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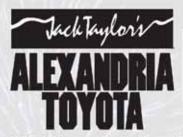
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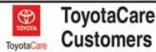






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More than 80 Fairfax County residents spoke directly to members of the Fairfax delegation to the General Assembly at a public hearing on Jan. 7 at the Fairfax County Government Center.

Fairfax Lawmakers' Last Call for Input

More than 80 speak at General Assembly public hearing.

By Tim Peterson
The Connection

e're not letting teachers do their jobs," was the plea from Jo Neuber of Vienna Co-chair of the organization Class Size Counts. Neuber thanked Del. Jim Lemunyon (R-67) for developing three class size bills for the 2017 session of the Virginia General Assembly, including HB1498. Neuber said she was in favor of putting a cap of 24 students in science labs.

Neuber was one of more than 80 Fairfax County residents who spoke directly to members of the Fairfax delegation to the General Assembly at a public hearing on Jan. 7 at the Fairfax County Government Center.

The General Assembly is set to convene in Richmond at noon on Jan. 11, when they will begin work on new or amended legislation for the Virginia Code.

The public hearing was the last chance local constituents had to voice their hopes or concerns for pending or potential legislation in person without traveling to the state capital, though most lawmakers have already all but finalized their legislative agenda for the session.

Education was once again an important topic for many speakers, beginning with Board of Supervisors chairman Sharon Bulova.

"Of the \$21 million in additional state

funding the county was expected to receive in FY2017, \$4.4 of that is already at risk due to the cancellation of funding for raises for teachers and other instructions personnel," Bulova said. "We must get that funding back and we must make sure that funding for those raises is included in the FY2018 budget."

Bulova and Fairfax County Public School Board vice chair Jane Strauss said the Virginia Retirement System rates were accelerated by one year last year, which increases the costs for FCPS by more than \$25 million in FY 2017.

"We ask for help in avoiding funding reductions to our local programs and services," Bulova said, "and opposing restrictions on our local revenues."

Several education advocates echoed Neuber's call to reduce class size, and Bulova's concern for competitive teacher salary levels.

Other topics with numerous speakers included legalization of marijuana for medicinal use; funding for disability services waivers; transportation and congestion reduction; funding for the court system; and the tax on toilet paper, adult diapers and some feminine hygiene products.

Holly Seibold of Vienna is founder and executive director of the group Bringing Resources to Aid Women's Shelters that provides donated feminine hygiene products to who have insufficient access to them. She urged the delegation to support the "Dignity Act," introduced by Del. Jennifer Boysko (D-86), that would make toilet paper, adult diapers and some feminine hygiene products tax exempt.

For more information on the General Assembly, to track a bill or find out who your representative to the assembly is, visit virginiageneral assembly.gov.

Marta Conner of Clifton spoke on behalf of her daughter Caroline, whose syndrome caused her to have 98 seizures last year. An Elderly or Disabled with Consumer Direction (EDCD) waiver helps the Conner family with nursing costs. Conner urged the legislators to reject what she said was Gov. Terry McAuliffe's (D) proposal to reduce money to the waiver system. "You have the power to improve or even save our lives," Conner said.



Michael Ducharme of Burke said he's lived with the learning disability dyslexia himself and now has two daughters who have been diagnosed. He said he's seen the "same lack of support in public schools my parents faced."



John Murray of Burke represented the organization

ParentandChild.org. He spoke about what he believed to be some of the pros, cons and problems with the current Fairfax County Public Schools Family Life Education curriculum, saying that some FLE lessons "condone risky sexual practices." "Parents expect the curriculum to reduce these diseases — FLE has an unacceptably high degree of errors which parents in Fairfax County are powerless to challenge."



Frank Stephens of Fairfax said it was his job to "put a face" on the request by several speakers that lawmakers vote against cuts to disability services waiver slots. "In my case, an unusually handsome face," Stephens said. "These services really do make a difference."



Kimberly Adams of Clifton is president of the Fairfax County Council of PTAs. She advocated for lower class size, competitive teacher salaries and "innovative student programs," all of which require helping the public school system overcome a projected budget shortfall. "We're facing issues providing a high quality education, regardless of zip code," Adams said. "The current funding reality is not enough, it's not sustainable."





On bus tour of completed, pending and future projects hosted by state Sen. Dave Marsden (D-37), center, a group of legislators and transportation organization leaders explained how thanks to a landmark bill that passed out of the General Assembly three years ago, there is hope for a more effective transportation network.



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Fairfax County Department of Transportation director Tom Biesiadny (left) talks with state Sen. George Barker (D-39) (right) during a bus tour of northern Virginia transportation projects on Jan. 5.

Partnering to Reduce Congestion

Legislators tour past, present and future transportation projects.

> By Tim Peterson The Connection

he blessing of traffic, Martin Nohe said, is that "there's lots of great transportation projects to choose from." Nohe is chairman of the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority, which is responsible for longrange planning for regional transportation projects.

