "Golden Eggplant" using only food found in center's pantry. Visit www.afac.org.

November 2015

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 11

Arlington National Cemetery Veterans Day Ceremony. Arlington National Cemetery. Thousands of visitors gather to honor fallen and living veterans. Visit www.arlingtoncemetery.mil.

March 2016

SECOND TUESDAY IN MARCH

Clarendon Mardi Gras Parade. Annual parade to celebrate Fat Tuesday. Visit www.clarendon.com/mardi-gras.

April 2016

APRIL-JUNE

Relay for Life. Raise funds for cancer research by attending all-night-long events sponsored by the American Cancer Society. Visit www.relayforlife.org for specific details.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/APRIL 16-17

Arlington Festival of the Arts. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Highland Street in the Clarendon District of Arlington. Artists from all over the country will showcase paintings, jewelry, pottery, glass, and more. Free. Visit www.artfestival.com.

APRIL 23-30

Historic Garden Week. This eight-day statewide event provides visitors with a unique opportunity to see elaborate gardens with more than 2,000 flower arrangements created by the Garden Club of Virginia Members. Visit www.va.gardenweek.org for more.

May 2016

Taste of Arlington. This annual event turns the Ballston area into a street festival featuring Arlington's restaurants and live music. Ticket prices vary. Visit www.ballstonbid.com.

June 2016

MONDAYS, JUNE-AUGUST

Crystal Screen. 1851 S. Bell St. Each year a different theme is chosen for this outdoor film festival beginning at sunset each Monday. Visit www.crystalcity.org for more.

SATURDAY/JUNE 21

Arlington's Got Talent. Local talent is invited to perform to benefit the efforts of Leadership Arlington. Visit www.leadershiparlington.org for more.

August 2016

WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 17-21

Arlington County Fair. Times vary at Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 Second Street South. Summer family event complete with carnival rides, musical entertainment, food and more. Admission is free. Visit www.arlingtoncountyfair.us

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Lead singer of the cover band, Burnt Sienna. Live music is offered each spring at Taste of Arlington in downtown Ballston. Visit www.ballstonbid.com/Taste.

NEWCOMERS & COMMUNITY GUIDE

Public Schools	Fairfax County	Montgomery County, MD	Arlington County	Alexandria City
FY 2015 Cost Per Pupil	\$13,519	\$15,351	\$19,040	\$17,041
Average Teacher Salary	\$66,782	\$75,452	\$76,892	\$73,612
2014 ACTUAL ENROLLMENT				
Total Enrollment	183,895	151,289	23,421	13,563
Percent ESOL Enrollment	17.0%	13.2%	17.4%	25.5%
Percent Free/Reduced Price Meal Eligible	27.5%	34.3%	31.8%	59.7%
Percent Special Education Enrollment	13.8%	11.7%	14.7%	12.6%
2015 APPROVED ENROLLMENT				
Number Increase/Decrease from 2014 Actual	2,890	2,889	792	548
Percent Increase/Decrease from 2014 Actual	1.6%	1.9%	3.4%	4.0%
SCHOOLS				
Elementary	139	133	22	12
Middle	23	38	5	2
Traditional (K-8)	0	0	0	1
Secondary and High Schools	25	26	5	1
Special Education	7	5	2	0
Alternative	2	0	3	2
SOURCES OF REVENUE				
Local	69.6%	66.6%	83.0%	79.3%
State	23.3%	27.9%	12.5%	14.9%
Other	7.2%	5.5%	4.6%	5.8%
AUTHORIZED POSITIONS				
School-Based	93.2%	91.2%	90.9%	89.7%
Nonschool-Based	6.8%	8.8%	9.1%	10.3%
SOURCE: 2015 WASHINGTON AREA BOARDS OF EDUCATION GUIDE				

BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS

Arlington Chamber of Commerce

2009 14th St., North Suite 100. Founded in 1924, the Arlington Chamber is a voluntary, nonprofit organization of hundreds of businesses and thousands of professional people who are committed to the economic prosperity and civic well being of the local community. Call 703-525-2400 or visit www.arlingtonchamber.org.

