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County Urges Public to 'Make the Call'

"Stop domestic violence and sexual assault for your friend, your neighbor, yourself."

BY MERCIA HOBSON
THE GAZETTE

Del. Kathleen Murphy (D-34) shared her personal story: "It's taken me a long time to stand here and say that I am a survivor. I was a victim of sexual assault in college, so I understand what Dr. Blasey has been saying. This is the first time in public I've ever said this. You are the first people I've ever admitted this to. I know what it's like to hide. I know what it's like to know that people probably won't believe you if you tell them."

She was speaking at the Fairfax County presentation "Make the



PHOTO BY MERCIA HOBSON/THE GAZETTE

"I encourage everyone here to make the call," said Fairfax County Sheriff Stacey A. Kincaid during the Fairfax County panel presentation in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month 2018. "I was a witness; I was a victim; I am a survivor. It happened to me, it could happen to you."

Call" in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month 2018. The Thursday, Oct. 4 presentation offered personal perspectives from five Fairfax County leaders at the hour-long event.

Presenters addressed domestic violence in their own way, either as moderate Tom Goodwin said, "by telling a story because it is in the interest of advancing understanding of the dangers and challenges posed by domestic violence, or whether it is to advance public policy."

The county's 2017 campaign "Look Again" helped the public recognize that domestic violence occurs between people of all ages, races, ethnicities, creeds and status, Goodwin said.

The 2018 campaign, "Make the Call" was a "logical continuation which would feature not only the 24-hour hotline number 703-360-7273 but also information on how victims react and who has become sufficiently engaged and involved."

The presentation was planned by the county's Domestic and

Sexual Violence Services and Domestic Violence Prevention, Policy & Coordinating Council.

BRADDOCK DISTRICT Supervisor John Cook emphasized do-



"The anger isn't at the bastard who did the crime, the anger is at the victim. I don't know of any other crime where that happens," said Del. Mark Levine (D-45) at the Oct. 4 Fairfax County panel presentation, "Make the Call." Levine's sister was murdered by her husband.



Attendees at the "Make the Call" panel presentation in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month 2018 applaud Del. Kathleen Murphy (D-34) after she announces publicly for the first time: "I am a survivor. I was a victim of sexual assault in college. ... I believe when we stand together, side by side ... and we can say it, out loud, 'We are victims of abuse' ... we demonstrate we can move forward and win."

estic violence is not someone else's issue. It impacts a significant portion of the population.

One in four women and one in seven men are victims of abuse, and "then there are the children," he said. Whenever there is a victim of domestic violence, Cook noted, there is also a perpetrator. A quarter of the population is impacted by domestic violence.

"Children, even if they're not directly the recipient of violence, by being in a home where there is violence, by observing violence, because they are young, even infants have been proven to have lifelong impacts," said Cook. "If we don't help early and now, we will see them again in

the criminal justice system; we'll see them in the human services system."

This month the county launched an initiative to help children recover from domestic violence. Cook said if children involved are not supported, the economy is impacted. Later in life, Cook said, "They're not able to be a full participant in our society, our neighborhoods, in our community." If such a large portion of our population is so negatively impacted, then all of us are feeling that impact whether we know it or not."

DEL. EILEEN FILLER-CORN (D-41) sponsored bills dealing
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Del. Kathleen Murphy (D-34), shared, for the first time, that she is a survivor of sexual assault. "I want you to know in this Sexual Assault and Domestic Abuse Awareness Month, there are a lot of stories out there that have never been told. That doesn't mean they didn't happen."

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‘E-Day’ on the Horizon

County readies for Nov. 6 elections.

BY ANDREA WORKER
THE GAZETTE

On Tuesday, Nov. 6, voters will go to the polls to choose a United States Senator, representatives for Congress, Town officials in Herndon, and vote on several referendums.

The Fairfax County Electoral Board held a Media Briefing session on Sept. 17 to provide important information regarding the election process and voting in Fairfax County. With “E-Day” on the horizon, they want to help voters avoid any confusions or pitfalls that could cause unnecessary inconvenience or even the denial of their vote.

In-person absentee voting for the midterm elections began on Friday, Sept. 21, at the Fairfax County Government Center at 12000 Government Center Parkway in Fairfax and the first mailing of absentee ballots is scheduled to go out on the same date. The Office of Elections is ready, even as they continue preparations for actual election day action.

“Thank goodness we just got the ballots in,” said Electoral Board Secretary Kate Hanley. “They came from New Bern, North Carolina!” a town particularly devastated by Hurricane Florence.

Election officials want to be sure that voters are ready to exercise their right to vote.

To that end, a voter information notice including a sample ballot, precinct locations and other pertinent information is being mailed to both active and inactive registered voters - but that won’t do you much good if you haven’t yet registered to vote.

Hanley reminds that the deadline to register to vote is Oct. 15. To be eligible to register, you must be a citizen of the United States, a resident of Virginia, and at least 18 years of age by the next general election. Voters will need to provide a valid photo ID to vote in person.

New registrants can obtain the voter application form from a myriad of places, including the Elections Office in Government Center, DMV offices, and public libraries. The registration application must then be mailed as instructed to the Office of Elections. Registrants can also apply online at www.vote.elections.virginia.gov. The County reports that 95 percent of voter registrations are now done electronically.

VOTING can be done in person on Election Day, by in-person absentee voting or via a mail-in absentee ballot. There are 20 valid reasons accepted to vote absentee in Virginia and several different time ranges that apply, depending on a person’s circumstances. All of these requirements are clearly outlined on the



From left: Fairfax County General Registrar Gary Scott, Kate Hanley, Secretary of the Fairfax County Electoral Board, Board Chairman Stephen Hunt, and Vice-Chairman Bettina Lawton host members of the media at a meeting on Sept. 17.

www.elections.virginia.gov website. If voters determine they meet the absentee voting criteria, the application for the absentee ballot can be downloaded from the site and there is even a video on the site showing how to fill out the application.

“It’s important to realize that the ballot itself is still mailed to you,” noted Electoral Board Chairman Stephen Hunt. “Some people just keep hitting the ‘Apply’ button, waiting for the ballot to download. It doesn’t work that way.”

Hunt wants voters to plan for that and give themselves ample time to receive the absentee ballot, complete it, and send it back. As of Sept. 17, the County reports having received almost 8,000 mail-in ballot applications. The deadline to apply for a mail-in absentee voting ballot is Oct. 30 at 5 p.m., but that doesn’t leave much time for your ballot to be received by Election Day. Mailed-in absentee ballots are counted on election night in the Central Absentee Precinct.

Regardless of how you plan to cast your vote, the first port of call should be that www.vote.elections.virginia.gov website to check your voter status and to update your information if need be.

Hunt said that there have been instances where address changes or other incorrect information have caused problems for the voter. “Check everything in advance.”

In addition to the Government Center location, registered voters can vote in-person absentee before Election Day at 9 other satellite locations: The Lorton Library; The Providence Community Center; the Govern-

mental Centers of: Franconia, Mason, McLean, Mount Vernon, North County (Reston), Sully, West Springfield

The Government Center Offices will be closed on Oct. 8 for Columbus Day. All locations are closed on Sundays and the hours for each are posted on the County website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/absentee.

Other than the deadlines, voting requirements, and where to find the necessary information, the Electoral Board members had a few other cautionary notes and reminders.

Some of those reminders were aimed at college students, possibly living away from home on Election Day.

Using George Mason University as an example, Hunt and Hanley said that even though there is a voting poll on campus, students cannot vote there if they are registered elsewhere in the Commonwealth.

“Several hundred denials have resulted from voters attempting to vote at a precinct different from where they are registered,” said Hunt.

The chances of being able to race from the wrong polling place to the correct one in time are fairly slim. Mail-in ballots can be sent to any address, but in-person voting must take place where the voter is registered - still another good reason to check your information on the Virginia voter’s website.

Also, said Fairfax County Information Officer Lisa Connors, “remind students to bring stamps!” Lack of access to stamps or a post office was reported as a problem

when the County held a college intern brainstorming session this summer.

Hunt also took time to assure residents that while there have been incidents of missassigned voters, every effort is made to avoid those mistakes, including close collaboration with the Department of Motor Vehicles, the County departments involved in geographic information systems, and “a lot of manual checking and double-checking.” Hunt said that even one voter denied their voting rights because of clerical error “is one too many.”

THE BALLOTS are printed with instructions and information in Spanish, Korean and Vietnamese. There are also translators on phone “standby” that can assist voters at the polls.

Also on hand at the meeting was Travis Potter, Acting IT Manager, and a handout was available on “Voting System Security.” The Electoral Board assures voters that the County’s voting systems have been “rigorously tested...and certified by the U.S. Assistance Commission and Virginia Department of Elections.”

No part of the certified system is connected to the internet - no modems, no Wi-Fi capabilities to allow hacking. Elections results are never transmitted but instead, are called into the office.

It’s also important to note that election night results are not considered “official” until County election officers review the machine tapes for every ballot scanner and compare that information with the results reported.

Before the briefing concluded, Secretary Hanley updated the media on the Board’s position to move the June primaries to the third Tuesday in the month. The Board officially adopted this position in July, and sent a letter of recommendation to the Board of Supervisors, the Fairfax County School Board, and the members of the Fairfax Delegation to the General Assembly in August.

Hanley said, “165 of the County’s 243 precincts are located in schools.” Numerous reasons, not the least being the call for increased security at schools in recent times, have convinced the Electoral Board that for the June primaries, it is in the best interests of students and voters to move the date to when most schools have already finished the academic year.

