



The **Arlington** Connection

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Six-year-old Maggie Rinzel struggles through the door of the Ministry House at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church with a turkey. Maggie and her dad, Dan, are dropping off their turkey donation for the 289 families who have registered to receive a turkey dinner. The church is located on 19th Street S in Arlington.



# BULLETIN BOARD

Email announcements to [arlington@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:arlington@connectionnewspapers.com). Include date, time, location, description and contact for event: phone, email and/or website. Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

## BORROW A SNOWBLOWER

The Department of Parks and Recreation lends a limited number of snow blowers to civic associations and community groups, increasing the number of passable sidewalks during snow events. Their goal is to ensure snow blowers are geographically distributed

throughout the county. Snow blowers are loaned to groups who agree to plow for the public good and who meet specific criteria. Learn more at [emergency.arlingtonva.us/weather/snow-ice/snow%20blower/](http://emergency.arlingtonva.us/weather/snow-ice/snow%20blower/)

## THROUGH DEC. 12

### Rosslyn Holiday Clothing Drive.

Donate gently used winter coats, sweaters, sweatshirts, hats, gloves and jeans for clients of A-SPAN (Arlington Street People's Assistance Network). Drop-off locations are as follows: 1111 19th St.; 1881 N Nash St.; 1900 N Fort Myer Drive; 1611 North Kent St.; 1611 Clarendon Blvd.; River Place (1011, 1021 and

1121 Arlington Blvd.); 1555 Wilson Blvd.; 1550 Clarendon Blvd.; 1919 Lynn St.; and 1616 N. Fort Myer.

## THROUGH DEC. 13

### Arlington Food Assistance Center.

Senior Services of Arlington is hosting an online food drive benefitting Arlington Food Assistance Center. Always Best Care of Arlington encourages residents to visit [yougivegoods.com/arlington](http://yougivegoods.com/arlington) and select from a variety of goods to purchase for donation. All donations will culminate in a one-day delivery to the Arlington Food Assistance Center.

## FRIDAY/NOV. 18

**Application Deadline.** Arlington is having a competition to recognize tech firms showing the fastest growth year over year within four levels of revenue. Winners will be announced in December. Contact Cara O'Donnell at Arlington Economic Development at 703-228-0854 for more.

## SUNDAY/NOV. 27

**Survey Deadline.** On Dec. 10, the County Board will vote on whether to legalize Airbnb-type services in Arlington. Currently short-term rentals — less than 30 days — are prohibited in private residences by

Arlington's zoning ordinance. Responses are due by 5 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 27 to provide input to County staff and the County Board before decisions are made. [www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZDR88YQ](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZDR88YQ)

## MONDAY/NOV. 28

**Application Deadline.** 5 p.m. The Arlington County Treasurer's Office is now accepting student submissions for the 13th Annual Decal Design Competition. The winning design will appear on the 2017-18 decal that will be displayed on more than 160,000 vehicles registered in Arlington. This is a fantastic opportunity for high school students to use their creative skills, while participating in the workings of local government. The Arlington Community Federal Credit Union will award prize money to the winner and to the three other finalists. Visit [taxes.arlingtonva.us/vehicle-decal-design-competition](http://taxes.arlingtonva.us/vehicle-decal-design-competition).

**Learn About Design Plans for Oakland Park.** 7 p.m. at The Jefferson, 900 N. Taylor St. See the draft design plans for the park and join us at the Ballston Virginia Square Civic Association meeting. Learn more at [projects.arlingtonva.us/types/parks](http://projects.arlingtonva.us/types/parks).

## TUESDAY/NOV. 29

**Community Open House.** 12:30-2:30 p.m. at Lyon Village Community House, 1920 N. Highland St. Drop-in to learn more about the project scope. Brief presentations will be given throughout. Additional opportunities to weigh-in will be posted to the project website. The

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## 'FLOURISHING AFTER 55'

"Flourishing After 55" from Arlington Office of Senior Adult Programs, for Nov. 27- Dec. 3.

**Senior centers:** Lee, 5722 Lee Hwy.; Langston-Brown Senior Center, 2121 N. Culpeper St.; Culpepper Garden, 4435 N. Pershing Dr.; Walter Reed, 2909 S. 16th St.; Arlington Mill, 909 S. Dinwiddie St.; Aurora Hills, 735 S. 18th St.

**Senior trips:** "A Christmas Story: The Musical," Riverside Center, Fredericksburg, Sunday, Nov. 27, \$67; Maryland Live! Casino, Hanover, Md., Tuesday, Nov. 29, \$9; Tanger Outlet Mall and National Harbor, Wednesday, Nov. 30, \$10; German Christmas Village, Baltimore, Thursday, Dec. 1, \$8. Call Arlington County 55+ Travel, 703-228-4748. Registration required.

## NEW PROGRAMS:

**Minimize risk of identity theft,** Thursday, Dec. 1, 11 a.m., Langston-Brown. Register, 703-228-6300.

**Transportation options for Arlington seniors,** Thursday, Dec. 1, 1 p.m., Culpepper Garden. Register, 703-228-4403.

**Great historical events,** Thursday, Dec. 1, 1 p.m., Culpepper Garden. Register, 703-228-4403.

**Benefits of essential oils,** Thursday, Dec. 1, 1 p.m., Walter Reed. Register, 703-228-0955.

**Tour Arlington Mill Senior Center,** Friday, Dec. 2, 11 a.m. Register, 703-228-7369.

**Ballroom dance,** Friday, Dec. 2, 1 p.m., Lee. Details, 703-228-0555.

**Arlington Spellbinders** (storytellers), Friday, Dec. 2, 9:30 a.m., Langston-Brown. Newcomers welcome. Details, 703-228-6300.

**Jacob Lawrence's paintings at The Phillips discussed,** Friday, Dec. 2, 11 a.m., Aurora Hills, \$6. Register, 703-228-5722.

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## This holiday season could be the best time for your family to discuss concerns about a senior you all love

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The holiday season is a great time to share the joys of togetherness and tradition. But for families whose aging relatives are showing signs of decline, the holidays can also be stressful and even, sad.

If you notice that a senior family member seems more overwhelmed than overjoyed during the holidays, then use this opportunity to pay close attention to signs of concern, such as depression or confusion. While family is all together, talk among yourselves to consider the benefits of assisted living at The Kensington, such as:

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## The Extra Mile

The Jennifer Bush-Lawson Foundation hosts second Memorial 5k run.

BY VERNON MILES  
THE CONNECTION

**A**t last year's race, Neal Lawson said he was so caught up in the event that he never had a moment to let the day's events soak in. In 2014, his wife was killed when a truck hit her outside of the nearby Nottingham Elementary School. In 2015, Neal Lawson, along with other friends and family of his wife, set up the Jennifer Bush-Lawson Foundation and hosted a memorial 5k run to raise money for the Virginia Hospital Center and the Arlington Pediatric Center. This year, the morning of the race on Nov. 19, Neal Lawson said he was finally able to take a moment to breathe and remember Jennifer Bush-Lawson.

Jennifer Bush-Lawson had complicated pregnancies. Each of her three children arrived prematurely and required critical care for the first few days. The foundation's goal is to fulfill Jennifer Bush-Lawson's passion for helping mothers who did not have access to the same medical care. In last year's race, the Jennifer Bush-Lawson Foundation managed to raise \$105,000 for low-income mothers in need of child care. Moving into the race's second year, there were concerns the attendance and the fundraising would taper off. But Neal Lawson said this year it looked like attendance would match or even exceed last year.

"We want to make sure every mother and child has a fair chance," said Lawson. "We were able to fund the first 12 months of wellness care for 240 children this year."

Lawson's story had touched many Arlingtonians, some of whom were friends of Jennifer Bush-Lawson but many of whom only came to know her after her death. Allison Horton lives in Clarendon but said parents all across the county had heard about Jennifer Bush-Lawson's accident when it happened. Horton said as the time for the second race came around, many of her friends were sharing the information



PHOTOS BY VERNON MILES/THE CONNECTION  
**Abraham Lincoln rides with Arlington Police officer.**

about the race around social media.

"It's pretty amazing to see what they've built out of such tragedy," said Scott Kamholz.

Several runners said they were excited that the turnout was so good and look forward to running in the race again next year.

"It's awesome," said Mark Seip. "It's a great cause and it's a lot of fun. It's been fantastic. The turnout today is awesome. There was concern that it was a one-off thing, but it's still going strong. They do a good job of reminding us why we're all here."

"It's a great feeling of community, to see

parents and kids from other races out here," said Thai Phi Le, who said she didn't know the Lawsons before the accident but said many of her friends did.

"It's bittersweet," said Kimberly Suiters from ABC7 who helped to host the event. "I remember the day we lost Jennifer. We were all traumatized. It could have been any of us. So running this course is very emotional. We run past that spot where she died. But we find her again. Her legacy and Neal's love touches all of us. It's my favorite race I've ever run."

Fran Bush, Jennifer Bush-Lawson's mother, attended the event with her husband Bruce Bush.

