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Karen Keys-Gamarra won the special election for an at-large position on the Fairfax County Public Schools Board.

Victory with 41,436 Votes

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Submit civic/community announcements at ConnectionNewspapers.com/Calendar. Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

SYA NOTICE OF ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

The Southwestern Youth Association will be holding its annual Executive Board of Directors Election Meeting on Thursday, Sept. 7, 2017. The meeting will be held at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St Germain Drive, Centreville, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The SYA Executive Board of Directors positions are for a one-year term and include the following positions:

President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Nominations are currently being accepted and may be submitted to the SYA Office at admin@syayouthsports.org. Applicants must be in good standing with SYA and at least 21 years of age. This meeting is open to the community. Any questions please contact the SYA Office at 703-815-3362 or admin@syayouthsports.org.

SENIOR VOLUNTEERS

RSVP, a volunteer network for seniors seeking service opportunities in and around Fairfax County, Arlington County and the City of Alexandria, offers a wide array of opportunities

for volunteers 55 and older. RSVP volunteers enjoy flexible schedules, free accident and liability insurance while serving, optional mileage and meal reimbursement and are invited to volunteer group projects and social gatherings. To sign up for an upcoming orientation, email Carly Hubicki at chubicki@volunteerfairfax.org or call RSVP at 703-403- 5360. To learn more about RSVP, visit www.rsvpnova.org.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 9

Church Yard Sale. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at Oakton Baptist Church, 14001 Sullyfield Circle, Chantilly. Members

of Oakton Baptist Church of Chantilly will be having individual yard sales in the church parking lot. Rain date is Sept 16. Directions: first stop light East of Route 28 at Route 50 and Sullyfield Circle, Chantilly. Call 703-631-1799 or visit oaktonbaptistchurch.org.

MONDAY/SEPT. 11

Community Meeting. 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of Centreville Elementary School, 14330 Green Trails Blvd., Centreville. Sully Supervisor Kathy Smith and the Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) will host a community meeting on the Prince William County Route 28 Corridor Feasibility Study with a presentation beginning at 7 p.m. The purpose of the meeting will be to inform residents who use the Fairfax County portion of Route 28 about future infrastructure and commuting improvements. Visit www.route28study.com/.

IN-PERSON, TV DEBATES

The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area (LWVFA) will hold four in-person forums and three televised forums for the public and the press to learn about the candidates who are running for election to the Virginia House of Delegates. The League invited all certified candidates campaigning for office in their respective districts. At the in-person forums, question-and-answer sessions will be followed by an opportunity for informal conversations with individual candidates. The public and press are encouraged to attend. For more information about the candidates' priorities and positions, visit www.vote411.org.

In-person forums:

- ❖ **Sunday, Sept. 17** at 2:30 p.m. at Reston Community Center, Hunters Woods Village Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston.
 - ❖ **Thursday, Sept. 28** at 7 p.m. at Providence Community Center, 3001 Vaden Drive, Fairfax.
 - ❖ **Wednesday, Oct. 25** at 7:30 p.m. at Sully Government Center: 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly.
- The televised forums at Fairfax County Public Access are on Channel 10 or livestreamed on YouTube "Inside Scoop Livestream." The public can submit questions by email to theinsidescoopstv@gmail.com or call 571-749-1142 between 7-8:30 p.m. Tune in on: **Monday, Sept. 11** at 8 p.m.; **Monday, Sept. 18** at 8 p.m.; and **Monday, Oct. 2** at 8 p.m.

MONDAY/SEPT. 18

Centreville Garden Club Potluck. 7 p.m. at Sully Government Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. Feasting on your garden's bounty: Potluck to share with new and returning members at 1st meeting with program highlights for upcoming year. Learn more at centrevillegardenclub.blogspot.com, email centrevillegardenclub@gmail.com, or call 703-830-3271.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Residents Can "E-cycle" at the I-66 transfer station. It is free but residents may be asked to show proof of residency.

Personal waste only. The I-66 station is located at 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax and open from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. from Monday-Saturday and from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Sundays. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling/electric-sunday.htm for more.



Constitution Week Display

In recognition of Constitution Week, Sept. 17 - 23, the Lane's Mill Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) created a display for the month of September at the Centreville Library. Committee chairman Peggy Hogge designed the display with assistance from members Charlene Gross, Mimi Spear and Valerie Sink. In 1955, DAR petitioned Congress to set aside Sept. 17-23 annually to be dedicated for the observance of Constitution Week. The resolution was adopted by Congress and signed into public law on Aug. 2, 1956, by President Dwight D. Eisenhower. The purpose is to emphasize citizen's responsibilities for protecting and defending the Constitution, inform people that the Constitution is the basis for America's heritage, and encourage the study of the historical events which led to the framing of the Constitution in September 1787.

JOIN THE FIGHT FOR ALZHEIMER'S FIRST SURVIVOR.

At the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's®, people carry flowers representing their connection to Alzheimer's — a disease that currently has no cure. But what if one day there was a flower for Alzheimer's first survivor? What if there were millions of them? Help make that beautiful day happen by joining us for the world's largest fundraiser to fight the disease. Register today at alz.org/walk.



**Walk to End Alzheimer's
in Northern Virginia
Reston Town Center
September 24 | 2:00 pm**

NEWS

Democratic-Endorsed School Board Candidate Wins

Keys-Gamarra overcomes Republican-advantage in low-turnout August.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE

Guardian ad litem and Fairfax County Planning Commission member Karen Keys-Gamarra swamped Republican Chris Grisafe and two other candidates in a special election last week, one that Democrats say is a sign of strength for their party heading into the fall. The seat was vacated by Republican-endorsed former School Board member Jeanette Hough in May, days before the deadline for the race to be on the ballot in November. Democrats cried foul, at-

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— Karen Keys-Gamarra

tacking the Republicans throughout the campaign for trying to rig the vote by engineering an August special election so the voters would be older and whiter and ostensibly more inclined to vote Republican than the much larger pool of voters in November.

