

Area Roundups

Teen Advisory Board Launches New Website

Teen Advisory Board, a non-profit group from Fairfax, is launching a new website this month highlighting new opportunities for young adults to make a real difference in their communities.

The Teen Advisory Board provides a platform for young adults to address social issues facing them and their peers while creating academic opportunities through competitions and workshops.

If you are a student, or concerned young adult (13 to

18), who is interested in joining the Teen Advisory Board, it is currently recruiting chapter presidents, directors and members. For more information visit teenadvisoryboard.org

Pianist/Keyboardist, Vocalists Sought

The Netcasters, a volunteer ecumenical music ministry group based in Springfield/Burke seeks a capable pianist/keyboardist to join ensemble. The group is also looking to add music-reading male and female voices. They perform at local retirement centers, as well as provide religious ser-

vice music for small congregations. For the keyboardist, ability to play from a lead sheet is essential. The presentations are generally once a month on a weekend in the Northern Virginia area.

The repertoire includes traditional gospel and contemporary Christian music, and "Songs of Yesteryear." Attendance at weekly practices (currently Tuesday evenings in Springfield) would be expected. As a volunteer group, there is no monetary compensation.

See the goup's Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/TheNetcasters/ for additional background. If interested, call K. Boudreau at 703-314-3654 or E. Smith at 703-323-6863.



News



Photos by Tim Peterson/The Connection

Community members and stakeholders packed the July 19 information meeting discussing the extension of Shirley Gate Road and interchange at Popes Head Road in Fairfax.

Community Weighs In

Community members and stakeholders packed an information meeting on the extension of Shirley Gate Road and interchange at Popes Head Road.

By Tim Peterson The Connection

ianna and Wayne Pennington own property at the corner of Popes Head Road and the Fairfax County Parkway. With an extension of Shirley Gate Road having been on Fairfax County's transportation plan since 1991, they say they can't sell the land with the project up in the air.

"Our biggest concern is when," Wayne said. "I think we've waited long enough."

The Penningtons felt more encouraged after Tuesday night, July 19, when they joined a conference room full of stakeholders with adjacent properties at the Fairfax County Government Center to hear updates on the topic.

The goal of extending Shirley Gate would be affording an alternate route between the Fairfax County Parkway and Braddock Road, as well as giving options for new interchanges north of Popes Head Road and at the Shirley Gate Road extension to relieve traffic congestion on the Parkway, Braddock, Popes Head and Ox Road.

An additional interchange option including three levels and bidirectional roadways was designed to better accommodate the concerns of residents on both sides of the Fairfax County Parkway.

The roadway project would also provide an opportunity to facilitate access to Patriot Park that would avoid First Street, minimize impact on the neighborhood and wetland area.

Some members of the audience questioned whether the park should be involved in the project, whether the "tail is wagging the dog."

Herrity responded to what he said has been misinformation about the project as a whole.

"This was a transportation project first," he said. "It's not all about the park. They delayed the park — it's an access to the park project second."

There were others that joined the Penningtons in their concern over the project's timeline. The only response they received was that it should be moving forward in the next ten years.

Transportation Planning Division Chief of Planning Section Leonard Wolfenstein said the Virginia Department of Transportation, which is the lead on the



Fairfax County
Department of
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Director Tom
Biesiadny some of
the traffic volume
changes projected
for the Shirley
Gate corridor in
Fairfax over the
next several de-

Fairfax
residents
Dianna (left)
and Wayne
(center)
Pennington
share their
concerns
with waiting



for the extension and interchange project to get underway with Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield).

project, should be filing its design contractor Request for Proposals soon.

Once a designer is chosen, he said, there will be more public involvement opportunities as further "critical decisions" are made on the project.

Another community member suggested there be a collaborative, interactive website with information about the project for stakeholders to engage with transparent updates.

Fairfax County Department of Transportation Director Tom Biesiadny directed community members to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/shirleygate_extension.htm.

He also said that more comprehensive master plan for the project would be available by mid-August, and that it would become more specific as time goes on.

"If I could start building tomorrow," Herrity said, talking with community members after the meeting, "I would."

New Leaders On School Board

Evans, Strauss elected as chair, vice chair.

By Tim Peterson The Connection





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he Fairfax County School Board has elected Sandy Evans (Mason District) as chair and Jane Strauss (Dranesville District) as vice chair for a one-year term.

The chair and vice chair assumed office at the July 14 School Board meeting. They were elected by School Board members during the board's annual organizational meeting.

Evans, who was elected to the School Board in March 2010, served as vice chair during the 2015-16 school year. She is the former chair of the School Board's School Health Advisory Committee and served on the board's Transportation Task Force. Evans is a member of the steering committee of the Northern Virginia Healthy Kids Coalition; founding member of the Fairfax Education Coalition; and co-founder of Start Later for Excellence in Education Proposal (SLEEP). She served as the legislation committee chair of the Fairfax County Council of PTAs and as president of the Sleepy Hollow Elementary School PTA, and is a former staff writer for the Washington Post. Evans earned her bachelor's in journalism from the University of Maryland-College Park.