"The people here are unbelievable," said



**The children's race at the Jennifer Bush-Lawson Foundation's Memorial 5k run.**

Fran Bush. "I've never seen a community like this. I look forward to coming to this. It's painful, the kids still get emotional, but this is what Jennifer would have wanted. She wanted them to get involved. She wanted her kids volunteering at the hospital."

Both Fran and Bruce Bush said they were very impressed with how welcoming everyone in Arlington has been.

For Neal Lawson, the last year has been one about learning to keep moving forward with life after losing his partner.

"I've continued to learn how to be a single parent," said Neal Lawson. "The kids and I will continue to grieve. Things will change but it will always be there. It's not as fresh, but it's still there."

**Amy Iger and her daughter Abby joined the Jennifer Bush-Lawson Fun Day because it is a fun family event that benefits families.**

PHOTOS BY  
EDEN BROWN  
THE CONNECTION



**Yorktown Chamber Choir sang at the Jennifer Bush-Lawson Family event as a gesture of community solidarity.**





# Working Together To Feed 289 Families

## Our Lady Queen of Peace Church or Our Lady Queen of Pies?

BY SHIRLEY RUHGE  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he door to the Ministry Building at Our Lady Queen of Peace opens and 6-year-old Maggie Rinzel struggles in with her father, Dan, to deliver a Thanksgiving turkey.

This donation is part of a dinner for the 289 families who have registered to receive a Thanksgiving dinner. Tables are organized and ready to receive frozen turkeys or canned good donations from the parishioners after five Sunday Masses on Nov. 20.

Michelle Knight, director of social justice and outreach for Our Lady Queen of Peace says all of the food has been donated by parishioners. "We started collecting it the first week in November." Families in the community register to receive a Thanksgiving basket, and they have appointments to pick up their dinners. She said the Thanksgiving dinners are not just for church members. "We have a clothing store and food pantry so word gets around the community about the Thanksgiving baskets."

Tables are piled high with cans of peas and corn, cranberries as well as jars of gravy and boxes of cornbread mix. Knight says they are trying to collect more than the 289 turkeys for the registered families since they hope to be able to give two turkeys to large families of six or more and they have also donated turkeys to the Shirlington Education and Employment Center (SEEC) Thanksgiving dinner. She adds the large families will also receive two bags of canned goods.

Alex Puruggan walks in the door with cardboard boxes of home-baked pies to be placed on the tall metal racks already loaded with previous donations. He says, "We have blueberry and cherry and apple

and some cobbles." He points out that children have hand-written notes in crayon and taped them to the top of his pies. Knight said that church family groups get together and have pie-making events in their homes. Puruggan is deliver-

**"We have a clothing store and food pantry so word gets around the community about the Thanksgiving baskets."**

— Michelle Knight, director of social justice and outreach, Our Lady Queen of Peace



**Parishioners at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church lined up after a Sunday morning mass to grab a bag and fill it with cans of vegetables, cranberries, gravy and cornbread mix.**

ing the results of one of the events. He says,

"We started to call ourselves Our Lady Queen of Pies."

Knight says each family will receive a bag with with two canned vegetables, a can of cranberries, gravy and

cornbread and hopefully the makings for an extra dessert such as a cake mix or

canned fruit pie filling. When the family arrives to pick up their dinner, a frozen turkey will be added plus five pounds of potatoes and a home-baked pie. In addition, each small family will receive a \$10 gift certificate and each large family a \$20 gift certificate.

Knight estimated that about 50 volunteers had been assisting with the Thanksgiving Day effort since it began in early November. Saturday morning donations had been sorted and assembled on tables for bagging and volunteers were at the church to accept donations. Bags were filled on Sunday after Mass and ready to be picked up on



**Alex Puruggan delivers pies at a church family pie-making event. Michelle Knight, social justice and outreach director for Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, says each family will get a home-baked pie in their Thanksgiving basket. Puruggan comments their pie-making group decided that they should now be called Our Lady Queen of Pies.**



**Blueberry, cranberry, a lot of pumpkin and other fruit pies were donated by parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Peace Church for the Thanksgiving baskets to be picked up on Nov. 21 Hand-written greetings from children in the congregation decorated some of the pie deliveries.**

Monday. She said she didn't know how many years the church had been spearheading this effort but at least for the last five years since she has been working at Our Lady Queen of Peace. She said this is a nice way to provide the Thanksgiving dinners because the effort involves the whole congregation who are busy baking pies, filling bags, sorting cans and organizing the effort.

## BULLETIN BOARD

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County has been working on pre-planning tasks to prepare for a larger, formal process that will kick off in early 2017. Learn more about Lee Highway planning. [projects.arlingtonva.us/events/lee-highway-open-house-daytime-hours/](http://projects.arlingtonva.us/events/lee-highway-open-house-daytime-hours/)

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**Community Open House.** 6-8:30 p.m. at Lee Community & Senior Center and Park, 5722 Lee Highway. -Learn more about Lee Highway planning. [projects.arlingtonva.us/events/lee-highway-open-house-evening-hours/](http://projects.arlingtonva.us/events/lee-highway-open-house-evening-hours/)  
**Digital Destiny Event.** 7 p.m. at the

AUSA Building, 2425 Wilson Blvd. Community discussion about the impact of the digital revolution and what it will mean for mobility. [hhartell@arlingtonva.us](mailto:hhartell@arlingtonva.us)

**FRIDAY-TUESDAY/DEC. 2-6**  
**Four Mile Run Valley Workshop.**

Share ideas for the future of the Four Mile Run Valley in a multi-day community visioning workshop. Hands-on design exercises and engaging conversations. Learn more at [arlingtonva.us](http://arlingtonva.us), search 4MRV visioning workshop.

\* Kick-Off Event: Friday, Dec. 2, 7-9 p.m. at WETA, 3939 Campbell Ave., 6th

floor  
\* Hands-on Design Workshop: Saturday, Dec. 3, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Drew Model School, 3500 23rd St. S.  
\* Open Planning Studio: Sunday, Dec. 4-Tuesday, Dec. 6, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., at 2700 Quincy St., 3rd floor  
\* Closing Open House: Tuesday, Dec. 6, 7-9 p.m., at Drew Model School,



## PEOPLE

# The Man Who Built the Nation's Capital

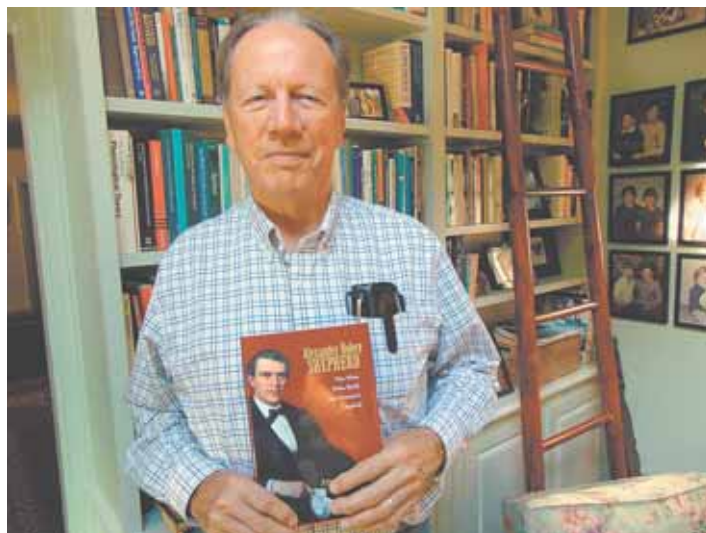
**John Richardson writes book on Gov. Alexander "Boss" Shepherd who built D.C.'s physical infrastructure.**

BY STEVE HIBBARD  
THE CONNECTION

**N**orth Arlington resident John Richardson, 78, the former president of the Arlington Historical Society, has written a new book — the biography of Gov. Alexander "Boss" Shepherd (1835-1902), "Alexander Robey Shepherd: The Man Who Built the Nation's Capital."

"Shepherd put the flesh on the bones of the (Pierre Charles) L'Enfant plans for the District, which were only lines on a map as late as 1870. He level-graded the streets, paved the streets, put in the sewers, planted thousands of trees, and put up the gaslights. Some of this had been done but not in any systematic way," said the former CIA officer for 25 years.

Before the work, the District was a pretty barren, muddy and torn up place, he said. "It was a shabby, beat up place after the Civil War," said Richardson. "Union troops, both wounded and active duty, were billeted throughout the District in hospitals and barracks. And virtually all of the trees had



**John Richardson of North Arlington with his new book, "Alexander Robey Shepherd: The Man Who Built the Nation's Capital."**

been cut down."

Richardson, who was on the Board of the Arlington Committee of 100 and lives in the Terra-Leeway Heights neighborhood,

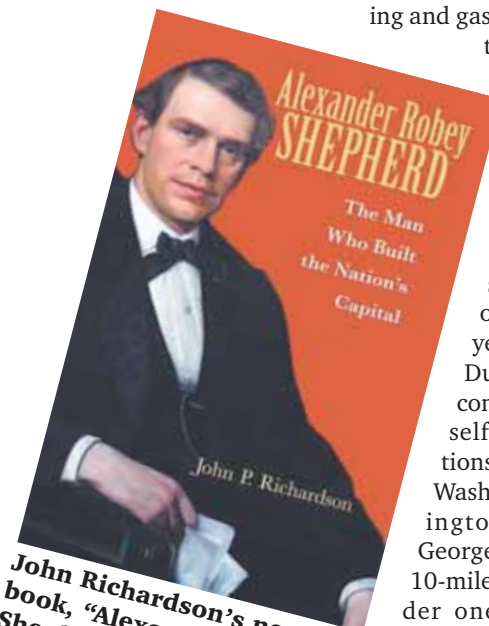
started researching the book in 1985. He devoted more time to writing it when he retired from the CIA in 2005; he finished it in 2015.

