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## Inmates Explore Ways Back to Community

**Inmate Resource Fair at Fairfax Adult Detention Center helps inmates overcome hurdles upon release.**

BY ALEXANDRA TECCO  
THE CONNECTION

**T**occara Puller moves table to table at the Inmate Resource Fair at the Fairfax Adult Detention Center on Tuesday, Sept. 20. Puller and the small group of other female inmates make contacts with the 20 vendors in attendance which represent the diverse partnerships the Sheriff's Office has made to help with their releases. Governmental agencies, businesses, non-profits all come together in the single room to share pamphlets, flyers and individualized advice for the 200 inmates, male and female, some of whom are veterans, that will visit the fair by the end of the day.

The partnerships, sitting behind tables lining the grey and beige painted room, help with the vast array of hurdles the inmates will face upon release: food, shelter, clothing, medical care, mental health care, employment, transportation, acquiring job skills and overcoming stigma.

"This is a great program," explains Fairfax County Sheriff Stacey Kincaid. "Anytime we have an opportunity to help men and women get the services they need it's a great feeling. We help them realize that every day is a new opportunity."

**PULLER** leaves the fair with a stack of papers, "info on groups to help," she explains. It's info that's useful to every inmate when they're about to be released. "if they can take it seriously then they can be successful," she says.

Puller has participated in many programs during her two years. She joined book club, has been studying for her CDL and has plans in three years to be "working for a company, have a 401k, be stable and collecting paychecks," Puller explains.

They are simple goals, but meeting these basic needs are often the difference between thriving upon release and recidivism.

"Some leave here with nothing but the bag of personal belongings they came in with," explains Lieutenant Jaime Popik, Supervisor of Inmate Programs and Recreation. That means no connections in the community, no support structure and lacking the means to acquire food and shelter. The inmates will also leave with the stigma of being incarcerated and trying to move back into the community, to be someone's neighbor, explains Popik, which means they often feel that they have no ties.

Popik hopes the community keeps an open



**Whittina McLilly, Re-Entry and Family Services Program Manager with OAR (Opportunities, Alternatives and Resources), speaking with an inmate at the fourth Inmate Resource Fair at the Fairfax Adult Detention Center.**



**Pablo Chavez and Brian White, Program Coordinators with the Virginia DMV, help an inmate apply for identification. IDs help with everything from getting a job, to opening a bank account or even visiting a hospital, Chavez and White explain.**

mind, giving the inmates a second chance.

"Think of them as family," Popik explains, "who had the worst day of their life and made a horrible decision. They're just normal human beings who made mistakes."

For Puller, the fair helps build upon the resources she acquired during the past two years. She received the medical assistance she needed, learned from the programs she participated in that those who had a hard

life can still rise above it. "These resources help people who don't have any light," Puller explains, thankful for the help.

**THE FAIR** has been growing slowly, a few more vendors each time the fair is held, Spring and Fall. For the March resource fair, next Spring, Popik is hoping for more mentoring opportunities. A chance to have a relationship with someone in the community once released. "Maybe next time someone

who does credit repair help," Puller suggests.

Northern Virginia is a unique area because the community is so active and supportive, Kincaid explains. "This is an opportunity to get involved," says Kincaid. When the Sheriff's Office visits the community it responds and "when offenders get out they share the resources that have helped them by word of mouth." Consequently, the circle of those that benefit from the fair grows larger than just the 200 attendees.



**Lauren Unger, Lead Workforce Specialist with Linden Resources, speaks with a female inmate. Linden and their partner PRS (Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services) host a monthly job club at the detention facility.**

PHOTOS BY ALEXANDRA TECCO/THE CONNECTION



# Police Investigating Two Related Burke Break-ins

**Victims assaulted with a machete**

BY TIM PETERSON  
THE CONNECTION

**W**hen Enas Ibrahim, her neighbor and other parents took their children to the bus stop in Burke on Friday morning, Sept. 23, they were greeted by Fairfax County Police cruisers in addition to the school bus.

Ibrahim lives in Keene Mill Woods II, a cozy community of condominiums she and her neighbor described as very safe. With the Rolling Valley Mall shopping plaza just around the corner at Old Keene Mill and Shiplett Blvds, they said there's a healthy police presence.

But on that Friday morning around 2 a.m., Fairfax County Police said four armed suspects forced entry into a home in the 6300 block of Birch Leaf Court, took property, and assaulted a 28-year-old man with a machete.

The suspects fled and the victim was taken to a hospital where he was treated for non-life-threatening injuries.

The same four suspects, police believe, then broke into a residence in the 6300 block of nearby Fenestra Court, assaulted a 62-year-old man with a machete and fled on foot to a waiting vehicle.

That victim also sustained non-life-threatening injuries and was taken to a local hospital.

"Police are always around," Ibrahim said, waiting with other parents to pick up their



IMAGE COURTESY OF FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE

**Fairfax County Police believe the same four men are responsible for assaulting and robbing two Burke residents at different locations, around 2 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 23.**

children at an intersection near where the first crime allegedly occurred.

"It never happens, anything like that."

Major Crimes Division detectives are investigating the cases, which police said are related. The two victims, acquaintances, were targeted. As such, detectives say there's no threat to public safety from the machete-wielding group.