Active in education for over 30

years, Strauss is a former elementary and preschool teacher. She obtained an M.A.T. from Harvard Graduate School of Education and her B.A. in history from George Washington University. Strauss is past president of the Franklin Sherman PTA and the Fairfax County Council of PTAs and past chair of the council's education and budget committees. She has served on numerous education and youth affairs committees including the FCPS Career and Technical Preparation Task Force, the Division Planning Committee, the Citizens Bond Committee, and the Fairfax Framework for Student Success. A mother of four FCPS graduates, her board service was from June 1991 to 1993 and from 1996 to the present. She served as board vice chair in 2000 and board chair in 2001 and 2011.

In addition to the chair and vice chair, members of the Fairfax County School Board, whose terms run from 2015 to 2019, are: Jeanette Hough (at-large), Pat Hynes (Hunter Mill District), Tamara Derenak Kaufax (Lee District), Ryan McElveen (at-large), Megan McLaughlin (Braddock District), Ilryong Moon (at-large), Dalia Palchik (Providence District), Karen Corbett Sanders (Mount Vernon District), Elizabeth Schultz (Springfield District), and Thomas Wilson (Sully District).



The School Board unanimously elected Sandy Evans as the new chair on July 14.

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Brothers Billy Tran, 5, and Danny Tran, 10, sit on Officer Wade Brabble's motorcycle.



Photo Courtesy of Jenny Raymer

K-9 MPO Robert Mignon with his dog Loki and Jesse Raymer, 6.

Cops and Kids Having Fun



Officer Jim Litz gives a motorcycle-riding demonstration.

City of Fairfax police held their second annual Cops and Kids Day, on July 13. Children learned safety lessons, saw SWAT team, K-9 and motorcycle-riding demonstrations and enjoyed popcorn and ice cream.

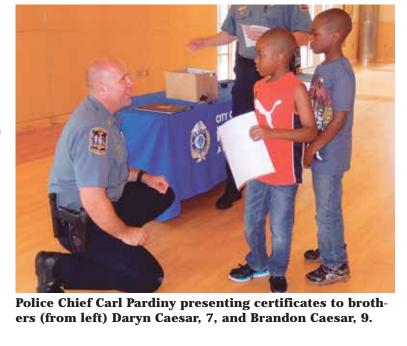
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Fairfax City Police Chief Carl Pardiny with Luca Cappo, 5, at the Cops and Kids event.



Ralitsa Kostova, 6, "drives" an animal control vehicle.





Allyson Shook, 10, proudly holds her Cops and Kids Day certificate and badge.

People



Photo by Brandilynn Aines Photography 1972 **Ryan Gregory Holleran and Elizabeth Suzanne Milstead**

Milstead, Holleran Engaged

Lt. Gen. and Mrs. Robert E. Milstead, Jr. (USMC Ret) announced the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Suzanne Milstead to Ryan Gregory Holleran, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Holleran.

Elizabeth and Ryan are high school sweethearts. They both attended Robinson Secondary in Fairfax and started dating senior year. A November wedding planned at St. Mary of Sorrows Catholic Church in Fairfax.

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For Bathroom or Kitchen remodels a number of different Specialty Licenses are required. BLD License covers framing, drywall, tile work. PLB covers all plumbing such as the replacement of shower and kitchen faucets. ELE covers electrical work such as the replacement of lighting. HVA covers the replacement of ventilation fans and range hoods

How do I submit a complaint about my Unlicensed

Due to code limitations in the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code, complaints regarding construction activity more than two years old cannot be accepted.

- If a person identifies him/herself as a licensed contractor and it is discovered the person is not licensed, it is a violation of State and County Code. Complaints/violations may be reported using the online complaint form; or
- Call the Department of Code Compliance at 703-324-1300, TTY 711, to start the complaint process and an investigator from the Code Enforcement Branch will contact you; or
- Call the Virginia State Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation at 804-367-8500, TTY 711.

What are the risks of Unlicensed Contractors?

In most circumstances, unlicensed contractors offer lower quotes because they do not pay a licensing fee, or obtain a bond to protect their work, and in many cases, don't purchase liability or workers compensation insurance. Without these

expenses, the unlicensed contractor can offer a lower rate.

Many things can go wrong on a construction site, from injuries to shoddy workmanship to destruction of power, sewer or water lines. Ultimately, all issues are the responsibility of the general contractor. The general contractor and their insurance carriers are the primary payers in the event something goes awry on the job.

What most people don't know is that if you don't hire a licensed and insured contractor to handle your project, you're the general contractor! If your unlicensed contractor breaks a sewer line, you're responsible. If a worker gets hurt and can't work for two years, and there's no workers compensation coverage in place, you are on the hook for that workers' medical bills and lost wages.