As the "czar" of the Board of Public Works, and the president of the premiere plumbing and gas fitting company in

the District, Shepherd was responsible for engineering the legislative change of the district to a territorial government status in 1871. It only lasted for three years — until 1874. During that time, he consolidated the three self-government portions of the District — Washington City, Washington County, and Georgetown — to get the 10-mile square of D.C. under one legislative umbrella. As a result, they were able to issue bonds for infrastructure development.

"He built the nation's Capital. He didn't build the buildings. He built everything under the buildings. Before the Civil War, it hadn't

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**John Richardson's new book, "Alexander Robey Shepherd: The Man Who Built the Nation's Capital."**

## THE NOVA METAPHYSICAL FELLOWSHIP

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**Saturday Dec 3, 12-4p.m. Mediumship Workshop**  
Cost: \$100 Prepaid / \$120.00

**Sunday Dec 4, 7-10p.m. Healing & Apportation Event**  
Cost: \$100.00 Prepaid / \$120.00

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2gQAHG33br4>

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# Celebrate, Shop, Dine Locally

Every day can be  
“small business day.”

There is a joy to participating in community traditions and celebrations during the holidays, from walking along a sidewalk with the streets decked out for the holidays, to shopping in local stores, to being greeted by someone likely to be the owner of the store, to finding gifts that are not mass-produced.

One way to be sure holiday shopping comes with some holiday spirit is to do a portion of your shopping in some of the area’s locally owned stores. There is special holiday ambience available by shopping in the heart of a town that is decked out for the season. Small retail shops are part of defining any community. Their livelihood depends on the livability and quality of the neighborhoods around them. A small business owner pays attention to every detail in his or her business in a way that is otherwise unmatched.

## EDITORIAL

We all benefit when local stores thrive, when local business districts beckon. An effort to support locally owned businesses has resulted in the recognition of Small Business Saturday, the Saturday after Thanksgiving, also called Shop Small. This year that day is Nov. 26.

Locally owned retail shops, services, restaurants depend on vibrant local communities to thrive, and communities depend on those businesses as well. Most small, locally owned businesses invest in community, helping to transform our towns and communities with a sense of place.

Frequently, it is the small retail person who is active in fundraising for local charities, advocating for improvements, for fire and rescue service, for local schools and in organizing holiday events.

Local retail stores, mom-and-pop stores, face tough challenges right now. Competition from big box stores and online sellers makes the holiday shopping season all the more important to locally owned retailers. But local fami-

lies will literally spend millions of dollars to shop and exchange gifts during the next month in a variety of places.

Everyone will do some of their shopping at the mall. Everyone will shop online. Many will answer the call of the big box. But local shoppers should be sure to do some celebrating, shopping and dining locally. We promise it brings more joy.

Be sure to to to some of the hometown Christmas events coming up. Visit our holiday calendars to find more.

— MARY KIMM

MKIMM@CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM

## Go Local

### Hometown holiday events:

- ❖ **Sounds of the Season**, Friday-Saturday, Nov. 25-26, at the Fashion Centre at Pentagon City. Musical performances by Salvation Army Band, St. Stephens Performance Band and Hammonds Middle School. Visit [simon.com/fashioncentrepentagon.com](http://simon.com/fashioncentrepentagon.com).
- ❖ **Arlington Community Chorus to Present Winter Concert**, Thursday, Dec. 1, 7:30 p.m. at Washington-Lee High School Auditorium, 1301 N. Stafford St. the chorus will sing a varied repertoire of choral music, including some holiday favorites. [www.apsva.us/adulted](http://www.apsva.us/adulted) 703-228-7200
- ❖ **Miracle on 23rd Street Tree Lighting**, Friday, Dec. 2, 6-8 p.m. at Linden Resources, 750 23rd St. S. Free on-street and lot parking available. Features The Grand Tree Lighting Ceremony, Santa arriving on an Arlington County Station 5 fire truck, visit with Santa, holiday musical entertainment, and face painting for children. Call 703-521-4441 or visit [www.linden.org/event/miracle-on-23rd-street/](http://www.linden.org/event/miracle-on-23rd-street/).
- ❖ **Holiday Chamber Music Concert**, Friday, Dec. 2, 7:30 p.m. at Lyon Park Community Center, 414

North Fillmore St. IBIS Chamber Music featuring musicians from the Kennedy Center and Boston Pops orchestras. 703-755-0960; [www.ibischambermusic.org](http://www.ibischambermusic.org)

- ❖ **Holiday House Craft Show**, Dec. 3-11, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturdays, noon-5 p.m. on Sundays. Wednesday, Dec. 7, noon-8 p.m. at the Hendry House, Fort CF Smith Park at 2411 N. 24th St. All items are created by local artisans. Call 703-243-7329.
- ❖ **Holiday Market Festival and Bonfire**, Friday-Saturday, Dec. 9-10, 3-11 p.m. Friday and 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at Gateway Park, 1300 Lee Highway. A shopping experience featuring unique, high-quality products from area small businesses. There will also be live entertainment and activities on both days of the market, including musical performances by local choirs, a bonfire and a rock band on Friday night. Free. Visit [www.rosslynva.org](http://www.rosslynva.org) for more.
- ❖ **BalletNova** presents the Nutcracker Petites Pre-school Performances, Friday-Saturday, Dec. 9-10, at Fredgren Studio Theatre, 3443 Carlin Springs Road, Falls Church. Friday, 5 p.m., Saturday, 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Advanced Sale: \$16-\$26 (additional \$3 at the door). Email Caroline Frankil Warren at [cwarren@balletnova.org](mailto:cwarren@balletnova.org).
- ❖ **Penrose Square Winter Wonderland Festival**, Saturday, Dec. 10, 2-6 p.m. at 2501 9th Road S. Event features a Holiday Sing-Along, a photo-op with the costumed Holiday “Yeti,” refreshments and more. Participants encouraged to bring donations for Toys for Tots drive. Lantern Parade at 5 p.m.
- ❖ **Holiday Choral Concert**, Saturday, Dec. 10, 3 p.m. at Washington Lee High School, 1301 N. Stafford St. The Encore Chorales of Langston Brown, Alexandria, Potomac Arts Academy & Goodwin House Bailey’s Crossroads invite the community to a free Holiday Choral Concert. Visit [encorecreativity.org](http://encorecreativity.org), call 301-261-5747 or email [info@encorecreativity.org](mailto:info@encorecreativity.org).
- ❖ **Facets of the Season**, Sunday, Dec. 11, 4 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, 420 South Highland St. Seasonal concert by The Arlington Chorale. [info@arlingtonchorale.org](mailto:info@arlingtonchorale.org) 703-933-2500

## Children’s Connection

During the last week of each year, The Connection devotes its entire issue to the creativity of local students and children. It is a keeppurpose edition for many families. The annual Children’s Connection is a tradition of well over a decade. We publish artwork, poetry, essays, creative writing, opinion pieces, short stories, photography, photos of sculpture or other creative efforts.

We ask that all submissions be digital so they can be sent through email or delivered on CD or flash drive. Writing should be submitted in rich text format (.rtf). Artwork should be pho-

tographed or scanned and provided in jpeg format.

We welcome contributions from public and private schools, individuals and homeschoolers. To be published, we must have first and last name of the student. Please include the student’s age and/or grade, school attended and town of residence, plus the name of the school, name of teacher and town of school location. Please provide submissions by Friday, Dec. 2.

Email submissions for the Children’s Connection to [arlington@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:arlington@connectionnewspapers.com).

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Listen to Students about Country’s Future

To the Editor:

Last Wednesday morning, every 10 year old in the United States woke up to the reality of President-elect Donald Trump. I am sure that some of us felt differently about it, but I want to share how my 5th grade classmates and I feel.

When I walked into the school, I noticed something odd. Kids were not running down the hallway having fun, instead there were small groups of kids talking amongst themselves in worried tones. My best friend Roman

greeted me with “Welcome to Hell.” On the door of our classroom was a sign that said “Remain calm, everything is fine. We will discuss this in class.”

I know there are kids whose parents voted for Trump but here is something we should all agree on:

Presidents are supposed to be role models for all Americans including kids. We don’t think that Trump has been a good role model and we want him to be. Most of us stayed up late watching the primaries, the debates, the campaign

messages. It was bad and ugly. That is why we think that all kids in the U.S. and around the world need to hear from Trump directly, that people should always tell the truth, that bullying is not OK, that treating girls unfairly is not OK, that blaming Muslims for everything is not OK, that saying every Latino is dangerous is not OK, and most of all, he should learn more about our country and the world. Mr. Trump, you are very lucky to have become the President of the United States. We hope you will

become a good person and a good President for everyone. Please listen to us, kids have an opinion too.