Despite police saying all the suspects were clad in black clothing and wearing masks, they reported three of them were described as Hispanic, in their twenties, five-and-a-half feet tall, and weighing around 160 pounds.

The final suspect was described as a light-skinned African American in his twenties, six feet tall and weighing around 200 pounds.

Ibrahim said after dropping their children off, she and the other parents went home to an email from their community association with a brief report from police.

Each night since then, she said, everyone



**The first incident took place in the 6300 block of Birch Leaf Court, police said, in the Keene Mill Woods II neighborhood in the West Springfield police district. Four armed suspects forced entry into a home, took property, and assaulted a 28-year-old man with a machete.**

PHOTO BY TIM PETERSON/  
THE CONNECTION

in the neighborhood has kept their outdoor lights turned on.

As of going to print, FCPD spokesperson 2nd Lt. Brian Gaydos said there are no updates on the cases and detectives with the Major Crimes Division are continuing their investigations.

Anyone with information about either crime is encouraged to contact Detective Smit at 703-246-7800 or you may also con-

tact Crime Solvers of Fairfax County by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS (8477), via web-based email at [www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org](http://www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org) or, text "TIP187" plus your message\* to CRIMES (274637). Tipsters who provide their information through Crime Solvers are eligible for a cash reward of \$100 to \$1,000 if their information leads to an arrest. Tipsters remain anonymous and never have to give their names or appear in court.

## Complete the Circle FOODRaiser to Be Held Nov. 6

**Proceeds will benefit Britepaths and LCAC's efforts to assist struggling residents of the Fairfax County area.**

**C**ommunity members of all ages are preparing to gather to take a stand against hunger and need in the Fairfax County area at Britepaths' (formerly Our Daily Bread) and Lorton Community Action Center's (LCAC) Complete the Circle FOODRaiser, to be held from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 6 at South County Middle School (8700 Laurel Crest Drive, Lorton).

Individuals and groups are invited to register for this community event and service project. Participants will gather to create a unique "living picture" (image at top) that will be photographed from 100 feet above by artist Daniel Dancer of Art for the Sky. Participants are encouraged to register at

[www.CompletetheCircleFx.org](http://www.CompletetheCircleFx.org) by Sept. 30 to reserve their T-shirts (\$5 per shirt, \$10 for XXL) and ensure their team name is printed on the back of the T-shirt. On-line and in-person registration will still be available after that date, but T-shirts will not be guaranteed.

Attendees are asked to bring a donation of at least three food pantry items or a grocery store gift card. The pantry donations will create the perimeter of the Art for the Sky picture and will later be distributed to families in need who are served by Britepaths and Lorton Community Action Center.

More than 1,500 community members participated in the organizations' 2015 Complete the Circle event at Fairfax High

School, and they donated more than 11,000 pounds of food and supplies and more than \$1,000 worth of grocery store gift cards and financial donations to help needy families throughout the Fairfax County area. The goal for Complete the Circle 2016 is to have 1,500 participants, raise 15,000 pounds of food and \$10,000 in donations to help the working poor throughout the Fairfax County area.

A celebration with refreshments, children's games and entertainment, and live music will precede the photo shoot, featuring live music, children's activities, and refreshments. Individuals, families and groups are encouraged to participate, and sponsorships and in-kind donation opportunities are available. All proceeds will benefit Britepaths and LCAC's efforts to assist struggling residents of the Fairfax County area.

Britepaths' Executive Director Lisa Whetzel said, "Participating in Complete the Circle is a joyful way for community members to come together to be part of the solu-

tion to the very real problem of hunger and need in our midst. We welcome community members to join us that day and to start planning now to make the event even more meaningful by putting together a team of family, friends, coworkers or community group members to participate that day, and running a grocery gift card or food drive to help 'Complete the Circle' of giving and sharing."

LCAC Executive Director Linda Patterson said, "The donation of food and gift cards will enable both LCAC and Britepaths to help the hundreds of families we see each month who struggle to feed their families. More than 28,000 children in Fairfax County are food-insecure. We can change that through Complete the Circle, and I believe we will find that we all can make a difference to families in our community."

For more information, registration and a list of most-needed pantry donations, visit [www.CompletetheCircleFx.org](http://www.CompletetheCircleFx.org) or call 703-273-8829.



## NEWS

The Bog Band performs some lively, Irish tunes.



## A Bit of Ireland in Fairfax

The 21<sup>st</sup> annual CCE Irish Folk Festival was Saturday, Sept. 24, at the Sherwood Center.

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## Independent Police Auditor Marks History

**Kudos to Board of Supervisors for unanimous approval of independent police auditor; now on to the Civilian Review Panel.**

**T**he Fairfax County Board of Supervisors voted to create the position and office of independent police auditor on Tuesday, Sept. 20, creating the first civilian, independent oversight of law enforcement in Fairfax County. The unanimous vote demonstrated the board's commitment to the ongoing process that began early in 2015 when Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova established the 32-member Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission.

Police Chief Edwin Roessler expressed strong support for two key-stone recommendations of the Ad Hoc Commission, the auditor and the Civilian Review Panel, next up for consideration and implementation by the Board of Supervisors.

Many commission recommendations have already been approved, including the establishment of the Diversion First program providing treatment rather than jail for people in mental health crisis, development of an overriding use of force policy, and more transparency in police communications.

