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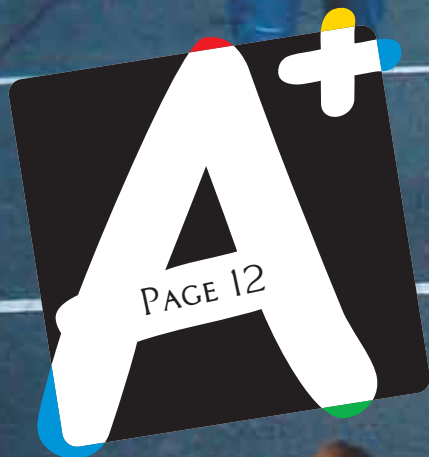
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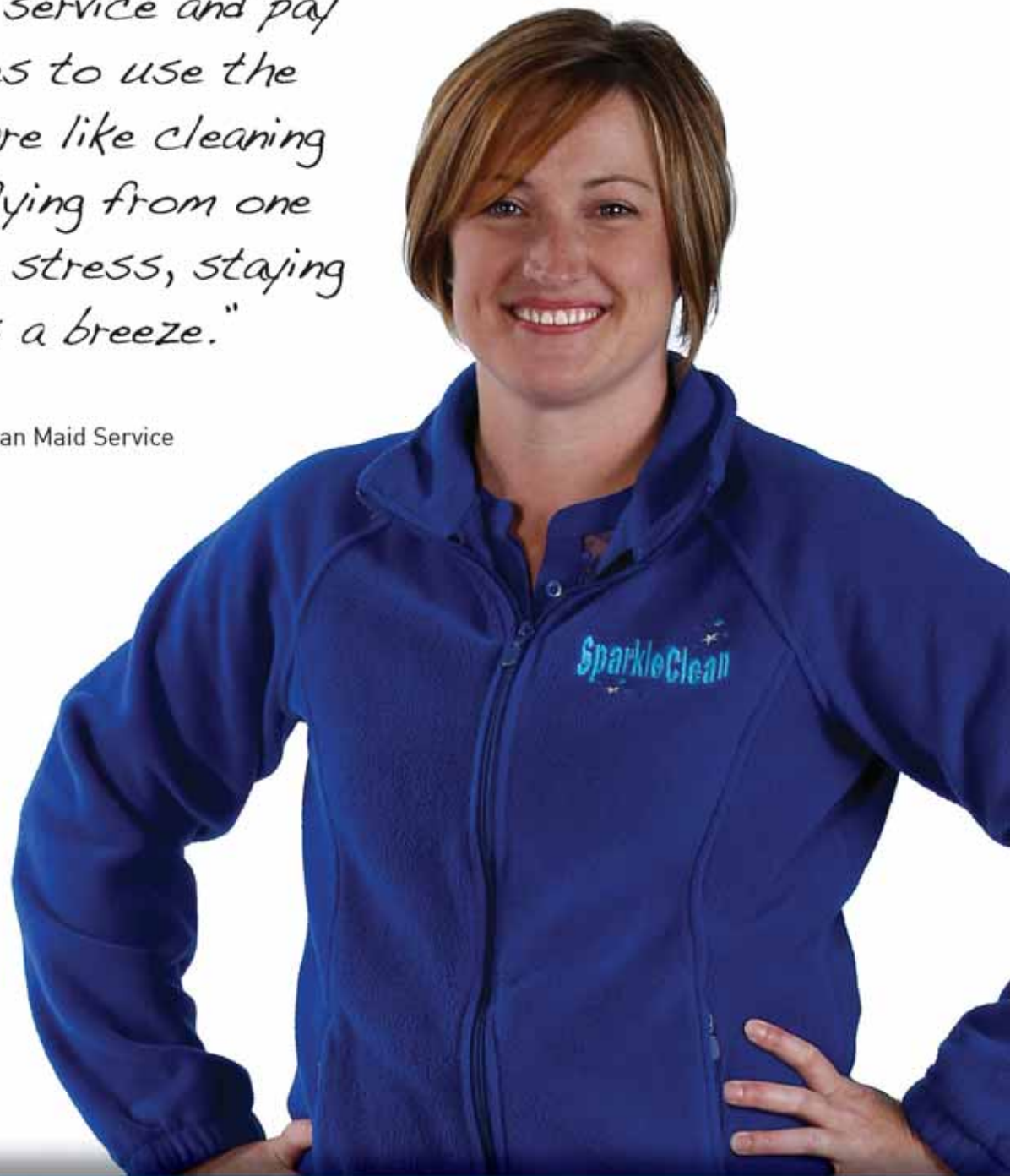


The ninth annual K-9 Krawl 5K Walk was held Saturday, Oct. 17 at the Fairfax County Government Center. It was created to bring awareness to domestic violence and the link to animal cruelty.

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Board of Supervisors accepts Final Report from Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission chairman Michael Hershman was clear about what his group was, and was not tasked to do.

"We as a commission believe we were not appointed to defend the police department, nor was it our role to simply disparage the department," Hershman said when presenting the final report and recommendations of the commission to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on Oct. 20.

The full 37-member commission met eight times between March 23 and Oct. 8. Five subcommittees met many times to more closely examine areas of mental health, use of force, independent oversight, communications and recruitment, diversity and vetting within the police department.

In that short time, Hershman said, they've done "what few other jurisdictions have been able to do: to take a police department that has the respect both within and without our county, and turn it into an ideal model in policing. They've had their problems — not as many as some other jurisdictions — but enough to warrant change."

THE FINAL REPORT of the commission includes 142 recommendations spanning the subject areas of the subcommittees, including calling for creating an independent auditor position, civilian review board and more robust crisis intervention training and management.

Board of Supervisors chairman Sharon Bulova announced the formation of the commission in the wake of a lawsuit against the county brought by the family of Springfield man John Geer, who was shot and killed by Fairfax County police officer Adam Torres in August 2013.

The county had released scant details of the incident to either Geer's family or the public, eliciting public demonstrations for justice and drawing the attention of U.S. Sen. Charles Grassley (R-Iowa), chair of the U.S. Senate judiciary committee, who wrote several letters to Fairfax County chief of Police Edwin Roessler and Commonwealth's Attorney Raymond Morrogh asking why there had been a delay in releasing information.

Each of the subcommittees was allowed to bring on non-commission civilians, bringing the total citizen involvement in the commission and subcommittees to 70 members.

Supervisor Penny Gross (D-Mason) said county staff was already beginning to look at implementing a number of the recom-



Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission chairman Michael Hershman presents the commission's final report to the Board of Supervisors on Oct. 20.



Members of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors listen to Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission chairman Michael Hershman present the commission's final report including 142 recommendations for improving the police department.

mendations. She also questioned whether there was a budget timeline established for recommendations requiring additional funding.

County Executive Edward Long responded that county staff has been developing a "matrix" to identify all the costs from the recommendations, priorities and a phasing strategy to spread out additional funding over time.

The supervisors praised Hershman and the commission for the body of work they accomplished over the spring, summer and beginning of fall. However, the recommendation of a civilian oversight board drew several direct questions from supervisors.

Jeff McKay (D-Lee) asked why the commission recommended that no member of the review board be a current or former employee of Fairfax County, saying their employment "shouldn't disqualify them from service."

Hershman responded to McKay that the commission had discussed that concept at length and it was the feeling of the group that keeping the review board completely civilian would "ensure their independence

and objectivity."

Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) withheld his specific questions for the Oct. 27 Public Safety Committee meeting when the report is scheduled to be discussed in more detail, but said there were a few recommendations "that cause me concern."

Chair of the Public Safety Committee supervisor Gerry Hyland (D-Mount Vernon), said the civilian review board would be "probably the most difficult issue for us to address." He added he would be looking to hear input as to experience of similar boards in other jurisdictions and the types of reviews and cases they handle.

Hyland also referred to Hershman's introduction where he said "many of our recommendations are interrelated and rely on one another to bring forward transformation," and gave the example of funding additional mobile crisis intervention units. "If that's not accepted, the effectiveness of increased Crisis Intervention Training by police officers may be lessened. If civilian oversight is not accepted, then the lack of confidence in our police department by many of the citizens who addressed our commission

is likely to continue."

"My reaction to that is when we look at the experience of our community, notwithstanding a few cases that have been difficult for us to handle, the reaction of the community that I represent, that all of us represent, the majority of people clearly support and have a very positive reaction to the Fairfax County Police Department and the job they do day in and day out."

"I would hope we can talk about the civilian review board as to why that is considered essential to establish confidence in our citizenry and FCPD," Hyland added.

Hershman responded, "We should understand policemen are going to make mistakes, no question about it, but we've got to make sure policies and procedures are in place to make sure mistakes are fewer and less."

Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock) added to the discussion he hopes to "continue the strong bond between our citizens and police department."

"It's also clear some things have to change," he said.

Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) said she was "anxious" to attend the public safety committee meeting to discuss the report, especially after a "long term of not seeing them often enough," referring to meetings of the committee itself.

Hudgins also expressed a need for civilian involvement in reviewing the report. "We need to hear this report through the lens of our community."

"The Board of Supervisors and the Fairfax County Police Department recognize the importance of reviewing policies and determining new best practices as expectations from the community evolve with new technology and methods of communicating," Bulova said.

"FCPD actively participated on and worked with the commission every step of the way to help achieve the common goal of maintaining a safe community and ensuring a culture of public trust in Fairfax County."

Following the presentation, Hershman spoke to media and said though he was encouraged by the mostly positive response from the supervisors, "I would trade that praise for support for our recommendations."

In getting these recommendations to the board prior to Nov. 3, Hershman also said he hopes both incumbents and candidates for the next Board of Supervisors "come forward with their own views before the election."

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS will discuss the final report at the forthcoming meeting of the Public Safety Committee on Oct. 27 at 3 p.m. That meeting is scheduled to take place in rooms 9 and 10 of the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway in Fairfax.

Videos and materials from the meetings of the ad hoc commission are available online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/policecommission.

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NEWS

'It's Simply a Matter of Equity'

City approves future pay raises for mayor, council.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION



Janice Miller



David Meyer

Everyone likes getting a raise, but the City of Fairfax's hard-working mayor and City Council members haven't received one since 1982 – some 33 years ago. So on Sept. 29, they approved a pay hike for the governing body that will succeed them in the May 2016 election.

Mayor Scott Silverthorne currently receives a whopping (not) \$6,500/year, and the Council members each get \$4,500 annually. But as of July 1, 2016, those amounts will increase to \$13,000 and \$12,000, respectively.

"The salaries were last raised in 1982, and this hardly seems fair," said former Councilman Gary Rasmussen at the Sept. 29 public hearing on this matter. "There should be fair and equitable compensation for the jobs you do to make things happen for the good of all of us."

The Code of Virginia provides for maximum salaries based on city population

bands. And the City of Fairfax falls within the 20,000-34,999 band, which permits a maximum salary of \$13,000 for the mayor and \$12,000 for each of the council members.

"Most, if not all, jurisdictions of similar size are in this [salary] range?" asked Councilman Michael DeMarco. To which City Attorney Brian Lubkeman replied, "That's true." Councilwoman Ellie Schmidt asked what the City budget impact would be, and Finance Director David Hodgkins said it would be approximately \$55,000/year.

DURING THE HEARING, resident John Spears said, "This question is best decided by referendum by the people, not by public hearing, because you're spending the people's money." But none of the other speakers from the audience shared his views.

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News

City of Fairfax Band to Open Concert Season Oct. 24

The City of Fairfax Band, conducted by Robert Pouliot, launches its concert season on Saturday, Oct. 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the Fairfax High School auditorium, 3501 Rebel Run. The event features the world premiere of a work by Hollywood composer/arranger Ira Hearshen and a performance by two players from the U.S. Army Blues jazz band. Tickets and information for the concert, which features dance music of various music genres and eras, are available at www.fairfaxband.org.

A concert highlight will be the band's world premiere of a new work a local benefactor commissioned Hearshen to create: "Aragon 1945-1952." The suite of dances evokes big band music that patrons of Chicago's renowned Aragon ballroom enjoyed back in the day. They included two sisters to whom a City of Fairfax Band member is related. Hearshen, a noted TV/film composer/arranger ("Rush Hour" and "Rush Hour 2"), is scheduled to attend the concert.

The program travels further back in time and over to Spain when guest soloists Mark Wood on trumpet and Matthew Niess on trombone will take center stage to perform "Fandango," by Joseph Turin. The two U.S. Army Blues instrumentalists are part of the premier jazz ensemble of the United States Army, which is comprised of exceptional jazz musicians from across the nation.

The City of Fairfax Band also will perform concert band arrangements of two world famous pieces from 20th century American ballet, "Hoe Down" from Aaron Copland's ballet "Rodeo" and "Danzon" from Leonard Bernstein's ballet "Fancy Free." The band will evoke dance music of the early 1900s with performances of the "Suite of Old American Dances," a concert band classic by Robert Russell Bennett, and a tango—not a march—by John Philip Sousa called "The Gliding Girl."

Concertgoers are invited to meet Hearshen, the two guest performers, and CFB members during a 6:30 p.m. pre-concert reception.

