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Almost five-year-old Eddie Hodges pulls a box of markers out of his donated bag of school supplies and tucks it in a spot in the overflowing Arlington County Police Department cruiser. Eddie is wearing the honorary police officer badge he just received.



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THURSDAY/AUG. 23

Artist Talk with Sam Kittner. 6-7:30 p.m. at Fred Schnider Gallery of Art, 888 N. Quincy St., Arlington. The newest exhibit, "A Broader Sense of Place," Panoramic Photographs by D.C. photographer Sam Kittner, open now through Sept. 8, 2018, with an artist reception. The exhibit and artist talk are open to the public. Email galler@fredschnider.com or call 703-841-9404. Visit fredschnider.com.

Fall and Winter Vegetable Gardening. 7-8:30 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road, Alexandria. Join Extension Master Gardeners for this popular session and learn strategies for success. Think about growing healthy greens like kale, collards, and a wealth of lettuces. Learn inexpensive techniques to extend the harvest and even how you can enjoy some of your crops in the dead of winter. Free. Advance registration requested at mgnv.org. Call 703-228-6414 or email mgaralex@gmail.com.

FRIDAY/AUG. 24

NVSO Registration Deadline. The NVSO includes more than 60 events that exercise the mind as well as the body. To qualify for the NVSO participants must be at least 50 years old by Dec. 31, 2018. The deadline for online registration at www.nvso.us is Aug. 24. The games are scheduled to commence Saturday, Sept. 15 and end Sept. 26. This year the NVSO is adding three new events: canasta at The Jefferson in Arlington; croquet at the Walter Reed Community Center in Arlington; and beach ball wallyball at the Providence RECenter in Falls Church. Registration fee is \$13. A fee of \$2 is added for each event entered. Some events require additional fees including bowling, cycling, golf and orienteering. The NVSO is also seeking volunteers to help at its venues across Northern Virginia. Those interested in volunteering should call 703-403-5360 or email rsvp@volunteerfairfax.org. For a list of events and venues, visit www.nvso.us.

SATURDAY/AUG. 25

Wags N' Whiskers. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at The Village at Shirlington, 2700 S. Quincy St., Arlington. Will transform into an outdoor street festival for animal lovers and their pets. Featuring giveaways, treats and gift bags from more than 65 exhibitors ranging from pet services and accessories to onsite adoptions. Last year's event helped more than 100 pets find their fur-ever homes, with even more adoptions to come this year. Visit www.facebook.com/villageatshirlington or villageatshirlington.com.

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Bat Fest. 6:30-8 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road, Arlington. Live bat shows are presented by Leslie Sturges, director of The Save Lucy Campaign, established to protect and conserve bats in this region. Admission also includes ongoing habitat walks, games, crafts and much more. Registration is required to enter one of the live bat talks below. Adults, teens, families ages 4 and up. Register children and adults; children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Call 703-228-3403.

SUNDAY/AUG. 26

Reptiles Alive. 11 a.m. at Lubber Run Amphitheater, 200 N. Columbus St., Arlington. Colorful live reptiles presented by a child-friendly Wildlife Educator make a this fun for all ages. Enjoy stories about how the animals survive while meeting an exotic cast of snakes, lizards, turtles and other amazing animals. Additional funding for this performance was provided by the Lubber Run Amphitheater Foundation. Visit parks.arlingtonva.us for more.

TUESDAY/AUG. 28

Family Storytime. 10-10:30 a.m. at The Alcove, 19th and N. Moore streets, Arlington. Children of all ages can enjoy read-aloud stories, songs, rhymes, fingerplays and flannel boards. Programs will help them cultivate listening skills and develop an affinity for picture books, the library and the joy of reading. Families are encouraged to participate together. Visit www.rosslynva.org/alcove.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 29

Summer Breeze Concert. 11 a.m.-noon at Temple Rodef Shalom, 2100 Westmoreland St., Falls Church. Free. Featuring Classical Masterworks with Molly Orlando and Jeremy Koch: On Loan - Classical Masterworks

arranged for saxophone and piano. Open to the public; no RSVP necessary. Visit www.templerodefshalom.org.

FRIDAY/AUG. 31

From Twinkle, With Love. 7 p.m. at One More Page, 2200 N. Westmoreland St., #101 Arlington. Sandhya Menon in conversation with Christina June as they discuss From Twinkle, With Love. Call 703-300-9746 or visit www.onemorepagebooks.com.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 1

Paper Shredding. 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at Trades Center, 4300 29th St., South, Arlington. Free paper shredding is for residents only (businesses are not allowed). Limit of two boxes (no larger than 18 in. x 11 in. x 10 in.), or two paper bags per customer. Acceptable: paper (including staples, paper clips), checks/checkbooks. Unacceptable: magazines, catalogs, credit cards, three-ring binders or phone book-sized material. Also an inert materials drop-off, which includes: asphalt, ceramic tile, concrete, earth, masonry block, rock, and sand. Only a small pickup truck load or 3 cubic yards of material can be accepted. Brush material is not accepted.

Seashells Extravaganza. 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road, Arlington. Ages 9 to 12. Not going to the beach this weekend? Get a taste of the shore anyway. Dig for shark teeth in the sand, create with seashells and more. They'll also start extra shells on their return journey to the ocean, by freeing them in the creek. \$5. Call 703-228-3403.

MONDAY/SEPT. 3

Netherlands Carillon Concerts: **Edward M. Nassor.** 2-4 p.m. at Netherlands Carillon, Arlington. The 50 bells of the Netherlands Carillon hang in an open steel tower, a symbol of Dutch regard for American aid during and after World War II. Enjoy views of Washington, D.C., while guest artists play patriotic music, jazz, and pop. Bring a blanket or folding chairs. Sunshades and free-standing tents are allowed, but stakes are not. Free. Call 703-235-1530 or visit www.nps.gov/gwmp/planyourvisit/netherlandscarillon.htm for more.

Community Loads ACPD Cruisers with School Supplies



Liev Avstreich and his little brother, Alex, from Arlington come with their grandparents to get ice cream at the Italian Store in Westover Shopping Center. Liev spots the flashing lights in the parking lot and jumps in the cruiser while his brother waits his turn. The Arlington County Police Department was also collecting supplies at The Fashion Center at Pentagon City.



Cruiser lights flash on the corner at Westover Shopping Center on Thursday night, Sept. 16. Arlington County Police Department community outreach officers are filling a cruiser with back-to-school supplies. Glue, erasers, post-it notes, scissors, markers and notebooks are piled high in every space. Corporal Beth Lennon said, "The school supply drive started at 6 p.m. but our cruiser is almost full already and we'll be filling up our pick-up truck over there." All supplies will be donated to Arlington County Public Schools.



Police Officer James O'Daniel says that a lot of people are bringing backpacks full of supplies and others are bringing bags of notebooks and crayons. He is handing out a sheet of Back-to-School Safety Tips stressing prevention and awareness to "ensure that all drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians arrive at their destinations safely this fall."

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Birchwood on the Block Arlington's second oldest house for sale.

BY MICHAEL MCMORROW
THE CONNECTION

Teddy Roosevelt loved ice cream, as one might tell from his rotund physique. A favored stop for the delicacy was a humble log cabin in Arlington, now designated 4756 26th Street, North, known as Birchwood.

The large area surrounding the site was part of a royal land grant in the 18th century. In or about

1810, the particular plot came into ownership of one Caleb Birch and he built a home. Fire destroyed that building, so another log cabin was built on the spot in 1836.

Ten years later, a second building doubled the size of living quarters. With one shared roof and a middle passageway, it was a model of "dog trot" construction. Both cabins are embedded in the house seen today.

