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## Council Approves IDI's Plan for Paul VI Site

Project bringing 266 new homes narrowly passes, 3-2.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION



Sang Yi



Jennifer Passey

When IDI presented its revised redevelopment plan for the Paul VI High School site, last week – with fewer homes and less density than proposed in June – it was no accident. It was largely due to the efforts of two Fairfax City Council members, the nearby community and the developer's willingness to compromise.

On June 12, besides commercial uses, IDI hoped to build 295 residential units there – 131 townhouses and 164 condos – and the condo building was to be five stories high. However, the plan Council approved last Tuesday, Sept. 11, still retained commercial uses, but just 266 residences – 115 townhouses, 144 condos and seven single-family homes. And one story was shaved off the condo building.

The site includes the 18.5-acre school property along Fairfax Boulevard, plus two adjacent single-family lots on Cedar Avenue. And for the past 2-1/2 years, IDI executive Enrico Cecchi has proposed various incarnations of a complex, mixed-use development there.

**CITY COUNCIL** was supposed to decide on it June 12; but so many residents still argued that it would be too dense that the decision was postponed three months. In the meantime, Council members Sang Yi and Jennifer Passey teamed up to try to break the impasse.

"In August, we knocked on doors in the area surrounding Paul VI, surveying the residents to see if they supported the June 12 plan," said Yi. "We wanted to hear from average citizens who aren't as involved in City government."

Those residents are in the Historic Fairfax Neighborhood Association (HFNA), which was also involved in the poll. Although initially wary of the Council's deferral – which meant this issue would be partly decided by two, newly elected Council members, (one of whom was Yi) – Passey eventually realized it was beneficial.

"The additional time gave us the opportunity to survey and better understand the priorities of residents living in the surrounding neighborhoods," she explained. Passey said she and Yi wanted to see a proposal that brought more of the residents into the discussion.

They then brought the survey results to City staff and IDI and met with Cecchi, his attorney and the City attorney. And, said Yi, "We were able to get [Cecchi] to agree to reduce the density along Cedar and McLean avenues by more than 31 percent."

This was accomplished by moving 14 townhouses from there and replacing them with seven single-family homes. The condo building was shifted more toward Oak Street and away from Fairfax Boulevard and will now be just four stories all around, instead of five stories on one side. And both the number of townhomes and condo units were reduced.

On Aug. 20, IDI submitted a revised plan, and that's what Council approved last week.

"I am extremely thankful to the many residents,

IDI and our City staff for working together with Councilman Yi and me this summer," said Passey. "We found that all-important, common ground."

In HFNA's poll, 27 households supported the revisions, six did not and one abstained. And on Aug. 22, HFNA President Brian Cute sent a letter to Mayor David Meyer and City Council presenting the results and praising Yi's and Passey's actions. Cute wrote that they "engaged directly with the HFNA neighborhood, listened to our concerns and shared them with IDI." He stressed that their efforts came at a "critical juncture" and led to the compromise.

Noting that he's discovered City residents "aren't always notified of things directly affecting them," Yi said he'd like to revisit "the process we take to review proposed projects in the City and reach out to the residents."

As for Cute, he said, "This was a compromise in the truest sense, and Sang and Jennifer helped move it forward. But even so, there are still concerns about the project's density and impact on the neighborhood, once it breaks ground."

IDI's plan also contains 20,000 square feet of retail in two buildings, plus 24,000 square feet of commercial and/or community uses in the retained, original portion of the school building. Fifteen of the townhouses along Fairfax Boulevard will be live/work units with retail on the bottom.

"Our goal was to develop a plan that would receive widespread community support, and we believe that's what we have tonight," said Cecchi at the Sept. 11 Council meeting. He then thanked the Council for its guidance on a project "that'll be a tremendous benefit to the City."

Besides what it will build, IDI will contribute \$133,000 to mitigate impacts to City schools, provide 60 parking spaces for Pat Rodio Park and underground McLean Avenue utility poles,

Councilwoman Janice Miller asked how many school children it's expected to generate and was told 38. She also wanted details about the adapted reuse of the Paul VI building, but Cecchi said there won't be any development there until 2019-20, so it's "too early to have commitments from potential tenants."

In response to her question about the condo unit mix and selling prices, Cecchi said about 40 percent will be one-bedroom, with the remainder mostly two-bedroom, plus some three-bedroom. In today's market, he said, one-bedrooms of 750 square feet would sell in the high \$200,000s; two-bedrooms, 950-1,200 square feet, \$400,000s; and three-bedrooms, 1,500 square feet, \$500,000s.

Cecchi said the site-plan process would take 8-10 months and construction couldn't start until the school is vacated next summer (2019). And if it doesn't begin until 2020, he said, then the townhomes, condos and commercial components would all be built at the same time. Construction is anticipated to take about three years.

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Paul VI High School will move from Fairfax City to Loudoun County next summer.

## Residents Weigh In On Paul VI Redevelopment

Say it expands housing options, but increases traffic and density.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

Before the Fairfax City Council approved IDI's proposal to dramatically transform the Paul VI site, local residents weighed in on the project. And whether they opposed or supported it, speakers on both sides were equally earnest about their positions.

Noting an attractive and successful project IDI has already built in Fairfax, Jim Wyckoff said, "The Enclave is a prominent and praised example of what this developer can do for this City. This application should be approved."

Jeff White, commander of American Legion Post 177, near the site, was pleased with the construction-management plan. And, he said, "The Fairfax Little League is happy about the parking for Pat Rodio Park and Chilcott Field."

Georgia Graves, president of the Catholic Business Network of Northern Virginia – an independent nonprofit representing businesses and individuals – also spoke in support. "This will be a unique opportunity for Fairfax to bring a vibrant blend of commercial and residential activities, and a high-quality development, to the City," she said. "And this project would help meet the City's future housing needs and support its businesses."

Also encouraging approval was Rand Gaber, saying it "can bring quality homes to senior citizens who want to stay in the City."

Representing Fairfax City Citizens for Smarter Growth, Betsy Bicknell said, "IDI's plan has a strong network of parks and trails, plus walking and biking improvements. There's a footpath connecting east Cedar Avenue with Panther Place and west Cedar Avenue. And it'll expand housing options, including smaller condos."

But, she added, "The lack of rentals and affordable-housing units puts housing here out of reach of many people. We're also concerned about the removal of all the trees on the John C. Wood property."

However, said Jim Engelhardt, "IDI listened to the neighbors and made major revisions to its plan. This [site] is the point of entry into the City and needs to be of high aesthetics and inviting – and this plan meets that [requirement]. I recommend approval."