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# PEOPLE

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**Anita Friedman** was named director of the Department of Human Services for Arlington county.

**Caitlin Verdu** will join the staff of Virginia Cooperative Extension of Arlington as the 4-H Extension Agent. Verdu will work on 4-H programs to provide hands-on projects, activities and events for Arlington County youth and young adults.

Trooper **Derek B. Stotler**, 25, of Arlington, was among the Virginia State Police's 74 new Troopers and one Special Agent Accountant who graduated from its academy in North Chesterfield County. Members of the 123rd Basic Session finish a 28-week training session, and have received instruction in more than 100 different subjects spanning hundreds of hours. Stotler, who was class president of the 123rd Basic Session, will spend the six weeks with a field training officer learning his new patrol area and day-to-day duties in Springfield. Stotler earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Virginia Tech.

**Andria Pope-McKinley**, of Arlington, is being honored by American Airlines for 45 years of service.

**Rosaelena "Rosie" O'Neil**, a member of the NOVA College Board representing Arlington County, has been elected as an at-large member of the



U.S. NAVY PHOTO BY SEAMAN JAMAAL LIDDELL

**Lt. J.G. Ben Title, from Arlington, gives a tour to sailors from the Republic of Korea Navy in the hangar bay of the Navy's only forward-deployed aircraft carrier, USS Ronald Reagan.**

Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) Board. O'Neil was one of nine candidates elected to the 26-member board and will serve a three-year term.

The Leadership Center for Excellence and Leadership Arlington appointed **Karen Rosales** the chair of the organization's Board of Regents. Rosales completed the Leadership Arlington Signature Program in 2013 and is the president and chief executive officer of Arlington Community Federal Credit Union.

**Brian McGraw** has been selected by the Virginia Department of Fire Programs to serve as State Fire Marshal, replacing Ed Altizer who retired earlier this year. McGraw has worked over 25 years as a Fire Protection Engineer in both the private and public sector, as well as a Firefighter/Paramedic and Deputy Fire Marshal with the Arlington County Fire Department.

Composer **Christopher J. Hoh** of Arlington has been honored by Project

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# Refugees Gather To Celebrate Thanksgiving

Ethiopian Community Development Council hosts “Refugees’ First Thanksgiving.”

BY VERNON MILES  
THE CONNECTION

**A**rabic. Amharic. Burmese. Spanish. There were dozens of languages spoken from the nearly 200 people at the “Refugees’ First Thanksgiving” dinner. They’d all come to the United States to get escape war or persecution. On Nov. 20 they gathered at Ethiopian Community Development Council (ECDC) off of Columbia Pike, like centuries of Americans before them, to share a meal and give thanks.

According to Sarah Zullo with the ECDC, this is the 5th year the ECDC has hosted the event. The council started in 1983 to assist Ethiopian immigrants to Arlington, but has since expanded to help all groups of people that are new to the United States.

“This is our way of celebrating and honoring the spirit of Thanksgiving; by getting together and breaking bread,” said Zullo. “Thanksgiving really shows the kindness of the American people. The first settlers were shown by the American Indians how to survive the winter and how to plant their crops. We continue that tradition. If you sit with someone and take the time to know them, you’ll find you have more in common than you realize.”

“America is a county of immigrants,” said ECDC President Tsehay Teferra. “Some came here earlier, some came later. As a refugee organization, I’m thankful to American society for welcoming newcomers and refugees after facing so many uphill battles. For newcomers, I hope this is a tradition



Refugees’ First Thanksgiving was held Sunday, Nov. 20 at the Ethiopian Community Development Council (ECDC) off of Columbia Pike.

you will remember as a holiday of your own. So many thousands and thousands of refugees still need prayers and protection. I hope we will all remember them. We are the lucky ones. Our obligation, our duty, is to remember those left behind.”

“The food in this area is nice, particularly the chicken,” said Arbab Hassan, at the dinner with his family. Hassan and his family had come to the United States from Sudan one year ago. “And the company is nice. We eat so much.”

Some refugees were still getting settled in and said coming out to this dinner gave

**“Things like this foster collaboration and diversity. I’m thankful for people who have open minds.”**

— Jasmine Saini

them a chance to take a breath and relax.

“It feels good,” said Ijlal Haider. “Everything is going good. I’ve never had a Thanksgiving before, but we’re looking forward to finding out more about it.”

“Everything is OK here,” said Ohari Ongena, who came to the United States with his family from Tanzania four months ago. “I’m grateful we don’t have segregation here. White and black, we’re all the same.”



PHOTOS BY VERNON MILES/THE CONNECTION

Nour Almeri, a refugee from Syria, sings to Refugees’ First Thanksgiving a song in arabic about love.

“Feels good. I’m happy being here with family,” said Sophie Tuwombe, who moved to the United States from the Democratic Republic of the Congo one month ago. “It’s nicer here than it was back home.”

Tania Hassan found out about the event through a co-worker and encouraged her friends to come with her. The five of them all volunteered together at the dinner.

“Things like this foster collaboration and diversity,” said Jasmine Saini. “I’m thankful for people who have open minds.”

“I’m thankful for the blessings I’ve been given and the opportunities,” said Jahanzed Piracha, “I’m happy to see people coming together for something like this.”



Volunteers serve dinner at Refugees’ First Thanksgiving



## SHARING



PHOTO COURTESY OF ST. STEPHEN'S AND ST. AGNES SCHOOL

On the day before Thanksgiving 2015, students at St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School make sandwiches for the homeless.

## Thinking Beyond Serving Meals

Experts advise finding age-appropriate ways for children to give back.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE CONNECTION

During this season of giving thanks, opportunities for expressions of gratitude can seem ubiquitous. It's also a good opportunity to demonstrate philanthropy for children, from food and toy drives to serving hot meals in soup kitchens.

"Charitable organizations rely on the incredible support of volunteers who dedicate time and provide supplies," particularly at this time of year, said Yvonne Espila, volunteer and outreach coordinator for Interfaith Works, a nonprofit organization that serves the homeless and the poor. "Without volunteers we would not be able to offer many of the services that are performed or delivered daily."

Youth volunteerism can be complicated, however, when it comes to matching skills and abilities with opportunities and interests. For example, feeding the homeless might seem like an ideal way to give children a real-world view of those in need. However, hot stoves and sharp knives can pose dangers to young children. The key is finding the right fit before committing.

"We have a variety of opportunities for our ever-increasing diverse pool of volunteers," said Espila.

An example of children volunteering for the same cause, but with different activities matched with their varying skill levels, is a kindergarten through eighth grade, effort by students at Norwood School in Potomac, Md., to support Manna Food Center. Leanne Gill, a spokeswoman for the school, says all students can donate healthy food items, but that older students get more involved.

"A group of our eighth graders visits the Manna warehouse ... to help sort through and organize food donations," said Gill.

Older children are often better suited to participate in food preparation efforts without the need for close supervision. For example, St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School

(SSSAS) in Alexandria holds an annual tradition the day before Thanksgiving called Saintsgiving. High school students volunteer to make sandwiches for the clients of Martha's Table, a Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit that provides meals to low-income and homeless residents of the region.

"Last year we had a record turnout, and our volunteers made 4,600 sandwiches in just one hour," said Mandi Sapp, communications coordinator at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School.

When children are too young for solo food preparation, Espila recommends that families make food together and bring it to shelters.

"Great opportunities [include] ... making bagged lunches at home as a family activity, wrapping them and taking them to our shelters," said Espila. "They can even include a small encouraging note."

They also need more than food. Providing social opportunities for the homeless people, who might not otherwise have them is a much-needed volunteer service appropriate for families with children of all ages, added Espila. "Creating crafts with or playing Bingo with or planning and hosting a birthday party for the homeless are always appreciated."

Charities also need basic supplies like soap, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes, which many homeless people desperately need, added Espila. "Consider holding a mini-drive to collect these items," she said. "We also welcome other creative ideas that volunteers may have. My goal is to inspire a lifetime of service."

Sometimes giving means bringing joy. Sapp cites a volunteer effort by fourth grade students at the SSSAS that brings smiles to the faces of sick children. For the past 23 years, students have baked cookies, cakes, brownies and other treats at home and brought them to school for a bake sale. Proceeds are used to purchase toys for patients and their siblings at Children's National Medical Center in D.C.

## Fairfax Water

### PUBLIC HEARING ON WATER RATES AND PROPOSED 2017 BUDGET

At 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 15, 2016, Fairfax Water will conduct a public hearing on its Proposed Schedule of Rates, Fees, and Charges and the 2017 Annual Budget. The hearing will be held in Fairfax Water's offices at 8570 Executive Park Avenue, Fairfax, VA.

The proposed changes, to be effective April 1, 2017, include the following:

1. An increase in the Local Facilities Charge from \$10,240 to \$16,020.
2. An increase in the Service Connection Charge from \$1,150 to \$1,240†.
3. An increase in the Quarterly Billing Service Charge from \$10.10 to \$12.20†.
4. An increase in the Base Commodity Charge from \$2.68 to \$2.81 per 1,000 gallons of water.
5. A decrease in the Turn-Off / Turn-On Charge from \$52 to \$44.
6. An increase in the Fees for Use of Fairfax Water Fire Hydrants to include the increase in the Commodity Charge.
7. An increase in the Overhead Charge for Labor from 104% to 105%.
8. A decrease in the Installation of Sewer Use Meter Charge from \$46 to \$35.

