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Defne Tunceli performing as Sezen Aksu, Turkish pop singer, during the one-person shows at Yorktown High School last month. Photos from the performances are on exhibit at Cassatt's Kiwi Cafe on Lee Highway through May 7.

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# Helping Immigrants

Advice about DACA, green cards, work permits and more.

BY SHIRLEY RUHE  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he Just Neighbors office on Columbia Pike is bustling. The phone rings with an immigrant inquiry on how to get a green card or apply for a work permit. Phone volunteers ask an initial set of questions. An initial triage of clients for the interview process determines if this is the kind of case Just Neighbors handles, do they have the capacity or does it need to be referred out. Erin McKenney, executive director of Just Neighbors, says they handled 650-700 clients last year and turned away 1,000 due to lack of capacity.

A Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA) client (sometimes referred to as dreamers) has come into the office to apply for citizenship for the first time.

**REFUGEES** “We have just started taking applications again,” McKenney said. “We were only processing two-year renewals but stopped taking new applications right after the election because we thought there was a good possibility the Administration would vacate Obama’s order on dreamers.”

She says today they have five or six new DACA cases scheduled and will have five more later in the week, now a routine pattern.

Sarah Milad, one of the three staff immigration attorneys, has just interviewed a DACA renewal client. “It’s a great story. He is on his third renewal and about to become married to a U.S. citizen. His mother was here with him today; she was so happy. It will be a normalized status soon.”

Maria Maldonado, a volunteer attorney, is photocopying the thick stack of paperwork submitted by a DACA client. McKenney says in the initial screening meetings volunteers collect a wide variety of demographic information on ethnicity, source of income, family composition, plus copies of passports and other official documents and any information such as interactions with police.

Right now “we are taking only squeaky clean clients because anything, even a minor offense, adds an element of risk,” McKenney said.

In the initial meeting Just Neighbors collects \$100 as a legal fee to cover all future court costs. “For a domestic abuse victim it could be 13 court filings. These can be long, complicated cases. And if they don’t have the money, we waive the fees.”

The next step is attorney review of all of the materials to determine if there is any legal pathway to citizenship for the immigrant. “We won’t file unless we’re pretty sure they they will get through because it just puts them at more risk since that information would be out there on their illegal status,” she said. “We tell them don’t give your money to anyone else who tells you that you do have a pathway because there are a lot of unscrupulous people out there who



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**Volunteer hours at Just Neighbors in 2016 were valued at \$400,000, almost equaling the entire Just Neighbors budget. Just Neighbors provides services to immigrants with a legal pathway to citizenship. They have served over 10,000 clients from 130 countries over the last 20 years.**

**Erin McKenney, executive director of Just Neighbors, says in recent months the phones have been ringing off the hook with people volunteering time and money and wanting to sponsor families.**



will just take your money. On the other hand we just did a grant to do screening because it was estimated that 10 percent of undocumented probably had a pathway to citizenship but didn’t have the knowledge or money to apply.”

After any required medical check-ups, police reports or other documents have been submitted, the case is sent in to USCIS. “In a good it case it may take six to eight weeks,” McKenney said, “it takes about two years to get provisional approval which allows you to get a work permit. Then it takes another two years or longer to get the U visa. Legal status takes four to six more years.”

A DACA applicant on his second renewal says Just Neighbors made this a streamlined, smooth application process for him: “They told me what I needed to bring, helped fill out all of the forms and sent in all documents.” He continued that the entire process would be very complicated and “I’d probably not do something correct. There are a lot of people out there who don’t know.” He says he has been in America since he was 7 years old. “I grew up here. I consider this my country. If the DACA order is repealed and I had to return to Peru, I don’t know what I would do over there. I’m not

**Sarah Milad, a staff immigration attorney at Just Neighbors, is working with a client on his third DACA renewal. She says he has a happy story, is about to be married and normalize his status soon.**



familiar with the culture. I would be lost for a while.”

McKenney said, “We have had a rush of volunteers recently, and the phones are ringing off the hook. I probably get five new volunteers a week.” The organization’s volunteer coordinator sits at a long table working on scheduling and organizing volunteer activities. Behind her a volunteer sits translating a client’s story from Spanish into English to add to his stack of papers.

“We always try to have one Spanish-speaking person available to answer the phones,” McKenney said. “We had 154 volunteers last year; a number of them are attorneys who are retired and were not originally immigration lawyers. Immigration law competes only with tax law in its complexity,” McKenney adds that some of the volunteers work once a month and others may work 8-15 hours a week.

Lisa Trangsrud has been volunteering for Just Neighbors for at least 10 years “since we were in a church basement.” She says

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she started out interviewing clients but now “I’m not a typical volunteer anymore.” Trangsrud serves as treasurer on the Just Neighbors Board of Directors. She says she first got interested because she had taught in a school with a large immigrant population “and I had an investment.”

On the other side it’s a bad time because of fear. “We have happy, sad and angry — all kinds of stories,” Trangsrud said.

McKenney adds that immigrants don’t show up in their usual places because they are afraid, even if they are citizens, because they think ICE will arrest them. She explains there is also a fear of separation. Children are afraid they will come home and their parents will be gone. McKenney explains that the attorneys talk to the families about separation and preparation planning so if they are deported someone has the power of attorney for the children’s future.

In addition, Just Neighbors holds education sessions titled “Know Your Rights.” There has been much demand for these sessions, and they have trained 50 volunteers who can organize and present this information on what is required if a person is stopped by a law enforcement officer. “We’ve been giving these sessions all over the local area,” she said.