Arlington Economic Development

1100 North Glebe Road, Suite 1500. A resource for consumers and businesses in Arlington, with everything from updates on what on businesses' recent accomplishments and successes to studies on Arlington demographics that show how the city is changing. Call 703-228-0808 or visit www.arlingtonvirginiausa.com.

The Ballston Business Improvement District

901 North Glebe Road, Suite 806. Ballston's BID strives to be a foremost business, cultural and entertainment destination; they plan the large food-music-art festival Taste of Arlington. Call 703-664-1194 or visit www.ballstonbid.com.

The Crystal City Business Improvement District

2001 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 505. A public-private partnership established in April 2006 to promote the Crystal City business, retail, restaurant and residential community. The BID is committed to showcasing the area as a world-class destination for visitors, employees and residents. Call 703-412-9430 or visit www.crystalcity.org.

Rosslyn Business Improvement District

1911 North Fort Myer Drive, LL-10. Established in 2003, the Rosslyn BID takes a leadership role in making Rosslyn a viable place to live, work and play. Call the office at 703-522-6628 or visit www.rosslynva.org.

Pakistan American Business Association Inc.

9302 Old Keene Mill Road, Suite B. PABA is a nonprofit, bilateral trade association that promotes business opportunities between Pakistan

and the U.S., and nurtures leadership skills within the Pakistani American business community. Call 703-627-1500 or visit www.pabausa.org.

Northern Virginia Black Chamber of Commerce

The Alexandria-based organization provides resources to black-owned businesses in Alexandria, Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William counties. Visit www.northernvirginiabcc.org.

Vietnamese American Chamber of Commerce

6521 Arlington Blvd., Suite 401. Provides networking and professional services to the Vietnamese community. Call 571-858-9909 or visit www.vietamcham.com/site/.

Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Northern Virginia

Located in Herndon, the organization serves businesses lead by and those that work with the Hispanic community in the area. Visit www.hccnva.org.

Asian American Chamber of Commerce

8300 Boone Blvd., Suite 450, McLean. Located in Tysons, it offers programs to Asian and Pacific business communities in the region. Call 703-752-6292 or visit www.asian-americanchamber.org.

U.S. Lebanese Chamber of Commerce

A privately held business association founded in 2010 offering networking and resources to Lebanese Americans. Call 703-761-4949.

Afghan American Chamber of Commerce

8201 Greensboro Drive, Suite 103, McLean. AACC offers resources through business advice, conferences, seminars, networking events and publications to stimulate U.S.-Afghanistan business and investment; Working Groups seek to reduce impediments to business and market progress for members. AACC also serves as a link between the private sector and government to encourage economic policies that result in increased business and investment. Call 703-442-5005 or visit www.a-acc.org.

ARLINGTON BY ZIP CODE

Zip code: 22206

Population: 19,051
Race: White-13,346 (70.1%), Black/African American-2,459 (12.9%), American Indian and Alaska Native-61 (0.3%), Asian-1,294 (6.8%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-2,700
Total housing units: 11,166
Owner-occupied housing units: 4,586 (45.8%)
Households with individuals under 18 years: 1,730 (17.3%)
Households with individuals 65 years and over: 927 (9.2%)
Median household income: 95,023
Mean family income: 125,954
Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home: 22.9%

Zip code: 22202

Population: 22,543
Race: White-16,872 (74.8%), Black/African American-1,777 (7.9%), American Indian and Alaska Native-83 (0.4%), Asian-2,698 (12%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-1,823 (8.1%)
Total housing units: 14,505
Owner-occupied housing units: 3,005 (22.9%)
Households with individuals under 18 years: 1,137 (8.7%)
Households with individuals 65 years and over: 1,774 (13.5%)
Median household income: 109,006
Mean family income: 170,684
Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home: 24.4%

Zip code: 22204

Population: 47,233
Race: White-24,650 (52.2%), Black/African American-7,920 (16.8%), American Indian and Alaska Native-322 (0.7%), Asian-5,407 (11.4%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-14,433 (30.6%)
Total housing units: 21,637
Owner-occupied housing units: 8,205 (41.5%)
Households with individuals under 18 years: 5,272 (26.7%)
Households with individuals 65 years and over: 2,794 (14.1%)
Median household income: 75,135
Mean family income: 99,944
Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home: 49.4%

