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The **Fairfax Commission on Aging** meets on **Wednesday, June 15 at noon** at the Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Rd., Burke. (Please note new meeting location.) The public is welcome to attend and join in the comment period that begins each session. Find out more at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/coa.htm. Call **703-324-5403**, TTY 711 for meeting access needs.

Fairfax County is offering a free **Medicare 101 workshop, Wednesday, June 15, 2-4 p.m.** Learn the facts about health insurance for seniors. Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Rd., Reston. To register, call Karen Brutsché at **703-390-6157**, TTY 711.

Korean Meals on Wheels urgently needs drivers to deliver meals. Frail older adults are not receiving much-needed nutrition due to a shortage of drivers. (Speaking Korean not required.) Email VolunteerSolutions@FairfaxCounty.gov, call **703-324-5406**, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

Meals on Wheels needs **drivers, coordinators, and co-coordinators** for routes throughout the county. There is an urgent need for a route coordinator in the **Franconia** area. The majority of work for that position can be done from home via email and phone. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call **703-324-5406**, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

The **Gum Springs Senior Program** in **Alexandria** is looking for a **Line Dance Instructor**. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call

703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

The **Kingstowne Center for Active Adults** in **Alexandria** needs Instructors for the following classes: **Country-Western Line Dance, Hula Hoop and African Style Dance**. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call **703-324-5406**, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

The **Hollin Hall Senior Center** in **Alexandria** needs instructors for the following classes: **Basic Woodworking, Italian and Ballroom Dance**. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call **703-324-5406**, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

The **Wakefield Senior Center** in **Annandale** needs **Fitness Instructors**. Volunteer instructor positions could lead to part-time employment. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call **703-324-5406**, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

Vietnamese Meals on Wheels needs drivers in **Annandale** to deliver meals. (Speaking Vietnamese not required.) For these and other volunteer opportunities, call **703-324-5406**, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

The **Bailey's Senior Center** in **Falls Church** is in need of a **Volunteer Trip Assistant**, for weekly shopping trips. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call **703-324-5406**, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

The **Mott Community Center Senior Program** in **Fairfax** is looking for a volunteer **Tai Chi** instructor. 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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School Board Adopts \$2.7 Billion Budget

FY 2017 budget aims to raise teacher salaries, lower class sizes.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

The Fairfax County School Board has made good on Superintendent Dr. Karen Garza's promise when she introduced a FY 2017 budget for the school system.

"The most important announcement for our students and teachers may be what the proposed budget does not do," Garza said at a press conference held Jan. 7, 2016 at West Potomac High School, "it makes no further cuts."

At the Board's May 26 regular meeting, its members adopted a \$2.7 billion budget that will take effect July 1.

Highlights of the budget include a salary increase plus one percent market scale adjustment for all employees who are eligible, \$40 million to make teacher salaries in particular more competitive in the region and \$10 million aimed at lowering elementary school class sizes.

School Board Chairman Pat Hynes praised the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors in



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a statement for engaging with their educational counterparts to overcome an early gap between the two bodies' advertised budget that eclipsed \$70 million.

"Working together, we were able to secure the funding necessary to make critical investments in teacher pay, reduce the size of some classes in our elementary schools and maintain our instructional programs and services to our students," Hynes said.

"We sincerely want to thank the members of the community who rallied to call for increased support for their students, teachers, and schools."

It took the supervisors adding an extra cent to the real estate tax and directing that additional revenue to the school system to make the Fairfax County transfer to FCPS really viable for Garza's goals.

"I am hopeful that this budget represents

a turning point for our schools," Superintendent Garza said in a statement. "This reinvestment in our community's most important asset will provide great dividends for all the citizens of Fairfax. We are already looking ahead to FY 2018 and will continue to work as partners with the Board of Supervisors to solve these vital challenges for our community."

Fairfax County's transfer to the School Operating Fund ended up being a 4.8 increase over the FY 2016 Budget. FCPS also benefitted from an increase in state aid and sales tax, and \$6.7 million in reductions from the previous year because of reductions in student enrollment.

The Board also approved several add-on motions that carried with the FY 2017 budget. Those included Hynes calling for continued collaboration with the Board of Supervisors and focusing joint discussions on the Successful Children and Youth Policy Team.

Providence representative to the School Board Dalia Palchik's motion for the Board to encourage the Supervisors to move a meals tax to referendum in this fall's election was successful as well.

More information about the FY 2017 FCPS budget and the budget process are available at www.fcps.edu/news/fy2017.shtml.

Bracing for Shutdown Surges in Face of Metro Crisis

Fairfax County shares plan for mitigating effects of Safe Track maintenance.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

If you use Metrorail from Vienna or Reston or Tysons, be on notice: the Orange and Silver lines will be the first affected.

Beginning June 1, the Washington Area Metropolitan Transit Authority (WMATA) will initiate the first of 15 "surges" of rail system shutdowns for maintenance, as part of its robust "Safe Track" effort.

Safe Track is advertised as condensing three years of work down to about one.

The severe timetable comes following a series of maintenance incidents including cars filling with smoke and fireballs sparking inside underground stations.

