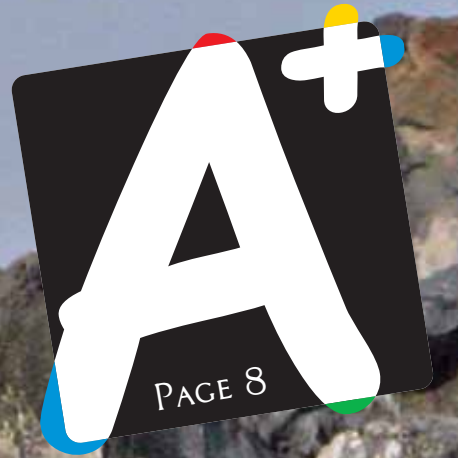




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20269 Island View Ct: 5 BR, 3.5 BA
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Sold

LO9611115 - \$850,000 - Brambleton
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Sold

FX9539587 - \$1,225,000 - Great Falls
897 Falls Bridge Ln: 6 BR, 4.5 BA
Spectacular Brick Colonial on One Beautifully
Landscaped Acre. Hardwood on Main Level w/
Detailed Moulding, Palladium Windows, & Dual
Staircases. Gourmet Kitchen, Expansive Family
Room & FL Sunroom Leading to Large Deck.



Sold

FX9612600 - \$813,000 - Reston
12202 Dorrance Ct: 3 BR, 2.5 BA
Kitchen/Family Room Combo has Incredible
Views of Community Pond. Three Spacious
Upper Level Bedrooms are Highlighted by
an Incomparable Master Bedroom.



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LO9587027 - \$850,000 - Leesburg
41603 Canongate Dr: 4 BR, 4.5 BA
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**Foggy Morning
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Great Falls Park Celebrates 50th Anniversary

Dancing Under the Pavilion, Movie Under the Stars.

National Park Service Centennial Event celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Great Falls Park will be held on Saturday, Aug. 27, 2016, 7 - 10 p.m. Free.

The Golden Anniversary celebration starts off with Dancing Under the Pavilion between 7 and 9 p.m. Swing to the sweet

sounds of the Loudoun Jazz Ensemble as they perform hits from the Golden Era of the Big Bands through modern era Jazz and Swing. Heat up the dance floor under the event tent, or cool off in the picnic area and enjoy the concert.

As twilight fades to dark, spread a lawn blanket for Movie Under the Stars. Starting

at 8 p.m., sit back with the children and enjoy the Disney/Pixar movie, "Wall-E." This event is lawn seating, so bring a blanket to relax on. Enjoy the movie surrounded

by tall trees as darkness descends in our natural, outdoor movie theater. (Rain location is the Visitor Center Auditorium). 9200 Old Dominion Drive, McLean.



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Great Falls Teens Build House in Lynchburg

Great Falls Rotary Interact Club lent a helping hand to Habitat for Humanity in Lynchburg, Va. A group of Great Falls Rotary Interact members donned hard hats, tool belts and put in some major sweat equity as they spent three days in Lynchburg, constructing a house from the ground up, as part of a summer service project supporting Habitat for Humanity. The team, consisting of ten teenage Interact group members and four parents, left Great Falls Tuesday, July 26 for the Lynchburg work site and returned on Friday, July 29, excited about all they had accomplished in those three days.

In near 100 degree heat the group, along with other Habitat volunteers experienced in constructing homes, built, raised and secured the exterior and interior complete with door and window frames. The Interact group met and worked alongside the future owner of the house, Lakena Scott. "Working with the amazing crew and volunteers of Habitat for Humanity and having the opportunity to contribute to the construction of Ms. Scott's home was a truly remarkable



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Great Falls Interact Group presents donation to Lynchburg Habitat for Humanity after working on-site for summer service project. Pictured, from left, Project Foreman Joey Monile, future homeowner Lakena Scott, Katherine Joostema, Ashley Baradari, Jared Tewodros, Mark Wilson, Declan Thinnies, Hayden Owens, Thompson Brownlee, Chloe Bennett, Lynchburg Habitat Executive Director Donna Vincent, Allie Lailas, Gabe Achi

experience," said Thompson Brownlee, an Interact club member. "I am so thankful to everyone who taught us about construction and the importance of owning a home."

"The Interactors were relentless in their house-building!" said Jeff Thinnies, local Great Falls Rotary member and one of the parents on the trip. "They are an impressive team of hard working teens dedicated to helping others. For me personally, watching them work together to accomplish so much over 3 days was one of the top highlights of my lifelong Rotary experiences."

Through their fundraising efforts, the Great Falls Interact Rotary club raised \$2500 before they left for their service project. Along with a matching grant from the Rotary Club of Great Falls Foundation, the Interact group presented a check for \$5,000 to Habitat for Humanity for future home-building projects. The volunteers' hard work also captured the interest of a Lynchburg ABC television station that interviewed Interactor Ashley Baradari on the site and ran the piece on their noon and evening programs.

HOME SALES

In June 2016, 38 Great Falls homes sold between \$2,520,000-\$510,000.