While supporting "higher-density housing in the center of the City," Judy Fraser was concerned about the environmental impact. "The Resource Protection Area is important to the stream health," she said. "There should be a better commitment to reducing stormwater impact."

Lee Hubbard said, "I like the idea of saving my old high school, and the original portion will be retained, so approve this project."

But McLean Avenue resident Jane McMorrow said, "The density is overwhelming. It's a small piece of property to put

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## News

# Paul VI Site Plan Approved

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He also said the townhouses would be three- and four-bedroom and average 2,400-2,500 square feet. The single-family houses would be between 2,700 and 3,500 square feet. IDI will build the condos and commercial portions, and a development partner will construct the townhomes.

Yi asked about the live/work units and Cecchi said they've worked well elsewhere and should be marketable. He also said they'd have to be owner-occupied. Then, after several residents had their say about the project (see sidebar), Councilman Jon Stehle made a motion to approve it, seconded by Passey, who said, "It's not perfect, but it's better than it was on June 12."

Saying he's "concerned about density in this small town," Yi thanked the residents for expressing their opinions. "I wish there were [more] height reductions and better transitions," he said. "But IDI has a positive reputation and reduced the overall density by 10 percent."

Councilwoman So Lim worried about the project's density and traffic and the trees that'll be felled for it. "This plan doesn't fit the neighborhood and our Master Plan," she said.

Miller said the number of residents for and against the project is about equal – "and that's a dilemma. This isn't a bad development, but is it in the right location? It's squeezed into one of our oldest neighborhoods in the City. For many reasons, I cannot and will not support [it]. My objections are the housing mix, configuration of open space, building height and traffic [it'll bring]. What we do tonight will affect, not just the closest neighbors, but Fairfax Boulevard for years to come."

**MAYOR MEYER** said the site's constraints made it difficult to come up with a workable project. "But IDI made a good-faith effort to develop a plan beneficial to everyone," he said. "It could have severe environmental impacts, and I think it's not consistent with the Comprehensive Plan for Fairfax Boule-



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**The Paul VI High School site will eventually contain 266 residential units, plus commercial uses.**

vard. But we need to make the best of this proposal."

With Councilman Michael DeMarco previously recusing himself, the Council then voted 3-2 in favor of the project. Yi, Passey and Stehle voted yes, with Miller and Lim voting no.

Afterward, Cecchi said he was relieved. "I'm thankful we were able to achieve our goal of having broad-based, community support, and we're appreciative that we were able to come together with HFNA and reach a compromise," he said. "I was holding my breath, the whole time, during the vote, and I'm grateful the Council approved us."

### WEEK IN FAIRFAX

## Coffee with Del. David Bulova

Area residents are invited to have coffee with Del. David Bulova (D-37), this Saturday,

Sept. 22, from 9-11 a.m., at Main Street Bagel, 10268 Main St. in Fairfax. Constituents can talk to

him about issues of interest and ask questions about legislation affecting their community. It's casual and informal and appointments aren't needed.



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Presentation starts at 7 p.m.

#### Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Willow Springs Elementary School  
5400 Willow Springs School Road, Fairfax, VA 22030

#### Thursday, September 27, 2018

Fairview Elementary School  
5815 Ox Road, Fairfax Station, VA 22039

#### Wednesday, October 3, 2018

Oak View Elementary School  
5004 Sideburn Road, Fairfax, VA 22032

**Find out** about plans to widen Fairfax County Parkway (Route 286) from four to six lanes between Route 29 (Lee Highway) and Route 123 (Ox Road). The proposed project design also includes an interchange at Popes Head Road and the future Shirley Gate Road extension, improvements to the existing trail in the Fairfax County Parkway right of way and construction of a new shared-use path to make the trail continuous within the project limits.

**Stop by** between 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. to view displays and learn more about the project and its preliminary design, including Popes Head Road interchange options under consideration. VDOT will hold a presentation beginning at 7 p.m. Project staff will be available to answer your questions.

**Review** project information at the VDOT project website ([www.virginiadot.org/projects](http://www.virginiadot.org/projects)), at the information meeting, or during business hours at VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office at 4975 Alliance Drive in Fairfax. Please call ahead at 703-691-6710 or TTY/TDD 711 to ensure appropriate personnel are available to answer your questions.

**Give your written comments** at the meeting, or submit them by **October 15, 2018** to Mr. Sitaram Kodali, P.E., Virginia Department of Transportation, 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030, or email [meetingcomments@VDOT.virginia.gov](mailto:meetingcomments@VDOT.virginia.gov). Please reference "Fairfax County Parkway Widening" in the subject line.

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# Residents Support, Oppose Paul VI Plan

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this many homes on. It's a beautiful project, but there are also issues with traffic."

Agreeing with her on the high density, Cedar Avenue's Dave Gessert said, "This project is in my front yard, and I haven't seen a traffic study. It's far too compact and would be difficult for the residents to have a sense of community."

"I'm opposed to it," said Mike Fabio. "It's not in keeping with the community around it, and the building heights will overshadow the nearby park and ballfields. I think retaining the school is a mistake because it's an impediment to establishing the needed commercial front. You can't regulate the live/work homes, and affordable housing is lacking. Vote no to ensure that future generations enjoy a livable Fairfax City."

But Chris Dominick, of nearby Walnut Street, likes the relationship between Cecchi and the City and said he's confident about the project. Cedar Avenue's Steve



An aerial view of the current Paul VI High School site.

Oldfield also supports it, but worried it could worsen traffic. And Fairfax Heights Civic Assn. President John Norce liked IDI's willingness to work with the City.

However, Ellen Thompson said a.m. and p.m. school traffic can't be compared to daily commuting. And, she warned the Council, "There's not going to be any qual-

ity of life if you keep dumping traffic in [the City]."

Julie Knight, of nearby Keith Avenue, decried the "lack of appropriate transitions to existing

neighborhoods. I'm disturbed by the total disregard for how this fits into our neighborhood." And Aaron Hopkins, who lives next to the creek on Center Street, wondered how the project would affect that creek.

"The fact that this property will be clearcut of all the trees sickens me," said Kate Fogerty Atkinson of the HFNA neighborhood. "It'll be a great wall of buildings against the park, which takes away the charm of the neighborhood. And who'll preserve the Paul VI building? There are so many unanswered questions."

"I'm appalled to think of a project like this going forward in the City," agreed Rich Farrenton. "It would create horrendous traffic and disturb a floodplain. Vote no and preserve the feel of that neighborhood."

But Keith Avenue's Joyce Cusack spoke in favor, saying, "The majority of families in our neighborhood support this proposal." Added Rick Dixon: "Approve the application; IDI is a class-act developer."

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Vote. Vote early if you qualify. Vote Nov. 6 if you haven't already voted by then. Make a plan.