Just Neighbors is a non-profit organization providing legal services to low-income immigrants in Northern Virginia focusing on humanitarian cases. The breakdown of services is 18 percent of the cases for DACA, 25 percent for victims of domestic violence, 6 percent employment authorization, 22 percent advice and counsel and 29 percent for refugees and asylees. Fifty-eight percent of their clients live in Fairfax with 16 percent in Arlington and others in Alexandria, Prince William and Loudoun.



**“We have happy, sad and angry — all kinds of stories.”**  
— Lisa Trangsrud

Just Neighbors is funded by contributions from government grants and foundations, faith communities and businesses,

individuals and client fees. “We are currently trying to raise \$50,000 for another lawyer — we’re at \$40,000 right now,” McKenney said. But she adds that volunteer hours last year were valued at \$400,000 almost equaling the entire budget of \$439,947.

McKenney says there has been an outpouring of support from people who say, “I’ve got to do something. There is a gush of people donating money, time, things.”





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**State Sen. Barbara Favola attends the march to express support for increased wages for airport workers.**

## Fight or Flight

**Local airport workers win pay raise.**

BY VERNON MILES  
THE CONNECTION

**A**fter marching and chanting in the streets by airport workers for years about the need to reform airport labor conditions, someone finally listened. The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority Board voted on April 19 to require businesses that do business at all local airports to pay contract workers a base hourly salary of \$11.55 starting January 2018. That hourly salary requirement increases annually up to \$12.75 in 2020.

For local labor groups, it's not the \$14.27 many were asking for, but it's a start. A week before the decision was announced, on April 12 dozens of food service workers and supporters from other labor groups came out to advocate a living wage for all airport workers. They were joined by Del. Alfonso Lopez and state Sen. Barbara Favola, who expressed support for the group. Dozens of workers dressed in red marched from Gravelly Point near the airport to the Martin Luther King Memorial in D.C.

"There's a big difference in how we treat airport workers," said Bent Bayou, an organizer of the march. "Airport workers make \$8.25 or \$8.50 for airlines making billions in profits. We're asking for equality among airline workers for at least a \$14.27 living wage."

"I see, in my job, problems that I can't fix alone," said Remy Jones, a food assembler at Reagan National Airport who lives in Alexandria. "We're understaffed, working multiple people's jobs, and some of that stems from the low pay. [Once we fix that] it will start to help the other problems."

After rent is paid each month, Jones says he has just \$100 left from what he makes each month to pay for food and transportation costs.

"We wanted to reduce what we noted as high turnover rate among hourly employees," said Andrew Tull, media relations co-



**Emad Hinin (second from left) works at Reagan National Airport, marching with Ebrah Hinin (left) Marina Neana (center) and Berolos Neana.**

ordinator for MWAA. "One way to do that is a more competitive wage policy ... This applies to anyone who works on airport grounds or airport properties. Beginning Jan. 1, 2018, anyone who is considered an affected employee will be governed by this new policy."

Many of the workers said that the current pay leaves them unable to afford basic services or provide for their families.

"We need to stand up for ourselves," said James Yon, a warehouse worker at Reagan National Airport. Yon said when he first started, the hours were fine, but that they have since been cut back. Yon, who lives in D.C., said the less hours and pay that hasn't adjusted for cost of living has been taking a toll. "Now, I'm late on making rent payments. They keep adding responsibilities to our job, but the pay doesn't change."

Eric Williams, another food worker at Reagan National Airport, said a living wage was the first big step for the food assemblers and other airport laborers. After this, Williams said he hopes to push for adequate paid leave and a more efficient clocking in and out system.

"I come to work with a good attitude ... but [the low pay] is a morale killer," said Williams. "A lot of the system's inadequacies are pushed down to the workers."

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Yorktown Chamber Choir with Director Emily McTavish in the Riverside Church, N.Y., where the competition was held.

## Choir Brings Home the Gold

The Yorktown Chamber Choir competed in the WorldStrides OnStage Heritage Music Festival with conductors and adjudicators from around the world. The Chamber Choir received Gold-1st place in the division of High School Chamber Choir. The choir sang the madri-

gal "In These Delightful, Pleasant Groves," the Charlie Chaplin favorite "Smile," and the high-energy spiritual "Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit." The choir also saw a musical on Broadway, visited the Metropolitan Museum of Modern Art and explored Coney Island.

### NEWS BRIEFS

## Board Adopts \$1.25 Billion Budget

The Arlington County Board adopted a \$1.25 billion General Fund Budget on April 22 for Fiscal Year 2018 that includes a one-and-a-half-cent increase in the real estate tax rate for Calendar Year 2017.

County Manager Mark Schwartz had proposed a two-cent increase in the real estate tax rate to provide additional funding for Metro and Arlington Public Schools. The board chose to make cuts and reallocations to the manager's proposed budget to keep the increase to one-and-a-half cents per \$100 of assessed property value. This will increase the tax rate from the current \$0.991 per \$100 of assessed value to \$1.006 per \$100 of assessed value (including stormwater tax).

The board also approved increases in several fees, including:

- ❖ **An increase of \$6.88 per year** in the household solid waste rate, bringing the rate to \$314.16 per year.

- ❖ **An increase to \$13.62 per thousand gallons** in the water/sewer rate, which would mean an estimated annual increase of \$24.50 per household, to meet inflationary costs and investments in core water and sewer infrastructure.