The implications of using an unlicensed contractor go beyond the risks associated with the property worked on and injury to the workers. A homeowner or association that hires an unlicensed contractor can also be liable for the negligence

A neighboring property, a passerby or other property that is negligently damaged by the contractor can lead to liability to the person that hired the contractor. As the contractor's employer the hiring party is responsible for the contractor's actions during the course of that employment.

When a general contractor takes on a job they have overall responsibility for legal compliance, safety, quality of workmanship and just about everything else that happens on the job site. What's more, your homeowners insurance or landlord liability insurance isn't going to cover you for these events.

All policies exempt damage caused by the use of illegal or unlicensed contractors. Fire and water damage can be... expensive. If an unlicensed contractor improperly installs an appliance, such as a water heater that leaks and in rare instances explodes, your insurance will not cover it. If an unlicensed contractor installs an appliance, such as a dishwasher, and so on, the product warranty will be voided.

If you knowingly enter into a contract with an unlicensed contractor, you are not allowed to use the fact that the contractor is unlicensed as a defense for non-payment. Note that an unlicensed contractor can still file suit for fraud and deceit.

Those who are caught contracting without a license likely will have to appear before a District Court Judge and DPOR investigator to answer to misdemeanor charges that can carry a potential sentence of up to six months in jail and/or a \$5,000 fine, as well as an administrative fine of \$200 to

If illegal contracting continues, the penalties become more severe. A second offense results in a mandatory 90-day jail sentence and a fine of 20 percent of the contract price or \$5,000. https://vacode.org/54.1-1115/

Felony charges are filed against anyone who illegally uses another person's contractor license or who tries to mislead consumers into believing that he or she is a licensed contractor. Anyone who contracts for work in a state or federal natural disaster area without an active state contractor license also could face felony charges. If convicted of a felony, a person may have to serve time in state prison.

Furthermore, your state contractor board will not "typically" help you to make a warranty claim "Contractor Recovery Fund" against an unlicensed contractor. So if you are trying to recover at all, you will need to go to civil court. Even if you win in civil court, without a bond, there's a good chance the unlicensed contractor will not be able to pay your

Recently, Fairfax County has been using sites like Zillow and Realtor.com to see if improvements have been done when selling ones home! AGAIN, the days of hiring an unlicensed "Friend", or "Neighbor" to work for monetary purposes is strictly prohibited and is easily verified through http://www.dpor.virginia.gov/LicenseLookup/.

All in all, it's not worth it! Always protect yourself by hiring a licensed contractor for your remodeling project.

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Voting, for Former Felons and Others

In a Democracy, we're best served by more voter participation.

oday, the Virginia Supreme Court will hear an expedited challenge to Gov. Terry McAuliffe's (D) restoration of the voting and civil rights of more than 200,000 Virginians who were convicted of felonies, served their time and completed any supervised release, Editorial parole or probation requirements.

The restoration of voting rights moves Virginia into the mainstream. Virginia had been one of four most restrictive states with lifetime bans on voting for those convicted of felonies. Fourteen states automatically restore voting rights once the individual's term of incarceration is over, and two states allow absentee voting from prison. Only 10 states have more restrictive policies than McAuliffe's order about voting for people who have been convicted of

While the perception is that such a move will favor Democrats, in a Democracy, it's better for all when more people vote.

According to statistics released by the governor's office, 51.5 percent of those whose voting rights have been restored by McAuliffe's order are white; 45.9 percent are African American. Eighty percent were convicted of nonviolent offenses. Almost half had been completed both their sentences and supervision more than 10 years ago.

McAuliffe said: "If we are going to build a stronger and more equal Virginia, we must break down barriers to participation in civic life for people

who return to society seeking a second chance. We must welcome them back and offer the opportunity to build a better life by taking an active role in our democracy."

This action brings Virginia into line with 39 other states, with more than 20 states having less restrictive policies. For example, on Feb. 9, 2016, the Maryland General Assembly restored the vote to all convicted felons immediately upon their release from prison. Previously, people convicted of felonies in Maryland had to complete all parole and probation before they were able to vote.

In Virginia, such individuals still are required to complete their term of incarceration and their term of probation or parole before voting rights are restored.

MEANWHILE, for all Virginia voters, the deadline to register to vote for the Nov. 8, 2016 general election is Oct. 17. You can verify your voter status at https:// vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation. This is especially important to do if you have moved or have not voted recently.

In person absentee voting begins Sept. 23. It's an important election, with Virginia playing a critical role in the outcome of the race for U.S. President. There will also be many important local issues on the ballot, along with the races for U.S. Congress.

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Letters to the Editor

Keeping Young Minds Engaged in Summer

Summer means warmer weather and time for vacations. But it's also a time when the average student loses nearly two months of academic knowledge.

