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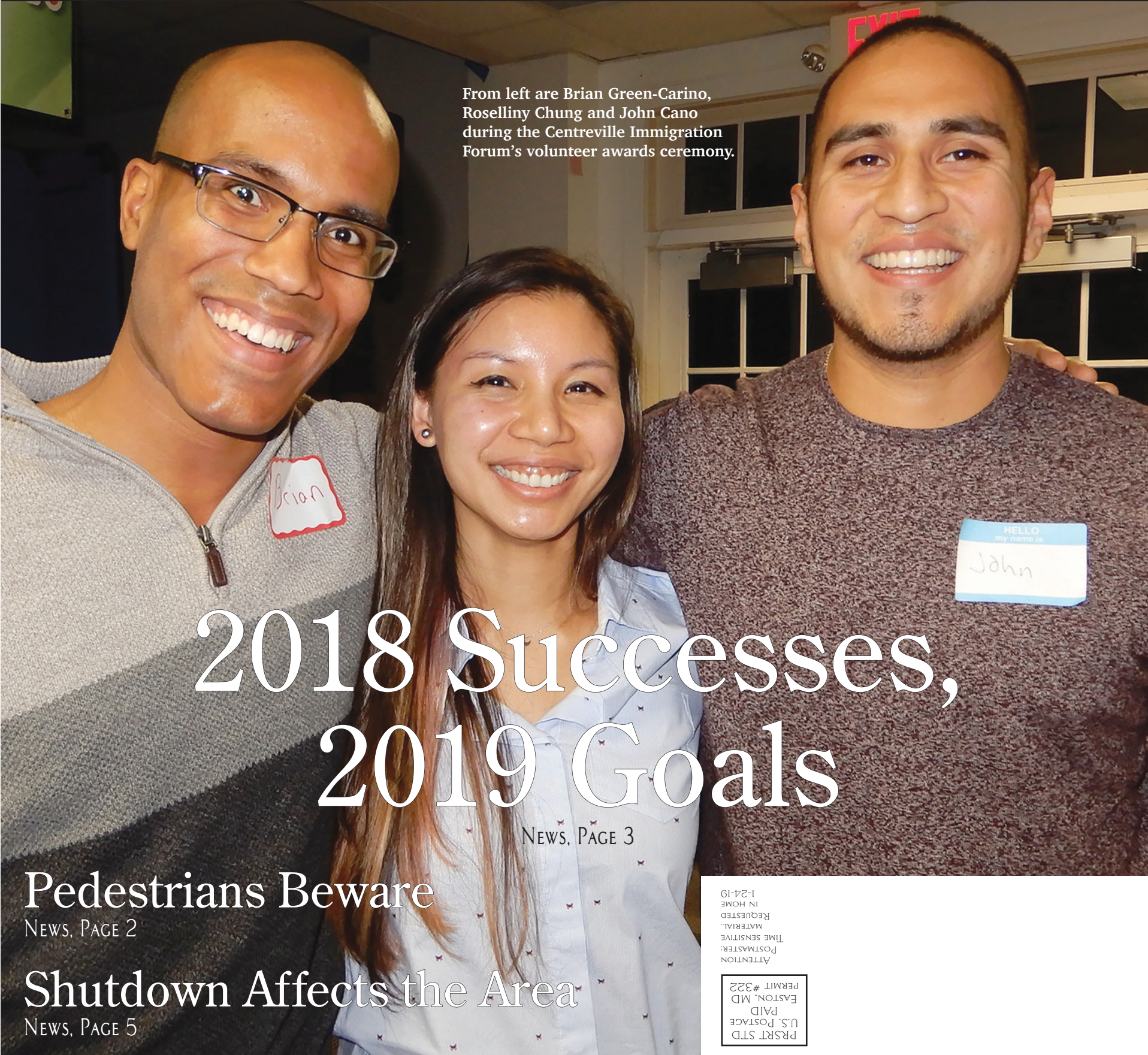
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From left are Brian Green-Carino, Roselliny Chung and John Cano during the Centreville Immigration Forum's volunteer awards ceremony.

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# News

## Pedestrians Beware

### Sully District Police urge caution.

BY BONNIE HOBBS

Capt. Dean Lay, commander of the Sully District Police Station, gave a station update last week to those attending the Jan. 9 meeting of its Citizen Advisory Committee. And it was bad news for pedestrians.

“Two pedestrians were run over by cars at night over the holidays,” he said. “So we created pamphlets to hand out for safe crossing of the roads by pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists.” This information will also be in Supervisor Kathy Smith’s (D-Sully) website.