"It's unfortunate," said Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova, that the rail system has arrived at this point "without what should have been plans for investment, replacement."

"That should've happened," Bulova continued.

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova called the maintenance situation that brought about Safe Track "unfortunate" but supports the effort as "the right thing to do."

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THE CONNECTION



Regardless, the chairman said she's supportive of Safe Track and that it's "the right thing to do."

After June's kickoff, the repairs are scheduled to last until March 2017, WMATA representative Jack Requa told members of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Transportation Committee in a May 24 meeting.

The first surge from June 4 to 16 will cause the Orange and Silver lines to run on continuous single-track status from East Falls Church to Ballston. To supplement the slowed service, WMATA is offering limited Metrobus shuttles.

For other surges, there will be supplemental service from Fairfax Connector buses.

In addition to the alternate public transit options, Bulova and Fairfax County Department of Transportation Director Tom Biesiadny also encouraged people to look into carpooling and ride-sharing as much as possible during the surges.

Bulova also said she's sent a letter to employers around the Fairfax County encouraging them to be more flexible with employees looking to telework.

"We're not crying over spilled milk here," she said. "Right now we have a crisis. We

June 4-16 Disruption

- ❖ Orange Line trains between Vienna and Ballston will operate every 18 minutes
 - ❖ Additional Orange Line trains will operate between Ballston and New Carrollton only
 - ❖ Silver Line trains will operate every 18 minutes
 - ❖ At 10 p.m. all trains will operate every 20 minutes
 - ❖ Metro closes at midnight seven days a week for the duration of all safety work
- During most safety surges, Fairfax Connector will provide supplemental express service on existing routes or on rush-hour shuttles.
- For surge #1:
- ❖ Supplemental trips in the Dulles/I-66 corridor on express Route 599 from Reston to Pentagon.
 - ❖ Express rush-hour shuttle service from Vienna Metrorail Station via I-66 to Pentagon.
 - ❖ Existing express service on routes 393 and 394 from Saratoga Park-and-Ride via I-95/395 to Pentagon.
- SafeTrack supplemental and shuttle service fare is \$4 per trip.

have to make sure we're flexible. People are resilient; we'll find a way to get through this."

Fairfax County has launched a website listing the dates and details of the surges, along with suggestions for alternate transit. The website address is www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/safetrack.

Operators with the same information are available by phone at 703-339-7200.

NEWS



Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Senior Members and Cadets from the Prince William and Burke Composite Squadrons concentrate at the controls of their flight simulators.

Civil Air Patrol Cadets Take to the Simulated Air

On Tuesday, April 12, Civil Air Patrol (CAP) cadets from the Burke and Prince William Composite Squadrons enjoyed their first steps toward learning to fly. Fifty cadets received instruction on the basic roles of aircrew members, and then took their places at flight simulators. Assisted by adult CAP pilots from both squadrons, the youngsters were enthusiastic about their opportunity to conduct takeoffs and landings using real-

istic instruments and flight controls.

Cadets rotated through stations learning about the duties of Mission Pilot, Scanner, Observer, Aerial Photographer and Flight Line Marshaling.

The occasion was CAP AeroSpace Night at the Virginia National Guard Armory in Manassas, led by CAP Lt. Jason Bailey, CAP Lt. Col Kimberly Frady and First Sergeant Nathaniel Hatfield, all of Prince William. The Burke Squadron joined forces by providing flight simulators and experienced mission aircrew personnel as instructors, all as part of the CAP's mission to provide aerospace education.

CAP Major Michael Speakmon, Commander of the Burke Squadron, led a discussion of the duties of a Mission Observer who flies in the right seat with vital role of navigation and communicating with other CAP Aircraft and Ground Teams during missions or training exercises.

Major Romeo Ross, operations officer for Burke Squadron, was one of several pilots to teach the cadets about flight using the Microsoft Flight Simulator X STEM Kit provided by Civil Air Patrol National Headquarters. Major Ross is a qualified Mission Pilot in the Civil Air Patrol and has logged hundreds of hours flying as both a general aviation pilot and for the Civil Air Patrol.

Cadet Markus Garretson, Cadet Lars Garretson, Cadet Airman Peter Dang, and Cadet Airman Hannah Dang were four of Burke's cadets to join with cadets from Prince William for the fun of flight simulation.

The Civil Air Patrol is the part-time, all-volunteer auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force. CAP is part of the USAF Total Force, operates a fleet of 550 aircraft and performs about 90 percent of continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center.

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CAP Pilot Juan Urista of Prince William Squadron assists a cadet with simulated flight maneuvers as part of Civil Air Patrol AeroSpace Night.

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AREA ROUNDUPS

Fire Chief Bowers Involved in Crash

Fairfax County Police and Deputy County Executive for Public Safety David Rohrer are investigating a collision between Fire and Rescue Department Chief Richard Bowers' county vehicle and another car.

Fair Oaks District station officer responded to the intersection of the Fairfax County Parkway and Lee Highway after Bowers called to report the crash on Thursday, May 26 at 8:01 a.m.