“It backfired,” said at-large School Board member Ryan McElveen, adding that the cost to taxpayers was about \$300,000 for the special election. “That became the narrative, and it’s what people were talking about.”

After it was clear that she had won more than 60 percent of the vote, Keys-Gamarra arrived to a raucous crowd of campaign volunteers and party faithful assembled at the Elks Lodge in Pine Ridge.

Lt. Gov. Ralph Northam introduced the victorious Democrat with a speech that some in the crowd compared to the kind of delivery popularized by professional wrestlers, a newfound sense of ebullience for the typically buttoned-down candidate for governor.

Keys-Gamarra thanked those who worked on her campaign without the benefit of a list, which she said she said she had been too busy to write. “Today is so much bigger than me,” said Keys-Gamarra. “This sends a message that every student, every citizen, deserves a voice.”

ON THE CAMPAIGN trail, Keys-Gamarra focused on a theme of leveling the playing field for students across the county. She would frequently say that all students deserve the same opportunities no matter what ZIP code they live in. That was a message that resonated with voters in Virginia’s most populous county, which has pockets of poverty scattered around some of the wealthiest neighborhoods in the county. Supporters say that was the right message for an at-large seat on the School Board, which represents all parts of the county.



Karen Keys-Gamarra celebrates at her victory party at the Elks Lodge in Pine Ridge.

“Karen was really focused on this issue of equity,” said Tamara Derenak Kaufax, who represents the Lee District on the School Board. “She understands that poverty brings challenges, and that was something she talked about at every campaign appearance.”

Some Democrats were worried that the controversy surrounding the recent vote on renaming J.E.B. Stuart High School might undermine Keys-Gamarra, who agreed with those wanting to change the name. But as the precinct numbers rolled in last Tuesday night, it became clear that issue might not have been the flashpoint some had feared. Democrats were closely watching precincts like Belvedere and Barcroft for a sense that voters there might be pushing back against the move to strip the high school of its con-

Election Results

- ❖ Karen Keys-Gamarra: 41,436 votes, 64 percent
- ❖ Chris Grisafe: 21,315 votes, 33 percent
- ❖ Michael Owens: 1,408 votes, 2 percent
- ❖ Sandra Allen: 787 votes, 1 percent

PHOTO BY MICHAEL LEE POPE

troverisal Confederate name.

“If there was going to be a backlash, that’s where you would have seen it,” said U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11). “But she won those precincts.”

Campaign manager Peter Dougherty acknowledged that turnout for the August special election was low compared to November. But he said the numbers exceeded his expectations, which he assumed would be maybe 6 percent or 7 percent of registered voters. Instead turnout was closer to 10 percent.

Keys-Gamarra ended up with more than 41,000 votes — 64 percent, almost doubling the turnout of her Republican-endorsed opponent. Dougherty said he was surprised to see his candidate win in precincts like Fairfax Station, which is traditionally GOP territory. “I think this shows that Democrats are really excited right now,” said Dougherty. “Voters wanted someone who would stand up to what we saw in Charlottesville, and I think Karen’s message was the antidote to that.”

Short-Term Rentals Debated State Sen. Scott Surovell: County late to regulate short-term rentals.

BY FALLON FORBUSH

As Fairfax County works to regulate the use of short-term rental properties, disputes between neighbors continue to flare up.

STRs, or spaces that are rented by tenants for fewer than 30 consecutive days, can be accessed through lodging reservation websites like Airbnb and other companies, like Craigslist, HomeAway and FlipKey. However, operating such a rental is illegal in the county because the zoning ordinance does not account for their existence and therefore does not permit them.

“Localities have always had the authority to regulate short-term rentals,” said state Sen. Scott Surovell (D-36). “I’m not sure why Fairfax County had never acted before this year, but many localities in Virginia have.”

Surovell voted for Senate Bill 1578, “Short-term rental property; registration of persons offering property for rental,” which was signed into law on March 24, taking



Fairfax County Zoning Administrator Leslie Johnson addresses the community during an open house about zMod, the county’s initiative to modernize its Zoning Ordinance.

effect on July 1. The new legislation authorizes localities in the commonwealth to adopt an ordinance to require people to register annually in a short-term rental reg-

istry.

“When the legislature decided to step in, it created some uncertainty about where we were going to go with the subject, but be-

fore we acted, it was always thought that localities could regulate Airbnb-type rentals all they wanted to,” he said.

The legislation solidifies what localities already had the power to do and will encourage those that have not addressed the issue to do so, according to Surovell.

The legislation has motivated Fairfax County to act, but not before disputes started brewing in residential neighborhoods.

TWO ROOMS of the Herrity Building in Fairfax were filled with standing room only on July 26, during an open house about the county’s proposed zoning changes.

“This is our first foray into what we’re calling an open house,” said Leslie Johnson, zoning administrator for the county. “We have a lot of different topic areas that we’re working on as part of the amending of the zoning ordinance. We thought it was a good opportunity to bring people in to talk to our

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Fairfax County Brewfest Is Sept. 16

Takes place at Mustang Sally Brewing Company in Chantilly.

