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Potential Development of Dulles Suburban Center

A study to determine this land's future is currently underway.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
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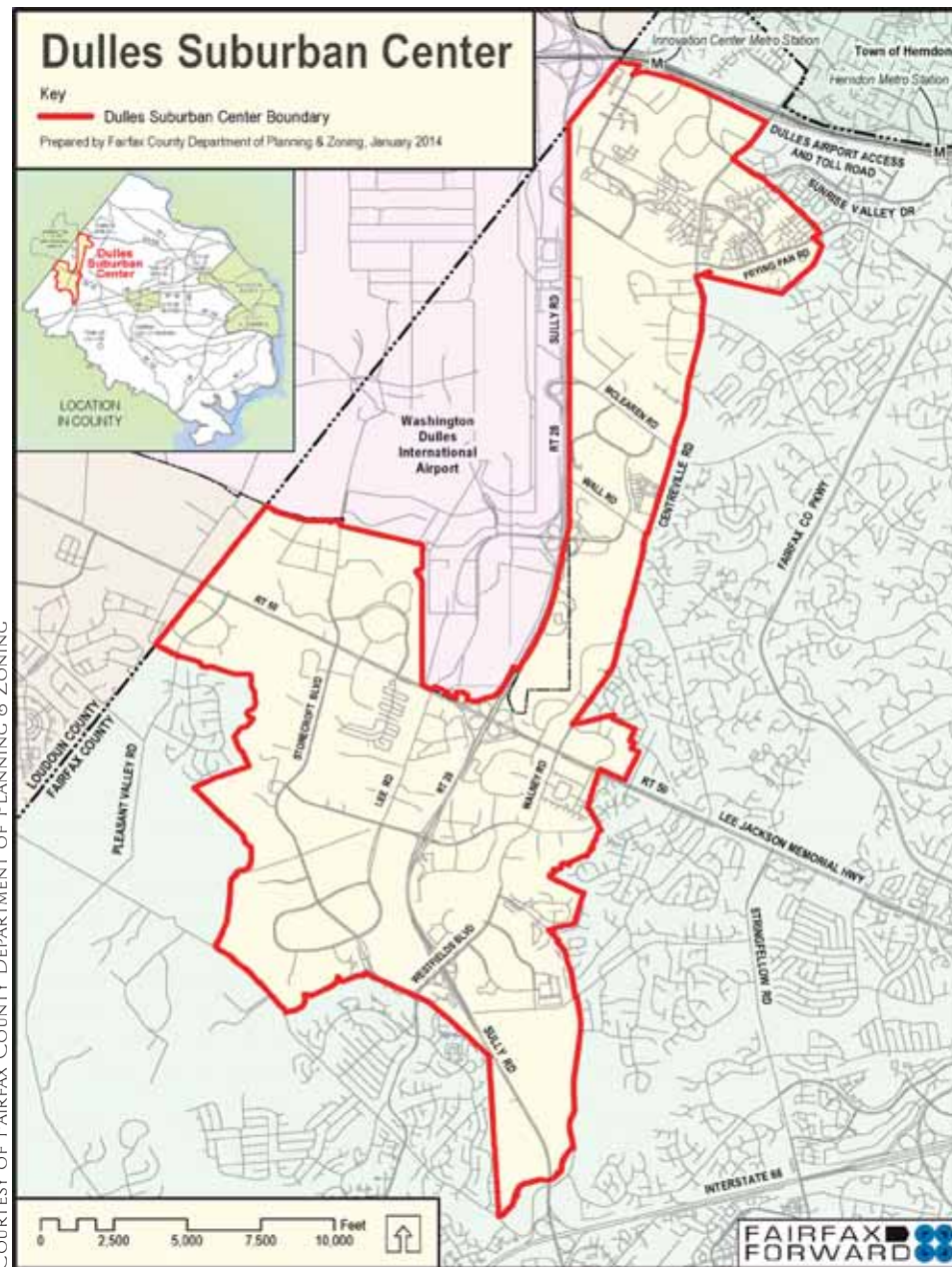
It's been 23 years since the Dulles Suburban Center had a thorough review. But all that's about to change, as a study has just begun to document what's there now and review recommendations for potential land-use changes and development in the future.

The Dulles Suburban Center is comprised of some 6,300 acres along the western edge of Fairfax County. They're adjacent to Dulles International Airport along the Route 28 and Route 50 Corridors. Herndon is to the north, with residential uses to the east and south. This area is also one of the county's largest employment centers, containing an estimated 78,000 jobs and more than 31 million square feet of office/industrial space.

NEIGHBORHOOD OUTLOOK

So on March 29, Supervisor Kathy Smith (D-Sully) hosted a community meeting in the Sully District Governmental Center so the public could learn more about the study. Clara Johnson, with the Planning Division of the county's Department of Planning and Zoning, explained the details.

"We want to hear your thoughts about this area," she said to those in attendance. "Tell us its challenges and what you'd like to see there in the future. Originally, it was primarily planned for industrial uses, corporate headquarters, office buildings, hotels



Virginia Run's Ted Troscianeki and Laura Floyd, Sully District Supervisor Kathy Smith's land-use aide, look at an aerial map of the site.

and warehouses. Residential uses comprised about 12 percent of the total development."

Between 1996 and 2015, there was an increase of more than 30 million square feet of development there. Office use, with nearly 15 million square feet of growth, accounted for 45 percent of the total growth. Residential development increased by almost 9 million square feet.

Next came more than 4 million square feet of industrial and industrial flex space, followed by more than 3 million square feet of retail and hotel uses. Meanwhile, some of the buildings contributing to the 4-percent growth in governmental and institu-

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Map of the Dulles Suburban Center.

Action, Swordfights and Tech Surprises

Centreville High presents "The Three Musketeers."

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Featuring a cast of 34 and a crew of 12, Centreville High's dramedy, "The Three Musketeers," is all set to burst upon the stage.

Show times are Friday-Saturday, April 29-30, and Friday-Saturday, May 6-7, at 7:30 p.m.; plus Saturday, April 30 and May 7, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 at the door.

"It's a fast-moving, extremely energetic production with lots of

action and sword fighting," said Director Mike Hudson. "It's also an unusual representation and a delightful take on a well-known story."

It takes place in a palace in the French countryside surrounding Paris in the mid-1600s. And what makes this play such a unique version of the story is that the playwright included the "Three Musketeers" author, Alexandre Dumas, into the storyline.

"Dumas is writing a 15-part, newspaper story and his publisher

wants it immediately," said Hudson. "So we see Dumas quickly writing it, and then the story loosely follows the 'Three Musketeers' plot. But it's a different and entertaining, new version and a funny show. And there's no blood, so children can come see it."

In addition, he said, "We spent a lot of time creating some unusual tech for this show. We built a 28-foot-wide, floor turntable moved by a computer-program-controlled electric motor. And we're using it to facilitate rapid scene changes

and character exits and entrances."

"There's also an 8-foot-tall stair-

case rising out of the turntable's central portion that doesn't move,"

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Pinewood Derby Winners

Sully District Boy Scouts of America held its annual Cub Scout Pinewood Derby at Liberty Middle School. More than 130 Cub Scouts participated in the event, with more than 300 spectators. Above are John Ferguson, the Pinewood Derby chairman and Cubmaster of Pack 2011; Webelos I Cub Scout Zachary Poole - 2nd Place; Tiger Cub Scout Grant Zdrozny - 4th Place; Bear Cub Scout Max Warren - 3rd Place; Webelos II Cub Scout Jake Witte - 5th Place; and Wolf Cub Scout AJ Sexton - Sully District Champion.