Bowers was on duty at the time, a release from Fairfax County Police said, driving a 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe, southbound on the Lee Highway ramp towards the ramp to the parkway heading north.

A 36-year-old Fairfax man was driving a 2002 BMW on the northbound Fairfax County Parkway ramp approaching Lee Highway.

The front of Bowers' vehicle collided with the right side of the BMW in the intersection, the police release said.

The BMW's driver sustained non-life-threatening injuries and was taken to Inova Fair Oaks Hospital. Bowers wasn't injured.

Fairfax County Police spokesperson Lt. Brian Gaydos said there's no estimate how long the investigations might take.

Police are asking anyone who witnessed the crash or who has information about the incident to contact Crime Solvers at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.com or by calling 1866-411-8477 or 703-691-2131.

Police Continue to Investigate Brookfield Plaza Robbery

Fairfax County Police haven't announced any further arrests in connection with the May 21 armed robbery that took place at the Dubai Jewelers store in the 7000 block of Brookfield Plaza in Springfield.

So far, they have made two arrests: 24-year-old William Timothy Franklin IV and 26-year-old Jasminder Sethi, both of Waldorf, Maryland.

Major Crimes Division and Internal Affairs Bureau detectives are continuing to work on their respective criminal and administrative investigations, a May 31 release from Fairfax County Police said.

The release also said a citizen who was injured in the crossfire between suspects and police has been released from a local hospital.

Though police believe the citizen was struck by a bullet fired by one of the suspects, they said the officer involved with the shooting is still on desk duty.

The May 31 release named the officer as ten-year veteran PFC Lane M. Leisey. The announcement ten days after the incident is consistent with Police Chief Edwin Roessler's stated standard for releasing an officer's name following an incident where deadly force was used.

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OPINION

Talk to Your Teens

So much at stake as teens approach graduation and summer.

It's hard to talk to your teens and young adults about alcohol and drugs.

But consider this.

Last year, more people died in Virginia of heroin overdose than in car accidents, more than 700 in all. There have been multiple overdoses of high school students in the last few months, high school students like yours. At this point in the opiate epidemic, you also need to talk about heroin and pills.

On graduation day in 2007, West Potomac High School endured the unimaginable tragedy. Two young women who had graduated just hours before died in a car driven by another young woman who had alcohol in her system. The driver and another passenger, a 2005 West Potomac graduate, also died in that crash.

More recently, in June, 2015, Alex Murk and Calvin Li, shortly after graduation from Thomas Wootton High School in Rockville, Maryland, died in a car accident after leaving a party where alcohol was served. The owner

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of the house where the party took place, the father of the student hosting the party, was fined for knowingly allowing underage drinking. A newly passed law in Maryland, named for Alex and Calvin, means parents who knowingly host underage drinking parties in Maryland could face the possibility of up to a year in jail if an underage drinker leaves their home and is injured or killed in a car crash. The driver recently pled guilty to two counts of vehicular manslaughter.

Summer is the most dangerous time of year for teenagers.

Many teenagers will be celebrating, or possibly self-medicating, with alcohol. Many will engage in binge drinking.

While drinking and driving, or getting into a car with a driver who has been drinking, can kill, there are many other problems that come along with binge drinking. The question of consent and sexual activity looms. Young men and women need to hear from their parents that they are expected to respect the idea of

consent, all the more so in circumstances where alcohol or drugs might be involved. The potential consequences are enormous.

Parents owe it to themselves to talk to their teens about it, even as the teen turns away, rolls eyes, and otherwise indicates he or she is ignoring everything you say, some information will go in. They do hear you. They can't hear what you don't say.

Keep talking. Tell them you love them. Tell them it's been too much work to get them to this point to risk losing them now. Tell them not to text and drive. Tell them not to drink and drive. Tell them not to get in a car with anyone driving who has been drinking or otherwise under the influence. Tell them to wear their seatbelts.

Tell them you'll come pick them up anytime that they need a safe ride home, with the only consequence that they have to talk to you about it the next day.

— MARY KIMM

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

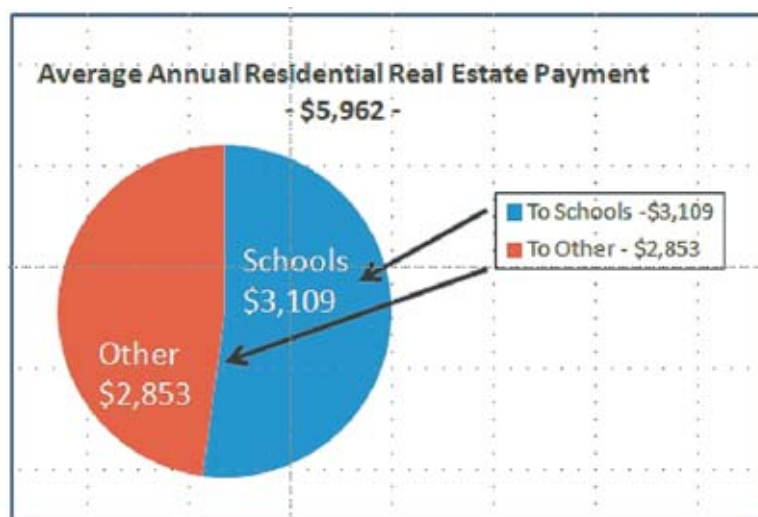
Seniors Unfairly Tapped for School Budget

To the Editor:

The May 19-25, edition of the Connection had an opinion page article titled, "In Search of Diversified Revenue – Fairfax County residents expect to see meals tax question on November ballots." The article began by saying that local governments pay for almost all of local services, including schools, by taxing a single industry, property owners.

