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# Fairfax Station CONNECTION Clifton & Lorton

The Brandenburg family of Fairfax Station: Mom Brittany; Dad Justin; Hartley, 3 months; and Weston, 2 years, at the Halloween Party at Burke Centre Library.

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## PEOPLE

### Volunteer Fairfax Names New CEO

The Volunteer Fairfax board of directors has named Steve Mutty as the nonprofit's new chief executive.

"As Volunteer Fairfax approaches its forty-fifth anniversary, we are excited to have someone with Steve's experience and vision leading this organization," said Rick Garza, president of Volunteer Fairfax's board. "Steve has an extensive background in non-profit work, as an executive, as a fundraiser and as a volunteer," Garza said. "He is truly dedicated to helping others. He exemplifies the ideals of Volunteer Fairfax."

Mutty recently served as executive director of the Alexandria Seaport Foundation, a nonprofit that serves at-risk youth through adult mentoring and project-based learning.

Mutty's volunteer experience includes serving as Chairman of the Board of Best Buddies Capital Region, an organization that supports young people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and he has served as a mentor for disabled young adults transitioning to independent living. He also sat on the fundraising event planning committees of Best Buddies International, the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society-National Capital Area and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Real Estate Games.

Before working in the nonprofit sector, Mutty enjoyed a career in commercial real estate, holding senior positions with several

brokerage and advisory firms in the D.C. area. He has served on the boards of various public-private partnerships to promote business growth in the region and raised several million dollars in financial support and in-kind contributions to improve neighborhood playgrounds and recreation centers on behalf of the D.C. Building Industry Association.

MUTTY AND HIS WIFE raised their family in Fairfax County where he was on the boards of the Lake Braddock Secondary School crew club and the Virginia Scholastic Rowing Association. He was also Cubmaster for Pack 1100 in Springfield.

"I launched my career in Fairfax County," said Mutty. "My kids grew up here and had an excellent K-12 education in Fairfax County Public Schools. This is an opportunity for me to reciprocally make a significant impact in the county by taking a leadership role in tapping the huge pool of volunteerism out there. As our region continues to grow and prosper, there is an ever-growing need to strengthen and improve our communities, which can't be fully real-



PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

**Steve Mutty**



**Volunteer Fairfax CEO Steve Mutty speaks with Sue Dussinger (a member of Volunteers for Change and RSVP Northern Virginia, both programs of Volunteer Fairfax), in front of the Volunteer Fairfax booth at the City of Fairfax**

ized without matching volunteer talent and capacity to meaningful, impactful service opportunities."

In addition to being the public face of Volunteer Fairfax, Mutty's duties include managing an annual budget of 1.2 million dollars and overseeing a 14-person staff that is scheduled to move into its new headquarters in Fairfax City later this year.

Mutty earned his bachelor's degree in Management from Florida International University and has an Associate of Science degree in Culinary Arts from Johnson and Wales University.

**VOLUNTEER FAIRFAX** founded in 1974, is one of the largest volunteer organizations of its kind in the mid-Atlantic region. The organization engages thousands of volunteers of all ages each year that support more than 600 member nonprofits and agencies in Northern Virginia.

For more information on Volunteer Fairfax or to find a volunteer opportunity now, visit [www.volunteerfairfax.org](http://www.volunteerfairfax.org) or call 703-246-3460. Mutty can be contacted directly at [sdmutty@volunteerfairfax.org](mailto:sdmutty@volunteerfairfax.org)

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# Forget the Polls: Follow the Money

**October financial disclosures highlight key differences in Comstock-Wexton fundraising and outside spending.**

BY VICTORIA ROSS

Incumbent Rep. Barbara Comstock (R) continues to be a formidable fundraiser as she tries to maintain the only Republican congressional seat in the D.C. metropolitan area.

But for the first time, Comstock faces an opponent who is nearly as well-funded as she is in the battle for Virginia's 10<sup>th</sup> Congressional District seat: state Sen. Jennifer Wexton (D).

The most recent financial filings, through Oct. 17, show that Wexton has raised nearly \$5.4 million, overwhelmingly from individual contributors, while Comstock has played her strong advantage with Political Action Committee (PAC) contributors to hold onto a financial lead with almost \$5.8 million raised.

Wexton's haul is nearly double that of Comstock's last opponent, Democrat LuAnn Bennett, who raised a total of \$2.8 million in the 2016 campaign. Wexton has nearly double the cash remaining as Comstock heading into the final weeks of the campaign, as Comstock's campaign spent early and often on television advertising.

Newly filed reports with the Federal Election Commission (FEC) also revealed that "outside spending" in Virginia soared in 2018 by groups seeking to influence midterm U.S. House elections.

According to the FEC's "Independent Ex-



**Barbara Comstock**



**Jennifer Wexton**

penditures" report, non-candidate spending in all Virginia Congressional districts rose to a record \$9.2 million through September of this year.

When Comstock launched her first bid for Virginia's 10<sup>th</sup> Congressional district in 2014, the race became a spending battleground by non-candidate groups, including the Republican and Democratic national committees.

The term "outside spending," or "non-candidate spending" refers to political expenditures made by groups or individuals to advocate for the election or defeat of a candidate without coordination with the candidates' committees.

Large outside spenders include so-called "SuperPACs," officially called "independent-expenditure only committees," which arose after the U.S. Supreme Court decision known as *Citizens United v. F.E.C.*, and the related Circuit Court decision

SpeechNOW.org v. F.E.C., which held certain parts of the McCain-Feingold Act limits on campaign contributions to be unconstitutional.

Unlike conventional PACs, SuperPACs are not allowed to contribute directly to candidates' campaigns, or coordinate with the campaigns. But they can accept unlimited contributions and spend an unlimited amount supporting or opposing federal election candidates independently.

Outside spending is breaking in favor of Wexton, with more than \$5.5 million spent either in support of Wexton or against Comstock, compared to approximately \$4.8 million spent favoring Comstock or opposing Wexton.

That's a change from 2016, where outside spending was \$7.9 million on the Republican side and \$6.8 million for her then-opponent Bennett. Total outside spending in 2016 was nearly \$15 million vs. less than \$10.5 million in 2018.