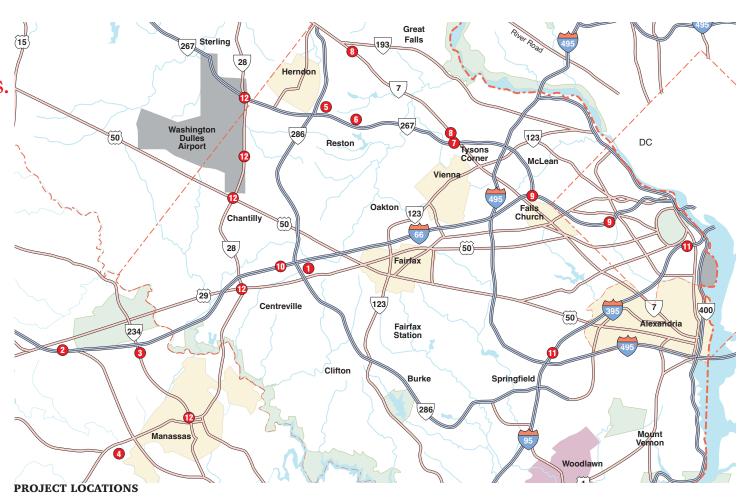
Drivers sitting in that traffic may not agree with Nohe. But on a bus tour of completed, pending and future projects hosted by state Sen. Dave Marsden (D-37), a group of legislators and transportation organization leaders explained how thanks to a landmark bill that passed out of the General Assembly three years ago, there is hope for a more effective transportation network.

Marsden is the ranking member of the NOVA delegation on the Senate Transportation Committee.

Del. Vivian Watts (D-39) is former Virginia Secretary of Transportation and Public Safety. She was the first one to take the microphone on the rolling press conference.

Since July, 2013, Watts said, HB2313 has produced more than 1.25 billion new dollars that were raised, controlled by and ultimately used in northern Virginia for transportation improvements.

"Getting the best return on the dollar to move people, support Northern Virginia's dynamic economy and reduce pollution demands that state, federal and local governments work together," Watts said. "The more we know about specific needs, the better we can shape win-win solutions."



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Route 28 Corridor Improvements, In Fairfax: widening from Route 50 to Dulles Toll Road and DTR to McLearen Road, and from Prince William County Line to Route 29.

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Burke Cadet at U.S. Army All-American Bowl

Burke-native, Michigan State University senior and U.S. Army ROTC Cadet Austin Wolfe was on-site this year at the 2017 U.S. Army All-American Bowl mentoring student athletes as they prepared for the 17th annual bowl game on Saturday, Jan. 7, 2017 in San Antonio, Texas. Austin came to Michigan State University from Burke on a ROTC scholarship but still wanted to pursue his passion for football. After trying out for the team in his second week of school he joined as a walk-on and has continued to balance his commitment to his team with his commitment to the ROTC program.

In San Antonio, Austin was involved in bowl week activities as part of the United States Army Cadet Command panel. Austin connects with students from across the nation, sharing his lessons and leadership experiences through the ROTC program. He also offered guidance on balancing big commitments such as playing college sports with a commitment to other on campus programs such as ROTC.

Austin will graduate in May and will commission into the U.S. Army. He will attend basic training in Ft. Rucker and attend flight school, following in his father's footsteps, a retired U.S. Army Colonel.



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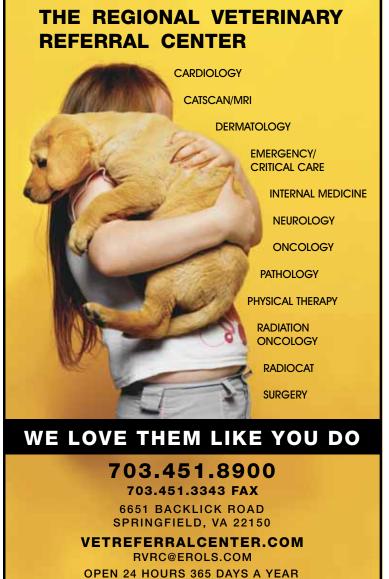
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We also publish notes about news and events from local businesses. Notes about openings, new employees, anniversaries are welcome.

Of course we are interested in your news tips and your questions about what is happening in your community.

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Republican Repeal Plan Promises Health Care Chaos

BY GERALD E. CONNOLLY U.S. Representative (D-11)

ver the course of a normal week, my office receives thousands of letters, emails, phone calls, and tweets from Northern Virginians. Each message is important to me, but recently one really caught my attention. It came from Liz Salter, a 29year-old woman from Northern Virginia. Liz suffers from a rare genetic condition,

Fabry Disease. Fabry Disease can cause

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an enzyme replacement therapy to prevent her disease from progressing. Each treatment costs more than \$16,000, for a total of \$400,000 per year. Before the Affordable Care Act,

that her insurance company would impose arbitrary annual or lifetime limits on care, consigning her to bankruptcy or worse. Before the Affordable Care Act, someone like Liz had to worry that if she ever lost her job or chose to find a new job, she could be de-

nied coverage due to her pre-existing condition. For Liz Salter, the Affordable Care Act

> means peace of mind. "When the ACA passed and included the ban on

annual and lifetime limits, it was such a relief because, at 29, I could Every two weeks, Liz receives easily reach these limits. Not being able to get these treatments could have a lifelong effect on my health," she told me. "I also was relieved that if I ever lost my job and needed to purchase insurance, I wouldn't have to worry about someone like Liz had to worry being denied due to a pre-existing



condition, as most insurance wouldn't want to cover me."

For Liz Salter and so many of our friends and neighbors, the Affordable Care Act means peace of mind when it comes to health care. Could we improve it to expand benefits to more Americans and con-

tinue to bring down the cost curve? Of course we could.