Lay said both pedestrians died. “They weren’t in crosswalks and were in dangerous, 35-mph areas,” he said. “They were wearing black [and it was dark outside]. One person had headphones on while jogging, and one was looking at his phone while entering the road. The drivers felt horrible; no one fled.”

Before starting to cross a road, said Lay, pedestrians should “always look both ways, look in the



**Capt. Dean Lay**

driver’s eyes and be prepared to go back. We looked with Supervisor Smith to see if there are places where we can improve the street lighting and also have more crosswalks that are painted.”

“This past year, 17 pedestrians in Fairfax County were hit by a car – and 15 were fatal,” he said. “Fourteen of the pedestrians were at fault; one driver was charged with speeding and one, with texting. Alcohol was involved in four of the 15 crashes. Most of these incidents happened in the fall, with the most common times being between 9-11 p.m., 5-8 a.m. and 5-7 p.m.”

Lay also noted that the station’s Drug Take Back program began last week, with a green mailbox placed permanently in the lobby so residents may get rid of their outdated and/or no-longer-needed medications. In addition, he praised the station’s Bike Team officers who worked with Fair Oaks Bike Team members to apprehend the man charged with unlawfully videotaping females at Fair Oaks Mall. Police believe this person may have filmed as many as 60 victims at various shopping centers in the county. Proud of his Sully Bike Team officers, Lay said, “They did some good police work to catch this person.”

## Nude Images Yield Charges

### Teen charged with possession of child pornography.

Fairfax County police have charged an 18-year-old Fairfax resident with five counts of possession of child pornography. He is Ergi Masati, and police say illicit images of teenage girls were found on a file-sharing account allegedly belonging to him.

According to police, a school resource officer at Westfield High School in Chantilly received an anonymous letter, Sept. 10, 2018, providing information about two DropBox accounts that reportedly contained numerous nude images. Police arrested Masati, Oct. 23, 2018, in connection with these accounts after a lengthy investigation by the Child Exploitation Unit.

However, authorities didn’t release any information about his arrest until Jan. 17 because detectives first had to positively identify and notify all the alleged victims. Masati is a 2017 Fairfax High grad. Police say the girls attended several Fairfax County high schools, from 2015 to 2017, and have all now graduated.

Masati was released on \$5,000 bond, the same day he was arrested.

Taking pornographic images of people under age 18 are a crime. So police advice the public, “If you receive unsolicited sexting messages, you should contact our non-emergency number, 703-691-2131.”

— BONNIE HOBBS

### CRIME REPORT

*The following incidents were reported by the Sully District Police Station.*

**PURSUIT:** Lee Highway/Union Mill Road, Jan. 14, 2 a.m. While on patrol, an officer observed a car that was driving erratically.

The officer activated his emergency equipment and the driver failed to stop. The pursuit lasted a short distance but soon ended due to poor weather and road conditions.

The description of the car was given to other officers in the area and the car was not found.

**SHOOTING INTO OCCUPIED DWELLING:** 4100 block of Hamlin Court, Jan. 11, 12:16 p.m. Homeowners reported hearing gunshots hit their home. Officers found a bullet broke a window. No one was injured.

**COMMERCIAL BURGLARY:** 14240 Centreville Square (AT&T), Jan. 9, 2:08 A.M. Two men broke into the AT&T store and tried to steal electronics. The suspects left in a dark colored SUV. They were wearing dark clothing.

**WEAPON BRANDISHING:** 13800

block of Lee Highway, Jan. 5, 6:15 a.m. The victim got into a traffic altercation with the suspect. During the altercation, the suspect brandished a handgun and began yelling at the victim. The suspect then drove away. The victim was not injured during the altercation.

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**JAN. 17 LARCENIES**  
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14900 block of Rydell Road, property from residence  
14600 block of Winterfield Drive, battery from vehicle

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**JAN. 15 LARCENIES**  
14000 block of Eagle Chase Circle, license plate from vehicle

**JAN. 14 LARCENIES**  
13800 block of Braddock Road, electronics from business

**JAN. 11 LARCENIES**  
14300 block of Chantilly Crossing Lane, merchandise from business  
4400 block of Chantilly Shopping Center, merchandise from business

**JAN. 9 LARCENIES**  
Big Yankee Lane/William Mosby Drive, property from vehicle

**JAN. 8 LARCENIES**  
4200 block of Summit Corner Drive, gun from residence  
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# 'This Is What Keeps Us Going'

CIF notes achievements, honors volunteers and readies for battle.

By Bonnie Hobbs

Shortly before the end of the year, the Centreville Immigration Forum (CIF) held its annual meeting, reflecting on the 2018 successes, discussing goals for 2019, electing new board members and honoring two outgoing ones.

Rosemary Flores and Raul Berrios will serve staggered, three-year terms on the board, replacing Ed Duggan and Jim Daniels, who decided to step down. Berrios was unable to attend the meeting, but Bolivian-born Flores addressed those present.