## Money Talks

**Campaign Contributions:** Under Federal law, individuals may contribute up to \$2,700 to a campaign; PACs who support multiple candidates may contribute up to \$5,000.

♦ Comstock has received almost \$1.4 million more from PACs than Wexton.

♦ PACs comprise more than 30 percent

of Comstock's contributions, whereas Wexton has received only slightly more than seven percent from PACs.

♦ Wexton has received \$1.5 million more from individual contributors than Comstock, which comprise 93 percent of Wexton's total to date.

**Outside Spending:** Groups in this category range from the conventional party committees to the more controversial SuperPACs and 501(c) "dark money" organizations, according to The Center for Responsive Politics.

The top three outside spenders supporting Comstock or opposing Wexton have been:

The National Republican Congressional Committee (NRCC), \$4,352,686 (slightly more than the \$4,069,986 the NRCC spent in 2016); U.S. Chamber of Commerce, \$350,000, and Defending Main Street, \$50,000.

The top three outside spenders supporting Wexton or opposing Comstock have been:

The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC), \$2,804,872 (significantly less than the \$4,069,986 the DCCC spent in 2016); the Independence USA SuperPAC (created by former New York City mayor Michael Bloomberg), \$1,579,330; and Giffords SuperPAC (created by former Congresswoman Gabby Giffords and her astronaut husband Mike Kelly), \$996,994.

## SOURCES:

THE CENTER FOR RESPONSIVE POLITICS; VIRGINIA PUBLIC ACCESS PROJECT; FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION; BALLOTPEDIA

### AREA ROUNDUPS

## SALT to Hold Fall Advocacy Training Conference

Social Action Linking Together (SALT) will be sponsoring the annual SALT Fall Advocacy Training Conference on Saturday, Nov. 10, 9 – 11:30 a.m., at the Virginia International University (VIU), Conference Room (VD-301), 4401 Village Drive, Fairfax. John "Jack" Calhoun, President and CEO of Hope Matters and the author of "The Untold Story of How Faith Works in America" and "Policy Walking," will be the keynote speaker. The topic of his presentation will be "Finding Hope and Joy in Broken Places: Keepin' on Keepin' on." Virginia Del. Ken Plum will address "Diversity: There's a lot of Uncommon Wealth in Virginia." In addition, two of the nuns from Nuns on the Bus will provide an update regarding their recent Tax Justice Truth Tour. This event is free. All are welcome.

For more information: Contact John Horejsi at jhorejsi@cox.net or visit the

SALT web site at [www.S-A-L-T.org](http://www.S-A-L-T.org), Upcoming Events page.

## The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area to Hold Action Forum

The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area will hold its annual General Meeting, in the form of an Action Forum, on Sunday, Nov. 18, 2018, 1-4 p.m. at the Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Collaborating organizations discuss their action priorities: American Association of University Women of Virginia (AAUW), American Civil Liberties Union of Virginia (ACLU), Fairfax County Council of PTAs (FCCPTA), the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area, the League of Women Voters of Virginia (LWVVA), Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, NAACP of Fairfax County, National Alliance on Mental Illness of Northern Virginia (NAMI), the National Korean

American Service and Education Consortium, and OneVirginia2021.

Register at <https://lwwfairfaxactionforum.eventbrite.com>. The event is free and open to the public.

## VDOT Hosts Incident Management Open House, Touch a Truck

Traffic incident management is a coordinated team effort of local, state, federal, and private partners, working around the clock to meet the goal of quick incident clearance and keeping Virginia moving.

To kick off Federal Highway Administration's National Traffic Incident Response Awareness Week Nov. 11-17, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) will host an Incident Management Open House to make equipment, systems, and staff available for residents to see the behind-the-scenes work for this regional effort.

The Open House will be held 10 a.m.-2

p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10 at VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office at 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax.

An outdoor touch-a-truck exhibit will feature a simulated crash scene to help the public see an incident from the perspective of first responders who work in the roadway every day. Attendees can watch live demonstrations of patient extrication, towing recovery, drone operations, and tree removal.

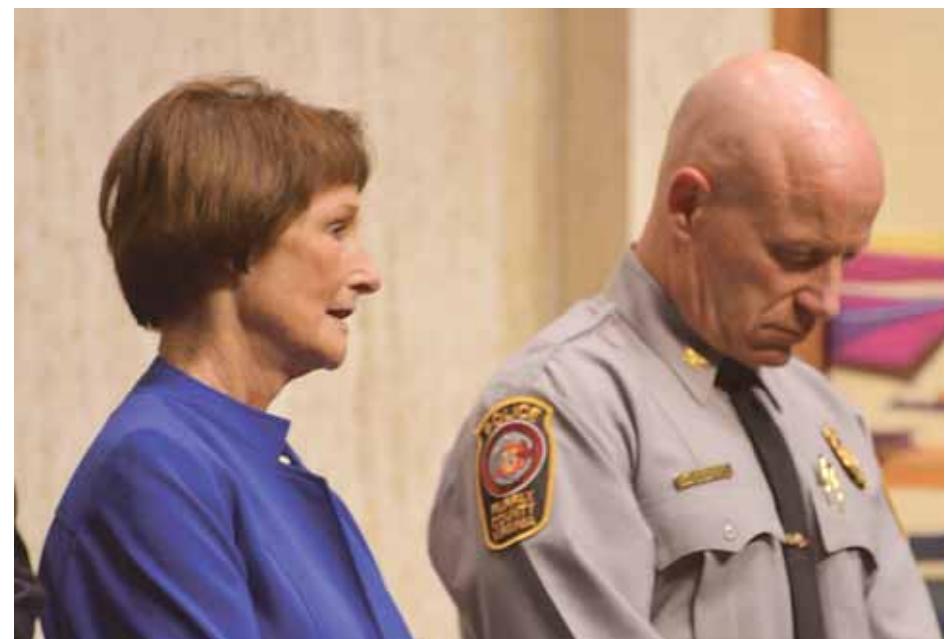
## Food for Library Fines

During the month of November, residents are asked to bring non-perishable food items to their local libraries. In return, the library will waive \$1 in fines people owe, for each item they bring in, with a maximum of \$15 in reduced fines per person. Even if people don't owe fines to their library, they're encouraged to donate food. All food collected will go to Food for Others, a nonprofit food pantry helping people in need in Northern Virginia. All Fairfax County libraries are participating.