But that's not what the Republican Majority in Congress is about to do. What they plan to do is repeal it before even introducing a plan to replace it. This reckless approach would raise the deficit, hurt Medicare, bring chaos to the health care market, and put the health insurance of millions of American families in jeopardy.

Here in Virginia, thanks to the Affordable Care Act, 327,000 individuals have gained access to health care, the uninsured rate has dropped by nearly one-third, and annual and lifetime limits have been eliminated for 2,974,000 people, including Liz Salter. Children can stay on their parents' plan until they turn 26 and more than 114,138 seniors have saved an average of \$1,015 on prescription drug costs. Make no mistake, all of that is at risk if Republicans repeal the Affordable Care Act.

It may have made good poli-

tics to demagogue the Affordable Care Act, but stories like Liz's are common throughout Northern Virginia and they demonstrate that our health care system is far better today than it was before we acted. I support improvements to the law including expanding Medicaid in states like Virginia, creating even more choices for consumers, and continuing to drive down the cost of care. But just repealing the law is no plan at all; it will just make America sick again.

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Brescia University, Owensboro, KY 2016 Fall Academic Dean's List:

Yo'Lauder Holt of Springfield majoring in Social Work

Katherine Hough, Fairfax Station, has been awarded the Boeing Scholarship for outstanding academic achievement in the Volgenau School of Engineering at George Mason Univer-

Vocal musicians from 12 Fairfax County public schools have been named to the Virginia Honors Choir for 2016. This select choir is open only to the top 125 singers from around the Commonwealth of Virginia, and is the highest honor a choir student can attain during his or her high school career. Thirty-one Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) students were selected for the choir, and five students were named as alternates. The choir will perform at the Virginia Music Educators Association (VMEA) convention to be held at the Omni Homestead Resort in Hot Springs, Nov. 17-19. FCPS students named to the 2016 Virginia Honors Choir include the following students from our area schools: Woodson High School: Megan Humes, Caroline Grass, Jacob Lamb, Lucas Valdes, and Marc Manaloto and Hayfield Secondary School: Jessica Pressley.

Jonathan Whittington, Kathryn Herring, Emma Zettlemoyer, of Springfield; Bridget Ray and Kirsten Chase, of Burke; received \$2,000 scholarships from the Scholarship for Military Children Program in

Jane Gibbins-Harding, of Springfield, was named to the dean's list at Bethany College for spring 2016.

U.S. Air Force Airman Brian A. Zamfino graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas. Zamfino is the son of Joanne and Joseph Zamfino of Springfield. He is a 2015 graduate of West Springfield High School.

Thomas Miskimins, of Fairfax, graduated with a master of arts, in Spring 2016 from the University of New Haven.

Jordan Ecker, of Fairfax, is on the spring 2016 dean's list at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities.

Caroline Dickson, of Fairfax, is on the spring 2016 dean's list at the University of Maine-Orono.

Allison Righter Moore, and Sarah Ann Hughes Cushing-Spiller, of Springfield, is on the dean's list at Hollins University, for the 2016 spring semester.

James Butler, a Lake Braddock Secondary School graduate, was inducted into the Naval Academy Class of 2020 on June 30, 2016.

Kyle Austin Walsh, of Fairfax, and **Abigail Lynn Lackey,** of Springfield, were named to the honors list for the 2016 spring 2016 semester at Averett University in Danville.

Katherine Marie Hough, of Fairfax Station, is on the dean's list at George Mason University for spring

Anna Kormis, of Springfield, graduated from Emory and Henry College in spring 2016.

Kyle Austin Walsh, of Fairfax. graduated from Averett University in June 2016. was among the 261 students to receive diplomas during Averett University's May 7 Commencement,

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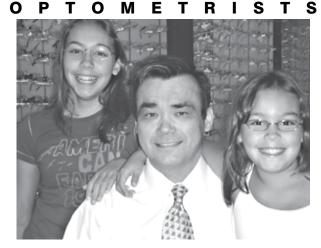
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Organizing a Home Office

Design ideas for workspace order.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL THE CONNECTION

hether located in a basement, spare bedroom kitchen corner, one of the keys to creating a functional home office is organization. Local designers offer suggestions for styling a space that is both practical and aesthetically appealing.

"Start by thinking about how you would like to use your home office and plan accordingly," said Megan Padilla, senior designer at Aidan Design. "Will it be a desk that easily converts to a homework station

Keeping office equipment out of sight will give the space a home-



or craft area or a dedicated home
This new home office by Anthony Wilder Design/Build incorporates a office for the everyday custom-designed cord control system.

lutions like printer drawers.

accomplished by using storage so- trays for computer accessories like advises Chuck Khiel, vice president of Fred

printers and a wire management system Practical home office organiza- above and below the desk for power cords like feel, says Padilla. This can be tional solutions include roll-out and computer cables both on top of the desk,

Home Improvement, a division of Case. "Create a Bluetooth operational office space," he said.

"Organizing all of the smaller office supplies can be accomplished with a series of coordinated containers for tools such as pencils, scissors and markers ... or within drawers," added Padilla. "Consider a mix of drawer heights to allow ample storage for smaller desk supplies as well as your typical file folders."

Use open shelving to allow for quick access to frequently used items and book storage. "[It] can also make a smaller space feel more expansive," said Padilla.

