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CRIME

The following incidents were reported by the Sully District Police Station.

BURGLARY: 5100 block of Pleasant Forest Drive, between 8 a.m. and 9:15 p.m., Jan. 21. An investigation determined entry was forced through a window. Electronics and cash were reported missing.

BURGLARY: 6200 block of Frosty Winter Court, Jan. 16, around 6:45 p.m. A resident notified police that upon returning home, she saw her back door kicked. Officers cleared the house and nothing appeared to be taken.

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY/DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY: 4200 block of Airline Parkway (Dulles Meadows Swimming Pool), Jan. 9, around 9:30 a.m. An employee reported that after opening the business they observed damage to the property that had not previously been there. Initial investigation developed possible suspect information and the case is being actively investigated.

ARMED ROBBERY: 13400 block of Lee Highway (Shell), Jan. 16, around 3:34 p.m. A 30-year-old victim reported that a man entered the store, displayed a handgun and demanded cash. The suspect left on foot and was described as Hispanic, 25 to 30 years old, about 5 feet 5 inches tall and 130 to 145 pounds. The victim did not require medical attention.

BURGLARY: 6400 block of Knapsack Lane, Jan. 1, 2 p.m. A resident reported someone entered the residence and took property.

JAN. 23 LARCENIES
13000 block of Ann Grigsby Circle, firearm from truck

14000 block of Chantilly Crossing Lane, left restaurant without paying
13000 block of Ellendale Drive, laptop from residence

JAN. 19 LARCENIES
14000 block of Summer Tree Road, exhaust pipe from vehicle

JAN. 18 LARCENIES
5100 block of Westfields Boulevard, alcohol from store

JAN. 17 LARCENIES
14700 block of Beaumeadow Drive, wallet from office

6300 block of Paddington Lane, license plate from vehicle
14100 block of Lee Highway, keys from purse and property from vehicle

14700 block of Carlbern Drive, cash from vehicle
14300 block of Chantilly Crossing, electronic items from business

STOLEN VEHICLES
13400 block of Poplar Woods Court, 2000 white Ford F450

JAN. 13 LARCENIES
14300 block of Chantilly Crossing Lane, merchandise from business

JAN. 10 LARCENIES
4100 block of Lafayette Center Drive, cell phones from residence
3900 block of Stonecroft Boulevard, property from residence

14100 block of Sullyfield Circle, jacket from business
13200 block of Village Square Drive, wallet from vehicle

JAN. 9 LARCENIES
14900 block of Lady Madonna Court, property from vehicle

14500 block of Lee Road, cash and credit cards from business
4100 block of Meadowland Court, cell phone from residence

13600 block of Wild Flower Lane, package from residence
JAN. 6 STOLEN VEHICLES

4000 block of Walney Road, 2007 Volvo XC90
JAN. 5 LARCENIES

4900 block of Stonecroft Boulevard, property from vehicle
JAN. 4 LARCENIES

11700 block of Fair Oaks Mall, merchandise from business
4900 block of Stonecroft Boulevard, gun from vehicle

14100 block of Sully Field Circle, property from residence
JAN. 3 LARCENIES

13500 block of Ann Grisby Circle, property from vehicle
4100 block of Auto Park Circle, license plates from vehicle

14700 block of Hanna Court, wallet from vehicle
4200 block of Kincaid Court, cell phone from residence

4100 block of Pepsi Place, property from vehicle
14100 block of Saint Germain Drive, cell phone from residence

4900 block of Stonecroft Boulevard, property from vehicle
4900 block of Stonecroft Boulevard, watch from residence

4900 block of Westone Plaza, purse from business
6700 block of White Post Road, GPS and registration from vehicle

The following incidents were reported by the Fair Oaks District Police Station.

INDECENT EXPOSURE: 12200 block of Fairfax Towne Center, Jan. 20 around 3:52 p.m. A woman was sitting in her car when she looked in a side mirror and saw a man touching himself inappropriately. An investigation led to the suspect's identity and revealed he had touched himself inappropriately earlier in the day at a store in the 13000 block of Lee Jackson Memorial Highway. Officers obtained two warrants for obscene sexual display.

