



Enjoying Sully Station II's National Night Out are (from left) best friends Sophia Cote, 5, and Ava Price, 2-1/2.

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Playing table hockey at the Ragan Oaks National Night Out event are Sgt. Trevor Steranko (left) and PFC Jason Mizer of the Fair Oaks District Police Station.

Enjoying themselves at Ragan Oaks are (from left) Amy Ginger, deputy director of operations, Fairfax County Housing and Community Development; police PFC Ivan Cortes; and Veronica Bridges, property manager, Ragan Oaks.

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From left: Chantilly High senior Anna Dolen serves hot dogs to Tijani Musa and Veronica Bridges during the Ragan Oaks National Night Out celebration.

# 'We Appreciate Our First Responders'

BY BONNIE HOBBS

sually, when firefighters or police officers respond to a neighborhood, it's because something bad has happened and their help is needed. But that wasn't the case, last Tuesday, Aug. 1.

That's when communities throughout Centreville, Chantilly, Fair Oaks and Fair Lakes joined with neighborhoods across the U.S. to honor their public-safety providers during National Night Out. Residents planned a variety of events, such as pool parties, cookouts and ice-cream socials and invited first-responders to join in the fun — which they did.

## Ragan Oaks

In the Ragan Oaks community of Fair Oaks, the celebration was held at

**Standing by their engine at Sully II's National Night Out are Fire Station 38 B-Shift members (from left) Capt. Ken Wildman, Lt. Jamey Flynn, Firefighter Samonne Smith, Firefighter Gary Butler, Master Technician Linda Post and Master Technician Phil Devereaux.**

Centerpointe Church. Among the guests were police officers from the Fair Oaks District Station, including the station's new commander, Capt. Chantel Cochrane, and assistant commander, Lt. James Krause.

"This is a great event because it's a fan-

tastic opportunity for us to meet with community members in a social setting hosted by the communities," said Krause. "It's all about relationship-building."

Officer G. Howell has attended this event before, but it was his first time doing so at

Ragan Oaks. "Kids really enjoy having us out, and the community looks at us as a valuable asset," he said. "And by our showing our faces in the community, we help provide more trust between ourselves and the residents."

Outside, church member Henry Weigel was grilling hot dogs and hamburgers with help from Tijani Musa, who runs the FACETS program there. Inside, children and police played games and the officers answered the children's questions.

There, too, was Chantilly High senior Anna Dolen, who also attends church at Centerpointe and is in the criminal justice program at the Chantilly Academy. "This is really cool because I work at Mission BBQ in the Greenbriar Shopping Center, and the police and firefighters come there to eat and talk with us, so I already have a connection with them," she said. "And in the winter, our congregation gives the [Ragan Oaks] kids Christmas gifts. So National Night Out is another way of getting to know the kids better."

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Children play on the moonbounce outside the James McDonnell Rec Center in Virginia Run.

Some Virginia Run residents pose for a group photo during their National Night Out celebration.

# OPINION

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## Local Impact of Immigration

BY GERRY CONNOLLY  
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE (D-11)

White House Advisor Stephen Miller took pains last week to point out that Emma Lazarus' sonnet, "The New Colossus," was not affixed to the Statue of Liberty when she was unveiled in 1886. He, of course, was right in fact but wrong in spirit.

The famed "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses" lines were added 20 years later, but have come to represent the American ideal that we are a nation of immigrants, enthusiastically welcoming those from any background who want to come here, work hard, and play by the rules. Here in Fairfax County, we not only embrace that ideal, we recognize it as the lifeblood of our astounding economic success story.

**COMMENTARY** President Trump and the senators pushing the RAISE Act, a bill to severely restrict legal immigration into the United States, would have you believe a dramatic increase in immigrants leads to economic decline and lower wages, not to mention higher crime rates and a host of other social ills. If anyone from the White House made the 15-mile trip to Fairfax County, they would learn the opposite is true.

In 1970 less than 4 percent of Fairfax's population was foreign born. Today that number is 30.7 percent, more than double the rate in the country at large. But that dramatic increase in immigration did not lead to the kind of dystopia the President

envisioned. Instead, since 1970, Fairfax County has become an economic colossus that drives our state's economy and is envied across the globe. Household income is among the highest in the nation, crime rates remain at historic lows, and our community hums with the kind of economic dynamism that drives innovation and long-term productivity growth.