If a home office is in a spare bedroom, closets can be repurposed and organized to hide copy and fax machines, says Shannon Kadwell, interior designer at Anthony Wilder Design/Build.

"Add fabric bulletin boards in prominent locations and in a complementary color for visual ap-

peal," she said. "Custom built-ins make a huge difference as you can tailor the storage space to individual needs and create more functional spaces."

Organizing an unruly

linen closet.



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New Year, New Order

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL THE CONNECTION

f retrieving an item from the top shelf of one's linen closet sets off an avalanche of mismatched sheets and tattered towels, it might be time for a linen closet reorganization. With a plan and a few tools, tackling the mess won't be a daunting task, say local organizers and designers.

To start, take inventory of existing linens and toiletries to determine storage needs, says Kelly Emerson, designer/showroom manager at Aidan Design. "Begin by organizing like items together," she said. "For example gather bedding and towel sets for specific rooms [like] the guest, master and kids rooms, in groupings so that they are easily identified. If you have the space, consider labeled bins to set belongs."

closet operated by an automatic **room organized.** switch, so that the light turns on



PHOTO BY STACY ZARIN GOLDBERG identify the rooms to which each **Built-in shelving by Case/Fred Home** Improvement helps keep the linen

Install an LED light inside the **closet of this Potomac, Md. laundry**

when the door is opened, sug- division of Case. "Create multiple depth gests Chuck Khiel, vice president shelves, such as deeper shelves on the botof Fred Home Improvement, a tom, shallower shelves higher up," he said.

"Deeper lower shelves will allow more efficient use of space."

Organize storage so the most frequently used items are most easily accessible. Allot extra space on upper shelves for seldom-used supplies, like extra blankets and pillows. "Dedicate a shelf to toiletries," said Emerson. "Group tall bottles together ... and use trays or decorative baskets to organize smaller items."

"If one closet is used for multiple bathrooms, consider creating a dedicated shelf for each bathroom," added

Devise a solution that is adjustable and flexible enough to handle future changes. "Consider custom built-ins where possible for a more de-centralized storage approach," said Emerson. "This allows for easy access to everyday items and takes some pressure off the main linen closet."

One final recommendation, for those with limited space, a clear overthe door shoe holder is a tool that professional organizer Susan Unger of ClutterSOS in Vienna advises, "It changes dead space — the back of the door — into a fabulous space [by] ...

holding toiletries. Unger and fellow organizer Lauri Mennel co-authored the book, "Fifty Shades of Organizing."



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Official Ribbon Cutting at Pohick Regional Library. Center: Jessica Hudson, Fairfax County Library Director, Sharon Bulova Fairfax County Chairman, and Pat Herrity, Springfield District Supervisor.

Pohick Library Reopens

By Alexandra Tecco
The Connection

ohick Regional Library celebrated its reopening Saturday, Jan. 7. People gathered for the official ribbon cutting and some children received sections of the ribbon as souvenirs. The crowd explored the newly renovated space accompanied by music from the Annandale Strings. Special events included a Maker Space with 3D printing demos, diy buttons and the chance to fly a drone. Children enjoyed face painting and a visit by Animal Ambassadors later in the day.

The most noticeable difference in the building renovations was the lighting. The library was bright, lit with energy efficient lighting, skylights and more windows. The color scheme was updated, blue accent walls throughout as well as a mural leading to the children's section. "It's brighter, more open, warmer and more inviting," said Nathan Clark of West Springfield.

Pohick is the first library in the Fairfax County system built with an "intentional teen space," Jessica Hudson, Fairfax County Library Director explained. The teen space is brightly colored with two large flat screen monitors for gaming. These were quickly discovered and the space filled with teens playing or watching the games, chatting with friends and reading.

Hudson also highlighted the wi-fi bar, useful for patrons that bring their own electronic devices. The community rooms have also been updated, providing more space as well as flexibility. Brightly colored and comfortably furnished quiet rooms were



The Nguyen family, of Springfield, show the books they're reading during Pohick's grand reopening. Liem, 5, mother Nhi, father Thoi and Khoa 9.

useful to numerous patrons interested in celebrating the Pohick's reopening by reading in a space insulated from the noise.

Although they didn't arrive in time for the reopening, Pohick is also the first Fairfax County Library that will receive AWE machines for the children's section, said Hudson. AWE Learning's Literacy Stations are designed for young library patrons to encourage early literacy through games and other interactive experiences.

The Nguyen family enjoyed the children's section, sitting at a table nestled near a window giving them a view of the falling snow.

"I enjoy the family time and the chance to experience the wonders of Pohick Library," explained Khoa Nguyen, 9-years-old. "There's many new books and more options," said mother, Nhi Nguyen.

The renovation was possible due to a 2012 bond referendum passed by the voters. It provided most of the \$7.1 million needed.

"We engaged the community in discussion on how to renovate and create something new," said Sharon Bulova, Fairfax County Chairman, "I want to thank the voters for making this possible."