BY STEVE HIBBARD

The second annual Fairfax County Brewfest will take place on Saturday, Sept. 16, from noon to 6 p.m., at Mustang Sally Brewing Company in Chantilly. All seven of Fairfax County's breweries will be participating in the event, which is sponsored by the Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce and Mustang Sally's. Those include: Aslin Beer Company, Caboose Brewing Co., Fair Winds Brewing, Forge Brew Works, Lake Anne Brewhouse, Mustang Sally Brewing Co., and Ono Brewing Co.

"We wanted to make this a great party. We're going to have bands and food trucks. We wanted to do it at a working production brewery so this will be an indoor/outdoor fest, and we're going to close the parking lot and set up a stage and have two different bands that play all day long. The focus will be to make it fun," said Sean Hunt, founder/owner of Mustang Sally in Chantilly.

Hunt spent his last two years in high school in Germany where brewfests are extremely popular. "That's what this is intended to be," he said. "It's when people can hang out in a casual, fun environment and really celebrate what the county has available in terms of breweries and just a celebration in their community ... It's just an event that the community comes together for. It's absolutely what we're trying to accomplish here."

He continued: "We'll have two production breweries — Mustang Sally Brewing Company and Fair Winds Brewing Company. We'll have smaller breweries, where they're brewing a few kegs at a time — Lake Anne Brewhouse and Aslin Brewing. And there



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are breweries in the middle. We'll have a new brewery called Ono Brewing Company; it's a Hawaiian-based theme. We also have Forge Brew Works; it's kind of a smaller brewery that caters to more of a tasting-room atmosphere; they have a focus in Belgian beers, and also Caboose Brewing Company. It's kind of a neat mix. Within the last two years we've been able to get these breweries opened." He said the first brewery opened four years ago and the other breweries opened in the last two years in Fairfax County.

The Brewfest will feature live music from Scott Kurt and Memphis 59 and The Blues

Buckets as well as brewery tours and food vendors. Wild Mustang Club cars will also be on display. Children 12 and under are admitted for free. A portion of the proceeds will benefit K9 for Warriors, which will be bringing several service dogs to the event, and VAVets.

John P. Boylan, president and CEO of the Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce, said the chamber's goals are always focused on three areas: Commerce, Community, and Communication. "Brewfest will enable us

to do all three starting with the community as we help two great organizations — K-9 for Warriors and VAVets. They will be in attendance and we hope folks will come by to support them and say thank you," said Boylan.

He continued: "We will showcase the brews from all of the Fairfax County breweries, some of the best on the East Coast. Not only that, we have several food trucks and bands to keep the energy up."

"We're not expecting thousands. We're hoping to fill the place up," said Hunt. "The county, the Chamber of Commerce, and all of the breweries are all coming together to support this. From that perspective, we'll see a lot of coordinated activity that wants to make this a centerpiece event ... We get a lot of people from Chantilly, Reston and Centreville."

The indoor/outdoor event will take place at Mustang Sally Brewing Company, 14140 Parke Long Ct., A-C, Chantilly, near the intersection of Routes 28 and 50. The cost is \$10 pre-sale; \$15 at the door, which includes admission and logo tasting glass. Cost of the beers is additional. For registration, visit the website at www.msbrewing.com (under

F F X Brewfest). Launched in 2016, Mustang Sally Brewing Co. is an independent production of craft brewery distributed in draft and package throughout the Northern Virginia area. Find out more at: www.msbrewing.com and www.facebook.com/pg/mustangsallybrewing.

ROUNDUPS

'Skills To Save a Life'

The Sully District Police Station's Citizen Advisory Committee will meet Wednesday, Sept. 13 from 7:30-9 p.m. at the Sully District Station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd, Chantilly. Since September is "National Preparedness Month" the theme is "Skills to Save a Life." The presentation will include a CPR/AED presentation and responding to a choking person. All ages are welcome to attend.

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, Sept. 14, from 5-8:30 p.m., at the station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. No appointment is necessary. But resi-

dents should install the child safety seats themselves so technicians may properly inspect and adjust them, as needed.

Because of time constraints, only the first 35 vehicles arriving on each date will be inspected. That way, inspectors may have enough time to properly instruct the caregiver on the correct use of the child seat. Call 703-814-7000, ext. 5140, to confirm dates and times.

Support Erin Peterson Fund

Register for the 10th Annual Erin Peterson Fund (EPF) Golf Tournament, to be held on Thursday, Sept 28, at Westfields Golf Club. To date, EPF has donated \$85,000 to support the Westfield High School Young Men's Leadership Group. The fund will also be supporting a young women's group at Westfield and Stone Middle. Register by

going to www.erinpetersonfund.org click on Golf Registration. Pay by credit card or mail a check to: Erin Peterson Fund, P.O. Box 232170, Centreville, VA 20120.

Join 'AI Summit for All'

The Girls Computing League at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST) is sponsoring an artificial intelligence summit — AI Summit for All — on Saturday, Sept. 30, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The summit is designed for students in grades 8-12 who are interested in learning about artificial intelligence. Computer science or artificial intelligence experience is not required to attend the summit, which is free and will be held at the Marriott Conference Center in Chantilly.

The summit is designed to interest the next generation in AI technology, innova-

tion, and leadership. It is currently being used in the business, finance, and health industries.

Keynote speakers include Teresa Carlson of Amazon; Afua Bruce of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy; Evan Burfield of 1776; and Del. Ken Plum.

Presenters on artificial intelligence include Jim Liew of Johns Hopkins University, Tim Hwang of FiscalNote, Lisa Singh and Peter Bock of George Washington University, and Patrick Hall of H2O.ai.

