

# News

### Kiwanis Club of Fairfax Receives Major Gift

On June 25, 2019, the Kiwanis Club of Fairfax received a major gift of \$10,000 from a club member.

Paulette Crawford, a past president of the Kiwanis Club of Fairfax and an employee of Kaiser Permanente, received one of the 2019 David Lawrence Community Service Awards which recognizes employees and physicians throughout Kaiser Permanente who champion outstanding volunteer activities to improve the health of our communities. "I

am so grateful to my colleagues for nominating me for this award and to Kaiser Permanente for recognizing my service," Paulette said. "Like Kaiser Permanente, the Kiwanis vision is to be a positive influence so that one day, all children will wake up in communities that believe in them, nurture them, and provide the support they need to thrive. I am excited and honored to be a part of organizations that are so perfectly aligned."

Crawford, in turn graciously donated her entire award to the Kiwanis Club for use in



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From left, Angela Olenik, Kaiser nominator, and Paulette Crawford, recipient.

its Meals 4 Young Minds weekend food program. M4YM provides nonperishable food for 2 days to more than 180 students at the two city elementary schools. Meal bags provide six meals and two snacks to cover weekends. Her gift will fund the program for this year, an enormous help to the club and community.

The Kiwanis Club of Fairfax has a 64 year history of community support and youth leadership development. Club membership is open to men and women who are interested in these objectives.

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# City Council Discusses Affordable Housing Ordinance

Developers would get higher density in exchange for ADUs.

> By Bonnie Hobbs The Connection

evelopers want to build houses in the City of Fairfax; but affordable homes just aren't as profitable for them. So the City is now considering an affordable dwelling unit ordinance to make the idea more attractive.

During a recent City Council work session, Brooke Hardin, director of Community Planning and Development, explained the proposal in detail. Also helping was attorney Pat Taves.

"This would be an amendment to the City's zoning ordinance," said Hardin. It would apply to rezonings, planned developments, special-use permits and special exceptions, plus administrative approvals of subdivisions and site plans.

The ordinance would provide additional density through ADUs and market-rate units by allowing the developer to add up to 20 percent more density (units per acre) in all residential, multifamily and mixed-use zoning districts. For new developments, 10 percent of detached homes or townhouse units must be ADUs, and 6 percent of multifamily units must be ADUs.

Taves said the ordinance is optional for the City to adopt. But, he stressed, "An optional density increase has got to be offered to the developer. The 20-percent bonus-density number could be more or less, but this is similar to what Fairfax County has."

**PREVIOUSLY**, he said, the threshold triggering ADU requirements was a development of at least 10 units. "But City Council thought that number was low, so we're recommending 30 units," said Taves. "It would help mitigate the effects of density on established neighborhoods and smaller, new developments."

In addition, said Hardin, "We heard comments about offering the bonus density in height increases to decrease the impact on open space. It wouldn't be necessary for single-family homes, but it would apply to townhouse and multifamily developments."

In areas adjacent to residential, townhouses would be able to go from 35 to 40-feet high, and multifamily, from 35 to 48 feet. In areas not next to residential, three-story townhouses could increase from 35 to 40 feet, and four-story townhouses, from 45 to 48 feet. Four-story multifamily developments could go from four stories and 45 feet to five stories and 60 feet.

Another way to reduce the impact on



Sang Yi

open space would be by allowing townhouses to decrease their minimum lot sizes from 18 feet wide to 16 feet. It wouldn't apply to multifamily homes.

Taves said the ADU ordinance would be administered by the City before construction, including plan review and approval. After construction, the county's Department of Housing and Community Development would individually review housing applications and do the day-to-day administration. Zoning enforcement would be the City's job.

Recommended income levels to own an ADU would be households with a total maximum income of 70 percent of AMI (area median income). To rent an ADU, that number would be 60 percent or less of AMI.

"We changed the income for ownership units from 60 to 70 percent because, if they're going to buy a home, they'd need a larger salary," said Taves. "Existing rental tenants may earn up to 80 percent of AMI, if they get a raise once they get into a unit. But if they earn more than 80 percent, they'd have to leave."

Applicants for ADU ownership must be first-time homebuyers who haven't owned a residential property in three years. Exceptions would go to former homeowners who are displaced homemakers no longer supported by a spouse, single parents, seniors moving to an age-restricted ADU and disabled people who owned a home prior to their disability.

Tom Fleetwood, the county's director of Housing and Community Development, said Fairfax County has purchased some for-sale ADUs and has the authority to buy up to one-third of those under its domain. City Council members then weighed in on what they heard.

"Is this applicable to a by-right project?" asked Councilman Sang Yi "Yes," said Hardin. "Or they could pay cash in lieu of



Jon Stehle

having 50 percent of the ADUs."

"I'm more comfortable with the 30-unit threshold than 10, and the up-to 20-percent density," added Yi. "What kind of [monetary] growth do ADU's have?"