# NEWS



**Unity in Faith.** During the service for the victims of the Temple of Life and the Kroger store shootings, the hosts at the Temple Rodef Shalom in Falls Church invited the representatives of the many faiths who had gathered in unity to come forward and “stand as one.”



PHOTOS BY ANDREA WORKER/THE CONNECTION

**Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova and Police Chief Ed Roessler were among those who attended the service. Both the Chairman and the Chief participated in the ceremony, each lighting a candle for one of the victims.**

# “This is the Sound of One Voice”

**Thousands gather in unity to honor latest victims of gun violence.**

BY ANDREA WORKER  
THE CONNECTION

**T**housands gathered at Temple Rodef Shalom in Falls Church on Tuesday evening, answering an invitation to “all neighbors, friends, interfaith and community partners to our service of solidarity, community and comfort.”

All ages, all walks of life, all faiths, all ethnic backgrounds, they filled the Temple’s main sanctuary, adjacent meeting rooms, social hall and livestreaming venues to honor the lives of those lost at the mass shooting at Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pa. on Oct. 27, and at a Kroger grocery store in Louisville, Kentucky, just days before, and to seek comfort and healing by coming together.

Senior Rabbi Amy Schwartzman, Cantor Michael Shochet, Cantor Rachel Rhodes and others expressed their “heartfelt gratitude and welcome” to the thousands who “came together despite any differences” to demonstrate their common humanity.

Yasmina, from Herndon, is a member of the All Dulles Area Muslim Society (Adams). “It is beautiful, everyone together, even if just to share our sadness,” she said. “May it continue to be so.”

Before beginning the service, Shochet called on the attendees to “turn to each other and introduce yourselves.” Schwartzman, who led much of the service, repeated that call, with the reminder that the many faiths represented there shared the mandate to “welcome the strangers among us, to stand together.”

“This is the America we affirm tonight,” said Schwartzman. “This is the America we work to reclaim.”

Members of the Temple shared their religious home with elected officials from ev-

ery level. Sen. Mark Warner was among the federal representatives.

The Commonwealth’s contingent included a full complement of the region’s State delegates and senators, and a number of Fairfax County’s supervisors, including Chairman Sharon Bulova. Fairfax County Police Chief Ed Roessler was in attendance, as were officers from the McLean District station, including commander Capt. Alan Hanson.

As welcome as the presence of “those who serve us in so many capacities” was on the occasion, there were no political speeches on the night or calls to action other than to “be the blessing,” as Schwartzmann urged all to continue to nurture their common bonds.

In all, it was a simple ceremony. With only a piano and a violin as accompaniment, the cantors, the choir, and often-times the congregants sang songs for healing and unity and listened and participated in

## Lighting Candles for Those Killed

A representative from each “community” – religious, elected, civic and others – joined the organizers to light a candles for those who were killed, speaking the name of one lost as each candle was lit.

Victim	Candle Representative
Joyce Fienberg	Temple Rodef Shalom
Richard Gottfried	Christian Community
Rose Mallinger	Muslim Community
Jerry Rabinowitz	Community of Eastern Religions
Cecil Rosenthal	Law Enforcement
David Rosenthal	State Officials
Bernice Simon	National Officials
Sylvan Simon	Gun Violence Prevention Advocates
Irving Younger	Youth
Melvin Wax	Conservative Judaism
Daniel Stein	County Officials
Maurice Stallard*	Jewish Organizations
Vickie Jones*	Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society

\* Stallard and Jones were the two African-American grandparents killed at the Kroger store in Kentucky

prayers for the same, and for those in law enforcement.

After the candles were lit, the “Mourner’s Kaddish,” the traditional prayer to honor the deceased, was recited. The prayer focuses on life, and acts as a reminder that those who mourn do not mourn alone, and many of those mourners were brought to tears before the last words of the Kaddish had finished echoing in the temple. More emotion followed as Cantors Shochet and Rhodes, with singer/guitarist Robbie Schaefer sang the song “One Voice,” with its haunting melody and lyrics that captured the spirit of the gathering.

“This is the sound of one voice, One people, one voice, A song for everyone of us, This is the sound of one voice.”

With a final Benediction, the attendees were sent forward with thanks, blessings, and the hope that they would continue to be “one voice” no matter who they are or what they believe.



**Sen. Mark Warner (D-Va.) attended the service at Temple Rodef Shalom. Representing National Officials, Warner lit the candle in remembrance of victim Bernice Simon.**



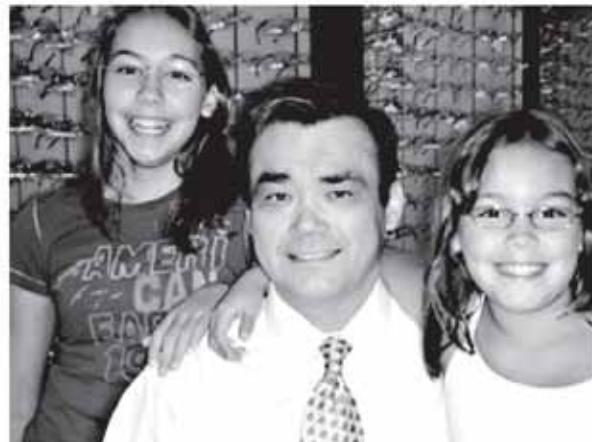
**Urged to go forth and be “one voice, one community,” the thousands who attended the service to honor the lives lost at Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh, and at the Kroger grocery store in Louisville, did just that – spilling out around the Temple and on the streets, stopping to talk, to chat with neighbors and strengthen new connections.**

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# OPINION

# Most Important Election, So Far?

## Make a plan to vote with friends and family.

**A**s others have said, the election Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2018, may be the most important in our lifetime. But there is no reason to wait until Tuesday.

More than 50,000 Fairfax County residents have already voted, and you can join them between now and Saturday, Nov. 3, if you qualify for one of 20 reasons.

Absentee voting continues to be very busy. Last Saturday, Oct. 27, alone, 3,746 in-person voters voted at one of 10 absentee in-person voting locations.

