

Ben Callender connected easily with his daughter. He has never missed a father's event like this one. It's a great privilege to be able to meet your family without a piece of glass in between, and it's helped them remain close, he said.



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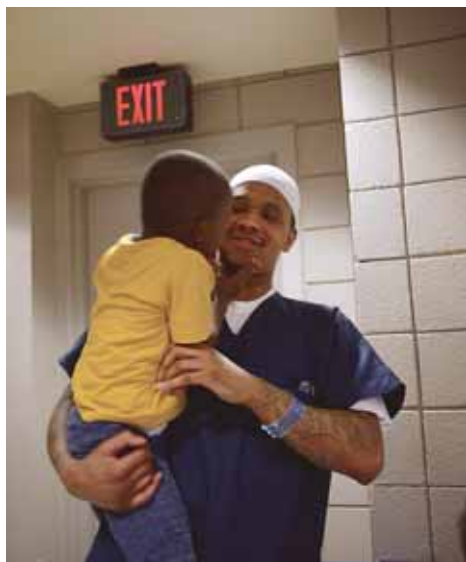


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- ◆ More than one-third of the class was offered college scholarships or merit aid.
- ◆ Three National Merit finalists and 10 commended scholars.
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- ◆ Received a Cappies nomination for "Peter and the Starcatcher;" performed in all drama and musical productions, Evening of the Arts, Multicultural Night, and the Pit Orchestra; and wrote and directed the plays for the 2019 One-Act Play Festival.
- ◆ Performed in the Virginia District X Music Festivals and participated in the Choral Evensong at the Washington National Cathedral.
- ◆ Volunteered thousands of hours with local community organizations; built life-changing relationships with children in Romania, Haiti, and Nepal; founded non-profit organizations; developed innovative social enterprises; prepared and served food to our hungry neighbors, organized numerous supply drives, donated blood; and received Alexandria Rotary Club's Jefferson Cup for Community Service.
- ◆ Won four Gold Keys, five Silver Keys, and four Honorable Mentions in the regional Scholastic Art & Writing Awards; 1st place at the Best of the Independent Schools Art Competition; Best Painting and Best Sculpture at the All-City Alexandria Art Exhibition; and three Honorable Mentions at the Congressional Artistic Discovery Competition.
- ◆ Twenty-four student-athletes to play collegiate athletics next year, representing eight sports.
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Dreyon Iracks hold his youngest son. His three sons were at the event. Iracks was still fasting for Ramadan but looking forward to the Eid ul-Fitr, celebrating the end of fasting. He said there is a group of about 30 Muslims in the facility, and they have a prayer group and support each other.



Fathers and their children enjoyed games and food geared to the "circus" theme, with popcorn, hot dogs, pin the nose on the clown, and balloons.



Darnall Valladay spent the time with his daughter, who seemed to love the attention. Bringing her daughter to spend time with her father was a first for his partner, and she was nervous. "It's OK. Just give him a hug," she was advised. Valladay took a "fatherhood" course at the jail.

PHOTOS BY EDEN BROWN/THE CONNECTION

Fathers in Jail Reunite with Their Children

Men have high praise for system run by Sheriff Arthur.

BY EDEN BROWN
THE CONNECTION

Ben Callender's daughter couldn't say enough about her dad: "He's nice and a good dad. And he really cares about me." Callender had an easy rapport with his daughter, but it hasn't been easy keeping up a relationship when he is behind bars, and she lives in Pennsylvania with her mother. "I've been here two and a half years," he said. "I'm waiting to hear right now if I can get a sentence reduction."

Callender had nothing but nice things to say about his time at the County Jail. "I've never missed one of these parent visits," he said. "I really appreciate the fact that this is a progressive detention facility, and offering these kinds of events for parents and children is huge for us. It's so hard otherwise, to maintain a relationship with your kids."

Callender keeps busy during his three-year sentence — he's been there for two and a half years — taking advantage of just about everything the jail offers: the Georgetown University courses that are taught there, creative writing projects, fatherhood classes.

"Sheriff Arthur is the reason we have these opportunities," he said. He is also a big reader. "Have you read 'Choke Hold?'" he asks. And "The Fire Next time? You gotta read that." There is no internet, no cell



Sheriff Beth Arthur with Camille Watkin (left) at the party for inmates and their children. Inmates gave Arthur high praise for her progressive management of the detention facility. Sheriff Beth Arthur was first elected in 2000 and is the first woman elected to a County Sheriff's position in Virginia. She has served more than 31 years with the Arlington Sheriff's Office. Watkin worked as deputy sheriff and then became a case manager, working directly with inmates to ensure they have a positive reentry into the community.

phone, and no email capability at the facility. His friends send him books, or he takes advantage of the library at the jail. Callender said he and at least 30 other in-

mates are looking forward to exercising their vote in the upcoming election. They will be voting for candidates who recognize the benefits of restorative justice.

Wendell Bates was spending time with his two sons, 10 and 11. He has been in jail for 9 months of a 12 month sentence. He said he was drinking and got in a car accident: to make matters worse, he left the scene of the accident, not because he was trying to avoid responsibility but because a bystander offered to take him to get first aid.

"Yeah," he said, "It's hard not being at home and my sons need me there. I just spend a lot of time on the phone with them." Bates was optimistic about getting out and back to his business. He was appreciative of the way the jail encouraged family visits.

Camille Watkin was watching the men attentively, facilitating their reunions with their children. Watkin and her colleagues care about the men who spend time in jail. She is a strong believer in restorative justice: "The men who are in the county facility are not going to be in jail forever," she

said. "When they get out, they want to start over. They need the skills to do that. But many of them have never had the slightest amount of 'life skills' mentoring. So, we teach them 'how to fish.' We teach them from the very beginning: hygiene, nutrition, mental health, parenthood."

Watkin said she was a deputy sheriff before becoming a case manager. "This is so much better. I see men go out and succeed. Two of my guys are at Whole Foods with good jobs. We teach them creative writing and they write amazing things. We teach them how to deal with trauma, both the trauma of having been in jail, and sometimes trauma they haven't dealt with since they were kids fending for

themselves. Society needs to support restorative justice: these guys are going out soon to rejoin the community. They are your neighbors, your drivers, your fellow parents. You want them to be okay and for the fabric of the community to welcome them back, not treat them as pariahs."

"These men are not going to be in prison for life: they are going to come out and be your neighbors, your fellow parents, on the sidelines of your local soccer game, your drivers, standing in line at Safeway. They deserve to be treated as members of the community, restoring their rights and giving them the tools to start over."

—Camille Watkin, Arlington County Detention Facility case manager

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Northam Presents Award for Veterans' Affordable Housing

To be built on site of American Legion Post 139.

BY SHIRLEY RUHE
THE CONNECTION

Gov. Ralph Northam flew in and out of Arlington Tuesday, June 4 to announce awards for four housing projects including \$700,000 to the Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing (APAH) for a new mixed-use complex to be built on the site of American Legion Post 139 on Washington Blvd. where the event was held. The award, from the Virginia Housing Trust Fund, will provide a long-term no interest loan to support the construction of this \$75 million project.

Former Post Commander Bill Fahey says they will tear down the current American Legion building and replace it with 160 apartment units of affordable housing with veteran's preference for 80 units. It will also include a first floor condo space with a new home for the American Legion Post plus offices and event space. He estimates the construction will start early next year.

Fahey said the facility will include space for services such as counseling for PTSD survivors and suicide prevention. "There are 22 vets that commit suicide every day. To save one life would be a blessing."

Nina Janopaul, APAH president and CEO, said, "This will be the first project in Arlington dedicated to veterans. It is long overdue. Our commitment is to raise even more money for the services. We are inspired by this."

Northam was introduced as the Commonwealth's chief veteran. He told the crowd he is a member of Post 35. Northam said several years ago Virginia entered the mayor's challenge for the Federal, state and local governments to end homelessness for veterans. "Virginia became the first state to end homelessness for vets. We're all in this together. We take a lot for granted when we have a roof over our heads. I visited a place last week and heard their powerful stories, individuals just like you and me who had a stroke of bad luck."

Christian Dorsey, chair of the Arlington County Board, said the region is facing an affordable housing crisis. "We've tried all of the easy solutions. Now we've got to be creative. We're going to include special wrap



State and local officials hold up the representative \$700,000 check for the new veterans' housing project on Washington Blvd. From left: Kevin Yam, APAH board chair; Del. Patrick Hope, Katie Cristol, Arlington County Board; Carlos Hopkins, secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs for the Commonwealth of Virginia; Bill Fahey and Dan Donahue, American Legion Post 139; Gov. Ralph Northam; Nina Janopaul, APAH president and CEO; John Milliken, APAH board member; state Sen. Barbara Favola; Christian Dorsey, Arlington County Board Chair; and Erik Johnston, director of the Department of Housing and Community Development for the Commonwealth of Virginia.



