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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.



**Toccara Puller chatting with Fairfax County Sheriff Stacey Kincaid at the Inmate Resource Fair. "As a community we need to be thankful for what we have and help each other," says Puller.**



## FALLS FUN & ENTERTAINMENT



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Carnival rides are always a highlight at the festival.



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Rocknoceros will perform on the children's stage.

# Music, Food, Crafts, Carnival and Fun

## Fairfax Fall Festival is Saturday, Oct. 8.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

Autumn is on its way and so is the 40<sup>th</sup> annual Fairfax Fall Festival. It's set for Saturday, Oct. 8, in downtown Fairfax and admission is free. Vendors will be there from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., with the carnival running until 8 p.m. and musicians performing in Old Town Square until 8:30 p.m. (Rain date, Oct. 9).

"We're looking forward to four stages of fantastic entertainment, over 400 artisans and vendors, amusement rides and many other fun attractions for the entire family," said Fairfax City Mayor Steve Stombres. "I'm especially excited about the addition this year of a mechanical bull for the thrill seekers, a silent disco for the quiet types and a petting zoo for children, all at Old Town Square. We hope to see everyone from the City of Fairfax, plus residents from around the region, at this fun, annual tradition."

Crafts booths and displays will line both sides of University Drive, Main Street and Sager Avenue, where hundreds of juried fine artisans will sell their handmade works. Items will include jewelry, dolls and toys, quilts, woodcrafts, needlework, pottery, vases, wind chimes, paintings and photography.

Food offerings – from booths as well as specialty food trucks – will include burgers, fries, chicken, barbecue, Thai food, kettle corn, ice cream and pie. There'll be two food courts; one will be at University Drive and Sager Avenue, and the other will be at University Drive next to the SunTrust Bank parking lot at 4020 University Drive.

Three beer gardens are on tap: At the Main Stage at University Drive and South Street, in Old Town Square at University



Drive and North Street, and at University Drive and Sager Avenue.

The festival fun also includes a community market, business expo and Touch-a-Truck. Presented by Fairfax City Parks & Recreation and Department of Public Works, Touch-a-Truck will be on University Drive

near Armstrong Street and will enable children to see and explore City of Fairfax work vehicles and equipment. There'll also be a Harley Davidson show-and-tell; and new this year for parents is a baby rest stop at Sager Avenue.

## Children's Stage

The Children's Stage will be in the SunTrust Bank parking lot at 4020 University Drive. The entertainment lineup is as follows: 10:30-11:15 a.m., Mr. Skip; 11:30 a.m.-noon, Turley the Magician; 12:15-12:45 p.m., eMotion Dance & Fitness; 1-1:45 p.m., Rocknoceros; 2-2:30 p.m., Tiger Eye Tae Kwon Do; 2:30-3 p.m., Reptiles Alive! (wildlife educators with exotic animals); 3:15-4 p.m., Mad Science; and 4-5 p.m., Bach2Rock.

❖ In addition, the carnival rides will be in that same area, as well as face painting, balloon art and fake tattoos.

## Main Stage

The Main Stage and beer garden, at South Street and University Drive, will feature live music from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Performing will be: 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Vinyl Invention, playing classic and modern rock, R&B and funk; and 2:30-5 p.m., Mirage, playing Fleetwood Mac and Stevie Nicks songs.

## Old Town Hall

Old Town Hall, at 3999 University Drive, will host Art Alive! It's presented by the Fairfax Commission on the Arts and will feature hands-on entertainment for all ages. The fun will include a chalk festival and painting for everyone, and Paint Your Own Pottery will help people make either free, paint-and-take pottery or mosaic pumpkin plaques.

## Old Town Square

Old Town Square is at the corner of University Drive and North Street. Entertainers there will be: 10 a.m.-noon, Main Street Community Band; 12:30-3 p.m., Alex Hilton

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## FALLS FUN & ENTERTAINMENT

### Fall Festival Is on Saturday, Oct. 8

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Band, (original country music out of the Shenandoah Valley; 3:30-5 p.m., Wicked Olde (Celtic, bluegrass and blues); and 5:30-8:30 p.m., The Vigilantes (a cover band performing Top 40 music and classic rock).