It's time to address a real estate tax inequity, i.e., the continued full taxation of elderly homeowners who have not had children in the school system for years and years. The average annual real estate tax per household after the recent FY 2017 rate increase is \$5,962; 52.2 percent of that (a little over \$3,100) goes to support the county school system. (See chart.)

Residential homeowners pay the full real estate tax whether or not they have children in schools.



There is never any age at which a homeowner sees a dime's decrease in his or her taxes. Parents of students do not pay any "tuition."

My proposal is that elderly homeowners, starting at age 65 or maybe 70, be given a small "tax forgiveness" rebate, funded by a per-student user fee assessed at annual school registration. This would be revenue-neutral to the county. The fee would pass through the county from parents

to elderly taxpayers via a tax reduction. Here's the math for a hypothetical example for 65 year old and over taxpayers:

❖ The county's 2015-16 school enrollment is about 187,000 (K through 12).

❖ In 2015, there were about 412,000 housing units in Fairfax County (Source: "Demographic Reports 2015, County of Fairfax, Virginia"). In 2014, about 19.1 percent of housing units were oc-

cupied by persons 65 years old or older (Source: U.S Census Bureau, 2014 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates"). So, assume that roughly 19.1 percent of those 412,000 housing units, or 78,692 units, were owned by 65-and-older persons (actual ownership data not available to author).

❖ An annual school system revenue-neutral "user fee" of \$100 per student, paid at the time of annual registration, would yield about \$18,700,000 (187,100 students x \$100).

❖ Now, spread the \$18,700,000 over about 78,692 housing units (the estimate of housing units owned by folks age 65 and over) and it would yield about \$238 per year for each of those senior households (\$18,700,000/78,692). That is a very modest 4.0 percent annual tax "rebate" from the average 2017 tax bill of \$5,962 per household. The seniors deserve a little break.

See what your supervisors think.

John A. Knight
Springfield

SCHOOL 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.

Alexandra Hoenscheid, of Springfield, received the University of Mary Washington Alumni Award upon her graduation in May 2016.

Thet San, of Fairfax, is on the dean's list at Furman University in South Carolina for spring 2016.

Natalie Heintz, of Springfield, received Manhattan College's Gunn Alumni Medal during the 2016 commencement.

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.

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Friends, families and supporters of military men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice for their country sat on folder chairs set up on the Conservancy's expansive green lawn.

Memorial Day Observed at Burke Centre Conservancy

Piper Matthew Kuldell led the color guard — members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5412 and Boy Scout Troop 1345 — into the area of the Burke Centre Conservancy on May 31 to begin the observance of Memorial Day.

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chairs set up on the Conservancy's expansive green lawn.

Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41), Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock) and State Sen. Dave Marsden (D-37) each made remarks. They were joined by keynote speaker Brigadier Gen. Billy D. Thompson, U.S. Air Force.

—TIM PETERSON



(From left) State Sen. Dave Marsden (D-37), Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41) and Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock) each made remarks at the ceremony.



Brigadier Gen. Billy D. Thompson, U.S. Air Force, delivers a keynote speech at the Burke Conservancy Memorial Day ceremony.

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Mosquitos, Zika and a Healthy Summer

BY SENATOR TIM KAINE
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As warm weather returns and the last days of school draw near, I'm sure that, like me, you're looking forward to spending a lot of time outdoors this summer. As you read troubling headlines from Latin America and other parts of the world about the Zika virus, I'm also sure you are concerned about how to keep yourself and your family safe.

Let's first understand the virus and the threat it poses to Virginia. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Zika virus spreads primarily through the bite of an infected Aedes mosquito, which is one of the types of mosquito present in Virginia during the summer months.

According to the CDC, Texas, Florida and Hawaii are likely to be the U.S. states with the highest risk of experiencing local transmission of Zika virus by mosquitoes, based on prior experience with similar viruses. However, additional states

are assumed to be at some risk due to the presence of Aedes mosquitoes. While, as of May 11, there have been 15 cases of Zika virus among individuals traveling abroad and returning to the Commonwealth (or among family members and close contacts of such individuals), there have been no recorded cases of someone contracting the virus from a mosquito in Virginia. Furthermore, while I'm writing this, no one has been shown to have acquired the virus from a mosquito bite anywhere within the continental United States.

Most people infected with the Zika virus display no symptoms. Among those whose infections do develop into Zika virus disease, the illness is largely mild and marked by fever, rash, joint pain and/or red eyes for two to seven days. An infection usually does not lead to hospitalization, and death from Zika is extremely rare.

