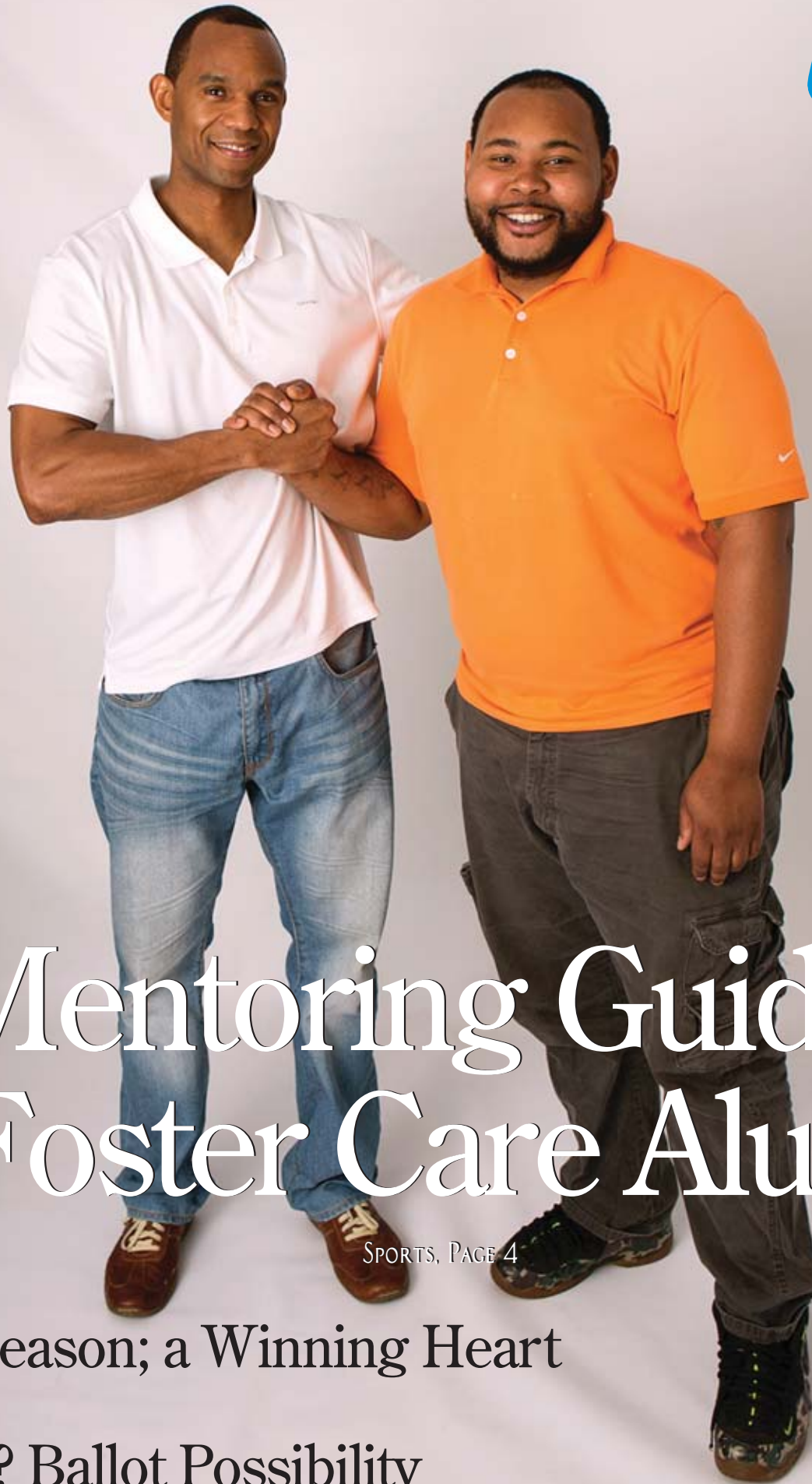
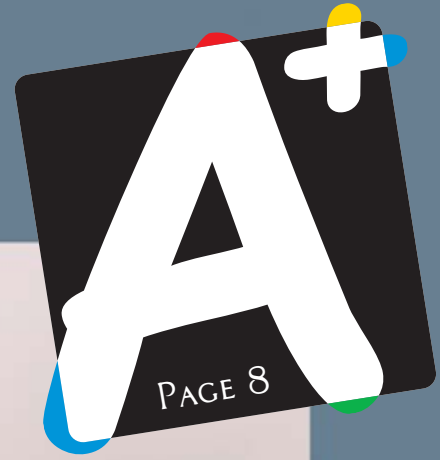