Zip code: 22203

Population: 21,850
Race: White-15,552 (71.2%), Black/African American-1,321 (6%), American Indian and Alaska Native-256 (1.2%), Asian-2,247 (10.3%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-3,839 (17.6%)
Total housing units: 11,272
Owner-occupied housing units: 3,859 (34.3%)
Households with individuals under 18 years: 1,554 (13.8%)
Households with individuals 65 years and over: 1,937 (17.2%)
Median household income: 100,874
Mean family income: 166,006
Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home: 26.8%

Zip code: 22201

Population: 33,476
Race: White-26,562 (79.3%), Black/African American-1,506 (4.5%), American Indian and Alaska Native-71 (0.2%), Asian-3,297 (9.8%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-3,044 (9.1%)
Total housing units: 18,969

Source: U.S. Census 2010; American Community Survey 2012

Owner-occupied housing units: 6,348 (35.5%)
Households with individuals under 18 years: 2,006 (11.2%)
Households with individuals 65 years and over: 1,438 (8.1%)
Median household income: 110,293
Mean family income: 191,123
Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home: 21.3%

Zip code: 22209

Population: 12,314
Race: White-8,682 (70.5%), Black/African American-639 (5.2%), American Indian and Alaska Native-43 (0.3%), Asian-2,058 (16.7%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-1,409 (11.4%)
Total housing units: 7,979
Owner-occupied housing units: 2,062 (28.2%)
Households with individuals under 18 years: 610 (8.3%)
Households with individuals 65 years and over: 652 (8.9%)
Median household income: 94,109
Mean family income: 145,192
Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home: 32.8%

Zip code: 22205

Population: 17,087
Race: White-14,393 (84.2%), Black/African American-466 (2.7%), American Indian and Alaska Native-50 (0.3%), Asian-1,042 (6.1%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-1,645 (9.6%)
Total housing units: 6,759
Owner-occupied housing units: 4,648 (72.5%)
Households with individuals under 18 years: 2,317 (36.1%)
Households with individuals 65 years and over: 1,353 (21.1%)
Median household income: 140,948
Mean family income: 186,322
Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home: 20.2%

Zip code: 22213

Population: 2,936
Race: White-2,493 (84.9%), Black/African American-76 (2.6%), American Indian and Alaska Native-6 (0.2%), Asian-209 (7.1%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-177 (6%)
Total housing units: 1,350
Owner-occupied housing units: 939 (79.4%)
Households with individuals under 18 years: 368 (31.1%)
Households with individuals 65 years and over: 239 (20.2%)
Median household income: 138,512
Mean family income: 199,507
Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home: 27.1%

Zip code: 22207

Population: 30,920
Race: White-26,247 (84.9%), Black/African American-1,424 (4.6%), American Indian and Alaska Native-75 (0.2%), Asian-1,696 (5.5%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-2,281 (7.4%)
Total housing units: 11,860
Owner-occupied housing units: 8,982 (79.5%)
Households with individuals under 18 years: 4,047 (35.8%)
Households with individuals 65 years and over: 2,808 (24.8%)
Median household income: 162,424
Mean family income: 250,422
Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home: 16.3%

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Neighborly Advice: Arlington Favorites

From bicycles to barbecue: great places to try here.

BY EDEN BROWN
THE CONNECTION

You're new to Arlington and you have no idea where to go or what is good in town? Relax. Ten Arlingtonians were asked to share their "go-to" list of favorites. Some of their "picks of Arlington" were well kept secrets; some were the old stand-bys that give Arlington its mix of suburban and cool. One couple answered the questions separately and were surprised at each other's answers: Katie Harvey said: "I have to say, my husband's answers are fascinating to me as his wife. We both have lived in Arlington our entire lives (outside of college years) and have been married 11 years so it is entertaining to see answers that I wouldn't have expected." (They didn't use the same dry cleaner.).