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](http://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.

### Early Voting Locations, Dates and Hours

Scheduled to begin Friday, Sept. 21, through Saturday, Nov. 3 at the government center, and Oct. 13-Nov. 3 at the satellite locations.

Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Conference Room 2/3, Fairfax, VA, 22035

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To determine whether eligible and registered to vote in this election, visit the Virginia Department of Elections website at [elections.virginia.gov/](http://elections.virginia.gov/) or call Fairfax Elections office at 703-222-0776.

To vote on Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2018, 6 a.m.-7 p.m. (General Election)

❖ Register/update address by: Monday, Oct. 15.

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For more information on voting in Fairfax County:

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Once your completed application is received and accepted, your absentee ballot will be sent to you in three business days. If you have questions about your ballot, call the Office of Elections at 703-222-0776 (TTY 711).

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**Gentle Yoga.** 12:30-2 p.m. at Sentara Surgery Specialists Comprehensive Breast Center, 8988 Lorton Station Blvd., Suite 103, Lorton. This yoga protocol is facilitated by Pat Fitzsimmons RN, C-IAYT, E-RYT 500, an instructor specifically trained to work with cancer patients who will adapt traditional yoga practices to meet the physiological and psychological needs of cancer patients. No registration required. It is recommended that participants dress comfortably and bring a yoga mat, towel(s), and water. Visit [www.sentara.com](http://www.sentara.com) for more.

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The following special events will also provide opportunity to register to vote and/or get a photo Virginia Voter card.

- ❖ Wednesday/Sept. 19, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Greenspring Retirement Community, 7410 Spring Village Drive, Springfield.
- ❖ Tuesday/Sept. 25, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Burke Health and Rehab Center, 9640 Burke Lake Road, Burke.
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**Docents Needed.** Sundays 1-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road in Fairfax Station. Greet museum visitors and tell them about the exhibits, the

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## Route 29 Widening Fairfax County Public Information Meeting

Wednesday, October 10, 2018  
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Presentation begins at 7 p.m.

Colin L. Powell Elementary School  
13340 Leland Road  
Centreville, VA 20120

**Find out** about plans to widen 1.5 miles of Route 29 (Lee Highway) from four to six lanes between Union Mill Road and Buckleys Gate Drive to relieve congestion and improve operations and safety.

The project will also correct vertical alignment to improve sight distance, add/improve bicycle and pedestrian shared-use paths on both sides of Route 29, and provide connectivity to bicycle/pedestrian trails at the Fairfax County Parkway/West Ox Road interchange.

**Stop by** between 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. to view displays and learn more about the project and its preliminary design. A presentation will begin at 7 p.m. Project staff will be available to answer your questions.

**Review** project information at the VDOT project website ([www.virginiadot.org/projects](http://www.virginiadot.org/projects)), at the information meeting, or during business hours at VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office at 4975 Alliance Drive in Fairfax. Please call ahead at 703-259-2907 or TTY/TDD 711 to ensure appropriate personnel are available to answer your questions.

**Give your written comments** at the meeting, or submit them by **October 22, 2018** to Ms. Hong Ha, P.E., Virginia Department of Transportation, 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030, or email [meetingcomments@VDOT.virginia.gov](mailto:meetingcomments@VDOT.virginia.gov). Please reference "Route 29 Widening" in the subject line.

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# Navigating the Tween Years

**Child development experts offer suggestions for a difficult period of development.**

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

One of the most unsettling times in a parent-child relationship can be the period of adolescence when children are growing into adulthood. During this period say mental health professionals, teens may exhibit defiance and disrespect while parent might experience hurt and question the quality of their parenting abilities.

This period of time in the lives of both parents and adolescents can be fraught with confusion, pain and disappointment. Understanding the reasons behind the sudden shift is one of the keys to navigating this life change. "One of the most important developmental tasks during adolescence is for the child to discover who they are apart from their parents in preparation for eventually living as an adult," said Melissa K. McEney, Ph.D., professor of psychology at Montgomery College. "They are working to define their own values and goals, and part of that process involves questioning authority."

"It's a natural part of separation from parents," added Linda Gulyn, Ph.D., professor of psychology at Marymount University. "In fact most behaviors described as rude or disrespectful are the teen's way of expressing her desire to be her own person; not an extension of the parent."

Understanding what a child of this age might be feeling and experiencing can make parents more empathetic prepare them to help guide their children through this developmental period. "Adolescents also tend to be very idealistic and absolute in their thinking, which may lead them to become critical of parents who can't possibly live up to unrealistic standards," said McEney. "Brain development during adolescence can make teens less sensitive to how other people are feeling and more sensitive to their own feelings. Consequently, they may behave in self-centered and inconsiderate ways without even realizing it."

During this period, some parents may question their parenting skills or style. "These things will happen regardless of parenting style because they're a normal part of the developmental process," said McEney "Parenting style could affect how difficult this transitional period is, though. Children whose parents are overly permissive or demand immediate compliance with no discussion under threat of punishment are more likely to become teens who are very rude and disrespectful. Parents who have consistently had high expectations for their children within the context of a warm and nurturing relationship have already laid the groundwork for more constructive conflict resolution."

Gulyn suggests that parents exhibit authority, but avoid extremes. "Always set limits and boundaries,

but do it in a way that you maintain a warm relationship with your child," she said. "Research shows that authoritarian, that is strict and punitive, and permissive, having no rules or boundaries, result in the most disrespectful and difficult rebellious behaviors."

When adolescents rebel, the way a parent responds can set the tone for the eventual outcome. "In my opinion, the parent needs to diffuse that moment with empathy or at least an expression of understanding how it must be for the teen," said Gulyn. "[For example,] 'I know it's frustrating trying to keep all those homework assignments straight ...'"

"I also believe the teen needs feedback that his rudeness hurts," continued Gulyn. "[For example,] 'Wow, that really made me feel bad when you talked to me that way.' You are the parent. You need to help your teen develop empathy and understand the consequences of their behaviors."

Encourage children to think about the effect their behavior might have on others, suggests Jerome Short, Ph.D, associate professor of psychology at Marymount University. "Parents should ask their children, 'How would you feel if someone did that to you?' or 'How do you think that person feels after you did that?', suggests Short. "These questions increase a focus on empathy and compassion. Parents should make it clear that they value kindness and respect and want their children to value those principles too."

Reinforcement is more effective than punishment, advises McEney, but she underscores the reality that actions have consequences, and sometimes they're unpleasant. "When punishment seems appropriate, try to stick with natural consequences as much as you can," she said. "For example, a teen who is being hateful at the dinner table

might need to eat alone. If your child is insulting to you while you drive him to a party, perhaps you should turn around and go back home instead."