Tickets for unreserved seats are \$15 for adults (\$10 for seniors 60 and older). Purchase them in advance at www.fairfaxband.org or at the door. Parking is free.



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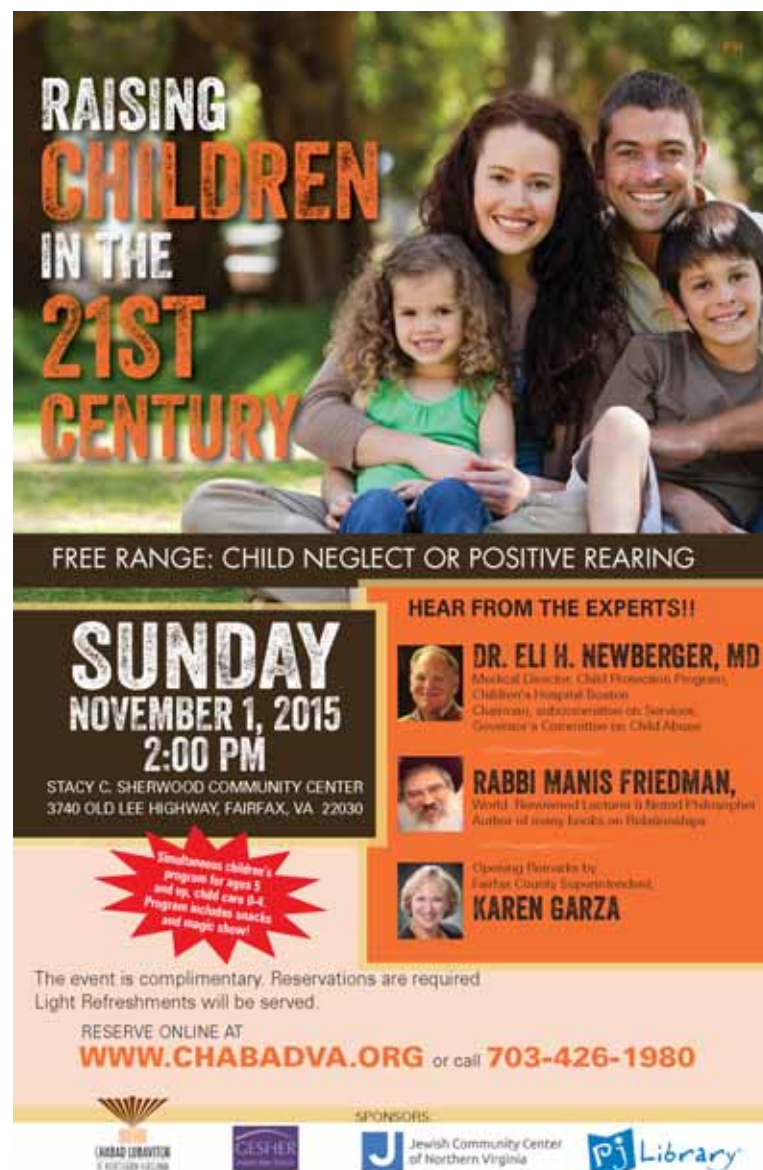
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Opening Remarks by Fairfax County Supervisor
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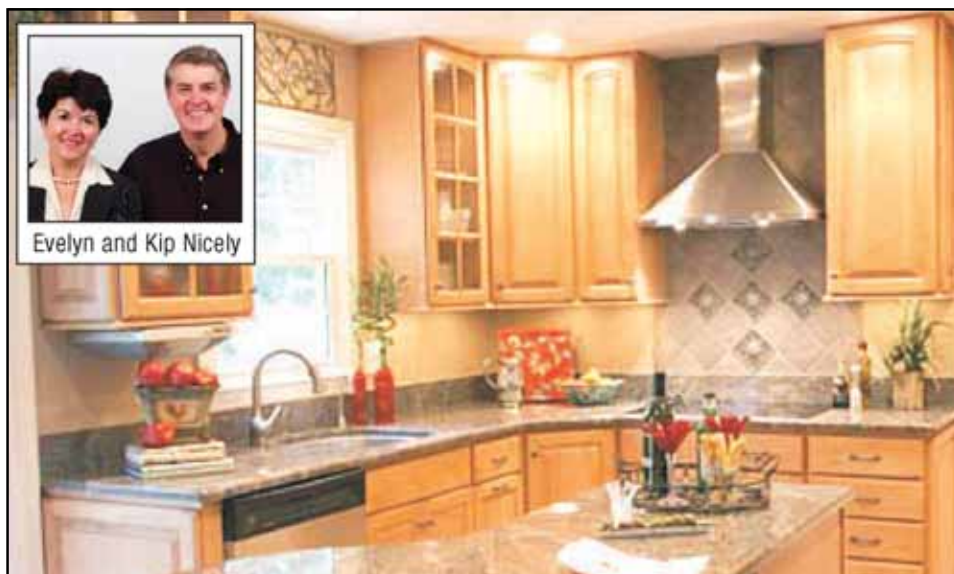
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Some questions are universal to the human experience. Is there life after death? What happens to the soul after we die? What is it like for those who have traveled over to the Great Beyond? These are but a few of the questions addressed in the newest course from the Rohr Jewish Learning Institute.

Beginning Monday Oct. 26, Jewish Learning Institute will present The Journey of the Soul, a new six-session fall 2015 course.

Rabbi Fajnlund of Chabad of Northern Virginia will conduct the six course sessions at Chabad Community Campus, 3939 Prince William Drive, Fairfax on Monday starting Oct. 26.

"There's a significant amount of confusion in the Jewish community about what happens to us when we die," explains Rabbi Naftali Silberberg, the lead editor for the course from Jewish Learning Institute's headquarters in New York. "Many ideas that originate in other religions and belief systems have been popularized in the media and are taken for granted by unassuming Jews. In Journey of the Soul, we clear up these misconceptions and introduce an authentically Jewish approach which is both surprising and


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"Science knows the very little about the soul and what happens to it post mortem," said Rabbi Fajnlund the local Jewish Learning Institute instructor in Fairfax "It's about what is truly valuable and meaningful in life which is relevant to everyone, and many in our area have expressed their curiosity to learn about the topic, so we're expecting a good turnout."


Professor Sheldon Solomon of Skidmore College who co-authored the book The Worm at the Core: On the role of Death in Life commented about the Jewish Learning Institute course: "This course strikes me as a very fine juxtaposition of ancient theological wisdom with contemporary empirical science. My sense is that this will be an interesting and rewarding educational and personal experience."

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NEWS

City Council Approves Pay Raise

FROM PAGE 4

"Our mayor and Council do deserve reasonable compensation for the hours they put in governing and representing the City," said Betsy Bicknell. She further noted that the "proposed salary increases don't even keep up with inflation."

Jim Gillespie said he sees the mayor and Council members at City events all the time. Therefore, he said, "I'm in support of reimbursing them for some of their costs." Former Mayor John Mason said he, too, is in favor of the pay raises.

Tom Ross said the work they do requires "a tremendous amount of time and effort, [considering] all their meetings and behind-the-scenes studying of the issues. I strongly support the increase in salaries. And it also makes it more attractive for people running for office here in the future and says we respect what they do."

Another former Council member, Gail Lyon, said, "This Council hasn't had a raise in 33 years – that's a long time. We need to show we care about and respect you enough to raise your salaries – especially because you're on duty 24/7, 365 days a year. So I urge you to say yes to giving the next Council and mayor raises. You provide us services and take care of our city. And I'd like this put into your legislative package that there'll be cost-of-living raises every five years."

Councilman David Meyer then made a motion in favor of the proposal, seconded by DeMarco. "I appreciate the speakers' comments," said Meyer. "It's been a privilege for the past 7-and-a-half years to serve the citizens of the City of Fairfax. We use our own money for postage and drive our own cars. And we take time out of

our workday – and vacations – to represent the City on various boards and commissions. I think it's simply a matter of equity and appropriateness."

Schmidt said no one does these jobs for the money; it's to serve the community. "But we continually ask [City] staff to tighten their belts," she said. "So I don't think this is the right time to do this."

"I made \$600/year on the School Board," said Councilwoman Janice Miller. "And sometimes I'm a little upset because the annual \$4,500 stipend doesn't cover the cost of the many activities we attend. It also costs me money because it takes time away from my job as a travel agent – because I don't make any money when I don't sell anything."

"There should be some reasonable compensation, and it's sad that it didn't happen over a period of years," continued Miller. "So I'm in favor of doing this, and I believe we should also do this for members of our boards and commissions. When Fairfax became a city in 1972, the mayor made \$5,000/year, but the average cost of a house here was just \$20,000. Today, it's \$400,000. So by that measure, the mayor should make \$100,000/year – and that's not going to happen."

"We do our jobs because we believe in public service," said Silverthorne. "Until 1972, the Council members were paid by the meeting – \$40/meeting. And anyone against this [action] can return their pay increase to the City treasury. This is long overdue – and nobody's going to get rich on this salary."

THE MEASURE then passed, 4-1, with only Schmidt voting no; Councilwoman Nancy Loftus was absent.

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Minority Achievement Committee Meeting South County High School. 10 a.m. South County High School Library, 8501 Silverbrook Road, Lorton. This meeting will serve as a forum to provide you with important information regarding the program and its goals and objectives. We will be available to answer any questions that you may have regarding some of our exciting events planned this school year.

TUESDAY/OCT. 27

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Moving on to Life in the Community. 6:30-9 p.m. Lake Braddock Secondary School, 9200 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Event for students with disabilities and their parents. All individuals requiring ongoing employment and community support services after graduation are encouraged to attend. Valuable information will be provided on vocational, residential, leisure, recreational,

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OPINION

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EDITORIAL

This week and next week are the last two publication dates before Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 3. Our pages and website are full of coverage, letters, candidate questionnaires and photos of the campaign trail in an effort to help voters decide to vote and which candidates hold

views closest to their own.

Virtually every state and local office is on the ballot. Find previous coverage and complete coverage on our website www.connectionnewspapers.com, click on Elections. Because many districts in Virginia resemble spiky amoebas, it is sometimes diffi-

cult to include every race that might impact a town or community in the print editions.

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We will not be endorsing in any race this year. I'm keeping this short to allow more room for letters to the editor.

— MARY KIMM

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Deeper Look at School Spending

To the Editor:

The editorial ("Closer Look at School Spending," The Connection, Oct. 14-20, 2015) cites a draft report from the Virginia Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) to say that Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) reduced spending by 6.5 percent between 2009 and 2014.

It turns out that 2009 was the end of the decade-long housing bubble, during which the real estate tax paid by the typical Fairfax County homeowner increased 100 percent, from \$2,400 to \$4,800.

Between the start of the housing bubble in 2000 and 2016, while FCPS enrollment increased 22 percent, FCPS spending increased 100 percent. Even after adjusting for inflation, FCPS spending increased 38 percent. FCPS staff increased 27 percent.

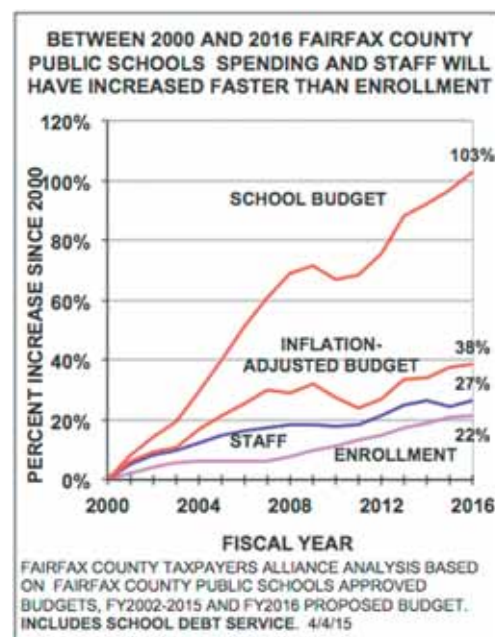
FCPS has claimed that since 2008 its budget was cut by \$500M and 2,000 positions. In fact, its budget increased by \$350M and 1,000 positions.

The JLARC report notes an increase in health insurance spending. It could have included pensions, too. Since 2000, FCPS and Fairfax

County spending for pensions and "Cadillac" health plans increased by \$700M. If that spending had increased at the same rate as enrollment and inflation, the increase would have been \$400M less.

The editorial notes the increasing number of FCPS students living in poverty. However FCPS has failed over the last 30 years to raise minority (Hispanic and African-American) achievement. Children in poverty are not getting educated, and a disproportionate number of them end up in jail. The problem is not the children or their families but the FCPS K-3 curriculum. The minority student achievement gap evident in 12th grade is evident in fourth grade. By fourth grade, children should have mastered reading and arithmetic. FCPS fails in both because it does not use phonics-based reading instruction and has inadequate drill in arithmetic. In addition it bores children with social studies. Virginia, U.S., and world history instruction should begin in Kindergarten instead of waiting until fourth grade. Younger children enjoy learning history.

Higher achievement resulting from better curricula would reduce disciplinary and spe-



cial education costs and save FCPS and the taxpayers tens and perhaps hundreds of millions of dollars.