Attendees can register online at <http://aisummit.girlscomputingleague.org/registration/>. Registration should be submitted by Friday, Sept. 1. The event is sponsored by Google, Amazon Web Services, and the Spirit of Innovation Challenge. The Marriott Conference Center is located at 14750 Conference Center Drive in Chantilly.



PHOTO BY HONDO DAVIDS

Sully District Boy Scouts from Troop 30 and Troop 7369 take a moment for a photo.

Boy Scout Popcorn Sales Begin

Several Boy Scouts and Scout Leaders gathered Aug. 26-27 at Cargo Transport International (CTI) to distribute popcorn to the units in Sully District of Fairfax County. More than 10 volunteers handled the more than 40 Boy Scout and Cub Scout Units that came by to pick up their August popcorn orders. A special thanks to Troop 30 Scouts Glen

Pankratz and Austin Ko and Troop 7369 Boy Scouts Isaac Elias and Connor Kentfield.

For information on the nearest Scout Unit selling popcorn, contact the Sully District Popcorn Kernel (Chairman) Dawn Winkler at 703- 815-0731 or by email at MDWinkler@verizon.net. Popcorn sales will continue in the area up until November.

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OPINION

Disparity, Poverty Hidden by Communities' Wealth

“How hard would it be for someone to invite me in for a bowl of soup?”

BY STEPHANIE BERKOWITZ
NORTHERN VIRGINIA FAMILY SERVICE

The U.S. Census Bureau confirmed in July what we already know: many Northern Virginia residents are doing well financially. In fact, Loudoun County, the City of Falls Church and Fairfax County are the three wealthiest jurisdictions in the U.S. while Arlington and Prince William counties and the City of Fairfax also rank in the top 20.

The new Census Bureau numbers mask the fact that there are pockets of poverty throughout our region, and many of our neighbors are struggling.

COMMENTARY Having worked at Northern Virginia Family Service (NVFS) for 18 years, I have met countless residents who come to us for help finding affordable housing, food, healthcare, medications and job training. Without support, these issues continue to negatively impact the families around us, creating larger barriers to self-sufficiency and the opportunity to thrive in our booming region.

I'm thinking of Zaheer Iqbal, who emigrated to the U.S. from Pakistan with a master's degree in English literature, a Fulbright scholarship and having worked with the U.S. military in Pakistan fighting the Taliban. In spite of his experience and education, the best job he could

find was cleaning toilets and working as a cashier at an Annandale gas station. (Did I mention he also speaks seven languages?) Zaheer “graduated” to a job as a hotel night clerk in Fairfax, leaving that job every morning to go to our six-month Training Futures job program. Training Futures saw his potential and helped him make valuable connections within the business community. He recently landed a job with a government contractor. But it took Zaheer four years of sleepless nights and uncertainty about how he would support himself and his twin boys to get to that point.

When I think about the disparity in our region, I think of the 77-year old woman who has been coming to our Hunger Resource Center in Manassas on and off for 20 years as her situation changes. (She asked that I not use her name because she doesn't want her family to know she continues to rely on the food bank.) When she was raising her son as a single mother and working as a waitress, there were times when she had to choose between paying the mortgage and feeding her family. At one point, her house was in foreclosure. Today, she is living off her monthly social security check, which doesn't cover her basic expenses. She is drawn to the fruits and vegetables at the Hunger Resource Center and, on the days they have eggs, she “celebrates” by making an omelet. As a senior living alone, she says she feels invisible to her neighbors. “How hard would it

be for someone to check up on me or invite me in for a bowl of soup?” she asks through tears.

And when I think of the challenges facing so many of our neighbors I am thinking of Carla Rocha, who grew up in Reston and graduated from high school in Sterling. All she wanted was a safe, affordable place to live with her son. Instead, she lived in her car, slept on friends' floors and stayed in transitional housing provided by Second Story – one of many outstanding nonprofits in Northern Virginia that provide a safety net for vulnerable children and youth.

Carla moved five times in six years. “I could adapt easily,” she told me. “It was harder on my son. That is a lot of change for a kid.”

With support from nonprofits like NVFS and Second Story, Carla has a great job and has been able to buy her own place. But for many other residents, living wage jobs and affordable housing remain elusive.

For nearly 100 years, NVFS has been committed to helping vulnerable residents become self-sufficient. If you are proud to call Northern Virginia home, help us in creating a stronger community where all families and individuals can thrive. Maybe you can start by inviting someone in for a bowl of soup.

The writer is president and CEO of Northern Virginia Family Service.

#CallTextLive — A Hashtag to Remember

BY WENDY GRADISON
CEO, PRS, INC.

It's been a tough year in Northern Virginia as youth and young adult suicides bereaved families, communities and schools. Many adult family members, friends, neighbors and colleagues were lost to suicide as well. In the aftermath, lives were cut short and so much promise left unrealized.

COMMENTARY Suicide, a serious issue locally and nationally that claims the lives of 44,000 people annually, is the 10th leading cause of death nationwide and second leading cause for people aged 15-24.

At PRS, Inc., a nonprofit that runs Northern Virginia's crisis hotline and textline, we are marking September's Suicide Prevention Month by launching the #CallTextLive Campaign. We've teamed up with Connection Newspapers for this third annual campaign to engage the community in discussing suicide and encouraging people to get help by calling or texting a hotline.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Deer Hunting Effects Misrepresented

To the Editor:

Did you receive a disturbing flyer in the mail about archery hunting in Fairfax County? The flyer displays a graphic depiction of a deer with

an arrow through its face (from N.J.) and claims that bowhunting is responsible for deer vehicle collisions (DVCs). This flyer from an anonymous source has raised many questions, as it was designed to do. However, the question you should be asking is: Are these claims true? To not bury the lead, the answer is no. This flyer goes beyond a simple misunderstanding

of ecological systems or DVCs. It falsely represents an analysis of VDOT data and takes a single sentence from the scientific literature out of context with the dubious intent of convincing you that the science supports their position when it does not. This flyer is full of lies. But how do we know? The VDOT data

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OBITUARY

Paul Anthony “Tony” Basham

Paul Anthony “Tony” Basham of Centreville died on Aug. 28, 2017. He was a beloved husband, father, brother, son, police officer, friend, and coach. He was born on Feb. 6, 1970. After high school graduation, he served in the United States Marine Corps. Stationed at Camp Pendleton and the Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, he served as a member of the Military Police.

