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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

“We’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.

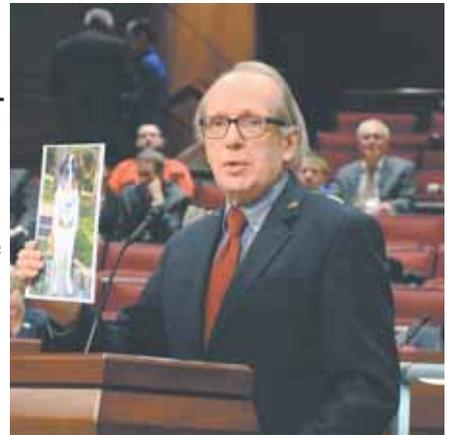
Holly Seibold of Vienna is founder and executive director of the group Bringing Resources to Aid Women’s Shelters that provides donated feminine hygiene products to who have insufficient access to them. She urged the delegation to support the “Dignity Act,” introduced by Del. Jennifer Boysko (D-86), 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 virginiageneralassembly.gov.

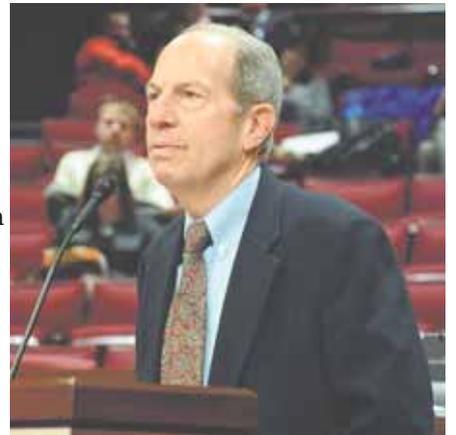
Marta Conner of Clifton spoke on behalf of her daughter Caroline, whose syndrome caused her to have 98 seizures last year. An Elderly or Disabled with Consumer Direction (EDCD) waiver helps the Conner family with nursing costs. Conner urged the legislators to reject what she said was Gov. Terry McAuliffe’s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



Richard Kennedy of Lorton encouraged the delegation to consider making marijuana use legal by looking to “unbiased sources and watching others that that have legislation.” In the case of teenage drug use, Kennedy said, “regulation works better than prohibition.”



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.”



Brooke Annessa of Fairfax is a case manager for Brain Injury Services and the mother of a daughter with a brain injury. The services the nonprofit provides, Annessa said, “provide a little bit of hope, comfort” for individuals like her daughter and their parents and families. “Please consider restoring funding” to BIS,” she said.



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.”





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PHOTOS BY TIM PETERSON/THE CONNECTION
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

The 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 long-range planning for regional transportation projects.