**EDITORIAL** If you can't vote early, make a specific plan about what time you will vote, who you will go with or meet at the polls. Don't let the end of the day sneak up on you.

Polls are open on Election Day, Nov. 6, from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. If you are in line by 7 p.m., you have the right to vote, no matter how long it takes.

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

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.

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, which could be most of us on a bad traffic 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>

## Early Voting Locations, Dates and Hours

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

Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Conference

Room 2/3, Fairfax, VA, 22035  
Through-Friday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
Saturday, Nov. 3, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Satellite Locations Are Open Until Saturday, Nov. 3

Weekdays: Thru Friday, 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
Saturday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

♦ Franconia Governmental Center, 6121 Franconia Road, Alexandria, VA 22310

♦ Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton, VA 22079

♦ Mason Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003

♦ McLean Governmental Center, 1437 Balls Hill Road, McLean, VA 22101

♦ Mount Vernon Governmental Center, 2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306

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Forgot your ID on Election Day? If you get to your polling place without acceptable photo ID, you can vote a provisional ballot. Ask for it

and 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

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## On Constitutional Birthright to Citizenship

For all its snarkiness and grandstanding, this still may be of interest to our readers:

U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11), vice ranking member of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, sent the following message, along with a copy of the U.S. Constitution, to President Trump in response to his unconstitutional proposal to end birthright citizenship.

"Mr. President, your new Executive Order ending citizenship for children born in the U.S. is patently unconstitutional. I am sending you a copy of the Constitution. Knowing your aversion to reading, I have highlighted the 14th amendment for your convenience. We abide by this sacred text in America."

— MARY KIMM.

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# Reduce Methane to Avert Catastrophe

## Ken Plum's climate change blind spot: pipelines.

BY JON SOKOLOW

### TAKING EXCEPTION

In two recent columns, Delegate Ken Plum noted that climate change warnings are too dire to ignore. He called for an end to coal subsidies, intensive green job development, a carbon tax and more renewable energy. For all of that, Plum should be commended.

Unfortunately, Plum was silent on two massive fracked methane elephants in the room: Dominion Energy's 600-mile Atlantic Coast Pipeline and EQT Corporation's 300-mile Mountain Valley Pipeline. These projects, with an estimated price tag of \$11 billion that

will be paid for by consumers, were approved by the Trump controlled Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in a process so shoddy that federal courts have voided multiple permits. As Sen. Tim Kaine has noted, two FERC commissioners concluded that there is no demonstrated public need for either pipeline.

Early pipeline construction activities have devastated the water and land resources of rural communities in Southwest Virginia, which, like the rest of Appalachia, has served as a sacrifice zone for

corporate greed for more than a century. A pipeline resistance movement has developed statewide and is growing every day.

Despite all of that, Gov. Ralph Northam refuses to stop these pipelines. And too many politicians seem to have a climate change blind spot when it comes to fracked methane.

Plum correctly observes that the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change recently issued a scathing report calling for drastic action to avoid climate disaster. But Plum omits the fact that the IPCC specifically targeted methane, stating that we must reduce

methane production by 35 percent from 2010 levels to avert catastrophe.

The reasons are clear. Methane is far more effective in trapping heat than carbon dioxide, making it 84 times more potent as a greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide over a 20-year period. The proposed pipelines would spew greenhouse gases equivalent to 46 coal fired plants.

In effect, politicians who fail to oppose these pipelines are climate deniers. Those are the inconvenient truths.

Another inconvenient truth: Dominion Energy is by far the largest campaign contributor to poli-

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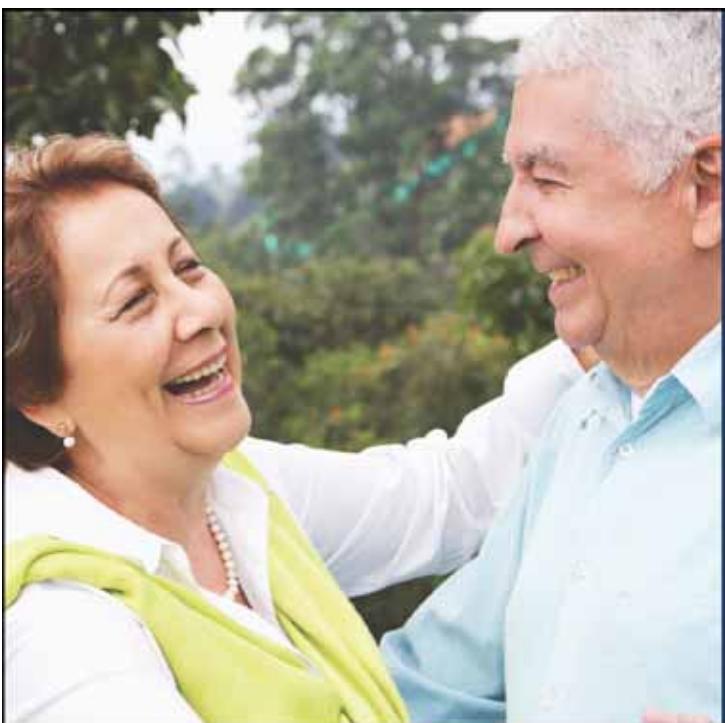
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## NEWS



The Cinder Bed Bikeway plan shows the trail going through a wooded area along a creek from Cinder Bed Road to the Metro station.

## FABB Seeks Bike Connectivity

**County supervisors highlight bike efforts in Mount Vernon and Lee Districts.**

BY MIKE SALMON  
THE CONNECTION

The bike path network in the eastern part of Fairfax County was on the agenda at the monthly Fairfax Advocates for Better Bicycling (FABB) meeting, on Thursday, Oct. 18 at the Sherwood Regional Library in Mount Vernon.

FABB has these meetings throughout the county to learn about biking issues in that particular part of the county, said Sonya Breehey, FABB vice president. The agenda included the trails in Mount Vernon that are connected

to the upcoming EMBARK plan, but also the eastern part of Springfield and Kingstowne. District Supervisors Jeff McKay (D-Lee) and Dan Storck (D-Mt. Vernon) were there to highlight issues from their districts. "There are a lot of needs," said Breehey.