The second oldest house in Arlington county, Birchwood is

bracketed by Ball-sellers (1760) and Dawson-Bailey (1856). In the closing days of the 19th century, a large part of the original property came into the hands of Rear Admiral Presley M. Rixey, Surgeon General of the United States Navy

and friend of Theodore Roosevelt. Arlington was still rural and riddled with woods and trails. Rixey and Roosevelt enjoyed horseback riding across the countryside. Sometimes the last stop for physician and politician was

Birchwood, home to Rixey's valet, Richard H. Wallace. The lure was Wallace's hand-churned ice cream.

In 1908, Wallace and three co-workers were tasked with carving

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Real estate agent N. Jay Thierry of Century 21 New Millennium, McLean, inspects windows in a log wall.



Birchwood at 4756 26th Street, North.

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Noting Progress on 'Women's Issues'

Rape crisis hotline, rape kit reforms, and mental health services highlighted at summit.

BY EDEN BROWN
THE CONNECTION

Rape kit reform, the rape crisis hotline, and Inova's new FACT clinic were a few of the "women's issues" highlighted at the annual Women's Summit held June 22-23 at the Hyatt Regency Dulles in Herndon.

Chair of Arlington County Board Katie Cristol, addressing the crowd, said that since becoming operational a few years ago, thanks to Arlington residents, the hotline now serves 1,200 to 1,500 callers a year — everything from individuals in crisis, to survivors seeking counseling services well after their assaults have occurred, to family members and friends looking for resources to support loved ones.

Cristol also mentioned the new 24 hour forensic and physical and mental health services at Inova Hospital's FACT Clinic — a significant improvement from the long wait times — and sometimes diversions to other hospitals far from Northern Virginia — in the region.

In her remarks to the group of women, Cristol celebrated Mary Sue Terry, the only woman to ever hold statewide office in Virginia; she was elected to be Attorney General in 1985 and re-elected in 1989. Cristol quoted a speech she gave that Cristol attended in 2006, where she said, referring to the lack of gender diversity in the government, that the "United States was like a two engine plane that had been operating for centuries



Marge Signer, president of the Virginia chapter of NOW, responds to a question from an attendee of the Women's Summit about Virginia NOW and the demand for additional rape kit reform measures, a cause supported by Arlington County Commission on the Status of Women member Caroline Gary, Chair of Arlington County Board Katie Cristol, and state Sen. Barbara Favola.

"The United States was like a two engine plane that had been operating for centuries on a single engine; imagine what could happen if we started the other."

— Mary Sue Terry, first woman to be elected Attorney General in Virginia

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Katie Cristol, chair of Arlington County Board, addresses the crowd at the Women's Summit in Dulles, on June 23.

ready to run for election and otherwise support women's issues, she "could imagine Mary Sue Terry's plane, and when I think about what Virginia women achieved in 2017 and all the potential in this room, my friends, I can hardly hear you over the engine noise!"

Details on the Arlington 24/7 sexual assault and domestic violence crisis hotline can be found at www.doorwaysva.org/our-work/securing-safety/immediate-safe-response/.

At the Women's Summit, Cristol added that watching all the women in the audience, who were

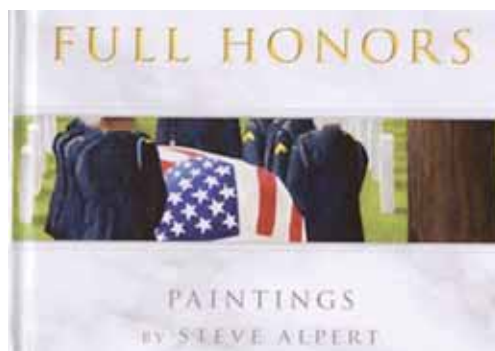
'Full Honors' on Display in Pentagon

Artist hopes to display paintings again in conjunction with local veterans.

BY EDEN BROWN
THE CONNECTION

Steve Alpert was a TV producer in New York City, a frenetic Big Apple journalist, when September 11th happened, and he realized he had to do something different with his life. Constant deadlines, meetings, and phone calls filled his day, but he was missing something. His wife suggested painting. He knew it was the right thing to do.

In November 2003, two Black Hawk helicopters collided over Northern Iraq; Alpert found his subject. Painting after painting of helicopters flowed out of his brush: his studio wall was full of them. Alpert found a way to reach



out to veterans through painting: he teaches at a Fordham University workshop for veterans, helping them paint to manage PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder). He painted a trip-

tych about a woman soldier saluting the flag: Joe Biden asked if he would loan it to the vice president's residence for Christmas, and Alpert went from an relatively unknown painter to a man whose dedication to painting veterans and honoring their service has made him a familiar presence in Washington, D.C. circles.

Seven paintings in a series called "Full Honors" are on exhibit at the Pentagon since July 18. They will be at the Pentagon for a year. These full-size giclee prints of Alpert's reflect his first visit to Arlington National Cemetery in 2014, where he met Chaplain (Captain) Matt Canada, U.S. Army. He was so moved by

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WEDNESDAY/AUG. 22

Application Deadline. TreeStewards of Arlington and Alexandria are accepting applications for training that starts on Oct. 2. TreeStewards are volunteers who work to increase awareness of the value of trees, help care for the urban forest, try to increase canopy cover, and educate residents about urban forestry and the care of trees. Find training details and applications at TreeStewards.org.

SATURDAY/AUG. 25

Invasive Plant Removal. 10 a.m.-noon at Benjamin Banneker Park, Arlington. Help protect area watersheds and keep Arlington County parks beautiful. There are several monthly invasive plant removal events sponsored by Arlington County Invasive Plant Program. For information and to register, email Sarah Archer or call 703-228-1862.

Diversity Job Fair. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Hilton Crystal City 2399 Jefferson Davis Highway. The Virginia Hispanic Chamber, the Asian American Chamber of Commerce, and the Northern Virginia Black Chamber of Commerce are hosting a Diversity Job Fair Employer (member): \$300; employer (non-member): \$350. Employers can register at www.vahcc.com/job-fair. Free admission and no registration required for those seeking a job.

"FLOURISHING AFTER 55"

"Flourishing After 55" from Arlington Office of Senior Adult Programs for Sept. 2-8.

Senior centers will be closed Monday, Sept. 3 in observance of labor day.

Senior centers: Lee, 5722 Lee Hwy.; Langston-Brown Senior Center, 2121 N. Culpeper St.; Walter Reed, 2909 S. 16th St.; Arlington Mill, 909 S. Dinwiddie St.; Aurora Hills, 735 S. 18th St.

Senior trips: Bronx Zoo, Bronx, NY, Tuesday, Sept. 4, \$144 (incl. meals); Dover Downs, Del., Thursday, Sept. 6, \$9; Gypsy Tea Room, Westminster, Md., Friday, Sept. 7, \$47; Washington Nationals vs Chicago Cubs, D.C., Saturday, Sept. 8, \$55. Call Arlington County 55+ Travel, 703-228-4748. Registration required.

NEW PROGRAMS:

Senior ice skating, MedStar Capitals Iceplex, Ballston Mall, level 8, Mondays, 8:10-9:20., Wednesdays, 8:30-9 a.m. Details, 703-228-4771.

Outdoor pickleball at Walter Reed. Call for days and times, 703-228-0955.

Encore Chorale rehearsals begin Tuesday, Sept. 4, 1:45 p.m., \$150/15 sessions plus \$25 for materials. No auditions. Details, 703-228-6300.

Free screening and discussion of the PBS Frontline film, "Being Mortal," Wednesday, Sept. 5, 10:30 a.m., Langston-Brown. Register, 703-228-6300.

Learn about community radio show, "Aging Matters," Wednesday, Sept. 5, 1 p.m., Aurora Hills. Register, 703-228-5722.

Open art studios, Wednesdays and Fridays, Arlington Mill, Fridays, Langston-Brown. Call for details, 703-228-7369 (AM), 703-228-6300 (L-B).

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the worst mistakes that can be made in his
subject and how to avoid them.**

-Werner Heisenberg

News

From Written Word to Visual Art At FOHTA gallery: From One Hand To Another.