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Deepwood Veterinary Clinic owner Dr. Wanda Pool and technician Pamela Meade.

National Recognition for Clinic

Deepwood Veterinary Clinic owner Dr. Wanda Pool and technician Pamela Meade, were awarded two Macbook Pro laptops on April 14 for their winning entry into the "Saluting the Frontlines" program sponsored by Merial Pharmaceutical Company.

According to Maggie Dupler of Merial, "Merial created this program to honor those veterinarians and vet clinic staff that are on the frontlines of animal health. We

want to find special folks that have gone above and beyond in taking care of the needs of dogs and cats. Submissions for the program were taken at two kiosks inside the Merial booth in the exhibit hall at the Orlando, Fla. North American Veterinary Community Conference. Conference attendees totaled 17,328 veterinary industry professionals. The submissions are judged by an outside team, not Merial employees, and graded on SEE DEEPWOOD, PAGE 11

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Death Ruled as Homicide

On Sunday, April 24, at approximately 4:24 p.m., patrol officers from the Sully District Station were called to a residence in the 5600 block of Gresham Lane for a report of an unresponsive adult male.

Upon arriving at the residence, officers located the man with trauma to the upper body and he was pronounced dead at the scene by paramedics with the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department. The deceased has been identified as Hosung Lee, 21, of Centreville.

According to the Office of Chief Medical Examiner, the manner of death has now been ruled homicide.

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

Fatal Crash in Centreville

Next of kin has been notified and the driver killed in an April 21 fatal crash has been identified as Herson Alexis Molina of Manassas Park.

Officers responded to the area of Sully Road (Route 28) and Interstate 66 at around 8:34 a.m. for the report of a two-vehicle crash. Officers located a black sedan and a large utility truck that had been involved in the accident. The initial investigation determined that an adult male was driving a 2008 Chevrolet Cobalt on the southbound lanes of Sully Road. A 2016 Hino Stake Truck was stopped in the left turn lanes of southbound Sully Road when it was struck by the Chevrolet.

Molina, the driver of the Chevrolet, a 21-year-old male, was pronounced deceased by the paramedics at the scene. The 55-year-old driver of the utility truck was not injured. There were no other occupants in either vehicle.

Preliminary information suggests that speed and alcohol were not factors in this crash. Detectives from the Crash Reconstruction Unit responded and the investigation is on-going.

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Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, April 28, from 5-8:30 p.m., at the station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. No appointment is necessary. Residents should install safety seats themselves so technicians may properly inspect and adjust it.

The first 35 vehicles arriving on each date will be inspected to allow time to properly instruct the caregiver on the correct use of the child seat. Call 703-814-7000 to confirm dates and times.

Clean Out Medicine Cabinets

Operation Medicine Cabinet Cleanout returns on Saturday, April 30 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Sully District Police Station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd, Chantilly. Drop off unused or expired medications. Disposal is free.

Public Input Deadline

The deadline for suggesting potential changes to the Dulles Suburban Center Plan is May 31. Complete this form at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/dullessuburbancenter/dscpdfs/submission_form.pdf and submit ideas to the Department of Planning and Zoning to suggest changes to Comprehensive Plan land use recommendations and guidance for this area. Land Units A and B will be excluded from consideration at this time. See the website for other exclusion areas.

The Dulles Suburban Center Study is a land use planning study that will update recommendations for future land uses and development. To learn more about the study visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/dullessuburbancenter/>.

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'Comedy with a Lot of Heart'

Chantilly High presents 'The Man Who Came to Dinner.'

BY BONNIE HOBBS
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There'll be laughs galore when Chantilly High presents the comedy, "The Man Who Came to Dinner." It's the school's Cappies show and contains a cast and crew of 52.

The curtain rises Friday-Saturday, April 29-30, and Thursday-Friday, May 5-6, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 at chantillyhsdrama.com or \$12 at the door.

"A famous radio personality is giving a speech in Ohio in 1939, but breaks his hip and is forced to stay with a family there until he gets better," said Director Ed Monk. "It's as if Oprah came to your house for a month – with all the disruption it would cause, plus her famous friends stopping by. It's a very funny comedy with lots of silly characters."

The students designed a two-story, 50-foot-wide, 16-foot-tall set for the inside of the family's house. "It's really cool," said Monk. "It has six doors and lots of intricate detail. And it's always fun to do a period show because the kids researched all the 1930s makeup and hairdos, including updos and tight curls. They've also enjoyed trying to dial a rotary phone."

He said he's blessed to have so much talent that he double-cast the show. "It's a fun play about celebrity and egos that still applies today," said Monk. "Some 74 years later, it's all just as true. We think we've changed so much, but we really haven't."

Junior Adam LeKang plays the radio star, Sheridan Whiteside. "He comes to the Stanleys' mansion for dinner, but slips outside the door on a patch of ice and fractures his hip," said LeKang. "So he's in a wheelchair, recuperating, for a month."

"He's a rude person who doesn't like people he doesn't know," continued LeKang. But he's nice to his friends, although he doesn't like admitting he has feelings for his friends. And he's not afraid to express his thoughts about people, whether good or bad. And if things don't go his way, he gets mad and yells."

Having fun with his role, LeKang said, "I love Whiteside's quick, rude humor because it's so funny. He's also a deep and complex character, and it's definitely taken a lot of hard work for me to understand how he feels. It's neat being a lead because I get to interact with every character in the cast and have a relationship with them."

He said this show "has a lot of heart. The audience will really get to love the characters and the relationships between them. And it's a smart plot; they won't realize what's going to happen until it does. But then they'll understand why it did and all the pieces will fall together."

Portraying Dr. Bradley is senior Hannah Warnick. "She's quirky and scatterbrained and comes to take care of Whiteside after he falls," said Warnick. "She's very nervous and intimidated by him and doesn't want to disappoint him. She's written a book about her medical experiences and keeps trying to get him to read it, but he keeps avoiding it."

Warnick said it's different from her past roles because Bradley is "a little bit out there and is more timid than I am. But I love the cast, and it's fun to come onstage, do a comedic bit, here and there, and then scurry away."



PHOTO BY BONNIE HOBBS/CENTRE VIEW

From left: Leah Copeland, Maggie Shircliff, Adam LeKang and Caroline Barnes in a scene from Chantilly High's "The Man Who Came to Dinner."

She said the audience will like all the colorful characters. "It's a hilarious show, the set is amazing and we've all been working hard," said Warnick. "We also have a lot of cool props, plus interesting Christmas gifts that get delivered to Whiteside since the story happens at Christmastime. And there are interesting plot twists the audience won't be expecting, so this show will keep people guessing what's going to happen next."

Junior Jack David plays Bert Jefferson, a small-town newspaperman who's trying to get a play he wrote noticed. "His love interest, Maggie, thinks it's great and tries to show it to Whiteside," said David. "Bert's an easygoing, happy-go-lucky, confident guy who knows what he's doing and isn't afraid to put himself out there and do whatever he needs to do to succeed."

David likes his role because "Bert has a charm to him and can exaggerate certain parts of his personality. And his demeanor makes him more real and easy to relate to."