- ❖ **An increase in the Residential Utility Tax**, with the revenues to be shared with the school system. The increase will raise funding for the county's

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## Transform 66 Inside the Beltway Eastbound Widening Project W&OD Trail Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge Over U.S. Route 29

### Arlington County City of Falls Church

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## PEOPLE

# Determination at the GW Parkway Classic

**J**amie Watts will be pleased when she sees her time for the 33rd annual George Washington Parkway Classic. She cut her time down to six hours and 20 minutes, covering the 10 miles with the kind of dedication she shows in the rest of her life. Alexandria residents cheered her on as she closed in on the end of the race in Old Town. Donald Trilling, the oldest participant in the race, will be pleased he once again came in just short of last. His time was four hours and 51 minutes, which is not bad for 89.

The GW Parkway race again proved to be an inspiring race on Saturday, April 23. Four thousand four hundred and eighty-one runners ran 10 miles. Another 1,318 runners ran the 5K race. As they did last year, Pacers Running Shops handled logistics, busing runners into the start and back to their parking lots, with Two Men and a Truck shuttling belongings, Starbucks offering coffee, the National Park Service taking pictures of participants, bands entertaining, Port City Brewing handing out beers, and local residents, volunteers, and security officials providing a friendly buffer along the parkway.

Once again, running groups raising money for veterans, neighbors in need, and breast cancer were there, getting shout-outs on the public address system.

Meredith Klinger, who was running her first GW Parkway race, and who began to run for the first time in her life this year, finished in just over two hours with a 12:05 mile.

— EDEN BROWN



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**Donald Trilling and his two friends, Thai Phi Le, from Arlington, and Eileen Gaughran, from Alexandria, is running his 30th consecutive Parkway Classic, at age 89.**



**Arlington resident Meredith Klinger was running her first GW Parkway Classic.**

**Jay Wind (left) of Arlington won the men's 65-69 race with a time of 1:23:69, after competing in the Boston Marathon only six days ago.**



**Jamie Watts, of Arlington, has run the GW Parkway Classic three times.**

**Nancy White, executive director of Arlington Free Clinic, and Chrissy Clark, both Arlington residents, ran to benefit Arlington Thrive.**



## Arlington Thrive Runners Raise \$13,000



**Andrew Schneider crosses the finish line on Sunday.**

**A**ndrew Schneider, executive director of Arlington Thrive, did not come in last on Sunday, April 23. After months of training for the race along with other "Resolve to Run" participants, Schneider turned in a time of 2 hours 16 minutes and 35 seconds. Best of all, he and his fellow runners raised over \$13,000 for Thrive by running. That is still \$7,000 short of the goal of \$20,000, but runners are confident their supporters will continue to send in money up to the deadline for contributions, on May 1. Supporters can send checks to show runners their miles mattered to: Arlington Thrive, at PO Box 7429, Arlington, VA 22207, or online, see: <http://arlingtonthrive.org/donate/>



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**The 10 Mile finishers with Denny Pinch, who helped train the group over the past four months, are, from left, Blair Moorhead, Nancy White, Jill Barker, Coach Denny Pinch, Chuck Bean, Kelly Yuzawa, Kathy Bates, and Lisa Crosswell.**

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# NEWS



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## Spring Adventure

Five-year-old Colleen Bett of Fairlington visits the Alexandria waterfront on April 19.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Board Adopts \$1.25 Billion Budget

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AIRE energy-saving program by \$348,168. The money will be used to fund an environmental management position previously funded with General Fund dollars, a consultant to update the Community Energy Plan and more county building energy retrofits.

#### ❖ A new \$60 accessory homestay permit fee.

The average homeowner's tax and fee burden will rise from \$8,305 to \$8,582 — a \$277 or 3 percent increase.

The board voted 5 to 0 to adopt the budget, and 5 to 0 to increase the tax rate by 1.5 cents. Fiscal Year 2018 begins July 1.

The county's funding for the school system will increase by \$23.3 million over the current year, to \$490.3 million, which includes the portion of the tax rate increase approved by the board.

The board approved an increase to Metro, including one cent of the tax rate increase. The increase in county funding is more than \$14 million, including local sources and the county's share of state transit aid, bringing the county's total operating support for Metro to \$71 million.

The board increased funding to affordable housing over the FY 2017 budget by \$1.3 million. Total AHIF funding in FY 2018 is just over \$15 million.

The board increased funding for

public safety, adding seven new sheriffs, three more emergency communications center call takes and three police patrol officers, as recommended by the manager. However, the board opted to phase in the hiring of the new sheriffs through the course of FY 2018.

The board approved \$200,000 in new funding for the Columbia Pike Revitalization Organization (CPRO) non-profit, which partners with the county to spearhead revitalization along the Pike. The new funding brings the county's total support for CPRO to \$400,000 for FY 2018. The board also approved \$150,000 for a county retail and marketing study to identify strategies for stimulating economic development along the Pike.

The board voted to hold a public hearing at its May 20 meeting on proposed fare increases for Arlington Transit (ART) and Specialized Transportation for Arlington Residents (STAR), the county's transit service for persons with disabilities. The proposal includes raising the ART adult fare from \$1.75 to \$2 and the ART discount fare for seniors, students and persons with disabilities from \$0.85 to \$1. The proposal also would extend the ART discount fare for students (called iRide) to include those in elementary schools. If adopted, the fare increases would be effective July 1.