WEEK IN GREAT FALLS

Address	BR	FB	HB	Postal City	Sold Price	Type	Lot AC	PostalCode	Subdivision
9111 DARA LN	9	8	2	GREAT FALLS	\$2,520,000	Detached	2.12	22066	MARQUETTE
1109 KELSO RD	5	4	3	GREAT FALLS	\$2,500,000	Detached	2.00	22066	MICHAEL S AND ETHEL J JUHASZ LAND IT 1
645 DEERFIELD FARM CT	6	6	3	GREAT FALLS	\$2,400,000	Detached	1.72	22066	DEERFIELD FARM
9801 BEACH MILL RD	5	6	1	GREAT FALLS	\$2,295,000	Detached	1.93	22066	CLUB VIEW RIDGE
421 SENECA RD	6	7	2	GREAT FALLS	\$2,100,000	Detached	1.26	22066	SENECA
938 LEIGH MILL RD	7	6	1	GREAT FALLS	\$2,000,000	Detached	4.02	22066	JACKSON MILL WOODS
731 STRAWFIELD LN	6	6	2	GREAT FALLS	\$1,975,000	Detached	1.91	22066	RIVERBEND
1488 LILY LOCH WAY	5	5	2	GREAT FALLS	\$1,700,000	Detached	1.11	22066	FOX RUN
808 WINCREST PL	6	6	2	GREAT FALLS	\$1,680,000	Detached	2.00	22066	THISTLE HILL
10770 RIVERSCAPE RUN	5	5	3	GREAT FALLS	\$1,675,000	Detached	1.94	22066	RIVERSCAPE
10921 SHALLOW CREEK DR	6	5	1	GREAT FALLS	\$1,531,500	Detached	0.84	22066	ESTATES AT LONGWOOD
1229 COLVIN MEADOWS LN	5	5	2	GREAT FALLS	\$1,380,000	Detached	0.83	22066	COLVIN MEADOW ESTATES
220 BLISS LN	6	6	0	GREAT FALLS	\$1,350,000	Detached	6.03	22066	SOUTHDOWN
10006 PARK ROYAL DR	5	4	1	GREAT FALLS	\$1,350,000	Detached	0.84	22066	PARK ROYAL
10941 WOODLAND FALLS DR	6	5	0	GREAT FALLS	\$1,267,500	Detached	1.74	22066	WOODLAND FALLS
9930 ARNON CHAPEL RD	4	3	1	GREAT FALLS	\$1,250,000	Detached	2.00	22066	ARNON MEADOW
10413 VAN PATTEN LN	4	4	1	GREAT FALLS	\$1,200,000	Detached	0.83	22066	BROWNS LANDING
1071 GREAT PASSAGE BLVD	5	4	1	GREAT FALLS	\$1,200,000	Detached	0.85	22066	GREAT FALLS GLEN
9028 JEFFERY RD	5	5	1	GREAT FALLS	\$1,185,000	Detached	2.90	22066	RIVER PARK ESTATES
10190 MILSTEAD RD	5	5	3	GREAT FALLS	\$1,175,000	Detached	2.08	22066	CHARLES AND JOAN EVANS PROPERTY
316 WALKER RD	4	4	1	GREAT FALLS	\$1,050,000	Detached	0.50	22066	RECTOR
1286 TOWLSTON RD	5	3	1	GREAT FALLS	\$1,035,000	Detached	0.69	22066	BRADLEY OAKS
1015 RIVA RIDGE DR	4	3	1	GREAT FALLS	\$1,016,000	Detached	0.46	22066	LOCKMEADE
10892 WOODLEAF LN	6	4	1	GREAT FALLS	\$985,000	Detached	2.05	22066	WOODLEAF
11128 BOWEN AVE	4	2	1	GREAT FALLS	\$979,000	Detached	0.65	22066	TIMBERLAKE ESTATES SOUTH
1300 LYONS ST	5	3	0	GREAT FALLS	\$880,000	Detached	0.51	22066	KENMORE
9710 LOCUST HILL DR	5	4	0	GREAT FALLS	\$860,000	Detached	0.50	22066	HAVER HILL
907 HARRIMAN ST	5	3	1	GREAT FALLS	\$820,000	Detached	0.52	22066	HICKORY CREEK
636 WALKER RD	4	2	0	GREAT FALLS	\$800,000	Detached	2.14	22066	NONE
11908 HOLLY SPRING DR	4	3	1	GREAT FALLS	\$775,000	Detached	0.51	22066	HOLLY KNOIL
1016 CHALLEDON RD	5	3	0	GREAT FALLS	\$733,000	Detached	0.46	22066	LEXINGTON ESTATES
9113 WEANT DR	3	2	1	GREAT FALLS	\$675,000	Detached	1.13	22066	WEANT
10734 SUGAR MEADOW CT	5	3	1	GREAT FALLS	\$610,000	Detached	0.34	22066	GREAT FALLS FOREST
10611 CAVALCADE ST	3	2	0	GREAT FALLS	\$600,000	Detached	0.59	22066	LEXINGTON ESTATES
30105 MERCHANT CT	4	3	1	GREAT FALLS	\$550,000	Detached	0.27	22066	GREAT FALLS FOREST
10605 OXFORD CT	4	2	1	GREAT FALLS	\$549,900	Detached	0.24	22066	GREAT FALLS FOREST
10329 YORKTOWN CT	4	2	1	GREAT FALLS	\$535,000	Detached	0.27	22066	GREAT FALLS FOREST
11833 BROCKMAN LN	4	2	1	GREAT FALLS	\$510,000	Detached	0.23	22066	GREAT FALLS FOREST

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Summer Slowdown, Increase in Pipeline

July home sales dip, more transactions in the pipeline.

Home sale closings took a nearly 5 percent dip in July with 2,209 closings compared to 2,322 closings one year ago in the Northern Virginia Association of Realtors® footprint. This consists of Fairfax and Arlington counties, Falls Church and Alexandria. The silver lining for last month is found in the 2,889 pending transactions, a more than 14 percent increase when compared to the 2,529 pendings one year ago. “This could be an indicator of some strong months of sales activity ahead, yet with political campaigns heating up, this is not guaranteed,” said NVAR Chairman Virgil Frizzell. “In spite of fewer listings and sales, the transaction traffic did pick up, especially in the middle-priced homes, ranging from \$400,000 to \$800,000. Summer typically trails our spring market, as this data shows.” According to Gary Lange of Weichert, Realtors® in Vienna, “There are plenty of buyers out there, but the challenge we have is that some inventory has been on for a while.” Buyers are discerning, he explained, and are reluctant to select homes that need work or are not priced realistically. “Homes that show well and are priced right are getting snatched up sometimes in competitive bidding situations,” he said. The first half of July was slower and the last two weeks of July were frenzied, explained Lange. “Sellers aren’t giving away their homes, but buyers aren’t letting the lack of inventory pressure

HOME SALES	Percent Change	2016	2015
Detached	-6.82%	1,029	1,191
Attached	-6.32%	696	946
Condos & Co-ops	9.17%	372	377
Total	-4.97%	2,100	2,322
Average Days On Market	2.59%	41	49
New Pending Sales	2.37%	2,889	1,965
All Pending Sales	14.21%	2,898	2,529
ACTIVE LISTINGS			
Detached	-12.18%	2,999	3,193
Attached	-19.42%	917	1,124
Condos & Co-ops	-15.74%	1,391	1,604
Total	-14.81%	4,608	5,921
Months Supply	-10.55%	2.26	2.52
SALES PRICE			
Average	-9.17%	1,565,567	1,565,559
Median	2.92%	1,510,000	1,468,600
YEAR TO DATE			
YTD Homes Sold	1.85%	12,676	12,497
YTD Sales Volume	1.85%	17,192,562,476	16,967,774,719
YTD Average Sales Price	0.99%	1,560,000	1,560,281

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them into paying more than they have to or buy a home that doesn’t meet their needs,” he said NVAR CEO Ryan Conrad pointed out that not only presidential campaign seasons slow down the housing market in Northern Virginia, but the affordable housing shortage does, too. “We know some renters might be sidelined by their debt-to-income ratios, but the reality of 3.5 percent interest rates should provide a great incentive,” he said. Even low or no down payment mortgage options are increasing in today’s market.” According to Moon Choi of RE/MAX Executives in Fairfax, rental prices are continuing to rise based on renter demand. He confirmed that houses in the middle price ranges move quickly. “I had first-time-buyer clients whose price range was \$400,000~\$430,000, and they finally got a home after losing out on several homes in the last three months,” he said. “A couple of my other buyers in a similar price range are still searching. They prefer to buy now rather than wait and see.”