Independent oversight and civilian participation in reviewing police use of force, officer-involved shootings and citizen complaints will play a vital role in maintaining Fairfax County

Police Department's reputation as being one of the very best law enforcement organizations in the nation.

Some critics complain that the final language approving the auditor limits the independence of the office, but the auditor will be briefed on investigations contemporaneously, providing a window of oversight and sunshine not previously in place. There are more than 200 different civilian oversight structures around the country. While civilian oversight is a national best practice, the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing recommends that every community

have community oversight of police, with each community developing the model that is best locally.

Public Safety Committee chair John Cook (R-Braddock) is tasked with shepherding major recommendations through the Board of Supervisors. He pointed out that the specifics of the approval for the auditor are not locked in stone; revisions after a period of experience would not be surprising.

Recommendations by the Independent Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee for the Fairfax County model included establishing the Independent Police Auditor and establishing a Civilian Review Panel to respond to commu-

nity concerns or complaints about alleged incidents of abuse of authority by the FCPD.

The panel as proposed would not conduct investigations and would not be involved in the disciplinary process for any officer, but would review select investigations after they are complete. The panel would also not overlap duties with the auditor.

The panel could issue public reports, and meet with the auditor periodically, providing its views to the Board of Supervisors and the chief of police as to policy and practices changes that may be warranted. The panel could also hold periodic public forums around the county to gather information and suggestions about the FCPD, public perceptions and recommendations for policy and procedure, involving other police advisory committees and members of the Board of Supervisors as appropriate.

Indications are that there will be some modifications to the proposal for the Civilian Review Panel over the coming weeks. It's a good time for those with interest to tune in.

The board's Public Safety Committee will discuss the creation of a Civilian Review Panel at its next meeting, scheduled for Oct. 25 at 1 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center.

Read more at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/chairman/pdf/adhoc-final-10.8.15.pdf](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/chairman/pdf/adhoc-final-10.8.15.pdf)

— MARY KIMM

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*Mary Kimm served on the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission and continues to advocate for implementation of commission recommendations.*

### EDITORIAL

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Support the Meals Tax

To the Editor:

The referendum on the November 8 ballot in Fairfax County to permit a surcharge on prepared food (a "meals tax"), if approved, will bring Fairfax into conformity with its neighbors. Montgomery County (Md.), Arlington, Alexandria, Falls Church, The City of Fairfax and the towns of Herndon and Vienna already have this tax. They are thriving.

When approved and implemented, this new revenue source will bring in an additional \$100 Million a year. Somewhere between one-quarter and one third will come from visitors to Fairfax. This will ease pressure to raise property taxes to meet our needs, while maintaining and expanding the public services we value here.

I know I did not move to Fairfax because of the summer humidity or traffic congestion. I live and work here because of the strong jobs, communities, parks, libraries, public safety system, and the educational resources.

Since the recession and seques-

ter, Fairfax has been struggling to maintain what makes this a great place. Our excellence is at risk. Of course, it would be wonderful if the Commonwealth would meet its obligations to us, but they have consistently fallen short. This is the only new revenue available to us.

On November 8, I will vote and urge my friends and neighbors to vote YES on the meals tax referendum.

**Frank Blechman**  
Fairfax Station

## Running Away From Tough Budgetary Decisions

To the Editor:

The Fairfax Board of Supervisors is at it again. Real estate tax bills soar – and now a proposed meals tax — with not a word about attacking the County's expenditures. If the meals tax was offered as a way to reduce real estate taxes — up sharply by 26 percent in the last

five years — a thin rationale might exist. But it is just another revenue source that will be an unmistakably regressive tax falling heaviest on lower-income and fixed-income residents as well as thousands of foodservice employees. And you can count on the Board eventually wanting to hike a meals tax just like they have done with the real estate tax rate.

Instead of singing the now tedious, contrived chorus about "devastating" County schools and teachers, why don't the Board and FCPS focus on non-classroom administration and the Gatehouse Road bureaucracy? Why can't the Board establish zero-based priorities to identify reductions or elimination of marginal County programs? Instead of taxpayer relief, why is the answer always raising or introducing taxes? Since assessments in this area continue to rise, our tax bills escalate relentlessly without relief in sight. The Supervisors turn away from tough budgetary decisions. It is much easier for them to use the homeowner as a handy ATM machine to keep their coffers full. Enough is enough. Defeat the meals tax and force the Board instead to find

meaningful economies in the County budget.

**Dell Pendergrast**  
McLean

## Taking Exception on Ex-Convicts' Voting

To the Editor:

Every election, we go to the polls to choose the public servants most dedicated to public service and the public weal. Criminals proven beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law of public malice so inimical to the public good that our laws require them to be imprisoned have no place in this most sacred and public-spirited decision-making. To call their exclusion "repressive" ("Why Do Some Want Virginia To Be One of the Most Repressive States?," The Connection, September 7-13, 2016) disrespects the truly repressed, including the hundreds of thousands of these