He said the audience will appreciate the actors' comedic timing and delivery of their lines and will know people like those characters in real life. "The set's impressive and the story's compelling," added David. "And with so much going on at the same time, it keeps the audience engaged; there's never a dull moment."

Portraying Maggie Cutler, Whiteside's secretary, is senior Maggie Shircliff. "She's very put-together and professional," said Shircliff. "She cares deeply about Whiteside as a person and believes, deep down, he's a good man. She's also outgoing and friendly, and when she meets Bert, she starts having romantic

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Responding to Teen Sex Trafficking

Comprehensive approach seeks to educate teens.

This story is part of a series that is focusing on child sex trafficking in Northern Virginia.

BY SHIRLEY RUHE
CENTRE VIEW

In 2012 Fairfax County Detective William Woolf discovered a 16-year-old girl being prostituted by the MS-13 gang. At the time there was little recognition that the problem existed locally. The girl was recovered and since then Woolf has interviewed 300 recovered victims, some as young as 12-years old. After the initial shock, Northern Virginia businesses, faith communities and educational groups sought to understand the extent of the problem.

While Woolf says there is evidence of teen sex trafficking in every high school in Fairfax County, Arlington County Police detective Danny Ohr says that in his 11 years with Arlington County he has never seen a case of teen sex trafficking. Senior Public Safety Information Officer Crystal Nosal of the Alexandria Police Department reports only three cases of teen sex trafficking in the last three years.

The solutions to teen sex trafficking involve education, prevention, law enforcement and rehabilitation. "I believe education is the key," Woolf said. "We want to stress prevention so it doesn't get to the law enforcement stage." To further this goal, Woolf, in his previous role as the only human trafficking detective in Northern Virginia, trained law enforcement officers to recognize the signs of human trafficking, serves as chairman of Just Ask, an organization established to educate and prevent teen trafficking and has worked with the school system to incorporate lessons on human trafficking into the middle and high school curricula in Fairfax County.

Elizabeth Payne, coordinator for Health, Family Life Education and Physical Educa-

tion for Fairfax County said, "The human trafficking court cases started breaking in 2012 and involved so many of our students. The court cases just kept coming. We had to act. We had to ask what did we have in place. As a result, a new curriculum was designed for grades 6-12 grades that incorporated human trafficking into the regular lessons. It involved getting school counselors and resource officers up to speed. We had to train school psychologists. All of this snowballed." In addition, "we had to get over the shock and the myth that it doesn't happen here."

In the summer of 2013, a video was produced to examine the issues and detail the trafficking recruitment process. In March 2014, the new lessons were completed. Payne said all schools were required to have a preview night for parents where the new program was introduced. "Sex trafficking is embedded in the lessons about abuse and community safety," she said. Some parents, mostly of sixth graders, she said, reacted with "My child is too young for this, it isn't happening here, or my child doesn't need to know this." When staff explained the time between 6th-7th grade is when the students gain more independence and may be left at the mall for an hour or two, the message seemed to reach the parents.

The process involves a letter sent home about what the child learned that day with a link for parents. Payne said parents can opt their child out of a particular session or all of it. Last year, out of 13,600 children only 5.5 percent of sixth grade parents opted out, with 1.4 percent of seventh grade parents and .7 percent of 8th grade parents.

Payne said the system is starting to yield results. She said she spoke recently to five middle school girls who had run away and were at high risk. "They said no, no, no problems to me but as soon as I left it was reported to me they started talking about their concern about friends. There is a lot of shame associated with this and the trafficker may have threatened them. But we are finding sometimes they will go to a trusted adult at school," she said.

Arlington Public Schools updated its curriculum last year according to Deborah DeFranco, supervisor of Arlington County Public Schools Health, Physical and Driver Education & Athletics. "Arlington Public Schools has specific health units on human trafficking in grades 7-10. Since it is part of the PE curriculum instead of Family Life, we didn't go through the same procedure as Fairfax County of parental notification — the opt out option and community input. We know sex trafficking is out there and we wanted to get out ahead of the problem. There are so many myths out there; we wanted to give the students facts," she said.

In addition, DeFranco is participating in the Northern Virginia Regional Human Trafficking Task Force. The result of the group's work will be updated and incorporated into these units of study. "It is close by," she said. "We know it is happening locally in south Arlington."



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Elizabeth Payne, coordinator for Health, Family Life Education and Physical Education for Fairfax County Public Schools reviews online the new curriculum designed for grades 6-12 grades that incorporates human trafficking into the regular lessons. "The teen sex trafficking court cases just kept coming; we knew we had to act," she said.

She said they had members of the Arlington police gang task force talk to the teachers last spring about known incidents, arrest and inquiries in Arlington. DeFranco added, "We are working on sexual violence prevention. When a child comes to report, they can experience double victimization and we need to be aware of that to avoid it happening. I feel that Arlington Public Schools is ahead of the curve trying to bring awareness, education and prevention skills to keep kids safe from this dangerous trend in the secondary health curriculum."

Education can take place in many different ways.

U.S. Rep. Barbara Comstock, who was involved in the enactment of legislation increasing penalties for trafficking while serving in the Virginia state legislature, said, "I try to inject this information wherever I am. You realize it is going on in your community so if you drive up to a hotel and see some creepy dude with three girls, start talking to them. What's your team or some conversation. You get vibes."

Chris Davies, supervisor of Counseling Services for Fairfax County remembers a story of someone who saw an older man drop a pick-up line on two young girls in a mall. After the man left, the person went over and told the girls what he had heard. He gave them the Just Ask website and the

National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) human trafficking hotline (1-800-THE-LOST) in case they thought they might have been approached for sex trafficking.

"The community needs to know what to look for as part of the solution," Davies said. "And the community also needs to change their own biases about who we might see as a prostitute."

Beth Saunders approaches it from the business community. Saunders is president of Just Ask, a non-profit that was created specifically to work in Northern Virginia on education and prevention of teen sex trafficking. Saunders says the organization is broken up into sectors managed by volunteers and she is in charge of the business sector. "This is important because many of these kids' parents work in businesses. They can update their employees on the facts about trafficking."

Just Ask also has board members responsible for outreach to schools, churches and law enforcement. "When I was growing up the boogey man was tangible, something I could see. But now it is intangible with teenagers trusting what they share on the internet with no idea there are bad motives," Saunders said.

She emphasized, "The thing that matters for an organization like ours is hard core data like we got from Detective Woolf in law enforcement. People don't care what we think; actions have to be based on facts, statistics."

Woolf says churches also play a role in education because "it is also a morality issue and we're not educating kids on what sex is."

Deepa Patel, director of Trauma and Hope in Springfield, says sexual normalization is a huge problem: "It's OK for girls to wear skimpy outfits and they slap each other on the butt which is perfectly acceptable for them. Rappers talk about money, sex and power as the three things you need and pimps on TV are glamorized."

Michelle Knight, Social Justice and Outreach Minister for Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Arlington, says the church had a program Feb. 12 focusing on sex trafficking because churches have a responsibility. "We want to raise awareness, and it is a much bigger problem around here than most people think. I don't know if we are doing enough but we should be letting our youth know so that they can ask each other what's going on." She said that churches teach respect and dignity — that each person is special and loved by God and it gives less of a need to respond to the traffickers.