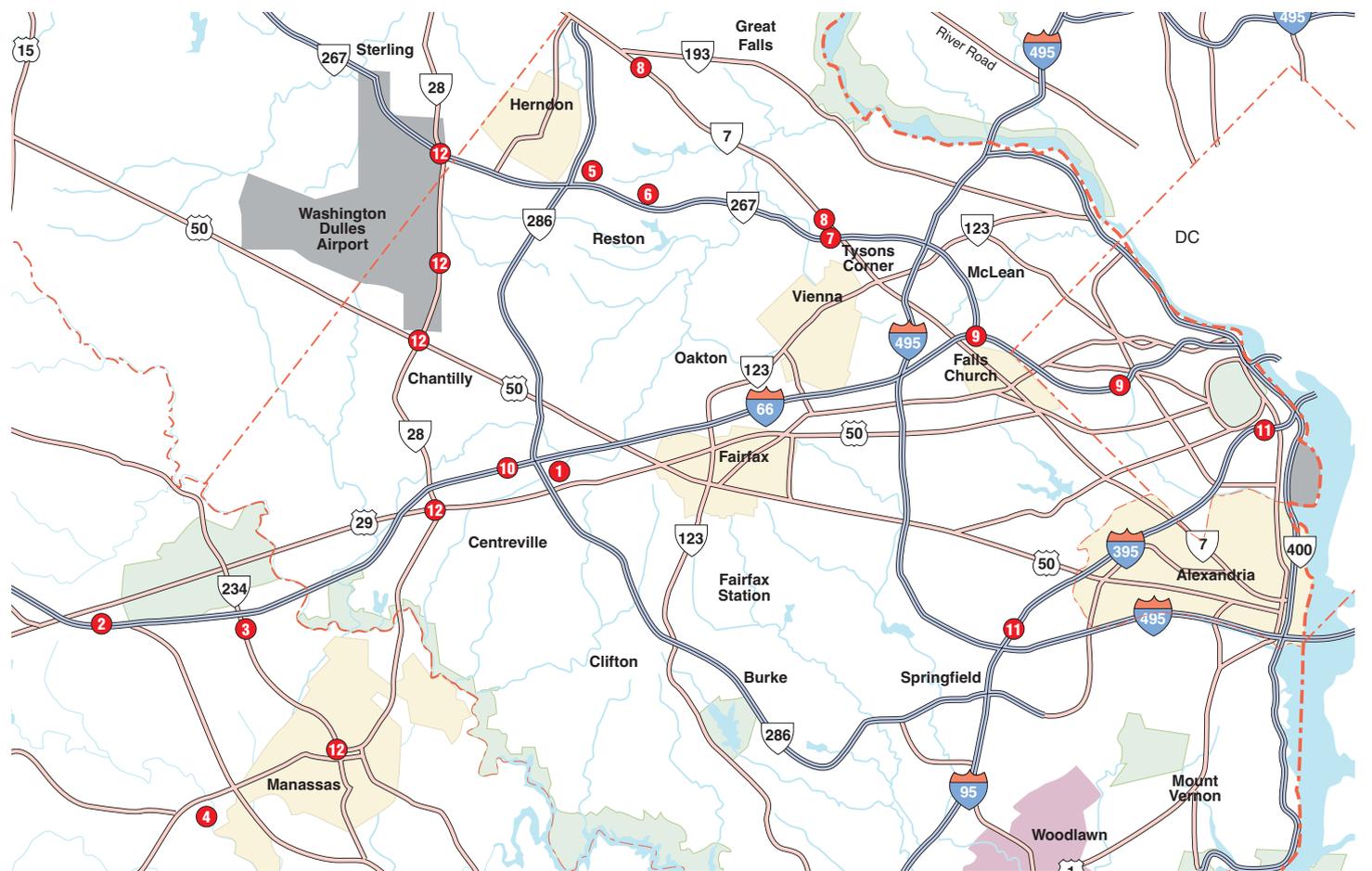
Drivers sitting in that traffic may not agree with Nohe. But on a bus tour of completed, pending and future projects hosted by state Sen. Dave Marsden (D-37), a group of legislators and transportation organization leaders explained how thanks to a landmark bill that passed out of the General Assembly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



PROJECT LOCATIONS

- 1 West Ox Complex Bus Garage, 4970 Alliance Drive, Fairfax
- 2 I66 Outside the Beltway, I-495 to Gainesville (University Boulevard)
- 3 PRTC West Bus Maintenance and Storage Facility, Balls Ford Road and Prince William Parkway, Manassas
- 4 VRE Broad Run Station, 10637 Piper Lane, Bristow
- 5 Innovation Center Metro Station, Dulles Toll Road, Herndon, just east of intersection with Route 28
- 6 Wiehle Reston East Metro Station, just northeast of Dulles Toll Road and Wiehle Avenue intersection, Reston
- 7 Route 7 Bridge Expansion over Dulles Toll Road, Dranesville
- 8 Route 7 Widening, between Reston Avenue and Jarrett Valley Drive
- 9 I66 Inside the Beltway, widening from Dulles Connector Road to Fairfax Drive, exit 71
- 10 Stringfellow Park and Ride, Stringfellow Road & I66
- 11 I-395 Express Lanes Northern Extension, Edsall Road to Eads Street near the Pentagon
- 12 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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NEWS

No Injuries after VRE Train Hits Car in Clifton

No one was injured after a Virginia Railway Express train struck a car that had become stuck on the tracks in Clifton on Jan. 5, according to Fairfax County Fire & Rescue.