“I think the recommendation is gaining traction,” reported Hanley.

There’s a lot of information involved in the act of casting your vote.

The Elections Office of Fairfax County is there to help on the web, by email at voting@fairfaxcounty.gov, in person, or by calling their offices at 703-222-0776.

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The Mount Vernon German Band, Vernonberg am Potomak Volksmusik Blasskapelle, attracts music enthusiasts of all ages.

Enjoying Oktoberfest and Kinderfest

Almost 15,000 tickets were sold for food, drinks, and activities at the annual Oktoberfest and Kinderfest at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church on Saturday, Oct. 6.

The St. Aidan's Episcopal Day School managed the Kinderfest children's activities, including two moon bounces and an enormous, adorable black potbellied pig in the petting zoo. There was intense competition at the lollipop tree for a grand prize Betta fish.

Silent and live auctions included season tickets to the Nationals and oil paintings by the St. Aidan's rector, John Baker.

The event offered local artisanal food, three types of Virginia beer, and bratwursts made by Mark Henry, chef and proprietor of the specialty sausage company Island Bwoy Cuisine. House-made German potato salad, warm soft pretzels, and numerous baked goods and salads made by volunteers were also served.

The church has put on an Oktoberfest since the



St. Aidan's Episcopal Church volunteers assisted participants at Saturday's gathering.

early 1990s. The Mount Vernon German Band, Vernonberg am Potomak Volksmusik Blasskapelle, has always been a part of the celebration.



Oktoberfest and Kinderfest at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church offered a variety of local artisanal food.



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Check Voter Registration

Confirm your voter registration before Oct. 15; vote early if you qualify.

If you plan to vote in Virginia, you should hop online now to check that you are still registered to vote at your current address. Nevermind that the last time you went to the polls, you were able to vote. You should check again. Monday, Oct. 15 is the deadline. Go to elections.virginia.gov or call your local Elections Office. The Fairfax County Elections office at 703-222-0776.

EDITORIAL If for any reason you didn't vote on the last Election Day or the one before that, and you might have missed a possible postcard asking you to confirm your residence, it's important to check that you are registered to vote. A Supreme Court decision specifically allows states to move forward with purging voters under some relatively common circumstances. Whenever names are purged from a list, the likelihood of mistakes is present. Voting is so important, no matter what your inclinations, this year. Check your registration now.

To determine whether eligible and registered to vote in this election, visit the Virginia Department of Elections website at 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. Or ...

❖ Request absentee ballot by mail by: 5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30. Or ...

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

Really, if you qualify for any of about 20 reasons to vote absentee, there is no reason to wait until Election Day Nov. 6 to vote.

Early voting is already well underway.

One of the 20 reasons is if you might be 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

Through Saturday, Nov. 3 at the government center, and Oct. 13-Nov. 3 at the satellite locations.

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❖ Providence Community Center, 3001 Vaden Drive, Fairfax, VA 22031

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sources.

Third, Jeff Todd Way, opened in 2014, was built with a dedicated bicycle and pedestrian trail to provide a transportation link between Telegraph Road, Richmond Highway, and the Mount Vernon Trail. This is already included in the Bicycle Master Plan and I use it for this purpose at least once a week.

Chris Dyer
Alexandria

Concrete and Brick Sprawl

To the Editor:

I welcome an opportunity to express my opposition to a threat to our immediate area environment that just should not be allowed to

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You must show identification to vote. 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, or 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 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 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.

For more information on voting in Fairfax County:

Fairfax County Office of Elections
12000 Government Center Parkway Suite 323

Fairfax, VA, 22035

Voter Registration: 703-222-0776, TTY 711
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happen.

Fairfax County officials are examining a proposal to allow owners of a property on Route 1 to build townhouses on this property, thereby obliterating an essential floodplain specified in the county's Comprehensive Plan — which now recommends that this should be open space — surely not the unsightly mess that is there now, which the owners have allowed to occur to date, and surely not the award to those very people of a major misplaced development, which would, without the floodplain they would destroy, ultimately allow shifting of inevitable flooding to other area neighborhoods downstream in storms and rain sure to occur in the future.

I have lived on Huntington Avenue just off Route 1 for over 40 years and treasure the parkland we have in Huntley Meadows Park.

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Condo Fire

Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department units were dispatched for a reported condominium fire on Sept. 26, at approximately 6:56 a.m., in the 3800 block of Havenwood Place in the Mount Vernon area of Fairfax County. Units arrived on scene with smoke showing from second floor of two-story, condominium-style building. No occupants were home at the time of the fire. The fire was discovered by a neighbor who then called 9-1-1. Fire Investigators determined that this fire was accidental in nature and started in an upstairs bedroom. The cause of the fire was improper disposal of smoking materials. Damages as a result of the fire were approximately \$18,750.

CRIME REPORT

The following incidents were reported by the Mount Vernon District Police Station.

TRESPASSING / UNLAWFUL ENTRY / DESTRUCTION: 3800 block of El Cerrito Place, Oct. 3, at 6:38 p.m. A neighbor called stating that she saw 4 people attempting to kick in the door of a vacant condominium. It appeared the suspects entered the condominium however nothing was taken. This condominium has recently been broken into and appeared to have been squatted in.

MALICIOUS WOUNDING: 2700 Popkins Lane, Oct. 2, 3:35 p.m. An 18-year-old was walking on Popkins Lane with some friends when they were approached by another group of teens. A fight broke out between the two groups. They ran away when adults who witnessed the commotion started walking their way. After the fight, the victim rode a short distance on his bicycle. Someone driving by saw the injured teen and took the victim to the hospital. The victim was admitted with non-life threatening injuries. The suspect was described as a 16-year old Hispanic teenager, 5'3" to 5'5", with his hair in a bun.

BURGLARY / DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY: 3800 block of El Cerrito Place, between Sept. 28 – Oct. 2. A Realtor was checking on the home when she noticed damage to the front door. Nothing appeared to be missing, however it appeared people had been in the residence.

ROBBERY: 7900 block of Fordson Road, Oct. 1, at 6:19 p.m. A 14-year-old was selling an item on "Letgo" and arranged to meet a buyer in a public area. The victim met two teens who took the item and ran away without paying. As the victim tried to get his property back, he was assaulted and pepper-sprayed. The first suspect was described as a man around 18 years old, 5'6" and 160 pounds. The second suspect was described as a 17 year-old girl. The victim was transported to the hospital for non-

life threatening injuries.

ASSAULT ON LAW ENFORCEMENT / GRAND LARCENY: 7910 Richmond Highway (Walmart), Sept. 27, 9:15 p.m. Officers responded for a larceny at the Walmart. A 44-year-old man from Washington, D.C. was arrested for grand larceny after attempting to steal over \$1,000 worth of merchandise. During the incident, a 48-year-old woman from Washington, D.C. intervened and attempted to obstruct the investigation. While she was being handcuffed, she bit and kicked an officer. The officer was not injured. She was charged with assault on law enforcement, obstruction of justice, and providing false name to avoid arrest. He was charged with grand larceny.

STOLEN AUTO / PURSUIT: Richmond Highway and Fort Hunt Road, Sept. 28, 10:45 a.m. An officer spotted a stolen vehicle driving south on Richmond Highway at Fort Hunt Road. A pursuit started when the stolen car sped away, hit a citizen's car, and crashed afterwards. The suspect ran from the car but was caught after a brief foot pursuit. A 22 year-old man was charged with grand larceny, eluding, suspended license and providing a false name to avoid arrest.

BURGLARY / DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY: 3800 block of El Camino Place, between Sept. 26 and Sept. 28. The property manager of a vacant apartment noticed that the front door of an apartment had been kicked in. It appeared that people had been staying in the vacant apartment temporarily, and damaged it before leaving.

ROBBERY: 6000 block of Richmond Highway, Sept. 28, 2:20 a.m. Two victims were waiting for the elevator at their apartment complex when a man approached them, pointing a black handgun and demanding money. The suspect then took cash from the victims before running away. The suspect was described as a black male, 5'5", around 130 pounds.

SEE CRIME, PAGE 20

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Richmond Highway Corridor Improvements Fairfax County

NEPA Public Hearing and Public Information Meeting

Monday, October 29, 2018
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Presentation starts at 7 p.m.

Mount Vernon High School
 Auditorium/Cafeteria, use entrance 4
 8515 Old Mount Vernon Road, Alexandria, VA 22309

Find out about plans to widen Richmond Highway (Route 1) from four to six lanes between Jeff Todd Way and Napper Road.

The project includes separate bicycle lanes and sidewalks on both sides of the road, safety enhancements and preserving the median width to accommodate Fairfax County's future Bus Rapid Transit project.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 23 CFR Part 771, an Environmental Assessment (EA) was approved by the Federal Highway Administration and will also be available for public review and comment. In accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 and 36 CFR 800, information concerning the potential effects of the proposed improvements on properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places is included in the EA.

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

Review the EA and other project information at the VDOT project website (www.virginiadot.org/richmondhighway), 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 703-259-2599 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 **December 6, 2018** to Mr. Dan Reinhard, P.E., Virginia Department of Transportation, 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030, or email RichmondHighway@VDOT.virginia.gov. Please reference "October 29 public information meeting" in the subject line.