BURGLARY: 13500 block of Maverick Lane, Jan. 20 around 9:05 p.m. An investigation determined entry was forced into the home. Watches and other jewelry items were reported missing. The suspect was seen wearing a gray hoodie, black pants and a light-colored backpack.

BURGLARY: 12300 block of Fox Lake Place, Between 9:30 p.m. Jan. 11 and 5 a.m. Jan. 12. An investigation determined entry was gained through the garage and a purse and electronics were reported missing.

UNLAWFUL ENTRY: 4200 block of Fox Lake Drive, between 10:30 p.m. Jan. 11 and 5:30 a.m. Jan. 12. An investigation determined a garage door opener was taken from an unlocked vehicle and used to gain entry into the home. Nothing appeared to be missing.

RECKLESS DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM / HIT AND RUN: 3800 block of Bilberry Drive. Jan. 11, 9:42 p.m. Residents reported hearing the sound of gunshots in the area. Information obtained during the initial investigation indicated that a silver truck was seen in the area at the time the shots were heard. The truck backed

into a car that was parked in the driveway of a home on Bilberry Drive. It then sped away. Officers recovered one shell casing in the roadway. There is no further suspect or vehicle description.

BURGLARY: 12800 block of Fair Briar Lane. Jan. 11, 9:42 a.m. The homeowner was awakened by the sound of the family dog barking. Further investigation revealed that someone had entered the garage and rifled through their car; taking miscellaneous items. Apparently, entry was gained into the home itself, but nothing appeared to have been taken. There is no suspect information.

SKIMMING DEVICE: 14000 block of Lee Jackson Memorial Highway (Exxon), Jan. 10 around 8:12 p.m. Officers responded for a report of financial skimming devices found inside two gas pumps. Financial Crimes and Crime Scene detectives responded and collected them. The investigation is ongoing.

BURGLARY: 12400 block of Meadow Hunt Drive, Jan. 7, around 2:38 p.m. Officers responded to a house for an open door call. They saw a back door was broken and it appeared items were missing from the home. They located a house sitter who was watching the home while the owner was away. They had last been to the house on Dec. 24, 2016 and everything appeared OK. The homeowner was contacted.

INDECENT EXPOSURE: Monument Drive/Fair Lakes Parkway, Jan. 3, around 1:10 p.m. A 68-year-old woman was stopped at an intersection when she saw a man standing near the 4200 block of Hunt Club Circle exposing himself. The suspect was described as white, about 30 to 40 years old wearing a dark shirt.

JAN. 23 LARCENIES
3700 block of Broadrun Drive, taxi fare from taxi

11000 block of Lee Highway, merchandise from store
13000 block of Fair Lakes Shopping Center, purse out of cart

4100 block of Fairfax Hills Way, Medication from residence
12000 block of Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, property from residence

JAN. 19 LARCENIES
11000 block of Fair Oaks Shopping Center, Cash from store

4200 block of Ridge Top Road, property from vehicle
13000 block of Bankfoot Court, property from residence

11000 block of Lee Highway, merchandise from store
JAN. 18 LARCENIES

11000 block of Fair Oaks Shopping Center, cash from business
3800 block of Lightfoot Street, package from residence

JAN. 17 LARCENIES
11200 block of Lee Highway, wallet from bus

9400 block of Virginia Center Boulevard, ladder and tractor key from storage shed
12700 block of Lee Highway, clothes and cash from motel room

11200 block of James Swart Circle, food from business
11100 block of Lee Highway, merchandise from business

11200 block of Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, iPad from hotel room
JAN. 13 LARCENIES

4400 block of Milroy Crest Street
JAN. 12 LARCENIES

10100 block of Castle Wood Lane, cell phones from vehicle
2800 block of Cherry Branch Lane, box from residence