Grocery, Specialty, and Wine Stores

Katy Lang's favorite grocery store is Trader Joe's in Clarendon for the cheap basics and unique items, "just try to avoid the 7 p.m. rush." Liz Thomas agreed. But most of those polled went for either Harris Teeter on North Harrison Street or Whole Foods on Clarendon Boulevard. Only one liked Safeway. Arrowine Wine and Cheese store at 4508 Lee Highway was hands down the favorite wine (and cheese) store for all of those who weighed in. The Italian Store, whether at the Lyon Village location or the new location in Westover, stood in a category of its own: Jennifer Wilkin-Penick said, "I will never forget what a delight it was to walk in there after moving here from Italy. Not only could I speak Italian with the (Tuscan) cashier, but they had my favorite Italian brand of toothpaste. My favorite cheese (sweet gorgonzola layered with mascarpone), my favorite Italian cookies (Pan di Stello) and then staples from Italy, such as dried mullet roe, good olives, farro, and huge 'paccheri' pasta. And that was back when they had a vintage Vespa sitting outside the shop, which reminded me of the Vespa I'd left behind."

Neighborhood/Ethnic Restaurants

Everyone had their own favorite Thai restaurant: Heininger's was Thai Square on Columbia Pike, Thomas and Lang's was Thai Thai at 5123 Lee Hwy., for the cheap, authentic food and free delivery, and Gary Harvey's was Thai Noy in Westover (although he also goes to Falls Church for Thai food at Duangrat). Heininger likes Ravi Kabob, on Glebe Road in the Buckingham Shopping center: "It's not fancy but it's a great place to hang out." It is also known for its lamb shanks. Lang said: "Liberty Tavern — I know they've been around forever, but they are so consistently good and the space is always warm and comforting." Gary Harvey and Thomas both liked Kapnos Taverna located on Wilson Boulevard. Also cited were: SER, a Spanish restaurant at 1110 N. Glebe Road, Ballston, and Cassat's Kiwi Cafe, at 4536 Lee Highway, and Bistro 360 at 1800 Wilson Boulevard for take-out, and Backyard BBQ at 2910 N. Sycamore St. Wilkin-Penick said her own favorites were District Taco and Lebanese Taverna; "District Taco is just so easy to stop in to get a delectable duo or trio of tacos for a song and with speedy service, too." The Eden Center on Wilson Boulevard was also listed as an authentic ethnic dining experience with many Vietnamese restaurants to choose from. Katie Harvey liked Lyon Hall, a French-German Brasserie at 3100 Washington Blvd., as her "go-to" restaurant. Sheridan Collins liked Peter Chang at 2503 N. Harrison St. for Chinese food.

Dry Cleaners and Hair Salons

Wilkin-Penick said: "Millie's, at 2222 North Glebe Road, hands-down. I love the older gentleman who shouts 'Hello' when you walk in, and I would trust Mrs. Kim, in the tailoring department upstairs, with anything. She is a wizard." Gary Harvey likes the dry cleaners in the Dominion Hills Shopping Center, in the 6000 block of Wilson Boulevard. "I use them because they are very conveniently located and they do a quick turn with my dry cleaning." Collins agreed on Millie's for alterations, but chose Hi-Hat Cleaners at 3131 Lee Highway for cleaning and her friend Mary chose Hurt Cleaners at 3410 Wilson Blvd., and Eli's Salon on Lee Highway

for hair care. Liz Thomas cited Smitten Boutique Salon, 2209 N. Pershing Drive in Clarendon for hair. Gary Harvey liked Tom's Barber Shop in Westover. Hair salon? Jenny Chang in Clarendon at Sung For Hair, "3000 10th St. N Suite C is the best," per Katie Harvey.

Car and Bike Shops

Each of the Arlingtonians polled had a favorite bike or car repair shop: Jan Heininger swore by the Japanese Auto Clinic on Lee Highway; Gary Harvey was equally upbeat about D&V Service Center. "Robbie Guenther and his staff are very honest and do fantastic work at reasonable prices. Robbie will not upsell unnecessary repair services and will complete repairs in a timely fashion. We love D&V Service Center." Liz Thomas liked Brakes and Beyond, a mobile mechanic who cares for her 1989 Volvo, and J and F Motors when Brakes and Beyond cannot fix it. Sheridan Collins liked Koons Toyota at 4045 Lee Highway and her friend Mary likes Cherrydale Motors at 3412 Lee Highway.