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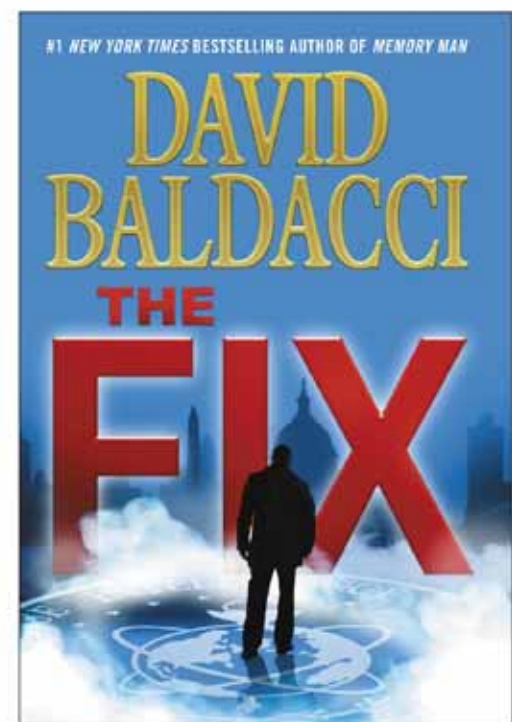


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# Fighting Summer Brain Drain

Academic camps keep minds engaged when school is out.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE CONNECTION

Summer often evokes images of pool splashing and backyard barbecuing. For some educators though, warm weather months represent a potential loss of skills acquired during an academic year. Known as “brain drain,” this concept refers to research that shows that, on average, students lose one to three months of learning when they are not engaged in academic activities during summer months. Academic camps can address this loss of academic skills while allowing children to enjoy summer fun.

“... Students have the opportunity to explore a topic in depth, without juggling competing scholastic demands or intramural activities,” said Dr. Janine Dewitt, professor of sociology at Marymount University in Arlington.

**FOR EXAMPLE**, campers at Summertime Camp at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School in Alexandria will have an opportunity to choose from a variety of specialized camps ranging from physics and French to zoology and rocket and space science.

“Specialty camps are great ways to try new things, to expand horizons and to challenge yourself,” said Jim Supple, associate dean of students and director of summer programs at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School. “One of the best things about specialty offerings is that there are so many. Children are naturally curious — specialty camps provide a way for children to learn more about their curiosities and interests.”

Campers at 3E (Explore, Enrich, Enjoy) Summer Camp at Marymount University will explore science through nature and electronic gadgets, mathematics through making boats and geodesic domes, language arts through writing stories, and fine arts through creating dramas and cartoons. The camp will be offered during two sessions: July 10-14 and July 17-21 with half and full day options for students ages 6 to 12.

Ana Lado, Ph.D., camp director and a professor at Marymount, says that the goal is to give students a chance to brush up on, gain or maintain academic skills in a relaxed environment. “Campers will be in small groups with a low camper to counselor ratio



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**Academic summer camps allow students to explore a topic in depth and without competing scholastic demands.**

and guided by Marymount University Department of Education faculty, students, and alumni,” she said. “Throughout each week of camp, campers will be able to choose among a variety of projects that pique their interest. Campers will create new social connections, grow academically, and develop physically.

High school students who want an in depth study of globalization can attend Marymount's D.C. Institute from July 9-12. During the camp, named The Global Village, students will live on campus and earn college credit.


“We will talk about how increasing global connections shape our lives today,” said Dewitt. “Students can expect classroom discussions that focus on a series of central questions followed by field trips to area museums and site visits.”

The Heights School in Potomac, Md. will host academic summer camps in science, math, Latin and creative writing. “Parents should approach the choice of camps much in the same way that they approach the choice of schools,” said Rich Moss of The Heights.

“It is a mistake to focus on facilities and activities; ethos and values are key.”

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# Keeping Minds Engaged

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time, Dewitt says that, “Parents can prevent academic burnout by limiting the number of scheduled activities over the course of the summer, and selecting only those that foster their child’s natural curiosity. Summer courses that allow students the freedom to select different types of learning activities can be both energizing and fun.”

**Academic camps such as this one at Marymount University allow students to maintain academic skills while having fun.**

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# ENTERTAINMENT



Ella Webster performing as fictional detective Nancy Drew.



Josh Witten performing Mark Watney from "The Martian."

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## Exhibit Spotlights One Person Shows

### Cassatt's Kiwi Café's "Dine-Out Week" will benefit Yorktown Theatre.

Yorktown's Theatre program culminated in One Person Shows, which were performed by the seniors this year in early March. Each Theatre IV student chose a literary, fictional, or historical character and then wrote, staged, directed, and acted in a 30-minute performance about the character.

For those who missed the live shows, an exhibit of photographs of each of the shows,

taken by Jim Coates, a local professional photographer, will be on display at Cassatt's Kiwi Café, 4536 Lee Highway, through May 7.

Cassatt's will also run a "dine-out week" through April 30, during which time a portion of proceeds will benefit Yorktown Theatre, when lunch and dinner customers mention Yorktown Theatre to their server. Visit [www.cassattscafe.com](http://www.cassattscafe.com).



Casey Attallah performing as Chris Kyle from "The American Sniper."



Alex Flood performing as Calvin — from "Calvin and Hobbes."

### CALENDAR

Submit entertainment announcements at [ConnectionNewspapers.com/Calendar](http://ConnectionNewspapers.com/Calendar). Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

#### ONGOING

**Arlington Farmer's Market.** Every Saturday, 8 a.m.-noon at the corner of N. 14th Street and N. Courthouse Road. A weekly celebration of local food including fresh produce, meats, dairy, cheese, baked goods, free range eggs, specialty items, cut flowers, plants and herbs. Email [csingiser@cfwdc.org](mailto:csingiser@cfwdc.org) or call 917-733-6402.

