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WEDNESDAY/JUNE 29

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 recommendations, barriers, and service gaps. disabilityservices@fairfaxcounty.gov. 703-324-5874.

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Mental Health Resources for Local Youth.

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ONGOING

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THE CONNECTION
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Supervisors Endorse Police ‘Re-engineering’

Action items include use of force and communications recommendations from commission.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

The possibility of body cameras being worn by Fairfax County Police officers and the release of officers’ names involved with critical use of force incidents dominated discussion during two action items in the Board of Supervisors June 21 meeting.

The board approved both action items, which would formalize the governing body’s intent to continue implementing recommendations from the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission.

Public Safety Committee chair Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock) said real power and authority for the Police Department comes “not from the weapons they’re provided but the confidence of the community.”

“They’re asking for something more, something different, something better,” Cook said.

The Ad Hoc Commission met in 2015 and submitted 142 recommendations to the Supervisors in the areas of use of force, communications, mental health and Crisis Intervention Team training, recruitment, diversity and vetting, and independent oversight and investigations.

Police Chief Edwin Roessler and Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova have said that a number of the recommendations have already been implemented or are in the process.

IN ITS ACTION, the board endorsed Roessler’s goal of re-engineering “use-of-force policies to reinforce the guiding philosophy that reverence for the sanctity of human life [as] paramount in service to our community.” The philosophy includes new de-escalation and decision-making techniques and more sensitivity to individuals with mental health issues.

Direction from the board includes having the chief provide factual information briefings to the board within 30 days on all officer-involved deployment of deadly force or officer-involved critical incidents where someone died or sustained life-threatening injury. The briefings would continue at intervals of no more than every 90 days, or as requested by the board.

Body cameras were one of the Ad Hoc Commission’s recommendations

Roessler called the cost of implementing body cameras “staggering,” but that he was standing at the board’s direction to move



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The Board of Supervisors recognized members of the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission in the audience on June 21, while representatives from the group Showing Up for Racial Justice displayed posters referencing the in-custody death of Natasha McKenna.

forward.

Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee) reminded the board they are waiting for pending legislation to be resolved in the 2017 General Assembly session that could have a bearing on body cameras.

“I support that,” he said. “I have concerns about the Freedom of Information Act implications. We need to wait and see what they do.”

For Supervisor Kathy Smith (D-Sully), the 18 months of waiting is too long.

“There are other localities doing this,” she said. Smith brought up the idea of doing a limited pilot project with cameras.

Bulova said the body cameras issue is more complex than most people think.

“What should be the deal with data collected from body-worn cameras?” Bulova asked. “Then once collected, who has access? How do you block out people who were innocent bystanders, captured on the film?”

The board directed the chief to continue research and development of equipment recommendations, best practices and policies, and budget estimates, and to make

recommendations on body worn cameras to the board in calendar year 2017.

Use of Force subcommittee from the Ad Hoc Commission chairman Phil Niedzielski-Eichner said he was “very pleased with the outcome” of the vote to approve the action items. “It’s clear the supervisors took the committee’s recommendations seriously.”

Niedzielski-Eichner said there’s still work to be done, however, with recommendations on body cameras and electronic control weapons (or tasers).

“These are two our committee felt were important for preventing the chance of officers being involved in deadly use of force incidents,” he said. “We insist they’re still important.”

Niedzielski-Eichner plans to meet with Roessler, Bulova and Cook to continue to push those recommendations from the commission.

With regards to communication, Cook said the key to that action item was the board endorsing a predisposition for the police department to disclose information.

“We learned that we needed to get on one page and have clear policies and procedures

for how and what we’re going to communicate,” Cook said.

“This is what the community is looking for,” said Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill), “what we should be doing in order to establish the fact that we are open to dealing with issues that are difficult as long as we can be transparent with the community in doing so.”

Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) said while he argued for releasing former officer Adam Torres’ name in the case of the 2013 shooting death of John Geer that effectively prompted the creation of the Ad Hoc commission, he isn’t in favor of making the regular release of officers’ names policy.

TO DO SO, he said, creates a risk for officers involved with critical use of force incidents and their families.

“I have yet to hear a stated public benefit to disclosing their name other than the public should know,” Herrity said. “And that’s not enough for me to put the officer and family in danger.”

Roessler, however, said he has already implemented policy by which he will release the name of an officer involved in such an incident within 10 days from the event. That period allows his department to do a risk assessment.

If Roessler believes the name shouldn’t be released, his policy is to articulate to the public and supervisors what his reason is. “It needs to be credible,” he said.

A progress report tracking the completion and implementation of recommendations from the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission is available online at

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/policecommission/progressreport.htm.

The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors Public Safety Committee will take up recommendations from the Independent Oversight and Investigations subcommittee and is scheduled for July 19 at 1 p.m.

Being True Eagles

More than 400 Edison High School Class of 2016 members receive diplomas.

BY KEVIN O'BRIEN
THE CONNECTION

More than 400 seniors graduated from Edison High School Wednesday, June 15, at EagleBank Arena, formerly the Patriot Center, marking the beginning of graduation season for Fairfax County high schools. The 412 students of the Class of 2016 walked up on stage to receive their diplomas from Edison Principal Pamela Ellison Brumfield.

Principal Brumfield spoke of the diversity of backgrounds and experiences among Edison's graduates, saying, "Many of you have received thousands of dollars in scholarships and will be going across the country to top universities. Some of you are staying home, close to home going to school. Some of you worked while you attended school each day. Some of you sitting here will serve our country with pride, and many of you raised money for worthy causes and volunteered for the community." These students will always be tied together through their time at Edison, as Brumfield said. "The name I want you all to remember, that you all have common, is that you are Eagles," before ending her address with a challenge. "I challenge you to live up to the name of being a true Edison Eagle and when you do, you will soar."