Revenues are expected to be \$171.3 million in 2017. Water sales are expected to provide \$149.2 million. Approximately \$22.1 million is expected from connection charges, investment income and other sources.

The major areas of operation and maintenance expense are:

Category	-- \$1,000s --	
	2016	2017
Personal Services & Employee Benefits	\$ 53,877	\$ 55,808
Power and Utilities	10,417	10,572
Chemicals	6,342	7,566
Purchased Water	4,512	5,576
Supplies and Materials	5,173	5,248
Insurance	1,176	1,201
Fuel	567	625
Postage	632	654
Contractual Services	10,473	10,671
Professional Services	748	910
Other	2,305	2,484
Subtotal	96,222	101,315
Transfer to Improvement Fund	(9,616)	(9,305)
Total	\$ 86,606	\$ 92,010

Net revenues are expected to be appropriated as follows:

Debt Payment	\$41,129,000
Improvement Fund	\$11,000,000
General Fund	\$25,733,000

A copy of the proposed changes can be viewed on our website at [www.fairfaxwater.org/rates](http://www.fairfaxwater.org/rates). Those wishing to speak at this hearing or desiring a copy of the proposed changes should call Ms. Eva Catlin at 703-289-6017.

Interested parties may submit written comments to [PublicHearingComments@fairfaxwater.org](mailto:PublicHearingComments@fairfaxwater.org) or mail written comments to:

Fairfax Water  
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All written comments must be received by close of business on Wednesday, December 14, 2016, to be included in the record of the public hearing.

†Charges reflect fees associated with a standard 5/8" residential meter. Changes in charges for larger residential and commercial meters are reflected in the Proposed Schedule of Rates, Fees, and Charges.



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## ONGOING

**Art Exhibit: "After Hours: Social Rituals."** Nov. 29, gallery hours at 34zero9 Micro Gallery, 3409 Wilson Blvd. Christina Girardi explores the visual and social subjects of the bar through drawings made on-site and from photos of bars she has collected from her social encounters. Through these mixed media drawings, she makes an attempt to mimic and recollect setting, sound, color, and taste of the aesthetics surrounding these memories created through the social habits of today's young urban and suburban populations. Free. Visit [www.34zero9.wixsite.com](http://www.34zero9.wixsite.com) for more.

**Abstract Paintings by Meg Mackenzie.** Through Nov. 30, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. weekdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sat. at The Arlington Artists Alliance Gallery, 2100 Crystal Drive. Mackenzie is an abstract painter whose award-winning work has become a popular favorite in the D.C.-metro area who dedicated her artwork towards celebrating the majestic power and beauty of the horse. Visit [www.galleryunderground.org](http://www.galleryunderground.org).

**Call for Submissions: Sigworks Musical Theater Lab.** Deadline, Dec. 1. Two musicals will be chosen for a two-week development workshop during the summer of 2017, and each project will receive public readings at the end of each week. The projects, under leadership of Signature's Director of New Works Joe Calarco, will work with a director, music director, professional actors, a stage manager, and a dramaturge. The writers of the chosen musicals will receive housing, travel, and an honorarium. Visit [www.sigtheatre.org](http://www.sigtheatre.org) for more.

**Waste Not-Want Not.** through Dec. 1 in the main lobby of Arlington Central Library (1015 North Quincy St.), the Arlington Food Assistance Center is sponsoring an exhibit highlighting the problems of food waste and solutions to preventing it. For more information about AFAC's Plot Against Hunger program, visit [www.afac.org/plot-against-hunger/](http://www.afac.org/plot-against-hunger/) or contact Aisha Salazar at [cooking@afac.org](mailto:cooking@afac.org) or 703-845-8486.

**Tame Avant Bard Shows.** Through Dec. 11 at Gunston Arts Theater, 2700 South Lang St. \$30 on Fridays; \$35 on Saturday evenings and Sundays. 703-418-4808.

**Exhibit: "Día de los Muertos."** Through Dec. 18. Gallery hours at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. Artists living in the Mid-Atlantic states submit work that responds to the concepts, themes, and imagery of this beloved holiday. Free. Visit [www.arlingtonartscenter.org](http://www.arlingtonartscenter.org) for more.

**Fall SOLOS 2016.** Through Dec. 18, gallery hours at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. More than 100 artists living in the Mid-Atlantic Region submitted proposals for this semi-annual exhibition. Jurors Sarah Newman, Independent Curator, and José Ruiz, Co-Director of Present Co. (NY), Director of Furthermore (DC), and Professor in the Curatorial Practice Program at MICA, recommended 14 applicants for inclusion in the SOLOS 2016-17 edition. Fall artists: Michael Booker, Amanda Burnham, Lewis Colburn, Marion Colomer, Liz Guzman, Andrew Hladky, and Michele Montalbano. Free. Visit [www.arlingtonartscenter.org](http://www.arlingtonartscenter.org) for more.



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## Get Moving

**The 11th Annual Turkey Trot 5K starts Thanksgiving Day morning at 8 a.m. at the Christ Church of Arlington, 3020 N. Pershing Drive. The run is a charitable event to help those in the community who need a hand up.**

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**Alice Whealin: "Third Patterns."** Through Dec. 18, gallery hours at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. Alice Whealin's artworks reflect personal concerns and experiences through alternative landscapes and imagery of internal bodies. Free. Visit [www.arlingtonartscenter.org](http://www.arlingtonartscenter.org) for more.

**Photos with Santa Claus.** Through Dec. 24. Various times at Fashion Centre at Pentagon City, 1100 S. Hayes St. Santa's photo chair will be on the ground level near Nordstrom. Visit [www.simon.com/fashioncentreatpentagoncity](http://www.simon.com/fashioncentreatpentagoncity) for Santa's daily schedules and photo package pricing.

**Moving Words Poetry Contest.** Through Jan. 12. The annual poetry contest Moving Words is now open for submissions. The work of six winning poets will be printed on placards and displayed for three months between April and September inside Arlington Rapid Transit (ART) buses. This year's Moving Words competition is juried by Arlington County's Poet Laureate, Katherine E. Young. Submit entries to [movingwords@arlingtonva.us](mailto:movingwords@arlingtonva.us). Visit [www.arlingtonarts.org/](http://www.arlingtonarts.org/) for rules.

**Friday Night Live.** 8 p.m. at the Church at Clarendon, 1210 N. Highland St., Suite A. Local musicians perform. Free. Visit [1bc.org](http://1bc.org) for more.

**Arlington's Historical Museum Open on First Wednesdays.** The Arlington Historical Museum is open to the public on the first Wednesday of every month from 12:30-3:30 p.m. The museum consists of exhibits

chronicling Arlington County's history from Native American settlements up to the present day. The museum will continue to be open on Saturdays and Sundays from 1-4 p.m. Admission is free. The museum is located in the former 1891 Hume School building at 1805 S. Arlington Ridge Road. Contact Garrett Peck at 571-243-1113 or at [garrett.peck@arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:garrett.peck@arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org).

**LGBT & Straight Friends Social.** Tuesdays. Happy Hour, 3 p.m.-7 p.m.; Mikey's "Bar A" Video Wall, 7 p.m.; start time at 8 p.m. IOTA Club & Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd. For 21 years and older. Free. Visit [www.iotaclubandcafe.com](http://www.iotaclubandcafe.com) for more information.

**Open Mic Comedy.** Wednesdays 8-10 p.m. at Ri Ra Irish Pub, 2915 Wilson Blvd. Doors open at 7 p.m. Age 21 and up only. Free show, \$25 cash prize for best joke. Call 703-248-9888 or visit [www.RiRa.com/](http://www.RiRa.com/) Arlington for more.

**Food Truck Thursdays.** 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the corner of North Irving St. and Washington Blvd. Find a round-up of regional food trucks. Free to attend. Visit [www.dmvfta.org](http://www.dmvfta.org).

**Invasive Plants Removal.** Work parties are held every month to keep the parks free of destructive invasive plants. Teens, adults and families welcome. Every second Sunday of the month 2-4:30 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road; call 703-228-3403. Every third Sunday of the month 2-5 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road; call 703-228-6535 or visit [registration.arlingtonva.us](http://registration.arlingtonva.us). Free, no

registration required.

**Poetry Series.** 6-8 p.m. second Sunday of the month at IOTA Club & Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd. Hosted by poet Miles David Moore. Featured artists share their poetry followed by open readings. Free. Visit [www.iotaclubandcafe.com](http://www.iotaclubandcafe.com) or call 703-522-8340.

**Open Mic Nite.** 8 p.m.-12:30 a.m. every Wednesday at IOTA Club & Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd. Sign-up times are 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Bring instruments, fans and friends. Visit [www.iotaclubandcafe.com](http://www.iotaclubandcafe.com) or call 703-522-8340.