Arlington County Board Chair Christian Dorsey announces the county has added \$11 million in local funds for the first housing project dedicated to veterans in Arlington.

around services to show how we honor and care for our veterans." He added the county had dedicated \$11 million in local funds to the project. "We're really thrilled. We'll transform lives." State and local officials attended the event including Carlos Hopkins,



Gov. Ralph Northam announces Virginia Housing Trust Fund awards for four housing projects in Arlington on Tuesday, June 4.

secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs for the Commonwealth of Virginia; Erik Johnston, director of the Department of Housing and Community Development for the Commonwealth; state Sen. Barbara Favola; Del. Patrick Hope; Arlington County Board Chair Christian Dorsey and past chair Katie Cristol.

APAH's mission is "to develop, preserve, and own quality, affordable places to live; to promote stability and opportunity for our residents; and to advocate with the people and communities we serve." APAH was founded in 1989 and now helps nearly



Former American Legion Post 139 Commander Bill Fahey (right) discusses the project to be built on the site of the present Post 139 building with Gov. Ralph Northam and Arlington County Board Chair Christian Dorsey.

1,600 households live in affordable housing rental units with 900 additional homes in the pipeline.

Fahey said, "What APAH contributes to the community is saintly. They are an under appreciated resource in Arlington."

Amazon Commits \$3 Million To Affordable Housing

Amazon is donating \$3 million to the Arlington Community Foundation to improve access to affordable housing and support services in the region, according to the foundation's June 11 press release. The gift will create a fund to support programs that maintain and create housing options for low-income individuals and families. Arlington, the location of Amazon's second headquarters, will be a

significant beneficiary of this fund's investments.

More than 9,000 households in Arlington are living on an annual income of \$35,000 or less, according to an affordable housing needs analysis conducted by Arlington County. The county has lost nearly 90 percent of its market affordable housing over the past 20 years. It also has fewer than 25 apartments dedicated for the lowest-in-

come individuals and families who can live independently.

"Over the last decade, housing prices in our region have steadily increased leading to fewer housing options for all income levels and placing a disproportionate burden on our community's lowest income residents," said Jennifer Owens, president & CEO of the Arlington Community Foundation. "Amazon's generous investment comes

at a critical time for our community and will help us respond in a nimble way to support those who need it most."

"We made this donation to the Arlington Community Foundation because of their work and progress on housing stability and helping families improve their quality of life," said Jay Carney, SVP, Global Corporate Affairs at Amazon. "We believe this gift

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Housing Forum Focuses on Planning for Equity, Affordability

Lessons from Minneapolis.

BY SHIRLEY RUHE
THE CONNECTION

Andrea Brennan, Housing, Policy and Development director for the City of Minneapolis, told the Leckey Forum on June 5 the story of the Minneapolis 2040 plan: How they arrived, the barriers, the data behind the plan. “You don’t arrive without a lot of leadership from elected officials.” She said, “A lot of our challenges are similar to yours.”

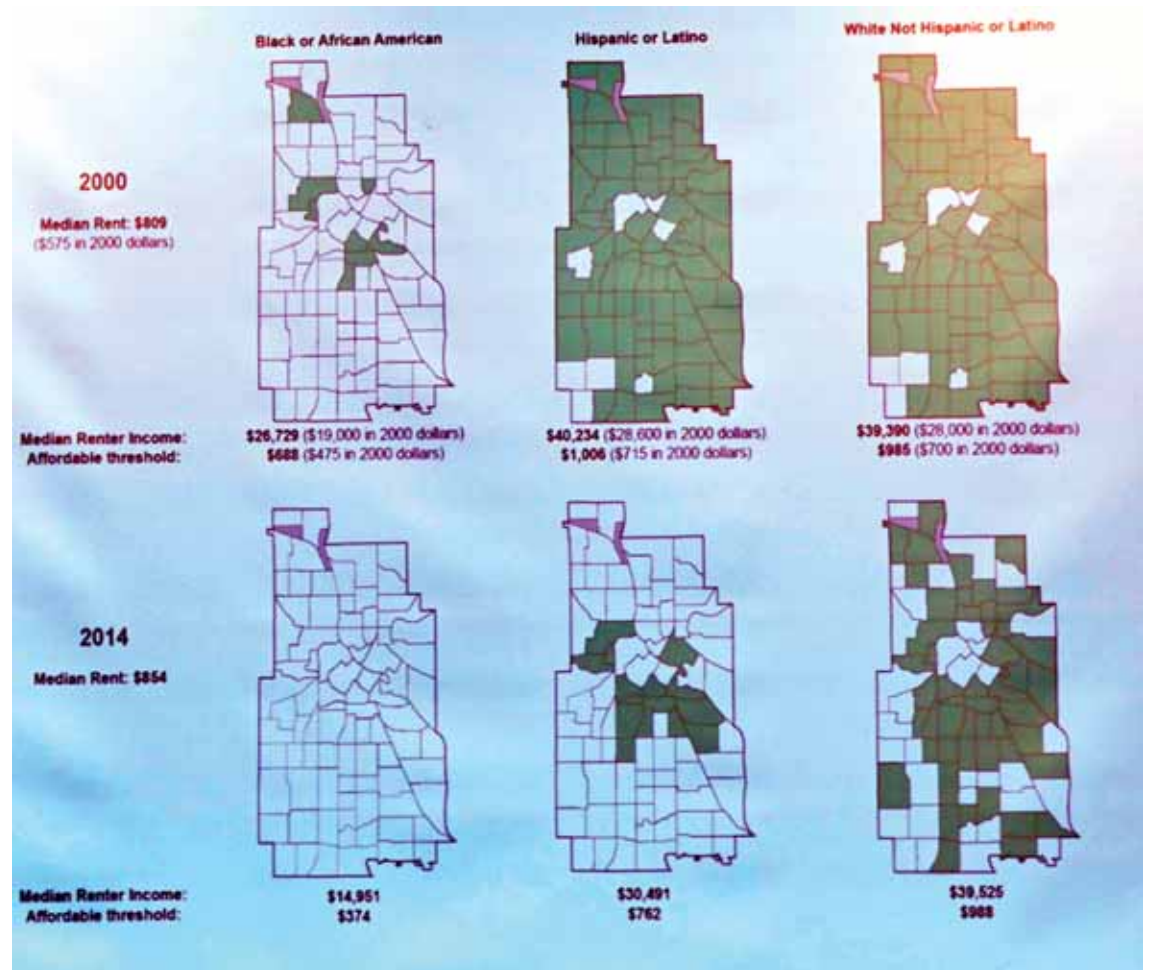
Minneapolis is a city of 420,000 with the Twin Cities having the highest racial disparity in the country. In 2018 Minneapolis adopted a new housing plan and between 2018-2019 they doubled the budget for the housing division with a 47 percent increase in rental housing production and 10 percent dedicated to ending homelessness. She cited headlines such as “Miracle of Minneapolis,” in the “Atlantic Monthly” but she emphasized, “That’s not what we were hearing at home.”

Brennan said the plan was launched in 2016 after two years of input and planning and was approved in December 2018. They began by approving 14 goals such as reduction of disparities, living wage jobs, and clean environment which were informed by six values such as growth, equity, competitiveness.

They learned about mapping prejudice and set out to find the thousands of racial covenants filed against properties in Minneapolis and the redlining maps that kept people of color from getting mortgages.

Her 10-year comparative maps told the story of people of color isolated in pockets across the city with diminishing housing options. The extensive urban renewal and neighborhoods hit by the interstate had contributed to geographic segregation.

She said the city talked about this over and over in community engagement. The goal was to ex



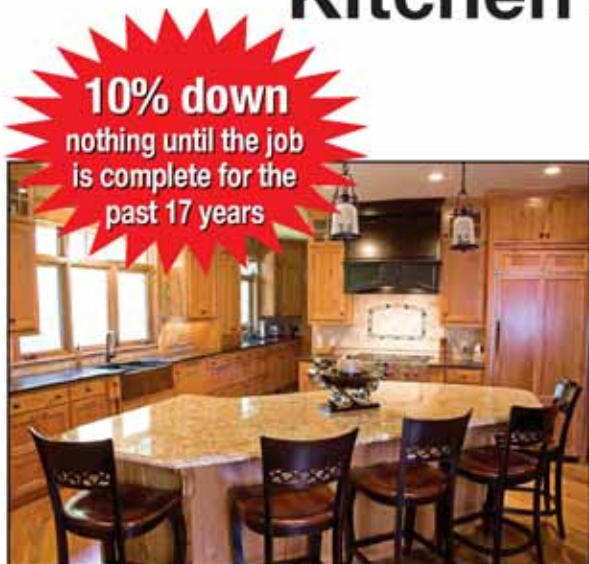
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The 10-year map comparison shows shrinking housing options for people of color.