Edison's seniors left graduation with one last day of lessons to remember. Presenting the graduation address, senior Emily Wilson advised her fellow graduates to embrace taking risks and not to worry about making mistakes. "Many of us, myself included, believe that we have to be at our best all the time. It's exhausting and, more importantly, it's constricting. Why take a risk that has such a high probability of failure in a



Edison High School Principal Pamela Brumfield speaks to the Class of 2016.

world where failure is not an option? If there is anything I have learned in my time at Edison, it's that we need to stop thinking this way," said Wilson, as she encouraged her classmates to try to embrace failure, because as she put it, "If we make mistakes, this means we actually did something. It doesn't matter if it didn't work. What matters is that we tried."

Class President Tess Megren chose to focus on the future and its unpredictability, saying, "What I've really learned over the past four years here at Edison is that you can plan everything out and envision the way you want things to be, but often times it doesn't work out that way at all. And this isn't necessarily bad. It's just the way things are."

Throughout the day, the theme was not to shield one's self from mistakes or adversity or the unknown, but to embrace them, for that is when true learning and growth happens. Capping off the celebratory day, Edison teacher Scott Racek, who gave the commencement address, imparted three pieces of advice to the graduates: Be grateful, be loyal and do one's job.



PHOTOS BY KEVIN O'BRIEN/THE CONNECTION

The Edison High Class of 2016 celebrates graduation.

VIEWPOINTS

Edison High Graduates on Where They Go Next, Where They See Themselves in 5-10 Years



Eric Beinhart: "I'm going to George Mason for an undergraduate degree, not sure what I'll study, but I'm interested in health administration perhaps, or community health. In 5-10 years, hopefully I'm on the Conan O'Brien show doing stand-up comedy."



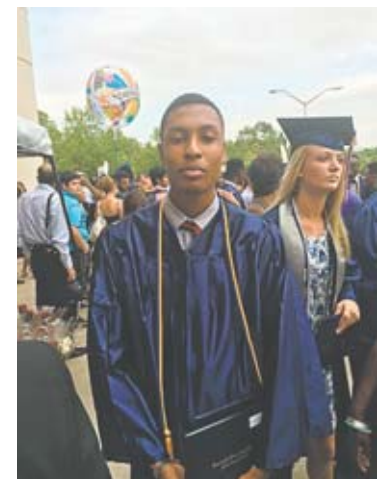
Remy Vallerand: "I'm going to college in California. I have no idea what I'm going to study. In 5-10 years, I want to be a psychologist, maybe. It's kind of, it seems like a fun job to me."



Alexandra Chavez: "I'm planning to go to Virginia Tech and study human nutrition, foods and exercise. In 5-10 years, I'll either be working or I'm planning on getting into physical therapy school."



Victoria Hester: "I'm going to Christopher Newport University, and I'm not sure yet what I'll study. Throughout high school, I took a lot of sports photos for the yearbook, so I'm hoping to continue that throughout and after college."



Alfred Reid: "I'm going to George Mason, which is here, and I'm not sure what I'm going to major in yet. I'm mostly undecided, but I'm looking at going into either theater realm or sciences."

PEOPLE

Springfield Student is Off to Space ... Camp

Genevieve Montavon, of Springfield, a sophomore at West Springfield High School, received a full scholarship to Space Camp at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center. "This process attracts bright, motivated students from across the world," says Dr. Deborah Barnhart, chief executive officer and executive director of the U.S. Space and Rocket Center. "To win a scholarship, a student must submit a truly outstanding application. I congratulate Genevieve Montavon for earning a place in the 2016 scholarship class."



Genevieve Montavon and her mother, Eve, of Springfield.

Red Cross Urges Blood Donors To Maintain Summer Supply

The American Red Cross urges eligible donors to give blood in the weeks surrounding Independence Day to help ensure a sufficient blood supply for patients now and throughout the summer. Blood donations often decline in the summer months, especially around summer holidays when donors are less available to give. "Donating blood helps save lives and can affect people you know and work alongside every day," said Scott Nethery, whose 7-year-old daughter Audrey requires frequent transfusions. Audrey was born with Diamond Blackfan anemia, a rare condition where her body doesn't make enough red blood cells. "I am so appreciative of the individuals whose blood is within my daughter at this very moment. Without blood, my little angel would not be with us today." To encourage more people to donate around Independence Day, all those who come out to donate blood July 1-5, 2016, will receive a limited-edition Red Cross lunch cooler, while supplies last.

Donors of all blood types are needed now. Schedule an appointment to give blood by downloading the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting redcrossblood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

The Fairfax Blood Donation Center at 2720 Prosperity Ave., Suite 200, Fairfax will take donors on the following dates and times

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July 9, 7 a.m.-2 p.m.
July 11, 2:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
July 13, noon-7 p.m.
July 14, 2-7 p.m.
July 15, 7 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

In Lorton, you can donate at Norman M. Cole, Jr. Pollution Control Plant at 9399 Richmond Highway on July 1, from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

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Stem Gun Violence Epidemic

BY GERRY CONNOLLY
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE (D-IL)



COMMENTARY

Last week, America woke to what has become an all-too-common nightmare. A man driven by hate and armed with assault weapons carried out our nation's worst mass shooting. In its aftermath 49 were dead, 53 injured, and communities across our country were left violated, vulnerable and wondering, "How this could happen again?"