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— Beth Saunders, President, Just Ask



Chris Davies, supervisor of Counseling Services for the County of Fairfax, says there is a long way to go with this issue but he sees much more coordination than several years ago: "It is important to know where we have found success."

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thoughts about him and is determined to get him to marry her."

"I love playing her," continued Shircliff. "She and I are both grounded and care about the people around us. It's fun to have the challenge of such a big part, plus playing out the relationship between Whiteside and Maggie, because Adam and I are such good friends."

Overall, she said, "The show is fast-paced and witty and good for the whole family. Everyone will enjoy watching it because they'll be able to tell the actors onstage are having fun."



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The characters portrayed by Jack David and Caroline Barnes share a tender moment in the play.

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OPINION

More Voters Might Not Mean Much More Voting

Last week, Gov. Terry McAuliffe (D) restored the voting and civil rights of more than 200,000 Virginians who were convicted of felonies, served their time and completed any supervised release, parole or probation requirements.

This moves Virginia into the mainstream; only 10 states have more restrictive policies about voting for people who have been convicted of felonies. Previously, Virginia had been one of the most restrictive states in terms of restoring voting rights. Fourteen states automatically restore voting rights once the individual's term of incarceration is over, and two states allow absentee voting from prison.

While some claim partisan motivation, with most of those affected presumed to be Democrats, getting these men and women registered to vote and to the polls is unlikely to result in 100,000 new voters in November. Studies show that people who were previously convicted of felonies who are eligible to vote register and vote at lower levels than the general population, according to the New York Times <http://nyti.ms/26kNrS2>, with a registration rate of around 30 percent and about 20 percent actually voting, although some suggest voting rates of between 10-15 percent. If, as the studies suggest, 55 percent of those would vote Demo-

cratic, then likely new Democratic voters would be around 22,000.

While that's a lot less than 200,000, it's also more than the margin of victory in quite a few statewide races. Consider that Attorney General Mark Herring (D) won his race by about 900 votes out of more than 2 million cast. These new voters could have an impact on statewide races.

Districts for members of Virginia's General Assembly are so gerrymandered, it's hard to imagine that the impact of these new voters will be huge in terms of local representation.

In a Democracy, it's better when more people vote.

McAuliffe said: "If we are going to build a stronger and more equal Virginia, we must break down barriers to participation in civic life for people who return to society seeking a second chance. We must welcome them back and offer the opportunity to build a better life by taking an active role in our democracy."

Again, this action brings Virginia into line with 39 other states, with more than 20 states having less restrictive policies. For example, on Feb. 9, 2016, the Maryland General Assembly overrode the Governor's veto and restored the vote to all convicted felons immediately upon their release from prison. Previ-

Governor's action brings Virginia in line with 39 other states.

— MARY KIMM

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WFCWC Hosts Human Trafficking Discussion

BY SEHER CHOWDHRY

The Western Fairfax County Women's Club (WFCWC) hosted a meeting April 18 on "Human Trafficking in Northern Virginia." Deepa Patel, executive director of Trauma and Hope in Springfield, is a licensed clinical social worker certifiably specialized as a sex offender treatment provider. She is also a gang specialist through the National Gang Crime Research Center. She came to Cale Community Center in Chantilly to address the issue of human trafficking and the efforts they're doing for victims of trafficking.

Many facts came to light from her presentation, some garnered gasps from the audience while leaving others in horrific silence. In Northern Virginia a staggering 300,000 people under the age of 18 are involved in sex trafficking, with victims as young as 12 years old. We were told that sex trafficking isn't like what you see in the movies such as "Taken," with Liam Neeson saving his daughter from kidnappers in the sex trade. In most cases it usually begins with relationships, where youths are groomed into the lifestyle. It starts out as a normal relationship, lovey dovey, everything is going great, but then the trafficker starts instilling fear into them by whatever means, whether they're threatened or beaten. The victim is also led to believe that they owe their trafficker, they're indebted to them. So they're pulled into the trade by coercion and lies. A girl was involved with an older

guy who was trafficking her right under her parent's nose. He showed himself as the model boyfriend, addressing them respectfully, having their daughter home on time, and the parents had no idea she was being trafficked. The mean age of girls being trafficked in Northern Virginia is 15 years old. Our stereotypical judgment manipulates us into thinking that this kind of thing only happens to poor people, or those who choose it. The girl whose example given earlier came from a well-to-do home, they lived in a good neighborhood, no one would suspect her of being victimized like that.

We also see this stereotypical view in gangs, which is also a problem in Fairfax County. Patel elaborated on her work with gang members. Research shows that youths want to join gangs for relationships. It could be that they're not

accepted at home or are being bullied, so they look for people who can relate to them and not judge them. Gangs are looking to make a profit. Patel says it's a lot harder to hide a kilo of cocaine in the back seat than it is to drive around a 15-year-old girl where you can groom and get her to say and do whatever you want. So the profit is there for them, therefore we see gangs opt more for sex trafficking. Patel also explained that there are certain hours for trafficking, which is Monday through Friday, 3 - 6 p.m., and Saturday to Sunday, 12 - 6 p.m.

Patel has worked with many individuals, and continues to do so in Fairfax County. She is often sought out both nationally and internationally to provide training and education for gang-involved youth, sexual exploitation and sex offenders.

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FRIDAY/APRIL 29

Film Screening: "Healing Voices." 3 p.m. at City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 N. St., Fairfax. Screening of a new documentary, "Healing Voices" that explores real-life stories of individuals working to

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Centreville International Showcase. 5:30-9 p.m. at Korean Central Presbyterian Church, 15451 Lee Highway, Centreville. See marimba players, Indian and Guatemalan dancers, among a variety of other cultural performances, food, and more. Free. Visit www.centrevilleinternationalshowcase.org.

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SATURDAY-SUNDAY/APRIL 30-MAY 1

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SUNDAY/MAY 1

Alliance Theatre Silent Auction & Reunion. 3-7 p.m. at Bungalows, 13891 Metrotech Drive, Chantilly. Proceeds go towards operating funds and royalty costs for Alliance Theatre 2016 season. \$10 per adult or \$20 per family. Raffle tickets are \$20 for 10 tickets and \$50 for 25 tickets. Visit www.thealliancetheatre.org for more.

THURSDAY/MAY 5

National Day of Prayer Event. 12-1 p.m. at Fairfax Government Center, 12000 Fairfax Government Center Parkway. The public is invited to come and pray for America and its leaders. Call 703-383-1170 or see www.jccag.org.

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SATURDAY/MAY 7

Children's STEM Fair. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Lord of Life Preschool Clifton, 13421 Twin Lakes Drive, Clifton. Enjoy a family day of STEM fun with interactive exhibits, math crafts, experiments, music, magic show, and more. Tickets are \$5, free for children under 2. Visit www.stemfairclifton.com for more.

SUNDAY/MAY 8

Worship Service: "A Journey to Hope." 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. at King of Kings Lutheran Church, 4025 Kings Way, Fairfax. The Sanctuary choir sings "A Journey to Hope." Free. Visit www.kokf.org for more.

Mother's Day at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum. 1-4 p.m. at Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road. Mom's get in for free. Museum members and children 4 and under, free; children 5-15, \$2; adults 16 and older, \$4. Visit www.fairfax-station.org.