**Karaoke.** 8 p.m. on the first Sunday every month at Galaxy Hut, 2711 Wilson Blvd. Visit [www.galaxyhut.com](http://www.galaxyhut.com) or call 703-525-8646.

**Pub Quiz.** 8 p.m. every Sunday at Whitlow's on Wilson, 2854 Wilson Blvd. Prizes for first place. Free. Visit [www.whitlows.com](http://www.whitlows.com) or call 703-276-9693.

**Storytime.** Wednesdays and Fridays, 10:30-11 a.m. at Kinder Haus Toys, 1220 N. Fillmore St. Storytime with Ms. Laura. Call 703-527-5929.

**Lego Club.** Monthly on the first Wednesday. 4-5 p.m. Glencarlyn Branch Library, 300 S. Kensington St. The library provides tubs of legos and a special challenge and after the program the creations are displayed for everyone to see. No registration required. Call 703-228-6548 for more.

**Crystal City Sparket.** 11 a.m.-2 p.m. on Wednesdays at 1900 Crystal Drive. Sparket — A Creative Market is an extension of DC's Eastern Market with arts, crafts, and

handmade goods. Free to attend. Visit [www.crystalcity.org](http://www.crystalcity.org).

**Open Mic Night.** Wednesdays, at 8 p.m., sign ups are at 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m., at Iota Club & Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd. Free. Visit <http://www.iotaclubandcafe.com/>.

**Art for Life.** Third Thursday of each month. The Hyatt Regency Crystal City's "Art for Life" Partnership with National Kidney Foundation brings a new artist each month to The Hyatt for a reception. Free. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org).

**Brunch at Freddie's.** Third Saturday of every month, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Freddie's Beach Bar, 555 23rd St. The Arlington Gay and Lesbian Alliance gathers for an all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet (\$9.99). All are welcome. No reservation is required. Visit [www.facebook.com/events/700174390103305](http://www.facebook.com/events/700174390103305).

**Fall Food Drive.** Through December, Always Best Care of Arlington at 2708 S. Nelson St. is partnering with Arlington Food Assistance Center to collect food for the holiday season. 703-845-8486

## NOV. 22- DEC. 24

**Silver Belles Holiday Play.** at Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave. When Oralene, the longtime director of small town Sylva Ridge's Christmas Pageant, suddenly passes away, the Silver Belles must come to the rescue. With the spirit of Oralene looking on, the sterling-hued vixens band together, discover their talents and pull out all the stops to keep the beloved pageant alive. Call 703-820-9771 or go to [sigtheatre.org](http://sigtheatre.org).



# ENTERTAINMENT

## THURSDAY-SUNDAY/NOV. 24-27

### Black Friday at Pentagon City.

Thursday, Nov. 24: 6-11 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 25: 7 a.m.-9:30 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 26: 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 27: 11 a.m.-6 p.m. at 1100 S. Hayes St. First 100 visitors to check in at Simon Guest Services on Friday, Nov. 25 will receive a free Holiday Shopping Survival Kit packed with water, mints, snacks and extra store offers. Additionally, from 7-11 a.m. on Nov. 25, shoppers who spend \$150 or more can reach into Santa's Gift Bag for a prize. 703-415-2401

## NOV. 25-DEC. 15

### The Salvation Army Angel Tree Program.

Pentagon City shoppers can select an Angel Card from the Angel Tree, located at the Santa Set on the First Level near Nordstrom, and return their unwrapped gift with the Angel Card to the Mall Office, located on Metro Level. The Mall Office will receive gifts Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Visit [simon.com/fashioncentreatpentagoncity](http://simon.com/fashioncentreatpentagoncity).

## SATURDAY/NOV. 26

### Holiday Photo Booth.

Noon.-5 p.m. at the Fashion Centre at Pentagon City. Visit [simon.com/fashioncentreatpentagoncity](http://simon.com/fashioncentreatpentagoncity).

## NOV. 27-DEC. 10

### Christmas Tree Sale Benefit.

At Clarendon United Methodist Church parking lot, 607 North Irving St. Christmas Tree Sales, with 100 percent of proceeds to benefit nonprofits fighting hunger among residents of Arlington and overseas. Hours of operation: Sunday 12-4 p.m., Monday-Friday 5-9 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Erin White, [erin.s.white@gmail.com](mailto:erin.s.white@gmail.com). 703-851-1607

## WEDNESDAY/NOV. 30

### Encore Stage Holding Rehearsals for A Fairy Tale Christmas Carol.

7:30 p.m. at 2600 S. Lang St. On Wednesday, Nov. 30 will be a dress rehearsal, featuring actors in their costumes. Visit [www.encorestage.org](http://www.encorestage.org) or call 703-548-1154.

### World AIDS Day Recognition.

9-11 a.m. at the Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St. Attendees will learn about resources available in the community and how Arlington is committed to expanding and strengthening its effort to stop the spread of HIV and AIDS. 571-259-2463 or [klarrick@arlingtonva.us](mailto:klarrick@arlingtonva.us).

## THURSDAY-SUNDAY/DEC. 1-4

### Arlington Host Lions annual Citrus "Sweet" Fruit Sale.

at the Wells Fargo Bank parking lot at the corner of Lee Hwy. and North Glebe Road. [www.arlhostlionsva.org](http://www.arlhostlionsva.org) or 703-598-8266 or 703-862-5956.

## THURS-SUN/DEC. 1-4

### BalletNova presents the Nutcracker.

At Thomas Jefferson Community Theatre, 125 South Old Glebe Road. Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Friday, 7:30 p.m., Saturday, 1 and 5 p.m. and Sunday, 1 and 5 p.m. Advanced Sale: \$15-\$38 (additional \$3 at the door) On Saturday and Sunday there is a Behind the Scenes Girl Scout Education Program at 11 a.m. - \$7 per person. Email Caroline Frankil Warren at [cwarren@balletnova.org](mailto:cwarren@balletnova.org).

## THURSDAY/DEC. 1

### Arlington Community Chorus Winter Concert.

7:30 p.m. at Washington-Lee High School Auditorium, 1301 N. Stafford St. the chorus will sing a varied repertoire of choral music, including some holiday favorites. [www.apsva.us/adulted](http://www.apsva.us/adulted) 703-228-7200

## FRIDAY/DEC. 2

### Miracle on 23rd Street Tree Lighting.

6-8 p.m. at Linden Resources, 750 23rd St. S. Free on-street and lot parking available. Features The Grand Tree Lighting Ceremony, Santa arriving on an Arlington County Station 5 fire truck, visit with Santa, holiday musical entertainment, and face painting for children. Call 703-521-4441 or visit [www.linden.org/event/miracle-on-23rd-street/](http://www.linden.org/event/miracle-on-23rd-street/).

### IBIS Chamber Society Winter Concert.

7:30 p.m. at Lyon Park Community Center, 414 N. Fillmore St. Vivaldi's Winter, Respighi's Adoration of the Magi, Vaughan Williams Greensleeves, as well as music by Mozart, Alwyn and a holiday singalong. Free, donations accepted. Visit [www.ibischambermusic.org](http://www.ibischambermusic.org) for more.

## SATURDAY/DEC. 3

**Breakfast With Santa.** 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 3022 Woodlawn Ave., Falls Church. Enjoy crafts, snacks and a visit from Santa. 703-532-6617 or [office@holyltrinityfallschurch.org](mailto:office@holyltrinityfallschurch.org)

**Holiday House Craft Show.** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturdays; noon-5 p.m. on Sundays. Wednesday, Dec. 7, noon-8 p.m. at the Hendry House, Fort CF Smith Park at 2411 N. 24th St. All items are created by local artisans. Call 703-243-7329.

## Casting Call and Auditions.

9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Langston-Brown Community Center, 2121 N. Culpeper St. A casting call/audition for instrumentalists, dancers, vocalists and poets for Arlington's 48<sup>th</sup> annual Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Interested parties should prepare a 45-second presentation of the piece they would like to be considered for the tribute. Individuals and groups are welcome. Headshots and resumes are recommended. Small stipends are paid for selected performers. [tyrell@consultlashley.com](mailto:tyrell@consultlashley.com).

## SUNDAY/DEC. 4

### Falls Church Tree Fest.

11 a.m.-5 p.m. Hilton Garden Inn, 706 W. Broad Street. Falls Church Tree Fest, is a family friendly holiday event that has a display of holiday trees, and highlights several worthy non-profit groups in the Falls Church area. Visitors may show their support for these groups by participating in a silent auction during the event. [www.fallschurchtreefest.com](http://www.fallschurchtreefest.com), [melissa.kay.morse@gmail.com](mailto:melissa.kay.morse@gmail.com)

### Holiday Wreath Workshop.

1-4 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Using all natural items create some delightfully decorative crafts you can use to spruce up your home or give as special gifts. Fee is \$30. Call 703-228-4747 or visit [registration.arlingtonva.us](http://registration.arlingtonva.us).

### Messiah Sing-Along.

4 p.m. at Fairlington United Methodist Church 3900 King St. with guest soloists Laura Whittenberger, soprano; Mary Burke, alto; Chuanqi Shang, tenor; and Christopher Edwards, bass. Email [louise@fairlingtonumc.org](mailto:louise@fairlingtonumc.org), call 703-671-4057, or visit [www.fairlingtonumc.org](http://www.fairlingtonumc.org).