It's a scene repeated too often in our country. 49 murdered in Orlando. In December, 14 were killed in San Bernardino. A year ago, nine were murdered during Bible study in South Carolina. Twenty innocent children and six teachers were gunned down inside a school at Sandy Hook. Thirty-three were lost at Virginia Tech — including five bright, young, talented students from our community. Twelve were killed in an Aurora movie theater. The list goes on.

We must have an honest conversation about the hate that is brewing. This time a man stole the lives of 49 people, many of whom identified as LGBT, and all of whom were celebrating and supporting inclusion, progress and freedom. The attacker's homophobic intent has been lost in the media coverage. Some have painted this

as an issue of terror, but we must be reminded that so much of the blood shed to gun violence has been at the hands of those who claim no allegiance to Islam or ISIS. America's dark history of mass killings has come from problems of mental illness to proclamations of white supremacy, and it's a fallacy to attribute the continuous violence to "Radical Islam."

In the wake of these almost weekly tragedies, the response from Congress is as predictable as it is disappointing. We offer our thoughts and prayers. We hold a moment of silence; anything to distract from the central cause, and common instrument, of these crimes. How many more must die before Congress acts?

This is a problem for which there are solutions. Expand universal background checks to keep guns out of the hands of dangerous people. Reinstate the assault weapons ban. Close the gun show loophole.

But the gun lobby and the Republican Majority it controls stand in the way of each of these reforms. For example, the NRA opposes expanded background checks for gun purchases even though majorities of gun owners and NRA members support them. The NRA

even opposes the CDC funding for research on gun violence and its effect on public health despite the fact that more than 30,000 people die in gun related deaths annually.

In 1994, Congress passed the Assault Weapons Ban, restricting certain types of weapons and capping the size of ammunition magazines. However, in the time since the ban has been allowed to lapse, these weapons of war have become a common tool for the mayhem unleashed in these mass shootings. Do I think an assault weapons ban would prevent all crimes? Of course not; but certainly our Founding Fathers did not envision AR-15 semi-automatic rifles when they drafted the Second Amendment.

In a shocking video, Virginia Tech survivor Colin Goddard demonstrated just how easy it is to skirt background checks. Without even a photo ID or background check, Goddard was able to purchase an AK-47. Closing the gun show loophole, which allows private dealers to forego background checks required of licensed dealers, would stem the flow of illegal weapons.

When we marked the three-year anniversary of Sandy Hook, I said if more politicians viewed the safety of the American people as more important than pleasing the NRA, reason would prevail and the club of gun violence victims and their families would not continue its unrelenting growth. Instead, our ever-more-frequent moments of silence and inaction speak volumes.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Leaving the Judging to God

To the Editor:

"Whoever kills a person ... it is as though he has killed all mankind. And whoever saves a life, it is as though he had saved all mankind." (Qur'an, 5:32)

The tragic event which took place early on June 12 at the hands of a despicable and deranged individual breaks my heart. The blatant disregard for the value of human life is shocking. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Orlando community, and especially with the families and friends of the victims. This goes against anything and everything that my religion and my allegiance to America, as a citizen of this great country, stands for and represents. Islam gives no one the right to violently cut short the lives of innocent people, or judge them for the way they choose to live. I don't drink alcohol and consider adultery a sin, does this mean I should kill those who drink or have affairs? Just as that makes no sense, neither does killing anyone for their sexual orientation. Islam teaches me to leave the judging to God and to focus my energy on attaining God's pleasure by showing compassion and serving all of His creation in whatever capacity I can.

I condemn all terrorist activity, everywhere. This is true regardless of where it happens and who it happens to because I love all of humanity. My love for humanity is not reserved only for Muslims nor only for Americans just because I, myself, am an American Muslim. My heart bleeds for every atrocity and every injustice inflicted on my fellow mankind, and I stand against any type of bigotry and discrimination towards any group or community. Why then does the media try to make me feel compelled to always publicly apologize for any and all unfortunate events that take place?

Let's please clarify that I am in no way responsible for the actions of any person in this world besides myself. No one. Not even my own children. I will work hard my entire life to teach them right from wrong and instill a love for service to humanity in their hearts, but in the end they alone are answerable for their actions. Everyone is solely responsible for their own deeds. "And no burdened soul can bear the burden of another; and if a heavily laden soul call another to bear its load, naught of it shall be carried by the other, even though he be a kinsman (Quran, 35:19)."

After the Virginia Tech or Sandy Hook shootings did the media turn to the killer's religion or community looking for condemnation or

an apology? No. And I'm glad they didn't because every sane person understood that the monster responsible for each tragedy was just that, a monster who represented evil alone. So please extend the same compassion to us! Why isn't it possible for someone of Asian/Middle Eastern descent who just so happens to be affiliated with Islam simply be a misguided insane madman executing a personal vendetta against mankind, and not tarnish an entire religion by being wrongfully portrayed as a devout believer waging a "holy" war, until and unless there is clear evidence otherwise?

Love for all, hatred for none.

Aisha Khan
Herndon

Harmful House Bill

To the Editor:

Last week, the U.S. House decided that keeping our air safe is not important and passed a bill to restrict implementation of the new standards for nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide, particulate matter and lead. The "Smoggy Skies Act" (HR 4775) is an irresponsible attack on the Clean Air Act. This bill would double the time between EPA re-

views of harmful pollutants (from 5 to 10 years) and caters to corporations that want permits to pollute at levels beyond national health standards.

The standards in place protect our health and environment, and should be based on science, not considerations of cost and "technological feasibility" for companies that put profits before people. The connection between climate change and health, particularly asthma, is well established. Pumping more climate change pollutants into the air is impacting ozone pollen levels, increasing asthma attacks and allergic reactions. Richmond, Virginia, leads the list of the worst cities for asthma and allergy sufferers, and the health effects will only worsen.