Calendar

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

ONGOING

"Ispirazione Italiana" Inspired by Italy Dec. 17 - Jan. 16, Bodzin Art Gallery 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Watercolors by acclaimed artist and J member Judy Wengrovitz and special guest artist Eliana Strauss. sarah.berry@jccnv.org, 703-537-3075

Senior Line Dancing 1 - 2 p.m. Little RIver Glen Senior Center 4001 Barker Ct, Fairfax. Line Dancing is a gentle, social form of aerobic activity. Studies have shown it aids in warding off Alzheimer's disease. No previous experience needed. Cost: \$5 per 8 week session. barbriba@hotmail.com 703-524-3739

Fairfax Rotary Club Meeting 12:15-1:30 p.m. Mondays. American Legion, 3939 Oak St., Fairfax. Meetings with luncheon

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

FUN-Exercise Thursdays, noon - 12:50 p.m. Grace Presbyterian Church Family Room, 7434 Bath St., Springfield. Inova certified exercise instructor leads a moderate level exercise class with music and current events conversation. Muscle, Balance, Strength Training using stretch bands and weights both standing and seated exercises. Instructor donation is \$5. moorefitt@yahoo.com or 703-499-6133.

EXERCISE PROGRAM Mondays and Fridays at 9:30 a.m. year-round at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5114 Twinbrook Rd. Fairfax. The exercises are for strength, balance and maintaining limberness. Contact SCFB office at 703-426-2824 for more information.

Cafe Ivrit (Hebrew Cafe). Wednesdays. 8:15-9:15 a.m. Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Shalom (hello) Did you always want to converse in Hebrew? Join Na'ama each week for conversational Hebrew. You will learn and practice Hebrew in a fun and interactive way while learning more about Israel. Free, however we ask that you try to attend regularly. RSVP Naama.Gold@jccnv.org.

friends). 7 p.m. Every Friday. Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department, 4081 University Drive, Fairfax. Free coffee, entertaining callers, \$1,000 jackpot. www.fairfaxvd.com. 703-273-3638.

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

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FRIDAY/JAN. 13

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CALENDAR

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Oboe 8 p.m. Old Town Hall, 3999
University Dr, Fairfax. The Bonita
Lestina Old Town Hall Performance
Series. Founded in 1983 by the late
Ray Abell, the Cathedral Brass
performs sacred and secular works
from all eras in support of the music
ministry at Vienna Presbyterian
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Metro area, and includes current and
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SATURDAY/JAN. 14

Blanket Drive, 2017. Drop Off location: Outback Steakhouse, 6651 Backlick Rd/Springfield, from 11 a.m. to 5 pm. (Free Cocoa offered). Requesting: Blanket donations, new or clean used. Share the warmth – our community can make a difference. Blanket distribution date: Monday, Jan. 16, Martin Luther King Day .(MLK). The blankets will be distributed to the homeless who are currently on the streets, in the D.C and Virginia areas first; any extra blankets will be given to the homeless shelters.

SUNDAY/JAN.15

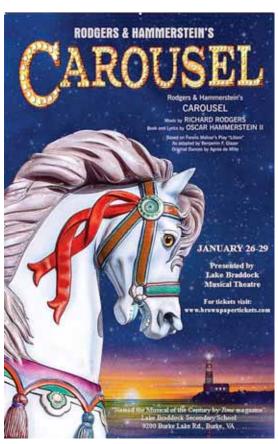
WVMGRS G-Scale trains at the Fairfax Station Railroad

Museum noon - 4 p.m. 11200 Fairfax Station Road in FairfaxStation. The Washington,Virginia & Maryland Garden Railway Society (WVMGRS) members will have a G-Scale train display running at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum. 703-503-9711 jmitulla@verizon.net www.fairfaxstation.org

TUESDAY/JAN. 17

CSB Info Forum on Launch of New Opioid Recovery Program 7 p.m. CSB's Merrifield Center 8221 Willow Oaks Corporate Drive, Fairfax. All are invited to come to a free, open session to learn about a new CSB opioid dependency treatment group that starts in February. Resolve to help those you love start their journey to recovery in 2017. Attendees will also learn about: How to help someone confront and face

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Lake Braddock Secondary School's production of Carousel kicks off Thursday Jan. 26 and will having showings through Sunday Jan. 29. This classic musical by Rodgers and Hammerstein was once named "the musical of the century" by Time magazine. Tickets start at \$12 and are available from www.bownpeperidetscom



A Community Service Board Info Forum on Launch of New Opioid Recovery Program will take place on Tuesday Jan. 17 at the Merrifield Center 8221 Willow Oaks Corporate Drive, Fairfax starting at 7 p.m. Resolve to help those you love start their journey to recovery in 2017. Attendees will learn about: How to help someone confront and face the reality of an addiction, the assessment process, signs and symptoms of drug use, detox and treatment options.

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Legislators Tour Transportation Projects

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The projects on the bus tour, from an expanded bus garage at the West Ox transportation facility to the Wiehle Reston East Metro station, span Fairfax County and parts of Prince William, Loudoun and Arlington.

Watts and the other leaders took turns explaining how money from the 2013 bill has been utilized by numerous entities including Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission, the Department of Public Rail and Public Transportation, The Northern Virginia Regional Trans-

portation Authority, and the Fairfax County Department of Transportation — partnering to chase the collective goal of reducing traffic congestion.

"Great strides have been made in moving people throughout Northern Virginia but there is much more work to be done," Marsden said.

Del. Jennifer Boysko (D-86), whose district includes the town of Herndon and features two new planned Metro stations, said she enjoyed hearing background on other communities.

"It's been a great opportunity to learn about other areas," Boysko said.