SUNDAY/MAY 15

May Week Luncheon. 1-3 p.m. at Waterford at Springfield, 6715 Commerce St., Springfield. Chantilly-based Fairfax County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority hold annual May Week Luncheon. May Week is a national program of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. created in 1920. A week in May is set aside for programs highlighting academic and professional achievements and the events emphasize the importance of higher education in the community, especially for African American women. Tickets are \$50. Visit www.fcacdst.org for more.

N Gauge Model Trains. 1-4 p.m. at Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road. The NTRAK Model Train group will have a display of running N Gauge Model Trains. Museum members and children 4 and under, free; children 5-15, \$2; adults 16 and older, \$4. Visit www.fairfax-station.org.

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Potential Development of Dulles Suburban Center

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tional uses in that area were the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center (National Air and Space Museum Annex), the NRO (National Reconnaissance Office), Westfield High School, Cub Run REC Center and the county police training facility.

"Today, there's over 50 million square feet of development there," said Johnson. "And office use has overtaken the other types of development." It comprises 40 percent of the land use there, followed by industrial/industrial flex at 23 percent and residential at 22 percent.

Currently, an estimated 65 million square feet may still be developed there. The majority of it is south of Route 50, in and around the Westfields Corporate Center. Combined with the more than 50 million square feet of already-developed land, that would be some 115 million square feet total.

However, in large areas of the Dulles Suburban Center, existing zoning districts allow industrial and office uses, while the county's Comprehensive Plan — the official blueprint for future development — promotes a mix of residential, office, retail and hotel uses.

In addition, other matters must also be taken into consideration, including environmental and noise issues. The Dulles Suburban Center extends across two watersheds; and with the land's proximity to the airport, residential development in some sections may be incompatible with high levels of aircraft noise.

Kristin Calkins, with the county's Department of Transportation, discussed the transportation network serving the area. In 2013, she said, drivers in the Dulles Suburban Center were waiting no more than 55 seconds at a stoplight.

"Some areas are worse," she said, but noted that improvements will make things better. "Now Route 50 has been widened and there's a new bridge over Walney



Clara Johnson

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Road," said Calkins. "In the future, Route 28 is planned to be 10 lanes, with the ninth and 10th lanes HOV, and I-66 will be improved. We're also planning for bicyclists and pedestrians. And at no cost to the county, we can add in bike lanes when VDOT repaves a road."

"From now until the end of May, we're asking people to suggest changes to the county guidelines [for this area]," added Johnson. "This will help

determine how we'll move forward with the study. And in early June, we'll be able to share the ideas people proposed." Send input to DPZDullesSubCenter@Fairfaxcounty.gov.

Virginia Run's Ted Troschiancki asked Johnson to give him some examples of commercial uses, plus industrial vs. industrial flex. She said retail sales are commercial uses; granite sales and car-repair places are industrial uses, and karate studios and tire shops are categorized as industrial flex.

Meeting attendees then broke into small groups to discuss their likes and dislikes regarding the Dulles Suburban Center, plus its challenges. Lewis Grimm of Franklin Farm wanted the "awkward boundaries, especially toward the southern part," to be smoothed out.

And he said two major landowners — the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority and Loudoun County — should also be part of this study and the decisions made. Grimm said they should be involved "to see how all the pieces — and their future plans — fit together." Johnson said that could be done and was glad he suggested it.

Grimm likes the area's proximity to the airport and diverse mix of land uses, but decried its lack of a "sense of place or town-center equivalent" and "huge office vacancy." And Mark McConn of Centreville's Bull Run Estates, acknowledged that property owners along the Route 28 Corridor provided the money for development along that corridor. He also likes the large group-

ing of parks, but wanted the rail system that was previously promised.

Former Sully District Planning Commissioner John Litzenberger liked the potential to broaden the county tax base with new development. "Smart, coordinated planning will enable the area to serve not only Fairfax County, but Northern Virginia as a whole," he said. However, he disliked the "terrible road congestion; it's been level F for too long."

One challenge, said Litzenberger, will be to "preserve commercial/industrial uses to protect residential development from aircraft noise and potential aircraft crashes. Another is the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors, which could ignore Fairfax County's recommendations."

At-Large Planning Commissioner Jim Hart noted the potential difficulty of "providing and/or preserving affordable housing, mitigating impacts from Loudoun County growth and [overflowing] school capacity if we add more residential."

And Steve Harrell, a Chantilly small-business owner, wanted consistent support for local businesses, plus "more commercial development, rather than industrial, along Route 50. But not more than the residents can support, or these businesses will go out of business."

Centreville's Jim Neighbors likes the "great parks and schools," but disliked the limited transit. "The Silver Line is way up north," he said. "You've got to get in your

car and drive, and bike use is questionable. And there's too much reliance on the government for jobs."

Bill Keech Jr., likes employment centers such as the Westfields Corporate Center which his father helped create and he still runs. But, he said, "We need to incentivize the vacant commercial space." And he dislikes that "there's no north-south transit connections, and traffic at the I-66/Route 28 intersection prevents further commercial growth in Fairfax and Loudoun counties."

Then, after Johnson introduced the study to the April 19 meeting of the West Fairfax County Citizens Association (WFCCA) Land-Use Committee, two panel members said the 2013 transportation data the county's using for that area needs to be updated.

WFCCA's Carol Hawn said the completion of the Route 50 widening and the roundabout now at the Pleasant Valley/Braddock roads intersection must be taken into account.

While the Route 50 improvement is beneficial, she said, the roundabout is proving problematic for Centreville residents, as well as large, commercial vehicles which have gotten stuck in it.

And WFCCA's Chris Terpak-Malm said Willard Road at Walney was just improved and reopened. Therefore, Hawn told Johnson, "If you really want us to have input, it needs to be based on accurate information."

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TUESDAY/MAY 3

Heroin and Prescription Drug Abuse Town Hall. 7:30 p.m. at Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. In Virginia, more people die from heroin overdoses than car crashes each year. Supervisor Pat Herry's office is partnering with the Drug Enforcement Agency, Fairfax County Police Department, Community Service Board, Unified Prevention Coalition of Fairfax

County, Substance Abuse & Addiction Recovery Alliance, U.S. Rep. Barbara Comstock, and Del. Tim Hugo for a town hall discussion on Heroin and Prescription Drug Abuse and updates on what is being done and what needs to be done to address this crisis. There will be a brief discussion period at the end where the audience may ask questions. Email Erika.Dyer@FairfaxCounty.gov.

SATURDAY/MAY 7

Flea Market. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at Oakton Baptist Church of Chantilly, 14001 Sullyfield Circle and Route 50, Chantilly. Members of Oakton Baptist Church of Chantilly will be having a flea market with something for everyone. Rain date is Saturday, May 14.

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From left: Andrew Dettmer, Justin Smith, Jack Moore, CJ Robison, David Strauch and Annelise Jones rehearse a scene.

'The Three Musketeers' at CVHS

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continued Hudson. "And via a black curtain, scenery pieces and actors will rotate onto the turntable out of the audience's sight. We're also projecting scenery onto the upstage sky curtain [cyclorama]."

Centreville grads Rick Mathews and Will Prescott assisted with the design and building of the turntable and staircase, and another grad, Kyle Artone — studying costume design at VCU — provided some of the costumes from his college. The Musketeers will have a swashbuckler look, such as white, long-sleeved shirts, black leather pants and boots.

Regarding the cast, said Hudson, "We have a number of newbies who auditioned and impressed me with their talent. It's a good show to end a season with because it has parts for both the new people and the veterans."