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OPINION

Cyber Security for Seniors

BY PAUL KRIZEK
 STATE DELEGATE (D-44)

In today's world there are numerous scams aimed at seniors via the internet, the phone and in person. These threats are more sophisticated and widespread than ever.

By 2030, a quarter of Fairfax County homes will have residents over 60 years of age, so our community is a tempting and growing target of opportunity for con artists and flim flam

men and women. It is critical we remain hypervigilant and always err on the side of caution when in doubt.

To that end, later this month, I will be co-hosting a Senior Cyber Security Workshop (people of all ages are welcome) on Oct. 24 from 2-4 p.m. at Sherwood Regional Library with U.S. Sen. Mark Warner's office and Mount Vernon at Home to learn about potential threats and how to combat them. In preparation for the workshop, I want to share with you a few of the more common scams to be aware of out there.

The first thing to remember is that it is OK to hang up the phone, not answer the door, or not open an email and certainly it is a good idea to call the non-emergency police number for our Mount Vernon station, 703-691-2131, if you are at all dubious or concerned. You won't get scammed if you aren't available to the conman.

A common con using the phone is the "grandparent" scam. The caller pretends to be your grandchild who is in trouble or in an accident, usually out of state, and supposedly "needs bail money" or "hospital money." That one almost tricked my 90-year-old Dad a couple of years ago. He got a call "from Canada" from "my nephew," but, he was not in Canada, and luckily my Dad remembered that and called me to check. These guys are good, so don't feel stupid if they take your money, but do let someone else that you trust know what happened. Too many of us are too embarrassed to come forward after being taken in. But, we can all fall prey to these con artists and awareness is key to ensuring these schemes are put to an end.

Online scams are legion and will only continue to spread. One of the fastest growing online scams is hacking. Hackers look to gain access to your devices, emails and social media in order to gain secure information. Please make sure all of your devices (laptop, phone, iPad, etc. have secure passwords. Studies show that half of senior citizens do not secure their devices with a passcode. And, don't use "Password" or something else easy to guess. Create unique passcodes that are long, use a combination of words, numerals, symbols and with both upper and lower case letters. Have a separate password to access your device that is not the same as any of your online passwords. If you don't do this, in the event your device is lost or stolen this could leave your bank accounts and personal information vulnerable. Additionally, these criminals can use the



devices to hack your social media accounts and impersonate you online. For online accounts, I recommend setting up two-step verification so that in order to gain access to the account you need to enter a passcode that is sent securely to a device of your choosing.

Finally, always be aware of the classic "phishing" emails that are designed to trick you to click on a link that promises some great new program or offer. Doing so could cause "malware" to be installed on your computer, like viruses and spyware. The link might also take you to a "spoof" site designed to look like a real website and then will ask you to provide personal information, like your Social Security number and bank or credit account numbers. It's all very clever. Be alert. And never click on any links from a sender you do not know and trust. Even internet giants like Google and Facebook were conned out of \$100 million last year through an email phishing scheme where a hacker impersonated a computer parts vendor.

We all know about the famous scams around the story of the Nigerian prince who needs our assistance by providing him some money to somehow be able to claim his inheritance. But, there are hundreds of variations equally as complex and convoluted that trap the unwary, often seniors since they are planning for retirement or managing their retirement and looking for investment vehicles. Well, remember the old adage, you don't get anything for free, especially from someone you don't know. Just be careful online. It's like walking down the street. You need to stay alert.

I am always examining ways to address these issues legislatively. During the 2016 session, I was the patron of HB620, which would have allowed financial institutions to hold suspicious transactions for a period of time until it could verify the validity. This didn't pass but in the following session, 2017, I was one of four delegates, two from each party, that sponsored the bipartisan adult exploitation HB1945 that is now the law. It broadened the definition of adult exploitation to include the unauthorized, improper, or fraudulent use of an adult 60 years of age or older, or 18 years of age or older who is incapacitated, or his funds, property, benefits, or other assets for the benefit of another, including a caregiver or person serving in a fiduciary capacity, or that deprives the adult of his rightful use or access to such funds, etc.

Protecting senior citizens and all Virginians from fraud is an issue I take very seriously. I look forward to continuing to work on this and encourage all residents to contact me regarding this important issue if you have an idea for how to curb senior exploitation. And, I hope to see you at our free Senior Cyber Security Workshop at Sherwood Regional Library on Oct. 24. To RSVP please email ed@paulkrizek.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FROM PAGE 6

Our county plans already recognize the desperate need for more green spaces and parkland in the area in an improved Route 1. This proposed thoughtless, unanticipated and dangerous intrusion of townhouse buildings slammed

next to a county park would, besides allowing dangerous flooding, destroy the possibility of building a link to other parks in the area in the Dogue Creek conservation corridor which would enhance the quality of life for Route 1 folks.

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Dorothy McManus
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Academy and Studio Directors Appointed

Metropolitan School of the Arts of Alexandria has named two new directors: Michelle Collier as the academy director and Sara Hart as the studio director.

Collier has been in education for more than 14 years, starting her career working with secondary students in non-traditional school settings in Washington, D.C. and Fairfax County. She has experience in classroom instruction for a variety of academic curriculum at multiple grade levels, creating and revitalizing county and private programs, curriculum and resource development, teacher training and educational and administrative leadership. Collier holds a bachelor's in international relations and a master's degree in secondary education from George Mason University.

Hart is a veteran performer and a graduate from New York University with a bachelor's degree in music. She began her professional career as a performer and assistant choreographer at Hershey Park, Pa. She has performed and served as assistant director at Goodspeed Opera House in Connecticut for "High Button Shoes," "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" and "How to Succeed." Other credits include: "The Wizard of Oz" at the North Carolina Theater;



Michelle Collier



Sara Hart

"Ain't Misbehavin'" at the Dallas Theater Center in Dallas; "Carousel" at the Virginia Opera; and the off-Broadway show, "The Great American Trailer Park Musical." She was the assistant choreographer for Ringley Barnum and Bailey's The Greatest Show on Earth. Some of Hart's students have been accepted to some of the top performing arts universities and conservatories in the country.

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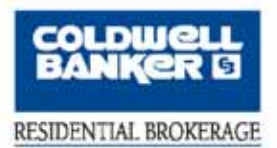


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'Madhaunter's Madhouse' Returns to Workhouse

BY DAVID SIEGEL
THE GAZETTE

It's back. Ready to provide chills and fun scares to the brave and not so brave alike. It's all for Halloween good fun. It is the Workhouse's "Madhaunter's Madhouse Haunted Trail"

"The Madhaunter's Madhouse Haunted Trail" has been achieving popular and critical success since it first appeared in 2016. It is now a well-regarded Halloween season caper with thousands of passionate fans expected to voluntarily become part of the fright-night romp, said Ava Spece, CEO and President, Workhouse Arts Center.

"We are thrilled to present our third annual 'Madhaunter's Madhouse Haunted Trail,'" said Spece. "Our haunt has become one of the most highly anticipated seasonal events in Northern Virginia. We're so happy to be able to offer this safe, fun experience to the community."

"The Workhouse and its staff

create the trail each year to take advantage of our unique and eerie location on the grounds of the former Lorton Prison," noted Spece. The Workhouse hears from thousands of fans who love the event and want to be sure it returns each year.

For those not familiar with "The Madhaunter's Madhouse," it takes place across the 55-acre historic Workhouse Arts Center campus. As some recall, the Workhouse Arts Center is built on the grounds of an abandoned prison facility and reformatory.

For 2018, The Workhouse's "frightmasters" will debut redesigned trails, spookier scenes, creepier characters, and more spectacular special effects, all designed to bring their guests' darkest fears and nightmares to life. The popular, zombie-themed Madhaunter Escape Room will be on-site during the haunt, too.

The Workhouse staff listened closely to patron feedback about long lines. "This year, instead of waiting in a long line, our guests

Where and When

"Madhaunter's Madhouse Haunted Trail" at the Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Dates and times for the event: Oct. 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27, and 31, 2018 from 7 to 11 p.m. and Oct. 21 and 28, 2018, from 7 to 10 p.m. Tickets: \$20. Information online at <http://workhousearts.org/madhaunter> or call 703-584-2900.

Note: Not intended for young children. Recommended for 13 years and older. May be considered too intense for some guests.

can enjoy spooky double-feature movies on our ballfield, along with an escape room, lawn games, food trucks, and other treats while they await their turn to be scared on the haunted trail," said Spece.

Based on guest feedback, the "Madhaunter's Madhouse" event will be bringing back fan-favorite experiences at the Ghost Bar Cinema, including local food trucks, themed bar, and scary movies.

So get ready for a blast of done-in-good fun and joyful "terror," if you dare. Ramble through back alleys, old buildings and who



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Demons from 2017 "Madhaunter's Madhouse" at the Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton.

knows what else. Get geared up as the nights are getting longer and Halloween is approaching. After all, what is Halloween without encountering some demons, scary clowns, unexpected prisoners, along with ghosts and ghouls of all shapes and sizes.

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Holiday-Ready Kitchen

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

Though Halloween is still three weeks away, the holidays are not far behind the ghosts and goblins. Thanksgiving ushers in the start of a season of festive entertaining for family and friends. As the kitchen is often a gathering place and command central for celebratory gatherings, this is the time to give your eating space a pre-holiday spruce-up. Local design aficionados say there is still time to make upgrades to make a kitchen welcoming for guests and functional for the chef.