**Divine Light Art Show.** Through April 28, various times at the Gallery Underground, 2100 Crystal Drive. The opening reception to meet the artist is on April 7 from 5-8 p.m. Visit [www.galleryunderground.org/](http://www.galleryunderground.org/) for more.

**Cycling Volunteers Needed.** The 20th annual Armed Forces Cycling Classic needs volunteers for the June 10-11 race. Sign up by April 15 and get a free class at CycleBar Columbia Pike. Email [info@arlingtonsports.org](mailto:info@arlingtonsports.org) for more.

**Crystal Run: 5K Fridays.** 6:30 p.m.

Fridays in April at 2121 Crystal Drive. An evening race after work. Visit [www.crystallcity.org](http://www.crystallcity.org) for more.

**"Midwestern Gothic."** Various times through April 30 at the Signature Theater, The Village at Shirlington, 4200 Campbell Ave. Story of a small town and a young girl whose imagination drives her to create more and more diversions. Visit [www.sigtheatre.org](http://www.sigtheatre.org) for more.

**Annual Student Exhibition.** Through May 5, various times in the Barry Gallery in the Reinsch Library, Marymount University, 2807 North Glebe Road. Featuring art, design, and fashion illustration work. Visit [www.marymount.edu/barrygallery](http://www.marymount.edu/barrygallery) for more.

**Artomatic Kicks Off 2017.** Various times through May 6 at Exhibition space, 1800 S. Bell St. A variety of creative work, including visual art, music, film, live fire performances, poetry, dance, fashion, workshops and special events showcases. Visit [www.artomatic.org/](http://www.artomatic.org/) for more.

**OCEAN Yoga.** through May 6 at Shirlington Branch Library, 4200 Campbell Ave., Campbell Room. Tricia Londres, owner of OCEAN Yoga, will instruct students of all levels and ability. Mats not provided.

Visit [arlingtonva.libcal.com/event/3062874](http://arlingtonva.libcal.com/event/3062874) for more.

**Nature's Grasp Artshow.** Various times through May 13 in Lee Arts Center, 5722 Lee Highway. NATURE'S GRASP: A Printmaking Portfolio. Free. Call 703-228-0560 for more.

#### APRIL 19-MAY 24

**Outdoor Zumba.** 6-7 p.m. on Wednesdays, April 19 to May 24 (no class May 10) at Freedom Park, Entrance on Lynn St. at Wilson Blvd. \$20 for all five classes. Visit [www.rosslynva.org](http://www.rosslynva.org) for more.

#### THURSDAY/APRIL 27

**Story & Art Classes.** 10:30-11 a.m.-9 p.m. at Kinder Haus Toys, 1220 N. Fillmore St. Classes are taught by retired Taylor School art teacher, Elizabeth Ashley. Four-week session is \$120 or \$30 a session. Call the desk to reserve a spot. 703-527-5929.

**Fashion Show Reception.** 6 p.m. at Marymount University, 2807 N. Glebe Road. Fashion show and designer of the year award. \$50. Visit [www.portfolioinmotion.com/](http://www.portfolioinmotion.com/) for more.

#### FRIDAY/APRIL 28

**Immigration Museums Lecture.** 2 p.m. at Reinsch Library, Marymount University, 2807 N. Glebe Road. Dr. Jui-Hua Chen of Taiwan discusses "What is the Immigration Museum?: Representations of Immigration in France and the United States." Call 877-345-4281 or email [tshaw@engagefmb.com](mailto:tshaw@engagefmb.com) for more.

**IBIS Chamber Music Concert.** 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Clarendon UMC, 606 N. Irving St. Pianist John Sutherland Earle and the IBIS string quartet perform Schumann's work. Free. Visit [www.clarendonumc.org](http://www.clarendonumc.org) for more.

#### APRIL 28-29

**Comedian Jim Breuer.** Various showtimes at Arlington Cinema & Drafthouse, 2903 Columbia Pike. Visit [ArlingtonDrafthouse.com](http://ArlingtonDrafthouse.com) for more.

#### SATURDAY/APRIL 29

**Pancake Breakfast.** 8 a.m.-noon at the Clarendon United Methodist Church, 606 N. Irving St. Pancakes, sausage, orange juice, apple sauce,

and coffee. \$8 for adults, \$4 for children (5-10 years), and free for children under 5 with paying adult. Visit [www.TheEliminateProject.org](http://www.TheEliminateProject.org) for more.

**Arlington Climate Rally.** 9-10 a.m. at Clarendon Metro Park, 3100 Wilson Blvd. Rally will be held in Arlington to celebrate 10 years of local climate action and to support a move to 100 percent renewable energy for the entire community. Speakers include Del. Rip Sullivan and County Board members Jay Fisette and Katie Cristol. Email [taylor.bennett@sierraclub.org](mailto:taylor.bennett@sierraclub.org) or call 304-942-4269 for more.

**Boundary Stone Bike Tour.** 9:15 a.m. at the entrance to East Falls Church Metro Station under I-66 on Sycamore St. Bike for 35 miles visiting boundary stones and parks, including a 12 historic D.C. boundary stones in Arlington, Alexandria, and Fairfax County. Bring lunch, water, and any type of bike. \$2. Sponsored by Center Hiking Club. Visit [www.centerhikingclub.org](http://www.centerhikingclub.org) for more.