How did we get here? Undoubtedly we've capitalized on our proximity to, and our partnership with, the federal government. But the facts are quite clear that the dramatic increase in foreign-born immigration has accelerated our economic success. Immigrants in Fairfax are primarily working age, more likely to start a business, less likely to commit crimes, and contribute to economic growth in both high-skilled and low-skilled fields, creating technology firms worth billions and caring for the elderly as home care workers. Immigrants have revitalized many of our older neighborhoods, adding \$7,383 to the value of each and every home in our county, according to the Partnership for a New American Economy. The results speak for themselves. Foreign-born immigrants have fueled our success. But Fairfax is not alone. Small towns, rural communities, and large cities across the country have capitalized on the economic vitality and opportunities created when immigrants show up and get to work. Welcoming "the homeless, the tempest-tost" is the moral thing to do, but right here in President Trump's own backyard we've proven that's the smart thing to do.

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Disappointed by Response

To the Editor:

We all know that Trumpcare, while currently off the Congressional agenda, will probably spring to life once again. That's why I was troubled when I saw Del. Jim LeMunyon's response when asked his position on Trumpcare during the recent debate to repeal/replace the Affordable Care Act.

At the time, Del. LeMunyon stated he didn't have a position and didn't plan to spend much time on the details — the details of legislation that would have a profound effect on all Virginians.

As a retired health care executive, I have personally seen how the costs of care can ruin families. Medical expenses are the number one cause of personal bankruptcy filings. Going back to a system where insurance companies can make more money by denying care for "pre-existing conditions" such as birth defects in a newborn is simply wrong.

That's why I think it's alarming that an elected official at any level wouldn't have a position on a bill dealing with health care. It is even more alarming locally when you consider that several versions of the bills that were considered would have caused more than 400,000 Virginians to lose health insurance in 2018 alone.

This threat is not going away. Given Mr. LeMunyon himself voted to block expanding Medicaid, I want to know what his plan is for helping Virginians obtain coverage if Congress does repeal the ACA and strip access to affordable health care for hundreds of thousands.

As delegate, it is Mr. LeMunyon's job to review the details of issues that will affect his constituents, and with the current chaos in Washington, we must look to our local officials to stand up and fight for the people of Virginia. I'm afraid Jim LeMunyon has failed to do that.

**Phil Beauchene**  
Chantilly

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## Setting a Summer Table Warm weather design ideas.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

From a backyard barbeque to a simple brunch, there's still plenty of time to celebrate warm weather with table designs that embody summer's trends.

"We're still in summer and the weather is going to be warm for quite some time," said Amanda Mertins, president of Patina Polished Living in Alexandria. "An indoor or outdoor tablescape style depends on the occasion. Birthdays, holidays [and] retirements, all evoke a different feeling."

Start with fresh foliage inspired by the natural surroundings.

"Go out into your garden and use flowers [or] greens on your table," said Mertins. "Simple summer dinner party tables look great with lots of candles in votive holders, mason jars and glass lanterns. Remember to hang some of them in the trees for romance."

Incorporate a personal touch into each place setting, advises Hope Hassell, Case Design/Remodeling. "It will make each guest feel truly welcomed and you will look like the perfect hostess. It's as simple as printing off some photos from your phone or just adding place cards."

"Keep it casual by presenting family-style dishes down the center of the table," added



Sea-themed serveware in blue help create an elegant tone for summer entertaining.

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Kimberly Asner, designer at Country Casual Teak. "Mix in mood-setting candle lighting and colorful, fresh-cut flowers in multiples for the most impact ... keep arrangements below eye level for easy conversation."

For alfresco dining, practicality is key, says Courtney Thomas of The Picket Fence in Burke. Dinnerware needs to be both durable and aesthetically appealing. "Bamboo dishes ... are perfect for outdoor dining,"

she said. "They won't break if dropped and are a great alternative to melamine."

Summer offers an abundance of options for using color, says Hassell. "Not only do you have so many options of in-season flowers, but you also have the nature around you to provide the backdrop."