"During the 30-year control period, growth and price are controlled by the CPI – consumer price index," said Fleetwood. And, added Abdi Hamud, who administers the county's ADU program, "They'd have to have a fixed-interest rate."

Yi asked the average price to buy an ADU, and Taves said, "At 70 percent AMI, we estimate \$251,000."

"I'm OK with ADU rentals, but when it comes to ownership, I see a lot of pitfalls," said Yi. "It doesn't seem that worth it, buying a \$251,000 home that won't increase that much in equity. I'd rather help people who really need it."

Councilman Michael DeMarco asked, "For a high-end, for-sale product, could a developer pay in lieu of a 100-percent ADU optout?" Fleetwood answered that the goal is to not have developers eliminate ADUs from their projects.

But, said Taves, "If it's at 50 percent optout of the ADUs, Council wouldn't have to decide this, all the tie, for each project." And Hamud noted that, "We've had no trouble marketing and selling ADUs."

MAYOR David Meyer said, "In some projects, it doesn't make sense to put in ADUs. For example, HOA [homeowners association] dues could be a problem [for the purchaser]." Under the plan, if a buyer sells his ADU before 30 years, half his profit would go to the City's Housing Trust Fund. But, asked Meyer, "If somebody lives in their home 20 years and makes improvements, would they get credit for them?" Hamud said they would. However, Meyer called it "draconian" for the City to take half the ADU-sale profit.



**David Meyer** 

"The ADU home-ownership program isn't for creating wealth for the homeowner," replied Fleetwood. "It's to provide him with an affordable home priced far below what it would be otherwise."

"I just want to make sure that where those lines cross is fair to everyone," said Meyer.

"It's successfully provided affordable-housing opportunities throughout the county," said Fleetwood. "And we've had some good, public/private partnerships."

"Who are the people benefiting, and what are the effects on the community?" asked Councilman Jon Stehle. "Working people who drive buses and cabs, teach or work for the county," answered Fleetwood. "And it's benefited the communities to be able to provide housing for their workforce."

"What happens if a person lives in their ADU more than 30 years and dies?" asked Councilwoman So Lim. "Can they will it to their family?"

"After 30 years, it's not an ADU anymore, so they can," said Hamud. "Or [if they're still alive], they can sell or rent it. They no longer have to live in it."

But, concerned about ADUs being willed, Yi said, "We want new families in [ADUs]. The intent of this program isn't to keep the same family in there. We should put a limitation in the ordinance."

He also asked if a senior who sold his already-paid-off home for \$1 million and has no income could buy an ADU. "We look at both income and assets for purchases," replied Hamud. "But I'd have to get back to you about rentals."

Meyer then asked the Council to consider all these things and share them with their colleagues at a later date. There'll be another work session on the final draft ordinance, and then the matter will go to both the Planning Commission and Council for public hearings.

# **OPINION**

# Human Trafficking Supply and Demand

BY BILL WOOLF Executive Director, Just Ask Trafficking Prevention Foundation.

he recent news about Jeffrey Epstein's arrest in New York on new sex-trafficking charges involving allegations that date to the early 2000s is alarming to many.

It wasn't for us. That's the bad news. The Just Ask Trafficking Prevention Foundation, a global leader in combating human trafficking, is all too familiar with cases like Epstein's.

The good news is we're doing something about it. Our real-world experience and global knowledge about combating human trafficking enable us to do much more than sympathize with Epstein's victims of these alleged new crimes. We know how to fight back, and

To better understand what we do and why we first must understand what sex trafficking is. The federal government defines It as the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, obtaining, patronizing, or soliciting of a person for the purposes of a commercial sex act, in which the commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such an act has not attained 18 years of age (22 USC § 7102).

There's a lot more to sex trafficking than just prostitution. The sex trafficking industry is a part of the world's second largest and most lucrative criminal enterprise grossing more than \$150 billion annually.

Defeating a billion-dollar industry isn't merely a battle. It's a world war with the good guys significantly outgunned financially. For example, the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund, created in 2010 to provide humanitarian, legal and financial aid to victims of human

trafficking to increase the number of those rescued and supported, and broaden the extent of assistance they receive, only received \$6.7 million as of May 2019. Jeffrey Epstein's proposed bail package is estimated to be as high as \$77 million alone.

Winning the battle is simply a matter of understanding and then eliminating the logistics behind the world's second largest criminal enterprise. Logistics? Yes, we need to reduce both

the supply of victims for human traffickers and the demand for them. Our best weapon? Human trafficking awareness and prevention is the most effective and least expensive method to reduce and ultimately eliminate the supply and demand for the sex trafficking industry.