Arthur Purves

Republican Candidate for Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

We Can Do Better

BY STATE SEN. DAVID MARSDEN (D-37)
DEL. DAVID BULOVA (D-37)

COMMENTARY

Having both been raised here in Northern Virginia, we have seen first-hand how the chronic congestion problems on I-66 have affected our economy and quality of life. Like most people in our area, this is personal. Traffic on I-66 has stolen countless hours that could have been spent with family or at work. That is why we were proud to support the bipartisan transportation package passed by the Virginia General Assembly in 2013 that is now generating billions for infrastructure improvements in our region. However, the way revenue is generated does matter, which is why we feel compelled to express our current opposition to the Virginia Department of Transportation's plan to toll I-66 inside the Beltway.

While legitimate concern has been raised with regard to the cost to commuters, there is a much deeper principal at stake. No one likes the idea of tolls. But like water and sewer ser-

vice, there should at least be a strong link between who pays and the services delivered. The idea of tolling I-66 inside the Beltway without a solid plan for creating new infrastructure that directly benefits the toll payers simply fails to meet this basic test. Likewise, we are concerned that this project violates the concept of first do-no-harm. A recent study by Fairfax County found that while those using parallel roads won't be affected in the direction of rush hour traffic, those who go the opposite direction will see significant increases in traffic. Even if this can be absorbed in the short-term, we have serious doubts about whether this is sustainable in the long-term. The days of one-way rush hour traffic are quickly going the way of the dinosaur as areas like Tysons, Herndon, Chantilly, Reston, and Centreville continue to develop. VDOT's actions mean that those who are using these local roads will see their commutes lengthened. This will include neighbor-

Opposition to I-66 tolls inside the Beltway.

hoods both inside and outside of the Beltway.

We applaud VDOT for coming up with some promising and creative solutions — including the active traffic management system recently implemented outside of the Beltway. But the current plan to toll I-66 inside the Beltway without increased capacity is the wrong way to go. It is a matter of principal.

Write

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LETTERS

Class Size Priority

To the Editor:

On Sept. 8, almost 185,500 students headed back to public schools in Fairfax County. For many children, there were fewer than 20 students in their class. For plenty of other children, there were over 25 and sometimes over 30.

Three years ago, concerned parents created Class Size Counts (CSC), researched state laws and school system policies, met with elected officials and Superintendent Garza, submitted Freedom of Information Act requests, interviewed national class size leaders, and wrote letters to the editor. Today, Class Size Counts has over 1,500 supporters.

This year, CSC asked School Board candidates to complete a questionnaire about their views on class size. Based on their responses, past statements and past votes (for incumbents), CSC compiled a voter's guide to the candidates. That approach placed a premium on each candidate's integrity. CSC also looked at how well each School Board candidate represented his or her constituents on this issue.

Visit http://classsizecounts.com/?page_id=129 to see how the candidates compare on the class size issue. Then vote for a School Board candidate who shares your priorities. Otherwise, you may end up with someone who will place your priorities at the bottom of his or her list after the election.

Kim Farrell

Mother of two FCPS students
Class Size Counts Public
Relations Director

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independent living and advocacy options. Free. Register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MovingOnCommunity>.

Candidates Forum. 7 p.m. South County Middle School, 8700 Laurel Crest Drive, Lorton. Learn about and hear from the candidates for School Board and County Supervisor. Sponsored by the SC Middle School PTSO.

DEADLINE SATURDAY/OCT.31

Poetry Contest Fairfax County Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Arts and Letters Committee is sponsoring a poetry contest for Fairfax County Public Middle School students. The poetry title is: Silhouette of a Woman: An Influential Female in My Life. The submissions will be reviewed for awards of \$125 for first place, \$75 for second place, and \$50 for third place. www.fcacdst.org. Poetry Contest deadline for submission is October 30th. Email entries and inquiries can be sent to: artsandletters@fcacdst.org. Mailed entries must be postmarked by October 30th and sent to: Fairfax County Alumnae Chapter - Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. P.O. Box 221224 Chantilly, VA 20153-1224.

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22nd Annual Goblin Gallop is Oct. 25

Benefits families of children with cancer.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Halloween will soon be here, and that means it's time for the 22nd annual Goblin Gallop. It's set for Sunday, Oct. 25, at the Fairfax Corner Shopping Center.

Many of the runners and walkers, plus those cheering them on, wear Halloween costumes. The festivities include live music, refreshments and a costume contest, so both participants and onlookers have a good time.

But the event has a serious purpose, too. All proceeds go to the John Quadrino Foundation to Benefit Children with Cancer. George Quadrino established it after his son John died of the disease in 1985 at age 7. And each year, money raised from the Goblin Gallop is used for several, small grants to help childhood cancer victims and their families.

"It's a fun event – a chance for people to get some exercise and enjoy the day with their families," said George Quadrino, who organizes the Goblin Gallop each year. "They can have an enjoyable morning at the race and then eat popcorn and watch their children play in the moonbounce. And at the same time, they're doing something good – helping the families of seriously ill children."

RAIN OR SHINE, the race begins and ends in front of Coastal Flats restaurant. The 1K fun run starts at 8:30 a.m., followed by the 5K race and walk at 9 a.m. Entry fees through Oct. 22 are \$35 for the 5K run, \$27 for the 5K walk and \$18 for the 1K fun run. From Oct. 23 on, those fees, respectively, are \$38, \$30 and \$22.

Entrants should add \$5 to each amount if they'd like a long-sleeved, rather than a short-sleeved, T-shirt. Register at www.goblingallop.org. Online registration will remain open until midnight, Thursday, Oct. 22.

People may run individually or as part of 5K teams competing against each other. Participants may be on a coed team of at least four people; the categories are organizations, families and friends. The top team in each category will receive fun awards for best team costume, fastest team – adding up the four members' times, and for the team with the most members registered before packet pickup on Oct. 23.

People may also register during packet pickup at Potomac River Running, 11895 Grand Commons Ave. in Fairfax Corner. Hours are Friday, Oct. 23, from noon-7 p.m., and Saturday, Oct. 24, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. On race day, it's at the registration table, 7-8:15 a.m.

Fairfax Station's Dixon Hemphill is the race director. Main sponsors include Don Beyer Volvo, the Shaffer Charitable Foundation and Glory Days Grill.

"We raised about \$35,000 last year," said Quadrino. "That funded a lot of help to over 250 families." Nearly 1,300 people participated in last year's Goblin Gallop. Usually, hundreds of people sign up on race day and, said



Runners ready to race from the 2014 Goblin Gallop 5K starting line.

PHOTOS BY BONNIE HOBBS/THE CONNECTION



From left: Ryleigh Line and Doug Kaspar at last year's Goblin Gallop.

Quadrino, "Computer registration only takes a moment."

The course is USATF-certified, and prizes valued at \$150, \$100 and \$50 are awarded to the top three, overall, male and female finishers. Prizes are also given to the top three overall finishers in various age categories, including a masters group for those over 40. Every child participating will get a runner's medal. All competitors will receive a free, commemorative, glow-in-the-dark T-shirt. Decorated with the words, "Goblin Gallop," in white, the shirts are orange and black with a scene of a large pumpkin, a witch, ghosts, black cats and trick-or-treating children.

No dogs or headphones are allowed in the 5K events, but strollers are welcome in both the running and walking events. A computer chip in the runners' numbers will register their starting and finishing times.

The route is challenging, but fairly flat, with few hills and all right turns. Potomac River Running will handle scoring and results, and the awards ceremony will be on the stage in front of Coastal Flats. Results will be posted that afternoon at goblingallop.org and <https://potomacriverrunning.com/>.

/potomacriverrunning.com/.

After the race, the band Shaky Ground will perform classic rock on the stage, costumes will be judged and awarded prizes, and participants will enjoy hot dogs, popcorn, breakfast bars, fruit, cookies and beverages.

In addition, more than \$3,000 in door prizes will be given away. Most are donated by local merchants and include Redskins tickets, restaurant meals and gift certificates at running stores. Glory Days Grill is the largest prize-contributor, donating \$1,000 worth of goodies.

Because of the Goblin Gallop, the John Quadrino Foundation is able to make more than 250 grants per year, totaling about \$75,000. The recipient families are referred by pediatric social workers at Inova Fairfax and Children's hospitals, and the grants are given directly to these families.

Since medical bills can be overwhelming, parents of seriously ill children often need help with rent, utility bills, vehicle insurance or car repairs. Often, one parent must quit a job to stay home and take care of the child. And a family with no prior financial problems suddenly finds itself in dire straits. That's where the Foundation comes in.

"It's so important because we meet the needs that other foundations don't," said Quadrino. "Last year's grants included a generator for a family who brought their child home from the hospital, but still on a ventilator. So they needed backup in case the electricity went out. And just last week, we had the lights turned back on for a family in Chantilly."

He said another family of a sick child was offered a cottage stay at Nags Head, N.C., but had no way to get there or any bathing suits, so the Foundation paid for their transportation and clothing. "We also keep cell phones on for hospitalized children so they can keep in touch with family and friends," said Quadrino. "And we bought laptops for children who'll be out of school quite a while. That enabled them to keep up with their studies."

TO DONATE to the organization, send checks payable to The John Quadrino Foundation to P.O. Box 4614, Falls Church, VA 22044. Contributions are tax-deductible and may also be made via the Combined Federal Campaign by designating CFC No. 59426, or via the United Way by selecting No. 8931.

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Send notes to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416. The deadline is the Friday prior to the next paper's publication. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

ONGOING

Paintings of the Potomac Valley Watercolorists.

Through Nov. 7 at McQuire Woods Gallery, Bldg 16, The Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Gallery hours: Wed.-Sat.: 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday: 12-5 p.m. The exhibition brings together some of the area's top painters in watercolor, acrylic and mixed media, presenting 100 original works including landscapes, florals, still life and abstracts.

THURSDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 22-25

Washington International Horse Show.

7 a.m.-5 p.m. and 7-10:30 p.m. Verizon Center, 601 F St., NW, Washington, D.C. One of the oldest and most prestigious equestrian sporting events in the U.S. Held each year in October in the heart of the nation's capital, WIHS welcomes spectators to six days of world-class international show jumping and top national hunter and equitation competition plus community events, entertaining exhibitions, boutique shopping and ringside dining and hospitality. \$15-\$60. <http://www.wihs.org/tickets/>.

THURSDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 22-25

Disney on Ice.

7 p.m. Eagle Bank Arena, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Celebrate the legacy of Disney in this ice skating spectacular as Mickey Mouse leads a parade of characters to sing along to your favorite Disney songs for the whole family to enjoy. www.ticketmaster.com.

FRIDAY/OCT. 23

TGIFairfax - Rock the Block.

6-9 p.m. Old Town Square, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. This family friendly free concert series features fantastic live bands, great food and a beer and wine garden - all held in the heart of Old Town Fairfax.

Open Mic Night.

7-9:30 p.m. Burke Presbyterian Church, 5690 Oak Leather Drive, Burke. Join us for an Open Mic Night benefitting wounded warriors. Come perform music, poetry, or tell stories, or simply enjoy the show! Refreshments will be served. bpcctreehouse@aol.com.

SATURDAY/OCT. 24

Clifton Haunted Trail.

7-10 p.m. Chapel Road, Clifton. A terrifying annual event that winds through Clifton's 8 Acre Park. Visit cliftonhauntedtrail.com.

VolunteerFest.

9 a.m.-9 p.m. Various locations. VolunteerFest is the local celebration of National Make A Difference Day. This region-wide community service event is dedicated to mobilizing volunteer power to tackle projects at nonprofits in our own neighborhoods. Activities will take place throughout the day at various locations. If you are a first-time volunteer, this one-day

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extravaganza is a great way to get started. Students, service hours are available. All volunteer activities are free to the participants. Register as a volunteer at www.volunteerfairfax.org/individuals/volunteerfest.php.

Pete the Cat: Groovy Fun. 10:30 a.m. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Groovy fun with Pete the Cat books, games and singing. Age 3-6 with adult.

Fall Festival. 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Abiding Presence Lutheran Church, 6304 Lee Chapel Road, Burke. Join us for fun for the whole family! There will be a haunted house, balloon artist, face painting, a moon bounce, pumpkin painting, food, and much more. More info at <https://www.facebook.com/AbidingPresence/>. 703-455-7500.

Homeless Walk Fundraiser. 10 a.m.-noon. Stevenson Place, 4113 Stevenson St., Fairfax. Join Pathway Homes in the fight to end homelessness in our community. Proceeds provide supportive housing services to homeless adults with serious mental illness in Northern Virginia. \$20-32. www.pathwayhomes.org/events.

Howl-O-Ween Dog Costume Contest and Fall Fest. Dog costume, 2-4. Fall Fest, 4-9 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. The fun kicks off with a canine costume contest. Compete for special prizes and goodies, and let your decked-out dog walk through the "boneyard" to sniff out hidden treats. All dogs must be leashed and friendly toward other dogs and people. \$8 per dog, and registration should be under the handler's name. Once the dogs have their day, it is time to treat the rest of the family with Halloween-themed mini-golf, haunted carousel rides, face painting, pumpkin painting and spooky wagon rides at Fall Fest. \$13 per person or \$10 per person when you register three or more at one time. Don't forget a flashlight for the walk back to your car. Free for children two and under. 703-569-3464. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lake-accotink/>.