"I'm Latina and have lived in the country for five years," she said. "I live in Centreville and used to see the immigrants standing outside the library" [seeking work, before the CIF started the Centreville Labor Resource Center (CLRC)]. I wanted to help them and that's why I'm here."

Besides CIF's Board of Directors, it also has a Directiva, representing the workers. Comprising the Directiva are Claudia Alvarez, Jorge Castro, Patrona Matom, Rafael De Leon and Francisco De Paz.

"It's important for us to have strong voices from the community in which we work," said CIF President Alice Foltz. And, she added, "Volunteers are key to our work. Our small staff couldn't do everything that needs to be done without our wonderful volunteers."

Then Executive Director Terry Angelotti reported on the CIF's progress toward its goals. And Organizer John Cano, manager of the CIF's Centreville Commission for Labor Justice (CCLJ), told how the group advocates for immigrants at the county, state and federal levels.

"In 2018, we joined the Virginia Coalition for Immigrant Rights," he said. "We've asked [Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman] Sharon Bulova to have the county stop working with ICE, and it did. And in 2019, we'll be doing more wage-theft forums and be more active in social media. We've held Know Your Rights laborers' forums on wage theft, and we now have a Facebook page and Instagram about how



Outgoing CIF Board members Ed Duggan (left) and Jim Daniels.



Jorge Castro (left) and John Cano.

wage theft affects them and the community."

Wage theft is when a worker performs the job for which he's hired, but then the employer refuses to pay him. So the CCLJ then fights to obtain the worker's pay. "In 2017, we got 10 percent of these wages back; in 2018, we got 30 percent," said Cano. "Of the \$33,349 in wages reported not paid in 2018, we recovered \$9,862 for the workers. Of 36 total cases, 15 were resolved, 19 are in process and two were referred to the Labor Department and Workers Compensation."

To aid families, said Labor Center Manager Samantha Zaboli, the CIF started a program called Families Reunite to help recently reunited families who were separated for a long time. It also collected backpacks and school supplies for children separated at the border, plus unaccompanied minors.

"We plan to start our Women's Group again and hold an event to empower young Latinas," said Zaboli. "We're also trying to get feedback from students to see if our ESOL classes have helped them. We hope to start a basic English class for beginners,



CLRC staff members (from left) Terry Angelotti, John Cano, Nelson Alava (center assistant) and Samantha Zaboli.

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From left are Rosemary Theurer, Barb Shaiko and Alice Foltz.



CIF members (from left) Jerry Foltz, John Kennedy and Terry Angelotti.



CIF honorees (from left) Jessica Jacobs and Juliana Cortes with Labor Center Manager Samantha Zaboli.



# OPINION

## ‘My Hopes Have Already Been Dashed’

### Current General Assembly session generates frustrations.

There were big changes in the Virginia House of Delegates after last year's elections, but Democrats fell one coin flip (actually name out of a hat) short of controlling the legislative body.

No doubt the electoral swing delivered one of the most important changes in recent history, the expansion of Medicaid to cover hundreds of thousands of Virginians who had previously lived without health coverage.

But as Del. Ken Plum (D-36) wrote in his column this week: "In light of the last election for House seats, I approached this legislative session with the hope that there might be more flexibility in the House leadership that might result in the consideration of bills that had been summarily defeated in past sessions. My hopes have already been dashed."

A groundswell of public support for Virginia being the 38<sup>th</sup> and final state needed to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment led to the Senate passing a resolution for ratification.

The subcommittee of the House Privileges and Election Committee Tuesday morning defeated a resolution to ratify the Equal Right

Amendment on a vote of 4 to 2. Four members of the House are blocking a vote by the 100 members of the House.

"A major struggle seems to be looming between the two houses on the ERA which might need to be resolved by the voters at election time," Plum wrote.

Yes, that time is November, with primary voting likely in June.

The question of nonpartisan redistricting is too important to leave until after the next election.

The Senate has passed a bill to establish such a process while House leadership is expressing opposition. Since the legislation is a constitutional amendment, it is important that a resolution be passed this year and next to go to a popular referendum in 2020 in time for redistricting after the 2020 census results are known.

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news/falls-church-academy-host-health-care-college-and-career-fair for more.

**Kindergarten Registration.** 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Centre Ridge Elementary School in Centreville is open for Kindergarten Registration for the school year 2019-20. Forms and other information are available online at www.fcps.edu/registration/kindergarten-registration. They are also available in the front office. Call 703-227-2600 for more.