**MEETINGS WITH FABB** are valuable around the county to extend the connections with bicyclists, said Storck. "I think it's a smart move on their level to connect with people," he said. According to Storck, there is \$6.5 million appropriated to further refine the bike trail connection between Jeff Todd Way and the Mount Vernon Bike Trail, which includes a separate bike and pedestrian bridge over Dogue Creek, and trail paving in spots where it's lacking.

"We're hoping there's enough money to pave some new parts of that trail," Storck said. McKey has always been a sup-

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# NEWS

## FABB

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porter of a bike network in Lee District, as well as an integral bike network throughout the county. "I am pleased to have partnered with FABB and VDOT to ensure bicycling is an integral part of our transportation network," said McKay. On-road trails are part of McKay's efforts on Jeff Todd Way and in Kingstowne, on Lake Village Drive. According to the Fairfax County Department of Transportation, they are looking to put bike lanes on sections of Brandon Avenue, and Bland Street in Springfield. Behind Edison High School, Castlewellan Drive has been repaved with new striped parking lanes to calm traffic as well. "Moving forward, it's vital that we continue to increase connectivity and access so that everyone who wants to has the option to bike. I am committed to continuing to find appropriate locations and opportunities to make this possible," McKay said. One of the needs is a link from Cinder Bed Road to the Franconia-Springfield Metro station, a highlight of the "Cinder Bed Bikeway," a project that has been looked at by Fairfax

County for a few years. This was on the meeting agenda with help from Chris Wells, the Fairfax County bike and pedestrian coordinator. Cinder Bed Road is a road in the western part of the Mount Vernon District that is home to warehouses, offices and the Newington bus lot. On the northern end of Cinder Bed, where the road ends, a bike trail continues into the woods along a creek, and has a connection to Island Creek that is on Beulah Road. The trail abruptly ends in a wooded area, but has potential to be a connector to the Metro station.

**THE FIRST PHASE** of the project would have the bike trail going through the wooded area to the station on the other side of the rails, and cyclists would park their bikes and cross a pedestrian bridge to the station.

Currently, pedestrians use that walkway when coming in from the Beulah Road-Island Creek area on foot. "We are working on the segments along Cinder Bed and north to the Metro," said Wells, but phase III on the map is not part of the plan now.

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**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 sculptures by four resident artists in the vacant retail space. Free. Email director@eaiinc.org or visit eaiinc.org.

## THURSDAY/NOV. 1

**Frequent, Certain, and Regular Elections** A Symposium. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. At Gunston Hall, 10709 Gunston Road, Mason Neck. George Mason wrote in the Virginia Declaration of Rights that representatives of the people should be chosen in "frequent, certain, and elections." With all of the talk about mid-terms, it's the perfect time to step back and look at the history of elections and voting in America. Cost is \$85 Registration, \$70 for Friends of Gunston Hall. Online Registration is open until 4 p.m. on Oct. 31, registration may be completed at the door after that time. Early registration prices available until Oct. 29. Visit [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com).

**Accessibility Workshop.** 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. At 1st Stage Theater, 3007, 1524 Spring Hill Road, McLean, in Tysons Corner. ARTSFAIRFAX will host a free workshop on accessibility designed to be practical in terms of the barriers people with disabilities face in experiencing the arts, but also inspirational in how some arts organizations are re-framing their approach to these audiences with new programs and services. Participants will hear from the following speakers: Niyati Dhokai, Ph.D., Research Assistant Professor, George Mason University, College of Visual and Performing Arts; Marit Majeske, Front of House and Community Inclusion Manager, Hylton Center for the Performing Arts; Shanna Sorrells, 1st Stage Accessibility and Education Fellow; and Katrina Clark, Creative Captioning. RSVP to grants@artsfairfax.org. Visit artsfairfax.org.

## FRIDAY-SATURDAY/NOV. 2-3

**Wild Horse and Burro Event.** Friday 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday 8 a.m.-4 p.m. At Meadowood Recreation Area, 10406 Gunston Road, Lorton. Bureau of Land Management-Eastern States (BLM-ES) Northeastern States District will hold a wild horse and burro event providing wild horses and possibly a few yearling and burros. The event will potentially include sale-eligible animals. Purchasers receive immediate ownership of the animal on the day of the event. Call 1-866-4MUSTANGS (1-866-468-7826) or visit [www.wildhorseandburro.blm.gov](http://www.wildhorseandburro.blm.gov).

**"The Story of Hansel and Gretel."** Friday, Nov. 2 at 7:30 p.m. and



## Japanese Americans' Care Fund (NPO) Bazaar

Many items will be for sale; including used Japanese books and Manga, Japanese decorative items, kimonos (traditional Japanese women's apparel), locally grown Japanese-style vegetables, fish, and Japanese confectionery. Authentic Japanese food will also be available for take-out, and served at the food court to enjoy while watching exhibitions of Japanese cultural activities. Performances at the food court include, children's karate, jikyoujutsu (Japanese style exercise), Japanese and Okinawan folk songs, Japanese traditional and folk dances, and Koto (Japanese harp) performances. Visitors will find opportunities for hands-on experiences with calligraphy and Japanese traditional games. Sunday, Nov. 4, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. At American Legion Post 177, 3939 Oak St., Fairfax. Admission is \$2; children 12 and under are free. Call 703-256-5223 or visit [www.jacarefund.org](http://www.jacarefund.org).

Saturday, Nov. 3 at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. At The Stage at Holy Trinity Church, 850 Balls Hill Road, McLean. Cost is \$10. Delight over this sweet and charming musical adaptation. Sent into the woods, Hansel and Gretel meet up with a number of peculiar characters. Purchase tickets at [bit.ly/oshanselgretel](http://bit.ly/oshanselgretel). Visit the website [www.oakcrest.org](http://www.oakcrest.org).

## SATURDAY/NOV. 3

**Holiday Bazaar.** 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at Sydenstricker United Methodist Church, 8508 Hooes Road, Springfield. Indoor yard sale with treasures at affordable prices. Homemade soups and baked goods stay for lunch or take some home. Free admission. Call 703-451-8223 or visit [www.sydenstrickerumc.org](http://www.sydenstrickerumc.org).