In 1994, he continued his career in public service by joining the Fairfax County Police Department where he served for over 20 years at the McLean District Station.

His passions were family, friends, community, and baseball. Those who were fortunate enough to know him, may have been lucky enough to see his spark. This was most evident when he looked at his loving wife of 22 years, Marci, when you saw him with his children, and when he was giving of himself through his many hours of coaching and of community service.

Everyone who knew him called him a friend.



**Paul Anthony
“Tony”
Basham**

He is survived by the love of his life, Marci, their adored sons, Mitchell and Patrick, parents Cynthia Lee (Ferrebee) and James Terrell Basham, sister Jennifer Anne Lescallett, and his treasured entire extended family.

A celebration of life was held on Thursday, Aug. 31, 2017. Service followed at Fairfax Memorial Funeral Home, Fairfax.

A reception was held immediately following services at the Fairfax County Police Association located at 5625 Revercomb Court, Fairfax. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to SYA LL (Southwestern Youth Association Little League) Scholarship Fund, Care of SYA, PO Box 471 Centreville, VA 20122.

Police Benevolent Foundation Establishes Fund

An account has been established under the Police Benevolent Foundation entitled the “Detective Paul ‘Tony’ Basham Memorial Fund.” Donations can be made through the account link on the Police Benevolent Foundation’s website at www.pbfi.org. All donations made to this memorial fund are tax-deductible, and 100 percent of the money will go to Detective Basham’s family. The Police Benevolent Foundation is a tax-deductible 501(c)(3) organization established by the Southern States Police Benevolent Association, Inc. (SSPBA) in 2005.




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County to Regulate Short-Term Rentals

FROM PAGE 3

staff, to be able to ask questions on what we're doing and just let people know that we are working on modernizing our zoning ordinance."

The Zoning Administration Division of the Fairfax County Department of Planning and Zoning launched the Modernization of Fairfax County's Zoning Ordinance initiative, or zMod, after the plan was presented to the Board of Supervisors in March.

"Our ordinance is 40 years old and it does need some rebooting," Johnson said. "We're looking at not only updating some of the provisions, but more importantly, we're also looking at updating the format and kind of restructuring it; maybe bucketing uses so they're more in categories, so as uses change, we have a better ability to put new uses into a category."

There are 14 provisions being drafted under the modernization plan, according to Johnson, including adding more generic guidelines for restaurants, which have not been updated since 1981. The definitions for restaurants would be more generically defined in three categories: general restaurant; restaurant with a drive-through; or a carryout restaurant. Locations for restaurants would also be revised to reflect the newly defined uses and use limitations would be simplified. Parking for restaurants would also be changed by converting the basis for restaurant parking requirements from the number of seats and employees to the square feet of a restaurant's gross floor area.

Also being drafted is an increase to the percentage allowed for residential homeowners to cover their backyards with patios, pool decking and other man-made features. Current provisions only allow for up to 30 percent of a backyard of a single-



"Our ordinance is 40 years old," Leslie Johnson, zoning administrator for the county, said during the open house. "It was adopted in 1978 and it has been amended 467 times, so we think it's time to kind of bring us forward into the 21st century and update it."



Amanda Staudt and Sean Willson, who both live in Reston, are opposed to permitting short-term rentals in residential areas of the county.

family dwelling to be covered. The changes could allow for up to 60 percent of coverage.

The county's Sign Ordinance is also being rewritten in response to a U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Reed v. Town of Gilbert* in June 2015, which clarified when municipalities may impose content-based restrictions on signage. The rewrite of the zoning rules for signs will make them content-neutral.

Among all of the proposed updates, short-term rentals are the hot topic, says Johnson.

"There were people that have concerns about short-term rentals that are creating problems for them in their neighborhoods," said Lily Yegazu, who works for the Department of Planning and Zoning and manned the STR booth at the open house. "There are also people that wanted to know how to do it [list property for short-term rental]."

Whether people support STRs or not, they are currently illegal in the county.

"We do not allow for transient occupancy of a dwelling unit, unless it's a bed and breakfast, which requires special exception approval [from the Board of Supervisors]," Johnson said during the meeting.

Amanda Staudt and Peggy Hillman of North Reston, who have an Airbnb property operating on their street in a residential neighborhood, were vocal about their opposition to STRs at the meeting.

"We have a small cul-de-sac with 21 kids 18 and younger," Staudt said. "One of the houses on our street, the owner moved in a year and a half ago, moved into the basement and started renting out individual rooms at about \$35 a night. So basically, it was a small hotel."

The women's anxiety over safety concerns with their transient neighbors was made real.

"We have had incidents where we've had to contact the police because of some of the residents, or customers — whatever you want to call them — were giving undesired attention to teenage girls in the neighborhood," Staudt said.

"We don't know how many people are in



Michelle Minstrell of Falls Church (center) and John McEwan (right) speak to Fairfax County Zoning Administrator Leslie Johnson (left) about their experience operating Airbnb rentals in the county.

the house at any one time in each room," Hillman added. "We don't know how many people can stay in a room. There's multiple cars, which disrupt our street, which is not a wide street."

