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Meals Tax? Ballot Possibility

Board of Supervisors potentially set to approve meals tax ballot question on June 7.

BY KEN MOORE
THE CONNECTION

A majority of The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors voiced support last week for including a Meals Tax Referendum as part of the 2016 General Election. They hope that a meals tax could provide additional revenue to support schools, without putting additional burden on homeowners with the property tax.

The debate and final vote is scheduled for the Board's June 7 session. Then it could be up to voters.

"If this is approved, it will be new revenue. It's diversified revenue," said Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay. "I want to put it on the ballot. Ask the voters."

"We have an opportunity here," said Mount Vernon Supervisor Dan Storck.

"This is a tool used by cities and towns within and adjacent to Fairfax County," said Hunter Mill Supervisor Catherine Hudgins. "It is time for Fairfax County to join these counties and begin diversifying our revenue sources."

"We have a coalition of groups to advocate for the meals tax," said Chairman Sharon Bulova. Bulova and Dranesville Supervisor John W. Foust advocated designating 80 percent of the money collected in a meals tax to Fairfax County Public Schools, and 20 percent to capital improvement projects.

In fact, the Board's budget committee approved by majority vote a ballot question based on a 70-30 split.

"I think this is likely to be the ballot question," said Budget Committee chairman Jeff McKay.

School advocates are front and center in supporting a meals tax, believing it will help bridge funding shortfalls.

"The community is ready to support this," said Pat Hynes, chairman of the Fairfax County school board, and the representative from Hunter Mill.

"Referendums focused on schools and capital improvements prove the ones most likely to pass," Hynes said, citing recent referenda on meals tax elsewhere in Virginia.

NOT SO FAST. Springfield Supervisor Pat Herrity ensured another point of view.

"There is an advocacy group forming on the other side, chambers and restaurants," said Herrity, pointing out that it is actually

\$96 Million Revenue

A one percent meals tax in Fairfax County would generate an estimated \$24 million in new revenue in Fairfax County; at the maximum 4 percent rate, a county meals tax would generate approximately \$96 million annually.

The following jurisdictions imposed a four percent meals tax on top of the 6 percent sales tax. Note: Montgomery County, Md. does not impose a meals tax but imposes a sales tax of 6 percent.

Locality	Sales Tax	Meals Tax Rate	Estimated Meals Tax Revenue
Alexandria	6%	4%	\$17.8 million
Arlington	6%	4%	\$37.1 million
Falls Church	6%	4%	\$2.9 million
Fairfax City	6%	4%	\$6 million
Herndon	6%	4%	\$2.1 million
Vienna	6%	4%	\$2.5 million
D.C.	0%	10%	\$378.9 million

"Other [possible] opportunities for revenue improvement: higher hotel occupancy taxes paid by hotel patrons, a higher cigarette tax consistent with the practice of surrounding localities, an admissions tax to places of amusement or entertainment, the possibility of a meals tax, and a re-evaluation of permit and user fees, set consistently to fully recover costs."

— McLean Citizens Association Resolution

in addition to a six percent sales tax already collected on meals.

"Certainly from the chamber's point of view, we don't want to see any tax that singles out any industry," said Jim Corcoran, president of the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce.

A potential four percent meals tax could create \$96 million annually in additional revenue for the county, more than \$20 million from non-county residents.

"Let's look at the equation on both sides," said Corcoran.

"It does not send the right message to businesses," many who make Fairfax County their headquarters, he said. "We have developed a business-friendly environment, internationally."

A "domino effect" could quickly erase revenue generated by the meals in loss of business and tourism, said Corcoran.

"The average taxpayer is not going to get tax relief. We're hearing our real estate taxes are getting higher and higher. This isn't going to alleviate that," said Providence District Supervisor Linda Smyth.

"If people think the meals tax is coming on top of an increasing property tax, it will fail. Maybe it should fail," said Braddock Supervisor John Cook.

The Greater Reston Chamber, according to its CEO and President Mark S. Ingrao, "has a long held position by our members of opposing single-industry taxes particularly if they do not benefit the industry being taxed."

Ingrao said the Reston Chamber advo-

cated for additional funding for education at this year's General Assembly by supporting the restoration of Cost-of-Compete-Adjustment (COCA). "COCA recognizes that the costs of hiring and retaining teachers in northern Virginia is more expensive than in other parts of the state and the Chamber was part of a partnership that secured \$34.4 million this year," he said.

MCLEAN CITIZENS ASSOCIATION supports looking at alternative revenue sources including a possible meals tax. MCA passed a resolution in March urging the Board of Supervisors to look at "other opportunities for revenue improvement."

"So we get to share the fun with others," said Dale Stein, MCA's chairman of the budget committee. "Why does everything need to be on the back of the real estate tax," he said.

David Edelman, of the The Fairfax County Council of PTA's, said, "Our main concern is getting sustainable funding for schools and unfortunately there aren't many options available to us."

"We'll definitely get the message out there if the Board of Supervisors puts it on the ballot," he said.

THE BOARD of Supervisors would adopt a Resolution directing the County Attorney to file a petition with the Circuit Court by July 26.

The Board of Supervisors will meet on June 7 and instruct County staff to prepare documentation on the impact of the meals

Meals Tax

A possible meals tax could go to voters via referendum in the Nov. 8, 2016 general election. Under state law, the county would keep 100 percent of revenue generated by a meals tax. Counties can impose a meals tax if voters approve via referendum. If voters approve a meals tax, implementation could occur by July 1, 2017.

Meals Tax History By the Numbers

1992

A county meals tax was defeated by referendum in April 1992.

102,000

Voters cast votes in the 1992 referendum, which was approximately 25 percent of registered voters.

58

Percent of the voters voted against the potential meals tax in 1992.

2004

Legislation to exempt Fairfax County from the voter referendum requirement on a meals tax passed the Virginia Senate but failed to pass the house.

2008

Loudoun County held a referendum for a meals tax in November 2008 to fund new school construction, but it failed by a 70-30 percent vote.

2013

Henrico and Middlesex counties approved meals tax referendums. A similar effort in Chesterfield failed to pass.

tax on the county; the Board could vote officially to prove or not approve the ballot question.