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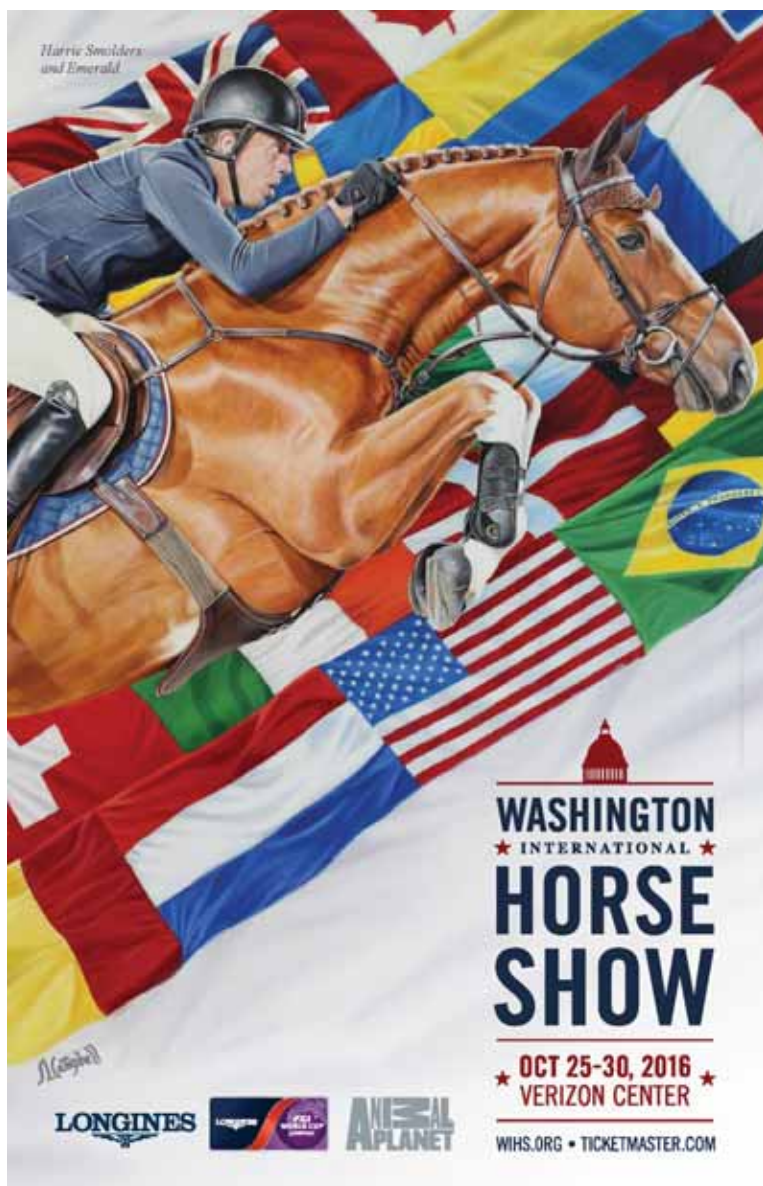
### ONGOING

**Burke Lake Seniors Golf League** seeks members. Interested golfers are invited to join the Burke Lake Seniors Golf League. Must be 55 and older, enjoy playing golf, meeting new people and having an all-around good time. Reserved tee times on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at the Par 3 Burke Lake Golf Course on Ox Road. Annual dues for the season – April 1 through October 31 – are \$20 plus green fees. For more information, call Charlie Ryan 703-690-4227.

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

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

**Respite Care** volunteers give family caregivers of a frail older adult a well-deserved break so they can go shopping, attend a doctor's appointment or just have coffee with a friend. Volunteers visit and oversee the safety of the older adult for a few hours each month. Support and training are provided. Contact 703-324-7577, TTY 711, or [Kristin.Martin@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Kristin.Martin@fairfaxcounty.gov).



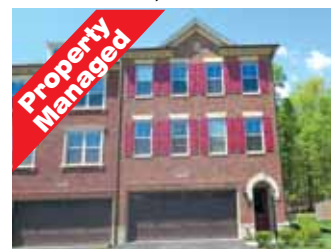
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**Virginia Opera's 'Pagliacci' (bottom to top): Kelly Kaduce as Nedda, Clay Hilley as Canio and Michael Chioldi as Tonio.**



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**Gabrielle Zucker, dancer performing in the role of Anna in Kurt Weill's 'The Seven Deadly Sins.'**

## Opening Season with Double Delight

**Virginia Opera brings  
'The Seven Deadly Sins'  
and 'Pagliacci' to the  
Center for the Arts.**

BY DAVID SIEGEL  
THE CONNECTION



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**Adam Turner, Virginia Opera, Principal Conductor and Artistic Advisor**

**V**irginia Opera opens its 25th season at the Center for the Arts with a fascinating double bill not previously seen in Northern Virginia.

The double-bill includes Kurt Weill's satire about unfettered capitalism "The Seven Deadly Sins." It is a work that includes both singing and dancing about two poverty-stricken sisters who take a journey across America. They fall prey to sins: Anger, Lust, Greed, Envy, Pride and Jealousy along with Hunger.

The second half of the twin-bill evening is a new production of "Pagliacci" by Leoncavallo. It is a tale about an actor playing a "clown" who nevertheless experiences the great burdens and sorrow, just like any other real person. And his burdens take place in a fast-paced all-consuming journey of jealousy and murder.

This is the sixth consecutive season featuring the "First of Firsts" series introducing local audiences to operas never performed by Virginia Opera, said Adam Turner, Virginia Opera's Principal Conductor and Artistic Advisor.