The color blue establishes the type of serene atmosphere that Molly Pritchard of Arlington-based interior design firm, Design

Lines likes to create at her summer parties. "Especially light blue because everything about it represents summer," said Pritchard. "It's cool and clean and neutral, especially when paired with white or cream. It creates a seaside feel which is very summery."

**IN ADDITION TO COLOR**, motifs can set the stage for summer dining. Designers at JT interiors in Potomac suggest using white dinnerware, emblazoned with a lemon, to turn an everyday meal into a summer soirée. The tableware can be accented with an array of accessories including platters, coasters, bowls and tea towels. "It creates a very summery look, and it's white and clean. Lemons and water are summery, like lemonade."

Summer table décor need not be expensive, says Hassell. "Simplicity can be stunning," she said. "The thoughtful placement of a sprig of rosemary can add just enough without having to go overboard."

Originality is a quality that Mertins encourages. "Think outside the box," she said. "Having a brunch? Use a vintage quilt as the tablecloth. Hosting a baby shower? Use silver rattles as decor and baby silver cups for the flowers. The effort you put into your party table will go a long way to the overall success of the party."

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**Chillin' at the Sully II Community Center are (back row, from left) Kailib and Austin Schneid and Gavin and Grayson Davis, and (front row, from left) Darius Junior Lang, Miyamie Keita-Lang and Braelynn Davis.**



**Orlando Mayen holds son Samuel, 1, next to a fire engine from West Centreville Station 38 at Sully II's National Night Out.**

# Celebrating National Night Out

FROM PAGE 3

National Night Out is about people coming out to meet their neighbors and supporting our firefighters and police."

### Virginia Run

People were also having fun outside the James McDonnell Community Center in Centreville's Virginia Run community. Neighbors chatted with each other while children played on a moonbounce and on the playground equipment. They also enjoyed free scoops of chocolate and vanilla ice cream from Peterson's Ice Cream Depot in Clifton while meeting police from the Sully District Station.

Resident Mary Moon — who's with Fairfax County's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) — also had a table there, where she and CERT representative Brian Aiello talked to attendees about the program. "CERT is a community program that trains people to know how to respond safely in an emergency — what to do and what not to do," she said.

It's critical, said Moon, because in emergency situations, "You want your neighbor trained in, for example, how to stop bleeding. Or what to do if there's a big storm, a tree comes through your roof and 911's not working. And the program is for average citizens — you don't have to be musclebound."

Added Aiello: "We're here to help." For more information, go to [www.fairfaxcountycert.org](http://www.fairfaxcountycert.org).

As for National Night Out, Moon said it's important because "You take back the night and show your support of your neighbors and the first responders." Virginia Run's event organizer Ryan Coughlin estimated some 75-80 people participated, as well as McGruff the Crime Dog with the county police.

"It's a way to get out, meet your neighbors and have a good time," said Coughlin. "With our busy lives, we're just trying to have some family-friendly fun. And this also lets everyone meet people they haven't met before."

Lynn Chiapponi said this event "brings the community together. I like to meet our homeowners' association representatives and acknowledge the police and fire departments, too. And I love the fact that it's about safety — keeping our kids in the community safe."

A 13-year Virginia Run resident, Julie Gary said what she likes about her neighborhood is that "It's full of families actively involved with their kids. And

### Sully Station II

One of the largest National Night Out celebrations in the area is the one held annually at the Sully Station II Community Center in Centreville. "Tons of people are here," said Dan Jenuleson, who organized the event with his wife Leslie. "Some 500-600 people came — it's one of our biggest turnouts ever."

The event included police and firefighters, a moonbounce, a deejay, sandwiches from Firehouse Subs, beverages, popcorn and ice cream. Volunteers included Stone Middle seventh-grader Kayla Gadley, who's been scooping ice cream at Sully II's National

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**At Sully Station II's event are (from left) Chanty Sommerfeld, son Cole, 2, and husband Chris Sommerfeld; Leslie Jenuleson, Priscilla Branch (and her dog, Strawberry Shortcake) and Caitlin Sommerfeld, 15.**



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Stone Middle seventh-grader Kayla Gadley scoops ice cream inside Sully II's Community Center.

# National Night Out

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Night Out since she was 6 years old.