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# NEWS

# 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 Herry ensured another point of view.

"There is an advocacy group forming on the other side, chambers and restaurants," said Herry, 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

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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.

If county voters approve a meals tax, implementation could occur by July 1, 2017.



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

BY JOAN BRADY  
THE CONNECTION

**T**ravis 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/>

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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

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# 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 breathe 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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## 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.

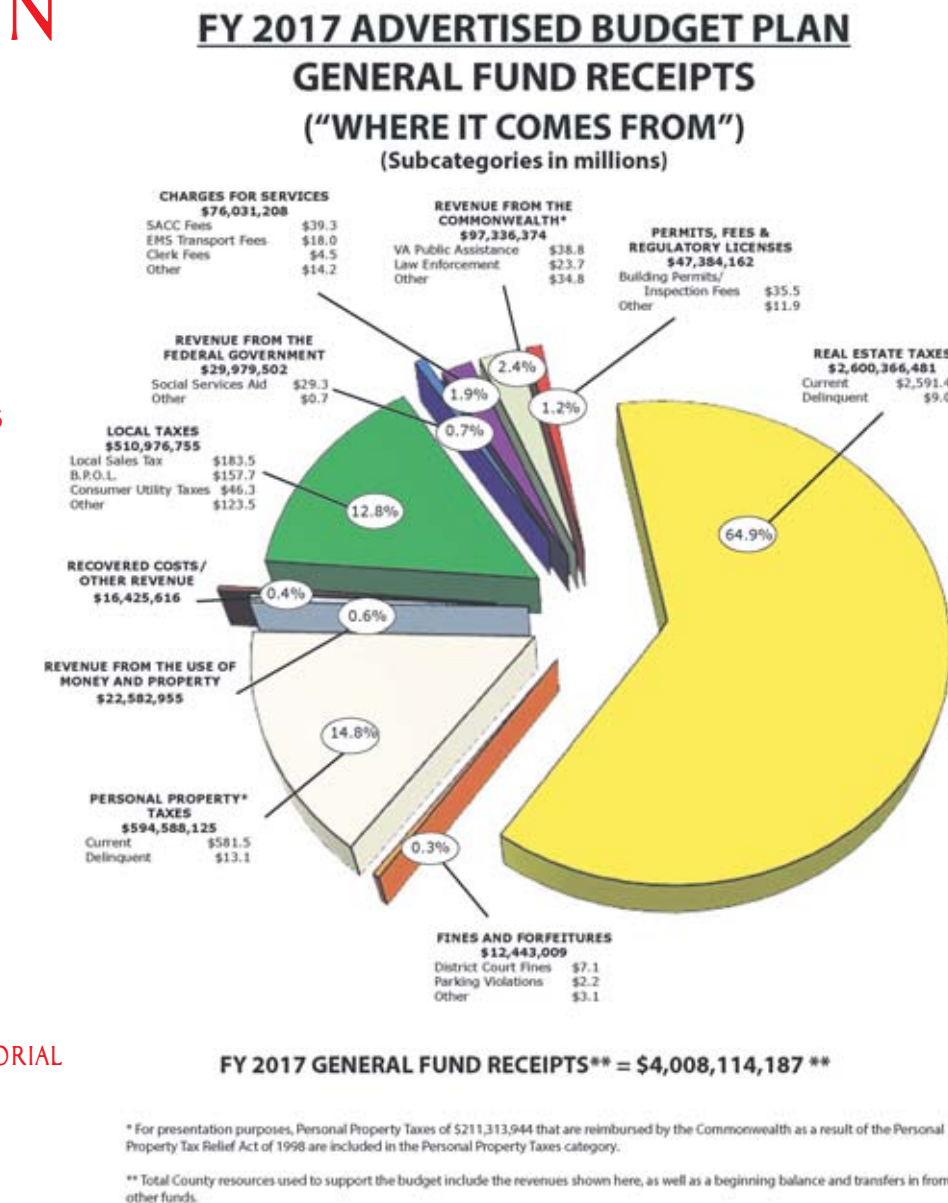
In Fairfax County, property taxes pay for 65 percent of the budget. In Arlington, which has more revenue options as an urban county, property taxes pay for 57 percent of everything. In the City of Alexandria, property taxes pay for 58 percent.