"Virginia Opera makes a bold repertory choice with this season's opener designed to pique the interest of both newcomers and seasoned opera goers alike," said Turner. "Virginia Opera is truly excited to present this unique pairing."

When asked why audiences who may not regularly attend opera should try the unique pairing of two operas, he said, "One of the first complaints I hear from folks about giving opera a try is: 'It's too long' or 'I won't understand, it's in another language.' 'The Seven Deadly Sins' is only 35 minutes in length, and it's sung in English."

### WHERE AND WHEN

Virginia Opera presents "The Seven Deadly Sins" & "Pagliacci" at the Center for the Arts, George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Performances: Saturday, Oct. 8, 2016 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 9, 2016 at 2 p.m. Tickets: \$54, \$90, \$110. Call 888-945-2468 or visit: [www.cfa.gmu.edu](http://www.cfa.gmu.edu)

Note: "The Seven Deadly Sins" will be performed in English with English supertitles. "Pagliacci" will be performed in Italian with English supertitles.

Note: Pre-opera discussion by Virginia Opera's Dr. Glenn "Dr. Opera" Winters 45 minutes before the curtain.

Turner went on to say that "Pagliacci" has "one of the most familiar and easy-to-follow stories of the entire opera repertory and it is only 80 minutes in length. With its highly dramatic storyline and incredibly powerful music, Leoncavallo's 'Pagliacci' is the perfect opera for a 'first-timer.'"

"Pagliacci" also features one of the most moving and well known tenor arias of all time; "Vesti la giubba." The aria is often used in pop culture and spoofs including in "The Simpsons." Even the band Queen used it.

"I am so excited to be making my directorial debut at Virginia Opera, especially with such an unusual pairing of operatic works," said director Keturah Stickann. "It will be an incredible season opening for Virginia patrons."

Inviting patrons Virginia Opera President/CEO Russell P. Allen added, "Virginia Opera is committed to bringing to the stage vibrant new repertory and productions."

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## SUNDAY/OCT. 2

### Woodrow Wilson Bridge

**Marathon.** 7 a.m. Starts and Finishes in Old Town Alexandria Visit: <http://wilsonbridgehalf.com/>.

## SATURDAY/OCT. 8

**Fall Festival in Old Town Historic Fairfax.** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 10209 Main Street, Fairfax. What started out as a small market for artisans has grown to a festival with over 400 arts, crafts and food vendors, children's activities and entertainment for all ages. Visit <http://www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/fall-festival>

**Oktoberfest Reston** noon 11900 Market Street, Reston. Restaurants and vendors will line the streets of the Reston Town Center. Live music will fill the air with traditional German tunes from various bands and the Reston community will come alive.

## SUNDAY/OCT. 9

**Clifton Day.** 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Town of Clifton, corner of Main Street and Chapel Road. The town's annual arts and crafts fair. Visit: <http://www.cliftonday.com/>

**Reston Pumpkin 5k and Kids' Pumpkin Dash** 8:15 a.m. 11900 Market Street, Reston. Get off the couch and get ready for the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce's Reston Pumpkin 5K and Kids' Pumpkin Dash. Participants are encouraged to debut their Halloween costumes and join in the fall fun with the whole family.

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## FRIDAY/ OCT. 28

**Family Fall Festival.** Friday from 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Join Sydenstricker United Methodist Church for games, food, cake walk, and of course "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown!" Costumes are encouraged, please no masks or weapons. Register online at [sydenstrickermc.org/family-movie-](http://sydenstrickermc.org/family-movie-)

night.

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**The Robinson Marketplace.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 5305 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. Shop at over 80 vendors at the Holiday Market, raffle and silent auction sponsored by the Robinson Secondary School PTSA. Visit <http://www.robinsonptsa.org/marketplace.html>

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**Jim Corcoran and the E.C.'s perform karaoke. Corcoran is President and CEO of the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce.**



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**The team from Interstate Van Lines in Springfield.**

# Nova Chamber of Commerce Hosts Char-a-oke

**Event raises \$5,000 for the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia's Future Fund.**

About 150 people attended the sixth-annual Char-a-oke Charity Karaoke hosted by the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, Sept. 22 at The Barns at Wolf Trap in Vienna. Ten teams paid \$500 each and individuals paid \$40 for the chance to sing karaoke, helping to raise about \$5,000 for the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia and its Future Fund to support various nonprofits in the Northern Virginia area.

"It's a great event to bring people together to support the local community while engaging employees at the same time," said Sarah Mitchell, Event Manager with the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce.

After the spirited performances, prizes were awarded for Best Vocals to Calibre Systems; Best Rendition to Interstate Moving; Most Spirited to Evans Incorporated; and Crowd Favorite to Mohamed Hafez of IntelliDyne LLC.