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"The meals tax ballot questions that have been approved are the ones that tell you where the money is going, and where it will go to schools and capital improvements," said McKay.

The Town of Herndon passed its meals tax in 2003.

"We estimated \$900,000, and it generated \$900,279. Not bad for estimating something right out of the chute," said Mary Tuohy, the Town's director of finance.

Herndon Town Council increased the rate from 1.5 to 2.5 percent in 2011, and directed funding to major Herndon downtown infrastructure projects. Herndon also uses the meals tax to promote its restaurants and dineONHerndon campaign, according to Town's spokesman Anne Curtis.

The Town's tax preempts a county tax, said Curtis and Tuohy, "and in fact was one of the reasons it was enacted in Herndon in the first place," said Curtis.

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“Travis was an amazing person when I met him. In the past 9 years he has grown into an amazing man and father,” says Alexis Albritton. The two plan to get married next year.

Keith Foxx looks forward to Travis Parnell’s turn to pay-it-forward.

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Mentoring Guides Foster Care Alum

“If God doesn’t have a plan for you, have a plan for yourself.”

BY JOAN BRADY
THE CONNECTION

Travis Parnell and Keith Foxx don’t remember exactly when they met. Parnell was around 14 and had been in foster care for 6 or so years. He estimates he had already lived in 10 different foster homes, several in Fairfax County. Foxx, a civil engineer from Springfield, was married with two children.

Foxx says that one of the things that set Parnell apart was that despite everything he had been through, he didn’t feel sorry for himself. More than that, while Parnell acknowledged the challenges of being a foster child, he was appreciative of the benefits of being in care.

Parnell was able to stay with one foster mother for almost 5 years. “Miss Bertha,” he says, made it possible for him to be a regular kid. That is unusual for foster kids who move often and aren’t always able to participate in school and sports activities, attend slumber parties or go to the prom.

During those years with Miss Bertha, Parnell had stability and chores and she treated him like family. In fact, she still does. He is brother to her older children and uncle to the younger ones today.

“When you are in and out of foster homes, it’s hard to trust,” Parnell says. “Social workers and other professionals are doing a job.” But when he learned that Foxx was taking time away from his wife and two young daughters to spend time with him, he knew Foxx was different.

And it wasn’t just that Foxx spent time away from his family. Parnell was also welcome in the Foxx home. “No one had ever brought me into their house before,” he says



Some day, when Xavier is old enough, Travis Parnell will tell him of the struggles he and Alexis Albritton had starting out. But, for today, Parnell just wants him to be a happy, well-loved four-year-old.

Nationwide, four years after aging out of foster care, 25 percent have been homeless and more than 80 percent are unable to support themselves, according to an Association of Small Foundations/Annie E. Casey report.

quietly as his four-year-old son sits contented in his lap. “I wanted Keith to know that he could trust me with his family.”

Foxx’s older daughters laugh as they say that when he first started coming around, they asked their parents if Parnell was their new brother. Twelve years later, that’s the way they introduce him.

“I thought it was great,” says Foxx’s wife, Michelle. “But it wasn’t unexpected. That’s who Keith is, the type of guy who will reach out to help the next person.”

“There were people in my life that gave me good advice and recognized that I had potential. It was that little bit of encouragement on their part that made the difference. I was just passing that on,” says Foxx.

Parnell nods, “People will say, ‘I know just how you feel,’” but to Parnell, those were empty words. “Nobody knows how you really feel. No one can put themselves in somebody else’s shoes. But, you can tell someone you feel for them and you are here to help them.”

How To Help

May Is National Foster Care Month

To learn about ways to make a difference in the life of a child currently living in foster care:

Main site for foster care: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/childrencyouth/fca.htm>

FairfaxFamilies4Kids: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ncs/fairfaxfamilies4kids.htm>

BeFriend-A-Child: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/childrencyouth/befriendachild.htm/>

Foster Care 2 Success: <http://www.fc2success.org/>

Court Appointed Special Advocates/CASA: <http://www.fairfaxcasa.org/volunteer-or-donate/becoming-a-volunteer/>

The bond between them took time to build. In those early years, they got together two or three times per month. Parnell recalls that if he was reluctant, Foxx was unimpressed. “You are coming dude,” Foxx would tell him. Often, Foxx’s daughters would come along too and when the baby arrived, she joined them as well.

Out of seven biological siblings, Parnell is the only one to have earned a high school diploma. Parnell says that he was told by social workers that he should drop out, that he wasn’t going to make it. He wanted to prove them wrong and he recognized that having a diploma would expand his opportunities.

For young adults who have the continued support of parents and family, the path to independence can be daunting. For those without strong support, it can feel downright hopeless. When Parnell left foster care at 18, he was completely responsible for himself.

Those early years were very dark. Parnell worked in a series of dead-end sales jobs that didn’t afford him a reliable income. Things got worse he says, when, “I made a mistake and my driver’s license was suspended. That limited my job opportunities even further.” It seemed hopeless when he

Foster Care Alum Moving Forward

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found a job that was good money, but required a license.

That was when Foxx stepped up, "It was a blessing," says Parnell, "I didn't have anybody else who would do that for me. No one who would say, here are the stipulations. I will help you if you do this." Parnell is proud to say that with his reinstated license, he got that job. And five years later, he is working at a national company in Lorton, a senior technician in HVAC/air duct cleaning.

The hours are long and the job pays on commission, but Parnell says if you have patience, customer service and sales skills, it's a good job. And he enjoys educating people on what they can do to improve their air quality, especially for families who have children. It makes him smile to know that when he leaves a job, people will breath better.

Parnell and his girlfriend, Alexis Albritton, have been together since they were 17. Albritton had imagined a future with the two of them and a house full of dogs. But today, you would never know that children weren't always part of her plan, as she fusses

over young Xavier.

Albritton works as a veterinary assistant and receptionist at Crosspointe Animal Hospital in Fairfax Station. She too has goals for her future. Her sights are set on becoming a certified veterinary tech.

Parnell and Albritton said their biggest challenge is their budget; making sure that more money is coming in than needs to go out. They live frugally, rarely eating out or buying clothes; they cut their own hair and are happy for the generous donations to the Salvation Army that allow them to dress Xavier at prices they can afford.