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CAMPS

Summer Camp. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Arlington County Cultural Affairs Building, 3700 S. Four Mile Run Drive. Jane Franklin Dance Summer Camp for ages 5-12 builds physical skill and creativity through movement, theatre, and visual art. The five-day camps includes dance technique and creative movement, visual art projects, outdoor trips to a nearby park, performance practice and a concluding performance at the end of the week. Sessions from June 24-Aug. 23. \$250 (scholarships available). Call 703-933-1111 or visit www.janefranklin.com/camps.

MONDAY/JUNE 17

Placement Exams for ESL Classes. 9 a.m. or 6 p.m. at Syphax Education Center, 2110 Washington Blvd. #106, Arlington. English as a Second Language for Adults, Arlington Public Schools' REEP Program is giving placement exams for the July 8-Sept. 27 session. Classes to be held at Syphax Education Center. Morning and evening classes available. Tuition is \$285 or \$200 for people who live or work in Arlington; \$470 or \$350 for people who do not. Exams are free. call 703-228-4200 or visit www.apsva.us/leep.

FRIDAY/JUNE 21

Healthy Aging Lecture Series. 11 a.m.-noon at Carlin Springs Campus, 601 S. Carlin Springs Road. Stroke Awareness with Dr. Zurab Nadareishvili, MD, PhD, Medical Director, Virginia Hospital Center Stroke Center. Free. To register, call the Senior Health Department at 703-558-6859 or email lifeline@VirginiaHospitalCenter.com.

FRIDAY/JUNE 28

Nomination Deadline. The Arlington Community Foundation is asking the Arlington community for

nominations for the 2019 William T. Newman, Jr. Spirit of Community Award. The award is given to an individual, nonprofit organization or corporation who has demonstrated exceptional leadership, and has made an extraordinary contribution to the Arlington community. To submit a nomination, visit form.jotform.com/arlingtoncf/soc-nomination-form. For more information, call 703-243-4785 or email info@arlc.org.

THROUGH SEPT. 8

Metro Station Closures. Through Sunday, Sept. 8, 2019, the six Blue and Yellow line stations south of Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (Braddock Road, King Street, Eisenhower Ave., Huntington, Van Dorn Street and Franconia-Springfield) will be closed for full platform reconstruction and major station improvements. Read more at www.wmata.com/service/rail/PlatformProject/.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 14

Disaster Relief Trials. Beginning and ending at Gateway Park in Rosslyn. Arlington County's Department of Public Safety Communications & Emergency Management will host a second year of the Disaster Relief Trials (DRT). The competition simulates a large-scale disaster, blocking roadways and challenging participants to use bikes to transport emergency supplies, critical messages and (simulated) medicine throughout the County while traversing obstacles, such as barriers and water crossings. New to this year's event is a Finish Festival at Gateway Park, held from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Participants, observers, family members and community members can enjoy free swag, food trucks, lawn games and a "Kiddie DRT" course, while learning about emergency preparedness, bicycle maintenance and fitness activities. Register at DRTArlington.com.



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Democratic Primary

Former state Sen. Mary Margaret Whipple greets voters in the Arlington County Democratic primary at Madison Community Center on Tuesday, June 11. See primary election results at www.elections.virginia.gov/resultsreports/.

DONATIONS

Pet Food Bank. AWLA is establishing a Pet Food Bank to serve qualifying residents of Arlington County and the City of Falls Church. In consideration

of the effect financial obstacles have on a pet owner's ability to afford pet care, the AWLA Pet Food Bank program's goal is to keep family pets out of shelters. If you are an Arlington County or City of Falls Church resident and are in need of assistance in feeding your pet, follow this link and fill out a pre-registration form. Visit goo.gl/forms/s2FuFdaYWdZm4tPw2.

GET MORE WITH SNAP

Arlington and Alexandria Farmers' Markets accept SNAP/ EBT (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) cards for purchases. SNAP/EBT customers can purchase farm fresh produce at local area farmers' markets and get matching bonus tokens to add to their purchases. Virginia Cooperative will be on-site at several local farmers' markets of Alexandria and Arlington to provide more information on SNAP and offer food tastings, prizes and more at the Arlington Farmers' Market, N. 14th and Courthouse Rpad (second Saturday of the month) and Columbia Pike Farmers' Market, 2820 Columbia Pike (third Sunday of the month).

ONGOING

Operation Fire Safe. Through Oct. 5, 2019, Arlington County firefighters will be going door to door offering home safety checks to include inspecting smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms and giving relevant fire safety tips. For homes not protected by smoke alarms, firefighters will install working smoke alarms free of charge. Visit www.arlingtonva.us for more.

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Environmental Faux Pas

It's not difficult to find environmental faux pas in Arlington. This photo is from two weeks ago at the Westover park near the Westover library. Using a refillable water bottle would be a good way to cut this trash in half.



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A week later, the trash situation is even worse. Trash is blown around the field. If this were a park in Colorado there would be trash boxes clearly marked for recycling: plastics, glass, trash, compost.

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Moore Featured on TV as Part of Pyjama Mama's Reading Program

Moore gets book reports from children while they get their hair cut.

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Jim Moore is doing his part to make the country a better place. Featured on Fox news a few weeks ago, he said, "If everyone does their part, just little steps, this country would be more cohesive."

Jennifer Sauter-Price (also known as "Pyjama Mama") drops off books at his barber shop, a hub of the Hall's Hill community, and children enjoy reading them because the characters in the books look like them. That is "Pyjama Mama's" mission: distribute books to youngsters of different ethnic backgrounds so they find themselves in the stories and can relate.

Moore said the first book he handed out was to a little boy of latin heritage. He noticed the expression on the boy's face when he opened up the book and recognized himself. Sometimes he gets a book report from the children once they are sitting in his chair. To watch the televed piece on him, see below, or check out Pyjama Mama in the facebook posting about her read aloud sessions. Moore is happy to accept donations of books for "his kids" too.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/nook-stories-ft-pajama-mama/141141886577542/> or

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Moore's Barber Shop, at 4807 Lee Hwy., is participating in a reading program.

'FLOURISHING AFTER 55'

"Flourishing After 55" from Arlington Office of Senior Adult Programs.

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

Senior travel: Nemours Estate and Tea and Hotel du Pont, Wilmington, Del., Tuesday, June 25, \$59; Dover Downs Casino, Del., Wednesday, June 26, \$9; Shepherdstown Street Fest, W.Va., Saturday, June 29, \$5. Call Arlington County 55+ Travel, 703-228-4748. Registration required.

Free Community Concert, Tuesday, June 18, 7-8:30 p.m., Walter Reed Senior Center, 2909 S. 16th St., featuring The Caroline Park Quartet and Windward Passage. Details, 703-228-0955.

NEW PROGRAMS

Northern Virginia Senior Olympics, registration open, check website, www.nvso.us or call 703-228-4721.

History and culture of Ghana, Monday, June 24, 11 a.m., Langston-Brown. Register, 703-228-6300.

Podcast followers, Monday, June 24, 10 a.m., Langston-Brown. Details,

703-228-6300.

Pickleball for beginners, Mondays, 9 a.m., Arlington Mill, 9:45 a.m., Walter Reed. Details, 703-228-7369, 703-228-0955 (WR).

Genealogy 101, basic research tips, Tuesday, June 25, 11:30 a.m., Lee. Details, 703-228-0555.

Happiness is possible, Tuesday, June 25, 10 a.m., Walter Reed. Details, 703-228-0955.

Bocce games, Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Walter Reed. Practice for senior Olympics. Details, 703-228-0955.

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ONGOING

Richard III. Through June 16, at Synetic Theater, 1800 South Bell St. Paata Tsikurishvili's modern cyber-punk adaptation explores King Richard III's Machiavellian rise to power is a movement-driven and action-packed display of stunning physicality and powerful visuals. Starring Alex Mills as Richard III and Irina Tsikurishvili as Queen Elizabeth. Tickets start at \$35 at www.synetictheater.org or 866-811-4111.