❖ Also in this area will be a petting zoo, mechanical bull, baseball pitch game and silent disco (people dancing to music they hear via wireless headphones).

### Open Houses

There'll also be open houses at Fire Station 3, 4081 University Drive, 10-5 p.m., including Sparky's Harvest Bash, educating children on fire prevention and safety; City of Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main St., 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Ratcliffe-Allison House, 10386 Main St., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Historic Blenheim and Civil War Interpretive Center, 3610 Old Lee Hwy.; gallery and interpretive walking trail, self-guided tours, noon-4 p.m., and historic house (first floor) and guided tour at 1 p.m.

Fairfax Circuit Court Historic Courthouse and Records, at 4000 Chain Bridge Road, will also be open for tours from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Documents on display will include

pages from George and Martha Washington's original wills.

### Parking

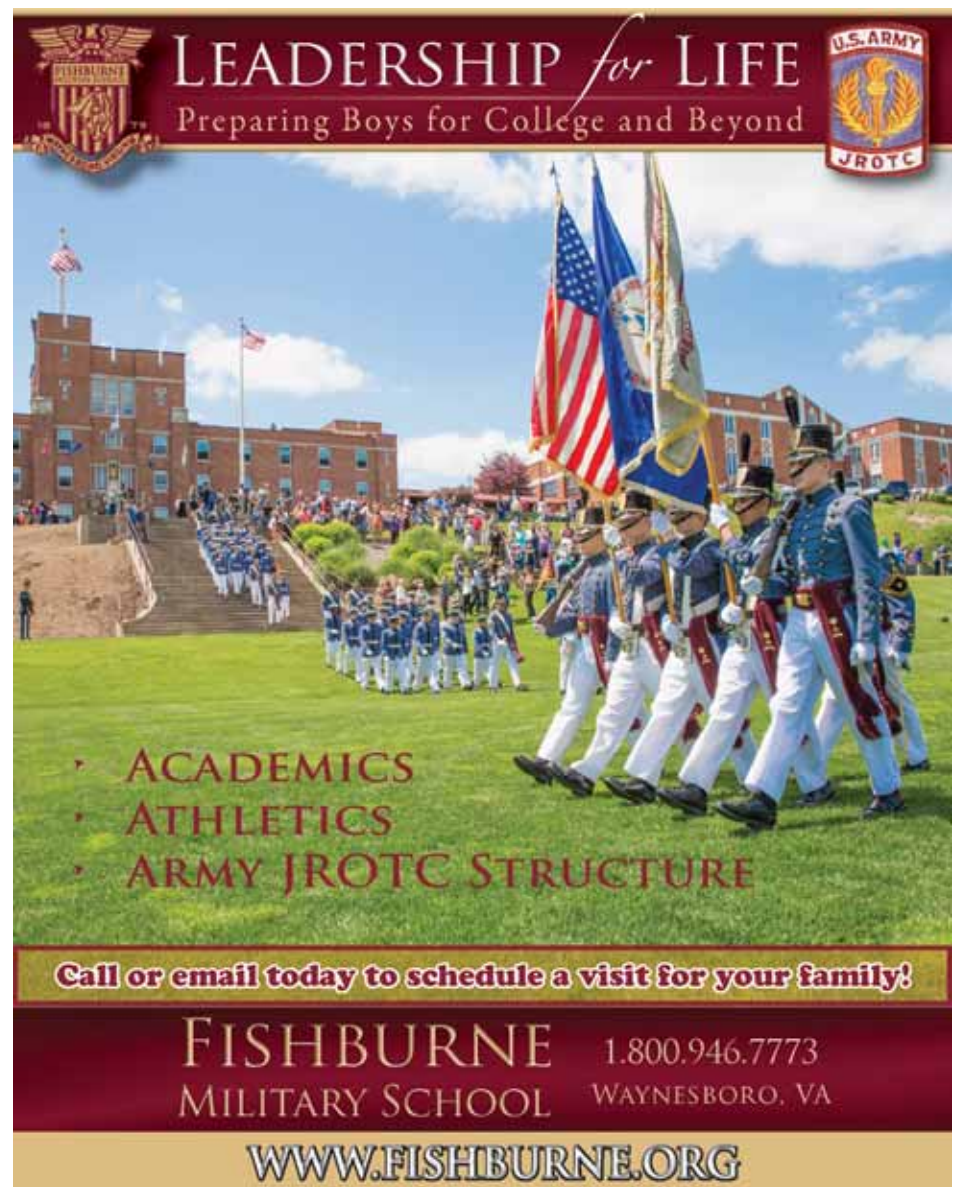
Parking will be available at The Judicial Center parking garage B on Page Avenue and the Old Town Village parking garage (Chain Bridge Road between Whitehead and North Street). Or attendees may take shuttle buses from Fairfax High, 3501 Rebel Run, and GMU's Rappahannock Parking Deck, 4400 University Drive, from 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Handicapped parking is at City Hall, 10455 Armstrong St. (accessed via Chain Bridge Road) and Old Town Village parking garage.