Blue Like Me. 8 p.m. Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Documentary about Indian-American artist Siona Benjamin's journey back to her roots in the Bene Israel community where she grew up. In the film, she speaks of how her work blurs the boundaries between different religions. Following the film, there will be a Q&A with Siona and Ryan Arey, the film's editor, and special guest Ori Soltes, theology, philosophy and art history professor at Georgetown University. \$10-\$20. <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2147528>

SUNDAY/OCT. 25

"Documented." Film. 6:30-9 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Church of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. In 2011, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Jose Antonio Vargas outed himself as an undocumented immigrant in the New York Times Magazine. "Documented" chronicles his journey to America from the Philippines as a child; his journey through America as an immigration reform activist/provocateur; and his journey inward as he reconnects with his mother, whom he hasn't seen in 20 years. More at www.immigrationfilmfest.org or www.IMFilmFest.eventbrite.com. \$6.

Washington Bach Consort Chamber Ensemble. 6 p.m. Church of the Good Shepherd, 9350 Braddock Rd, Burke. Tickets \$25/\$15 student, available at the door. The 4th season of Concerts at Good Shepherd

Halloween Treat

'Dracula' from L.A. Theatre Works at Center for the Arts.

BY DAVID SIEGEL
THE CONNECTION

He's back. And just in time for Halloween. "He" is that noted, undead vampire who has inspired so many imitators; "Dracula." He and his cohorts are coming to town in the L.A. Theatre Works live theater production of that popular Goth cultural icon created by Bram Stoker a century ago.

"We were thrilled that L.A. Theater Works' tour of Bram Stoker's Dracula allowed for a visit to George Mason's Center for the Arts on Halloween, and especially on a Saturday night," said Tom Reynolds, Director of Artistic Programming, Marketing and Audience Services for the Center for the Arts.

To make it an evening full of fun for patrons George Mason University is going all out. "We are planning lots of fun promotions for those who attend the performance by this wonderful radio-style theater company," said Reynolds.

There will be special pre-performance happenings at the Mason Center for the Arts including Halloween-themed activities including a "Count" Dracula guessing game. "There will be a container of Dracula M&Ms and audience members can guess how many M&Ms are in the container. The closest guess wins a prize," indicated Reynolds. "There will also be a photo booth, where we will have costume pieces for the audiences to dress up for silly photos."

The L.A. Theatre Works "live-in-performance," radio studio-like drama production of "Dracula" has been touring the country, Northern Virginia getting the gift of a Halloween night performance. The script

Where and When

L.A. Theatre Works presents "Dracula" at the George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Performance on Oct. 31 at 8 p.m. Tickets: \$22-\$44. Call 888-945-2468 or visit www.cfa.gmu.edu. Note: There will pre-performance Halloween festivities starting at 7 p.m. There will also be a pre-performance discussion 45 minutes before the performance.

features the Washington Bach Consort, directed by J. Reilly Lewis in a chamber concert with vocal, instrumental, and organ works by J. S. Bach. The program includes arias, duets, motets, chorales, and the rarely performed Prelude and Fugue in E



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L. A. Theatre Works production of 'Dracula.'

was adapted from Stoker's original work into a faithful manner of "good vs evil" by Charles Morey. In Morey's adaptation, Count Dracula has quietly slipped into London along with some of his required native Transylvanian soil necessary for his survival. His fearsome powers have paralyzed the city. What is to be done to stop the Count?

With a troupe of actors with horror and suspense genre credits, the L.A. Theatre Works presentation of "Dracula" will set up a life-and-death clash the audience witnesses. The production will give patrons the opportunity to become a performance element becoming members of a radio show studio audience. They get the opportunity to not only "see" how the action takes place, but marvel at the sound effects being made along with other "behind the scenes" actions they will be privy to.

"Dracula" is helmed by Matt August who has received a D.C. area Helen Hayes nomination for theater work. What a way to spend Halloween night.

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Children's Science Center Lab to Host The Haunted Lab

The Children's Science Center Lab will host The Haunted Lab, a fun, not scary, just spooky family event, to enjoy hands-on STEM activities while celebrating Halloween, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 30 and 31, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. There will be fun activities all day long including the Spooky Wind Tunnel, Mystery Slime (while supplies last) and a special Keva Plank Challenge. Join us for Children's Storytime at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. followed by a Children's Costume Contest for children ages 2-6 and 7-12. Plus, vote for your favorite science-themed carved pumpkin and create a Haunted Lab Memory Photo before leaving. Children's Storytime and Costume Contest will be held Friday, Oct. 30, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Children's Science Center Lab located inside Fair Oaks Mall (11750 Fair Oaks Mall, Fairfax). The entrance is located at the mall entrance between Sears and Lord & Taylor. To learn more, visit www.childsci.org/halloween.

IDI Group Companies To Develop Paul VI School Site

The IDI Group Companies have been selected by the Diocese of Arlington to be the master developer for the redevelopment of the Paul VI school site in the City of Fairfax. As master developer, IDI will work in conjunction with the Diocese, the City and its residents to determine the best use of the property, create a development plan and obtain the necessary zoning approvals. IDI is committed to developing a project of the highest quality for the City and the community. The IDI Group Companies has a 40-year history of building high-quality residential communities and mixed-use projects throughout Northern Virginia and across the Washington area.

Burke Area CROP Hunger Walk to Be Held Nov. 22

The 23rd annual Burke Area CROP Hunger Walk will be held on Sunday, Nov. 22. Registration begins at 1:30 p.m., followed by the walk at 2 p.m., The walk starts at Living Savior Lutheran Church, 5500 Ox Road, in Fairfax Station. The walk ends at Fairfax Presbyterian Church, Fairfax, with a water break mid-way. Shuttles will be available at both the starting and ending locations. Upon completion, participants will enjoy refreshments, awards, and live entertainment to celebrate the community spirit of a job well done.

The event, organized by area congregations of all faiths and Church World Service, encourages participation of the whole families. The event is free, but participants are encouraged to bring cash/check donations if they can, or raise money by inviting people to pledge to donate an amount to sponsor them. The event's motto is "Helping end hunger one step at a time." Contact Ed Kringer at ekringer@aol.com or Janet Smith at burkeva.crop@cox.net.

Our Daily Bread, Combined Properties to Host Fall Food Drives

Fairfax-based non-profit Our Daily Bread is partnering with Combined Properties to host Fall Food Drives in Fairfax City on Saturdays, Nov. 7 through Dec. 12. The food drives will be held at 10382 Willard Way, Fairfax, in the Courthouse Plaza Shopping Center in Fairfax City, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

The organizations that will hold food drives are:

- ◆ Nov. 7: Cunningham Park Elementary School Weekend Backpack Program
 - ◆ Nov. 14: Marshall Road Elementary School Food4Thought Program
 - ◆ Nov. 21: Our Daily Bread
 - ◆ Nov. 28: Daniels Run Elementary Food4Thought Program
 - ◆ Dec. 5: FACETS
 - ◆ Dec. 12: Lorton Community Action Center
- More information about the Fall Food Drives is available at www.ODBFairfax.org, or contact info@odbfairfax.org or 703-273-8829.

Getting In: The Private Schools Admissions Process

Navigating the application and increasing the chance of getting an acceptance letter.

By MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Although the school year just started, the application process for the 2016-2017 school year is underway at more than 80 local independent schools. From open houses, school tours and applicant interviews to transcripts, essays and teacher recommendations, the process can be arduous, say parents, especially with application fees that can soar higher than \$100 a piece.

Making sure a child's abilities and interests are in line with a school's offerings and requirements can narrow down the list.

"Parents need to be realistic about their child's strengths and weaknesses and learning style," said Mimi Mulligan, assistant head and director of admission and enrollment management, Norwood School in Potomac, Md. "Have an open and honest conversation with schools during the application process. Schools will tell you whether they can or cannot meet any special needs your child might have."

ADMISSIONS DIRECTORS say that practical considerations of all sorts should help parents whittle down their list of schools. "Do they want a big or small school? How far are they willing to travel each day? Does the school offer academic support if their child needs it? Can they afford their tuition?" asks Mary Herridge, director of enrollment management, The Madeira School in McLean.

Getting to know a school's culture and paying attention to the school's mission can also help families choose a school.

"School structure, single sex versus co-ed, dress code, religious affiliation, teaching pedagogy and parent involvement all influence school culture," said Mulligan. "Each school has a distinct and intentional mission statement. Sometimes that distinctiveness may be subtle so parents should also look at school mottos, belief or promise statements and portraits of a graduate, too."

An example, says Herridge, is a parent who values being deeply involved in helping a child with their homework. "As a school we value the student doing their own



Independent schools such as St. Stephen's & St. Agnes in Alexandria require an extensive application process aimed at familiarizing the applicant and the school with one another.

homework, managing their homework and coming to the teacher and self advocating if they need help," she said. "We encourage parental participation, but in high school we wouldn't expect a parent to sit and help with every single aspect of their homework. We can have that conversation early on and decide that this is not a good fit."

"If they come to a school with a rigorous academic program, are [parents] going to be OK with their student being really challenged in class and having that reflected on their transcripts?" she continued.

"Nowadays, in school literature and marketing materials, all schools say they're good at certain things and offer certain things like small class sizes and low student teacher ratios, but nothing can replace going and sitting in a classroom and seeing how the teachers teach and how the students react with one another," said Herridge. "Talk to the math teacher. Have a conversation with the coach."

If a school boasts hands-on learning, are students engaged in experiments in a science class or are they sitting behind desks and looking at a chalkboard?

A tour, Herridge said, is crucial for students and parents. "When they see other students and meet the teacher they'll be able to say, 'Yes this is a good place for me,' or

"... we can take this school off our list because it doesn't make sense for our family."

"Most tours will give you an 'aha' moment that clarifies why independent education is worth the investment," added Benita Cathey, director of admissions, Grace Episcopal School in Alexandria.

Patti Culbreth, head of school, Grace Episcopal School, said, "A look at the curriculum to include the 'specials' offered will give you an overview of the opportunities for your child."

Delve deeper than a tour organized by the school, however. "Talk to parents [of students] who already attend the school," Mulligan. "If you don't know anyone, ask the admissions office to provide a few families you can contact."

EVEN AFTER A FAMILY has whittled down their list of potential schools, the road to admission can still be long. Competition can be fierce, with many schools receiving 10 applications for every available slot. Most require not only an application, but test scores, essays, interviews and letters of recommendation, a process that can baffle many parents.

In preparation for the interview, admissions officials suggest applicants think about their own interests and attitudes toward academics.

ISEE (Independent School Entrance Examination) and transcripts, looking for strong and consistent academic achievement.

In the face of such a confusing and competitive process, many parents have turned to educational consultants for advice and assistance.

"With the workload that school guidance counselors now have, there are a lot of families that are using independent consultants and that number has increased, and it has definitely increased over the last five or 10 years," said Sarah Brachman, manager of communications, Independent Educational Consultants Association.

In fact, Mark Sklarow, the association's chief executive officer, said 5-10 percent of families looking for an independent day school use an independent educational consultant, while 40 percent use one to find a boarding school.

Getting to know the child helps educational consultants identify schools that are a good match. "Does the student do better in a hands-on environment or sitting at desk and the teacher writes on a blackboard?" said Leigh Ann Cahill of Independent School Options, an educational consulting firm in Alexandria. "We have so many wonderful schools in the area. We come up with five to seven schools that are the best fit for the family."

AFTER HELPING families decide where to apply, education consultants sit down with families to review test scores, transcripts, teacher evaluations and other application requirements.

"It's important to have an open and honest conversation with the parent," said Cahill, a former teacher. She stressed that educational consultants cannot sway admissions decisions. Instead, "we look at the areas of strength. Rarely do you have a child who doesn't have any areas of strength."

She stressed that low test scores or blemishes on an academic tran-

script don't mean automatic rejection by independent schools. "Maybe the art teacher or science teacher says really great things about the child. We try to build a realistic profile of who the child is as a learner and where they have a spark. If you're a great photographer, let's link up your website if you've been posing photographs or bring your portfolio."

The essays are sometimes a bit daunting for parent and child, she added. "What do we say here? What do they mean when they ask this question? We don't write essays, but talk through ideas with parents and student and help them figure out what the admissions offices are looking for."

In the end, everyone's goal is to find the best matches for both the students and the schools. "It's something that the parents don't have any control over," said Cahill. "One thing we really try hard to work with the parent is seeing this as a learning adventure. ... Their child will end up in a school somewhere."



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Candidates for Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

Sharon Bulova (D)

Incumbent
Town of residence: Fairfax
Age: 67

Family: Married. Between my husband and I we have: four adult children and seven grandchildren.

Education: AAS Degree in Business Management from Northern VA Community College, attended business classes, UVA evening program, previously held Real Estate license

Offices held, dates:
Elected Braddock (then called Annandale) District Supervisor in 1987. In February 2009 elected Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. Re-elected in 2011.

Occupation and relevant experience: I am a full time Chairman. Prior to elected office I held positions in business.