#### MONDAY/JAN. 28

**Language Immersion Lottery Registration.** Kindergarten and Grade 1 Immersion lottery registration will close on Feb. 22 for grade 1 and March 29 for kindergarten. A SIS parent account is required to register. More information about Immersion programs and information meetings can be found at www.fcps.edu.

**NARFE Dulles Chapter 1241 Luncheon Program.** 11:30 a.m. at Amphora Diner, 1151 Elden St., Herndon. Featuring Richard Eimus, Tax Advisor Specialist at Block Advisors, Vienna. Luncheon is \$18 which includes tax and a small gratuity. Please call in reservation and choice of entree to Shirley at 571-442-8910 no later than Thursday, Jan. 24.

#### THURSDAY/JAN. 31

**Poetry & Creative Writing Contest Deadline.** The Fairfax County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. announces its 4th Annual Poetry Contest for Middle School Students and Creative Writing for High School Students. Visit www.fcacdst.org/creative-writing-contest for contest details and to download the applications. Email artsandletters@fcacdst.org with questions.



### Tech Challenge

On Dec. 16, Centreville High School hosted its first robotics competition; the FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) Centreville Qualifier had over 40 teams from Virginia attend and compete in this year's Rover Ruckus game. Above, Centreville High School Principal Dave Jagels gives a welcoming speech.



Centreville Robotics mentor Oliver Small and Centreville High Principal Dave Jagels talk about the competition.

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# Shutdown Affects the Area

Bulova talks county response to Federal government shutdown.

BY ANDREA WORKER

The occasion was a “Stuff the Bus” event on Saturday, Jan. 19, collecting food donations at the Giant at Fox Mill shopping center in Herndon to benefit Helping Hungry Kids. But it was a fitting time and place for a discussion about the county’s response to the continuing partial shutdown of the Federal government, according to Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova, who was in attendance.

“We do the ‘Stuff the Bus’ program every year after the holidays to help replenish local food pantry stores as that holiday season of giving spirit begins to wane, but this year the need is even greater with so many of our citizens impacted by the shutdown,” said Bulova.

As the shutdown enters week five, with an impasse in negotiations between President Trump and Congressional Democrats over funding a physical barrier at the country’s southern border with Mexico, “no one really knows the full extent of the impact on our region, or our people,” said Bulova, “but we do know it’s a negative one and growing.”

“Whatever the issues, whatever the division, this is no way to treat your employees, your citizens,”



Sharon Bulova

Bulova said. “Local government cares and we will continue to work the problem in any way that we can make an impact.”

**IN TERMS OF ECONOMIC IMPACT,** Bulova said at this point it was impossible to determine just what that cost might be, “but just think of all the people who have had to stop spending, even on basics, and the trickle-down effect that has.”

With so many facilities, museums and parks closed, the region is also experiencing the loss of visitors and the dollars they bring to the local economy.

So far, the Chairman said that the county had only seen a small uptick in citizens requesting assistance or additional services from their local government, “but that doesn’t take into account people who are seeking assistance elsewhere or directly from other organizations, nonprofits or faith communities. And it’s only going to get worse as this goes on.”

It’s a fluid situation, Bulova said, and the county’s response will have to be continuously assessed and adjusted. Conversations are taking place at all levels of county government on a daily basis, trying to anticipate needs and address those that come to attention.

Bulova noted a few examples.

“Certain property taxes will soon come due in February. If the affected citizens can’t pay that bill, by statute they face a penalty. The Board will be looking at that.”

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**History Volunteers Needed.** Fairfax Station Railroad Museum needs history buffs. The Museum offers a variety of volunteer opportunities in Museum events, programs and administration. Email [volunteers@fairfax-station.org](mailto:volunteers@fairfax-station.org) or call 703-945-7483 to explore opportunities. The Museum is located at 11200 Fairfax Station Road in Fairfax Station. It is open every Sunday, except holidays, from 1-4 p.m. [www.fairfax-station.org](http://www.fairfax-station.org), 703-425-9225.

**Art Guild of Clifton Exhibit.** 10 a.m.-8 p.m. at Clifton Wine Shop, 7145 Main St., Clifton. Includes oil paintings of European settings; doors, windows, and flower shops. Free. Call 703-409-0919.

**Carolina Shag Dance.** Wednesdays, 6:30-10 p.m. at Arlington/Fairfax Elks Lodge, 8421 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax. Free lessons at 7:30 p.m.; no partners needed; dinner menu at 6:45 p.m. Tickets are \$8. Visit [www.nvshag.org](http://www.nvshag.org).

**Open Rehearsal.** Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. at Lord of Life church, 13421 Twin Lakes Drive, Centreville. The Fairfax Jubil-Aires barbershop chorus invites men of all ages who enjoy singing. Free. Visit [www.fairfaxjubilaire.org](http://www.fairfaxjubilaire.org).