As you probably already know, though, the virus does pose significant risks to a fetus during pregnancy. The CDC and the World Health Organization (WHO) have

both concluded that Zika infection during pregnancy is a cause of microcephaly and other severe fetal brain defects.

Because of the connection between Zika and birth defects and the rare health threats the virus can pose to infected individuals, it is important for us to prevent the spread of the disease now and minimize our own risk of infection.

On Thursday, May 19, the Senate voted to approve a bipartisan \$1.1 billion package to prevent transmission of the virus and treat infections. I also supported a larger \$1.9 billion package that provided more resources to the Department of State, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), and the Department of Health and Human Services to address this crisis both at home and abroad. Combined with efforts already underway by the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) and many localities, this federal effort would ensure that a robust public health initiative is in place to help control this pandemic.

Zika virus spreads through bite of infected Aedes mosquito, a type present in Virginia in summer.

With public health officials at each level of government working to combat this disease, we should consider our own role in preventing infection and stopping the potential spread of the virus. VDH recommends that Virginians follow the CDC's guidance for preventing Zika. By visiting www.cdc.gov/zika/prevention or www.ZikaVA.org, you can learn about what types of insect repellent are most effective at preventing mosquito bites and how bed nets, water treatment tabs, permethrin spray and condoms can help prevent the transmission of the disease in your home and outdoors. On www.ZikaVA.org, you can see the state Zika plan and other Virginia-specific information. The CDC's site contains specific guidance for pregnant women (www.cdc.gov/zika/pregnancy), women and couples considering pregnancy (www.cdc.gov/zika/pregnancy/thinking-about-pregnancy) and parents (www.cdc.gov/zika/parents).

The Aedes mosquito does not fly far from where it breeds. Therefore, it is important to prevent the

population of mosquitoes from growing in and around your home. Make sure to use window and door screens; regularly clean, turn over, cover or throw out any indoor and outdoor items that hold water (e.g. tires, flower vases, toys, garbage bins); and use sprays or foggers to kill mosquitoes. For more information on where to look out for mosquitoes and what products to use in controlling them around your home, you can visit www.cdc.gov/zika/prevention/controlling-mosquitoes-at-home.

It's important to reiterate that there are currently no reported cases of mosquitoes transmitting the Zika virus in Virginia or anywhere else in the continental United States. While this fact offers us some reassurance, it also provides us with a clean slate and golden opportunity to prevent or lessen the severity of a large-scale outbreak in the coming months. With proactive and responsive steps from all levels of government and due care from each of us, we can take control of this public health threat and enjoy this summer to its fullest.

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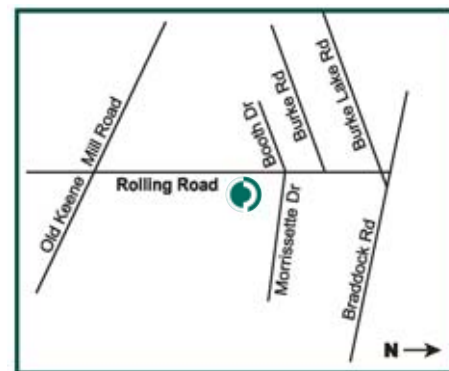
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Staying Safe This Summer

Tips and precautions for avoiding warm-weather hazards.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

The start of summer means pools and backyard grilling. It also means an increased risk of accidents and injuries. Local safety officials are offering safety tips during June, which is National Safety Month.

With warm weather come health threats posed by ticks and mosquitoes. In addition to the Zika virus, which is not currently a local threat, mosquitoes can carry the West Nile Virus, while ticks can spread Lyme disease.

Recommended defenses against these pests include using insect repellent to protect against mosquito bites and eliminating potential mosquito breeding sites like pools of standing water or heavily foliated spaces such as tall grass, where bugs often hide.

"We ... have to be prepared and be ready in the event that we get local spread of [the Zika virus]," said Mary Anderson, a spokeswoman for Montgomery County. "The information on preventing bites and ridding your property of mosquitoes is good whether we have Zika or not."

Local county health departments, including Montgomery and Fairfax, have established websites with current information on the Zika virus. Anderson also recommends a Zika virus webpage, created by the Centers for Disease Control, which includes a map with updated information on areas where Zika is spreading: <http://www.cdc.gov/zika/index.html>

"We're taking the Zika virus seriously and preparing as though as though it could be a potential threat," said Kurt Larrick, spokesman for the Arlington County Department of Human Services.

In addition to insect bites, time spent outside in hot weather can lead to heat-induced illnesses like sunburns, heat rashes, heat exhaustion and heat stroke, and the elderly and very young children are at greatest risk. Health officials say that the best lines of defense include limiting sun exposure, especially between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., the period considered the peak intensity hours. Wearing a hat and sunglasses that provide 97-100 percent protection against