BY SHIRLEY RUHE
THE CONNECTION

Felecia Brice McFail sits in her FOHTA calligraphy gallery in the basement of her home on S. Monroe Street in the historic Nauck neighborhood in Arlington. She says, "Now I'm retired and I can do what I want."

Her show, "Lay of the Land," illustrating each of the 50 states, is displayed on parallel walls as you enter the bright space. She says it took her about a day to create each state.

McFail says it all started when she worked for the county parks and recreation back in the day when it there were mimeograph machines. "I was doing all of the flyers for the county by hand and adding the graphics and then running them off." Then someone said, "You print so well." That got her thinking about calligraphy. She thought maybe she could make some money. McFail was a business major at Norfolk State University, then went to the Corcoran School of Art with an emphasis in calligraphy.

People started asking her to do wedding invitations and other projects, and she branched out. Now she has had her FOHTA gallery (From One Hand To Another) for going on eight years. "This was my daughter's hangout but when she left, I turned it into a gallery." McFail started by displaying her own art but then added other artists. Currently she is displaying Imani Russell. "She just brought her work in yesterday. Imani uses unusual fabrics. Here she has hand-stitched a lot of material and she adds things she might find on the street like this earring made out of a scrap of metal."

McFail says she tries to keep someone else in her gallery along with herself to draw people into historic Nauck and art.

In 2016 Preston Simpson gave a lecture and presentation about his art. She says gallery space in Arlington is so expensive for a struggling artist so she offers gallery space at a minimal price. "This is a place to go to the next level."

She is particularly proud that in 2017 her gallery hosted the James Parks exhibit. "The Parks family was one of the oldest Black families in the county." She traced the lineage of the family with each sheet color-coded, taking one through the branches of the family. James Parks began as a slave digging graves in Arlington Cemetery. He is the only person buried



PHOTO BY SHIRLEY RUHE/THE CONNECTION

Felecia Brice McFail made 100 of the commemorative calligraphy works to celebrate the centennial of Hoffman Boston, the only Black high school in Arlington until 1964.

there who was born on the property.

As McFail moves around the room she points out, "These are just pieces I did. I like Maya Angelou. I like her poems. Noland is a musician. I did his song in calligraphy." She explained, "I turn the written word into visual art." She points to a work she was commissioned to do celebrating the centennial of Boston-Hoffman, the only Black high school in Arlington until 1964. "I did 100 of these."

She says a lot of her inspiration comes from the Lord. "And I have requests. I do a lot of Bible verses. This one requested a prayer for her father." She continues, "here they wanted to have something to hang in the guest room. The poem begins, 'we're glad to have you here as our guest ...'"

She works on her calligraphy every day, sometimes at 2-3 in the morning. "I am so focused."

She serves as an Arlington arts commissioner and says Arlington County is putting together the Arlington Visual Art Studio Tour on Sept. 29-30. It is a self-guided tour of all art galleries and studios in the county. "I will have an open house that weekend so people can see what I have."

Her gallery is open every weekday from 4-6 p.m. and on Sunday from 1-5 p.m. She said some people just come by to wind down.

Birchwood on the Block

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a new golf course out of farmland, an assignment occasioned by re-location of Washington Golf and Country Club. Birchwood was an abandoned hulk uncovered while clearing brush. Allegedly, Wallace personally changed the plans for the 10th hole so the ruin would escape destruction. When Rixey learned of what happened, he allowed Wallace to repair the cabin for use as his residence.

Land records show Wallace held title to the nearly three acres tract from 1912 to 1939.

The next owners, Walter and Gladys Horn, acquired a house in serious disrepair. They dismantled and rebuilt it using the original logs, and much of the extended and extensive work was the

"do it yourself" variety.

Worthy of note is the claim that Birchwood is haunted, not by a ghost but by a poltergeist. Ghosts are sometimes visible. Poltergeists are never seen, but content themselves with slamming doors, opening faucets and causing troublesome sounds in the night. According to N. Jay Thierry, Century 21 New Millennium real estate agent on the current sale, longtime owner Jane Coates was so acclimated to odd occurrences that she named the unseen force "Caleb" after the original homesteader. Years ago, a publication described Birchwood as "one of the county's prize landmarks." Today that opinion is evidenced by a historical marker erected by county government at curbside.

News

'Full Honors'

FROM PAGE 4

his tour of the cemetery he offered to make a painting of Canada officiating at a funeral ceremony. On May 27, 2015 he arrived to paint Canada's final ceremony before leaving the Old Guard of the First Infantry Division.

The paintings, in the Pentagon's third floor apex, Corridors 1 & 2, can be seen by those with access to the Pentagon — for

"The seven paintings in 'Full Honors' depict a ceremony that so many in our nation rarely contemplate or have the privilege of attending, the burial of a veteran on sacred ground. From the Caissons transporting the casket in the cemetery to the mother's acceptance of the folded flag on behalf of a grateful nation, each scene in this cherished ceremony demands that we take a collective pause. It's that juxtaposition of verdant nature with the pageantry and color of the uniforms that gives the series of paintings a kind of hope in its gravitas."

**—Lee Woodruff, Co-founder
Bob Woodruff Foundation**

now. Alpert said, "They are being exhibited with a series of large photographs from the exceptional organization TAPS, The Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors, that provides such amazing services for families who have lost a family member while serving."

Alpert hopes to display his paintings to the general public later this year in the Arlington area, in conjunction with organizations that benefit veterans. He is looking for a suitable exhibition space. For more information, Alpert has a book of paintings, "Full Honors," and a website: www.stevealpertart.com.

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When Did This Happen?



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I remember conversations regularly occurring between me and some other person, presumably older (if heard over the phone) or in person if my sight and senses didn't deceive me, where the question was asked to me: "You're probably too young to remember?" concerning any number of subjects. Now, I'm asking the identical question, and I don't think my sight or senses are deceiving me, though they are refracted, so to speak.

Somehow, I'd like to believe that despite the obvious passage of time, I am, to quote Bob Dylan from his song "My Back Pages," included on his "Another Side of Bob Dylan" album released in 1964: "Ah, but I was so much older then, I'm younger than that now."

I wish.

I may be wiser and full of perspective, but despite flowery lyrics, I am older — just check the calendar. Father time waits for no man — or woman. As years pass, the pages turn and you simply aren't the person you used to be (or thought you were).

Benjamin Button may have gotten younger (aged in reverse, having been born an old man), but for the rest of us, we may feel that "youth," as they say, "is wasted on the young." Nevertheless, none of us is getting any younger.

Moreover, to quote Charles Franklin: "No one gets out of this life alive." (Although, I swear I remember my late mother attributing that quote to the legendary screen actress, Bette Davis.)

Life goes on is the short version, and through that passage of time, at some point, apparently you're addressed respectively as "Mister" and "Sir," and doors are opened/held, seats are offered and accommodations made. And when I have those random conversations with strangers — to pass that time or even with people with whom you have a familiarity, more and more of those people are younger than I am and I find myself asking/presuming if they know what past event, historical fact, popular culture reference or sports memory, etc., I am even referring to. And as often as not, they don't.

What's odd — or lost on me because I'm loathe to admit it, is that the former "question-ee" — yours truly — has become the current questioner — again yours truly. As is becoming abundant clear, where I was once ascending, I am now descending.

This has nothing to do with my last few cancer columns. It has to do with my birth year: 1954. Meaning, as the birthday card jokes on the front cover "I wouldn't say you were old this year" to the inside-of-the-card slam: "Hell, you were old last year."

It just seems/feels that this juxtaposition of the "space-time continuum" ("Star Trek: Voyager") time/age relative to others has happened in a blink (nanosecond) and that blink is a tell. And no matter what I do to counter that impression, I can't stop it. It seems that tell has become a tell all.