A refrigerator that is functional, spacious and stylish is at the top of the must-do list of Reston-based interior designer Rachel Grandin's holiday kitchen spruce-up list. "With all of the delicious food that we make during the holidays, it's critical that we have a space to store it safely," she said. "If your refrigerator doesn't seem reliable, this is the perfect time to replace it. A stainless steel French double-door refrigerator can hold a large turkey and all of the sides, but more importantly it's eye-catching and chic and will probably be one of the first things guests notice when they enter your kitchen. It's a quick way to give your kitchen an updated look."

Lighting is a critical element in any

kitchen, advises Potomac-based Anne Walker, "Changing a light fixture might be the easiest and quickest way to make a big design statement before the holidays," she said. "In a Potomac kitchen I designed, sea glass beaded pendant lights, which reference not only the shimmering aqua glass backsplash tiles, but also the custom Willem Smith bar stools with aqua leather seats."

NEW FLOORING can take the design of a kitchen to the next level, says Alexandria-based interior designer Courtney Grace, "Right now, I see hardwood and ceramic tile flooring as being on trend," she said. "I just finished a kitchen for a client and we installed ceramic tile that was actually made to look like wood. So she was able to get the look she wanted, but with a material that was more durable. New flooring can really transform a space without the expense and the time of total kitchen remodel. Choose something durable, for the holidays and beyond."

If you're on a budget, consider a new kitchen rug, advises Grace. "Rugs can add color and warmth to a kitchen, and an indoor-outdoor rug can stand up to high-traffic and things like spills."

Cabinets are usually the biggest part of any kitchen design and renovation project, advises Walker "If your cabinets are struc-

Minor changes deliver big impact in time for holiday gatherings.

turally sound, you can save a lot of money, but make a huge impact by having the cabinets professionally painted."

Gray is still the most popular color for kitchen cabinets, followed closely by white, suggests Walker. "I recently renovated a small, charming home for resale, and did just this: had the kitchen cabinets painted a soft shade of gray," she said. "What a difference. You will want to have a professional paint the cabinets for you. This is not the time for DIY. With all of the heat, grease, and daily use, paint can easily chip if not applied professionally."

Walker also recommends new cabinet hardware. "Soft brass and bronze has made a resurgence in popularity lately, so if the other elements of your kitchen, [such as] paint color and light fixtures would support it, warm brass hardware would add an elegant, updated look to your kitchen," she said.

A new coat of paint is a simple change that can make a big impact, advises Walker. "Walls and trim get so much wear and tear in a kitchen" she said. "It's the room we use most, and it takes a beating. Make sure to use a medium sheen so it will be wipeable. I most often use Farrow & Ball's Modern Emulsion in kitchens. Their colors are sublime and the paint holds up well in high traffic areas."



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New lighting is a quick and easy way to update a kitchen, advises interior designer Anne Walker.

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ENTERTAINMENT

MetroStage Presents 'Rooms a Rock Romance'

A rock and roll love story and the quest for stardom in the 1970s.

BY STEVE HIBBARD

The musical "Rooms a Rock Romance" will celebrate its 10th anniversary with a new production at MetroStage in Alexandria from Oct. 11 to Nov. 11.

The setting takes place in Glasgow in the 1970s. Monica, an ambitious singer songwriter meets Ian, a reclusive rocker. They become entangled creatively and romantically with their music and their quest for stardom taking them from Glasgow to London and ultimately New York City, discovering a vibrant new punk music scene along the way. It is a gritty rock musical exploring the universal desire to escape and create, to love and explore.

According to Producing Artistic Director Carolyn Griffin: "Ten years ago MetroStage premiered the musical 'Rooms a Rock Romance' by Paul Scott Goodman and Miriam Gordon. It was a delightful gem of a musical with two characters who were aspiring rock singers and followed their journey from Glasgow to London and ultimately to New York City. Of course, they encountered some challenges along the way."

She continued: "Goodman's score was universally acclaimed and has been a cult classic ever since. From MetroStage, it moved to GeVa Theatre in Rochester, N.Y., and then to New World Stages in N.Y.C. Natascia Diaz, the original Monica, won the Helen Hayes Award as Outstanding Lead Actress. It has since played all over the country in addition to London. And now it returns to MetroStage for a 10th anniversary showing."

"Goodman has written a remarkable score



PHOTOS BY CAROLYN GRIFFIN

Candice Shedd-Thompson and Matthew Schleigh star in MetroStage's production of "ROOMS a rock romance," from Oct. 11 to Nov. 11.

ranging from beautiful ballads and duets, and rock and roll with a little punk thrown in," she said. "A few comic moments and some serious issues are confronted, primarily through music. And with some of MetroStage's favorite musicians, it is going to be a great evening of music and storytelling through music."

Candice Shedd-Thompson is playing the role of Monica, who is headstrong, determined, confident, feisty, and gutsy. "While her dreams may morph and grow, sometimes rather quickly, she is always certain in what she wants and determined to do whatever it takes to make her dreams a reality," she said.

"As a young actress still trying to 'make it' in the competitive world of musical theatre, I see a lot of myself in Monica. Her drive and determination is something we all have starting out, a drive that is neces-

sary in order to get seen at auditions and hopefully get our foot in the door. I just wish I went for things as fearlessly as she does," she said.

One of her biggest challenges in playing Monica, besides learning how to do a believable Scottish accent, is learning how to replicate her confidence, she said. "To embody the posture and mannerisms of someone who is certain that they can achieve anything, without coming off as cocky, is a tricky line to toe. As well as making sure that her larger-than-life personality still reads as genuine and likable, instead of just as a caricature of a person. She may cover many of her emotions to appear strong, but she is more complex than she seems, and there is more to Monica than what meets the eye," she said.

Matthew Schleigh is playing the role of Ian Wallace, a complex individual dedicated

to his music and protective of its creation. "At the top of the show he's retreated to the solace of his room, which has become both a haven and a prison. He's searching for an unwritten masterpiece that will enshrine him within the grander rock mythos, but only on his terms. Only within his room does he feel he can achieve this elusive pursuit," he said.

He said his challenge in approaching Ian involves his introversion. "I'm naturally a very extroverted person, and Ian's energy is the polar opposite of mine. I struggle to understand why he wants to return to his room to his music, when through the course of the show his music with his partner, Monica, is being performed and heard throughout the rock scene of the 1970s. And so much happens in such a comparatively small amount of time," he said.

He continued: "Ian and Monica's journey is told in a beautifully rich and efficient way, so we have to work harder to show their arcs as their relationship shifts — sometimes multiple times within one number — from reluctant writing partners to punk stardom to young lovers. It's why I love playing Ian, and why I love theatre in general — finding the 'why' of a character and what that can teach us about ourselves."

"Rooms a Rock Romance" was written by Paul Scott Goodman and Miriam Gordon, with music and lyrics by Paul Scott Goodman, and directed by MetroStage Artistic Associate Thomas W. Jones II. Matthew Stephens is music director and piano accompanist.

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MetroStage will perform "Rooms a Rock Romance" Oct. 11 to Nov. 11. Show times are Thursdays and Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sundays at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$55 with student and active military and group discounts. There are \$50 tickets available with Flex Passes of four or more tickets. Call the theatre at 703-548-9044 or go online to www.metrostage.org.

CALENDAR

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

ONGOING

Photography Exhibition: Michael Borek. Through Oct. 14, gallery hours at Multiple Exposures Gallery, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. "Aimless Walk Reprise" presents 22 photographs taken by Michael Borek in his native Czech Republic. Over the last 10 years, Borek continued to return to photograph an old blue-collar neighborhood in Prague, where he grew up. Visit www.multipleexposuresgallery.com.
Exhibition: 'Juxtaposed.' Through Oct. 21, at Target Gallery at The Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. New exhibition explores the Art of Contradiction and investigates opposing or conflicting themes through art. The exhibition features 25 artworks by 12 artists

from all over the country. Juxtaposed was juried by Megan Rook-Koepsel, a D.C.-based independent curator.

Art Exhibit: Makers in the Mansion. Through Oct. 22 at Woodlawn & Pope-Leighey House Historic Site, 9000 Richmond Highway. Six installations of work by local African American makers hosted in an 1805 mansion owned by Nelly Parke Custis and Lawrence Lewis, once a prominent plantation home. Stories of a transformed African American community through the artisan eye. RSVP to Woodlawnevents@savingplaces.org.
WFUMC Farmers Market. Tuesdays through Oct. 23, 4-7 p.m. at Washington Farm United Methodist Church, 3921 Old Mill Road. Orchard Country Produce, from Gardners, Pa., will operate a Farmer's Market from the west parking lot of WFUMC. They also operate from the St. Luke's parking lot on Fort Hunt Road on Saturday mornings. They have a very wide offering ranging from fresh

vegetables to meat and desserts. Admission is free. Visit www.washingtonfarmumc.org.

THURSDAY/OCT. 11

Fashion Show and Luncheon. 10 a.m. at the Mount Vernon Country Club, 5111 Old Mill Road. The Yacht Haven Garden Club presents its 35th annual Fashion Show and Luncheon "Autumn Glory." Fashions for women of all sizes will be provided by Details of Occoquan. Yacht Haven Garden Club works to further education in horticulture, floral design and conservation among its members and the surrounding community. Tickets are \$40. Email Ichter@verizon.net.
Spitfire Book Club. 3:30 p.m. at James M. Duncan, Jr. Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria. A book club for school aged girls. Visit alexlibraryva.org.
Opening Reception. 6:30-8 p.m. at The Art League Gallery, 105 North Union St., Studio 21, in the Torpedo

Factory, Alexandria. For Julia Dzikiewicz's exhibit on "Pink Hat Protest Paintings." Through encaustic wax paintings, Dzikiewicz expresses her perception of rising racism, misogyny, and violence in the United States. Visit www.theartleague.org or 703-683-1780.