Smog pollution already sends thousands of children to emergency rooms each year and costs Americans billions in health care costs, lost productivity and even premature deaths. Even more disconcerting is that smog pollution disproportionately hurts low-income communities and communities of color. Preventing attacks like HR 4775, and implementing the Clean Power Plan, is the next essential step in protecting our health.

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Governor Terry McAuliffe signing Delegate Eileen Filler-Corn's Bill, HB 659.

Governor McAuliffe Signs Delegate Eileen Filler-Corn's High School Curriculum Bill Into Law

On Monday, June 13, Governor Terry McAuliffe signed Delegate Eileen Filler-Corn's (D-41) bill, HB 659 in the State Capitol in Richmond. HB 659 will require high-school family-life curricula to include awareness, understanding and prevention of dating violence, domestic abuse, sexual harassment and sexual violence.

"This bill focuses on prevention," says Filler-Corn. "We need to educate our youth at a younger age. Silence is not an option. We cannot expect them to wait to learn about dating violence, domestic abuse, sexual harassment and sexual violence in college. We need to teach them earlier."

Filler-Corn was flanked by leading voices in the fight against campus and domestic sexual assault including: Gil Harrington, co-founder of Help Save the Next Girl and mother of Morgan Harrington, who was tragically murdered in 2009; Trina Murphy, aunt of Alexis Murphy, who disappeared in 2013 in Nelson County and whose body was never found; and Annie Clark, executive director and co-founder of End Rape on Campus, an organization seeking to end campus sexual violence through direct support for survivors; prevention through education; and meaningful policy reform. "This bill will save more lives," said Harrington, immediately following the bill signing.

Delegate Filler-Corn's bill, HB 659, had both Democratic and Republican co-patrons and passed unanimously out of the House of Delegates and near unanimously out of the Senate during the 2016 General Assembly Session. It will take effect on July 1, 2016.



Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41) speaking to the media in the State Capitol after the bill signing.



Delegate Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41) with stakeholders for HB 659.

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West Springfield graduating seniors take an oath to never give up during the commencement ceremony keynote address.



Senior class officer Tommy Howe introduces assistant principal Shannon Matheny.



Honor graduate speaker Jacob Levine suggested the West Springfield senior class of 2016 could be the best thing in history to happen on June 17.

Spartans Set Forth

West Springfield graduation held June 17.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

On their graduation day, West Springfield High School teacher Mike Mukai spoke to the Class of 2016 about wishes.

He shared one wish from different principals around the West Springfield pyramid and then commented himself. Mukai acknowledged that he has only spent two years with this year's senior class and wished that "life could be all that you want it to."

"A piece of me will always wish that you could stay," Mukai said.

Assistant Principal Shannon Matheny recognized the school's 115 honor graduates that achieved cumulative final grade point averages of 4.0 or higher.

"This is just the end of one chapter in your life," Matheny said. "I encourage you to take risks and push outside your comfort zone."

Honor graduate speaker Jacob Levine spoke about the historical significance of their commencement taking place on June 17.

Amid notorious events including the Watergate scandal, Bunker Hill and standardized testing from the College Board,

"We could be the best thing to happen in history on June 17," Levine said.

Levine also referenced the renovation planned for West Springfield's aging campus. He called on students to be as resourceful and creative in their lives as they have been with facilities challenges.

"Let's jam a pair of scissors into that metaphorical heater that is our future," he said, "and turn that baby on."

School Social Studies teacher Tim Spicer kept the energy high with his keynote address that began with an itemized quantification of the seniors' time at West Springfield.

"You've hit your alarm clock 680 times and taken 3,400 classes," he said.

Spicer's main message was for the graduates to never "ever, ever, ever give up."

He recounted his own story of working through Northern Virginia Community College, being accepted, withdrawing and then returning to the University of Virginia.

"What else am I going to give up on in life?" Spicer remembered asking himself. After the turning point, he went on to graduate.

To conclude, Spicer directed the class to rise, then take an oath: "Will you ever give up?" he asked. "No!" came the booming response.

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West Springfield High School principal Mike Mukai (center) hands out diplomas during the June 17 commencement ceremony at George Mason University's Eagle Bank Arena.

VIEWPOINTS

What advice do you have for next year's seniors?



Lindsey Strang plans to attend Coastal Carolina University and study intelligence and national security.

"Don't slack off at the end of the year, no 'senioritis.' Colleges still see your grades."



Elizabeth Maquera plans to attend Virginia Tech in the fall and study neuroscience.

"Senior year goes by quickly — make sure you make time for friends... and classes."



Nick McCaslin plans to attend James Madison University and study computer science.

"Have fun, and don't stress."



Michael Van Meter plans to attend Virginia Tech and study finance.

"Enjoy it because it's going to go by fast."

Having Each Other's Back

Robert E. Lee Class of 2016 celebrates graduation.

BY ALEXANDRA TECCO
THE CONNECTION

The more than 400 seniors graduating from Springfield's Robert E. Lee High School Thursday, June 16, filled Eagle Bank Arena with their excitement. Parents, friends, family, school faculty, counselors and "Future Lancers," elementary school students expected to graduate from Lee, attended to support the graduates and join their cheers.

2016 marked Principal Deirdre M. Lavery's second year with Lee High School. This class was particularly notable to her in how the class gives "a real sense of being one and having each other's back. It's a really unified class and you can see it..."

This was echoed in Maria Rizo's Graduate Address "We grew up together as a class and made friendships that will last a lifetime. We've emerged as a team, a family that can never be separated."

A variety of awards were handed out. The faculty award is the highest award given to graduates from the faculty. It represents service to the school and community, citizenship, the highest ideal character as well as a 3.0 GPA in each year. It was presented to Scott Gilbert and Bethel Elias.