**Kids Bike Rodeo.** 10 a.m.-noon in the parking lot at 700 S Buchanan St. Bike maintenance and safety clinics offered and bikes for demo. Call 703-553-5800 or email



# ENTERTAINMENT

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**Wakefield High School Plant Sale.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at George Mason Blvd. and 1325 South Dinwiddie St. vegetables, herbs, flowering annuals and hanging baskets. All proceeds go to Wakefield's teacher grant program, transporting students to Model UN, Science Olympiad competition and library resources. Call 703-228-6700 for more.

**Arlington Palooza.** 1-4 p.m. at Alcova Heights Park, 901 S. George Mason Drive. A free outdoor event with live music, art, giant games, moon bounces, and food vendors. Call 703-228-4773 or visit [parks.arlingtonva.us/events/arlington-palooza/](http://parks.arlingtonva.us/events/arlington-palooza/).

**Musical Author.** 2-4 p.m. at Clarendon UMC, 606 N. Irving St. Sylvia Buck Bryant, dancer, teacher, and choreographer, presents a free workshop for all levels based on her newest book, "Dancing the Spirituals ...an Amazing Grace: An Instructional Guide to Introducing African-American Spirituals to Your Congregation through Dance." Free. Ages 14 and older. Visit [www.clarendonumc.org](http://www.clarendonumc.org) for more.

**Cambodian New Year 2017.** 5 p.m. at Gunston Theatre One, 2700 S. Lang St. Cambodian American Heritage Inc. presents a program of traditional Cambodian dance and music. \$10-\$15. Visit [www.cambodianheritage.org/](http://www.cambodianheritage.org/) for more.

**Red Bird Mission Youth Choir.** 7-8:30 p.m. at Clarendon UMC, 606 N. Irving St. Cardinal Singers concert that includes sacred vocal music, drama and dulcimer ensemble. Visit [www.clarendonumc.org](http://www.clarendonumc.org) for more.

**Opera NOVA.** 7 p.m. at the National Rural Electrification Cooperative Association, 4301 Wilson Blvd. A concert of operatic, classical and Broadway music along with a celebration of vocal arts in our community. \$10. Visit [www.operanova.org](http://www.operanova.org) or call 703-536-7557 for more.

**Arlington Arts Spring Bash.** 8-11 p.m. at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. The event will pair mixologists from area restaurants with a work by one of AAC's talented resident artists, which will inspire a custom cocktail. All proceeds from this event benefit AAC's exhibitions and education programs. Call 703) 248-6800 for more.

## APRIL 29-30

**Art Sale.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Arlington Unitarian Universalist Church, 4444 Arlington Blvd. Arts and crafts from local artisans. Visit [www.uucava.org/](http://www.uucava.org/) for more.

**Artists' Open Studios.** Saturday 6-9 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m. at Columbia Pike Artist Studios, 932 South Walter Reed Drive. Fourteen local artists invite the public to their upcoming Open Studios Exhibition. Visit [columbiapikeartiststudios.org/](http://columbiapikeartiststudios.org/) for more.

## SUNDAY/APRIL 30

**County Wandering.** 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Langston Brown Community Center, 2121 N. Culpepper St. Walking tour with artist Graham Coreil-Allen to explore, question and re-imagine the urban and suburban spaces of Lee Highway. Free. Visit [www.walkarlington.com/engage/](http://www.walkarlington.com/engage/) for more.

**Free Art Swap.** 1-2 p.m. at Arlington Mill Community and Senior Center, 909 S Dinwiddie St. Each finished work will be traded for a raffle ticket. Raffle numbers are drawn and then you select your artwork to take home. Participation in the swap is optional. Call 703-228-7790.

**Arlington Chorale Concert.** 4 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, 4444 Blvd. Under the baton of Artistic Director & Conductor, Dr. Nancia D'Alimonte, "Sumer is Icumen In" will offer traditional and contemporary music by Rutter, Hogan, Luboff and others. Visit [www.arlingtonchorale.org](http://www.arlingtonchorale.org).

## MONDAY-TUESDAY/MAY 1-2

**Share-A-Haircut.** 9 a.m.-9 p.m. at the Hair Cuttery, Courthouse, 2020 Wilson Blvd. or Lee Centre, 3307 Lee Highway. Every haircut purchased at one of Hair Cuttery's nearly 900 salons, a free haircut certificate will be donated to a victim of domestic violence. Visit [www.haircuttery.com](http://www.haircuttery.com) for more.

## WEDNESDAY/MAY 3

**Arlington Reads: Viet Thanh Nguyen.** 7-8:30 p.m. at the Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. A lecture about about his writings and the role of fiction in illuminating issues of consequence.

Call 703-228-5990 for more.

## THURSDAY/MAY 4

**Story & Art Classes.** 10:30-11 a.m.-9 p.m. at Kinder Haus Toys, 1220 N. Fillmore St. Classes are taught by retired Taylor School art teacher, Elizabeth Ashley. Four-week session is \$120 or \$30 a session. Call the desk to reserve a spot. 703-527-5929.

**Benefit Meal and Drinks.** 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Rocklands Arlington, 3471 Washington Blvd. Rocklands will officially kick off patio season with a special evening of food and drink to benefit Doorways for Women and Families. \$25. Visit [www.doorwaysva.org](http://www.doorwaysva.org) for more.

## FRIDAY/MAY 5

**Artists Reception.** 5-8 p.m. in the Art Underground, 2100 Crystal Drive. "Small works/ BIG IMPACT," Artshow local artist Meg MacKenzie among others. Show continues May 1-26. Visit [www.galleryunderground.org](http://www.galleryunderground.org) for more.