Dean A. Reuter to Speak at the Great Falls Senior Center Event

The Great Falls Senior Center has announced Dean A. Reuter Vice President and Director of the Practice Groups for the Federalist Society will be a guest speaker for the Constitution Event on Sept. 6. Reuter has served in two federal government agency Offices of the Inspector General, as Counsel to the Inspector General, and Deputy Inspector General, responsible for policing the legal use of federal funds granted and contracted through those agencies. As such, Reuter helped to conduct and oversee criminal investigations across the country. He is a graduate of Hood College, and the University of Maryland School of Law. The Sept. 6 constitution event will be held at The Grange, 9818 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and includes lunch. Reservations are a must. Contact Polly Fitzgerald at pollyfitz1@verizon.net or call 703-759-4345. Visit gfseniors.org.

Historic Marker to Commemorate 1814 Potomac Crossing

An unveiling of an interpretive historic marker commemorating the 1814 Potomac crossing of President James Madison and Secretary of State James Monroe during the British invasion of the City of Washington will take place at Riverbend Park Saturday, Aug. 27, at 10 a.m. The event is sponsored by the Fairfax County History Commission, Fairfax County Park Authority and Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. The public is invited to attend. There is no charge and light refreshments will be provided. For further information contact the Park Authority at 703-324-8662 or Carole Herrick at 703-356-8223.

McLean Fall Community Garage Sale Coming Sept. 10

The McLean Community Center will hold its annual Fall Community Garage Sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Saturday, Sept. 10. The sale will take place at 1420 Beverly Road. Admission to the sale and parking are free. The sale will offer shoppers the opportunity to purchase a wide variety of household items, toys, electronics, glassware, clothing, baby items, collectibles and more at bargain prices. A limited number of selling spaces remain and can be purchased for \$45. Individuals selling personal items and some commercial vendors may participate. For more information, or to reserve a display space, call the Center at 703-790-0123, TTY: 711, or visit: www.mcleancenter.org/special-events and register online using activity number 2001.216. The deadline to apply is Wednesday, Sept. 7, or until sold out. This event has been made possible with the support of General As-sets, Inc., Giant Food and McLean Properties.

Project Proposals Sought for VolunteerFest 2016

Does your area nonprofit or government agency need some volunteer power to accomplish a Wish List project? Volunteer Fairfax seeks project proposals for VolunteerFest, a National Day of Service. Visit http://www.volunteerfairfax.org/non-profits/volunteerfest.php to submit a *project proposal by Sept. 12. Must be a VF Partner or Associate member to submit. VolunteerFest mobilizes hundreds of volunteers of all shapes and sizes to help nonprofits in our neighborhoods tackle tasks that they would not have the time, or resources, to accomplish on their own. Want to volunteer at a project? Volunteer registration opens Sept. 19. Save the date: Oct. 22.

FAITH NOTES

- Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community. Send to vienna@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday at noon.

St. Francis Episcopal Church, 9220 Georgetown Pike in Great Falls, offers musical, educational, outreach and fellowship ministries in addition to worship services, including an 8 a.m.
- worship service without music and a 10 a.m. worship service with nursery care available during the summer. 703-759-2082.

The Jewish Social Services Agency (JSSA) offers a wide variety of support groups for those with emotional, social, and physical challenges. www.jssa.org/growth-learning.

Helping Local Businesses Add Nearly 600 Jobs

During the second quarter of 2016, the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority [FCEDA] provided services and resources to 38 businesses that are adding 585 jobs in Fairfax County. Many of these businesses are in technology sectors and professional services, and five are foreign-based firms using a Fairfax County location to expand in North America.

Through the first half of the year, the FCEDA has worked with companies adding more than 2,300 jobs.

The FCEDA works with companies ranging from global technology firms to startups, many of which are minority-, woman-, or veteran-owned. In the second quarter, ServiceSource, a non-profit that provides employment and support services to residents with disabilities, announced it would add 195 jobs.

"We are proud to do business in one of the most dynamic, diverse and economically strong counties in the nation," said ServiceSource President and CEO Janet Samuelson. "Our location also allows us close proximity to our valued federal and commercial customers."

Among other companies displaying significant job

growth in the second quarter:

- ❖ Aerotek of Fairfax, which specializes in IT staffing, adding 70 jobs.

- ❖ Vectrus of Reston, offering support services to government and commercial customers, adding 30 jobs.

- ❖ 3Pillar Global of Fairfax, which develops customer-management software, adding 28 jobs.

"We are building a diversified, technology-based economy in Fairfax County, and we are proud to have employers that can take advantage of our strong economic base to provide job opportunities in a wide range of sectors and to residents of all skill-sets and abilities," said Gerald L. Gordon, Ph.D., president and CEO of the FCEDA.

The Fairfax County Economic Development Authority promotes Fairfax County as a business and technology center. The FCEDA offers site location and business development assistance, and connections with county and state government agencies, to help companies locate and expand in Fairfax County.

Click here <<<http://www.fairfaxcountyeda.org/2016-business-announcements>>> to see a list of companies that worked with the FCEDA in April, May and June 2016 and are adding 585 jobs to the Fairfax County economy.

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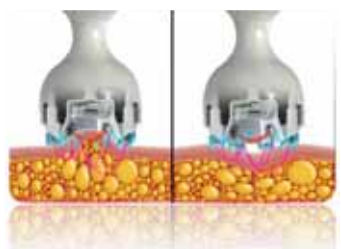
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OPINION

Election 2016: Much at Stake Nationally, Locally

Possible record turnout should motivate more early voting.

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 8, and in some ways that seems like it can't possibly come soon enough. On Election Day in Virginia, polls are open from 6 a.m. - 7 p.m., but early voting begins Sept. 23, about five weeks from now, and voters should have plenty of motivation to vote early.

It's hard to articulate how much is at stake in the coming election, and it's not just about the choices for U.S. President. Turnout will be extremely high, if not record breaking.