First, we must stop the supply of human trafficking victims by educating at-risk populations about what human trafficking is, how they can be targeted, and what to do to become immune to their tactics. Most victims fall prey to the likes of predators like Epstein because they are unaware they are being lured in by lies or false



**Bill Woolf receives the 2018 Presidential Medal for Human Trafficking efforts from** 

**Secretary of State Mike Pompeo.** 

promises for things like money, prestige, power, or safety until it is too late. Then, trapped, the victims become resolved to their fate, impoverished, or worse, suicidal because of their sense of hopelessness. On average, once a person becomes involved in human trafficking, their life expectancy plummets to just seven years because of the enormous stress and physical abuse, their bodies and minds endure.

Secondly, we need to acknowledge criminals

like Jeffrey Epstein exist. Our awareness of them is the first step toward defeating them. As awareness grows for potential victims, awareness grows for prospective clients of human traffickers. By educating potential sex trafficking clients about the realities of prostitution and sex trafficking as a crime, research has proven it lowers demand by swaying them not to purchase sex or tolerate or support the practice of buying sex within their peer groups. In addition to awareness programs, the enforcement of our human trafficking laws can help deter future criminals by making it clear

to the public that if you participate in human trafficking, you're going to get caught and more importantly, you're going to be held accountable.

The Just Ask Trafficking Prevention Foundation is a global leader in education and awareness campaigns for people of all ages, demographics, occupations and nationalities. One of our most effective programs is our school-based curriculum, which has reached more than 160,000 students worldwide and continues to grow. In northern Virginia, two counties, Fairfax and Loudoun, employ our programming directly through the school system's Family Life Education (FLE), maximizing the opportunity to engage our children when they are most at risk. Programming in schools is critical because it's where most of the victims are. Statistically speaking, while anyone can be a potential victim of human trafficking, the primary target for predators are girls between the ages of 14-16 years-old.

Just Ask does more than educate children, though. We educate parents, teachers, school officials, police officers, businesses, politicians, local, state, federal government employees, and even world leaders about what human trafficking is and how to combat it. ..

The bottom line is we have to condition communities to not only resist becoming victims of human trafficking but remove the desire to participate in it as customers as well. Criminals who are always on the prowl for successful money-making opportunities will vacate human trafficking as a business model once they see the funding potential dry up. ...

If you want to help, us eradicate human trafficking, visit our website www.justaskprevention.org.

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### Pet Connection, Send Photos

The Pet Connection, a twice-yearly special edition, will publish the last week of July, and photos and stories of your pets with you and your family should be submitted by Thursday, July 25.

We invite you to send stories about your pets, photos of you and your family with your cats, dogs, llamas, alpacas, ponies, hamsters, snakes, lizards, frogs, rabbits, or whatever other creatures share your life with you.

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# LETTERS

### Change As an Opportunity

To the Editor:

I recently read the article on Robert E. Lee High School Graduation titled "Keynote Speaker Warns of Change." I liked how the speaker shared his high school experiences and challenges transitioning towards college. Explaining to the students and graduates how he brought his life together and became successful was inspirational.

I would like to see more newspapers that talk about change as an opportunity rather than negative impacts to people's lives.

#### **Christian Garcia**

Springfield

Garcia is a 14-year-old student at South County High School. Grade 9.

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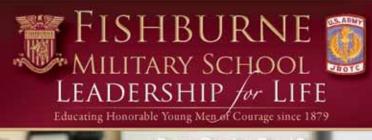
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# Creating Travel Journal With Children

# Helping children capture vacation memories through journaling.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

collection of rocks collected at Mt. Vesuvius in Naples, a souvenir from the leaning tower of Pisa, crayon-on-construction paper drawings of the beaches in Naples, Italy are all part of the travel journals that Sonia Pruneda-Hernandez preserved. These are keepsakes that her son began creating when he was in preschool. Recently she perused those journals, reliving the memories with her son who is now a 22 year-old college student.

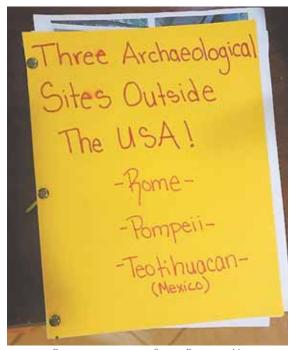
"As a military spouse I had the opportunity to live in Naples, Italy," said Pruneda-Hernandez, who now works as the Director of Early Childhood Education Initiatives at Montgomery College. "When we traveled in Europe, I provided my son travel journals. As a preschooler, he drew pictures of the places we visited and I would write parts of our conversations on the drawings. As he learned to write, his travel journals began to become more complex with him drawing and writing. I saved those journals and he is able to relive the memories of those experiences."

Journals created during summer vacations allow families to maintain the experience of their trips long after they've returned home. **children to be** Whether one's plans include a safari in Kenya or a staycation actively involved in among the monuments along the National Mall, keeping detailed the experience of records gives children who are living in the age of selfies and social media posts, a thoughtful option for holding onto memories.