One of Katy Lang's favorite things about Arlington is the variety of transit options: "The bus system in Arlington (and where WMATA comes over into Arlington) is truly wonderful — clean, reliable, and goes many places that you might never think of. I think if a town has good public transit, it shows their commitment to the health and well-being of its townspeople and that's so, so important in a place to live." Her bike shop is Fresh Bikes, at 3924 Wilson Blvd.; others liked Revolution Cycles 2731 Wilson Boulevard, and Big Wheel Bikes at Lyon Village Center, 3100 Block of Lee Highway.

Caterers, Bakeries, and Farmers Markets

Lang said Earl's Sandwiches, at 4215 Fairfax Drive, is good for catering, and the Farmer's Market at Courthouse on Saturday mornings is just the right size and has everything one might need, with the added bonus of the adjoining craft/flea market which is fun to browse. Some liked the Westover Farmers Market, mainly because it's open on Sunday. Many people liked Pastries by Randolph at 4500 Lee Hwy. Katie Harvey said Taste by Katie, at 6017 Wil-

son Boulevard, is her go-to caterer and take away shop. "We just adore the business and as two parents who max out our time between work, church, kids' activities and volunteering, Taste by Katie is a lifesaver. The food is delicious and fresh and keeps healthier food on the table during very busy evenings in our household. She has also catered a few events for us (co-ed baby shower and Auction Happy Hour) with fabulous, customized menus."

Bars and Coffee Shops

Lang reports that lately she has been "loving the vibe of the bar at Fireworks Pizza — a good mix of travelers looking to be social, and locals coming from after work nearby." Her favorite coffee place? "Northside Social," she said. "Hands down. Great staff, delicious coffee, space for everyone whether you're socializing, studying, or stuffing your face with pastries and cheese." Wilkin-Penick said Northside Social reminded her of a place that you'd find where she's from, the North West. Gary Harvey said, "The Westover Beer Garden is a great neighborhood bar that constantly rotates quality craft beers from all over the country. It is a great place to see friends, listen to music, watch sporting events on the outside TV and get quality food. The Forest Inn is a great dive bar that is truly different from all of the other bars in Arlington. Folks here are not pretentious and the overall atmosphere is very laid back." Bayou Bakery also got good reviews by Rachel Minchew for their coffee. Thomas liked the Galaxy Hut at 2711 Wilson Blvd. for beer, and Northside Social for coffee. Katie Harvey liked Screwtop, a wine bar with cheese flights and craft beers at 1025 N. Fillmore St.

AND Jamie Usrey summed it up: "There is much to love about Arlington; most people move here for the schools, or the proximity to Washington: but Arlington stands on its own too. It has great tennis courts (that you can actually get on), many senior activities, and public transportation accessibility. There are so many places to go on a bike ride, so many nonprofit organizations helping those in need, so many libraries, and," she added with a smile: "And there are so many Democrats here."

NONPROFITS IN ARLINGTON

Arlington Thrive

Arlington Thrive provides one-time, same-day emergency financial assistance to Arlington residents facing a financial crisis, and also has programs to help prevent homelessness. 703-558-0035 or www.arlingtonthrive.org

Doorways for Women and Families

Provides services to help women out of domestic violence and homelessness toward safe and stable lives. Call 703-237-0881 for 24-hour hotline and safehouse, 703-504-9400 for general questions, or visit www.doorwaysva.org.

The Arlington Food Assistance Center

Provides supplemental food assistance to Arlington County residents, on average serving 2,200 families every week with over 35 percent of the those served being children. The Center is at 2708 South Nelson St., Arlington or visit one of their distribution centers—view the map at www.afac.org/get-food. Call 703-845-8486 or visit www.afac.org.

Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia

Helps families located in the counties of Arlington and Fairfax along with the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax and Falls Church. Assists families in obtaining affordable housing and connects them with groups of volunteers who contribute time and/or talent to help build homes; volunteers and monetary donations are needed. Call 703-521-9890. email info@habitatnova.org or visit www.habitatnova.org.