Portraying Dumas is sophomore Fletcher O'Brien. "The Three Musketeers" is based on the memoirs of a swordsman," he said. "At times, Dumas is writing it; and at other times, he's in the story, acting it out as Treville, the captain of the Musketeers."

Calling Dumas charismatic and likable, O'Brien is enjoying the role. "It's my first audition and first Centreville play, and it feels great to have the lead," he said. "My character gets to be in control of the story, changing things as it goes along and getting himself into both conflicts and funny situations."

He said cast learned stage combat from a professional, and the audience will love the show because "The swordfights are cool, the story is entertaining and it has lots of funny moments."

Classmate Margot Vanyan plays Queen Anne of Austria — even though she's really the queen of France. "She's very proper and serious and knows what she wants," said Vanyan. "She's also clever and intelligent. She has a royal attitude toward life and can handle conflict well. And she has beautiful costumes; they're colorful satin and velvet with ermine trim and lots of jewels."

Queen Anne is involved in a scandal and, said Vanyan, "Drama's always fun to play. I've played two royals before, so I know how to behave. However, my character has a mature, dignified tone when she speaks, while I'm used to playing more comedic

roles."

She said the audience will enjoy "the scandals, witty humor and, most of all, the fighting and fencing. There's lots of action and romance. And Kourtnei McNeil, who plans the villainess, Milady, is wonderful. She's both sexy and terrifying at the same time and plays her role very well."

Playing Porthos, one of the Three Musketeers — elite members of the King's Guard — is senior Annelise Jones. "They're all cocky and pompous, especially Porthos," said Jones. "He's unusual in that he's concerned with fashion and thinks very highly of himself. But as a member of the 'Three Inseparables,' as the Three Musketeers call themselves, he also has a noble heart underneath his arrogance."

It's her first, big role as a main character and she's loving it. "With all the sword fighting going on, it's exciting to come to rehearsal and be this character," said Jones. "He's fun to play because he's such an outlandish guy, and getting to be one of the heroes of the story is a great experience." And although she's a female in a male role, she said all the Musketeers will wear wigs, mustaches and beards.

Jones said all the comedy will surprise the audience. "This show's a perfect balance of serious drama and comedy," she said. "And this version written by Charles Morey is funnier than the original."

Junior Jack Moore portrays D'Artagnan, the new Musketeer recruit. "He's overconfident because he's young," said Moore. "He falls in love quickly and easily and is kind of a ladies' man, but noble. He's also confrontational and an excellent swordsman. He joins the group and they fight to return a necklace to the queen to prevent the cardinal from taking over the throne."

As for the show, Moore said the audience will enjoy "the complex plot, excellent acting, the Musketeers, entertaining sword fights and romantic subplot."

He likes his part because "I'm overconfident, too, so it's a good fit. And the sword fighting was fun to learn and practice. I've done theater all three years here, and it's exciting to have a lead in a mainstage play. I get to talk a lot, fight and kiss people onstage — what's not to love about it?"

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Weight For It, Wait...



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

"MRI looked good. CT stable. Smiley face." Words and personality from my oncologist with which I can most definitely live. And arriving via e-mail, six days prior no less, to my next regularly scheduled, post-scan appointment – when typically such results are discussed, in person, per the doctor's preference. But I can take good news electronically, especially before the weekend, when further communication is not likely. So the sound you may have heard at six pm-ish last Friday was me exhaling, and the follow-up thud was the weight of the world falling off my shoulders and hitting the floor. Not shattering, unfortunately, only repositioning until a few months hence when once again it will return to its figurative perch as I await the results of my next quarterly scan.

Such is life, and I'm happy to live it. Moreover, given my original prognosis from February, 2009: "13 months to two years," there's very little that I deem complaint-worthy SEVEN YEARS LATER. Nevertheless, there are realities that cancer patients and/or other patients similarly characterized as "terminal," as I was, must endure. And given my projected life expectancy then, I am "pleased as punch" now – to invoke a long-ago Vice President/Democratic nominee for President, Hubert H. Humphrey – to be enduring anything.

And "endure" isn't really the right word, but it's most assuredly in the running. Still, if I don't find a way to lighten the emotional load (other than receiving amazingly good scan results and equally positive e-mails from my oncologist, all of which is not exactly in my control), I will likely crack under the weight of it. I'm not exactly Atlas condemned to hold up "The Heavens," but I am holding something; maybe just my sanity. And just as "Hawkeye" Pierce joked about war in a M*A*S*H episode back in the day: "If truth is the first casualty of war, I guess sobriety is second," a cancer patient might joke (if he or she had a sense of humor): "If one's hopes and dreams are the first loss from cancer, your sanity is second." As Mark Twain "self-effaced" later in his life: "Out of all the things I have lost, I miss my mind the most."

A "terminal" cancer patient loses lots of things. Control of one's emotions has to be the first to go. Certainly you still know right from wrong, but the figurative re-wiring of your brain – which begins immediately upon hearing your cancer diagnosis/prognosis, is difficult to stop. It's as if it has a mind of its own, and it sort of does: yours. It's not as if you can't maintain any self-control or not joke at inappropriate times, you can. After all, you're still human. You're just a bit more flawed than you were before. And who's to say, maybe the change will do you good? You don't always have to say what you mean unless you're the Dowager Countess from "Downton Abbey."

Nevertheless, you are forever changed by your cancer diagnosis, whether you like it or not. The trick is, actually there is no trick, it's a mindset; somehow, you must not take yourself or your circumstances too seriously. (I know, how do you not take cancer seriously?). Either you learn to laugh or there won't be anything funny about it. You know the expression: "Funny as a heart attack," well, you can add another: "Uplifting as a cancer diagnosis." As challenging as it is (and has been), you need to find a way to navigate the slings and arrows of the outrageous misfortune you have encountered. The pressure; conscious, subconscious or even unconscious (for all I know?) has to be released really, or in your imagination. There's no doubt a cancer diagnosis and life living with cancer is less than ideal, but since those are the cards you were dealt, you better learn to play the hand.

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their relevance to the topic, extent to which the nominee represents the spirit of a hero and ability for the story to be compelling and original. There were thousands of entries in this group, and Dr. Pool's story about Pamela's contributions to their Rescue and 501c3 absolutely took the cake."

The entry recognized the rescue and charity work performed by Meade through Deepwood Animal Rescue Fund (DARF), the 501c3 charity created by Deepwood Veterinary Clinic in September of 2011. DARF was formed in an effort to provide services and medical care to animals involved in natural disasters, cases of abuse, neglect or abandonment and to families in financial crisis.

In observance of Memorial Day, the Centreville-based clinic is offering current and former members of the United States military a 50 percent discount on all pet exams (wellness or diagnostic) during the month of May. Valid military ID required to obtain discount. Call 703-631-9133.

Centreville Robotics Seeks Support

Centreville Robotics has an opportunity to compete at the FIRST Championship in St. Louis, Mo. at the end of April. The team is hoping to take advantage of this opportunity, but their budget is mostly depleted from the regular season. The FIRST Championship brings together 600 FIRST Robotics teams from around the world. Attending this competition will allow the team to learn much more about the design and build of robots, as well as learn about marketing, management and entrepreneurship.

Centreville Robotics is a high school robotics team affiliated with the FIRST robotics program.