Safety Tips

From the Centers for Disease Control

- Water Safety**
 - ❖ Learn how to prevent recreational water illnesses (RWI)
 - ❖ Always supervise children when in or around water.
 - ❖ Teach kids to swim.
 - ❖ Learn CPR
 - ❖ Install a four-sided fence around home pools.
- Boating Safety**
 - ❖ Wear a properly fitted life jacket every time you and your loved ones are on the water
- Heat Safety**
 - ❖ Never leave infants, children, or pets in a parked car, even if the windows are cracked open.
 - ❖ Dress in loose, lightweight, light-colored clothing.
 - ❖ Schedule outdoor activities carefully, for morning and evening hours.
 - ❖ Stay cool with cool showers or baths.
 - ❖ Seek medical care immediately if you or your child has symptoms of heat-related illnesses
- Sun Safety**
 - ❖ Cover up. Clothing that covers your and your child's skin helps protect against UV rays.
 - ❖ Use sunscreen with at least SPF (sun protection factor) 15 and UVA (ultraviolet A) and UVB (ultraviolet B) protection every time you and your child go outside.
- Protection from Mosquitoes and Ticks**
 - ❖ Use an effective insect repellent when spending time outdoors.
 - ❖ Make your backyard a tick-safe zone.
 - ❖ Check yourself and your children for ticks.
- Prevent Injuries**
 - ❖ Check to make sure that the surfaces under playground equipment are safe, soft, and well-maintained.
 - ❖ Supervise young children at all times around fall hazards, such as stairs and playground equipment.
 - ❖ Use stair gates, which can help keep a busy, active child from taking a dangerous tumble.
 - ❖ Learn concussion signs and symptoms and what to do if a concussion occurs.
 - ❖ Make sure kids and teens wear the right protective equipment for their sport or recreation activity.

For More Information

Fairfax County
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/summer/>

both UVA and UVB rays, and applying sunscreen even on cloudy days and reapplying it every two hours or after swimming or sweating are also advised.

"You want to dress lightly and intake a lot of fluid, but avoid alcohol and sugary, sweet drinks when you're in the heat," said Captain Troy Gibbs, a spokeswoman for the Alexandria Fire Department's Community Services Unit. "Staying hydrated by drinking a lot of water is your best bet."

Health officials recommend checking on elderly neighbors who don't have air conditioning and avoiding leaving pets, small children and older adults in small, enclosed spaces like cars, where conditions can turn deadly even after a short period of time in extreme heat.

Local county facilities, including libraries and community centers, are air conditioned and open to the public. Know the warning signs that it's time to get out of the heat, says Gibbs.

"If they stop sweating, that can be a bad sign," she said. "Profuse sweating can be an indicator that the body is trying to compensate, but if a person stops sweating totally, that is usually not a good

sign." While spending time at the pool is a popular cooling method during hot weather, residents should be aware of the potential threat of recreational water illnesses (RWI). Taking a shower with soap and checking the diapers of small children frequently can help keep germs that lead to RWI out of pool water. Health officials say that chlorinated water doesn't kill all germs, diapers sometimes leak and both adults and children should stay out of the public pool when they are sick. Other preventative measures include frequent hand washing, discouraging children from drinking water that is used for swimming and giving young children bathroom breaks at least every 60 minutes.

"We take safety seriously all the way across the board from pools to barbecuing to riding bikes and even walking," said Larrick.

In addition to RWI, other water-related dangers spike during the summer. Ensuring that children know how to swim, watching young children very carefully when they are near water, swimming with a partner and wearing a life vest when boating are important safety precautions.

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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. The Gregg Byrd Band will provide live jazz music. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be provided and fine Virginia wines will be available. \$50. <http://www.oarfairfax.org/2016-fundraiser>.

THURSDAY/JUNE 2

South County Golf Classic. 11 a.m. Laurel Hill Golf Course, 8701 Laurel Crest Drive, Lorton. Benefits SCHS Athletic Boosters Club and PTO. \$150. guinman100@gmail.com.

THURSDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 2-5

Summer Book Sale. Thursday, 3-9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, noon-2 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. 703-451-8055.

THURSDAY-MONDAY/JUNE 2-6

"Sail into Summer" Book Sale. Call for times. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Bag sale on Sunday. 703-249-1520.

FRIDAY/JUNE 3

Interfaith Voices Live Radio Event. 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

Civil War Living History Day. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. This Living History Day will introduce visitors to the life of the common soldier during the American Civil War. Demonstrations will include the essentials of camp life. \$2-\$5. fairfax-



Amy Rivard, *The Three*, 2016, Watercolor Batik on Kinwashi Rice Paper will be available to view at the Workhouse Arts Center W-9 Gallery from June 8-July 3.

Springfield Christian Women's Connection. 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Speakers will be Linda Snider, world-traveler. Reserve by Friday, June 3. \$20. 703-922-6438. SpringWmConn@yahoo.com.

FRIDAY/JUNE 10

Teen Pizza Party. 7 p.m. Barnes and Noble Fairfax, 12193 Fair Lakes Promenade Drive, Fairfax. Pre-party for author event. Full cafe menu available. 703-278-8527.
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SATURDAY/JUNE 11

Fairfax Station Railroad Museum and Barnes and Noble Book Fair. 9-11 a.m. Barnes and Noble, 12193 Fair Lakes Promenade Drive, Fairfax. The Museum will receive a percentage of net sales during the day for most purchases when patrons present a voucher from the Museum web site or just mention the Station at the check-out. Local authors will also be in the store that day signing books. For more information, www.fairfax-station.org, www.facebook.com/FFXSRR. 703-425-9225.