OCT. 11-NOV. 11

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www.metrostage.org.

FRIDAY/OCT. 12

Fall Firepit Friday. 6-8 p.m. at Fairlington United Methodist Church, 3900 King St., Alexandria. There will be two firepits on the playground with baby pumpkins to decorate, a gourmet s'mores bar, and hot dogs to roast along with chips and drinks to enjoy. Free. Email office@fairlingtonumc.org or visit www.fairlingtonumc.org.
Alexandria After Work Concert Series. 6-8 p.m. at the Murray-Dick-Fawcett House, 517 Prince St. The Folklore Society of Greater Washington and The Office of Historic Alexandria sponsor a concert on the second Friday of the month with locations rotating between the Murray-Dick-Fawcett House, Lloyd House, and The Lyceum, Alexandria's History Museum. Concert features The Natterjacks — English, Celtic, maritime, and middle eastern

ENTERTAINMENT

On the Menu: A Trio of Restaurants Open

BY HOPE NELSON

Alexandria's restaurant scene is teeming with grand openings and re-openings as summer turns to fall. Factor those in with the upcoming launches of several more eateries and cafes, foodies will have their choice of cuisines all across the city.

Pendleton Carry Out Opens in Old Town

Have a hankering for something new? Pendleton Carry Out Company, the newest addition to the neighborhood, opened its doors last week with two different cuisines on offer. The standing-room-only shop, which touts itself as an "incubator" for different food concepts and dining enterprises, currently plays host to Sliced, a pizza shop serving pies in full or by the slice, and Laoban Dumplings, offering a host of Asian dumpling varieties. Too busy to swing by for a carryout order? You can select Delivery when ordering online to have the food brought straight to your door. 807 Pendleton St. Open daily noon-9 p.m. <https://www.pendletoncarryoutco.com>

Glory Days Grill Sets Up Shop on Duke Street

Just in time for football season, the venerable sports bar and eatery Glory Days Grill opened its doors last month in the Alexandria Commons Shopping Center on Duke Street. (Fun fact: Former Mayor

Bill Euille was the restaurant's first customer during Glory Days' soft opening.) From wings to burgers to pizzas and beer, Glory Days has all the fan favorites for game day – and all the days you wish were game day. 3141 Duke St. 11 a.m.-midnight Monday-Saturday; 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Sunday.

La Tasca Celebrates Grand Re-Opening

On the heels of a months-long renovation, the popular tapas bar on King Street marked 10 years since its violation of the "sangria ban" kicked off a campaign, promoted by state Sen. Adam Ebbin, to repeal the law forbidding mixing spirits with wine. On Sept. 12, the restaurant hosted a ribbon-cutting to kick off a new era in La Tasca's history with several new menu items and a new look. 607 King St. 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday.

What's Next?

Alexandria will have several more openings to look forward to in the coming months. Urbano 116, a Mexican restaurant slated for 116 King Street, is on the docket for a late-2018 opening, and Misha's Coffee is continuing to clear city hurdles to open a second location at 6 Prince Street, the former location of Olde Towne Gemstones.

Hope Nelson owns and operates the Kitchen Recessionista blog, located at www.kitchenrecessionista.com. Email her any time at hope@kitchenrecessionista.com.

CALENDAR

traditions played on guitar, violin, hammered dulcimer, concertina, flute, and percussion. \$15 suggested donation for the musicians, light refreshments available, and a cash bar. Visit www.fsgw.org.

Rising Hope's Jeans and Jewels Jubilee. 6:30-10:30 p.m. at The Waterford at Springfield, 6715 Commerce St., Springfield. The Waterford at Springfield is transformed into a comfortable country evening with barbecue, music, and line dancing. Live and silent auctions. Tickets and information at risinghopeumc.org/shop/jeans-and-jewels.

Historic Halloween. 7-8:30 p.m. at Historic Huntley, 6918 Harrison Lane, Alexandria. Explore "The Frightful Science of Mary Shelley's Frankenstein." Dean Howarth, the "Natural Philosopher," will reenact Frankenstein's animation of the dead. Beverages and refreshments will be served. Cost is \$25 per person. Call the park at 703-768-2525 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/historic-huntley.

The Late Shift: Folklore. 7-10 p.m. at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. The Torpedo Factory Art Center stays open late for an early-fall celebration of stories, traditions, and fall. Featuring live mural painting, artist receptions, hands-on art making and more. Visit torpedofactory.org.

Female Stranger Beer Dinner. 7-11 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St., Alexandria. Join Port City Brewery and Gadsby's Tavern Museum to honor the anniversary of the Female Stranger's death with her specialty beer. Enjoy a four-course meal alongside four Port City beers including the Long Black Veil. This special craft beer was inspired by the famous tale of the Female Stranger, who died at the tavern on Oct. 14, 1816. Tickets are \$85 inclusive per person and reservations are required. A vegetarian entrée option is available with advance notice. Call 703-746-

AWARE

Facilitator, Poet, and Author, KaNikki Jakarta, in partnership with the Northern Virginia Fine Arts Association, presents: "AWARE," an event that brings family and friends together in recognition of October Awareness Month. There will be 11 poets/spoken word artists who will bring awareness through poetry and story-telling focusing on Breast Cancer, Depression, LGBT History, Muslim Heritage, Bullying Prevention and Domestic Violence. Saturday, Oct. 14, 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. RSVP by email to greatpublishing@yahoo.com.



KaNikki Jakarta

4242 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 12-14

Portside Festival. At Old Town Waterfront at the foot of King St., Alexandria. Festival-goers will enjoy free tours of the tall ship Godspeed, a waterfront beer garden from Port City Brewing Company, a pop-up Pizzeria Paradiso, plus live music. Also includes LED light performance artists presented by The Athenaeum, a pop-up exotic car exhibit to preview next year's Alexandria Festival of Speed and Style, a free kids' pizza-making demo by Pizzeria Paradiso, a free kids decorative craft project from AR Workshop, a free outdoor group fitness class from Sand & Steel Fitness and more. The tall ship Godspeed will be accompanied by special exhibits highlighting Jamestown's history as well as Virginia's 1619 American Evolution commemoration. The festival includes a preview of ongoing Portside in Old Town programming including Portside History from the Office of Historic Alexandria, Portside Arts from the Torpedo

Factory Art Center and the Mobile Art Lab, Portside Fitness from local fitness studios, and Portside Kids activities for families. Visit www.PortsideInOldTown.com.

FRIDAY-TUESDAY/OCT. 12-16

Arrival of the Godspeed and Portside History. At the City of Alexandria Marina near the Torpedo Factory Art Center, Alexandria. Jamestown Settlement's Godspeed, a re-creation of one of the three ships that brought America's first permanent English colonists to Virginia in 1607 will be docked from Oct. 12-16. The ship will be open for public tours as part of the Portside in Old Town Festival on Friday, 3-6 p.m.; Saturday, 1-6 p.m.; and Sunday, noon-5 p.m. Guests will be able to board the ship for free. Visit alexandriava.gov/Historic.


SATURDAY/OCT. 13

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Free Health Fair. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Leonard "Chick" Armstrong Rec Center, 25 West Reed Ave., corner of Commonwealth Avenue. The fair is sponsored by Neighborhood Health, a community health center serving the health care needs of more than 20,000 low-income, uninsured individuals in the City of Alexandria, Arlington County and Fairfax County. The fair will be staffed by more than 50 medical and non-medical volunteers. Contact Eduardo Mantilla-Torres at emantilla@neighborhoodhealthva.org. Volunteers are needed to help set up the fair on Friday evening, and to run the fair on Saturday. Contact Volunteer Alexandria at bit.ly/NHhealthfair2018.

Water Discovery Day. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at AlexRenew's Environmental Center, 1800 Limerick St., Alexandria. The free, indoor/outdoor event will include food, music, and family-friendly activities to help attendees deepen their understanding of their role in Alexandria's water system. Some of the events will include: Build a Rain Barrel Workshop – 10 a.m.; Walking Tour of AlexRenew – 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.; and Water Discovery Lab – 11 a.m. Visit waterdiscoveryday2018.eventbrite.com.

Build a Rain Barrel Workshop. 10 a.m.-noon at Alexandria Renew Environmental Center, 1800 Limerick St., Alexandria. Interested in living green and protecting the Chesapeake Bay? Rain barrels collect rain water and reduce erosion from downspouts and help save money on water bills. Attach a hose to a rain barrel and use it to water plants and flower beds. The City of Alexandria's Department of Transportation and Environmental Services (T&ES), Stormwater Management Division invites residents to learn about water quality issues and build a rain barrel to take home after the workshop. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/tes/oeq/info/default.aspx?id=24014.

LOOK. LISTEN. LEARN. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at all Fairfax County Fire Stations. In celebration of Fire Prevention Week, all Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Stations will be hosting an Open House. Stop by a local station that day to meet firefighters, see the fire trucks, join in the activities and learn about fire safety. Find a local Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department Fire Station at bit.ly/2ReXaHk.

Black Author's Expo. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Alexandria Boys & Girls Club, 401 North Payne St., Alexandria. Showcasing more than 24 adult and children's authors and vendors. Music, food, giveaways, interviews, and panel discussion. Free. Visit www.blackrootsofalexandria.org.