### FRIDAY/JAN. 25

**Journey to the Past.** 9-11 a.m. at Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Treat a favorite doll to a visit to the past. Bring the doll to the "All-American Girl: Living Dolls" program at Sully Historic Site and explore the life of an American girl from an era in history through fun activities, costumes, crafts and themed games in a beautiful historic setting. For children age 5-9. \$30 per child. Bring a snack and drink. Call 703-437-1794 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site).

**Animal Tricks for Staying Warm.** 4:30-5:30 p.m. at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. Bundle up in winter wear and learn animal strategies for making it through the winter at the "Winter Wonder Campfire." Meet some exhibit animals at the park and see first-hand how they beat the cold. Warm up by the campfire and enjoy s'mores, too. Designed for participants age 4-adult. \$8 per person. Call 703-631-0013 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence).

### SATURDAY/JAN. 26

**"Making Stone Soup."** 10-11:30 a.m. in the historic Floris Schoolhouse kitchen at Frying Pan Farm Park, 2739 West Ox Road, Herndon. Discover how easy and satisfying it is to prepare home-cooked soups in winter. Learn the history and origins of several different ethnic soup styles and sample each style featured. Create a new soup with members of the group based on the story of "Stone Soup." Participants will get to take home a serving of "Stone Soup" to enjoy. \$10 per person, designed



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**The Fairfax Station Railroad Museum holds events most Sundays, 1-4 p.m. Ages 16 and older, \$4; 5-15, \$2; 4 and under, free. The Fairfax Station Railroad Museum is located at 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Visit [www.fairfax-station.org](http://www.fairfax-station.org), [www.facebook.com/FFXSRR](http://www.facebook.com/FFXSRR), or call 703-425-9225.**

for participants age 7-adult. Call 703-437-9101 or visit [fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/frying-pan-park](http://fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/frying-pan-park).

### SUNDAY/JAN. 27

**Reading Circle and Craft Day.** 1-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. "My Little Book of Trains" will be featured in a reading circle. Train locomotives and tenders will be explored during the activities that day. Participants may make their own ongoing journal for the year's reading circles and information learned about trains and railroading. Ages 16 and older, \$4; 5-15, \$2; 4 and under, free. Visit [www.fairfax-station.org](http://www.fairfax-station.org), [www.facebook.com/FFXSRR](http://www.facebook.com/FFXSRR), or call 703-425-9225.

**Live Music: Only Lonesome.** 7 p.m. (doors open at 6) at Frying Pan Farm Park Visitor Center, 2739 West Ox Road, Herndon. Make plans to "hitch up the team" and head to Frying Pan Farm Park this season for Bluegrass Barn. Food and beverages available for purchase. \$18 in advance, \$20 at the door. Purchase tickets online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/frying-pan-park/bluegrass-barn](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/frying-pan-park/bluegrass-barn) or by phone at 703-222-4664 or 703-437-9101.

### SUNDAY/FEB. 3

**Make a Valentine Card Craft.** 1-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. The Fairfax Station Railroad Museum will have a Valentine's Day Make and Take event. Visitors will create their own Valentine's cards to take home with them. The cost of supplies is included with admission. Ages 16 and older, \$4; 5-15, \$2; 4 and under, free. Visit [www.fairfax-station.org](http://www.fairfax-station.org) or call 703-425-9225.

### MONDAY/FEB. 4

**Journey to the Past.** 9-11 a.m. at Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Treat a favorite doll to a visit to the past. Bring the doll to the "All-American Girl: Living Dolls" program at Sully Historic Site and explore the life of an American girl from an era in history through fun activities, costumes, crafts and themed games in a beautiful historic setting. For children age 5-9. \$30 per child. Bring a snack and drink. Call 703-437-1794 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site).

### SUNDAY/FEB. 10

#### T-TRAK Scale Model Train Show.

1-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. The Northern Virginia T-TRAK members will hold a N gauge Model Train Display. Ages 16 and older, \$4; 5-15, \$2; 4 and under, free. Visit [www.fairfax-station.org](http://www.fairfax-station.org) or call 703-425-9225.

**Live Music: Laurie Lewis & the Right Hands.** 7 p.m. (doors open at 6) at Frying Pan Farm Park Visitor Center, 2739 West Ox Road, Herndon. Make plans to "hitch up the team" and head to Frying Pan Farm Park this season for Bluegrass Barn. Food and beverages available for purchase. \$18 in advance, \$20 at the door. Purchase tickets online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/frying-pan-park/bluegrass-barn](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/frying-pan-park/bluegrass-barn) or by phone at 703-222-4664 or 703-437-9101.