Lee High School also had multiple accomplishments in music and athletics. Numerous students were selected for district honors orchestra, band and chorus. The field hockey, cross country and competitive cheer and football were all notable in their conferences and 219 students in the graduating class took at least one International



Lee's Class of 2016 in blue. Future Lancers, elementary school students expected to attend Lee High School, in yellow.

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Ryan McElveen, School Board Member-At-Large, who elicited numerous laughs during his commencement address, noted Lee High School as one of the most diverse schools in Fairfax County. McElveen lauded

the community at Lee and its acceptance of students of a variety of backgrounds. He reminded graduates of things they will be facing and will need to work to overcome. That "this generation will need to continue fighting the world of the past... America is lost and we are counting on you to restore it. The fight for the future is a battle of love

and hate and love always wins..."

Maria Rizo's Student Address answered well, "The greatest gifts we have received are the lessons from our teachers that we will use to change the world... we must never stop striving for greatness and never give up, because we are the future. Today is the beginning of anything you want."

VIEWPOINTS



Vivien Ante and daughter Angelica Clair Peralta Ante. "I'm going to the University of Mary Washington to study nursing... I see myself working in the local area," said Angelica.



Julia Kathryn Stafford plans to go to Northern Virginia Community College and then George Mason University to study to be a Special Education Teacher.

Lee Graduates on What's Next

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Javier Alexis Aguilar is "going to James Madison University to study computer science." Afterwards he hopes to work at the Nintendo company in Washington state. Pictured with Javier: Father Victor Casto, paternal grandmother, Irma Casto, mother Carolina Aguillar and maternal grandmother Abigail Barahona.

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Jahvon Leigh Tolbert with grandmother Dr. Margaret E.M. Tolbert, father Lawson Tolbert, mother Tracy Clinton and brother Jordan Tolbert. "I'm going to West Virginia University, Potomac," said Jahvon. There he plans to study information technology. In ten years he sees himself "...living in a luxury apartment working in IT."



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Due to the extra-large tent, all the Sunday services had the opportunity to worship together.



Hal Lyon, Al Kreiser, Ann Kreiser, Marge Lyon and daughter Barb Ferguson at Parkwood's 50th Anniversary picnic. The Kreigers joined Parkwood in 1978. The Lyons joined in 1975.

Parkwood Baptist Celebrates 50th Anniversary

BY ALEXANDRA TECCO
THE CONNECTION

Parkwood Baptist Church in Annandale celebrated their 50th anniversary with a memorial picnic and outdoor service on Saturday, June 11, and Sunday, June 12. Despite the intense heat, current and previous parishioners as well as members from the community - including neighboring Burke, Springfield and Fairfax - came out to honor the occasion.

On Saturday tents were raised to host the different activities. Parishioners could sign and add their thumbprint to the commemorative photo, participate in the silent auction and enjoy the array of BBQ picnic food while listening to live music. Children enjoyed face painting, a bounce castle and a ball pit. Games were arranged for the older children and children of all ages made visits to the ice cream cart.

The theme of the anniversary was "strong roots, new growth," according to Pastor Mike Bradley. Pastor Bill Corder, Parkwood's first pastor, indicated that it was his hope that Parkwood be "...community oriented, seeking to minister to the needs of the people around it while being a good neighbor to those people." Pastor Bradley considers "the most important thing that happens (at Parkwood) happens outside the walls."

Ministry and missions have been part of the "roots" of Parkwood. They've helped with Fairfax County's nonprofit FACETS' hot meals program since it began in 1988 and have served as Boy Scout Troop 1523's meeting place since the troop's founding, according to Bonnie Hopler, one of the event organizer and a member of the church for over 30 years. During Parkwood's 50 years the number of the missions they have and support, as well as their mission diversity, have grown. Parkwood is now involved in numerous local community projects as well as others around the nation and world.

Charlotte Poe is the longest standing continuous member of the church, having joined during its founding in 1966. Char-

lotte, her husband Harvey Poe and daughter Kathy Sherman were in attendance. Reflecting on Parkwood's 50 years was simple for Charlotte. "I love the people, and the principles of the church have stayed the same." Charlotte has been a deacon, sang in the choir, married her husband and watched both of her daughters get married at Parkwood. Sherman recalls that the church "was just a trailer in a parking lot" in 1966 but that Parkwood, through all its growth and change "... is our anchor."

The Sunday worship was a special opportunity for all seven of the services offered at Parkwood to worship together. Unable to fit everyone in the chapel due to sheer numbers, the tented setup allowed everyone to congregate at once. Although the service was in English, parishioners who prefer Parkwood's Vietnamese, Korean or Spanish services were also in attendance for the 50th Anniversary service. The service honored Parkwood's community, its roots and its dedication to its doctrine but ended with Pastor Bradley's reminder, that "being comfortable inside a building isn't what we're about. Our service is outside of (Parkwood's) walls."



Kathy Sherman and her mother Charlotte Poe who is the longest standing continuous member of Parkwood.



Vilma Rosales, Evaristo Rosales, Maritza A. Gonzalez, Adan Lazo, Tania Nichol and Melany Nichol typically attend Parkwood's Spanish services. Evaristo used to run bible study as well as serving as a deacon of the church for 3 years. Tania has been attending Parkwood for 6 years, currently travelling from Manassas to continue attending. She enjoys that at Parkwood everyone is treated like family.



Rick and Amanda Trimillos and children. Members of the church for three years, Rick, serving in the Air Force, is being restationed to Germany. He and his family leave next week. Rick and his family consider Parkwood home due to Parkwood's "established culture and history in the community. As a transient person (we're) not part of a community and (Parkwood) welcomed us to their community even though it was a short time."