Arlington Free Clinic

Provides low-income, uninsured adults with access to a full range of medical services in Arlington, 703-979-1425, 2921

11th St. South Arlington. Visit www.arlingtonfreeclinic.org.

Bridges to Independence

Bridges to Independence (b2i) offers shelter to homeless people and works in coordination with public agencies, businesses and community groups to give homeless people the support, shelter, counseling, and employment training they need to regain self-sufficiency. Call 703-525-7177 or visit www.bridges2.org.

A-SPAN

Provides services for Arlington's street homeless. Their mission is to secure permanent housing for one of Arlington's most vulnerable populations. Call 703-820-4357 or www.a-span.org.

Northern Virginia Family Services

This nonprofit offers employments and job training, health care, housing, mental health, foster care and home visitations to new parents. Northern Virginia Family Services is headquartered at 1455 White Granite Drive, Suite 100 in Oakton with centers and thrift shops throughout the region. Call 703-385-3267 or visit www.nvfs.org.

Arlington Neighborhood Villages

Arlington Neighborhood Villages (ANV) is a non-profit organized to help people "aging in place" throughout Arlington County. ANV combines elements of a senior cooperative, a social club and a concierge service. With a single phone call or email members can make requests from a broad range of services or register for village social, educational and cultural events. Visit www.arlnvil.org.

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Changing Neighborhoods

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said Iams. "It's really a complete community."

Beyond commercial opportunities, Leone said that one of her favorite spots in Ballston visitors may not know about is the small "ellipse park," a courtyard behind the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

"It's a beautiful little spot," Leone said. "There's a fountain back there and sometimes, when you sit there, you really don't feel like you're in an urban environment."

'Realize Rosslyn'

Like other neighborhoods in Arlington, Rosslyn is seeing a greater push towards retail and commercial spaces rather than the large government jobs that dominated the local economy before Base Realignment and Closure hit in 2005. A new Target is expected to open in Rosslyn by the end of 2015, and Iams said the county's "Realize Rosslyn" plan has helped push for more shopping and dining options in the area.

However, some long-time residents believe the county is selling them out for a chance at greater development in the area. Paul Derby, president of the North Rosslyn Civic Association, said the view out the window from his home has changed dramatically over the last few years.

"When I first moved here, it was a lot of low rise garden apartments," said Derby. "Now, those four or five story buildings are being replaced by a very tall skyline."

Derby said the battle for local residents is keeping the new development in Rosslyn between the Wilson and Key boulevards.

"We're getting pressure from Arlington County, under the drive for affordable housing, to put up larger, high density buildings in residential areas," said Derby. "That's been the biggest debate here. The community is very much in support of affordable housing, but not at the expense of replacing a low rise neighborhood for six to eight story buildings."

There are 1,745 residential units in North Rosslyn. With an average of two people per household, there's an average of 3,500 people living in North Rosslyn. Derby says he isn't opposed to development, but wants to see that process slowed to allow the local occupancy time to catch up to the new retail expansion.

Derby says this kind of frustration, in North Rosslyn

and other neighborhoods, was a large part of independent John Vihstadt's reelection in the 2014 general election to the otherwise uniformly Democratic County Board.

"Vihstadt's election was a show of frustration at the massive concessions and things that are happening for the developers at the cost of voters," said Derby.

Mary-Claire Burick, president of the Rosslyn Business Improvement District, said that the key to developing in Rosslyn is keeping both the residents and the day workers happy. Burick said the Rosslyn Sector Plan, approved by the County Board in July, calls for streetscape changes, regional wifi, and cosmetic adjustments to support new retail in Rosslyn.

But if the added commercial space is one of Rosslyn's largest conflicts, Derby also acknowledged that the present lack of retail can be a source of frustration as well.

"Within 15 to 20 minutes, you can walk to Courthouse, Clarendon, or Georgetown," said Derby. "There are huge numbers of retail establishments and places to eat. That's good and bad. The bad is that retail doesn't place itself in Rosslyn, there's a real dearth of that here."