It's called summer slide. While two months may not seem like a big deal now, research has shown the effects of summer learning loss are cumulative. Meaning, children who aren't engaged at a young age

they're out of school for the summer continually fall behind their peers, ultimately impacting their chances to earn a high school diploma and their chances - or desire - to continue on to college.

Knowing that less than 30 percent of the jobs today in the United States are designed for people with less than a high school diploma is alarming to me. Moreover, as a woman working in the technology sector I understand the importance of getting children excited about science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields early.

After all, STEM influences our daily lives. From the weather to smartphones to buildings, STEM is everywhere!

Just imagine – you commit to memory all the valuable information in order to make a presentation at work. Then take a brief vacation and when you return can barely remember enough facts to answer simple questions about your presentation. And because

you can't recall the information, you're passed over for promotions in the future.

Seems frustrating, right? It's no different for students heading back to school in the fall. Because they haven't used the knowledge learned during the school year, they lose it and become discour-

If at least a high school diploma is needed for the majority of indemand jobs, the future workforce may in fact depend on us engaging children today so they can be successful tomorrow. Here are just a few ways to keep children engaged during the summer and maybe even spark a little STEM curiosity at the same time.

- Discovery Education Connect the Dots - Discovery Education offers a wide variety of free family resources that provide high quality, relevant material for you and your children.
- ❖ National Summer Learning Association - The National Summer Learning Association is committed to ensuring that students receive quality science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education in their out-ofschool time.
- Global Digital Citizen Foundation - Global Digital Citizen Foundation curates a list of customizable project-based learning activities organized by STEM subjects.
- Project Lead the Way Project Lead the Way empowers students

to thrive in an evolving world and they've compiled a list of 20 simple summer STEM activities.

- Children's Science Center -Children's Science Center is a hands-on children's museum here in Northern Virginia, where children learn through play.
- ❖ NOVA Play Labs NOVA Play Labs utilizes play as a way to teach STEM information to children ages 12 months to 14 years old.

So yes, while summer is a time for relaxing, it should also be a time to get ahead on the upcoming year and gain new experiences. If you have children, spend an afternoon at the park to make observations or visit a museum. If

you don't have children, volunteer your time to read at your local library or make a book donation. I know at Cox. we recently partnered with Daniels Run Elementary School to donate books to the students who needed reading interventions. But it doesn't have to be a big commitment of time or money. Just know that time invested to keep young minds engaged this summer will pay off in the fall and the future. And that's a win-win.

Kathryn Falk

Market Vice President of Northern Virginia Operations **Cox Communications**

Taking Exception

To the Editor:

The Last week's Connection included a Letter to the Editor from Elizabeth Torpey Bradsher ("School Board Politics and Transgender Policy.") In this letter, Ms Bradsher noted that our current Springfield district representative to the school board, Ms. Elizabeth Schultz, "...has little hope in changing anything..."

does not/will not have a significant impact on the school board. I differ with Ms. Bradsher on the reason why. I suggest all community members review the videos of work sessions and meetings of the

school board to see how Ms. Schultz interacts and communicates with her fellow school board members and staff. Ms Schultz does not communicate well. does not show respect to the board members, is antagonistic, and noncollaborative.

I am not commenting on her positions or initiatives. I am noting that she is not an effective I also believe that Ms. Schultz member of the board, not because of politics, but because she does not have the skills or temperament

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A Look Into Long-Term Alternative

Little-known alternative explained at Osher **Lifelong Learning** Institute class.

> By Susan and Paul Van Hemel **OLLI Members**

any attendees at a July 7 class at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at George Mason University learned for the first time about a little-known alternative to the expensive annual premiums of long-term care insurance. Long-term care insurance (LTC) helps pay for assisted living, home care and other services not generally covered by health insurance, Medicare or Med-

The class, "Fifty Must-Know Statistics about Long-Term Care, Plus a Little-Known Way to Pay for It," was taught by J. Michael May, a financial planner with Sagemark Consulting.

Class members were often surprised by the statistics May cited, such as: (1) 67 percent of Americans will require long-term care at some time after age 65; and (2) The median annual cost for assisted living in this country is \$42,000, and for nursing home care over \$87,000. (In Fairfax and other high-cost



Photo contributed **OLLI instructor J. Michael May explains** alternative to conventional long-term care insurance.

sive annual premiums and provides no return if the insured

even more.)

never needs it, the class also examined an alternative for funding LTC that May calls a "hybrid longterm care" policy. In essence, this is a type of life insurance that provides an option for tax-free reimbursements of LTC ex-

penses. The hybrid is

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funded by lump-sum transfers of funds, rather than by annual premiums, removing the risk of premium increases seen in conventional LTC insurance. Also, unlike traditional LTC insurance, it guarantees that some benefit will be paid to a beneficiary. Hybrid also offers a provision to opt out of the contract and receive at least partial return of premiums.