The crash occurred in the vicinity of Clifton's downtown area, right near the Main Street Pub.

Firefighters from the Clifton Station 16 responded to a report of the incident around 6:04 p.m. The driver of the car met them and said no one else was inside the vehicle. She was able to get out safely before the impact.

The train's conductor told firefighters no one on the train was injured either. The locomotive only sustained minor damage, while the car was smashed and plowed off the tracks.

Clifton Mayor Bill Holloway said people have been talking about the danger of a car being stuck and struck by a train at that intersection for years.

"We're almost surprised it took this long to happen," Holloway said. He was on the scene for several hours while the train was stopped in the town.

"People were horrified," he continued. "The woman barely got out of the car in time. Thirty seconds and it would've been a very different discussion."

Holloway said with the high volume of traffic moving through town, especially during a weekday rush hour, the fact that there are no markings on the track to distinguish it from the road makes collisions like this almost inevitable.

Cars get stuck on the track fairly regularly, he said, also due to the fact that there's a steep dropoff on either side of the road — asphalt



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is built up to meet the train tracks which are at a higher level.

Norfolk Southern transportation company manages the rails through the town, while the Virginia Department of Transportation is charged with road safety. For years Holloway said they've approached both entities about the problems but gotten nowhere.

"It seems like there are things that can be done," Holloway said, such as clearly marking where the

road ends or putting up stop signs, "to reduce likelihood of these things. I hope this will be a catalyst to get all of them to say, it's in all of our interests to decrease the likelihood of this ever occurring again."

Holloway said he and Del. Tim Hugo (R-40) are working to set up a meeting with Norfolk Southern and VDOT.

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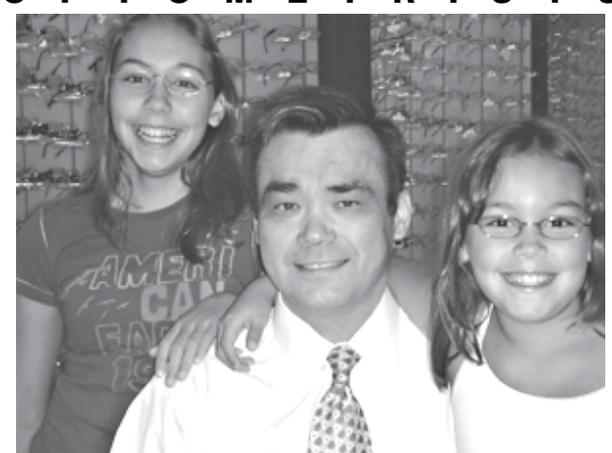
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Republican Repeal Plan Promises Health Care Chaos

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

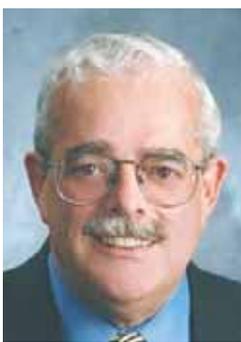
Over the course of a normal week, my office receives thousands of letters, emails, phone calls, and tweets from Northern Virginians. Each message is important to me, but recently one really caught my attention. It came from Liz Salter, a 29-year-old woman from Northern Virginia. Liz suffers from a rare genetic condition, Fabry Disease. Fabry Disease can cause intense pain throughout the body, kidney failure, and heart disease.

Every two weeks, Liz receives 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, someone like Liz had to worry

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 denied coverage due to her pre-existing condition. For Liz Salter, the Affordable Care Act means peace of mind.