The two women said they have complained to the county non-stop over their concerns of the illegal activity on their street.

"They've been semi-responsive, but they've basically said that they are limited in what they can do on enforcement," Staudt said.

"They're having trouble enforcing their existing regulations," Hillman added.

The two women worry that if the county cannot regulate current law, then the county will not be able to enforce a potential registry if STRs are permitted.

"If they can't enforce it now effectively, how are they going to enforce it if they make it more complicated and available to more people?" Hillman said.

Hotels have always been regulated and people don't have a right to run hotels in residential neighborhoods.

"If somebody begins to use their property in a way that looks like a hotel, then they're going to find that the government takes an interest in how they use their property," Surovell said.

But he agrees with Staudt and Hillman that the county's enforcement has been weak.

"Fairfax County code enforcement in general is pretty pathetic," Sen. Surovell said. "It tends to be mainly complaint driven."

OVER THE PAST YEAR, the Fairfax County Department of Code Compliance received 18 complaints of possible STRs operating in the county, according to Tony Castrilli, a spokesperson for the county government.

"DCC staff investigated these complaints and found sufficient information to corroborate two [short-term rentals], one in the Mason District and one in the Mount Vernon District, for which notices of violation were issued," Castrilli said. "Some of the other

cases were closed because there was insufficient evidence that STRs were actually operating at those addresses or that there were any other zoning violations occurring."

The property owners who were issued notices of violation were: John and Mary Lou McEwan for their property at 9319 Ludgate Drive in Alexandria and Blake and Sara Ratcliff for their property at 3320 Grass Hill Terrace in Falls Church, according to Castrilli.

John McEwan and Blake Ratcliff are appealing their citations and have been scheduled to have hearings on Nov. 29, according to McEwan.

McEwan said he would be appealing the violation at the cost of \$600 because he was told by various county employees that no citations would be given while the county considers changes to the zoning laws.

Others in the crowd were worried that the overwhelming tide against STRs could sway the opinion of officials and bar them from participating in a form of income they have come to rely upon.

Michelle Minstrell lives in her home in Falls Church and regularly rents out a spare room on Airbnb to help cover the expense of her mortgage and has never received a complaint from her neighbors.

"We have permit parking on our streets and I have off-street parking for that additional resident and my vehicle is off the street as well," Minstrell said. "I've never had any noise problems. Neighbors have not mentioned issues at all."

With Minstrell's advice, another single woman in her neighborhood with a mortgage has started renting out space in her home on Airbnb.

"There is such a huge range of what the short-term rental can be," she said. "I live in my house and I'm only renting a small portion of it."

"I fear that the people who might be angry about it are seeing the whole party houses, absentee homeowner situation and not realizing that there are those of us who are making money to pay for our mortgage off of a roommate," she added.

WELLBEING

Healthy and in Season

From juicy apples to hearty cabbage, how to reap the health benefits of fall produce.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

With her one-year old daughter in tow, Ellen Knight poked at apples and caressed peppers on a Sunday morning at the Bethesda Farmers Market. The activity is part of her weekend ritual, searching for the freshest, most flavorful seasonal fruits and vegetables to use in meals throughout the rest of the week.

"I'm a little neurotic about produce and farmers markets," she said. "I try to only buy at farmers markets and only buy what's in season. I'm excited about fall and the new changes in what's coming in from the local farms."

As the weather gets cooler and temperatures drop, the bumper crops of fall can be found in flavorful abundance at farmers markets, grocery stores and even backyard gardens. Among the most nutritious and readily available produce are cabbage, peppers, squash, beets and other root vegetables, says Chef Pete Snaith of Culinaria Cooking School in Vienna.

"The fall harvest is a glorious time for peak-of-the-season vegetables and fruits," he said. "Farmers markets will be piled high"

With a flavor that can be the basis of both sweet and savory dishes, sweet potatoes are one of the most nutritious foods to debut in fall, says nutritionist Allison Speer of the Speer Nutrition Group in Alexandria. "They're loaded with potassium and vitamin E," she said. "In fall there's a greater variety available like Purple Stokes, Garnet and Hannah."

Choose small or medium-sized sweet potatoes that feel heavier than they look, advises Speer. "Store them in a dark place and keep them cool, but not cold," she said. "Letting them get cold ruins the flavor."

Winter squash is an umbrella term for a wide-range of squash varieties with thick, tough skins, such as butternut and acorn. Most readily available beginning in early fall and slow to go bad, winter squash can be stored whole for several weeks, says Arlington-based dietitian Melissa Hawkins, RD. "They are full of vitamins A and C," she said. "They also have a lot of potassium and fiber, which can make you feel



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This roasted beet salad is an example of a healthy preparation method for fall produce, says Chef Pete Snaith of Culinaria Cooking School.

full and satisfied for a longer time."

Hawkins also touts the versatility of winter squash. "I like to use butternut squash or pumpkin in soup," she said. "Acorn squash can be made into a puree. One of my favorite things to do is to spiralize winter squash to make spaghetti or noodle-like strands that I use instead of pasta. It's super easy and deeply satisfying."

Though its trendier cousins kale and Brussels sprouts get more hype, Hawkins says that cabbage is a versatile superfood that should not be overlooked. "There are so many varieties like Savoy and Napa and it's full of vitamins C and B6 and fiber," she said. "Leafy greens in general, like chard, mustards and kale, are nutrition powerhouses and are at their best in the fall."