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ONGOING

- Art Guild of Clifton Exhibit.** 10 a.m.-8 p.m. at Clifton Wine Shop, 7145 Main St., Clifton. Includes oil paintings of European settings; doors, windows, and flower shops. Free. Call 703-409-0919 for more.
- Carolina Shag Dance.** Wednesdays, 6:30-10 p.m. at Arlington/Fairfax Elks Lodge, 8421 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax. Free lessons at 7:30 p.m.; no partners needed; dinner menu at 6:45 p.m. Tickets are \$8. Visit www.nvshag.org for more.
- Open Rehearsal.** Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. at Lord of Life church, 13421 Twin Lakes Drive, Centreville. The Fairfax Jubil-Aires barbershop chorus invites men of all ages who enjoy singing. Free. Visit www.fairfaxjubilaire.org for more.
- Toddlin' Twos.** Tuesdays, 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Early literacy storytime with songs and activities included. Age 2 with caregiver, free. Call 703-502-3883 to reserve a spot.
- Storytime for Three to Fives.** Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Stories and activities for children age 3-5 with caregiver. Free. Call 703-502-3883 to reserve a spot.
- English Conversation Group.** Thursdays, 7 p.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Practice English with a group of students and adults. Free. Call 703-502-3883 to reserve a space.
- English Conversation Group.** Selected Saturdays, 3 p.m. at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Practice English with a group of students and adults. Free. Call 703-830-2223 for a list of dates.
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- Plant Clinic.** Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. A neighborhood plant clinic with horticultural tips, information, techniques, and advice. Free. Call 703-502-3883 to reserve a space.
- ESL Book Club.** Mondays, 7 p.m. at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Meet and discuss a book chosen by group. Free. Call 703-830-2223 with questions and to reserve a spot.
- ESL Book Club.** Every other Saturday, 11 a.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000

- Stringfellow Road. Adults learning English are welcome to meet and discuss a book chosen by the group. To find out book title, call 703-502-3883.
- Lego Block Party.** Every other Tuesday, 3 p.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Legos will be provided for an afternoon of building. Grades 3-6. Free. Call 703-502-3883 to reserve a spot.
- Duplo Storytime.** Every other Wednesday, 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Develop and reinforce early literacy skills for reading success. Ages 1-3 with adult. Free. Call 703-502-3883 to reserve a spot.
- Live After Five.** Fridays at 5:30 p.m. at The Winery at Bull Run, 15950 Lee Highway. Every Friday night a band plays on the patio of the winery. Free to attend. Visit www.wineryatbullrun.com for a full schedule.
- Singing.** 7:30 p.m. at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 13421 Twin Lakes Drive, Clifton. The Fairfax Jubil-Aires rehearse every Wednesday which includes training by an award-winning director. Visit www.fairfaxjubilaire.org for more.
- Legos Kids Club.** Every other Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Thousands of Legos for children to play with. Ages 6-12. Free. Call 703-830-2223 to reserve a space.
- Starlight Storytime.** Every other Wednesday, 7 p.m. at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Stories under the stars for ages 4-8. Wear pajamas and bring stuffed friends. Free. Call 703-830-2223 to reserve a space.

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- Adopt a Cat or Dog.** Fridays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at PetSmart, 12971 Fair Lakes Center, Fairfax. Visit www.lostdogrescue.org for more.
- Adopt a Dog.** Saturdays, 12-3 p.m. at Petco, 13053 Lee Jackson Highway. Visit www.hart90.org for more.
- Adopt a Dog.** Sundays, 1-4 p.m. at Petco, 13053 Lee Jackson Memorial Hwy. Adopt a puppy or dog. Visit www.aforeverhome.org for more.
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FRIDAY/JAN. 27

- Hot Dogs Over the Campfire.** 5:30-7 p.m. at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. Enjoy a wagon ride through the Rocky Run stream valley and a hot dog dinner cooked over the campfire. Learn who Ellanor C. Lawrence was and hear

Winter Fun Calendar

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SUNDAY/JAN. 29

Groundhog Day Lessons. 2:30 p.m. at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney. Learn the story behind Groundhog Day and some interesting facts about this animal. Visit the home of the Walney garden groundhog and play some groundhog games. Children must be accompanied by an adult registered in the program. Ages 3-Adult, \$7 county residents, \$9 for non-county. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence for more.

TUESDAY/FEB. 14

Valentine Day Sale. 8 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Hospital Atrium, 3600 Joseph Siewick Drive. All proceeds benefit Inova Fair Oaks Hospital. Visit www.inova.org or call 703-391-3600 for more.