Spunk. Through June 26, in Signature's ARK Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave. Guitar Man and Blues Speak Woman interweave three tales of the early 20th century African American experience, from the fierce determination of a resilient washerwoman, to the zoot suit struts of 1940s Harlem, to the bittersweet innocence of young married love. Specialty nights: discussion nights – May 29 and June 4; pride nights – May 31 and June 7; and open captioning – June 2. Call 703-820-9771 or visit www.SigTheatre.org.

Arlington Mill Farmer's Market. Saturdays, through Nov. 23, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Arlington Mill Community Center, 909 S. Dinwiddie St. The market features produce, meats, and dairy products from our region's top local vendors. Support local farmers and entrepreneurs. Come for opening day and meet special guests, the Arlington Art Truck, South Arlington Moms Club, Long Branch Nature Center, and more. Visit columbia-pike.org/fm-arlington-mill.

THURSDAY/JUNE 13

Walk with a Ranger. 10 a.m. at Arlington Ridge Park, George Washington Memorial Parkway. Meet at the Marine Corps War Memorial and join a National Park Service Ranger for a 3-mile hike around the edge of the Arlington National Cemetery to Memorial Avenue, down to the Mount Vernon Trail, up to Theodore Roosevelt Island and around to Rosslyn and back to the starting point. The hike will take approximately 2.5 hours. Bring walking shoes, sunscreen and drinking water. Visit www.nps.gov/gwmp for more.

Rosslyn Rocks: White Ford Bronco. 6-8 p.m. at Central Place Plaza, 1800 N. Lynn St. Rosslyn Rocks! Concerts are back again this June. Check out favorite local acts for free on Central Place Plaza every Thursday. Enjoy the concerts while sipping on a glass of wine or having a beer in downtown Rosslyn's outdoor space. Visit www.rosslynva.org/do/rosslyn-rocks-concert-series for more.

Deep Dive: Homes Made of Mud. 8-9 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road. Adults. Take a Deep Dive into natural history that scratches more than just the surface. From wasps to crayfish to birds, discover the animals that use mud to construct their homes. Explore the adaptations and behaviors that enable these creatures to make unique constructions. For information: 703-228-3403. Meet at Gulf Branch Nature Center. \$5. Register at parks.arlingtonva.us, activity #642849-A.

FRIDAY/JUNE 14

Rosslyn Cinema: Paddington. Movies start at dusk in Gateway Park, 1300 Lee Highway. Rosslyn Cinema outdoor movies in Gateway Park feature some classics and some



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Mouse in the House

Jane Franklin Dance performs *Mouse in House*, adapted from the book by Elizabeth Spires. This show is about a mouse who forms a friendship with reclusive 19th-century poet Emily Dickinson. The mouse's life changes forever when a gust of wind blows one of Emily's poems her way. Moved by Emily's evocative words that capture her own feelings, the mouse becomes determined to be a poet herself. Monday, July 8, 1:30-2:30 p.m. at Cherrydale Branch Library, 2190 Military Road and 4 p.m. at Glencarlyn Branch Library, 300 S. Kensington St. Tuesday, Aug. 6, 4 p.m. at Shirlington Branch Library, 4200 Campbell Ave. and 7 p.m. at Columbia Pike Branch Library, 816 S. Walter Reed Drive. Free. Visit www.janefranklin.com/arlington-libraries or call 703-933-1111.

surprises, including recent blockbusters. Bring blankets and folding chairs and a picnic or purchase food and drinks at different food trucks every week, including a popcorn truck. Child and dog friendly. Free admission. Visit www.rosslynva.org/do/rosslyn-cinema-outdoor-movie-festival for more.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/JUNE 14-15

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JUNE 14-AUG. 19

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FRIDAYS-SATURDAYS/JUNE 14-AUG. 24

Summer Movie Nights. Fridays at Arlington Mill Community Center

and Saturdays at Penrose Square. The Columbia Pike Revitalization Organization (CPRO) is proud to announce the theme for its popular Summer Movie Nights for 2019, "Heroes and Sheroids: Movies with a Mission." From hidden math heroes to fantasy flying figures, enjoy a summer of 22 films that feature comic book heroes and icons of social justice. All films are rated G, PG, or PG-13. Visit www.Columbia-Pike.org for schedule.

SATURDAY/JUNE 15

Walk with a Ranger. 10 a.m. at Arlington Ridge Park, George Washington Memorial Parkway. Meet at the Marine Corps War Memorial and join a National Park Service Ranger for a 3-mile hike around the edge of the Arlington National Cemetery to Memorial Avenue, down to the Mount Vernon Trail, up to Theodore Roosevelt Island and around to Rosslyn and back to the starting point. The hike will take approximately 2.5 hours. Bring walking shoes, sunscreen and drinking water. Visit www.nps.gov/gwmp for more.

Columbia Pike Blues Fest. 1-8:30 p.m. at Columbia Pike and S. Walter Reed Drive. Great music, local food, and arts & crafts vendors. Also featuring community groups, local businesses, kids' activities. Line up includes: Funky Miracle, Lauren Calve Band, Hardway Connection, Thornetta Davis, and Sugaray Rayford. Free admission. Visit columbia-pike.org/bluesfest for more.

Cookout Campfire. 5-7 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Families ages 5 and up. Register adults and children; children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Come for dinner by the fire. While it cooks, learn some

camp meal tips, how to pack a cooler, what cookware to bring, and how to clean up afterward. Also prepare some make-ahead snacks and sides. For information: 703-228-6535. Meet at Long Branch Nature Center. \$10. Register at parks.arlingtonva.us, activity #642959-A.

Netherlands Carillon Recital Series. 6-8 p.m. at Arlington Ridge Park, George Washington Memorial Parkway. Enjoy sweeping views of Washington, D.C., while guest artists play patriotic music, jazz, and pop on the carillon's 50 bells. Meet on the lawn at the foot of the carillon. Free and open to everyone. Visit www.nps.gov/gwmp/planyourvisit/netherlandscarillon.htm for more.

SUNDAY/JUNE 16

Adapted Nature Hike. 10:30 a.m.-noon at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Families. Register children and adults; children must be accompanied by a registered adult. All are welcome to join a leisurely paced hike through a park. The forested trails will be accessible, smooth and shaded for a fun hike to explore and examine discoveries. Restrooms and water fountain/bottle filler inside accessible building and paved trails in mostly in shade, but not flat (there are inclines/hills), benches for rest along the way. For information: 703-228-6535. Meet at Long Branch Nature Center. Free. Register at parks.arlingtonva.us, activity #642959-K.

R.I.P.-Remove Invasive Plants. 2-4 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Adults, teens and families ages 8 and up. Work parties are held every month and are making a difference with the return of ferns, wildflowers and the animals that depend on them to areas once covered in destructive invasive plants. Help make it happen.

For information: 703-228-6535. Meet at Long Branch Nature Center. Free.

Spellbinders Story Fest. 3-4 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Families ages 4 and up. Register children and adults; children must be accompanied by a registered adult. The Arlington Spellbinders will unleash the power of oral storytelling with favorite tales from around the world. Since ancient times in all cultures, this tradition has passed on wisdom, connected elders to youth, and engaged the imagination. For information: 703-228-6535. Meet at Long Branch Nature Center. Free. Register at parks.arlingtonva.us, activity #642959-O.

MONDAY/JUNE 17

Power of Books in Translation. 3-4:30 p.m. at Arlington County Central Library located, 1015 N. Quincy St. Encore Learning presents a lecture on the Power of Books in Translation with Katherine E. Young and Rich Kauzlarich. They will tell the story of Akram Aylisli, a novelist and playwright, who is now under defacto house arrest in his home country of Azerbaijan. He is being persecuted for using his writings to speak out against state repression and ethnic cleansing. The public is invited. Call Encore Learning at 703-228-2144.

TUESDAY/JUNE 18

Birding Flag Ponds & Battle Creek Cypress Swamp. 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Meet at Barcroft Sports & Fitness Center parking lot, 4200 S. Four Mile Run Drive. Adults. Search Calvert County, Md., for nesting summer residents such as Scarlet Tanagers and Hooded and Kentucky Warblers. Participants should dress for the weather and bring binoculars, a bag lunch, drinks and snacks for the day. The trip will include walking over uneven terrain and gentle slopes. For information, call 703-228-3403. \$50. Register at parks.arlingtonva.us, activity #642849-D.

Community Concert. 7-8:30 p.m., Walter Reed Senior Center, 2909 S. 16th St. Featuring The Caroline Park Quartet and Windward Passage. Free. Call 703-228-0955.