Genealogy Author. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at The Dunbar Alexandria Boys & Girls Club, 401 North Payne St., Alexandria. At the Black Author's Expo, featuring Dr. Juanita Patience Moss, family Griot, educator and author. Moss developed an interest in genealogy after retiring as a New Jersey high school biology teacher. She began research of Black Civil War soldiers whose service in white regiments previously had not been documented and wrote four books on the subject. She will be promoting her ninth book, Deeply Rooted in

North Carolina. Visit www.bgcgw.org/clubs/dunbar-alexandria-olympic-branch/.

Teen Fall Poetry Project. 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria. Young poets are invited to fall into the art and craft of poetry in a fun, creative and supportive environment. Wendi Kaplan, Poet Laureate, City of Alexandria will facilitate the workshops; all teens are welcome. Workshop attendees will be entered in a random drawing for small prizes. Must be present to win. Call 703-746-5565 or visit www.alexandriava.gov/Arts.

Civil War Firefighting Walking Tour. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Friendship Firehouse Museum, 107 South Alfred St., Alexandria. Explore Alexandria's Civil War firefighting history on the "We've Been Burned: Alexandria Firefighters During the Civil War" tour. When Virginia joined the Confederacy, Union troops occupied Alexandria and most municipal functions were assumed by the U.S. Army. The walking tour explores firefighting during the occupation. \$6 for adults; \$4 ages 10-17. Reservations are required, as space is limited. Purchase tickets at the online shop at www.shop.alexandriava.gov or by calling 703-746-4994 or 707-746-3891.

Art Safari. 12-4 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Hundreds of children and their families are expected to visit the Art Safari, an Alexandria family tradition for 23 years. Visitors can get their hand dirty with a bevy of interactive activities and crafts. Resident and visiting artists lead young visitors in more than a dozen creative projects across a variety of media, including papier-mâché, printmaking, and painting. Children should wear clothing that can get dirty. Visit torpedofactory.org/artsafari, email torpedofactory@alexandriava.gov or call 703-746-4570.

Fish Fry Fundraiser. 1-5 p.m. at Gum Springs Community Center, 8100 Fordson Road, Alexandria. Join the Fairfax NAACP as it hosts its 2nd Annual Fish Fry Fundraiser. Enjoy fish sandwiches, platters, hot dogs, delicious desserts and more. This is a fundraiser to raise monies for advocacy efforts, voter education and scholarships. Get tickets at www.eventbrite.com, search "Fish Fry Fundraiser."

Family Fun: Chips and Salsa. 1:30-2:30 p.m. at Green Springs Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Participants will gather tomatoes, tomatillos, peppers, onions, and cilantro from the Salsa Garden at Green Spring and then use the fresh ingredients to make salsa. While enjoying the salsa with crispy corn chips, gardeners will learn about the history of corn in Virginia and around the world. \$8 per person. Call 703-642-5173 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/green-spring.

Wild Bat Night. 7-8:30 p.m. at Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd., Alexandria. See live bats and learn about their extraordinary abilities and lives. Discover why they can be good to have around. Begin with a wild bat walk outside followed by an indoor presentation with rehabilitated bats. The cost is \$12 per person, and the program is designed for participants age 5-adult. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Call 703-768-2525 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows.

SUNDAY/OCT. 14

Walk to Bust Cancer. 9-11 a.m. at Fort Hunt Park, 8999 Fort Hunt Ave., Alexandria. Help support the



Alexandria artist Michael Heilman weaves distinctive designs - either abstract, whimsical, or tapestries – from New Zealand wool.

Bethesda Row Arts Festival

The Bethesda Row Arts Festival is recognized as one of the top fine arts festivals in the United States. Over 190 selected artists will showcase their museum quality works of all different types, including: ceramics, drawings, fabrics, glass, graphics, jewelry, metalwork, paintings, pastels, photography, printmaking, sculpture, wood, and 2D and 3D mixed media. Saturday, Oct. 13, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday, Oct. 14, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Bethesda Row on Woodmont and Bethesda Avenues, Elm Street and Bethesda Lane. Free admission. Visit www.bethesdarowarts.org for more.

National Breast Center Foundation's third annual Walk to Bust Cancer to increase awareness and celebrate survivorship. Entertainment and activities before and after walk. \$35. Visit www.walktobustcancer.org.

Apothecary Museum Geek Tours: Behind the Scenes. 11 a.m.-noon at Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105 S. Fairfax St., Alexandria. Cost \$15. If the regular 30-minute tour of the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum just isn't enough, this is the tour for you. Spend more time touring the museum with an expert guide, including the rarely open basement and 3rd floor of the historic pharmacy. Tour is recommended for adults only. Advance purchase is recommended due to limited space. Call 703-746-3852 or visit www.alexandriava.gov

AWARE. 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. Facilitator, Poet, and Author, KaNikki Jakarta, in partnership with the Northern Virginia Fine Arts Association, presents: "AWARE." an event that brings family and friends together in recognition of October Awareness Month. There will be 11 poets/spoken word artists who will bring awareness through poetry and story-telling focusing on Breast Cancer, Depression, LGBT History, Muslim Heritage, Bullying Prevention and Domestic Violence. RSVP by email to greatpublishing@yahoo.com.

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MONDAY/OCT. 15

Poetry Workshop. 6:30-8 p.m. at

Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St., Alexandria. "Building Cultural Bridges" with Wendi R Kaplan, Poet Laureate. At these workshops, poetry can be read and written. The Poet Laureate and literary programs are part of the Office of the Arts, a division of the Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities. The workshops are free; to register, RSVP at poet@alexandriava.gov or contact Cheryl Anne Colton at 703-746-5565 or cheryllanne.colton@alexandriava.gov, or visit www.alexandriava.gov/Arts.

TUESDAY/OCT 16

DNA Test Comparison. 1-3 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Genealogist Shannon Combs-Bennett will speak about the various DNA tests on the market, who sells them, and how you can use the results in your genealogy research. Free, open to public. Visit www.mvgenealogy.org

Juried Art Reception. 5:30-6:30 p.m. at The National Art Education Association (NAEA) Studio and Gallery, 901 Prince St., Old Town Alexandria. The exhibit showcases artwork created by NAEA's professional community of visual arts educators, highlighting the artistic skill and vision of members worldwide. Many of NAEA's members are exhibiting artists as well as art educators. Nationwide, there were 386 submissions; and 62 works were selected by jurors for the physical exhibit from 29 states.

Mt. Vernon Lions. 6:30 p.m. at Pema's Restaurant, 8430 Richmond Hwy., Alexandria. The Mt. Vernon Evening Lions dinner meeting will be at Pema's Restaurant; Social 6:30 p.m.; dinner 7:00 p.m. Lion Woody Woodward will be speaking on a local Lions project, VLEI, which partners with INOVA Fairfax Hospital Eye Clinic. All are welcomed to learn about the Lions. Call 703-960-4973.

Putting the Garden to Bed. 7-8:30 p.m. at Kate Waller Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St., Alexandria. Fall is an ideal time to plant trees,

shrubs, perennials, and even vegetables. Learn easy tips from Extension Master Gardeners for onsite composting, providing winter habitat and food for wildlife, and end-of-season care of tools and equipment. Identify plants that can add interest to a yard during the gray doldrums of winter. Free. Advance registration requested at mgnv.org. Call 703-228-6414 or email mgaralex@gmail.com.

Art for Relaxation. 7 p.m. at Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St., Alexandria. As part of our Mental Health Awareness series, join in an experiential art-making workshop as we learn how creating art can help us reduce stress. Visit alexlibraryva.org.

Job Search. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Ellen Coolidge Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road, Alexandria. Attend a free workshop and learn how to master the online job search, effectively network, and ace the interview. Contact Anton Murray at amurray@alexlibraryva.org or visit alexlibraryva.org.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 17

Civil War Stories. 9:30 a.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Room #216, Alexandria. The Alexandria-Mt. Vernon Antique Club will have speaker Don Hakenson talk about the "Unknown Stories of the Civil War in Fairfax County". Hakenson is an award winning author, lifelong Fairfax County resident and gives tours on the battles of the Civil War. Bring historical items that related to the Civil War era. Call 703-960-4973.

Spooky STEAM. 4:30 p.m. at Kate Waller Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St., Alexandria. Ghost/bat rockets, slime, and other S.T.E.A.M. activities perfect for the month of October. A new activity each week. Ages 5 & Up. All materials supplied. No registration required. Email Anton Murray at amurray@alexlibraryva.org.

"Evolution of America: 1619 to Today." 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Alexandria History Museum at The Lyceum, 201 South Washington St., Alexandria. Free screening of the PBS documentary "Evolution of America: 1619 to Today." The program explores the history and events of 1619 Virginia and how that decisive year affected the growth and development of America. Pre-registration is recommended at shop.alexandriava.gov.

Book Discussion Group. 7 p.m. at James M. Duncan, Jr. Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria. Free. The Duncan Book Discussion Group meets on the third Wednesday of each month. Contact Anton Murray at amurray@alexlibraryva.org or visit alexlibraryva.org.

THURSDAY/OCT. 18

Spitfire Book Club. 3:30 p.m. at James M. Duncan, Jr. Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria. A book club for school aged girls. Visit alexlibraryva.org.