PHOTO BY TIM PETERSON/THE CONNECTION

Left, Del. Mark Sickles (D-43) talks with Del. Vivian Watts (D-39) outside the Innovation Station under construction on Metro's Silver Line.

Project Locations



PHOTOS BY TIM PETERSON/THE CONNECTION

***** West Ox Complex Bus Garage, 4970 Alliance Drive, Fairfax

This \$23.5 million project will add nine bus maintenance bays in order to manage an additional 135 buses for increased Fairfax Connector bus service. Funding includes \$20 million from NVTA regional revenue and \$3.5 million for project design from commercial and industrial property tax revenue. The estimated completion date is spring 2019.

* I-66 Outside the Beltway, I-495 to Gainesville (University Boulevard)

Improvements for multiple modes of transportation are planned for 22.5 miles of the I-66 corridor, including two express lanes in each direction, three general purpose lanes in each direction, safety and operational improvements, expanded carpooling alternatives and new and upgraded bike and walking paths. The \$2.3 billion project is expected to begin construction in the fall this year and be completed by August 2022.

PRTC West Bus Maintenance and Storage Facility, Balls Ford Road

and Prince William Parkway, Manassas The new facility cost of \$38,688,050 is being funded by the NVTA from regional revenues and DRPT from state grant funding. It will help with overcrowding at the PRTC Transit Center in Woodbridge and house commuter buses that are part of the I-66 Outside the Beltway project. Construction is expected to begin in summer 2017 and be completed by spring 2019.



VRE Broad Run Station, 10637 Piper Lane, Bristow

The Broad Run station is projected to be at capacity for operation by 2018, so sites in Prince William County and the City of Manassas are being considered for relocating and expanding the station.

Innovation Center Metro Station, Dulles Toll Road, Herndon, just east of intersection with Route 28 Metro extension to Wiehle Avenue is already complete as Phase I. Phase II involves expanding to Dulles Airport and into Loudoun County. This Silver Line expansion is expected to be complete by summer 2019.



Wiehle Reston East Metro Station Garage, just northeast of Dulles Toll Road and Wiehle Avenue intersection, Reston

The \$99 million project features 2,300 parking spaces, 45 Kiss & Ride spaces, ten bus bays and a secure bicycle parking facility for more than 200 bicycles. Construction of residential space is also complete, and additional office, hotel and retail space is set up by the facility.

* Route 7 Bridge Expansion over **Dulles Toll Road**, Dranesville

Construction on the \$46.5 million project began in April 2016 and is expected to be completed in spring 2018. It was funded by NVTA bonds and federal and state con-

* Route 7 Widening, between Reston Avenue and Jarrett Valley Drive

Widening will expand four lanes to six over nearly seven miles and cost \$233.9 million. The goal is reduce traffic congestion and improve safety and mobility for cyclists and pedestrians.



* I66 Inside the Beltway, widening from Dulles Connector Road to Fairfax Drive, exit 71

I-66 eastbound is being widened from two to three lanes, over about four miles. Ten multimodal improvements total \$9.8 million and include new and enhanced bus service, bus stop improvements, bike-share programs and other new technology. Those projects as well as tolling are expected to begin in mid-2017. Construction will begin on the new eastbound lane in early 2018, with the new lane expected to open in late 2020.

* Stringfellow Park and Ride, Stringfellow Road & I66

\$7.2 million project to expand the commuter park and ride facility was completed May 11, 2016.

❖ I-395 Express Lanes Northern Extension, Edsall Road to Eads Street near the Pentagon

The plan is to expand and convert two existing two-way HOV lanes to three High Occupancy Toll or Express Lanes for eight miles from Edsall Road to Eads Street. Construction is expected to begin this year and be completed in 2019.

* Route 28 Corridor Improvements, In Fairfax: widening from Route 50 to Dulles Toll Road and DTR to McLearen Road, and from Prince William County Line to Route 29.

Approximately \$113,994,000 has been funded by the NVTA for improvements along Route 28 in Fairfax, Prince William and Loudoun counties, and the City of Manassas. Construction is underway widening three lanes to four, and is expected to be completed beginning in summer 2017.

* Planned Road Paving (Virginia **Department of Transportation)**

In FY 2017, 1.086 miles are planned for paving, including 28 interstate, 137 primary and 921 secondary roads. The secondary roads are divided nearly evenly among Prince William, Fairfax and Loudoun counties.

History Conference Honors Fairfax County's Founding Fathers

The 12th Annual
Fairfax County History Conference titled
'Fairfax County's
Founding Fathers –
Part II: The Masons
are Coming! The Masons are Coming! The Masons

he seven hour long 12th Annual Fairfax County History Conference was held on Nov. 12, 2016. More than 110 guests were educated and illuminated with Founding Father history at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center in Fairfax. The Conference was dedicated to two Fairfax County historians who have graced the historical landscape of Fairfax County for decades: the families of both Jack L. Hiller and C. K Gailey accepted conference dedication awards in memory of these outstanding community volunteers. U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) addressed the crowd with encouraging words after the 2016 Presidential election – as did Fairfax County Chairperson Sharon Bulova. They took part in presenting the Fairfax County Annual History Awards to the following individuals for their in depth research, writing and publishing of a significant document reflecting the history of Fairfax County:

❖ The Ross Netherton Award was presented to author Ed Wenzel for his well-researched, impeccably detailed, chronologically accurate and meticulously crafted 584 page tome titled, "Chronology of the Civil War in Fairfax County, Part I." Supported with a 192 page index authored by Mr. Wenzel, Charles A. Balch, Steve Hull and David Mudrick (members of the Award-winning Bull Run Civil War Roundtable) − these books provide an in depth look at the Civil War action, military events, photographs, maps and literally a day-by-day diary of the events as they unfolded in Fairfax County. Wenzel will receive a \$1,000 prize for his work.