Community involvement: I came to local government through my work as Civic Association president of Kings Park West. I have been a member of the Annandale Rotary, how serving as an honorary member. I am a founder of Faith Communities in Action and collaborated on two community history projects: A Look Back at Braddock and the Asian American History Project.

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Name three favorite endorsements: FEA (Fairfax Education Association), Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, Sierra Club



QUESTIONS:

1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

I love local government and feel strongly about community engagement. In my roles as Braddock Supervisor and now Chairman I have been committed to making sure our community is at the table with local government to participate in resolving issues and addressing our challenges. A major challenge right now is the sluggish recovery we are experiencing from the Great Recession. My goal is to strike the right balance between maintaining taxes that are affordable to our residents while investing what is needed to ensure a world class school system, safe streets and neighborhoods, compassionate human services, a clean environment and quality of life services like libraries and our fantastic park system.

2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?

I have the experience, the commitment and the enthusiasm to serve as Fairfax County's chairman. I believe I have the collaborative skill set needed to lead our Board and our community on an even, positive course.

3. More than half of the county budget is devoted to the local school system. A significant budget gap looms for the next budget cycle, both for FCPS and Fairfax County. What are the top county priorities and how will you assure funding and manage the budget? What ideas do you have for increasing revenue? Name two areas/items you would cut or reduce.

Education continues to be my highest priority. It is however, not my only priority. It is critical that we continue to be the safest jurisdiction of our size in the U.S. and that we maintain the quality of life our residents value. Beginning in January our newly elected Board will engage in a multi-year Lines of Business process to examine all of our services in order to identify opportunities for efficiencies and savings. We have invited the School Board to participate with us in this process. I am hopeful that, working together, we will find new ways to economize on resources and improve on the delivery of services to families and students.

4. How many hours a week of outside employment do you anticipate while serving on the Board of Supervisors?

I am a full time Chairman. I work well over 40 hours per week plus countless hours of community and regional activities.

Glenda Gail 'for Rail' Parker (I)

Town of residence:
Alexandria, Fairfax County

Age: 68

Family: Three grown children, four Grand-children

Education: MBA with a certificate in Software Engineering Administration

Offices held, dates:
Elected to Vice- Chair, Independent Greens of Virginia (2007 to Present); elected to COG TPB CAC (2007-2010)

Occupation and relevant experience:
Governmental Budget Analyst, Businesswoman
Community involvement: Fairfax Federation Civic Association Committee, Public Safety Chair (approximately 2009-2010)

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Independent Greens of Virginia



QUESTIONS:

1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

The Independent Green Party Green New Deal will get us on the right track. The Green New Deal means double- digit job growth in Eco jobs for the economy. Solar jobs. Wind jobs. Geothermal jobs. Rail jobs. The Green New Deal means Bike share for Fairfax County. Bikes, like rail, increase the value of our homes, businesses, and communities. The Green New Deal will bring Electronic VRE signs for commuters. The Green New Deal means New Tracks, More Trains, More often to More Places. The Green New Deal is solar panels, and geothermal heating and cooling for every public building. Renewable energy makes money for taxpayers.

2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?

My advocacy for Rail and renewable energy. Investments in Green Energy make money. The solar age is here and we want on-board! It is past time to bring the Green Revolution to Fairfax County.

3. More than half of the county budget is devoted to the local school system. A significant budget gap looms for the next budget cycle, both for FCPS and Fairfax County. What are the top county priorities and how will you assure funding and manage the budget? What ideas do you have for increasing revenue? Name two areas/items you would cut or reduce.

The infrastructure budget has too many subsidies to big oil, big asphalt, big auto, fossil fuels. Giving a half a trillion dollars in taxpayer subsidies annually worldwide to big oil is fiscal lunacy. Cut and reprioritize the infrastructure budget to invest in free solar energy and geothermal energy. Work harmoniously with the School Board to place money where it will do the most good, fund education costs and teacher salaries rather than administration costs. Build Rail: Rail will grow revenues by growing the economy. Rail increases the value of our homes, businesses and communities. Every \$1 invested in Rail returns \$20 to the community!

4. How many hours a week of outside employment do you anticipate while serving on the Board of Supervisors?

The new salary voted by the Board will allow me to devote full time to BOS duties.

Arthur Purves (R)

Town of residence: Vienna
Age: 66

Family: Married 42 years, two children, seven grandchildren

Education: BA, MS, MBA University of Pennsylvania

Offices held, dates: N/A

Occupation and relevant experience: Computer Programmer

Community involvement:

-President, Fairfax County Taxpayers Alliance since 1996
-Member, Fairfax County Meals Tax Task Force (2014)
-Member, Hunter Mill Citizen Budget Committee (2013)
-Treasurer, Fairfax Committee 100
-Member Fairfax Branch, NAACP
-Past member of three Fairfax County Public Schools advisory committees
-Scoutmaster

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Name three favorite endorsements: Del. Tim Hugo and Loudoun Supervisor Eugene Delgaudio



QUESTIONS:

1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

Only 59% of Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) seniors are prepared for college, and the percent prepared varies from 75% for Langley High School to 20% for Lee and Mt. Vernon High Schools. In a quarter of a century FCPS has made no progress in closing the minority student achievement gap: only 35% of Hispanic and 20% of African-American FCPS seniors are prepared for college. Even if you don't go to college, being prepared for college makes you better qualified for a good job. The solution is better instruction in the basics; not more money. As county chairman I would hold the school board accountable for achievement when the school board makes its annual \$2B budget request.

2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?

The incumbent chairman:

For 16 years has raised real estate taxes three times faster than household income, which is unaffordable, especially for seniors;

Does not hold the schools accountable for achievement;

Is indifferent to the disproportionate incarceration of Hispanics and African-Americans in the county jail;

Sat silent for 17 months while the police department refused to disclose the details of the shooting of an unarmed civilian by a police officer on August 29, 2013;

Neglected maintenance of the now unsafe and unreliable Metrorail system to build the Silver Line;

Since 2000 cut staffing of libraries and parks by 112 positions while adding 145 clerks to handle public assistance applications, for a total of 354 public assistance positions.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics job growth in Fairfax County was close to last of the 342 largest U.S. counties last year. I will grow jobs by cutting taxes; using the chairman's pulpit to advocate for higher achievement, including Hispanic and African-American achievement, through better curricula; being transparent; and making Metrorail repairs my highest transportation priority.

3. More than half of the county budget is devoted to the local school system. A significant budget gap looms for the next budget cycle, both for FCPS and Fairfax County. What are the top county priorities and how will you assure funding and manage the budget? What ideas do you have for increasing revenue? Name two areas/items you would cut or reduce.

For FY2017 the county and schools want to increase spending by \$240M while revenues are projected to increase only \$20M without a real estate tax hike. This predicament demonstrates the need for new leadership. Seventy percent of the spending increase is for raises (3.5% for county and 4% for school employees), Cadillac health plans, and pensions with retirement at 55. My opponent would raise real estate taxes 9%, pushing the typical homeowner's real estate tax from \$5,700 to \$6,200. She raised real estate taxes 8% last year. For 16 years the supervisors have been increasing taxes three times faster than household income. Since 2000, while school enrollment has increased 22%, the school budget increased 100%. County and school spending for health and pension benefits increased \$700M since 2000; that is \$400M more than needed to keep up with inflation, population, and enrollment. For 16 years the average annual raise for 30,000 county and school employees has been 4%. To pay for these raises and benefits, the supervisors have been increasing real estate taxes three times faster than household income. The revenue from the tax hikes was not enough to pay for the raises and benefits, so park and library staffing was cut and class sizes increased. And now teachers and police cannot afford the \$6,000 real estate taxes that were increased to pay for their own raises and benefits. To make Fairfax County affordable again, we need to cut taxes by reducing benefits and giving smaller raises, as is the case with private-sector employees.

4. How many hours a week of outside employment do you anticipate while serving on the Board of Supervisors?

I can retire and be a full-time chairman.

ELECTION '15

Candidates for Braddock District Supervisor

Carey C. Campbell (I)

Challenger for Braddock Supervisor
Town of residence: North Springfield

Age: 59

Family: wife

Education: B.A. University of Maryland European Division with honors. Accounting and Business University of Kentucky. German language and Political Science University of Freiburg, Germany

Offices held, dates: State Chairman, Independent Green Party of Virginia 2000 to 2010; Fairfax Federation of Citizens Association Vice President circa 2005; North Springfield Civic Association, Braddock District Council; Executive Committee Independent Green Party of Virginia 2010 to present; National Chairman Committee to Draft Michael Bloomberg for President

Occupation and relevant experience: Accountant. Served as co-chair of the Fairfax Federation of Citizens Associations Budget, and Transportation committees

Community involvement: North Springfield Civic Association, PTA, Traffic Calming Committee. Worked in the community for nearly 30 years.

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Name three favorite endorsements: Independent Green Party; Dr. Joseph Galdo, Green Party; Gail for Rail Parker, Independent Green Party

QUESTIONS:

1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

The Green New Deal positive solutions eco jobs for the economy. Solar Jobs. Wind Jobs. Geothermal Jobs. Rail jobs. More trains less traffic. Bring Bike Share to Braddock. Walkable, bikeable, pedestrian, rail friendly communities. Cut taxpayer subsidies to big asphalt, big oil, and fossil fuel. Install money making renewable energy in all our public buildings. Build money making, revenue producing rail, and bike lanes.

2. What distinguishes you from your opponents and why should voters choose you?

I am an Independent candidate. I do not accept contributions from lobbyists, and the usual corporate campaign contributors. My loyalty is to Braddock District residents.

3. More than half of the county budget is devoted to the local school system. A significant budget gap looms for the next budget cycle, both for FCPS and Fairfax County. What are the top county priorities and how will you assure funding and manage the budget? What ideas do you have for increasing revenue? Name two areas/items you would cut or reduce.

Cut the massive taxpayer subsidies to campaign contributors and lobby crowd. They fund the incumbent's campaign. My positive solution is to invest our resources into our community, not campaign contributors. Keep our schools, police, and fire departments strong. Increase the value of our homes, businesses, and communities by building money making rail. Bring bike share to Braddock. Every dollar invested in rail returns twenty dollars to the economy. Rail grows revenue for our schools, police, and fire departments.

We increase revenue by installing solar panels, and geothermal heating and cooling systems in all our public buildings. My home in North Springfield has 51 solar panels and geothermal heating and cooling. The first year installed it produced 10 times the energy it consumed. It's a money maker. Every quarter I receive on average \$1,200 in revenue from the profits that renewable energy produces. Every homeowner can do this. Every building in Fairfax County can do this. I'd cut the Economic Development Authority, and save millions of taxpayer dollars. I'd propose cuts in the county tech budget. In years of going door to door, I've had person after person tell me there is fat in that portion of the county budget.

4. How many hours a week of outside employment do you anticipate while serving on the Board of Supervisors?

Zero. Braddock District Supervisor would be my only job.



John C. Cook (R)

Incumbent Braddock Supervisor
Town of residence: Kings Park

Age: 52

Family: Wife: Valerie. Children: Jessica, Sarah, Amanda, Laura, Andrew, Steven.

Education: BA, Gettysburg College, 1985; JD, George Washington University, 1988

Offices held, dates: Braddock Supervisor, 2009-present.

Occupation and relevant experience: Practicing attorney, 25 years.

Community involvement: Kings Park Civic Association president, 3 years. Kings Park/Kings Glen PTA VP, 2 years. FCPS Committee on Adult and Community Education, 3 years. BRYC coach, 2 years. Active in church.

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QUESTIONS:

1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

Ensuring our Braddock neighborhoods stay safe and vibrant has always been, and will always be my first priority.

That means helping our community organizations, such as civic and homeowners associations, so they have the knowledge and resources necessary to work amongst themselves to improve their individual communities.

I have trained over 200 community leaders through our neighborhood college programs and meet regularly with our community leaders to provide guidance and assistance. Our communities matter because that is where we live, and our communities are the sum total of the effort we as citizens put into them.

2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?

I have proven myself as someone who cares about our community. Working with Chairman Bulova on our Diversion First program, we are seeking to provide treatment instead of incarceration for those who commit nonviolent crimes arising out of mental illness.

Together with county staff and non-profit organizations I have led on the issue of Domestic and Sexual Violence awareness and prevention. I also have a record of working with people to get things done. The joint Supervisors-School Board Infrastructure Financing Committee, which I served as co-chair, developed a plan that has generated additional funds for school renovations, realized through reprioritization of money, not additional taxes. As Chair of the VRE Operations Board, I am continually working with regional leaders to improve our long-term transportation options.

3. More than half of the county budget is devoted to the local school system. A significant budget gap looms for the next budget cycle, both for FCPS and Fairfax County. What are the top county priorities and how will you assure funding and manage the budget? What ideas do you have for increasing revenue? Name two areas/items you would cut or reduce.

I believe we should increase the transfer to our schools to four percent a year, an increase of what is currently being proposed by the County Executive.

To achieve this, I would hold county-side spending to two percent. Given that our employee compensation and many vendor contracts cost three percent more each year, that means most other county spending will need to stay near current levels. I would increase funding for mental health and public safety and hold other departments near level.

We need to find the funds for those increases through our lines of business review.