ENTERTAINMENT

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ONGOING

Mestey Films Productions presents: Live Onstage: The Wizard of Oz in Fairyland. 1 p.m. Workhouse W-3 Theatre, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Every Saturday from July 2-30. Children's theatre production combining the stories of "The Wizard of Oz" with "Aladdin," "Alice in Wonderland" and "Snow White." \$14.50 adults, \$11.50 children 12 and under. 703-584-2900. www.workhousearts.org.

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

Davi D'Agostino. Through July 2. 10 a.m.-8 p.m. daily. Clifton Wine Shop, 7145 Main St., Clifton. Includes classic fine art oil paintings of European settings; doors, windows, and flower shops. 703-409-0919.

THURSDAY, MONDAY, TUESDAY/ JUNE 23, 27, 28

Open Auditions: "Amadeus." 6:45-9:45 p.m. the James Lee Community Center Theater, 2855 Annandale Road, Falls Church. Fourteen roles are open for production of "Amadeus," running Sept. 30-Oct. 15. For more details, visit

www.providenceplayers.org or email providenceplayers@cox.net.

FRIDAY/JUNE 24

Daddy Meet Up. 5:30-7:30 p.m. Burke Gymboree Play and Music, 6045 Burke Centre Parkway #204, Burke. Meet other dads with child 0-5 years old. Relax with special open gym activities for dad and child. Refreshments. 703-249-1327.

"Harry Potter and the Cursed Child" Kick-Off. 7 p.m. Barnes and Noble Fairfax, 12193 Fair Lakes Promenade Drive, Fairfax. Relive the magic of Harry Potter on June 24 at 7PM with special events and activities that are sure to conjure a magical experience for the most modest Muggles to the wisest Wizards. 703-278-8527.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/JUNE 24-25

SkateFest/Sake for a Cause. **Friday.** 5-10 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Wakefield Skate Park, 8100 Braddock Road, Annandale. In addition to "Sk8 For A Cause" and the Skateboarding Competition, the festival will feature a live DJ, food, vendors, prizes, giveaways, moon bounces, and much more for the whole family. <http://skatefestfairfax.com/2016>. 703-425-5400.

SATURDAY/JUNE 25

Antique Car Show. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Fairfax City Hall, 10455 Armstrong St., Fairfax. With bluegrass music and food. Free. visitfairfax.com. info@nvrg.org.

Hope and Health Festival. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Lorton Park, 9518 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Sponsored by

Lorton Community Action Center, South County Cares, and INOVA. Free health screenings, food, inflatables, kids' games and activities will be available to all in attendance. LortonAction.org. 703-339-5161, ext. 140.

Kidz Korner. 10:30-11:30 a.m. Old Town Square, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Variety of Children's activities and entertainment. fairfax.gov/parksrec. 703-385-7858.

Relaxation Workshop. 4-6:30 p.m. 6429 Clifton Road, Clifton. NVTRP is hosting a Relaxation Workshop, which includes yoga, art, and a ride in our pastures. \$75. nvtrp.org

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 25-26

Vienna Wireless Society National Field Day. 2 p.m. Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Local amateur radio operators ("hams") will join thousands nationwide to show off their amateur-radio and emergency-communications capabilities. To learn more about amateur radio, visit viennawireless.net/ or www.arrl.org/newham.

SUNDAY/JUNE 26

National Christian Choir. 6 p.m. Jubilee Christian Center, 4650 Shirley Gate Road, Fairfax. Concert will feature selections from NCC's newest album, "Glory - A Celebration of God and Country." The concert is free; an offering will be received. 703-383-1170. jccag.org.

Sunday Afternoon in the Park. 4-6 p.m. Old Town Square, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Shepherd's Pie Céilí Band will be performing, enjoy music, dancing, and singing. 703-385-7858.

SATURDAY/JULY 2

Fireworks at the Workhouse. 5 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Workhouse Full Campus, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. An Independence Day celebration featuring art exhibits, food trucks, local craft beer and wine, live music and fireworks. Free admission, \$10 parking in Vulcan Materials lot (free shuttle provided). All ages. Feel free to bring blankets and lawn chairs. www.workhousearts.org. 703-584-2900.

Historic Pohick Church First Saturday Tours. 1 p.m.-3 p.m. Pohick Episcopal Church, 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Costumed guided tours of the historic colonial church. The church's most famous congregants included the Washingtons, the Masons and the Fairfaxes. Free. www.pohick.org. 703-339-6572.

TUESDAY/JULY 5

Using FamilySearch. 7 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. An introduction to this genealogical site. Bring laptop or tablet. To register, click on Events at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/bc/.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 6

NVTRP Open House. 4:30-6:30 p.m. 6429 Clifton Road, Clifton. Come out to learn more about NVTRP and participate in a sampling of some new potential programming. Interactive sessions include, equine-assisted learning, art therapy, gardening, and yoga. nvtrp.org.

FRIDAYS-SUNDAYS/JULY 8-31.

Redder Blood. Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m. Sundays, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. New School of Northern Virginia, 9431 Silver King Court, Fairfax, Virginia 22031. A premiere co-production between the Hub Theatre and the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, written by Helen Parfumi. Follows character Sadies, a woman who hears the voice of God. \$20-\$30. www.jccnv.org. thehubtheatre.org. 703-537-3000.

SATURDAY/JULY 9

8th Annual Ice Cream Social. Noon-4 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Includes a handmade bowl and ice cream, performance by The Great Zucchini, a raffle and a dunking machine (\$5 for three balls). All proceeds benefit the Workhouse Arts Center Ceramics Program. \$20. www.workhousearts.org. 703-584-2900.