COMMENTARY

"When the ACA passed and included the ban on annual and lifetime limits, it was such a relief because, at 29, I could 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 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 continue 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 politics 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 University.

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 Scholar-

ship for Military Children Program in July 2016.

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 2016.

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,

FAITH NOTES

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

Grace Presbyterian Church offers Sunday school for all ages at 9:15, and a blended worship service 10:30 a.m. every Sunday morning. Coffee and fellowship follows worship. Nursery care is provided from 9:00-11:45. 7434 Bath Street, Springfield. 703-451-2900 or www.gracepresby.org.

The Guhyasamaja Buddhist Center, 10875 Main St., Fairfax City provides free classes to both newcomers and advanced practitioners of Tibetan Buddhism. The center emphasizes working with the mind and learning how to understand the workings of the mind, overcoming inner causes of suffering, while cultivating causes of happiness. Under the direction of Lama Zopa Rinpoche, the center is a place of study, contemplation and meditation. Visit <http://www.guhyasamaja.org> for more information.

Lord of Life Lutheran offers services at two locations, in Fairfax at 5114 Twinbrook Road and in Clifton at 13421 Twin Lakes Drive. Services

in Fairfax are held on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. and Sundays at 8:30 and 10 a.m. Services in Clifton are held on Sundays at 8:15 and 10:30 a.m. 703-323-9500 or www.Lordoflifeva.org.

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

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

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

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 8304 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield, offers casual worship services on Saturday evenings at 5:30 p.m. featuring contemporary music. More traditional services take place on Sunday mornings at 8:15 and 11 a.m. Sunday School is from 9:45-10:45 a.m. for children and adults. The church also offers discussion groups for adults. 703-451-5855 or www.poplc.org.



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This new home office by Anthony Wilder Design/Build incorporates a custom-designed cord control system.



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Storage solutions such as those in this office by Megan Padilla help make home offices aesthetically appealing.

Organizing a Home Office

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Whether located in a basement, spare bedroom or 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 home-work station or craft area or a dedicated home office for the everyday telecommuter?"

Keeping office equipment out of sight will give the space a home-like feel, says Padilla. This can be accomplished by using storage solutions like printer drawers.

Practical home office organizational solutions include roll-out trays for computer accessories like

printers and a wire management system above and below the desk for power cords and computer cables both on top of the desk, advises Chuck Khiel, vice president of Fred 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."

Design ideas for workspace order.

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

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New Year, New Order

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

If 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 identify the rooms to which each set belongs."

Install an LED light inside the

Built-in shelving by Case/Fred Home Improvement helps keep the linen closet of this Potomac, Md. laundry room organized.

"Consider custom built-ins where possible for a more de-centralized storage approach."

— Kelly Emerson,
designer/showroom manager
at Aidan Design

closet operated by an automatic switch, so that the light turns on when the door is opened, suggests Chuck Khiel, vice president of Fred Home Improvement, a division of Case. "Create multiple depth shelves, such as deeper shelves on



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the bottom, shallower shelves higher up," he said. "Deeper lower shelves will allow more efficient use of space."

Organizing an unruly linen closet.

Organize storage so the most frequently used items are most easily accessible. Alot 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 Kheil.

Devising 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 over-the 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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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 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 park.

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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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.

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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.

Smoke Free Bingo (with breaks for smoking friends). 7 p.m. Every Friday. Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department, 4081 University Drive,



The Washington, Virginia & Maryland Garden Railway Society (WVMGRS) members will have a G-Scale train display running at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum on Sunday Jan. 15 from noon - 4 p.m. The Fairfax Station Railroad Museum is located at 11200 Fairfax Station Road in Fairfax Station. 703-503-9711 jmitulla@verizon.net www.fairfax-station.org



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 Transportation 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.



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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



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❖ 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 re-

gional 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 contributions.

❖ 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.