Nearly 32 percent of voters nationally voted before Election Day in 2012, according to census data, compared with just under 30 percent in 2008 and 20 percent in 2004, the New York Times reported.

There are 19 valid reasons to vote absentee in Virginia, with one that applies to almost everyone who commutes to work. If you could be working and commuting to and from home for 11 or more hours between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Election Day, you qualify to vote "absentee in person." If you vote absentee in-person you will fill out the application when you arrive at the in-person absentee location.

The deadline to register to vote on Election Day is Oct. 17.

Visit the Virginia Department of Elections website to check that you are registered or call Fairfax County Elections office at 703-222-0776.

Virginia has a stringent voter identification requirement, plan to bring photo identification with you to vote, whether that is absentee or on Election Day. Among accepted ID: valid Virginia Driver's License or Identification Card; valid Virginia DMV issued Veteran's ID card; valid U.S. Passport; other government-issued photo identification cards issued by the U.S. Government, the Commonwealth of Virginia, or a political subdivision of the Commonwealth; valid college or university student photo identification card from an institution of higher education located in Virginia; valid student ID issued by a public school or private school in Virginia displaying a photo; employee identification card containing a photograph of the voter and issued by an employer of the voter in the ordinary course of the employer's business. Any registered voter who does not possess one of the required forms of identification can apply for a free Virginia Voter Photo Identification from any general registrar's office in the Commonwealth. Voters applying for the Virginia Voter Photo ID Card will have to complete the Virginia Voter Photo Identification Card Application, have their picture taken, and sign the

EDITORIAL

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Zika Virus, No Problem!

To the Editor:

Representative Connolly's commentary about the Zika threat [The Connection, August 10-16, 2016] is a perfect example of why we are fed up with career politicians. There is no problem big enough that can't be solved by throwing taxpayer money at it. Zika virus in Virginia, no problem! We have a whole list of projects on which to "spend money responding to this growing public health crisis." Fairfax County is currently spending 2.75¢ for every \$100 of our property assessments, to tear out efficient storm drains, replacing them with swamps and ponds to incubate mosquitos. That's because the politicians thought that too much deer poop and lawn fertilizer was washing into the Potomac. Now we can fund research programs to figure out how to keep those swamps and ponds from producing mosquitos. Your editorial by Mary Kimm, on

the same page, mentions the 1,063 structurally deficient bridges in Virginia and the "lapses" in Metro maintenance for 40 years. Where did all the funding go that was collected and programmed for those projects? Where did the gas tax money go? Maybe we should "develop" another lottery, like we did for missing education funds. Career politicians are the problem. No research or development study is necessary!

Gene Phillip
Great Falls

Disappointing Sanitation

To the Editor:

I attended the 4 H Fair & Carnival two years ago and may not go again. I should have written you about this sooner but got distracted. I was very disappointed in the sanitation and hope it got better. I would hope someone would have noticed the same thing as I did and had it corrected, but just

in case I will tell you what I discovered two years ago.

1) There were two hand washing stations outside the animal petting building. One of them you had to hold the faucet on as you used it. How could you properly wash your hands holding the faucet handle on? The second faucet handle was so loose, it would not turn on.

2) There was another hand washing station about 60 to 70 feet away from the baby chicken handling exhibit. This hand washing station was poorly labeled, too far from the baby chicken exhibit, you had to hold the faucet handle on, and it had no soap. There was a bulletin about 2 years ago about

Ramping Up to Election Day

- ❖ **Sept. 23:** In-Person Absentee Voting Begins
- ❖ **Oct. 17:** Voter Registration Deadline - In-Person: 5 p.m., Online: 11:59 p.m.
- ❖ **Nov. 1:** Last Day to Apply for an Absentee Ballot by Mail, Fax, Email or Online: 5 p.m.
- ❖ **Nov. 5:** Final Day for In-Person Absentee Voting
- ❖ **Nov. 8:** Absentee Ballot Return Deadline: 7 p.m.
- ❖ **Nov. 8:** Election Day, Polls Open 6 a.m. - 7 p.m.

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While the Presidential election will take top billing, every seat in the U.S. Congress is on the ballot, with one hotly contested race in Northern Virginia.

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— MARY KIMM

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the hazards of children handling baby chickens, you probably read it. It was quite explicit in stating that you must take appropriate precautions when handling baby chickens and recommended against it.

3) Here is the good news, the stand alone restroom by the park entrance has warm water, a motion sensor activated faucet, soap and paper towels.

So at least there was one correctly functioning hand wash station.

4) There were mosquitos breeding in puddles by the carnival.

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COMMUNITY

Caregiving Events

September is Older Virginians' Mental Health Month and the county is hosting three community **presentations on caring for mental wellness**. Presenters are licensed county therapists and specialists in older adult wellness resources.

❖ Tuesday, Sept. 13, 11 a.m. to 12 noon

Herndon Senior Center – free and open to members and nonmembers, 873 Grace Street, Herndon

Call the Fairfax Area Agency on Aging at **703-324-5411** for registration and ADA accommodations.

❖ Monday, Sept. 19, 1-2 p.m.
George Mason Library, 7001 Little River Turnpike, Annandale

Call the Community Services Board's Public Information Line at **703-324-7006** for more information and ADA accommodations.

❖ Tuesday, Sept. 20, 1-2 p.m.

Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria

Call the Community Services Board's Public Information Line at **703-324-7006** for more information and ADA accommodations.

Fairfax County is offering a new **Caregiver Support Group** the first Wednesday of each month beginning **Sept. 7, 10 a.m.** at Calvary Hill Baptist Church, 9301 Little River Tnpk., Fairfax. Find out more at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/caregiver.htm under Community Caregiver Support Groups or call **703-324-5489**, TTY 711.

Fairfax County is offering a free Chronic Disease Self-Management program **Sept. 12-Oct. 17 (Mondays)**,

1-3 p.m. at The NeuroGrow Brain Fitness Center, 8280 Greensboro Dr., Ste. 240, McLean. Register beforehand or call **703-324-5489**.

Fairfax County's free **Family Caregiver Telephone Support Group** meets by phone on **Tuesday, September 13, 7-8 p.m.** We are having an open discussion on caregiving. Register beforehand at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices and click on Telephone Caregiver Support Group. Call **703-324-5484**, TTY 711.

The **Fairfax Commission on Aging** meets on **Wednesday, September 21** at noon at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Dr., Centreville. The public is welcome to attend and join in the comment period that begins each session. Find out more at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/coa.htm. Call **703-324-5403**, TTY 711 for meeting access needs.