McEney advises against consequences without warning. "If you go the punishment route, though, it's important to make sure your teen knows in advance exactly what the consequence will be and how they need to change their behavior in order to avoid it," she said. "For example, instead of making an unexpected screeching U-turn, say, 'What you just said to me was really rude, and I don't see why I should do you a favor if you're not going to be nice. If you speak disrespectfully to me again, we'll turn around and go home.' Then follow through as necessary. If you know your kid is likely to act up in a particular situation, lay out the rules ahead of time," continued McEney. "If they tend to be rude to you to show off to their friends, let them know that if it happens at tomorrow's movie night at your house, they won't be able to have company over next weekend. Then they can make their own informed choices."

### Addressing Rude Teen And Tween Behavior

- ❖ Model appropriate behavior. If your child yells at you and you respond by raising your own voice, they will seethe at your hypocrisy. Don't allow them to tempt you to stoop to their level.
- ❖ Choose your battles. If they actually do their chores, it won't hurt "not to notice" that they rolled their eyes and grumbled under their breath while they did them.
- ❖ Enforce appropriate boundaries. If your child is being rude and disrespectful, refuse to engage no matter how hard they push. Say something like, "I'll be happy to discuss this with you when you can speak to me respectfully," and then calmly walk away.
- ❖ Say yes when you can. Grant more independence as your child demonstrates that they can be trusted with it. Help them to understand that handling conflict respectfully is a sign of maturity and that you'll respond to it as such.
- ❖ Show them that you still care. Continue to be affectionate toward them and connect with them however you can despite the fact that they're not always behaving in the most lovable ways at this time. Often, teens feel lonely and vulnerable under their prickly exterior. Be generous with hugs, and remember that this is only a season. It will pass.

# LaPlante, Lawal Power Physical Robinson Run Game

**Rams score 31 points in win over T.C. Williams.**

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE CONNECTION

**R**obinson running back Tanner LaPlante secured a toss, headed to his right and turned up field before being met by a group of T.C. Williams defenders.

LaPlante kept his legs moving as he blasted through the initial resistance and then slammed into another would-be Titan tackler. Now 5 yards from the end zone, the bruising ball carrier pumped his legs and pounded his way across the goal line, dragging an opponent along for the ride.

"I tried to cut in and then I just ran into a wall," LaPlante said. "I just kept my feet moving and I was lucky enough to get in the end zone."

LaPlante's 9-yard touchdown run gave Robinson a commanding three-score lead in the third quarter and epitomized the team's dominant offensive performance. The Rams rushed for more than 350 yards, scored the game's final 31 points and improved to 4-0 with a 45-12 victory over T.C.

Williams on Sept. 13 at Robinson Secondary School.

**ROBINSON** has long been known for its run-oriented wing-T offense. But the Rams' ground game was particularly physical on this Thursday evening, with running backs punishing tacklers and wearing down the T.C. Williams defense.

"We didn't think we were super physical or executed super well last week, so we worked real hard on it this week in practice," Robinson head coach Scott Vossler said. "... The guys responded. We lost a tough game to TC last year, so our guys were hungry for this one."

LaPlante, a junior, and senior Salam Lawal tormented Titan tacklers, each eclipsing 100 yards. Lawal carried 12 times for 157 yards and two touchdowns, while LaPlante totaled 15 carries for 126 yards and a score.

"They are running really hard right now," Vossler said. "We tell our backs [that] backs are measured by what they gain after contact. Anybody can run through big holes and get 15 yards and get tackled by the first guy that touches them."

We want our guys to be able to get us tough yards. Some of their best runs are the ones where we should have maybe got zero and they get us four. That keeps the chains moving. Both of those guys ran



VIDEO SCREENSHOT BY JON ROETMAN

**Robinson running back Salam Lawal scored a pair of touchdowns in a 45-12 victory against T.C. Williams on Sept. 13.**

through some trouble."

Lawal's first touchdown didn't require much in the way of power, as he took a handoff and raced through a gaping hole in the Titan defense for a 58-yard score with 4:01 remaining in the second quarter.

Nearly three minutes later, Lawal broke a tackle during a 7-yard touchdown run, giving the Rams a 28-12 lead they would take into halftime.

"We just saw [the Titans] start to

crumble," Lawal said. "We just thought in our heads, keep making them get weaker and weaker. We kept rotating our backs, getting fresh backs in, and just kept pounding the ball. [We made] sure they couldn't stop us."

LaPlante capped Robinson's first drive of the second half with his determined 9-yard touchdown run.

"Tanner had one down there on the goal line in the second half where we had no business getting in (the end zone)," Vossler said. "He made a play for us. That kind of stuff bails out the play-caller every now and then."

Quarterback Asa Ballenger, and running backs Matt Sebenick and Russian Williams each scored a rushing touchdown for Robinson.

Running back Anthony Eaton scored a pair of rushing touchdowns for T.C. Williams.

**THE VICTORY** was Robinson's fourth straight to open the 2018 season. After a bye week, the Rams and their wing-T offense will travel to face Hayfield at 7 p.m. on Sept. 28.

"You can see we're different than most high schools," LaPlante said. "We just try to pound defenses and run it down their throat and that's what we do. We take pride in that all the time."

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Submit entertainment announcements at [www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/](http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/). The deadline is noon on Friday.

#### ONGOING

##### The Sunday Farmers' Market.

Through Oct. 21, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at 10500 Page Ave., Fairfax — one block from West and Main streets behind the Wells Fargo Bank and adjacent to the Historic Fairfax County Courthouse. Visit [www.fairfaxsundaymarket.com](http://www.fairfaxsundaymarket.com).

##### Saturday Community Farmers' Market.

Through Oct. 27, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at 10500 Page Ave., Fairfax — one block from West and Main streets behind the Wells Fargo Bank and adjacent to the Historic Fairfax County Courthouse. Visit [www.fairfaxsaturdaymarket.com](http://www.fairfaxsaturdaymarket.com).

**Pop-Up Art show.** Through Dec. 16 at Gallery 57, 11899 Grand Commons Ave., Fairfax. Emerging Artists Initiative and the Peterson Companies are partnering to bring an artistic and creative facet to the Fairfax community. A new pop-up art gallery at Fairfax Corner Center will be exhibiting paintings and sculptors by four resident artists in the vacant retail space. Free. Email director@eaiinc.org or visit [eaiinc.org](http://eaiinc.org).

#### THURSDAY/SEPT. 20

**Hometown Thursdays: Sudden M-Pac.** 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Old Town Square, 10415 North St., Fairfax. Third Thursdays in May-September. The new series will host local bands from the Fairfax area. Meet up with friends, grab dinner at one of the many restaurants in downtown, and listen to great music. A free, family-friendly event for all ages. Visit [www.fairfaxva.gov/government/parks-recreation/special-events/hometown-thursdays](http://www.fairfaxva.gov/government/parks-recreation/special-events/hometown-thursdays).