They are a team of more than 100 students involved in the FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) and in the FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC). The FTC and FRC teams are given a game challenge and a set amount of time in which to build our robot, and then they compete with and against other robotics teams at district and regional competitions. In addition to working as a team to solve problems, Centreville Robotics works to further STEM education at Centreville High School and the community. They support the Centreville and Clifton area with STEM outreach activities for elementary schools and youth organizations. This summer they will host a Robotics & STEM Summer Camp as a part of their outreach and fundraising activities.

The Centreville Robotics team relies on fundraising and sponsor support for everything, from buying parts and tools to entry fees and expenses for traveling to competitions.

To support Centreville Robotics and advancing the promotion of technology and engineering, contact the team's lead mentor, Oliver Small, at oasmall@fcps.edu or at 703-489-3135.

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PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**

MAY 4, 2016

Notice is hereby given that the Town Council of the Town of Clifton, Virginia will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at 7:30 PM at the Clifton Town Meeting Hall, 12641 Chapel Road, Clifton, VA 20124 to consider a proposed FYE1706 Town Budget. The FY2017 proposed Town Budget will be posted the Town's website at www.clifton-va.com and a hardcopy may be examined at the Clifton Post Office, 12644 Chapel Road, Clifton, VA 20124. All interested parties are invited to attend to express their views with respect to the proposed FY2017 Town Budget. Town residents are strongly urged to attend. The Regular Town Council meeting will follow.

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**PUBLIC HEARING FOR TOWN OF CLIFTON
PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE TOWN CODE**

MAY 4, 2016

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Clifton Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at the Town Meeting Hall, 12641 Chapel Road, Clifton, VA 20124, at 7:30 P.M. to review and implement proposed changes to the Town Vehicle Ordinance and other items pertaining to the administration of vehicles in the Town Code Chapter 7. The proposed changes are available for review and downloading on the Town's website at www.clifton-va.com and a hard copy may be examined at the Clifton Post Office, 12644 Chapel Road, Clifton VA, 20124. All interested parties are invited to attend and express their views with respect to the proposed changes to Clifton's Town Code.

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Centreville's Murphy scores seven goals in win over Chantilly.

BY JON ROETMAN
CENTRE VIEW

Chantilly girls' lacrosse coach Victor Chen pleaded with the Chargers during halftime to follow the scouting report and focus on slowing down Centreville junior Elizabeth Murphy, who had four of the Wildcats' eight first-half goals.

"I'm tired," Chen said, "of losing to one girl."

Murphy's dominant performance would continue, however, and she had some help along the way.

Murphy finished with seven goals and one assist and the Wildcats defeated the Chargers 15-5 on Monday night at Chantilly High School. The victory was Centreville's eighth in its last nine games and improved its record to 9-3 overall and 3-1 in Conference 5.

Centreville led 8-3 at halftime and opened the second half with six straight goals. Murphy's final goal of the evening, with an assist from junior Julie Vo, gave the Wildcats a 14-3 advantage with less than 12 minutes remaining.

"She's a key leader for us," Centreville head coach Ashley Kimener said, "on our offensive end."

Murphy's performance this season is a primary reason Centreville has remained competitive despite a change at head coach and the graduation of two athletes now playing at the Division I level.

Last year, Centreville reached the 6A North region and state semifinals, only to lose each game in overtime. The Wildcats finished the 2015 season with a 15-4 record, with three losses coming against eventual state champion Robinson, including a 15-13 overtime defeat in the state semis.

Centreville leaned heavily on a pair of US Lacrosse All-Americans: senior midfielder and VHSL state Player of the Year Caroline Wakefield, who now plays for the University of North Carolina, and senior attacker Reagan Newell, who now plays for James



Centreville sophomore Emily Marciano is committed to Brown University.

Madison University.

Newell finished her career as Centreville's all-time leader in goals (294), assists (166) and total points (460). Wakefield is second in each category (228 goals, 150 assists, 378 points).

Along with a loss of on-field talent, Kimener, a 2008 Oakton High School graduate and former Cougars assistant, replaced Christina Griel as Centreville head coach.

So far, the 2016 Centreville girls' lacrosse team hasn't slowed down.

How have the Wildcats been able to maintain success?

"I think we, offensively, have a bunch of ... kids that stepped up and came out of their comfort zones," Kimener said, "and recognized, 'We've got to take this team on our back.'"

Murphy has helped carry the Wildcats during her junior season. She leads the team with 74 goals (sophomore Emily Marciano is second with 32) and 88 total points.

"With Reagan and Caroline graduating last year, I think she's taken on the role of taking this team on her back when she needs to," Kimener said. "She's gotten more confident, being able to handle the pressure or take the team on her back, offensively."

Murphy is third on the Centreville all-time list for goals (150), assists (53) and total points (203).

"My freshman and sophomore year, I knew that [Newell and Wakefield] were the go-to players and then this year I knew with them graduating that ... as an upperclass-



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Centreville junior Elizabeth Murphy scored seven goals against Chantilly on Monday.

man, that I need to step up and help my team," Murphy said. "Knowing that I need to do that, I think it's helped me ... play my role and do the best so that I can help this team."

Sophomore midfielder Paige Richbourg, who is committed to Louisville, finished with one goal and three assists on Monday. For the season, she is second on the team in assists (19) and third in goals (28) and points (47).

"She will win the draw for us, she will get some goals, she will look to feed if she has to," said Kimener, speaking about Richbourg's versatility, "and then, defensively, she's that kind of kid that hustles all over the field"

Marciano, who is committed to Brown and scored two goals Monday, is also a key contributor. She leads the team with 23 assists and is second in goals (32) and points (55).

Freshman goalie Stephanie Zempolich had 10 saves against Chantilly.

Richbourg said having a new coach has benefited the Wildcats.

"With the new coach, it's kind of been a fresh start," said Richbourg, who also plays club lacrosse for Kimener. "We're not trying to replace [Newell and Wakefield],

we're just starting new and we're bringing in a new offense where we're using everybody. It's really nice knowing that everybody on our offensive side can score."

Centreville senior attacker Jamie Chang had two goals and two assists on Monday. Sophomore midfielder Jaimi Pollack had two goals and junior attacker Yurie Hong had one goal.

For Chantilly, the loss was the Chargers' third in their last four games following an 8-1 start. Chantilly has secured its first winning record since 2011.

"We're climbing slowly but surely," said Chen, who is in his third season coaching the Chargers, "but we just have to find a way to get to that next level."

Senior attacker Taryn Hannam-Zatz led Chantilly with two goals on Monday.

The Chargers (9-4) finished conference play with a 2-3 record. Chantilly will conclude the regular season with a home game against Stone Bridge at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 28.

"Hopefully they'll get their heads back on right," Chen said, "and get the consistency part down and then I think we'll make a good run in the playoffs."

Centreville will host Robinson at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 28.



Junior midfielder Hannah Reeves and the Chantilly girls' lacrosse team have secured the program's first winning record since 2011.



Sophomore midfielder Paige Richbourg, left, and the Centreville girls' lacrosse team defeated Chantilly 15-5 on Monday.



Centreville's Elizabeth Murphy, right, defends against Chantilly's Alexis Tacinelli during Monday's game at Chantilly High School.

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BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
 THE CONNECTION

One summer Ana Lado created a summer camp activity for students at her neighborhood pool. The Marymount professor set up a picnic area, and included activities and books. Her plan was to engage the students and give them the opportunity to read and build reading skills while still enjoying fun activities traditionally associated with summer.