FRIDAY/FEB. 24

Hot Dogs Over the Campfire. 5:30-7 p.m. at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road. Enjoy a wagon ride through the Rocky Run stream valley and a hot dog dinner cooked over the campfire. Learn who Ellanor C. Lawrence was and hear about the area's local history. Hot dogs, buns, condiments and s'mores for dessert are provided, bring drinks and sides. \$10, and children must be accompanied by an adult registered for the program. Meet at Cabell's Mill. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence for more.

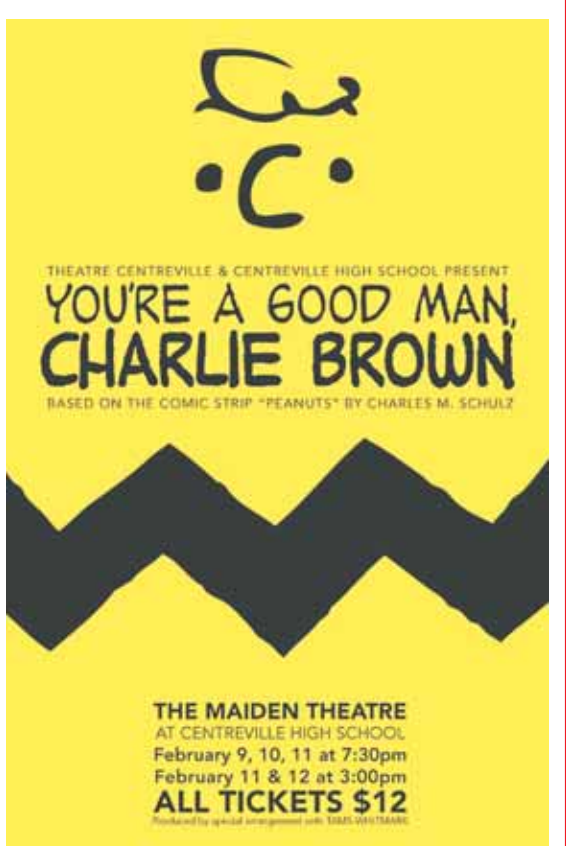
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SATURDAY/JAN. 28

Preschool Open House. 10 a.m.-noon at The Learning Experience of Chantilly / South Riding, 4150 Pleasant Valley Road. The Learning Experience in Chantilly, winner of National "Center of Excellence" Distinction award, is hosting an open house. Call 703-378-7391 or email chantilly@TLEchildcare.com.

SUNDAY/JAN. 29

DanceFest 2017. 10 a.m.-8 p.m. at Ernst Cultural Center, Northern



The weekend of Feb. 9-12, Theatre Centreville puts on a production of "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown," at Centreville High School, 6001 Union Mill Road. \$12. Visit theatrecentreville.com for more.

Virginia Community College, 8333 Little River Turnpike. Master classes, performances, wellness seminars presented by Virginia Dance Coalition. Registration is \$110-\$155, observation packages available. Call 703-409-7988 or visit www.VirginiaDanceCoalition.org for more.

SUNDAY/FEB. 5

Historic Valentine's Day Gifts. 1-4 p.m. at Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road. Make your own Valentine's Day gift with special railroad and historic themes at the Valentine's Day event. Museum members and children 4 and under, free; 5-15, \$2; 16 and older, \$4. Call 703-425-9225 or visit www.fairfax-station.org for more.

FEB. 9-12

"You're A Good Man, Charlie

Brown." Various times at the Centreville High School, 6001 Union Mill Road. Theatre Centreville brings the Peanuts comic strip to the stage. \$12. Visit theatrecentreville.com for more.

SATURDAY/FEB. 25

Sully District Fundraiser. 7-9 p.m. at Supervisor Kathy Smith's, 4639 Star Flower Drive. Call 703-814-7100 for more.

SATURDAY/MARCH 25

Purple Tie Bash. 7:30 p.m. at the Fair Oaks Marriott, 11787 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway. This event is a fundraiser that benefits all Chantilly High School students and athletes through capital improvements such as facility upgrades and purchases of equipment, uniforms, and much more. Visit www.chantillysports.org for more.