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You don't want to have two televisions in a dorm room. Be sure to communicate with your roommate before moving in."

— Yolanda Gibson, D.A. Marymount University

Creating a College Packing List Sorting out the essential from the unnecessary.

daughter to college, their process was threefold: packing up her childhood bedroom, setting up her college dorm room and getting organized in the process. They enlisted the help of professional organizer Jodie Campbell Jacobs of SOUPerior Organizing in Springfield. Jacobs discarded, preserved and streamlined, helping the family create a list of items that their daughter would need for college.

"I helped them clean out what they already had so they could get a better idea of what they needed to bring to school," said Jacobs. "I told her not to bring too much personal stuff. Going off to college is a new chapter in your life and you want to decorate the new space for the new stage.'

Though it is the middle of sum-



College students move into a residence hall at Marymount University.

a shared shower and doing one's well as those that are questionable,

A COLLEGE PACKING LIST can

adapters and toaster ovens.

mer, many families are preparing help organize the transition, but campus bringing their pet, such as as candles and incense.

their rising college freshmen for a students should find out before a snake, turtle or dog," said new school environment and the arriving on campus the items that Yolanda Gibson, D.A., associate requisite lifestyle adjustments: are necessary, such as a microwave dean of First Year Experience at sharing a cramped living space, oven, mini-refrigerator, television, Marymount University in Arlingawkward walks down a hallway to bed linens and laundry bags, as ton, Virginia. "Unless you have an approved service animal, be mindsuch as extension cords, multi-plug ful of your community and roommate. Also, most college campuses "Students frequently arrive on won't allow you to burn items, such

Gibson, who is in the midst of and only bring what you need uncoordinating new student orienta- til your next visit home then swap tions for Marymount, recommends out items," she said. "Don't bring that freshmen get a packing list a ton of sweaters that are going to from their university or college and take up space if you don't need reach out to the person with whom

"Students often come to campus with televisions without consulting as moving out of family home into their roommate," said Gibson. "You a shared residence hall, said don't want to have two televisions Jacobs in a dorm room. Be sure to communicate with your roommate before moving in." When it comes to deciding what goes on a packing list, professional organizer Susan Unger of ClutterSOS suggests starting with a generic list, such as one created by one's college or a home merchandise store. "There's no need to reinvent the wheel, you can start with one of those and then personalize it to your own

One factor to consider when creating a packing list is the distance between one's hometown and their college campus, says Jacobs. "If you live within driving distance, for example, you can think seasonally

Organization is critical to managing a significant downsize, such

them right away.'

"Maximize the space you have," she said. "When it comes to sharing a dorm room or bedroom in an apartment, look at all the unused space that you normally look past, like the space under the bed."

Risers, for example, can elevate a bed creating space for stackable storage bins that hold items such as extra towels, sheets and clothing. "These things allow you to maximize every use of space possible without causing a traffic jam," said Jacobs. "You can't build more space, but you can maximize the space you have.'

Jacobs also advises resisting the urge to super-size. "You don't necessarily need the Costco size of shampoo, you can buy more when-

Think vertically advises Unger. "For example, use the backs of doors to hang a shoe organizer," she said.

"These can be used for items other than shoes such as toiletries, snacks and school supplies. Consider using hanging shelves in your closet for the folded clothing. Use a double hanging rod to double your hanging space.

Use a shower caddy to corral all your bathing needs." One of those shower items might be a pair of waterproof thongs since many students will have to share a communal bathroom

Since dorm living means sharing a space, make sure all personal items are identifiable. "Be sure to label everything, especially things like phone chargers since they can easily get mixed up," said Unger.

Both Unger and Jacobs recommend hooks that attach to a wall with an adhesive. "They can be removed later with no wall damage,"

ONE ITEM that Jacobs says many

people don't think about is a lockbox or safe that is fireproof and waterproof. "Keep documents like your social security card, certain medications and anything that you consider valuable," said Jacobs. "Since most freshman are going to live in a shared space, a lot of people will be going in an out of your dorm room or apartment, so it's great to have a space to put your lockbox where only you have access to it." Jacobs suggests storing that safe or lockbox in a place that is out of view and inconspicuous. "If someone goes looking, it's

not the first thing they will find,"

she said. "You can put it on closet

shelf under a stack of sweaters or

under the bed in a storage bin."

Finally, not all shopping needs to be done in advance. "Our word of advice is to wait to purchase some of the items until you get here," said Joey Allen, communication and events manager, Housing and Residence Life at George Mason University in Fairfax. "There is usually time on move in day and the days after to go shopping for



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Five Charged for Trespassing While Playing Pokémon Go

Fairfax County Police Department offers safety tips.

olice responded to Keene Mill Elementary School, located at 6310 Bardu Avenue in Springfield, around 10:47 p.m. on Wednesday, July 13, for a report of an alarm. Officers found two men and three teenaged boys, ages 15, 16 and 17, inside the school. An invesallegedly entered the building ther investigation determined Pokémon Go game and ended up at this location.