Volunteer Opportunities

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

The **Providence Community Center Senior Program** in Fairfax is looking for an **ESL Instructor** weekdays. For these and other volunteer

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

The **Lincolnia Senior Center** in **Alexandria** is looking for Instructors for the following classes: **Chinese Brush Painting, Tai Chi, Yoga/Mat work**, core and weights, and **Aerobics**. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call **703-324-5406**, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

The **Gum Springs Senior Program** in **Alexandria** is looking for a **Line Dance Instructor**, once a week. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call **703-324-5406**, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

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

The **Little River Glen Senior Center** in **Fairfax** is in need of **front desk volunteers** and **instructors** for the following classes: **Qigong, Basic Language, Group Fitness, Basic Computer Skills, ASL and ESL**. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call **703-324-5406**, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

The **Wakefield Senior Center** in **Annandale** needs **Front Desk Volunteers** and a **Qigong Instructor**. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call **703-324-5406**, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

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Create a Back-to-School Game Plan

Educators tell how to make the transition less jarring.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

As a single mother of a fifth grade student, Christine Schull is already making back-to-school preparations. Her plans include more than purchasing notebooks, pencils and new shoes. She knows that she and her daughter will have to shift their schedules and prepare to get back into a scholastic mindset.

"She gets up early every day ... but because it is summer, she wants to go to bed late ... about two or three weeks out, I will be much more firm about her bed time," said Schull, assistant dean and professor of Early Childhood Education at Northern Virginia Community College in Alexandria. "Also, to start getting her academic muscles flexing, I usually supplement with some academic enrichment. I am hiring someone to work with her once a week just to give her a taste of what she will experience in

fifth grade."

Whether a child's summer is packed with camps and vacations or filled with lazy days and complaints about being bored, students often find the back-to-school transition to be challenging. From the prospect of reuniting with friends to getting reacquainted with homework, it is not uncommon for children to experience mixed emotions about jumping back into a busy fall schedule.

"Going back to school is really more than just a one-day event," said Dr. Lisa Turissini, Ed.D. assistant professor and chair of the Department of Education at Marymount University. "This type of transition is about the forming of a new habit. Brain researchers agree that the forming of a new habit also includes the breaking of an old one."

Having a conversation with children and assessing their feelings about returning to school is a good place to start, recommends Licensed Clinical Psychologist Jerome Short, Ph.D., associate professor of Psychology at George Mason University.

"Children have a variety of ways of thinking, feeling, and acting toward the upcoming transition back to school," he said. "Some children are optimistic and excited about school and are already preparing for

the first day. Others may be anxious or avoid thinking about a new school year, and may need more support, structure, and encouragement from parents to prepare themselves."

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Marymount University**

He encourages parents to listen to their children's concerns and expectations and empathize with their feelings. "Summarize what they tell you, and tailor your approach to their needs with their input,"

added Short.

It's not just children who may experience school anxiety. Some parents may be worried about their children starting a new school, changing schools, facing more rigorous academics or dealing with difficult social situations. "Fear of the unknown can cause anxiety," said Turissini. "Working with your children to build resilience and manage their emotions can be beneficial for the whole family. Children are extremely capable of dealing with change, and parents can help them by creating an environment at home that encourages them to share their feelings about returning to school."

Reconnecting or connecting with other parents and students for support can help with the transition. "Others may help motivate, empathize, or make school preparations fun," said Short. "There are opportunities to increase children's communication abilities and social skills if they spend time together on school tasks."

Planning ahead and establishing a regimented sleep schedule in August can help parents get their children acclimated to the early wake up times for the upcoming school year. "If you want your child to have

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PHOTO BY JAMES KEGLEY FOR NORWOOD SCHOOL
Science teacher Sarah Boor works with students at Norwood School. Educators say now is the time to prepare children for a return to school.

Back-to-School Game Plan

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a less painful transition back to a new school year, now is the time to take proactive measures to change your child's bedtime routine," said Turissini.

"...[It] gives their biological clock time to adjust so the transition is not so abrupt," she said. "A regular bedtime and wake up time will build the needed structure into a child's schedule, and this new habit will help [a child] to embrace the new routine that the school year brings."

"Don't do it all at once, do it gradually, said Mark R. Ginsberg, Ph.D., dean of the College of Education and Human Development at George Mason University. "Start with [moving your children's bed time] one-half hour earlier, then 15 minutes earlier."

Other recommend time adjustments include reestablishing routines that might have been lost during the summer. "If your summer has been schedule-free, get back to some of your old routines now. Start those regular family meal times or game nights," said Turissini.

In addition to rearranging sleep schedules, now is the time to tackle back-to-school shopping and schedule doctor visits. "Take a day to get those school clothes, school supplies, and backpacks purchased," said Turissini. "Make sure your child's physical exam is up to date. You know the school medical forms will be forthcoming."

Completing summer reading lists and other summer assignments can also get students ready to learn. "We want students to return to school learning ready, which means children should be reading for pleasure ... for about 30 minutes a day," said Karen O'Neill, head of Lower School at Norwood School. "Sustained reading is a skill that requires practice at home."

Parents can reinforce a child's interest in books by reading to their child or reading their own book while their children read. "Don't turn on the television in another room while your child reads," said Ginsberg. "Have a family reading hour. Modeling the behavior is powerful for the child." He suggests setting challenging and achievable goals and being mindful of those that could prove unrealistic. "Start with 20

minutes of reading and then increase it from there," he said.

"At least one week before the first day of school, create the morning routine that will allow your child to arrive at school with time to organize belongings, chat with friends, and create a mindset for learning," said O'Neill.

Invite children's participation when creating a back-to-school plan. "From my own experience as a parent and educator, it's best to engage them in a conversation, rather than telling them what to do," said Ginsberg. "Rather than being directive, be collaborative with the child. Ask them what it is that they think they need to do to get themselves ready."

Going from a carefree summer to a structured school year packed with activities can be jarring for some students. To ease the blow, Turissini suggests having candid conversations about the upcoming school schedule and ways in which the family can establish balance.

"Create a family calendar of school, extracurricular, and family activities," she said. "Allow for some downtime on the calendar for each child so they can choose to do whatever it is they would like. Kids don't inherently know how to add balance to their lives, so as a parent, it is important to look for the opportunities to model balance at home, work, school, and personal pursuits."

To ease anxiety about back-to-school transportation, Michele Claeys, associate head of school and head of middle school for Norwood School, suggests "if your child walks to school or takes a bus, walk the route together or check out the bus stop together." Whether traveling by car or bus or on foot, talk about what the schedule will look like on school mornings, including any chores that have to be done before leaving the house. Consider inviting your child to write out a schedule for the morning, including the time needed for each task.