## DEC. 7-14

### Lion's Club Citrus Charity Fundraiser.

Wednesday, 12:30-8:30 p.m.; Thursday, 7 a.m.-2 p.m.; Friday, 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; Saturday 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; Sunday, 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; Monday, 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; Tuesday, 7 a.m.-2 p.m.; Wednesday, 1-8 p.m. at 6030 Lee Highway. Lower entrance off John Marshall Drive. Fresh citrus, pecans, and maple syrup for sale at the Overlee Bath House (Lower Level). 703-528-1130.

## DEC. 7-JAN. 8

### Wordless Production of "Sleeping Beauty."

Wednesday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. at Synetic Theater, 1800 S. Bell St. Tickets \$35 and up. Student tickets start at \$15. Senior citizens and military receive \$5 off. Recommended for ages 7 and older. Visit [synetictheater.org](http://synetictheater.org).



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**Ice skating at Pentagon Row is one of the activities at the Pentagon Row's Frost Fest, Saturday, Dec. 3 from 5-8 p.m. at Army Navy Drive and South Joyce Street. [www.pentagonrow.com](http://www.pentagonrow.com) or 703-418-6666**

## THURSDAY/DEC. 8

### Human Rights Award Ceremony.

7 p.m. at County Board Room, 2100 Clarendon Blvd. Tiffany Joslyn (posthumously), Joan Ritter, Bridges to Independence, Edu Futuro, Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington and Busboys and Poets — Shirlington were selected by a committee of the Arlington Human Rights Commission.

## THURSDAY-FRIDAY/DEC. 8-9

### Dr. Dolittle Production.

7 p.m. Glebe Elementary, 1770 N. Glebe Road. The play features the work of over 50 students. Free.

## FRIDAY-SATURDAY/DEC. 9-10

### Holiday Market Festival and Bonfire.

3-11 p.m. Friday and 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at Gateway Park, 1300 Lee Highway. A shopping experience featuring unique, high-quality products from area small businesses. There will also be live entertainment and activities on both days of the market, including musical performances by local choirs, a bonfire and a rock band on Friday night. Free. Visit [www.rosslynva.org](http://www.rosslynva.org).

### BalletNova presents the Nutcracker Petites Pre-school Performances.

At Fredgren Studio Theatre, 3443 Carlin Springs Road, Falls Church. Friday, 5 p.m., Saturday, 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Advanced Sale: \$16-\$26 (additional \$3 at the door). Email Caroline Frankil Warren at [cwarren@balletnova.org](mailto:cwarren@balletnova.org).

## DEC. 9-24

### Holiday Gift Wrap.

at the Fashion Centre at Pentagon City. All proceeds benefit Simon Youth Foundation and Arms Outstretched Ministry. Visit [simon.com/fashioncentreatpentagoncity](http://simon.com/fashioncentreatpentagoncity).

## SATURDAY/DEC. 10

**Great Chocolate Race.** 7:30 a.m. at N. Kent Street and Wilson Boulevard. Take a 5-mile trip around the capital, Arlington National Cemetery, and other monuments. Registration is \$5. Visit [www.crucibleracing.com/chocolatearlington](http://www.crucibleracing.com/chocolatearlington).

### Free Santa Photos.

9 a.m.-noon at Rosslyn Holiday Market, Gateway Park, 1300 Lee Highway. After the picture, enjoy a gingerbread house-making workshop, free live performances by area choral groups, and local food and shopping. The market is open until 3 p.m.

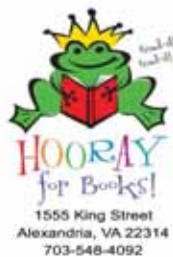
### Holiday Choral Concert.

3 p.m. at Washington Lee High School, 1301 N. Stafford St. The Encore Chorales of Langston Brown, Alexandria, Potomac Arts Academy & Goodwin House Bailey's Crossroads invite the community to a free Holiday Choral Concert. Visit [encorecreativity.org](http://encorecreativity.org), call 301-261-5747 or email [info@encorecreativity.org](mailto:info@encorecreativity.org).

### "Happy Holidays."

7:30 p.m. at Rosslyn Spectrum Theatre, 1611 N. Kent St. Soprano Rebecca Littig, who made her European debut at age 24, will perform Mozart's joyful "Exsultate, Jubilate K165," written by the composer — while still in his teens — specifically for Italian castrato Venanzio Rauzzini. Littig will also lead the audience in a carols sing-along. Tickets are \$33, \$17 for students. Visit [www.nationalchamberensemble.org](http://www.nationalchamberensemble.org).

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## PEOPLE



Union Troops stand on an unpaved street in D.C. before Gov. Alexander “Boss” Shepherd’s work was completed.



An unpaved street in downtown D.C. before Gov. Alexander “Boss” Shepherd’s work was completed.

# The Story of Gov. Alexander ‘Boss’ Shepherd

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needed a true national Capital. After the war, it did. Shepherd’s work made it possible to create a true national Capital in Washington, D.C.,” he said.

He added: “He implemented the L’Enfant plan. The only deviation was filling in and paving over the Washington Canal, which was an open sewer.”

Richardson said that Shepherd achieved in three years what it took Baron Georges-Eugene Haussman 20 years to accomplish in rebuilding Paris. “He was a one-man gang. You couldn’t stop Shepherd. What he did, in essence, was he tore up downtown Washington, and once he had it all torn up, then no one was going to see it go back to mud and dirt streets again,” he said. “He created a huge uproar. Washington was just topsy turvy, hills and valleys. So he brought some rationality to the street grading process.”

During his reign, Shepherd was investigated two times by Congress, but Richardson said in his research he never found any evidence of personal corruption by Shepherd. “He was way over-leveraged as a home builder and had heavy loans and personal loans; there was a financial crash in 1873; he was very exposed, and that brought him down,” said Richardson.

In 1874, Shepherd was fired from the Board of Public Works; the whole govern-

ment was fired when Congress canceled the territorial government and re-instituted the original form of government, which was the Commissioner System of government with three commissioners. “The District was in chaos in 1874; it was broke, and that’s why Congress canceled the territorial government,” he said.

“Nobody was neutral about Shepherd; he had adoring fans in the business community and many in Congress,” said Richardson. “He had violent critics who hated his methods and he was accused of everything under the sun, but it was never proved.”

He added: “People around him got rich; he stands guilty of practicing crony capitalism and a lot of his colleagues made money from contracts and a lot of them were unqualified.”

By 1869, Shepherd, a Lincoln Republican, was the fourth wealthiest man in Washington but he declared bankruptcy in 1876. To try to get his fortune back, he moved to Mexico between 1874-1880 to seize on the silver mining business. He raised some capital and bought silver mines in a remote town of western Mexico called Copper Canyon, an isolated steep valley where all of the minerals were located, and lived there for the rest of his life.

“He pulled the whole family up and took them to the end of the earth; he hoped to come back after five years with his fortune

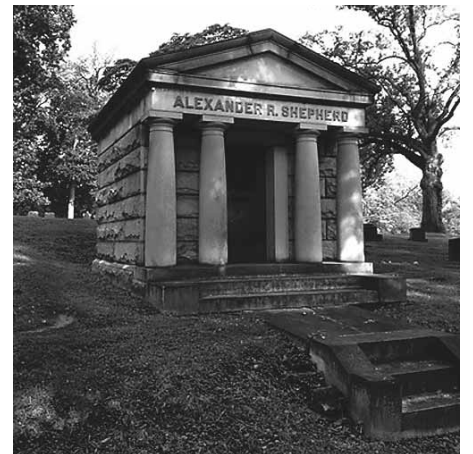
restored, but he never again lived in Washington. He came back twice, and he died in Mexico in 1902 of appendicitis,” he said.

“He made money, sure, but it wasn’t consistent and there were bad years. There was another recession in 1893; the U.S. economy collapsed and the market for silver dried up and he was at the mercy of a number of forces beyond his control,” said Richardson.

Shepherd came back to D.C., once in 1887, and Washington threw a huge parade and massive tribute to him. “People began to appreciate what he had done to build the physical city; he clearly came down on the side of beauty,” he said. “He did something very important for the nation’s capital.” He also headed up a Yellow Fever Commission that brought relief to communities along the Mississippi River that had been ravaged by yellow fever.

Because he was a public figure, there was extensive newspaper coverage of his work. But Richardson said the most difficult part of his research was getting inside Shepherd’s head. “There are very few letters, diaries that recount other than his experiences. There’s very little that show his thought processes; but getting inside of

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The Gov. Alexander “Boss” Shepherd Mausoleum in Rock Creek Cemetery.

Shepherd’s head was the hardest thing,” he said.

With a foreword by former mayor of Washington, D.C., Tony Williams (1999-2007), “Alexander Robey Shepherd: The Man Who Built the Nation’s Capital” is available on Amazon in hardback (\$59.95), paperback (\$29.95) and kindle (\$14.39). It is published by Ohio University Press. Visit [www.alexandershepherd.net](http://www.alexandershepherd.net).



Photo from 1861 of the End of Long Bridge.