Two 18-years-old Springfield residents were issued sum- regulations. monses for trespassing on school property and released. Petitions for trespassing on Five Safety school property are being school property are being sought for the juvenile suspects

Tips on Playing according to FCPD Public Affairs Bureau.

Police ask the public to be mindful of locations when playing the game. The game leads players



Safety alert for Pokémon Go players.

tigation determined the suspects to common meeting places like lease on July 6. However, there are churches, memorials and parks. safety concerns you should be through an unsecured area. Fur- However, not all locations and ar- aware of if you are a player, pareas in the game are open to the ent of a player or just someone who they were playing the new public and not all property owners sees Pokémon Go players out and welcome Pokémon Go players on about. Here are some police safety the property. Remember, be respectful and adhere to all rules and

Pokémon Go

The Pokémon Go app has become hugely popular since its re-

County Police Department encourages everyone to stay alert and be braries and parks. mindful of pedestrians, bicyclists

playing the game have been or onto property. robbed.

2. Supervise Kids — You should become familiar with the game before allowing your children to download the app. Pokémon Go is a multiplayer game where users may run into other players in the real world as they search similar areas. Take steps to keep your kids

You and your kids should discuss who they can interact with when they go out into public to use the

Kids should never play the game alone but in a supervised group. Know when and where your kids

3. Don't Trespass — The game has a "lure module" that leads the players to various locations to win points and catch Pokémon characters. These locations are called 1. Stay Alert — The Fairfax Pokestops. Pokestops have been found at public places such as li-

But stops are also on private and drivers who may be playing property, empty lots or even cemthe game. If you are playing, you eteries. Players may not realize other people. should not be on your phone while they are trespassing in restricted Pay attention to the time; driving and you should use com- areas and may draw attention of parks close at dusk. (Staff will mon sense when walking. Be law enforcement and residents. chase out the Pokémon then, aware of your surroundings; re- Please, don't trespass. You can too.) Please stay on the park cently in the D.C. region, people catch Pokémon without going into trails even if the Pokémon don't.

4. Don't Enter Fire Stations — Please do not enter Fairfax County fire stations, including open apparatus bays. Firefighters and medics respond to emergency calls 24 hours a day. At any given time, they may be called to an emergency and a distracted pedestrian causes a dangerous situation for responders and trucks leaving the sta-

5. Play in the Parks — Fairfax County is thrilled that so many folks are coming to county parks to play. During your visit, take time to learn a little about the natural and cultural resources surrounding you using the trails map. Playing the game requires you to frequently look at your phone, so take these precau-

Be sure to keep looking around to see where you are, so you don't walk into a tree or a yellow jackets nest or bump into

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Entertainment

'76 Trombones Led the Big Parade'

City of Fairfax Theatre Co. presents 'The Music Man.'

By Bonnie Hobbs The Connection

hen fast-talking Harold Hill comes to River City, Iowa, with a grand plan to create the finest band in America, the townspeople are thrilled. But straitlaced librarian Marian Paroo thinks it's all just

That's the premise behind City of Fairfax Theatre Co.'s upcoming musical, "The Music Man." It will take the stage, July 22-30, at Lanier Middle School, 3801 Jermantown Road in Fairfax. There is a live, pit orchestra and a cast and crew of 65.

"Everybody knows and loves this story," said Director Lisa Anne Bailey. "It's a classic, feel-good musical, complete with quirky characters. The cast is a mix of both new and experienced actors from the local area. They're working hard and their voices are lovely, across the board, especially the quartet. It's a communityminded production, and the story's about a community, so the cast really suits it."

Portraying Professor Hill is Lars Klores. "Harold Hill is part con man, part carnival barker, part sleight-of-hand artist," said Klores. "But like all great magicians, there's an element of the supernatural about him. A great magician should leave the audience thinking, 'I know it's not real magic, but what other explanation could there be?' And that's the feeling that follows Hill around, throughout the show."

Enjoying his role, he asked, "Who wouldn't want to play a con man and carnival barker? Plus, I'm a magician, myself - I've been a member of the Society of American Magicians for more than a decade - so it's been fun bringing that sensibility to the part."

HIS FAVORITE NUMBER is

Show times are Friday, July 22, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, July 23, at 2 and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, July 24, at 3 p.m.; Thursday-Friday, July 28-29, at 7:30 p.m.; and Saturday, July 30, at 2 and 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$15, adults; and \$10, children 12 and under, at https:// fairfaxcitytheatre.ticketleap.com/ musicman/, or \$18 and \$13, respectively, at the door.



Lars Klores and Elizabeth Ferrante play the leads in "The Music Man."

"Trouble" because, he explained, "It's part song, part auctioneer spiel, part endurance test. Whenever I perform it, I think, 'I can't believe I've learned all this."