**Woodson Craft Show.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Woodson High School, 9525 Main St., Fairfax. Free. W.T. Woodson High School in Fairfax will host the 26th Annual Holiday Happenings Craft Show. This show features juried handmade arts and crafts with a diverse selection of: fine arts, jewelry, fiber arts, wood, photography, pottery, giftware, pet accessories, stress relief items and hundreds of holiday collectibles/decorations. There will be approximately 100 exhibitors and admission is free for shoppers. All proceeds benefit the W.T. Woodson Crew Team ([www.wtwcrew.org](http://www.wtwcrew.org)). Email Lesley Kowalski at [woodsoncraftshow@gmail.com](mailto:woodsoncraftshow@gmail.com).

**Book Event and Author Luncheon.** 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Springfield Golf & Country Club, 8301 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. This annual event features four authors, lunch and a silent auction is sponsored by Fairfax City AAUW as a scholarship fundraiser for local women returning to college. \$42. Visit [fairfaxcityaauw.net](http://fairfaxcityaauw.net) to make reservations by Oct. 27.

**Toast to Hope.** 6:30-9:30 p.m. At Springfield Golf & Country Club, 8301 Old Keene Mill Road, West Springfield. Toast to Hope 2018 is celebrating SCAN's 30th anniversary. SCAN uses a secure transaction

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**Capital Wind Symphony.** 7-9 p.m. At Ernst Community Cultural Center, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Free. Join the Capital Wind Symphony at the Ernst Community Cultural Center in Annandale for the first concert of the season! Repertoire includes works by Wagner, Gianinni Chadwick, Fletcher, Mackey, and Gershwin. Visit the website [www.capitalwindsymphony.org](http://www.capitalwindsymphony.org).

**Tchaikovsky & Beethoven.** 8 p.m. At GMU Center for the Arts Concert Hall. Featuring Tchaikovsky: Variations on a Rococo Theme with Amit Peled, cello; Bruch: Kol Nidrei; and Beethoven: Symphony No. 4. Voted by Musical America as one of the most influential musicians today, renowned cellist Amit Peled returns to share his artistry with the historic 1733 Gofriller Pablo Casals cello. There is a 7 p.m. discussion with the artists and music director Christopher Zimmerman. Visit [www.fairfaxsymphony.org/nov03-peled/](http://www.fairfaxsymphony.org/nov03-peled/) for tickets.

## SUNDAY/NOV. 4

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**Book Signing: Keegan Allen.** Noon-3 p.m. in the Grand Court at Springfield Town Center. Keegan Allen, who is known for his role on "Pretty Little Liars" will make an appearance at Springfield Town Center for a signing of his book, "HOLLYWOOD: Photos and Stories from Foreverland." Allen will also speak about the book and answer questions. Barnes & Noble of Springfield will be hosting a pop-up on site, offering the opportunity to purchase the book during the event. Visit [springfieldtowncenter.com](http://springfieldtowncenter.com).

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## FRIDAY/NOV. 9

**NOVA Annandale Symphony Orchestra.** 8 p.m. At Ernst Community Center, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Under Music Director Christopher Johnston, the concert is sponsored by the Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke (SCFB), the NOVA-Annandale Community College, and the Reunion Music Society. Tickets are \$15 Adults; \$10 students with IDs; Free for children 12 and under free. If you purchase tickets through the Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke, a portion will help to support SCFB's programs and services. Call the SCFB office for tickets, 703-426-2824.

## SATURDAY/NOV. 10

**Icelandic Christmas Bazaar.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at American Legion Post 177, 3939 Oak St., Fairfax. Icelandic arts and crafts, live music, Icelandic licorice and chocolates, famous Icelandic hot dogs, open faced sandwiches and crepes. Free admission. Visit [www.iceanddc.com](http://www.iceanddc.com).

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## Fairfax History Conference.

8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. At Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Featuring "Years that Shook Our Nation and Fairfax County: 1868, 1918 and 1968." Join historians and re-enactors to unravel the stories and personalities from three critical years in American history: Reconstruction, World War I, and the tumultuous cultural changes of the 1960s. Registration: \$25. Email [lynnegarveyhodge@gmail.com](mailto:lynnegarveyhodge@gmail.com).

**Let's Talk Turkey.** 2-3:30 p.m. At Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Rd., Burke. Free. Chef Cal Kraft will share holiday recipes, including turkey, salad, stuffing, sides, desserts and more! He will also bring lots of hints and tips to add more fun to your holiday dinner. Visit the website: <https://librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov/event/4540497>

## SATURDAY-SUNDAY/NOV. 10-11

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## SUNDAY/NOV. 11

**Women of Resilience.** 2 p.m. at Fairfax Museum and Visitor's Center, 10209 Main Street, Fairfax. Free. Featuring "Women of Resilience: Daughters of the American Revolution Service in World War I." Join Tracy Elizabeth Robinson, CA, Director of Archives and History at the DAR Headquarters in Washington, D.C., for a talk on the different roles and services DAR members performed during World War I. Call 703-385-8414.

## Taste of Greater Springfield.

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## TUESDAY/NOV. 13

**Fall Art Classes.** 5:15-6:15 p.m. At Woods Community Centre, 10100 Wards Grove Circle, Burke. Registration for Fall Art Classes for Youth Classes (8 yrs & up). Next session starts Tuesday, Nov. 13. Call the instructor Carol Zeitlin at 703-250-6930 or [www.czartlessons.com](http://www.czartlessons.com).

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

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**Mart.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Pohick Episcopal Church, 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton. The Parish House and the Vestry House will be transformed into a festive Christmas atmosphere. Colonial-attired ladies will serve luncheon at three sittings (11 a.m., noon and 1 p.m.) for \$13. Admission to the Christmas Mart is free. Visit [www.pohick.org](http://www.pohick.org).

**Lunch N' Life.** 12-2 p.m. at Jubilee Christian Center, 4650 Shirley Gate Road, Fairfax. Steve Friedman, the guest author and lecturer, will present a program about Broadway musical theater. Sponsored by the Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke. For reservations, call Bea Stephenson at 703-273-5730 by Nov. 9. Cost \$10.00; checks payable to SCFB. If transportation is needed, call the SCFB office 703-323-4788. Visit [www.scfbva.org/](http://www.scfbva.org/).