This series of 12 full-day meetings next January through March will look in detail at the budgets of each agency. I believe we should use that process to find necessary savings.

4. How many hours a week of outside employment do you anticipate while serving on the Board of Supervisors?

Hard work is never easy and sometimes sacrifices are required. Often that means giving up the bulk of my personal time, and on occasion it means not spending as much time with my family as I'd prefer, but I always make sure to put into the job of supervisor all the time and attention it needs.

I am one of the most active Supervisors in the county, hosting meetings and spearheading community initiatives across the District on a regular basis, while offering great and responsive constituent service. That's where my focus is and I believe that's where it should be.



Janet Sloate Oleszek (D)

Challenger Braddock Supervisor

Town of residence: Fairfax

Age: 68

Family: Husband, Walter, Sons, Mark and Eric

Education: BA, University of California at Davis, M.Ed. American University

Offices held, dates: Fairfax County School Board Member at Large, 2004-2008

Occupation and relevant experience: Legislative Assistant to Congressman John E. Moss, Legislative Aide to Delegate Kris Amundson, Legislative Aide to Delegate Kaye Kory, FCPS Teacher.

Community involvement: State Legislation Chair Virginia PTA, Fairfax County Council of PTA's Legislation Chair, Robinson Secondary PTSA Legislation Chair, Northern Virginia Board Member, Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership

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QUESTIONS:

1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

Education is an issue that defines me. I have spent over 40 years as an advocate for our public schools here in Fairfax County. I worked at the PTA level, before my election to the Fairfax County School Board in 2003. I believe our schools must be our first priority.

2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?

I am opposed to the Braddock Road expansion which John Cook has been an advocate for. The current county transportation plans seem to envision Braddock Road as a new major east-west roadway, similar to I-66 with an 8 lane layout. In my opinion this is a community road, not a transportation hub. I would strongly oppose the Braddock Road expansion and remove it from county transportation plans.

3. More than half of the county budget is devoted to the local school system. A significant budget gap looms for the next budget cycle, both for FCPS and Fairfax County. What are the top county priorities and how will you assure funding and manage the budget? What ideas do you have for increasing revenue? Name two areas/items you would cut or reduce.

It should concern voters that the budget gap anticipated for next year is because of structural issues and does not anticipate any additional funding or services. Our teachers, public safety and other public employees earn salaries that are falling behind neighboring localities and we are losing some of our best young talent because of that. My top priority will be to find the revenue needed to fix the long term structural issues in Fairfax County. I will support a meals tax referendum as a way to begin that process, but I know we will need to go well beyond that to balance Fairfax's budget and meet our long term needs. One area that I would cut is part-time political employees of the County who earn full-time salaries. Taxpayers deserve a strong ethics reform in Fairfax County that prevents Supervisors from pulling \$95,000 a year salaries while working another full time job.

4. How many hours a week of outside employment do you anticipate while serving on the Board of Supervisors?

None. I will serve as a full-time Braddock District Supervisor.



Election Notes

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

To vote on Election Day, you must be registered at your current address. You can check your registration status online by going to www.sbe.virginia.gov.

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School Board Candidate For Braddock District

Megan O. McLaughlin

Incumbent Braddock School Board member
Town of residence: Fairfax

Age: 48

Family: Married with three sons; college sophomore, college freshman, and high school sophomore (W.T. Woodson)
Education: Bachelor's Degree in American History, Univ. of Pennsylvania; Master's Degree in Social Work, Univ. of Maryland

Offices held, dates: Fairfax County School Board, Braddock District 2012-Present

Occupation and relevant experience: Former college admissions officer, family counselor, and community advocate

Community involvement: Former co-founder and president of FAIRGRADE; former co-founder and chairman of the Fairfax Education Coalition; current volunteer/former team representative for Rutherford Summer Swim Team; Penn Alumni reunion committee member.

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Name three favorite endorsements: Fairfax Education Association (FEA), Fairfax County Federation of Teachers (FCFT), Fairfax County Democratic Committee (FCDC)

QUESTIONS:

1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

Ensuring a quality education for all students is the defining issue for why I wish to serve a second term on the Fairfax County School Board. One of the most important factors related to a quality education is hiring and retaining quality teachers. Regrettably, FCPS teacher salaries are not competitive within the region. Together with my colleagues and Superintendent Garza, we must develop a strategic fiscal plan to substantively address this.

2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?

During my four years of service on the School Board, I have worked tirelessly in support of many positive changes: hiring a highly effective and responsive superintendent, increasing employee compensation, implementing healthy high school start times, improving student discipline practices, hiring a new auditor general, restoring valuable high school honors courses, restoring full-day Mondays for elementary school students, promoting mental health and well-being, and improving collaboration with the Board of Supervisors.

3. How will you address the growing economic divide in county schools?

As the 10th largest school system in the country, FCPS' student population continues to become more economically diverse. Therefore, I strongly believe in the value of community schools. This model provides wrap-around social services such as health, dental, counseling, and after-school care through a coordinated county/schools partnership. As a 3-

term member of the county's Successful Children and Youth Policy Team (SCYPT), I look forward to promoting the community schools model as well as finding solutions for reducing our county's extensive early childhood education waitlist.

4. How will you address the achievement gap?

I am very pleased that Superintendent Garza has created a more robust program for reducing gaps in student achievement. I will continue to promote the implementation of nationally recognized instructional programs, as well as instituting rigorous measures for monitoring student achievement.

5. More than half of the county budget is devoted to the local school system with a significant budget gap looming, both for FCPS and Fairfax County. What steps would you take to manage the gap and to fund the needs of the school system? What are the top priorities and what could be cut?

It is essential that the Board of Supervisors and the School Board strengthen their collaboration around the issue of employee compensation. FCPS' has over 24,000 full-time employees and 90% of its operating budget is compensation-driven. In order for annual raises (for both county and school employees) to be fair and equitable, the County Executive and the Board of Supervisors need to develop a budget that incorporates both costs. In addition, both boards need to partner with our state legislators to advocate for increased state funding. In terms of priorities and cuts, I am committed to protecting funds for the classroom, including teacher salaries.

6. What value does FCPS add for taxpayers who do not have children in the schools?

Strong schools create a strong community. Specifically, residential home values are deeply tied to the quality of their local school system. Families and corporations often locate to Fairfax County because of strong schools. This in turn creates greater demand/higher values in the housing market, more jobs, and thus more taxable revenue to fund desirable county services.



Providence District Supervisor

Linda Smyth (D)

Incumbent Providence Supervisor, unopposed
Town of residence: Fairfax County

Age: 66

Family: Nigel Smyth, husband; Sefton Smyth, son
Education: B.A., Washington University; M.A. and PhD, History, University of Virginia

Offices held, dates: Providence District Supervisor, 2004 to present

Occupation and relevant experience: Current, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors; Virginia Association of Counties Board of Directors; Metropolitan Washington Transportation Planning Board, Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee; past, Fairfax County Planning Commission

Community involvement: President, Briarwood Citizens' Association; Merrifield Suburban Center Citizens' Task Force; Providence District Area Plan Review Task Force; Vice Chair, Providence District Council; Chair, Vienna Metro Area Citizens' Task Force

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Name three favorite endorsements: Service Employees International Union, Sierra Club, Fairfax League of Conservation Voters

QUESTIONS:

1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

The most significant issue to face Providence in the next four years will be the state's I-66 project. The scope of widening I-66 outside the Beltway, including replacement of bridges, will affect homes, businesses, and daily lives throughout the corridor. I have begun already to work with residents, county staff, and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to identify potential problems, ways to mitigate impacts, and improvements in communications. This process will continue from design through actual construction.

2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?

I don't have an opponent. But if I did have one, I would hope that my work with constituents over the past 12 years would persuade them to vote for me again.

3. More than half of the county budget is devoted to the local school system. A significant budget gap looms for the next budget cycle, both for FCPS and Fairfax County. What are the top county priorities and how will you assure funding and manage the budget? What ideas do you have for increasing revenue? Name two areas/items you would cut or reduce.

Next year the Board of Supervisors will undertake an extensive Lines of Business review to evaluate all county programs with a focus on metrics to measure the effectiveness and efficiency of the programs. We will look at mandated and core functions as well as quality of life services. Through this process the Board will be able to set priorities, allocate funding, and make reductions where necessary. The state limits the type of revenue sources that localities can use. We need to maximize some existing sources of revenue (for example, more stringent enforcement of vehicle registration in Fairfax) while lobbying the state to fulfill its funding obligations, particularly in the fields of education and mental health.

4. How many hours a week of outside employment do you anticipate while serving on the Board of Supervisors?

None. My job as Providence Supervisor is full time for me.



How to Vote

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trict member of the Board of Supervisors, School Board At Large (vote for three) Soil and Water Conservation Board (vote for three), School Bond for \$310 million, Public Safety Bond for \$151 million.

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/upcoming.htm>

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

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

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

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

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

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

For More Election Information: Fairfax County Board of Elections, 703-222-0776, <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/upcoming.htm> 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Suite 232, Fairfax, 22035; FAX 703-324-2205; email voting@fairfaxcounty.gov

School Board Candidates for Providence District

Dalia Palchik

Challenger, Providence District School Board
Town of residence: Annandale, VA
Age: 32
Family: Parents, 3 siblings, 1 niece and 1 nephew
Education: Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, Tufts University (B.A., French and Anthropology), Johns Hopkins University (post-bacc pre-med certificate).
Offices held, dates: Minority Student Achievement Oversight Committee and the Adult and Community Education Committee of the Fairfax County School Board (2014-15)
Occupation and relevant experience: World language teacher, medical interpreter, community health worker, media and communications director
Community involvement: Member, Board of Directors of Homeowners Association, Member, Providence District Democratic Committee, Providence District Council, Representative, Fairfax Federation of Homeowners Association.
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Name three favorite endorsements: Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova, Fairfax County Democratic Committee, my 7-year old niece and FCPS 2nd-grader Marli.

those programs. I will work to ensure all families are informed about opportunities in our schools. We must fully fund free and reduced meals, ESOL and special education programs that level the playing field and bridge the economic divide.

4. How will you address the achievement gap?

As a teacher, I understand what FCPS needs to do to recruit and retain quality teachers in our most needy classrooms. I will work with the county and nonprofits in providing wrap-around services for families, and be more innovative in working with our business community. In Utah, Goldman Sachs is investing in "social impact bonds" in the form of Pre-K programs. They understand that by investing now, they'll receive a return through reduced special education services later. Increased Pre-K is the best way to close the achievement gap, and it saves taxpayer money. We need a system to expand Pre-K now.

5. More than half of the county budget is devoted to the local school system with a significant budget gap looming, both for FCPS and Fairfax County. What steps would you take to manage the gap and to fund the needs of the school system? What are the top priorities and what could be cut?

I will work closely with our Board of Supervisors and state representatives to secure more funding for FCPS. I'm proud to already have strong relationships with every congressman, delegate and state senator in my district, and the Board of Supervisors Chair, all of whom have endorsed my candidacy. I will build on these relationships to secure funding for our schools. We also must examine where our funding is going now. I will look at ways to streamline transportation costs and administrative overhead. Above all, I am committed to fully funding our classroom programs, teachers, and students.

6. What value does FCPS add for taxpayers who do not have children in the schools?

Our schools are the primary reason businesses and families relocate to Fairfax County, and they keep our property values high and our community vibrant. The strength of our schools affects the entire community, and on the Board I will increase partnerships between schools and the community so that both benefit. If elected, I will advocate for an economic impact study so the public and the business community understand how FCPS drives economic growth.



Patty Reed

Incumbent Providence District School Board member
Town of residence: Oakton
Age: 54
Family: Married, two children (FCPS graduates aged 24 and 21)
Education: Master of Public Administration, Syracuse University, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs; B.A. Psychology and Sociology, SUNY Albany
Offices held, dates: FCPS School Board 2009-present; Board Budget Chair/ Co-Chair past 3 years; School Board/Board of Supervisors Joint Budget Development Committee and Infrastructure Financing Committee
Occupation and relevant experience: Successful 30-year career in government and management consulting; founder of Reed Strategies LLC; Co-founder of Choose2Lead Women's Foundation; 1983 U.S. Presidential Management Intern; 2012 graduate of Leadership Fairfax
Community involvement: Past President of Friends of Oakton Library; fundraising co-chair for Fairfax Library Foundation
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Name three favorite endorsements: Fairfax Education Association, Fairfax County Federation of Teachers, Class Size Counts

QUESTIONS:

1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

The Board must resist the temptation to rush into decisions that are not based upon ample public engagement and analysis of accurate, unbiased information. We are entrusted with allocating public funds for the greatest public benefit. I will continue to push for more accurate projections and analysis of alternatives/ impacts/costs.

2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?

I have served on the School Board for 6 years, and have the knowledge, leadership skills and working relationships to confront the challenges ahead. Other discriminators include: non-partisan endorsements for this non-partisan School Board position; experience as FCPS parent and public school advocate; transformational changes made during my tenure, including hiring Superintendent Garza, first independent Board Auditor General, full-day kindergarten, full-day Monday, later high school start times, and "real food for kids"; and last, but not least, responsible fiscal stewardship of the \$2.6 operating budget as well as the capital bud-

get program.