The couple appreciates having Albritton's parents and Foxx to offer guidance. Now 26, Parnell says there isn't anything he wouldn't share with Foxx. They check in with each other regularly, "We are both men with our own families. If he has an issue, he'll call and say what do you think I should do? We talk through it. Then I tell him, 'time to be a grown man' and that gives him the confidence to handle the situation," said Foxx.

"Not everyone has the tools to make it in this world," says Parnell, "The only thing you can do is put the past behind you and take the initiative to keep moving forward."

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OPINION

In Search of Diversified Revenue

Fairfax County residents can expect to see meals tax question on November ballots.

Local governments pay for almost all of local services, including schools, by taxing a single industry, property owners.

In Fairfax County, property taxes pay for 65 percent of the budget. In Arlington, which has more revenue options as an urban county, property taxes pay for 57 percent of everything. In the City of Alexandria, property taxes pay for 58 percent.

It costs more every year to provide a consistent level of services, and the sources of revenue available to local governments in Virginia are very limited, forcing an outsized reliance on property taxes. The reason is that localities in Virginia have only the power explicitly given to them by the General Assembly, and the General Assembly allows very few options for localities to collect revenue.

Alexandria and Arlington already have a 4 percent meals tax on top of the 6 percent sales tax, and it's evident that the robust restaurant scene in both areas has not suffered as a result. Would-be diners do not drive to Fairfax County to avoid the tax. But whether Fairfax County can collect a meals tax will be up to voters in November, pending the Board of Supervisors putting the question on the ballot.

A meals tax is not a silver bullet, but it does add one more source of revenue. A 4-cent meals tax is roughly equivalent to the 4-cent increase in property taxes that Fairfax County residents will face this year. But the property tax is levied on people with no relationship to their ability to pay. The meals tax is related to spending, a more progressive approach, and will also collect taxes from non-residents.

This is one of the wealthiest regions in the country, and the highly educated population has high expectations. Schools, public safety,

recreational facilities, transportation, human services and other services and facilities cannot be allowed to atrophy because real estate values are flat. The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors was correct to provide what Chairman Sharon Bulova called a "booster shot," mostly to schools but also to other needs in the county.

What is needed for the future is access to other, more diversified forms of taxes. While it is a pipe dream given the disposition of the General Assembly, what is really needed is to give localities a portion of the income tax. In the meantime, locals will have to press the state to pay for its fair share locally, and to allow increases in cigarette taxes and other possible sources of revenue.

— MARY KIMM

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

For the Benefit of All, Fairfax County Needs a Meals Tax

To the Editor:

For the strongest education for our children and for economic prosperity, Fairfax County must pass a Meals Tax. We all know the critical nature of the best education for all children but we need reminding that the highest quality schools also yield the highest housing prices.

Currently, Fairfax County is losing too many top teachers to neighboring school districts, especially Arlington County, who pay significantly higher salaries. I cite the following report to the School Board last December: A

study conducted by Segal Waters Consulting has revealed that Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) teacher salaries fall well behind those of other local jurisdictions, particularly in years 5-20 of a teacher's career. Over a 30-year career, an FCPS teacher earns \$142,000 less than our survey average and \$293,000 less than a teacher at Arlington Public Schools. When considering total compensation over a 30-year period, the gap narrows to \$52,000. The study was presented to the Fairfax County School Board at its Dec. 7, 2015 work session.

Tax Relief for Some

Fairfax County provides real estate tax relief and car tax relief to citizens who are either 65 or older, or permanently and totally disabled, and meet the income and asset eligibility requirements. For an application, call 703-222-8234, or visit http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta/taxrelief_home.htm.

An exemption and/or deferral of real estate taxes is available for qualified Arlington homeowners age 65 and older and certain totally and permanently disabled homeowners, call 703-228-3920 or visit <https://topics.arlingtonva.us/real-estate/taxes-payments/real-estate-tax-relief/>

Residents of the City of Alexandria who are either 65 years of age or older or permanently and totally disabled by Nov. 15, 2016, may be eligible for the City's Real Estate Tax Relief Program for Elderly and Disabled Persons, call 703-746-3901, Option 6, or visit <https://www.alexandriava.gov/finance/info/default.aspx?id=2886>.

A Meals Tax will raise crucial revenues for schools, infrastructure and social services. Few, if any people do not eat out in D.C., Arlington or Alexandria because they have a revenue-producing meals tax. Few, if any will decline to eat out in Fairfax either.

Let's all get behind the Meals Tax for the benefit of our children and to maintain quality schools that raise the value of our homes.

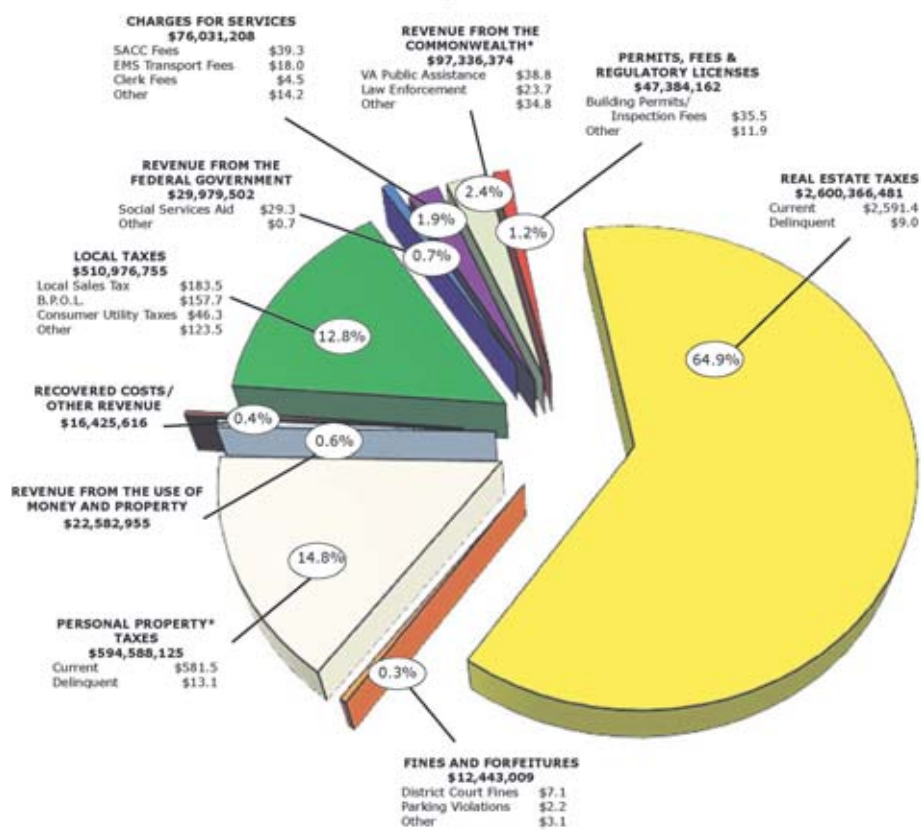
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Law Enforcement Torch Run Kick-Off Ceremony Set for Thursday, May 26 in Historic Occoquan