* The Nan Netherton Award was presented to author Gregory P. Wilson for his 161 page, carefully crafted, well-researched, manuscript revealing a portion of the Civil War's Confederate highly acclaimed guerrilla fighter and officer, during his time of military service in Fairfax County before he was known as the "Gray Ghost", titled "Private John S. Mosby, First Virginia Cavalry – Picketing Fairfax County before Becoming the Confederacy's "Gray Ghost." An excellent support to the Wenzel compendium, Wilson has taken a slice of time from Mosby's life that few other authors have covered in such detail. With a focus on Mosby's presence solely in Fairfax County, he provides future generations with a clear picture of the key events occurring



Congressman Gerry Connolly and Chairman of the Board of Supervisors Sharon Bulova present the widow of C. K. Gailey with an honorary plaque.



Awardees Ed Wenzel and Gregory P. Wilson.



Author Terry Dunn receives her gift for presentation at the Conference from Conference Chair Lynne Garvey-Hodge.



U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) and Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Sharon Bulova present the family of Jack L. Hiller with an honorary plaque.

both within the county and Mosby's early days serving in the Confederacy – which laid the foundation for his later military successes. With more than 215 footnotes, bibliography and a timeline chronology of Civil

War events in Fairfax County, Wilson has gifted the historian, citizen, student and new-comer with a fascinating lens through which a more complete understanding of John Singleton Mosby can be seen. Wilson

will receive a \$500 prize for his good work.

The Edith Moore Sprouse Award was presented in absentia to Robyn Carter for her writing, research and compilation of a unique era in the history of Fairfax County: the early 1950s through the 1960s, "Post WW2 History of Springfield, Virginia and the Crestwood Construction Corporation." Using the reality of the post World War II population boom in Fairfax County as a backdrop, Ms. Carter has chronicled the era's earliest days of residential construction through Edward Ravenel Carr's (retired WWII military officer) professional presence in this section of the county. Carr was the central figure at the helm of Crestwood Construction Corporation that designed and built what would become a template of a "planned community," including a 2,300 acre tract of woods and fields, 5,000 homes, four schools, a shopping center and houses of worship, named "Crestwood." Footnoted throughout the 213 page manuscript and supporting bibliography, Carter has provided Fairfax County with a look into the "tipping point" of geographic, cultural, demographic, economic and educational changes that bear the earliest semblance to the county as we know it today. Carter was presented with her award at her home, by the Fairfax County History Commission Awards Committee Chair, Lynne Garvey-Hodge on Dec. 1, 2016. Carter will receive a \$100 prize for her work.

Guests included authors and exhibitors, including the Burke Historical Society, the Bull Run Civil War Round Table, Prince William County, authors Chuck Mauro, Chuck Mills, Carole Herrick, and many, many other exhibitors and authors.

Jack L. Hiller's daughter, Libby launched the conference with a reading of her father's essay, "About George Mason" - the perfect positioning for the presentations that followed. Scott Stroh, Executive Director at Gunston Hall gave a presentation describing how the Virginia Declaration of Rights was a cornerstone of the earliest Founding Father documents. Mark A. Tabbert, Director of Collections at the George Washington Masonic National Association, reviewed attributes of John Hancock, Paul Revere, George Washington and Benjamin Franklin's lives and contributions to America, as Freemasons. Janis Harless gave a riveting re-enactment performance of Ann (Nancy) Eilbeck Mason. Author Terry Dunn discussed the struggle over slave ownership that George Mason endured. Brad Krueger (National Park Service) described the many iterations of the Mason Family's Occupancy of Theodore Roosevelt Island - as well as the archaeological work planned for the

The second year of a new tradition, a "Drop & Swap" book table, facilitated the donating and trading of dozens of historical books by attendees. The table contained 36 books at the beginning of the conference and was reduced to six by the conference close.

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OBITUARY

Virginia L.(Bostic) Bisson passed away peacefully with her family at her side on December 30, 2016 at INOVA Fairfax Hospital in Fairfax, VA. She was born on October 21

raintax Hospital in Fairtax, VA. She was born on October 21 1934 in Centreville, VA to Orville and Dorothy Bostic. Virginia grew up in Centreville, VA and graduated from Fairfax High School in Fairfax, VA in 1953. After high school she worked with the Fairfax County Circuit Court, Department of Defense at the Pentagon, Fairfax County Public Schools and served as an employee for the High's Dairy Store and Hunter Hardware until her retirement in 2006.