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,



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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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## Tax Relief for Some

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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/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.

Dennis and Shirley Bloomquist  
Great Falls

## 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.

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# No Easy Answers to School Funding Challenge

COMMENTARY

BY SUPERVISOR JEFFREY C. MCKAY  
D-LEE DISTRICT

**A**fter months of hard work and consideration of public feedback, the Board of Supervisors adopted its budget for 2017 late last month. Although the ink has yet to dry, we've already started looking towards 2018, when I expect education funding to continue to drive the discussion.

This year, the County once again stepped up to the plate — giving our school system a total transfer of \$2.1 billion dollars, an increase of \$104 million from last year and the largest transfer increase Fairfax County Public Schools has received in a decade.

Why so large, you ask?

A majority of my colleagues and I felt this was the only way we could increase teacher salaries to remain competitive and ensure class sizes would be better controlled. An archaic funding formula from the Commonwealth means that Fairfax County loses money to other jurisdictions because of our wealth. To make up for this, the County has to fill the large gaps left by the state.

This puts us at a funding disadvantage compared to most other jurisdictions. The County's only choices if we are to increase school funding is to increase real estate rates or make further cuts to services. We have already made numerous cuts over past years. There's no easy answer.

Many of our local legislators in the General Assembly heard our cries for help and were able to get us an additional \$17 million for education this year. Even with this year's state increase, Virginia is still

in the top ten states in income and bottom ten in education funding. A special thanks goes out to Senator George Barker and Delegates Vivian Watts and Mark Sickles for their hard work in Richmond. We appreciate their efforts, but we know we still have a long way to go.

After this grueling budget process, it has become even more apparent that Fairfax County needs revenue diversification and relief from Richmond. You have my commitment to continue working towards achieving that.

One option you'll likely be hearing about in the months ahead is a meals tax. The state does give our Board the authority to put a referendum question on the ballot in November about such a tax in Fairfax County. This would be a 4 percent tax added onto prepared food in our area, the revenues of which would go towards the County budget. The Board alone cannot enact this; the voters must first decide by approving the referendum. I support asking the voters for their opinion on this.

A meals tax would help free up some additional revenue, but it is not the answer to our funding challenges. The aged state funding formula for education must be fixed. Whether you have a young one in our school system like I do or you're a retiree hoping to free up dollars for County services such as libraries and parks, or for real estate tax relief, I'd encourage you to reach out to your state elected officials and ask them to continue the fight to bring more of our tax dollars back to Fairfax County. This impacts everyone.

*Jeff McKay is the Chair of the Board's Budget and Legislative Committees.*



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Lee High School junior and senior students with Lancer mom Mary Moran.

## Lee High School Report

BY ERIN SIKES-THURSTON  
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL/LEE HIGH SCHOOL

**Earth Day Celebration** — Led by PTSA President Maureen Brody on Saturday, April 2, from 8 a.m.-3 p.m., students worked in shifts through the pouring rain. They pulled weeds, shaped bushes and planted an herb garden.

**Shakespeare is very much alive at Lee High School** — English teachers Chris Ingram and Chrystal Riehl dressed up like Shakespeare characters to open the different plays they are both teaching in their English 9 classes.