There is an untold story about law enforcement; a story where law enforcement officers go above and beyond the call of duty for the most marginalized citizens in their communities - people with intellectual disabilities. In Virginia, in the cities and towns they protect and serve daily, thousands of officers run, raise money and extend the ultimate gift - friendship, acceptance and inclusion - to Virginia's more than 21,000 athletes as a part of the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Virginia. Law enforcement and Special Olympics will celebrate this partnership at the Law Enforcement Torch Run Kick-Off Ceremony, May 26 at 11:30 a.m. in Historic Occoquan (200 Mill St.), during which they will officially light the "Flame of Hope" as officers prepare to run thousands of miles to Richmond. The Ceremony, which commences the countdown to Summer Games (June 10-11 in Richmond), will bring more than 100 law enforcement officers from



The Law Enforcement Torch Run Kick-Off Ceremony will be held on May 26 at 11:30 a.m. in Historic Occoquan (200 Mill St.).

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FAITH NOTES

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

Fairfax Circle Church will hold Christian Sports Camp Monday-Friday, June 27-July from 5-8:15 p.m. The church is located at 3110 Chichester Lane, Fairfax. Offers basketball, cheerleading and soccer, as well as a special program for the 4-5 year olds. Children four years to sixth-grade. \$40. fairfaxcirclechurch.org. sportscamp@fairfaxcirclechurch.org.

Grace Presbyterian Church in Springfield, 7434 Bath St., is hosting a Camp Hanover Day Camp July 11-15 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Children who have completed kindergarten to sixth grade are invited to attend. To register, or for additional registration, visit www.camphanover.org/grace-day-camp

Fairfax Baptist Temple, at the corner of Fairfax County Parkway and Burke Lake Roads, holds a bible study fellowship at 9 a.m. Sundays followed by a 10 a.m. worship service. Nursery care and children's church also provided. 6401 Missionary Lane, Fairfax Station, 703-323-8100 or www.fbtministries.org.

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Language Immersion for Young Children

Experts tout the benefits of an early start.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

When Martha Davis' daughter Alice was ready for kindergarten, she decided to enroll her in a Spanish language immersion program. Davis, who is the assistant dean for World Languages at Northern Virginia Community College chose Mt. Vernon Community School in Alexandria.

"I know personally the benefits of knowing a second language and I wanted my daughter to experience that," she said.

Davis, also a Spanish professor, says that the benefits of such immersion programs range from boosting cognitive functioning and confidence to accent acquisition and social skills development. "Speaking with a native or near-native accent significantly eases communication, particularly with people unaccustomed to interact-



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Martha Davis reads a book written in Spanish with her daughters, 6-year-old Alice (right) and 4-year old Jane. Alice is in a Spanish immersion program at Mt. Vernon Community School in Alexandria.

ing with non-native speakers," said Davis. "This in turn can help boost the confidence of the non-native speaker and can provide the encouragement needed to continue language study."

Numerous studies suggest the brain-boosting power of early exposure to a second language as another benefit of immersion programs for young children, says Ana Lado, Ph.D., professor of Education at Marymount University in

Arlington.

"Cognitively, kids who learn two languages in preschool and really young children tend to score better on abstract thinking all the way into high school," said Lado. "If you know that in one language there is one word for chair and it includes foot stool and sofa chair and lounge, and in another language you have three different words it makes your brain think more abstractly."

The sooner children gain exposure to a second language, the easier it is to acquire, says Davis who contrasts her daughter's feelings with those of some of her adult students, "who feel that speaking another language is strange or foreign," which impedes their language acquisition," she said.

"I have found that if students can identify themselves as a speaker of the language of instruction, regardless of their level of proficiency, they enjoy learning the language more and acquire it more easily," said Davis. "This year Alice has begun to sign her name 'Alicia' on her Spanish homework."

Local language immersion programs offer classes for children as young as 10 months old. They use songs and games to teach language in a way that is pleasurable for students. "Starting when they're young helps language de-

velop organically and naturally," said Amanda Michetti of Language Starts, which offers classes to children in Alexandria, Fairfax, Arlington, Reston and Bethesda. "The classes are conversation based with a little bit of reading and writing."

Hilary Javier has three children, ages two, three and four, who take Mandarin Chinese at Language Starts. She wants them to be citizens of the world, and believes exposure to a second language is im-

portant in achieving that goal. "You don't have to translate anything into English," said Javier. "They really do understand from picking it up naturally in the immersion setting. There is this special window when they are young to expose them to different cultures they would not never been exposed to, even noticeable in their mannerisms in the classroom."

"I know personally benefits of knowing a second language and I wanted my daughter to experience that."

— **Martha E. Davis,**
Northern Virginia
Community College

CAPPIES REVIEW

Energetic, Precise, Funny

South County High School's production of 'Guys and Dolls.'

BY SYDNEY SMITH
BULLIS SCHOOL

Luck Be A Lady Tonight! South County High School's production of "Guys and Dolls" was energetic, precise, and just downright funny. The musical, with music and lyrics by Frank Loesser, premiered on Broadway in 1950 and was later adapted into a 1955 movie starring Frank Sinatra, Marlon Brando, Jean Simmons, and Vivian Blaine.