"Travel journals are important because they [allow children], to have those memories of those experiences," said Pruneda-Hernandez.

Advanced planning leads to creative journals that are a form of self-expression, suggests Wendy Rowe, a writing tutor and art teacher. "Before you leave for your trip, ask your child to think about what they're most excited about and the type of journal they'd like to keep," she said. "For example, my daughter likes to paint watercolor pictures of things that she sees. Other children might make a journal that's a written narrative. What's important is that parents allow children to choose the type of journal they want to make and then purchasing and packing the supplies that they might need, whether it's colored pen- Villano. "Start by asking them to write about some-

create opportunities to practice writing skills, advises rock they saw while hiking in the Grand Canyon." travel journal shouldn't just be a list of things that think about the experience."



The options for both the format

of journals and the way that a

child chooses to describe their ex-

periences are abundant, says

Rowe. "Children can include mu-

seum tickets, airplane boarding

passes, leaves they collected from

Sonia Pruneda-Hernandez created this journal with her son when he was younger. Now that he's 22, he enjoys looking at them and reliving

they did or saw. Parents should "Travel journals encourage them to engage all of their senses like sound, touch, allow young taste and feel. For example, if you're on a vacation in Paris, did you smell freshly baked baguettes when you walked into a restaurant for lunch? If you ate a croissant, could you taste the butter or feel the flakes on your tongue?" their journey."

— Sonia Pruneda-Hernandez **Director of Early Childhood Education Initiatives at Montgomery College** 

> might enjoy remembering later.' "Travel journals allow young children to be actively involved in the experience of their journey," added Pruneda-Hernandez. "They do not have to be written. Children that are not able to write yet, should be provided opportunities and materials such as a simple notebook, markers, crayons, or pencils to draw what they see and their experiences.

a park they visited," she said. "Parents should en-

courage them to think long-term about things they

Prompts can be used to encourage those who are resistant to keeping a record of their vacations, says cils and craft paper or a simple notebook and a pen." thing they saw by describing its color or shape," she Such diaries can spark family conversations and said. "They can describe the shape and color of a

Michelle Villano, a fourth grade teacher who encour"Parents can sit and ask open-ended questions at ages her students to write accounts of their summer the end of the day," said Pruneda-Hernandez. "This adventures. "Children can enjoy a vacation and learn provides a [them] an opportunity to express themfrom the scenes around them," Villano said. "A child's selves orally and provides opportunities for them to Community's Help Needed **Providing School Supplies** 

Britepaths is collecting backpacks, cash and calculators for students.

> By Bonnie Hobbs The Connection

t's tough being a student without a sturdy backpack or the proper school supplies at the start of the school year. So Britepaths is doing its best to change that picture.

But it's such a huge undertaking that it can't do it alone. So the Fairfax-based nonprofit is hoping the community will help out by donating funds, backpacks and calculators to assist students in need.

It's Britepaths' annual Collect for Kids Back to School Program, and all the recipients attend schools in the Fairfax County area. Locally, they go to Fairfax High, Lanier Middle School, and Daniels Run, Fairfax Villa, Bonnie Brae and Oak View elementaries.

"It is incredible to think that 56,000 students in Fairfax County Public Schools are eligible to receive free or reducedprice meals," said Britepaths Executive Director Lisa Whetzel. "These children face a variety of challenges that no child should have to deal with. They may miss meals, lack resources for school supplies and have limited access to appropriate school clothing."

"These are just some of the issues that distract them from concentrating on school and meeting their highest academic potential," she continued. "We hope the community will respond generously to ensure that children whose families are in crisis are able to start the new school year with dignity and all the tools they need to succeed."

In 2018, Britepaths assisted 2,655 students in need. This year's goal is to provide supplies for at least 2,500. Britepaths collects and then provides the supplies to its partner schools for distribution.

From now through Aug. 16, Britepaths' Collect for Kids Back to School Program will collect cash, backpacks and calculators. The funds donated will help it purchase supplies at a steep dis- britepaths.org or mail a check to sites are listed below. Collect for Kids Partnership. While families often pay \$40 or "BTS" on the memo line. more per child for supplies, Britepaths will be able to buy all

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"We hope the community will respond generously to ensure that children whose families are in crisis are able to start the new school year with dignity and all the tools

> they need to succeed." -Britepaths **Executive Director** Lisa Whetzel

> > nating or sponsoring the program, contact Joanne Walton at 703-273-8829 walton@britepaths.org, or visit oritepaths.org.

\* Companies and organizations may also help by holding a donation drive or Serving as a backpack collection site. Contact Joanne Walton.

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From left, Nancy Schneider delivers backpacks and checks

britepaths

to Seasonal Programs Manager Joanne Walton.