### Additional Information

A first aid station will be at the entrance to Old Town Hall and Fire Station 3.

Pets are kindly discouraged at the festival. The main sponsors are Fair City Mall and 97.1 WASH-FM, plus Allstate and the Fairfax Commission on the Arts. For more information, call 703/385-7858 or see [www.FairfaxFallFestival.com](http://www.FairfaxFallFestival.com).



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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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## Facing an Urgent Threat

To the Editor:

On Sept. 27, 2016, the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals hears oral arguments on the Clean Power Plan (CPP), the most significant step our country has ever taken to address climate change. The CPP, which has been attacked in the courts by polluters and their political allies, will save lives, create new opportunities in communities across the country, help strengthen our economy, and bolster U.S. global leadership. Oral arguments will reveal the truth – that the CPP is

consistent with the law, earlier court precedents, and other U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) programs. Given the extraordinary threat posed by climate change, the stakes simply couldn't be higher for our environment, our economy, and the next generation. Climate change is an urgent threat – and the Clean Power Plan is the most significant step our country has ever taken to address it.

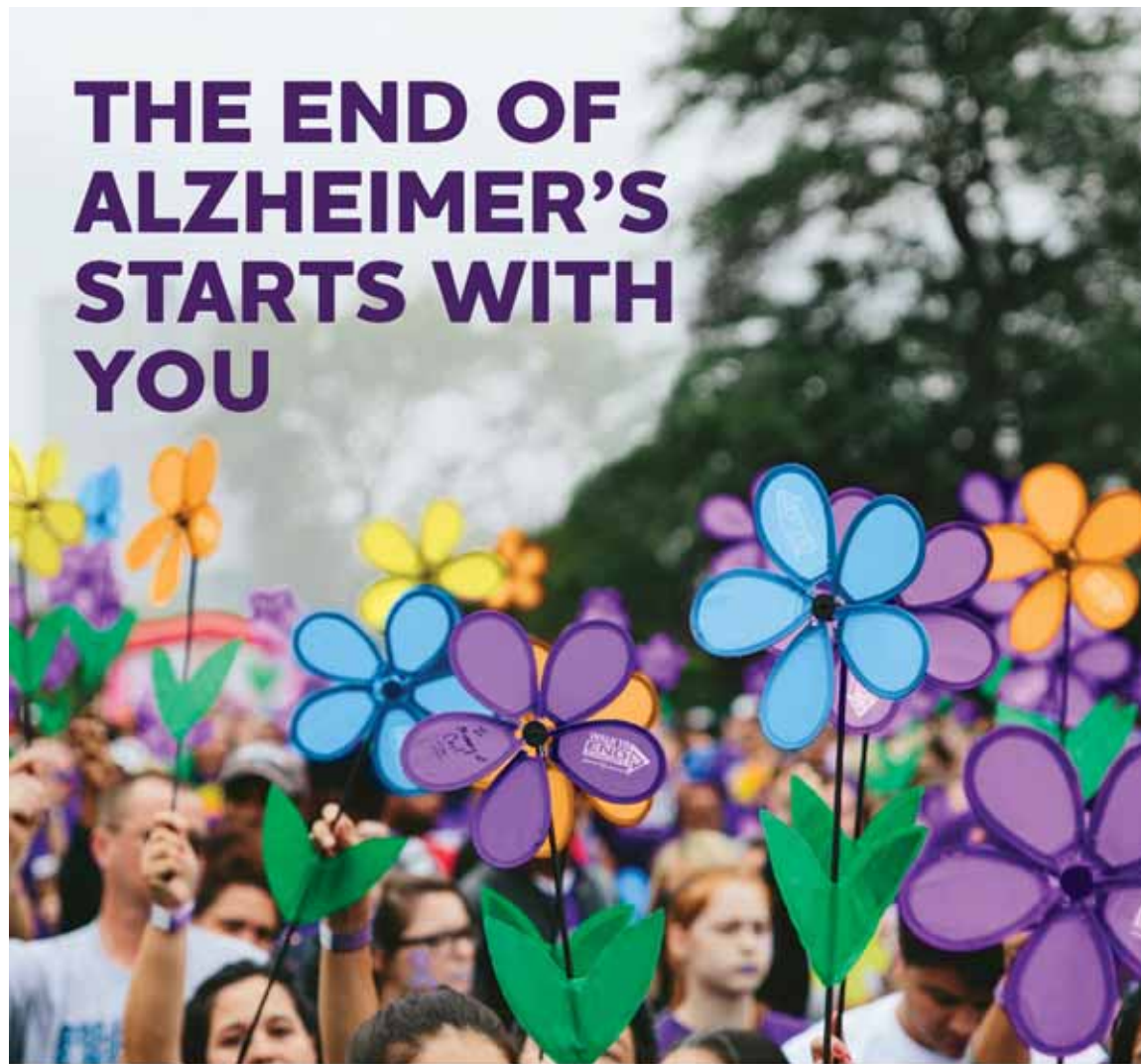
The environmental and public health impacts of climate change are of great concern. Additionally,