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**Rachael Ander, Co-Chair of the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia and its Future Fund.**



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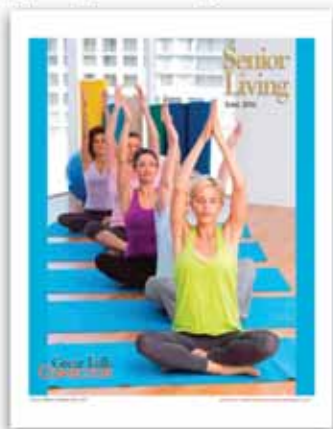
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**English Conversation Groups** weekly at George Mason, Burke Centre, and Lorton Libraries Practice and improve your English. Day and start times vary. Visit: <https://va.evanced.info/fairfaxcounty/lib/eventcalendar.asp>

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### FRIDAY SEPT. 30

**Cardinal Forest Elementary School Celebration and Picnic** 5 - 7:30 p.m. 8600 Forrester Blvd. Springfield. Celebrate 50 Years of Learning as we celebrate the history of Cardinal Forest Elementary and the development of a beautiful community tucked into the heart of Springfield. 703-451-1920

**Author Cece Bell at Burke Centre Library** 4:30 - 5:45 p.m. 5935 Freds Oak Rd Burke. Children's author Cece Bell's new graphic novel memoir "El Deafo" Bell chronicles her hearing loss at a young age and her experiences with the awkward Phonic Ear. Cost: Free. [www.fallforthebook.org](http://www.fallforthebook.org)

### SATURDAY/OCT. 1

**Christ Church Consignment Sale** 8 - 2 p.m. 7600 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. From 12-2pm many items are 50% off. We have two sales: Spring and Fall. Selling gently used clothing for infants to juniors. Come early to find bikes, strollers, bassinets, bouncers, furniture, large toys, books and more. Cash, Check,



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**Gretchen and Scott Trowbridge as Dory and Marlon.**

## Disney on Ice Returns To Fairfax Oct. 19-23

Disney On Ice presents Follow Your Heart is bringing Disney•Pixar's record-breaking animated feature Finding Dory to the ice for the first time in this live production produced by Feld Entertainment. The ice-skating extravaganza featuring Disney•Pixar's Inside Out, Disney's Frozen and other beloved Disney stories visits EagleBank Arena in Fairfax, Oct. 19 - 23, for 9 performances.

There's something for everyone in a show that features 60 characters.

Date and Time of Performances:

- ❖ Wednesday, Oct. 19, 7 p.m.
- ❖ Thursday, Oct. 20, 7 p.m.

❖ Friday, Oct. 21, 10:30 a.m., and 7:30 p.m.

❖ Saturday, Oct. 22, 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

❖ Sunday, Oct. 23, 12:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Tickets for Disney On Ice presents Follow Your Heart are on sale now and start at \$20. Tickets are subject to availability, and VIP and Front Row seating is limited. Market pricing applies to all tickets. All seats are reserved, and tickets are available by calling Ticketmaster outlets, by phone at 800-745-3000, via [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), and the EagleBank Arena box office. For group rates and information, contact 202-661-5061.



**Jessica and Brendyn Hatfield as Jasmine and Aladdin.**

and Credit are accepted. [www.christchurchsale.com](http://www.christchurchsale.com)  
**Union Mill Elementary School 30th Anniversary** 9 - 11 a.m. 13611 Springstone Dr, Clifton. In honor of the 30th Anniversary an Open House for all former students,

staff members, and families are encouraged to come and see how the school has changed and grown since its opening in 1986. 703 322-8522.

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# CALENDAR

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## SUNDAY/OCT. 2, 2016

### Woodrow Wilson Bridge

**Marathon.** 7 a.m. Starts and Finishes in Old Town Alexandria Visit: <http://wilsonbridgehalf.com/>.

### Club Invention: Environmental

**Protection** 10 - 11:30 a.m. 11948 Fair Oaks Mall, Fairfax. Designed for children in grades 1 through 3. Identify ways that waste makes its way into water systems and oceans. Examine ways to build machines to clean contaminants from water systems. Encourage the use of eco-friendly, sustainable living through reducing, reusing, and recycling. Demonstrate how polluted waters can be cleaned. Admission \$12. [childsci.org/](http://childsci.org/)

### Your Child's Mind: Promoting

**Motivation** 4 - 6 p.m. St. Stephen's United Methodist Church 9203 Braddock Road Burke. Rachna Varia, PhD and Kristi Guadagnoli, PsyD are co-founders of MindWell Psychology. Their talk will identify how our children can learn to persevere through challenges and develop intrinsic motivation. In addition, they will discuss the role of executive functioning, or how a student can learn to learn. Cost: Free. [lmaldana@hotmail.com](mailto:lmaldana@hotmail.com)

## MONDAY/OCT.3

**Budding Bookworms** 11 - 11:30 a.m. 11948 Fair Oaks Mall, Fairfax. Budding Bookworms is story time with hands on activity immediately following designed for preschoolers ages 2-5 years. Admission \$12. [childsci.org/](http://childsci.org/)

## TUESDAY/OCT. 4

**Childrens Flash Book Sale** 6 - 9 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250

Commerce St., Springfield. the selection from board books to educational resources to manga is great and well organized and the prices are low.

## WEDNESDAY/OCT. 5

### Mindfulness: Stress Less for

**Increased Success** 3 - 4 p.m. Student Union Building I, Suite 3129 Fairfax. Learn skills to live in the present moment, increasing your enjoyment in life, by learning ways to cope with stress, deal with relationship challenges, and regulate your emotions. [www.eventbrite.com/](http://www.eventbrite.com/)

## FRIDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 7-9, 2016

### Fall Wine Festival and Sunset

**Tour.** 6-9 p.m. Mount Vernon Estate, 3200 George Washington Memorial Pkwy., Mount Vernon. Enjoy live blues and spectacular views of the Potomac River while sampling wine from Virginia wineries. Visitors learn about the successes and failures of our Founding Father's wine endeavors, enjoy live blues music, and meet "George and Martha Washington" on the Mansion's piazza. Visit [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org).