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#### SATURDAY/SEPT. 22

##### Kayak the Marsh at Lake Accotink.

7:30-9:30 a.m. at Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. "Kayak Tour-Wildlife of the Potomac" is designed for participants age 13 to adult. Glide past bad eagle nests to get an early morning view of wildlife. No previous experience is required. A single-seat kayak and life preserver are provided. \$31 per person. Boaters younger than 16 must be accompanied by an adult registered in the program. This program will be canceled in the event of rain or unfavorable water levels. Call 703-569-3464 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lake-accotink](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lake-accotink).

**Mosby Civil War Bus Tour.** 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Stuart - Mosby Historical Society; tour leader will be Don Hakenson, Eric Buckland with special guest Tom Evans. The bus will leave Truro Parish (10520 Main St., Fairfax City). Will be visiting Mosby's Grave, Clover Hill (supposedly a safe house for Nick Carter), Wolf's Craig (the home of General Turner Ashby), The Mountain Home in Front Royal. Cost for Stuart-Mosby Historical Society members is \$65; non members is \$75. Reserve a seat by sending contact info to Don Hakenson at [dhakenson@verizon.net](mailto:dhakenson@verizon.net).

**Treasures Revealed.** 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-2:30 p.m. at Army Navy Country Club, 3315 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. The Salvation Army Ladies Auxiliary of Fairfax County hosts "Treasures Revealed," an art and antiques valuation event. Everyone has something they own that they are curious about, whether it is something inherited, received as a gift, built in a collection over decades, or acquired yesterday in a garage sale. Register and reserve a valuation time slot at

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##### Archaeology Day at Gunston Hall.

10 a.m.-4 p.m. at 10709 Gunston Road, Lorton. George Mason's Gunston Hall presents Archaeology Day, a day dedicated to digging up the mysteries of the past. Activities for all ages, including sifting for ancient artifacts, mending archaeological objects, discovering what remains after 200 years, and dressing like an archaeologist. This event is included with Gunston Hall's general admission. Visit [www.gunstonhall.org](http://www.gunstonhall.org).

**Slugfest.** 2-3:30 p.m. at Hidden Pond Nature Center, 8511 Greeley Blvd., Springfield. By popular demand the only celebration of slugs on the East Coast oozes back. There will be slug racing, crafts, fortune telling, and slime tossing. \$10. Email [casey.riley@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:casey.riley@fairfaxcounty.gov) or call 703-451-9588.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## SUNDAY/SEPT. 23

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**Memories of the Orange and Alexandria RR.** 1-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. A special exhibit in cooperation with the Burke Historical Society will highlight the legacy of the Orange and Alexandria Railroad - the railroad the Fairfax Station was constructed to service. Ages 16 and older, \$4; 5-15, \$2; 4 and under, free. Visit [www.fairfax-station.org](http://www.fairfax-station.org), [www.facebook.com/FFXSRR](http://www.facebook.com/FFXSRR), or call 703-425-9225.

## TUESDAY/SEPT. 25

**Fall Art Lessons for Youth.** 5:15-6:15 p.m. at Woods Community Centre, 10100 Wards Grove Circle, Burke. Instructor Carol Zeitlin teaches drawing and watercolor for children 8 and older. Visit [www.czartlessons.com](http://www.czartlessons.com) or call 703-250-6930.

**Fall Drawing Plus Color Class.** 6:15-7 p.m. at Woods Community Centre, 10100 Wards Grove Circle, Burke. Instructor Carol Zeitlin explores drawing and watercolor with children 5-8 years old. Visit [www.czartlessons.com](http://www.czartlessons.com) or call 703-250-6930.

## WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 26

**DAR Genealogy Workshop.** 6:30-9 p.m. at Pohick Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Anna Maria Fitzhugh Chapter, NSDAR, will host a free genealogy workshop for women interested in DAR membership. Free. Email [jcleson@hotmail.com](mailto:jcleson@hotmail.com) or call 703-690-7136.

## FRIDAY/SEPT. 28

**Rock the Block: JunkFood.** 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Old Town Square, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Family-friendly free concert series, which features live bands, beer garden, and city restaurant vendor booths. Bring your own lawn chairs or blankets to sit on. Free. Call 703-385-7858 or visit [www.fairfaxva.gov/rocktheblock](http://www.fairfaxva.gov/rocktheblock).

**Dessert on Broadway.** 7-10 p.m. at Lake Braddock Secondary School, 9200 Burke Lake Road, Burke. "Dessert On Broadway" is an annual fundraiser for the Lake Braddock Chorus Department. The event will include desserts, performances and a silent auction. \$10 pre-sale, \$12 at the door. Email [jbach5050@gmail.com](mailto:jbach5050@gmail.com) or call 703-470-0026.

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## SATURDAY/SEPT. 29

**Kayak the Marsh at Lake Accotink.** 7:30-9:30 a.m. at Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. "Kayak Tour-Wildlife of the Potomac" is designed for



Students of Carol Zeitlin explore still life drawing.

## Fall Art Classes

Lessons for children, teens and adults with instructor Carol Zeitlin explore drawing, watercolor, Chinese Brush and portfolio development. At Woods Community Centre, 10100 Wards Grove Circle, Burke. Visit [www.czartlessons.com](http://www.czartlessons.com) or call 703-250-6930.

participants age 13 to adult. Glide past bad eagle nests to get an early morning view of wildlife. No previous experience is required. A single-seat kayak and life preserver are provided. \$31 per person. Boaters younger than 16 must be accompanied by an adult registered in the program. This program will be canceled in the event of rain or unfavorable water levels. Call 703-569-3464 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lake-accotink](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lake-accotink).

**Fall Art Lessons for Youth.** 9:15-10:30 a.m. at Woods Community Centre, 10100 Wards Grove Circle, Burke. Instructor Carol Zeitlin teaches drawing and watercolor for children 8 and older. Visit [www.czartlessons.com](http://www.czartlessons.com) or call 703-250-6930.

**Pohick Church Country Fair.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Pohick Church, 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton. The 73rd Annual Pohick Church Country Fair offers a day of outdoor fun and learning with historic colonial church tours, organ concerts, booths, free children's games, pumpkin painting, smoked pork barbecue, funnel cakes, homemade apple butter, live music, and more. Call the church office at 703-339-6572 or visit [www.pohick.org](http://www.pohick.org).