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Landscaping Painting Workshop. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Fairfax Art League Village Gallery, 3950 University Drive, Fairfax. Artist Fritz Treyz will guide you through a simplified process of capturing and expressing the essence of natural elements and organizing the elements into a cohesive pictorial statement using oil paint. \$75/\$85. knstark72@gmail.com. 703-569-8760.

station.org.
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.

Springfield Burke Relay for Life. 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Food trucks, music, entertainment, carnival rides, crafts demos, etc. Free. <http://relayforlife.org/SpringfieldVA>. 703-409-1096.

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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/>.

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Burke Author Releases a New Novel

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The series is about Sarah Winston, a former military spouse living in the fictional town of Ellington, Mass., pursuing her hobby, turned career, of haunting garage and tag sales in search of lucrative bargains. Sarah's ex-husband is now Ellington's Chief of Police, leading to conflicts, as she is drawn to amateur investigations, in order to aid those closest to her. Her queries lead readers

into the search for the truth among the town's residents, as well as those of the neighboring Fitch Air Force Base. Harris brings a unique insight into the lives of military family members and seamlessly weaves those details into her novels.

In the latest book, "All Murders Final!" Sarah tries to build her business by starting a virtual garage sale but she never bargained on dealing with frightening threats. Then when a client is murdered, she is again pulled into the intrigue of finding out who committed the crime. RT Book Reviews says: "Well written and executed, this is a definite winner. Bargain hunting has never been so much fun!"

In addition to being president of the Sisters in Crime, Chesapeake Chapter, Harris blogs with a group of fellow mystery writers at WickedCozyAuthors.com. She enjoys meeting fellow mystery fans, as she makes appearances to publicize her books, as well as encouraging aspiring writers by sharing her success story and advising: "Don't give up and work hard at your craft."



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Robinson junior Katie Checkosky had three goals and three assists during Tuesday's 18-7 win over Woodson.

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Dan, Katie Checkosky Make Best of Awkward Situation

Robinson girls' lax beats Woodson to win region title.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Dan Checkosky watched Tuesday's 6A North region girls' lacrosse championship game with his "hands in his pocket." The 11th-year Woodson director of student activities was at Robinson Secondary School to support the Cavaliers as they took on the rival Rams. At the same time, Checkosky was pulling for No. 9 on the opposing team — Robinson junior Katie Checkosky, his daughter.

After the game, Dan Checkosky talked about the awkward situation in a positive light. Katie shared her thoughts, as well — after she celebrated winning another championship.

Robinson jumped out to an 8-0 lead, built a 10-goal halftime advantage and repeated as region champion with an 18-7 victory over Woodson. The Rams remained undefeated and secured a first-round bye in the state tournament.

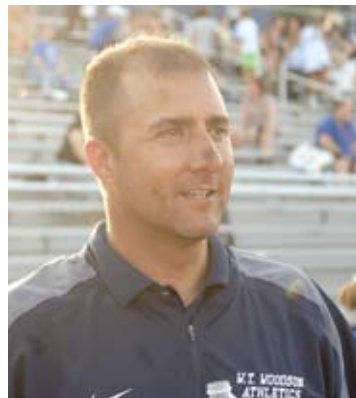
The Cavaliers will host Patriot in the opening round of states.

Katie Checkosky, a James Madison University commit, finished with three goals and three assists, including two goals and an assist during the Rams' 8-0 run to start the game.

"I'm proud of Katie's performance," Dan Checkosky said, "... and I'm definitely happy that the Woodson Cavaliers get to host a game on Friday, so that's definitely a win-win situation."

CHECKOSKY, a Cleveland-area native whose wife, Blake, attended Robinson, said he "absolutely" has had conversations with Katie about how to handle Robinson/Woodson matchups and lets his daughter know he loves her and supports her.

"She wants me to sit on the Robinson side with a Robinson shirt and I want my daughter to do well. I want her to do well and I'm happy when her team does well, but it's mixed emotions when Woodson's playing. As much as I care about my daughter, I also care about the Woodson kids."



During Robinson/Woodson matchups, Woodson Director of Student Activities Dan Checkosky supports the Cavaliers — and Robinson junior Katie Checkosky, his daughter.

ter to do well," Checkosky said. "I want her to do well and I'm happy when her team does well, but it's mixed emotions when Woodson's playing. As much as I care about my daughter, I also care about the Woodson kids. ... I try not to make it about me at all ... but it's difficult. I have a son that's a freshman and another daughter that's 9 years old, so there will be many friendly rivalries."

After games against Woodson, including an 18-13 regular-season Rams win on April 15, Checkosky hugs Katie and tells her he's proud of her, and said he hasn't received any complaints for doing so.

"I think they do a great job" of handling the situation, Robinson head coach Liz Case said. "They absolutely do a great job. Dan is definitely one that doesn't want to touch certain things, he just kind of watches from a distance. Of course, he's a father, but he's a very professional person about it."