According to Iams, Rosslyn also struggles to bring in commercial clients to fill the vacant office space because the majority of those offices were built and designed with the Department of Defense in mind.

"To the extent that that space can be adapted to the new norms of office tenancy and new amenities, it can continue to do well, but there's a strong need for reinvestment in those properties," said Iams.

But Iams said there's plenty of opportunities for newcomers either looking to commute into D.C. or find work locally.

"You could easily make a compact, convenient life in Rosslyn working for the government with easy access to D.C.'s federal core," said Iams. But [Rosslyn] also has cool opportunities for creative types: Politico, WJLA. There are also some large professional services shops, like Corporate Executive Board [CEB] and Deloitte, based out of Rosslyn."

For commuting into D.C., Derby argues there's no better place than Rosslyn.

"If you live in Rosslyn, it's one of the few places where you have walking access to three metro lines: blue, orange, and silver," said Derby. "You can catch three different metro lines from home. And there's airport access at National. It's even easy to get to BWI."

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Getting To Know High School School Sports...

Yorktown

School: Yorktown High School.
Mascot: Patriots.
School Colors: Columbia blue and white.
Athletic Director: Mike Krulfeld, 703-228-5388.
Football Coach: Bruce Hanson (31st year).
 Yorktown finished the 2014 regular season with a 7-3 record and lost to Patriot in the opening round of the 6A North playoffs.

Volleyball coach: Sheena Gauer.
Boys' basketball coach: Joe Reed.
Girls' basketball coach: Devaughn Drayton.
Baseball coach: John Skaggs.
Boys' Lacrosse Coach: Greg Beer.
Girls' Lacrosse Coach: Crystal Fraser.
Rival school: Washington-Lee.

What Happened Last Season: The girls' soccer team went 13-2-3, finished Conference 6 runner-up and reached the 6A North region quarterfinals. Then-sophomore gymnast Juliette Mitrovich earned all-state honors on bars and beam. Then-senior wrestler Jason Kappel won the

Football team finished 7-4 in 2014, made playoffs.

195-pound Conference 6 championship. The boys' basketball, boys' lacrosse, girls' lacrosse and field hockey teams qualified for regionals.

Notable: The boys' lacrosse program in 2014 reached the region semifinals for the first time.

Quotable: "It's a great feeling. Three years of hard work paid off. It means a lot because I worked hard for this. Seeing all my teammates out there cheering for me; that meant a lot." — Then-senior wrestler Jason Kappel after winning the 2015 195-pound Conference 6 championship.

Former Yorktown wrestler Jason Kappel, right, won the 2015 195-pound Conference 6 championship.



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Wakefield

School: Wakefield High School.
Mascot: Warriors.
School Colors: Kelly green and black.
Athletic Director: Noel Deskins, 703-228-6733.

Football coach: Wayne Hogwood, (third year)
 The Warriors finished the 2014 regular season with a 7-3 record and earned a 5A North region playoff berth. It was Wakefield's first winning season since 1983 and best record since 1972. Wakefield hosted a playoff game for the first time in school history and defeated Potomac Falls, 25-18, for the program's first playoff win. The Warriors lost to Tuscarora in the quarterfinals, finishing the year at 8-4.

Field hockey coach: Mike Wisniewski
Boys' basketball: Tony Bentley
Girls' basketball: Marcia Richardson
Baseball: Mike Ruck

What happened last season: The boys' basketball team went 24-2 and won the Conference 13 championship, but lost in the 5A North region quarterfinals. The girls' basketball team finished 16-10, lost to Edison in the conference championship game and advanced to the region quarterfinals. The softball team qualified for

Football team went 8-4 in 2014, won 5A North playoff game.

regionals.

Notable: The boys' basketball program, led by head coach Tony Bentley, has won three straight district/conference championships. The Warriors are 73-12 during that stretch, with one region title and one region runner-up finish.

Quotable: "People will stop seeing Wakefield as a basketball school completely, and maybe they'll want to play [football] here. I'm a teacher in Arlington; I still live in the area. There are a lot of kids that are like, I think I want to go to Washington-Lee or I think I want to go to Yorktown because they've done things the right way over there. [W-L head coach Josh] Shapiro has turned that program around, [Yorktown head coach] Bruce [Hanson] is always staying competitive and doing what he does, [but] now we've got a reason to make people think about hanging out here for a little bit." — Wakefield head football coach Wayne Hogwood.