Claeys also recommends taking time to review the curriculum for the upcoming year with your children, if it is available, and talk about some of the things they will be learning. "Hopefully this will inspire excitement about all the learning to come," she said.

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Considering a Private School?

Educational consultants can help families navigate application process.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

For families considering an independent school for the 2017-2018 school year, the admissions process begins this fall. From essays and interviews to school visits and standardized tests, the process for getting into kindergarten

may feel nearly as daunting as applying to college.

Narrowing down the vast field of potential schools to find the best fit, completing the application and securing a slot at one of the area's top private schools are all challenging tasks. That's why many families rely on an educational consultant to help them understand and navigate through the

entire process.

"Schools have as varied personalities as students do," said Mark H. Sklarow, CEO of the Independent Educational Consultants Association (IECA) in Fairfax. "Level of competitiveness, exploration versus memorization, independence versus group work, philosophies of learning, uses of technology, requirements in sports and the

arts ... the list goes on."

When choosing a consultant, avoid those who guarantee that they can obtain admission to a particular school or secure a specific dollar amount in scholarship funding, advises Sklarow. Additionally, educational consultants should not complete admission application forms or write or re-

write student essays.

An educational consultant's role is to guide students and parents through the admissions process. Consultants usually begin by meeting with families and getting to know the child's educational needs, identify strengths and weaknesses, and consider their interests and dislikes. Ideally, consultants combine the information they glean from their conversations with the family with their knowledge of area schools to help families decide on schools that are a good fit.

"Consultants can help families select a school that is the right fit. 'Parents need to be realistic about their child's strengths and weaknesses and learning style,' said Mimi Mulligan, assistant head and director of Admission and Enrollment Management for Norwood School. 'All independent schools offer fine academic programs, but we each have a unique school culture.'"

Consultants aim to give students and families unbiased advice and recommendations based on their professional judgment of a student's needs and abilities. Consultants who are IECA members, for example, have "visited hundreds of campuses to understand the culture beyond the numbers to ensure such a successful pairing," said Sklarow.

Sklarow advises families to begin working with an independent educational consultant during the academic year before the year they plan to apply to an independent school.

SCHOOL NOTES

Send school notes to north@connectionnewspapers.com by noon on Friday.

Emma Leiken, a 2012 McLean High School graduate, earned Fulbright grant. She graduated from Oberlin College in May 2016.

Brandon Bast, of Great Falls, graduated from The University of Tampa on May 7. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science in sport management and a minor in marketing.

Savannah Kathleen McBride was awarded an \$8,000 four-year Fraternal College Scholarship in a national competition by Modern Woodmen of America. She is the daughter of Stephen and Lezlie McBride, McLean. She plans to attend Reed College in Portland, Ore.

Dov Cohen, of Vienna, received a bachelor of arts degree from The College of Wooster during commencement exercises in May 2016.

Neal Daniel Dawson, of Vienna, graduated from Averett University in May 2016 with a master of business administration degree.

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NOVA Yankees were crowned as Masters League Champions. From left: Eric Townsend, Bill Kirkendale and Dan Emory.



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Local Charity Wins Big at Wiffle Ball World Series

Waters Field was the center of attention on Saturday, August 6th, for the 21st Annual Northern Virginia Wiffle Ball World Series [NVWWS]. The event, sponsored by Vienna Youth Inc., the Greater Vienna Babe Ruth League, and the Joe Cassella Foundation, looked to continue the legacy of Brian Bedell, the Vienna native to whom this tournament is dedicated.

Forty-Eight teams, ranging from rising seventh graders to forty and older, made their way to Waters Field at 8 a.m., stepping onto the hallowed competition grounds known as "The Field of Dreams." The opening ceremonies began with an introduction speech by Jodi Leigh of The Leigh Agency, who has been organizing the event for the last five years, and guest speakers, including: Todd Casey from the VYI Board of Directors, Bill Scopa from Greater Vienna Babe Ruth, Frank Cassella from the Joe Cassella Foundation, as well as Past Chairman of the 2-Young Foundation and long time tourney-participant, Michael Ryan. Abby Miller, a Loudoun local who is one of the nation's leading advocates for childhood cancer awareness, performed the National Anthem. Distinguished guests included Vienna Town Council members Carey Sienicki, Linda Jane Colbert, and Howard Springsteen.

The NVWWS featured a four-tiered bracket, spanning four divisions of play, including a Kid's League, Minors, Majors, and Masters respectively, each crowing their own distinct champion before facing off for the overall title. Additional activities throughout the sunny afternoon included moon bounces, face painting, various games, snow cones and even

a silent auction, which provided entertainment for all ages, with food and drink catered by the Vienna Inn keeping everyone well nourished.

The Van Metre Road to the Final Four ended with Vienna American as the Kids League Champion, Redwood Wiffle Jam as the Minors League Champion, Fast Plastic as the Majors League Champion, and the NOVA Yankees as Masters League Champions. Following a brief rain delay, the overall championship tournament concluded in grand fashion, for the first time ever, the winner was determined via the extra-innings home run derby. The NOVA Yankees, a long-time Masters League entry and underdog in the finals, squared off against Fast Plastic, three time champions of the NVWWS, with the NOVA Yankees hitting a walk-off homerun to hoist the Bedell/Cassella Cup. Long-time player and behind-the-scenes creative designer for the NVWWS, Frank Bilotto, was formally inducted into the NVWWS Hall of Fame this year for his continued dedication to the annual tournament.

The Joe Cassella Foundation is sincerely thankful for the incredible turnout for this year's tournament, and equally delighted with the large number of teams and sponsors that contributed to the success of the fundraiser.

The Joe Cassella Foundation is based in Leesburg, VA and its mission is to provide financial assistance for medical expenses to families of children who are ill in the Washington D.C. Metro area. This organization was born from the loss of an amazing man and inspired by the overwhelming support his family received throughout their journey. To find out more, go to www.JoeCassellaFoundation.org or visit us on Facebook!

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News

Holly Transfiguration Melkite Greek-Catholic Church volunteers Cathy Baroody, Proto Deacon David Baroody, and Mary Baroody arranged plates of Middle Eastern dishes at the church's 2015 annual food festival.

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THE CONNECTION



Middle Eastern Food & Culture

Middle Eastern Food Festival returns on Labor Day weekend.

Holly Transfiguration Melkite Greek-Catholic Church will host its 23rd annual Middle Eastern Food Festival, Sept. 3 and 4, on the church grounds — 8501 Lewinsville Road, McLean. The Festival will feature authentic Middle Eastern food, pastries, music and dancing, as well as vendors, church tours, and activities for both children and adults.