JUNE 18-JULY 14

Blackbeard. At Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave. The world premiere musical commissioned by Signature Theatre sets sail with the most infamous pirate of all time. After learning he's a wanted man by the British army, Blackbeard and his merry crew of maritime marauders embark on a fantastical journey across the globe to raise an undead pirate army from the depths of the sea. Visit SigTheatre.org for tickets.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 19

Decades of Summer Concerts: Dan Haas Band. 6:30-8:30 p.m. in front of the Signature Theatre at the Village of Shirlington. Rock out with favorite local bands performing a mix of '70s, '80s, '90s and original tunes. Enjoy \$5 wine tastings courtesy of Cheesetique, take out a meal from a favorite Shirlington restaurant, and soak in the setting sun to live music. Visit villageatshirlington.com/events for more.

THURSDAY/JUNE 20

Rosslyn Rocks: The Jarreau Williams Xperience. 6-8 p.m. at Central Place Plaza, 1800 N. Lynn St. Rosslyn Rocks! Concerts are back again this June. Check out favorite local acts for free on Central Place

ENTERTAINMENT

Plaza every Thursday. Enjoy the concerts while sipping on a glass of wine or having a beer in downtown Rosslyn's outdoor space. Visit www.rosslynva.org/do/rosslyn-rocks-concert-series for more.

Rock at the Row: Kristen and the Noise. 7-9 p.m. on the plaza at Pentagon Row. Featuring music from popular cover and military bands. Refreshments and cocktails will be available for purchase from featured merchants. Visit pentagonrow.com/events for more.

FRIDAY/JUNE 21

Rosslyn Cinema: Casablanca.

Movies start at dusk in Gateway Park, 1300 Lee Highway. Rosslyn Cinema outdoor movies in Gateway Park feature some classics and some surprises, including recent blockbusters. Bring blankets and folding chairs and a picnic or purchase food and drinks at different food trucks every week, including a popcorn truck. Child and dog friendly. Free admission. Visit www.rosslynva.org/do/rosslyn-cinema-outdoor-movie-festival for more.

Romance Roundtable. 6:30 p.m. at One More Page Books, 2200 North Westmoreland St. Take a look at some of One More Page's favorite YA picks for summer at the Summer Lovin' Romance Roundtable - YA Edition. Grab a tasting of wine and chocolate before joining authors Kristina Forest ("I Wanna Be Where You Are"), Erin Hahn ("You'd Be Mine"), and Nina Moreno ("Don't Date Rosa Santos") to discuss the wonders of summer love, moderated by One More Page's very own Anna Bright ("The Beholder"). Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com for more.

Solstice Hike and Campfire. 7-8:30 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Families. Register children and adults; children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Enjoy the extra daylight with an evening hike and campfire. Hike the hills and dales of the park and keep an eye out for late night residents. Then head back to the campfire to sing songs and roast marshmallows. Call 703-228-6535. \$7. Register at parks.arlingtonva.us, activity #642959-B.

CD Release Show. 8-10 p.m. at Cowork Cafe, 2719 Wilson Blvd. Guitarist J.P. Reali, a veteran of the DC music scene for 30 thirty years, will perform music from his new EP, "A Highway Cruise" featuring a musical road trip across genres of blues, country and good old rock 'n' roll. No cover charge. Visit www.jpreali.com for more.

JUNE 21-AUG. 31

Rosslyn Putt-Putt + Candy BAR.

Fridays, 5-9 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at 1401 Wilson Blvd. Arlington's newest pop-up, Rosslyn Putt-Putt + Candy BAR, will feature mini golf and a retro snack stand. Play nine holes of mini golf (30) featuring constructions of favorite neighborhood landmarks. The adjoining Candy BAR will be serving up beer, wine, candy and popsicles. There will also be carnival games and old-school video games indoors. Visit www.rosslynva.org/putt for more.

SATURDAY/JUNE 22

Netherlands Carillon Recital

Series. 6-8 p.m. at Arlington Ridge Park, George Washington Memorial Parkway. Enjoy sweeping views of Washington, D.C., while guest artists play patriotic music, jazz, and pop on the carillon's 50 bells. Meet on the lawn at the foot of the carillon. Free and open to everyone. Visit www.nps.gov/gwmp/planyourvisit/

netherlandscarillon.htm for more.

SUNDAY/JUNE 23

Steps to Save Lives 5K Walk/Run.

7:30-10:45 a.m. at Bluemont Park. ECAN (Esophageal Cancer Action Network) will be hosting a Steps to Save Lives event. The event is open to everyone, including wheelchairs and strollers. The fun atmosphere includes a DJ, pre-race warm-up and stretch, prizes and awards for the fastest runners and top fundraisers. Parking is free. Visit dc.stepstosavelives.org for more.

Virginia Wildlife Symbols: The

Eastern Oyster. 3:30-5 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road. Families ages 7 and up. Register children and adults; children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Learn about this Virginia coastal two-shelled mollusk resident with activities. Includes a shell craft. For information, call 703-228-3403. \$5. Register at parks.arlingtonva.us, activity #642859-L.

MONDAY/JUNE 24

Golf Tournament. 10 a.m. (shotgun scramble) at Country Club of Fairfax, 5110 Ox Road, Fairfax. Proceeds will go to the Washington-Lee High Athletic Department. With the proceeds of this event, student athletes are given better equipment, clothing, sport camps/clinics, and scholarships. The 2019 goal is to raise \$10,000. Contact evan.rodger@apsva.us for more information or to discuss sponsorship opportunities. Register at www.planmygolfevent.com//32440-13th_Annual_W-L_HS_Golf_Tournament/.

TUESDAY/JUNE 25

2019 Women of Vision. 7 p.m. at Arlington Economic Development's offices, 1100 North Glebe Road, Suite 1500. The Arlington County



Live Comedy: Hari Kondabolu

Hari Kondabolu is a Brooklyn-based comedian and writer who has performed on Comedy Central, Conan, Jimmy Kimmel Live, and The Late Show with David Letterman. His Netflix stand-up special "Warn Your Relatives" made a number of Best Of lists. He is also a public radio favorite on shows including Wait Wait Don't Tell Me, Morning Edition, All Things Considered and more. Friday, June 14, 7:30 and 10 p.m.; Saturday, June, 15, 7 and 9:30 p.m. at Arlington Cinema & Drafthouse, 2903 Columbia Pike. \$20. Visit arlingtondrafthouse.com or call 703-486-2345.

Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) will honor three women for the 2019 Arlington County Women of Vision for their commitment and leadership in the Arlington community. The event will also feature keynote speaker Tiffanye Wesley, Fire/EMS Battalion Chief with the Arlington County Fire Department. Tickets are not required, but a \$25 donation per person is requested and sponsorship packages are available to support the work of the Commission on the Status of Women. RSVP to asowho@arlingtonva.us.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 26

Fossils of Long Branch.

3-4 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Ages 6 to 10. Thanks to the Appalachian Mountains, fossils are everywhere and right there at Glencarlyn Park. Learn how fossils are made, then search for them in the creek. Must wear closed-toe shoes in water. For information: 703-228-6535. \$5. Register at parks.arlingtonva.us, activity #642929-B.

Decades of Summer Concerts:

Juliet Lloyd Band. 6:30-8:30 p.m. in front of the Signature Theatre at the Village of Shirlington. Rock out with favorite local bands performing a mix of '70s, '80s, '90s and original tunes. Enjoy \$5 wine tastings courtesy of Cheesetique, take out a meal from a favorite Shirlington restaurant, and soak in the setting sun to live music. Visit villageatshirlington.com/events for more.

THURSDAY/JUNE 27

Rosslyn Rocks: Driven to Clarity.

6-8 p.m. at Central Place Plaza, 1800 N. Lynn St. Rosslyn Rocks! Concerts are back again this June. Check out favorite local acts for free on Central Place Plaza every Thursday. Enjoy the concerts while sipping on a glass of wine or having a beer in downtown Rosslyn's outdoor space. Visit www.rosslynva.org/do/rosslyn-rocks-concert-series for more.

Author Event. 7 p.m. at One More Page Books, 2200 North Westmoreland St. Young Adult author Caroline Tung Richmond will share the collection of short stories she co-edited, "Hungry Hearts," including works of fiction from bestselling and critically acclaimed authors Sandhya Menon, Anna-Marie McLemore, and Rin Chupeco. This anthology is full of interconnected short stories exploring the intersection of family, culture, and food in the lives of 13 teens. Richmond will be joined by Young Adult authors (and One More Page MVPs) Jessica Spotswood ("A Tyranny Of Petticoats," "Toil & Trouble") and Robin Talley ("Pulp") as they share their experiences writing and editing stories from all genres. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com for more.