**Spring Spirit Week 2016** — Spirit week finished with a pep rally. For the class of 2016, it is the last spirit week and pep rally for their time at Lee. Some seniors dressed up as “senior citizens” complete with glasses perched on noses, canes and pants pulled up to their waists.



Sophomore Sam Flores and his dad during Lee High School's Earth Day celebration school clean-up.

**Softball Complex Dedication** — This journey to make the softball complex this beautiful facility began over three years ago with a few people who came together with a collective vision to create a facility that reflected Lee High School's passion and determination. They wanted to provide our student athletes and community with a facility they could be proud of when wearing the Lancer Blue and Gold. The beautiful new facility has upgrades that include; new dugouts, new press box and concession stand, new fencing, an outfield with Bermuda grass with an Irrigation system, a new sound system, new bleachers and in the fall we will also be adding a new scoreboard.



Seniors Sam Cornbrooks, Sarah Kelly, Sarah Lachman and Kaithlyn Torres



Lee District School Board Member Tammy Deranak-Kaufax, Region 3 Executive Principal Grace Taylor, Lee HS Principal Deirdre Lavery and Lee High School Student Activities Director Lori Barb

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Seniors dressed as seniors: Ibrahim Niang, Kekelle Tetty, TJ Washington, Willey Phillips, Khari Chase and Dulla Gullata.



Chris Ingram

### SCHOOL NOTES

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**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. Kempres**, 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.

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## SPORTS

# A Losing Season; a Winning Heart

With 1-16 record, Lee High Lancers baseball coach Matt MacDonald works on rebuilding season.

BY STEVE HIBBARD  
THE CONNECTION

Lee High School's baseball coach Matt MacDonald, 34, of Old Town Alexandria has his heart in baseball. A coach for nine years — seven years at Lee and two at Mount Vernon — he is a special ed/chemistry teacher who works with both learning disabled and general education kids.

MacDonald loves what he does. He says Lee's a great school with great coaches who get actively involved in the community. There's the Lancers Unite Program where coaches talk about how they can improve morale and prepare the players to become leaders. There's the Leadership Academy that meets to show the captains how to better lead.

There's the Reading with the Lancers program tied to Springfield Estates Elementary School where the players read to the younger students. There's the Little League Outreach where coaches and players attend little league games on Saturdays to work with the younger players.

They're working with their feeder program, Central Springfield Little League, running a Fall Academy working with 7- to 11-year-olds on proper throwing techniques, and hitting and pitching. They have a Winter Clinic with 45 kids, ages 6-12, for six weeks every Sunday, working on throwing, fielding, catching and hitting.

But even with all of that good community outreach, Lee's baseball team has won only one game this year, and the school has somewhat of an image problem, said MacDonald.

"For myself and the other coaches, we are trying to change how Lee is perceived," he said. "I want parents to want their kids to come here. It's a safe school. When they see us around at Central, or with Reading with the Lancers and the elementary school kids, I want them to see we're doing good things here."

Due to some unfortunate circumstances, Lee's record is 1-16, winning their last game of the regular season to Thomas Jefferson, 7-5. They lost two of their top pitchers, one to elbow surgery. "He was the guy that we were expecting to throw five or six innings and win the baseball games," he said. They lost another pitcher who throws a lot of strikes.



Lee High School baseball coach Matt MacDonald during practice last week with his team.

"I think injuries have played a part in it," he added.

Assistant coach Nathan Adams said a rezoning of the Daventry subdivision cut their team numbers way down. When the season started, only 23 guys tried out. They lost some seniors and as a result, a couple of freshmen are starters. "Because of the rezoning, they went to West Springfield, which hurt our overall numbers, and we didn't have enough for a varsity and a J.V., so we just have a varsity team," he said.

So MacDonald said this has been a rebuilding year.

"The way the season has gone, we try to keep our heads up; when you're having a season like we are, we're trying to keep the focus on working hard," he said.