"Today is my husband's and my 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary – and what better way to celebrate than by serving the community?" asked Kayla's mom, Jamie Gadley. "Kayla said she had a commitment to do this, so she wanted to come. We appreciate our first responders and their support of our community, and participating in it teaches Kayla to serve others."

Besides that, added Kayla, "It's a great way to meet everyone in the community all together."

Colette Cipollini has lived in Sully Station II for 16 years and is happy to be there. "The neighborhood is really beautiful and the neighbors are friendly, and events like this bring the community together," she said. "People you don't necessarily see on your street, you see here. You meet new people and find out about neighborhood concerns. And there are always ongoing events and activities — we even have a lost-pet network."

Regarding National Night Out, she said, "It's nice to meet the police and firefighters one-on-one at events like this that are social. It puts faces to them and facilitates better community relationships."

Justin Boudville is also a longtime Sully II resident, having moved there in 2000. "Everyone knows one another in our neighborhood," he said. "It's safe and it's a great place to raise a family. And National Night Out lets us network with our neighbors [on other streets] and turn strangers into friends."

"And we love the fire department — it's so responsive," he continued. "We're lucky to have such professional first-responders available to us. The police are professional, too, and we appreciate them keeping our community safe. We're very proud of both our firefighters and police officers."

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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

One of our older/oldest cats, Biscuit, born late September 2006 and his oldest human parent, yours truly, born late September 1954, are both having teeth issues. In fact, the exact same teeth issues: the 1st molar and the 2nd bicuspid in the "upper right quadrant" are causing us problems and have to be extracted.

Biscuit's teeth extraction will be done by our regular veterinarian. Mine will be done not by my regular dentist but by a specialist, an oral surgeon. Unfortunately, the two practices are not related so there's no chance of a "BOGO." Nor is there any chance that the two procedures will be about the same cost. My teeth extraction will be double at a minimum, perhaps even quadruple, if I'm lucky. (I made inquiries.) Accordingly, Biscuit's extraction will occur/has occurred first.

What's of interest to me is the coincidence that Biscuit and I need the same teeth extracted at the same time. Which when you consider that Biscuit and I are approximately the same age, is not really a surprise. It's really more of a fact of life/aging – for both of us. Perhaps there are other behaviors and/or physical/mental indicators in Biscuits day-to-day activities which might clue me in to my own aging process. After all, we are living similar lives.

So far, Biscuit's post-teeth-extraction recovery has been uneventful. He's been spry and energetic. He's been on the kitchen counter, various window sills, the dining room table, the ironing board and all the other furniture; he's knocked over the wicker trash basket in our bedroom three times and he's been eating like a dog. In short, he's "back baby."

He almost appears to be smiling – except when we attempt to give him his post-procedure pills. As per usual, during the day he's sleeping on the back of the couch and at night he's curled up in the laundry basket; and he's still the first cat – of five, an hour early, I might add, for breakfast and dinner, to place his order/meow his presence. He's as ready to eat as ever. He hasn't missed a beat or a step. If I had to summarize/characterize his actions now, I'd say he has a real joie de vivre, "an exuberant enjoyment of life." So what am I waiting for? Godot?

As for my procedure, I've been told it takes 30 minutes or so. Local anesthesia is used (unlike Biscuit who was totally sedated/anesthetized). Moreover, the post-surgical pain is not terrible and the chance of infection is minor. And though I'll have a space in my gums where my teeth used to be, no longer will I be anticipating the pain and discomfort that cracking or splitting either of these two teeth would cause. The only pain I'll likely have is the pain of payment. (See 7/26/17 column entitled "Taking Care of Business" for associated details.)

I guess my curiosity/concern is whether I trust anything I've observed from Biscuit's dental experience – considering we're the same age. Is what's good for the cat also good for the human – all things being equal, sort of? Is Biscuit's return to normalcy so quickly and so easily – and so vigorously, a lesson to be learned? If seeing is believing and I do see extremely well for someone nearing his 63rd birthday, then Biscuit's 'experience' and the comparison between his pre- and post-extraction behavior should be an inspiration to us all, especially those of us of similar age with one and the same, two actually, teeth which need to be extracted.