"Guys and Dolls" tells the story of two guys and their dolls. Nathan Detroit and his fiancé of 14 years, Miss Adelaide, navigate through

their bumpy relationship as Nathan tries to hide his crap game from Adelaide, who is eager to marry. Opposite this dynamic couple is Sky Masterson, a heavy gambler, who falls in love with a missionary named Sarah Brown while trying to win a bet he made with Nathan. Ethan Schulze, who showed perfect comedic timing and an ability to bring to life a classic character, played the wisecracking Nathan Detroit. Though he did not have many songs of his own, when he did sing, Schulze's voice was impeccable. Opposite Schulze was Samantha Sharrett as Miss Adelaide. Sharrett's solid vocals and hilarious facial expressions helped her master the character and deliver a very entertaining performance. Kyle McKnight as Sky Masterson had a hypnotizing voice and truly embodied the persona of a smooth-talking gambler. His counterpart Sarah Brown (Alia Mahboob) sang like an angel, captivating the audience from her first entrance and sharing great chemistry with McKnight.

Other standouts included Joe Bright as Nicely-Nicely Johnson whose energy radiated throughout the entire cast. His remarkable vocals captured the heart of the audience in his song, "Sit Down, You're Rockin' the Boat." Along with Bright, Nick Ferlazzo as Benny Southstreet proved to be a dynamic force who provided comedic relief and sang great harmony in "Fugue for Tinhorns." The male ensemble that doubled as the Crapshooters and Havana Dancers showed good camaraderie and executed complicated choreography in all musical numbers.

The tech crew's smooth scene changes and appropriate set pieces complemented the cast's talented performance. The sound and lighting crew proved to be well trained as they executed tricky lighting cues and had minimal sound glitches. The bright, elaborate costumes along with dazzling makeup choices enhanced this comedic piece and the energy of the actors. South County High School nailed this comedic classic.



PHOTO BY SHELLY SEABOLT

From left: Craig Allison, Nick Ferlazzo and Joe Bright in South County High School's production of 'Guys and Dolls.'

SCHOOLS

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

Allison Campbell, a 2007 graduate of West Springfield High School, graduated from Washington University in St. Louis Olin Business School in May 2016.

Peter Wang, a student at South County High School, has been named a 2016 U.S. Presidential Scholar, a program administered by the U.S. Department of Education.

William Greenwood, Burke, graduated with a bachelor of science in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Kansas in May 2016.

The following area students graduated from Hampden-Sydney College: **Kyle Thomas Deivert**, of Fairfax, graduated *cum laude* with a B.S. in biology. **Nathaniel Tillman Oliver**, of Fairfax, graduated *cum laude* with a B.A. in economics and business. **Ali Adil Sali**, of Fairfax, graduated with a B.A. in history. **Austin Mitchell Perryman**, of Fairfax, graduated with a B.S. in mathematical economics.

John Cossio, of Springfield, graduated from Illinois Wesleyan University in spring 2016. He majored in voice.

James Lau, of Springfield, was elected to the honor society Phi Beta Kappa. Membership recognizes the highest academic achievement, moral character, responsible citizenship, and broad intellectual curiosity. James is the son of Michael & Audrey Lau of Springfield.

Twins **Brian** and **Kevin Zamfino**, West Springfield High School Class of 2015, graduated from U.S. Air Force

Basic Military Training in March 2016. They are the sons of Joe and Joanne Zamfino.

James Lau, of Springfield, was inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa, the national leadership honor society for college men and women at Hampden-Sydney College in Farmville, Va.

Kayla Zellmer of Fairfax has been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2015 semester at St. Mary's College in Indiana.

Reilly Brown, a sophomore English major at Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa., has been named to the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester. She is a graduate of West Springfield High School, she is the daughter of Patrick Shaw and Nicole Brown of Springfield.

John Hollinger, of Fairfax, was awarded Dean's list at Canisius College in Buffalo, N.Y.

Sarah Boyle from Marshall High School, Razan Elbaba from Oakton High School, and Rosy Molina from Fairfax High School on Feb. 24, 2016 were recognized at the annual Scholastic Art Awards ceremony with a 2016 Uphoff Scholarship from the Arts Council of Fairfax County. Each student received a \$1,000 prize and their work is on public display at the Ernst Community Cultural Center from Feb. 21 through March 3. To find out more about the Arts Council's Uphoff Scholarships program, visit <http://artsfairfax.org/grants/programs/uphoffscholarship>.

Jessica M. Ochoa, Helene J. Decosse, Alexis J. Fahrney, of Fairfax, **Samantha E. Kinde**, of Springfield, and **Zoe L. Kempresos**, of Fairfax Station, are on the Dean's List at Boston University for the fall 2015 semester.

Brian P. Bosse graduated with a degree of master of arts in International Relations from Boston University.

Hannah Emily Sandler, of Fairfax Station, has been named to the president's list at James Madison University for the fall 2015 semester. Students who earn president's list honors must carry at least 12 graded credit hours and earn a GPA of 3.900 or above. Sandler is scheduled to graduate in 2019 and is majoring in health services administration.

Hannah Emily Sandler, of Fairfax Station, has been named to the president's list at James Madison University for the fall 2015 semester. Students who earn president's list honors must carry at least 12 graded credit hours and earn a GPA of 3.900 or above. Sandler is scheduled to graduate in 2019 and is majoring in health services administration.

Caroline Dickson, of Fairfax, has been named to the Dean's list at the University of Maine for the fall 2015 semester.

Tae Yang You, of Fairfax, graduated with distinction from the University of Wisconsin-Madison's College of Letters and Science with a bachelor of science Communication Arts, Physics.

Sarah Ann Hughes Cushing-Spiller a first-year student at Hollins University has been named to the Dean's List for the 2015 fall semester. Cushing-Spiller is the daughter of Mr. Bob Cushing and Mrs. Chris Hughes of Springfield. She is a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School.

Fairfax Station resident, **Hannah Emily Sandler**, has been named to the president's list at James Madison University for the fall 2015 semester.

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Charles Smith, branch chief with the Stormwater Planning Division in the Department of Public Works, with Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova and Braddock District Supervisor John Cook at the planting of the pollinator meadow located adjacent to the Fairfax County Government Center.



About 40 volunteers help plant a pollinator meadow near the Fairfax County Government Center in Fairfax.