#### SATURDAY-SUNDAY/NOV. 17-18

**Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show.** 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday. At The HUB Ballroom, GMU, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Admission \$6/adults; kids free. Demos, door prizes, exhibits and kids' activities including mini-mines for kids to dig in and get free minerals and fossils. Contact Tom Taaffe at [rockclctr@gmail.com](mailto:rockclctr@gmail.com) or visit [www.novamineralclub.org/](http://www.novamineralclub.org/)

#### SATURDAY/NOV. 17

**Civil War Tour.** 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at Fairfax Station Railroad Museum and sites in Clifton, Centreville, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Blake Myers, noted Civil War Historian, will lead a history tour of interesting Civil War sites in and around Fairfax, Clifton and Centreville. Meet at the Museum. Museum members, \$20; non-members, \$30. Register in advance at [squareup.com/store/fairfax-station-railroad-museum.com](http://squareup.com/store/fairfax-station-railroad-museum.com). Payment may also be made the day of the Tour with cash, check or credit. Register at [information@fairfax-station.org](mailto:information@fairfax-station.org).

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## PEOPLE

# Springfield Native Serves Aboard Navy Airport at Sea

BY RICKY BURKE  
NAVY OFFICE OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH

A 2010 South County High School in Lorton graduate and Springfield native currently serves aboard one of the U.S. Navy's most valuable and capable warships, one that can carry 5,000 sailors and more than 70 warplanes anywhere in the world to defend America.

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Kashif Basharat is a mass communication specialist aboard the aircraft carrier USS George Washington, currently dry-docked in Newport News, Virginia.

A Navy mass communication specialist is responsible for capturing photos, writing new articles, and producing video products for the ship.

"I love capturing moments that have an impact on sailors," Basharat said.

Often described by senior defense officials and policy makers as "4.5 acres of sovereign American territory," aircraft carriers are the centerpiece of America's naval forces. In times of crisis, the first question leaders ask is: "Where are the carriers?" Navy officials state that the presence of an aircraft carrier has frequently deterred potential adversaries from striking against U.S. interests.

George Washington is presently undergo-

ing a four-year refueling complex overhaul (RCOH) at Newport News Shipbuilding, a process that includes refueling the ship's nuclear reactors and modernizing more than 2,300 compartments and hundreds of systems. The carrier is expected to leave the shipyard in 2021 and return to Yokosuka, Japan, as the Navy's only forward-deployed aircraft carrier.

**WHILE UNDERWAY**, the ship carries more than 70 jets, helicopters, and other aircraft, all of which take off from and land on the carrier's 4.5-acre flight deck. Four powerful catapults launch aircraft off the bow of the ship. After lowering a tail hook that protrudes from the rear of the airframe, fixed-wing aircraft land by snagging a steel cable called an arresting wire.

George Washington is currently one of 11 aircraft carriers in the U.S. Navy. It is the sixth Nimitz-class carrier and the fourth Navy vessel named after the first president of the United States. Measuring nearly 1,100 feet from bow to stern on the flight deck, the ship is longer than three football fields. It is 257 feet wide, 244 feet high and weighs nearly 100,000 tons.

Basharat credits success in the Navy to many of the lessons learned in Springfield.

"Growing up I learned diversity," Basharat said. "My hometown was a very diverse area and that has allowed me to fit in better with



**Kashif Basharat, South County High School graduate and Springfield native**

the men and women who serve aboard George Washington."

**SAILORS' JOBS** are highly varied aboard George Washington. The crew of approximately 2,800 sailors keeps all parts of the aircraft carrier running smoothly, including everything from launching and recovering aircraft to operating its nuclear propulsion plant. Another 2,000 sailors are assigned to the ship's embarked air wing, flying and maintaining aircraft aboard the ship.

"I enjoy being able to work in a division of diverse sailors," Basharat said.

Though there are many ways for sailors to earn distinction in their command, community, and career, Basharat is most proud of earning his surface warfare qualification device.

"I made it an obligation to get it in a short period of time as this was a short-term goal I set for myself, and I had a great sense of pride when I accomplished this goal," Basharat said.

As a member of one of the U.S. Navy's most relied upon assets, Basharat and other sailors know they are part of a legacy that will last beyond their lifetimes, one that will provide a critical component of the Navy the nation needs.

"Serving in the Navy means sacrificing my freedom so that my family members can rest easy," Basharat added.

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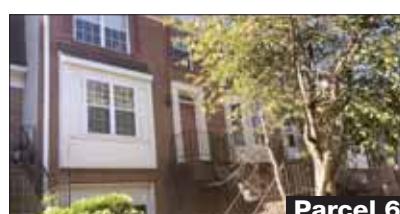
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# NEWS

## Historic Pohick Church To Host Christmas Mart

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PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

**The Parish House and the Vestry House will be transformed into a festive Christmas atmosphere.**

Pohick Episcopal Church is located at 9301 Richmond Highway in Lorton, on U.S. Route 1 between Telegraph Road and Pohick Road. For more information see the website at [www.pohick.org](http://www.pohick.org) or call 703-339-6572.

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# NEWS

Children play the Prize Walk game.



## Library Hosts Halloween Party

35 youngsters,  
ages preschool to 10,  
play games, dress up in  
costumes, and have a ball.

About 35 people attended a Halloween Party sponsored by the Burke Centre Library on Tuesday, Oct. 30, 2018. Targeting the preschool to age 10 group, the event featured games such as the Prize Walk, the Popcorn Game with parachute and beach balls, and the Hokey Pokey, as well as pumpkin decorating, bowling and bean bag toss, among others.

According to Nancy Klein, youth services manager at Burke Centre Library: "We wanted to have a Halloween Party because we know everyone likes to dress up and have fun for this holiday. We wanted to see everybody's costume and have them know that the library's a fun place to be during this holiday season."

She added: "We see people get dressed up weeks before Halloween and visit the library so we know there's a lot of young people out there who are really enthusiastic about Halloween — so we wanted to just be a part of that."