History Talk. 7-9 p.m. at South County Government Center, 8350 Richmond Highway, Room 220, Alexandria. Mount Vernon Regional Historical Society presents "Fairfax County and the Battle of the White House on the Potomac in 1814." Speaker will be Patrick O'Neill, 35-year veteran archaeologist and historian. He is past president of the Archaeological Society of Virginia and the historian for the Kittiewan Plantation.

FRIDAY/OCT. 19

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Teen Comic Book Club. 4 p.m. at James M. Duncan, Jr. Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria. Welcome to Teen Comic Book Club where they discuss great comic books and graphic novels. Snacks provided. For teens in grades 6-12.

SATURDAY/OCT. 20

Bazaar/Craft Fair. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Featuring over 30 crafters, silent auction, bake sale, and door prizes. Free admission, open to the public.

“Le Tour d’Alexandria” Bicycle Tour. 10 a.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St., Alexandria. Alexandria Library invites the community to participate in Le Tour d’Alexandria Library, the Library’s 6th annual bicycle tour of all library locations. This year’s theme is: The Three Quarters Tour. During the tour, discover the rhythm and musical flavor of the cultural contributions of individuals in and around the Alexandria community. Participants can bring their bicycle and join library staff for a leisurely 2-hour loop of Alexandria starting and ending at Beatley Library. Registration is required. To register online visit bit.ly/2IOxxJA.

Observe the Moon. 11 a.m. at Kate Waller Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St., Alexandria. The Barrett Branch Library will show a 30-minute recorded lecture: “Observing the Moon and Sun.” Afterwards, make a Moon Phases Calendar and Calculator. View an interactive map and see what Moon observation events are happening in the DMV. Visit alexlibraryva.org.

Mucha Musica. 11 a.m. at Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St., Alexandria. Join award winning musical group Cantare for a musical journey through Latin America. Free. Email Anton Murray amurray@alexlibraryva.org or visit alexlibraryva.org.

Puppet MakerFEST. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St., Alexandria. Master puppeteers will hold puppet-making workshops and host puppet shows throughout the day. Entrance ticket allows includes one of the two main puppet shows of “Matt’s BIG Crankie Show” by Matt Muirhead, along with experiencing the Puppet Petting Zoo and other puppetry displays. Three puppet making workshops will also be offered for \$5 each. Contact Cheryl Anne Colton at 703-746-5565, cherylane.colton@alexandriava.gov or visit alexandriava.gov/Arts.

Archaeology Waterfront Walking Tours. 11 a.m.-noon and 1-2 p.m. at the foot of King Street at the site of Interim King Street Park, and end at Hotel Indigo. Celebrate Archaeology Month with Alexandria Archaeology. As part of the Portside History series of activities at the Old Town waterfront, join an expert-led tour to learn more about new discoveries, significant finds, and the hidden history that has been revealed through historical documentary data and excavation. Each waterfront block’s history will be told through photos, maps, and artifacts. Tickets are \$20 per person with proceeds from the tour going to the Save our Ship fund. Advance registration required. Email archaeology@alexandriava.gov or call 703-746-4399.

Seaport Day. Noon-5 p.m. at Waterfront Park, 1 Prince St., Alexandria. Seaport Day is an annual community festival celebrating

Philharmonic Orchestra Concert

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Harpist Heidi Sturniolo will be the featured soloist.

Alexandria’s maritime heritage and the mission and programs of the Alexandria Seaport Foundation. Featuring live music, wooden boat display, children’s activities, nautical activities, lawn games, beer, food and wine. Contact Kathleen Seifert at seifert@alexandriaseaport.org.

Pumpkins and Pirates at Seaport Day. 2 p.m. at Waterfront Park, 1 Prince St., Alexandria. Starting at 2 p.m., teams will attempt to navigate their homemade vessels along a course while being cheered on by fans. This year’s theme is Pumpkins and Pirates. Materials allowed include cardboard, wood, PVC, duct tape, milk jugs, saran wrap, old t-shirts, lawn furniture, and old bikes. Oars, paddles and sails are allowed, and pedal power is OK. No polystyrene foam or inflatable rafts allowed. Registration fee is \$25. All vessels must be at Waterfront Park no later than noon in designated area. Boats must have towlines attached, and all crew must wear personal flotation devices. To register a vessel, call 703-778-0977.

True Stories of Horror. 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. at Ivy Hill Cemetery’s Public Vault, 2823 King St., Alexandria. Cost is \$20. Join historians and storytellers, Terry Gish and Wayne Kehoe for a hauntingly fun evening in Ivy Hill Cemetery’s Public Vault. Hear true stories of horror from around the Commonwealth of Virginia. There will be trivia, raffle prizes, tales, and ghostly haunts. Reserve and pay in advance online at PayPal.me/IHCHPS. You can also RSVP to info@ihchps.org.

Country-Western Dance. 7-9:30 p.m. at Lincolnia Senior Center, 4710 North Chambliss St. The Northern Virginia Country-Western Dance Association will hold a dance with lessons, 6-7 p.m. and open dancing, 7-9:30 p.m. A DJ provides music. Couples and singles of all ages welcome. Admission for NVCWDA members \$10; non-members \$12; children under 18 accompanied by a paying adult \$5. Smoke-free, alcohol-free. BYO refreshments. Visit www.nvcwda.org.

Silence for Silence. 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Convergence Arts Center, 1801 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria. Alexandria Choral Society presents Silence for Silence, a program celebrating quiet expressions of faith, hope, and love. \$20/adults; \$15/senior/military/student; under 13 free. Tickets available online at www.alexandriachoralsociety.org/boxoffice.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 20-21

Fall Harvest Family Days. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at George Washington’s Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. \$20 adults; \$12 youth. Enjoy fall activities with the whole family at Mount Vernon. Take a horse-drawn wagon ride and play colonial games on the bowling green before heading

to the Pioneer Farm to observe 18th-century demonstrations and greet General Washington. Find your way through a straw bale maze and listen to the Itinerant Band play colonial tunes. Visit www.MountVernon.org.

SUNDAY/OCT. 21

School Admission Fair. 1-3 p.m. at Browne Academy, 5917 Telegraph Road, Alexandria. The DC school HUB Preschool & Private School Fair offers the opportunity to learn about area programs all in one day. Over 50 schools and family-friendly vendors will be in attendance. Visit www.dcschoolhub.com.

Tombstone Art Tour. 2 p.m. at Ivy Hill Cemetery, 2823 King St., Alexandria. Come learn the meanings behind the symbols on our tombstones, from historic to modern day and what messages the dead would like to convey. Admission: \$15. Call 703-549-7413 or visit www.ivyhillcemetery.net

Dog Walk for Literacy. 2-4 p.m. at Ben Brenman Park, in Alexandria’s West End. Calling all dog lovers, readers, and walkers. The Second Annual Dog Walk for Literacy will be held at Ben Brenman Park in Alexandria’s West End. Bring your dog and join in for a 1 mile or 5K walk, dog photo booth, music, treats, and more. Proceeds benefit the Alexandria Tutoring Consortium, a nonprofit organization that provides tutoring to kindergartners and first graders in need of reading support. Visit www.frolickdogs.com/events/.

Concert at St. Luke’s. 5 p.m. at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, 8009 Ft. Hunt Road, Alexandria. The Concert Series begins the 2018/19 season with Gus Merconte, countertenor and Hiroko Yamazaki on piano. Merconte will present a wide range of pieces from Handel, Schubert and selections from the Great American songbook. A reception will follow. \$20/adult; \$15/senior; free to students 18 and under. Visit saintlukeschurch.net/events.

Chamber Music Celebration. 7-9 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria. Join musicians from the orchestra at the historic Alexandria Lyceum as they celebrate 25 years of beautiful music. The program will include string quartets performing selections by Vivaldi, Beethoven, Dvorak, Gershwin, and more. Tickets are free, but a suggested donation of \$10 or more per person is appreciated. Email reunionmusicsociety@gmail.com.

MONDAY/OCT. 22

Author Talk. 7 p.m. at James M. Duncan Jr. Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria. Join Paula Tarnapol Whitacre, author of “A Civil Life in an Uncivil Time,” for a talk about Civil War Alexandria. Free. Email Anton Murray at amurray@alexlibraryva.org.

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CRIME

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UNLAWFUL ENTRY: 5600 block of Kathryn Street, Sept. 29, between 4:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. The homeowner noticed that her rear sliding glass door was open and their rear motion light was on. The door had been locked the night prior and the homeowners were sleeping at the time of the burglary. Nothing appeared to be missing.

ROBBERY: 6000 block of Richmond Hwy, on Sept. 28, around 2 a.m. the victims were waiting for the elevator at their apartment complex. A masked man wearing dark clothing approached them, displayed a handgun and demanded money. He took an undisclosed

amount of money and ran away.

ROBBERY: 8700 block of Sacramento Dr, on Sept. 25, 8:33 a.m. While the store clerk was helping another customer, a man entered the store. He displayed a large knife to the clerk, took cash from the registers, and left the store. The man is believed to be in his early twenties, thin build, black with dreadlocks.

ASSAULT ON LAW ENFORCEMENT: 5900 block of Williamsburg Rd, Sept. 24, 8:02 p.m. Officers responded for a complaint of drunk people in the area. They found a 30-year-old man who appeared to be intoxicated. While the suspect was sitting on the ground, he grabbed an officer's wrist and refused

to let go. When the officers tried to arrest him, he resisted, assaulting the officers even after being placed in handcuffs. The suspect was charged with three counts of assault on a law enforcement officer and intoxication in public. He was held without bond.