Rock at the Row: Dan Haas. 7-9 p.m. on the plaza at Pentagon Row. Featuring music from popular cover and military bands. Refreshments and cocktails will be available for purchase from featured merchants. Visit pentagonrow.com/events for more.

FRIDAY/JUNE 28

Horde of the Flies.

4-5 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road. Ages 6 to 10. "Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana." Get to know this important and underrated insect order, meet a maggot, and learn what makes flies fabulous. For information: 703-228-3403. \$5. Register at parks.arlingtonva.us, activity #642829-D.



Chee-Keong Kung's High Noon Overdrive I (Dispersion No 29), 2019 Ink & acrylic on canvas.

Art Exhibit: Escape Velocity

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Skittering Skinks Campfire.

7-8 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road. Families. Register children and adults; children must be accompanied by a registered adult. The whole family is invited to meet at the Gulf Branch fire ring for lots of old-fashioned fun. This engaging program will be filled with entertaining activities that may include stories, special animal guests, games, songs and of course, S'mores. For information: 703-228-3403. \$5. Register at parks.arlingtonva.us, activity #642859-B.

Rosslyn Cinema: Jumanji:

Welcome to the Jungle (2017).

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SUNDAY/JUNE 30

Dog Days of Summer Craft Day. 1-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad

Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Come celebrate the Dog Days of Summer with local rescue groups and learn about Adopt Don't Shop for finding a new pet. Make pull toys out of old jeans and fleece to be donated to pups waiting for their furever home. Donate old jeans or fleece on any Sunday or bring it along on the 30th. Ages 16 and older, \$4; 5-15, \$2; 4 and under, free. Visit www.fairfax-station.org, www.facebook.com/FFXSRR, or call 703-425-9225.

Firefly Festival.

7:30-9:30 p.m. at Fort C.F. Smith Park, 2411 N. 24th St. Celebrate summer's natural night lights and learn about these bioluminescent beetles. Join in for bug hunts, games, crafts, walks and talks about fireflies. Bring a picnic blanket and dinner while waiting for sunset and for the natural lights to come out. \$7 per person. Cancelled if raining. For information: 703-228-6535. \$7. Register at parks.arlingtonva.us, activity #642959-P.

FRIDAY/JULY 5

Rosslyn Cinema: Crazy Rich

Asians. Movies start at dusk in Gateway Park, 1300 Lee Highway. Rosslyn Cinema outdoor movies in Gateway Park feature some classics and some surprises, including recent blockbusters. Bring blankets and folding chairs and a picnic or purchase food and drinks at different food trucks every week, including a popcorn truck. Child and dog friendly. Free admission. Visit www.rosslynva.org/do/rosslyn-cinema-outdoor-movie-festival for more.

Bridge Demolition Begins

Demolition of the Clark Street structure over 18th Street South started Monday, June 10. This will be the final bridge demolition for the project.

There will be a series of eastbound and westbound closures on 18th Street between South Eads and South Bell Streets during this work. Northbound South Bell Street between 18th and 15th Streets also will be closed. Detours are expected to last for 2-3 weeks, weather permitting.

Here is the current schedule of 18th Street South closures (subject to change):

* Eastbound 18th Street closed (south side of street): Monday through Wednesday, June 10 to June 12

* Westbound 18th Street closed (north side of street): Thursday through Wednesday, June 13 to June 19

* Eastbound 18th Street closed (south side of street): Thursday through Friday, June 20 to June 21.

One direction of travel on 18th Street will be open at all times during the demolition. Drivers are



Clark Street bridge demolition.

encouraged to use 15th and 20th Streets South as alternate routes. During each eastbound and

westbound closure on 18th Street, the sidewalk and bike lane on that side of the street will be closed.

During weekends, no demolition work is planned but detours will remain in place.

Bishop Names Superintendent of Catholic Schools

Dr. Joseph E. Vorbach, III has been appointed by Bishop Michael F. Burbidge as Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese of Arlington, effective July



Vorbach

1. Vorbach is currently Head of School at Bishop Denis J. O'Connell High School. This appointment follows a search process conducted by a committee of Catholic educators, led by the Reverend Lee Roos, Pastor of All Saints Church in Manassas.

Vorbach is a 1983 graduate of Bishop O'Connell High School. He received a Bachelor's degree in government from the U.S Coast Guard Academy, a Master's degree and a Doctorate in International Relations from Tufts University and a Master's degree in education from Marymount University. After a 20-year career in the U.S Coast Guard, Vorbach served briefly at the National Defense University before becoming principal at Bishop O'Connell in 2008 and President (Head of School) in 2013.

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Bownas Promoted To General Manager

CSI DMC recently promoted A.J. Bownas, former CSI DMC director of event management to general manager of CSI Washington, D.C.



Bownas

Bownas' promotion to general manager now puts him in the role of oversight and coordination for CSI DMC's largest office and headquarters. Bownas, of Arlington, has 15 years of event management experience.

A native of England, Bownas grew up in Cheddar and Manchester, England. Bownas initially dreamed of becoming a professional soccer player before completing his degree at the University of Manchester in England. He graduated with honors and re-focused his dreams by becoming a professional soccer coach and moving to the United States. After meeting his wife in the U.S., he transitioned into the events industry. He spent eight years planning government meetings and the following three years producing fundraising galas and international trade missions. He began his career at CSI as a senior event manager, working hand-in-hand with clients and vendors to execute extensive events.

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Housing Forum Focuses on Planning for Equity, Affordability

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pand housing and add diverse housing options, especially for the missing middle. They wanted to offer more types and more affordable housing in all parts of the city.

How to build more affordable housing in high cost areas? That led to the single family zoning currently in place. “We can’t eliminate single family zoning, can we? Who would do that?”

Brennan explained downtown Minneapolis is filling fast. She explained they now require

new buildings to be at least 10 stories high and multi-story on frequent transit corridors. In addition, they proposed allowing four units to be built on lots for the traditional single family home. “This received

the most opposition. After some research we changed it to three. This was the most challenging for community engagement.” There was also the issue of parking.

Part of the input came from a gentrification study where they looked at the quantitative signs in the city. What are the early signs of neighborhood change? Where is the greatest vulnerability to involuntary displacement? But they also looked at the qualitative. “People know when change is taking place.”

She said another piece was they had to throw out the old model; the market is moving so quickly and is so dynamic and complex. They had to come up with a different approach to developing intervention. She said a lot of what is going

on is pilot projects, “not studying it to death.” Brennan said even though 2040 is a bold plan, it will be incremental such as allowing for gentle density.

What made it work? “Engagement, goals, advocacy, leadership. All were important and it wouldn’t have worked without each of them but I think the most critical piece was the community engagement.” She added it was so critical to ask residents what they want their city to look like in 20 years. They heard over and over that housing stability was fundamental to education, jobs and well being.

The Leckey Forum held at the Central Library focused on “Planning for Equity and Affordability.” It was sponsored by the Alliance for Housing Solutions (AHS) whose “mission is to increase the supply of affordable housing in Arlington County and Northern Virginia through public education, policy development, advocacy and innovation.”

The program also included a panel discussion by Solomon Greene, Urban Institute; Chuck Bean, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments; and Kathleen McSweeney, Arlington County Planning Commission. It was moderated by Michelle McDonough Winters, AHS executive director.

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— Andrea Brennan, Housing, Policy and Development Director, City of Minneapolis



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Andrea Brennan discusses Minneapolis 2040 Plan with lessons for Arlington.

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Rocklands Raises Funds for Seniors

Organized by Alliance for Arlington Senior Programs.

BY SHIRLEY RUHE
THE CONNECTION

Three-meat platter, belly buster or pork belly sandwich, maybe with cornbread or coleslaw? Chris Black, general manager of Rocklands Barbecue & Grilling Company on Washington Boulevard, says the most popular sandwich at the Alliance for Arlington Senior Programs (AASP) fundraiser on June 4 will probably be the chopped pork sandwich. Black says he has a “giving Tuesday” once a month to give back to the community. His most recent fundraiser was for Washington-Lee High School.

Volunteer Honora Dent stands at the door of Rocklands handing out tickets to customers. She explains that any customer who mentions AASP and hands Rocklands their ticket when they order will earn 15 percent of their bill for AASP. Linda Sholl, chair of the Langston-Brown Senior Center AASP board, said this fundraiser was her idea. She said each of the six senior centers handles activities for their own center and parcels out funds depending on what that center might need. For instance, Arlington Mill may need money to fund a luncheon.