How does Katie feel about the situation? "I just want to make him proud," Katie said, "and ... I know he works at Woodson and I go to Robinson, so there's tension because we're [rivals], but I know there's no rivalry in the house because he still loves me."

Katie and the Rams made their fans proud Tuesday night, improving their record to 19-

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— Woodson DSA Dan Checkosky, father of Robinson junior Katie Checkosky

0 while extending their win streak to 34 games, dating back to last season. Robinson's last loss came against Georgetown Visitation on March 31, 2015. The Rams haven't lost to a public school opponent since 2014.

While Robinson has struggled at times with slow starts, the Rams wasted no time burying Woodson. Kaitlin Luccarelli got Robinson on the board with a free position goal 47 seconds into the contest and the Rams kept pouring it on.

Luccarelli's free position goal with 16:07 remaining in the first half gave Robinson an 8-0 lead. Taylor Caskey scored with an assist from Checkosky with 6:42 on the clock, bumping the Rams' lead to 11-1. Caskey scored again in the final minute of the half, with an assist from Luccarelli, and Robinson entered halftime with a 13-3 advantage.

"The past few games, we've kind of had slow starts and we came into this game knowing that Woodson's a very good team and they'll jump on us," Katie Checkosky said, "and we just had to get the jump first and we had to have our momentum going from the first whistle."

Robinson junior Elli Kluegel, the Conference 5 Player of the Year, finished with six goals and one assist.

Robinson Boys Win Region Championship

The Robinson boys' lacrosse team won its second region championship in the last three years on Tuesday with a 15-14 overtime win over Woodson.

"I feel like I've kind of stepped up in my role on the team," Kluegel said. "I feel like I have more of a leadership role."

It's not only because ... I have more opportunities, [but] with the [2015] class graduating, someone had to step up. I think Katie and I both did a really good job of doing that our junior year. ... For myself, this season has been a wake-up call and I'm really proud of how I've stepped up to the challenge."

Caskey finished with four goals and three assists and Luccarelli had three goals and three assists.

"Kaitlin, Katie and I have been playing together since sixth grade, so we already know everyone's tendencies and how they work," Caskey said. "Elli has kind of fit right into our little puzzle of attackers."

Robinson goalies Danielle Valenti and Maddie Malone and three and six saves, respectively. Emily Skrzypczak, MegMarie Stanchi and other Rams defenders helped hold Woodson to one goal in the first 20 minutes.

Woodson's record dropped to 13-4. Meredith Mackay and Gina Gorgone each scored two goals for the Cavaliers, and Natalie Gates, Emma Vinall and Grace Stephan each had one.

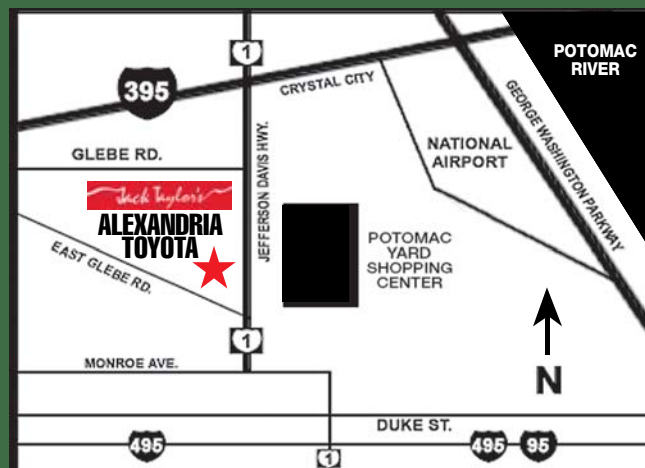
ROBINSON will host its state semifinal matchup on June 7 or 8. With one more victory, the Rams would reach the state championship game for the second straight season.

Woodson would need to win twice to set up a potential third meeting with Robinson — and another awkward situation for a father and daughter.

"We're not going to come out trying to get [the Cavaliers] because Katie's dad is the AD," Caskey said, "but it feels a little good to know Katie's going home to tell her dad that she beat Woodson."

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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.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 29

**Community Forums on Community
Accessibility.** 6:30-8:30 p.m. Richard Byrd
Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Hosted
by Fairfax Area Disability Board. The board will
review the forum information to develop an
action plan that addresses community
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disabilityservices@fairfaxcounty.gov. 703-324-
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FAITH NOTES

Send notes to the Connection at
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778-9416. Deadline is Friday. Dated
announcements should be submitted at least two
weeks prior to the event.

Jubilee Christian Center offers Living Free
support groups in June on Wednesdays, 7:15 p.m.
The support groups are free, and will cover "Con-
cerned Persons Group" (for family and friends of
addicts), "The Image of God in You," and "Han-
dling Loss and Grief." There are also support
groups meeting on Sundays, 10:10 a.m. The church
is located at 4650 Shirley Gate Road, Fairfax. For
information or to register, call 703-383-1170,
email livingfree@jccag.org or see www.jccag.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 reg-
istration, visit www.camphanover.org/grace-day-camp

Fairfax Circle Church will hold Christian
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8:15 p.m. The church is located at 3110 Chichester
Lane, Fairfax. Offers basketball, cheerleading and
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