**AS A COACH**, MacDonald is always trying to better himself and the team. He starts his day at 5 a.m., hitting the gym, spending 20 minutes with his little girl Elena, teaching from 7:45 a.m. to 3 p.m.; practicing from 4:30-6:30 p.m., and if there's a game, not getting home until 9:30 p.m.

To stay abreast of the latest trends, MacDonald attends the American Baseball Coaches' Association coaching conferences — one was in Orlando and another in Dallas — that are led by college coaches, where they learn infielder and pitching drills and new training aides.

He's also trying to change the mindset of



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Lee High School baseball coach Matt MacDonald gives pointers to players during practice.

the team by encouraging them to work hard in the off season. "You should be training year round, doing something — weight room, travel teams — doing something," he said.

Before the season starts, they work on skill development with infielders on ground balls, slow rollers; working with outfielders on drop steps; and with pitchers on balance drills. Once the season starts, they do a lot of 21-outs, tandem relays, bunt situations, base running, and situational hitting with a focus on more strategic stuff.

Matt's wife Nora said her husband strives to make every kid a better player, a better student, and a better person. "He and the other coaches are always brainstorming about how they can play to each student's strengths when preparing for a game, what should the lineup be, who has been working hard at practice, what gives them the best chance to win," she said.

**LORI BARB**, director of Student Activities at Lee High, said MacDonald works hard at getting to know his athletes, opening lines of communication, developing trust, building a sense of responsibility and commitment from each of his players. "He truly cares — this isn't just about baseball; this is about teaching our student athletes strong character, leadership and teammate skills .... skills needed to be successful in life," she said.

Kye Colza, 17, an outfielder and pitcher from Springfield, said there's nothing MacDonald wouldn't do for any player — from giving them a ride to extra help on the baseball field. "He's really great .... Anything you need to talk about, you can come to coach MacDonald," he said.

Chris Bush, 17, a shortstop from Daventry, added that MacDonald is a great coach with a great work ethic, and a good teacher. He said: "We all respect him as a coach and he's a good teacher, too. I don't think the record shows the progress we've made. I think next season's going to be a lot better and this season is kind of a rebuilding season."

## CALENDAR

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**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](http://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, CADC, INOVA Kellar Center; a Fairfax County Police Department narcotics detective; and a former user in recovery. \$10/\$15. [upcfilmosc.eventbrite.com](http://upcfilmosc.eventbrite.com). 703-939-8723.

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**Building Hope Fundraising Dinner.** 6:15 p.m. Hilton Springfield, 6550 Loisdale Road, Springfield. Support current programs and to launch a capital campaign to build the Hope Center, a projected 45-unit modern apartment complex designed for homeless men and women that will surround them with medical and social support services. Register at [thetreetlight.org](http://thetreetlight.org).

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**"The Iron Road of Franconia" Book Discussion.** 1 p.m. Franconia Museum, Franconia Governmental Center, 6121 Franconia Road, Alexandria. Free discussion and book launch of author and museum member Nathaniel Lee. <https://www.facebook.com/FranconiaMuseum/>.

### 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](mailto:slawski_brian@yahoo.com).

**ACE 60th Anniversary.** 1-4 p.m. Plum Center for Lifelong Learning, 6815 Edsall Road, Springfield. Fairfax County Public Schools, Adult & Community Education (ACE) invites the

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# Robinson Girls' Lax to Host Langley in Region Quarterfinals

Rams repeat as Conference 5 champions.

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he 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.