Join in the fun from 11 a.m. – 11 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 3 and 12 noon – 6 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 4. Smell the aromas from the outdoor grills, partake of Kibbee, Shish Kebab, Falafel, Fattoush, Hummus, and Stuffed Grape Leaves, or any number of other delicious menu choices, including a roast lamb dinner at 6 p.m. Saturday evening and all day on Sunday. Then relax with a cup of Arabic coffee and mouth-watering pastry. Choose from Arabic favorites, such as Baklava, Maamoul, Namoura, or Ghraybeh, or old-fashioned American sweets like cakes, cookies and pies.

Once you've satisfied your appetite, join in the Debke dance led by instructors, or participate in the backgammon tournament. Children, meanwhile, can enjoy the moon bounce, face painting, pony rides and the petting zoo, as well as participate in some of the many games going on throughout the Festival.



Heidi Kaska and Nancy Betress show off some of the 20,000 pieces of sweets for sale at the Middle Eastern Food Festival held over the 2015 Labor Day weekend in McLean.

The Festival will be held rain or shine. Admission and parking are free. To learn more, call 703-734-9566 or visit www.MiddleEasternFoodFestival.com.

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Rachel Spicknall Mulford in Travelling Players' production of 'Snow White.'

'Snow White' at Riverbend Park

Travelling Players perform 'Snow White' with a comedic twist.

Traveling Players Ensemble performs "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," an original adaptation of the classic fairytale, at Riverbend Park on Thursday, Aug. 25 at 7:30 p.m.. Check out Traveling Players' Commedia Troupe as they take this classic tale of miners, stepmothers, mirrors and apples and infuse it with the hilarious improvisational tradition of Commedia dell'Arte. The company has mounted many performances at Riverbend over the years, ranging from Shakespeare's "Macbeth" and "Romeo & Juliet" to the Commedia dell'Arte comedies "The Tragic Events" and "The Picture." Traveling Players Ensemble is a summer theater camp for teens whose mission is to bring great theatre into the great outdoors. "Snow White" is presented by the camp's advanced Commedia Troupe, which rehearses for four weeks, then hits the road for a nine-day tour throughout Virginia, camping, hiking and performing outside. Other stops on the tour include the Skyland Amphitheater [Luray, Virginia], The Madeira School, [McLean, Virginia], and the Playbooth Theatre [Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia]. Traveling Players Ensemble was founded in 2003 with the mission to enhance problem-solving skills, self-reliance, self-expression, and a heightened appreciation of both challenges and beauty by bringing great theatre into the great

outdoors. The program reflects the origins of theatre, when troupes of actors roamed the ancient and medieval countryside, relying on the barest props and boldest imagination to convey their art. Traveling Players performers follow this tradition in touring by bus and backpack, performing Shakespeare outdoors in beautiful and historic places. Traveling Players was selected by the National Endowment for the Arts [NEA] as a Summer School in the Arts, one of only 25 in the nation to receive this honor. Traveling Players has also performed at the Kennedy Center's Millennium Stage. Traveling Players has also been honored as one of the best community-based nonprofits in the DC Metropolitan area in the Greater Washington Catalogue for Philanthropy. Traveling Players is supported in part by the Arts Council of Fairfax County, the Virginia Commission for the Arts, and the National Endowment for the Arts. Traveling Players has Cityline Partners, LLC as a corporate sponsor for 2016. Traveling Players Ensemble is in residence at Lake Fairfax Park in Reston. Throughout the school year, the company offers weekend classes in classical acting, improvisation, mask, and movement. Running time 75 minutes. Free and open to the public. Appropriate for children age 8 and up. For more information, visit www.travelingplayers.org or call 703-987-1712.

CALENDAR

Send announcements to connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/. Deadline is Friday at noon for the following week's paper. Photos/artwork encouraged.

ONGOING

Cirque du Soleil "Kurios." July 21 to Sept. 18. Tysons II, The Lerner Town Center, 8025 Galleria Drive, Tysons Corner. \$39-\$170. 1-877-924-7783. cirquedusoleil.com/kurios.

Cindy Dibbs Exhibit. Aug. 1-31. Katie's Coffe House, 760 Walker Road, Great Falls. Photographs from "Seasons." 703-759-4673.

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/>

Great Falls Farmers Market. Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 778 Walker Road Great Falls. <http://greatfallsfarmersmarket.org/>

SATURDAY/AUG. 20.

Vienna's County Fair. Noon-4 p.m. Freeman Store, 131 Church St. NE, Vienna. farm animals, crafts, a home grown garden fruits and vegetables competition, a bike decorating contest for kids, living history re-enactors, and old-fashioned music and games. 703-938-5187.

SUNDAY/AUG. 21

The 19th Street Band. 6-8 p.m. Great Falls Village Centre Green, Great Falls. The 19th Street Band has followed the traditions of The Carter Family and The Kingston Trio while also integrating modern elements of Americana, Country, and Rock 'n Roll. <http://www.celebrategreatfalls.org/concerts-on-the-green/>.

Ellis Paul with Dave Navarro. 4 p.m. Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave. E, Vienna. jamminjava.com.

SUNDAY/AUG. 28

The Beat Hotel. 6-8 p.m. Great Falls Village Centre Green, Great Falls. New Orleans Mardi Gras Swamp Funk. <http://www.celebrategreatfalls.org/concerts-on-the-green/>.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 1

Paint the Town Reception. 4-6 p.m. 115 Pleasant St. NW. Vienna. Vienna Arts Society members exhibition. ViennaArtsSociety.org.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 4