3. How will you address the growing economic divide in county schools?

As a county, we must address the multi-faceted equity issue purposefully. We must acknowledge that organizational decisions and actions are inter-related.

4. How will you address the achievement gap?

As a county, we must collaborate and focus efforts on actions that make the biggest difference, including preschool, literacy and wraparound services.

5. More than half of the county budget is devoted to the local school system with a significant budget gap looming, both for FCPS and Fairfax County. What steps would you take to manage the gap and to fund the needs of the school system? and What are the top priorities and what could be cut?

My top priority is competitive teacher compensation. I also want to reduce those very large class sizes. While I cannot yet commit to specific cuts, important considerations include strategic priority, "bang for the buck", public feedback, and recommendations from the FCPS Budget Task Force. As a community, we should explore potential increased revenue sources (such as a greater share of our dollars from Richmond) but manage our budget by living within our means. Now that we have produced our Portrait of the Graduate, we must seize the opportunity to change what we do in FCPS and how we do it. For example, we must work with our business community and others to address the supply and demand of a specialized workforce, and maximize partnerships. We must make sure we are still teaching the basics but yet not lose the depth and breadth of offerings that has made our school system a place for all students to succeed.

6. What value does FCPS add for taxpayers who do not have children in the schools?

High quality public schools benefit the entire county, impacting property values, business and economic development, and the quality of life of our residents.



Voting Notes, Early Voting

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

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It's also worth noting that new, more restrictive voter identification regulations took effect last year. Voters arriving to the polls without required photo ID will be allowed to vote a provisional ballot and will have until noon on the Friday after the election to deliver a copy of identification to their locality's electoral board in order for their provisional ballot to be counted. Photo ID requirements also apply to absentee voters who vote in-person in all elections.

In-Person Absentee Voting: Vote Early

Fairfax County Government Center
 • Fairfax County Governmental Center Location, Conference Room 2/3, 12000 Government Center Pkwy., Fairfax, VA 22035. Oct. 13 - Oct. 30: extended hours:

Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Saturdays: Oct. 10, Oct. 17, Oct. 24 and Oct. 31: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Satellite Voting

Oct. 13 - Oct. 30 - Weekdays: Monday - Friday, 3:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Saturdays, Oct. 24 and Oct. 31: 9 - 5.

Satellite Locations:

Franconia Governmental Center - 6121 Franconia Road, Community Room B, Alexandria, 22310

Mason Governmental Center - 6507 Columbia Pike, Conference Room, Annandale, 22003

West Springfield Governmental Center - 6140 Rolling Road, Community Room, Springfield, 22152

School Board Candidates At-Large

Omar Fateh

Town of residence: Annandale
Age: 25

Education: MPA from George Mason University

Occupation and relevant experience: Former Campaign Finance Analyst at FEC, Former Academic Advisor/Assistant Instructor at Northern Virginia Community College

Community involvement: Co-organize youth basketball league, Assist in developing tutoring programs at local mosques

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Name favorite endorsements: Fairfax Education Association

QUESTIONS:

1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

The achievement gap. Our minority and economically disadvantaged students continually score 20-30 points below their peers on standardized tests. The dropout rate among economically disadvantaged students has nearly doubled in the last four years. First, standardized test scores should not be the main indicator of student progress or potential. Second, rather than having teachers teach to the tests, it is important for the School Board to give teachers the freedom to identify their students' strengths and interests. Finally, we must get parents involved, and to place responsibility on the students to succeed as well.

2. Why should voters choose you?

The qualities that separate me most from the other candidates for School Board include the perspective I bring as a member of some of the County's many underrepresented communities (including the Somali and Muslim communities), as a former Fairfax County Public Schools student, and also as a former advisor to countless area students at Northern Virginia Community College.

3. How will you address the growing economic divide in county schools?

Many parents in Fairfax County must work multiple jobs, and are not able to provide the full support needed by their children, such as attending school meetings and checking their children's work. It is critical for us to get parents as involved as we can, in part by meeting them on their terms and as much as possible. I will ensure that I am easily accessible to the entire community. Having worked with my local mosque to develop a tutoring program for our County's youth, many people within our community are willing to donate their time and efforts to help both academically, and in developing them as professionals.

Increased funding is necessary to meet the needs of an ever-expanding student body.

4. How to address the achievement gap?

To begin addressing the issue in earnest, the School Board first needs compassionate representatives willing to understand and serve the needs of the full range of County students with new energy and ability.

5. More than half of the county budget is devoted to the school system with a budget gap looming, both for FCPS and Fairfax County. What steps would you take to manage the gap? What are the top priorities and what could be cut?

Board members must also better engage their fellow elected officials to seek additional funding. The majority of the Board of Supervisors wants to fully fund our schools, but the dollars simply are not coming in from Richmond. We need to work with state representatives to bring back our tax dollars. We must work first and foremost to provide additional funding. We must get both Boards on the same page, and put education— in other words, our children— first in Fairfax County.



Jeanette Hough

Town of residence: Fairfax
Age: 36

Family: Husband, Charlie (Oakton graduate '97); Ryan (4th grade), Keri (2nd grade), Ethan (Kindergarten), Vader (rescue puppy)

Education: B.A. in Economics; University of Virginia, Masters in Physical Therapy; University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Occupation and relevant experience: Physical Therapist (Senior Therapist – mentor and leader role)

Community involvement: Volunteer in children's elementary school, local homeless shelter, church, and with meals and holiday gifts through Our Daily Bread, volunteer with kid's sports and activities, Manna Meal coordinator, PTA member

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Name three favorite endorsements: Class Size Counts, Former Congressman Tom Davis, Congresswoman Barbara Comstock

QUESTIONS:

1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

Responsibility to the community defines my call to serve. That responsibility comes with engaging the community members, being fiscally responsible and setting clear priorities. Authentic engagement includes holding office hours and citizen town halls throughout the year, not just showing up to ribbon cuttings and planned events. Our community deserves more transparency with FCPS' \$2.7 billion operating fund. I will prioritize reducing large class sizes, not with one-time fixes the way my opponents have, but with long-term planning. I will prioritize competitive teacher salaries. Our teachers' salaries have fallen behind compared to surrounding counties. Instead of making it a real priority, the Board raised their own salary by 60%.

2. What distinguishes you from your opponents, why should voters choose you?

My opponents either do not have children or have not had children in FCPS for a long time. As the mother of children in graduating classes of 2023, 2025, 2027, I bring a unique insight into our school system. I bring an Economics degree when we face a shortfall of over \$70 million for FY17 due to failing to enact budgeting best practices.

3. How will you address the growing economic divide in county schools?

Part of the growing divide comes from parallel decisions made by the Board of Supervisors. It is imperative to have a new School Board that can build trust with the Board of Supervisors. With a better relationship, the two Boards can work together for our community and all of our children.

4. How to address the achievement gap?

Under current leadership, the achievement gap continues to be substantial. We cannot keep electing the same people and expect a different result. We need to provide a rigorous curriculum to all students and allocate resources for objective gains. We need to work with the community to provide wraparound services and empower parents to help their children at home.

5. More than half of the county budget is devoted to the school system with a budget gap looming, both for FCPS and Fairfax County. What are the top priorities and what could be cut?

FCPS' projected shortfall is 2.5% of the operating budget. The current School Board took five years to hire an auditor general and has refused to do a line of business review. My top priority is to ensure clear metrics and objectivity so we base cuts on educational impact and effectiveness, not on bias and popularity. We also need to look at FCPS' contract procurement practices. I will bring leadership to the Board so we cut waste and inefficiency, not proven programs.



Manar Jean-Jacques

Town of residence: Fairfax
Age: 31

Family: My family is originally from Egypt and my wonderful husband, Thierry, is from Haiti. We have been married for 7 years and we have two children, Thomas is 2 and Mary is 8 months.

Education: I hold a B.A. in Sociology from George Mason University

Occupation and relevant experience: I work at the Refugee Processing Center as a contractor for the Department of State. Since starting there 8 years ago, I have been known as a solution-driven, out-of-the box thinker with creative solutions. In addition to my analytical skills, I bring a parent's perspective to the board. As a mom of two future FCPS students, my priority is ensuring the best education for children in FCPS.

Community involvement: I participate in local volunteer opportunities though my church, I spent time on the ground in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina assisting in disaster relief efforts and I spent time helping at an orphanage in my husband's hometown of Port-au-Prince, Haiti after the devastating earthquake in 2010.

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Name favorite endorsements: I have am officially endorsed by the GOP and Arab Community Radio.

QUESTIONS:

1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

As a first generation American, I cherish the importance of a government that listens to its people. I feel called to serve in my local government because the current school board is unresponsive to its constituents. I plan on involving the community in all board-related matters through regular town halls, PTA meetings, setting special time aside to meet with teachers and making myself readily available to the residents of Fairfax County via office hours, email and phone.

2. Why should voters choose you?

The incumbent at-large candidates either have children that have already graduated from FCPS or do not have children at all, the only way they take their decisions home with them is in their pockets. As a mom of two future FCPS students, my priority is ensuring the highest quality education for FCPS students so that our children have the best opportunities to thrive and be successful. I understand the frustration parents have with class size disparity, the need for more rigor in the classroom and the need for parents of this next generation to be respected and recognized as the primary educators of their children ... that is a perspective needed on the school board and it is one that the incumbents cannot offer.

3. How will you address the growing economic divide in county schools?

It is important to keep rigor, class size disparity and staffing formulas at the heart of the conversation with the community. Working together, we can create solutions that address our county's challenges and needs. It is the responsibility of FCPS to educate all students in the county and shape them into productive members of the community.

4. How to address the achievement gap?

Coming from an immigrant family and working daily to bring refugees to the U.S., I understand what education means for those seeking a better future for themselves and their families in the U.S. I am very concerned that the needle hasn't moved on closing the minority achievement gap in years, despite \$65 million being poured into projects targeting the issue. The current board continually changes the name of these projects (Excel, PSI, Momentum, etc), making it nearly impossible to

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Ryan McElveen

INCUMBENT
Town of residence: McLean

Age: 29

Family: Married
Education: M.A. in International Affairs, Columbia University; B.A. in Anthropology and East Asian Studies, The University of Virginia

Offices held, dates: School Board Member, At-large, January 2012-Present

Occupation and relevant experience: Assistant Director, John L. Thornton China Center, The Brookings Institution

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Name three endorsements: Fairfax County Federation of Teachers, Fairfax Education Association, Fairfax County Democratic Committee

QUESTIONS:

1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

I will remain a voice for the voiceless who don't know how to best resolve their concerns with the school system. One of my first actions on the Board was to push for the creation of a system to allow community members to submit YouTube video testimonies to be shown at our meetings. We became the first public Board in the country to implement this kind of feedback mechanism. I will continue engaging with the community in a transparent manner and with an open mind while working to improve our communications.

2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?

I have a track record of bringing significant and positive change to the school system in a short amount of time. I have focused on three major initiatives — improving school food (including the creation of a fresh food pilot kitchen and the system-wide study of our Food and Nutrition Services program), the internationalization working group (to help guide our work on implementing world languages and study-abroad opportunities), and the alumni networking action group (which has helped us map a path to create an FCPS alumni association). In my next term, I hope to see all of these efforts through to implementation.

3. How will you address the growing economic divide in county schools?

FCPS is a tale of two counties, and this unquestionably has emerged as one of our biggest challenges. In Fairfax, more than half of our elementary schools sit above the socio-economic tipping point, proving that Fairfax has moved beyond localized poverty. To address this divide, the School Board must maintain its long-standing practice of targeting these communities with needs-based funding. Co-location of school and human services facilities, as has been piloted in Mount Vernon, is another way to tackle this community issue without spending significant additional county resources.

4. How to address the achievement gap?

Our Board has remained steadfast in our support of needy students and those who speak other languages at home by directing budget resources to these at-risk populations. We have made expanding early childhood opportunities one of our priorities, because we know that investments in the education of students at an early age pay dividends later in their educational careers (thus saving our system money). We must continue working with the county to creatively fund and house these programs.

5. More than half of the county budget is devoted to the local school system with a significant budget gap looming, both for FCPS and Fairfax County. What steps would you take to manage the gap and to

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School Board Candidates At-Large

Ilryong Moon

INCUMBENT
Town of residence: Fairfax
Age: 58
Family: Father of 2 FCPS graduates
Education: Harvard, B.A.; William and Mary Law School, J.D.



Offices held, dates: At-Large School Board Member, 07/1995-12/1995 & 2004-present; Braddock District School Board Member 1996-1999; At-Large Planning Commissioner 2000-2003.

Occupation and relevant experience: Attorney since 1984; Member, Board of Directors, American Youth Philharmonic Orchestras, 2000-2010; Member, Board of Directors, Montessori School of Northern Virginia, 1994-1995

Community involvement: Youth soccer coaching, Fairfax-Falls Church Regional Council of the United Way, Police Chief's Diversity Council.

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Name three favorite endorsements: My family, Fairfax County Federation of Teachers, and Democratic Party

QUESTIONS:

1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

We should prepare our students for global competition. They will not only lead our country in the future, but must be able to compete with the students from the other nations. I want Fairfax County to be the best place to live, work, and raise children. We need good teachers and must support them. We should challenge our students to do their best, meet their individual needs, and provide them with a broad curriculum, including in STEM and foreign language education.