❖ I-66 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 & I-66

\$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)

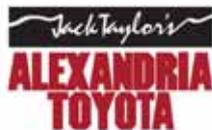
In FY 2017, 1,086 miles are planned for paving, including 28 interstate, 137 primary and 921 secondary roads. The secondary roads are divided nearly evenly among Prince William, Fairfax and Loudoun counties.

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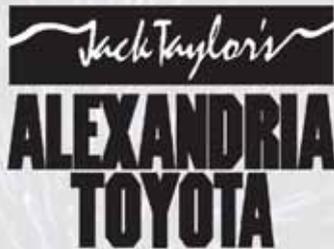
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Virginia L. (Bostic) Bisson passed away peacefully with her family at her side on December 30, 2016 at INOVA Fairfax Hospital in Fairfax, VA. She was born on October 21, 1934 in Centreville, VA to Orville and Dorothy Bostic. Virginia grew up in Centreville, 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., 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 (Teofila) Bostic of Florence, AL and her children Jennifer Lowman of Centreville, Va, Tim (Nathalie) Bisson, John (Sheila) Bisson of Warrenton, VA, Cindy (Jim) Draucker of Front Royal, VA and Robert (Sharon) Yarborough of Leesburg, VA and her grandchildren Jessica Lowman, Ben Draucker, Marie Bisson, Austin Bisson, Matthew Yarborough, Kelley Yarborough, and her 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 guest book at <http://adamsgreen.com/1/Home.html>.

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Stories From Strawberry Park 10 - 11 a.m.
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FRIDAY/JAN. 13

D'Amore Duo - Classical Guitar & 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 Church. The group draws its membership from around the DC Metro area, and includes current and former professionals and members of the Service Bands. The Cathedral Brass is under the direction of L. Thomas Vining. 703-385-7858
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Sabbath of Solidarity 8 - 9:30 p.m. Congregation Adat Reyim 6500 Westbury Oaks Court, Springfield. Let us join together - many faiths, with one goal - to reaffirm and share MLK's vision of social justice and equality. In solidarity we will demonstrate that mutual respect and understanding are values we cherish and uphold. www.adatreyim.org/

SUNDAY/JAN.15

WVMGRS G-Scale trains at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum noon - 4 p.m. 11200 Fairfax Station Road in Fairfax Station. 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.fairfax-station.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 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,

BULLETIN BOARD

THROUGH JAN. 18

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 include:

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



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'Murder on the Nile' on GMU Stage

Aquila Theatre presents Agatha Christie's "Murder on the Nile" at George Mason University, Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Performance Sunday, Jan. 22, 2017 at 4 p.m. Tickets: \$26, \$37 and \$44. Call 888-945-2468 or visit www.cfa.gme.edu Note: There will be a pre-performance discussion 45 minutes before the show.



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Jason Krage, featured in the mystery 'Solitary Confinement' at the Workhouse Arts Center, W-3 Theatre, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Performances: Jan. 13-Feb. 12, 2017. Friday & Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets: \$20 (students/seniors) -\$30 (general admission). Call 703-584-2900 or visit www.workhousearts.org

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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

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

% **Monday, Jan. 9,** 7 p.m., South County High School, 8501 Silverbrook Road, Lorton, VA 22079.

% **Tuesday, Jan. 10,** 12:30 p.m., Virginia Hills Center Library, 6520 Diana Lane, Alexandria, VA 22310.

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

% **Wednesday, Jan. 11,** 7 p.m., Mount Vernon High School Little Theater, 8515 Old Mount

Vernon Road, Alexandria, VA 22309.

% **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.



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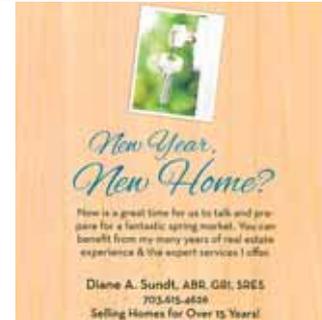


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