And since I'm telling all, dealing with one's own mortality for as long as I have been: Feb. 27, 2009, the official date of my non-small cell lung cancer diagnosis, has certainly had its share of wear and tear, emotionally and physically.

For me — or for any of you regular readers to think that this unexpected journey has not been fraught with before, during and after side effects — and main effects, up and down and all around, is unrealistic at best and delusional at worst. And since I'm rarely delusional except when it comes to the Boston Red Sox, it must be unrealistic.

But maybe being unrealistic is what has taken me nine years and nearly six months past my original diagnosis. If that's the reason, I see no reason to change now, age notwithstanding, or sitting, however the case may be.

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Help Close 'Meal Gap'

Volunteer with Virginia Cooperative Extension.

Combine passions for cooking, nutrition, social justice; apply to be a Master Food Volunteer by Aug. 27.

More than 17,000 Arlingtonians are food insecure. One in 10 Alexandria City households and more than 58,000 residents in Fairfax do not have reliable access to nutritious, affordable food.

The Master Food Volunteer (MFV) program with the Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE) is working to close this "meal gap." VCE is part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) collective that brings the resources of land-grant universities into communities across the country.

"MFVs are educators at the intersection of food and social justice, and we need many more volunteers to help make a positive and lasting impact in our community," said Jennifer Abel, senior extension agent for Arlington and Alexandria. Abel helped bring the program to the Washington region.

Modeled after the Master Gardeners, the MFV program trains any adult with an interest in cooking, nutrition, food safety, and helping others. Once trained, MFVs share their knowledge by educating seniors; EBT, WIC, and food pantry recipients; and other adults and children in underserved populations as well as the general public in Northern Virginia. All information is up-to-date and research based. MFVs receive roughly 30 hours of training which is reciprocated with 30 hours of volunteer work in the first year following the training.

Interested adults may apply via <https://arlington.ext.vt.edu/programs/master-food-volunteer.html>.

The fall training session in Arlington will be offered every Friday in October (5, 12, 19, and 26) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Fairlington Community Center at 3308 Stafford Street South. All four training sessions are required to complete the training, which prepares volunteers to assist with programs in Alexandria City and Arlington and Fairfax counties.

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Some local recommendations for places to visit.

BY HANNAH ROSMAN
THE CONNECTION

Residents were asked to share their favorite places in Arlington, including hidden and not-so-hidden gems, from the expected to the unexpected.

Arlington National Cemetery

"I feel like Arlington Cemetery is one of the most underrated gems of our country, and especially of Arlington. Spending a day there allows a person to reflect on the adversity our brave men and women have overcome. It also helps put a lot of historic events into perspective and gives people the opportunity to evaluate the cost of war."

— OLIVIA SKLENKA

Atilla's Restaurant

2705 Columbia Pike

"Arlington is a very cosmopolitan town — we've got people from everywhere, and they bring their food. We have so many Colombian, Ethiopian, Mexican, Thai, Japanese, Lebanese, Bolivian and other kinds of restaurants. However, I haven't found any other Turkish place in Northern Virginia or the broader DMV area, and this place is authentic. The atmosphere is peaceful and bright, the staff are friendly and charming, the food is well-prepared, spicy, delicious, and the coffee — wow! The Turkish coffee at Atilla's cannot be beat, and cannot be found anywhere else in Arlington."

— ARIEL WYCKOFF



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— CINDI CHARLES

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"It is a bright, modern cafe with excellent desserts, hot cocoa, and tea. The front glass wall opens in good weather. It is fairly quiet and very chill."

— ALISON DAVIS HOLLAND



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"I've been going to Carvel since I was born. The servers are always really nice and they have so many different options of ice cream. It's been around for such a long time that everyone knows about their awesome ice cream!"

— HANNAH GOLDSTEIN

El Charrito Caminante

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"This tiny El Salvadorian restaurant is my family's go-to place. It is authentic, affordable and very tasty. The green hot sauce, made in house, is spicy, but so good on everything. It needs to be bottled and sold! Don't be put off by the owner's no-nonsense demeanor. It takes some time, but he warms up."

— JILL SHENK

Hayes Park

1516 N Lincoln St.

"It is just a block away from my house, so it has always been my go-to park. Amazingly, it has had everything for me at every age; from the playground to the water park to the basketball courts it has always been a place where I can go hangout with my friends."

— NIKOLA PORTO

The Italian Store

5837 Washington Blvd.

"It has been a local favorite of mine, since I discovered them back in the 90s. Their subs and



pizza are consistently out of this world, and the value for the price seals the deal. They certainly sell many more items than just subs and pizza (Berger Cookies), but I feel like the lion's share of the business is built around those items, and for good reason. They're also a 'Mom and Pop' that is exclusive to Arlington, so I think a lot of folks want to show their support for them. Large Milano ... soft roll with everything: heaven!"

— PATRICK MCMAHAN

Iwo Jima Memorial

"This beautiful memorial provides a great view of several beautiful D.C. sites: the Capital, the Lincoln Memorial, the Washington Monument, the Jefferson Memorial, and more. There are sometimes free yoga classes held there, and every Tuesday from 7-8 over the summer the Marine Corps hosts their Sunset Parade there."

— NICOLE CHARLES

La Union

1119, 5517 Wilson Blvd.

"It is such a great restaurant because their food is amazing and one-of-a-kind because it is one of the few El Salvadorian places in the area, and everyone who works there is incredibly nice and professional. A couple of their waiters even know my family's order by heart, which certainly says something about how often we go there."

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2645 N Pershing Dr.

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— HEIDI PATERNI HAYES



Pupatella

5104 Wilson Blvd.

"Pupatella has excellent food and setting. You can watch the food being prepared by chefs wear fedoras, just like the do in Naples. I recommend the Brussels sprouts, white margarita and spinach pizza. It is inspirational that it began as a food truck, became a tiny restaurant, and then expanded — all due to how good it is."

— LAUREN CHARLES

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— NATALIE HAMM VIA SUE HAMM

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How To Vote

Every year is election year in Virginia; mechanics and details of voting require attention to detail.

In 2018, Arlington voters will vote for U.S. senator, their member of the U.S. House of Representatives, one member of the County Board, one member of the School Board, four bond questions to raise money for transportation, parks, community infrastructure and public schools, plus two statewide questions.

First, be sure you are registered. Oct. 15 is the deadline to register, and to check your registration. Many voters across the country have discovered that they have been unexpectedly dropped from the voter rolls, so be sure to check at elections.virginia.gov
Absentee Voting in Person Begins Sept. 21

Voting early if you qualify is a good choice.

There are 20 valid reasons to vote absentee in Virginia, including working and commuting to and from home for 11 or more hours between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Election Day. Check the Virginia Department of Elections list to see if you are eligible: <https://www.elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-ballot/absentee-voting/index.html>

There are two ways to vote absentee, in-person and by mail. To do either, you should first check your voter registration status to make sure it is up-to-date.

If you vote absentee in-person you will fill out the application when you arrive at the in-person absentee location.

Courthouse Plaza, Absentee Voting in Person, 2100 Clarendon Blvd.

Sept. 21-Oct. 25: Suite 320, third floor
Oct. 26-Nov. 2: Cherry/Dogwood Conference Rooms, Lobby Level

Hours:
Sept. 21-Nov. 2
Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., except as follows:
Tuesday-Thursday, Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

Saturdays, Oct. 20 and 27 and Nov. 3
8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
Ends Saturday at 5 p.m. on Nov. 3

Absentee Voting By Mail

To track the status of your absentee ballot application and ballot, you can view your Virginia Voter Record, <https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation>

The deadline to apply for an absentee ballot online, by mail, by fax, or by email is 7 days prior to Election Day by 5 p.m.

You can apply for your absentee ballot online, <https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation>

Or print, complete, and sign the absentee ballot application (PDF), <https://www.elections.virginia.gov/Files/Forms/VoterForms/VirginiaAbsenteeBallotApplication.pdf>

Absentee ballot applications are also available for in-person visits at county government center as well as library branches.