Union soldiers on the Mall in D.C.



## SPORTS



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### Champions at CASL Girls Jr. Showcase

The Arlington Travel Soccer 2004 Girls Red team won the Elite Black bracket at the CASL Girls Jr. Showcase on Nov. 5-6 in Raleigh, N.C. The girls played teams from Georgia, Tennessee, Colorado and South Carolina, outscoring their opponents 5-2. This fall, the 2004G Red team has compiled a record of 13 wins and 1 loss, with two tournament championships (CASL and the DMV Premier Cup over Labor Day weekend this past September). The team consists of Sydney B., Emily C., Amanita D., Nevis G., Leila G., Lillian K., Alyssa K., Sanam M., Talia O., Helen O., Jenna P., Jessica R., Anna R., Ellie S., Amelia S., Catherine V., and Paige W. They are coached by Mo Tayari.

## SCHOOL NOTES

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Members of the **Marymount University** Community assembled 171 kits containing new clothing, handwritten notes of encouragement, toiletries and other items for victims of sexual assault whose clothing has been kept for evi-

dence after hospital visits. More than 150 student volunteers participated in the Fear 2 Freedom celebration Nov. 1.

A team of students from the **Arlington Career Center** has won the fifth annual student video challenge sponsored by the Virginia School Boards Association (VSBA), taking home the top prize for the fourth year in a row.

Career Center students who worked on the video include seniors Sarah Strunk and Daniela Londono. They are enrolled in Thomas O'Day's Television & Multimedia Production II class.

**Emily Rothstein** of Arlington is one of more than 6,300 newly enrolled students comprising the Kent State University Class of 2020.

## PEOPLE NOTES

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Encore, which added his "Three Latin Prayers" to its exclusive catalog of new choral music. A pool of conductors reviewed the submitted compositions for artistic merit, use of choral forces and

programmability.

Retired Col. **Al Richmond** completed his 41<sup>st</sup> consecutive Marine Corps Marathon (MCM) on Sunday, Oct. 30 in Arlington. Richmond, a longtime resident of Arlington, ran "The People's

Marathon" wearing Bib # 41, completing the Marathon course in 6:39:47.

Arlington resident **Dr. Timothy Kane** of Children's National Health System was recently named a 2016 "Top Doctor" by Northern Virginia Magazine.

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## TFTT: Turkey For the Turkey



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Thanksgiving might be my most favorite day of the year. It is a day when I can eat/feel most normal. (Cancer issues notwithstanding.) To assure that this day would indeed satiate my savage beast, I changed/rearranged my chemotherapy infusion interval so the feast would not occur on the first Thursday following my previous Friday infusion but rather 13 days hence — on the second Thursday. This will, if my most recent pattern follows — going on for nearly two years now, enable me to eat/have no eating issues (other than the many non-cancer related ones I've had/maintained my entire life) whatsoever relating to my chemotherapy and enjoy the day — and night without any challenges other than buckling my belt.

Not that I look the least bit undernourished, but I don't eat like a normal adult either. Heck, I don't eat like a normal child and I'm not referring to whether I eat using silverware — which I do, or hold silverware more like an "entrenching tool" ("Firesign Theatre") which I don't. If I had my druthers, I'd order off the children's menu. That's not to say I'd be properly-mannered sitting at a Downton Abbey dinner, but at least I'd know enough to select my silverware from the outside-in and likely not embarrass myself in the process; that is until I return every portion back to the kitchen untouched. And therein lies my problem.

I don't like anything. I eat the same things over and over and over again. I don't view this as a problem, more like a continuing opportunity. To say, as I often do, that I eat 10 things, might be hard to digest, but not for me. In addition to not eating much variety, I won't try anything, and if I am compelled to do so, won't do so in front of anybody, that's for sure. If I don't like the food's appearance, texture, color, smell, description, lineage, heritage, place of origin, birthplace, where it's been, with whom it's been, even its name and general unfamiliarity, I won't touch it "with a 10-foot Pole. Stretch Polansky, tallest Pole I ever saw," (to quote Hawkeye Pierce from a long-ago M\*A\*S\*H episode).

Not that this juvenile behavior has stunted my girth. Hardly. But it has narrowed my "confinement beam" ("Star Trek") so to speak. I eat a lot of very little. Thanksgiving however, is the lot of which I eat. Not so much the desserts, which are usually a variety of pies and such which generally don't interest me (and besides, unlike the turkey, I'm stuffed after the meal) but the main course: white meat turkey, potatoes, "stuffing/filling/dressing", gravy (nowadays), vegetables, hot rolls and even cranberry sauce. If there's anything I'm leaving off my plate, it's probably not on my short list. And when it comes to my eating habits/choices, as you've presumably come to read, it's an extremely short list.

Fortunately, for me and my peculiarities, we have almost always spent Thanksgiving at family or friends; all of whom are extraordinarily capable in the kitchen and given our close association over the years, well-acquainted with and somewhat amused by my food issues. Never more so than when my wife, Dina's cousin, Gary makes a big production of pouring himself a glass of milk at the table. Nevertheless, I've always felt a welcome addition and never uncomfortable (although sometimes I've eaten at the children's table).

I wouldn't say I'm counting the days until Thanksgiving; I already did that weeks ago when I made the decision to change my pre-Thanksgiving infusion date to Nov. 11th from Nov. 18th, but I'm certainly monitoring the calendar very closely. My oncologist regularly encourages me to find quality in my life. Thanksgiving is quality — and quantity — I value in my life, and I'm damn lucky to still have it.

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## PEOPLE



## Simone Biles Visits Arlington Aerials

Olympian Simone Biles came to Barcroft Sports & Fitness Center for an info session, Q&A and autographs with the Arlington Aerials, a competitive gymnastic team sponsored by Arlington County Parks and Recreation. The US Olympic Gold Medal team was in town for the Kellogg's Tour of Champions at the Verizon Center. The Arlington Aerials Invitational will be Jan. 13-15. Visit [www.arlingtonaerials.org](http://www.arlingtonaerials.org).

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## Turkey-craft

"Put the glue on the foil because sometimes you squeeze too much. Then lay out the 21 pieces of your turkey." Myrna Manolas, instructor for the Thanksgiving craft class at Lee Senior Center on Nov. 17, says, "Crafts is one of my hobbies." She demonstrates, "OK, his head is stickin' above the yella. His legs go on the outside, one this way and one that way." A 93-year-old participant says she is making the turkey as a wall hanging for her friend who has Alzheimer's. "She won't know, but it makes me feel good."

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## BUSINESS NOTES

Email announcements to [arlington@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:arlington@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Thursday at noon. Photos are welcome.

In November, **Grant Thornton LLP** is consolidating their McLean and Alexandria offices into one location at 1000 Wilson Blvd. in Rosslyn. Grant Thornton is a global audit, tax and advisory firm. The move will bring nearly 1,000 workers to Rosslyn and create another 348 jobs.

**Linden Resources, Inc.**, in Arlington elected Ralph Peluso as chair of the board of directors on Sept. 20. Peluso has served on the board for the past three years, most recently as secretary/treasurer. Past positions Peluso held include managing director of Sundial Strategies, as well as executive positions with several major corporations, including MCI, WinStar, and Cisco Systems. In 2014 he published his first novel, "512," a historical fictional account of the career of the legendary baseball icon, Babe Ruth. Peluso earned an MBA in finance from Bernard Baruch College and a BS in Accounting from Hunter College both of the City University of New York.

**LMO**, a full-service marketing communications agency in Arlington, were named as The Maple Guild's agency of record on Sept. 22. This announcement comes as an addition to LMO's client roster, following their work on The Maple Guild's recent branding campaign. The Maple Guild, a Vermont-based manufacturer, is the largest single source, vertically integrated producer of certified organic Vermont maple syrup and maple-based products. LMO is recreating The Maple Guild's

brand identity including the creation of a new logo, a splash page and responsive website design; product labels and sample packaging; sales materials and collateral; videography; a corporate letterhead package; and trade show ads and booth design.

Eight of **Bean, Kinney & Korman** of Arlington attorneys were recently selected by their peers for inclusion in "The Best Lawyers in America 2017." The attorneys were recognized for their distinguished legal work in eight different practice areas. The Bean, Kinney & Korman lawyers included in Best Lawyers were Jennifer Brust, Joseph Corish, Leo Fisher, Timothy Hughes, Jonathan Kinney, James Korman, Christian Lapham, and James Schroll.

During the month of August, **FASTSIGNS** of Arlington showed their support for the American Red Cross, encouraging the community to make donations. The Red Cross provides disaster relief, health and safety preparedness, blood donations, international services and support for military members, veterans and their families. To join FASTSIGNS in supporting the Red Cross, people can make a donation online at [www.redcross.org/cm/fastsigns-pub](http://www.redcross.org/cm/fastsigns-pub) or by texting 'redcross' to 20673.

The **Fashion Centre at Pentagon City** added food and shopping options with the opening of the Honeygrow restaurant in a street level location in the Hayes Street addition followed by a Lego store inside the mall. These stores were added as part of the the center's renovation and expansion project. They followed the recently-opened Garrett Popcorn Shops earlier this year.



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