## FRIDAY/OCT. 7

### Junior Computer Camp for Grades

**1-3** 9 - 3 p.m. 11948 Fair Oaks Mall, Fairfax. This fall break camp introduces participants to computer/programming principles through hands-on learning. During this camp children will: Learn basic concepts related to Scratch, robotic programming, HTML website development, and Java. Learn predicting, problem solving, analyzing data, engineering, and spatial reasoning. Admission \$12. [childsci.org/](http://childsci.org/)

## FAITH NOTES

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**The Church of the Good Shepherd,** 9350 Braddock Rd., Burke, is offering day and evening English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) classes to serve members of the community who wish to improve their English skills. Class levels offered are based on enrollment needs. Fall 2016 registration takes place Sept. 7-8 and classes begin Sept. 20. For more information call the church office at 703-323-5400. Leave your name and contact information and someone will get back to you.

**Fairfax Baptist Temple,** at the corner of Fairfax County Parkway and Burke Lake Roads, holds a bible study fellowship at 9 a.m. Sundays followed by a 10 a.m. worship service. Nursery care and children's church also provided. 6401 Missionary Lane, Fairfax Station, 703-323-8100 or [www.fbtministries.org](http://www.fbtministries.org).

**The Guhyasamaja Buddhist Center,** 10875 Main St., Fairfax City provides free classes to both newcomers and advanced practitioners of Tibetan Buddhism. The center emphasizes working with the mind and learning how to understand the workings of the mind, overcoming inner causes of suffering, while cultivating causes of happiness. Under the direction of Lama Zopa

Rinpoche, the center is a place of study, contemplation and meditation. Visit <http://www.guhyasamaja.org> for more information.

**Lord of Life Lutheran** offers services at two locations, in Fairfax at 5114 Twinbrook Road and in Clifton at 13421 Twin Lakes Drive. Services in Fairfax are held on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. and Sundays at 8:30 and 10 a.m. Services in Clifton are held on Sundays at 8:15 and 10:30 a.m. 703-323-9500 or [www.Lordoflifeva.org](http://www.Lordoflifeva.org).

**First Baptist Church of Springfield** offers Sunday school at 9:15 a.m., followed by both traditional and contemporary worship services at 10:30 a.m. at 7300 Gary St., Springfield. 703-451-1500 or [www.fbcspringfield.org](http://www.fbcspringfield.org).

**Clifton Presbyterian Church,** 12748 Richards Lane, Clifton, offers Sunday worship services at 10 a.m. and Cup of Fellowship at 11 a.m. Nursery care is provided from 9:45-11:15 a.m. Christian education for all ages is at 9:45 a.m. 703-830-3175.

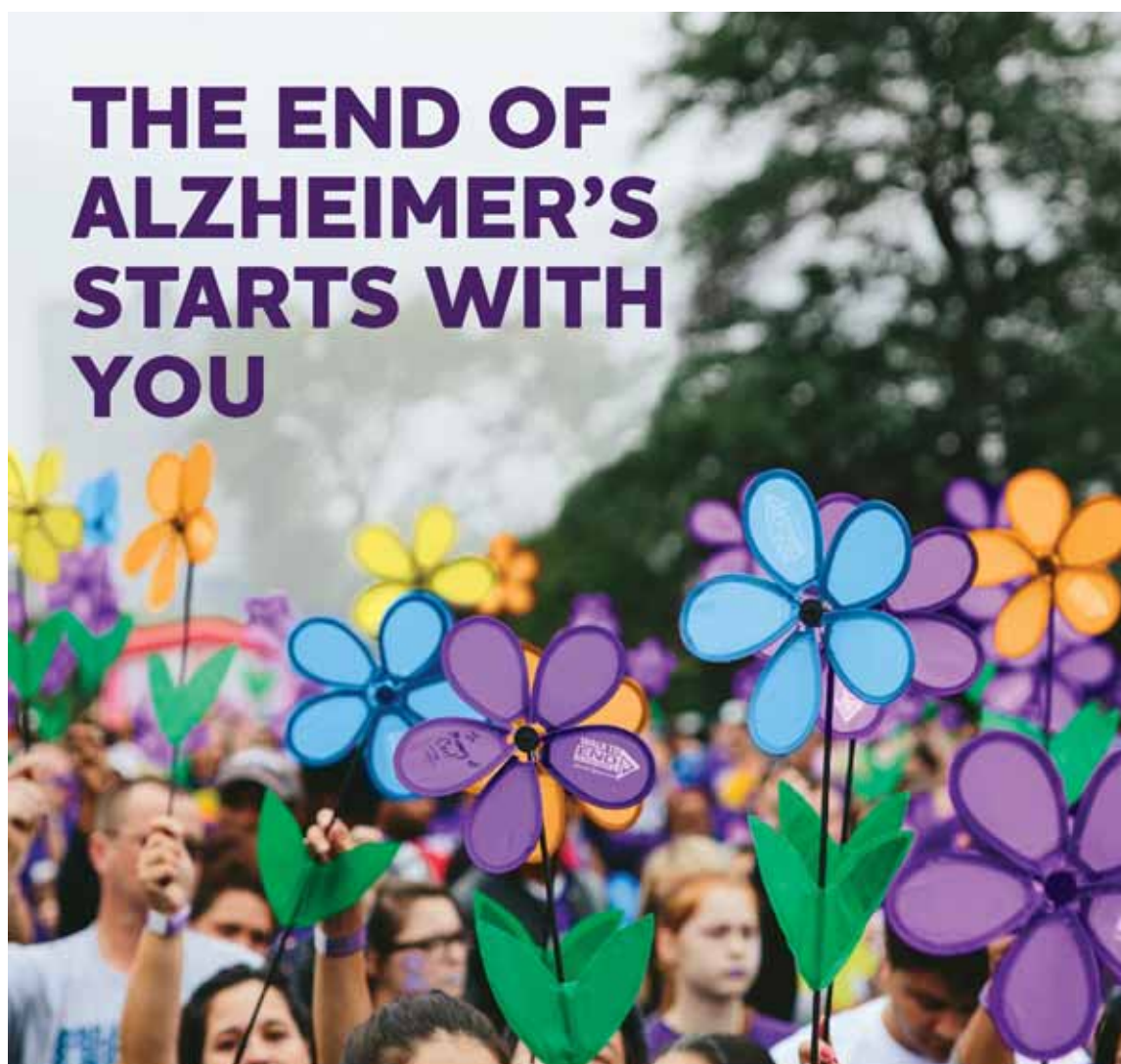
**St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church,** 6720 Union Mill Road, Clifton, conducts Sunday masses at 7:30 a.m., 8:45 a.m., Latin mass at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. It also offers a Saturday vigil at 5:30 p.m. and a Thursday Latin mass at 7 p.m. Additional mass offered Monday-Friday at 6:30 a.m. (except on Federal holidays) and 8:45 a.m. 703-817-1770 or [www.st-andrew.org](http://www.st-andrew.org).