climate change could also take a toll on our economy—from harming outdoor tourism and threatening coastal communities with sea level rise. The tourism and travel industry is Virginia's 5th largest employer, supports 287,700 jobs and more than \$7.5 billion in payrolls in 2010. The leading travel and tourist destinations for the Commonwealth are in Northern Virginia in Arlington, Fairfax and Loudoun counties, near the nation's capital. This industry is at risk as climate change threatens many vacation destinations and natural areas in Fairfax, like Great

Falls, Pohick Bay, and Mason Neck. These areas also support other jobs and industries like public transportation, restaurants, retail shops.

On three separate occasions, the U.S. Supreme Court has upheld EPA's authority and responsibility under the Clean Air Act to protect human health and welfare by limiting carbon pollution. The Clean Power Plan will save lives, create new opportunities in communities across the country, and help strengthen our economy.

**Kelsey Crane**  
Fairfax



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Eileen Estes sings and plays guitar during the festival.



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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-night](http://sydenstrickermc.org/family-movie-night).

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**Fairfax Rotary Club Meeting.** 12:15-1:30 p.m. Mondays. American Legion, 3939 Oak St., Fairfax. Meetings with luncheon and program. [fairfaxrotary.org](http://fairfaxrotary.org).

**Plant Clinic.** 9 a.m.-noon. Sundays through Sept. 30 Lorton Farmers Market, 8990 Lorton Station Blvd., Lorton. Conducted by Master Gardeners. Answer gardening question, identify plants and insects, soil tests, etc. [fairfaxgardening.org](http://fairfaxgardening.org).

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## 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**  
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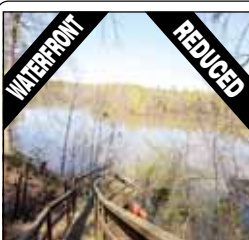
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