Cabbage and other greens are low and calories and can be prepared in a myriad of ways, adds Speer. "One of the simplest ways to cook them is to roast them or stir fry them," she said. "Cabbage can also be stuffed or turned into slaw."

Most commonly seen in dark red, beets come a variety of colors like white, pink and orange. They're earthy, sweet and nutritious, says Hawkins. "Eating beets is almost like taking a big multivitamin," she said. "You're getting vitamins, A, B and C, plus iron, potassium, folic acid and beta-carotene."

Beets can be eaten raw or prepared in a variety of ways, says Speer. "You can roast them, puree them or even make beet chips," she said. "They can stain your hands and clothing so you have to be careful when handling them."

Among the foods most often associated with fall are apples. With varieties ranging from tart Granny Smiths to sweet Fujis, there's an orb for every palate, says Speer. "Apples are packed with fiber and vitamin C," she said. "You can slice them or eat them whole, so they're accessible and easy to carry and eat."

Select apples that are firm and without blemishes or bruises, and coat them with lemon juice after they've been cut to keep them from turning brown, advises Speer.

Choosing produce that is fresh and in-season, makes it easier to prepare them with little fuss so that their nutritional value is preserved. "Fresh vegetables deserve quick, simple, healthy preparation," said Snaith "Steaming, blanching, grilling, and roasting quickly come to mind. Apples, watermelon, and peaches are abundant now as well. You can top off a delicious meal with a light dessert of baked apples or grilled peaches with homemade vanilla ice cream."

Roasted Beet Salad

2 each, red and golden beets, wash but not peeled.
2 TBSP, olive oil
3 oranges, peeled and segmented
1/4 cup, fresh mint, chiffonade
4 oz., feta cheese, sliced into 1/2" cubes or crumbled*
1 mango, sliced in 1/2" cubes
micro greens or pea shoots (optional)

Vinaigrette
1/2 cup, olive oil
2 TBSP., balsamic vinegar
1 TBSP., orange juice
salt and pepper to taste

1. Preheat the oven to 400° F.
2. Coat the beets with the olive oil and season with salt and pepper. Place the beets in a roasting dish and cover. Place in the oven and roast for about 1 to 1 and a half hours or until tender. Remove from the beets from the oven and let cool. Peel when cooled. Cut into 1/2" pieces
3. While the beets are roasting, prepare the vinaigrette. Place the ingredients in a bowl and whisk to combine.
4. Place the beets, mango, orange, and pea shoots in separate bowls. Drizzle each with a tablespoon of vinaigrette and toss to coat.
5. Arrange the salad attractively on the plate. Top with pea shoots and drizzle with the vinaigrette and top with the mint.

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LETTERS

FROM PAGE 6

used in the flyer were acquired through a Freedom of Information Act request. The DVCs in the data were mapped against the Fairfax County Deer Management Program in order to investigate the flyer's claim that 92 percent (287 of 310) of the DVCs occur within 1 mile of a park undergoing deer management. We found that claim was false. In order to include 287 DVCs, we had to count DVCs within one and a half miles from parks, not one mile. Why does that matter? First, it is a blatant lie in the flyer and shows the author's willingness to reject reality and replace it with their own fantasy. Second, 92 percent of Fairfax County is within one and half miles of a property in the Deer Management Program. Therefore, 92 percent of the DVCs happen on 92 percent of the area of Fairfax County. The VDOT data do not support the claim that DVCs increase because of deer management activities.

There is a research project in the City of Fairfax investigating an experimental deer sterilization method. The flyer claims that only three DVCs occurred in the city during the time of the study. However, the VDOT data shows seven. Another lie! The flyer goes on to attempt to claim that the sterilization study has decreased DVCs. To investigate this claim, I used VDOT data from 2005 to 2016 for the City of Fairfax. Prior to the study being implemented in 2014, the City of Fairfax averaged 1.3 DVCs per year (12 DVCs in 9 years). During the study, the City of Fairfax averaged 2.3 DVCs per year (7 in 3 years). The number of DVCs has actually increased during the time of the deer sterilization study. However, as an honest man, I cannot suggest that this slight increase is a result of the sterilization project. The increase, while real, could be caused by any number of factors.

The flyer goes on to claim that an article published in the Journal of Wildlife Management in 1985 supports the long-held belief by those that oppose hunting that bowhunting actually increases deer populations. The article in question is "Reproductive Dynamics and Disjunct White-tailed Deer Herds in Florida" by Richter and Labisky. This study did find that female deer in hunted populations had an insignificant increase in fawns versus deer in non-hunted populations. Why? Here is where we lose the authors of the flyer because we have to apply a little ecological knowledge, or maybe read the entire article they misrepresent. This article goes on to explain that hunted deer populations are more healthy deer because they are in better balance with their environment and are better capable of reproducing than non-hunted deer because non-hunted deer are less healthy. That does not mean that hunting will increase the deer population. In fact, hunting reduces the deer population because it overcomes the slight increase in reproduction associated with healthy deer.

There are other false claims in the anti-hunting flyer, but I hope that I have made my point. Perhaps there is a reason the author of the flyer did not sign their work. They knew they were lying to you. I will sign mine.

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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

How lucky am I? In the last two days, I have been the extremely lucky, though presumably random, recipient, of not one but two unsolicited phone calls offering me FREE accommodations at any number of Marriott and Hilton hotels, fairly reputable brands, I'd say. All I have to do is transport my wife, Dina, and myself to the agreed-upon hotel during the designated window of opportunity and voila, a semi-unencumbered vacation for two awaits. And believe me, the offer couldn't have come at a better time. Let's be honest, what more than a cure does a "terminal" cancer patient need than a reasonably priced, stress-free get away from his every day? Need I even characterize that previous question as rhetorical?