**Fall Art Workshop for Teens/Adults.** 10:30-12:30 p.m. at Woods Community Centre, 10100 Wards Grove Circle, Burke. Instructor Carol Zeitlin explores drawing, watercolor, Chinese Brush and portfolio development. Call 703-250-6930 or visit [www.czartlessons.com](http://www.czartlessons.com).

**Azalea Auction and Sale.** 1-4 p.m. at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church, 8336 Carrleigh Parkway, Springfield. The Northern Virginia Chapter of the Azalea Society of America (ASA) will be holding its 11th Annual Public Azalea Sale and Auction. The Silent Auction starts at 1 p.m. followed by the live auction at 2:30. The plant sale will run 1-4. Contact Lars Larsen 703-505-5733 or Carolyn Beck 703-860-5676.

**Taste of the Vine.** 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Blenheim Civil War Interpretive Center, 3610 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Historic Fairfax City Inc. (HFCI) will hold its 10th annual fundraiser, "Taste of the Vine." Visit [www.historicfairfax.org/](http://www.historicfairfax.org/).

## SUNDAY/SEPT. 30

**Civil War Book and Memorabilia**

**Sale.** 11 a.m.-6 p.m. at the Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge, 8421 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax. Come out and meet the authors and vendors at the inaugural Civil War Book and Memorabilia Sale. Additional vendors wanted. Admission \$5. Email [mayo5304@cox.net](mailto:mayo5304@cox.net) or call 703-389-1505.

**50+ Expo.** Noon-4 p.m. at Springfield Town Center, 6500 Springfield Mall, Springfield. This annual expo is designed for older adults and their families, featuring the winning works of the Beacon's Celebration of the Arts contest, as well as free health screenings (glaucoma, blood pressure, bone density and balance), fitness classes, flu and pneumonia vaccines, door prizes and entertainment for older adults and their families. Dozens of informative exhibitors — including government agencies, nonprofits and local businesses — will provide giveaways and helpful information. Free. Visit [www.thebeaconnewspapers.com](http://www.thebeaconnewspapers.com).

**Reading Circle Activities.** 1-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. "The Caboose That Got Loose" book will be featured. The Reading Circle will be held in two 45 minute sessions — one at 1:15, one at 2:30. Ages 16 and older, \$4; 5-15, \$2; 4 and under, free. Visit [www.fairfax-station.org](http://www.fairfax-station.org), [www.facebook.com/FFXSRR](http://www.facebook.com/FFXSRR), or call 703-425-9225.

**Burke Historical Society General Meeting.** 3:30-5 p.m. at 6540 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Mary Lipsey, Fairfax County History Commissioner, speaks about Fairfax County men who served and died in the Great War, and about how the war was commemorated here and nationally. Free. Email [slawski\\_brian@yahoo.com](mailto:slawski_brian@yahoo.com) or visit [www.burkehistoricalsociety.org](http://www.burkehistoricalsociety.org).

## WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 3-7

**Mickey's Search Party.** Wednesday-Thursday, 7 p.m.; Friday, 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10:30 a.m., 2:30 and 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, 12:30 and 4:30 p.m. at Eagle Bank Arena, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Disney On Ice presents Mickey's Search Party brings the magic closer to fans than ever before through dynamic and immersive moments that take place on the ice, in the air and in the seats. \$15 and up. Visit [disneyonice.com](http://disneyonice.com) or call 800-745-3000.



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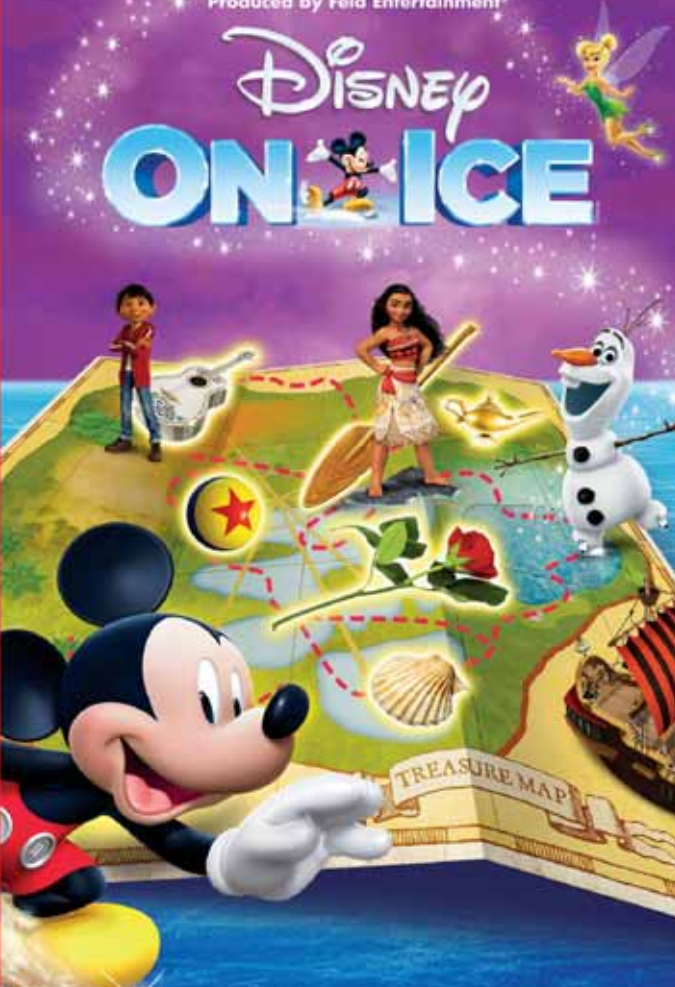
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# Turning Point Suffragist Memorial To Be Built

**\$2 million project to be dedicated on Aug. 26, 2020 at Occoquan Regional Park.**

BY STEVE HIBBARD  
THE CONNECTION

A \$2 million National Turning Point Suffragist Memorial is slated to be built in time for dedication on Aug. 26, 2020 at Occoquan Regional Park near the Occoquan River, said Patricia Depew Wirth, who is the Executive Director of the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Association. The memorial planned near the Jean R. Packard Events Center is intended to honor the 5 million women who fought for women's suffrage.

On Saturday, Sept. 15, 2018, Patricia Depew Wirth told 40 members and guests of AAUW Springfield-Annandale branch at Kings Park Library in Burke that the memorial will contain various elements that all have a basis in suffragist history. There will be replicas of the White House gates and a wall to honor the women who were jailed in Occoquan Prison with plaques for each. It will also contain 19 information stations that will tell 72 years of the history of the Suffrage Movement, from 1848 to 1920. The memorial will include a bridge to "bridge the two centuries" that it took to get the women's right to vote. Rotunda pillars will represent Democracy. The memorial will also contain a meditation garden and interactive kiosks.