When you apply online at vote.virginia.gov, the system automatically completes the correct application for you.

After receiving and your absentee ballot in the mail, fill it out and put your "Marked Ballot" envelope in the pre-printed return envelope enclosed. Return your ballot in plenty of time for the Office of Elections to receive it by no later than 7 p.m. on Election Day. The Post Office recommends you mail it 7-10 days before Election Day.

Absentee ballots must be returned to the Office of Elections by 7 p.m. on Election Day, Nov. 6, 2018 in order to be counted.

Virginia Voter ID

Acceptable forms of valid identification: Virginia driver's license, Virginia DMV-issued photo ID, United States passport, Employer-issued photo ID, Student photo ID issued by a school, college, or university located in Virginia, Other U.S. or Virginia government-issued photo ID, Tribal enrollment or other tribal photo ID, Virginia Voter Photo ID card

Need a Photo ID?

If you don't have an ID, go to your voter registration office to get a free Voter Photo

Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2018

All polls are open 6 a.m. - 7 p.m. on Election Day.
Where Do I Vote?: vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation
Photo Voter ID Requirements: vote.arlingtonva.us/elections/id-requirements/
See vote.arlingtonva.us/
To vote on Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2018, 6 a.m.-7 p.m. (General Election)

* Register/update address by: Monday, Oct. 15.
* Request absentee ballot by mail by: 5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30.

* Vote early, in-person absentee, by appearing in person by 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3

For more information on voting in Arlington: Arlington Voter Registration and Elections
2100 Clarendon Blvd, Suite 320
Arlington, VA 22201
Hours: 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays-Fridays
Phone: 703-228-3456
TTY: 703-228-4611
FAX (main): 703-228-3659
Fax (absentee applications): 703-228-3705
vote.arlingtonva.us

ID, even on Election Day. You will be required to complete an photo ID application, have your photo taken and to sign a digital signature pad.

Forgot Photo ID on Election Day?

If you get to your polling place without acceptable photo ID, you can vote a provisional ballot. You will be given instructions on what to do so your vote can count.

A voter will have until noon on the Friday following the election to deliver a copy of the identification to the local electoral board or to appear in person to apply for a
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On the Ballot

Arlington County, Nov. 6, 2018

UNITED STATES SENATE

Corey A. Stewart (R)
Timothy M. Kaine (D)
Matt J. Waters (L)

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

District 8

Thomas S. Oh (R)
Donald S. Beyer, Jr. (D)

Member, County Board, vote for one

Matthew D. "Matt" de Ferranti (D)
John E. Vihstadt (I), incumbent

Member, School Board, vote for one

Barbara J. Kanninen (I), incumbent
Audrey R. Clement (I)

Four Arlington County Bond Referendum Questions:

❖ Metro and Transportation: Shall Arlington County contract a debt and issue its general obligation bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$74,570,000 to finance, together with other available funds, the cost of various capital projects for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority and other transit, pedestrian, road or transportation projects?

❖ Local Parks and Recreation: Shall Arlington County contract a debt and issue its general obligation bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$29,330,000 to finance, together with other available funds,

the cost of various capital projects for local parks & recreation, and land acquisition for parks and open space?

❖ Community Infrastructure: Shall Arlington County contract a debt and issue its general obligation bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$37,015,000 to finance, together with other available funds, the cost of various capital projects for County facilities, joint County – Schools projects, information technology, and other County infrastructure?

❖ Arlington County Public Schools: Shall Arlington County contract a debt and issue its general obligation bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$103,000,000 to finance, together with other available funds, the costs of various capital projects for Arlington Public Schools?

Two Virginia Constitutional Amendment Ballot Questions

State Ballot Question One

Question: Should a county, city, or town be authorized to provide a partial tax exemption for real property that is subject to recurrent flooding, if flooding resiliency improvements have been made on the property?

Present Law

Generally, the Constitution of Virginia provides that all property shall be taxed. The Constitution of Virginia also sets out specific types of property that may be exempted from taxation. For example, the Constitution of Virginia allows the General Assembly to permit localities to provide a

partial exemption from real estate taxes as an incentive for property owners to make substantial improvements to existing structures by renovating, rehabilitating, or replacing those structures.

Proposed Amendment

The proposed amendment would authorize the General Assembly to allow localities to provide a partial tax exemption for real property that is subject to recurrent flooding, if improvements have been made on the property to address flooding. The General Assembly and participating localities would be allowed to place restrictions or conditions on qualification for the tax exemption.

State Ballot Question Two

Question: Shall the real property tax exemption for a primary residence that is currently provided to the surviving spouses of veterans who had a one hundred percent service-connected, permanent, and total disability be amended to allow the surviving spouse to move to a different primary residence and still claim the exemption?

Present Law

The Constitution of Virginia currently requires the General Assembly to exempt from taxation the principal place of residence of any veteran who has been determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to have a 100 percent service-connected, permanent, and total disability. This tax exemption is also provided to the surviving spouse of such a veteran, so long as the surviving

spouse continues to occupy that property as the surviving spouse's principal place of residence

Proposed Amendment

The proposed amendment would allow the surviving spouse of any veteran who has been determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to have a 100 percent service-connected, permanent, and total disability to continue to claim the tax exemption currently provided, even if the surviving spouse moves to a new principal place of residence that is owned by the surviving spouse.

How To Vote

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Virginia Voter Photo ID Card. Voters may submit a copy of their ID via fax, email, in-person, or through the mail or commercial delivery service. The copy of the ID must be delivered to the electoral board by noon on Friday, or the provisional ballot cannot be counted.

Also by noon on Friday following the election, the voter may appear in-person in the office of the general registrar, in the locality in which the provisional ballot was cast, and apply for a Virginia Voter Photo ID Card. At the completion of the application process, the voter may request a Temporary Identification Document. This document can be provided to the electoral board for the identification requirement.

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A SAMPLING OF ARLINGTON PARKS

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COMPILED FROM PARKS.ARLINGTONVA.US

1 Alcova Heights Park

901 S. George Mason Drive; 13 acres. Features: picnic shelter and tables, public restrooms, playground, baseball field, basketball court, volleyball court and grill.

2 Allie S. Freed Park

2465 Culpeper St.; 5 acres. Features: running trail, bridge, stream, open space.

3 Andrew Ellicott Park at the West Cornerstone

2824 N. Arizona St.; 0.25 acres. Features: the boundary markers of the original District of Columbia, picnic tables and benches.

4 Arlington Hall West Park

290 S. Taylor St.; 7 acres. Features: playground, multi-use rectangular field, picnic area and grill.

5 Bailey's Branch Park

990 S. Columbus St.; 2 acres. Features: playground, benches and open green space.

6 Ballston Pond Park

4747 N. Fairfax Drive; 4 acres. Features: a great spot to observe wildlife.

7 Barcroft Park

4200 S. Four Mile Run Drive; 65 acres. Features: lighted handball, basketball and tennis courts, lighted baseball and softball fields, batting cages, volleyball courts, a drop-in rectangular field, horseshoe pit, fishing at the stream, scenic running/walking/bik-

ing trail, sheltered picnic areas, charcoal grills and playgrounds.

8 Barton Park

2401 10th St. N.; 3 acres. Features: healing garden, labyrinth and seating.

9 Benjamin Banneker Park

6620 N. 18th St.; 11 acres. Features: trail access, picnic tables, charcoal grills, playground, multi-use field and dog park.

10 Big Walnut Park

1915 N. Harrison St.; 2 acres. Features: open space, playground and picnic area.

11 Bluemont Junction Park

744 N. Emerson St.; 15 acres. Features: paved walking trail, Bermuda grass rectangular field and the retired Bluemont Junction Caboose.