I mean, the procedure I've been putting off is not exactly brain surgery, it's oral surgery. I'm not admitted to a hospital. It's outpatient. I'm in and then out. Same day service, just like the restaurant where my wife, Dina works. I don't even need someone to drive me home (unlike Biscuit. I had to drive him home.) And now that Biscuit is home, safe and sound, I suppose it's time for me to buck up and schedule my appointment. After all, it has nothing to do with cancer and everything to do with quality of life. I'd say that's a win-win.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

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## ONGOING

**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](http://www.nvshag.org).

**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](http://www.fairfaxjubilaire.org).

**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.

**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.

**Lego Block Party.** Every other Saturday at 10:30 a.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.

**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.

## SATURDAY/AUG. 12

**Arts in the Parks.** 10-11 a.m. at E.C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. Musicians "The Grandsons, Jr." performing children's songs. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/arts-in-the-parks](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/arts-in-the-parks) or call 703-631-0013.

**Pop Up Museum.** 1-4 p.m. at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. A "Show and Tell," museum of sorts. Call 703-631-0013.

**Outdoor Movie Night.** 6 p.m. at Trinity Centre, 5860 Trinity Parkway. Movie is "Finding Dory." Bring chairs, blanket and FM radio. Call 703-324-7469.

## SUNDAY/AUG. 13

**Model Train Show.** 1-4 p.m. at Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road. The Northern Virginia NTRAK members



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## FRIDAY/AUG. 18

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## SATURDAY/AUG. 19

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Chantilly. Fairfax Symphony Orchestra 'Percussion Ensemble.' Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/arts-in-the-parks](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/arts-in-the-parks) or call 703-631-0013.

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## AUG. 19-20

**Minefaire Gaming Expo.** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Dulles Expo Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly. A Minecraft fan experience with hands-on attractions. \$49, free for age 2 and under. Visit [Minefaire.com](http://Minefaire.com).

## SUNDAY/AUG. 20

**Model Train Show.** 1-4 p.m. at Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road. The Northern Virginia NTRAK members will hold an N gauge T-TRAK model train show. Museum members, free; adults 16 and over, \$4; children 5-15, \$2; under 4, free. Visit [www.fairfax-station.org](http://www.fairfax-station.org) or call 703-425-9225.

## SATURDAY/AUG. 26

**Outdoor Movie Night.** 6 p.m. at Trinity Centre, 5860 Trinity Parkway. Movie is "Storks." Bring chairs, blanket and FM radio. Call 703-324-7469.

## SEPTEMBER 3-4

**Model Train Shows.** noon-5 p.m. at Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road. Labor Day Weekend, The Potomac Module Crew members will have HO Scale and others will have a LEGO Model Train Show. Museum members, free; adults 16 and over, \$4; children 5-15, \$2; under 4, free. Visit [www.fairfax-station.org](http://www.fairfax-station.org) or call 703-425-9225.

## SATURDAY/SEPT. 16

**Ride to Thrive Polo Classic.** 1 p.m. at Chetwood Park, 6429 Clifton Road, The Plains. Benefit for the Northern Virginia Therapeutic Riding Program. Email [polo@nvtrp.org](mailto:polo@nvtrp.org) or call the office at 703-764-0269.

## WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 27

**Meet the Civil War Author.** 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road. Local historian, lecturer and author, Arthur Candanquist will look at a Confederate military railroad that ran between Centreville and Manassas Junction. Free, open to public. Visit [www.fairfax-station.org](http://www.fairfax-station.org) or call 703-425-9225.

## MONDAY/OCT. 2

**"Fore" the Kids Golf Tournament.** 8:30 a.m. at the International Country Club, 13200 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax. Benefiting The Boys & Girls Clubs of Fairfax County. Visit [www.bgcgw.org](http://www.bgcgw.org).

## SUNDAY/OCT. 8

**Family Golf Festival.** 1 p.m. at Westfields Golf Club, 13940 Balmoral Greens Ave., Clifton. An afternoon of free golf instruction, clinics, fun activities, interactive golf games, family programs, a chance to win a variety of prizes. After 5 p.m., families and children can play for free as part of Marriott Golf's Kids-Golf-4-Free program. Email [westfieldsgolfclub@cybergolfcentral.com](mailto:westfieldsgolfclub@cybergolfcentral.com).

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