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Art Exhibit: Somewhere Between You and

Me. Through July 20, Fridays and Saturdays, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Olly Olly, 10417 Main St., 2nd Floor, Fairfax. In Somewhere Between You and Me, young nonbinary transgender artists intimately seek to understand and bring understanding to what it means to experience life as a nonbinary person. Call 703-789-6144 or visit ollyollyart.com for more.

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LEGO (TM) Train Show on Saturday, Oct. 12,
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Kingstowne Farmers Market. Fridays, through Oct. 25, 4-7 p.m. in the Giant parking lot, 5870 Kingstowne Towne Center, Alexandria. Farm fresh eggs, local honey, berries, fresh picked vegetables, fresh local fruits, baked breads and treats, chicken, tamales, salsa, hummus, gourmet sausage, fresh roasted coffee beans, and much, more. Call 703-642-0128 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/kingstowne.

Wakefield Farmers Market. Wednesdays, 2-6 p.m. through Oct. 30, at Wakefield Park, 8100 Braddock Road, Annandale. Eleven local farmers and producers will sell fresh produce and fruits; meats; breads and pastries; jams; dairy products and eggs; herbs; flowers, and more. All products are grown or produced by the vendors and come from within 125 miles. The Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association will be there each week, providing horticultural information to home gardeners in Fairfax County. Call 703-642-0128 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/wakefield.

Lorton Farmers Market. Sundays, 9 a.m.-noon, through Nov. 17, in the VRE Parking Lot, 8990 Lorton Station Blvd., Lorton. Eleven local farmers and producers sell fresh produce and fruits; meats; breads and pastries; jams; dairy products and eggs; herbs; flowers, and more. All products are grown or produced by the vendors and come from within 125 miles. The Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association will be there each week, providing horticultural information to home gardeners in Fairfax County. Call 703-642-0128 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/lorton.

Springfield Farmers Market. Saturdays, through Nov. 23, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Springfield Town Center, 6699 Spring Mall Drive, Springfield. Vendors include Cascade Beverage, Celestial/Fossil Farms, Chilanga Tortilla, Conecopia, Greenwich Farms, Iganacio's Produce, Kingdom Gourmet, Lola's Kusina, Lund's Produce, Smiths Mecklenburg, Taste Old Country, Three Puppies, Tyson Farm, and Windmill Meadows. Visit www.community-foodworks.org or call 202-697-7768.

Burke Farmers Market. Through Dec. 21, 8 a.m.-noon at the VRE parking lot, 5671 Roberts Parkway, Burke. A great selection of fresh produce, baked goods, seafood, and dairy. All vendors make their own food or grow it locally within 125 miles. Call 703-642-0128 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/burke for more.

#### WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY/JULY 17-21

The Wizard of Oz. Thursday-Saturday, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 2 p.m. at Nativity Catholic Church, Fr. Martin Performing Arts Center, 6400 Nativity Lane, Burke. Join Dorothy, Toto, Scarecrow, Tin Man, and the Cowardly Lion as they journey together to the Emerald City, make new friends, and gain a



Photo by Kimberly Siepmann

Leads rehearsing in The Wizard of Oz. From left: Guard #1 - Emma Gonzalez; Dorothy - Brianna St Clair; Toto - Ava Hurtado; Scarecrow - Kathryn Webb; Tin Man - Jared Diallo; Lion - Greg LaNave; and Guard #2 - Lillie Rusch.

#### The Wizard of Oz

Join Dorothy, Toto, Scarecrow, Tin Man, and the Cowardly Lion as they journey together to the Emerald City, make new friends, and gain a deeper knowledge of themselves. Thursday-Saturday, July 17-20, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, July 20-21, 2 p.m. at Nativity Catholic Church, Fr. Martin Performing Arts Center, 6400 Nativity Lane, Burke. The July 20 matinee is also a children and sensory-friendly sing-along. \$12 Adults, \$12; children/seniors, \$8. Call 571-236-1429 or visit nativityburke.org/theater-tickets/.

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#### THURSDAY-SATURDAY/JULY 18-20

Mamma Mia. Thursday-Friday, 7 p.m.; Saturday, 2 and 7 p.m. at Hayfield Secondary School, 7630 Telegraph Road, Alexandria. Based on a 2008 jukebox Musical Romantic Comedy, the story follows a young bride-to-be who invites three men to her upcoming wedding, each one with the possibility of being her father. \$10-\$12. Call 703-505-9955 or visit www.hayfielddrama.com for tickets.

#### FRIDAY/JULY 19

B-I-N-G-O. 7 p.m. at Fire Station 3, 4081
University Drive, Fairfax. Enjoy free coffee, entertaining callers, a friendly atmosphere, \$1,000 guaranteed jackpot, treasure chest progressive raffles, and good food available for purchase. All proceeds go to purchasing fire and rescue equipment. Visit www.fairfaxvfd.com or call 703-273-3638 for more.