### THURSDAY/FEB. 14

**Make Art Inspired by History.** 10 a.m. or 5:30 p.m. at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. This Valentine's Day, gather friends and family together at the park to create art inspired by history. Designed for artists age 6-adult. The park will be offering two, one-hour sessions. \$8 per person. Call 703-631-0013 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence).

### SUNDAY/FEB. 17

**NTRAK Scale Model Train Show.** 1-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. The Northern Virginia NTRAK members will hold a N gauge Model Train Display at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum. Ages 16 and older, \$4; 5-15, \$2; 4 and under, free. Visit [www.fairfax-station.org](http://www.fairfax-station.org) or call 703-425-9225.

### SUNDAY/FEB. 24

**Fire Building and S'mores.** 4:30-5:30 p.m. at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. Discover what it takes to build a fire, and then test new abilities with primitive fire bows and modern fire-making techniques and then roast s'mores. \$8 per person, and children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Call 703-631-0013 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence).

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## ROUNDUPS

### Discussing Drones

Fairfax County is developing a comprehensive Public Safety Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) program and would like to hear from residents on what they think. A public information meeting will be held Thursday, Jan. 24, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Sully Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, in the McDonnell Room.

Each public information meeting will include a display of unmanned aircrafts followed by a presentation outlining the program. After the presentation, there will be an opportunity to ask questions from representatives from the Office of Emergency Management, County Attorney's Office, Police, and the Fire and Rescue Department. The formal presentation will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Send feedback or questions to [uas@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:uas@fairfaxcounty.gov) or through the link located on the UAS webpage. Written comments on the draft program must be received by close of business on Feb. 8 to be included in the official public record.

### Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Tuesday, Feb. 5, from 5-8:30 p.m., at the station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. No appointment is necessary. But residents should install the child safety seats themselves so technicians may properly inspect and adjust them, as needed.

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

### Free CERT Training

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates residents about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area. CERT trains county residents in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help.

For more information and to register for the next class at the Fire and Rescue Academy, visit <https://volunteer.fairfaxcounty.gov/recruiter/index.php?recruiterID=1380&class=OppDetails&oppGuid=%7b5710DACC-7CF8-4696-ABFF-8C00A598EC40%7d&t=0-Interested-In-CERT-or-a-CERT-Member>.

CERT training will be held at the Fire and Rescue Academy, Monday and Wednesday, Feb. 25, 27, March 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20.

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### Worried About What Awaits



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Not that there's anything wrong with me – other than having cancer that is – but I've been going to see doctors – other than my oncologist – fairly regularly in the past few months: internal medicine, three times; otolaryngologist, two times.

The reason/symptoms vary, but in general, nearly 10 years into my "13 month to two-year" prognosis, I am finally erring on the side of taking a precaution and scheduling appointments with doctors as often as I see fit. Apparently, waiting isn't the hardest part after all, it's the dumbest part – if you have cancer.

So far, in all five instances, the various symptoms were not cancer-related, they were life-related. Meaning, they had nothing to do at all with my have cancer and/or its progression, and everything to do with living life outside of the bubble.

However, surviving life inside the cancer world for as long as I have has now made me a bit trigger happy, so to speak. At the drop of a hat or for most any other reason, I am scheduling an appointment with my primary care physician to confirm or debunk any medical suspicions that I might have.

Henceforth, I am going to let the professionals tell me what I need to know and what I need not worry about. It has become time for me to no longer fool around with my health presuming that whatever ails me is merely a blip when in fact it could be a sign of things potentially to follow.

Sort of like the oil warning light illuminating on your car's dashboard – it likely means the damage has already occurred. And the next steps you take might even be too little, too late.

As concerns my health, there is no warning light as such. Knowing there's only so much I can do to preempt (some of which I've been doing) what trouble possibly awaits, at the very least I shouldn't be stupid or stubborn anymore. Instead I have to be vigilant and proactive.

Since my life is at stake here, I can't worry too much about what the doctor might say when I show up at my appointment with less-than-life altering/cancer-connected symptoms. Until they tell me otherwise, which they haven't yet, I will continue to overreact to any symptoms I experience because for all I know about such matters, it just might matter.

And lately, when my exams have indicated there was nothing to matter, I've often felt the need to apologize for taking up the doctor's time. Time which I realize is very valuable. But they would hear none of it. Instead, they have encouraged me not to hesitate making future appointments should the need arise.

And I suppose that's the issue: 'should the need arise.'

But how will I know when the need arises? How will I know if the need is genuine? How will I know if the need is cancer-related or merely life-related, and should I act differently depending on the answer? Or should I not care about any of these questions and simply schedule appointments as soon as possible because, as I was advised years ago when I was first diagnosed: "It's all about you now, Kenny."