12 Bluemont Park

601 N. Manchester St.; 70 acres. Features: biking/running/hiking trails, basketball, tennis and volleyball courts, baseball, softball, soccer, lacrosse and football fields, a playground, picnic areas and nature areas with streams for fishing.

13 Bon Air Park

850 N. Lexington St.; 24 acres. Features: memorial rose garden, azalea and ornamental tree gardens, playgrounds, volleyball and basketball courts, picnic areas and charcoal grills.

14 Charles A. Stewart Park

2400 N. Underwood St.; 4 acres. Features: woods, fields, gazebo, playground and basketball half court.

15 Cherrydale Park

2176 N. Pollard St.; 0.8 acres. Features: open green space, benches, playground and path.

16 Clarendon Central Park

3140 Wilson Blvd.; 1 acre. Features: War memorial dedicated to Arlington citizens, hosts seasonal farmers market and occasional concerts.

17 Dark Star Park

1655 Fort Myer Drive; 0.4 acres. Features: sculptures by artist Nancy Holt and a fountain.

18 Doctor's Run Park

1301 S. George Mason Drive; 6 acres. Features: picnic tables, charcoal grills, playground, volleyball court and path.

19 Donaldson Run Park

4020 30th St. N.; 8 acres. Features: forested area, trail and stream.

20 Douglas Park

1718 S. Quincy St.; 5 acres. Features: playground, nature trails, stream, picnic shelter, volleyball court and stone fireplace.

21 Drew Park

3500 23rd S. Features: basketball court, baseball field, playground and "sprayground."

22 Eads Park

2730 S. Eads St.; 4 acres. Features: gazebo, charcoal grills, playground and multi-use field.

23 Fields Park

825 N. George Mason Drive; 4 acres. Features: multi-use field with bleachers, path and ornamental garden.

24 Fillmore Park

33 N. Fillmore St.; 1 acre. Features: playground, picnic area and baseball and softball fields.

25 Fort Barnard Park

2101 S. Pollard St.; 5 acres. Features: dog exercise area, playground, diamond field with backstop and bleachers, basketball court and a path.

26 Fort C.F. Smith Park

2411 24th St. N.; 19 acres. Features: tree canopy, open meadow, the Hendry House, preserved earthworks of a Civil War Fort and more.

27 Fort Ethan Allen Park

3829 N. Stafford St.; 15 acres. Features: gazebo, playground, basketball court, multi-use field and a dog park.

28 Fort Scott Park

2800 S. Fort Scott Drive; 12 acres. Features: picnic area, playground, baseball and softball fields, tennis court wall and a basketball court.

29 Fraser Park

1800 28th St. S.; 2 acres. Features: grills, picnic tables and open green space.

30 Gateway Park

1300 Lee Highway; 3 acres. Features: ornamental garden, fountain and amphitheater.

31 Glebe and Randolph Park

N. Glebe Road and N. Randolph Street. Features: bocce ball courts, benches and green space.

32 Glebe Road Park

4211 N. Old Glebe Road; 4 acres. Features: playground, tennis courts, basketball court, nature trails, drinking fountains and picnic tables.

33 Glencarlyn Park

301 S. Harrison St.; 95.5 acres. Features: picnic shelters, fishing, nature trails, playground, amphitheater and dog park.

34 Greenbrier Park

2700 N. Greenbrier St.; 18 acres. Features: basketball and tennis courts, diamond fields, multi-use synthetic turf field and a track with high jump and shot put discus area.

35 Gulf Branch Nature Center and Park

3608 Military Road. Features: exhibits, classroom, discovery room, pollinator garden, restored log cabin and observation bee hive.

36 Gunston Park

2700 Lang St. S.; 10 acres. Features: picnic shelter, playground, tennis courts, multi-use rectangular field, baseball/softball field and basketball court.

37 Hayes Park

1516 N. Lincoln St.; 3 acres. Features: tennis courts, basketball court, picnic

shelter,
p l a y -
ground and
"sprayground."

38 Henry Clay Park

3011 7th St. N.; 1 acre. Features: gazebo, playground and basketball court.

39 Henry Wright Park

4350 4th St. N.; 0.7 acres. Features: gazebo, playground and picnic tables.

40 High View Park

1945 N. Dinwiddie St.; 3 acres. Features: picnic area, charcoal grills, playground, baseball/softball field, lighted basketball courts and an amphitheater.

41 James Hunter Park

1299 N. Herndon St. Features: plaza terrace, open lawn, gardens, water feature and community canine area.

42 James W. Haley Park

2400 S. Meade St.; 5 acres. Features: charcoal grills, gazebo and nature trail.

43 Jamestown Park

3618 N. Dickerson St.; 6 acres. Features: diamond field, rectangular grass field, tennis courts and a basketball court. Great for sledding in the winter.

44 Jennie Dean Park

3630 27th St. S.; 22 acres. Features: picnic shelter, playground, baseball/softball fields, tennis courts, basketball court and open field.

45 Lacey Woods Park

1200 N. George Mason Drive; 14 acres. Features: picnic shelter, lighted basketball court, charcoal grills, playground, multi-use field, nature trails, ornamental garden, wooded

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open green
space and a fire
ring.

46 Long Bridge Park

475 Long Bridge Drive. Features: three rectangular synthetic turf fields, walkways, art features and picnic areas.

47 Lubber Run Park

200 N. Columbus St. Features: basketball and volleyball courts, picnic shelter, charcoal grills, gazebo, amphitheater, nature paths, playground and grassy multi-use fields.

48 Lyon Village Park

1800 N. Highland St.; 2 acres. Features: picnic area, tennis courts, basketball court and "sprayground."

49 Madison Manor Park

6225 12th Road N. Features: restrooms, drinking fountain, picnic shelter and tables, charcoal grills, stream, playground, baseball/softball field, tennis courts and a lighted basketball court.

50 Marcey Road Park

2722 N. Marcey Road; 3 acres. Features: tennis and basketball courts and ac-



59 Rocky Run Park

1109 N. Barton St.; 2 acres. Features: picnic shelter, playgrounds and a lighted oval field.

60 Rosslyn Highlands Park

1529 Wilson Blvd.; 2 acres. Features: basketball court and playground.

61 Shirlington Park

2601 S. Arlington Mill Drive; 29 acres. Features: drinking fountain, stream, walking path, benches and dog park.

54 Oakgrove Park

1606 N. Quincy St. Features: picnic tables, gazebo, playground, rectangular fields and paved walking trail.

55 Parkhurst Park

5820 20th Road N. Features: play area for toddlers, sand area, playground and gazebo.

56 Penrose Park

2200 6th St. S.; 2 acres. Features: picnic tables, charcoal grills, playground and basketball court.

57 Powhatan Springs Park

6020 Wilson Blvd. Features: skatepark, drinking fountains, concessions, stream, rectangular grass field, ornamental rain garden and fountain.

58 Quincy Park

1021 N. Quincy St.; 4 acres. Features: tennis, basketball and volleyball courts; baseball and softball fields; picnic area and playground.

62 Slater Park

1837 N. Culpeper St.; 3 acres. Features: playground, picnic tables, charcoal grills and a path.

63 Stratford Park

4321 Old Dominion Drive; 5 acres. Features: baseball/softball field, picnic tables, lighted tennis courts, rectangular multi-use field and a lighted basketball court.

64 Thomas Jefferson Park

3501 S. 2nd St. Features: lighted basketball and tennis courts, diamond field, lighted multi-use rectangular field and fitness trail.

65 Towers Park

801 S. Scott St.; 4 acres. Features: playground, lighted tennis and basketball

courts, sand volleyball court, community garden, lighted dog park, picnic tables, charcoal grills and gazebo.

66 Troy Park

2629 S. Troy St.; 2 acres. Features: picnic tables, horseshoe pit, stream, playground and basketball courts.

67 Tuckahoe Park

2400 N. Sycamore St.; 12 acres. Features: playground, baseball/softball fields, lighted tennis courts, rectangular grass field, nature trails, ornamental garden, amphitheater and picnic tables.