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Leon Young, then a junior, and the Wakefield football team earned its first playoff win in program history last season.

Washington-Lee

School: Washington-Lee High School.
Mascot: Generals.
School Colors: Blue and Gray.
Athletic Director: Carol Callaway, 703-228-6207.
Football Coach: Josh Shapiro (ninth season).

The Generals finished the 2014 regular season with a 6-4 record and qualified for the 6A North playoffs. W-L lost to West Springfield 38-20 in the opening round.

Cross Country Coach: Matt Przydzial.
Field Hockey Coach: Beth Prange.
Boys' Basketball: Bobby Dobson.
Girls' Basketball: Angie Kelly.
Gymnastics Coach: Joe D'Emidio.
Baseball: Doug Grove.
Boys' Soccer Coach: Jimmy Carrasquillo.
Girls' Soccer Coach: Eddy Matos.
Rival School: Yorktown.

What Happened Last Season: Then-senior gymnast Sophie Hatcher won the Conference 6 and 6A North region all-around championships, and placed fifth at the state meet. The boys' cross country team won the conference title, placed sixth at the 6A North region meet and qualified for the state meet. The girls' cross country team finished conference runner-up. Then-junior wrestler Ethan Guenther won

Boys' XC team makes first states appearance in 33 years.

the 220-pound conference championship. The boys' soccer team finished the season 12-1-1, but lost in the opening round of the conference tournament and failed to qualify for regionals.

Notable: The boys' cross country team in 2014 qualified for the state meet for the first time in 33 years. The gymnastics program won three consecutive region championships from 2012-2014.

Quotable: "Sophie was, again, on a roll. She won the all-around at conference and here she is, not missing a beat. We just hope that beat keeps going all the way to states. We're following her excitement and the team is still excited for her that she's advancing." — W-L gymnastics coach Joe D'Emidio after Sophie Hatcher won the 2015 6A North region all-around title. The Generals won three consecutive region titles from 2012-2014 but failed to qualify for states in 2015.

Bishop O'Connell

School: Bishop Denis J. O'Connell High School.
Mascot: Knights.
School Colors: Blue and silver.
Athletic Director: Joe Wootten, 703-237-1455.
Football Coach: Colin Disch (first year).

The Knights started the 2014 season with five straight wins, but dropped their final five games, starting with an overtime loss to St. John's, and finished 5-5.

Girls' Soccer Coach: Alberto Starace.
Boys' Basketball Coach: Joe Wootten.
Girls' Basketball Coach: Aggie McCormick-Dix.
Baseball Coach: Kyle Padgett.
Softball Coach: Tommy Orndorff.
Rival Schools: Paul VI, Bishop Ireton.



Orndorff

What happened last year: The softball team went 27-3, lost to St. Mary's Ryken in the WCAC championship game and won the VISAA state title. The girls' cross country team won the WCAC championship and placed second at the VISAA state meet. The boys' cross country team placed third in the WCAC and second at the VISAA state meet. The girls' soccer team lost to Good Counsel in the conference championship game. The boys' soccer team

Baseball team reached the 2014 WCAC championship series.

lost to DeMatha in the conference final. The boys' basketball team went 20-11 and reached the WCAC semifinals. The girls' basketball team lost to Paul VI in the VISAA state final.

Notable: The Bishop O'Connell softball program won 10 consecutive WCAC tournament championships from 2004-2013. Head coach Tommy Orndorff in 2015 surpassed 700 victories in 30 seasons with the program.

Quotable: "I don't know if there's a correct answer for that. It's certainly a problem, but it's a nice problem to have. There are a lot of people that would like to have just one of those guys." — O'Connell softball coach Tommy Orndorff, when asked how to keep his talented 2015 pitching staff — Erin Sweeney, Patty Maye Ohanian, Kathryn Sandercock, Olivia Giaquinto — happy with limited opportunities to pitch during the season.