So far, Turning Point has received roughly \$1 million in-kind and cash donations; Fairfax County donated \$200,000 towards it, but it is still short on needed funding to complete the project. Some of The Turning Point's strategic partners include: AAUW, League of Women Voters, and NOVA Parks, which is donating the land and the perpetual maintenance of the facility. Donate at [www.suffragistmemorial.org](http://www.suffragistmemorial.org)

In addition to the Memorial, they are developing a Constitution Trail starting at the National Archives, going to Mount Vernon, Gunston Hall, Montpelier and to the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial.

**WIRTH**, who worked in the automotive service industry for 30 years, and now devotes all of her time to building the memorial, gave a presentation of the movers and



**Patricia Depew Wirth, Executive Director of the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Association, shows plans for the Memorial.**



**An artist's rendering of the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial.**

shakers in the Women's Suffrage Movement, starting with an audio of the Declaration of Sentiments — the document that changed course of women's lives in Seneca Falls, N.Y., in 1848. It was signed by 68 women and 32 men at the convention.

She talked about the contributions of icons Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott, who met in 1840 in London, England, to attend an international abolitionist convention.

"Many early suffragists were abolitionists. In that period of time, if you were married, you belonged to your husband. ... Women were limited in their ability to get higher education and get into the professions. They did not feel equal. That's why this movement got going," she said.

Wirth mentioned the contributions of Susan B. Anthony, of New York state, who dedicated her entire life to suffragists. In 1851, she marched into a polling place and

attempted to vote but she was thrown on the sidewalk, manhandled and arrested for the crime of voting. "She had a trial, was found guilty of voting but never went to jail. She was a wonderful woman to be reckoned with," she said.

Mary Church Terrell, the founding member of NAACP in 1909, was the first African American woman to go to college, Wirth said. Terrell went to Oberlin, was a teacher, principal, and member of the Delta Sigma Theta sorority.

Another woman, Carrie Chapman Catt, was involved in National American Woman Suffrage Association and founder of the League of Women Voters in 1920. She focused on getting the vote state by state, by establishing offices in every state. She came out with "The Winning Plan" strategy that involved getting an Amendment to the Constitution and turned all those state offices into the League of Women Voters.

Wirth mentioned Alice Paul, the co-founder of the National Woman's Party, a Quaker from New Jersey, who authored the Equal Rights Amendment in 1923. "She became aware of the Suffragette movement in England overseen by Pankhurst family," she said. Paul marched with them, went to jail, went on hunger strikes and met Lucy Burns.

Alice Paul, who co-founded the National Women's Party with Lucy Burns, was a brilliant strategist who felt we needed an amendment to the constitution.

"She felt without it, women in the South would never get the vote. She knew what she was talking about," Wirth said.

In 1913, Alice Paul planned the March down Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C., where between 5,000 and 9,000 people marched in a parade for women's rights.

Wirth talked about Inez Milholland Boissevain, a suffragist and well-to-do lawyer, who died from pernicious anemia while she was giving a talk out West on women's voting. "We look at her as the martyr of the Suffragist movement," she said. Her memorial service was in the U.S. Capitol on Christmas Day 1916.

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## Next Step for Equality

After the 19th Amendment affirming women's right to vote was ratified in 1920, suffragist leader Alice Paul introduced the ERA in 1923 as the next step in bringing "equal justice under law" to all citizens. The proposed Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) states that the rights guaranteed by the Constitution apply equally to all persons regardless of their sex.

In 1972, the ERA was finally passed by Congress and sent to the states for ratification. The original seven-year time

limit was extended by Congress to June 30, 1982, but at that deadline, the ERA had been ratified by only 35 states, three states short of the 38 required to put it into the Constitution.

Now, Virginia could be the last state needed to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment, which would pass on the floor of the House and the Senate in the session beginning Jan. 9, 2019, if opponents don't prevent the vote by tying it up in committee.

The Equal Rights Amendment Verbatim:  
Section 1. Equality of rights under the law

shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.

Section 2. The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.

Section 3. This amendment shall take effect two years after the date of ratification.

The ERA has been introduced into every Congress since the deadline, and beginning in 1994, ERA advocates have been pursuing two different routes to ratification:

❖ the traditional process described in Article V of the Constitution (passage by a

two-thirds majority in both the Senate and the House of Representatives, followed by ratification by three-quarters of the states), and

❖ the "three-state strategy" (ratification in three more of the 15 state legislatures that did not ratify the ERA in 1972-82, based on legal analysis that when three more states vote yes, this process could withstand legal challenge and accomplish ratification of the ERA). Virginia could be the third and final state needed to pursue this strategy were the Equal Rights Amendment to pass in the 2019 General Assembly session.

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### Forgot your 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 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.

### Upcoming Events to Register and Get Voter ID

The Office of Elections is open daily during normal business hours to provide residents the opportunity to register to vote or obtain a free voter photo ID if needed. 703-222-0776, 12000 Government Center Parkway Suite 323, Fairfax, VA 22035

The following events will also provide opportunity to register and/or get a Virginia Voter card:

❖ Wednesday, Sept. 19, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Greenspring Retirement

Community, 7410 Spring Village Drive, Springfield, 22150

❖ Monday, Sept. 24, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Goodwin House Bailey's Crossroads, 3440 South Jefferson Street, Falls Church, 22041

❖ Tuesday, Sept. 25, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Burke Health and Rehab Center, 9640 Burke Lake Road, Burke, 22015

❖ Wednesday, Sept. 26, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Herndon Senior Center, 873 Grace St #1, Herndon, 20170

❖ Thursday, Sept. 27, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Lewinsville Retirement Residence, 1515 Great Falls Street, McLean 22101

❖ Thursday, Oct. 4, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Leewood Healthcare Center, 7120 Braddock Road, Annandale, 22003

❖ Saturday, Oct. 6, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane Alexandria, 22306

❖ Tuesday, Oct. 9, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Arleigh Burke Pavilion at Vinson Hall Retirement Community, 1739 Kirby Road, McLean, 22101

## League of Women Voters Supports No-Excuse Absentee Voting

The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area is submitting this statement of support for No Excuse Absentee Voting to the Joint Subcommittee on Election Review. The league's support of equal and easy access for voting across the Commonwealth includes legislation to allow all registered voters to vote absentee prior to Election Day without specifying a reason. This support covers absentee voting either by mail or in person.

### Reasons to Support No Excuse Absentee Voting

❖ All voters should have equal access to the ballot.

❖ No voter should have to provide personal unrelated information to cast a ballot.

❖ Voters have found it very confusing about their eligibility to vote before Election Day.

❖ Voting absentee in-person is as secure as voting on Election Day.