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By **KENNETH B. LOURIE**

How do you spell relief? ROLAIDS? Hardly. I spell relief: "Mr. Lourie, your scan remains stable." News, as I'm extremely fond of continuing to say, "I can live with." And despite the fact that I'm ending the previous sentence with a preposition, I'm sure you can appreciate how relieved I am to be 'stable,' and how amazing it is to hear my oncologist characterize me as his "miracle" (not possessive really, more descriptive). So life goes on, for another three months anyway, until my next scheduled diagnostic scan which this time will include an MRI of the abdomen as well as the CT of the lungs to give my oncologist a bit more information to more thoroughly evaluate my condition/status. Having been there and done both previously, the prospect doesn't really concern me. Although it's easy to be a big shot now, three months out, especially after receiving a good report. Perhaps my columns in April will be a bit more realistic — given that my life will once again be on the tomography/resonance-imaging-line.

Planning for the future however begins with yours truly assessing the present and wondering why I was so nervous the days before the scan and of course the two days after, until we saw the oncologist and received the results. I mean it's not as if my life — and quality of life — isn't at stake when these scans are interpreted; nevertheless, stressing about it doesn't help, or should I say, doesn't enhance my prospects. Somehow, integrating/assimilating the stress and anxiety of it all and not giving cancer its due must remain a major part of the psychological solution. I can't give into it emotionally and for some reason, that's exactly what I did this past week. I need to learn from my mistake. Though I'm sure it's understandable under the death-defying circumstances, it's not helpful. It may even be harmful.

I should know better, and I have known better; that's what's peculiar here. Moreover, I'm usually up for the challenge. In fact, I take pride in my ability to take on the challenge. Heck, it's not exactly my first dance with the devil so what's the fuss? The 'fuss' is obvious but fussing over things/outcomes I can't control is not the process that works here. Going with the flow, taking the good with the bad (and vice versa), not putting any part of the cart before the horse meaning: not presuming any negative facts not yet in evidence and most importantly, as the band "Wet Willie" sang in the 1970s, you've got to "Keep on Smilin.'" Humor may not truly be the best medicine, but laughing and joking is hardly the problem.

Cancer is the problem, but sometimes the patient/me is the problem. As Moe Howard said to his brother Shemp in a Three Stooges short entitled "Pardon My Backfire:" "Every time you think you weaken the nation." And though I don't want to weaken my nation/resolve with respect to my underlying disease, occasionally, as perhaps happened this past post-scan week, I get caught up in my own circumstances and think too much, and lose some cohesion and poise. Neither of which a cancer patient can afford to lose. I know — as a cancer patient/survivor — that if I do receive bad/disappointing news, it will be bad enough when I receive it so thinking/worrying that the news will be/could be bad before I actually learn that it's bad is a complete waste of valuable emotional where-withal. Wherewithal that I'll possibly need later should the news in fact be bad. What my survival has taught me is that even after initially receiving some very discouraging life expectancy statistics for lung cancer patients from my oncologist back in 2009 when I was originally diagnosed, one might still have a future. I'm living proof of that. And it just might be the present that provides the means, justified or not.

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Westfield's DJ Gregory #10 is focused on the hoop while Chantilly's Bret Caslavka #10 defends.



Westfield's Nick Albert #11 just before releasing a hook shot over Chantilly's Daniel Carmichael #5.

Chantilly Charges over Westfield

The Chantilly Chargers travelled to face the Westfield Bulldogs in a Concorde District matchup on Jan. 19. The Chargers came in atop the district, while Westfield had won one game in conference play.

Chantilly started out with an early 7-0 advantage before Westfield got on the board. After one quarter of play, Chantilly led the Bulldogs 15-11.

In the 2nd quarter Westfield would have their strongest quarter of the game. The Bulldogs would have a 22-20 lead with 3:51 to play before half, but the Chargers would score 11 of the next 17 points to keep their lead 31-28.

In the 3rd quarter with just over a minute played Westfield would hold a slight edge

32-31, but the Chargers would outscore the Bulldogs 13-9 heading into the 4th.

In the 4th Chantilly outscored Westfield 14-11, and managed to pull out a 58-48 win, making 16-18 free throws for the game.