Mount Vernon Nights: Global Arts Bolivian Dance and Music. 7-8 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Features traditional Bolivian music and dancing. Free. www.workhousearts.org. 703-584-2900.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 13

Springfield Christian Women's Connection. 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Springfield Golf and Country Club, 8301 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. Featuring DC Washington, Lavonde Moore. \$20. RSVP by July 8 to 703-922-6438 or SpringWmConn@yahoo.com.

Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Added to Student Handbook

School Board members debate whether students should be held accountable.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

Students in Fairfax County Public Schools started the 2015-2016 school year without the words "sexual orientation" or "gender identity" as part of the nondiscrimination guide within their student handbook.

While the School Board approved adding those two terms to the laundry list of other qualities and characteristics for which no employee or student in the system should be discriminated against or excluded because of, the new language didn't automatically appear in the handbook, the Students Rights and Responsibilities.

The error was an "oversight," according to Superintendent Dr. Karen Garza and board chair Pat Hynes.

In order for the handbook to reflect the current policy, which was updated with the additional terms in November 2014 and May 2015, the board needed to



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Sully District representative Tom Wilson (center) writes a new amendment to postpone an update to the Students Rights and Responsibilities document indefinitely.

amend its action on approving the 2016-2017 student handbook.

What was billed in the agenda as a mere administrative action of aligning the handbook with existing policy became a heated

debate at the School Board's June 9 business meeting.

Opponents of passing the handbook update said the process had been rushed and that the community should have a chance to weigh in on changes

that will directly affect how their children may be disciplined.

A private consultant was hired to review current practices affecting transgender students and compare them with other schools around the country, but the findings and conclusions have yet to be released.

At-large member Jeanette Hough, who was just elected to the board last fall, was critical that the body hasn't been briefed in a year.

"We don't have clarity as adults," Hough said. "How can we ask students to sign something we haven't discussed?"

Springfield representative Elizabeth Schultz repeatedly emphasized the board had not discussed gender identity formally since last year's policy change.

"Why haven't we talked about it in 399 days?" Schultz asked.

Sully representative and another recently elected member Tom Wilson also cited the lack of

discussion as a reason for his multiple amendments in favor of postponing a vote on approving the student handbook.

"We haven't had those conversations, those discussions," he said. "We need to do better."

Mount Vernon representative Karen Corbett Sanders admitted members "all agree we got here through a very messy process."

Though Hynes reminded that the Students Rights and Responsibilities is not "an implementation plan of policy."

"It's not a question of whether that policy is clear," Hynes said. The current handbook should, she continued, reflect "existing language of our policy at this point."

After nearly three hours of debate, the board voted 9-3 in favor of At-Large member Ryan McElveen's amendment to update and align the language in the student handbook. Hough, Schultz and Wilson were the "no" votes.

SPORTS



PHOTO BY JON ROETMAN/THE CONNECTION

The Lake Braddock boys' soccer team won the Conference 7 title.



PHOTO BY JON ROETMAN/THE CONNECTION

The West Springfield gymnastics team won the Conference 7 championship.

Top Sports Moments

The following is a look back at some of the top moments in Fairfax-area high school sports during the 2016 winter and spring seasons.

Robinson Boys', Girls' Lax Repeat as State Champions

The Robinson boys' and girls' lacrosse teams continued their recent dominance by repeating as state champions.

The boys' team took home its third consecutive state title with a 14-2 victory over First Colonial on June 11. The Rams finished the season with a 20-2 record and did not lose to a Virginia opponent. Robinson also won Conference 5 and 6A North region championships.

The girls' team won its second straight state title with a 13-9 victory over Woodson on June 11.

The Rams finished with a 21-0 record and has not lost to a public school opponent since 2014. The Rams also repeated as conference and region champion.

Lake Braddock Boys' Soccer Wins Conference 7 Title

After the Lake Braddock boys' soccer team failed to hold a 3-1 lead in the Conference 7 championship game, Bruins senior Nico Quashie came through in overtime.

Quashie scored late in the second five-minute overtime period and Lake Braddock defeated T.C. Williams 4-3 to win the conference title on May 20 in Alexandria.

Lake Braddock entered the game having won 10 of its last 11 contests. The Bruins took a 2-0 lead into halftime thanks to goals by Ahmed Abdalla and Quashie. TC cut the

lead to one in the second half, but the Bruins increased their advantage to 3-1 with a goal by Nico Ortiz DeZarate in the 54th minute.

After giving up two more goals, Lake Braddock re-grouped in overtime and won.

The Bruins finished the season with a 14-4 record, including a season-ending loss to Langley in the 6A North region quarterfinals.

West Springfield Gymnastics Wins Conference Title

Sophomore Abbie Levine and freshman Hannah Dotson led the West Springfield gymnastics team to its first conference/district championship since 2007, a region runner-up finish and a trip to the state meet.

At the Conference 7 meet on Feb. 4, Levine finished first in all-around, Dotson took second and West Springfield won the team competition with a score of 143.2. The Spartans finished more than one point ahead of second-place Lake Braddock.

At the 6A North region meet on Feb. 13, Levine placed third in the all-around and qualified for states. Dotson finished sixth in all-around but qualified for states on bars with a second-place finish. Freshman Alex Marsden qualified for states on beam, finishing in a sixth-place tie. The Spartans finished runner-up behind Yorktown and earned one of two team berths to the state meet.

During the team competition at states on Feb. 19, West Springfield took third out of four teams in the 6A competition, finishing ahead of 6A North region champion Yorktown.

The following day, Dotson earned all-state honors with a sixth-place finish on bars during the individual competition. She produced a score of 9.325.