68 Tyrol Hill Park

5101 7th Road S.; 2 acres. Features: playground, picnic shelter and tables, charcoal grills, basketball and volleyball court, open drop-in field and nature trails.

69 Utah Park

3191 S. Utah St.; 4 acres. Features: baseball/softball field, volleyball court, dog park with water hook-up and picnic tables.

70 Virginia Highlands Park

1600 S. Hayes St.; 18 acres. Features: lighted baseball/softball fields, lighted tennis and basketball courts, volleyball court, "sprayground," rectangular drop-in fields and petanque courts.

71 Westover Park

1001 N. Kennebec St.; 4 acres. Features: picnic shelter and tables, playground, baseball/softball fields, lighted basketball courts, volleyball courts, rectangular grass field, path and ornamental garden.

72 Windy Run Park

2420 N. Kenmore St.; 14 acres. Features: stream, nature paths and wooded areas.

73 Woodlawn Park

1325N. Buchanan St.; 1 acre. Features: stream, playground, half basketball court, open green space and picnic tables.

74 Woodstock Park

2049 N. Woodstock St.; 1 acre. Features: water fountains, picnic tables, gazebo, playground and basketball court.

75 Zachary Taylor Park

2900 Military Road; 44 acres. Features: nature trails, stream and baseball/softball fields.



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MedStar Capitals IcePlex Offers Cool Fun

By MICHAEL MCMORROW
THE CONNECTION

The “home” of 2018 Stanley Cup Champion Washington Capitals is in Arlington. MedStar Capitals IcePlex sits on the roof of Ballston Commons parking garage at 627 North Glebe Road, near Wilson Boulevard. Through an arrangement between team and county government, the public has access to two full-size professional NHL hockey rinks on a year-round basis.

Public recreational skating is open seven days a week. Special one-hour periods are provided for seniors and the general public cost \$1, including the skates.

A “pro-shop” provides everything related to skating and the coffee shop/bakery is perfect for a time out. Corkscrew ramps of the parking garage delight children, while topside views of neighborhoods near and far can catch the eyes of adults.

On-the-ice classes are available at all levels and across all age groups. Of course, old-fashioned skate-in-a-circle recreation and hockey are offered. Other forms include:



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MedStar Capitals IcePlex is located at 627 North Glebe Road, Arlington. See www.MedStarCapitalsIceplex.com

curling, “sled hockey,” “broom ball,” figure skating, ice dancing, synchronized skating, and performance skating ala Ice Capades and Disney on Ice.

Children can enjoy a birthday party which includes ice time, and arrangements can be made for a special appearance by

“Slapshot,” official mascot of the Washington Capitals.

During summer vacations, with humid temperatures in the 90s, nothing feels better than stepping onto the ice for hockey in a variety of youth house leagues. Multiple camps and clinics welcome newcomers and

experienced players alike.

Ample spectator spaces permit parents to observe in more comfortable surroundings. Nothing is more entertaining than to watch waves of five-year olds (yes, five-year olds) in full uniform and pads take their first steps to becoming hockey players.

What to Choose at Upton Hill Regional Park?

“Slide, bat, swing and play” is the motto of Upton Hill Regional Park. The park offers the Ocean Dunes waterparks with a 500-gallon water-dumping bucket, 230-foot open slide or 170-foot covered slide, squirters and waterfalls or you could just swim.

Choose the color of your ball and tackle the 18-hole miniature golf course, which combines longer, tougher holes with challenging hazards mixed with short hole-in-one possibilities.

Across the parking lot don your helmet and hear the crack of the bat at six baseball and three softball batting cages for six differing skill levels.

A group shelter that can be reserved for up to 80 people (seating 64) is located in the woods at the beginning of the bike path. A descriptive plaque is located nearby describing Upton Hill’s role in the Civil War as the Hill changed hands from the Union



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to the Confederate Army and back again.

Upton Hill Regional Park is located at 6060 Wilson Blvd.

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Where To Go

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Shirlington Dog Park

2754-2798 S Oakland St.

"It is so big that humans can get their exercise while the dogs do too! Also, it's near lots of shops and restaurants that are dog friendly, especially the very awesome New District Brewery. Plus, you'll see every shape, size and color of dog (and human). It is impossible to walk out of there without a giant smile in your face and hope in your soul."

— PAULA ALCORN



Thai Noy

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"Thai Noy is our 'Cheers,' where everybody knows your name, and they're always glad you came. Arlington County is a wonderful mix of urban sophistication and small town community. Westover is a perfect example of this. The restaurant Thai Noy was started by Pane (Kot) Symoukda in January of 1998. Kot embodied the quintessential American dream. He came to the United

States as a refugee from war-torn Laos. He was given \$35 and left to his own devices. After working menial jobs he finally assembled enough resources to open his own restaurant. His food and personality quickly made Thai Noy a center piece of Westover. In August of 2017 Kot began experiencing symptoms of what turned out to be pancreatic cancer. We lost him on Nov. 18, 2017. His death left a great hole in our community and in the hearts of those who knew him. Despite the pain, his family carries on. He had imparted enough knowledge to four of his relatives that they have been able to keep the restaurant open and thriving. His memory will live for years embodied in the restaurant that he started."

— PERRY LINDSTROM



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— SAMANTHA HAGA



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Jazz Festival

The 2017 Rosslyn Jazz Festival stage at the end of the day, with the New Orleans Jazz. Visit www.rosslynva.org/jazzfest.

August 2018

FRIDAY/AUG. 24

Four Weddings and a Funeral. 5 p.m. at Gateway Park, 1300 Lee Highway. Part of the Rosslyn Cinema + Pub in the Park movie series, featuring a movie and food from one of the food trucks on site. Visit www.rosslynva.org/do/rosslyn-cinema-outdoor-movie-festival for more.

SATURDAY/AUG. 25

Bat Fest. 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road. Leslie Sturges, director of the Save Lucy Campaign established to protect and conserve bats in this region. Ages 3 and up. Visit parks.arlingtonva.us/events/bat-fest-arlington/ for more.

SATURDAY/AUG. 25

Fall Vegetable Gardening. 7:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at Westover Branch Library, 1644 N. McKinley Road. Learn inexpensive techniques to extend the harvest and even enjoy some of the crops in the dead of winter. Visit mgnv.org/2018/07/14/august-2018-public-education-events/ for more.

September 2018

SATURDAY/SEPT. 8

2018 Rosslyn Jazz Fest. 1-7 p.m. at Gateway Park, 1300 Lee Highway. A variety of jazz bands, presented by the Rosslyn Business Improvement District (BID) and Arlington Arts. Free. Visit www.rosslynva.org/jazzfest for more.

October 2018

SATURDAY/OCT. 13

Pumpkin Carving Party. 12-2 p.m. at Potomac Overlook Regional Park, 2845 Marcey Road. Tickets are \$12. Visit www.novaparks.com/parks/potomac-overlook-regional-park/events/pumpkin-carving for more.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 19-21

US FreedomWalk Festival. 3-6 p.m. on Friday, 7 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday, 7 a.m.-4 p.m. at 1900 N. Fort Myer Drive. The FreedomWalk Festival is a three-day long social walking challenge meant to bring together people of different backgrounds. Different trails are offered each day at a variety of distances from 3-27 miles starting at the Holiday Inn. Costs vary. Visit www.usfreedomwalk.org for more.

SATURDAY/OCT. 20

Fall Heritage Festival. 1-5 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center & Park, 3608 N. Military Road. Step back into history and try a hand at some old-time games and crafts, make a corn husk doll, try on a coon-skin cap, or work the cider press. Write with a quill pen or churn butter and enjoy old-time music. Tickets are \$5. Visit parks.arlingtonva.us/events/fall-heritage-festival/ for more.