Pollinator Meadow Planted by Government Center

Volunteers plant 2,000 plants, 48 different species — one-third grasses and two-thirds wild flowers.

BY STEVE HIBBARD
THE CONNECTION

Some 40 volunteers planted a pollinator meadow for two days last week on one acre of land adjacent to the Fairfax County Government Center in Fairfax. The volunteers from the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District planted about 2,000 plants (from 48 different species) — using about one-third grasses and two-thirds wild flowers. These are native plants with deep roots that attract bees and butterflies and help retain the stormwater from going into the nearby stream in the woods.

“Planting this pollinator helps the stormwater runoff to not reach the stream,” said Irene Haske, an information officer with the Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services. “The water will percolate down into the water table and it gets cleaned as it goes down further into the earth. It will help prevent runoff and erosion.”

She added: “When the sediment flows off the land, it buries the little critters; and they’re an important part of the ecosystem.... It’s not just saving the butterflies; it’s aesthetically pleasing as well.”

The project is being divided into four phases over several months: planting seedlings, planting plants that provide color and structure (last week’s efforts), providing invasive controls (to be done by a contractor over the summer), and planting woody



The sign for the pollinator meadow under construction, located adjacent to the Fairfax County Government Center.

shrubs (next fall) to improve the edge condition with native trees and shrubs.

AT A COST of \$3,500 for the project, the county purchased plants at Earth Sangha, a local nursery that works in the spirit of the Buddhist practice by propagating native plants from locally-gathered seeds. The county purchased native warm season grasses to hold the soil in place; including little blue stems, purple love grass, flowering liatris, asters and New York ironweed, among others. The cost included soil preparation and removal of invasive vines that were hanging on nearby trees, to be replaced with native edge plantings such as silky dogwood, pawpaw, chokeberry and redbuds. The edge plantings help fill the gaps between the meadow and the mature forest canopy nearby.

“What we’re trying to do is offer a number of seasons for blooming,” said Charles Smith, branch chief with the Stormwater Planning Division in the Department of Public Works.

He said with the meadow next to the forest, it provides critical habitat for many of the pollinators during the year. “You have to have that landscape mosaic to support the full cycle of the insects,” he said, adding that periodic mowing twice a year prevents woody plants from coming in, recycles nutrients, and also promotes seed germination and plant growth.

“The insects don’t just pollinate the plants; they also eat them,” he said. “The predators eat the insects, and by the insects eating the plants, they are transferring the energy to the rest of the food chain to birds, lizards and small mammals.”

Laura Grape, executive director of the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District, added: “We are really excited about this project because it shows Fairfax County’s commitment to enhancing the community’s shared assets in a way that also enhances our natural community assets.”

She added: “I think this is going to be a point of inspiration to a number of county

residents and businesses alike; those that are interested in enhancing their own properties in an environmentally conscious and beautiful way.”

She said between Thursday’s and Saturday’s events, they’ve had 40 volunteers join in this partnership to enhance this portion of the Fairfax County Government Center property. “There have been volunteers of all ages that are actively planting this great meadow and also learning about what it can do to enhance the pollinator community and also enhance the aesthetics of an area.”

THE VOLUNTEERS planted containerized plants; the seeds of which can take 18 months to germinate. By planting plants that develop roots that are 12 to 36 inches deep, Suzy Foster, Landscape Architect III, said they help control runoff water from this site into the Chesapeake Bay. “We have to reduce sediment in our streams and channels. We do that in a variety of ways. This is infiltrating stormwater runoff as soon as it hits this meadow.” She added: “We’re creating a living sponge that will absorb more water than a typical lawn. We’re improving the sponge-ability of the soil and reducing the maintenance because we’re cutting down on mowing.”

Foster said homeowners can follow the lead and convert their own 8x8 or 10x10 lawn properties into native plants to help promote native insects and birds. “The real message is to plant native plants like butterfly weed, blazing star and black-eyed Susans and native oak and cherry trees to promote the insects, native mammals and birds,” she added. “If you could choose one plant, plant an oak tree; it supports more species of native insects than any other tree in the area.”

And she said by planting native plants, it helps support the native fauna, which includes everything from insects to deer.

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CALENDAR

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ONGOING

Peace: Our True Nature: Watercolor Batik by Amy Rivard. June 8-July 9. Workhouse Arts Center, Building W-9 Gallery, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Visitors will encounter watercolor batik paintings on Kinwashi rice paper, created by Rivard in the spirit of the present moment. amyrivardpaintings.com.

Plant Clinic. 9 a.m.-noon. Sundays till end of September. Lorton Farmers Market, 8990 Lorton Station Blvd., Lorton. Conducted by Master Gardeners. Answer gardening question, identify plants and insects, soil tests, etc. fairfaxgardening.org.

First Tee Life Skills. 5-6:30 p.m. May 10-June 21. Laurel Hill Golf Club, 8701 Laurel Crest Drive, Lorton. The Fairfax County Park Authority is partnering with The First Tee of Greater Washington, DC, to offer The First Tee Life Skills Experience Certifying Program, designed for young people ages 7-18. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/press/html/ir040-16.htm>.



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Next Reflex Dance Collective presents Jump in on Saturday, May 28 at the Workhouse Arts Center.

creative experimental art of the hidden away; including sculpture, installation, painting, collage, photography, video and performance. ollyyollyart.com. 703-789-6144.

Pohick Church Annual Hodge Podge Yard Sale. 7 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Pohick Church, 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton. On sale will be furniture, collectibles, household goods, books, clothing and much, much more. All proceeds will benefit the many ministries of Pohick Church. pohick.org. 703-339-6572.

THURSDAY/MAY 19

CCWC Homes Tour, Silent Auction, Book Signing. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Clifton Presbyterian Church, 12748 Richards Lane, Clifton. Hosted by the Clifton Community Woman's Club. cliftoncwc.org. 703-609-3479.

"The Other Side of Cannabis." 7 p.m. Angelika Film Center and Cafe, 2911 District Ave., Fairfax. Virginia premiere. Panelists will include Diana Rodriguez, LCSW, CAD, INOVA Kellar Center; a Fairfax County Police Department narcotics detective; and a former user in recovery. \$10/\$15. upcfilmosc.eventbrite.com. 703-939-8723.