## SATURDAY/MAY 6

**Compass Campfire.** 7-8 p.m. at the Long Branch Nature Center amphitheater, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Program will be filled with entertaining activities that may include stories, special animal guests, games, songs and of course, S'mores. Call 703-228-6535 for more.

## SUNDAY/MAY 7

**County Wandering.** 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Langston Brown Community Center, 2121 N. Culpepper St. Walking tour with artist Graham Coreil-Allen to explore, question and re-imagine the urban and suburban spaces of Lee Highway. Free. Visit [www.walkarlington.com/engage](http://www.walkarlington.com/engage).

## MAY 9-JULY 2

**"Jesus Christ Superstar."** Various times at the Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave. Visit [www.sigtheatre.org](http://www.sigtheatre.org) for more.

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**"Hunchback of Notre Dame."** Various times at Synetic Theater, 1800 S. Bell St. \$35 and up. Student tickets start at \$15. Senior citizens and military receive \$5 off. Group discounts are available. Visit [synetictheater.org/](http://synetictheater.org/) for more.

## FRIDAY/MAY 12

**Feeding Frenzy Campfire.** 7-8 p.m. at the Long Branch Nature Center amphitheater, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Program will be filled with entertaining activities that may include stories, special animal guests, games, songs and S'mores. Call 703-228-6535 for more.

## SATURDAY/MAY 13

**Turtle Trot Race.** Check in at 9 a.m., race begins at 10 a.m. at Bluemont Park, 601 N. Manchester St. Proceeds from the Turtle Trot race help give them medical attention and a place to live until they are strong enough to be released back into the wild. \$30, kids 12 and under \$15. Visit [parks.arlingtonva.us](http://parks.arlingtonva.us) for more.

**International Migratory Bird Day Festival.** 9-11 a.m. at Lacey Woods Park Picnic Shelter, 1200 N. George Mason Drive. Tiny hummingbirds and osprey are all migrating back from South America. Come learn about these and other birds with hands-on activities, games, crafts, and bird walks. Free. Call 703-228-6525 for more.

**Document Shred Fundraiser.** 9 a.m.-noon in the parking lot at 700 S. Buchanan St. Woman's Club of Arlington are sponsoring event, proceeds going to their 4-year-scholarship program. Call 703-553-5800 or email [womansclubarlington@gmail.com](mailto:womansclubarlington@gmail.com).

**Festival Argentino.** 6 p.m. at the Thomas Jefferson Theater, 125 S. Old Glebe Road. Celebrates 30 Years of tango, folk, pop music. \$20 adv \$30 door, \$15 child under age 12. Visit [www.festivalargentino.org](http://www.festivalargentino.org) for more.

**Arlington Festival of the Arts.** 7:30 p.m. At Rosslyn Spectrum, 1611 N. Kent St. National Chamber Ensemble is joined by the Bowen McCauley Dance for the final concert of its 10th anniversary season, "Music of Our Time." \$33 for adults and \$17 for students. Visit [www.nationalchamberensemble.org](http://www.nationalchamberensemble.org) or call 703-685-7590 for more.



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Children line up at the edge of the field, then: Ready, set, go!



A registration table is set up to check in participants. Signing up are Lisa Flower, music minister at Memorial Baptist Church, and her daughter Carrie Parks along with grandchildren William and Margaret Mae Parks.



Seventeen-month-old Mary Dutra toddles back and forth across the parking lot, sometimes balancing her large wicker basket and sometimes juggling her eggs.



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# NEWS

## In Remembrance

Washington-Lee High School Senior Jayant Tripathi died suddenly of natural causes on Thursday, April 20. Students, teachers, loved ones, and neighbors left messages of appreciation for his short life, covering both sides of the bridge over I-66 near the school on the weekend.



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## Plot Against Hunger

Volunteers get the garden outside Arlington's Central Library ready to plant. Produce will be harvested for the Arlington Food Assistance Center's (AFAC) Plot Against Hunger project which collects fresh produce from many sources for families who come to them for supplemental groceries each week. AFAC gets fresh produce from local gardeners and farmers who plant an extra row of vegetables and donate the harvest, "Plot Against Hunger" gardens, vendors at farmers markets, and other sources. More than 450,000 pounds of fresh produce have been donated to AFAC's Plot Against Hunger project since its first season in 2007. AFAC also has a teen summer program. To volunteer in an AFAC garden, see [www.AFAC.org](http://www.AFAC.org)

## Supporting Education

The Arlington Rotary awarded several students for community efforts at its annual educational banquet on April 20. An \$8,000 scholarship was awarded to Geovanny Morales, a graduating senior at Washington-Lee High School based on merit, need, and community service. Veronica Rojas, a graduating senior at Arlington Community High School, received an \$8,000 stipend based on merit, educational goals and perseverance/work ethic. A \$2,000 grant was given to the Arlington Academy of Hope to support college student Sabiti Davis who is studying to be an electrical engineer at Nakawa Vocational Training Institute, Kampala Uganda.



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The Kensington Falls Church is pleased to collaborate with the Parkinson Foundation of The National Capital Area (PFNCA) and Genesis Rehab Services to offer Energized Fitness for Parkinson's. The program provides a high-energy fitness experience geared toward improving mobility and strength while participants share time with others facing Parkinson's.

Energized Fitness is led by Sheetal Yadav, MPT, who brings many years of experience in providing physical therapy to geriatric clients. Sheetal is our ally in striving to maximize health and optimize independence for people with Parkinson's. Please RSVP to join us.