Old Town Village Performances: Main

Old Town Village Performances: Main Street Clarinet Quartet. 7-8 p.m. at Old Town Plaza, 3955 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. The weekend starts here – Friday night on the Old Town Village Plaza – music and dance to relax by. Fridays, June-September, weather permitting. Performances are free. Call 703-385-7858 or visit www.oldtownplazafairfax.com for more.

#### SATURDAY/JULY 20

Electric Vehicle Show. 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Daniels Run Peace Church, 3729 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Learn how Fairfax County can be a leader in electric car technology and test drive several EV models. Environment Virginia, Daniel's Run Peace Church, and The Climate Reality Project are hosting this event. The church has an electric vehicle charging station, solar panels, and a community garden. Free. Visit environmentvirginia.org for more.

Children's Entertainment Series. 10-10:45 a.m. at Burke Lake Park Ampitheater, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Featuring Blue Sky Puppet Theater (puppets). Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/ springfield-nights.

Summer Saturdays. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Gunston Hall, 10709 Gunston Road, Lorton. Join Gunston Hall for a summer of fun. Each Saturday in June, July, and August, stop by for a historic adventure on the grounds and in the Visitor Center. Included with regular admission. Call 703-550-9220 or visit www.gunstonhall.org/visit/guide/upcoming-evente

Nine and Dine with Wine. 5 p.m. at Laurel Hill Golf Club, 8701 Laurel Crest Drive, Lorton. Enjoy nine holes of golf followed by a relaxing dinner on the greens. The evening starts with a 5 p.m., shotgun start, nine-hole four-person scramble. Range balls and power cart included. \$45 for dinner only and \$75 for golf and dinner. Call 703-493-8849 or email laurelhillgolfclub@fairfaxcounty.gov; this event is available to the first 60 golfers. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/golf/laurel-hill/nine-wine-dine/072019.

#### SUNDAY/JULY 21

NTRAK 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 Train Display. 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

Films in the Park: Incredibles 2 (2018). 7 p.m. at Strawberry Park in Mosaic, Fairfax. Mosaic's summer movie lineup has something for the whole family. Grab a blanket, friends and family and watch favorite films underneath the stars. Visit mosaicdistrict.com/events/event/films-in-the-park-2/.

#### WEDNESDAY/JULY 24

Springfield Nights: The Woodshedders (Roots Rock). 7-8:30 p.m. at Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Springfield Nights returns for a second summer season with free musical performances on Wednesday evenings at Burke Lake Park ranging from bluegrass and pop, to rock and R&B. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/springfield-nights.

Lee District Nights: The Annandale Brass

Ensemble (American popular music).
7:30 p.m. at Lee District Amphitheater, 6601
Telegraph Road, Alexandria. Enjoy an evening of al fresco music at Lee District Park. Head to the amphitheater on Wednesdays for this series concerts featuring a variety of musical acts from jazz to big band, classic to bluegrass, swing to folk and vintage rock 'n roll. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/lee-district-nights for more.

THURSDAY/JULY 25
Evenings on the Ellipse: Daryl Davis

(swing). 5:30-7 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. The Fairfax County Government Center's backyard will be alive with fun, music and good company this summer as the Evenings on the Ellipse concert series returns. Stop by and relax in style with generous tastings and sales from Fairfax County's two Wineries, Paradise Springs and Bull Run. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/evenings-on-the-ellipse for more.

#### THURSDAY-SATURDAY/JULY 25-27

Mamma Mia. Thursday-Saturday, 7 p.m. at Hayfield Secondary School, 7630 Telegraph Road, Alexandria. Based on a 2008 jukebox Musical Romantic Comedy, the story follows a young bride-to-be who invites three men to her upcoming wedding, each one with the possibility of being her father. \$10-\$12. Call 703-505-9955 or visit www.hayfielddrama.com for tickets.

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#### SATURDAY/JULY 27

Children's Entertainment Series. 10-10:45 a.m. at Burke Lake Park Ampitheater, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Featuring The grandsons, jr. (children's songs). Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/ springfield-nights.

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Mountain Songs/Stories. 3-4:30 p.m. at City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Dulcimer legends Ralph Lee Smith and Madeline MacNeil present mountain songs and stories. Sing-alongs and display of old mountain dulcimers. All ages. Free. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library or call 703-293-6227, ext. 6.

#### SUNDAY/JULY 28

G-Scale Trains. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. The Washington, Virginia & Maryland Garden Railway Society (WVMGRS) members will have a G-Scale train display running. The sheer size of these trains is a wonder to behold as is their ability to run through the garden all year around. Speak with experienced people about this facet of the model railroading hobby. 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.

Burke Historical Society. 3:30-5 p.m, at Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. William Connery speaks on the post-Civil-War career of John S. Mosby: supporting Ulysses S. Grant's presidency, serving as U.S. consul to Hong Kong, and mentoring George S. Patton. Visit www.burkehistoricalsociety.org for more.