Calling "The Music Man" one of the "classics of American Musical Theater," Klores said, "It's so clearly written from the heart of its author, Meredith Willson, that you can't help but be swept along by it. The songs are all classics of the American Songbook, and the central concept - how a selfish liar, selling nothing but dreams, can blow people out of their ruts and make a better life for everyone is a complicated and powerful

Elizabeth Ferrante plays Paroo, also called Marian the librarian. "She appears stuck-up and uptight," said Ferrante. "But in reality, she's lonely and protective of her family. And at the end of the day, she just wants to find love and acceptance for her and her whole family. I've enjoyed figuring out the moments where she starts to fall for Harold - especially when she changes from calling him 'Mr. See The Music Man, Page 13

Hill' to 'Professor Hill,' as she begins to accept what he's bringing to the city and accepts his façade,

Ferrante likes her song, "My White Knight," the best. "It's the audience's first peek into the softer, more intimate side of Marian," she said. "In this song, you really hear her longing for what she wants in a partner."

Ultimately, said Ferrante, "This story's about the joy Harold brings to River City. And our nation right now is in a place where we could use that joy - and I hope that's what we can bring to our audi-

Portraying Mayor George Shinn is David Britt. "Mayor Shinn comes off as pompous and overbearing, but he loves and is protective toward his family," said Britt. "He also speaks in a very convoluted way and is concerned about everyone's 'phraseology' when they use foul language."

THIS SHOW is special to Britt



T-Birds and Pink Ladies: (Standing, from left) are Becca Gustafson, Khalied Bashri, Molly Van Trees, Adam LeKang, Rachel Cahoon, John Henry Stamper and Ruby Tippl. (In front) are David Johnson and Morgan Perigard as Eugene and Patty.

Fairfax High Grad Stars in 'Grease'

Fun-filled musical will run weekends, July 22-30.

> By Bonnie Hobbs The Connection

reak out the black leather jackets and poodle skirts Westfield Summer Stage is presenting the musical, "Grease." It features a cast and crew of more than 80 students from middle and high schools across the county, including Westfield, Centreville, Chantilly and Fairfax high schools.

"I'm really impressed with the different kinds of talents this cast brings to the process, and I'm pleased with how well they work together," said Director Rachel Harrington. "A lot of kids auditioned, and I'm thoroughly happy about this group. Things are going great and we've got a lot of really awesome musical numbers. It's a revamped, fun, campy and colorful version of 'Grease."

Rachel Cahoon, who just graduated from Fairfax High in June, portrays Sandy. "She's very naïve, sweet and romantic and is hopelessly in love with Danny," said Cahoon. "She's really nice and always tries to look for the good in everyone. The Pink Ladies [girls' clique] aren't always nice to her, but she still tries to fit in. And she eventually changes into a more forward and confident person so she can be with Danny."

Cahoon enjoys "switching between the two sides of Sandy because it happens fast," she

To Go

The show will burst upon the Westfield High stage Friday-Saturday, July 22-23, at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, July 24, at 2 p.m.; and Friday-Saturday, July 29-30, at 7:30 p.m. Seating is reserved; tickets are \$12 via www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com and with a valid student ID, or \$15 at the door.

Westfield is at 4700 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly, and there will be a box in the lobby for canned-food donations to Western Fairfax Christian Ministries.

said. "And I like her songs a lot, including 'Summer Nights,' which is upbeat, and 'Hopelessly in Love,' which is a ballad. So it's a fun challenge to sing songs so different from each other, in multiple styles, throughout the show."

She especially likes "You're the One that I Want" because "it's after Sandy changes into someone sexy and confident, so that's fun for me," she explained. "And everyone knows that song, so it's fun to end the show on such a huge, upbeat number.'

Not surprisingly, Cahoon said the audience will love this musical's singing and dancing. "A lot of the choreography is difficult, but everyone is working really hard to give 110 percent of their energy during the large, group numbers," she said. "You can feel it coming off the stage. And the songs are really iconic, so everyone will enjoy them and be able to tap their feet or sing along with them. And it's more fun to see a show when you know the songs."

Entertainment

Send notes to the Connection at connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/ or call 703-778-9416. The deadline is the Friday prior to the next paper's publication at noon. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

ONGOING

Evenings on the Ellipse. 5:30-7 p.m. Thursdays through Aug. 25. Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Fun music and good company. Paradise Springs and The Winery at Bull Run will be offering complimentary tastings of their premium reds and whites. If it rains, concerts will be moved inside to the Government Center Forum. http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ performances/

Wednesday Morning Tai Chi. 6:30 a.m. Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31. Old Town Square, 3999
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fairfaxva.gov. **Redder Blood**. Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m.

Sundays, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. July 8-31. 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 Sadie, a woman who hears the voice of God. \$20-\$30. www.jccnv.org. thehubtheatre.org. 703-537-3000.