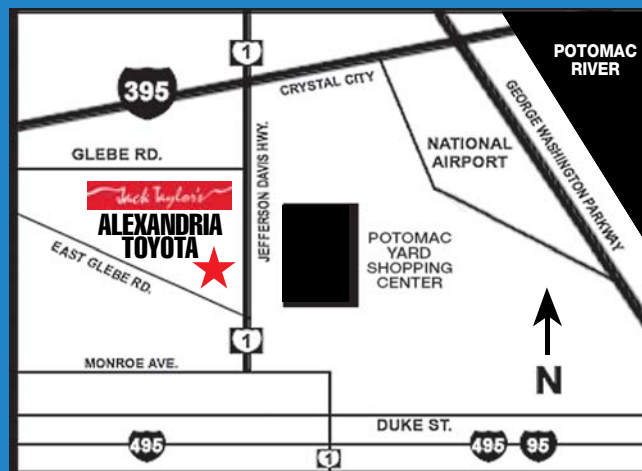
Junior attacker Katie Checkosky, a JMU commit and first-team all-conference selection, had three goals and one assist.

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

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# Transportation Authority to Hold Hearing, Public Meetings

**O**n 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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.

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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](mailto:Lisa.Callahan@fairfaxcounty.gov). Also visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/ltombudsman/](http://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](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults) and click on Volunteer Solutions.

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**Lake Occoquan Shores** \$795,850  
Rare Opportunity! Secluded waterfront community of 5 acre+ homesites w/ spectacular water views and Fairfax County parkland! Solid brick home backs to lake w/ approx. 3,888 sq ft of living space. 5/6 BRs, 3 totally remodeled full BA, 2 fireplaces, formal dining rm, deluxe kitchen w/ eating space adjoins fam rm leading to 92' deck overlooking lake! Rec Rm w/ bar, game/hobby rm, storage rm, bonus rm could be used as BR. Huge separate barn/workshop, covered RV pad, circular DW, and much more!  
**Steve Childress 703-981-3277**



**Centreville** \$290,000  
2 BR, 2FB, 1HB end unit in popular Little Rocky Run. Updated baths, hardwood floors, deck, fenced yard. Open floor plan.  
**Barbara Nowak 703-473-1803**  
**Gerry Staudte 703-309-8948**



**Fairfax** \$600,000  
Custom Kitchen and Baths make this 4-level split stand out from the rest. Sought-after neighborhood with top-ranked schools comes too! Modern, gourmet Kitchen with High-end appliances. Really nice windows/doors, refinished hardwoods on main level and upper levels. Great commuting options.  
**Cathy DeLoach 571-276-9421**



**Haymarket** \$690,000  
Amazing views of pond, golf course & mountains! Upgraded to the max! Main level living in Active Adult community. 4,600 finished sq ft of luxury!  
**Marsha Wolber 703-618-4397**



**Springfield** \$1,190,000  
New exquisite, 4 BR, 3.5 BA with elegant intersecting front and rear stairs. Grand upper level Master Bedroom suite with sitting room and elegant master bathroom. Built on approx .3 beautiful acre lot, minutes from highways, lake and park, shops, and many more great options.  
**Reba Ray 571-332-2731**



**Lake Anna** \$899,900  
Wooded Waterfront. Almost 3 acres secluded waterfront & year round stream. Almost 5,000 finished sq ft w/ 5 BRs, 5.5 BAs, a full finished basement w/ kitchen & another room that could be bedroom #6. Wide plank wood floors & ceramic floors, granite counters & SS appliances. 3-car attached garage & a huge detached complete w/ firing range & 2 workshops.  
**Greg Isaac 540-661-2019**



**Falls Church** \$1,820,000  
Custom Georgian colonial nestled on secluded 1.6+ acre lot in prime location in McLean HS district. Carriage house w/3-car garage & in-law/au pair apartment. Nearly 8,000 sqft of well-appointed space w/10' ceilings, hdwd flrs, coffered ceilings, custom woodwork & more. Expansive chef's kit w/ granite & spacious breakfast nook. Large walk-in pantry off kit. Banquet-sized dining rm w/fireplace & butler's pantry. Stately library w/built-ins & fireplace. Master suite w/fireplace, sitting rm, dual walk-in closets & luxury BA. BR #2 en suite w/fireplace. Separate laundry rm on BR lvl. Upper lvl w/ rec rm, two BRs, full BA & roof deck overlooking trees. 1.5 mi to two Metro stops. Minutes to shopping, D.C., and schools.  
**Ki Hatch 571-214-1870**