She said Burke Centre Library opened in 2008 and people consider it a "real sanctuary" in the community — a very quiet place that's off the Fairfax County Parkway on its own. "We have these beautiful big windows that bring in a lot of natural light, so it's a great place to sit and read, which is a big part of what we do here."

— STEVE HIBBARD



Children play with beach balls during the Halloween Party at Burke Centre Library.

Alex Pohorylo, 7, of Burke sticks the nose on the pumpkin.



## BULLETIN BOARD

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### FOOD DRIVES

**Scouting for Food.** Starting Nov. 3, Scouts will post reminder flyers to homes throughout area, then return to collect non-perishable food items that will nourish the area's hungry on Nov. 10. Scouting for Food is held every fall prior to Thanksgiving. Local food banks rely on it to stock their shelves for the upcoming holiday months, when food demands are the greatest. Items in highest demand include: canned protein (tuna, salmon, chicken, peanut butter); soups and stews (beef stew, chili, meat-based soups); 100 percent fruit juices (all sizes); grains (pasta, whole grain pasta, rice, brown rice, boxed macaroni and cheese); cereals (multi-grain, low sugar cereals, oatmeal); canned vegetables; canned fruits; condiments; and hygiene products (diapers, toilet paper, tissues, soap, toothpaste). Visit [www.ncacbsa.org](http://www.ncacbsa.org) for more.

**Food for Fines.** Nov. 1-30. Fairfax County Public Library will be hosting a food drive called "Food for Fines." Canned goods and other non-perishable items collected during the drive will be donated to Food for Others, a not-for-profit food pantry and food rescue operation that serves Fairfax County. Each item donated will erase \$1 from a patron's overdue fines up to a maximum of \$15. Customers may donate even if there are no fines accrued. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/food-fines](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/food-fines) for more.

### VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED.

**The Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke** needs volunteer drivers for trips to medical appointments (Monday - Friday) and companion shopping (Tuesday, Friday) within the Fairfax-Burke area and in the South County area (west of Route 1, Alexandria). Office volunteers are also needed to work in the SCFB (Olley Glen) office to schedule rides. Bilingual volunteers (English and Spanish) are needed as drivers and office volunteers. Email Shavaun Wall at [recruiter@scfbva.org](mailto:recruiter@scfbva.org) or call 703-323-4788.

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## Sokolow

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ticians in Virginia – including to Ken Plum's own campaigns.

Virginia should join the 25 states that ban contributions from publicly related utilities. And politicians who profess to care about climate change need to stop feeding from the fossil fuel trough. They need to lose their blind spot when it comes to fracked gas. Our children deserve no less.

*Jon Sokolow is an attorney, writer and activist who has lived in Reston for 25 years.*

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## As It So Happens



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

As I sit and attempt to write next week's column, I do so on Saturday, Oct. 27. Aside from being my close friend, Cheryl's, birthday, and the day before my brother, Richard's, birthday, it is a date (the 27th), to invoke our 32nd President, Franklin D. Roosevelt, that "will live in infamy." It is the date that Team Lourie, such as it is: my wife, Dina; my brother, Richard; and yours truly, met my oncologist for the first time to learn what my previous week's "malignant" biopsy actually meant.

What it meant was that I was officially a cancer patient. Specifically, a non-small cell lung cancer, stage IV, patient, and one given a "13-month to two-year" prognosis to boot, at age 54 and a half. Not a guarantee, mind you, but definitely a kick in the stomach. Not literally of course, but hearing such terrible, unexpected news, it certainly took our breath away.

After we all regained our composure, we tried to sort out what we had just heard and ask some intelligent questions (quite a challenge at that moment, I have to admit).

It was difficult because cancer was a subject with which Team Lourie had zero personal experience, having had no immediate family history other than my mother's very treatable skin cancer. As such, in talking with the oncologist, we were all at a disadvantage. In addition to never having met, neither did we know exactly what we were to be discussing until we sat in the doctor's office.

Talk about ill-prepared (pun intended).

Throw in the shock value of what we were hearing – for the first time (akin to that of a neutron bomb since we were still standing; sitting, actually), we were very nearly blown away and having difficulty processing what we were hearing: "13 months to two years," out of the blue, basically.

We might have understood "the macro," to steal one of my brother's favorite expressions, but we were having a little trouble grasping "the micro" – meaning me.

Certainly we were clear that my life going forward was going to be different, but we had no idea, really, what we were all in for, collectively. Though a sort of handbook called "The Five Questions" was provided to us, it was hardly a GPS that guided you step by step. At that point, you stumble and stammer and don't exactly know what to ask next.

Nowadays, a new professional certification has evolved called a "nurse navigator." This person is assigned to help you maneuver through the cancer/twilight zone of tests, treatments and appointments that you have just entered: labs, scans, infusion schedule, and oncology appointments; plus miscellaneous other secondary-type activities/appointments/procedures (aromatherapist, acupuncturist, nutritionist, pulmonologist, nephrologist, internal medicine doctor, thoracic surgeon, ophthalmologist, urologist, dermatologist, psychologist, pharmacist) and a few others that "chemo-brain" – a recently confirmed side effect of chemotherapy – has likely caused me to forget.

It's no wonder new cancer patients begin to melt down even before the first beam of radiation has been focused and/or the first dose of chemotherapy has been infused.

And not that I need reminding, but the 27th does seem to focus a "confinement beam" ("Star Trek") of sorts on what I've been doing and why and how much longer I'm likely to be doing it. And that, of course, is the rub, because in the cancer business, there are very few guarantees, any of which is constantly rubbing you in various directions. Directions which cause you to ebb and flow and bob and weave and try to hang on for dear life. Because so far as most of us know, this life is pretty dear and we kind of think we want to hang on to it for awhile.

And I'm one of the lucky ones, a survivor, that is. Many of my fellow "diagnosees" have not been nearly as fortunate as I have been. Ten years, come Feb. 20, 2019, the anniversary of the actual date when my Internal Medicine doctor called me to tell me the results of the previous week's biopsy. I remember where I was and what I was doing when I received that call.

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*Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Potomac Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.*

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NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA. TAX AND SHOP SUPPLIES ADDITIONAL. OFFER EXPIRES 11/09/18.