"I got six kids who were older to read to six kindergartners. I chose kids who had potential, but who were at risk," said Ana Lado, Ph.D., professor of Education at



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Kara Dedon, a Marymount University graduate student, will be the director of the school's camp.

Marymount University in Arlington. "Reading with a kindergartner or first grader for 15 minutes got the students reading and built their confidence."

This summer Lado and her colleagues at Marymount are offering "3E: Explore, Enrich, Enjoy," one of several area camps with an academic component. Their goal is to enable students to brush up on, gain or maintain academic skills in a relaxed environment.

Marymount's 3E camp enables campers to choose what they focus on at camp. In addition to traditional camp activities, the camp will include academic projects like exploring science through nature and electronic gadgets, studying math by making boats, language arts by writing their own stories and fine arts by creating plays and cartoons.

For those who want an in-depth review of a school subject and the chance to participate in hands-on summer camp activities, academic camps fill both needs.

"[Academic camps] supplement what students are getting during the school year and allow them to experience subjects and topics that they're not getting in public school," said Dan Stalcup, Associate Director for Fairfax Collegiate, a Herndon-based organization that offers summer programs for students entering third through ninth grade.

Programs at Fairfax Collegiate run the gamut from filmmaking and robotics to engineering and classic children's literature. For example, third and fourth grade students can learn to craft their own short stories during a Story Writing course in Alexandria, Chantilly and Ashburn.

Campers who enjoy reading and want to delve into award-winning novels by authors

such as Madeleine L'Engle or Rebecca Stead can take "Reading Newbury Winners" with sessions in Chantilly, Ashburn, Fairfax, McLean and Reston. Students can spend two weeks reading books that have been awarded the Newbery Medal for excellence in literature for children.

Fifth and sixth graders who love math and want to hone their analytical and logical thinking skills can spend their time engaging in chess, Stratego and

other mind-bending activities in the "Brain Games" camp, which will be offered in Chantilly, Reston, Herndon, McLean, Alexandria and Oakton.

Future detectives might enjoy taking a forensic science class in Alexandria, Chantilly, Herndon, Ashburn, Falls Church and McLean. "Students learn about the science in criminal justice, like blood-typing and fingerprinting by actually doing the experiments and seeing them in action," said Stalcup.

"Students get a lot of personal attention because the classes are small, and the instructors either have or are pursuing a degree in the topic they're teaching," said Stalcup. "They're all very passionate about the subject they're teaching."

Academic camps might be a good fit for students who are curious about a particular area of study. "Many parents want something that is both fun and educational, meaning it will help their child keep [busy] and develop skills needed during the school year," said Tina M. Morris, Child Development Programs Consultant at George Mason University. "I think both parents and educators realize that summer vacation does not have to be a break from learning."

The decision to send a child to a camp




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that focuses on reading, science, math or another school subject instead of a purely recreational camp is a personal one, says Lado. "There are some kids who can visit their grandparents in Maine all summer and they come back to school in the fall and pick up where they left off," she said. "Then there are other kids who can't pick up easily. Those are the kids who would benefit from an academic program."

Students appreciate the ability to focus on one subject in a relaxed atmosphere in an academic camp. "If kids are taking a subject at a fast-clip pace, but they don't do well, they miss key skills. The next year they move to a higher level class, but the same problem still exists," said Lado. "When they take a week or two during the summer and immerse themselves in a subject, they go stronger into the next school year. In camp, it's the only thing they're doing academically and they can concentrate on it."

For example, The Madeira School in McLean is offering summer programs in Trigonometry and Geometry. "These courses are intended for advancement into higher level math classes, and based on our classes taught during the academic year," said Ashley Smith, Associate Director of Communications at Madeira. "A student who is interested in math and wishes to advance to higher levels will benefit, as well as students who need a refresher or a better understanding before moving ahead."

When choosing an academic camp, parents should look for camps that are not all work and no play. "I want to make sure it has a healthy balance of recreational and educational enrichment activities," said Morris. "If the campers are enjoying the activities and the counselors are skilled, the program should, as a natural effect, promote the building of positive relationships with their peers and their counselors."

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From Colonial History to Future Entrepreneurs

Campers can explore diverse interests in specialty summer camps.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

This summer dozens of elementary school-aged children will travel back in time to the Colonial Era where, among other things, they'll learn to spin cotton into cloth for garments.

Learning how to run a lemonade stand like a Fortune 500 company and use the profits to invest in the stock market will be on the agenda for other local children. Both activities are offered by local specialty camps aimed at giving children opportunities to explore their interests in a way that they cannot during the school year.



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Camp Washington at Mount Vernon gives campers a glimpse of early American life.



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“I think summer camps are a great way to promote thriving if it is done right,” said Carolyn Lorente, Ph.D., Professor of Psychology at Northern Virginia Community College in Alexandria and a camp consultant. “During the school year, there is so much emphasis on testing that the creative and collaborative nature of children gets lost. A great camp can create space for our children to flourish.”

SPECIALTY CAMPS offer young campers a chance to focus on a specific area of interest such as cooking, financial literacy and even gaming.

For example, Spark Business Academy, a Northern Virginia based organization that teaches financial literacy to young students, is offering its Future Millionaires Camp in Arlington. Students learn about money concepts that range from setting up a lemonade stand that makes a profit to understanding the stock market.

“The name is definitely tongue in cheek,” said Chuchi Arevalo, the organization’s founder. “We teach personal finance, leadership and innova-

tion. We give them life skills that they aren’t learning in school and promote financial literacy that is fun even for students in first and second grade.”

RIISING FIFTH- and sixth-grade students will get a chance to take a trip back in time this summer at Mount Vernon’s Camp Washington. During each of the three one-week sessions, campers explore the history of George Washington’s estate and learn about his legacy.



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Students in the Mason Game & Technology Academy Summer Camp will be offered classes in Game Design, Creation and Entrepreneurship, Minecraft and Cyber Defense.

From farming and spinning fibers into cloth to making ice cream and meeting the estate’s heritage breed animals, hands-on activities will give campers a glimpse of many aspects of early American life at Mount Vernon.

“The summer camp is designed to help engage students while having fun,” said Melissa Wood, spokeswoman for Mount Vernon. “[It] gives kids the opportunity to go behind the scenes and experience history in their own backyard.”

For More Information

Game and Technology Summer Camps

potomacacademy.gmu.edu/mgta/summer/

Future Millionaires Bootcamp/ Stock Market Acres

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Camp Washington and more at Mount Vernon

www.mountvernon.org/plan-your-visit/calendar/events/camp-washington-summer-day-camp-at-mount-vernon/

YOUNG GAME DESIGN aficionados can spend the summer with Mason Game & Technology Academy’s (MGTA) camps. Students take classes such as Game Design, Creation and Entrepreneurship, Minecraft and Cyber Defense.

“We run our classes at Mason in Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William,” said Vera Lichtenberg, Director of the Mason Game & Technology Academy at George Mason University.

“We also do a great deal of community outreach to train teachers, engage underserved students, and generally, help students realize that Game Design is a STEM field that not only engages those who love technology, but also those on the artistic side: writers, music composers [and] designers.Ó

MGTA is part of the Mason Computer Game Design Program and the Community Outreach Youth Program for the Virginia Serious Game Institute.