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The Robinson girls' lacrosse team went undefeated in 2016 and repeated as state champion.

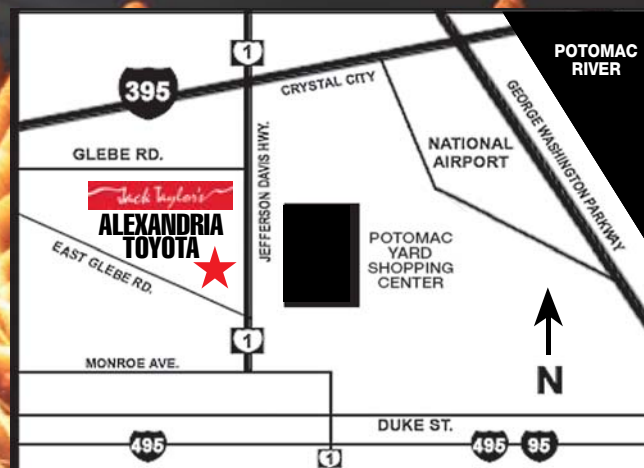


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NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 dates from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200

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Caboose II, LLC trading as Caboose Brewing Company, 8301 Lee Hwy, Fairfax, VA 22031. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) FOR A Winery <= 5000 gallons license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Matthew Greer, managing member
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and

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Respondent-Father

TO: Mr Mike Nguyen
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NOTICE OF HEARING AND ORDER TO APPEAR

Case No. 09-FA-716

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Motion Hearing will be held in the above matter as follows:

BEFORE: Honorable Richard Rowland, Family Court Commissioner

PLACE: Outagamie County Justice Center
320 South Walnut Street
Appleton, WI 54911

DATE: June 27, 2016

TIME: 3:45 p.m.
Dated at Appleton, Wisconsin this 6th day of June, 2016
BY THE COURT

Richard Rowland
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Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact for Davison Army Airfield Hazardous Tree Removal

Fort Belvoir, Virginia

Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Garrison Fort Belvoir has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) and a Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, and regulations implementing the procedural provisions of the NEPA, 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1500-1508, and Environmental Analysis of Army Actions, 32 CFR 651. The EA analyzed the potential environmental impacts that may occur as a result of the proposed removal of trees on Davison Army Airfield airfield proper that violate the primary surface, approach-departure clearance surface, transitional surface, taxiway clearance, and apron clearance safety areas to ensure pilot safety and to comply with regulatory guidance outlined in Unified Facilities Criteria 3-260-01, Airfield and Heliport Planning Design, and Federal Aviation Regulation Part 77.

The EA is incorporated by reference in the Draft FNSI. Based on the EA, the Army has determined that implementation of the Proposed Action would have no significant adverse direct, indirect, or cumulative effects on the quality of the human or natural environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

A copy of the EA and Draft FNSI are available for review and comment at the following libraries: Fort Belvoir Van Noy Library, and Fairfax County Public Library at the following locations: Lorton Branch, Sherwood Regional Branch, and Kingstowne Branch. The documents are also available at: <http://www.belvoir.army.mil/environdocssection2.asp>. Comments on the EA and Draft FNSI should be submitted to Mr. Felix M. Mariani, Fort Belvoir DPW Environmental and Natural Resources Division, Building 1442, 9430 Jackson Loop, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060, or usarmy.belvoir.imcom-atlantic.mbx.enrd@mail.mil. Comments must be received no later than 30 days after publication of this Notice of Availability.

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Public Notice – Environmental Permit

Purpose of notice: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow the filling of wetlands and streams in Fairfax County, Virginia.

Public comment period: For 30 days, starting from the day after the notice is in the newspaper: June 24, 2016 to July 25, 2016

Permit name: Virginia Water Protection Permit issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board

applicant Name, address and permit number: Fairfax County-Department of Public Works and Environmental Services; 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 449, Fairfax, Virginia 22035; VWPP No. 15-1292

Project description: Fairfax County-Department of Public Works and Environmental Services has applied for a new permit for the Huntington Run Levee. The project is located in Huntington Park, parallel to and between Arlington Terrace and Cameron Run (waterway) at the northern end of Liberty Drive in Fairfax County, Virginia. The permit will allow the applicant to construct a 2,800-foot long earthen levee capped with a concrete I-wall and associated infrastructure including a pump station, interior drainage and storm sewer system, outfall channels, high flow diversion culverts, and a runoff storage ponding area. The proposed activity would affect 1.04 acres of tidal and nontidal wetlands and 1,391 linear feet of tidal and nontidal streams. The activity proposed in the permit will affect unnamed tributaries to Cameron Run in the Potomac watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. To compensate for the affected area, the applicant would purchase 2.16 wetland credits and 738 stream credits from a DEQ approved mitigation bank that is authorized to sell credits to the permitted impact site and/or the Virginia Aquatic Resources Trust Fund. DEQ's preliminary decision is to issue the permit.

HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requestor, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. A public hearing may be held, including another comment period, if public response is significant, based on individual requests for a public hearing, and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit.

Contact for public comments, document requests and additional information: Allison King; Northern Regional Office, 13901 Crown Court, Woodbridge, Virginia 22193; Phone: 703-583-3909; E-mail: Allison.King@deq.virginia.gov; Fax: (703) 583-3821. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above by appointment or may request copies of the documents from the contact person listed.

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A true Georgian center hall colonial on a one third acre lot in beautiful Belle Haven. With over 4500 finished square feet and set amidst an enchanting landscaped paradise this home is made for entertaining with formal as well as informal spaces and updates throughout. The modern spacious kitchen features a wall of windows overlooking the rear yard while a large deck off the kitchen offers outdoor dining and entertaining.

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