**Woodbridge** \$1,340,000  
Gorgeous custom build - all-brick Mike Garcia home on a 5 acre private waterfront peninsula. 6BRs & 7.5BAs. Spectacular wide water views from three sides. Huge gourmet kitchen. Newly renovated spa inspired master bath. 2 tiered 700 sf entertainment ready deck. Private boat dock & gazebo. Fire pit. Gated circular driveway w/pond & fountain. Super efficient geothermal HVAC system. Nanny suite over garage.  
**John & Jennifer Boyce 704-425-5646**



**Clifton** \$2,495,000  
Stunning 7 BR estate on gorgeous 5 acres. The property is an entertaining oasis with pool, sports court & more! Inside features beautiful architectural elements throughout.  
**Carol Hermandorfer 703-216-4949**



**Fairfax** \$550,000  
Lovely colonial with 4 BRs & 2.5 BAs, updated kitchen with granite, stainless steel appliances & gas cooking, updated bathrooms, new roof, replaced windows, & new siding! Feels updated & contemporary as soon as you open the door! Very large, fully fenced & very usable back yard with playground equipment. Close to Metro, VRE, shopping, schools!  
**Cathy DeLoach 571-276-9421**



**Woodbridge** \$480,000  
Welcome home in the sought-after community of Belmont Bay on the Occoquan River. 2-car garage, 3 BR, 3 full bath end unit townhome. Enjoy the marina, pool, clubhouse, close to VRE, commuter lot/buses, Fort Belvoir & I-95.  
**Ngoc Do 703-798-2899**



**Lake Anna** \$799,000  
Wonderful waterfront! 5 BRs, 4.5 BAs w/ amazing amenities. Kitchen is a dream - real butcher block counters, granite island, warming drawer, convection/avantium microwave, JA grill/range, and trash compactor. Gorgeous views, irrigation, firepit, extensive hardscape, and partially fenced yard. Awesome man cave! Two slip boat house - too much to list, come and see for yourself!  
**Dana Isaac 540-661-2166**



**Burke Centre** \$679,000  
Lovely, 4 bedrooms, many renovations, floors, carpets, gourmet kitchen, w/d, French doors, in-ground pool, hot tub, deck, must see!  
**Mary FitzHenry 703-250-8915**



**Alexandria, South** \$368,000  
Quality-Built All Brick Town House! Amazing! Dramatic sunken living room w/10 ft+ ceiling, Palladian windows & a wood-burning FP Eat-in kitchen. Formal dining room. LL rec room. 3 BR, 2.5BA. Upgrades galore! 9 mi. to Pentagon and 7 mi. to Ft. Belvoir.  
**Mary Wharton 703-795-0587**



**Clifton** \$949,000  
Located on a gorgeous .94 acre in Balmoral Greens, this meticulously maintained home sparkles inside and out! Must See!  
**Carol Hermandorfer 703-216-4949**



**Burke** \$300,000  
Contemporary TH affordably priced. 3 BR, 1.5 BA with vaulted ceiling in LR. Updated Kitchen. Refinished cabinets w/Corian. Fenced Yard and concrete patio for terrific outdoor entertaining. Motivated seller.  
**Barbara Nowak 703-473-1803**  
**Gerry Staudte 703-309-8948**



**Centreville** \$398,000  
Pristine, updated TH with garage. 3 BR, 2 full & 2 half baths. Updated Kitchen with SS appliances and granite countertops. New carpet. Gas fireplace, 2 decks, fenced yard. Great location, easy access to I-66 and Rt. 28, schools, and shopping.  
**Claudia Callis 703-620-2790**  
**Dana-Jean LaFever 703-609-3479**



**Fairfax** \$584,900  
Contemporary gem is better than new! Walls of glass, vaulted ceilings, new wide planked floors, replacement windows! New carpet, fresh paint, new roof ... and all baths renovated! 4 BRs, 2.5 BAs, move-in perfect!  
**Marsha Wolber 703-618-4397**

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