Chantilly was led by Elijah Ford with 14 points, teammate Brett Caslavka added 13 and Daniel Carmichael 12. Westfield's Nick Albert led all scorers with 15 points. Taevon Chapman Greene added 9 and DJ Gregory 8. Chantilly improves to (12-5) (4-1), and Westfield falls to (3-11) (1-4). Chantilly will play at Centreville on Jan. 24, and Westfield will play at Robinson on Jan. 24, both games at 7:30 p.m.

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Chantilly's Daniel Carmichael #5 powers to the bucket with Westfield's Nick Albert #11 and Sean Eckert #2 defending.

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Centreville Swim and Dive Results

Centreville Swim and Dive team, which is coached by Laura Benevento and Tea Leitch, started their season off strong with competitive swims against Chantilly, Oakton and Robinson. Highlights included:

First Place

Daniel Shin (100 Free, 100 Breast), Noah Desman (200 Free), Heejae Shin (50 Free), and David Chu (100 Fly).

Second Place

David Chu (50 Free), Noah Desman (100 Fly), Heejae Shin (100 Free), Chan-

ho Joung (500 Free), Thalia Costanza (200 IM), Emily Drakopoulos (100 Fly), Gabby Keuhhas (500 Free), and Joanna Zhao (100 Breast).

Third Place

Heejae Shin (200 Free, 100 Free), Emily Drakopoulos (200 Free), Gabby Kuehhas (50 Free), Thalia Costanza (100 Free), Cara Patrick (100 Back), David Chu (100 Fly), Heejae Shin (100 Free), Heejae Shin, Daniel Shin, David Chu, and Ian Spence (200 Medley Relay).

SCHOOL NOTES

Email announcements to centreville@connectionnewspapers.com. Photos are welcome.

Austin Figueroa, Rachel Seldowitz and Trent Pace, of Centreville, were named to the dean's list at James Madison University (Harrisonburg, Va.) for the fall 2016 semester.

Olivia Witt, of Centreville, was named to the fall 2016 dean's list at the College of William and Mary (Williamsburg, Va.).

New and Old Land Use Cases Line Up

Hearings set at Planning Commission in March and April.

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CENTRE VIEW

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors scheduled to vote on German grocery store, Costco gas operation, and enlarged Chick-fil-A.

GERMAN GROCERY

Lidl U.S. Operations, LLC, proposes to build a 30,000-square-foot grocery store and 18,000-square-foot multi-tenant retail building on 5.09 acres on the 73-acre Chantilly Crossing Shopping Center at the intersection of Lee Road and Chantilly Crossing Lane.

The German Lidl grocery chain has also offered to proffer \$250,000 for athletic fields and recreational facilities in Chantilly.

The Board of Supervisors was scheduled to vote on the applications at its Board Hearing on Jan. 24, after this issue's presstime. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the application in December.

Lidl will "contribute to the design and installation of traffic signal at the intersection of Penrose Place and Lee Road, a commitment to the maintenance and enhancement of the stormwater management pond, an enhanced pedestrian crossing to the site," said Sully District Planning Commissioner Karen Keys-Gamara at the decision-only hearing on Wednesday, Dec. 7.

Lidl's U.S. operations is headquartered in Arlington; Lidl (pronounced leedle) plans to expand its business in the United States and Fairfax County.

Lidl currently operates nearly 10,000 stores in 26 countries throughout Europe and plans to open as many as 100 U.S. locations.

FILL HER UP: COSTCO GAS

The Planning Commission gave Costco its approval Wednesday, Dec. 7 to add a service station with eight fueling tanks that can queue up to 60 vehicles at its 13.39-acre site in the Chantilly Crossing Shopping Center, 14390 Chantilly Crossing Lane.

The gas station will only be available to Costco members; only two grades of gas will be available, payable only by Costco credit card or debit.

The Board of Supervisors is scheduled to make its decision regarding Costco's application on Jan. 24, after this issue's presstime. The Planning Commission recommended the application in December.

David Gill, who represented Costco for its application, estimates that 2,000 customers will use the station each day.

County planners recommended approval of the application.