Now since I hung up rather quickly, I don't have all the details, other than their phone numbers of course. Because, as you might imagine, I still have a few questions I'd like answered — you know, to optimize the benefits/coordinate the timing of our vacation. But the 'unsolicited' nature of the call didn't enable me to organize my thoughts and ask all the appropriate questions. Nevertheless, the opportunity seems worthy of a follow-up phone call.

Ideally, what I'd like to do is bracket my vacation/air fare and the miscellaneous travel expenses I'm undoubtedly going to incur around the respective properties' availability. Meaning, I'd like to fly once and stay twice; staying in their respective properties in the same city/location switching out of Marriott after my first free weekend stay and then booking into the Hilton for my next free weekend stay (and I'd be willing to pay for my mid-week excursion during the transition). In effect, making the trip a two-for-one as opposed to a not-going-at-all. And in so arranging, using as much of corporate America's largess and marketing budget as is cleverly possible for a non-corporate America employee to exploit. Not having pursued this possible presumption quite yet because I've just had chemotherapy on Friday and I'm not really in the mood to tangle with a fast-talking, smooth operator, who though he/she may have my best travel plans at heart, may not exactly be feeling my strain. So I'm going to wait a few days until I regain my bearings — and patience, and tolerance and call them back unsolicited at a time convenient for me but possibly not so for them and see if we can make a deal.

Because, to tell you the truth, if I could coordinate two hotel reservations — along with all the amenities with which I'm likely to be showered for accepting these extraordinarily generous offers, combined with some free air miles I've accumulated with United Airlines/their travel partners, this indeed could be the trip that my oncologist encouraged us to take when he first delivered the life-changing/life-ending prognosis: "13 months to two years" back in late February 2009. Further adding that, before starting chemotherapy, was as good as I would likely feel for a long time. And as I have come to learn, the quality of my life is very important to my oncologist.

At that time however, I didn't feel the need and/or wasn't motivated to follow my oncologist's suggestion; I wanted to get started on my treatment. Now, eight and half years later, perhaps the timing is better, especially given that it presents itself at the beginning of a new Redskins football season. And if I may quote the late, great, former, head coach of the "Over the hill gang," George Allen: "The future is now." So let me sift through the offers this week and see if I can indeed take the "trip we've always dreamed of." I know it's often said that you can't go back. Maybe we can still go forward.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Submit entertainment announcements at www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/. The deadline is noon on Friday. Photos/artwork encouraged.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 8

Mike Terpak Blues Explosion in Concert. 6-9 p.m. at The Winery at Bull Run, 15950 Lee Highway. Call 703-815-2233 or visit www.wineryatbullrun.com.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 9-10

Live Music with Matt Waller. 1-5 p.m. at The Winery at Bull Run, 15950 Lee Highway. Call 703-815-2233 or visit www.wineryatbullrun.com.

SEPT. 9-20

Northern Virginia Senior Olympics. Various times and locations, more than 50 different events taking place at more than 25 venues across Northern Virginia. Call 703-403-5360 or visit www.nvso.us for more.

MONDAY/SEPT. 11

Assistance League of Northern Virginia. 10 a.m.-noon at Sully District Government Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. Learn about the nonprofit's 2017-2018 Operation School Bell programs, membership opportunities and upcoming fundraisers. Pre-meeting social starts at 9:30 a.m. Visit www.northernvirginia.assistanceleague.org for more.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 12

Youth Choral Auditions. 5-7:30 p.m.



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On Tuesday, Sept. 12 Youth Choral Auditions, 5-7:30 p.m. at Centreville Presbyterian Church, 15450 Lee Hwy. Centreville. Visit www.fairfaxchoralsociety.org or contact the FCS office at 703-642-3277 or auditions@fairfaxchoralsociety.org.

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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 or call the office at 703-764-0269.

Live Music with The Ryan Forrester Band. 1-5 p.m. at The Winery at Bull Run, 15950 Lee Highway. Call 703-815-2233 or visit www.wineryatbullrun.com.

Lullabye a Lamb. 7-8 p.m. at Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. Come to Kidwell Farm at Frying Pan Farm Park to see the bedtime routine for the park's farm animals. Bring a flashlight or lantern for this twilight tour of the park and see how animals on a farm settle down for the night. \$8. Call 703-437-



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SUNDAY/SEPT. 17

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TUESDAY/SEPT. 19

Youth Choral Auditions. 5-7:30 p.m. at Centreville Presbyterian Church,

THURSDAY/SEPT. 21

Food for Kids Community Packing Event. 10-11:30 a.m. in Room 6 at Dominion Energy, 3072 Centreville Road, Herndon. Email LynnieB517@verizon.net or visit www.northernvirginia.assistanceleague.org.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 22

Live Music with Wild the Waters. 6-9 p.m. at The Winery at Bull Run, 15950 Lee Highway. Call 703-815-2233 or visit www.wineryatbullrun.com.

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SEPT. 22-24

Capital Home Show. 10 a.m.-9 p.m. at Dulles Expo Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly. Featuring HGTV's "Masters Of Flip" stars Kortney and Dave Wilson, and Kevin O'Connor of the PBS series "This Old House." \$10. Visit www.capitalhomeshow.com.

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SUNDAY/SEPT. 24

Building a Train Set. 1-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road in Fairfax Station. Activities include making a sample train layout as well as involvement in demonstrations of railroad artifacts. Museum members and ages 4 and under, free; ages 5-15, \$2; ages 16 and older, \$4. Craft supplies included in admission. Visit www.fairfax-station.org.

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