Films in the Park: The Jungle Book (2016).
7 p.m. at Strawberry Park in Mosaic, Fairfax.
Mosaic's summer movie lineup has something
for the whole family. Grab a blanket, friends and
family and watch favorite films underneath the
stars. Visit mosaicdistrict.com/events/event/
films-in-the-park-2/.

#### WEDNESDAY/JULY 31

Springfield Nights: The English Channel (Rock&Roll). 7-8:30 p.m. at Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Springfield Nights returns for a second summer season with free musical performances on Wednesday evenings at Burke Lake Park ranging from bluegrass and pop, to rock and R&B. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/springfield-nights.





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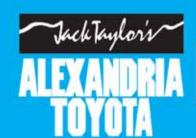
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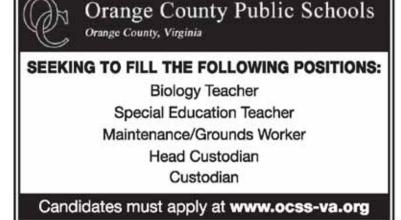
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# ENTERTAINMENT

The crowd enjoys Doc Scantlin and his Imperial **Palms Orches**tra during the **Evenings on** the Ellipse Summer Concert at the **Fairfax County Gov**ernment Center on Thursday, July 11, 2019.



Photo by Steve Hibbard/The Connection

# Free Summer Concerts, Wine Tastings

Evenings on the Ellipse at the Fairfax County Government Center.

> BY STEVE HIBBARD The Connection

oc Scantlin and his Imperial Palms Orchestra helped kick off the Evenings on the Ellipse Summer Concerts and Wine Tastings at the Fairfax County Government Center on Thursday, July 11, 2019. Throughout the summer, the free series of concerts sponsored by the Fairfax County Park Authority are held Thursdays from 5:30-7 p.m., and will feature a wide variety of musical acts — from country to swing, bluegrass to Klezmer, and folk to vintage rock 'n roll. Fairfax County's two Wineries — Paradise Springs and Bull Run — will be providing tastings and sales of their premium reds and whites.

According to Sharon Bulova, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors: "Doc Scantlin puts on a fantastic show. We moved them inside the Government Center because of the rain and had an audience that filled the Forum. People were up on their feet and dancing. Doc Scantlin is my favorite group!"

She added: "Evenings on the Ellipse is a great way for nearby residents and county employees to relax and unwind after work in Wolf Trap-esque style. With

### 2019 Performances

July 18: Maybe April (Country) July 25: Daryl Davis (Swing)

Aug. 1: Machaya (Klezmer) Aug. 8: The David Kitchen Band (Pop/Rock)

Aug. 15: Mariachi Los Amigos with special guest group, Common Ground (Mariachi plus Jazz)

Aug. 22: The Capital Focus Jazz Band (Youth Jazz Band)

Aug. 29: The Gibson Brothers (Bluegrass)

great music, a beautiful venue and complimentary wine tastings, I am proud to have the Fairfax County Government Center play host to such a special summer experience."

Sousan Frankeberger, Performing Director for the Fairfax County Park Authority, added: "The Park Authority started the Summer Concert Series about 25 years ago, and we started with one small venue and expanded it. Now we offer concert series weekly from Wednesday evenings through Sunday evenings at different park venues throughout the county."

She said there are 160 concerts throughout the county, which includes children's performances on Saturday mornings and evening concerts, plus one series that's international - music and dance from different parts of the world. The series is sponsored through contributions from donors; no taxpayer money goes towards paying performance fees and the series are held in all Supervisory districts.

Concerts are held Thursday evenings, now through Aug. 29, from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Pkwy., Fairfax. If it rains, the concert will be moved inside to the Fairfax County Government Center Forum. Visit the Website: https:// www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances.



**Doc Scantlin** and His **Imperial** Palms Orchestra is a 21-member musical revue consisting of 15 musicians.

# BULLETIN

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Herrity Building, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 941, Fairfax. The Park Authority Board's 12 appointed members establish strategic policy and direction for the Park Authority. Open to the public. For agenda and more information, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/boardagn2.htm or call 703-324-8662.

#### SATURDAY/JULY 27

**"Your Journey Through Grief."** 2-4 p.m. at Haven of Northern Virginia, 4606 Ravensworth Road, Annandale. Haven of Northern Virginia offers this free summer workshop. Registration requested. For information and registration, call 703-941-7000 or email havenofnova@verizon.net.

#### SUNDAY/JULY 28

Movie Screening: Proof of Heaven. 2-4 p.m. at Unity of Fairfax, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Best-selling author of Proof of Heaven: A Neurosurgeon's Journey into the Afterlife, Dr. Eben Alexander will describe his personal near death experience and the lessons he has learned. \$25. Register at proofofheavenunity.eventbrite.com.