❖ Local Election Offices have had success in reducing long lines on Election Day by encouraging absentee voting.

❖ For voting absentee in-person, eliminating the cumbersome process of completing the absentee application would save time as well as the expense of printing the form.

❖ Extra personnel are needed to explain the form and check it for completion before a voter can proceed to checking in.

❖ Eliminating the use of the application form would speed the voting process considerably.

The league believes that the cost of providing equal access for voting throughout Virginia is a responsibility shared by both the

Commonwealth and local governments. Legislators and members of local governing bodies should adequately fund elections. After meeting with local general registrar, the league anticipates an increase in both types of absentee voting if No Excuse Absentee Voting is enacted, with a gradual decrease of voters on Election Day at the polls. Given this shift, it would likely result in an eventual "wash" with regard to resource needs.

*The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation of citizens in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Learn more at <http://www.lwv-fairfax.org/>*

## Fairfax County Police to Investigate Inmate Death

Detectives from the Fairfax County Police Department are investigating the in-custody death of 68-year-old inmate Haywood Summers. Summers was taken from the infirmary at the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center to the hospital for additional medical attention on Thursday, Sept. 6. The medical examiner will examine the body, but preliminarily, police reported that there were no signs of foul play.

The inmate had been incarcerated at the ADC since Sept. 4. The Fairfax County Sheriff's Office and our department are working collectively to gather all information and to thoroughly document the situation.

We investigate all Fairfax County Sheriff's Office in-custody deaths.

The sheriff's office released the following on Sept. 14:

On Sept. 6, 2018, a 68-year-old African American inmate, Haywood Summers, was transported to the hospital from the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center infirmary. He had been in Sheriff's Office custody for two days. At approximately 5:25 p.m. on Sept. 13, the inmate experienced a medical emergency at the hospital. Hospital medical staff performed CPR without success. The inmate was pronounced deceased at 6:03 p.m. Fairfax County Sheriff's Office policy dictates that an in-custody death must be investigated by the Fairfax County Police Department. The investigation is currently underway.

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## Historic Fight

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**BEGINNING IN JANUARY 1917,** women started picketing Woodrow Wilson's White House. By June 1917, Wilson gave word to start arresting the protestors for obstructing the sidewalk.

Lucy Burns, Co-Founder, National woman's Party, was one of the prisoners at Occoquan Workhouse in Lorton, where the conditions were brutal. Women on hunger strikes were force fed through their noses and mouths. "This is what women were willing to do so that we could vote," she said.

The word leaked out to the national press of their horrible treatment, so in November 1917, the women were transported from Occoquan to D.C. and were released from jail. In January 1918, the D.C. Court of Appeals ruled that their arrests were illegal so they were all freed.

Still, women were not included in the Constitution until the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment.

It was President Wilson who went to Congress to say we need a National Amendment for the women's right to vote. The House of Representatives voted yea immediately but the Senate waited another 18 months to decide. Thus, began the fight for ratification in 36 states. Ratification came down to one final state: Tennessee. The vote in the Tennessee legislature was 48-48. So, as they were doing the vote count, they got to Rep. Harry Burn, age 26, who had received a note from his mother encouraging him to do the right thing and vote for suffrage. Burn's vote broke the tie in favor of ratifying the amendment. He cast the final vote, giving women the right to vote in 1920.

The ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment led to the largest single one-day increase of potential voters in the history of the United States. It took 72 years to pass and ratify the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, but the Equal Rights Amendment has yet to be adopted to this day.

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## A Tail Not of Woe



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

You know what's impossible – or next to impossible? Trying to write a funny non-cancer column while on hold with the Oncology Department waiting for calculations to be made by their pharmacist which will determine if my creatinine levels (kidney function) are low enough to allow me to get my infusion today.

No big deal, really. It's only a matter of life and hopefully my avoiding death.

And to complicate this waiting/holding "interminableness," one of our five cats, "Twinkle," is walking back and forth across my desk, rubbing my writing hand with her head – while I'm trying to write no less, as she steps repeatedly on my writing pad.

Oh. One more thing, she keeps knocking down the wireless land-line phone that I've placed on my desk – which I have on speaker, close enough to hear but far enough, I thought, to keep her at bay. It never ceases to amaze me how cats seem to know where you don't want them go and invariably that's almost always where they seem to end up.

Now back to my original situation: Waiting for the pharmacist to calculate my results.

After nearly 30 minutes on hold, with "Twinkle" having been occupied elsewhere during the last 10 minutes or so. (After I implored her to "Give me some space, please?" she jumped off the desk.) Finally, I have received word that I'm approved for my infusion. And now that I'm no longer on telephone-hold, I doubt I'll be seeing any more of her.

Oh. I was wrong. Here she is again.

This time however, she's brought along "Biscuit," one of the two oldest "buff-colored" brothers we rescued in September '06. But I'm more tolerant of their interference now as I've been given the infusion OKAY. (Not a thrill really, but, as mentioned in previous columns – and confirmed by my oncologist in a reply-email to me, this third dose of chemotherapy in the last seven weeks might have a bearing on the results of my upcoming Sept. 26 CT scan. That sound you heard was me exhaling.)

Another peculiar feline behavior: they seem to know when their behavior is not as bothersome/interfering as it might otherwise be so they refrain a bit. (A bit.)

So now I have nothing to wait for except Godot (who never shows). My results will show up though, on or about Sept. 28, more than likely via email from my oncologist. Important to consider that the 28th is a Friday and given that lines of communication don't flow as often on the weekends, we'd really rather know before the weekend so that we can get on with our lives.

And, as I'm sure you can appreciate, this is no laughing matter and receiving results – good or bad – in a timely fashion does enable us to get on with our lives.

For the moment, however, it's still about waiting and hoping, but no planning – yet. Discussing scenarios before the actual facts are known has never been my oncologist's way. When we know definitively, then we'll act definitively. We've had some preliminary discussions about alternatives going forward, but until further details are known, it's all premature.

For the moment then, my existence is about managing expectations, trying to remain positive and letting go.

I mean, when the scan is finished, the results will be what they will be. I don't imagine there's much I can do about it now. When those results are known, then we'll go to plan "B," or revert to current plan "A."

My life is not likely to change significantly either way in the short term so all I can do is maintain my status quo. There's no panic.

Anxiety? Of course. Anticipation? Yes, in a weird way. I would like to know what treatment/potential side effects and all are in store for me living forward but it's still "early days." Maybe the cats do know something. We've heard it rumored that cats have a sixth sense about sickness and death.

Oh, oh. Here's comes "Biscuit," he's been hanging around me an awful lot lately, very uncharacteristic. Should I be concerned or just appreciative of the attention?

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