The Farmer's Market at Springfield Town **Center**. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Through November. Corner of Spring Mall and Loisdale roads, Springfield. Enjoy fresh baked goods, produce, vegetables & fruits, meats & cheeses, and a host of other vendors. springfieldtowncenter.com. **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. www.workhousearts.org. 703

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

fairfaxgardening.org.

Carolina Shag. Wednesdays. 6:30-10 p.m. Arlington/Fairfax Elks Lodge, 8421 Arlington Blvd.. Fairfax. Free lessons at 7:30 p.m. No partners needed. Dinner menu. \$8. Under 21 free. nvshag.org.

THURSDAY/JULY 21

Amphibians After Dark. 7 p.m. Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Assist park naturalists with a calling amphibian survey Learn how to identify frogs and toads by their calls as we explore pools and ponds. Ages 8-Adult. Children must be accompanied by an adult registered in the program. 1 hours. \$6 incounty, \$8 out of county. http:// parktakes.fairfaxcounty.gov/

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Fairfax. http://www.fairfaxcitytheatre.org/themusic-man.html

SATURDAY/JULY 23

Mount Vernon Nights: National Concert Band of America (Big Band). 7-8 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Concert for all ages, featuring music from composers such as Bach, Gershwin and Sousa. Band founded by members of the four D.C. military bands. Free.

www.workhousearts.org. 703-584-2900. Burke Lake Boat Fishing. 8 a.m. Burke Lake Park. 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Meet at marina. Students learn about the fish in Burke Lake as well as tricks to catch them. Clinic includes instruction and a trip around the lake by boat. Bring your own rods, bait and tackle or rent them from the park. Ages 10 – Adult. Children younger than 13 must be accompanied by a registered adult. Students over age 16 must have a valid fishing license, call park for details. 3 hours. \$35 in-county, \$37 out of county. http://parktakes.fairfaxcounty.gov/.

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THURSDAY/JULY 28

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SATURDAY/JULY 30

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Two Residents Honored With Mayor's Awards

airfax City Mayor Scott Silverthorne honored two residents last week with special Mayor's Awards. He presented them at the Tuesday, July 12, City Council meeting to Patsy Carr and Chris Hershey.

Carr received her award for Outstanding Community Service because of her actions to rouse her neighbors from sleep during a fire in their apartment building on Mosby Woods Drive. The blaze took the life of a 74-year-old man who'd been smoking in his bedroom, where the fire started, but everyone else was able to escape unharmed.

"In the early morning hours of June 7, Patsy heard the smoke detector in her apartment unit go off," said Silverthorne. "She then alerted all the neighbors and limited the spread of the fire."

Addressing Carr directly, he said, "You saved lives. You went around to every unit, pounding on doors, waking people up and allowing them to get out safely."

Joining the award presentation, Fire Chief John O'Neal told her, "What you did was heroic and we thank you for your actions."

Chris Hershey was given the Public Service award. "He's a friend of mine and is from the City," said Silverthorne. "He's our town historian and has been involved in a lot of aspects of City life. For example, he's been involved with the Fairfax Public Library and supports the Little League and



(From left) are Scott Silverthorne, Patsy Carr and John O'Neal.



(From left) Chris Hershey receives his award from Scott Silverthorne.

events such as Rock the Block."

Although Carr didn't address the audience after receiving her award, Hershey did. "I love our city and its small-town feel," he said. "Once you live here, you don't want to leave."

—Bonnie Hobbs

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'The Music Man' Comes to Fairfax

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because, more than 40 years ago, he acted in it as a townsperson with his mother, who played a town gossip, along with his father - who played the mayor, too. Britt likes this part, he said, because "Mayor Shinn takes life so seriously, and I don't, but he really is a caricature. And it's also fun to show his soft side a couple times.'

His favorite number is a blend of "76 Trombones" and "Goodnight, My Someone" near the end of the show, because "That's where you see the love between Marian and Harold really come out.."

He said audience members will see similarities in the characters' personalities to people they know today. And, he added, "There's a tremendous amount of energy in this show, plus a sense of nostalgia for how things were."

Sara Alipanah plays the mayor's wife, www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

Eulalie Shinn. "She knows what she wants and takes herself very seriously, but ends up looking kind of ridiculous in the process," explained Alipanah. "She leads the town's women and is the trendsetter, and they all follow her. She loves her husband, but knows he's a little goofy, so she sometimes wears the pants in the family.'

Alipanah likes playing a silly role and the comic relief. "I tend to be on the funny side, myself, so it's more instinctual," she said. She especially likes the song, "Pick a Little, Talk a Little," because it's "where the women gossip to Harold about their take on Marian's story. And you get to see the women's personalities."

Overall, she said, "This show has lively choreography and lots of familiar songs the audience will enjoy hearing. And our talented cast members really bring their characters to life on the stage."

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