## SALT to Host Fall Advocacy Training Conference

**S**ocial Action Linking Together (SALT) will sponsor the SALT Fall Advocacy Training Conference on Saturday, Oct. 15, 9 - 11:30 a.m., at the Virginia International University (VIU), Conference Room (VD-102), 4401 Village Drive, Fairfax. Mark Shriver, President of Save the Children Action Network, will be the keynote speaker. He is the son of the late Sargent Shriver and Eunice Kennedy Shriver. He is the author of "A Good Man," an inspirational and deeply personal story about a son discovering the authentic meaning of his father's legacy.

There will be additional presentations by Virginia Delegate Alfonso Lopez ("Tools for Effective Advocacy in the State Legislature") and by

Michelle Krockner, Executive Director, Northern Virginia Affordable Housing Alliance ("Addressing the Commonwealth's Unmet Housing Needs for Low-Income Households") and state Sen. Barbara Favola (D-31) — Report on the Commission on Youth, TANF Subcommittee, and Debbie Weinstein, Executive Director, Coalition for Human Needs, "Making TANF Work for Poor Families". This event is free. All are welcome. Come early for the book signing by the keynote speaker and to meet and greet other social justice advocates in the community. For more information: Contact John Horejsi at [jhorejsi@cox.net](mailto:jhorejsi@cox.net) or visit the SALT web site at [www.S-A-L-T.org](http://www.S-A-L-T.org), Upcoming Events page.



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Below is a summary list of all items. For a complete list, please go to the City of Fairfax website:  
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## Volunteer Fairfax to Host VolunteerFest

The community is invited to a family-friendly volunteer event: VolunteerFest, presented by Volunteer Fairfax, is the local celebration of National Make A Difference Day. This region-wide community service event — to be held on Saturday, Oct. 22 — is dedicated to mobilizing volunteer power to tackle projects at nonprofits in our neighborhoods. There will be a variety of projects, in various locations with morning, afternoon and evening shifts available, rain or shine. If you are a first-time volunteer, this one-day extravaganza is a great way to get started. Volunteer service hours are available. All volunteer activities are free to the participants. For information about this feel-good, do-good event and to register as a volunteer visit [www.volunteerfairfax.org/individuals/volunteerfest.php](http://www.volunteerfairfax.org/individuals/volunteerfest.php).

## LETTERS

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miscreants' innocent victims. Criminals do not "pay their debt to society" through incarceration, which requires massive security expenditures and provides food, shelter, and medical care at taxpayer expense.

Governor McAuliffe claims to believe that Virginia, to be "more equal," must give such criminals the same or more say in governance as their victims. Rapists must have the same say as the women they raped, thieves the same say as those from whom they stole, bank robbers the same as bank depositors, kidnapper and hostage, the innocent man walking down the street and the gang who beat him senseless. Murderers receive a greater say in governance, having permanently deprived their victims of the franchise.

Unlike the painstaking judicial procedures and trials afforded these convicts to determine their guilt or innocence, the Governor makes no pretense at considering their rehabilitation through individualized assessment. The plan is of a piece with the lighter-handed treatment of criminals beginning in the 1960s and 1970s that, however well-intentioned, led to skyrocketing crime.

Even Pollyanna would suspect that the true motivation for the priority Governor McAuliffe has given this misanthropic project is the indubitably correct belief that these lawbreakers will vote disproportionately Democratic.

**Griselda Farthing**  
Great Falls

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