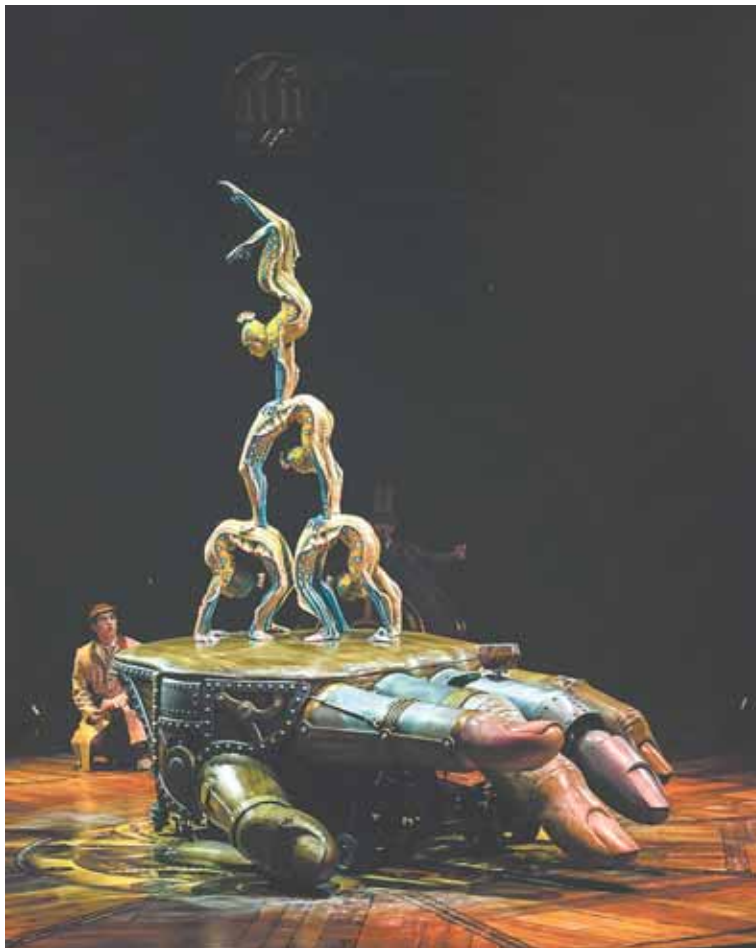
The Alan Scott Band. 6-8 p.m. Great Falls Village Centre Green, Great Falls. A combination of driving, danceable rock combined with time-honored blues, funk, and Brit Pop influences. <http://www.celebrategreatfalls.org/concerts-on-the-green/>.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 11

Mike Terpak Blues Explosion. 6-8 p.m. Great Falls Village Centre Green, Great Falls. <http://www.celebrategreatfalls.org/concerts-on-the-green/>.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 17

Model Trains and Thomas Open House. 1-5 p.m. Historic Vienna Train Station, 231 Dominion Road NE, Vienna. See and hear model



Contortion, Cirque du Soleil "Kurios," at Tysons II, The Lerner Town Center, 8025 Galleria Drive, July 21 to Sept. 18, 2016.

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The Curiosistanians, Cirque du Soleil "Kurios," at Tysons II, The Lerner Town Center, 8025 Galleria Drive, July 21 to Sept. 18, 2016.

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SATURDAY/OCT. 15

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Model Trains and Thomas Open House. 1-5 p.m. Historic Vienna Train Station, 231 Dominion Road NE, Vienna. See and hear model trolleys and steam and diesel trains plus Thomas and some of his friends. layout reflects the mountainous terrain and towns of Western North Carolina with award winning structures. Free. nvmmr.org. 703-938-5157.

PUBLIC NOTICE

McLean Community Center Governing Board

Public Hearing on FY 2018 Budget

(July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018)

Monday, Sept. 12, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. at the Center

Residents who wish to speak at the Public Hearing are asked to call 703-790-0123, TTY: 711, to be placed on the speakers' list. Copies of the draft budget proposal will be available during the public hearing.

Written comments may be delivered to the Center's address (shown below,) marked "Attention: Executive Director," or sent by email to feedback@mcleancenter.org. Written comments may be provided after the public hearing up through Monday, Sept. 26.

Date Change: The date of the **Finance Committee Meeting of the Whole (MOW)**, a full board budget work session, has been changed to **Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.**, at the Center. The MOW will be preceded by a brief Special Meeting of the Governing Board at 7 p.m.

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Wednesday July 27, firefighters responded to the fire around 11 a.m. on the 12100 block of Fairfax Hunt Road.

Police to Release Name of Two-Year-Old Murder Victim

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

Despite pleas from the girl's family, Fairfax County Police will soon release the name of the young victim who was found dead along with the body of Roy Eugene Rumsey, 58, at the scene of a house fire in Fairfax on July 27.

"We're trying to be sympathetic to the family," said Maj. Ed O'Carroll, director of the police Public Affairs Bureau.

O'Carroll said police have received "dozens of calls" from the family, friends of the family and the family's legal counsel, asking them to not release the name.

But on advice from the County Attorney, Fairfax County Police Chief Ed Roessler decided to move forward with the release.

"What we've been doing for decades is still accurate," O'Carroll said, "sharing the names of homicide victims."

O'Carroll confirmed Rumsey — the girl's father — murdered her, set the house on fire, then killed himself.

The department has grappled with the name release; it's unusual for there to be such a young victim.

"It's tragic for everyone," O'Carroll said.

Virginia state senator and lawyer Scott Surovell (D-36) is representing the family of the dead child.

"The family is devastated by the sudden loss of their beautiful two-year-old baby," Surovell said in a statement. "She was an incredibly happy, vibrant and loving child. She will be forever missed. The family thanks you for respecting their privacy at this time."

Regardless the girl's age, O'Carroll said the case is still a homicide, and "the community has the right to know" the name of the victim.

Surovell declined to comment beyond the statement.

BULLETIN BOARD

To have community events listed in the Connection, send to connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/. The deadline for submissions is noon on Friday.

WEDNESDAY/ AUG. 24

Finance Committee Meeting of the Whole

7:30 p.m. at The McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Avenue. Governing Board encourages residents of Small District 1A-Dranesville who have suggestions, comments or concerns regarding the Center's FY 2018 budget to attend this meeting. At this meeting chaired by MCC Governing Board Treasurer Paul Kohlenberger, the full board will continue work on the FY 2018 budget, which began with a staff presentation at a July Finance Committee meeting. Call: 703-790-0123 or Visit: www.mcleancenter.org

WEDNESDAY/SATURDAY/SEPT. 7-10

Quarterly Book Sale. Friends of the Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library will hold Quarterly Book Sale. Books and media for all interests and ages. Wednesday 1 - 5 p.m.; Thursday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Friday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Bag sale/half price sale - \$7 per bag. Saturday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Smaller scale weekly book sale. 7700 Leesburg Pike Falls Church. TysonsLibraryFriends@gmail.com 703-338-3307

MONDAY/SEPT. 12

Public Hearing on the FY 2018 Budget 7:30 p.m. t The McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Avenue. The hearing will give residents another opportunity to review and comment on the Center's FY 2018 budget. District residents who wish to speak at the public hearing are asked to call 703-790-0123, TTY: 711, to have their names placed on a speakers' list. In addition, written comments may be sent to the Governing Board by mail (address to: McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean VA 22101), fax (703-556-0547) or E-mail (George.sachs@fairfaxcounty.gov).

ONGOING

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

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