Customers enter and join the long line

extending to the front of the restaurant. The Rocklands counter is crammed with plastic bottles of barbecue sauce, red packages of toothpicks, hand wipes and a large bowl of unshelled peanuts to crack open while you wait. A fish bowl full of raffle tickets awaits a drawing for a lucky customer to win two tickets to the July 27 Nationals game against the Colorado Rockies.

Doug Frost, who is the chair of the AASP, says the organization was started in 2009. They have raised more than \$75,000 in

support of programs aimed at improving the lives of Arlington County seniors including pickleball mixers, an annual New Year’s Eve party, and a BBQ BASH featuring food, games and live music for more than 300 Arlington seniors. Frost said planning for this fundraiser really energized the volunteers.

AASP is a nonprofit, community-based organization that supplements county endeavors and makes more programs available for 55-plus population Arlington seniors. They partner with each Senior Center Advisory Committee to assist and promote their various social and fundraising activities.



Honora Dent hands out tickets at Rocklands Barbecue & Grilling Company on Washington Boulevard June 4 at the Alliance for Arlington Senior Programs fundraiser.



The counter is jammed with bottles of barbecue sauce, customers and raffle tickets.



Seniors meet at Rocklands to share barbecue and help support a good cause.

Dorsey Praises Senior Volunteers at Leadership Luncheon

“Arlington is fortunate to have a community of seniors (55-plus) whose volunteer hours through the Office of Senior Adult Programs (OSAP) saved the county over a half a million dollars last year,” said County Board chair Christian Dorsey at the 15th annual seniors’ leadership recognition luncheon, Thursday, June 6.

Dorsey said, “The 55-plus community represents the best of Arlington values and reflects our vision of unity,” said Dorsey. “Arlington senior centers offer folks a place to land after retirement and participate in the hundreds of programs made available to them.”

Also in attendance to lend support was County Board member Matt de Ferranti.

Master of ceremonies for the event was Vera Libeau, chair of the Senior Adult Council.

OSAP is a unit of the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) that oversees the activities and programs at five senior centers and administers the senior

travel, sports, fitness and recreation programs. Jennifer Collins, Senior Adult Program Manager, said, “Volunteers are the backbone of our senior centers. There are over 250 volunteers and more than 130 serve on senior center, travel, sports and fitness advisory committees plus the Arlington Alliance for Senior Programs.” Collins also announced special Leadership Awards to Betty Burke, Linda Sholl and Andrea Vojtko, for their outstanding leadership contributions to the senior community.

Jane Rudolph, DPR director, installed the officers of the 2019-2020 Senior Adult Council: Chair, Vera Libeau, vice chair, Sue Lang, secretary, Sandy Steinberg and treasurer, Valerie Turner.

Cheryl Johnson, DPR Chief of Sports and Recreation division closed the event with a poem acknowledging her appreciation and gratitude to the volunteers for “helping to make the 55+ program so successful.”

The luncheon was hosted by The Jefferson senior residence, 900 N. Taylor Street.



Jennifer Collins (right) OSAP Manager awards special recognition to (from left) Linda Sholl, Andrea Vojtko, Betty Burke, on Thursday, June 6 at the 15th annual Leadership recognition luncheon held at The Jefferson senior residence.

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Designer Annie Elliott designed this room adding an abstract painting by artist Karen Silve.

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Versatility of Abstract Art

Ideas for decorating with this adaptable art form.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

From adding a burst of boldly colored angular shapes to a sterile, white wall to using spheres in muted tones to create serenity in a bedroom, abstract art has the ability to set the tone or change the mood of a space. In spite of its versatility, melding it tastefully into a home's décor can be daunting. Local designers share their strategies for aesthetically appealing placement of this adaptable art form.

Abstract art can become the center of attention in a space, notes Pamela Harvey of Pamela Harvey Interiors of Herndon, Va. "One of my favorite ways to transform the look of a room is to add an over-sized piece of abstract art to create a dramatic focal point," she said. "My go-to frame is a simple floater frame to give the art a clean finished look."

Abstract art works well in pairs allowing the use of smaller scale pieces, advises Amanda Mertins of Patina Polished Living in Alexandria.

"Don't be afraid to hang abstract art in gallery style. Be mindful to use like frames and materials," she said. "The use of complementary colors to your space is a safe way to incorporate abstract art into your décor without allowing it to grab all the attention."

One of Mertins' favorite uses of abstract art is pairing it with what she describes as its decorative opposite: traditional décor. "Beautiful wood furniture, silver, crystal lighting and porcelain accessories are perfect as a backdrop for bold prints and abstract paintings," she said. "Mirrors are wonderful to use as abstract décor, but always pay attention to what will be reflected in the mirror."

Abstract art work is a versatile accessory and works well in modern as well as traditional room settings, suggests Harvey. "When choosing a piece I look for something that has some of the room's existing colors in it with an opportunity to introduce new colors into the space."

Harvey implemented this technique in the recent

re-design of a client's living room. "We added a piece that had blue and white, but introduced a bold pink to create a dramatic focal point on the back wall."

Abstract art shouldn't be limited to neutral spaces, says Annie Elliott of Bossy Color, Interior Design by Annie Elliott. "If your walls are white and your furniture is gray, the effect will be pretty, but cold and museum-like, not homey," she said. "You should complement a painting's colors [and] the room should feel harmonious. If you put a red sofa under a red and blue painting, the effect may [appear similar too] a hotel lobby."

From a practical standpoint, Anne Walker of Anne Walker Design believes in mixing media to avoid creating a space that has an overly uniform aesthetic. "Oil paintings, both abstract and traditional, framed photography, sculpture, textiles, antique botanicals, framed mirrors, antique porcelain china – all of these art forms can co-exist happily in a single home," she said.

Versatility is one of the traits of abstract art that Mertins appreciates. "This style of art can be very bold and take charge of a room or be soft and fade into the background," she said. "If your room needs a focal point, then abstract art is the way to go."

"The use of black and white art will make a bold statement without adding color to a space," continued Mertins. "Monolithic art produces a solid look, splatter art is happy and upbeat while graceful line drawings impart a feeling romance and intrigue. Photographic art can be personal, bold and sometimes more affordable than painted pieces."

Works of art that one purchases spontaneously, such as during travels, is often both more meaningful and more likely to enhance a home's décor, says Walker. "When art is purchased for the entire home all at once, the result can often feel contrived," she said.

"Surround yourself with art, furnishings and objects that make you feel joyful, and consult a design professional if you need help editing or arranging your collection," continued Walker. "I've often helped clients sort through their existing art collections and place them in just the right spot," she said. "Moving a piece of art from the wrong location to the right location can not only transform a room, it can transform the work of art itself."

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As the fathers spend time with their children, the mothers sit downstairs with a counselor who walks them through the conflicted feelings they are having. They also get some "life skills" help. The mothers are encouraged to keep the door open for fathers, even if they are angry at them or feeling overloaded with the responsibility of raising children alone.

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Reuniting with Their Children

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Arthur has been in her job for 18 years. She has been looking for ways to prepare the inmates of Arlington County Jail for life after incarceration. One of her projects is the Community Readiness Unit (CRU), established in May 2018. It focuses on individual-

ized reentry planning, work readiness and programming for substance abuse, mental health and life skills. She and Watkin believe keeping children in touch with their fathers is important at many levels, particularly in reminding fathers what is important in their lives.

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Online Salary Negotiation Workshop.

AAUW (American Association of University Women) Work Smart is free online for anyone looking to learn how to negotiate a salary increase or promotion. Why is negotiation so important? AAUW's research on the gender pay gap shows that, one year out of college, women are already paid significantly less than men. Visit salary.aauw.org.

Create a Wildlife Sanctuary. The Audubon at Home Wildlife Sanctuary certification program assists homeowners in restoring their home's natural habitat by providing information on sustainable gardening practices. These practices include using native plants, removing invasive species, reducing use of pesticides and fertilizers, and creating space for native flora and fauna. Visit audubonva.org/audubon-at-home-1/ for more.

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Monthly Memory Café. 1-3 p.m. at 7910 Andrus Road, Suite 6 Alexandria. The Memory Café, a social gathering for individuals living with memory loss and their families, will be held on the first Friday of every month. Registration is free and highly recommended to reserve a spot, which are open on a first come first served basis. To reserve a spot,

please call 571-210-5551 or email bdesai@seniorhelpers.com. Visit www.dementiacareconnections.com/memory-cafe or www.seniorhelpers.com/arlington-alexandria-va for more.