2. What distinguishes you from your opponents; why should voters choose you?

Experience and unique perspectives. I have served on the school board for 16 years, including 3 years as chairman and 2 years as vice chairman, and also chaired budget, governance, personnel, and policy committees. Furthermore, I bring unique perspectives as an immigrant grown up in poverty, an English language learner, an attorney, and a small business owner.

3. How will you address the growing economic divide in county schools?

All students should have resources per their needs. We should work more closely with the parents to help their children succeed. For the parents with language, cultural, or employment barriers, we should reach out to them more proactively. All students should have adequate access to digital devices and internet capability. We must also work with the County Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission on housing issues not to concentrate high poverty students on certain areas.

4. How to address the achievement gap?

Adequate resources, closer work with families, and high expectations for all students are needed. I support needs-based staffing. Resources should follow students' needs whether in opportunities, special education, or learning English as a second language. We need to equip, train, and educate parents to help their children succeed. Also, everyone should have high expectations for all students. We should expand early childhood education opportunities, working with the County, State, private sector, and community organizations.

5. More than half of the county budget is devoted to the school system with a significant budget gap looming, both for FCPS and Fairfax County. What steps would you take to manage the gap and to fund the needs of the school system? What are the top priorities and what could be cut?

A community consensus on the school funding level should be built. I support the superintendent's work with the budget task force to gather commu-

Burnette G. Scarboro

Town of residence: Alexandria (Fairfax County)
Age: Over 21
Family: Luther, husband; Children – Syreeta, Seneca and Stefanie

Education: Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, NC; NOVA Community College; and George Mason University, Fairfax, VA.

Offices held, dates: No elected office held

Occupation and relevant experience: Fairfax County Public Schools – Family Engagement Representative; African Heritage Early Literacy Project Leader. Co-founder South County Youth Network a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Member, Lt. Governor's Commonwealth Council for Childhood Success

Community involvement: Northern VA District PTA Director; Member, VA State PTA Board; Member, Chairman Bulova's Ad Hoc Police Review Committee; Coordinator, West Potomac-Mount Vernon School-Community Coalition

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Name three favorite endorsements: Dr. Larry Bussey; The Faith Community; and Mattie Palmore, Community Activist

QUESTIONS:

1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

My desire to have equitable education for all students drives me to run, along with character education in all school pyramids.

2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?

Voters should choose me because I am embedded in the school system as an employee; family oriented and believe that students and families should not be judged by their geographical location.

3. How will you address the growing economic divide in county schools?

First, we need to address the increase in families placing their children in private schools or homeschooling; second, the economic divide is a direct correlation of the type of businesses in a community, i.e., fast food establishments vs. Fortune 500; and, third – work on changing the mindset of judging others by zip codes.

4. How will you address the achievement gap?

The achievement gap should not exist. The history of public education clearly shows that that public education was not designed for people of color. The achievement gap came on the scene when schools were integrated. I can only address the problem when all stakeholders understand why the problem exists.

5. More than half of the county budget is devoted to the local school system with a significant budget gap looming, both for FCPS and Fairfax County. What steps would you take to manage the gap and to fund the needs of the school system? What are the top priorities and what could be cut?

FCPS and the BOS must work together to develop strategies to bring more businesses into the area and reduce the reliance on real estate taxes. Teachers know where cuts can be made and that is the group that I would begin my inquiries.

6. What value does FCPS add for taxpayers who do not have children in the schools?

A school system with a stellar reputation is sought by businesses and former school graduates to return and give back to the community. Taxpayers want to see "more bang for their bucks." Elect me to the school board and you'll see the plan in action!



Theodore J. "Ted" Velkoff

INCUMBENT
Town of Residence: Chantilly
Age: 61

Family: Wife, Dr. Patricia Velkoff; Daughters Catherine (South Lakes H.S. 2007), Elizabeth (Chantilly H.S. 2009)

Offices held, dates: At-Large

member of the Fairfax County School Board, January 2012 to present. Have served as Vice Chairman of the Board, Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Budget Committee.

Occupation and relevant experience: Senior Software Architect at Integrity One Partners, Reston VA; previously with Lockheed Martin and IBM in Manassas, VA. M.A., Computer Science, Indiana University; M. Music, Conducting, Indiana University; B. Music, Composition, University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music.

Community involvement: PTSA President, Chantilly H.S.; PTA Treasurer, Chantilly H.S., Rocky Run M.S., Poplar Tree E.S.; Treasurer, Pleasant Valley Preschool, Girl Scout Troup 2829. Volunteer, stage manager and occasional human prop, Fairfax Ballet.

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Name three favorite endorsements: Supervisor John Foust, Senator Chap Petersen, Delegate Ken Plum.

QUESTIONS:

1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

Eliminate high stakes testing and replace with authentic assessments. We must restore the joy of teaching and learning that comes from projects, inquiry and communication. Recently inaugurated Portrait of a Graduate defines success not in terms of what students know, but what they can do with what they know.

2. What distinguishes you from your opponents and why should voters choose you?

I am proud of the work accomplished by the board of which I have been a member for the past four years. We hired a visionary and transformational leader in Dr. Karen Garza. We made much-needed changes to student discipline practices; solved the high school start time problem; and instituted full-day instruction in elementary schools on Mondays. My opponents have seldom, if ever, attended school board meetings or work sessions, and appear to have been motivated solely by disagreement with one action of the board last May. I have been an effective member of the school board by building relationships and brokering agreements on potentially contentious policy decisions.

3. How will you address the growing economic divide in county schools?

We need to expand innovative programs in schools throughout the county, especially those in economically challenged communities. We must insist on rigorous instruction for all children in all schools, whether wealthy or poor, gifted or disadvantaged. I am deeply opposed to the punitive accountability measures imposed by the state and federal government, which are counterproductive. I am just as deeply committed to the principle that we in FCPS must do everything we can to meet the needs of all children.

4. How to address the achievement gap?

The most important thing we can do is to achieve universal pre-school in Fairfax County. Nobel Prize economist James Heckman has demonstrated that high quality pre-school yields a 7 to 1 return on investment in less remediation and discipline issues over the career of a student.

5. More than half of the county budget is devoted to the school system with a significant budget gap looming, both for FCPS



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Manar Jean-Jacques

evaluate the effectiveness of the programs. I would begin addressing the achievement gap by engaging teachers in the conversation and seeking their expertise.

5. More than half of the county budget is devoted to the local school system with a significant budget gap looming, both for FCPS and Fairfax County. What steps would you take to manage the gap and to fund the needs of the school system? What are the top priorities and what could be cut?

If elected, I would like to put a motion before the board to vote on giving back the 60% raise they voted themselves in the midst of this budget gap. I would also like to look at outsourcing FCPS jobs that do not directly impact the education of children inside the classroom. Outsourcing gives businesses in the community an opportunity to thrive and frees up money that we would have been paying into pensions to now be redirected back into the classroom.

Ryan McElveen

fund the needs of the school system? What are the top priorities and what could be cut?

FCPS cannot remain the system it is today at current levels of funding, and we won't realize that we've hit the breaking point until it's too late. It is well past time to diversify local revenue streams.

Beyond Fairfax, the School Board must take advocacy to the next level by coalition building with similar, like-minded districts and umbrella organizations throughout the state to push for a change to our state funding mechanisms. Additionally, both Boards need to continue exploring legal recourse to obtain the education funding guaranteed by the Virginia constitution.

Ilryong Moon

nity input. Both the School Board and the Board of Supervisors need to know where the community stands. We should also review our programs, practices, and operations to find savings. My priorities are to increase teacher salaries, lower class sizes, and challenge all students to do their best and prepare them for the postsecondary education and employment.

Ted Velkoff

and Fairfax County. What are the top priorities and what could be cut?

Because Virginia's antiquated form of government concentrates power in Richmond and marginalizes Fairfax County, the Board of Supervisors and School Board are pitted against each other by design. The Supervisors control school revenue; the School Board controls school spending. The County Executive proposes a revenue-based budget; the Superintendent proposes a needs-based budget.

The County Executive has told FCPS to "live within its means." In accordance with that budget guidance, the Superintendent will have to cut \$72M from the operating budget. The School Board has closed similar gaps by increasing class size and limiting employee compensation. This year I will not support a budget that is balanced on the backs of our employees.

Questionnaires have been edited for length. Full questionnaires are available at www.ConnectionNewspapers.com click on Elections.

Neither Peter Marchetti nor Robert Copeland, both candidates for Fairfax County School Board At Large, returned their questionnaires for publication.



The beginning of the K-9 Krawl 5K Walk at the Fairfax County Government Center on Saturday, Oct. 17.



Hunter Smith of Fairfax with his dog, Bailey.



Tracy Funck of Alexandria with her dogs, Bandit and Dixie.

K-9 Krawl 5K Walk a Success

Some 315 people participated in the ninth annual K-9 Krawl 5K Walk on Saturday, Oct. 17 at the Fairfax County Government Center in Fairfax. The free walk was created to increase awareness of the link between domestic violence and animal cruelty. The event is held during October in observance of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and is sponsored by the Fairfax County Police Department Victim Services Section and the FCPD Domestic Violence Unit.

"The K-9 Krawl was created to bring awareness to domestic violence and the link to animal cruelty,"

said Kacey Kirkland, Victim Services Specialist and K-9 Krawl Creator. "A lot of people see their pets as their family."

Sully District Supervisor Michael Frey, who was on hand, said, "What is important is that our police department recognized that there are direct links between animals and spousal abuse. This is a good way to help spread the message."

Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova, who was also on hand, said, "Bringing attention to domestic violence is so critical."

— STEVE HIBBARD



Sophie, Christine, and Vincent Sharp with their dog Rebel, from Fairfax.



Matt Dale with dog Sadie and Kristin Leonard with dog Isabelle, both from Herndon.



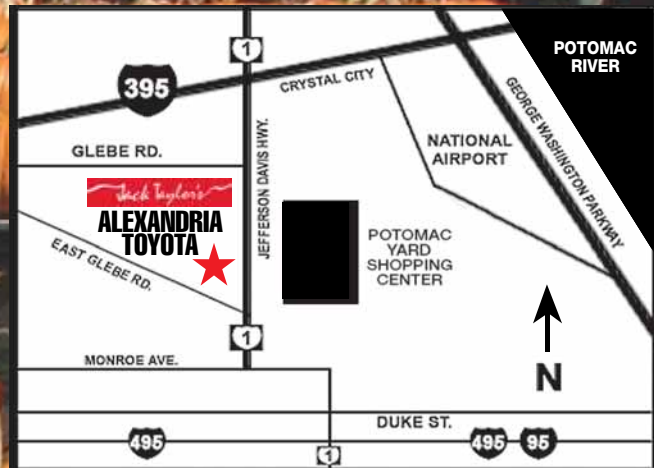
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Woodson Advances in Conference 7 Tournament

The No. 3 seed Woodson field hockey team advanced to the Conference 7 tournament semifinals and secured a berth in the 6A North region tournament with a 4-1 victory over No. 6 South County on Tuesday. Woodson will travel to face No. 2 Lake Braddock in the semifinals at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 22. No. 1 T.C. Williams and No. 5 West Potomac also advanced.

Lake Braddock Football to Host West Springfield

The Lake Braddock football team will host West Springfield at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 23 in a matchup of Conference 7 title contenders. Lake Braddock cruised to a 61-0 home victory over Woodson on Oct. 16, improving its record to 7-0, including 4-0 in the conference. The Bruins are one of two remaining undefeated teams in the 6A North region and are No. 2 in the latest VHSL football power rankings. Their rating of 31.85714 is behind only fellow unbeaten and conference foe South County.

Lake Braddock running back Lamont Atkins carried 14 times for 126 yards and two touchdowns against Woodson. Ibrahim Mansaray ran for 97 yards and a touchdown, and quarterback Kyle Edwards scored a rushing touchdown.

Edwards completed 9 of 14 passes for 148 yards and two touchdowns.

West Springfield improved to 5-2 overall and 3-1 in the conference with a 14-12 home win against T.C. Williams on Friday. The Spartans are No. 5 in the VHSL power rankings with a rating of 28.14286.

Running back Eric Vercellone carried 17 times for 100 yards against T.C. Williams. Quarterback Peter Muskett completed 12 of 20 passes for 146 yards and a touchdown, and also ran for a score.

Last season, West Springfield defeated Lake Braddock 16-14 during the regular season, but the Bruins won the playoff rematch 27-24.

South County Remains Undefeated

The South County football team improved to 7-0 overall and 4-0 in Conference 7 with a 55-6 victory over Mount Vernon on Oct. 16 in Lorton. The Stallions regained sole possession of the No. 1 spot in the VHSL's 6A North region power rankings, with a rating of 32.42857. Fellow unbeaten Lake Braddock is No. 2 with a rating of 31.85714.

South County quarterback DeAndre Clayton completed 16 of 26 passes for 197 yards and two touchdowns, and was intercepted twice. The Stallions rushed for 283 yards as a team, with 12 different players getting at least one carry.

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