Her greatest joy was her family and friends, especially her beloved grandchildren. Virginia was preceded in death by her parents Orville and Dorothy Bostic, her siblings, Orville Bostic Jr.

rents Örville and Dorothy Bostic, her siblings, Orville Bostic Jr. Sherlock Bostic, James Bostic, Joyce Stephenson, Roger Bostic, Jonas Bostic, Ruth Lamb, Lois Shropshire, Larry Bostic Betty Devinney and her spouses Frederick Bisson and Phillip Yarborough. Virginia is survived by her siblings Ann Turk of Herndon, VA, Robert Bostic of Centreville, VA and David (Teoflia) Bostic of Florence, AL and her children Jennifer Lowmar of Centreville, Va, Tim (Nathalie) Bisson, John (Sheila) Bissor of Warrenton, VA, Cindy (Jim) Draucker of Front Royal, VA and Robert (Sharon) Yarborough of Leesburg, VA and hei grandchildren Jessica Lowman, Ben Draucker, Marie Bisson Austin Bisson, Matthew Yarborough, Kelley Yarborough, ancher great-grandchildren Samuel Draucker and Skylar Draucker.

Services were held at Adams-Green Funeral Home on Saturday, January 7, 2017. Donations may be made to the Capital Caring Hospice Organization or to the American Cancer Society. Condolences may be left on the online gues

book at http://adamsgreen.com/1/Home.html.

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the reality of an addiction, the assessment process, signs and symptoms of drug use, detoxification and treatment options, CSB's REVIVE opioid overdose reversal training, the important role of the CSB Peer Support staff. The number of people now facing heroin and opioid dependency has grown dramatically, and the crisis has been labeled as a "public health emergency" in the Commonwealth of Virginia. According to most recent statewide data, the number of fatal opioid overdose deaths is expected to increase by 77 percent.

WEDNESDAY/JAN. 18

Normal Aging vs. Dementia 1 p.m. Insight Memory Care Center, 3953 Pender Drive, Suite 100, Fairfax. Join us for a discussion on what normal aging is versus what is dementia, the different types of dementia, and what testing is currently available – and when it's time to seek help. christi.clark@insightmcc.org, 703-204-4664 InsightMCC.org

Color Me Happy 7 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive. Relax, unwind, and turn loose your inner artist in our adult coloring session. Coloring pages, pens and pencils provided. Adults only. Cost: Free. Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/

SUNDAY/JAN. 22

Nutrition Workshop 12:30 - 3 p.m. Fairfax Presbyterian Church 10723 Main Street, Fairfax. "Nutrition WS "Recovery, Restoration & Food." Presented by Deb Fitzgerald O'Connell BS in Human Nutrition and Food and an MS in Human Nutrition and Public Health. Tickets include lunch and childcare up to age 8. Multi Purpose Room, Fairfax Presbyterian Church, 10723 Main Street, Fairfax. Take Presbyterian Way off of Main Street. Cost: \$10.00 includes lunch. nutrition@fairfaxpresby.com 703-766-5657. For online registration through January 15: fairfaxpresbyterian.org.

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Community Forums on Superintendent

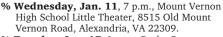
Search. Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates (HYA), the firm hired by the FCPS School Board to conduct a search for a new superintendent to replace Karen K. Garza, will be holding ten community forums in January to allow Fairfax County residents to share their ideas and feedback on the characteristics they are seeking in a new superintendent. Meetings in our area

% Monday, Jan. 9, 1 p.m., Gatehouse Administration Center, room 1600, 8115 Gatehouse Road, Falls Church, VA 22042.

% Monday, Jan. 9, 7 p.m., South County High School, 8501 Silverbrook Road, Lorton, VA

% Tuesday, Jan. 10, 12:30 p.m., Virginia Hills Center Library, 6520 Diana Lane, Alexandria, VA

% Wednesday, Jan. 11, noon, Providence District Office and Community Center, multipurpose room 2, 3001 Vaden Drive, Fairfax, VA 22031.



% Tuesday, Jan. 17, 1 p.m., Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds

% Tuesday, Jan. 17, 7 p.m., Chantilly High School Lecture Hall, 4201 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly, VA 20151. An online survey will be posted on www.fcps.edu on January 9, which will allow community members to submit their opinions electronically. Additional information on the superintendent search will be posted online as it becomes available. Interpreters will be available at select locations to be determined.

SATURDAY/JAN. 14

Blanket Drive, 2017. Drop Off location: Outback Steakhouse, 6651 Backlick Rd/Springfield, from 11 a.m. to 5 pm. (Free Cocoa offered). Requesting: Blanket donations, new or clean used. Share the warmth – our community can make a difference. Blanket distribution date: Monday, Jan. 16, Martin Luther King Day .(MLK). The blankets will be distributed to the homeless who are currently on the streets, in the D.C and Virginia areas first; any extra blankets will be given to the homeless shelters.

WEDNESDAY/JAN. 18 Normal Aging vs. Dementia. 1—3 p.m. at



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Insight Memory Care Center, 3953 Pender Drive, Suite 100, Fairfax. A discussion on what normal aging is versus what is dementia, the different types of dementia, and what testing is currently available - and when it's time to seek help. Presented by Alison Krawiecki, PsyD, Licensed Psychologist, Clinical, Health and Neuropsychologist, Atlantic Counseling Group. This program is a part of ongoing Classes for Caregivers series. All sessions are free, and held the third Wednesday of each month from 1 to 3 pm. Respite care may be available by request; please call to make arrangements.

Register online, or contact Christi Clark at 703-204-4664 or christi.clark@insightmcc.org.

TUESDAY JAN. 24

ESL Classes Begin on Jan. 24 in Fairfax and Clifton

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