"Given its lack of visibility from the surrounding public road network, its interior position within the larger shopping center, and the limitation on sales, the proposed use can be expected to primarily serve existing patrons of the Costco retail warehouse and is expected to generate only a nominal

increase in vehicular trips," said Joe Gorney, planning staff.

Only one employee will be needed at the station.

Underground fuel tanks, an above ground Healy tank for excess gasoline vapors, and a canopy will be needed as part of the special exception amendment.

Chantilly Crossing Shopping Center is on 73 acres south of Route 50, east of Lee Road and west of Route 28. The center was approved by the Board of Supervisors in the summer of 1996.

The center also has two restaurants, two extended-day hotels, a drive-through bank, a Costco retail warehouse, a Target store, two retail buildings with multiple tenants and an additional service station with quick-service food store.

After a public hearing before the Planning Commission in November, Costco "has indicated a willingness to design a signal at the intersection of Penrose Place and Lee Road which would facilitate movement to the site," said Sully District Commissioner Karen Keys-Gamara.

ROOSTING PLACE

Chick-fil-A, Inc. wants to enlarge the existing 2,932-square-foot, 64-seat KFC in Sully Plaza shopping center with a 142-seat, 4,792-square-foot restaurant and two-lane drive through.

The Planning Commission recommended approval of the zoning application in November. The Board of Supervisors is scheduled to vote on the application on Tuesday, Jan. 24 after this issue's presstime.

The 13-acre Sully Plaza shopping center is located northeast of the intersection of Route 50 and Centreville Road in the Chantilly area. Access to the shopping center is provided from Route 50, Metrotech Drive and Centreville Road.

Chick-fil-A would replace the existing KFC fast food restaurant located next to the stormwater management pond near the intersection.

"While the older restaurant was of a relatively small size, the proposed restaurant is not out of scale with the shopping center or other similar restaurants, and staff does not consider the expansion to be egregious," according to planner Carmen Bishop. "The proposed design of the building and landscaping would provide for a visual improvement to the center."

The restaurant would have a brick facade, as well as brick on three sides of its trash enclosure.

The two-lane drive through has the capacity to stack 20 vehicles.



Lidl U.S. Operations, LLC, awaits final approval from the Board of Supervisors to permit a 30,000-square-foot grocery store and 18,000-square-foot multi-tenant retail building on 5.09 acres on the 73-acre Chantilly Crossing Shopping Center at the intersection of Lee Road and Chantilly Crossing Lane.

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industrial, research and development, or industrial/flex use. Instead, it would intensify an existing strip commercial development, a use that is discouraged by the plan," said Keys-Gamara. "Even though it would be located within a store that's already in the shopping center, the shopping center was permitted by-right. As the staff report states, there are no prior zoning approvals associated with the shopping center, which means that no other special exception uses have been approved there."

There are currently eight pawn shops allowed via special exceptions in Fairfax County, said Michael Lynskey, planning staff with the Department of Planning and Zoning. The county

permits up to 12 pawnshops countywide, he said.

"We're expecting one to two people a day, at most. This is something that can help my small business a lot," said Badii.

But Keys-Gamara raised concern over any additional business. "This shopping center's parking lot already suffers from considerable circulation problems and parking shortages. In my experience, the configuration is uniquely hazardous because of the many angles at which cars pull in and out and the pedestrians cutting across to get to shops and restaurants. Add to that the several restaurants offering delivery services and you get a location where constant vigilance is required," said Keys-Gamara.

UPCOMING

Three additional land use cases are already scheduled for hearing before the Planning Commission this spring.

According to Planning Commission documents:

- ❖ Copt Stonecroft, LLC, wants to increase its building height at 4850 Stonecroft Blvd. Public hearings are scheduled before the Planning Commission on March 2 and the Board of Supervisors on March 14.

- ❖ Arden Courts of Centreville's application to "amend proffers and conditions" of their project is scheduled for a public hearing before the Planning Commission on April 5.

The five-acre property is located at the east side of Centreville Road, southeast of its intersection with Bradenton Drive.

- ❖ And Scimores Academy LLC, a special education facility, is scheduled to present an application before the Planning Commission on March 15 for projects listed in planning documents at the northeast corner of the intersection of Centreville and West Ox roads.