**Sheetal Yadav, MPT**, has 11 years of experience as a physical therapist, 7 of which have been working exclusively with geriatric clients in a variety of settings. She has extensive experience working specifically with clients who have neurological conditions, including Parkinson's. Sheetal, born and raised in India, came to the United States to Loma Linda University in California to pursue a Master's Degree in Physical Therapy.

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# And So It Begins ...



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

The onslaught of radio and television advertising for grass seed and riding mowers. I suppose if I was a responsible homeowner, given the time of the year: spring/April, I might have an interest in such timely offerings. However, since I'm not and since I'm still unable to manage the two acres that I own, affectionately referred to as "Belly Acres," going on 25 years dating back to May '92 when we initially took ownership, the best I can do is borrow my neighbor's riding mower and spend a couple of hours every two weeks or so trying to keep the grass below my knees. Cancer issues not totally withstanding.

Actually, aside from having little interest, minimal experience and multiple home/tool maintenance issues/pre-existing conditions, I am the perfect target: a homeowner who can't do anything on his own and needs help all the time for everything. Specifically as it involves my yard; I have grass, trees, bushes, shrubs, daffodils, flower beds, wild flowers, weeds and more weeds. If I were so inclined and wanted to confide to someone in a Lawn & Garden store, I would have to admit that a novice looks experienced compared to me. I need to be taken by the hand — literally — and instructed as if the words being spoken to me were a foreign language. Which of course, they are.

This previous paragraph presumes however that I have a budget and even a passing notion to attempt to improve upon the randomness that characterizes "Belly Acres." I can still remember a conversation I had with a local lawn and garden consultant when we first moved in. A gentlemen came by and together we walked around the property. After ending up back at the house, he asked me what I wanted to do. I said something like, "I don't know, you tell me." He responded with words I could semi understand but mostly it was unintelligible — to me, so I asked for a clarification.

After grasping the obvious, finally, I asked: "Is what you're telling me that I could hire someone to work full time for the rest of his life and still the work wouldn't get done?"

"Yes," he said.

That's when I fully understood the problem. I then thanked him for his time and haven't revisited the issue since. Talk about pointless. And so, all these years later, the property remains nearly as it was. Oh sure, tress have fallen down, branches, limbs, sticks and stones have hit the ground — and house, and together have cluttered up the general appearance. However, any effort beyond paying people to clean up the miscellaneous yard debris has been lost in the passage of time and in my lack of initiative. Throw in a "terminal" cancer diagnosis and at least for me, pulling weeds, etc., became a fairly low priority.

Still, it doesn't mean that I don't pay attention to advertising aimed at homeowners, especially the ones promoting grass seed and riding mowers. Many of which are quite funny and clever. Not quite clever enough to get me off the couch and into a store to spend money on a project, especially on one whose timeline might not match mine. That's not to say that I'm living like I'm dying so why bother? No. it's more about common sense and gratification. I don't need to wait for — anything. Oh sure, I need to plan for tomorrow but not at the expense (pun intended) of today. It's not exactly akin to a fool and his money but when you've been diagnosed with cancer, priorities change, as do budget/time allowances; in fact/feeling, everything changes.

I don't mean to imply that I'm a closed book, unable to get out of my own way or incapable of taking the good with the bad. As you regular readers know, I'm really pretty flexible when it comes to my less-than-ideal circumstances. Nevertheless, it doesn't mean that I don't have my moments. Hearing/seeing these lawn and garden promotions has given me pause though. Not enough to change my mind but enough to motivate me — to write a column.

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Arlingtonian Charles Drew was one of the scientists honored in the March for Science on April 22. Drew, after whom the Drew Model School is named, was a leader in the science of blood banks in the 1930s and '40s.



Jamie Usrey of Arlington stands next to one of the many creatures wandering the mall on Saturday, April 22, to march for science. "Polar bears" and "gorillas" were seen protesting policies which could lead to their extinction.

## "FLOURISHING AFTER 55"

"Flourishing After 55" from Arlington Office of Senior Adult Programs for April 30-May 6.

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**Senior trips:** Washington Nationals vs New York Mets, Sunday, April 30, \$56; Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater and Kentuck Knob, Mill Run, Pa., Monday, May 1, \$79; Ft. Delaware State Park, Wednesday, May 3, \$33; National Cathedral Flower Mart, D.C., Friday, May 5, \$6; Ford's Theatre, "Ragtime," Saturday, May 6, \$56. Call Arlington County 55+ Travel, 703-228-4748. Registration required.

### NEW PROGRAMS:

## March for Science

Arlington residents joined the approximate 30,000 participants who marched for science on April 22. Despite the rain, marchers filed down Constitution Avenue to the Capitol, many of them doctors or students of medicine in white coats.



Anja Bachmann from Arlington looked for science applications that would make sense to the policymakers. She had been on the Mall from 8 a.m.

**Folk music sing-a-long**, Monday, May 1, 1:30 p.m., Lee. Details, 703-228-0555.  
**Tom Cunningham Orchestra**, Monday, May 1, 8 p.m., Walter Reed. Details, 703-228-0955.  
**Current events discussion**, Monday, May 1, 10 a.m., Walter Reed. Details, 703-228-0955.  
**Lee Senior Center's book club to discuss "Glass Castle,"** by Jeannette Walls, Tuesday, May 2, 11:15 a.m. Register, 703-228-0555.  
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**Drop-in basketball for women 50-plus**, Wednesday, May 3, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Langston-Brown. Details, 703-228-4771.  
**History discussion group**, Thursday, May 4, 1 p.m., Walter Reed. Register, 703-228-0955.  
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