#### SATURDAY/AUG. 3

Peripheral Neuropathy Support Group. 2-4 p.m. at Mason District Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale. The Peripheral Neuropathy Support Group for greater Washington meets the first Saturday of the month. All are welcome. RSVP for available seating. Call 301-263-0616 or visit www.dcpnsupport.org for more.

#### TUESDAY/AUG. 6

Car Seat Safety Check. 5-9 p.m. at the West Springfield district police station, 6140 Rolling Road. Fairfax County Police Department offers free safety check and install events throughout the year to ensure children travel safely. By appointment only; call 703-644-7377 and press 0 at the recording to schedule. In preparation for appointment, install the seat using the instructions that came with the car seat. Trained officers will review the car seat instructions and car owner's manual to be certain that they are being followed as they should.

#### WEDNESDAY/AUG. 7

New Volunteer Orientation. 7:30-9 p.m. at Providence Community Center, 3001 Vaden Drive, Fairfax. People and their pets (dog, cat or bunny) are needed to join other Fairfax Pets on Wheels, Inc. volunteers who make a difference in the community by visiting residents of nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Visit www.fpow.org. Call 703-324-5424 or visit www.fpow.org for more.

#### TUESDAY/AUG. 13

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Family Caregiver Telephone Support Group. 7-8 p.m. Fairfax County's Family Caregiver Telephone Support Group meets by phone on Tuesday, February 13, 7-8 p.m. This month's focus is an open discussion on caregiver stress. Share experiences, gain support and get information without having to travel. Call 703-324-5484, TTY 711 to register.

#### TUESDAY/AUG. 20

Volunteer Seminar: RSVP. 10:30 a.m. at Junior Achievement Finance Park, 4099 Pickett Road, Fairfax. RSVP-Northern Virginia (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program) will hold a seminar on volunteering in retirement. The one-hour event is free and open to the public. To sign up for the Aug. 14 info session, email bmorris@volunteerfairfax.org, call RSV703-403-5360 or visit www.rsvpnova.org.



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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

For those of you still going to the post office and buying/selecting stamps, this column is for you (and for others too with a memory of such

Since I am among a dwindling number of those who actually affix their own stamps and mail their own correspondence (bills, birthday cards and miscellaneous other such hard copies), rather than bill-pay online, greet electronically or text incessantly, I may be writing uphill here, (Remember readers, parking is almost always free at the post office). Nevertheless, I will continue trudging on.

Like many of my generation, I've been accustomed to having my hands wrapped around or placed in proximity to, that which I'm reading, writing or "'rithmeticking" (tactile you might say). And in the course of such endeavors, doing so with a pen in hand rather than with opposing thumbs side-saddling a device.

In so doing, I am regularly buying stamps myself - and selecting from a variety of seasonal, promotional and "commemorational" (I make up words, like my father did; "surgerize" and "confliction" being two of his favorites) offerings. However, I am not "philatelic" in the least. In the most, I am a buyer and a sticker. Not a collector

To that end, I am merely at the post office to justify my means: mailing my correspondence/ parcels in a timely and efficient manner. Other than Christmas stamps my wife, Dina, will request that I buy, I care very little about the particular stamp/book that I purchase.

In fact, you could call me a stamp-contrarian (among other descriptions, I'm sure).

What I typically say in response to the post office clerk's question about my stamp preference is: "Give me the stamps on top (as they flip through their stamp booklet)," or "Whatever you're tired of looking/wanting to get rid of." And generally speaking, they're happy to comply, as you might imagine, giggling a bit as they hand over the stamps.

When I'm given the stamps, often I'll make a casual comment about their look and then "Exit stage, left," (to quote Snagglepuss, the most famous cartoon cougar from the Yogi Bear Show of the 1960s). Never, ever, will I return/ replace them. I will use them and not think once, let alone twice, about them. In fact, I prefer to use the stamps most out of favor, most inappropriate to the time (Christmas stamps in July, as an example; and I jokingly always ask for a discount) and most undesirable (apparently, to the stamp-buying public). It pleases me to be the user of these "undesirables" until yesterday, that is (or should that be, was).

I went to my local post office. Stood in line. Approached the counter when called and then made my usual/per-this-column request. I received my first class stamps and while barely taking notice of them, affixed them to my envelopes and "slotted" them in the outgoing mail. I then walked out to my car, opened the door and as I sat down, tossed the remaining stamps in my car's auxiliary tray.

That's when I actually took notice of them and "Heavens to Murgatroyd," realized what I had done/purchased. I had bought and then used "Love" stamps on two bill-payment envelopes.

Hardly would I want to impart that message in a communication with VISA. I mean, it wasn't exactly a wedding invitation. Quite the opposite. It was more like a divorce, if anything, and love definitely wasn't in the air.

Unfortunately for me though, it was on the

"What do you say to that? What do you say to that?" (I learned while going online that, amazingly/coincidentally, Snagglepuss and I have the same birthday.)

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