In thinking about where all this anxiety is coming from, I believe it has something to do with my switching to an immunotherapy drug – which we've been discussing for a few months, and being aware of the many possible side effects. Side effects which, should they manifest, I am to contact my oncologist immediately.

My concern is however, will I know and will I be too early or too late. Or maybe it won't matter, and that's what scares me. Moreover, I'm afraid we might not be able to stop what we've already started.

Granted, it's all speculation, and it's all premature.

Either the side effects prevent me from infusing the drug or it doesn't. And if I am able to be infused, the tumors, especially the "Adam's Apple" tumor, shrink in the process. And if I have to see multiple doctors during my treatment, so be it.

This is no time to wait and see. It's time to be seen without waiting.

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



# CIF Notes Achievements and Honors Volunteers

FROM PAGE 3

at night or on the weekend. And we hope Centreville High's Spanish Honor Society will help our workers with Spanish literacy because not everyone can read and write in Spanish."

She said 96 percent of employers reported satisfaction with the work done by the CLRC laborers. "We've had an increase in both job orders and the number of participants on these jobs," said Zaboli. "The 2018 hiring rate has gone up by 2 percent, compared to 2017 – which is good, because we have more people participating."

Foltz said the CIF wants to recruit and nurture new leaders to manage and lead the organization. She hopes that giving them the necessary training will enhance the diversity of the board members and the center and committee leaders. And, she added, "One of our major goals is to include Spanish in everything we do – to include everyone's ideas and make sure to serve the community well."

Regarding the CIF's budget, Angelotti said, "We're trying to increase our funding from individuals, large businesses and organizations, and faith-based donors. In 2019, we've projected to raise \$360,000." On the spending side, she said, the Labor Center comprises 37 percent of the CIF's expenditures.

As for income, Foltz said the 24 percent of the CIF's revenues coming from Fairfax County is the most it's ever received from the county. "It's from the Consolidated Community Funding pool," she said. "But this funding is just for two years and is very competitive, so we may not have it in the

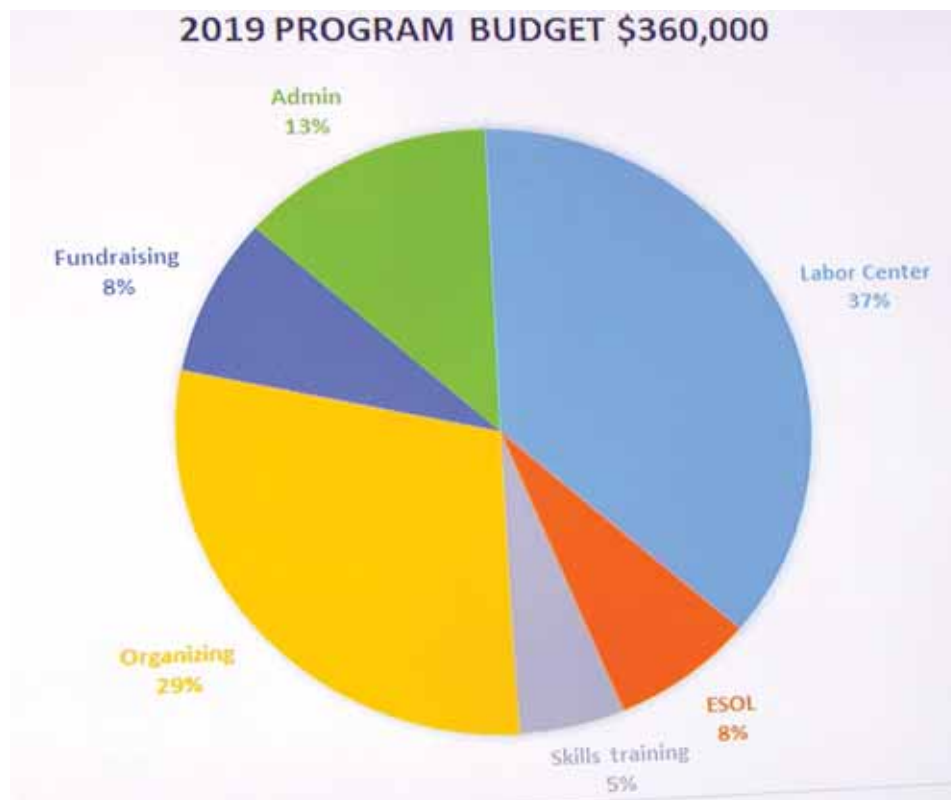


Chart showing the CIF's planned 2019 program expenditures.

future. We're grateful, both for the funding, and for the confidence the county has in us."