WEDNESDAY-MONDAY/OCT. 25-30

Washington West Film Festival. Screening events in Reston, Arlington and other local areas. Schedule to be released Sept. 25 and tickets will go on sale to the public on Sept. 28. Visit wwfilmfest.com/ for more.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 26-28

Marine Corps Marathon Weekend. Events like the Health & Fitness Expo, First Timers Pep Rally, Runners bRUNch, and more, lead up to the main event – The Annual Marine Corps Marathon – on Sunday at 7:55

a.m. and the MCM Finish Festival. Visit www.marinemarathon.com/events/marathon/mcm-info/mcm-schedule/ for more.

SATURDAY/OCT. 27

VolunteerFest. A region-wide day of community service helps nonprofits accomplish tasks they would not have time or resources to do on their own. Visit www.volunteerfairfax.org/individuals/volunteerfest.php for more.

Dia de Muertos / Day of the Dead. 6-7:30 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center at Glencarlyn Park, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Make Calaveras, the decorative sugar skull masks, enjoy holiday snacks, and see some night animals up close. Then, go on a night hike through the candlelit forest. Tickets are \$5. Visit parks.arlingtonva.us/events/dia-de-muertos-day-of-the-dead-3/ for more.

SATURDAY/OCT. 27

Annual Halloween Party. 6:30-9 p.m. at Potomac Overlook Regional Park, 2845 Marcey Road. Snacks, games, arts and crafts, storytelling, guided hikes through the woods, and the Haunted Nature Center makes up the yearly party. Cost is \$15 per participant for the party, \$5 per participant includes the Haunted Nature Center experience. Children 3 and under are free. Visit www.novaparks.com/parks/potomac-overlook-regional-park/events/halloween-party-and-haunted-nature-center-0 for more.

November 2018

SATURDAY/NOV. 3

SCAN's Toast to Hope. 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Springfield Golf and Country Club, 8301 Old Keene Mill Road, West Springfield. Toast to Hope is SCAN's signature fall giving event



Visitors browse locally sourced food items at the Marymount Farmers Market.

Area Farmers Markets

Crystal City: Tuesdays, 3-7 p.m.; Crystal Drive between 18th and 20th streets. Visit freshfarm.org/crystal-city.html

Clarendon: Wednesdays, 3-7 p.m.; Clarendon Central Park (next to the Clarendon Metro). Visit clarendon.org/farmersmarket/.

Rosslyn: Wednesdays, 2:30-6:30 p.m.; Central Place Plaza, 1800 N. Lynn St. Visit freshfarm.org/rosslyn.html.

Ballston: Thursdays, 3-7 p.m.; Welburn Square (across from the Ballston metro). Visit www.ballstonbid.com/meet/taste-arlington/farmers-market-info.

Arlington Courthouse: Saturdays, 8 a.m.-noon; N. 14th Street and N. Courthouse Road. Visit www.community-foodworks.org/arlington-courthouse-market/

Arlington Mill: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Columbia Pike at S. Dinwiddie St. Visit columbia-pike.org/fm-arlington-mill/.

Marymount: Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Marymount University, N. Glebe Road and Yorktown Boulevard. Visit www.marymountfarmersmarket.org.

Columbia Pike: Sundays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Columbia Pike and S. Walter Reed Drive. Visit columbia-pike.org/fm/.

Fairlington: Sundays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St. Visit www.fairlingtonfarmersmarket.org.

Westover: Saturdays, 8 a.m.-noon; Washington Boulevard and N. McKinley Road. Visit westoverfarmersmarket.org/.

FAIRS & FESTIVALS



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Marine Corps Marathon

Arlington's Desta Beriso Morkoma, 32, crosses the finish line in two hours, 25 minutes and 13 seconds to win the 2017 Marine Corps Marathon. Visit www.marinemarathon.com.

and offers wine and beer tastings, food samplings, plus a Silent/Live Auction. Tickets prices vary. Visit www.scanva.org/support-scan/news-events/toast/ for more.

Blvd. Artists from all over the country will showcase paintings, jewelry, pottery, glass, and more. Free. Visit www.artfestival.com/festivals/arlington-festival-arts for more.

December 2018

SATURDAY/DEC. 1

Jingle Bell Run/Walk. At Pentagon Row, 1101 S. Joyce St. This run/walk features a "Jingle in Your Jammies" and a "Children's Fun Run" as well as races for adults. Registration is \$15-40. Visit www.arthritis.org for more.

APRIL 27-MAY 4

Historic Garden Week. This eight-day statewide event provides visitors with a unique opportunity to see elaborate gardens with more than 2,000 flower arrangements created by the Garden Club of Virginia Members. Visit www.va.gardenweek.org for more.

March 2019

Clarendon Mardi Gras Parade.

Annual parade to celebrate Fat Tuesday. Visit www.clarendon.com/mardi-gras.

SATURDAY/MARCH 16

Annual Move Me Festival. 1-4 p.m. at Kenmore Middle School, 200 S. Carlin Springs Road. Each year, Bowen McCauley Dance hosts a family-friendly celebration of arts and culture featuring live performances and interactive demonstrations. Activities in arts and crafts, theatre games, singing, storytelling, world dance, yoga, Pilates, and more are perfect for the whole family. Free. Visit www.bmdc.org/event/10th-annual-move-me-festival for more.

May 2019

Taste of Arlington. In downtown Ballston. This annual event turns the Ballston area into a street festival featuring Arlington's restaurants and live music. Ticket prices vary. Visit www.ballstonbid.com.

June 2019

Pops for Pets. 6 p.m. at Lubber Run Amphitheatre, 200 N. Columbus St. The Arlington Philharmonic collaborates with the Animal Welfare League of Arlington (AWLA) to present the annual Pops for Pets, an informal outdoor benefit concert. Free. Visit www.awla.org for more.

August 2019

Arlington County Fair. Times vary at Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 Second St. South. Summer family event complete with carnival rides, musical entertainment, food and more. Admission is free. Visit www.arlingtoncountyfair.us for more.

April 2019

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/APRIL 13-14

Arlington Festival of the Arts. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at 3003 Washington

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NEWCOMERS & COMMUNITY GUIDE

Join LWV of Arlington County

Aug. 26, 2018 marks the 98th anniversary of the date when then Secretary of State Bainbridge Colby signed the proclamation making official the right of American women to vote. In 1973 Congress by resolution designated this day as Women's Equality Day.

The League of Women Voters was founded in 1920 by Carrie Chapman Catt, president of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, during its convention which was held six months before the ratification of the 19th Amendment. She was a women's rights activist and a suffragist, who stated that the vote was the "emblem of equality" for all citizens, women and men.

The League of Women Voters of Arlington County has been active since the 1940s in involving citizens in government through voter registration, voter education and citizen empowerment.

In 2018 the Arlington League hosted what may have been the largest voter registration training in the history of the state of Virginia. More than 200 people attended.

The Arlington League has recently held public events on redistricting, DACA and Dreamer children and an LGBTQ legislative



update. It is planning events on affordable housing and the restoration of voter rights as well as local school board debates. Committees have been formed on maintaining election security and on seeking state ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment.

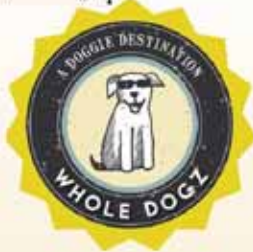
The League of Women Voters of Virginia (LWV-VA) celebrates the fact that in 2018 there are 38 female legislators in the General Assembly as compared to 24 in 2015, an increase of 14. Although the LWV-VA does not endorse any candidates, we recognize this historical achievement.

The LWV-VA is a non-partisan organization. It provides voter services and citizen education and advocates at the state level for particular policies that are in the public interest.

To learn more about the League of Women Voters of Virginia, go to its website, www.lwv-va.org.

To learn more about the League of Women Voters of Arlington County, go to <https://lwv-arlingtonva.org/>.

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