OCT. 4 - LARCENIES
2700 block of Arlington Drive, property from residence
1700 block of Belle Haven Road, merchandise from business
8400 block of Frye Road, merchandise from business
3400 block of Lockheed Boulevard, license plate from vehicle
7700 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business

7700 block of Richmond Highway, shoes from business
7400 block of Vernon Square Drive, tools from residence

OCT. 2 - LARCENIES
8400 block of Frye Road, cash from location
6000 block of Richmond Highway, refrigerator from business
7900 block of Richmond Highway, mirror from vehicle
8200 block of Russell Road, beer from business

OCT. 1 - LARCENIES:
4300 block of Aspen Drive, license plate from vehicle
2500 block of Parkers Lane, wallet from location

6300 block of Richmond Highway, property from residence
7900 block of Richmond Highway, cell phone from location
7900 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business

SEPT. 28 - LARCENIES
4300 block of Aspen Drive, license plate from vehicle
2500 block of Parkers Lane, wallet from location
6300 block of Richmond Highway, property from residence
7900 block of Richmond Highway, cell phone from location
7900 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business

SEPT. 27 - LARCENIES
6300 block of 10th Street, musical instrument from location
2300 block of Blunt Lane, plants from residence
5900 block of Richmond Highway, cash from location
7800 block of Southdown Road, tools from vehicle
9100 block of Richmond Highway, purse from location
SEPT. 26 - LARCENIES
7700 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business
5900 block of Grand Pavilion Way, package from residence
8000 block of Richmond Highway, beer from business
2900 block of Arlington Boulevard, wallet from vehicle
8400 block of Frye Rd, merchandise from business
SEPT. 25 - LARCENIES
2300 block of Glendale Terrace, wallets from vehicle
8100 block of Mount Vernon Highway, beer from business
7700 block of Richmond Highway, wire from business
8300 block of Richmond Highway, cell phone from location
7400 block of Vernon Square Drive, tools from residence

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SOBER-RIDE FOR HALLOWEEN


Free Sober Rides. Saturday, Oct. 27, 10 p.m. through Sunday, Oct. 28, 4 a.m. Area residents, 21 and older, may download Lyft to their phones, then enter a code in the app's "Promo" section to receive a no cost (up to \$15) safe ride home. WRAP's Halloween SoberRide promo code will be posted at 5 p.m. on Oct. 27 on www.SoberRide.com.

THURSDAY/OCT. 11

Post-Secondary Education Options - Coffee and Conversation. 10 a.m.-noon at Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services, 2334 Gallows Road, Entrance 1 - Room 100, Dunn Loring. Find information on post-secondary education options for students with disabilities. Visit www.fcps.edu/resources/family-engagement/parent-resource-center to register.
Preparing for Senior Year. 5:30-7 p.m. at Mount Vernon High School, G100, 8515 Old Mt Vernon Road. Join the Mount Vernon Student Services Team for an information session on preparing for Senior Year with a mini-college and career fair. Visit mountvernonhs.fcps.edu.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 17

8th District Congressional Candidates Forum. 7-9 p.m. at Grace Presbyterian Church, 7434
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NEWS

Citizens Urged to 'Make the Call'

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with campus sexual assault, and even though earlier versions did not pass, the last bill became a driving force in the passage of a Memorandum of Understanding between campus law officials and law enforcement agencies.

Filler-Corn said she helped sponsor HB 1343 dealing with campus sexual assaults and requiring reporting to the local Commonwealth Attorney. According to Filler-Corn, although that bill and the language were rolled into another bill, "the entire language was actually incorporated and signed into law."

Bill HB 659, which Filler-Corn sponsored did not focus on punishment but rather prevention through Family Life Education. The curriculum incorporated age-appropriate, evidence-based learning centered on domestic violence, healthy relationships, sexual assault, and the meaning of the word "consent." Although Bill HB 659 passed, Filler-Corn said the words "meaning of consent" were stripped out. However, in 2017 she introduced a bill, one of the first in the county to pass which actually codified teaching the meaning of consent in a family life education.

MURPHY SAID, before sharing her personal story, that much of her focus in the legislature had been on guns and getting guns out of the hands of domestic abusers: "Statistics are too clear that guns in their hands mean victims can be killed."

Murphy sponsored a bill to make the second conviction for domestic abuse a felony. However, it failed she said because it would have cost the Commonwealth \$15 million. "Why is that possible? Because there were over 11,000 men or people convicted for the second time of violent domestic abuse," Murphy said.

In sharing that she is survivor of sexual assault, Murphy said her experience echoed other victims of domestic and sexual assault: the fear of not being believed; wanting to hide; social attitudes as the abuser is seen as charming by others; and the fact that assault can happen to anyone.

"I'm here because of the bravery of that woman [Dr. Christine Blasey Ford]. It's contagious ... I believe when we stand together, side by side; when we look at our past and can acknowledge what happened, and we can say it, out loud, 'We are victims of abuse, domestic violence ... we demonstrate bravery. We also demonstrate we can move forward and win ... And that is why I strongly support all of the efforts to prevent gun violence toward victims of domestic abuse and why I want to support Eileen's many bills for keeping our campuses safe for our children. And why I want people to understand that you don't have to be poor. ... I want you to know in this Sexual Assault and Domestic Abuse Awareness Month, there are a lot of stories out there that have never been told. That doesn't mean they didn't happen.'"

DEL. MARK LEVINE (D- 45) said that since he had been involved in Domestic Violence Awareness Month, dozens of people have come forward and told

him their stories. He also explained how he had seen first hand how two factors, shame and stigma, perpetuate victim blaming and under-reporting of domestic violence and sexual assault.

During the panel presentation, Levine recounted how rape victims themselves are questioned: "Why were you out with that person? Why were you alone?"

Why were you wearing that dress? The anger isn't at the bastard who did the crime; the anger is at the victim. I don't know of any other crime where that happens," Levine said.

Levine recalled how 22 years ago his sister confided to him that her husband threatened to kill her. "To my everlasting shame, I didn't think he would do it ... She didn't think he'd do it either. She died because she was ashamed to be with a man who abused her ... We should all be ashamed of a culture that gives women that blame."

After his sister's murder, Levine's niece and nephew, then ages 6 and 2 where taken care of by his parents, their grandparents, immediately after his sister's death. "But he came back for his kids and literally ripped my niece, then age two from his grandmother's arms crying and screaming ... They would eventually end up in

Mexico ... it was the closest place to run to ..."

Levine recalled how it took them 10 years to get the children back. "We had to get those kids back home. She was gone, but we had to save their lives ... it took us 10 long years to get justice." Levine said eventually his brother-in-law faced murder charges, and the court found him guilty; he is now serving 56 years in a Tennessee penitentiary.

However, it was not considered child abuse if one killed the mother of a child, Levine said, adding he became the primary lawyer for the case in Tennessee arguing the children should come back to his parents. Contradicting then Tennessee law, Levine maintained to the courts, "If you kill a mother of the child, that counts. That's child abuse and should be considered in custody decisions. Eventually, Levine pushed a bill to reflect such. "The law passed unanimously in Tennessee, every Republican, every Democrat voted for it," said Levine. Levine's current goal is for a similar law to pass in Virginia.

VALISHA JACKSON, secretary, Shelter House, said, "As I stand here today, in October 2018, I am happy to say ... there is a month dedicated to awareness, resources, support and countless individuals and organizations resisting domestic abuse of any kind."

In 1981, Jackson and her mother survived domestic abuse at a time when there were no laws to protect them, no collective effort to create an escape plan, only, as she acknowledged to the audience, "Friends and neighbors willing to be the lookout while my mother attempted to sleep."

In 2018, Fairfax County offers a shelter, a network of safe houses, resources dedicated to those surviving domestic violence, a bipartisan push by elected officials to the people of Fairfax County to "Make the Call."

"We must do more," Jackson said. Congregations are silent when church leaders tell them their salva

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tion is in jeopardy if they divorce their abuser. Women who defend themselves against their abusers are incarcerated due to mandatory minimums and inflexible sentencing guidelines. Resources are taken away from health and human services, "To make the rich richer, keeping women financially dependent on the abusers, rather than structuring our system to be the safety net and community that we promised to be," Jackson said.

Jackson pointed out, "We say make the call, but we make the pragmatic fear of police brutality a subject for political debate, with a side to pick, rather than ensuring that nobody hesitates when dialing 911 for fear they or their loved ones will be killed at the hands of those who are sworn to protect them. We say make the call, but we interrogate the victim of abuse."

FAIRFAX COUNTY Sheriff Stacey A. Kincaid said, "I was a witness; I was a victim; I am a survivor. It happened to me, it could happen to you."

Kincaid told her story as a means to advance the understanding of the dangers and challenges posed by domestic violence. Kincaid shared that after her mother divorced and remarried, all seemed fine. No one knew though what went on behind closed doors.

"The man she married beat her, my brother and he beat me. He blamed and shamed her to the point she actually believed it.

"This went on for seven years," said Kincaid. She revealed how they escaped one night, found themselves homeless, and although it took a long time, they rebuilt their lives. Kincaid revealed she first told her story two years ago and was helped through the process.

"This is not the society we expect to have, where people think it's OK to put your hands on anyone, especially a child. People do not come forward due to fear, embarrassment, and humiliation. And of course, they believe no one will believe them ... I believe you, we believe you, there are people that believe you," said Kincaid.

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