She then recognized several people with volunteer awards for their 2018 service to CIF. First were Daniels and Duggan. Last year, Duggan was CIF vice president and formerly served as treasurer. Daniels was communications chair for seven years and, said Foltz, "He gave CIF the first \$100 for

its treasury."

Honored next were Committee Chairs Barb Shaiko and Rosemary Theurer. Shaiko was a four-year board member and its first secretary. She also served on the personnel committee and was instrumental in getting CIF started. Theurer was fundraising chair for three years and came to CIF through the organization, Giving Circle of Hope.

Angelotti recognized Jerry Foltz and John

Kennedy. On the finance committee, Foltz was in charge of payroll and deposits. And, said Angelotti, "He gives rides to the workers, plus counseling and moral support to folks going through hard times." Kennedy was finance committee chair and led CIF through two audits.

Honored next were Juliana Cortes and Jessica Jacobs. Cortes is on the CCLJ team, volunteered at the CIF's showcase and during Centreville Day and, in her first six months with CIF, she volunteered 70 hours. Jacobs translates at events and board meetings and teaches the Families Reunite program.

Cano recognized CCLJ volunteers Roselliny Chung and Brian Green-Carino. Chung improved the group's Facebook and Instagram presence and created its flyers. Green-Carino helped the Labor Center approach employers during mediation. Also feted was CLRC member Jorge Castro, described by Cano as "a vital member of the Directiva and one of its most active."

"We live in a trying time for immigrants and people who care about immigrants," said Alice Foltz. "We thought, in 2010, we were taking on a formidable task [deciding to open the Labor Center].

But in the last two years, the danger has grown and the threats to immigrants have increased daily."

So, she said, "In this time of difficulty and pain, the work we do is even more important.

And for those of us who participate, our spirits are lifted by the abilities we've had to create a welcoming community. This is our vision and what keeps us going."

## Bulova Talks County Response to Federal Government Shutdown

FROM PAGE 5

ing at that situation and determining if we can pass a resolution that will avoid those penalties."

The County is also facing the delay of federal funds for critical needs like HUD vouchers for low-income rents and assistance with the School Age Child Care (SACC) program that provides before and after school care and care.

"These are other shutdown effects we will be discussing at the next Board meeting. We will be considering payment extensions for the SACC program. There are emergency reserve funds in the county's budget," but as Bulova worries, that's a budget already stretched tight and that can't begin to cover all of the needs brought on by the shutdown and thousands of area residents suddenly being without a paycheck.

Standing in front of the Giant as shoppers stopped to add their donations to carts for the bus-loading, Bulova said it was heartwarming to see the community unite to help these neighbors who find themselves in need "through no fault of their own. So many retailers, services, restaurants, even individuals are looking for ways to help, to offer meals, goods, services either free or at a discount."

**BULOVA** had previously visited the 29 Diner at 10536 Fairfax Boulevard, where the owners are donating meals to furloughed federal workers or those working without pay. "Those folks always help and are a real asset to the community," said Chairman Bulova, and "they are just one of so many that are stepping up to help."

Front and center on the county's website at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov), a link will take seekers to a section dedicated to guiding those in need toward appropriate resources, be they temporary job opportunities, advocacy for rent and mortgage assistance, free or discounted services, and more.

"Please let our citizens know that they can

call the Coordinated Services Planning group at 703-222-0880, TTY 711. It's a one-stop-shop that can connect residents to county and community-based information, assistance and resources," Bulova said.

### County Responses

❖ Coordinated Services Planning office – call 703-222-0880, TTY 711, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Multi-lingual staff on hand, interpreters available.

❖ Substitute Teacher Hiring for Fairfax County Public Schools – next event for furloughed federal employees on Jan. 23, from 5 – 7:30 p.m. at FCPS Admin Center, 8115 Gatehouse Road, Falls Church.

❖ Families participating in CCAR programs should call 703-449-8484 if unable to meet the fees.

❖ Families participating in SACC programs should contact 703-449-8989.

❖ Free Connector Bus Rides – system-wide for federal government employees affected by the shutdown but still required to report for work. Check [www.fairfaxconnector.com](http://www.fairfaxconnector.com) for more information.

❖ The Park Authority will work with furloughed employees to provide a range of payment options to enable participation in Park Authority programs – everyone needs to de-stress and experience some enjoyment during these difficult times.

❖ Pet Supplies – Furloughed federal employees can visit the Fairfax County Animal Shelter at 4500 West Ox Road, Fairfax during shelter business hours for pet food and limited other pet supplies.

❖ Fairfax County Consumer Affairs office offers tips and resources on tenant-landlord issues, mortgages, utility bills and more.



Sharon Bulova at "Stuff the Bus" event on Saturday, Jan. 19, with volunteers who collected food donations at the Giant at Fox Mill shopping center in Herndon.

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