SATURDAY/MAY 21

Spirit Run 5K. 8-10:30 a.m. Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Supports Holy Spirit School's resource program. Contact Lambie Renner for information at lrenner@holyspiritchurch.us.

19th Annual Clifton Caboose Twilight Run. 6 p.m. Intersection of Clifton Road and Main Street. 5K Run/1 Mile Run/Walk. www.SignMeUp.com/113094.

Reception, "Manifesto." 7-10 p.m. Olly Olly Art Space, 2nd Floor, 10417 Main St., Fairfax. Exhibition of five collections of art by the artists of Northern Virginia's Bunnyman Bridge Collective. "Manifesto" will feature

2:30 p.m. The Hub Ballroom, George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Join Maureen Fiedler of NPR's Interfaith Voices Radio as she records her program at George Mason University. Beginning with the question, "Is Religion a Problem or a Solution in your Life?" - Maureen hopes to engage college age people as to why fewer of them claim no affiliation with traditional religious institutions. Free. minister@accotinkuuc.org. 703-503-4579.

SATURDAY/JUNE 4

Forgotten Fairfax: Mill Ruins in Fairfax County. 11 a.m. Fairfax City Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Mills once filled the Fairfax County landscape in the 19th Century. Debbie Robison, a preservation consultant, will talk about Fairfax County's forgotten mills and locating historic mill ruins. All ages. Free. 703-324-8380.

"The Sounds of Pohick." 4 p.m. Historic Pohick Church, 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Musical groups featured are the St. Francis Choir and St. Cecelia/St. Alban Choir, both for children; the Pohick Pickers, an instrumental group; the Pohick Bell Choir, who will ring handbells and handchimes; the Pohick Early Church Music Ensemble, which sings 16th and 17th century anthems; and the Choir of Pohick, the nearly 40-voice adult choir. 703-339-6572. www.pohick.org.

SUNDAY/JUNE 5

Wine, Whiskers and Wags. 1-5 p.m. Paradise Springs Winery, 13219 Yates, Ford Road, Clifton. Family- and dog-friendly wine tasting event hosted by the Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter to raise funds for shelter pets in need. www.ffcas.org.

Civil War Ballroom Dancing. Noon-5 p.m. Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Watch and learn authentic dance steps from 150 years ago from members of the Victorian Dance Ensemble of the Civil War Dance Foundation. \$2-\$5. www.fairfax-station.org.

TUESDAY/JUNE 7

Discovering Local History. 7-8:30 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Fred Oaks Way, Burke. Enjoy an overview of the huge range of websites and resources available to those researching history and genealogy in the Northern Virginia area. Presenter: Debbie Robison of the Fairfax County History Commission. Free. Register at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/events/>.

SUNDAY/MAY 22

Burke Historical Society. 4:30-6 p.m. Abiding Presence Lutheran Church, 6304 Lee Chapel Road, Burke. Nathaniel Lee from the Franconia Museum will speak on his new book "The Iron Road of Franconia: A History of the RF&P Railroad in Fairfax County." Free. slawski_brian@yahoo.com.

SATURDAY/MAY 28

Jump In. 7 p.m. W-3 Theatre, Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Lorton Road, Lorton. By the Next Reflex Dance Collective. \$18/\$15/\$10. nextreflex.org. 703-927-0073.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 1

Jazz and Wine Fundraiser for OAR. 7:30 p.m. The Winery at Bull Run, 15950 Lee Highway, Centreville. Benefit for nonprofit OAR of Fairfax. Evening under the stars in a beautiful and historic location. Live jazz music. Food and wine. \$50. www.oarfairfax.org/2016-fundraiser.

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Robinson Girls' Lax to Host Langley in Region Quarterfinals

Rams repeat as Conference 5 champions.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

The fact Robinson will face Langley in the postseason isn't a surprise. Multiple Rams envisioned competing against the Saxons on a grand stage, possibly with a state championship on the line.

The timing of Thursday's matchup, however, has Robinson junior Elli Kluegel feeling stressed.

The Robinson girls' lacrosse team is undefeated, improving to 16-0 with a 21-6 victory over West Potomac on Tuesday in the opening round of the 6A North region tournament. Four days earlier, the Rams repeated as Conference 5 champion with a 19-5 win over Centreville. The program hasn't lost to a public school opponent since 2014 and the Rams have their sights set on repeating as state champions.

"The whole preseason ... we were always thinking, 'Langley-Robinson, state championship game.' That was a goal. And now to see ... we could knock each other out in the next round, that was really surprising."

— Robinson junior
Elli Kluegel

LANGLY went undefeated during the regular season and advanced to the Conference 6 championship game, but the Saxons had their 16-game win streak snapped by Madison, which captured its sixth consecutive conference/district championship with an 11-9 victory over Langley on May 13. The result was the Saxons entering the region tournament as the No. 2 seed from Conference 6, setting up a likely second-round matchup with Robinson.

Langley defeated Osbourn Park 19-



The Robinson girls' lacrosse team repeated as Conference 5 champions with a 19-5 victory over Centreville on May 13.



Taylor Caskey (2) and the undefeated Robinson girls' lacrosse team will host one-loss Langley in the 6A North region quarterfinals on Thursday.

6 in the opening round of regionals on Tuesday and the Saxons will travel to take on the Rams at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday.

Robinson-Langley, once considered a potential state championship matchup, will take place three weeks earlier than expected, with the loser's season coming to an end.

How did Kluegel, the Conference 5 Player of the Year, react when she found out Robinson would face Langley in the region quarterfinals?

"I kind of freaked out," she said. "I was really stressed. The whole preseason ... we were always thinking, 'Langley-Robinson, state championship game.' That was a goal. And now to see ... we could knock each

other out in the next round, that was really surprising. It's kind of scary, at least for me. I can't speak for my teammates. I'm a little worried. That's a game that stresses me out. Usually, I'm pretty confident going in, but they're definitely a very strong and together team — very dynamic.

"They can surely give us a run for our money."

Robinson senior goalie Danielle Valenti, on the other hand, said the Rams are looking forward to the challenge.