Walk-Fit. Ongoing Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30-9:30 a.m. at Fashion Center at Pentagon City, Arlington. Participants walk at their own pace in a safe and friendly environment. Group stretch and cool down led by Virginia Hospital Center staff at 9:15 a.m. Meet on the first level by Nordstrom. Call 703-558-6859.

Arlington County, in partnership with the Human Rights Commission's Equality Task Force, has launched a web page with resources for the LGBTQ community. The new webpage compiles LGBTQ resources on a variety of topics, including homelessness and housing, domestic violence and sexual assault, and health. There are also topics specifically for teens and youth — such as scholarship opportunities and school clubs — as well as ones targeted at seniors and older adults, such as SAGE. Visit topics.arlingtonva.us/lgbtq-resources.

Aging Matters. 2-3 p.m. Tuesdays on WERA 96.7 LP FM on Arlington's community radio station. Each week host Cheryl Beversdorf interviews individuals with expertise about a broad array of aging related topics affecting the lives of older adults and their loved ones. Visit www.facebook.com/agingmatterswera to listen to programs.

Volunteer Bike Repair Night. First Tuesday of the month, 6-9 p.m. at Phoenix Bikes, Barcroft Park, 4200 S. Four Mile Run Drive. Volunteers gather to refurbish bikes, sort parts or help with essential tasks. No experience necessary.

Public Financial Fraud, Waste and Abuse Hotline. On Tuesday, Nov. 15, the Arlington County launched a new public hotline that offers a confidential and secure way to report suspected incidents of financial

fraud, waste and abuse. Anyone can submit a complaint to the hotline at 1-866-565-9206 or at arlingtonva.ethicaladvocate.com. The hotline website is available in English and Spanish. Phone calls can be taken in many languages.

The Arlington Food Assistance Center's Plot Against Hunger program is again seeking local vegetable gardeners and farmers willing to grow and donate fresh produce to the AFAC food pantry. AFAC can provide free vegetable seeds to those who pledge to donate produce from community or personal gardens. Seeds available now at AFAC, 2708 S. Nelson Street, during regular business hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Saturdays 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Visit www.afac.org/ or contact Puwen at Puwen.Lee@afac.org or 703-845-8486.

Created by the **Arlington Initiative to Rethink Energy (AIRE)** in partnership with the Arlington Public Library, the nation's First Energy Lending Library made its debut on Earth Day. Meant to resolve energy issues in the Arlington community, efficiency tools such thermal imaging cameras, energy meters and books play a vital role in achieving a "greener" home. Open Sun-Sat 10 a.m.-9 p.m. 1015 N. Quincy St. Visit library.arlingtonva.us/locations/central-library or call 703-228-5990.

Arlington Rotary Club Lunches. Thursdays, 12-1:30 p.m. at Washington Golf & Country Club, 3017 N. Glebe Road. Organization brings together political and business leaders for humanitarian services. Eat and listen to guest speakers. Admission is \$26 for non-members. Visit www.arlingtonrotaryclub.org.

Job Seeking Help. 5-9 p.m. at Columbia Pike Branch Library, 816 S. Walter Reed Drive. Receive job-related help from the staff and volunteers with applications. Free, but requires registration. Visit www.arlingtonva.libcal.com/.

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Amazon

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can offer additional housing and support services for our neighbors in need.”

“This investment bolsters the tireless efforts of so many in our community who are focused on addressing the long-standing, critical issue of housing affordability,” said County Board Chair Christian Dorsey. “We are pleased to see Amazon’s willingness to work together with other businesses and local community-based organizations to improve outcomes for our residents.”

Earlier this year, the Arlington Community Foundation was named the lead local partner in a national initiative called the Shared Prosperity Partnership. The Partnership – a collaboration among the Kresge Foundation, Urban Institute, Brookings Institution, and Living Cities – aims to strengthen and accelerate existing local efforts to generate inclusive growth for people of all races, ethnicities, and incomes. Inclusive growth in Arlington requires that its residents come from diverse socio-economic backgrounds and that opportunity for prosperity exists for all people. Amazon’s gift helps the Arlington Shared Prosperity Initiative, which brings together the private and nonprofit sectors to identify and implement solutions to issues like housing, helping low-income Arlingtonians remain in the community.

“In cities across the country, we see that advancing shared prosperity requires cross-sector partnerships,” said Rip Rapson, president and CEO of the Kresge Foundation, a national private foundation committed to expanding opportunity in cities. “Community foundations, like the Arlington Community Foundation, are uniquely positioned to convene purposeful conversations that elevate pressing community needs, and to support the implementation of locally-driven solutions. We hope this is just the beginning of measurable progress on issues of economic inequity in Arlington.”

The Arlington Community Foundation was established in 1991 to serve as a permanent community endowment built by the gifts and charitable legacies of individuals, families and businesses for the betterment of Arlington County.

'FLOURISHING AFTER 55'

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ney Ed Zetlin, Wednesday, June 26, 11 a.m., Langston-Brown. Register, 703-228-6300.

Movie book club screening of “The Great Gatsby.” Wednesday, June 26, 1 p.m., Westover Library. Details, 703-228-0555.

Drop-in basketball for women, Wednesdays, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Langston-Brown. Details, 703-228-6300.

Senior trekkers, Thursday, 9 a.m., Arlington Mill. Details, 703-228-7369.

Sounds of classical music, Fridays, 1-3 p.m., Madison. Details, 703-228-4878.

Calling all punsters to enter Pun-Off, Friday, June 28, 1 p.m., Lee. Register, 703-228-0555.

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Ballroom Dance, Friday, June 28, 1-3 p.m., Arlington Mill. Details, 703-228-7369.

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What A Week!



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

The least of it was my pre-immunotherapy lab work on Wednesday and then my actual immunotherapy infusion on Friday. The most of it was my navigating websites and trying to properly complete applications/enrollment forms for the Virginia Unemployment Commission and the Maryland Health Connection.

For a man (me) who fancies himself your go-to-guy for sports and chocolate, getting immersed in policies and procedures for government agencies providing unemployment benefits and health care – with our (my wife, Dina and I) respective lives somewhat dependent on the time-sensitive completion of said documents, was akin to sending yours truly out to sing the National Anthem at the next Nationals’ game. It would be a disaster of titanic proportions (fortunately without the loss of life).

As it has been my entire life, I can’t sing any more than I can now compute.

As I sit and write this week’s column, having barely survived the excruciating ordeal of this past week – with only an in-office visit left to go on Monday – I now have next week to look forward to. And what garden path am I leading you down?

Another week of time-sensitive/computer-centric tasks, of course. Once again I will be sitting at my computer attempting to navigate through another government web site and this time a private sector website, as I try to sign up for Medicare effective Sept. 1, as well as the associated but independent supplemental medical insurance necessary to fill in the coverage gaps that I, as a former insurance broker, know exist.

Granted, with these two tasks I do have some time. I just hope I have the wherewithal.

This past week took a toll emotionally. And I’m not sure if I really want to climb that emotional mountain yet again.

This week’s tasks are not any easier. Shooting fish in a barrel they’re not. They’re more like having to make the barrel and then catch the fish. Not easier said than impossibly done. For a man who knows his limitations, the week ahead will likely test those limitations.

But if not me, then who? Unfortunately, it has to be me. The other party with whom I share a long-standing arrangement has a skill set unsuited to and incompatible with, computers, and the kind of searching/deciphering/hunting and pecking on web sites required for completion of this week’s tasks.

Moreover, if I enlist her support or insist on her participation, my present and future will not be enhanced by the experience. She may be a resource in many other respects, but in this respect, she’s not.

And I can respect that. Give me a little credit, I’ve learned something in our 40 years together.

That being said – and understood, I think I’ll take the weekend off from such endeavors and prepare myself for next week as I consider the challenges which lie ahead.

I’d like to think I’ve gained some confidence in the progress I made this past week. I’ve nearly completed both tasks, tasks which initially seemed almost insurmountable. However, if it were not for the amazingly patient, courteous and knowledgeable assistance I received from the call centers associated with these sites, I’d still be stumbling and stammering (literally) into oblivion.

But as of this past Friday, I’ve nearly reached the promised land. (“I can see Russia from my house.”)

I can only imagine the satisfaction I’ll feel next Friday when I anticipate I will have completed two more of these tedious tasks and secured yet another part of our financial and emotional future.

Four huge hurdles overcome, but still with a few more yet to go: probably applying for a reverse mortgage and possibly researching a kitchen renovation.

Wait a second. Don’t I have lung cancer? Jeez, I almost forgot.

With all this other stuff going on, the cancer compartment stayed closed. Now it’s open again. Damn, now I really have problems.

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