"That's pretty crazy," Valenti, a second-team all-conference selection, said about facing Langley on Thursday. "We didn't know if they were going to win [against Madison] or not because, obviously,

Madison's good. ... I think we're excited for Thursday. I think we're ready. We love playing good teams, so we want that competition."

Robinson beat Langley 11-5 during a preseason scrimmage on March 11, but Rams head coach Liz Case said things have changed since then.

"I don't really consider that anything because they had a new coach (Maggie Kovacs) and it was early in the season," said Case, the Co-Conference 5 Coach of the Year. "I know they've gotten a lot better since then, so I don't even look at that as anything. I look at what they've done so far: they were undefeated until they lost to Madison. But everybody has a fluke game, so they could come out and be really strong and we have to be ready."

ROBINSON was dominant in its final tune-up for Thursday's matchup, beating West Potomac 21-6 on Tuesday. The Rams led 15-3 at halftime.

Kluegel, a junior midfielder who is committed to Loyola University Maryland, led Robinson with six goals and three assists. Kaitlin Luccarelli, a second-team all-conference attacker who will play at Longwood University, had five goals and one assist. Senior midfielder Taylor Caskey, a first-team all-conference selection, finished with four goals and two assists.

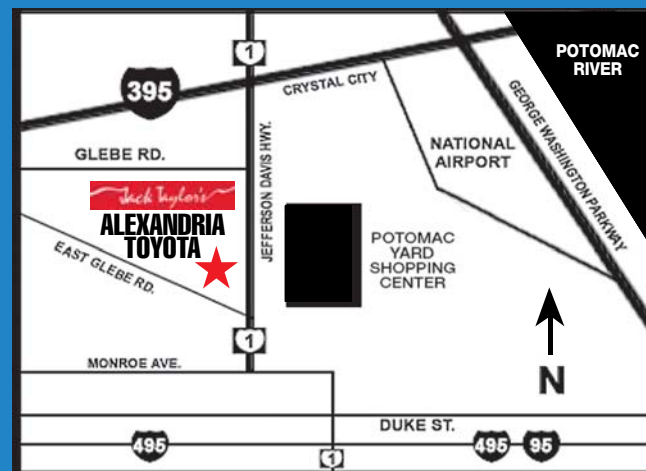
Junior attacker Katie Checkosky, a JMU commit and first-team all-conference selection, had three goals and one assist.

Junior midfielder Kate Mulvenon had two goals for Robinson, and freshman attacker Grace Tompkins had one.

Senior defenders Emily Skrzypczak (Ohio State) and MegMarie Stanchi were also first-team all-conference selections.

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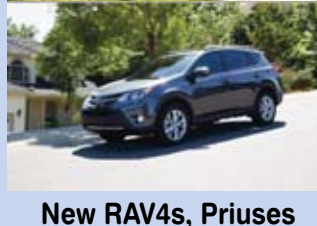


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Transportation Authority to Hold Hearing, Public Meetings

On June 9, the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) will hold a Public Hearing on its Draft FY2017 Program. The Public Hearing will be held at the Authority's offices located at 3040 Williams Drive in Fairfax.

An Open House will be held at 6 p.m. with regional transportation planners on hand to answer questions one-on-one. Detailed maps and project descriptions will be available for review.

At 7 p.m., NVTA Chairman Martin E. Nohe, will give a presentation outlining the Authority's planning, prioritizing and funding selection process. Public testimony will begin immediately following the presentation. Interested individuals may pre-register to speak at: theauthority@thenovaauthority.org.

Speaker sign-up will also be available on site. Speakers will be allowed 3 minutes each.

For members of the public who are unable to attend, the NVTA's Draft FY2017 Program presentation is available on the Authority's web site.

The public comment period will be open through 5 p.m. June 17.

In addition to the Public Hearing, the

NVTA will accept public comments by email: FY2017Program@TheNoVaAuthority.org; mail: 3040 Williams Drive, Suite 200, Fairfax, VA 22031; phone: 703-642-4652.

Local Town Hall Meetings on the Draft FY2017 Program will also be hosted by several NVTA member jurisdictions. The following local Town Hall meetings are currently scheduled:

- City of Alexandria Wednesday, May 18, 7 p.m. Alexandria City Hall, Council Work Room (Second Floor), 301 King St., Alexandria

- Arlington County Thursday, June 2, 6 p.m. Arlington County Board Room, 3rd floor, 2100 Clarendon Blvd., Arlington

- Fairfax County Thursday, May 26, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Lake Anne Elementary School, Cafeteria, 11510 North Shore Drive, Reston

- Wednesday, June 1, 6:30-8:30 p.m. South County Government, 2nd floor, 5380 Richmond Hwy, Alexandria

- Wednesday, June 15, 6-8:30 p.m. Fairfax Government Center, Rooms 9/10, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax

Additional meetings may be added. For more information visit www.thenovaauthority.org.

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DDVA Dyslexia Simulation. 4-5:30 p.m. St. Stephen's United Methodist Church, 9203 Braddock Road, Burke. Dyslexia simulation created by the Dyslexia Training Institute. Free. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ddva-dyslexia-simulation-tickets-24787012622>.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 15

Public Hearing on Monopoles and Towers Zoning Ordinance. 8:15 p.m. Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Planning commission hearing. fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz.

TUESDAY/JUNE 21

NVTA Workshop. 7-9 p.m. Providence District Office, 3001 Vaden Drive, Fairfax. In-person meetings are designed to capture feedback from a broad range of participants. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/>. Type Northern Virginia Transportation Authority to search for the public workshops.

Public Hearing on Monopoles and Towers Zoning Ordinance. 3:30 p.m. Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Board of Supervisors Hearing. fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz.

ONGOING

Burke Rotary Club Meeting. Tuesdays from 7:15-8:30 a.m. Anita's Restaurant, 9278 Old Keene Mill Road, Burke. Meetings with breakfast and program. www.burkerotary.org.

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The **Northern Virginia Long Term Care Ombudsman Program** needs volunteer advocates for residents in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Contact Lisa Callahan at 703-324-5861, TTY 711 or email Lisa.Callahan@fairfaxcounty.gov. Also visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/ltombudsman/.

Fairfax County needs volunteers to **drive older adults** to medical appointments and wellness programs. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

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